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The Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Imo State Chapter, on behalf of the Body of Christ, congratulate, **His Excellency Dist Senator Hope Uzodinma, CON**, the Executive Governor of Imo State on the occasion of his birthday anniversary.

Just a few days ago, we celebrated His Excellency's award of Honorary Doctorate Degree on Management by the Federal University of Technology, Owerri. The institution made it clear that you were being honoured for your positive impact in infrastructural development.

We are happy that many more bodies are aligned with our position that you were ordained by God to lead the state to glorious heights.

At the occasion of Your Excellency's birthday, we pray God to grant you added wisdom and grace to continue to pilot the affairs of the state.

Congratulations and Happy birthday.

**His Excellency
Hope Uzodinma
Executive Governor, Imo State**

Signed:

Rev Eches Divine Eches PhD,

Chairman Christian Association of Nigerian (CAN) Imo State Chapter.





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**GOV HOPE UZODIMMA ON HIS
DOCTORATE DEGREE AWARD AND BIRTHDAY**

We, members of the Imo State Caucus in the Senate, felicitate with our leader and Governor of Imo State, His Excellency, Senator(Dr)Hope Uzodimma, CON, on the twin celebrations of award of Honorary Doctorate Degree on Management (DMT) on him by the Federal University of Technology, Owerri and his birthday anniversary.

Your Excellency, not only are we satisfied with the quality leadership you have been offering to the people of Imo State, we are proud of your achievements in all spheres of human endeavour.

It is salutary that FUTO has recognised your quantum contributions to the education sector and human capital development, hence the Doctorate Degree award.

We join millions of our constituents to congratulate you on the DMT award and wish you the very best in the celebration of your birthday anniversary.

Your Excellency, you can always count on our support and prayers as you take Imo to greater heights through your focused and purposeful leadership.

Congratulations

**Senator Osita Izunaso
Imo West**

**Senator Ezenwa Onyewuchi
Imo East**

**Senator Patrick Ndubueze
Imo north**



**His Excellency
Hope Uzodinma
Executive Governor, Imo State**

PENSIONERS HAIL

GOV HOPE UZODIMMA ON HIS BIRTHDAY



His Excellency,
Hope Uzodinma
Executive Governor, Imo State

On this glorious occasion of the birthday anniversary of His Excellency, Senator (Dr) Hope Uzodinma, the Governor of Imo State, we the entire pensioners congratulate you.

The Federal University of Technology, Owerri (FUTO), earlier gave you a befitting birthday present through the award of an Honorary Doctorate Degree on Management (DMT) in which we also congratulated you.

For wiping our tears of two decades through the payment of our gratuities and the regular payment of pensions, we congratulate you.

For granting us access to free medical care, thus elongating our lives, we congratulate you.

For providing us critical infrastructures, especially in the rural areas where the majority of our members have retired to, thus making it easy for us to move around, we congratulate you.

Before the last governorship election, we prayed for your success, and you emerged victorious. Today, on the occasion of your birthday, we pray for peace in your life, and peace in Imo State. We pray for the peace that passeth all understanding; the peace you need to work more for our people.

The hand of God shall continue to be on you and your family, as you care deeply for these aged ones.

Udodirigi nwa Uzodinma, onye Chukwu goziri!

Comrade J B Ugochukwu
Chairman, NUP, Imo State

News

Tax reform bills: Funds raised from VAT won't be mismanaged by states — OYEDELE

●Says reform bills before NASS make specific provisions for what VAT proceeds should be expended ●Notes no governor or LG authority'll spend VAT on white elephant projects ●Bills represent critical step in modernizing country's tax system —AKPABIO

By Henry Umoru

ABUJA—Chairman of the Presidential Committee on Fiscal Policy and Tax Reforms, Taiwo Oyedele, has said the proposed tax reforms bills currently before the National Assembly have made specific provisions for what funds to be generated from the Valued Added Tax, VAT proceeds should be spent on.

He spoke at a roundtable on the tax reform bills organised by the National Institute For Legislative and Democratic Studies, NILDS, in Abuja yesterday.

Oyedele said Nigerians had nothing to fear with regard to the bills as the expected funds would not be mismanaged by government at the sub-regional levels.

According to him, no state governor or local council authority in the country will spend VAT on white elephant projects as the bills have in place framework on how to generate taxes and spend it.

Oyedele, who also clarified that the Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission, RMAFC, had nothing to do with VAT because it was not part of revenues captured in the nation's constitution.

