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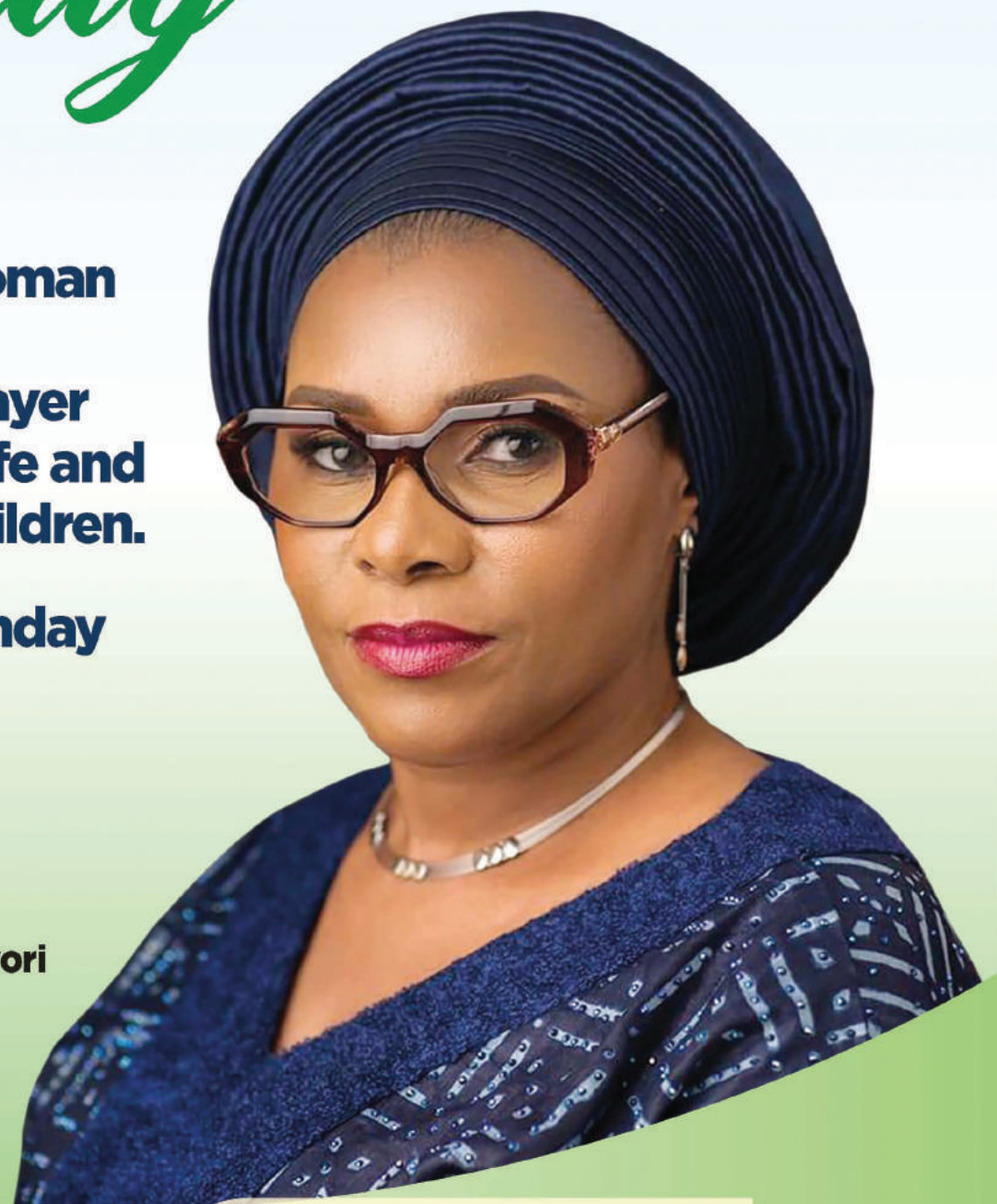
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**Wishing you the best birthday ever!**

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We celebrate Her Excellency, Deaconess (Mrs.) Tobore Oborewori, wife of our amiable Governor as she clocks 54 today.

Good health, peace in your heart and home, abundant grace and many more, we wish you on this auspicious occasion of your birth anniversary.

Your Excellency, we appreciate your strong support to your husband in our collective goals for a more prosperous Delta State.

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## At 80, I am ready for heaven, says Onaiyekan

By Luminous Jannamike

ABUJA—The Catholic Archbishop of Abuja, Most Rev. Ignatius Kaigama, has praised Cardinal John Onaiyekan for his immense contributions to national unity.

This comes as Onaiyekan declared his readiness for the afterlife, saying "I am ready for heaven."

The accolades were given during a mass held in Abuja weekend to mark Onaiyekan's 80th birthday, a celebration orchestrated by the church in his honour.

Speaking at the event, Kaigama highlighted Onaiyekan's unwavering commitment to fostering peaceful coexistence and genuine inter-religious dialogue in Nigeria.

He said: "His (Onaiyekan's) inter-religious initiatives resonate not only within Nigeria but also transcend international borders."

"The man, Onaiyekan, is an intellectual colossus, a loyal son of the church, and a patriotic Nigerian."

In a heartfelt sermon, Monsignor Aniagu of the Lagos Catholic Archdiocese portrayed Cardinal Onaiyekan as an epitome of humility and divine guidance.

Aniagu, who was a classmate of Onaiyekan, extolled his remarkable service and commitment to every task entrusted to him.

Responding to the overwhelming expressions of goodwill, Cardinal Onaiyekan humbly reflected on his journey to 80, viewing the messages as a prelude to his eventual departure from this world.

"I see all the messages towards my 80th birthday celebration as farewell. I am paradise ready," he said.

For Onaiyekan, the ultimate project of life remains preparing for paradise, a journey he believes he has already embarked on.

He expressed gratitude to the Archdiocese of Abuja for the honour bestowed upon him, declaring that he was embracing the future with a serene anticipation of what laid ahead.

## Shell plans gas supply to Dangote fertiliser plant

By Udem Akpan, Energy Editor

SHELL Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited, SPDC, and its joint venture partners, the Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited, TotalEnergies EP Nigeria Limited, and Nigerian Agip Oil Company, have taken the final investment decision, FID, to build a dedicated upstream facility to supply 100 million standard cubic feet of gas per day to Dangote Fertiliser and Petrochemical Plant in Lekki, Lagos State, for 10 years.

Managing Director of SPDC, the operator of the joint venture, Osagie Okunbor, disclosed this in Port Harcourt weekend, describing the FID as a significant step in supporting the Nigerian government's "Decade of Gas" ambition.

He said: "This investment decision is a critical step in pursuing the development of the gas-rich Iseni field, which is part of the Okpokunou Cluster in Oil Mining Lease



From left: Managing Director/Editor-in-Chief, New Telegraph Newspapers, Ayodele Aminu; Chairman of event/former Director-General of Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency, Dr. Dakuku Peterside and Enugu State Governor, Dr. Peter Mbah, who bagged New Telegraph Governor of the Year (Courage in Leadership) Award in Lagos at the weekend.

## Blackout: Power grid collapses again, first in 2024

By Obas Esiedesa

ABUJA—National power grid yesterday collapsed again for the first time in 2024, though slow recovery began immediately.

The collapse, which occurred around 11 am, crashed power supplied through the grid to 59.90 Megawatts from 2,658MW

## Brain drain: Over 500 workers left National Hospital in 2 years — CMD

ABUJA—More than 500 personnel of the National Hospital, Abuja, NHA, left its services in search of greener pastures in the last two years, its Chief Medical Director, Prof. Mahmud Raji, has disclosed.

Raji told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Abuja yesterday that most of them went abroad in search of better working conditions.

He said: "The way they leave is a very hurtful thing for all hospital administrators. The most pitiful and worrisome aspect of it is the amount of money

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35 located in Sagbama Local Government Area of Bayelsa State."

Okunbor said SPDC and its joint venture partners remained committed to Nigeria's 'Decade of Gas' ambition, particularly domestic gas agenda.

According to him, increasing the delivery of natural gas to the domestic market is key to accelerated industrialization and economic development in Nigeria.

The FID signals a positive step towards the construction of the required infrastructure for the project that is expected to create jobs through direct and indirect employment.

Dangote boasts Africa's largest granulated urea fertiliser complex and produces around 65 percent of Nigeria's domestic fertiliser requirements.

The project will supply gas which will enhance the Dangote Fertiliser and Petrochemical Plant's ability to deliver on its promise to the Nigerian people and government.

recorded an hour earlier.

The grid had only Ibom Power at 31MW and Azura IPP at 28MW as the only power plants with power.

It, however, began a slow recovery with data supplied by the Independent National System Operator showing that as at 5pm, power on the grid had risen to 525.7MW, with Azura rising to 353MW;

the Nigerian government has invested into each of these individuals, either a doctor, a nurse, a pharmacist, a physiotherapist or whoever it is that leaves."

He said the brain drain syndrome was an almost everyday activity as he treats two or three files of young people wishing to leave.

"Sometimes, not only young people; some people have actually gone through the ranks with lots of experience that they could teach other people. So, Nigeria is losing so much, painfully."

"Here, we have lost a number of quite senior doctors, especially the middle cadre doctors, and the very young ones."

"Nurses have also left from the middle cadre and the younger ones. Some of our medical engineers are hotcakes outside and have left."

"I must tell you, Nigeria trains people so much, Nigerian graduates and staff are well sought after, all over," he added.

On reasons for their departure, he said remuneration and job satisfaction had always topped the list.

"For instance, if a doctor or a nurse comes here, he or she needs to see an environment that is quite serene, quite beautiful, even to rest in a very comfortable area during their one hour break."

"At least, you are able to have something to eat, replenish your energy before you go back to the next phase of work, but usually, in our hospitals in Nigeria, we don't have such."

"In terms of remuneration, it may not be as good as what you would expect elsewhere. Even though I must say the purchasing power in Nigeria is far better than the purchasing power elsewhere and our money is still able to buy something.

Egbin Power generating, 142MW; and Ibom Power at 30.7MW.

Earlier, the Abuja Electricity Distribution Company, AEDC, had informed its customers across the Federal Capital Territory, FCT, Kogi, Niger and Nasarawa states that the power outage was caused by the collapse of the

"We should also look at the unsolved problem of inter-professional rivalry that also eats into people's psyche. People should be comfortable with the next person they're working with, be it a nurse, a physiotherapist or whoever."

Raji also said the necessary equipment needed to work were not there, adding that when these equipment were either non-existent or obsolete, the healthcare practitioners felt that more should have been done.

He, however, said that past governments had tried by taking very decisive stance on matters of health.

Raji, who noted that the current government had also put in a lot to rejig the health sector, added: "From what we can all see, the current administration has actually rekindled that hope in us that in the next couple of months, at couple of years, we will be able to see a change or a shift in this mindset among Nigerian health professionals eager to leave the country."

## Inflation, forex crisis: Ground handlers seek increase in handling rates

AS the exchange rate of the naira to other foreign currencies continue to fall, and high inflation rate makes the prices of goods and services to go out of control, Aviation ground handlers are proposing increase in domestic handling rates to enable them provide efficient services to airlines.

The proposal by Aviation Ground Handling Association of Nigeria, AGHAN, for new rates, was signed by chairman of the association, Mr Olaniyi Adigun and vice chairman, Mr Ahmed Gulmah.

Forwarded to the Acting Director General, Nigerian Civil Aviation of Nigeria,

national grid.

The company stated on its verified X (formerly twitter) handle: "The management of Abuja Electricity Distribution Plc, AEDC, wishes to inform its valued customers that the power outage being experienced is a result of a system failure from the national grid at 11:21 hours today (yesterday), February 4, 2024, which has led to a nationwide power outage."

"Be rest assured that we are working with the relevant stakeholders to restore power as soon as the grid is stabilized. We appeal for your patience."

While the federal government-owned Transmission Company of Nigeria, TCN, is yet to advance a reason for the latest collapse, the company has over the years blamed vandalism of power transmission towers and power generation plants for the frequent grid collapses in the country.

In 2023, the grid collapsed thrice after over 400 days of stability.

Meanwhile, concerned about low power supply affecting some parts of the country, the Minister of Power, Chief Adebayo Adedun, weekend met with top management teams of power generating companies (GenCos) and distribution companies (DisCos) in a bid

to find lasting solution to blackout in some parts of the country.

A statement by his media aide, Bola Tunji, yesterday said Chief Adedun told Managing Directors and Chief Executive Officers of the companies at separate meeting in his office, that there was a noticeable improvement in power supply during the yuletide period but the situation changed in the New Year with poor supply leading to blackouts across the country.

The Minister said his investigation revealed that the poor supply was due to low gas supply to GenCos.

"It was based on the need to understand the challenges first hand that led to inspection visits to power facilities in Olorunsogo in Ogun State and Omotosho in Ondo State. The problem is traceable to low supply of gas and we need to resolve this as quickly as possible", he said.

Tunji said the meeting also discussed issues of indebtedness to GenCos by the Nigeria Bulk Electricity Trading Company, NBET.

"We are aware that the sector has liquidity challenges, but we need to have a minimum threshold, we are working on revalidating the debt and determining a fair resolution", he quoted the Minister to have said.

proposes a new rate. The base rate for domestic ramp operations as approved by NCAA in 2021 was N70,000 per flight for Boeing 737, while CRJ and Embraer jet planes were charged N50,000 per flight.

The association is proposing, N400,000 per flight for Boeing 737 and N250,000 per flight for ARJ and Embraer."

Justifying the new rates, AGAHAN said: "Inflationary pressure has seen cost of diesel and other local consumables cost rise by over 200% since 2021."

"In addition, ground rent charged by FAAN was increased 100%, while other charges such as apron passes have gone up by over 200%."

"AGAHAN, therefore,



# Huge sums recovered from Humanitarian ministry officials — EFCC

By Our Correspondent

**ABUJA** — The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, has recovered huge sums of Naira from various officials of the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Alleviation.

A competent source in the agency, who disclosed this yesterday to *Vanguard*, said EFCC recovered N30 billion from immediate past minister of the ministry, Sadiya Umar-Farouq and N17 billion from suspended minister of the ministry.

The source, who is familiar with the recoveries so far made, told our correspondent that the amount traced to top officials of the ministry was more than what was known in public space.

The competent source said that agency had so far recovered at least N30 billion out of the N37 billion said to have

**•This shows our investigation is going well, says anti-graft agency• Not true that N17bn was recovered from suspended minister —SOURCE**

been diverted under the immediate past minister, Sadiya Umar-Farouq.

The top source explained that the agency was able to recover the cash from accounts traced to the former minister by placing a lien on the identified accounts.

The source did not however, give the details of the cash recovered from her since she is still being probed by operatives.

"What we have done so far in respect of the money traced to senior elements in the humanitarian affairs ministry shows that our investigation is going right.

"This is a further proof that whoever steals public funds will not go scot-free, no matter how influential they may be,"

the source said.

However, a source close to the suspended told *Vanguard* yesterday that it was not true that N17 billion had been traced to the suspended minister.

"It is a lie to say that N17 billion has been trace to and recovered from the said suspended minister. EFCC will

refute that by itself," the source said last night.

The recovery comes in the wake of the success recorded by the EFCC under the new leadership of Ola Olukoyede.

The agency in a document made available to journalists, said it recovered a total of N70.5 billion between

## EDO GUBER: 9 PDP aspirants accuse Obaseki of hijacking Gov. Mbah's panel

By John Alechenu

**ABUJA** — Nine out of the ten aspirants of the People Democratic Party, PDP, in the Edo State governorship race, have raised the alarm over what they alleged was the hijack of the primary election process by Governor Godwin Obaseki who they

**•Edo ad-hoc delegates ward congresses free, fair, credible —Gov Mbah**

accuse of hijacking Governor Peter Mbah's panel.

Spokesperson for the aspirants, Barrister Aselm Ojezua, who addressed the media on behalf of others, said: "At exactly 12 noon,

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October 2023 and January 19, 2024.

The details are contained in a document, entitled

"Operations and Recoveries", released to journalists in Abuja.

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From left: Svein Baera, Ambassador, Royal Norwegian Embassy, Abuja; Yan Yuqing, Consul-General, Chinese Consulate General, Lagos; Mr. Gabriel Idahosa, FCA, President, Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI); Gerald Wolf, Deputy Consul-General, Consulate-General of Germany, Lagos; Samata Gifty Bukari, Consul-General, Consulate General of Ghana, Lagos and Jette Bjerrum, Consul General, Consulate-General of Denmark, Lagos during 2024 diplomatic luncheon organised by the Chamber in Lagos, weekend.

Governor Peter Mba of Enugu placed a call to Deputy Governor Philip Shaibu that he had just arrived Benin and was awaiting the arrival of Governor Agbu Kefas of Taraba.

"He, however, asked to meet all 10 aspirant as stakeholders for briefing before commencing the congresses. Up until now, at 5pm, 9 out of 10 aspirant have yet to hear from Governor Peter Mba and his team.

"They are in Edo State Government House, allegedly filling original result sheets. 9 out of 10 Edo PDP governorship aspirants had no access to the 5-man panel with two state governors as members.

"No congresses done in Edo State."

The PDP primary which is scheduled to hold on February 22, has been marked by a lot of intrigues among aspirants and other party stakeholders.

Meanwhile, the governor of Enugu State and chairman of Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, Ad-hoc Ward Delegates Congress Electoral Committee for Edo State governorship primary election, Dr. Peter Mbah, has commended party faithful in the state for a peaceful exercise.

Mbah, who alongside members of the committee, monitored the exercise in parts of Edo State, expressed satisfaction with the process in the various wards he personally monitored, adding that reports from other parts of the state were equally satisfactory.

Speaking to newsmen at the end of the exercise, Mbah, who was also in the company of the Secretary of the Committee, Governor Kefas Agbu of Taraba State, said: "We met with the chairman of our party in the state, Dr. Tony Aziegbemi, who gave us a robust briefing of the plans on ground.

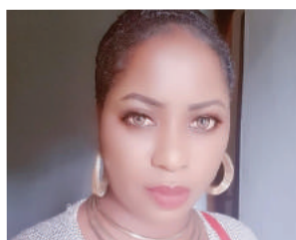
"Myself as chairman of the electoral committee and other members went to a number of wards where we found that the turnout

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## People Talk

BY ESTHER ONYEBULA

### How govt should tackle insecurity



The severe hardship in the land due to bad economy is causing the rise in kidnapping which seems the most lucrative business now as it brings in millions of naira from both govt. and people. It might worsen if economic hardship continues.

These kidnapers could be working for top politicians or for themselves to care for their suffering families. Govt. should get foreign and private intelligence to work with ours. Deploy technology to spot where the marauders pitch their tent.

—Naomi Onome, Blogger



Youths now see kidnapping as a means to make quick money to cater for their needs. People are left with no choice than to go into criminal activities, why? We all care for our loved ones so govt. must do whatever it takes to keep our country safe. They should set up a panel consisting of security experts, community elders and youths to come together to discuss how to keep their communities safe.

—Damilola Popoola, Entrepreneur



The President recently made some emergency approvals. FCT Minister is now meeting governors of neighbouring states on collaboration. They are talking about approving motorcycles for the police to enable movement on difficult terrains and about digital tracking. These should have been done before now. Some governors years ago, complained the Presidency didn't approve their use of drones for surveillance, now that should change.

—Dayo Emmanuel, Journalist



The situation simply underscores the fact that govt. needs to rise up to the occasion. The primary reason for having a govt. in the first place is security. Again, it shows a system failure. Kidnapping has become a very enterprising business because of the failure of our govt. to identify and apprehend culprits. So, govt. should initiate a very stringent measure that will ensure that culprits are severely punished to serve as a deterrent to intending kidnapers. They should deploy technology in this area.

—Peterclaver Egbouche, Publisher



Insecurity is a major issue and with the current situation of Nigeria, it has to be tackled urgently. FCT is the center of the nation and insecurity must not be allowed to thrive there. Government should put effective measures in place to stop the rising insecurity. Communities should also be given orientation on how to be security-conscious. This is not the time to be tackling economic problems and insecurity. This is too much for a country to bear.

—Oladimeji Kehinde, Content writer/YouTuber



It seems certain persons in govt. are complicit in the current spate of insecurity in Nigeria. It was alleged recently that a serving minister bought Hilux trucks and other materials for bandits. I also saw a video where bandits in the forest were singing and praising him. So, I think the govt. is not serious in their fight against insecurity because some persons benefit from it. Where do all the millions paid in ransom go to? Arrested bandits and kidnapers always look hungry and wretched, why? Do they look like people that have touched N1m before?

—Dr. Promise Adiele, Lecturer





## Tinubu, Buhari mourn, as ex-Yobe gov, Ibrahim dies in Saudi Arabia

By Johnbosco Agbakwuru with agency report

First civilian governor of Yobe State, Bukar Ibrahim, has passed away in Saudi Arabia while undergoing medical care.

Governor Mai Mala Buni of Yobe State has confirmed the death of the former senator who represented Yobe East district.

A statement from Buni's Director General of Press and Media Affairs, Mamman Mohammed, announced that the former governor had passed away, yesterday, and would be buried in Saudi Arabia.

He noted that condolences were to be received by Governor Buni at Government House in Damaturu.

Abba Ibrahim, a renowned politician who died at 75 is the husband of a serving lawmaker, Khadija, who represents Gujba, Gulani, Damaturu and Tarmuwa federal constituency.

Reacting to his demise, President Bola Tinubu and former President Muhammadu Buhari, have grieved over the former governor's death.

President Tinubu in a statement by his Special Adviser on Media and Publicity, Ajuri Ngelale, said: "Former Governor Ibrahim was a personal friend and a consummate leader who served the people of Yobe with dedication during his extensive political career."

"As a senator for 12 years, his wealth of experience was a guiding force in the National Assembly. Generations to come will remember him for always placing the progress and welfare of the people at the heart of his service."

Similarly, former President Buhari in a statement issued by his media aide, Mallam Garba Shehu, said: "I am deeply saddened by the demise of Senator Bukar Abba Ibrahim. I convey my deepest condolences to the family he left behind and the government and people of Yobe State."

"With his death, I have lost a friend whom I knew for decades, a political associate who shared my views on many issues. His insights and nuanced understanding of the people governed had no parallel."



Late Bukar Ibrahim.

## Driver killed as abducted Ekiti pupils, teachers regain freedom

Gov Oyebanji visits rescued pupils, teachers in hospital

By Rotimi Ojomoyela

ADO-EKITI—THE abducted pupils and teachers of Apostolic Faith Church Primary and Secondary School, Emure Ekiti, Ekiti State, have regained freedom from their kidnappers.

The pupils and their teachers numbering nine, who were taken away by gunmen from their bus alongside the bus driver on Emure-Eporo Road, last week Monday, regained freedom at 2a.m., yesterday.

Chairman of Emure Local Government Area of the state, Mr. Adebayo Oluwatosin, who confirmed this to newsmen in a telephone conversation, yesterday, said the driver of the school bus was killed while other eight regained their freedom.

Oluwatosin did not disclose how the victims were rescued.

Confirming the development, Ekiti State Police Command Public Relations Officer, Sunday Abutu said: "All victims were rescued today about 1:30a.m., but unfortunately, we lost the driver who was suspectedly killed by the abductors."

### Oyebanji hails Tinubu, security agencies over release

Reacting to the release, Governor Biodun Oyebanji thanked President Bola Tinubu, the security agencies and Ekitikete for their support which led to the timely release of the kidnapped pupils of Apostolic Faith Nursery and Primary school, Emure Ekiti.

Oyebanji, in a statement by his Special Adviser on Media, Mr Yinka Oyebo, said: "Noting the traumatic experience of the children in the kidnappers' den, Governor Oyebanji has directed the Commissioner for Health and



Human Services, Dr. Oyebanji Filani to take the children to the state Teaching Hospital in Ado Ekiti for proper medical treatment and post trauma therapy."

### ...Visits rescued pupils, teachers in hospital

Meanwhile, the governor, also visited the rescued pupils and teachers at the Ekiti State University Teaching Hospital, Ado-Ekiti, where they were receiving treatment.

The students and their teachers were brought to the hospital from Emure Ekiti by the Commissioner for Health and Human Services, Dr. Filani and some ministry officials, following the governor's directive shortly after their release.

Oyebanji, who arrived the hospital a few hours later, had brief interaction with each of the students and their teachers at the Accident and Emergency Ward of the hospital.

The governor was received by the Commissioner for Health and



Governor Oyebanji with some of the rescued pupils during his visit to the hospital, yesterday.

Human Services, Chief Medical Director of the hospital, Prof. Kayode Olabanji; and the lawmaker representing Emure constituency, Alhaja Mariam Ogunlade and some government officials.

Speaking with journalists shortly after the visit, the governor praised the resilience of the children and

expressed gratitude to God for their safe return.

He expressed condolences over the death of the bus driver of the abducted pupils, Mr Taiwo Olugbaye, who was reportedly killed by the kidnappers.

## Police parade suspected killer of Ekiti monarchs

By Rotimi Ojomoyela

THE Ekiti State Police Command, yesterday, paraded one Baboga Alhaji suspected for his alleged involvement in the killing of the two traditional rulers in Ikole area of the state last Monday.

Briefing journalists, the AIG in charge of Ekiti, Dare Ogundare, said the suspect was arrested in the forest between Ayedun and Ayebode by the combined efforts of police and other security agencies.

The AIG, who said no arrest was made during the rescue operation of the abducted school pupils and their teachers, added that some suspects had been arrested at Oke Osun, in Ikere Ekiti, Igbo Okah and Iju-Ikere boundary forest.

Ogundare denied payment of



The suspect.

ransom to secure the release of the abducted victims, noting that that the Nigeria Police would never encourage ransom payment.

According to Ogundare, "In our bid to flush out criminal elements in the county following the killing of the two traditional rulers and abduction of pupils and teachers in the state, a combined team of the police, Amotekun and OPC embarked on a secret operation into the thick forest in Ikere."

"During the operation, five suspects were arrested and several dangerous weapons were recovered from them."

"The team further extended their operation through Emure-ekiti Forrest where eight other suspects were apprehended."

"During interrogation, a suspect named Babooga Alhaji admitted that he took part in the assassination of the two traditional rulers. He is currently giving credible information that will lead to the arrest of other gang leaders."

## Troops rescue another 4 kidnap victims in Taraba

By Femi Bolaji

JALINGO— Troops of the 114 Battalion (Rear), 6 Brigade of the Nigerian Army, Jalingo, have rescued another four kidnapped victims in Yoro Local Government Area of Taraba State.

The operation with other security agencies also led to the destruction of the bandits camps in Gambu Hills and Ban Yorro.

Acting Assistant Director, 6 Brigade Army Public Relations, Lt. Oni Olubodunde, in a statement said among those rescued was the son of the Emir of Pupulle, Ismai'l Umar.

According to him, "Troops came in contact with bandits at Gampu hills and Ban Yorro area and exerted superior fire power which made the bandits to flee the location leaving behind their abducted victims."

"The operation is still ongoing to ensure that other kidnapped victims who fled the area during the exchange of fire are found and reunited with their loved ones."

"The rescued kidnapped victims are Genesis Samuel, aged 24 from Ganku village; Benard Denis, aged 28 from Fulfulgon village; Esther Titus, aged 35 from Kosanai village and the Emir of Pupulle son who was abducted at his residence on January 11, 2024, Isma'il Umar, aged 25."

## NDLEA intercepts 14.5 tons of Ghanaian Loud in Lagos

By Kingsley Omonobi

THE National Drug Law Enforcement Agency, NDLEA, said, yesterday, that its operatives successfully intercepted large consignment of Ghanaian Loud, a strong strain of cannabis sativa, smuggled into Lagos from Ghana, loaded in two trucks and a J5 bus with a total weight of 14, 524.8 kilograms.

NDLEA said the three vehicles conveying jumbo bags of the psychoactive substance were trailed

and intercepted at Ojuelegba area of Lagos in the early hours of January 28, 2024.

The agency in a statement said: "In the process of blocking the vehicles, two of the drivers jumped off on motion while the third driver, 66-year-old Nasiru Ojomu, who works with wanted Akala, Mushin-based drug baron, Suleiman Jimoh (alias Olowo Idi Ogede, also known as Temo) was arrested."

"In the last three years, NDLEA operatives have seized several shipments of same psychoactive

substance worth billions of naira linked to Temo.

"The wanted drug lord has since gone into hiding while the agency continues manhunt for him," it said in a statement.

The agency added that its operatives on routine patrol around a warehouse sealed on Church Street, Idumota, Lagos over an ongoing investigation on February 1, arrested three suspects, Joseph Joshua; Muhammed Adamu and Balarabe Musa.

The suspects burgled the store and

loaded 546,700 pills of tramadol and other opioids into a waiting yellow bus marked BDG 447 XD and an unregistered Suzuki minibus.

Meanwhile, a male deaf and dumb suspect dealing in illicit substances has been arrested at Samaru area of Zaria, Kaduna state.

At the time of his arrest, 150 grams of cannabis were recovered from him while selling the psychoactive substance.

Another suspect, Ibrahim Sani, 56, was also arrested in possession of 51 kilograms of same substance at Tirkaniya area of the state.



# ECONOMY: Home owners go for local screeding materials to save cost

**T**HE continuous rise in the prices of goods and services have crawled into every sphere of the economy.

Even the living standards of some rich people have been cut down by the foreign exchange saga and other policy reforms, and those who are embarking on building projects are not left out.

*Economy&Lifestyle* discovered that one area where the economy slapped home owners is the increasing cost of screeding a building.

To screed your internal walls you need a mixture of screeding paint, bond and pop cement. For external walls you only need black cement and pop paint.

Screeding is a process of flattening and smoothing a surface. This method of prepping your walls prior to painting maximises your emulsion, oil, silk paint finishes.

Mr. Segun Aloma, a businessman, whose building is under construction, said that the high cost of building materials frustrated the work on his project, making him seek cheap and safe means to complete his building.

"My new house is undergoing screeding. It has two duplexes. A friend of mine sold the idea to



•A house being screed with locally produced material.

me. He made me know that screeding helps walls to last longer and avoid stains from rainfalls or dust.

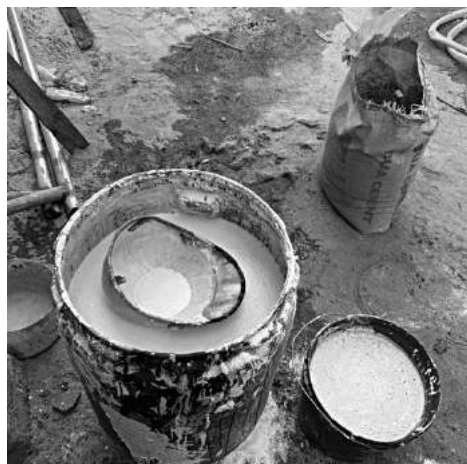
"He said he spent over N1 million on materials and workmanship to complete the screeding process on the duplex.

"I was still thinking about how much I will spend, when I encountered an artisan

doing screeding, and also knew how to produce the screeding ingredients.

"He charged N600,000 to complete a duplex and is on the other one. This has saved me N400,000.

"I am glad I made such a choice."



•Locally produced screeding material.

On his part, Mr. Andrew Showemimo, a lecturer, also confessed to cutting costs using locally made materials for screeding.

"Building materials are on the high side today. Cost of little materials like nails, wood, cement, strings have increased not to talk of sand, prices of blocks among other things.

"Before you could spend less than N200,000 in a building but now you have to have up to N500,000.

"The cost of screeding materials like pop cement, paint and bond have risen. Many Nigerians are skipping the procedure when constructing their houses.

"I had to go for an artisan who makes local screeding materials to complete my building walls.

"I spent just N300,000 for both workmanship and screeding of two flats.

"On a normal basis, if I had allowed the use of ready made materials it would have cost me twice the amount.

"I urge the government to look

into the cost of imports of building materials to save us from continuous incidents of building collapse which leads to loss of lives and properties."

The most available size of screeding paint in Nigeria market is that of 20 litres bucket which costs N14,000 above depending on the brand.

Further investigation revealed that the cost of white cement has risen from N6,000 to N19,000. The price of screeding paint increased to N25,000 from N14,000 and that of bond from N13,000 to N21,000 above.

Mr. Kofi Loko, who is into building interior and exterior finishing and makes local screeding materials, said: "I make local screeding materials. The finished work looks exactly like a screeding done with imported materials.

"Many of the building walls I have worked on last longer than two years.

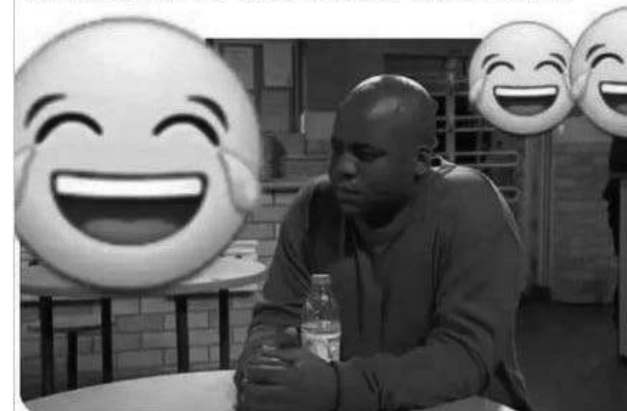
"I make the bond and paint mixing it with white cement to make it stronger and then I mix it with the normal cement to make it darker.

"I earn more from making the screeding materials and also applying the materials on buildings."



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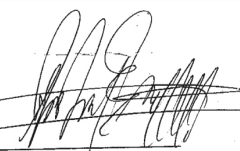
A manageable spirit!

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby notified that one Augustine Okpala of Ezema/Ubulenu Village, Uke who has been parading himself as the son of our client, Alphonsus Obiechina Nnaji, is not the son of our said client. Our client has by our letter to the said Augustine Okpala and his mother (Theresa Okpala) dated the 18th day of June, 2018 clearly warned them to desist from holding out Augustine Okpala as a son of our client as he is not, and especially as there was no marriage or relationship between the mother and our client.

The general public is hereby put on notice of the forgoing, and informed that anyone who parades on holds out or treats the said Augustine Okpala as a son of our client does so at his or her own risk.

Dated this 1st day of January, 2024.

  
S. N. S. EZE ESQ.,  
(Barrister & Solicitor)  
(Solicitor to Alphonsus O. Nnaji)  
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CONVOCAATION—Special Guest of Honor, Ooni of Ife, Obafemi Adeyeye Enitan Ogunwusi (3rd right); Vice Chancellor, Prof. Nosa Owens-Ibie (5th left); representative of Benue State governor and Commissioner for Education and Knowledge Management, Frederick Ikyaan (5th right); Pro-Chancellor, Prof. Sunday Ajayi (left); Commissioner for Information and Strategy and Convocation Lecturer, Mr. Gbenga Omotoso (2nd left); Senior Pastor of Love of Christ Generation Church, Esther Ajayi (4th right), with other dignitaries, during the 13th Convocation ceremony of Caleb University, for the Award of First and Higher Degrees, presentation of prizes and conferment of honorary degrees, at the university in Imota, Ikorodu, Lagos. Photo: Bunmi Azeez.

By Adesina Wahab

**L**AGOS—THERE are indications that due to the inability of some parents to pay N8,100 levy, some students in public secondary schools in Lagos State may miss being registered for the 2024 West African Senior Secondary School Certificate Examinations, WASSCE, to be conducted by the West African Examinations Council, WAEC.

The Lagos State government pays the WASSCE fees of students in public secondary schools, but parents, who are working in the informal sector, would have to pay the levy, while those working in the formal sector would make do with their tax clearance certificates.

Vanguard gathered that some of the students, whose parents were unable to pay the levy, were shut out of the free registration process last week, which was initially fixed as

## N8,100 levy: Students in Lagos schools may miss WASSCE registration

•It's not our fault —Govt

the deadline for registration for the exam by WAEC.

However, WAEC has extended the registration till February 24, 2024.

It was learned that due to the economic situation in the country, some parents were unable to pay the levy.

A parent, whose child is at Igbo Owu Senior Secondary School, Work Yard, near Majekodunmi Street, Mushin, lamented her ordeal to Vanguard.

Speaking on the condition of anonymity, the parent said: "I am a petty trader who struggles to take care of my children. We all know what the situation in the country is now. The cost of living is high and business is not like it was before. The state government just introduced this levy for final-year students this year. They said people should show their tax clearance certificates or pay that levy. I tried as much as I could but could not make the deadline last week and

the school authorities told me that my child would not be registered for the examination. We appreciate the state government for helping parents pay the exam fee, but they should know that not all parents work in the formal sector where they can get a tax clearance certificate to show."

It's not our fault  
—Lagosgovt

When contacted, the Commissioner for Secondary and Basic Education, Mr Jamiu Alli-Balogun, in a telephone

conversation with Vanguard, said the state government should be commended for taking the burden of the exam fee off parents' shoulders.

Alli-Balogun said: "We are not asking the parents to pay any tax, especially those in informal settings. We only ask for N8,100 levy, which is less than N650 monthly. Those in the formal setting, who have tax deducted from their salaries, have tax clearance certificates that cover them.

"However, I don't think that is too much for the parents because the Lagos State government pays the WAEC examination fees of all students in public secondary schools and that runs into billions of naira.

"I am not aware that some people were unable to meet the deadline. That has not come to my notice. Even the deadline is not about Lagos State, it is a WAEC issue. Their examinations will start in March and they have the deadline to tidy things up."

## Common Nigerians suffering hard times, leaders secured —Adeboye

By Providence  
Ayanfeoluwa

**L**AGOS—GENERAL Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, RCCG, Pastor Enoch Adeboye, yesterday, lamented that many Nigerians are suffering difficult times bedeviling the country.

### SERAP to Tinubu: Probe missing \$3.4bn IMF loan

By Olasunkanmi  
Akoni

**L**AGOS—THE Socio-Economic Rights and Accountability Project, SERAP, yesterday, urged President Bola Tinubu to probe the missing \$3.4 billion loan obtained from the International Monetary Fund, IMF, allegedly missing, diverted or unaccounted for.

SERAP, in a statement by its Deputy Director, Kolawole Oluwadare, said: "There is a legitimate public interest in ensuring justice and accountability for these serious allegations. Taking these important measures would end the impunity of perpetrators.

"Servicing IMF loan that is allegedly missing, diverted or unaccounted for is double jeopardy for Nigerians—they can neither see nor benefit from the projects for which the loan was approved; yet, they are made to pay both the loan and accrued interests.

"Any failure to investigate these grave allegations, bring suspected perpetrators to justice and recover

He, however, declared that the governors and the President are secure and unaware of the hardship in the country.

He spoke during the February Thanksgiving Service themed: 'Let The Wind Blow', held at the Throne of Grace Parish, RCCG Headquarters, in Ebute Meta, Lagos.

any missing IMF loan would have serious resource allocation and exacerbate the country's debt burden.

"We would be grateful if the recommended measures are taken within seven days of the receipt and/or publication of this letter. If we have not heard from you by then, SERAP shall consider appropriate legal actions to compel your government to comply with our request in the public interest.

"The allegations of corruption in the spending of IMF loan documented by the Auditor-General undermine economic development of the country, trap the majority of Nigerians in poverty and deprive them of opportunities.

"According to the 2020 annual audited report by the Auditor-General of the Federation published last week, the \$3.4 billion emergency financial assistance obtained from the International Monetary Fund, IMF, to finance the budget and manage the health crisis stemming from the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic may have

Adeboye, who maintained that the wind was already blowing, begged Nigerians to pray and cry to God to show mercy on Nigeria.

Speaking on the value of the dollar to naira, he said: "Remember at the beginning of the year, God said that things are going to get worse before they get better. If you know the value of the naira to the dollar by January 1, if you compare the value of the naira to the dollar today; you would say, it looks like this boy knows what

he was saying."

According to him, when things get worse, it is the innocent people who would suffer.

His words: "We have to pray with all our strength because when you say things would get worse before they get better. We don't know how worse or how far before they can get better. With all your heart, cry to God and say please have mercy on us, intervene quickly.

"It does not matter how much

been missing, diverted or unaccounted for.

"According to the Auditor-General, no information or document was provided to justify the movement and spending of the fund.

### Ondo gov poll: Akoko S-West APC leaders in endorse Aiyedatiwa

By Dayo Johnson

**A**KURE—NOTABLE Leaders of the All Progressives Congress, APC, in Akoko South-West area of Ondo State, have endorsed the governorship ambition of Governor Lucky Aiyedatiwa.

Rising from a stakeholders meeting, held at Oka Akoko town hall, at the weekend, the leaders declared their "unwavering support for the governor and urged him to contest and lead the people of Ondo State again beyond 2024."

"Investigating the allegations and naming and shaming and prosecuting those suspected to be responsible for the missing IMF would serve the public interest and end the impunity of perpetrators."

The spokesperson of the APC in the area, Mr Olugbenga Omole, said that the meeting was attended by representatives of the Asiwaju of Akoko, Prof. Ajayi Boroffice; Mr Ade Adeogun, Mr Victor Olabimtan, Victor Ategbale, Tolu Babaleye, Mr Felix Alonge, Sehinde Mise and Mr Johnson Alabi.

Omole assured the people of Governor Aiyedatiwa's Midas touches and democratic deliverables urging "members of the party to be wary of the antics of saboteurs and deceitful elements in the party as the

they are changing the dollar, they are secured where they are. The Governor does not need to know the cost of petrol; he doesn't want to know how much petrol is in his tank. When he wants to go out, he comes out and enters his car. He doesn't queue at the petrol station.

"The President doesn't need to know how much they sell bread; that is none of his business; it would get to his table when he wants to eat.

"It is the common people like you and I who can tell that at the beginning of the year, this is how much they are selling rice, because we have to buy.

"I have told you that I am not a Prophet, I am a Pastor. At the beginning of the year, the Lord said that the wind was going to blow, and the wind was already blowing. As it is, there is nothing we can do to stop it."

state goes into an election this year."

He said: "Party members in Akoko South West profusely appreciated the governor for appointing three of their illustrious sons into various positions so far and like Oliver Twist, they asked for more.

"The party members across the 15 wards of Akoko South West, adjudged the governor as a worthy example of who a leader should be."

He, however, commended Governor Aiyedatiwa's positive judgement and discretion in piloting the affairs of the state, since the demise of his boss, Mr Rotimi Akeredolu.

## Alleged utterances: Ndukuba lacks powers to suspend Adebogun —Falana

By Dickson Omobola

**L**AGOS—FOLLOWING suspension of Rev Olukayode Adebogun as a Bishop of the Church of Nigeria, over alleged breaches of the church's Constitution and Canons, human rights activist, Mr Femi Falana, SAN, yesterday, said the Archbishop of Metropolitan and Primate of All Nigeria, St. Matthias House, Rev. Henry Ndukuba, lacked the power to unilaterally suspend Adebogun.

Falana, in a letter addressed to Ndukuba, stated that the purported suspension was an infringement of Adebogun's fundamental right to fair hearing.

The statement reads: "We are Solicitors to Rt. Rev. Olukayode Adebogun, the Area Bishop for Canada Missionary Region Area 1 in Canada (hereinafter referred to as 'our client') on whose behalf and instructions we write this letter.

"Your letter entitled 'Letter of Suspension as Bishop of the Church of Nigeria and Connam Missionary Bishop of Canada Missionary' and dated January 30, 2024, has been forwarded on us for necessary action.

"In the said letter, Your Grace referred to the series of utterances attributed to our client 'that seek to undermine the authority of the Primate of the Church of Nigeria and the General Synod of the Church of Nigeria with regard to the Church of Nigeria Mission in North America and Canada generally.

"Your Grace also referred to the series of utterances and actions attributed to our client 'in disobedience of and designed to undermine the express lawful directives and authority of the Primate of the Church of Nigeria and the General Synod of the Church of Nigeria with regard to decisions lawfully taken by the General Synod of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)'.  
"However, Your Grace concluded that 'These utterances and actions if found to be true constitute acts of canonical disobedience in breach of the provisions of Section 22 of Chapter III of the Constitution and Canons of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)'.  
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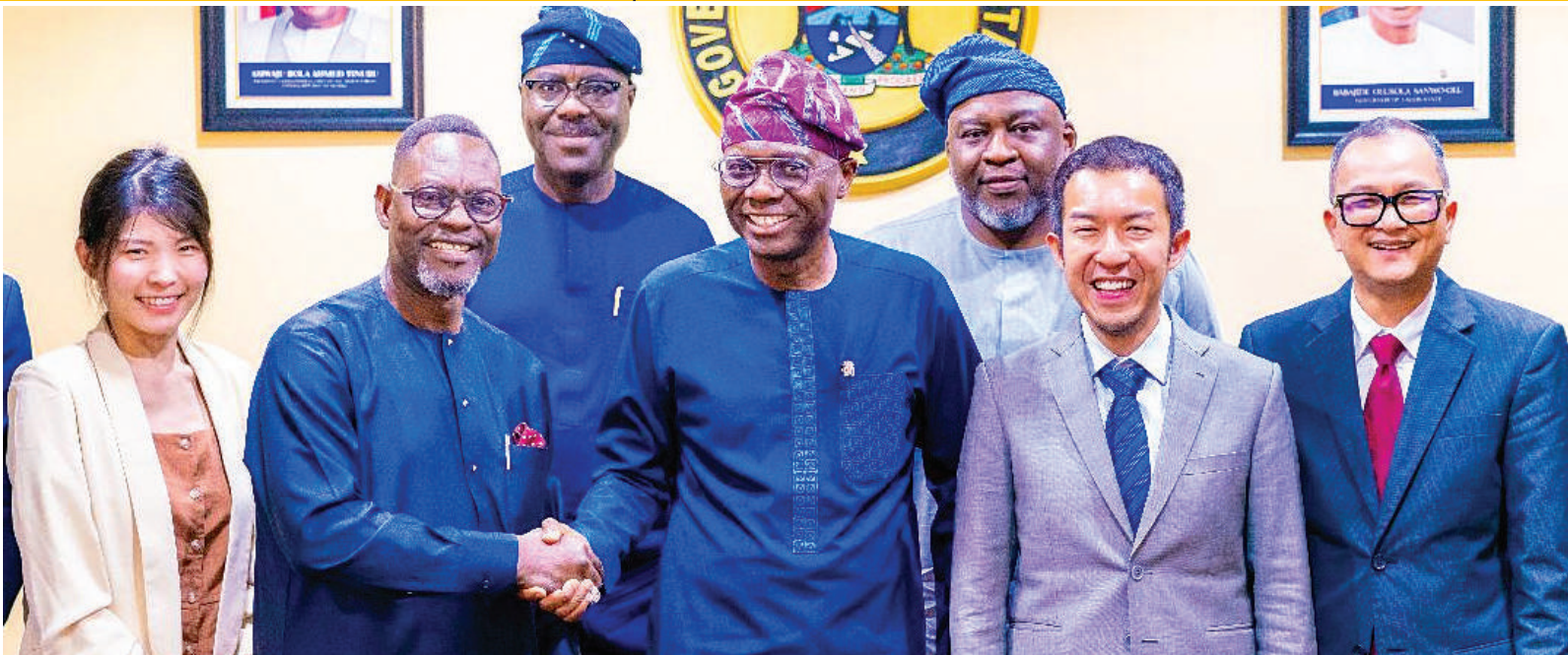
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SAYINGS OF OUR ELDERS

*If the full moon loves you, why worry about the stars?*

TAKE HEART — ELLA RANDLE

*"Play to your strengths. If you aren't great at something, do more of what you're great at."—Jason Lemkin*  
*As you become more confident through change, your motivation to modify other aspects of your life will increase —Ella Randle*



Front row: From left: Mrs. Yi Ling Tan, Senior Manager, International projects, Changi Airports International Singapore; Dr. Taiwo Afolabi, Chairman, SIFAX Group Consortium; Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu of Lagos State; Roy Toh, Director, International Projects, Changi Airports International, Singapore and Mr. Minn Sett Soe, Deputy Technical Director, Changi Airports, International Singapore. Behind is Abayomi Oluoyomi, Commissioner for Finance, Lagos State and Ope George, Commissioner for Economic Planning & Budget, Lagos State during a meeting between SIFAX Group and its aviation partner, Changi Airport International and the Lagos State Government on collaborations to develop the country's aviation sector held in Lagos

Enugu sets up panel on property, land reconciliation, compensation

ENUGU State Government has set up a standing committee for property and land reconciliation and compensation, with the mandate to review all title documents, construction approvals, double and wrongful allocations and double certificates of occupancy.