He said: "We have a document we call the National Fiscal Policy that speaks to our principles and framework as a country around taxation; who should pay tax, how much should they pay, how should they pay, among other issues.

Expenditure

framework

"We have another framework for spending. How should we spend our money? What should be the priority, and the quality of spending.

"For example, there are more than 15 airports in Nigeria today built by different states that should not have been built because they were not necessary.

"We have states with flyovers where they have no traffic. They've never had a traffic jam in those places since the states were created.

"We have states with malls where people don't go, but they have built those malls, even though they have no primary schools with roof and books. They have no health centers. They have no road from the farm to the market. This is a misplaced priority.

"We know the priorities of our people. They are in multidimensional poverty. The four dimensions of poverty are education, health, living standard, insecurity, and unemployment.

"That's what should be our priority as well. So we've stated that clearly in our national fiscal policy. We also have the framework and policy around borrowing. What should you borrow for? If you're borrowing dollars, how should you spend it in naira? Should you even borrow dollars to do naira investments?

"Should you borrow and spend it on overhead? Or should it be only infrastructure? What qualifies as infrastructure? What should you subsidize?

"Why is it that it's the train that we are subsidizing? To the extent that today the money we make from running train services is not enough to pay interest on the loan.

"What's going to happen is predictable. Because very soon you suffer budgetary allocations, you suffer funding, and infrastructure will be abandoned even though we borrowed in hundreds of millions of dollars. This framework is also in our fiscal policy, including conditional cash transfer as subsidy.

What should be subsidised

"Should we subsidize anything as a country? If yes, what should we subsidize and how? Is it production? Is it consumption? Is it agriculture? Is it manufacturing? Is it everybody or just the poor?

"When you are doing conditional cash transfer, how should you do it? It's there."

Role of RMAFC

Oyedele, who noted that those saying the committee did not carry RMAFC along did not study the constitution very well, said: "The role of RMAFC is to determine formulas for distributing revenue. Our view is that VAT is not in the constitution.

"Section 162 of the constitution, that speaks to the role of the RMAFC as advisory, is focusing on federation revenues. So this VAT is actually state revenue. And that's why when the military decreed it in 1993, it replaced the sales tax that states were

collecting.

"That is the reason VAT does not go to the regular federation accounts. It goes to a special pool accounts, then we share it to states and their local governments.

"The Federal Government keeps a small portion for administrative needs and also recognising that if we were to collect VAT by state level, the federal government will be entitled to Import VAT, International VAT, and interstate VAT.

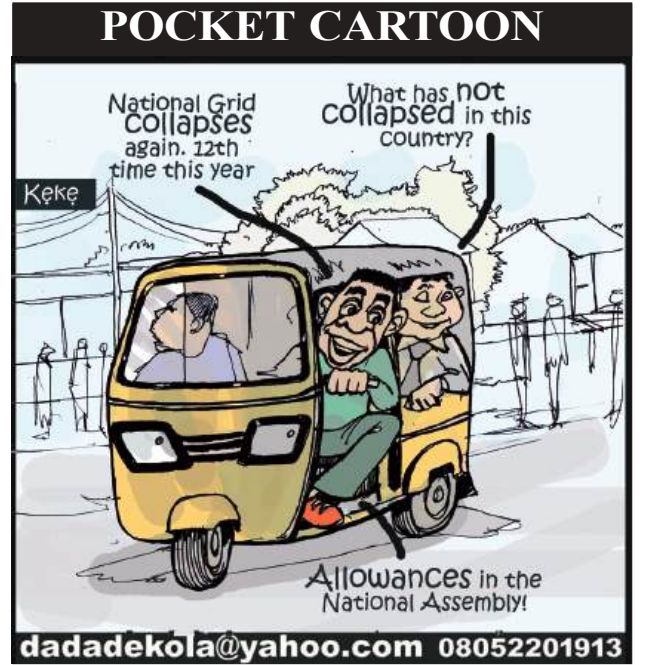
"In fact, if we start collecting VAT at state level, you know the biggest winner will be the federal government. The federal government will keep more than half of the VAT we are collecting today."

On stories that the Federal Inland Revenue Service, FIRS, was planning to import the Alpha Beta Company from Lagos to serve as tax consultants to the FIRS, Oyedele described them as false.

He said: "The proposed bills banned the FIRS from engaging tax consultants, unlike if the states are allowed to be collecting VAT.

"If the states are collecting VAT, the next winner will be tax consultants. Some companies will file 36 returns every day with complications. As consultants, we make more money. Some people said, you guys are planning to use consultant, maybe you want to bring Alpha Beta to the centre.