The committee is also to evaluate compensations in respect of government's acquired lands, among other functions.

This is even as residents of the state welcomed the development as timely and commendable, insisting that the governor had begun to restore hope, justice and confidence in government.

Inaugurating the committee over the weekend in Enugu, the state governor, Dr. Peter Mbah, charged members of the committee to be resolute, fair, transparent and bring to bear their experiences and integrity which were the conditions precedent for their selection.

The governor, who was represented by the Secretary to the State Government, SSG, and chairman of the committee, Prof. Chidiebere Onyia, said the terms of reference of the committee as spelt out should be implemented to the letter, adding that the procedures adopted must pass the tests of integrity, accountability, traceability, transparency, and fairness to all parties regardless of status.

The committee, known as Inter-Ministerial Committee for Property/Land Reconciliation and Compensation in Enugu State, is saddled with the responsibility of verifying all title documents relating to lands and property in any designated area assigned for construction; verifying all construction approvals and stages of construction.

It is also to reconcile all issues of double allocations, wrongful allocation, double certificates of occupancy; evaluation and payment of compensations in respect of any acquisition; resolving issues of acquisition and recommending amount of compensation to be paid, and verifying allocations and payment made as a result of the allocations.

Shari'ah Council to EFCC: Expose religious sects sponsoring terrorism

• *Decries formation of all-Christian security committee in Plateau*

By Luminous Jannamike

THE Supreme Council for Shari'ah in Nigeria, SCSN, has challenged chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, Ola Olukoyede, to expose the

religious sects sponsoring terrorism in the country. Recall that the EFCC Chairman had last week, revealed that the anti-graft agency had uncovered how a religious sect in Nigeria was laundering money for terrorists.

Olukoyede had said: "A religious sect in this country had been found to be laundering money for terrorists." But reacting in a statement by its President, Sheik Abdul Rashid Hadiyahtullah, and

Secretary, Malam Nafi'u Ahmed, yesterday, the group demanded proper legal action against those found complicit in financing activities undermining the nation's security. The group said, "Regarding the recent disclosure by the Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) about religious groups sponsoring insurgency in Nigeria, the Council demands the Commission to disclose the identity of the religious body allegedly sponsoring terrorism/insurgency with N7 billion out of N13 billion traced to its account."

activities undermining the nation's security. "We further call on the EFCC to expedite the release of the list of sponsors and collaborate with relevant authorities to ensure prompt legal actions are taken." Regarding the insecurity situation in Plateau State, the SCSN demanded a comprehensive and impartial approach.

How villagers hid weapons after troops killed terrorists—CDS

By John Alechenu

THE Chief of Defence Staff, CDS, General Christopher Musa, has revealed how villagers hid guns after troops killed some terrorists in the Northeastern part of the country.

when he was the Theatre Commander of Operation Hadin Kai, OPHK, in the region. He said: "When I was a theater commander in the North East, Harden-Kai, for 19 months - sometimes terrorists would come to a village with weapons to launch an attack and we would kill them, but before we would get there, all the weapons would have been hidden. And they would dig

them out and attack us from the rear." The defence chief urged religious leaders and traditional rulers to revisit the country's value system as part of efforts to tackle insecurity. "These are things that were alien to us. Unfortunately, we are losing family values. You would find out that even within a family, a brother will kidnap his younger sister and tell their parents to pay. "It is that bad because the society has been monetised. Everybody thinks that when he gets money, his issues are solved. Those are the things we need to address. "Family values have gone down; that's why I appeal to religious leaders and traditional rulers to revisit our value system. "We must put emphasis on bringing God, faith and sincerity in our lives. Somebody mentioned that Nigerians are religious but not godly," the CDS said.

"This revelation has sent shock waves across the nation, raising concerns about potential fund misuse for activities threatening Nigeria's peace and security. The gravity of the situation calls for immediate public clarification of the group and decisive action to address the disturbing nexus between religious groups and insurgency. "Accordingly, we urgently call upon the EFCC to publish the list of all sponsors involved in criminal activities. The alleged disclosure of N7 billion linked to a religious group's account is a matter of grave concern, and citizens demand proper legal action against sponsors and those found complicit in financing

of 30 per cent. This is more so because cancer survival rates in the WHO African region currently average 12 per cent much lower than the average of over 80 per cent in High-Income Countries. "Nevertheless, we commend the progress made in cancer prevention and care in our region. For instance, 17 countries have introduced high-performance-based screening tests in line with WHO's recommendations. "Also, 28 of our member states have introduced nationwide HPV vaccination to reach about 60 per cent of the priority population

Musa, who made the revelation in a 30 minutes interview on *Trust TV* yesterday, said this happened

Kidnapping: CP Igweh orders clampdown on unregistered vehicles in Abuja

• *Tells Tactical Commanders to storm kidnappers den, take fight to them*

By Kingsley Omonobi

ABUJA - The Commissioner of Police FCT, CP Benneth Igweh, has ordered total clampdown of vehicles without number plates or with a single number plate plying the FCT roads as part of strategies to tackle kidnapping and other crimes.

was aimed at revamping the approach of the already existing security framework and set in motion the plan to ensure the safety of residents in the Federal Capital Territory, FCT. Addressing the officers, the CP urged them to "embrace intelligence-led policing, visibility policing through constant stop and search duty in the fight against criminality."

He emphasized "the need to adopt effective community partnership in the discharge of their duties, as he will have zero tolerance for laxity. The CP reiterated his readiness to combat criminality in the territory, and called on residents to collaborate with the Police in the fight against crime and to avoid boarding vehicles along the road and unapproved parks.

CP Igweh also directed the heads of the tactical units "to identify black spots, possible kidnappers' den in the Territory and ensure they take the fight to them". Igwe, who handed down the directive when he met with the management team, leaders of all tactical units and heads of departments of the FCT police command, comprising area commanders, Divisional Police Officers, DPOs, on Saturday, said the meeting

World Cancer Day: Africa recorded 573, 653 deaths in 2022—WHO

By Chioma Obinna

AS the world yesterday marks this year's World Cancer Day, the World Health Organization, WHO, has raised alarm over what it described as a 'disheartening' situation of cancer in Africa, disclosing that approximately 882 new cancer cases occurred in the WHO African region, with around 573, 653 deaths in 2022. Disclosing these and more in a message to mark the 2024 World Cancer Day, with the theme, "Together, we challenge those in power", WHO Regional Director for

Africa, Dr Matshidiso Moeti, explained that about 50 per cent of new cancer cases in adults in the region were due to breast, cervical, prostate, colorectal, and liver cancers. Moeti, who challenged political officeholders in Africa to go the extra mile to ensure a cancer-free Africa, warned that if urgent measures were not taken, cancer mortality in the region was projected to reach about one million deaths per year by 2030. Also, in 20 years, cancer death rates in Africa will overtake the global average

targeted with HPV vaccination," she explained. She said this year's theme was auspicious as it reinforced all persons and groups' universal right to health. Moeti said regardless of socioeconomic status, geographic location, age, and gender, every person must be afforded an equal chance at the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer. "She called on the region's countries, communities, partners, and civil society to unite and foster universal access to cancer prevention and care.





BRIEFING: From left: President of Angola-Nigeria Business Council (ANBC), Fifi Ejindu; Former President Olusegun Obasanjo; and the Angolan Ambassador to Nigeria, Dr Jose Bamoquina Zau, during a news Photo: NAN.

## Rivers LP guber candidate, Itubo, dismisses alleged bribe by Wike over S'Court case

By Davies Iheamnochor

**PORT HARCOURT**—The governorship candidate of the Labour Party in March 18, 2023 election in Rivers State, Mrs. Beatrice Itubo, has dismissed report that the Minister of Federal Capital Territory, Chief Nyesom Wike, had bribed her to go to the Supreme Court to get judgment that would upturn the election of Governor Siminalayi Fubara.

Itubo said although many people had contacted her to push on with her case challenging the election of Fubara at the Supreme Court, but that in the interest of peace and development in the state, she turned them down.

She spoke when the leadership of South-South Youths Initiative, SSSI, and Obi/Itubo Grassroots Mobilisation Initiative paid her a thank-you visit at her residence in Port Harcourt.

Itubo said Wike did not offer her money to go on with her case, but that she approached the Supreme Court on her volition and withdrew same matter on personal conviction after wide consultation with stakeholders in the state.

Itubo said: "I consulted our stakeholders before I moved to withdraw the matter from the court. However, we consulted from down to up. We saw that we need to sheath our sword. There is a time to fight and there is a time to stop fighting. I was aggrieved because I was robbed and needed to reclaim my mandate that was the reason I went to court.

"I needed to correct this impression and wrong information: former Governor Wike did not bribe me to go to the Supreme Court against Fubara. It was all falsehood."

## Edo 2024: PDP holds delegates congress despite protest

- Makinde's stepping aside unfortunate— Obaseki
- Aspirants protest composition of committees

By Ozioruva Aliu

**BENIN CITY**—DESPITE protest in some quarters, including nine of its aspirants, the Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, yesterday, conducted its delegates congress to elect three people from the ward that would participate in the February 22 governorship primary.

The exercise went ahead despite the stepping down of the chairman of the three-man committee headed by Governor Seyi Makinde of Oyo State, as Governor Peter Mbah of Enugu State, who is said to be the deputy chairman was present in the state to conduct the primary, where he commended the large turnout of members of the party.

Speaking to party faithful at the George Idah Primary School, Benin City, which is the Collation Centre for Ward 2, Mbah said: "This is democracy where our people come to exercise their franchise, we appreciate this turnout. Our party is known for its principles, which is fairness, equity and justice. I wish you all conduct yourselves properly as we hold this election."

In Ward 7 at Ugbekun Primary School in Ikpoba-Okha LGA of the state, Dr. Major Itemowe led others to conduct the exercise while in Oluku Ward, Kunle Koya from Lagos State conducted the exercise.

Speaking to journalists in his Ward 4 Collation Centre, Idia College, Governor Godwin Obaseki said the crisis in the party was being overhyped and that it would not affect the outcome of the governorship election.

According to him, "You can see from the crowd here that it is a lot of success, a huge turnout. We had over 600 people coming out to participate here. Our people are very politically aware. We are happy with this turnout to elect delegates for our gubernatorial primary and we are also expecting this huge turnout in the main election."

On the withdrawal of Makinde, Obaseki said: "It is unfortunate that Makinde withdrew. There are three governors and he is only one of the three. So withdrawing does not really remove the credibility of the process and it is not just the process and what makes a process credible is the quality of the participation and you can see for yourself.

"So, it is unfortunate that Governor Makinde had to take such decision but I hope that all our efforts to continue to unify the party and pacify all players will continue. We are not deterred at all, we are going to make sure that PDP plays its role in the politics of this country."

On non participation of members of the Legacy Coalition of the PDP, he said: "You cannot have a 100 percent, clearly you can see the crowd here. When we

were in APC before we joined the PDP, we didn't have these numbers, so clearly the people we met in the party are still in the party.

"The crisis is hyped, it is not as fundamental as it is made to look on ground. There is very little crisis, the crisis is fanned from outside and our people are smarter than that. You will see during the main election, we are not going to allow ourselves to be sold."

### 9 aspirants protest

The nine aspirants in their letter to acting National Chairman and copied the National Vice Chairman South-South of the party, Dan Orbih, protested the process and compositions of those to conduct the delegates election.

The petition by Philip Shaibu, Omoriegbe Ogbiede-Ihama, Anselm Ojezua, Felix Akhabue, Amb. Martin

Uhomoibhi, Hafía Hadizat Umoru, Omosede Igbinedion, Dr. Earl Onaiwu and Arthur Esene read: "We have also seen two lists of the composition of the Edo State three Ad-Hoc Ward Congresses Electoral Committee and two lists of the Ward Congress Electoral Officers and a list of LGA Monitoring Officers

"With regard to the notice to INEC, we humbly observe that it lacks legitimacy because it was signed by an acting National Secretary, when we have a substantive National Secretary in office. This falls short of the statutory requirement contained in the Electoral Act.

"Furthermore, we are confronted by two lists of the Edo State 3 Ad-Hoc Ward Congresses Electoral Committee. The only similarity between them is that the Chairman is Seyi Makinde, the composition is different. We do not know which one is the authentic one duly approved by the National Working Committee."

## N-Delta ethnic groups battle Ijaw over PAP coordinator

By Emma Amaize, Sam Oyadonga, Jimitota Onoyeme, Egufe Yafugborhi, Chioma Onuegbu & Ochuko Akuopha

**WARRI**—YOUTH leaders and stakeholders of other ethnic nationalities in Niger Delta have asked the Ijaw ethnic nationality to stop what they termed its entitlement mentality to the leadership of the Presidential Amnesty Programme, PAP, initiated by the Federal Government in 2009.

The Ijaw Youth Council, IYC, Worldwide, had, last month, warned the Federal Government against appointing a non-Ijaw as the Coordinator of PAP.

Coordinator of Gas Pipeline Host Communities, Akwa Ibom State, Kufre Emmanson, said: "I do not think PAP is for the Ijaws only and none Niger Delta at large. We disagree that it must be

Ijaw only to be appointed to pilot affairs of the Amnesty Programme.

"Other tribes in the Niger Delta have as much right to occupy that position. The Ijaw can only control its area. In Akwa Ibom, the Ibibio and Annang are not Ijaw. The PAP is a programme for youths of Niger Delta and not Ijaw youths alone.

An ex-militant leader and president of the Abuja chapter of the Urhobo Youth Council, self-styled "General" Peter Aghogho

said: "There are other ethnic nationalities, which are beneficiaries of PAP. The other ethnic nationality also surrendered their arms just as the Ijaw did, so it is an aberration for the Ijaw to have an entitlement mentality over the leadership of the Presidential Amnesty Programme.

Secretary of Ndokwa National Youth Movement, NNYM, Presley Idi, said: "We wish to state in clear terms that the office of the PAP

coordinator is not in any way an exclusive right of the Ijaw ethnic nationality.

"From the inception of the programme till now, only those from the Ijaw stock have been considered to coordinate the programme and this in any way does not seem fair and equitable."

National President, Urhobo Progress Union, UPU, Youth Wing worldwide (Ukoko Re' Ighele Urhobo), Blessed Ughere, said: "We are equal stakeholders, we share an equal stake in the Niger Delta struggle. With careful calculation, the Urhobos have been the ones that have spent more time in the programme to make sure the programme runs smoothly but have not benefited from the programme.

Immediate past President of the Isoko National Youth Assembly, INYA, Amos Etaluku said: "Since the PAP was established, the Isoko have not had their fair share.

"The Ijaw have constantly been appointed as coordinators. I think the entire people of the Niger Delta are brothers, and I do not think it is wrong for the appointment to be given to an Isoko person."

## Delta govt distributes 388 tonnes of maize to poultry farmers

By Ochuko Akuopha

**ASABA** — Delta State Government has distributed 388 tonnes of maize to members of the state chapter of Poultry Farmers Association of Nigeria, PAN, to mitigate the challenges confronting them.

Speaking during the distribution of the 388 tonnes (7,660 bags) of maize at the ADP office in Ibusa, Oshimili North Local Government Area of the state, Secretary of the state Palliatives Committee, Chief Jaro Egbo said the state government was out to cushion the effects of the rising cost of feeds production in the country.

He said the gesture was aimed at reducing the high cost of living by encouraging the production of what is consumed in the state and also enable the state compete favourably with any other states in the country in terms of agricultural productivity.

He disclosed that the verification of the list of members submitted by the association in the state showed substantial compliance of about 97 percent.

"A total of 528 tonnes of maize are to be distributed to poultry farmers in the state out of which we are releasing 7,660 bags of maize which is about 388 tonnes, to the poultry farmers until we sort out other grey areas to see whether those farms exist or not," Egbo said.

In his remarks, Chairman of state chapter of PAN, Chief Eric Tomfawei, thanked Governor Sheriff Oborevwori for his policies and programmes aimed at enhancing food security in the state.

## Olu of Warri to open Canaan Land golf tournament in Koko

**THE** Olu of Warri, His Majesty, Ogiame Atuwatse III, will on February 10, 2024 open the Mini Golf Classic of the Canaan Land Golf and Country Club at Koko in Delta State.

The three-day event will kick off with welcome party on the February 9, main event on the February 10 and coven party/departure of guest on February 11, 2024.

According to the Principal Coordinator/CEO of Ajimele Cooking Oil, Mr. Felix Aganbi, "the event is set to make Koko town the next golf club touring destination in Nigeria.

The monument, which is set to attract Nigerians from all parts of the country, is powered by Ajimele Oil, a product of Akogate Company based in Benin City, Edo State.

Speaking at the pre-event ceremony at Koko, weekend, Mr. Felix Aganbi said: "Canaan Land is set to be the next golf playing pleasure land in Nigeria with state-of-the-art facilities.

He disclosed further that the main event will feature golf, badminton and table tennis with different mouth watering prizes.

The pre-event competition saw winners going home with cash prizes and the delicious packets and bottles of the ever rich Ajimele Oil.





**INSPECTION:** From left, Senior Special Assistant to the Kwara State Governor on Infrastructure, Ladi Yusuf; Chief Press Secretary, Rafiu Ajakaye; Commissioner for Works, Abdulquawiy Olododo and site Engineer, Fadi Khalil, during inspection visit to Tunde Idiagbon Flyover and other road projects in Ilorin metropolis, weekend.

## Kinsmen tackle Abia Speaker over delay in swearing-in member-elect

By Ugochukwu Alaribe

**UMUAHIA**—Tension is building in Abia, Abia State as the indigenes of Abia, has accused their kinsman and Speaker of the state House of Assembly, Emmanuel Emeruwa of refusing to swear in the member-elect representing Abia North state constituency, Uzodike Aaron.

They further accused the speaker of playing politics with the situation and warned him against throwing the city into crisis.

The Court of Appeal had on November 30, 2023, sacked the former member representing the constituency, Destiny Nwagwu, of the Labour Party, LP, and declared Aaron the authentic winner of the March 18, 2023 state Assembly polls.

The indigenes under the umbrella of Abia Ngwa Peoples Forum, said it was shocking that Emeruwa has refused to swear in Aaron Uzodike whom the Appeal Court declared as the winner of the constituency election and subsequently issued with the Certificate of Return by the Independent National Electoral Commission, INEC.

It also alleged that Emeruwa refused to swear in the member-elect because of his ambition to go to the House of Representatives in 2027, adding that the Speaker who hails from the same Abia North and Abia South federal constituency as Uzodike sees the latter as a threat to his political ambition.

The forum equally alleged that the speaker has refused to swear in Aaron to ensure that the ranks of the ruling LP in the state Assembly are not depleted to avoid an opposition party having more members to challenge the party.

## IPoB accuses police, military of grave atrocities against Igbo

- Says 1,000 homes burnt, 12,000 murdered since 2016
- Insists ESN doesn't have camp in Okigwe, Owerri

By Chimaobi Nwaiwu

**NEWI**—THE Indigenous People of Biafra, IPoB, yesterday said the police and military have burnt over 1,000 Igbo homes, murdered and caused the disappearance of over 12,000 innocent residents in the South-East while pretending to be hunting for criminals in the region since 2016.

The organisation in a statement entitled, "Ignore Nigerian Police propaganda, Eastern Security Network, ESN, does not have camp in Okigwe," accused the security agencies of colluding with some state governments in the South-East to perpetrate a systematic ethnic cleansing of the Igbo.

It debunked allegations by the Federal Government accusing it of shielding criminals in the region and noted that the government has repeatedly ignored its disassociation with the criminals operating around Okigwe and Owerri axis.

IPoB's statement read: "The global family and movement of the Indigenous People of Biafra, IPoB, ably led by our great and indefatigable leader, Mazi Nnamdi Kanu, wishes to debunk the fallacious claims from the Nigeria Police, Imo State Command that they have cleared the camp of IPoB/ESN operatives in Umulolo, Okigwe and Owerri environs of Imo State.

"The Nigerian government and her security agencies cannot continue to claim ignorance of IPoB's repeated disassociation with the criminals operating around the Okigwe and Owerri axis.

"We understand that the Police are working with the agent provocateurs to blackmail IPoB, but we are always ahead of their games. In our previous press releases, we have called out the criminals and agent provocateurs heavily funded by the Imo State government, some politicians and businessmen and women, who operate camps in parts of Okigwe Local Government Area, Imo State.

"Fore emphasis sake, ESN does

not have any camp at the following communities; Okigwe, Ikeduru, Mbaitolu, Arindizogu, Orsuhiteukwa, Ihtenansa all in Imo State.

"We also we do not have camps in Orsumoghu, Lilu, Ukpor, Ezinifite, Nnewi, Unubi, Akwaihedi, Umunze, Isseke, Mbosi, Ihiala, Azia, Okija, and Uga all in Anambra State.

"Any group operating any camp in the above-mentioned areas and communities are not ESN operatives. They are either

organized criminal gangs or agent provocateurs working with the government's double agent in Finland. The Nigerian government and her fraudulent security agencies know the truth, but chose to blackmail IPoB/ESN.

"It is barbaric that the Nigeria government and her murderous security agencies will burn and destroy the property of innocent Biafrans in Umulolo communities, Okigwe L.G.A of Imo State in pretext of looking for the same criminals they are

colluding with.

"Only terrorists burn houses and property of their victims. In the case of South-East, the terrorists here are the Nigeria security agencies who have burnt over 1,000 homes and have murdered or caused the disappearance over 12,000 innocent Biafrans in the pretext of going after criminals since 2016.

"IPoB considers the actions of Nigerian security forces in the South-East as a barbaric and ethnic cleansing agenda against Ndigbo. ESN operatives do not engage in criminal activities and do not operate indiscriminate camps. ESN operatives specialises in pursuing Fulani bandits nick named herdsmen out of South-East."

## Absence of good governance hurting Africa's devt— Ezekwesili

**THE** Founder, School of Politics, Policy and Governance and Chair, #FixPolitics, Dr Obiageli Ezekwesili, has linked Africa's under-development to the absence of good governance and quality political leadership.

She spoke at the inaugural session of the SPPG Distinguished Guest Speaker Series, weekend, which was attended by thousands of Africans and global stakeholders.

Speaking on the theme, 'Power, Performance and Legitimacy: Renewing Global Democratic Momentum,' she explained that the central thesis of #FixPolitics research was that "the absence of good governance is the greatest obstacle" to Nigeria's economic development.

Ezekwesili told the participants: "The failure of the country's variant of politics and

public leadership inherently subverts public good and places their personal and narrow interests above the collective wellbeing of citizens.

"In the light of the above, whether it is 2020 or 2060, nothing about Nigeria can change without a transformation of its politics. Our democracy is coming out of deficit, as African politicians have not delivered on the contract between them and the people they govern."

Explaining how nations grow, Ezekwesili said the trinity of growth and development showed that citizens of Nigeria and the rest of Africa need a politics that leads to good governance.

According to her, sound policies, strong institutions and efficient priority of investment in public goods and services are crucial for private sector

emergence and growth of the economy.

Ezekwesili called for the establishment of unconventional SPPG to flood the political space with a new class of valued-based politicians that would emerge on a large scale.

On his part, Prof Larry Diamond from Stanford University, United States of America, condemned the practice where the ruling party controls the political pace, electoral process and makes credible elections impossible.

Diamond, a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution and the Mosbacher Senior Fellow in Global Democracy at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford University, said, "Nigeria has a lot of traditional rulers, who are preservers of culture and key in maintaining peace."

## Anambra rerun: YPP reclaims Orumba North/Orumba South

**THE** Independent National Electoral Commission, INEC, has declared Chinwe Nnabuife of the Young Progressives Party, YPP, as the winner of the rerun election for Orumba North and Orumba South federal constituency in Anambra.

INEC's Returning Officer for Orumba North and Orumba South federal constituency,

Prof. Gabriel Anene, declared Nnabuife winner having polled the highest number of votes.

The declaration was made on Saturday night at about 10:15pm after the collation of the results from the 16 polling units of Nanka ward 1.

Anene said Nnabuife scored 14,416, while the closest candidate, Okwudili Ezenwankwo of PDP, scored

13,087. He said Kanayo Eze of APGA scored 10,479 votes.

Reacting, Nnabuife, said the victory was a call for more transformative legislative businesses in the constituency. Nnabuife commended INEC for its transparency.

She assured the constituents of quality representation and urged other candidates to see Orumba North/South constituency above their personal interests.

## Nwifuru, Umahi hail Ani on senatorial by-election victory

**GOVERNOR** Francis Nwifuru of Ebonyi State and Minister of Works, Chief David Umahi, have congratulated Prof. Anthony Ani of the All Progressives Congress, APC, on his victory in Saturday's Ebonyi South senatorial district's by-election.

Ani scored 46,270 votes to beat his closest rival, Chief Ifeanyi Eleje of the All Progressives Grand Alliance, APGA, who polled 3,513.

Nwifuru, in a statement by his Chief Press Secretary, Dr Monday Uzor, yesterday described the victory "as the people's show of confidence in Ani and the APC".

The governor said the people had again proven, through the ballot, that the overwhelming victory was predicated on the modest achievements of his government under the APC.

David Umahi, in his congratulatory message, described Ani's victory as heartwarming and the reflection of the people's will.

Umahi, who vacated the seat to assume office as the Minister of Works, said the proportional scores of the political parties are eminent testaments to APC's popularity in Ebonyi.

He said: "I applaud the voters' sense of judgment in freely voting for our candidate based on conviction of his moral and intellectual capacity to effectively represent the people."

## Expert speaks on tax implications for fintech, other financial institutions

**AN** accounting and tax management expert, Titilayo Akinseye, has said the tax implications of revenue-sharing arrangements between fintech companies and traditional financial institutions in Nigeria are complex and require careful consideration.

She made this known in a briefing, stating that these arrangements often involve the sharing of revenues from joint ventures, partnerships, or shared services.

Akinseye explained that these collaborations, often manifesting as joint ventures, partnerships or shared services, present a labyrinth of tax considerations. These include income taxation, withholding tax, transfer pricing, VAT implications and the necessity for meticulous documentation and compliance.

"Income tax liabilities are a primary concern in these arrangements. Each entity is required to report its revenue share as part of its taxable income. Ensuring proper documentation and adherence to withholding tax obligations is paramount to circumvent penalties and disputes," Akinseye emphasised.



# 60TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF DELTA STATE PDP CHAIRMAN, ESISO, IN SAPELE, YESTERDAY



Governor Sheriff Oborewori of Delta State (4th left), his predecessor, Senator Ifeanyi Okowa (2nd right); his deputy, Sir Monday Onyeme (3rd left), Speaker of the state House of Assembly, Emomotimi Guwor (right); Deputy Speaker, Arthur Akpowowo (left) and state chairman of Peoples Democratic Party PDP, Kingsley Esiso (4th right) and his wife as he cuts his 60th birthday cake in Sapele, yesterday.



Chairman, PDP Delta State, Kingsley Esiso (right) and his wife, Beauty, during his 60th birthday thanksgiving at Living Faith Church, Sapele, yesterday.



Governor Sheriff Oborewori (right) and his predecessor, Senator Ifeanyi Okowa.



From left: Senator James Manager; Senator Emmanuel Aguariavwodo; Secretary, PDP, Delta State, Dan Ossai; Mr. Miden Bayagbon, former Editor, Vanguard Newspapers; Deputy Chief of Staff, Ifeanyi Osakwe and a business mogul, High Chief Victor Egukawhore.



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### QUARTER 4 UNAUDITED RESULTS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Board of Directors of Neimeth International Pharmaceuticals Plc, is pleased to announce the Company's Quarter 4 unaudited trading results for period ended 31 December 2023 with comparative figures of year 2022.

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	31-Dec-23 N'000	31-Dec-22 N'000
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	3,654,653	2,855,148
Investment properties	33,141	34,010
	<u>3,687,795</u>	<u>2,889,158</u>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Inventories	2,081,455	1,719,150
Trade and other receivables	1,103,795	1,391,841
Other current assets	75,547	62,984
Cash and cash equivalents	2,122,387	448,370
	<u>5,383,184</u>	<u>3,622,345</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>9,070,979</u>	<u>6,511,503</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	2,536,334	1,266,150
Current borrowing	2,646,263	2,157,910
Finance lease liabilities	40,635	-
Current tax payable	56,929	86,769
Defined fair value gain on loan	112,453	119,041
	<u>5,392,614</u>	<u>3,629,870</u>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Non-current portion of long term borrowings	1,487,426	1,487,426
Deferred fair value gain on loan	434,261	509,213
Deferred tax liability	106,226	106,226
	<u>2,027,913</u>	<u>2,102,865</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>7,420,527</u>	<u>5,732,735</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>1,650,452</u>	<u>778,768</u>
<b>Equity</b>		
Ordinary shares	2,136,552	949,579
Share premium	2,377,755	8,821
Retained earnings	(2,863,855)	(179,632)
<b>Total equity</b>	<u>1,650,452</u>	<u>778,768</u>

#### STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Quarter 4		12Months	
	Ended 31-Dec-23 N'000	Ended 31-Dec-23 N'000	4 Ended 31-Dec-22 N'000	12Months Ended 31-Dec-22 N'000
Turnover	770,609	2,209,591	946,300	3,457,039
Cost of sales	(548,774)	(1,459,961)	(674,273)	(2,096,771)
<b>Gross profit / (Loss)</b>	<b>221,835</b>	<b>749,630</b>	<b>272,027</b>	<b>1,360,268</b>
Other income	25,063	116,591	9,774	29,958
Marketing and distribution expenses	(196,916)	(791,769)	(179,430)	(597,483)
Administrative expenses	(195,557)	(643,649)	(172,560)	(600,330)
Finance costs	(78,177)	(560,916)	(19,455)	(187,949)
<b>Operating (Loss) / Profit</b>	<b>(223,752)</b>	<b>(1,130,113)</b>	<b>(89,644)</b>	<b>4,464</b>
Exchange Gain/ Loss	(1,711,952)	(1,450,548)	(80,663)	14,678
<b>(Loss) / Profit before taxation</b>	<b>(1,935,704)</b>	<b>(2,580,661)</b>	<b>(180,307)</b>	<b>19,142</b>
Income tax expense	-	-	-	-
<b>(Loss)/Profit for the year from continued operation</b>	<b>(1,935,704)</b>	<b>(2,580,661)</b>	<b>(180,307)</b>	<b>19,142</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>				
Gain on available for sale assets	-	-	-	-
<b>Total other comprehensive income</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total comprehensive (Loss)/Profit</b>	<b>(1,935,704)</b>	<b>(2,580,661)</b>	<b>(180,307)</b>	<b>19,142</b>
Basic (loss)/earnings per share	(45)	(60)	(9)	1

#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	12 Months to		15 Months to	
	31-Dec-23 N'000	31-Dec-22 N'000	31-Dec-23 N'000	31-Dec-22 N'000
<b>Profit for the year</b>	<b>(2,580,661)</b>	<b>(406,299)</b>		
<b>Adjustment for:</b>				
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	76,756	143,867		
Adjustment on PPE	-	-		
Depreciation of investment properties	869	1,086		
Gain or loss on disposal	-	-		
Impairment loss on trade receivables	31,331	56,499		
Provision no longer required	-	-		
Impairment write back	(710,878)	-		
Finance cost	500,916	376,002		
Exchange loss	1,450,548	-		
Income tax expenses	-	18,246		
	<u>(1,171,119)</u>	<u>188,400</u>		
<b>Changes in:</b>				
Increase in inventories	(362,305)	(254,729)		
(Increase)/decrease in trade receivables	256,715	(172,132)		
Decrease/(increase) in other asset	(12,563)	(1,278)		
Increase in trade and other payables	1,270,164	472,825		
Decrease in finance lease liability	-	-		
Decrease in deferred tax liability	-	-		
Cash generated from operating activities	(19,088)	232,888		
Income tax paid	(133,396)	(67,202)		
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b>(152,486)</b>	<b>166,686</b>		
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>				
Purchase of property plant and equipment	(847,155)	(1,587,017)		
Proceed from disposal of property, plant and equipment	(43,858)	-		
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(891,013)</b>	<b>(1,587,017)</b>		
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>				
Proceed from import finance facility	-	2,803,833		
Repayment of loans	(214,583)	(2,380,807)		
Reclassification of Loan	(176,348)	-		
Finance cost paid	(296,130)	(361,909)		
Proceed on Right issues	3,710,470	-		
Dividend paid	-	(132,941)		
Capital restructuring cost	(153,563)	(96,069)		
<b>Net cash (used in)/from financing activities</b>	<b>2,809,846</b>	<b>(137,883)</b>		
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(152,330)	(4,290)		
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,826,347	(1,559,014)		
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	448,370	2,011,674		
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December</b>	<b>2,122,387</b>	<b>448,370</b>		

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on January 30, 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

J.V.C.I.   
Pham. J. Valentine Okelu  
Managing Director / CEO  
FRC/2023/PRO/DIR/003/655491

Mrs. Florence Onyenekwe  
Ag. Executive Director - Finance  
FRC/2014/CAN/00000010082



Dated this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2024

By Order of the Board.

CHINENYE S. ADEKANMBI (MRS.)  
AG. COMPANY SECRETARY

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16, Akanni Doherty Layout (Billings Way),  
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OPENING—From left: Regional Head, Retail Sales, Upcountry, Albert Chukwuemeka; Divisional Head, Retail Solutions, AXA Mansard Insurance Plc., Jumoke Odunlami; Regional Head, Retail Sales, Lagos, Latifah Aliyu, and Group Head, Retail Sales, Lagos West, Ifueko Ighodaro, during the official opening of the new AXA Mansard Welcome Center, at Trinity Mall, Ikeja, Lagos.

## Be proactive on girl-child education —Seadogs, Shehu Sani urge FG

By Ibrahim Hassan-Wuyo

**KADUNA** — NATIONAL Association of Seadogs, NAS, former lawmaker, Senator Shehu Sani, monarchs from the North and other stakeholders have identified the girl-child education as a critical social issue in the North, which needs urgent government attention.

The stakeholders, who were in Kaduna at the 15th Ralph Okpara Memorial Lecture, organised by the National Association of Seadogs-Pirates Confraternity, NAS/PC, said, at the Arewa House, that now is the time for policy makers to be brought before the table to identify what the issues were, with a view to take necessary action about the girl-child.

The NAS International leader, Abiola Owoaje, told journalists that "we are here to highlight the challenges of the girl-child particularly as they relate to education."

He said time to time they carried out such advocacy works to let the government know about areas where intervention was needed.

Dr Obinna Okpara, the leader of Seadogs Kaduna Chapter, said they were equipping schools to encourage general learning in the state, and they were already building a toilet facility in a Kaduna hospital, and were prepared to see how they could visit correctional facilities so as to assist in setting free inmates who committed lesser crimes but couldn't be able to pay fine.

"These are inmates whose fine is 50, 20 or 10 thousand, who did not commit kidnapping or robbery. So we are looking at releasing 50 to hundred, which is going to be achieved legally," he said.

## 723 schools closed in 9 states over insecurity, others —UNICEF

By Peter Duru

**MAKURDI**—NO fewer than 723 schools have reportedly been closed down in nine states across the country, due to insecurity and occupation of the school premises by state

and non-state actors, Internally Displaced Persons, IDPs, including incidents of flood, leading to obstruction of teaching and learning in the affected schools.

According to the United Nations Children's Fund, UNICEF, Safe School Data,

(September 2023) the states affected include Adamawa, Benue, Borno, Imo, Katsina, Kebbi, Sokoto, Yobe and Zamfara.

A breakdown of the data indicated that 26 schools were closed in Adamawa State, Benue had 28 of its schools closed, Borno 72 schools, Imo 62 schools, Katsina 61 schools, Kebbi 68

schools, Sokoto 115 schools, Yobe 15 schools and Zamfara 276 schools.

The data further indicated that State actors occupied seven schools in Adamawa State, 11 were occupied in Benue, 36 in Borno, one in Imo, seven in Katsina, one in Yobe and 22 in Zamfara state.

Meanwhile non-state actors were reported to have

taken over two schools in Borno State, 45 in Imo and 134 Zamfara states.

The data also showed that nine schools were closed down due to incidents of flood in Adamawa State, 19 in Borno, 16 in Imo, 54 in Katsina, 24 in Kebbi, 109 in Sokoto, 14 in Yobe and 58 in Zamfara state.

Also, six states of Adamawa, Benue, Borno, Kebbi, Sokoto, and Zamfara had 154 of their schools occupied by Internally Displaced Persons, IDPs.

According to the data, the number of IDPs that occupied schools in Adamawa stood at 10, Benue 17, Borno 15, Kebbi 44, Sokoto six, and Zamfara 62.

Speaking on the importance of education to the child, the Communication Officer, UNICEF, Enugu Field Office, Dr. Ijeoma Onuoha-Ogwe said "education is a right of every child, it should not just happen to a child in Nigeria as a chance but a right."

## NSITF: Employers' contribution, not govt revenue —NECA

By Victor AhiumaYoung & Johnbosco Agbakwuru

**ABUJA**—THE Nigeria Employers Consultative Association, NECA, has said the contribution by the employers to the Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund, NSITF, is not revenue to the government, coming from the fund for the innovative measures it has taken to reposition the tripartite agency.

The Director General of NECA, Adewale-Smatt Oyerinde, spoke while on a working visit, over the weekend.

A statement by NSITF, General Manager, Corporate Affairs, Nwachukwu Godson, explained that NECA, alongside the Organized Labour and Government constitute the tripartite ownership of the NSITF.

According to the statement, Oyerinde who appreciated the critical role the NSITF plays in stabilizing the world of work, pledged the continued support of the Organised Private Sector, OPS, to the fund as a social partner despite the turns in the national economy.

He said, "We have noted the many innovations that you brought in during this one year, and from far within our space, we have also noticed how much stability you have brought to the fund."

"We have also noted the direction that the fund seems to have now; especially the openness to engage because I know your Executive Director, Operations has been in Lagos

twice. To us, this openness to engage has endeared the fund the most, so kudos to the fund and its leadership.

"One of the things we strongly believe in is responsible enterprises, an employer that is responsible to its internal and external stakeholders - internal stakeholders - its employees within the context of salary payment, welfare issues, an employer that is responsible to its community and how much it can do within the context of corporate social responsibilities, an employer that is responsible to the government within the context of paying the taxes and so many other contributions."

On the new Federal Government policy on 50 per cent deduction of Gross Inflow under the Fiscal Responsibility Act and the listing of the NSITF among the agencies affected by the deduction of internally generated revenue, Oyerinde explained that "NECA is of the strong view that the contributions by the employers to the NSITF is not revenue to the government."

"It is absolutely not revenue to the government. It is meant for a purpose, and the purpose for which it is meant will be compromised if that policy goes through. So, we have also started our own advocacy at the back end. In fact, we had a meeting with the Security and Exchange Commission, SEC, last week because it also affected them. Our advocacy is already in place, and we will continue to engage

"We have started doing that. In fact, when this visit was scheduled, we wanted to also

get your perspective so that we could input your own perspective into ours and then make public our definitive views. We intend to bring organized labour into the issue because business is an entity that doesn't have blood running through its veins. It is people. It is the people who are susceptible to injuries and accidents, and those people are primarily members of organized labour. Our belief also is that the organized labour will not fold their hands

or play the ostrich and believe this doesn't involve them because, in the long run, it is the members of labour, the workers that will be affected.

"So we are also bringing them on board in our advocacy. In the next two, or three days we will be writing to the Minister of Finance to let him know the critical stakeholders of the fund are in alignment that contributions from employers to the NSITF are not revenue to the government."

## Tinubu's economic policies dashing hopes, creating despair —Atiku

By John Alechenu

**ABUJA** — PRESIDENTIAL Candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, in the 2023 general elections, Atiku Abubakar, has faulted President Bola Tinubu's economic policies, claiming the President's performance on the economic front over the past six to seven months has been disastrous.

In a statement, yesterday, in Abuja, Atiku said: "The economy's performance has, in recent weeks and months, been a subject of intense discourse among Nigerian citizens at home and abroad.

"Nigerians are gravely concerned, and rightly so, that Tinubu's poor response to Nigeria's economic challenges is setting the stage for a prolonged and deeper domestic economic crisis.

"His economic policies, drawn from a so-called renewed hope agenda, are ironically dashing hopes, creating pain and causing despair.

"The private sector is shrinking by the day as small businesses

are emasculated and as Multinational Companies, confused and weary of the economy, leave Nigeria in droves.

"The intense cost of living pressure has created more misery for the poor in towns and villages. There is hunger in the land as basic commodities, including bread, are becoming out of reach for average Nigerians.

"His 2024 budget is a business-as-usual exercise, bereft of concrete ideas and actions that would support Nigeria's journey toward economic transformation - consisting mainly of wasteful expenditures to cater to a bloated Federal Government. Budget 2024 will not facilitate growth and cannot empower our citizens to earn a living and live a decent life.

"BAT has shown no capacity to deal with the adverse and disastrous impact of the new subsidy regime on the people and businesses and the new foreign exchange policy, which provides for a free-floating exchange rate.

"His initiatives are literally uninformed, arbitrary, and chaotic. BAT's palliatives are too mean, pitiable, and contemptuous

of the poor. He seems genuinely lost, bewildered, and overwhelmed.

"To mask their failures, BAT and his political appointees are busy blaming his predecessor in office for bequeathing a 'dead' economy.

"This is a familiar game popularised by former President Buhari while in office. It reinforces

## OGSOSA donates classrooms, borehole to alma-mater

By Henry Ojelu

**KWARA**—ORA Grammar School Old Students Association, OGSOSA, has built blocks of classrooms, and installed borehole for its alma-mater, Ora Grammar School (Junior and Senior) in Ora Community, Ifelodun Local Government Area of Kwara State.

President of the association, Azeez Olaniyan, disclosed this during the distribution of free writing materials to all the students of the school.

Besides the new block of classrooms and borehole, Olaniyan also highlighted other support to the close including the construction of

what we already know: that BAT came into office unprepared.

"Tinubu and his economic management team must swallow their pride, admit their missteps and failures, and follow those who know the terrain. They must act fast before the economy sinks deeper into the abyss. The question is, will they?"

school laboratory, cash awards, buying of equipment, scholarship awards to brilliant students and many more.

He said: "Apart from donating stationeries like text books, exercise books and other writing materials, the association facilitated the construction of block of classrooms aside equipping the constructed Science laboratory."

Olaniyan added that OGSOSA has raised the bar of excellence in the school by awarding scholarships to brilliant students and payment of West African Senior Secondary Certificate Examination, WASSCE, for the underprivileged students.



# ITSEKIRI CONSULTATIVE CONGRESS (ICC) NO. 7 SWAMP ROAD, GRA WARRI, DELTA STATE

Friday February 2, 2024

HIS EXCELLENCY  
PRESIDENT ASIWAJU BOLA AHMED TINUBU  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, PRESIDENTIAL VILLA, ASO ROCK

**RE: ORITSEMEYIWA EYESAN SHOULD BE RELIEVED OF HER POSITION AT  
NNPCL, FOR ETHNIC BIAS IN PIPELINES SURVEILLANCE CONTRACT AWARD**

*Our Dear President,*

We wish to draw your attention to the above subject circulated in the print media on Thursday January 25, 2024 by a faceless group claiming to be the Niger Delta Forum For Truth and Justice (NDFTJ).

Mr. President, ordinarily we would not have bothered to reply a "sponsored" blackmailer but because the author of the publication tried albeit unsuccessfully to intimidate, bully, malign, tarnish, and cowed our Mother, Sister, and Daughter the current Executive Vice President Upstream of the Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited NNPCL to kowtow to their unscrupulous, spurious, nefarious, and perfidious demands.

Mr. President as critical stakeholders in the Niger Delta who have borne the brunt of crude Oil exploration, we are not a meddlesome interloper neither are we doing this to scurry favour from anyone but to set the records straight and help your administration to maintain the peace currently being enjoyed in the Niger Delta we have decided to make this publication.

Your Excellency, the call by the NDFTJ for you to revoke, terminate, or sack Mrs. Oritsemeyiwa Eyesan over a purported influence in the process of re-award of pipeline surveillance contract to Pipeline Infrastructure Nigeria Limited (PINL) whom they claimed is owned by the Olu of Warri His Majesty Ogiame Atuwatse III, CFR is not only false but a calculated attempt to drag the name of our Revered Monarch and Father into the mud to satisfy an envious neighbour whose penchant for violence, lawlessness, criminality, greed, and clandestine activities against the Nigerian State and especially the Itsekiri People have been known for at least about a century.

## HISTORY OF PIPELINE SURVEILLANCE DURING THE FOURTH REPUBLIC

Mr. President, we recall that the issues of oil theft in the Niger Delta region has been an age long issues for over five decades, and went out of control during the 'infamous' Warri Crisis between 1997-2003. It continued unabated even after the crisis until in 2011, when the Federal Government awarded a pipeline surveillance contract worth \$103 million (N15 billion) Global West Vessel Specialists Limited in a deal that shocked many Nigerians. On June 4, 2014 during the National Conference a Niger Delta Leader and foremost Ijaw Nationalist Pa. Edwin Clarke while speaking to journalists called for the termination of the pipeline surveillance contract awarded to Global West, and other groups. In the report monitored on all National dailies, the former federal commissioner for finance asserted that oil theft has been on since the early 70s and even indicted military officials in his statements.

During the President Muhammadu Buhari regime, the pipeline surveillance contract was awarded under an Ijaw man Timipre Silver as Minister of Petroleum Resources, and another Ijaw man Adokiye Tombomieye as Executive Vice President Upstream to few companies including at least two companies owned by Ijaw men but nobody including the president of NDFTJ accused either the Minister of Petroleum or the EVP UPSTREAM then as being corrupt or being ethnic biased probably since it involves Ijaw people. This is not to make any aspersions that the award of the contract was skewed to favour any ethnic Nationality or the Ijaw ethnic Nationality in particular. Today, the president of NDFTJ has suddenly woken up from his deep slumber to call for the sack of our Mother and Daughter who has been an astute professional, and arguably the best ever career woman in Nigeria for the last decade in a career spanning over 30 years in both private and public circles.



• Mrs. Oritsemeyiwa Eyesan

## THE ITSEKIRI PEOPLE, LAND, AND CROWN (WARRI KINGDOM)

Your Excellency, the Itsekiri people inhabits Warri Kingdom (Warri South, Warri North, and Warri South-West) Warri Kingdom is about 544 years old. Mr. President, the Itsekiri Nation (under Warri Kingdom) is the single ethnic Nationality in Nigeria with the highest Oil & Gas production quantum but unfortunately this has not reflected in our communities and homeland in terms of Federal infrastructure and appointments over the years since the death of our Nigeria's first Finance Minister Chief Festus Okotie-Eboh.

The Itsekiri People have their aboriginal homeland majorly in Delta State, Edo State, and Ondo State.

The Itsekiri Nation today produces approximately 32% of Nigeria's Crude Oil and Gas is host to facilities such as Shell Dom Gas Plant Otumara, Chevron Tank Farm, Chevron EGTL Plant, Sonam Gas Field, Okan Field, Dibi Field, Abiteye Field, Olero Field, Uton Nana, Macaraba, Santon, Ogidgben Flow Station, Warri River Flow Station, WRPC, Tans-Forcados Pipeline, Chevron Export Terminal (BOP) just to mention but a few.

The Itsekiri People has been the most peace loving people in the Niger Delta and Nigeria at large despite several years of neglect and oppression from successive government.

Today, our People, Land, and Crown are under continuous threat from our hostile neighbours despite the efforts of our Revered Monarch His Majesty Ogiame Atuwatse III CFR, the Olu of Warri who immediately he ascended the throne of his forebears extended a hand of fellowship to our neighbours for us to "prosper together".

## PIPELINE INFRASTRUCTURE NIGERIA LIMITED (PINL)

Mr. President, we wish to put it on record that our Revered Monarch His Majesty Ogiame Atuwatse III CFR, the Olu of Warri (one of the only three natural Traditional Rulers in the South South region) does not own Pipeline Infrastructure Nigeria Limited (PINL) incorporated in 2019 under the laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, neither is the Monarch a registered trustees of the company but assuming without conceding he holds a vested interest



in PINL we wish to know the following;

1. Does the Constitution of Nigeria forbids a Traditional Ruler from carrying out legitimate business in Nigeria?
2. Does the Constitution of Nigeria forbids or bar anyone from the same ethnic Nationality as his/her Traditional Ruler from being promoted or holding a Management position (which maybe deservingly so required due to hardwork) in any government owned establishment including the NNPC?
3. Can the Executive Vice President Upstream of the Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPC) single handedly award, renewed or review upward a Pipeline Surveillance Contract to his/her kith and kin or overlord without passing through the necessary due process of the NNPC?
4. Is the award of the Pipeline Surveillance Contract based on ethnicity or tribal biase?

Your Excellency, PINL like other companies were awarded pipeline surveillance contract by the NNPC after a meticulous due process and her contract renewal (if any) should go through same meticulous process. Mr. President, to our knowledge the process of pipeline surveillance contract does not rest solely on the table of Mrs. Oritsemeyiwa Eyesan, ane as such to single her out for blackmail, character assassination, and bullying by the NDFTJ is not only discriminatory, inflammatory, but contravens Chapter 4 Section 42(1) of the Nigerian Constitution. The publication of THE President of NDFTJ is purposely orchestrated to fan ethnic violence and anarchy, thereby putting the life of our dear Mother, Sister, and Daughter at risk.

### MRS ORITSEMEYIWA EYESAN AT A GLANCE

Your Excellency, Mrs. Oritsemeyiwa Eyesan has been an astute, effervescent, clear-sighted, creative, decisive, discerning, innovative, inquisitive, intuitive, observant, quick-witted, resourceful, shrewd, tenacious, and sincere professional in her over 30 years career with sterling achievements which includes; "midwifing the first-ever non-associated gas commercialisation in Nigeria and delivered the renewal of Nigeria's Deepwater Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs) in record time, paving the way for over \$10 billion in eco-friendly investments".

### OUR DEMANDS

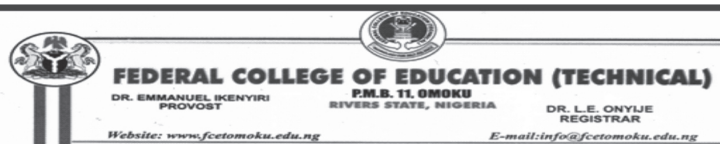
Mr. President, in view of the above subject matter, we wish to make the following demands;

1. That the President of the Niger Delta Forum For Truth and Justice (NDFTJ) be declared wanted, arrested, investigated, and prosecuted (if necessary) since he seems to know so much about Oil bunkering points and Oil theft.
2. That due to the fact that the Publication President of the NDFTJ has further exposed Mrs. Oritsemeyiwa Eyesan to undue negative publicity portraying her in bad light to be working against other ethnic groups in the Niger Delta and knowing how volatile the Niger Delta region has been, her life is has been put at risk and Chief Ejiroghene Marierie has to arrested to take an undertaking for the safety and security of Mrs. Oritsemeyiwa Eyesan.
3. That since the publication of the NDFTJ is primarily targeted at both our Revered Monarch His Majesty Ogiame Atuwatse III CFR, the Olu of Warri and Mrs. Oritsemeyiwa Eyesan by the president of the NDFTJ, which is laced with falsehood, treachery, hatred, and perfidy, Chief Ejiroghene Marierie should be made to tender an unreserved apology in not less than 10 National dailies after his arrest and interrogation before he is released (if found not to be guilty of sabotaging the economy of Nigeria.

Mr. President, Finally we wish to plead that the above demands be giving the seriousness it deserves as the Itsekiri People holds their King and Monarch as the only supreme being (next only to God almighty) that they owe their entire life to and as such will not allow his name, and the ancient throne of Warri Kingdom be thrashed to the dust bin by an individual suffering from infantile rascality.

Sign:

Comr. Edema Collins Oritsetimeyin  
(National Publicity Secretary)



### INVITATION TO TENDER

**1. INTRODUCTION**  
The Federal College of Education (Technical) Omoku, Rivers State hereby invites interested and competent companies with history of timely delivery of Projects to Tender for 2022/2023 Merged TETFund Library Development Intervention Projects and 2024 Capital Projects.

**2. SCOPE OF WORK**  
S/N LOT NO.  
**TETFUND**  
Lot T1: Procurement of Books and Journals  
Lot T2: Procurement of Equipment  
Lot T3: Procurement of Furniture  
**CAPITAL**  
Lot P4: Procurement of Office Furniture and Fittings  
Lot P5: Procurement of Office Equipment and Fittings

**3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**  
Interested contractors are required to submit the following documents:  
a. Evidence of Certificate of Incorporation issued by the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) including Form CAC1.1 or CAC2 and CAC7;  
b. Evidence of Company's Income Tax Clearance Certificate for the last three (3) years valid till 31st December, 2023;  
c. Evidence of Pension Clearance Certificate valid till 31st December, 2023 (this requirement is only applicable to bidders whose number of staff is 15 and above);  
d. Evidence of Industrial Training Fund (ITF) Compliance Certificate valid till 31st December, 2023 (this requirement is only applicable to bidders whose number of staff is 5 and above or the bidder's annual turnover is N50m and above);  
e. Evidence of Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF) Clearance Certificate valid till 31st December, 2023;  
f. Evidence of Registration on the National Database of Federal Contractors, Consultants and Service Providers by submission of Interim Registration Report (IRR) expiring on 31st December, 2023 or valid Certificate issued by BPP.  
g. Sworn Affidavit:  
- disclosing whether or not any officer of the relevant committees of the Federal College of Education (Technical) Omoku or the Bureau of Public Procurement is a former or present Director, shareholder or has any pecuniary interest in the bidder and to confirm that all information presented in its bid are true and correct in all particulars;  
- that no Director has been convicted in any Country for any criminal offence relating to fraud or financial impropriety or criminal misrepresentation or falsification of facts relating to any matter;  
- that the Company is not in receivership,

the subject of any form of insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings or the subject of any form of winding up petition or proceedings;  
- that the company does not have existing loan or financial liability with a bank, other financial institution or third party that is classified as doubtful, non-performance, bad or whose repayment portion has been outstanding for the last four (4) months;  
h. Company's Audited Accounts for the last three (3) years - 2020, 2021 & 2022;  
i. Reference Letter from a reputable Commercial Bank in Nigeria, indicating willingness to provide credit facility for the execution of the project when needed;  
j. Company's Profile with the Curriculum Vitae of Key Staff to be deployed for the project, including copies of their Academic/Professional Certificates such as COREN, QSRBN, ARCON, CORBON etc.;  
k. Verifiable documentary evidence of at least three (3) similar jobs (in size, nature & complexity) executed in the last five (5) years including Letters of Awards, Valuation Certificates, Job Completion Certificates and Photographs of the projects;  
l. For Supply of Equipment: Letter of Authorisation as representative of the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs);  
m. For Joint Venture/Partnership, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) should be provided indicating among others the Lead Partner (CAC, Tax Clearance Certificate, Pension Clearance Certificate, ITF Compliance Certificate, NSITF Clearance Certificate, IRR & Sworn Affidavit are compulsory for each JV partner);  
Note: 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 Number (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 authorised officer of the firm.

**4. COLLECTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS**  
Interested Companies are to collect the Standard Bidding Document (SBD) from the Procurement Unit of the College on evidence of payment of a non-refundable tender fee of N10,000.00 per Lot, paid into the Federal College of Education (Technical) Omoku's Remita account in any reputable Commercial Bank in Nigeria

**5. SUBMISSION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS**  
Completed Technical and Financial Bids should be submitted in two different sealed envelopes and labeled "Technical Bid" and "Financial Bid" respectively with the company name indicated at the back of the envelope. The two envelopes should be enclosed in a larger envelope and marked (Technical and Financial) and addressed to: The Secretary Tender's Committee, Federal College of Education (Technical), P.M.B 11, Omoku on or before 12:00 Noon, Monday 18th March 2024. The envelope should be duly marked with the relevant lot Number on the top right hand corner. The bids should be dropped in the Tender Box at the front of the Procurement Office not later than 12:00 Noon, Monday 4th March, 2024. Bidders are to ensure that they also sign all pages of the Bidding document.

**6. OPENING OF TECHNICAL BIDS**  
Only the Technical bids will be opened immediately after the deadline for submission at 12:00 Noon, Monday 4th March, 2024, in the College Theatre Lecture Hall, in the presence of bidders or their representatives, while the financial bids will be kept un-opened. Please, ensure that you sign the Bid Submission Register, as the College will not be held liable for misplaced or wrongly submitted bids.

**7. GENERAL INFORMATION**  
a. All submitted documents shall be referred to relevant agencies for verification  
b. FCE(T) Omoku reserves the right to disqualify any or all the submissions if it does not meet with all requirements specified.  
c. This advertisement shall not be construed as a commitment on the part of the establishment nor shall it entitle a bidder to make any claim and/or seek any indemnity from the Federal College of Education (Technical), Omoku by virtue of such bidder having responded to the advertisement.  
d. The Technical Bids will be opened in the presence of Bidders or their representatives, CSOs in the areas of Anti-Corruption and Transparency and Private Professional bodies; and will be covered by video recording; invitation link will be sent to bidder who chooses to join the bid opening online;  
e. Only pre-qualified bidders at technical evaluation will be invited at a later date for financial bids opening, while the financial bids of un-successful bidders will be returned un-opened;  
f. The FCE(T) Omoku is not bound to pre-qualify any bidder and reserves the right to annul the Procurement process at any time without incurring any liabilities in accordance with Section 28 of the Public Procurement Act, 2007.

Signed  
Provost  
Federal College of Education (Technical)  
Omoku, Rivers State

### IN THE CUSTOMARY COURT, DELTA STATE OF NIGERIA

IN THE CUSTOMARY COURT, DELTA STATE OF NIGERIA  
IN THE SAPELE AREA CUSTOMARY COURT II  
HOLDEN AT SAPELE

ON WEDNESDAY THE 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2024  
BEFORE HIS HONOURS: S. N. OZOMA - CHAIRMAN GD. I  
AND N. S. AMUKOYO - MEMBER  
E. O. ORUVBA - MEMBER

SUIT NO. SACCF/2023

BETWEEN:  
MRS. OSAHOR PEREDIN ABOYOWA  
AND  
MR. OSAHOR MICHAEL GREAT

PETITIONER/APPLICANT  
RESPONDENT/RESPONDENT

ENROLMENT OF CHILD  
Upon Motion Ex parte brought and filed into this Honourable Court by the Applicant counsel to wit: AN ORDER for substituted service of the originating process of this suit no. SACCF/2023 to wit: Divorce petition dated and filed 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2023 and for other subsequent processes to be filed in this case by serving same on the Respondent/Respondent through publishing same in either of the Daily Newspaper or Thrifty Newspaper ordinarily circulating within the jurisdiction of the Respondent at Egbuaka Aniocha South Local Government Area of DELTA STATE. And for such further order(s) or further order(s) the Court may deem fit to make in the circumstances of this case.

Coming up for hearing and determination before His Honours S. N. OZOMA - Chairman GD. I and two members N. S. AMUKOYO and E. O. ORUVBA sitting at the Sapale Area Customary Court II, Sapale on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of January, 2024. Case called, parties absent. J.A. SAGAY for the Petitioner and moved his motion in terms of the motion prayer. Court after listening and reading through the motion paper and affidavit in support, Ordered as follows:

ORDER:  
Application is granted as prayed.  
Case adjourned to 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024 for plea.

ISSUED OUT AT THE SAPELE AREA CUSTOMARY COURT II REGISTRY UNDER THE HANDS OF THE PRESIDING CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THIS HONOURABLE COURT ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2024.

FIRST SCHEDULE FORMS  
CIVIL SUMMONS  
ORDER III RULE 1 (1)  
CUSTOMARY COURTS, DELTA STATE OF NIGERIA  
Customary Court of Sapale

Cause/Master No. SACCF/2023  
MRS OSAHOR PEREDIN ABOYOWA Plaintiff  
And  
MR. OSAHOR MICHAEL GREAT Defendant  
You are hereby summoned to appear at a Court Holding at  
Oshimbe Street Amukoye  
on the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of JANUARY 2023  
at 10 O'Clock a.m. to answer the Plaintiff's  
claim as follows:  
PARTICULARS OF CLAIM  
See Attached Leaflet  
Fees paid N1000000  
Date 22-11-23

IN THE CUSTOMARY COURT, DELTA STATE OF NIGERIA  
IN THE SAPELE AREA CUSTOMARY COURT II  
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BETWEEN:  
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AND  
MR. OSAHOR MICHAEL GREAT

SUIT NO. SACCF/2023  
PETITIONER  
RESPONDENT

DIVORCE PETITION

The Petitioner seeks an order of this Honourable Court for the dissolution of the traditional marriage between the Petitioner and the Respondent which was contracted on the 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 at the premises of the Petitioner's father Engr. Roland Colimewee Ogbudu, at Moshete Jajaja, Effurun, Uvwie Local Government Area, Delta State. Prior to the aforesaid marriage to the Respondent, the Petitioner used to be known as Miss Peredin Abiyoya Cphudu.

The said marriage is blessed with two children Miss Adonia Oryinyechi Anike - 8years old.

REASONS FOR THE DISSOLUTION:  
1. Lack of love.  
2. Constant fighting of the Petitioner.  
3. Threat to life.  
4. The Respondent is disrespectful and hostile to the Petitioner.  
5. Both the Petitioner and the Respondent have consistently lived apart by way of separation for seven (7) years since mid 2015 till date.  
6. The marriage have broken down irretrievably.

WHEREFORE THE PETITIONER SEEKS THE FOLLOWING RELIEFS:  
1. AN ORDER of this Honourable Court Dissolving the traditional marriage contracted between the Petitioner and the Respondent which was contracted on the 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 at the premises of the Petitioner's father Engr. Roland Colimewee Ogbudu, at Moshete Jajaja, Effurun, Uvwie Local Government Area, Delta State.  
2. AN ORDER of this Honourable Court enjoining the Respondent to refund the sum of N5,000.00 (Five Thousand Naira) to the Respondent through the Registry of this Court, being the customary bride price (dowry) paid on the Petitioner by the Respondent for the marriage.  
Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2023

MRS. OSAHOR PEREDIN ABOYOWA  
PETITIONER  
N.O. 8, DAVID ABUKOWA,  
BE HIND TREASURY HOLDING CLINIC,  
OFF ANKODAS LAYOUT,  
UWUEVIA, SAPELE, DELTA STATE.

OSAHOR COMRPH ND  
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# IJAW POLITICAL LEADERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF DELTA STATE GOVERNMENT.



**HIS EXCELLENCY,  
RT. HON. SHERIFF F.O.  
OBOREVVORI**  
EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, DELTA STATE

## ***Congratulations to His Excellency On His Well Deserved Electoral Legal Victories!!!***

On behalf of the Ijaw Political Leaders, Elected and Appointees of the Delta State Government, we wish to heartily congratulate His Excellency, Governor of Delta State, Rt. Hon. Sheriff F.O.Oborevwoori on his affirmation by the Supreme Court as the duly elected Governor of Delta State thus revalidating the peoples mandate freely given to you.

No doubt, the electoral litigations arising from the pre and post governorship elections clearly vindicated you as the candidate of the People's Democratic Party and winner of the March 18,2023 governorship election.

Your Excellency, we join millions of Deltans to celebrate your electoral legal victories as your affirmation by the Supreme Court has put a final full stop on any further electoral litigation(s) and pledge our unflinching support to your administration and the MORE Agenda.

## ***Congratulations!!!!***

Signed:

- 1 Rt.Hon. Emomotimi Dennis Guwor Speaker, Delta State House of Assembly.
- 2.Hon. Engr. Oboro Preyor
- 3.Hon. Engr. Emma Sinebe
- 4.Hon. Pereotu Oloye
5. Rt Hon Funkekeme Solomon
6. Rt Hon Basil Ganagana
- 7.Chief Emmam Amgbaduba
- 8.Mrs Lyna Ocholor (Esq)
- 9.Chief J.T. Government
10. Mr Reginald Bayoko (MNI)
11. Hon Godknows Angele
12. Bar Funyei Manager
- 13.Chief Barry Gbe (PHD)
- 14.Prince Kelly Penawou
- 15.Chief Sylvester Oromoni
16. Chief Frank Omare
- 17.Engr. Jude Sinebe (PHD)
- 18.Bar Neworld Safugha
- 19.Chief Boro Opuđu
- 20.Chief Vero Tangbowei
- 21.Hon. Aguana Isaac
- 22.Hon. Smart Asekutu

- 23.Hon. Konboye Ekisah
- 24.Hon. William Angadi
25. Mrs Bradus Angozi Eunice
- 26.Mrs Georgina Evah
- 27.Mr Andaye Dagidi
- 28.Chief Favour Izoukumor
- 29.Hon. Spencer Okporye
- 30.Chief Ebikeme Clark
- 31.Mr Bruno Ebitonmo
- 32.Hon.Godwin Edumogiren
- 33.Chief Godbless Omoniyo
- 34.Hon. Daniel Yingi
- 35.Chief Julius Takeme
- 36.Mrs Konboye Mowoe
- 37.Mr Paul Krugbe
- 38.Prince Pedro Luke
- 39.Hon.Pullah Ekpotuayerin
- 40.Comrade Shedrach Agediga
41. Mr ThankGod Seibi
- 42.Mr Trophy Kirifagha
43. Mr Akemotubo Amafini





Isoko North Local Government Council

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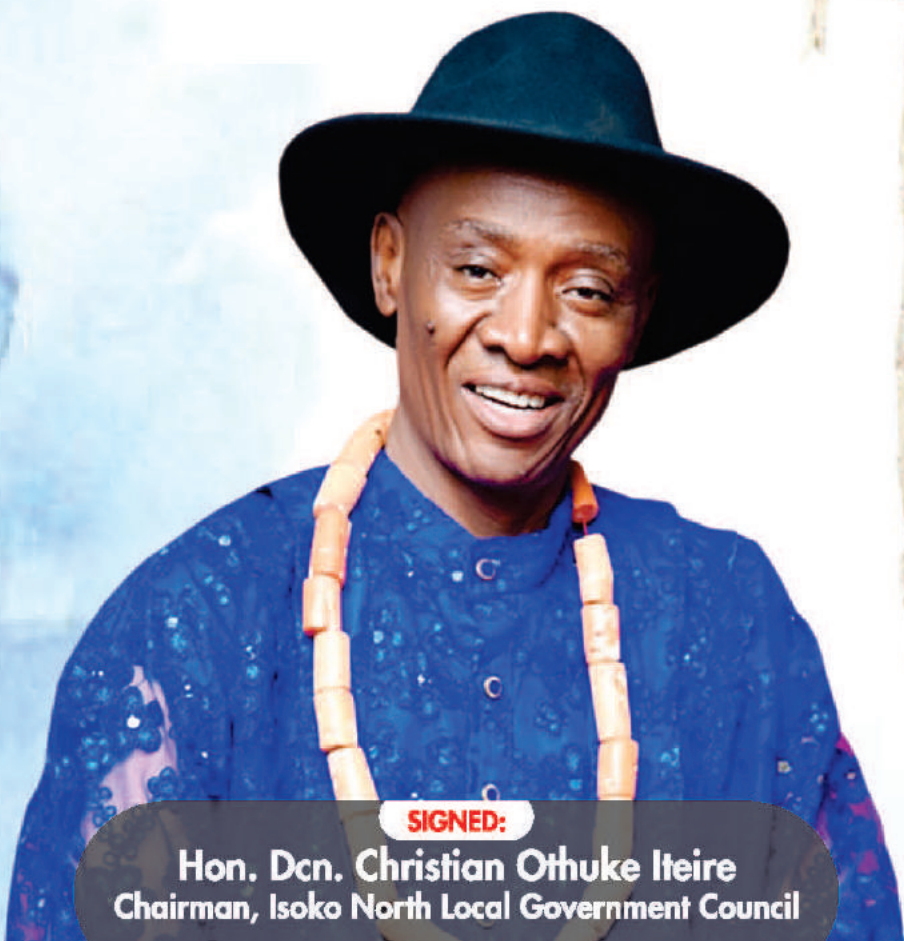
## Hearty Cheers To Mama Delta!

We are glad to join the good people of Delta State to congratulate our Amiable First Lady and our daughter in Isoko North, **HER EXCELLENCY, DEACONESS TOBORE OBOREWORI** on the joyous occasion of her 54th Birthday Anniversary Today.

Your Excellency, you have continued to make positive impact on the lives of the down trodden and testimonies of your kindness have always been on the lips of those that have encountered you.

May God continue to keep you in good health and wisdom.

*Happy Birthday Mama!*



SIGNED:

Hon. Dcn. Christian Othuke Itaire  
Chairman, Isoko North Local Government Council

HER EXCELLENCY,  
DEACONESS TOBORE  
OBOREWORI



Congratulations!

HER EXCELLENCY, DEACONESS (MRS.)  
**TOBORE OBOREWORI**  
WIFE OF GOVERNOR OF DELTA STATE

Happy Birthday to a truly kind and virtuous woman.  
May this special day bring you immense joy, love, and countless blessings.  
Thank you for always being there with your kindness and warm heart.  
Wishing you a year filled with happiness and unforgettable moments.  
Enjoy your day to the fullest and God bless.

SIGNED:

▶ Mr. Miden Bayagbon ▶ Mr. Hope Oborewori ▶ Chief Kome Okpobor ▶ Mr. Oghenerume Oghenechovwen





**OKPE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL  
OREROKPE, DELTA STATE**

**Hearty Cheers  
to Mama Delta  
54!**

On behalf of the Management, Staff and the good people Okpe Local Government Council, I join millions of Deltans to congratulate our Amiable Mummy,

**Her Excellency  
Deaconess (Mrs.)  
Tobore Oborewori**

on the auspicious occasion of her 54th birthday anniversary today.

Mama, you have been a wonderful mother to the State. Thank you for your commitment and prayers for the peace and development State.

Your Excellency, your birthday anniversary has afforded me the privilege to celebrate your uncommon commitment to the wellbeing of indigent women and children in the State whom you have touched through your 'You Matter Foundation'.

Mama, I wish you peace, good health, and happiness as you celebrate.

**Once again,  
Happy Birthday Mama.**



**SIGNED:**

**Hon. Isaiah Esiovwa**  
*Chairman, Okpe Local Government Council*





**UDU LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL**

# 54 *Hearty Cheers* TO A **Great Mummy!**

I, Hon. Jite Brown, *Chairman of Udu Local Government Council, Delta State*, wish to on behalf of my family, the people of Udu Local Government Area and political associates join millions of Deltans to felicitate with our mummy,

**HER EXCELLENCY,  
DEACONESS TOBORE  
OBOREVWORI**

on the occasion of her 54th birthday anniversary.

As you celebrate today, I you more glorious years in good health, peace, God's guidance and prosperity.

Congratulations and Happy Birthday, Your Excellency!



Signed:

**Chief (Hon) Jite Brown**  
*Chairman, Udu Local Government Council*



FORUM OF UGHELLI NORTH POLITICAL APPOINTEES

# CONGRATULATIONS!

On behalf of families and Ughelli North political appointees, we heartily congratulate the First Lady of Delta State, **HER EXCELLENCY, DEACONESS TOBORE OBOREVVORI** on the auspicious occasion of her birthday anniversary today.

Your Excellency, our prayers are with you now and always as you celebrate God's goodness upon your life.

*Happy Birthday, Ma!*

**HER EXCELLENCY,  
DEACONESS TOBORE  
OBOREVVORI**

**SIGNED:**

Olorogun Jaro Egbo, KSC  
Chief Sam Mariere  
Dr. Chris Oharisi  
Hon. Charles Oniyere  
Olorogun Festus Ahon, KSC

Hon. Kelly Oghenekevwe  
Hon. Onoriode Agofure  
Hon. Sylvester Ovbije  
Engr. Christabel Obiuvwevbi  
Amb. Dr. Favour J. Obakoro aka Vida Modelo



# Hurray! Her Excellency is 54

I, Rt. Hon. Emomotimi Dennis Guwor, Speaker, Delta State House of Assembly, on behalf of my wife, family and constituents join millions of Deltans and well-wishers across the globe to celebrate a Woman of great values, a Prayer Warrior, and Wife of our amiable Governor, Her Excellency Deaconess (Mrs.) Tobore Oborewori, as she turns 54 today.

Happy birthday and many happy returns, Your Excellency.

We admire your fervency and dedication to the service to God and humanity, and we will remain a part of your efforts for a better society.

Once again, Congratulations and Happy Birthday Your Excellency.



Signed:

**Rt. Hon. Emomotimi Dennis Guwor**  
Speaker,  
Delta State House of Assembly.

**Her Excellency  
Deaconess (Mrs.)  
Tobore Oborewori**  
Wife of Governor of Delta State







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**BLESSED BIRTHDAY**  
**ANNIVERSARY OUR**  
**AMIABLE**  
**FIRST LADY!**

The Management and Staff of  
Obakpor Engineering Limited, wish  
to congratulate our Dynamic and  
Amiable First Lady of Delta State,

**HER EXCELLENCY,**  
**DEACONESS TOBORE**  
**OBOREVVORI**

as she marks her birthday  
anniversary today.

Your Excellency, we wish  
you many more years and  
happy returns.

*Happy Birthday,  
Your Excellency!*



SIGNED:

**MANAGEMENT**



OUR PRIDE IS ▶▶

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On behalf of my family and the good people of Isoko North and Isoko South Federal Constituency, I congratulate Her Excellency, Deaconess Tobore Oborewori on her 54th birth anniversary.

As our dear sister and the visionary wife of our amiable Governor, Rt. Hon. Sheriff Oborewori, celebrates this anniversary, it is our prayer that God will continue to bless her with robust health and greater wisdom to assist her dear husband in delivering on his M.O.R.E Agenda for all Deltans.

Once more congratulations Mama Delta!

**HER EXCELLENCY,  
DEACONESS TOBORE  
OBOREWWORI**



SIGNED:

**HON. PASTOR JONATHAN UKODHIKO**

MEMBER REPRESENTING ISOKO NORTH AND  
ISOKO SOUTH FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY ABUJA







# Felicitations TO **MAMA DELTA!**

Today, we come together as family and friends to celebrate a remarkable individual, HER EXCELLENCY, DEACONESS TOBORE OBOREWORI.

May this day overflow with joy, laughter, and cherished moments that will forever be etched in our hearts.

Here's to another year of divine blessings and unwavering protection. Your resilience and grace inspire us all.

Congratulations on this special day, Your Excellency. May it be filled with love, warmth, and the beauty that you bring to our lives.

HER EXCELLENCY, DEACONESS (MRS.)  
**TOBORE OBOREWORI**  
WIFE OF GOVERNOR OF DELTA STATE

**SIGNED:**

BARR. (MRS.) LYNA ALIYA OCHULOR  
MR. VICTOR UDI  
MR. DAGIDI ANDAYE

OKAKURO SUNDAY ONORIODE  
DR. SAMUEL FADELE  
PASTOR OGHENETEGA FRANCIS

OLOROGUN FESTUS AHON KSC  
MR. COLLINS OGHENERUONA  
DR. ORHEWERE EJIRO  
BELIEVE PUPU-DOUGLAS ESQ





**UGHELLI SOUTH LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL**

**HURRAY**  
**MAMA DELTA IS** **54**



On behalf of the Management, Staff and the people of Ughelli South Local Government Area my family, I wish to warmly congratulate you on the auspicious occasion of 54th birthday anniversary today.

Your Excellency, may this special day be filled with joy, laughter, and love.

Your Excellency, I hope that this year brings you many blessings and much happiness.



Her Excellency,  
Deaconesss (Mrs.) Tobore  
**OBOREVVORI**



Signed ▶  
**Hon. (Chief) Dr. Richard Kofi**  
Chairman,  
Ughelli South Local Government Council



*Happy*  
**54th**  
*Birthday!*

Her Excellency, Dcns. (Mrs.)  
**Tobore Oborewori**

On behalf of my family, constituents, friends and political associates, I wish our exemplary mama Delta, motivator, and a prayer warrior a joyous 54 birthday anniversary, today.

Your Excellency, God will continue to guide and protect you.

Congratulations!

*Signed:*

**Hon. James & Mrs. Mary Augoye**  
Member, Representing Okpe State Constituency





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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**O**ur 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 organisation's 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.

*Signed:*

**Mr. Oluwatosin Dixon**  
National Public Relations Officer  
NBM of Africa





Delta State House of Assembly

# Hurray!

*Happy birthday to a great ambassador of women and mothers,*

**DEACONESS MRS TOBORE OBOREWORI**

at **54**



**W**e, Wives of the members of Delta State House of Assembly heartily felicitate with our Mother, the Founder, "You Matter Charity Foundation", Her Excellency, Dcns Tobore Oborewori, Wife of the Delta State Governor, on her birthday celebration.

Your Excellency, you have been a great source of strength to His Excellency, Rt Hon (Elder) Sheriff Oborewori, in the Advancement of His M.O.R.E Agenda for our dear State.

A glowing Ambassador of Christ is who you are and we can all attest to it.

We use this medium to pray that God will continue to strengthen you and uphold you to continue your good works.

We once again offer our support to work with you in ensuring the Delta of our dreams emerge by the help of God.

We love and celebrate you today and always.

*Happy Birthday our dear mother.*

**Signed:**



**Mrs Timiebi Emomotimi Guwor**  
(Wife of the Speaker, DTHA)  
**Chief Barr.(Mrs) Ify Arthur-Akpowowo**  
(Wife of Deputy Speaker)  
**Pharm (Mrs) Emmy Emeka-Nwaobi.**  
(Wife of Majority Leader, DTHA)  
**Barr. (Mrs) Nkeiruka Bridget Emakpor**  
(Wife of Minority Leader, DTHA)  
**Chief (Mrs) Jubilee Umukoro**  
(Wife of the Chief Whip, DTHA)  
**Mrs Faith Alalor Okoh**  
(Wife of Deputy Majority Leader, DTHA)  
**Mrs Lilian Ezinne Martins**  
(Wife of the Deputy Chief Whip, DTHA)  
**Mrs Abigail Bernerd Odior**  
(Wife of the Majority Whip, DTHA)

**Mrs Doner Emeka Osamuta**  
(Wife of the Deputy Majority Whip, DTHA)  
**Mrs Campaign Oboro Preyor**  
(Wife of the Member Rep Bomadi)  
**Chief (Mrs) Anthonia Ferguson Onwo**  
(Wife of the Member Rep Isoko South 11)  
**Mrs Christen Charles Emetulu**  
(Wife of the Member Rep Ndokwa West)  
**Mrs Rukevwe Susan Sinebe**  
(Wife of the Member Rep Patani)  
**Mrs Christy Austin Uroye**  
(Wife of the Member Rep Warri South 1)  
**Mrs Favour Ifeoma Anwuzia**  
(Wife of the Member Rep Aniocha South)  
**Chief (Mrs) Mary Agidotan Augoye.**  
(Wife of the Member Rep Okpe)

**Mrs Ishioma Chinoye Dafe**  
(Wife of the Member Rep Ukwuani)  
**Mrs Fostina Collins Egbetamah**  
(Wife of the Member Rep Udu)  
**Mrs Christiana Frank Esenwah**  
(Wife of the Member Rep Oshimili North)  
**Mrs Victoria Benson Obire**  
(Wife of the Member Rep Warri South 11)  
**Mrs Mavis Bino Owhede**  
(Wife of the Member Rep Isoko South 1)  
**Mrs Diseye Pereotu Oloye**  
(Wife of the Member Rep Burutu 11)  
**Mrs Eseoghene Omonade**  
(Wife of the Member Rep Ughelli North 1)  
**Barr. (Mrs) Omojevwe Ohwofa**  
(Wife of the Member Rep Ughelli North 11)



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# An interpretation of Isaac Emokpae's stars

One of the most striking paintings in contemporary Nigerian art space is Isaac Emokpae's "My Nigerian Stars", which bears some resemblance to the United States' star-spangled banner that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the poem "Defence of Fort M'Henry" which later became the national anthem of the United States.

The stuff that makes Isaac's stars great are not in the craftsmanship expended on them, but in the philosophy the stars expound, the idea and the phenomena they represent.

Isaac's stars are excellent representations of a modern thought that seeks to 'de-competitionize' our world. Our world today is choked up by unnecessary competition: writing competition, music competition, sports competition, dancing competition, cooking competition, reading competition, spelling competition, essay competition, etc.

In all aspects of our lives, we are in competition with one another. Among ourselves, we want to know who has more money, whose house is bigger and more beautiful, who is more intelligent, who is the best student, who is the best pupil, who is more popular, who has achieved more in life, etc. The competition is endless.

But Isaac's stars are helping us to understand that in destiny, there shouldn't be any competition. As a matter of fact, everyone who was alive was a star, just as everyone who is alive today is a star. As entities, we emit energies. But we are irregular stars, according to Isaac.

While the lights of some stars are bright, some are less bright. Some are dim. Some are even black! And it is alright and all well for the stars to be different and diverse in diverse ways. Diversity, after all, is not just the beauty of nature, but its sustenance.

Diversity is one of the reasons extinction hasn't brought life as we know



Isaac Emokpae's My Nigerian Stars.

it on earth to an end. After dinosaurs died off, for instance, crocodiles survived. Imagine what would have happened if all the animals on earth were dinosaurs.

Isaac Emokpae's stars have revolutionized the way we see ourselves. "My Nigerian Stars" is helping us to critically examine how we view our identities and our places in the world. In the work which is in series, Emokpae did not forget some stars that are missing, dimmed,

bloody or broken.

"The stars are irregular. That is to show that no one is perfect," Isaac said. "Some people may not get a 100 per cent score, but the truth is they are getting better at what they are doing."

For the missing stars, Isaac says it represents an absence. "We have people who can choose to be better, but choose not to be." And sometimes, he says, some stars that had been there shining are

missing and suddenly the society has lost a star. The artist creatively captures the disparity between each star in the work.

Isaac Erhabor Emokpae, a multi-faceted visual artist whose art is based broadly on the principle of duality, studied Visual Arts under Professor Abayomi Barber at the University of Lagos. An award-winning artist, Isaac Emokpae has held several group and solo exhibitions within and outside Nigeria.

## Review of Evolution and Revolution of Takaful in West Africa and Beyond

By Obinna Chilekezi

Introduction: In the elementary study of insurance, we were taught that conventional insurance is different from wagering for various reasons among which was absence of uncertainty.

The critical minded students then knew this was not true, and on the part of the insuring public – to show their disbelief too, they would ask the insurance marketer supposing the loss did not happen what happens to the premium they have paid. Majority of us here know the answer to that query. It is this element of quasi-uncertainty in the insurance contract that adherents of Islam frown at, hence they prefer not to buy insurance products from the conventional market.

In order to bring this set of people to the good family of risk protections that Africa through Sudan, as South Africa did with Critical Illness Insurance, gave the world Takaful insurance. The essence of this Sudanese gift is that majority of Moslems who would not have insured their risks as a result of their religious belief will now have a vehicle to do so.

What then do we mean by Takaful insurance? To me, Takaful insurance is a form of insurance that took its root from the mutual insurance that was

developed during the industrial revolution whereby the policyholders are not only the owners of the insurance company but also share in the fortunes of their insurance company.

This is the reason insurance students were taught that mutual companies are owned by the policyholders. Another quality that made Takaful to be different from mutual insurance is its being Shariah

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compliant. I may not be that right hence I will like to see the views of Islamic financial experts on the subject. In this light, Prof Abdel-Rahman Yousri (2009) had argued that Takaful insurance should be perceived as co-operative and mutual insurance. He further posited that it must be Shariah compliant hence Shariah is the religious law of Islam.

This by implication means that if it is not Shariah compliant, it should not be permissible for Moslem adherents. Similarly, Mohd Fadzli Yusof, et al (2015) revealed that in the field of finance, Moslems have been called upon to create institutions that can provide services free of un-Islamic elements like interest (riba), uncertainty, unfairness and imbalance or injustice.

These scholars agreed that Takaful insurance has been adopted worldwide as the generic name for Islamic insurance, following a proposal from Malaysia at the summit of heads of state of the eight (D8) development Islamic countries in Dhaka Bangladesh in 1998. At this juncture, it is important to note that the first Takaful Company to be incorporated, which was known as Islamic Insurance Company Limited, was established in Sudan in 1979. The first Retakaful was established in Saudi Arabia (although it was a combination of Takaful and Retakaful, the real Retakaful company was first established in Malaysia). There is process in place to establish Retotakaful in line with the Retrocessionnaires in the conventional insurance markets among other developments in the Takaful insurance model.

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## Onwueme deserves Nobel Prize – Prof Shivaprakash

India's leading playwright, Prof. Shivaprakash, says his prayer is that very soon, Nigerian renowned author and playwright, Prof. Tess Onwueme will receive the Nobel Prize award in honour of her work.

Shivaprakash said this at a reception organized in his honour during his visit to Tess Onwueme in her Abuja residence.

The 78-year-old retired Professor of Arts and Aesthetics from University of Jawaharlal Nehru, New Delhi, United States, who was on his first visit to Nigeria was emphatic in this advocacy that the Nigerian born renowned author deserves a place of honour with the likes of Wole Soyinka and other Nobel Prize winners across the world for her outstanding works in the field of arts over the decades.



•Prof. Shivaprakash

He said Onwueme had distinguished herself with some of her gender-based advocacy work.

Asked why he thinks so, the Kannada writer said "I think so because few Nobel Laureates deserved the award this year the Norwegian author, Jon Fosse, though, is a wonderful writer. But not always does the Prize go to deserving persons.

"Some other writers who write well and deserved it did not get it. A Swiss writer and many others did not get



•Tess Onwueme

it. So, getting Nobel Prize is often lack of something else.

"But sometimes, good people do get it. For example, Wole Soyinka, one of my favourite writers got the prize. In his acceptance speech, Soyinka said, 'The Blacks should institute an award in Africa and give to Whiteman.' And 50 years after, it is still a remarkable speech."

He argued that Tess Onwueme's writings are no less powerful than Wole Soyinka's but admitted that Wole

Soyinka is a very powerful writer.

"For the first time, Tess brings into the language of theatre, the feminine sensitiveness and sensibility and her words are set to bring magical powers to bear; it is very rare in literature. This is the beginning of the interaction. Some of us are growing old and I thank you for the collaboration."

Speaking on his visit to Nigeria, the Indian writer said, "This is my first time in Nigeria but I have been to Nigeria mentally many times, many great writers I have read are Nigerians, Chinua Achebe; Wole Soyinka, my favourite; JP Clerk and of course Tess Onwueme. I am happy to be in this country to celebrate great writers. And I must say a college of Nigerian writers is an organ of rich culture: Igbo, Yoruba and many others.

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# Pension



A cross section of retirees protesting unpaid pensions, gratuities and other benefits.

## Furore over 14 years unpaid salaries, gratuities of ex-Premier Breweries staff

By Nwabueze Okonkwo

**ONITSHA**— Backlog of unpaid salaries and gratuities among other benefits to no fewer than 4,000 former workers of Premier Breweries PLC, Onitsha, Anambra State, have been causing uproar in the state 14 years after they were disengaged. The aggrieved ex-staff of once adjudged the second largest brewing company in the country and a public liability company based in Onitsha, Anambra State which specialized in brewing the famous Premier lager beer, have pleaded with the Anambra State Government to intervene and save them from untimely death.

The company, which Anambra State government is a shareholder had allegedly disengaged all its staff in 2000 without paying their backlog of salaries and gratuities.

Some of the disengaged staff who lamented their ordeal, included Wilson Iweka, Clement Ike, Prince Godfrey Nwakobi, Michael Alaefuna, among others.

72-year-old Clement Ike who claimed to have joined Premier Breweries as a Senior Supervisor from Golden Guinea Breweries, Umuahia, Abia State, said he was among those disengaged by Premier Breweries in 2000 without pay.

Wilson Iweka, who worked in the Production

Department as Bottle Attendant from 1980 to 1996 and retired with a long service award, said life had not been easy for him since then.

According to him, if not that he joined a community vigilante services, he would have seen hell in this his old age.

Prince Nwakobi who also retired as a Senior Supervisor, said: "Premier Breweries closed operations in the year 2000 without paying any of us any dime. Production

resumed few years after and it is currently producing table water but not yet beer. We are therefore pleading with the state government which has shares in the company to come to our rescue by paying us our outstanding salaries and other entitlements."

However, reacting, the Company's Legal Adviser, Tony Orunkoya, said some time in 2003, the company appointed a Receiver Manager who tabulated all the dues owed to all the retirees and settled them whole

and entire.

Orunkoya who also doubles as company's secretary, intended that any retiree who claims that he is still being owed, should be asked to produce his or her letter of engagement and letter of disengagement from the company, to prove his or her point.

A former Managing Director of the company, Prof. Nnamdi Chukwura confirmed that he was sacked from the board without pay.

## Gratuity: Gov Lawal approves payment of N4bn to Zamfara teachers, LG workers

**GOVERNOR** Dauda Lawal of Zamfara State has approved the payment of over N4 billion outstanding gratuities for Local Government workers and primary school teachers.

The Permanent Secretary, Ministry for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, Abubakar Chika, disclosed this in Gusau after defending the 2024 budget proposal for the 14 Local Government Areas, LGAs, at the House of Assembly.

Chika said that the State Government had already set up committees for the verification of local government workers and retired primary school teachers from 2012 to date.

"The committee has already commenced the verification, very soon we will commence the payment.

"Possibly by tomorrow, Friday, or next week Monday we will begin the payment of verified beneficiaries.

"Since inception, the present administration under Governor Lawal has been making arrangements to increase the salary of local government workers and primary teachers in the state," Chika said.

Earlier, the Chairman, House Committee on Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, Hamisu Faru, commended the 14 LGAs for their compliance with the assembly's rules and regulations during the

exercise.

Faru urged the council chairmen to intensify efforts to improve the Internally Generated Revenue, IGR, of their councils.

"Each of the 14 LGAs must initiate ways to enhance their IGR to enable government to execute development projects, especially in rural communities.

"The seventh assembly in the state is committed to ensuring better revenue generation and remittance and since our inception we have reviewed laws in line with the modern system of revenue generation.

"This exercise is part of the assembly's efforts to enhance IGR of the state, in line with the governor's rescue mission's policies and programmes," Faru said

## PTAD opens up on alleged payment of N900m into private accounts

**THE** Pension Transitional Arrangement Directorate, PTAD, has dismissed report claiming it paid over N900million into private accounts in three months, describing the report as malicious, reeks of mischief and a blatant misrepresentation of facts.

Reacting to a report credited to an online medium, PTAD in a statement by its Head, Corporate Communications, Gbenga Ajayi, among others, said "The attention of the PTAD has been drawn to an online feature by the Foundation for Investigative Journalism, FIJ, on January 28th, 2024 with the caption "EXPOSED: FG PAYS OVER N900 MILLION INTO PRIVATE ACCOUNTS IN 3MONTHS". Under the subheading "MORE THAN N300 MILLION PAID INTO PRIVATE ACCOUNTS IN OCTOBER" wherein FIJ stated "different private individuals were the beneficiaries of these payments."