"I just laughed and said, how do people come up with these ideas? Because you would never have thought about them until somebody makes up



the story.

No consultants

"The FIRS has no need whatsoever for consultants to be able to collect VAT. In fact, inside those tax bills, there is a specific language that says, the FIRS cannot hire consultants to do assessments, they cannot hire them to do collection, they cannot hire them to do any work that is a routine work of the tax officers."

In his remarks, the President of the Senate, Senator Godswill Akpabio, said the Tax Reform Bills represented what he described as a critical step forward in modernizing the country's tax system and ensuring a more equitable distribution of the tax burden among all Nigerians.

Akpabio, who noted that the bills were designed to enhance efficiency, improve revenue generation, and ultimately, build a stronger, more prosperous Nigeria for all, said: "Regrettably, the introduction of these bills has been met with some misunderstanding and even politicization by certain segments of our society.

"Don't see this as a setback, but rather as a testament to the growing democratic maturity of our

nation.

As people's representatives, we want to assure our compatriots that the members of the National Assembly have heard your voices.

"We stand here, not as adversaries, but as partners in the quest to build the Nigeria of our dreams. We know that we have the unwavering trust of the Nigerian people, and we will never, ever, betray that sacred trust in the performance of our duties."

Tax burden

On his part, the Director General of NILDS, Professor Abubakar Sulaiman, said contrary to fears in some quarters, the bills were designed to reduce the burden of taxation on all people by the government.

He also said they would make the tax system more progressive and less regressive and simplify the tax system, by making it more accountable and understandable.

Suleiman said: "While the tax reform bills have garnered an unprecedented level of public scrutiny, the controversies surrounding the bill underscore the realization by the Nigerian people that

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People Talk

BY ESTHER ONYEBGULA

On support and opposition to President Tinubu's new tax reform bill



It has caused quite a stir. Various stakeholders rejected the bill, citing valid concerns about the proposed increase in VAT from 7.5% to 10% by 2025, a 27.5% corporate tax rate, and a 5% excise duty on telecom services. Critics argue these changes may disproportionately impact low-income households and small businesses, amidst the current economic crisis. The FG should address these concerns and outline measures to cushion the adverse effects of the bill while simultaneously boosting revenue and stimulating economic growth.

—Chizoba Akumbe, Training Manager



Nigeria does not need any tax reform right now; it needs total restructuring. As the South-East Coordinator for Restructure Nigeria for Peace, I advocate for restructuring which will foster regional competitiveness and reduce corruption. I reject the tax reform bill and call for systemic change instead.

—Dandy Eze, Human Rights Activist



This new tax reform bill is a step in the right direction, and I commend President Bola Ahmed Tinubu for this. If it is well-circulated and properly implemented, it will undoubtedly ease a great deal of pressure on the masses and provide the much-needed relief, especially to the disadvantaged.

—Abigael Taiwo, Author



President Tinubu's tax reform bill is a commendable initiative. It aims to standardize tax administration, encourage state governments to create an enabling environment for economic activities, and boost individual disposable income through targeted tax exemptions. Ultimately, it seeks to reduce the burden on small businesses.

—Mercy Justice, Educationist



The heated debates surrounding the tax reform bill are expected and commendable, as executives do not hold a monopoly on ideas. Personally, I am on the side of those opposing the bill. Adding to the current economic hardship is unacceptable. Lawmakers must serve as the voice of the masses, ensuring the bill's provisions do not disproportionately burden any region.

—Faith Adeola, Entrepreneur



I support the speedy passage of the bills because they provide tax relief for low-income earners and tax exemptions for SMEs which contribute about 48% to Nigeria's GDP. The controversy centers on the derivation formula for VAT, which has changed the revenue-sharing arrangement. Under the new bill, 60% of VAT will go to states based on consumption. This has sparked opposition from the northern governors, as it contradicts existing laws that emphasize equality and population in revenue sharing. Proponents of the reforms argue that they are pro-poor, pro-growth, and pro-efficiency.

—Eteghie K. Daniel, Manager, Media Services

Court jails tailor 12 years for raping woman in purdah

AN Oyo State High Court sitting in Ibadan, yesterday sentenced one Idris Rasheed, 23, to 12 years imprisonment for raping a woman in purdah.

Trial judge, Justice Oyeyemi Ajayi said since the convict confessed to the crime while the doctor's report confirmed penetration and semen was found, Rasheed was guilty of the charge.