"We want to state categorically that the report is malicious, reeks of mischief and a blatant misrepresentation of facts.

"For the record, PTAD, as a wholly treasury-funded agency, pays over Nine Billion Naira (N9billion) monthly into the individual pension accounts of about two hundred and twenty thousand (220,000) pensioners of the Federal Civil Service, Police, Customs, Immigration and Correctional Services, and Treasury-Funded Parastatals as pension, and has continued to make sure that every pensioner receives his or her pension entitlements, like unpaid arrears, subject to the validation of claims and availability of funds from the Federal Government.

"It should also be clearly noted that PTAD pays pension entitlements into individual pensioners' accounts, and not corporate accounts or joint accounts, in line with extant pension laws. The private individual accounts listed in the FIJ feature do not belong to PTAD staff or any Government Official, but belong to verified pensioners from the Civil Service and Parastatals Pension Departments on PTAD database who after verification and re-validation of the pensioners' career documents were paid their pension arrears for the period owed.

"Mr Hyginus Ogbonnaya Olumba, a verified Civil Service Pension Department, CSPD, Pensioner currently receiving monthly pension was paid N5,104,375.10 as accumulated pension arrears covering from 2007 till 2023.

Similarly, Mr. Osinowo Adekunle Olugbenro and Mrs Juliana Okwuchi Agbasiere both verified Parastatals Pension Department (PaPD) Pensioners currently receiving monthly pensions were paid N5,135,442.58 and N6,031,907.68 respectively as accumulated pension arrears covering from 2020 till 2023.

"Between the months of September and October 2023, PTAD paid N846.1million and N1billion in accrued arrears to some pensioners of the Civil Service and Parastatals Pension Departments respectively. This information can readily be found on PTAD website and various news platforms.

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"It is indeed obvious from the details provided in this feature, that the information published by Foundation for Investigative Journalism (FIJ) is grossly misleading, malicious, and a misrepresentation of facts. It is indeed unfortunate that the online journal did not make any effort to get the opinion of PTAD in consonance with the tenets of balanced and fair reporting that true journalism entails. In their bid to be sensational, they have only succeeded in putting the security and lives of aged pensioners at risk.

"We would like to enjoin all Pensioners, the Pensioners' Union and all other related stakeholders, including the media, to continue to work with the Directorate towards ensuring that the Defined Benefit Pension Scheme of the Federal Government continues to benefit all eligible pensioners in a fair and equitable manner as envisioned by the founding fathers that initiated the reforms of the Pension Sector that led to the establishment of PTAD and brought in the positive changes and outcomes that have been achieved over the last ten years."





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## Thou shall not steal, especially if you are Methodist

I grew up amongst Methodists and was taught by some of their best like Reverend J Obaba. Methodist Presbyterian Samuel Adeoye Osinulu who was Principal of the Methodist Boys High School, MBHS, Lagos from 1955 to 1966, influenced generations of youths. These included the founding Governor of Lagos State, Brigadier General Mobolaji Johnson; his successor, Naval Admiral Adekunle Shamusideen Lawal; former Ogun State Governor, Segun Osoba; ex-Chief of Air Staff, Air Vice Marshal Nuraini Yusuf; and former National Planning Minister, Chief Rasheed Gbadamosi who actually lived in his house as a boarder.

The MBHS had also produced the founding President of Nigeria, Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe and his fellow nationalist, Chief Hezekiah Oladipo Davis.

Indeed, the Methodists in Nigeria are some of the best Christians on earth. However, the main problem is that for decades, a land-grabbing syndicate which prices earthly things far above heavenly gains, has entrenched itself in the Methodist Church Nigeria, MCN.

This cartel, has an incredibly insatiable appetite for church and school property. In Lagos alone, they have swallowed the lands of the Methodist Primary School, Yaba. They fell on the lands of the Methodist Girls High School, Yaba, Lagos. Only the resistance of the Old Girls has saved the school's sports field. The cabal has also run the Wes-

ley University, Ondo, aground.

After the Tinubu administration in Lagos returned schools to the missions and former private proprietors, the cartel immediately seized the old MBHS school premises on 11, Broad Street, Lagos and swallowed it.

It was while digesting this, the cabal in 2012 first invaded the MBHS school lands at its new site on 11, Sinari Daranijo Street, Victoria Island wanting to build high-rise private luxury flats for sale to the public.

In the last dozen years, this is the Third Missionary Journey of the MBHS Old Boys after receiving SOS calls from the school, to 'Come over to Macedonia' and rescue it from the Church cabal. The battles to save the school lands have been waged each time a Prelate of the MCN is leaving or a new one comes into office.

Let me give a background. Methodist missionaries established the MBHS in 1878. I was privileged to be a student and Prefect when the school marked its centenary.

The first battles were in 2012 when Prelate Sunday Ola Makinde was about departing. The church administration, saying it wanted to raise funds, moved into the school premises to build private flats.

However, the Old Boys led by Mr Toyin Amusan, blocked the move. A peace meeting held on July 11, 2012 with a 17-Member MCN delegation led by Prelate Makinde, agreed to leave the school lands which by then, had been reduced by land grabbers from 5.7 to 3.3 hectares.

The second attempt was in 2021 under Prelate Samuel Chukwuemeka Kalu Uche. This attempt was again resisted by the Old Boys. The MCN led by the Prelate and the Old Boys led by Mr Kolapo Sogbetun, held peace meetings on November 2 and 9, 2021 to resolve the stalemate. Prelate Uche ordered the church and its agents never to touch the school lands again. He however, made two requests of the Old Boys. First, that they should refund the N30 million the Church had spent on construction, and secondly, provide an alternative land for the MCN business ventures. Three days later, the Old Boys formally wrote the church, accepting both requests and also offering to contribute in building the new church business premises. However, the MCN in its November 18, 2021 letter signed by its Secretary, Rt Reverend Michael. O. Akinwale said the Prelate made a mistake in requesting for N30 million and that the actual compensation it wants the Old Boys to pay it is N390 million. But the Old Boys stuck to the

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initial agreement.

The on-going third stage battles began in 2023 after Prelate Oliver Ali Aba took over the MCN mantle. Compared to his predecessors, Reverend Aba has been the most tactical, brazen and audacious. When his agents who invaded the school lands were evicted in August 2023, he made a tactical withdrawal and then on Monday, January 29, 2024, the MCN cabal returned in full force complete with over five dozen armed thugs who physically attacked the unarmed Old Boys led by 81-year-old Chief Tunde Fanimokun and 85-year-old Reverend Peter Omole.

When I watched the videos of the attacks, they reminded me of the heartless attacks by armed bandits of the Idoma villages which produced Prelate Aba.

Some have questioned how we knew that the attackers are thugs and not members of the church. My answer is simple: Methodists are not scruffy, cudgel-wielding, stone-throwing, foul-speaking 'Area Boys'. In any case, some Old Boys at the scene identified and called by name, some of the clearly drugged attackers because they are known street thugs in the vicinity.

I have also read some opinions online arguing that since the MBHS is in Lagos, the focus should be on the Lagos Diocese not the national MCN. This is an uninformed opinion and an attempt by the Church's National Headquarters to hide behind a finger.

First, the Lagos State Government handed over the school to the national MCN, not the Diocese. Secondly, the body that surreptitiously obtained a second C of O Number 21/21/20112 signed by Governor Raji Fashola on February 6, 2012, was the MCN. This was a vain attempt to override the subsisting C of O in the name of MBHS, signed by Governor Lateef Jakande on October 25, 1983.

Thirdly, it was the Registered Trustees of the MCN which on July 20, 2012 incorporated the J. Wesley Investment Company limited with N10 million shares. The 14 shareholders who are the Trustees themselves, include then Prelate Sunday Makinde with N3.5 million shares, and his predecessor, Dr Sunday Coffie Mbang with N500,000 shares. Then, the same MCN Trustees on November 11, 2016, illegally, sold 8,235,744 square metres of the MBHS school land to their private company for the princely sum of N1 million.

Fourthly, it is the MCN Trustees and their private J Wesley company that are using the school lands as collateral. Fifthly, it is the twosome that are building commercial flats in violation of the C of O that specifically states that the lands are for educational purposes only.

The truth stands naked; however, the current leaders of the MCN are desperate to robe it in priestly attires. The little veiled aim of the cabal is to relocate the MBHS and take over its entire lands.

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By KUNLE SOMORIN

## Between Abiodun's legacy and Oluomo's fall

THE impeachment of Olakunle Oluomo as Speaker of the Ogun State House of Assembly came at an unexpected time. After escaping the banana peels many times, he was ousted cheaply at an unprecedented time in the state's history. The development was coming just around when the Supreme Court put a rest to post-election litigation concerning the governorship election in the state.

Delivering the judgement, the five-member jury, led by Justice John Okoro, declared a watershed judgement upholding the election of Prince Dapo Abiodun as the duly elected Governor of Ogun State in the March 18, 2023 governorship election. Prince Abiodun's challenger and the PDP governorship candidate, Ladi Adebutu, failed to prove allegations of non-compliance with the Electoral Act during the conduct of the governorship election. "This appeal is unmeritorious and ought to be dismissed and it is hereby dismissed. The judgement of the court is hereby affirmed," Tijjani Abubakar, who read the lead judgement, said.

Governor Abiodun, who was seeking reelection, flew the flag of the APC during the March 18 governorship and was declared the winner by the Independent National Electoral Commission, INEC, having polled 276,298 votes to defeat Adebutu, who scored 262,383 votes.

As is his right, Adebutu approached the Ogun State Governorship Election Petitions Tribunal sitting in Abeokuta to contest the results of the election. In a unanimous ruling on Saturday, September 30, 2023, the three-member tribunal led by Justice Hamidu Kunaza struck out the

petition because it was "incompetent, defective, disjunctive and lack merits".

Not satisfied with the judgement of the tribunal, and despite other opposition parties under the aegis of the Inter-Party Advisory Council, IPAC, in the state saying the case was dead on arrival at the higher courts, Adebutu proceeded to the Court of Appeal to challenge the decision.

Addressing a press conference in Abeokuta after the tribunal judgement, IPAC's state chairman, Samson Okusanya described the statement credited to PDP after the judgement, which discredited the verdict, as docile and out of crass ignorance from political merchants.

"Ladi Adebutu and his team of lawyers ought to have known that law and facts are not based on technicalities but rather on fairness and objectivity of the legal process which stipulates that the petitioner ought to have frontloaded certain information in the petition. We salute the judiciary and most importantly members of the Tribunal led by Justice Hamidu Kunaza for a job well done. The PDP and her candidate should as a matter of importance, discontinue his planned wild goose chase at the appellate Court and accept the will of God," he said.

As predicted, Prince Abiodun's lawyer, Chief Wole Olanipekun (SAN), prayed the appellate court to dismiss the appeal. He urged the court to uphold Governor Abiodun's victory as the validly elected governor of Ogun State. The court upheld the prayer. Delivering judgement on the appeal, in its majority judgement of the three-member panel that was delivered by Justice Joseph Ikyegh, said there was no reason to overturn the

judgement of the tribunal.

With post-election litigations over and the governor's re-election duly affirmed by the Supreme Court on January 19, the high expectations of the people of the state, majorly because of the standard set by Governor Abiodun in his first term, demand that all involved come together in reconciliation to move the state forward.

Already leading that reconciliation tone is no other person than Sir Kessington Adebutu, an industrialist and father of Hon. Adebutu. He congratulated Governor Abiodun on the revalidation of his re-election by the Supreme Court

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and urged his son to join hands with the governor in the interest of the state after the apex court's verdict. In a letter addressed to Prince Abiodun, dated January 22, the senior Adebutu said he had counselled his son to sheathe the sword and join Abiodun in moving the

state forward. He also called for a peaceful meeting between Adebutu junior and the governor. Most importantly, he noted that the apex court's judgement had put an end to all matters of litigation surrounding the 2023 governorship election.

After his victory at the polls, Prince Abiodun promised that: "We will continue with the same vision of providing focused and purposeful governance. We will push our frontiers as the industrial, educational and religious capital of Nigeria. We are fast becoming the food basket in the South-West; so we have a lot to be thankful for. Please let us keep our eyes on the ball."

Embarking on the delivery of these promises and the completion of major projects in the state not only require strategic partnerships and collaboration. Ogun needs an enabling environment for industrial growth, manpower development, and creativity to thrive. Part of that enabling environment is for stakeholders, no matter their creed and political alignment, to close ranks and for the good of the state.

From that point, every political pundit thought the APC was on a roller coaster. It has successfully quelled internal opposition, winning all elements loyal to former Governor Ibikunle Amosun over. Weeks before, another APC lawmaker, Kunle Sobukunola, snatched victory from his PDP counterpart, Babajide Owodunni from the governor's constituency at the Appeal Court and the euphoria became more undiluted with more converts into the APC. That was when the lucre of leadership snapped for Oluomo, the governor's protege and the state's number three citizen.

Perhaps conscious that this is his second and final term, Abiodun understands that this is his "legacy term". He buckled under his place in history at the moment when not only governance but crisis, whether internal or external, would be a reflection of his stake in statesmanship. More than his first term, it is during this second term that history will record his administration's scorecard in terms of performance and his political dealings with friends and foes alike.

The crisis of confidence in the Ogun State House of Assembly did send a wrong signal about the willingness of the governor to foster reconciliation within his party as a benchmark for his ability to close ranks with other stakeholders outside his party. Despite describing Governor Abiodun as his benefactor and expressing gratitude for endorsing his candidacy for the speakership twice, embattled Speaker of the Ogun State House of Assembly, Olakunle Oluomo, expressed disappointment in the lack of intervention from the governor and the leadership of the APC, which he had expected. He said the disappointment meant that he would have to seek justice elsewhere.

What a pity from someone who admitted there has been no love-lost relationship with his colleagues in the House. The governor's love and protection notwithstanding, it appears he left many things to chance. An ordinarily sagacious four-term lawmaker would have not been left in the lurch as it happened to him.

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## Nganjiwa, the judge as a verb

THERE is hardly any jurisdiction in the common law in which a man with his current record could possibly still sit as a judge of a superior court of record. In Nigeria, however, Hyeladzira Nganjiwa proudly sits on the bench of the Federal High Court and currently serves in Abakaliki, Ebonyi State in South-East Nigeria. From the bench, he has been embroiled in all sorts of controversy lately.

Nganjiwa went to Government Secondary School, Damaturu, when it used to be part of Borno State, finishing in 1978. In 1979, University of Lagos admitted him to read law. In 1984, he enrolled to become a lawyer in Nigeria. Nganjiwa did his compulsory national service with the Ajaokuta Steel Company, before finishing it in 1985 with the Ministry of Justice in Ilorin when both were part of old Kwara State.

Thereafter, Nganjiwa returned to his native Borno State, from where he compiled a career as a public prosecutor, rising to the rank of Chief Legal Officer at the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency, NDLEA, until 1995, when he became Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions in the Borno State Ministry of Justice. Nganjiwa thereafter returned to private practice from where President Goodluck Jonathan appointed him a judge and he was sworn into the bench of the Federal High Court on May 28, 2012.

Less than a few years into his judicial career, Nganjiwa was accused of sundry allegations on which he was charged to court.

Persuaded that the judge was transacting in shady judicial business, the EFCC arraigned Nganjiwa a mere five years into his judicial career on June 23, 2017 on 14 counts of unlawful enrichment. This was a

charge of judicial graft.

A judge who takes his office seriously will be affronted by such a charge and will make it a priority to clear his name. This was the least of Nganjiwa's concerns, however. Instead, he asserted impunity, claiming that the court could not try him when he had not yet been disciplined by the National Judicial Council, NJC. This was worse than an odd argument to make for three reasons.

First, the NJC polices judicial misconduct alright but is neither the police nor a public prosecutor. Second, the NJC lacks the wherewithal by itself to investigate unlawful enrichment. Third, it was akin to saying judges are lawless. Rule 1(1) of Code of Conduct for Judicial Officers, which the NJC enforces, requires all judges to "respect and comply with the laws of the land..." That would include the laws on unlawful enrichment.

At the High Court of Lagos, Justice Adeola Akintoye was not much persuaded by this objection and threw it out. Nganjiwa appealed to the Court of Appeal, which agreed with him. On December 11, 2017, the Court of Appeal ruled that he could not be prosecuted, unless the NJC had disciplined him on the matter.

Interestingly, in the same judgement, the Court observed that: "If a judicial officer commits theft, fraud, murder or manslaughter, arson and the likes, which are crimes committed outside the scope of the performance of his official functions, he may be arrested, interrogated and prosecuted accordingly by the State directly without recourse to the NJC." The Court of Appeal was able to see that theft, fraud, murder or manslaughter were not part of the job specification for a judge. But they seemed to believe that judicial corruption could be; but we digress.

A dissatisfied EFCC appealed to the Supreme Court, which at the end of May 2022, threw out the appeal and discharged Nganjiwa. It did not acquit him though. So, the Supreme Court set him free but fully blemished with the whiff of judicial corruption.

In any other jurisdiction, this would have been the end of Nganjiwa's judicial career but in the weird logic of the NJC, however, it was its rejuvenation instead. On the 10th anniversary of his appointment as a judge of the Federal High Court, Nganjiwa, who had been under suspension all these years while the proceedings went on, returned to the bench with a license once more to go judging.

Last November, the latest postings by the Chief Judge of the Federal High Court took Nganjiwa to Abakaliki. As if by divine synchrony, one month later on December 20, Godswill Akpabio, president of the Senate, formally declared vacancies in respect of certain seats in the upper chamber,

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including that for Ebonyi South, formerly represented by David Umahi who now serves as a Minister in the federal cabinet.

Two days thereafter, on December 22, the Independent National Electoral Commission, INEC, issued a notice of by-elections covering the seats which the Senate president had declared vacant. It required the parties to conduct their primaries for purposes of selecting their candidates between January 5 and 9, and to complete candidate nomination formalities by January 13. In all, the parties had 17 days (including week-ends) to complete candidate selection and another

four days to complete all filings with INEC. The Commission fixed actual voting in the by-elections for February 3.

On January 9, five persons claiming to be "intending delegates" in the primaries of the Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, initiated proceedings in Nganjiwa's court in suit no. *FHC/AI/CS/6/2024 between Chief Stanley Okochie Nkaa & 4 Others v. PDP, INEC & 2 Others*, asking the judge to exclude the party from the by-election because the selection of its candidate, Silas Onu, four days earlier, was not preceded by 21 days' notice. The law actually only allows aspirants to sue.

In the course of the proceedings, one of the named plaintiffs told the court that he had not instructed anyone to initiate the case in his name. His name was removed from the list of parties. That should have told most judges that something was not right. But not this one.

But 23 days after the case was filed, on February 1, Nganjiwa issued a 57-page judgement granting the claimants everything they asked for. He specifically issued "an order of perpetual injunction" restraining INEC from recognising the PDP candidate in the by-election, "and his name shall not be included in the election".

This was exactly two days before the by-election. As a practical matter, this was not an order that the INEC could have complied with without postponing the ballot in Ebonyi South because it had printed all the ballot papers and deployed significant electoral capability ahead of the date. As most sensible lawyers know, injunctions are equitable remedies and equity does not act in vain.

Having made these serious orders against INEC (a defendant) in the proceedings, however, Nganjiwa very curiously also awarded costs of one million Naira in its favour to be paid by the PDP and its candidate whom he had just directed the Commission to exclude.

In the course of his judgment, Nganjiwa felt called upon to justify why he had to accept everything INEC said as gospel. He described the Commission as "an unbiased Empire" (sic), proclaiming that as the reason why he had "no doubt in my mind to doubt whatever information(s) supplied by the (INEC)" (sic).

When you end up with a court judgement that induces moral and jurisprudential indigestion on this scale, there is a word for it: you have been *Nganjiwad*.

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## Kakistocracy and our predicament

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THIS piece is inspired by a quaint TIK TOK video sent to me by a witty former colleague at the defunct ABUJA NEWSDAY. The TIK TOK video unveils a new word called *Kakistocracy*. It challenges the viewer to Google it. At first blush my mind went to military rule. But upon Googling it, this writer discovered that *Kakistocracy* refers to "government by the least suitable or competent citizens of a state". It also refers to "a state or society governed by its least suitable or competent citizens".

*Kakistocracy* derives from two Greek words, namely: *Kakisto*(worst) and *Krastos*(rule). Though *Kakistocracy* draws its etymology or roots from Greek, and though it appears novel and strange, it was coined as early as the 17th century. Thus it was merely exhumed to reflect our prevailing circumstances. What strikes me, and I am certain what informed my colleague's forwarding of this TIK TOK video, must be its aptness or appropriateness to our national predicament and the serial, inept leaderships that have brought us to our sordid pass.

Consider their catalogue and sundry foibles: To herald the Second Republic, the then military administration led by General Olusegun Obasanjo allowed the registration of five political parties to contest the 1979 elections. They were: the National Party of Nigeria, NPN; Nigeria Peoples Party, NPP; Great

Nigeria Peoples Party, GNPP; Peoples Redemption Party, PRP; and the Unity Party of Nigeria, UPN. The standard bearers of these five parties were: Alhaji Shehu Shagari, Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe, Alhaji Waziri Ibrahim, Malam Aminu Kano and Chief Obafemi Awolowo respectively. These were not only distinguished politicians and household names,

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some of them had their pedigrees in the struggle for Nigeria's independence and the First Republic. Dr. Azikiwe and Chief Awolowo were notably distinguished by their erudition and technocratic abilities. Zik was urbane and cosmopolitan. Awolowo was famously deliberate and purposive, two attributes the renowned novelist, Chinua Achebe, associated with the politician. Aminu Kano was distinguished by his integrity and spartan disposition. Waziri Ibrahim was a business mogul who had cut his teeth at the United

Africa Company, UAC.

How Alhaji Shehu Shagari emerged as the NPN's standard bearer and later governed from 1979 to 1983 is revealing. He had earlier shown interest only in being a Senator. And upon learning that some bigwigs of his party were rooting for him to contest the presidency, he took off to Germany to avoid their pressure. Highly competent contestants such as Adamu Ciroma, Olusola Saraki and Maitama Sule were short shrifted in Shagari's favour. His unique selling point was that he was meek. The upshot of his preference by his party's caucus was that hawks such as Dr. Umaru Dikko took over the reigns of power. The country then had a scenario in which lions were being led by a lamb. President Shagari's helplessness was such that Umaru Dikko, Dr. Ibrahim Tahir and their ilk spoke condescendingly to their compatriots. The economy went downhill. It took Chief Awolowo, who had returned to the country from a "spiritual rejuvenation" abroad, to awaken the government from its slumber and to the dire straits in which the economy was.

Chief Awolowo, whose bonafides as an astute manager of resources preceded him, never became president until he died on May 9, 1987. One of Nigeria's best journalists, Mr. Dan Agbese, referred to him as "the best President Nigeria never had". Chief Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu, the former Biafran leader, was to repeat the same

refrain at Chief Awolowo's death.

In 1983, following the excesses of the NPN-led Federal Government, and the brazenly rigged elections of that year, the military took over. Major General Muhammadu Buhari, as he then was, was invested with the positions of Head of State and Commander-in-Chief by his fellow putschists. Not only was his government draconian and vengeful, he outsourced its administration to the dour and unsmiling deputy, Brigadier-General Tunde Idiagbon. Enter General Ibrahim Babangida. He, with his colleagues, overthrew the granite-hearted Buhari in a palace coup on August 27, 1985. Whereas General Babangida demonstrated a modicum of preparedness to ascend to high office and he surrounded himself with very capable persons, his eight-year tenure was undermined by an uncommon wiliness and the grotesque annulment of the June 12, 1993 presidential election. The election was adjudged as one of the best in the country's annals.

General Sani Abacha, who edged out the illicit Interim National Government, ING, led by Chief Ernest Shonekan, was a good manager of the economy. The Naira enjoyed a measure of stability under his watch. His ruthlessness was his undoing. He governed in an atmosphere of fear and Nigeria became a pariah on the world stage.

Former President Muhammadu Buhari, who touted and marketed himself as a person of high integrity and someone who would address the country's serious security concerns, proved a resounding failure. At the end of the day, the economy plunged to its nadir. Insecurity reached its apogee. Army personnel guarding the

presidential villa were attacked in Abuja. The presidential convoy, was for the first time, ambushed on its way to Daura. The Correction Centre at Kuje, less than 60 kilometers to the Three Arms Zone, housing the presidential villa, the Supreme Court and the National Assembly, was attacked. Incarcerated terrorists were set free.

Before his advent to power, his handlers marketed President Bola Ahmed Tinubu as experienced and thorough. They latched onto his eight-year tenure as Governor of Lagos State, Nigeria's mega city, to argue their case. Alas, since his inauguration, his government has been framed by haphazardness and impulsiveness. In fact, his first act of withdrawal of fuel subsidy, without much of a forethought or a plan regarding its deleterious consequences, knocks the bottom out of their claim. Worse is the president's propensity to abdicate responsibility or fail to show leadership. In a week when violence raged on the Plateau, traditional rulers were killed by unknown gunmen in Ekiti State, scores of school children were abducted in Ekiti and Benue States and 30 others were killed in Agatu Local Government of Benue State, the president is said to be paying a private visit to France! It may not be outlandish, in these unfortunate circumstances, to draw parallels with Nero. He once fiddled while Rome burnt.

If *Kakistocracy* does not speak eloquently to our predicament, one wonders what does.

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WITH about 36.9 million hectares of arable land, representing 40.48 per cent of the country's total land area as at 2021, and 70 per cent of youth population (151 million youths), Nigerians should have no reason to be hungry.

But unfortunately, there is serious hunger in the land. In the just released 2023 Global Hunger Index, GHI, Nigeria was ranked 109th out of 125 countries, with a score of 28.3 per cent, where countries that scored 20.0-34.9 have serious hunger. It means that Nigeria is the 16th most hungry country in the world amongst countries with sufficient data to calculate the 2023 GHI scores.

Interestingly, Nigeria was ranked below countries like Sudan, Zimbabwe, DR Congo, North Korea and Guinea.

The Global Hunger Index is a peer-reviewed annual report, jointly published by Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe, one of Germany's biggest private organisations for development and humanitarian aid. The GHI is

## Severe hunger in Nigeria

designed to comprehensively measure and track hunger at the global, regional and country levels.

Among Nigeria's economic activities, agriculture is one of the lowest hanging fruits that could have bailed the country out of its present economic crisis. But the present government appears to have little or no interest in that sector, nor is it able to stop terrorists from chasing farmers away from their farmlands.

As a result, Nigeria is buffeted with a record high inflation rate of 28.92 per cent, a food inflation rate of 33.93 per cent driven by astronomical increases in prices of staple food items, and a

foreign exchange rate that is rapidly turning the naira into a currency not worth the paper on which it is printed.

Only last Saturday, Vanguard reported of a woman in Port Harcourt who went into another woman's plantation and stole her plantain in order to feed her hungry children. When the woman who owned the plantain confronted the thief, an altercation ensued. With a machete, the woman who stole the plantain hacked to death the woman who owned the plantain!

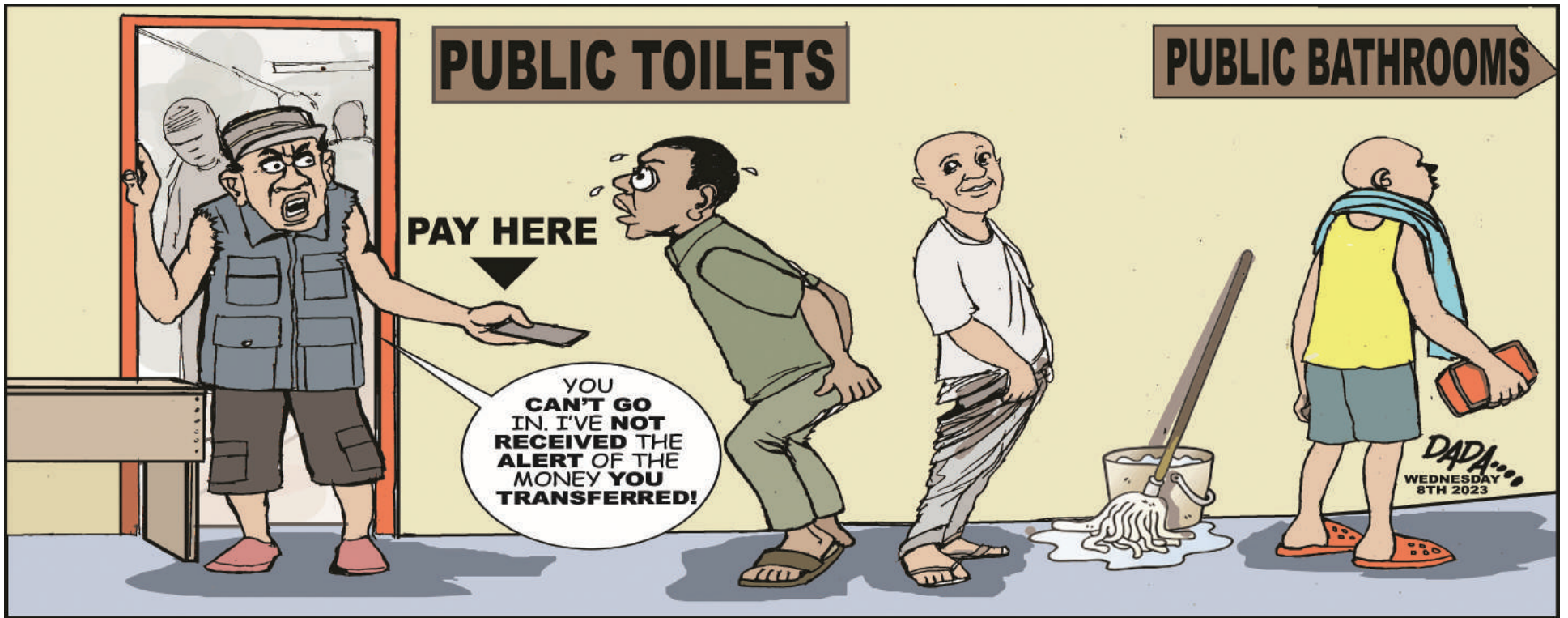
Hunger may not be a justification for stealing, but hunger is fuelling

all sorts of crime today in Nigeria. Many who are hungry but cannot steal are resorting to begging. Some Nigerians who have lost their means of livelihood can be seen nowadays scrambling for leftover foods at parties, not for their dogs, but for their hungry children at home.

In the past six years, Nigeria's hunger statistics has been on the rise. In 2017, 10 per cent of Nigeria's population suffered severe hunger. In 2018, it rose to 10.40 per cent. By 2019 it became 12 per cent. In 2020 it was 12.70 per cent. Between 2020 and 2022, on average, 21.3 per cent of Nigeria's population experienced hunger.

According to the World Food Programme, about 26.5 million people across Nigeria are projected to face acute hunger in 2024, a staggering increase from the 18.6 million people that suffered hunger at the end of 2023.

A hungry man, they say, is an angry man. Government at all levels need to sit up. If this level of hunger continues, there is no telling what the people will do.



## OPINION

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## CBN and Cardoso's bid to restore stability, sanity in financial system

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The mandate of the Central Bank of Nigeria, CBN, is derived from the 1958 Act of Parliament that established the Bank. The Act has been amended six times since then to respond to contemporary challenges and the expansion of the economy.

The Act was amended in 1991, 1993, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2007.

The CBN Act of 2007 therefore charges the Bank with the overall control and administration of the monetary and financial sector policies of the Federal Government.

The mandate of the CBN, therefore, is to ensure monetary and price stability, issue legal tender currency in Nigeria, maintain external reserves to safeguard the international value of the legal tender currency, promote a sound financial system in Nigeria, and act as Banker and provide economic and financial advice to the Federal Government.

The Bank is also charged with the responsibility of administering the Banks and Other Financial Institutions, BOFI, Act (1991), as amended, with the sole aim of ensuring high standards of banking practice and financial stability through its surveillance activities, as well as the promotion of an efficient payment system.

In addition to its core functions, CBN has over the years performed some major developmental functions, focused on all the key sectors of the Nigerian economy (financial, agricultural and industrial sectors). Overall, these mandates are carried out by the Bank through its various departments.

### Monetary Policy Committee, MPC

The MPC is the highest policy making committee of the Bank with the mandate to review economic and financial conditions in the economy; determine appropriate stance of policy

in the short to medium term; review regularly, the CBN monetary policy framework and adopt changes when necessary; and communicate monetary/financial policy decisions effectively to the public and ensure the credibility of the model of transmission mechanism of monetary policy.

The CBN Act 2007 states inter alia: "In order to facilitate the attainment of the objective of price stability and to support the economic policy of the Federal Government, there shall be a Committee of the Bank known as the Monetary Policy Committee (in this Act referred to as 'the MPC')."

The MPC consists of the governor of the CBN, who doubles as the chairman of the committee; the four deputy governors of the Bank; the two members of the board of directors of the Bank; three members appointed by the President; and two members appointed by the CBN governor.

The MPC meeting is held for two consecutive days once every two months. On the second day, journalists are briefed on the outcome of the meeting and they have an opportunity to quiz the CBN governor on the latest interest rate, exchange rate, measures to curb inflationary pressure and so on.

The Committee meeting has however suffered a series of postponements since July last year when it held its last meeting, with the attendant consequences. Due to this lack of direction, we have seen impact in the chaos and instability in the monetary side of the economy.

The *Economic Confidential* reports that MPC held its last meeting which was the 292nd on July 24 and 25, 2023, when members voted to marginally increase the Monetary Policy Rate, MPR, from 18.5 per cent to 18.75 per cent.

The Bank postponed the MPC meeting scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, September 25 and 26, which would have been the first meet-

ing under Yemi Cardoso.

The meeting would have enabled him to face the press to answer questions about what he is doing on the free fall of the Naira among other pertinent issues troubling the economy.

That was the second time the MPC meeting

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had been postponed since the Committee was established. The first time was in January 2020 when the first MPC meeting of the year was postponed from January 20-21 to January 23-24.

This means that postponement of MPC meetings is a rare occurrence which may be due to the fact that Mr Cardoso was settling down in his new office.

Despite the surge in inflation, which hit 27.33 per cent in October 2023, and high expectation of the new CBN leadership, the apex Bank leadership postponed the MPC meeting again in November 2023.

In the process of understanding the rot he met in the system and how to pull the economy out of the hole he met it, Mr Cardoso decided to put certain parameters in place before resum-

ing MPC meetings.

Meanwhile, inflation has hit 30 percent while the Naira continues to decline against the Dollar as Nigerians continue to groan over declining purchasing power in the midst of rising prices of goods.

### Respite at Last

As part of measures to start the new year on a fresh and reassuring note, the CBN held a two-day strategic session for members of the MPC a fortnight ago.

The session was preparatory to its first meeting under Mr Cardoso which is scheduled for Monday, February 26 and Tuesday, February 27.

According to the apex Bank's spokesperson, Mrs. Hakama Sidi-Ali, the session was meant for members to brainstorm and engage in an in-depth discussion about the committee's objectives.

She revealed that the critical focus areas during the retreat included deliberations on the strategic plan to effect necessary improvement in the monetary policy transmission mechanism.

According to her, the sessions were facilitated by former MPC members, monetary policy communication specialists at the IMF and Directors of Departments critical to the MPC process.

"The valuable insights gained from these discussions will significantly contribute towards the robustness of the forthcoming MPC meetings," she noted.

To underscore the Bank's seriousness this year, a calendar of meetings of the MPC for 2024 was published on the CBN website and it indicates that the meetings have been scheduled for February, March, May, July, September and November.

Based on the recent steps taken by the CBN leadership, it is obvious that the initial hiccup is now over and Nigerians can look forward to a more stable economy in 2024 and beyond.

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# Corporate results to stir fresh bullish trading

...As investors gain N1.12trn

By Peter Egwuatu

At the backdrop of the sustained bullish run in equities market, investors are anxiously waiting for the influx of companies' results for the financial year 2023 to take more informed positions.

Meanwhile the bullish run in the Nigerian Exchange Limited, NGX, created N1.12 trillion gain Week-on-Week, WoW for the investors last week.

Analysts have emphasized

that already, the market is looking forward to the big corporate names, and particularly more banks and blue-chip that have this month to release their scorecards, just as the numbers released so far have given more insights into market valuation and fundamental analysis as prices continue oscillating.

Analysis of trading last week showed that the NGX market capitalisation which shows the total value of investment on the Exchange closed at N57.158

trillion on Friday from N56.038 trillion the previous week.

The NGX All Share Index, ASI another major market indicator closed higher to 104,421.23 points from 102,401.88 points, thus rising by 1.97% W/W. The surge in ASI was majorly contributed by the buying interest on Dangote Cement, which surged by 9.9% followed by BUA 4.9% to offset losses in Zenith Bank which dropped by 8.1% and UBA 8.2%.

Accordingly, the Month-to-Date,

MtD, and Year-to-Date, YTD returns settled at 3.2% and 39.6%, respectively. Trading activity was positive, as total traded volume and value increased by 30.3% W/W and 63.4% W/W respectively.

Reacting to market performance, analysts at Cordros Research stated: "In the ensuing weeks, we expect the NGX to be flooded with corporate earnings releases as more companies publish 2023 full year numbers alongside dividend declarations. While this influx of

results may stimulate buying activities on the bourse, we also anticipate potential profit-taking, especially on stocks that have seen notable price increases recently."

In their comment, analysts at InvestData Consulting said: "We expect mixed sentiments and profit taking to continue on bargain hunting and reactions to earnings reports, as market players digest these numbers in the face of volatility and coming Monetary Policy Committee, MPC meeting, while pullback at this point will add more strength to upside potential. As such, investors should take advantage of price correction. Also looking at the trends and events across the globe and domestically."

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## Uncertainty rules currency markets as external reserves rise

●Volume of dollars traded down 3% to \$2.14bn ●Why sudden massive crash of Naira — ANALYSTS ●Warn of further depreciation, adverse impacts on economy

By Babajide Komolafe, Economy Editor & Elizabeth Adegbesan

THERE is heightened uncertainty in the currency market over the fortunes of the Naira this week, with investment analysts highlighting factors that will trigger further depreciation as well as the impact on Nigerians and the economy.

While noting that the 61 per cent depreciation of the Naira last week has worsened confidence in the national currency and would lead to further rise in the cost of goods and services as well as increase debt service, they warned that risks of further depreciation exists until the Central Bank of Nigeria, CBN curtails growth in money supply, punishes currency manipulators and clears the backlog of mature dollar obligations estimated at \$5 billion.



●Wale Edun, Minister of Finance



●Yemi Cardoso, CBN Governor

### External reserves

Meanwhile, the nation's external reserves, a major indicator of future exchange rate of the Naira, rose by 3.6 per cent to \$33.35 billion in January, reversing a five month decline that started in August.

Data from the CBN showed that the external reserves rose to \$33.35 billion on January 30th from \$32.192 billion in December last year.

This is in sharp contrast to the persistent decline recorded in the external reserves in 2023. The reserves declined all through the months of 2023 except the very marginal increase in October.

Consequently, the reserve closed the year at \$32.192 billion, a 13.2 per cent or \$4.89 billion loss from \$37.082 billion it recorded at end of 2022.

The increase in external reserves which also signifies improvement in foreign exchange inflow during the month may not be uncon-

nected with the rise in price of Nigeria's crude oil grade, Bonny Light, to \$84.41 per barrel at the end of January from \$79.4 per barrel at the end of December as well as the increase in oil production in the second half of the year.

### Volume of Dollars traded, Naira value down

On the other hand, the volume of dollars traded (turnover) in the Nigerian Foreign Exchange Market, NAFEM, fell by 3.2 per cent, month-on-month (MoM) to \$2.14 billion in January 2024 from \$2.21 billion in December.

Vanguard analysis of weekly transactions in NAFEM as published by FMDQ showed a steady flow and ebb throughout the month of January.

### Why Naira fell by 61% in official market

Notwithstanding the rise in external reserves, the Naira fell to its lowest level last week following 61 per cent, week-on-week, WoW depreciation to N1,435.53 per dollar in the Nigeria Foreign Exchange Market, NAFEM, as a result of measures introduced by

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the CBN, which analysts say will lead to price discovery in the forex market.

While the Naira also depreciated by 2.9 per cent to N1,440 per dollar in the parallel market, the sharp depreciation of the Naira in the NAFEM, however, reduced the gap between the exchange rates in the market to N4.35 per dollar from N508.1 per dollar the previous week.

### Why sudden crash in Naira value

Describing what triggered the 61 per cent depreciation of the Naira in NAFEM, Co-Founder, Comercio Partners Limited, Nnamdi Nwizu, said: "It was market forces at work, alongside the government. The CBN decided to tackle the illegal transactions in the market that were distorting real market transparency, but getting banks to truly show where trades were being consummated, versus the trend where some close trades

at N900/\$ then cut checks for N300 to make the total price N1,200/\$ and in the end, the NAFX fixing will show N900/\$, versus the true price of a N1,200/\$."

Similarly, Ibukun Omoyeni, Economist, Vetiva Capital Management Limited, said, "We saw another sizable devaluation at the Nigerian Autonomous Foreign Exchange Market (NAFEM) following a circular clamping down on under-reporting of transaction rates at the NAFEM. Thereafter, the apex bank also clamped down on the bank's appetite for foreign currency exposure by ensuring matching of assets and liabilities in the same currency to prevent speculation.

"We believe these measures are to aid price discovery in the official market, and also prevent sizeable foreign exchange gaps from re-emerging."

### Impact on economy

On the impact of the depreciation of the Naira, Dr. Sylvester Anaba, Team Lead, Research, United Capital Plc, warned that the implication of a weak Naira will include:

"High cost of imported items, thus fueling inflation in the country; Consumers' purchasing power will continue to be eroded and standard of living will continue to nosedive;

"Companies that depend on imported raw materials will continue to struggle with high costs, potentially reducing their profitability and competitiveness. This can lead to job losses and or price increases;

"A weaker Naira will facilitate uncertainty in the economy and foreign investors will become; disinterested in investing in the economy. This will limit the flow of foreign exchange and hinder economic growth;

"The country, firms and individuals that borrowed in foreign currency will need more Naira to repay their debts as well as the interest rates thereon;

"The continuous weakening of the Naira will increase the debt servicing burden of the country, firms, and individuals."

Similarly, Nwizu stressed that with higher exchange rates will come higher inflation.

"We are also getting to the point where Nigerians are losing faith in the Naira and we are getting to a dollarized economy. If the monetary authorities do not stem the depreciation tide, it will be

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# Why power supply is down nationwide —TCN

By Mariam Eko

THE Transmission Company of Nigeria, TCN, has blamed the recent low power generation to the grid on gas constraint to the thermal generating companies.

Recall that the country has been burdened with low electricity supply as generation level remained around 4000 megawatts, MW.

In a statement signed by the General Manager, Public Affairs, TCN, Mrs. Ndidi Mbah, the company said that the development has impacted the quantum of bulk power available on the transmission grid for onward transmission to the distribution load centres nationwide.

Meanwhile, data obtained by Vanguard from the Independent System Operator, ISO, portal, a semi-autonomous unit of TCN, indicated that generation dropped,

yesterday, to 4,096.3 megawatts, MW, from 4,231.49MW recorded on Monday, indicating a drop of 3.2 percent.

However, Mbah assured that TCN is doing everything possible in collaboration with stakeholders in the power sector to ensure that it continues to keep the grid intact in spite of the current low power generated into the system.

She stated: "Consequent upon the current load on the grid, load distributed

to the distribution load centres have also been reduced, as TCN can only transmit what is generated. We are committed to ensure a gradual increase in electricity supply to load centres as gas improves to power available thermal plants.

"We appeal to Nigerians to bear with us, while we continue to work with stakeholders in the value chain to ensure that supply through Electricity Distribution Companies,

## Staco has capacity, capability to excel in 2024 —MD

By Rosemary Iwunze

Managing Director/CEO of Staco Insurance Plc, Mr. Wale Banmore, has said that the capabilities and capacity of the company was tested in 2023 but it passed all tests. Banmore, who made the

assertion in a New Year message to staff of the company, charged them to push for a win in 2024.

He said: "Towards the end of the year 2023, you may all recollect that the tone for 2024 was set by me and the executive management team at our budget retreat. And to

## Parthian Partners strengthens investment confidence with bond coupon payment

Parthian Partners Limited has successfully completed the third consecutive coupon payment on its N10 billion bond. This unwavering commitment to fulfilling its financial obligations underscores the firm's deep-rooted values of reliability and excellence. Commenting on the achievement amidst challenging macroeconomic environment, Olayinka Arewa, Chief Financial Officer at Parthian Partners, said, "Navigating rising inflation and

economic pressures requires agility and dedication. Throughout these headwinds, we remained true to our promise, ensuring timely and consistent coupon payments to our investors." According to Arewa, "This accomplishment wouldn't be possible without the unwavering support of our stakeholders".

He added: "our robust financial health, as evidenced by strong ratings from Agosto & Co and DataPro, speaks volumes about our commitment to building

sustainable value. We boast robust capitalization, improving profitability, and a secure funding profile – a testament to the trust we have earned from both clients and partners."

In August 2022, Parthian Partners made history with the first-ever short-term bond issued by an Inter-Dealer Broker in Nigeria. The N10 billion bond, boasting a 13.50% coupon rate, attracted full subscription from institutional investors, in attestation to the firm's position as a market leader.

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difficult to rebuild confidence in the Naira again", he stated.

### Impact of Foreign investment

Anaba also highlighted how the recent Naira depreciation will impact foreign investment inflow to the country, saying, "Foreign investors report their returns in Dollar terms. A weak Naira will consequently shrink the Dollar value of their return on investments. This makes Nigerian investments less attractive compared to other options, potentially deterring new inflows, and even leading to the exit of foreign investors and withdrawal of funds from the Nigerian markets.

"Increased volatility in the exchange rate creates uncertainty for investors, making it difficult to assess risks and returns accurately. This can further discourage investment, especially for long term projects.

"A weaker Naira often shows underlying

macroeconomic headwinds like inflation or political instability etc. These concerns can further dampen investors' confidence and reduce their appetite for riskier emerging markets like Nigeria"

Similarly, Nwizu said: "On Foreign Direct Investment and Foreign Portfolio Investment, the higher rate should make it more attractive for them to come in. Only missing ingredients are higher short term rates, dollar liquidity and market confidence in the currency."

### Outlook for this week

The analysts, however, expressed uncertainty over the direction of the exchange rate this week, saying it all depends on actions of the CBN.

According to Omoyeni of Vetiva Capital Management Limited, "Nigeria needs increased foreign exchange supply to anchor its decisions.

"On the other hand, Nigeria needs to return to

monetary targeting as Money Supply continues to grow at an alarming rate.

"The CBN needs to keep money growth within the required limits and sterilize when they exceed those limits via higher interest rates and more frequent OMO auctions. The future outcome of the Naira will be determined by the actions and inactions of the apex bank."

Nwizu of Comercio Partners also said: "A lot depends on the new CBN circular around the Net Open Position of banks and the size of open positions the banks have to sell. If it is sizable, then we should see an aggressive decline in exchange rates."

### Naira depreciation may continue

Anaba however pointed out that any improvement in the exchange rate will be temporary, as the fundamental issues affecting the weakening of the Naira abound.

Highlighting the fundamental issues, he said: "The

DISCOs to energy consumers improves nationwide."

In the mean time, TCN Benin region has commissioned 100MVA power transformer at Ihovbor work center in Edo State. The Ihovbor Transmission substation previously had two 60MVA power transformers with a capacity of 120MVA. However, the newly energized 100MVA transformer has replaced one of the existing transformers, increasing the substation capacity to an additional 40MVA

re-emphasize the same, I would say that 2023 was a year to test our capabilities and capacity industry-wise, customer-wise and regulatory-wise. To which, I can boldly say we scored 3/3. "This brings us to 2024 and I will advise you to make it our theme, motto and prophecy that we have been accepted by the market and the real race has just begun. The target was to survive and be accepted in the three tiers stated above for 2023 and 2024 is the time to restore full-on competition with our peers. So let us roll-up our sleeves, dust off the failures of 2023 and push for a win in 2024."

## Stockbrokers' book, documentary on capital market for presentation

The Chartered Institute of Stockbrokers (CIS) is set to launch its book titled, "History of the Nigerian Capital Market", which was aimed at filling the knowledge gap on the factors that shape the Nigerian capital market.

An integral part of the event is also the launch of a

## Mutual Benefits assures customers of consistent value in products offerings

By Rosemary Iwunze

The Group Chairman of Mutual Benefits Assurance Plc, Dr. Akin Ogunbiyi has assured customers of consistent value in the company's products and services despite rising inflation in the country.

Ogunbiyi gave the assurance at the 28th annual thanksgiving service of the company in Lagos.

He said: "Unlike most companies, we always go the extra mile for our customers. We are very mindful of the high inflation in our economy and its effects on the lives and livelihood of our dear customers. It is a fact that consumers are indeed feeling the pinch but Mutual Benefits will always make sure they have value for the purchases of our highly beneficial insurance services and allied products.

"Customers should know that we provide value options at different premium levels to enable you choose the most appealing and affordable. For instance, for vehicle insurance, we have different premium levels for the third party, the third party-plus and of course, the comprehensive insurance policy. We have differentiating offerings in each category and therefore fix premiums that will resonate with each segment. "Mutual Benefits'

customers are very important partners and so, from time to time, we even absorb some costs on packages with appreciable discounted anchor prices. Our company has been distinguishing itself with services that are of immense beneficial values and that were why we were deservedly adjudged Africa's Most Innovative Company by the African Reinsurance Corporation. We will always be upfront in doing our best and transparently communicating the intrinsic and extrinsic values of our offerings.

"This company will continue to leverage what we do best. That is, transforming brilliant ideas to beneficial values for our highly esteemed customers, employees and other stakeholders. We are a group of companies with an unyielding drive for excellence which is sustained through creativity and transformational innovation. We craft our values within an entrepreneurial framework and we work very hard and also listen attentively (with the necessary diligence) to the dynamics of the market. We therefore, always deliver services that cater optimally to customers' individual lives and businesses. We support our partners and we always stand as a very useful friend-in-need to our loyal customers."

Documentary on "History of the Nigerian Capital Market".

The Documentary is enriched by the interview of some personalities, including one of the founding fathers of the market, late Otunba Subomi Balogun, who had been interviewed before he passed on last year.

Scheduled for presentation at the Nigerian Exchange Group House, the

uniqueness of the most comprehensive book on the capital market history, is that the story is told from the first person point of view by some of the oldest operators and leading practitioners in the Nigerian capital market.

A statement from the Institute indicates that the special Guest of Honour, is the Executive Governor of Edo State, Mr Godwin Obaseki, a Fellow of the Institute, the Chief Launcher, also a Fellow, is the Chairman, Nigerian Exchange Group PLC, Dr. Umaru Kwairanga, while the Chief Host is the President and Chairman of the Institute's Governing Council, Mr Oluwale Adeosun.

"History of the Nigerian Capital Market", is an authoritative compendium that chronicles epochal issues such as the evolution of the legal framework of the Nigerian Capital market and that of the Institute, the Call-Over Trading System, Bonds Trading and other securities at the beginning, origin of the market technology- Central Securities Clearing System (CSCS), Automated Trading System (ATS), policy issues that affect the market, investor education, women in the Nigerian Capital Market, Fixed Income Securities, Commodities Exchanges, 30th Anniversary of the Institute and current initiatives of the professional body, future of the market and its pictorial history .

FX inflows, and weakening the Naira. The government's efforts to resuscitate the Naira have become ineffective due to lack of confidence in the currency and in the economy.

"Currency Speculators: The activities of currency speculators in the FX market have exacerbated the free fall of the Naira. "Foreign Exchange Backlogs of \$7.0 Billion: Investors' funds have been trapped over the years, and this has contributed to lack of confidence in the economy as the government struggles to settle the backlogs. Consequently, this has contributed to the continuous fall of the Naira as the CBN concentrates more on the settlement of these backlogs rather than supporting the Naira at the FX market. "Foreign Assets: Due to the continuous depreciation of the Naira, most investors have abandoned Nigerian assets for foreign assets and crypto assets. Some investors have decided to invest in gold, precious metals, US Dollar, and foreign securities etc."



# Over N1,000/\$ first year; expect N3,000/\$ in 2024/5

"Every country has the government it deserves." — Joseph de Maistre, 1753-1821

**A**ND, as somebody has also reminded us: "As a people normally gets the government it deserves, so a society normally receives the punishment it asks for." To me, it is now a precious waste of time whenever a frequent reader of this page calls to register his/her agreement with my article — only to launch into questioning Tinubu's legitimacy as President. Millions of highly educated Nigerians have not developed the emotional maturity which makes it possible to accept with serenity what cannot be changed. Tinubu is President and nobody else. And, to him, I will continue to address myself. Cardoso is also Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria. He will also be the focus of my attention. Nobody else.

That said; to me, the controversy over relocation of some units of the CBN to Lagos is vintage Nigerian stupidity. Neither those for nor against made a logical case from start to finish. It was a very emotional outburst all around — distracting us from the more vital issues regarding the CBN's vital roles in the Nigerian economy. Nobody has advanced a credible reason why the change would help to stabilise exchange rates and check inflation or hinder both.

Permit me therefore to remind Nigerians once again about forecasts that we have made in *Vanguard* about the Nigerian economy in the past and for 2024. For the sake of those impatient with reading long articles, let me quickly summarise first and explain later.

First, it should be clear to all those capable of quantitative analysis that N2,000/\$1 is already a reality before the end of the first quarter or early sec-

ond quarter. Nothing the CBN does can avert that disaster.

Second, even with only a month gone, the 2024 Budget is already in the dustbin. The major indices, except one, will be missed. Oddly enough, the aggregate revenue target might be achieved or even surpassed. But, that will be at the expense of higher inflation led by deeper devaluation of the naira.

Third, Nigerians, expecting fuel price relief when Dangote starts supplying the domestic market are in for a shock. Dangote will not buy crude with dollars and sell for naira — unless dollar recovery is assured. Forget Port Harcourt refinery. The FG is just throwing good money after bad into the cesspool.

Irrespective of who controls Geregu Disco and others, power failure and grid collapse will continue throughout 2024.

## Why N3,000/\$ is a possibility this year

"There are no desperate situations; only desperate men." — Joseph Goebbels, 1897-1945, Hitler's Chief of Propaganda.

A nation in serious political and economic distress can be easily identified by the rapid releases of new regulations, guidelines, and Executive Orders which leave all the stakeholders totally perplexed. Since the beginning of January this year, the CBN has issued more new instructions to banks and other stakeholders in the economy than I can remember since 1987 — when I first started writing on this page. The most pathetic thing about all these releases lies in the fact that they evoke different and sometimes contradictory responses from all the stakeholders.

But, it is not only the CBN which is living in a fantasy world

devoid of reality. Some, if not all, of Tinubu's Special Advisers have also caught what I once described as the Aso Rock Disease. I described it as an illness afflicting people who built a reputation before entering the Rock; only to murder their reputation after their tenure there. Two recent examples will help us along in this journey regarding what to expect on exchange rate.

The first, shortly after his appointment, went on television to announce that Tinubu's policies will soon bring down the exchange rate to N600/\$1. Soon, as media veterans already know, is no promise and frequently deliberately deceptive.

The second, one of our dearest — Editor, Publisher and a staunch Abacha fighter — sent a press release two weeks ago; when the Pump and Dump operators on the Nigerian Stock Exchange were busy duping gullible Nigerian NGX investors. He took credit for the bubble on behalf of the FG. I wonder how he and the FG now feel — when the entire thing is now turning out to be a swindle of the un-

*It should be clear to all those capable of quantitative analysis that N2000/\$1 is already a reality before the end of the first quarter or early second quarter*

wary by the powerful Nigerians; who organised the scam.

Today, it is N1,400/\$1. By contrast, on December 30, 2023, I specifically stated that all FG'S projections will turn out to be wrong as the year runs out. No forecast for the likely trend of exchange rate was made then. Let me make one now. Like all predictions based on the existing national and global situations, the outcome could be different. But, I can rightly claim credit as the only economist in the entire world who predicted that the exchange rate would hit N1,000/\$1 in 2023. The World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the CBN, Nigerian Economic Summit Group and Nigerian experts all failed us. They failed to warn Nigerians about the calamity we encountered in 2023. That was bad enough. They are failing us again.

Today is February 5, 2024, and the exchange rate is N1400/\$1. Meanwhile, the Budget was based on N750/\$1. The CBN has since then adjusted the official rate to N950/\$1 — all in less than a month. Yesterday, the Bureaux De Change closed shop — just as the CBN rolled out another guideline asking banks to push out their dollar reserves. That, to me, must be a joke, indicating that Mr Cardoso and the top management of the CBN are totally out of touch with reality at the ground level of banking. Here is why.

Mr X, almost 80, a real Nigerian, believe me, operating a Domiciliary account with a bank for years, urgently needed naira. He called the bank requesting \$1,000 to be re-

leased. "Not available". That was the bank's response. "How about \$500?" "Okay, you can come for that."

The poor fellow arrived at the bank only to be told that there was no dollar left. However, they will direct him to another branch which had \$300 in small notes.

Despite being physically challenged, he walked to the other branch to collect with gratitude and feeling humiliated, a small fraction of what he deposited with the bank — with ease. He has vowed never to deposit another dollar in a bank in Nigeria. He is not alone. Just as millions of Nigerians no longer deposit excess naira in banks, thousands will no longer pay dollars into their Domiciliary accounts. If Cardoso wants to know the truth, he will have to leave that mausoleum erected as CBN Headquarters and talk to Nigerians outside official circles. Right now, he is leading Nigeria into economic calamity. The other experts won't tell him the truth. But, he will receive it here; and here it is.

N2,000/\$1 is inescapable this year; N3,000/\$1 is a possibility. The reasons are not hard to discover. Permit me to mention just two for now.

## Crude oil exports and fuel supply

Two things should worry all of us. Dangote Refinery was not established solely to supply Nigerian fuel demand. He will not buy crude from the US in dollars and sell the fuel in naira — unless at the price dictated by the prevailing exchange rate. Yet, he will receive crude allocations from Nigeria; and reduce dollar revenue....

To be continued...

## Investments in special economic zones hit \$66bn — OGFZA boss

By Godwin Oritsea

**M**anaging Director of the Oil and Gas Free Zone Authority, OGFZA, Mr. Bamanga Usman Jada, has said that the zone has attracted \$66billion foreign investment into the economy since inception.

Speaking to Vanguard on the sideline of the World Customs day celebration, Jada also said that the president is keen in creating a productive economy adding that

was why he came up with the bold step in removing fuel subsidy.

Jada also disclosed that the President want to have subsidy in production noting that the incentive within the OGFZA is subsidy in production.

He stated: "The President wants to have subsidy on production and incentives we have within our zones are subsidies on production. We give our investors a lot of incentives and the President is committed to it."

"We are going to add a lot of jobs by virtue of the Foreign Direct Investments, FDIs we saw when the President a few months ago went around the world to market Nigeria. He is the Chief Marketing Officer of Nigeria. And knowing this, he is a business friendly President, people are now ready to commit their resources and investors are now ready to come to Nigeria to invest. "Within a very short period of time, I assure you of massive inflow of foreign direct investments into the country."

## NBCC seeks incentives to boost Nigeria's manufacturing sector

**T**he Nigerian British Chamber of Commerce (NBCC) has called for more incentives to enhance the manufacturing sector in Nigeria.

President, NBCC, Ray Atelly, who made the call at a news conference in Lagos, said that the move would help to further create jobs, lift people out of poverty and engender socio-economic growth.

Atelly said that a survey conducted by the chamber noted some critical issues experienced by businesses

and manufacturers in Nigeria.

He listed them to include insecurity, inflation, the foreign exchange (forex) rate, floating of the Naira, multiplicity of taxes, frequent changes in government policies, cost of governance, cyber security concerns, among others.

The NBCC president explained that low manufacturing incentives, frequent loss of skilled workers, inadequate protection for local industries, low patronage

capacity, and the absence of consumer credit also affected business and manufacturing competitiveness.

According to him, the country must provide better incentives that address key components of manufacturing such as adequate power supply and access to raw materials and machinery for production.

"It is very important to begin to provide protection for Nigerian products and produce, and address the influx of substandard items competing with made-in-Nigeria goods across the country.

## FirstBank clinches corporate bank award at Euromoney

**F**IRST Bank has been 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 invest-

ments 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 covering 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.

We must let them have preferential access to loans and finances that help them with procurement of vital components for manufacturing.

"Every challenge has a solution. We are more interested in the solutions than in the lamentation that is only time-consuming and finger-pointing but serves no viable purpose.

"Whatever the solution, we believe that the government must act with urgency like never before and we reiterate that the time to act is now," Atelly stated.





## Why we launched Diaspora Investor Direct Investment — Kimemia Optiva Capital boss

**M**s. Jane Kimemia is the Managing Director/CEO of Optiva Capital Partners Limited, a leading Investment Immigration Wealth Management Company. In an interactive session with select Business Editors, she spoke about the launch of the firm's wealth advisory services, its partnership with Polaris Bank, and the ground-breaking initiative which targets \$5B Diaspora investments through its new product tagged DIDI. Excerpts.

**Your firm launched its bouquet of wealth advisory services to close off last year. Kindly shed more light on it.**

On the 18th of December, 2023 we launched our investment services and advisory proposition, which is a culmination of efforts throughout last year, working with our partners to put together a suite of products, of services, of solutions, in investment services and advisory. Investment services is simply a vehicle, a bridge to global investment opportunities, solutions and services. So what we have under our investment services is a comprehensive range of products addressing the needs of our clients for investment purposes for preservation of their wealth across generations, and across different interests and risk profiles of clients, of what is their risk appetite, what is their expectations in terms of returns. We have a full range of products so whatever is their risk profile, what we have are opportunities and products for them to access the global market. On the advisory, clients' needs are different so we take into consideration what they want on returns and expectations, time horizon, their liquidity, so, it's really a comprehensive range of investment products to address the needs of our clients and return on investments for preservation of their wealth across generations, for access to the financial markets globally and being the bridge to that opportunity they would not have been able to access on their own.

With our asset management partners, they look at the global space. Take for instance the Nigeria Stock Exchange, there will be a number of securities listed there. Extrapolate that to the global space, the New York Stock Exchange, the London Stock Exchange, the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, the multiplicity of securities and investment options that are listed, how do I as a client navigate the complexity of this space? So when we work with our asset management partners, it is to bridge that gap, that complexity and distil that into investible opportunities for our clients to say this is what you need in terms of return on investment and these are the products we have for you.

**How does this new offering deepen Optiva's philosophy to protect wealth; grow wealth; enhance wealth; and optimize wealth?**

**ANSWER:**The protection agenda in our philosophy is simply to help our clients safeguard the value of their wealth across different seasons. If you look at the currency depreciation and devaluation for example, protect is to ensure that a significant proportion of the wealth is in the currency that will safeguard the value over time. The growth agenda will only happen if you are not putting all your wealth in a basket that is subject to the vagaries of depreciation. So once your wealth is protected we can then talk of allocating to different asset classes. So we have a range of opportunities across different asset classes. The enhancement agenda is about diversification, which is very important because no matter how strong the basket is, you should not put all your eggs into it. So it's about diversification across currencies, geographies, and across different asset classes, to take advantage of growth opportunities and if anything happens they are hedged against concentration risk.

**Does this innovative bouquet of wealth advisory services tie into your partnership with Polaris Bank, or is Polaris Bank a platform to extend your services?**

The objective of this mutually beneficial partnership is to tap into the over seven million customers of Polaris. What they are looking for is a differentiation, solutions that will empower them to provide solutions that their clients have need for. With this partnership we will be offering Polaris bank investment immigration options, full range of investment immigration solutions that Optiva capital Partners have because we are market leaders in investment immigration not only in Nigeria but across Africa. So beyond transactional banking and opening accounts in Polaris Bank, what more can you offer me that addresses my needs for investment, for immigration, for global access. So our partnership empowers them to provide customer-value proposition that is comprehensive, addressing the



● Jane Kimemia

needs of their customers across different segments. For us at Optiva Capital it is a platform for us to serve, distribute our products, to continue to offer solutions

**In this year what will be the compelling proposition of Optiva Capital and how you will be differentiated in this crowded and competitive financial services market.**

So, in effect, what else are we giving in addition to what we are currently doing? Our first goal is service, our second goal is service, our third goal is service. So service ultimately defines whatever direction that we choose to go because we have come to associate service as a winning edge, because the better the quality of your service delivery the greater your upsurge in terms of growth.

**We have been able to initiate and execute end to end service delivery for our clients and we are able to achieve that by taking ownership of every relationship**

to the country for sundry investments ranging from property development, farms, to cottage factories.

We have already created structures that will help Nigerians in the diaspora to manage businesses back home end to end, including setting of farms, and that for each project or investment that every diasporan wishes to make, Optiva Capital Partners shall help in the land acquisition, proper registration of titles, and eventual setting up of the business.

Optiva Capital offers an opportunity for safety of funds and investments, and as such the Diaspora Investor Direct Investment (DIDI) is intended to bring into the country about \$5 billion in investments.

**You spoke about transition from "profit to purpose." So, how do you lead at Optiva; what makes you up every morning. Moreso, as we count down to the International Women's Day in March, what are you doing to ensure more women of purpose emerging from the ranks of Optiva?**

A number of years back I read this book, it's called "Half Time" by Bob Buford. Earlier in my career I worked for two international banks across different capacities for a combined twenty years, and Half Time talks about moving from success to significance and I think a lot of professionals identify with that. That Half Time story happens to different people at different times, you know you have been successful in one space but you seek significance which is about impact, it's really about purpose, so sometimes people find that they are aligned to their purpose. So though I am still in the financial services industry, it's a larger platform to serve, to continue to be aligned, to continue to use my personality to make impact for service.

In terms of mentorship, Optiva Capital Partners actually mentors more women to be successful. At Optiva Capital Partners, over seventy percent of our workforce is women. So for us it is not just a one-off thing to celebrate the upcoming International Day for Women, because we are daily committed to empowering our workforce, seventy percent of whom are women, creating opportunities for them to serve, to get better, to grow a career. You know when you raise one woman you raise a generation, because one woman impacts at least five people. So you can then imagine the multiplier effect of that in a workforce of over 1000 people and seventy percent are women.

We also have community service programs and I would like to mention our initiative with the Lagos State government in maternal health. Basically it is to address maternal health care and reduce maternal mortality rate in Nigeria because different World Health organization reports state that Nigeria contributes up to ten percent of the global maternal death.

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Also, in line with our philosophy to protect, grow, enhance, and optimize wealth for discerning investors, we

have introduced a new product called Diaspora Investor Direct Investment (DIDI). The Diaspora Investor Direct Investment (DIDI) is our unique product to attract diaspora funds and investments into the country. The objective is to stand in the gap for Nigerians in the diaspora who seek to remit funds home for investment purposes because most of them are afraid of losing their funds to unscrupulous persons or agents, so we bridge that gap.

Nigeria diaspora funds is ranked amongst the top five globally, estimated at about \$100b per annum, and our target is to use the Optiva Capital structure, infrastructure, and wealth management skills to get 5% channelled into productive investments that will yield good returns at home for Nigerians in the diaspora.

On the modalities for implementation, first, we get Nigerians who seek to build homes to send their money so that we help them bridge the gap of trust and dishonest third parties. We help the diasporans to create an enabling environment that will ensure that they track the progress of their sundry investments. With DIDI we shall help investors manage the risks associated with repatriation of funds back



# FEDERAL CO-OPORATIVE COLLEGE ELEYELE, IBADAN, OYO STATE

## INVITATION FOR THE PRE-QUALIFICATION/EXPRESSION OF INTEREST UNDER THE CAPITAL PROJECT/CONSTITUENCY PROJECT FOR YEAR 2024 BUDGET INCLUDING ZONAL INTERVENTION PROJECTS

**1. INTRODUCTION**

In accordance with the requirement for due process for the award of the contract for projects, the Federal Cooperative College, Eleyele Ibadan wishes to invite competent and qualified contractors/suppliers, Service Provider to pre-qualify for the Technical/Financial Bid opening

**2. SCOPE OF SERVICE/WORKS/SUPPLIES**

**CATEGORY A: CONSULTANCY SERVICES UNDER CAPITAL**

Package No.	Consultancy Description
FCC/CAP/CS/2024/LOT A1	Project design, contract documentation and supervision for the proposed Capital projects

**CATEGORY B: WORKS (PREQUALIFICATION)**

LOT No.	TITLE OF PROJECTS
LOT W 1	CONSTRUCTION OF ACCESS ROAD AND BRIDGE TO LINK FCC IBADAN INTERLAND
LOT W 2	CONSTRUCTION OF ONE STOREY BUILDING WITH FOUR CLASSROOMS AND SIX OFFICES FOR MARKETING DEPARTMENT
LOT W 3	CONSTRUCTION OF ONE STOREY BUILDING WITH FOUR CLASSROOMS AND SIX OFFICES FOR BUSINESS ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT
LOT W 4	CHANNELIZATION AND FLOOD CONTROL OF FCC IBADAN STREAM
LOT W 5	CONSTRUCTION OF AN E-LEARNING CENTRE, PROVISION OF FURNITURE AND E-LEARNING FACILITIES IN IKORODU FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY (NITDA)
LOT W 6	CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF 2 NO ICT EDUCATIONAL LEARNING CENTRES IN OGUN CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT, OGUN STATE
LOT W 7	UPGRADE AND REACCREDITATION OF BHCPF PUBLIC PHCS TO COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY OBSTETRICS AND NEWBORN CARE STANDARD (CEMONC) IN SELECT PUBLIC PHCS IN ADO/OGBADIBO/OKPOKWU FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, BENU STATE.
LOT W 8	CONSTRUCTION OF A MINI STADIUM/REHABILITATION CENTRE AT OKPOGA IN OKPOGWU LGA OF ADO/OGBADIBO/OKPOKWU FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, BENU STATE.
LOT W 9	CONSTRUCTION OF BLOCK OF CLASSROOM IN SELECTED SCHOOLS IN ODO—OTIN/BORIFE/IFELODUN FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, OSUN STATE.
LOT W 10	RENOVATION OF SOME SELECTED SCHOOLS IN IDO-OSI, MOBA AND ILEJEMEJE FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY II, EKITI STATE.
LOT W 11	CONSTRUCTION OF SHOPS AT IYIN MARKET IN ADO/IREPODUN-IFELODUN FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY EKITI STATE.
LOT W 12	CONSTRUCTION OF NURTW HALL AT ADO/IREPODUN-IFELODUN FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, EKITI STATE.
LOT W 13	SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF ALL IN ONE SOLAR STREET LIGHT IN SELECTED AREAS OF AYEDIRE/IWO/OLAOLUWA FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, OSUN STATE.
LOT W 14	CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD AT PAPA-AJAO, OPP. FIRST BANK, MUSHIN 2 FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, MUSHIN LAGOS STATE.
LOT W 15	RENOVATION OF SCHOOLS IN SELECTED COMMUNITIES OF YEW NORTH/IMEKO/AFON FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, OGUN STATE
LOT W 16	CONSTRUCTION OF MODERN LABORATORY AT IRELE/OKITIPUPA FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY
LOT W 17	SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION OF WHEELCHAIRS AND MEDICATED GLASSES ACROSS FASKARI/KANKARA AND SABUWA FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, KASTINA STATE
LOT W 18	CONSTRUCTION OF SOLAR POWERED BOREHOLE WITH 50,000 LITRES OVERHEAD STEEL WATER TANK, TREATMENT AND RETICULATION IN FASAKI LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA, KASTINA STATE.
LOT W 19	GRADING OF SELECTED RURAL ROADS IN VARIOUS COMMUNITIES IN EKITI SOUTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT, EKITI STATE.
LOT W 20	PROVISION OF SOLAR POWERED STREET LIGHT ACROSS IBADAN SOUTH WEST/NORTH WEST FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY
LOT W 21	INSTALLATION OF SOLAR STREET LIGHTS ACROSS ISUIKWUJATO/UMUNNECHI, ABAKALIKI/IZZI, IGBO-ETIT/UZOUWANI, EHIME, MBANO/HITTEUBOMA/OBOWO, ONITSHA NORTH/ONITSHA SOUTH, IHIALA, EBONYI/OHAUKWU FEDERAL CONSTITUENCIES
LOT W 22	CONSTRUCTION OF 3 NO 4 CLASSROOM BLOCKS WITH FURNITURE IN FOUR SCHOOLS SELECTED ACROSS ONDO CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT
LOT W 23	CONSTRUCTION RURAL FARMING ROAD IGBO IFA IMEKO ROAD
LOT W 24	CONSTRUCTION OF RURAL FARMING NAZARETH ROAD, IMEKO
LOT W 25	CONSTRUCTION OF RURAL FARMING LAFENWA ALAGBE ROAD, ILARA
LOT W 26	CONSTRUCTION OF RURAL FARMING COMMUNITY ONA ODO ILARA ROAD
LOT W 27	CONSTRUCTION OF RURAL FARMING COMMUNITY AYEKOJA ROAD IDOFA
LOT W 28	CONSTRUCTION OF RURAL FARMING COMMUNITY SABO ROAD OWODE
LOT W 29	CONSTRUCTION OF RURAL FARMING OBALADI AFON ROAD
LOT W 30	CONSTRUCTION OF RURAL FARMING AMOORE ROAD OWODE
LOT W 31	CONSTRUCTION OF RURAL FARMING CUNITY BADDORE ROAD
LOT W 32	CONSTRUCTION OF RURAL FARMING COMMUNITY KANIYI ROAD
LOT W 33	CONSTRUCTION OF RURAL FARMING ROAD EWULUSI ROAD
LOT W 34	CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF SCIENCE LAB AT CHRIST APOSTOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL IPERU REMO, OGUN STATE
LOT W 35	GRADING OF SELECTED RURAL ROADS IN VARIOUS COMMUNITIES IN EKITI SOUTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT, EKITI STATE.
LOT W 36	CONSTRUCTION OF LIGHTENING FACILITY WITHIN SELECTED RURAL COOPERATORS COMMUNITIES
LOT W 37	RENEWABLE ENERGY INTERVENTION IN SELECTED COOPERATORS RURAL COMMUNITIES.
LOT W 38	CONSTRUCTION OF SOLAR POWERED STREETLIGHTS ACROSS SELECTED COMMUNITIES FOR SUSTAINABILITY.
LOT W 39	ENERGY POVERTY INTERVENTION IN SELECTED RURAL COOPERATORS' SETTLEMENTS.
LOT W 40	RENOVATION OF PALACES IN SELECTED COMMUNITIES OF EKITI SOUTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT OF EKITI STATE.
LOT W 41	SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF INTEGRATED SOLAR LIGHT ACROSS ONDO CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT, ONDO STATE.
LOT W 42	PROVISION AND INSTALLATION OF 3-IN-1 SOLAR STREET LIGHTS IN ONDO SOUTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT, ONDO STATE.
LOT W 43	PROVISION AND INSTALLATION OF SOLAR POWERED STREET LIGHT IN OYO CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT, OYO STATE.
LOT W 44	PROVISION AND INSTALLATION OF INTEGRATED SOLAR POWERED STREET LIGHT ACROSS ONDO CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT.
LOT W 45	CONSTRUCTION OF NTAK -IKOT INYANG UDO-IKOT UBO VILLAGE ROAD
LOT W 46	CONSTRUCTION OF NAZARETH NURSERY SCHOOL ROAD, UKANA IKOT ESSIEN TO ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, IKOT OFFONGETOR COMMUNITY
LOT W 47	CONSTRUCTION OF CONVENT ROAD THROUGH IKOT OKO, NTOKPO, NTOUBIAM RURAL ROAD
LOT W 48	CONSTRUCTION OF ODORO IKOT-IKOT IWARA COMMUNITY ROAD
LOT W 49	CONSTRUCTION OF URUA OBO OKOYO FARMING COMMUNITY ROAD
LOT W 50	CONSTRUCTION OF ANWA UYO UKANAFUN LOCAL ROAD
LOT W 51	CONSTRUCTION OF IDUNG NNEKO FISHING COMMUNITY ROAD
LOT W 52	CONSTRUCTION OF IKPE ONIONG ONO RURAL COMMUNITY ROAD
LOT W 53	CONSTRUCTION OF ADIASIM UTU IKOT UKPONG

LOT W 54	CONSTRUCTION OF IWUKEN UDOETE FARMING COMMUNITY ROAD
LOT W 55	CONSTRUCTION OF INYANG EKPO IKOT COMMUNITY ROAD
LOT W 56	CONSTRUCTION OF IKOT EFFIONG-IDUNG AKPAN UKO COMMUNITY ROAD
LOT W 57	CONSTRUCTION OF IKOT MBA-IDE RURAL ROAD
LOT W 58	CONSTRUCTION OF USUNG IDIM IBAGWA ROAD
LOT W 59	CONSTRUCTION OF EDIENE OBONG ROAD
LOT W 60	CONSTRUCTION OF PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRE IN ODORO IKOT COMMUNITY
LOT W 61	CONSTRUCTION OF PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRE TO SERVE THE RURAL COMMUNITY OF NKEK ANWA EKOM
LOT W 62	CONSTRUCTION OF PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRE IN NTO ODORO IKOT
LOT W 63	CONSTRUCTION OF PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRE IN ATAN ATUAI
LOT W 64	CONSTRUCTION OF ULTRA MODERN TOWN HALL AND OTHER FACILITIES IN UTU IKOT UKPONG RURAL COMMUNITY
LOT W 65	CONSTRUCTION OF ULTRA MODERN TOWN HALL AND OTHER FACILITIES IN UKANA IKOT AKPABIO COMMUNITY
LOT W 66	CONSTRUCTION OF ULTRA MODERN TOWN HALL AND OTHER FACILITIES IN IKPE MBIABONG COMMUNITY
LOT W 67	CONSTRUCTION OF ULTRA MODERN TOWN HALL AND OTHER FACILITIES IN IKOT ESSIEN VILLAGE, OKON COMMUNITY
LOT W 68	PROVISION OF SOLAR STREET LIGHTS TO RURAL FARMERS IN SELECTED COMMUNITIES OF NKEK ANWA EKOM, URUK ATA NSIDUNG, URUK OTONG
LOT W 69	PROVISION AND INSTALLATION OF INTEGRATED SOLAR STREET LIGHTS WITH SPECIFICATION 60 W (HIGH EFFICIENCY MONOCRYSTALLINE PANEL) LIFE P04 BATTERY 480WHH, LED MAX POWER 60W, GREATER TAN 3600LM FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES IN IKOT UKEH ETOR, IKOT AKPANTUEN, NTAK INYANG
LOT W 70	INSTALLATION OF SOLAR STREETLIGHTS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES IN IKOT EFFIONG, ACHAN IKA, ASANTING
LOT W 71	PROVISION OF SOLAR STREET LIGHTS TO RURAL FARMERS IN SELECTED COMMUNITIES OF IKOT ANDEM-IKOT AKPAN, AKANAAN, MBONUSO
LOT W 72	INSTALLATION OF SOLAR STREETLIGHTS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES IN MBIABET, IBIAKPAN, EKPARAKWA
LOT W 73	PROVISION OF ALL IN ONE SOLAR STREET LIGHTS WITH HIGH BREED LUMEN AND 60 WATTS LED LIGHTS IN IKOT AFANGA, ITU EDINO, IWERE AKWA IBOM NORTH WEST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
LOT W 74	CONSTRUCTION OF ICT CENTRE IN NYARAENYIN NTONG UNO AMANYAM AKWA IBOM NORTH WEST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
LOT W 75	CONSTRUCTION OF ICT CENTRE IN ETIM EKPO AKWA IBOM NORTH WEST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
LOT W 76	CONSTRUCTION OF ICT CENTRE IN SECONDARY SCHOOL NKEK AKWA IBOM NORTH WEST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
LOT W 77	CONSTRUCTION OF ICT CENTRE IN COMM.SECONDARY SCHOOL NTO OSONG IN AKWA IBOM
LOT W 78	PROVISION OF TRANSFORMERS AND INSTALLATION IN SELECTED RURAL AGRIC COMMUNITIES OF IKOT AKPAN AFAHA, ABAK IKOT, ESSIEN UDIM, NTO UDOETE, UQUOK
LOT W 79	PROVISION AND INSTALLATION TRANSFORMERS IN SELECTED RURAL COMMUNITIES OF ABIKPO, IMANA INEN NSAI IBEKWE, IKOT ABIA, MBIABET, IFUHO
LOT W 80	CONSTRUCTION OF SPORTS COMPLEX MOTORIZED BOREHOLE AND FLOOD LIGHTS FOR FARMING COMMUNITIES IN IPOTI EKITI.
LOT W 81	GRADING ASPHALTING AND REHABILITATION OF RURAL ACCESS ROAD AND CONSTRUCTION OF SIDE DRAINS AT AJELETE, ILOBI, IMEKO AND EBUTE
LOT W 82	CONSTRUCTION OF MATERNITY CENTRE, FENCING/PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND SOLAR POWERED BOREHOLE WITH OVERHEAD TANK IN ADO-ODO COMMUNITY
LOT W 83	CONSTRUCTION OF MATERNITY CENTRE, FENCING/PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND SOLAR POWERED BOREHOLE WITH OVERHEAD TANK IN ILARO COMMUNITY
LOT W 84	CONSTRUCTION OF MATERNITY CENTRE, FENCING/PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND SOLAR POWERED BOREHOLE WITH OVERHEAD TANK IN AIYETORO COMMUNITY
LOT W 85	CONSTRUCTION OF MATERNITY CENTRE, FENCING/PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND SOLAR POWERED BOREHOLE WITH OVERHEAD TANK IN IMEKO COMMUNITY
LOT W 86	CONSTRUCTION OF MATERNITY CENTRE, FENCING/PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND SOLAR POWERED BOREHOLE WITH OVERHEAD TANK IN IPOKIA COMMUNITIES
LOT W 87	PROCUREMENT OF 500KVA & INSTALLATION WITH OTHER FACILITIES/SUPPLY OF GENERATOR IN ILARO PAVILLION
LOT W 88	PROVISION OF TRANSFORMERS AND INSTALLATION FOR RURAL FARMING COMMUNITIES OF IGEDA, EKA MARUN AND IJERO EKITI
LOT W 89	INSTALLATION OF SOLAR STREETLIGHTS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES IN ALAGBAKA COMMUNITY OF AKURE, ONDO STATE.
LOT W 90	CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF SOLAR STREET LIGHT IN SELECTED LOCATIONS IN SOUTH WEST STATES
LOT W 91	CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF TRANSFORMER IN SELECTED LOCATIONS IN SOUTH WEST ZONE
LOT W 92	CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF BLOCKS OF CLASSROOM AND BOREHOLE IN SELECTED LOCATIONS IN EKITI CENTRAL
LOT W 93	CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF BLOCKS OF CLASSROOM AND BOREHOLE IN SELECTED LOCATIONS IN IYIN AND EKITI WEST
LOT W 94	CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF SOLAR-POWERED STREETLIGHTS IN SELECTED LGA OF EKITI STATE.
LOT W 95	CONSTRUCTION OF CLASSROOM WITH FURNITURE IN SELECTED SCHOOLS IN SELECTED LGA OF EKITI STATE.

**CATEGORY C: GOODS**

LOT No.	TITLE OF PROJECTS
LOT G 1	SUPPLY OF LAPTOPS FOR EMPLOYMENT OF YOUTHS AND WOMEN AND RECENT GRADUATES SELECTED ACROSS OGUN CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT, OGUN STATE (DATA PROTECT COUNCIL (DATA PROTECTION COUNCIL)
LOT G 2	SUPPLY OF FERTILIZER TO FARMERS IN SHIRORO/RAFI/MUNYA FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, NIGER STATE
LOT G 3	SUPPLY OF SEEDLINGS TO FARMERS IN SHIRORO/RAFI/MUNYA FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, NIGER STATE
LOT G 4	SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL TO SCHOOL IN ADO/IREPODUN-IFELODUN FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, EKITI STATE.
LOT G 5	DISTRIBUTION OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS TO STUDENTS IN ILA/BOLUWADURO/IFEDAYO FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, OSUN STATE.
LOT G 6	SUPPLY OF ARTISAN EQUIPPMENTS IN ADO-ODO/OTA FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY
LOT G 7	PROVISION OF SOLAR STREETLIGHTS IN AKURE NORTH/AKURE SOUTH FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, ONDO STATE.
LOT G 8	SUPPLY OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS TO STUDENTS IN KANO MUNICIPAL FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, KANO STATE
LOT G 9	SUPPLY OF MOTOCYCLES FOR YOUTH IN ONDO NORTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT, ONDO STATE.
LOT G 10	SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF TRANSFORMERS ACROSS ONDO CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT, ONDO STATE.



LOT G 11	INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN OKITIPUPA/IRELE FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY
LOT G 12	SUPPLY OF FARM INPUT IN OGUN WEST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
LOT G 13	SUPPLY OF AGRICULTURAL INPUT FOR COOPERATORS FARMERS' COMMUNITY IN SURULERE OGOOLUWA ZONE, OYO STATE.
LOT G 14	SUPPLY OF AGRICULTURAL INPUT FOR COOPERATORS FARMERS' COMMUNITY IN IBADAN/OYO ZONES.
LOT G 15	DISTRIBUTION OF LAPTOP FOR ENHANCEMENT OF GIRLS CHILD EDUCATION AT CHRIST APOSTOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL IPERU REMO, OGUN STATE
LOT G 16	PROVISION OF EMPOWERMENT MATERIALS TO YOUTH AND WOMEN IN KOSOFE, LEKKI, KOSOFE AND SOMOLU COMMUNITIES
LOT G 17	SUPPLY OF EMPOWERMENT MATERIALS FOR YOUTH AND WOMEN IN OYO CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT, OYO STATE.
LOT G 18	SUPPLY OF AGRICULTURAL INPUTS FOR SELECTED FARMERS' COMMUNITIES IN OYO CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT, OYO STATE.
LOT G 19	PROCUREMENT OF FAIRLY USED BUSES AND NEW EQUIPMENT FOR MEDICAL OUTREACH FOR RURAL COOPERATORS IN OYO CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT
LOT G 20	PROVISION OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES, DRUGS AND EQUIPMENT FOR HOSPITALS AND HEALTH CARE CENTRE IN URUA OKOYO ANWA
LOT G 21	EQUIPMENT FOR SPECIAL HOSPITAL IN NSEKHE, ANWA EKOM
LOT G 22	PROVISION OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES, DRUGS AND EQUIPMENT FOR HOSPITALS AND HEALTH CARE CENTRE IN IKOT ATA ENIN, IBAYA
LOT G 23	PROVISION OF FURNISHING AND EQUIPMENT FOR COMMUNITY CENTRE IN UKPONG ADIASIM
LOT G 24	PROVISION OF FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING SELECTED COMMUNITY CENTRE IN IKPE ANNAG
LOT G 25	PROVISION OF FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING SELECTED COMMUNITY CENTRES IN NTOUBIAM OKON
LOT G 26	PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHING OF ICT CENTRE IN COMM. SECONDARY SCHOOL NTO OSONG IN AKWA IBOM
LOT G 27	PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHING OF ICT CENTRE IN NYARAENYIN ETIM EKPO AKWA IBOM NORTH WEST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
LOT G 28	PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHING OF ICT CENTRE IN SECONDARY SCHOOL NKEK AKWA IBOM NORTH WEST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
LOT G 29	PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHING OF ICT CENTRE IN ETIM EKPO AKWA IBOM NORTH WEST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
LOT G 30	PROVISION OF MOTORCYCLES FOR STARTUP BUSINESS IN OSUN CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT, OSUN STATE.
LOT G 31	PURCHASE OF FARM IMPLEMENTS FOR FARMERS IN OSUN CENTRAL
LOT G 32	PROVISION OF EMPOWERMENT MATERIALS FOR ARTISANS AND FARMERS IN OGBADIBO LGA, BENUE SOUTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT
LOT G 33	PROVISION OF FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING SELECTED SCHOOLS IN AT APELE IJU-OTA AND IPOKIA
LOT G 34	PROVISION OF EMPOWERMENT MATERIALS IN OTA, OJA ODAN & ADO-ODO COMMUNITIES
LOT G 35	PROVISION OF WORKSPACE AND FINANCIAL GRANTS FOR MSME IN IDIROKO, AYETORO, ADO ODO
LOT G 36	PROVISION OF WORKSPACE AND FINANCIAL GRANTS FOR MSME IN OKEODAN, ILASHE, SANGO OTA COMMUNITIES
LOT G 37	FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING BLOCKS OF CLASSROOM IN EKITI CENTRAL
LOT G 38	FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING BLOCKS OF CLASSROOM IN EKITI CENTRAL
LOT G 39	PROVISION OF LEARNING MATERIALS (SCHOOLS BAGS, EXERCISE BOOKS, WRITING ITEMS) WARD F1-F3; G-G3; E-E1, LAGOS
LOT G 40	PROVISION OF GRANT FOR TRADERS, PENSIONERS, SENIOR CITIZENS FOR SME DEVELOPMENT IN WARD F1-F3; G-G3; E-E1, LAGOS
LOT G 41	PROVISION OF GRANT FOR TRADERS, PENSIONERS, SENIOR CITIZENS FOR IJESHATEDO, ITIRE, ORILE, COKER, IKATE, AGUDA COMMUNITIES
LOT G 42	PROVISION OF TRICYCLES AS TRANSPORTATION EMPOWERMENT WARD F1-F3; G-G3; E-E1, LAGOS
LOT G 43	PROVISION OF FURNITURES FOR SCHOOLS IN WARD F1-F3; G-G3; E-E1, LAGOS

**CATEGORY D: CONSULTANCY SERVICES (TRAINING)**

LOT No.	TITLE OF PROJECTS
Lot S 1	CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT IN COOPERATIVES VALUE CHAIN
Lot S 2	DIGITAL LITERACY AND DATA PROTECTION TRAINING CAMPAIGN FOR YOUTH IN IBADAN NORTHWEST/ IBADAN SOUTHWEST FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, IBADAN IN LOT A & B
Lot S 3	TRAINING AND EMPOWERMENT OF YOUTHS AND WOMEN ON DATA PROTECTION IN SELECTED LGA OF EKITI STATE, NIGERIA IN LOT A & B
Lot S 4	TRAINING OF SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS ON DATA MANAGEMENT IN SOME LGA OF EKITI STATE IN LOT A & B
Lot S 5	TRAINING AND EMPOWERMENT OF YOUTHS AND WOMEN ON DATA PROTECTION IN UGHELLI NORTUGHELLI SOUTH/UDU FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY OF DELTA STATE, IN LOT A & B
Lot S 6	CAPACITY BUILDING ON DATA PROTECTION FOR YOUTHS ACROSS OGUN CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT, OGUN STATE (DATA PROTECTION COUNCIL)
Lot S 7	TRAINING ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO ENHANCE COMPETITIVE EMPLOYABILITY AND PROVISION OF LAPTOPS FOR UNEMPLOYED GRADUATES IN IKEJA FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY IN LOT A & B
Lot S 8	CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, INTERNET OF THINGS AND MACHINE LEARNING FOR RECENT ICT GRADUATES OGUN CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT IN LOT A & B
Lot S 9	TRAINING AND EMPOWERMENT OF YOUTHS AND WOMEN WITH DEEP FREEZERS, 150 UNITS OF SEWING MACHINES, 150 UNITS OF INDUSTRIAL SEWING MACHINES, 250 UNITS OF GENERATOR SETS IN UGHELLI NORTUGHELLI SOUTH/UDU FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY OF DELTA STATE, IN LOT A & B
Lot S 10	PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF CASSAVA VALUE CHAIN IN IKEJA, OGBA AND IPODO COMMUNITIES
Lot S 11	STRATEGIC EMPOWERMENT OF YOUTHS AND WOMEN IN ADO/REPODUN-IFELODUN FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY EKITI STATE
Lot S 12	GRANTS FOR UNEMPLOYED YOUTHS AND WOMEN IN KANO MUNICIPAL FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, KANO STATE.
Lot S 13	PROVISION OF GRANTS AND EMPOWERMENT FOR WOMEN AND YOUTHS IN ILAJU IDO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA OF OYO STATE
Lot S 14	TRAINING OF WOMEN AND YOUTHS IN BEAD MAKING IN OKITIPUPA/IRELE FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY
Lot S 15	TRAINING AND EMPOWERMENT OF YOUTH IN ICT SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE IN YEWA NORTH/IMEKO AFON FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY
Lot S 16	TRAINING AND SUPPLY OF EMPOWERMENT MATERIALS TO UNEMPLOYED YOUTH IN IFELODUN LGA, OSUN STATE
Lot S 17	VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR WOMEN IN ONA ODO ILARA, OLORUNSOGO ILARO, OKE PADRE IN LOT 1,2,3,4,5
Lot S 18	TRAINING AND EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND YOUTHS IN VARIOUS VOCATIONAL SKILLS IN LAFENWA ALAGBE, OKE OLA, OJUJIROKO IN LOT 1,2,3
Lot S 19	TRAINING AND CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT IN NEW AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGIES AND PROVISION OF SUSTAINABLE AGRIBUSINESS IMEKO, ILARA, AGBEDE, OJA ODAN, IMASHAI COMMUNITIES IN LOT 1 & 2
Lot S 20	VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR WOMEN IN SOME SELECTED AREAS IN SOUTH WEST IN LOT 1 & 2
Lot S 21	TRAINING AND EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND YOUTHS IN VOCATIONAL SKILLS IN SOME SELECTED LOCATIONS IN SOUTH WEST IN LOT 1 & 2
Lot S 22	FINANCIAL GRANTS TO FARMERS AND MARKET WOMEN IN SELECTED COMMUNITIES IN THE SIX GEO-POLITICAL ZONE IN LOT 1 & 2
Lot S 23	GROWTH SUPPORT FOR BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION & NGOs IN VARIOUS SELECTED LOCATIONS IN SOUTH WEST IN LOT 1 & 2
Lot S 24	TRAINING AND EMPOWERMENT OF DISABLED YOUTHS AND WOMEN IN OGUN STATE IN LOT 1 & 2
Lot S 25	ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING AND VOCATIONAL SKILL FOR WOMEN AND YOUTHS IN IJOFIN AND AJEGUNLE IN LOT 1 & 2
Lot S 26	MINDSHIFT FOR YOUTH AND WOMEN IN SELECTED LOCATIONS ACROSS THE GEOPOLITICAL ZONES IN LOT 1 & 2
Lot S 27	TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING OF 100 ARTISANS IN SOME SELECTED COMMUNITIES IN SOUTH WEST IN LOT 1 & 2
Lot S 28	ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUTH AND WOMEN IN SELECTED LOCATIONS OF OGUN STATE, IN LOT 1,2,3
Lot S 29	VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR YOUTH AND WOMEN IN SELECTED LOCATIONS IN IKOLAJE COMMUNITY IN LOT 1,2,3
Lot S 30	ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING AND EMPOWERMENT FOR MARKET WOMEN IN IKORODU, SOMOLU AND IBEJU LEKKI COMMUNITIES, LAGOS EAST IN LOT 1 & 2
Lot S 31	ENTREPRENEURSHIP SKILLS DEVELOPMENT IN FISH VALUE CHAIN CAPACITY BUILDING FOR UNEMPLOYED YOUTHS AND WOMEN IN AJABANDELE, ARAROMI AND SOMOLU COMMUNITIES
Lot S 32	ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING AND EMPOWERMENT FOR MARKET WOMEN IN EPE AND KOSOFE IN LAGOS EAST IN LOT 1 & 2

Lot S 33	TRAINING AND EMPOWERMENT OF YOUTHS AND WOMEN IN BEAD MAKING, PAINT MAKING AND COSMETOLOGY IN OGUN EAST SENATORIAL DISTRICT, OGUN STATE
Lot S 34	VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR YOUTH IN EFON ALAYE, ARAMOKO AND IGEDE, EKITI CENTRAL IN LOT 1, 2, 3
Lot S 35	ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING FOR COOPERATORS IN IYIN, ADO EKITI AND EKA META, EKITI CENTRAL IN LOT 1, 2, 3
Lot S 36	PROVISION OF FREE MEDICAL OUTREACH IN SELECTED LOCATIONS OF EGGUA, IWOYE AND OWODE COMMUNITIES IN LOT 1 & 2
Lot S 37	PROVISION OF FREE MEDICAL OUTREACH IN SELECTED LOCATIONS OF IPOKIA, IGBESA, AND IFOYINTENDO COMMUNITIES IN LOT 1, 2, 3
Lot S 38	PROVISION OF FREE MEDICAL OUTREACH IN SELECTED LOCATIONS OF SOUTH WEST STATES
Lot S 39	CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME FOR TRADITIONAL RULERS AND OTHER LOCAL CHIEFS IN ILARO AND ADO ODO COMMUNITIES IN LOT 1,2,3,4
Lot S 40	SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND EMPOWERMENT FOR YOUTH AND WOMEN IN IGBOGILA, IWOYE AND ADO ODO IN LOT 1,2,3
Lot S 41	SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND EMPOWERMENT FOR YOUTH AND WOMEN IN IGBOGILA, IWOYE AND ADO ODO IN LOT 1,2,3
Lot S 42	FISHERY CLUSTER ZONE AND DEMONSTRATION FARM IN AJILETE, TUBE AND IDOFI COMMUNITIES
Lot S 43	PROVISION OF FREE MEDICAL OUTREACH IN SELECTED LOCATIONS OF EKITI CENTRAL
Lot S 44	PROVISION OF FREE MEDICAL OUTREACH IN SELECTED LOCATIONS OF ADO EKITI AND EFON ALAYE
Lot S 45	TRAINING AND EMPOWERMENT OF YOUTH AND WOMEN IN SELECTED HANDCRAFTS IN SELECTED LGA OF EKITI STATE IN LOT 1,2,3
Lot S 46	SECURITY SUMMIT AND SENSITIZATION OF THE OBAS ON THE NEED FOR PEACE AND SECURITY IN THEIR DOMAIN FROM SELECTED COMMUNITIES IN EKITI LGA, EKITI STATE.
Lot S 47	EMPOWERMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING FOR YOUTHS AND WOMEN IN ILABOLU WADURO/IFEDAYO FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, OSUN STATE IN LOT 1 & 2
Lot S 48	MEDICAL OUTREACH IN 13 WARDS IN KANO MUNICIPAL

**ZONAL INTERVENTION PROJECTS**

**CATEGORY E: GOODS (PREQUALIFICATION)**

LOT No.	TITLE OF PROJECTS
LOT ZIP G 1	SUPPLY OF SOLAR POWERED STREET LIGHTS IN UGHELI NORTH LGA, DELTA STATE
LOT ZIP G 2	PROVISION OF SOLAR POWERED STREET LIGHTS IN UGHELI SOUTH LGA DELTA STATE
LOT ZIP G 3	PROVISION OF SOLAR POWERED STREET LIGHTS IN UDU LGA DELTA STATE
LOT ZIP G 4	SUPPLY OF AGRICULTURE INPUTS FOR FARMERS IN EKITI SOUTH FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY
LOT ZIP G 5	SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF TRANSFORMERS IN ADO/IREPODUN/IFELODUN FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY
LOT ZIP G 6	SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF SOLAR STREET LIGHTS IN ADO/IREPODUN/IFELODUN FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY
LOT ZIP G 7	SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF ALL-IN-ONE SOLAR STREET LIGHT IN SELECTED AREA IN AYEDIRE/IWO/OLAOLUWA FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY
LOT ZIP G 8	SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND EXTENSION OF ELECTRICAL MATERIALS IN IKOROMOJA, ATAKUNMOSA EAST FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY
LOT ZIP G 9	PROVISION AND INSTALLATION OF SOLAR STREET LIGHT IN KATOGE, JIGAWA, MARKE, KASANKI AND MAJIGIRI IN MASHI LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MASHI/DUTSI FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, KASTINA
LOT ZIP G 10	SUPPLY OF EMPOWERMENT ITEMS TO YOUTH AND WOMEN IN KAURANAMODA/BIRNIN - MAGAJI FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY ZAMFARA
LOT ZIP G 11	SUPPLY OF EDUCATIONAL TO STUDENTS IN SELECTED SCHOOLS IN EKITI CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT EKITI STATE
LOT ZIP G 12	PROVISION OF AGRIC AND FARM INPUTS FOR COOPERATIVES IN ADO, EFON, AND EKITI WEST LGAs OF EKITI CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT
LOT ZIP G 13	PROVISION OF SOLAR POWERED STREET LIGHTS IN SELECTED AREAS IN OYO SOUTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT, OYO STATE
LOT ZIP G 14	SUPPLY OF AGRICULTURE INPUTS FOR COOPERATORS FARMERS COMMUNITIES IN SURULERE-OGOLUWA ZONE, OYO CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT, OYO STATE.
LOT ZIP G 15	SUPPLY OF AGRICULTURE INPUTS FOR COOPERATORS FARMERS COMMUNITIES IN OYO ZONE, OYO CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT, OYO STATE.
LOT ZIP G 16	SUPPLY OF AGRICULTURE INPUTS FOR COOPERATORS FARMERS COMMUNITIES IN IBADAN ZONE, OYO CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT, OYO STATE.
LOT ZIP G 17	PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY OF EMPOWERMENT MATERIALS TO YOUTH AND WOMEN IN MORIWI, ILOBIHUNMO
LOT ZIP G 18	SUPPLY OF RICE PROCESSING MACHINES AND CASSAVA PROCESSING MACHINES TO ASSIST FARMERS AND COOPERATIVES SOCIETIES IN AJILETE, IDOFI, AGBARA
LOT ZIP G 19	SUPPLY OF WELDING MACHINES AND VULCANIZING MACHINES FOR ARTISANS IN ILASHE IBOORO ASEKO COMMUNITIES
LOT ZIP G 20	SUPPLY OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS TO SELECTED SCHOOLS IN ITELE, IJOFIN, IMASEYI, IMASEYI
LOT ZIP G 21	SUPPLY OF POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT STATER PACK IN IUUYE, EGBE, ERINJA COMMUNITIES
LOT ZIP G 22	SUPPLY OF BEDS AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT IN SELECTED PHCS IN OWODE, OHUNBE.
LOT ZIP G 23	PROVISION OF FARM IMPLEMENTS AND OTHER INPUTS FOR FARM CLUSTERS AND SETTLEMENTS IN TUBE AGBEDE AGOSASA

**CATEGORY F: CONSULTANCY SERVICE**

LOT No.	TITLE OF PROJECTS
LOT ZIP S 1	SKILL ACQUISITION ON TRAINING AGRIBUSINESS FOR YOUTHS & WOMEN IN IDO OSI, MOBA & ILEJEMJE FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY
LOT ZIP S 2	STRATEGIC EMPOWERMENT FOR ARTISANS IN IJERO/EFON/EKITI WEST FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY
LOT ZIP S 3	CAPACITY BUILDING IN AGRIBUSINESS FOR YOUTHS AND WOMEN IN ATAKUMOSA EAST/ATAKUMOSA WEST/ILESA EAST/ILESA WEST FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY
LOT ZIP S 4	SKILL ACQUISITION FOR YOUTHS AND WOMEN IN ODOTIN/IFELODUN/BORIOPE FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY
LOT ZIP S 5	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND CYBER SECURITY TRAINING AND STARTUP FOR YOUTHS IN IBADAN NORTHWEST/ IBADAN SOUTHWEST FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY
LOT ZIP S 6	CAPACITY BUILDING AND EMPOWERMENT OF YOUTHS IN AGRIBUSINESS IN YEWA NORTH/IMEKO/IMEKO AFON FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY OGUN STATE
LOT ZIP S 7	SKILL ACQUISITION AND GRANTS FOR WOMEN IN YEWA NORTH/IMEKO AFON FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY OGUN STATE
LOT ZIP S 8	VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND EMPOWERMENT OF UNEMPLOYED YOUTHS IN KANO MUNICIPAL FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, KANO
LOT ZIP S 9	VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND EMPOWERMENT OF YOUTHS AND WOMAN IN ASIPO EPE, BOLORUNPELU AND IKORODU COMMUNITIES
LOT ZIP S 10	TRAINING OF YOUTH AND WOMEN IN VARIOUS SKILL SET FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS IN IKORODU, EPE, AND SOMOLU LAGOS EAST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
LOT ZIP S 11	TRAINING OF YOUTH AND WOMEN ON AGRO ECONOMIC TOOLS IN OYO SOUTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT OYO STATE.
LOT ZIP S 12	CAPACITY BUILDING AND SKILL ACQUISITION ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION IN OYO SOUTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT OYO STATE
LOT ZIP S 13	FISHERY CLUSTER ZONE AND DEMONSTRATION FARM IN SELECTED LOCATION OF ABIAKPO, ABAK IKOT & IKPE ANNANG AREAS
LOT ZIP S 14	COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAMMES TO INDIGENT WOMEN AND YOUTH IN SELECTED RURAL COMMUNITIES OF ACHAN IKA, IKOT IKPA AND IBAKESI LGAs
LOT ZIP S 15	COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAMMES TO RURAL FARMERS AND MARKET WOMEN IN SELECTED COMMUNITIES IN ABIAKPO IKOT ESSIEN IWERE & AKOYO AREAS
LOT ZIP S 16	EMPOWERMENT TRAINING PROGRAMME IN FISHING PRODUCTION AND FEED IN IKOT OKORO, IKOT ABIA & IKOT AFANGA COMMUNITIES
LOT ZIP S 17	MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTHS AND GRADUATES IN FISH VALUE CHAIN CAPACITY BUILDING IN ABAK USUNG ATAI, IBAM & IKOT INWANG COMMUNITIES



LOT ZIP S18	ARTISAN TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT IN DEMASSAL FISHERIES CAPTURE, CHART PLOTTING FOR UNEMPLOYED YOUTHS IN URUK ATA NSIDUNG, MBIAFUN & IFUHO COMMUNITIES
LOT ZIP S19	TRAINING ON SMOKING KILN DESIGN FABRICATION AND REPAIRS FOR UNEMPLOYED YOUTHS FOR POST HARVEST MANAGEMENT IN SELECTED AREAS IN NKANA, IKOT ETIM & OBIO AKPA COMMUNITIES
LOT ZIP S20	TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME IN RICE-CUM FISH FARMING FOR SELECTED YOUTHS IN NTO ESU, IKOT EKEFRE & IKOT EKONG COMMUNITIES
LOT ZIP S21	VOCATIONAL SKILL AND EMPOWERMENT FOR RURAL WOMEN AND YOUTHS IN SELECTED LOCATION OF ABAK OKO, IKPE & IKOT AKAI
LOT ZIP S22	TRAINING/SKILL ACQUISITION OF WOMEN/YOUTH AND EMPOWERMENT IN FISHERY WITHIN INEN NSAI, USAKA & OKON AREAS
LOT ZIP S23	PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF MAIZE VALUE IN EDEM AKAI, IKOT OBIO NTA & IBIAKU
LOT ZIP S24	PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF CASSAVA VALUE CHAIN IN SELECTED COMMUNITY OF AKANAAN NKANA & NKEK
LOT ZIP S25	YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING AND PROVISION OF START-UP GRANTS FOR RURAL FARMERS IN SELECTED LOCATION OF IKOT AFANGA ITU EDINO & AKOYO AREAS
LOT ZIP S26	YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING AND PROVISION OF START-UP GRANTS FOR FARMERS IN SELECTED LGAs OF IMANA, UQUOK & ETE EDET
LOT ZIP S27	YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING AND PROVISION OF START-UP GRANTS FOR AGRIBUSINESS OWNERS IN SELECTED LGAs OF NTO UDOETE, IKOT UKEH ETOR & ABAK ITENGE AREAS
LOT ZIP S28	EMPOWERMENT TRAINING IN BRACKISH AND MARINE FISH FARMING FOR YOUTHS AND WOMEN IN COASTAL COMMUNITIES OF AKWA IBOM NORTH WEST SENATORIAL DISTRICT

**3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Interested contractors /suppliers are invited to submit the following documents:

- Evidence of Certificate of Incorporation issued by the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) including Form CAC<sub>1</sub> or CAC<sub>2</sub> and CAC<sub>7</sub>. Business Name with Form BN1 is also acceptable for Consultancy Services;
- Evidence of Company's Income Tax Clearance Certificate (or Personal Income Tax Clearance Certificate of all the Partners in case of Business Name) for the last three (3) years valid till 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2023, with minimum average annual turnover of ₦200 million for Works, ₦100 million for Goods and ₦50 million for Services;
- Evidence of Pension Clearance Certificate valid till 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2023 (this requirement is only applicable to bidders whose number of staff is 15 and above);
- Evidence of Industrial Training Fund (ITF) Compliance Certificate valid till 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2023 (this requirement is only applicable to bidders whose number of staff is 5 and above or the bidder's annual turnover is ₦50m and above);
- Evidence of Nigeria Social Inclusion Trust Fund (NSITF) Clearance Certificate valid till 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2023;
- Evidence of Registration on the National Database of Federal Contractors, Consultants and Service Providers by submission of Interim Registration Report (IRR) expiring on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2023 or valid Certificate issued by BPP.
- Sworn Affidavit:
  - disclosing whether or not any officer of the relevant committees of the Federal Co-operative College, Eleyele, Ibadan or the Bureau of Public Procurement is a former or present Director, shareholder or has any pecuniary interest in the bidder and to confirm that all information presented in its bid are true and correct in all particulars;
  - that no Director has been convicted in any Country for any criminal offence relating to fraud or financial impropriety or criminal misrepresentation or falsification of facts relating to any matter;
  - that the Company is not in receivership, the subject of any form of insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings or the subject of any form of winding up petition or proceedings;
  - That the company does not have existing loan or financial liability with a bank, other financial institution or third party that is classified as doubtful, non-performance, bad or whose repayment portion has been outstanding for the last four (4) months;
- Company's Audited Accounts for the last three (3) years - 2020, 2021 & 2022;
- Reference Letter from a reputable Commercial Bank in Nigeria, indicating willingness to provide credit facility for the execution of the project when needed;
- Company's Profile with the Curriculum Vitae of Key Staff to be deployed for the project, including copies of their Academic/Professional qualifications such as COREN(1),

ARCON(1), CORBON(1), QSRBN(1), COREN Mechanical(1), COREN Electrical(1) SURCON(1) etc.;

- Verifiable documentary evidence of at least three (3) similar jobs executed in the last five (5) years including Letters of Awards, Valuation Certificates, Job Completion Certificates and Photographs of the projects revealing the Commissioning of the projects;
  - Works: List of relevant Plants/Equipment intended for use on the project indicating their locations. State whether leased, hired or owned. (Attached proof of Ownership for owned equipment and their present condition).
  - Supply and Installation of Equipment: Letter of Authorisation as Representatives of the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs)
  - Services: Evidence of Firm's current registration/accreditation issued by the relevant regulatory professional body(ies) such as Construction Services/COREN, QSRBN, ARCON, CORBON, etc., Training/CMD;
  - Only Companies included in the National Automotive Design and Development council's approved list of local manufacturers of Vehicles or their authorised representatives should bid for the vehicles
  - For Joint Venture/Partnership, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) should be provided indicating among others the Lead Partner (CAC, Tax Clearance Certificate, Pension Clearance Certificate, ITF Compliance Certificate, NSITF Clearance Certificate, IRR & Sworn Affidavit are compulsory for each JV partner);
- Note: 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 Number (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 authorised officer of the firm.
- Note: All pages of document submitted must be serially arranged and authenticated by the company's CEO or his/her representative, failure will lead to disqualification.**

**4. SUBMISSION OF EOI AND PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS**

Interested firms are to submit three (3) bound of Expression of Interest (EOI) and Pre-qualification documents in Hard copy and one soft copy as applicable, separated by dividers and arranged as indicated above. The documents should be submitted in a sealed envelope and addressed as indicated above, and clearly marked with (the name of the project and Lot number). Furthermore, the reverse of each sealed envelope should bear the name and address of the bidder and drop it in the designated Tender Box at the office of **The Provost** office not later than **12:00 noon Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2024**.

**5. OPENING OF EOI AND PRE-QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS**

The EOI and Pre-qualification documents will be opened immediately after the deadline for submission at **12:00 noon Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2024**, at **The Conference Room, Provost Office**.

**6. GENERAL INFORMATION**

- The Bidders are expected to adhere strictly to ALL instruction as non-compliance will constitute a ground for disqualification.
- EOIs/Bids must be in English language and signed by an official authorised by the bidders.
- The EOIs/bids will be opened in the presence of CSOs and professional bodies and covered by video recording; invitation link will be sent to bidders who choose to join the opening online.
- Invitation for Pre-qualification: Only pre-qualified bidders at technical evaluation will be invited at a later date for collection of tender documents;
- Expression of Interest (Services): Only shortlisted Consultants will be invited at a later date for collection of Request for Proposals;
- Tendering with false document is an offence, which will lead to disqualification and prosecution.
- All cost will be borne by the bidder.
- The Federal Cooperative College, Eleyele Ibadan is not bound to pre-qualify/shortlist any bidder and reserves the right to annul the procurement process at any time without incurring any liabilities in accordance with Section 28 of the Public Procurement Act, 2007.

Signed  
**THE PROVOST**  
 FEDERAL COOPERATIVE COLLEGE,  
 ELEYELE IBADAN

**VERITAS KAPITAL ASSURANCE PLC**



**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Statement of Financial Position							Statement of Profit or Loss and Other				
As at 31 December, 2023							Comprehensive income for the year ended December 31, 2023				
	31-Dec-2023	31-Dec-2022	1-Jan-2022	31-Dec-2023	31-Dec-2022	1-Jan-2022	12/31/2023	12/31/2022	12/31/2023	12/31/2022	
	Group	Group	Group	Company	Company	Company	Group	Group	Company	Company	
	N'000	N'000	N'000	N'000	N'000	N'000	N'000	N'000	N'000	N'000	
<b>ASSETS</b>		<i>Restated</i>	<i>Restated</i>		<i>Restated</i>	<i>Restated</i>		<i>Restated</i>		<i>Restated</i>	
Cash and cash equivalents	6,465,317	4,408,793	5,891,133	4,601,255	2,337,933	3,834,178	6,614,566	5,236,351	6,349,609	4,935,762	
Financial assets	7,717,963	5,352,798	3,158,089	3,397,940	1,641,740	1,479,839	(5,177,458)	(4,159,091)	(5,012,841)	(3,979,025)	
Trade receivable	1,029,779	738,346	119,564	1,029,779	738,347	119,564	(1,343,342)	(1,577,482)	(1,343,342)	(1,577,482)	
Reinsurance assets	1,759,282	899,984	1,115,859	1,695,061	899,984	1,164,760	93,766	(500,221)	(6,574)	(620,744)	
Deferred acquisition cost	-	-	286,636	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other receivables and prepayments	709,075	535,433	422,448	320,058	197,155	220,975	1,303,491	560,336	661,423	56,676	
Investment in subsidiaries	-	-	-	4,026,300	4,026,300	3,624,860	45,524	(663)	45,524	(663)	
Investment in Associates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Investment properties	-	45,000	45,000	-	45,000	45,000	-	-	-	-	
Property, plant and equipment	4,204,897	4,556,848	4,729,375	3,161,497	3,495,488	3,377,451	2,589,991	-	2,589,991	-	
Goodwill	316,884	316,884	316,884	-	-	-	610	398	-	-	
Intangible assets - Software	400,591	68,114	102,297	379,365	48,161	69,901	-	-	-	-	
Statutory deposits	355,000	355,000	355,000	355,000	355,000	355,000	-	-	-	-	
Deferred tax asset	29,878	60,854	22,293	21,745	21,746	21,745	-	-	-	-	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>22,988,666</b>	<b>17,338,056</b>	<b>16,564,580</b>	<b>18,988,001</b>	<b>13,806,853</b>	<b>14,313,273</b>	<b>3,939,616</b>	<b>560,071</b>	<b>3,296,938</b>	<b>56,013</b>	
<b>Liabilities:</b>											
Insurance contract liabilities	5,227,352	3,198,495	4,152,250	5,218,887	3,198,495	3,910,833	(12,883)	(15,742)	(12,883)	(15,742)	
Trade payables	2,100,405	548,733	488,190	2,100,404	548,733	488,190	63,486	115,556	63,486	115,556	
Employees retirement benefit obligations	22,187	22,187	17,024	-	-	-	50,603	99,813	50,603	99,813	
Provision and other payables	755,555	866,796	996,710	572,472	488,845	572,864	3,990,219	659,884	3,347,541	155,826	
Income tax liabilities	82,769	109,064	86,652	33,230	34,806	23,542	1,853,340	1,548,958	-	-	
Deferred Tax Liabilities	58,435	27,459	20,741	-	-	0	(3,850,761)	(1,619,068)	(1,980,798)	-	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>8,246,702</b>	<b>4,772,734</b>	<b>5,761,568</b>	<b>7,924,993</b>	<b>4,270,879</b>	<b>4,995,428</b>	<b>153,558</b>	<b>644,334</b>	<b>96,745</b>	<b>576,060</b>	
<b>EQUITY &amp; LIABILITIES</b>											
<i>Share capital &amp; reserves:</i>											
Issued and paid up share capital	6,933,333	6,933,333	6,933,333	6,933,333	6,933,333	6,933,333	-	-	-	-	
Share premium	663,600	663,600	663,600	663,600	663,600	663,600	-	-	-	-	
Statutory Contingency reserves	1,717,948	1,434,593	1,303,505	1,717,947	1,434,592	1,303,505	-	-	-	-	
Retained earnings	802,410	(872,254)	(1,236,052)	(538,076)	(1,781,754)	(1,734,182)	-	-	-	-	
Other Component of Equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Asset revaluation reserve	2,572,254	2,572,254	2,509,957	2,333,468	2,333,468	2,208,012	-	-	-	-	
Fair value reserve	(63,586)	(53,586)	(60,112)	(47,265)	(47,265)	(56,423)	-	125,456	-	125,456.00	
Non Controlling interest(NCI)	2,106,005	1,887,381	688,780	-	-	-	9,158	-	-	9,158.46	
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>14,741,964</b>	<b>12,565,321</b>	<b>10,803,012</b>	<b>11,063,008</b>	<b>9,535,974</b>	<b>9,317,845</b>	<b>2,240,122</b>	<b>733,887</b>	<b>1,456,914</b>	<b>111,142</b>	
<b>Total Equity &amp; Liabilities</b>	<b>22,988,666</b>	<b>17,338,055</b>	<b>16,564,580</b>	<b>18,988,001</b>	<b>13,806,853</b>	<b>14,313,273</b>	<b>(63,484)</b>	<b>(171,173)</b>	<b>(40,141)</b>	<b>(27,627)</b>	
These financial statements were approved by the Board on 29th January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:							<b>Profit for the period</b>				
							<b>2,176,638</b>				
							<b>562,714</b>				
Mojeed Somorin Chief Financial Officer FRC/2017/ICAN/0000016849							<b>1,416,773</b>				
Dr. Adabo Nwakuhe Managing Director FRC/2021/003/0000023865							<b>83,515</b>				
							<b>Other comprehensive income</b>				
							<b>2,176,638</b>				
							<b>697,329</b>				
							<b>1,416,773</b>				
							<b>218,130</b>				
							<b>2,176,638</b>				
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# Education



## Widening pathway to quality education crucial to national growth — Ewherido



•President, Dansol Christian Mission, Mrs Adun Akinyemiju, left, in a group picture with awardees at the 28th Founder's Day of Dansol High School in Lagos. Photo: Akeem Salau

By Adesina Wahab

Mrs. Tolulope Ewherido chairs the Board of Trustees of the i-Scholar Initiative (iSI), a non-profit organisation that mentors and connects high-potential African students to fully funded graduate programmes in top global universities. Mrs. Ewherido leads a team of other Board members in providing strategic direction for the iSI mission. iSI has empowered and placed over 250 young and bright Nigerians in world class universities in the USA and around the world. Over 80% of these young scholars are currently running graduate programmes in STEM fields including Geosciences. She speaks on some of the things iSI has achieved in the last few years. Excerpts.

**SINCE the inauguration of the i-scholar initiative in 2019, how would you describe the impact on the students? What feedback do you get?**

Since 2019, our focus has primarily been in Nigeria, achieving an impressive 5X growth in sponsorships within the first four years. With an investment of about \$160,000, we've sponsored over 255 scholars, accessing scholarships totalling over \$25 million. Nigeria has an abundance of talents with the potential to drive economic innovation and transformation. A testament to this is the significant impact Nigerians are making in academia, industries, and businesses in Nigeria, Africa and across the globe. However, a notable challenge exists – access to global education that can further drive innovation and higher economic outcomes has narrowed over time to mostly individuals who are financially privileged. iSI is creating a bridge: "we are catalysts, that say our scholars' dreams of higher education and better economic attainment are as valid as those of individuals who come from more privileged backgrounds, and we are dedicated to helping them realise these dreams. The benefits of our efforts extend in multiple directions – to the individuals, their communities, and Nigeria as a whole. Beyond the immeasurable, compounding economic advantages that uplift families and communities, there are tangible, measurable impacts. The success stories of our scholars speak for them-

selves. Here are three examples, in their own words:

Ayomide Akande (First-Class B.Sc. Chemistry, fully funded PhD in Chemistry, Canada.) "It is really beyond just getting funded for my GRE. The proximity and access to our sponsors, the advice, the regular encouraging words and even the networking among fellow scholars makes ISI different from similar initiatives. I had access to mentors and met remarkable people that gingered me to achieve my dreams."

Abdulwaris Ajagunjeun, (First-Class B.Sc. Geology, fully funded MSc. in Petroleum Geoscience, UAE): "My GRE and TOEFL exams were sponsored by iSI, but iSI has transcended mere sponsorship – it was a supportive family during a crucial time in my life journey. The firsthand information, mentorship, and support from iSI, from mentors and fellow scholars, played a significant role in turning my aspirations into reality. Finally, the indigent boy is achieving his dreams. iSI is not just an organisation; it's a community of motivated individuals who instill hope and reassure you that the goodness you've been waiting for is on its way. Indeed, iSI is the best."

Emenike Goodluck (First-Class B.Sc. Electrical & Electronics Engineering, fully funded PhD in Systems Engineering, USA): "In 2019, I stumbled upon the i-Scholars Initiative (iSI), an unfamiliar concept where someone beyond my family could sponsor my GRE/TOEFL tests. The idea of a stranger investing in my dreams felt surreal. Despite the skepticism I applied with a "nothing to lose" mindset.



•Ewherido

To my astonishment, I received the iSI scholarship in September 2019—\$220 for GRE, \$195 for TOEFL, and an additional \$70 for test materials. As I prepared for the tests, iSI provided more than financial aid—valuable advisory services, networking, and mentorship. As a youth corps member in Plateau State earning less than \$50/month, this financial and moral support was a huge beacon of hope to continue the struggle. I extend heartfelt gratitude to the generous sponsors and visionaries behind the i-Scholars Initiative. Your benevolence and commitment to the success of young Nigerian scholars is creating a positive change with tremendous impact."

**How have you been able to leverage the network of partners to ensure that students from less privileged background get scholarships?**

## Why govt should support private schools — Akinyemiju

By Elizabeth Osayande

**L**AGOS — The President, Dansol High School, Ikeja, Lagos, Mrs Adun Akinyemiju, has called on government at all levels to support private school owners because the schools are also helping to train young Nigerians who will contribute to the growth of the country.

She said government can do this by giving out loans at low rates to school owners among other incentives.

She stated this during the celebration of the 28th Founder's Day of the school.

This is just as the school showed appreciation to staff who have spent 10 years in the school and the reward of winners of the school's president essay competition, both in the junior and senior classes.

"We give widows a 10 per cent tuition fee rebate, those that have three children get some school fee percentage slash. In Agidingbi, we give a scholarship to a child every year, and in any session, you have six children from Agidingbi on tuition-free education. We also have a child of a missionary, not paying fees. "You would understand that

Our partners are volunteers and donors who support with their time and money. iSI Partners serve as the lifeblood of our organisation, providing vital support on various fronts. Financially, their contributions play a crucial role, covering multiple tests, application fees, and offering loans for flights and initial settling expenses for each scholar. Beyond financial aid, our partners contribute immeasurable support through their time and passion. With over 300 accomplished partners globally, our network is a testament to the collaborative spirit that drives our mission. These dedicated individuals volunteer their expertise in reviewing applications, participating in scholar selection, hosting webinars, and providing valuable assistance in interview preparation for visas and universities. Their commitment extends to one-on-

one mentoring throughout the entire application process and continues even after scholars have embarked on their graduate programmes. Our partners truly embody the spirit of collaboration and mentorship, making a significant impact on the success of our scholars.

**What is your view about Japa syndrome?**

The phenomenon of "Japa" is a natural response to individuals seeking opportunities beyond what is currently available to them in Nigeria, with the aim of improving their own lives and the lives of their families. This inclination aligns with Maslow's hierarchy of needs, where the motivation for change is driven by unmet basic human needs. Nigeria has the largest population of youth in the world, about 70% of Nigeria's population of greater than 200 Million people is under 30 years, and 42% is under the age of 15. Rather than opposing the trend of *Japa*, our focus should be on expanding opportunities for Nigerian youth to thrive within the country and abroad. In 2022, remittances from Nigerians living abroad amounted to approximately \$20 billion, constituting about 4% of Nigeria's GDP. To put this in perspective, the oil sector, a significant contributor to GDP, accounted for approximately 6% in the same year. This highlights the substantial contribution of Nigerians, both within and outside the country, to our national growth. iSI plays a crucial role in reshaping individual economic trajectories, and enabling more Nigerians to contribute to the leadership, innovation, and overall development of the nation—whether they are in Nigeria or part of the Diaspora.

**For the Nigerian students who have gone through the programme, how do you encourage them to come back and contribute to the development of the country?**

Let's dispel the notion that contributing to a country's development is contingent solely on physical presence within its borders. This belief is a false ideology. While it's crucial to have a workforce propelling the economy from within, the responsibility to foster this lies with the government, private enterprises, and public entities. National development also necessitates a segment of the population equipped with the right knowledge and higher education both home and abroad to drive innovation and transformation. This is

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tutorial centre in 1993, which metamorphosed into a High School with four students on Wemco Road. Starting officially on January 24, 1996, after getting government approval, is a milestone. We now have over 800 students and 300 in the primary school, and a permanent site."

Speaking further on what made the school exceptional, she noted: "That prioritising the welfare of staff, especially in the area of training and salary, the teaching methods, that included the personalised method of teaching, leadership, and discipline-for-life mentoring, and the successes of the school's alumni, among others are the major milestones of the school."

Meanwhile, staff with 10 years of service got N100,000, and N200,000 for those in senior classes.

Winners in the school's president essay themed: *My blueprint to effect godly change that will make Nigeria ten times better in the next five years*, got the following prize awards. The first position in JSS and SS classes got free tuition for the third term; the second position was half free tuition, and the third position, quarter free tuition for the third term.

running a school like Dansol is expensive as technology is key. Focus on skills acquisition, leadership, sports and getting good teachers who are paid well, and the cost of power generation are some of the features that make our school, a fee-paying one.

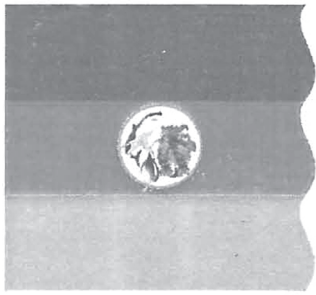
"So, the government needs to give private schools interventions. In South Africa, whether you are running a Muslim or Christian school, you are given support by the government. Because they know that the private schools are helping them, they support the payment of teachers' salaries.

"We will be happy if the government of Nigeria can do like South Africa, or support private primary schools with loans at a reduced rate. Imagine, everything I built here was at over 20 per cent interest. Reduced interest rate and support to pay staff are areas government should look into for support of those running private schools." Akinyemiju reiterated.

On events that heralded the Founder's Day celebration, she explained that the achievements of the last 28 years called for celebration.

"As a school that started as a





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## HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS

The National Executive Council, the PA Clark-led Board of Trustees and the leadership and members of all Organs of the Ijaw National Congress, INC, congratulate the Rivers State Governor, Ama-Opusenibo (Sir) Siminalaye Joseph Fubara GSSRS, on his January 25, 2024, Supreme Court victorious judgement, which undoubtedly is a good omen to the people of the State.

Your Excellency, we thank God for the Apex Court’s crown on your electoral mandate, which has put to rest all litigations against your victory in the March 18, 2023, Governorship polls; we are elated because this judgement has indeed doused the tension amidst the political crisis in the State.

We commend the peace-loving people of Rivers State for their prayers and calmness while the Court cases lasted, and in the same vein, wish to assure the Governor of our continued and unalloyed support for all his efforts directed at bringing good governance and sustainable development to the people and make Rivers a highly competitive State, in terms of all valuable index of veritable social and economic growth.

We call on the people of Rivers State and the Ijaw nation at large to continue to seek peace and progress in the Niger Delta region, to make the agitation for equitable rights, justice, due respect and the upliftment of the region realizable.

We also urge the Governor to be magnanimous in this resounding victory by carrying every stakeholder and resident of the State along in his pursuit for genuine and sustainable peace, unity of purpose and prosperity of the good people of Rivers State in particular and humanity in general

Finally, we fervently pray that the Almighty God empowers you with the needed wisdom, understanding, grace and courage to successfully deliver on your divine mandate.



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# Politics



## RE-RUN, BYE-ELECTIONS: Mixed fortunes as five parties win seats

• APC 12, PDP 7, YPP 4, NNPP 3, APGA 1

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It was mixed fortunes for five political parties as the results of Saturday's re-run and bye-elections for 57 legislative seats across 26 states trickled in.

The Independent National Electoral Commission, INEC, held bye-elections for two Senatorial, four House of Representatives and three State Assembly seats to replace members who passed on or resigned their memberships of National and States Assembly in nine states. Also, re-run elections were held to fill vacancies for three senatorial, 17 House of Representatives and 28 state assembly slots. Altogether, five senatorial, 21 Reprs, 31 state assembly seats were contested.

Of the 27 results released as of press time, yesterday, the All Progressives Congress, APC, won 12 seats including two of the five senatorial slots contested. The main opposition Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, cornered seven seats; the Young Progressives Party, YPP, won four; the New Nigeria Peoples Party, NNPP, had three; and the All Progressives Grand Alliance, APGA, got one.

APC wins Rep, PDP wins two State Assembly seats in Cross River

Dr Emil Inyang of the APC, won the re-run election in Akamkpa/Biase Federal Constituency of Cross River State while Dr. Martins Achadu and Pius Ashakia, both of the PDP won the Yala II and Obanliku State House of Assembly seats respectively.

Results from the collation centres shows that APC won in 15 polling units while PDP 4 in Akamkpa/Biase Federal Constituency re-run just as PDP won majority of votes cast in 13 polling units in Yala II as declared by Mrs. Dorathy Inyang, while Pius Ashakia had earlier been declared winner of Obanliku State Constituency by the electoral official.

**Uzokwe win Nnewi North, Nnewi South, and Ekwusigo Reprs seat**

In Anambra, YPP's Peter Uzokwe emerged winner of the rerun election for Nnewi North, Nnewi South and Ekwusigo Federal Constituency.

Uzokwe, who was on Saturday evening locked out at the headquarters of Nnewi North Local Government Collation Centre by soldiers on the alleged order of the Anambra State Government, polled 25,518 votes to beat his APGA closest rival, who scored 25,412 votes.

In a similar development, Mrs. Chinwe Nnabuife of the YPP, got 14,416 votes to win the Orumba North and South Federal Constituency. In the re-run poll held in Nanka ward 1, she defeated the candidate of the PDP, Mr. Okwudili Ezenwankwo, who polled 13,087 votes.

**PDP Wins Yabo/Shagari Reprs seat in Sokoto**

For the Yabo/ Shagari Federal Constituency re-run poll in Sokoto, Umar Yusuf Yabo of the PDP emerged as winner after scoring 26,829 votes to defeat APC's Abubakar Bukari, who got 26,113 votes at the heated contest. Bukari, was a member of the last House of Representatives



• Voters casting their ballots

**NNPP clinches two more state assembly seats in Kano**

The NNPP clinched two more Kano State House of Assembly seats in by winning Kura/Garun Malam constituency and Rimingado/Tofa constituency.

The INEC Returning officer in Kura/Garun Malam, Prof. Shehu Musa Galadanchi declared NNPP's Alhassan Zakariya Ishaq as the winner of the rerun election.

Zakariya polled 37,262 votes to beat Musa Hayatu Daurawar of the APC, who scored 30,803 votes.

In the same vein, Alhaji Bello Butu-Butu of NNPP scored 31,135 votes to floor his APC opponent that got 25,577 votes.

The INEC suspended the election in Kunchi/Tsanyawa constituency following irregularities that marred the election in the area.

**PDP wins two seats in Sokoto**

The result of the re-run election in Sokoto shows that PDP is still waxing strong in the state by winning one national and one state assembly seats.

The Returning Officer for Yabo/Shagari Federal Constituency re-run election, Prof. Abubakar Abdullahi Bagudo, announced PDP's Yusuf Umar Yabo as winner after he polled 26,829 votes. His closest rival, Umar Abubakar of the APC scored 26,113 votes.

In the same vein, Prof Farouk Tambuwal who served as Returning Officer for Bodinga North State Constituency, said Magaji Abubakar of the PDP polled 6,488 votes to defeat Yusuf Marafa Danchadi of the APC, who garnered 5,893 votes.

However, the Returning Officer for Tambuwal North State Constituency, Prof. Bayero Bukkuyum Kasim, declared Bashir Ahmed Dahiru of the APC as winner of the election having scored 19,315 votes to defeat PDP's Hantsi Sule Romo who got 19,021 votes.

APC's Alapala clinches victory in Burutu Constituency

In Delta, the INEC, once again declared Alapala Ebitonmo of the APC as winner of the Delta Assembly rerun election for Burutu Constituency 1.

incumbent lawmaker of the ruling PDP, Asupa Forteta.

At the re-run election held at Ayakoromor Unit 8, Oboro Unit 9, Enekorogha Unit 26 and Edegbene Unit 27, Alapala polled 7, 728 votes to beat Forteta, who got 6, 616 votes.

**APC's Mustapha grabs Yobe East senatorial seat**

In Yobe, the INEC declared Musa Mustapha of the APC as the winner of the Yobe East Senatorial bye-election.

Mustapha scored 68,778 votes to floor Aji Kolomi (Ajiko) of the PDP, who got 18,878 votes

**PDP wins Mayo Belwa constituency in Adamawa**

In Adamawa, PDP's Mahmud Kallam scored 1306 votes to beat his APC's challenger, Ibrahim. Musa Italiya (874 votes), to win the Mayo Belwa House of Assembly slot.

**APC, NNPP clinch Keana, Doma assembly seats in Nasarawa**

In Nasarawa, the candidate of the ruling APC, Mohammed Omadefu, was declared as the winner of Keana Constituency for the Nasarawa State House of Assembly re-run election.

Declaring the result in Keana, the Returning Officer for the Constituency, Dr. Hassan Imam of the Federal University of Lafia, said the APC candidate polled 8, 069 votes to defeat Basil Osheka of PDP, who scored 7, 917. votes.

Bauchi Ex-speaker wins re-run election

Former Speaker of the Bauchi State House of Assembly, Abubakar Suleiman, of the PDP, has been declared the winner of the re-run election for Ningi constituency in the Bauchi State House of Assembly.

Suleiman of the PDP polled 11,785 votes to defeat his closest opponent, APC's Khalid Captain Ningi.

**YPP wins Reprs, state Assembly seats in A-Ibom**

Candidate of the YPP, Emmanuel Ukpong-Udo, has been declared winner of the Ikono-Ini Federal Constituency re-run election.

Ukpong-Udo is returning to the House of Representatives for a second term, having been first elected into the House on the platform of the PDP in 2019.

The YPP candidate polled total 24,050 votes to beat closest

challenger and candidate of the PDP, Dr Glory Edet, who got 17,232 votes.

Similarly, Godwin Ayi, Collation Officer, announced Moses Easien, also candidate of YPP, as winner of the Ibiono Ibom State constituency re-run poll.

**APC's Tafoki wins tight race for Kankara/Faskari/Sabuwa Federal constituency in Katsina**

In a closely contested race, Mr. Shehu Dalhatu Tafoki of the APC emerged victorious in the Kankara/Faskari/Sabuwa Federal constituency of Katsina State,

The INEC declared Tafoki as the winner with a narrow margin of 740 votes. The APC candidate got 49,807 votes, edging out Jamilu Lion of the PDP, who garnered 49,067 votes.

**Laguda winner in Surulere I bye election**

In Lagos, Faud Laguda, won the Federal Surulere I Constituency bye-election.

Declaring the results, the Returning Officer for the bye-election, Prof. Simeon Adebayo, announced that the APC candidate polled 11, 203 votes to beat 10 other opponents, who collectively scored less than 800 votes.

Laguda, a former APC chairman in Surulere Local Government Area will now replace former Speaker Femi Gbajabiamila, who has been appointed Chief of Staff to President Bola Tinubu.

Ehindero of APC wins Ondo Reprs Bye-Election

In Ondo, Ife Ehindero of the APC, also won the bye-election for Akoko North-East/Akoko North-West Federal Constituency.

The APC candidate was declared winner of the bye-election having scored 35,504 votes to defeat the PDP candidate, Olalekan Bada, who scored 15,324 votes.

**APC wins Benue Assembly bye-election**

The candidate of the APC, Mr. Terwase Uche, was returned as winner of the Guma 1 State Constituency bye election in Benue State.

Mr. Uche was declared winner of the poll by the Returning Officer of the election, Prof. Julius Ikya in Daudu, after garnering 5,289 votes to defeat his closest rival, Jimmy Geoffrey of the PDP, who polled 4,134 votes.

The Labour Party, LP, candidate scored 2,833 votes.

**APC candidate wins Oyo re-run election**

In Oyo, APC's Mr Shittu Ibrahim won the Saki West House of Assembly re-run.

The Returning Officer for Saki West state constituency, Prof. Olusola Oyewo announced that Ibrahim secured 13,850 votes to beat his closest opponent, Mr Julius Okedoyin, of the PDP, who got 13,670 votes.

Ibrahim was returned as winner of the March 18, 2023 election but the court ordered a re-run on account of irregularities and cancellation of results from Ward 6 Unit 7 and Ward 11 Unit 19 of the constituency.

**Waikumo of APGA wins Yenagoa Constituency II**

In Bayelsa, the INEC declared Hon Amakoromo Waikumo of APGA as winner of the Yenagoa Constituency II re-run election.

He polled 5959 votes to beat his closest rival, Mrs Ebiuwou Koku-Obiyai of the PDP, who scored 5263 votes.

It would be recalled that before the ordered rerun in seven units of the constituency by the Court of Appeal, the APGA candidate had 4,971 votes while PDP got 4593 during the March last year State House of Assembly election.

The votes scored by the candidates at the just concluded rerun poll were added to what they scored during last year election with the APGA again emerging victorious and truncated the third term ambition of Mrs Koku-Obiyai in the state assembly.

**Winners of re-run, bye-elections**

**Senatorial**

- Musa Mustapha (APC), Yobe East
- Okorie Ani (APC), Ebonyi South

**House Representatives**

- Faud Laguda (APC), Surulere I, Lagos
- Ife Ehindero (APC), Akoko North-East/North-West, Ondo
- Emil Inyang (APC), Akamkpa/Biase, Cross River
- Peter Uzokwe (YPP), Nnewi North, Nnewi South and Ekwusigo, Anambra
- Chinwe Nnabuife (YPP), Orumba North/ Orumba South, Anambra
- Umar Yabo (PDP), Yabo/Shagari, Sokoto
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UNVEILING: From left— Spiridon Tourkos, La Santa partner and international distributor, Dr. Ese Owede, CEO, Belifestyle and Carlos Lazos, partner and international distributor of La Santa, during the official unveiling and private tasting of La Santa in Lagos, yesterday. Photo: Kehinde Shonola



DONATION: From left— Rotaractor Esther Adebari; President, Rotaract Club of Omole Golden, Interactor Ganiyat Sanusi; President Interact Club of Oke-Ira Senior Grammar School, Mrs Mary Erogun; Principal, Oke-Ira Senior Grammar School, Rtn. Veronica Isijola; President, Rotary Club of Omole-Golden, a beneficiary Eneche Zion and Rtn. Jide Ogunleye, President-elect, Rotary Club of Omole-Golden, during the donation of hygiene & dignity kits to Oke-Ira Grammar School, Lagos. Photo: Bunmi Azeez.

## Ethiopia East'll never forget Oborewori's magnanimity —Delta Deputy Speaker ... as LGA passes confidence Delta gov, receives APC decamppees

EKU—DEPUTY Speaker of Delta State House of Assembly and member representing Ethiopia East State Constituency, Arthur Akpawowo, has again commended the visionary leadership of the state governor, Sheriff Oborewori, especially for his good governance strides, for supporting the process leading to his election as member representing Ethiopia East State

Constituency, and subsequent emergence as Deputy Speaker. He made the commendation on Saturday at a new year party he organised to appreciate party leaders and stakeholders at his country home in Eku, saying that the governor's magnanimity is inestimable and clearly reflected in the appointment of Prof Nyerhovwo Tonukari as Commissioner for Higher Education, Sunday Onorode as

State Director of Protocols and other important appointments in the LGA since May 29, 2023 and counting. The Deputy Speaker noted that Oborewori's divine governorship ticket in 2023 brought with it good measure of political fortunes for Ethiopia East LGA, because PDP was able to win both governorship and House of Assembly elections after nearly two decades of

abysmal performance, adding that leaders and members of the Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, in the LGA will never forget how God used the governor to unite and inspired leaders and stakeholders to work for the victory of the party with his MORE agenda as springboard. He noted that PDP last elected member in the State House of Assembly was Sunny Akpodiogaga Emeyese in 2011,

and that PDP became opposition party within the LGA's political milieu up until 2023 when things changed for good, pointing out that governor Oborewori, and the immediate past governor, Senator Ifeanyi Okowa, worked very hard in multifaceted ways to ensure that the party won both governorship and House of Assembly elections in 2023. He said: "Our gathering here today is to celebrate success, victory and our collective unity. We are here to also celebrate the new year together as a political family."

"As we celebrate, I want to specially put on record that God used our street credibility governor and leader of our great party, PDP, in the state, Sheriff Oborewori's governorship ticket to open a new page for Ethiopia East politics. "Our governor ensured that PDP leaders in our LGA got united and worked in synergy, and also gave us the necessary support which enabled us to win governorship and House of Assembly elections in Ethiopia East."

Earlier, the LGA Chairman of PDP, Felix Erhimedafe said the party is stronger and better, and that the enviable achievements of governor Oborewori within the past seven months in office attracted more Deltans to the party, leaving the opposition political parties to gnash their teeth. He introduced some decamppees from the All Progressives Congress, APC, in Ward 4, led by Sunday Oyiibo.

## Protect Ogalla from oil thieves, Rep aspirant urges FG

ENUGU—FORMER House of Representatives aspirant and a political leader in Enugu State, Emeka Aba has urged the Federal Government through the appropriate agencies to stem the tide of frivolous petitions against genuine and honest public servants.

He also urged the Federal Government to protect the hard-working Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Emmanuel Ogalla from the destruction lined up against him by oil thieves who have found him uncompromising and inflexible to their dubious deals.

Aba who was reacting to a petition written by some busybodies ostensibly sponsored by the Chief of Naval Staff, Rear Admiral Emmanuel Ogalla said the Federal Government should do everything within its means to ensure that genuine servants of the people are not distracted or their names dented.

The former House of Representatives aspirant said that available records show that since the coming of the current leadership of the Navy backed by the political will from President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, the fight against oil theft has intensified with more arrests and seizures.

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# Hardship: Presidency attacks Atiku again over criticism on economy • Accuses him of making uninformed interventions

By Johnbosco Agbakwuru

ABUJA — THE Presidency last night lampooned former Vice President and Presidential candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, in the February 25, 2023 election, Alhaji Atiku Abubakar, over his criticism of President Bola Tinubu's administration.

The Presidency said that the former Vice President has assumed the position of opposition-in-chief to

President Tinubu and his government.

It also said that Atiku's claim that the government's policies have created intense cost of living pressures are not grounded on facts, claiming that recent comparative cost of living indices showed that Nigerians still enjoy the lowest cost of living in Africa.

These were contained in a statement issued by Bayo Onanuga, Special Adviser to the President on

Information and Strategy, titled, "Atiku Abubakar and his new hobby."

The Presidency said while President Tinubu and his able team are working very hard to make our country better, ensure our economy is stronger and more competitive, Atiku Abubakar and his cohorts may continue to belly ache.

The statement read: "Alhaji Atiku Abubakar has

certainly found a new hobby to keep himself busy, having failed to achieve his lifelong ambition of becoming the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. He is increasingly carving for himself the role of opposition-in-chief to President Bola Ahmed Tinubu and his government.

"However, we notice that the former Vice-President, just like in his political contests, is also doing a poor job of it, offering pedestrian and uninformed interventions on our economy and other matters of public concerns.

"Atiku's latest diatribe was another uncharitable commentary on the state of the economy and the efforts of the President Bola Tinubu administration in remoulding it for sustained prosperity.

"Nigerians can easily see through the hypocrisy of Alhaji Atiku, who in accusing President Tinubu of poor response to the nation's challenges and causing pains and despair, didn't offer any better policy options in his run for the Presidency different from the economic reform agenda being pursued by President Tinubu.

"All the major candidates agreed that the fuel subsidy regime, which had become an albatross on the economy, must end. They all agreed that the multiple

exchange rates must be fixed. Where President Tinubu and Atiku differed was in selling NNPC Limited and other national assets. Atiku went for this so he could sell these important national assets to his friends and cronies.

"President Tinubu removed the subsidy from Day One and announced moves to harmonise the exchange rates. Since then, he and his economic team have been working vigorously to harmonise the rates and also end the rampant and criminal arbitrage that the multiple windows allowed."

According to the statement, President Tinubu acknowledged, on different occasions, that the reforms his government is implementing will cause immediate pains, but will usher in an era of prosperity in the medium and long terms.

It said, "Minus Atiku, reputable local and international agencies who understand the situation the Tinubu administration found itself have commended the administration, having seen a policy trajectory that is clearly positive, realistic and sustainable.

Atiku's claims that the private sector is shrinking and that multinational companies are leaving our companies in 'droves' are not grounded on facts.

"His claim that the government's policies have created intense cost of living pressures are also not grounded on facts as recent comparative cost of living indices show that Nigerians still enjoy the lowest cost of living in Africa.

"Instead of mouthing platitudes every time in a bid to earn cheap political mileage, Alhaji Atiku who presumes himself as the leader of opposition should tell Nigerians what he would have done better if he had been elected President."

The statement told the former Vice President to be honest enough to admit that President Tinubu inherited a weak economy, which to all intents and purposes and to ensure the survival of the country needs a complete overhaul.

It said, "The economy was plagued by decades of significant fiscal deficits, a low revenue base, high external and domestic debts, and huge debt service burden.

"The national budget Tinubu met in 2023 showed that 97 percent of revenue was to be spent on debt servicing, with little reserved for capital, thereby foreclosing growth and jobs.

"Confronted with this grim economic reality, President Tinubu faced a difficult choice of balancing the political and economic costs of reforms against the risks of economic recession. His government chose the former, to keep the economy afloat and set it back on the path of growth and prosperity."

## Man beheads lover in Bayelsa

By Samuel Oyadongha

YENAGOA—Tragedy struck at the weekend in the riverside town of Kabeama in Sagbama Local Government of Bayelsa State, when a young man, simply identified as Tony, beheaded his girlfriend.

Though the details of the tragic incident were still sketchy as at the time of filing this report, the deceased lady, a mother of one, was identified as, Miss Maxuel Ebibraladei, an indigene of Amatolo in Southern Ijaw Council Area of the state.

She was allegedly killed by her lover between 2am - 3am on Saturday as her headless naked body was

discovered at dawn by neighbours.

The boyfriend and father of her child was reportedly apprehended before they could escape by the community folks and handed over to the police.

The remains of the deceased have been deposited at the morgue of the Federal Medical Centre, Yenagoa while the suspect is being detained at the State CID.

A community source told Vanguard, "the suspect was apprehended by residents of Kabeama and handed over to the police to avert possible reprisal attack from the kinsmen of the deceased woman

"The source who spoke anonymously however

added: "we don't really know what happened between the two lovers that would make him cut off the head of his girl friend and mother of his child.

"They two of them are the quiet and easy going type. We are at a loss what went wrong. The headless corpse of the lady was evacuated and deposited at the mortuary of Federal Medical Centre, Yenagoa on Saturday while the arrested boyfriend is in custody of the police in Yenagoa.

Attempts to reach the spokesman of the state police command proved abortive but a security operative confirmed the tragic incident.

## Glorious Exit

The families of MALAGWU of Ebedie Umueziogoli & OLISE of Ebedie Umueziogoli both of Ndokwa West Local Govt. in Delta State, Nigeria wishes to announce the call to glory of our dearly beloved Mother, Wife, Aunty, Grandmother, Sister, In-law, & Great Grand Mother

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According to GCR, "The rating affirmation reflects Lekki Gardens' modest leverage metrics and well-managed liquidity, which have supported the ongoing operations and sustained its competitive position within the Nigerian property development sector."

According to the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Richard Nyong OON, "Our capacity to generate very robust internal cash flows remains very strong and sustained" He further stated that the company's efforts to keep her leverage at a minimum combined with very solid and sustained operational performance despite the severe economic headwinds have ensured they are in a good position to meet all obligations as and when due.

This fact was demonstrated in the recent successful repayment of her N3,500,000,000.00 3-year debt instrument that matured in January 2024. It would be recalled that the company in 2022 issued N4,180,000,000.00 in Series 1 (Tranches A & B) Commercial Papers under

her N25,000,000,000.00 Commercial Paper programme, which were successfully redeemed and repaid in 2023.

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## 'Protests over relocation of govt agencies needless'

THE National Coordinator, No Alternative to Tinubu Shettima 2023 (NATTS 2023), Vincent G Uba has condemned the controversies over the relocation of certain agencies and departments of federal parastatals.

Uba described as unfortunate the criticisms that have trailed the relocation of the agencies and parastatals, describing it as "politically and tribally tainted and unnecessary."

According to the NATTS 2023 coordinator, in every civilised and developed clime, headquarters and all departments of the federal government agencies are not necessarily cited in the federal capital. They are located where they have comparative advantage, where there is ease of administration and less logistic costs.

"Yes, where it is more profitable, more so, when it is not constitutionally given that all headquarters of agencies or departments should be restricted to the federal

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capital. It takes a leader who understands all these to try to do the needful.

"In the history of Nigeria, we have not had a technocrat as leader; we have not had an accountant of international repute and an administrator per excellence as a president.

"He said Nigeria is now lucky to have a president who is a tested administrator and whose administrative competence and know-how are playing out currently.

"We now have a man as president whose exposure and experience as a renowned accountant of international repute have started to yield dividends of quality leadership.

"This president, with his profession and wealth of experience, knows that for agencies and parastatals to function optimally, certain frameworks and structures must be put right. Hence an obvious need to relocate some of these agencies or departments to where they have comparative advantage."



## Namibia President Geingob, veteran of freedom struggle, dies

NAMIBIAN President, Hage Geingob, a veteran of the country's liberation struggle and its first post-independence prime minister, died yesterday.

Tributes to the 82-year-old statesman poured in from African leaders who saw him as a hero of the anti-apartheid struggle.

And Germany's Chancellor Olaf Scholz expressed regret that his country had lost "a partner who was committed to the process of coming to terms with Germany's colonial history".

Recently, Geingob supported South Africa's complaint against Israel under the Genocide Convention and condemned Namibia's former colonial ruler Germany for opposing the case.

Serving his second term as president, he revealed last month that he was being treated for cancer.

Former vice-president Nangolo Mbumba was inaugurated as Geingob's successor as president on Sunday, along with new vice-president Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah.

The pair will serve until presidential and national assembly elections towards the end of the year.

Earlier, Mbumba had announced the death, saying "our beloved Dr. Hage G. Geingob, the President of the Republic of Namibia, has passed on today."

"At his side, was his dear wife Madame Monica Geingos and his children."

This triggered an outpouring of tributes from around the continent, including from leaders who worked alongside him in the struggle to free southern Africa from apartheid rule.

**'Visionary leader'**  
President William Ruto of Kenya, and several other African leaders, echoed this praise.

"He was a believer of a unified Africa and strongly promoted the continent's voice and visibility at the global arena," Ruto said.

World Health Organization director Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus hailed Geingob's work to improve healthcare for Namibians, dubbing him a "visionary leader".

And Moussa Faki Mahamat, chair of the African Union commission, lamented: "A baobab has fallen."

Beyond Africa, US President Joe Biden hailed the late president as "a fearless leader, fighting for independence, overseeing the drafting of the new nation's constitution, and serving his country twice as prime minister and finally as president."

"I will miss working with him," Biden added.

First elected president in 2014, Geingob was Namibia's longest-serving prime minister and third president.

In 2013, Geingob underwent brain surgery, and last year he had an aortic operation in neighbouring

South Africa. He had been receiving treatment at Lady Pohamba Hospital in Windhoek.

Last month, Geingob threw his weight behind South Africa's challenge against Israel's military campaign in Gaza, under the Genocide Convention in the UN's top court.

### Independence struggle

Born in a village in northern Namibia in 1941, Geingob was the southern African country's first president outside the Ovambo people, who make up more than half the population.

In his early years he took up activism against South Africa's apartheid regime, which at the time ruled Namibia. In 1964 he was appointed representative for the SWAPO liberation movement at the United Nations. He spent almost three decades in Botswana and the United States, returning to Namibia in 1989 to lead SWAPO's election campaign in his now independent homeland.

## Leave Tinubu alone, North-West youths tell Katsina Elders Forum

By Musa Ubandawaki

**SOKOTO** — A group, under the aegis of Northwest Youths Progressives Forum, has faulted the position of Katsina State Elders Forum for speaking against the policies of President Bola Tinubu's government.

Recall that the Forum had cautioned the President to reverse the policies or risk their support in 2027.

The group at a briefing addressed by the coordinator, Alhaji Murtala Aliyu Ka'oje, in Sokoto yesterday, said Katsina elders had no moral justification to challenge the decisions taken by the current administration, having failed in the past to challenge their kinsman, former President Muhammadu Buhari's administration whose government was marred by impunity and bad decisions.

Ka'oje recalled that despite the wanton destruction of lives, properties and economy of the north, no northern elder from Katsina stood up to speak against the bad policies made by the previous government that had adversely affected the north and northerners.

"Why was it that the level of poverty, insecurity and political intimidation experienced under former President Muhammadu Buhari's leadership were not challenged by the same Katsina elders



From left, Senior Special Assistant to the President on Technical, Vocational and Entrepreneurship Education, Abiola Arogundade; Controller, FCT Correctional Centre, John Francis and Minister of State for Youths Development, Ayodele Olawande during a visit to the Nigeria Correctional Centre, Kuje, Abuja ahead of the planned introduction of training programmes to equip inmates with valuable skills and provision of grants to support the establishment of their own businesses by the Office of the SSA TVEE.

## Huge sums recovered from Humanitarian ministry officials — EFCC

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The document revealed that in the period under review, the EFCC recovered N60,969,047,634.25, \$10,522,778.57,

£150,002.10 and •4,119.90, making a total of N70,556,658,370.5.

The document shows that the agency received a total of 3,325 petitions, accepted 2,657 of the

petitions, and secured the conviction of 747 persons for financial crimes relating to money laundering and Internet fraud.

The EFCC headquarters recovered N49,607,391,330.44, \$3,900,200.75, £2,000,

and £110.

However, the Chairman of the EFCC, Ola Olukoyede, at a dialogue in Abuja, revealed that most of the 747 convictions involved persons who were prosecuted for cybercrime offences.

## Power sector: I never called for subsidy removal — Adelabu

By Juliet Umeh

**MINISTER** of Power, Chief Adebayo Adelabu has clarified his position on subsidy in the power sector, explaining that he did not advocate removal of subsidy, but canvassed a clear cut policy to address the illiquid issues in the sector.

In a statement yesterday by his Special Adviser, Strategic Communication and Media Relations, Bolaji Tunji, "What he said was that if the government was subsidising power, it should be backed up with payment."

According to Tunji, "There is a need to correct the erroneous impression going around quoting the Minister of Power, Adebayo Adelabu as advocating removal of subsidy in the power sector."

Tunji, also disclosed that Adelabu, at the weekend met with top management teams of power Generating companies (GENCOs) and Distribution companies (DISCOs) in a bid to find lasting solution to blackout in some parts of the country said, "The meeting also discussed issues of indebtedness to GENCOs by the Nigeria Bulk Electricity Trading Company (NBET)."

"We are aware that the sector has liquidity challenge, but we need to have a minimum threshold, we are working on revalidating the debt and determining a fair resolution."

Adelabu spoke further on the need by GENCOs to enter a

group?

"Another question is that, when did the Katsina elders become critics of federal's policies? More people lost their lives and valuable properties, farming activities were disrupted and all sectors of human endeavors almost collapsed due to insecurity and poor handling of governance by the past administration of President Buhari; yet, the Elders Forum had never challenged the former President to adjust or buckle up," Ka'oje stated.

He, however, wondered why the current President, Bola Ahmed Tinubu, who is a Yoruba from the Southwest is now the target to receive the heat created by his predecessor.

He also downplayed the political threat issued against the President, ahead of the 2027 presidential election, saying a serious-minded person couldn't be talking about 2027 when the administration had only spent less than a year of its tenure.

Ka'oje stated further: "They (Katsina elders) ought to have advised Mr. President to convene a national summit on issues that affect security, economic development and political stability of the country, rather than showing their biased

democratic choices will be protected."

Also, at Oredo Ward 4 where Mbah and the members of the PDP electoral committee were received by Governor Godwin Obaseki and the party's ward executive, he expressed satisfaction with the turnout as well as peaceful and convivial process.

## EDO GUBER: 9 PDP aspirants accuse Obaseki of hijacking poll panel

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was huge and the process was free, fair, and credible." Meanwhile, Governor Mbah had earlier, while addressing party faithful at Oredo Ward 2 in Benin City, assured them that their votes would count.

"This is one of the venues our members have been

asked to come out to exercise their franchise and we are happy with what we are seeing.

"Our party is known for the principles of fairness, equity and justice. So, I charge you to conduct yourselves peacefully, in line with these principles and rest assured that your

contractual arrangement with gas suppliers to ensure steady supply of gas to generating companies." We know that there are certain concessions expected of government before this could be achieved and we are willing to work on this to stabilize the power sector, he assured. To resolve the gas impasse and the liquidity issue, the Minister assured that a committee would be set up comprising all stakeholders to come up with appropriate recommendations.

"To tackle the gas supply and liquidity challenges, I've decided to form a committee involving all stakeholders. Together, we will work on recommendations to resolve these issues and ensure a more reliable and consistent power supply for our citizens."

A plan has also been established to initiate discussions with the Minister of State for Petroleum Resources regarding collaboration and to emphasize to the Ministry the importance of prioritizing Gas to Power.

"Our commitment is unwavering in addressing the challenges affecting power supply. We understand the impact on citizens, and our goal is to swiftly resolve the issues of gas supply, indebtedness, and overall sector stability. Your patience is appreciated as we work collaboratively towards a brighter, more reliable energy future for Nigeria".



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I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS MISS. IHENSEKHEN BLESSING OSAS AND DUE TO MARRIAGE NOW WISH TO BE ADDRESS AS MRS. OSAGIE BLESSING OSAS. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. CONCERN AUTHORITIES AND GENERAL PUBLIC TAKE NOTE.

**CLEMENT**  
I formerly known as CLEMENT JENNIFER now wish to be known and addressed as EZEKIEL JENNIFER. All former documents remain valid any authority it may concern and general public to take note.

**ESEOGHENE**  
I formerly known as UNUEDJAE ESEOGHENE ROSELINE now wish to be known and addressed as MRS IKPEDIA ROSELINE. All former documents remain valid any authority it may concern and general public to take note.

**IFI**  
I, formerly known as MISS. IFI SALLY.S. NGOZI. Now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. CHUKWUMA STELLA NGOZI. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public Take note.

**BLESSING**  
This to confirm that, Enohuan Blessing Osataire, and, Enohuan Blessing Princess, is one and the same person, henceforth, now wish to be known and addressed as, Enohuan Blessing Osataire, all former documents remains valid, general public take note.

**OKOSUN**  
I formerly known and addressed as, Okosun Godsent Ehijie, now wish to be known and addressed as, Okosun Godsent Ose, all former documents remains valid, general public take note.

**MADUAGWU**  
That MADUAGWU RACHAEL & MALAGWU KEOLISE RECHEAL are same and one person but now wish to be addressed as MALAGWU KEOLISE RECHEAL all formal documents remains valid general public whom it may concern take note

**OYELAMI**  
I formerly known and addressed as Miss. TEMILOLUWA OYELAMI AKINDELE-OBE. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs. TEMILOLUWA OYELAMI OLALAYE. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**OHENHEN**  
I formerly known and addressed as Miss OHENHEN LOVELYN OSARUESE Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs AYEDUN LOVELYN OSARUESE. All former documents remain valid general and authority concerned please take note.

**TIZA**  
I formerly known as MISS TIZA GLORY now wish to be known and addressed as MRS EGIURE GLORY AWOZE. All former documents remain valid any authority it may concern and general public to take note.

**TEGA**  
I formerly known as MICHAEL TEGA VICTOR now wish to be known and addressed as MICHAEL OGHENETEGA VICTOR All former documents remain valid any authority it may concern and general public to take note.

**EDWARD**  
My correct names are EMEWVRENI EDORE EDWARD instead of EMEWVENI EDORE EDWARD which was wrongly captured in my Bank details. All former documents remain valid any authority it may concern and general public to take note.

**SUSAN**  
I, formerly known as MISS. IKPONMWNBA SUSAN ITOHAN. Now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. NOSAKHARE SUSAN ITOHAN. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General Public Take Note.

**OGUGUA**  
I formerly known and addressed as, Miss Ogugua Chinenyne Favour, now wish to be known and addressed as, Mrs Ebuade Chinenyne Favour, all former documents remains valid, general public take note.

**OKODE**  
I formerly known and address as OKODE AVWERSUOGHENE EMMANUEL, now wish to be known and addressed as EGHWRUDJAKPOR EMMANUEL. All former documents remain valid general public bank and all authorities concerned should take note.

**PATIENCE**  
That ONWUASENYI PATIENCE NDIDI & ONWUASOENYA SOPHIA NDIDI are same and one person but now wish to be addressed as ONWUASOENYA SOPHIA NDIDI all formal documents remains valid general public whom it may concern take note

## Obasanjo, Saraki want smoother trade ties between Nigeria, Angola

By Adesina Wahab

**L**AGOS—FORMER president Olusegun Obasanjo has called for increased bilateral relations between Nigeria and Angola.

Obasanjo, who was a special guest of honour at the Angola-Nigeria Diplomatic-Business Investment, organised by the Angola-Nigeria Business Council, weekend, said there is a need to boost the trade volume within Africa, which reflects a commitment to advancing economic partnerships on the continent.

The former President advised that attention should be on African countries' benefits from their own products, as it aligns with the goal of promoting intra-African trade and economic self-sufficiency.

He expressed concerns about infrastructural deficits, particularly in transportation, and highlighted the challenges that needed to be addressed to facilitate seamless trade between nations.

"One of the things the leaders of the post-independence achieved is to promote the African Continental Free Trade Agreement, AfCFTA," he said.

Also, the Secretary of the National Action Committee of AfCFTA, Nigeria, Olusegun Awolowo, said the lack of Foreign Direct Investment, FDI, between Nigeria and Angola underscored the untapped potential for economic engagement between the two largest oil exporters in Africa.

"This means trade between

the two biggest oil exporters is zero, and this is not good enough.

"Angola is importing from the rest of the world what it can actually get from Nigeria, and Nigeria is doing likewise. We should trade between ourselves. Comparatively, we supply what they don't have and they also supply what we don't have.

Obasanjo added that "it's true we have some infrastructural deficits, but both government and the private organisations can also latch on it to invest," he said.

Speaking on the efforts to address trade barriers and streamline visa processes, the President of the Angola-Nigeria Business Council, Fifi Ejindu, called for a positive step towards fostering smoother trade ties between Nigeria and Angola.

According to her, the support from Angolan government authorities further reinforces the potential for progress in this regard.

Princess Ejindu said that the engagement of Nigerian investors and the anticipated business activations in Angola indicated growing interest and participation in the trade initiatives discussed.

Armando Manuel, a former Minister of Finance in Angola, said that a positive assessment of the recent diplomatic-business investment meeting signalled the fruitful nature of the discussions and the potential for tangible outcomes in the near future.

"We are awaiting Nigerian investors to come to Angola because we already have the expertise in various sectors."

## 300-level Ondo varsity female student allegedly stabbed to death

By Dayo Johnson

**A**KURE—A 300-level female student of Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba Akoko, Ondo State, Ifeoluwa Adekunle, has been stabbed to death.

The deceased student, said to be in the Department of Economics, was found dead in a pool of her own blood, in her room, weekend.

She was allegedly attacked by her killers at her residence, which was off campus.

A student who spoke with newsmen, said: "We found her in the pool of blood in her room.

"She was stabbed to death by yet-to-be-identified persons who came visiting.

"We know this is not a cult-related issue as some people are propagating.

"We have reported the murder case to the police but seems they are slow in responding to our demands in identifying and tracking those behind this dastardly act.

"We are imploring the Ondo State government to please look into the matter and ensure that the deceased gets justice."

Another source said that the killing of the student was scary and had caused apprehension among other students of the institution.

Contacted, the spokesperson for the state police command, Funmi

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CONFIRMATION OF DATE OF BIRTH

I, Ojei Emeka Sunny, hereby acknowledge that my date of birth was wrongly captured in my International Passport as 19th February, 1981, instead of 19th February, 1982. All documents remain valid. General public take note.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify that one Mr. Francis Sunday who hail from mokugbe okpella in Edo state Nigeria died on the 23rd of October, 2023 without a Will, hence power to collect his retirement savings with Premium Pension Limited are hereby granted to his appeciate Emmanuel Francis. General public, Premium Pension Limited and all authorities concerned should take note.



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<p><b>VIVIAN</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as MISS ONYEKWERE VIVIAN ONYIYECHI, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS ONOFUMAKPOR VIVIAN ONYIYECHI. All former documents remain valid any authority it may concern and general public to take note.</p>	<p><b>TAIRE</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as MISS TAIRE MONICA KESIENA, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS ICHOKE MONICA KESIENA. All former documents remain valid any authority it may concern and general public to take note.</p>	<p><b>OFUALAGBA</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as OFUALAGBA KINGSLEY UWOMANO, now wish to be known and addressed as JEREMIAH KINGSLEY UWOMANO. All former documents remain valid any authority it may concern and general public to take note.</p>	<p><b>UGBOH</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as MISS UGBOH LOVETH OSATOHAWEN, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS AMINDE LOVETH OSATOHAWEN. All former documents remain valid any authority it may concern and general public to take note.</p>	<p><b>MERCY</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as MISS MERCY OGHENECHUKO, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS MERCY OGHENECHUKO IBONO. All former documents remain valid any authority it may concern and general public to take note.</p>	<p><b>AMAH</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as Amah Mathias, now wish to be known and addressed as Utazi Christian Ejiofor. All former documents remain valid any authority it may concern and general public to take note.</p>
<p><b>OKOROCHA</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as MISS.OKOROCHA IHUOMA GRACE OR MISS.OKOROCHA GRACE IHUOMA ; Now wish to be known as MRS.MADU GRACE IHUOMA. All former documents remain valid. Concerned Authorities and General Public take note.</p>	<p><b>ONOJARE</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as Onojare Erhovwosere as appeared in my National Identity Card and Emmanuel Erhovwosere is one and same person but now wish to be known and addressed as Emmanuel Erhovwosere. That all documents bearing former name remain valid. The general public should please take note</p>	<p><b>GABRIEL</b></p> <p>That my name was registered in error on some of my vital documents (NIN could be inclusive) as GABRIEL EMMANUEL OKEZIE instead of GABRIEL CHIMEZIE EMMANUEL which is my correct name and arrangement. All former documents remain valid any authority it may concern and general public to take note.</p>	<p><b>BOLA</b></p> <p>That my name was wrongly captured on my Pension Documents as MUSTAPHA BOLA instead of my correct name which is MUSTAPHA OYEBOLA. All former documents remain valid any authority it may concern and general public to take note.</p>	<p><b>EDEKI</b></p> <p>I, formerly known as MISS EDEKI OGHENENYORE, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS EGBEDO OGHENENYORE. All former documents remain valid. Relevant Authorities and the general public please take note.</p>	<p><b>OMOWUNMI</b></p> <p>I formerly known and addressed as OMOWUNMI CHRISTIANA IDOWU, now wish to be known and addressed as OMOWUNMI CHRISTIANA ADEFIOYE. All former documents remain valid any authority it may concern and general public to take note.</p>
<p><b>DURU</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as DURU C O N F I D E N C E OKWUCHUKWU, now wish to be known and addressed as DURU ALEX OKWUCHUKWU. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.</p>	<p><b>ABASS</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as MR ABASS, ADAMU ABASS now wish to be known and addressed as MR ABASS ABASS ADAMU. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.</p>	<p><b>ABASS</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as MISS ABASS SUMEIYA ADAMU now wish to be known and addressed as MISS ABASS SUMEYA ADAMU . All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.</p>	<p><b>EZE</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as Miss Eze Gloria Chinwendu now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs Okoye Gloria Chinwendu. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.</p>	<p><b>SOLARIN</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as Solarin Bolanle Shakirat. now wish to be known and addressed as Balogun Bolanle Shakira. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.</p>	<p><b>IKONO</b></p> <p>I, formerly known as Ikono Glory Ofomola, now wish to be known as Ofomola Glory. All documents remain valid. Western Delta University, Banks, NIN, general public take note.</p>
<p><b>RUTAFE</b></p> <p>I, formerly known as Miss. Rutafe Oghenechovwe Precious, now wish to be known as Mrs. Gideon Oghenechovwe Precious, as a result of marriage. All documents remain valid. Zenith Bank, NIN, general public take note.</p>	<p><b>EBELE</b></p> <p>I was formerly known and addressed as EBELE IVIE OZIEGBE now wish to be known and addressed as EBELE NO IVIE . All former documents remain valid. Bank and general public please take note.</p>	<p><b>AKPASUBI</b></p> <p>I was formerly known and addressed as MISS AKPASUBI JOYCE now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. AIZENOSE JOYCE. All former documents remain valid. Bank and general public please take note.</p>	<p><b>EUNICE</b></p> <p>I formerly known called and address as MISS EUNICE ONOME OJO now wish to be known called and address MRS. EUNICE ONOME EDAH . All former document remain valid. General public take note.</p>	<p><b>JOHNBULL</b></p> <p>I was formerly known and address as Eghreriniovo Johnbull now wish to be known and address as Eghreriniovo Johnbull Okiemute all formal Documents remain Valid. General public please take note.</p>	<p><b>ONI</b></p> <p>I, formerly known as ONI VICTORIA MODUPE, now wish to be known and addressed as ADEYEMI VICTORIA MODUPE . All former documents remain valid. General Public and Authorities concerned, please take note.</p>
<p><b>ACHIKE</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as MISS ACHIKE CHINWE VIVIAN now wish to be known and addressed as MRS IGWEANI CHINWE VIVIAN . All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.</p>	<p><b>ANYAORA</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as ANYAORA CHIDIEBELE AUGUSTINE now wish to be known and addressed as ANYAORA CHIDIEBERE AUGUSTINE. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.</p>	<p><b>IFUFE</b></p> <p>I formerly known as MISS IFUFE FRANCISCA UJUNWA now wish to be known as MRS ANAEKWE FRANCISCA UJUNWA. former documents remain valid. General public take note .</p>	<p><b>ADIBELI</b></p> <p>I formerly known as MISS NWANOSIKE ADIBELI AUGUSTA now wish to be known as MRS NWAFOR OBIAGELI AUGUSTA. All former documents remain valid. General public take note</p>	<p><b>CHISOM</b></p> <p>I, Formerly Known, Called And Addressed As Chisom Christabel Aguolu, Now Wish To Be Known Called And Addressed As Mrs Chisom Christabel Igwebu. All Former Documents Remain Valid. General Public Please Take Note.</p>	<p><b>OLUBUNMI</b></p> <p>I Formerly ,known, called and addressed as OLUBUNMI OLUSIMBO SOSIMI now wish to be referred to as OLUBUNMI OLUSIMBO KAYODE. All former documents still remain the same, general public and other affected financial institutions should kindly note.</p>
<p><b>OGAGA</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as MISS UGHWUMIAKPOR OGAGA IRENE, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. GBEMUDU-UGHWUMIAKPOR IRENE OGAGA, All former documents remain valid general public please take note.</p>	<p><b>MICHAEL</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as MICHAEL ELEANORA GRACE, now wish to be known and addressed as MICHAEL GRACE UGA. All former documents remain valid any authority it may concern and general public to take note.</p>	<p><b>CALEB</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as CHRISTOPHER CALEB MAYOR, now wish to be known and addressed as AWIN CALEB. All former documents remain valid any authority it may concern and general public to take note.</p>	<p><b>ISODI</b></p> <p>I, Formerly known and addressed as Isodi Simon now wish to be known and addressed as Osodi Ighofimoni Simon. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.</p>	<p><b>JOHN</b></p> <p>I, Formerly known and addressed as Miss John Victory Ifeoma now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs Afam Victory Ifeoma. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.</p>	<p><b>IHWUGHWAWVE</b></p> <p>I, Formerly known and addressed as Ihwughwawve Oghenevwogaga now wish to be known and addressed as Ihwughwawve Ogheneogaga. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.</p>
<p><b>PETER</b></p> <p>I Formerly known and addressed as Miss Peter Oroghene Purity now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs Daniel Purity Osuwwe. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.</p>	<p><b>MOTTO</b></p> <p>I, Formerly known and addressed as Miss Motto Maureen now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs Samson Maureen. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.</p>	<p><b>GODSPOWER</b></p> <p>I, Formerly known and addressed as Godspower Ekpaigho now wish to be known and addressed as Ekpaigho Austin Godspower. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.</p>	<p><b>OMOTE</b></p> <p>I, Formerly known and addressed as Omote Philo Ejuvweyere now wish to be known and addressed as Omote Philomena. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.</p>	<p><b>LILY</b></p> <p>I, Formerly known and addressed as Miss Icheredia Lily now wish to be known and addressed as MRS UDU Lily. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.</p>	<p><b>GODWIN</b></p> <p>I, Formerly known and addressed as Eghwurdjakpo Godwin now wish to be known and addressed as Eghwurdjakpor Godwin Oghenekparobor. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.</p>
<p><b>OGAGAN</b></p> <p>I, Formerly known and addressed as Miss Ogagan Oghenechuko now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs Wisdom Oghenechuko. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.</p>	<p><b>OMENA</b></p> <p>I, Formerly known and addressed as Onosomowho Edna Omena. now wish to be known and addressed as Moses Edna Omena. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.</p>	<p><b>ELO</b></p> <p>I, Formerly known and addressed as Miss Elo Iresi .now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs John Elo. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.</p>	<p><b>AKARAH</b></p> <p>I, Formerly known and addressed as Akarah Etarae Theresa. now wish to be known and addressed as Akarah Theresa . All former documents remain valid. General public take note.</p>	<p><b>UNUAFE</b></p> <p>I formerly known and addressed as Miss Unuafe .O. Obukohwo now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs Yusuf Christabel Obruch-Obukohwo All former documents remained Valid.General public and whom it may concern take note.</p>	<p><b>MERCY</b></p> <p>I, Formerly known and called as Miss Oyovorie Mercy now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs DAVID MERCY UFUOMA. All former documents remain valid any authority it may concern and the general public to take note.</p>
<p><b>OGBO</b></p> <p>I, Formerly known and addressed as Miss Ogbo Abigail Uzezi now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs Abigail Uzezi Odior. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.</p>	<p><b>RO</b></p> <p>I formerly known and addressed as DICKSON IFEANYI UMEANO now wish to be known and addressed CHUKWUBUEZE-IFEANYI UMEANO. All former documents remain valid, Banks and general public take note.</p>	<p><b>OKIEMUTE</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as MISS OKIEMUTE, ABIGAIL OROMENA, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. ORO-AREDUO, ABIGAIL OROMENA. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.</p>	<p><b>EWOMA</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as MISS OGHENEKOME, EWOMA GLORY, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. OREVA, EWOMA GLORY. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.</p>	<p><b>UMUKORO</b></p> <p>I formerly known and addressed as Miss Umukoro Gloria Akpomedaye, now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs. Gloria Akpomedaye Ekatukator. All former documents remain valid, general public, bank and all authorities concerned should take note.</p>	<p><b>OFERIOFE</b></p> <p>I, FORMERLY Known as OFERIOFE OJIYOVWI OGHENEKEVWE, Now Wish to be known as OLOWO OJIYOVWI OGHENEKEVWE. All FORMER Documents Remain valid General Public take Note.</p>



## CHANGE OF NAME

## YARHERE

I formerly known and addressed as Miss Yarhere Kate Ufuoma. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs Eyarefe Kate Ufuoma. All former documents remain valid. General public banks and concerned institution should please take note.

## ONUNU

That ONUNU ADAMMA & ONUNU ADAMMA TREASURE are same and one person but now wish to be addressed as ONUNU ADAMMA TREASURE all documents remain valid general public whom it may concern take note.

## OGHENEVWEDE

I Formally known as Lucky Violet Oghenevwe, but now wish to be known called and address as Mrs Ogheneriorue Violet Oghenevwe. All former documents remain valid general public please take note.

## IYAMU

I formerly known as Miss. Iyamu Osariemen Mercy. Now wish to be known as Mrs. Idiaghe Osaretin Confidence. Former documents remain valid general public take note.

## EGWERE

My name wrongly captured on some of my documents as EGWERE SUNDAY instead of EGBERE SUNDAY. EGBERE SUNDAY remains my correct name. All former documents remain valid, General public please take note.

## ESEOGHENE

I formerly known and addressed as ESEOGHENE HELEN, now wish to be known and addressed as ESEOGHENE OBRURAKPORAPHA HELEN. Former documents remain valid. General public take note.

## OGBEIDE

I formerly known and addressed as Miss OGBEIDE ANTHONIA. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs KWODE ANTHONIA. All former documents remain valid. General public banks and concerned institution should please take note.

## ADOMI

I formerly known and addressed as ADOMI CELICIA ETABA Now wish to be known and addressed as ADOMI CECILIA ETABA. All former documents remain valid. Banks and the general public please take note.

## ETOKWUDO

I formerly known and addressed as TOCHUKWU BENJAMIN ETOKWUDO now wish to be known and addressed as TOOCHUKWU BENJAMIN ETOKWUDO. All former documents remain valid, Banks and general public take note.

## OZABOR

I formerly known as Miss Ozabor Mabel Ofure. Now wish to be known as Mrs. Ihianre Mabel Ofunre. Former documents remain valid general public take note.

## OKOLIE

I, formerly known and addressed as Miss OKOLIE, Ifechukwude now wish to be addressed as Mrs. OSUNDE, Anita Ifechukwude. All my former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

## OGHENECHUKO

This to notify the general public that the names Pupu Oghenechuko Cynthia, Pupu Oghenechuko And Pupu Oghenechuko Blessed. Refers to same person, Now wish to be known called and addressed as Pupu Oghenechuko. All former document remain valid general public and bank authorities please take note.

## NWAKWUE

I formerly known and addressed as MISS. NWAKWUE ESTHER now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. COLLINS ESTHER. Former documents remain valid. General public take note.

## BENJAMIN

I formerly known and addressed as MISS BLESSING SUNDAY BENJAMIN now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. BLESSING DIKE ETIM. Former documents remain valid. General public take note.

## OKORO

That I was formerly known, called and addressed as Miss Okoro Florence Uyoyou, that I now wish to be known, called and addressed as Mrs Bolaji Florence Uyoyou. All documents bearing my former name remains valid, General public should please take note.

## OVIawe

I formerly known as Oviawe Osaigbovo Joyce. Now wish to be known as Mrs Igbinedion Osaigbovo Joyce. Former documents remain valid general public take note.

## BEMIGHO

I Formerly known and addressed as BEMIGHO ATSE Now wish to be known and addressed as EMIOJERE ATSE BLISS. All former documents remain valid, general public please take note.

## EDEJALA

I Formerly known and addressed as Edejala Agrokro Doris., now wish to be known and addressed as Agbroko Doris Edejala. All former documents remain valid general public please take note.

## NNENNA

I formerly known and addressed as Nnenna Nduka now wish to be known and addressed as Nina Stephine Obiekea. All documents bearing my former names remain valid. The general public should please take note.

## EFIK

I formerly known and addressed as Efik Bessie Dennis, now wish to be known and addressed as Umoren Bessie Donatus. Former documents remain valid. General public take note.

## ADEBISI

I Formerly known as ADEBISI Abisola Titilope, Now known, called and addressed as EBOJIELU Abisola Titilope. All documents bearing my former name remains valid, General public should please take note.

## OLASIMBO

I formerly known as Miss Olasimbo Titilayo Omowumi. Now wish to be known as Mrs. Oga Titilayo Omowumi. Former documents remain valid general public take note.

## OSIToyIBO

I Formerly known and addressed as OSIToyIBO JESSICA OBOROGHENERURU Now wish to be known and addressed as OSIToyIBO SOPHIA OBOROGHENERURU. All former documents remain valid general public please take note.

## UMUDJANE

I, formerly known and addressed as Umudjane Endurance Ogheneruemu, now wish to be known and addressed as Endurance Otajonor. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

## IGBODO

I formerly known and addressed as IGBODO NKECHI BELLA now wish to be known and addressed as AIGBEKAEN NKECHI BELLA. Former documents remain valid. General public take note.

## ASHADE

I, formerly known and addressed as Miss ASHADE Omobolanle Mautin, now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs AMANZE Omobolanle Mautin. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public please take note.

## ODION

This is to confirm that Odion Ikhide Riches and Odion Ikhide Peter is the same person, henceforth I wish to be addressed as Odion Ikhide Riches. All former documents remain valid, the general public should please take note.

## OBOITE

I formerly known as Miss Benedicta Emwinghare Oboite. Now wish to be known as Mrs Benedicta Emwinghare Ikhinmwain. Former documents remain valid general public take note.

## EJEMOYOVWIN

I Formerly known and addressed as EJEMOYOVWIN OCHUKO, Now wish to be known and addressed as OGIGBA OGHENECHUKO JAMES. All former documents remain valid general public please take note.

## UNAH

I, formerly known called and address as. MISS UNAH RUTH but now wish to be known called and address as. MRS CHARLES RUTH. all documents bearing formers names remain valid, Banks and General PUBLIC. please take note.

## HOLIDAY

I, formerly known and addressed as HOLIDAY BEAUTY, now wish to be known and addressed as KINGSLEY BEAUTY. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

## ENANG

I formerly known, called and addressed as Enang Celestine Chinedu now wish to be known, called and addressed as Chigbo Celestine Chinedu. All former documents remain valid. general public, banks and authorities concerned to please take note

## AMOS

I, formerly known and addressed as Amos Ogbokor-Etaluku, now wish to be known and addressed as Chief Amos Etaluku-Ogbokor. All former documents remain valid. General public, please take note.

## OSAWARU

I, Osawaru Kate am the same person as Osawaru Evguahika Kate. I now wish to be called Osawaru Kate. All former documents remain valid. Concerned Authorities and the general public should please take note.

## ISAAC

I formerly known and addressed as Progress Isaac, now to be known and addressed as Iboyi Progress Omojevwe. All former documents remain valid general public please take note.

## AMADI

That I was formerly known, called and addressed as MISS AMADI HAPPINESS ADA, that I now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. NGENE HAPPINESS ADAJOHN. All documents bearing my former name remains valid, general public should please take note.

## OKURU

I, formerly known and addressed as OKURU EJOVWOKE, now wish to be known and addressed as OKURUMEH, EJAY EJOVWOKE. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

## GANAGANA

I, Formerly known and addressed as Ganagana Mabel now wish to be known and addressed as Amatoru Mabel. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

## OGHENERUONA

I, formerly known and addressed as Ogheneruona Lauretta Ogbokor-Etaluku, now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs Ogheneruona Lauretta Etaluku-Ogbokor. All former documents remain valid. General public, please take note.

## DADA

I, formerly called Miss Dada Glory Hephzibah now wish to be called Mrs Adesina Glory Hephzibah. All former documents remain valid. Concerned Authorities and the general public should please take note.

## ONYEUKWU

I Formerly known and addressed as MISS. ONYEUKWU GRACE NNENNA. Now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. ONYEKA GRACE NNENNA. All former documents remain valid general public please take note.

## FAITH

That I was formerly known, called and addressed as GRACE JUMBOBARAYE FAITH, that I now wish to be known, called and addressed as JUMBOBARAYE KALABI GRACE. All documents bearing my former name remains valid, general public should please take note.

## OKOLI

I, formerly known and addressed as OKOLI JUSTINA OGOMA, now wish to be known and addressed as ONWOCHEI JUSTINA OGOMA. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

## OKOLIE

I, Formerly known and addressed as Miss Okolie Vivian now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs Mark Vivian. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

## ADEBAYO

In my National Identity Number Card (NIN) my name was written as ADEBAYO FAVOUR, I wish to add TAWAKALITU to my name. My complete name are ADEBAYO FAVOUR TAWAKALITU. All former documents remain valid. General public, please take note.

## EDUVIE

I, Formerly known as Eduvie Success, now wish to be known and addressed as Urhievweghoro Success. All former documents remain valid. Concerned Authorities and General public take note.

## UNUGAGA

I was formerly known and addressed as Unugaga Peter Awenayere Now wish to be known and addressed as Unukagogo Peter Ewenaye, all former documents remain valid general public take note.

## MICHAEL

That I was formerly known, called and addressed as MICHAEL EFFIONG, that I now wish to be known, called and addressed as ETIM MICHAEL EFFIONG. All documents bearing my former name remains valid, general public should please take note.

## SOYA

I, formerly known and addressed as MISS SOYA UFUOMA, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. AKPOVIRI UFUOMA SOYA. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

## AJIRI

I, Formerly known and addressed as Miss Ajiri Vivian Agbra now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs Ajiri Vivian Akoreh. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

## OSHEVWIYO

I formerly known as Miss Tefue Oshevwiyo now wish to be known as Mrs Odunlami Sweet Oshevwiyo. All former documents remain valid. Banks, authorities concerned and general public take note.

## NWACHUKWU

I, formerly known as Nwachukwu Uchenna Theresa, now wish to be known and called Nweke uchenna Theresa. All former documents remain valid. The general public and to whom it may concern should please take note.

## OMEOGA

I FORMERLY KNOWN AS MISS AMAKA PRECIOUS OMEOGA NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AS MRS AMAKA VICTOR ENE, all former documents remain valid general public take note.

## IGBO

I, formerly known and addressed as MISS AMARACHI AUGUSTA IGBO, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS AMARACHI AUGUSTA OGAZI, All former documents remain valid, general public take note.

## SHANI

I, formerly known and addressed as MISS SHANI, KATE EJOWOKE, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. EKPEWHENIN, KATE EJOWOKE. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.

## AVBINAGHA

I Formerly known and addressed as, Miss, Avbinagha Anthonet Akpevwe and MRS. OJUMAH ANTOINETTE AKPEVWE, Now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. AGBONKHESE ANTOINETTE AKPEVWE. All former documents remain valid general public please take note

## BABAJERE

I formerly known and addressed as BABAJERE TSANINOMI now wish to be known and addressed as BABAJERE BLESSING. Henceforth all former documents remain valid. GTBANK, ACCESS BANK and general public take note.

## OKORO

I, formerly known and addressed as Miss Okoro Victory Itohan, now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs Ogbinaka victory Itohan. All former documents remain valid, General public please take note.

## KALU

I formerly known and addressed as Kalu Goodness Ijeoma, now wish to be known and addressed as Goodness Ijeoma Emea. Former documents remain valid. General public take note.

## OSSAI

I formerly known and addressed as MISS OSSAI UCHECHI ROSE. now wish to be known and addressed as MRS NWOSU UCHECHI ROSE. Former documents remain valid. General public take note.

## HAMMED

That HAMMED RAIMOT IYABO & HAMMED RAIMOT OLUWATOYIN are same and one person but now wish to be addressed as HAMMED RAIMOT OLUWATOYIN all documents remain valid general public whom it may concern take note

## SAMUKU

That my name was wrongly spelt as SAMUKU E. JUSTINA instead of SANUKU E. JUSTINA. My correct name is MRS SANUKU E. JUSTINA. All former documents remain valid general public please take note

## DIATA

I formerly known called and addressed as Diata Sunny now wish to be known called and addressed as Diata Sunday that my name was wrongly captured on my BVN as Diata Sunny instead of my correct name as Diata Sunday. All former documents remain valid general public please take note.

## MORAH

I, formerly known and addressed as MISS. MORAH NNEKA CHRISTIANA, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS EZENWA NNEKA CHRISTIANA. All former documents remain valid, General public please take note.

## EIGBOKHAN

My name Eigbokhan Rose Oteken was wrongly entered during account opening as Aigbokhali Rose and on BVN as Eigbokhan Rose Oteken. My correct name is Eigbokhan Rose Oteken. All former documents remain valid, Authorities Concerned and general public please take note.

## IHEZIE

I formerly known and addressed as EMMANUEL CHIBUEZE IHEZIE, now wish to be known and addressed as EMMANUEL NNABUEZE JOSIAH. Former documents remain valid. General public take note.



**CHANGE OF NAME**

<p><b>NOMEH</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as MISS NOMEH BLESSING NWAKAEGO, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS NDUKWU BLESSING NWAKAEGO. All former documents remain valid, General public please take note.</p>	<p><b>STEPHEN</b></p> <p>I Formerly known as STEPHEN GODFREY TEGA, now wish to be known as ONJIGHOFE GODFREY TEGA. All former documents remain valid general public please take note.</p>	<p><b>OGHUMU</b></p> <p>I, formerly known as Miss Oghumu Endurance Oritsema, now wish to be known, addressed and called Mrs Ogboduwa Endurance Oritsema. All documents remain valid. General public take note.</p>	<p><b>NNAMDI</b></p> <p>I, formerly known as NNAMDI ONYEDIKA IMMACHRIS. Now wish to be Known, called and addressed as UZOCHUKWU. ONYEDIKA CHRISTIAN. All former documents remain valid. Concerned Authorities, Banks, NIMC and General public should please take note.</p>	<p><b>UGBEBOR</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as MISS. UGBEBOR, IFEOMA LOVETH now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. CHUKWUYEM, IFEOMA LOVETH. Former documents remain valid. General public, to whom it may concern please take note.</p>	<p><b>OSHEVIRE</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as : MISS.OSHEVIRE BEAUTY EBRUPHIYO, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. EMUOBONUVIE BEAUTY EBRUPHIYO, All former documents remain valid, general public take note.</p>
<p><b>MAYOWA</b></p> <p>I, formerly known as Mayowa Yetunde Esther, Now wish to be known and addressed as Fagite Esther Yetunde. All former documents remain valid. Banks and general public take note.</p>	<p><b>EDOSA</b></p> <p>I wish to re-arrange my name on my BVN details and documents from Edosa Odigie Blessed to Odigie Blessed Edosa, that henceforth I shall be known, called and addressed as Odigie Blessed Edosa. All former documents remain valid general public please take note.</p>	<p><b>OZOUGWU</b></p> <p>My name was wrongly spelt in my marriage certificate as Miss Ozougwu Pamela Chinyelu instead of Miss Ozougwu Pamela Chinyere now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs anigolu pamelachinyere.. All former documents remain valid banks and the general public take note.</p>	<p><b>NWACHUKWU</b></p> <p>I, formerly known as Miss. Nwachukwu Queen Nwadiuto, now wish to be known as Mrs. Ikwuanusi Queen Afoma Nwadiuto. All documents remain valid. General public take note.</p>	<p><b>OKUNBOR</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as MISS. OKUNBOR, BLESSING KELECHI now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. HAPPINESS, BLESSING KELECHI. Former documents remain valid. General public, to whom it may concern please take note.</p>	<p><b>ONOVUGHIGHO</b></p> <p>I formerly known and addressed as MISS. ONOVUGHIGHO NAOMI OKIEMUTE.now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. FIDELIS NAOMI OKIEMUTE. Former documents remain valid. General public take note.</p>
<p><b>FASINU</b></p> <p>I formerly known and addressed as Fasinu Nunode Agnes, now wish to be known and addressed as Owolabi Nunode Agnes. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concern please take note.</p>	<p><b>MOHAMMED</b></p> <p>I formerly known as MOHAMMED IBRAHIM, now wish to be known as UMAR IBRAHIM. All former documents remain valid general public please take note.</p>	<p><b>ODO</b></p> <p>I, formally known called and addressed as Odo Chinaza Linda, now wish to be known called and addressed as Abonyi Chinaza Linda. General public take note.</p>	<p><b>OKORO</b></p> <p>I formerly known and addressed as Okoro Constacia Nnebuikwe, Now wish to be Known and addressed as Ezugwu Constacia Nnebuikwe, All former documents remain valid, Banks, NYSC and authorities concerned should take note.</p>	<p><b>IFEANYI</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as MISS. IFEANYI, PRISCILLIA ISIOMA now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. SOPULU, PRISCILLIA ISIOMA. Former documents remain valid. General public, to whom it may concern please take note.</p>	<p><b>NWANNE</b></p> <p>I formerly known, called and addressed as NWANNE EMEKA ISREAL now wish to be known, called and addressed as CHIBUEZE EMEKA ISREAL. All former documents remain valid. general public, banks and authorities concerned to please take note.</p>
<p><b>SOSANWO</b></p> <p>I formerly known as Miss Sosanwo Alice Oluwabukola now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs Ogunsanya Alice Oluwabukola. All former documents remain valid, any authority it may concern and general public to take note.</p>	<p><b>ONOME</b></p> <p>I formerly known as: Miss Onome Perpetual Uyouyoughene. Now wish to be known as Mrs Abonoke Efe Perpetual. All former documents remain valid general public please take note.</p>	<p><b>EZE</b></p> <p>I, formerly known as Eze Joel, now wish to be known as Eze Joel Ebube. All documents remain valid. General public take note.</p>	<p><b>OZOUGWU</b></p> <p>My name was wrongly spelt in my marriage certificate as Miss Ozougwu Pamela Chinyelu instead of Miss Ozougwu Pamela Chinyere now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs Anigolu Pamela Chinyere. All former documents remain valid banks and the general public take note.</p>	<p><b>ABIODUN</b></p> <p>This is to certify that my name was wrongly captured as ABIODUN NGOZI in my NIN details. My correct name is ABIODUN NGOZI and should be used henceforth. Former documents remain valid. General Public, please take note.</p>	<p><b>ORAKWUE</b></p> <p>I formerly known, called and addressed as ORAKWUE CYNTHIA MMESOMA now wish to be known, called and addressed as OBIORA CYNTHIA MMESOMA. All former documents remain valid. general public, banks and authorities concerned to please take note.</p>
<p><b>UGUTE</b></p> <p>I formerly known and addressed as MISS, UGUTE ESTHER AKPOKONIOVO Now Wish to be known and addressed as MRS. AYABOTU ESTHER AKPOS. All former documents remain valid general public please take note.</p>	<p><b>ONAIWU</b></p> <p>I formerly known and addressed as ONAIWU TESSY OSAIYEKEMWEN, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS OSAROBO TESSY OSAIYEKEMWEN. All former documents remain valid general public please take note.</p>	<p><b>EYILI</b></p> <p>I formerly known called and addressed as EBELE LYNDA NKEMDILIM EYILI, now wish to be known Called and Addressed as EBELE CHARITY NKEMDILIM OGBODO. All former document remain valid general public take note.</p>	<p><b>AROWOLO</b></p> <p>I, formerly known as AROWOLO, Omolabake Precious, now wish to be known as ADEDEJI, Zainab Omolabake. All documents remain valid. General public take note.</p>	<p><b>OJOYE</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as OJOYE ZIPEREDEN AZEE, now wish to be known and addressed as OJOYE ZIPEREDEN. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.</p>	<p><b>ANYANWU</b></p> <p>I formerly known, called and addressed as ANYANWU RUTH NKEIRUKA now wish to be known, called and addressed as IKEZU RUTH NKEIRUKA. All former documents remain valid. general public, banks and authorities concerned to please take note.</p>
<p><b>ANAM</b></p> <p>I formerly known as Miss. Anam Priscilla Chinyem now wish to be known as Mrs. Ofoh Priscilla Chinyem. All former documents remain valid general public please take note.</p>	<p><b>AZUKA</b></p> <p>I formerly known as Ugbeh Azuka now wish to be known as Ugbeh Abishia. All former documents remain valid general public please take note.</p>	<p><b>ANYANWU</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as Anyanwu Nnamdi Victor, now wish to be known and addressed as Anyanwu Kelechi Nnamdi Victor. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.</p>	<p><b>IREYEFOJU</b></p> <p>I formerly known and addressed as Judith Oti Ireyefoju Now wish to be known and addressed as Judith Oti Moju. All former documents remain valid general public please take note.</p>	<p><b>AJUONUMA</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as Miss AJUONUMA CHIOMA LINDA, now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs. NWADIKE-CAJETAN CHIOMA LINDA. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.</p>	<p><b>ABANIWU</b></p> <p>I formerly known and addressed as Abaniwu Emeke Justin now wish to be known and addressed as Nwanekezie Chukwuma Joseph all former documents remain valid. Banks and the general public please take note.</p>
<p><b>FIDELIS</b></p> <p>I, formerly known as FIDELIS VALENTINE CHIDIOGO. Now wish to be known and addressed as OLEDBIBE VALENTINE CHIDIOGO. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public Take note.</p>	<p><b>OKPARAMIDEVI</b></p> <p>I formerly known as Okparamidevi Oghenekevwe, now wish to be known as Okubene Oghenekevwe Gift. All former documents remain valid general public please take note.</p>	<p><b>AIGBOJE</b></p> <p>I, formerly addressed as Miss. Aigboje Agbonmere Esther, now wish to be called and address as Mrs. Aki Agbonmere Esther. Former documents remain the same. General public take note.</p>	<p><b>AKPOTUDOUGH</b></p> <p>I formerly known and addressed as Akpotudougha Yellow Ebi, Now wish to be known and addressed as Akpotudougha Yellow Pinaere. All former documents remain valid general public please take note.</p>	<p><b>UDOH</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as Miss UDOH UDUAK FAITH, now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs. TEBESNGHAN UDUAK FAITH. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.</p>	<p><b>ADJAKA</b></p> <p>I, formerly known as ADJAKA MCDONALD UHRIEMEFE or ADJAKA MCDONALD now wish to be known and addressed as ODAFE MCDONALD URHIEMEFE. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.</p>
<p><b>JOSEPH</b></p> <p>My correct name is Uchechikwu Jideani Lucky as stated on my International Passport. My name appeared on my BVN as Uchechukwu Jideani Joseph. I now wish to change Joseph To Lucky in my BVN details. All documents bearing any of the names remain valid. Bank, General Public Take Note.</p>	<p><b>NONYE</b></p> <p>I, formerly known as Miss NONYE RITA EZEBOBI, now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs RITA NONYE OKOYE. All former documents remain valid. The general public should take note.</p>	<p><b>JOLLYBOY</b></p> <p>This is to confirm that Jollyboy Tracy and Emamemor Kelvin Tracy is the same person but now wish to be called Emamemor Kelvin Tracy. All documents remain valid. General public take note.</p>	<p><b>BAZUNU</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as MISS BAZUNU, OMAMO PEDORA, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. MORKA, OMAMO PEDORA. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.</p>	<p><b>OLUBUKOLA</b></p> <p>I, formerly known as Miss. Olubukola Risikatu Adeniji, now wish to be known and called Mrs. Olubukola Risikatu Venture. All former documents remain valid. The general public and to whom it may concern should please take note.</p>	<p><b>MIRACLE</b></p> <p>I formerly known and addressed as VICENT MIRACLE Now wish to be known and addressed as AKPONOYOVWI VICENT MIRACLE. All former documents remain valid general public please take note.</p>
<p><b>AZIKE</b></p> <p>That, my name was wrongly captured in my NIN as Azike Marvelous Chifunanya, instead of my correct name, I wish to be known and addressed as Micheal Marvelous Chifunanya. All former documents remain valid. The general public and concerned authorities should please take note.</p>	<p><b>IGBINOBA</b></p> <p>I wish to state that in my Bank Verification Number (BVN) Account, my middle name was erroneously entered as Igbinoba Esewi Sunny, now I wish to remove Sunny from my name, and my full name now is IGBINOBA ESEWI. All former documents remain valid, general public should take note.</p>	<p><b>ADEOLA</b></p> <p>In my National Identify Management System (NIMC) slip, my name was wrongly Adeola Roheemot Ifeoluwapo, instead of Mrs Saka Abosede Omowunmi. All documents remain valid. General public take note.</p>	<p><b>EJOKE</b></p> <p>I, formerly known and addressed as MISS EJOKE, MARY OGHENEVO, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. ATUBI, MARY OGHENEVO. All former documents remain valid. General public please take note.</p>	<p><b>AGHO</b></p> <p>I, formerly known as Miss Augusta Okpomwese Agho, now wish to be known and called Mrs. Augusta Okpomwese Onomua. All former documents remain valid. The general public and to whom it may concern should please take note.</p>	<p><b>UMUKORO</b></p> <p>I formerly known as Umukoro Benita, now wish to be known as Mrs Benita Okpako. All former documents remain valid general public please take note.</p>
<p><b>INNOCENT</b></p> <p>That, my name was wrongly captured in my BVN and NIN as OFOKE SUNDAY INNOCENT, my correct name I wish to be known and addressed as is OFOKE SUNDAY DROGBA. All former document remain valid. The general public and concerned authorities should please take note.</p>	<p><b>MOROYE</b></p> <p>I wish to state that in my National Identity Number (NIN), my surname was mistakenly written as MOROYE instead of POROYE, that my full name is POROYE OMOLARA PRECIOUS. All former documents remain valid, general public should take note.</p>	<p><b>AMOG</b></p> <p>I, formerly known as Agwu Chukwuemeka Amoge as wrongly captured on my Osisatech Polytechnic result/certificate and nd result. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as Agwu Chukwuemeka Clinton as in my International Passport. All former documents remain valid. Concerned Authorities, Banks, NIMC and General public should please take note.</p>	<p><b>EDHEKEGBA</b></p> <p>I, Edhekegba, Oghenekome Annabelle, hereby state that my name appears on my BANK ACCOUNT/BVN as Ejedegba Oghenekome but want same to be Edhekegba Oghenekome Annabelle henceforth. General public please take note.</p>	<p><b>GODSTIME</b></p> <p>My name was wrongly arranged in my NIN as GODSTIME STEPHEN, instead of STEPHEN GODSTIME. The correct arrangement of my name is STEPHEN GODSTIME. All former documents remain valid. Concerned Authorities and General public take note.</p>	<p><b>ALBERT</b></p> <p>I formerly known as Mr Albert Ogaga, now wish to be known as Mr Omashone Ogaga. All former documents remain valid general public please take note.</p>
<p><b>AKPORE</b></p> <p>I Formerly known as AKPORE OGHENETEGA, now wish to be known as AZIZA OGHENETEGA BENEDICT. All former documents remain valid general public please take note.</p>	<p><b>HAPPY</b></p> <p>I was formerly known and addressed as HAPPY PAUL now wish to be known and addressed as APIL PAUL. All former documents remain valid. Bank and general public please take note.</p>	<p><b>ANUNOBI</b></p> <p>I, formerly known as ANUNOBI TOBE, now wish to be known, addressed and called UBA ANTHONY TOBECHUKWU. All documents remain valid. General public take note.</p>	<p><b>CHRISTOLITE</b></p> <p>I, Peters, Christolite Eloho, hereby state that my name appears on my BVN as Opotu Chrysolite Eloho and NIN as Peters Chrysolite Eloho but want same to be Peters Christolite Eloho henceforth. General public please take note.</p>	<p><b>IGBINOBA</b></p> <p>The general public is hereby notified that my correct name is Igbinoba Osahon Marvelous and not Osakpamwan Osahon Marvelous as wrongly written in some of my documents. Henceforth, I now wish to be known as Igbinoba Osahon Marvelous. Former documents remain valid. General public please take note.</p>	<p><b>EDAFEBURU</b></p> <p>I, Formerly known as EDAFEBURU EMMANUEL, now wish to be known and addressed as EDAFE ROLINGS. All former documents remain valid. Concerned Authorities and General public take note.</p>





# Gunners move to within two points of league leaders with crucial win

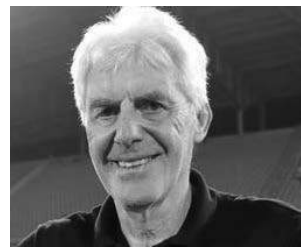


**• Arsenal celebrate their victory over Liverpool yesterday**

Arsenal who regained the lead on 67 minutes when it was their turn to be the beneficiaries of some comical defending. Martinelli chased a hopeful, long ball over the top and got his reward for the pursuit as a shocking miscommunication between Alisson and Virgil van Dijk allowed the Brazilian to step past the duo and roll the ball into an empty net. Liverpool never looked like levelling again and their misery was compounded when Ibrahima Konate was sent off for a second yellow card two minutes from time, with substitute Trossard somehow squirming a third goal through Alisson in stoppage time. The result sees Arsenal move up to second place and cut the gap on leaders Liverpool to two points after 23 matches played. Manchester City sit in third spot, three points further back but with two games in hand. Liverpool will now look to bounce back at home to Burnley next Saturday. Arsenal visit West Ham on Sunday.

Gabriel Martinelli, Bukayo Saka and Leandro Trossard were on target as Arsenal cut the gap on 10-man leaders Liverpool to two points with a 3-1 victory in a crunch clash in the title race at Emirates Stadium. The contest was hyped as a 'must-not lose' for The Gunners and Mikel Arteta's side were dominant against the lacklustre Merseysiders for much of the first half. Saka gave the hosts a deserved lead on 14 minutes when he fired the rebound into an empty net following a superb save from Alisson to deny Kai Havertz. Liverpool could easily have fallen two or three behind but somehow levelled just prior to the break. A calamitous mix-up at the back allowed Luis Diaz to stab Ryan Gravenberch's clipped pass onto Gabriel, with the Brazilian defender flicking the ball into his own net. Jurgen Klopp's men were much-improved following the interval but it was

# Bafana's hunger to play in AFCON final is big — Broos



• Broos

South Africa coach Hugo Broos said his team's Africa Cup of Nations campaign must already be considered a success after they reached the last four on Saturday, but the veteran Belgian insisted "the hunger is big" to go all the way to the final. Bafana Bafana beat Cape Verde 2-1 on penalties in the last eight after a goalless 120 minutes in Ivorian capital Yamoussoukro, with goalkeeper and captain Ronwen Williams producing a remarkable four saves in the shoot-out. "Let's say six hours ago I was 71, now I am 75. It was a very stressful game, certainly with penalties," admitted Broos. South Africa are now into their first Afcon semi-final since

2000 and will face much-fancied Nigeria on Wednesday. "Today I saw and felt that my players were really nervous. There was a lot of pressure because everyone wanted to qualify for the semi-finals, and we didn't play like in our previous matches," admitted

Broos, whose team had beaten Morocco 2-0 against the odds in the last 16. They will again be the underdogs against Victor Osimhen's Super Eagles in Bouake, leaving Broos to claim his side "have nothing to lose". "It is maybe bizarre for me to say that but for us our Afcon has already been a success. We are in the semi-finals. Nobody thought we would do that when we left South Africa to come here. "There will be less pressure on us, I am certain of that. That doesn't mean we don't want to play the final, certainly not." Broos has revived the fortunes of South Africa, having taken over following their failure to qualify for the last Cup of Nations two years ago.

# S/Africa keeper Williams should be minister to save economy

South Africa goalkeeper Ronwen Williams should be made his country's finance minister to 'save the economy' after his player of the match performance against Cape Verde, his teammate Grant Kekana joked. The Bafana Bafana captain saved four penalties in a remarkable performance that earned him the player of the match award after their penalties win in their quarter-final in Yamoussoukro. Williams, 32, also denied Gilson Benchimol with an incredible reaction save to push the Blue Sharks forward's effort onto the bar after he was put through to with a chance win the match in injury time in normal time. "He is a world class goalkeeper," South Africa defender Grant Kekana said. "I think he should be made the Minister of Finance - he can save South Africa's economy." Williams reserved praise for the team's analysts, who he said have "filled his phone" with clips of penalties taken by Cape Verde. The stopper, who won the inaugural African Football League with Mamelodi Sundowns last season, says he had a "good idea" where the

penalties would be going thanks to the work of the team behind the scenes and his highlight was the save to deny Benchimol rather than the shoot out. "There wasn't too many clear cut chances and that was one where that got in behind the defence and there was only a few minutes to go," Williams said "So for me that save stands out more than anything else. I'm just proud I could keep my team in the game because they don't give me so much work to do." Bafana Bafana have not

conceded a goal since their opening match of the tournament when they lost 2-0 to Mali. Kekana, who plays alongside Williams for Sundowns, was overlooked for that game but has been an ever present since in the heart of the defence to coincide with the series of clean sheets. "We understand that, if we don't concede you don't lose games," he said. "So we try so hard to work as a team. We start defending from the front to give us the chance of winning the game."

# Cape Verde dream of World Cup after Afcon heartbreak

Cape Verde midfielder Ryan Mendes says the next target for the country is qualification for the World Cup. The 34-year-old Fatih Karagumruk midfielder, who previously had spells with Nottingham Forest and Lille, believes the achievement at the tournament by the Blue Sharks will boost those hopes. "I will try to help my

country to go to World Cup," Mendes told BBC Sport Africa. "For our country, all the people - even my son who's aged three years - it's the dream for my son. We will try to give everything. We showed all the people we can play very good football. But tonight was very bad for us because we wanted to continue in this tournament."

IN THE FEDERAL HIGH COURT OF NIGERIA  
IN THE LAGOS JUDICIAL DIVISION  
HOLDEN AT LAGOS  
BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP,  
HON JUSTICE A. LEWIS-ALLAGOA

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SUIT NO: FHC/L/CS/2448/2023

BETWEEN:  
MR. OKORIE EZENWA ANDREW — PLAINTIFF/APPLICANT  
(TRADING UNDER THE NAME AND STYLE OF ANDRECONYTH ENTERPRISES)  
AND  
EMERALD LEASING LIMITED — DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT

ORDER

UPON THIS MOTION EX-PARTE dated and filed on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023 praying this Honourable Court for the following Orders:-

- AN INTERIM ORDER of this Honourable Court granting leave to Mr. Amala Umeike (a duly licensed Insolvency Practitioner in Nigeria) who has been appointed/authorized as an Administrator by the Applicant (a Creditor to the Defendant/Respondent) to apply for and act as an Administrator over all the assets and affairs of the Defendant/Respondent (Respondent) wherever such assets may be found and situated, pending the hearing and determination of the Motion on Notice filed along with this Motion Ex-parte.
- AN INTERIM ORDER of this Honourable Court granting judicial protection to Mr. Amala Umeike (a duly licensed Insolvency Practitioner in Nigeria), to act as Administrator over all the affairs/assets/funds

in Nigeria and any other Agencies, Institutions, and other Organisations in Nigeria that are contractually obligated to the Respondent to furnish Mr. Amala Umeike (the Proposed Administrator) and this Honourable Court with details of any sums standing to the credit of the Respondent in this Application, banking records or any contract with the Respondent within five (5) days of being served with the Order of this Honourable Court.

- AN ORDER of this Honourable Court directing the Commissioner of Police, Nigerian Police Special Fraud Unit, Milverton Road, Ikoyi, or any other Police officers/personnel as may be deemed appropriate by the Administrator, to provide adequate protection and cover in carrying out his duties as an Administrator over the Defendant/Applicant pending the hearing and determination of the Motion on Notice filed along with this Motion Ex-parte.
- AN ORDER of this Honourable Court granting leave to the Applicant to serve this Order, the prescribed, statutory and procedural Notices on the status of the Respondent as well as other notices and relevant information in any Daily and Nationally circulated Newspaper in Nigeria.
- AND for such further Order or Orders as this Honourable Court may deem fit to make in the circumstances.

AND AFTER READING the affidavit in support of Motion sworn to by OKORIE EZENWA ANDREW, Adult, Male, Christian, Nigerian Citizen of GS U2, Lekki Gardens Estate, Phase 2, Kirometre 22, Lekki Epe

- That an Interim Order of this Honourable Court is granted restraining the Respondent, their agents, servants, cronies, and privies by whatsoever name called from disposing of, selling, mortgaging, pledging, or otherwise transferring, appropriating, or dealing with any of the assets of the Respondent (except as authorized by the Administrator hereinabove referenced), pending the hearing and determination of the Motion on Notice filed along with this Motion Ex-parte.
- That an Interim Order of Mareva Injunction is granted restraining the Respondent by itself, its directors, officers, agents, servants, privies, trustees, nominees, proxies, subsidiaries, sister companies, related companies, or otherwise any other person, natural or artificial, however called, within and outside Nigeria, from giving any instruction, demanding, accepting, or receiving payment from any Banks or Financial Institutions in Nigeria, or other Companies; or giving any sale or transfer instruction, demanding, accepting, or receiving any payment or sale of dividend on the shares owned by the Respondent, its servants, agents, privies, sister companies, their nominees, accounts in any Bank or Financial institution within Nigeria (except as authorized by the Administrator hereinabove referenced), pending the hearing and determination of the Motion on Notice filed along with this Motion Ex-parte.
- That an Order of this Honourable Court is made granting leave to the Applicant to serve this Order, the prescribed, statutory, and procedural Notices on the status of the Respondent as well as other notices and relevant information in any Daily and Nationally circulated Newspaper in Nigeria.
- That matter is further adjourned to the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2024.

ISSUED AT LAGOS, UNDER THE seal of this Honourable Court and by the Hand of the presiding Judge this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

OKORO C. N (MRS)  
FEDERAL HIGH COURT  
LAGOS

EMERALD LEASING LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATION)  
RE: SECTION 487 OF THE COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT, 2020.  
NOTICE OF MEETING OF CREDITORS OF EMERALD LEASING LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATION)

In line with Section 487 of the Companies and Allied Matters Act (CAMA) 2020, NOTICE is hereby given to the General Public that a Creditors' Meeting of all the Creditors of Emerald Leasing Limited (in Administration) with the Administrator of Emerald Leasing Limited (in Administration) has been scheduled to hold as follows:

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
Time: 3PM  
Venue: Virtual - Zoom Platform

All Creditors of Emerald Leasing Limited (in Administration) are to contact the Administrator of Emerald Leasing Limited (in Administration) via email or phone at [gmalumeike@strenandolan.com](mailto:gmalumeike@strenandolan.com) or 07067014557 not later than 12 pm, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 for access details, registration process and the meeting pack.

Signed  
Amala Umeike  
[gmalumeike@strenandolan.com](mailto:gmalumeike@strenandolan.com)  
07067014557  
Administrator, Emerald Leasing Limited (in Administration)

EMERALD LEASING LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATION)  
NOTICE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

The General Public is hereby informed that the Federal High Court sitting at Koyi, Lagos State, Coram Honourable Justice A. Lewis-Allagooa in SUIT NO. FHC/L/CS/2448/2023 - MR. OKORIE EZENWA ANDREW V. EMERALD LEASING LIMITED which arose as a result of the failure of Emerald Leasing Limited (in Administration) to settle its indebtedness to the Plaintiff in the Suit has appointed Mr. Amala Umeike, of 4 Princess Folashade Ojularayo Street, Off Theophilus Oji Street, Lekki Phase 1, Lagos State as the Administrator of Emerald Leasing Limited (in Administration) by an Order dated 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023, to take over and manage the affairs of Emerald Leasing Limited (in Administration) in line with the Companies and Allied Matters Act (CAMA), 2020.

The General Public is hereby also put on notice that the erstwhile Directors and Management of Emerald Leasing Limited (in Administration) have by the aforesaid Order been suspended and the Public is advised henceforth correspond and deal solely with the Administrator in respect of all matters whatsoever in connection with Emerald Leasing Limited (in Administration) as anyone that deals with any other person apart from the Court appointed Administrator does so at his own risk.

Signed  
Amala Umeike  
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Fae

## We died, resurrected, says Cote d'Ivoire's coach Fae

Cote d'Ivoire stop-gap coach Emerse Fae says his side felt "resurrected" at the TotalEnergies CAF Africa Cup of Nations after overturning their disastrous start to remarkably reach the semi-finals.

The Elephants only qualified from the group stage as one of the best third-placed teams after defeats to Equatorial Guinea and Nigeria.

Fae was named to take charge of the team on an interim basis after coach Jean Louis Gasset was sacked for the host nation's disastrous start to the competition.

Hosts Cote d'Ivoire failed to secure automatic qualification to the tournament's knockout stage when it was beaten 4-0 by Equatorial Guinea in its final group game which led to the sacking of the Frenchman.

The side looks to have turned the corner after Fae took over and has now steered the side to the last four.

But Fae revealed: "I told the players we were dead after the defeat against Equatorial Guinea, and we were resurrected after the Morocco game with Zambia."

That lifeline allowed Cote d'Ivoire to stun defending champions Senegal and overcome 10-man Mali after extra time to set up a semi-final with DR Congo.

## Dominican Republic 2024: Formidable Flamingos rout Central African Republic 6-0 in Douala

Nigeria's U17 girls, Flamingos have set off on another FIFA World Cup journey with a strong warning to opponents, as they dismissed their counterparts from Central African Republic 6-0 in an African second round, first leg qualification game in Douala, Cameroon on Sunday.

Harmony Chidi opened the floodgates as early as the 5th minute, and Prisca Nwachukwu doubled Nigeria's advantage with six minutes left in the first period at the Stade de la Reunification in Cameroon's second city.

Chidi made it two for herself on the day and three for Nigeria in the 42nd minute, before Shakirat Moshood also got in on the act in the 45th minute with Nigeria's fourth.

Leading 4-0 at half time, the 2022 FIFA World Cup bronze medallists still refused to lift their feet off the pedal, as Etim Edidiong made it five in the 57th minute, and Shakirat Moshood got her brace in the 72nd minute by making it six for Nigeria.

Central African Republic hosts her international matches in Cameroon, as there is no FIFA-approved stadium for football matches in their own country.

The return leg match will take place at the Moshood Abiola National Stadium, Abuja on Friday, 9th February 2024.

This year's FIFA U17 Women's World Cup finals will be staged in the Dominican Republic.

## Peseiro plots South Africa's fall in semis



Peseiro

Super Eagles coach Jose Peseiro has suggested two ways his team can beat South Africa and get to the final of the ongoing 2023 Africa Cup of Nations, Afcon, in Cote d'Ivoire.

Peseiro, in a tweet via his X account on Saturday night, said Super Eagles players need to 'keep their feet on the ground and stay focused to qualify for the AFCON final.

"Our players were once again extraordinary. Many congratulations," the Portuguese tweeted.

"We are in the semi-finals. Keep our feet on the ground; stay focused to conquer our place in the final."

Nigeria qualified for the Afcon semi-final on Friday after beating Angola in the quarter-final.

Peseiro's men will face South

Africa's Bafana Bafana who defeated Cape Verde on penalties in their quarter final clash.

Cape Verde faced a setback as they lost their first three penalties, with former Manchester United player Bebe missing the opening shot. In a thrilling quarterfinal showdown at the Charles Konan Banny Stadium in Yamoussoukro, South Africa's goalkeeper Ronwen Williams emerged as the hero, making four saves in the penalty shootout after a goalless 120 minutes on Saturday night.

The intense clash witnessed both teams starting brightly in an open first half, but stellar defensive performances from Williams and Cape Verde's Vozinha ensured a deadlock at halftime.

South Africa's advancement to the semi-finals sets the stage for further excitement in the prestigious tournament, with Williams earning accolades for his match-winning contributions.

In a relentless battle, both teams fought tirelessly, but the scoreboard remained untouched, leading the quarterfinal clash into an added 30 minutes extra-time.

Despite intensified efforts, the deadlock persisted, ultimately pushing the showdown into a high-stakes penalty shootout.

It was the Bafana Bafana's semi-finals for the first time since 2000.



Super Eagles

## Super Eagles fly to Bouake tomorrow

African champions-in-waiting Nigeria will only arrive in the city of Bouake on Tuesday, for their potentially-explosive first semi-final of the 34th Africa Cup of Nations against South Africa's Bafana Bafana.

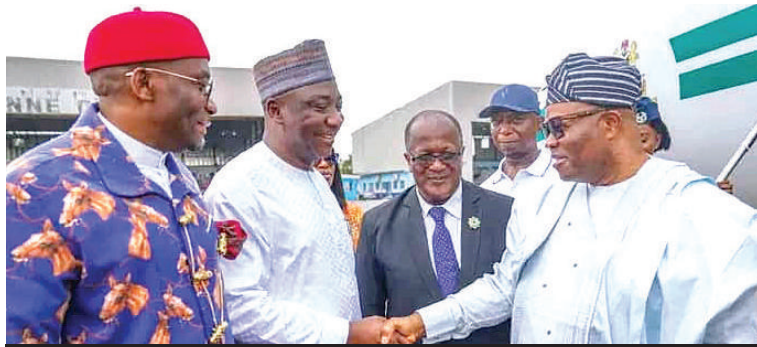
The three-time champions will continue their preparations for the encounter in Abidjan and will only have the official training on arrival in Cote d'Ivoire's second city on Tuesday afternoon.

When Cote d'Ivoire hosted their only previous Africa Cup of Nations finals 40 years ago, Nigeria also played their semi-final match in the city of Bouake, against Egypt.

In what was easily ranked as the match of the tournament,

the Pharaohs, led by Mahmoud Al-Khatib and including Taher Abou Zeid, Magdi Abdel Ghani, Ali Shehata, Ibrahim Youssef and goalkeeper Thabet El-Batal, led 2-0 before the half hour. But Stephen Keshi pulled one back from the penalty spot before half time, and then made the inch-perfect pull-out from which Bala Ali netted the equalizer in the second half. Nigeria won the ensuing penalty shootout 8-7.

Nigeria's squad that day included goalkeeper Peter Rufai, Kingsley Paul, Yisa Sofoluwe, Sunday Eboigbe, Humphrey Edobor, Chibuzor Ehilegbu, Ademola Adeshina, Mudashiru Lawal, Henry Nwosu and Rashidi Yekini.



NFF President Gusau welcoming Senate President Akpabio and his entourage to Abidjan on Friday morning.

## AFCON 2023: Gusau heaps plaudits on Tinubu, others

President of Nigeria Football Federation, Ibrahim Musa Gusau has applauded the contributions of His Excellency, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, President of the Senate, Chief Godswill Akpabio and Nigeria's FIFA Member Amaju Melvin Pinnick as the Super Eagles wended elegantly and unapologetically into the Africa Cup of Nations semi-finals in Cote d'Ivoire.

Gusau, ever modest and level-headed even in the midst of mass excitement and euphoria of Nigeria's progress, told thenff.com that he would rather give credit for the team's advancement to key individuals who have played major roles behind the scenes to spur the team to rise to higher heights.

"Let me tell you something: that virtual interaction that our

Father of the Nation, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu (GCFR) had with the players prior to the match against Angola was highly motivating and inspiring at the same time. He told them to go for it because they can do it and that they have the capacity to go all the way. The players told me his words kept ringing in their ears.

"We also commend the President of the Senate of the Federal Republic, Chief Godswill Akpabio (CON) for finding the time to come all the way to Abidjan to cheer the Eagles to victory against the Angolans. It was a very tough game but the players knew the whole of Nigeria was behind them having heard the words of Mr. President and knowing that the country's number three man was in the stands cheering them on."

## Super Eagles receive N15m each after Cameroon win

The Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) has promptly rewarded the Super Eagles for their outstanding performance in the 2023 African Nations Cup, paying the winning bonus for their victory over the Indomitable Lions of Cameroon.

The Super Eagles secured a 1-0 victory against Angola in the quarter-final, advancing to the semi-final stage.

Each player received a payment alert of \$12,500 for the team's impressive 2-0 win over Cameroon in the Round of 16 with even more expected soon for the latest win. Additionally, the players are due to receive \$30,000 each for progressing beyond the group stage in the tournament.

The swift payment of bonuses reflects the NFF's commitment to ensuring the welfare and motivation of the national team.

The Super Eagles are gearing up for a challenging semi-final clash against Bafana Bafana of South Africa, scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, 2024 by 6pm.

In addition to the recent bonuses, the team is anticipating the clearance of a backlog of unpaid bonuses and allowances, dating back to 2021.

The successful run of the Super Eagles in the ongoing AFCON has heightened expectations, and the NFF aims to provide the necessary support to the players and Jose Peseiro-led coaching staff.

## Bafana Bafana penalty hero ready for Super Eagles

South African goalkeeper, Ronwen Williams has declared that the Bafana Bafana are battle ready to face the Super Eagles in the semi-final of the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations.

A meeting of two imperious defences will decide the first entrant to the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations final, when South Africa and Nigeria meet on Wednesday.

The Super Eagles have conceded just one goal at this AFCON and dispatched Angola

in a tight game to qualify for the semi-finals.

Bafana Bafana matched their run of four consecutive clean sheets as goalkeeper Ronwen Williams delivered the heroics in their penalty shootout win over Cape Verde after 120 minutes.

Williams, who saved four penalties, stated after the game that the Bafana Bafana are ready for Super Eagles challenge.

"It's special just to be part of the Africa Cup of Nations, seeing all these amazing African players playing in big teams in Europe, doing wonderful things so we are just glad we can show our worth as well as South Africans.

"We know it's going to be a big one coming up so we need to prepare accordingly and we are looking forward to the challenge."

The Super Eagles and the Bafana Bafana will battle at the Stade de la Paix, Bouaké on Wednesday, February 7.



Odegbami

## Odegbami sees Nigeria, Cote d'Ivoire finale on February 11

Dr. Olusegun Odegbami won the Africa Cup of Nations gold and two bronze medals in seven years of energetic and diligent service to Nigeria in international football at senior level. The team was then known as Green Eagles. He was the star of the 12th edition of the Africa Cup of Nations, hosted by Nigeria in 1980, scoring two excellent goals in a Final that saw Nigeria spank the Fenecs of Algeria 3-0 at the National Stadium, Lagos.

During that tournament, he scored three goals, just as he did at the 1978 finals in Ghana, where Nigeria picked up bronze medals after Tunisia abandoned the classification match as a result of Baba Otu Mohammed's equalizer. He also played at the 1976 edition in Ethiopia, where the Green Eagles finished third behind Morocco and Guinea – the only AFCON played on league basis till date.

Prior to the 34th edition in Cote d'Ivoire, the one named 'The Mathematical' had told everyone who cared to listen that Nigeria would be champions of Africa after February 11 – the day of the Final match scheduled for the Stade Olympique Alassane Ouattara. Very few believed him.



William

Stanley



# Transition to Glory ...but forever in our hearts



**W**ith total submission to the will of the Almighty God, we the friends and colleagues mourn the passing on to glory of our Friend, Mentor, Teacher, Trainer, and Teacher of Teachers:

**EMERITUS PROF. O. O. MBONU**

who passed on to greater glory on the 24th of November, 2023.

Your trail blazing sojourn through this earth inspired and encouraged most of us in one way or the other.

We remain grateful for the knowledge you impacted on us and we cherish you beyond words.

**Continue to Rest in the Lord**

## EMERITUS PROFESSOR **OKECHUKWU OBIORA MBONU**

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## Bafana Bafana penalty hero ready for Super Eagles



### FOOTBALL

TODAY'S MATCHES			
<b>EPL</b>			
Brentford	v	Man City	9pm
<b>LALIGA</b>			
R/Vallecano	v	Sevilla	9pm
<b>SERIE A</b>			
Roma	v	Cagliari	8:45pm
RESULTS			
<b>EPL</b>			
Bournemouth	1	Nottingham	1
Chelsea	2	Wolves	4
Man United	3	West Ham	0
Arsenal	3	Liverpool	1
<b>LALIGA</b>			
Villarreal	0	Cadiz	0
Osasuna	0	Celta Vigo	2
Real Betis	1	Getafe	1
R/Madrid	1	A/Madrid	1
<b>SERIE A</b>			
Torino	0	Salernitana	0
Napoli	2	Verona	1
Atalanta	3	Lazio	1
Inter	1	Juventus	0
<b>BUNDESLIGA</b>			
Wolfsburg	2	Hoffenheim	2
RB Leipzig	1	Union Berlin	0
<b>LIGUE 1</b>			
Monaco	1	Le Havre	1
Lille	4	Clermont	0
Metz	1	Lorient	2
Reims	2	Toulouse	3
Brest	0	Nice	0
Lyon	1	Marseille	0

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## Falconets qualify for U-20 W' Cup

Nigeria's Under 20 Women's football team, the Falconets beat Burundi 1-0 to book a place in the finals of the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup scheduled to be held in Colombia, from August 31 to September 22, 2024. They qualified for the World Cup after defeating their counterparts from Burundi by a lone goal in the second leg of their FIFA U-20

Women's World Cup final qualifying round fixture. The match which was played at the Moshood Abiola National Stadium, Abuja, saw Opeyemi Ajakaye scoring the only goal of the encounter in the 79th minute. The goal handed Nigeria a 2-0 aggregate victory in the final round of the qualifying round, having won the first leg also by a lone goal in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania on January 14.

### QUICK CROSSWORD

**TODAY'S CROSSWORD**

**FRIDAY'S SOLUTION**

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- ACROSS**
- Categories(7)
  - Petty quarrels(5)
  - Harmonious sounds(5)
  - Scold(7)
  - Plentiful(7)
  - Yours(5)
  - Sheen(6)
  - Menace(6)
  - Traverse(5)
  - In name only(7)
  - Make intelligible(7)
  - Wading bird with long legs(5)
  - Lying face downwards(5)
  - Broad river mouth(7)

- DOWN**
- Funny(7)
  - Ancient Greek fabulist(5)
  - Relief in time of distress(7)
  - Game played in a court(6)
  - Dalai Lama's land(5)
  - Delicate(7)
  - Grass-like plant(5)
  - Eighth sign of the zodiac(7)
  - Small axe(7)
  - Despotism(7)
  - Ascent (anag.)(6)
  - Inexpensive(5)
  - Look fixedly(5)
  - Immature form of insect(5)

### SUDOKU

**TODAY'S PUZZLE**

1				7	9			
7	3				1			8
	9			3	6			
3	1			5			6	
	2			8			3	5
			3	7			5	
6		5					2	9
4		9						1

**FRIDAY'S ANSWER**

5	1	3	8	9	2	4	7	6
7	8	2	6	4	1	3	5	9
9	4	6	7	5	3	8	1	2
8	2	4	9	1	6	7	3	5
6	7	9	5	3	8	1	2	4
3	5	1	4	2	7	6	9	8
1	6	5	3	8	9	2	4	7
4	3	7	2	6	5	9	8	1
2	9	8	1	7	4	5	6	3

## How to Play Sudoku

Place a number (1-9) in each blank cell. (No line can have two of the same number). Each row (nine lines from left to right), column, (also nine lines from top to bottom) and 3 X 3 block within a bold block (nine blocks) contains number from 1 through 9. This means that no number can appear twice in any block, column or row. No mathematics is involved – no adding, subtraction, division or multiplication, just plain logic and your imagination.

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