The judge said the defendant was hereby sentenced to 12 years imprisonment.

Ajayi said the jail term would commence from January 29, 2023, when the convict was arraigned in court.

The defence counsel, Mr. O. Ekundayo, during his plea, said the convict had spend 19 months and nine days at the custody of Agodi prison.

Ekundayo said the convict had conducted himself in a manner most reasonably expected of him and has learnt his lesson.

He said the convict had endured the pains and agony at the prison facility as a lesson to him.

He said that the convict was not a fugitive before and during the time spent at Agodi prison in the circumstances of this case.

"The defendant is at the mercy of the court, based on the fact before my noble Lord, I prayed the court to exercise the judicial dexterity and clemency on the convict," Ekundayo said.

Earlier, the prosecution led by Mrs. K. Olosio-Olayiwola, Deputy Director, Public Prosecution, said the convict, a resident of Abayomi area, Iwo Road, Ibadan, was charged with rape.

Olosio-Olayiwola said the convict raped the victim, 29, a petty trader and a divorcee about 10p.m., while she was on her way home.

The prosecutor said the victim had approached the convict to show her the nearest mosque where she could pass the night.

She said it was while the convict wanted to show her the nearest mosque that the convict gripped her neck and flung her to the ground beside the road and raped her.

Olosio-Olayiwola said the offence was contrary to Section 357 and punishable under Section 358 of the Criminal Code, Laws of Oyo State 2000.

NYSC DG leads search for missing corps member in Rivers

By Luminous Jannamike

ABUJA—Director-General of National Youth Service Corps, NYSC, Brigadier General YD Ahmed, has called for collective efforts in the search for Yahaya Farouk, a corps member, who went missing in Ikuru Town, Andoni Local Government Area of Rivers State.

The NYSC chief, during his visit to the community, yesterday, urged residents, including youths and elders, to support security agencies in locating the missing corps member.

Ahmed also inspected the scene of the incident and emphasized the shared responsibility of host communities to ensure the safety and welfare of corps members serving in their domains.

He reiterated his administration's dedication to advocate better security measures for all NYSC participants across the country.

He said: "The essence of my coming is to appeal to assist us in getting the corps member, who came for national service from another state.



Director-General of National Youth Service Corps, NYSC, Brigadier General YD Ahmed and others during a visit to the community, yesterday.

"My administration will continue to appeal for adequate security and welfare of Corps members at all times. It is also the responsibility of residents of Corps members' host communities to provide security and

welfare package for corps members serving in their domain."

At a meeting held during the visit, the Youth President, Etete Jerb Anthony, and the Ward Secretary, Paul Friday, disclosed that the community had made significant

efforts to locate Farouk, who disappeared while at a Chinese mining company within the area.

Both leaders reaffirmed their commitment to continue search and rescue operations.

End activities of One Chance operators, kidnappers in FCT, Reps tell IGP, others

By Gift ChapiOdekina

ABUJA—The House of Representatives, yesterday, urged the Inspector General of Police and other heads of security agencies to enhance surveillance in Federal Capital Territory, FCT and put an end to the activities of *One chance* and kidnappers in the capital city.

The House also mandated the Nigeria Police, all the banks and FinTech operators such as Opay and MoniePoint in Nigeria to give preference to such cases and ensure that victims get justice by providing on time, all information needed about the owner of the account used for such heinous act, also use their mechanism to get hold of the

account and apprehend the criminal.

The House also urged the Federal Government to close down the operation of illegal and unauthorised loan companies used by these criminals.

The House further mandated the Minister of FCT, Nyesom Wike, to ensure the maximization of the operation of Abuja Urban Mass Transit, whose buses were lying fallow in its office premises, to enable them provide the FCT residents with a reliable transportation system and extend their services to 9:30p.m daily.

These followed the adoption of a motion moved by Billy Osawaru during plenary in Abuja.

Moving the motion, Osawaru noted that the heinous operation of *one chance* and

kidnappers in FCT, Abuja, which has left their victims in a sorry state due to severe torture on them and their bank account emptied simultaneously at gun point.

According to him, the perpetrators allegedly use magical powers to hypnotise their victims and take them to an unknown destination, where the money in their different bank accounts were emptied with the use of PoS and other money transfer devices, and at the same time, inflict pain/injuries on them, rape their female victims and push them out of speed moving vehicle afterwards.

The House, however, mandated the House Committee on FCT, Police Affairs, banking institutions and legislative compliance to look into the development and ensure compliance.

Katsina Police arrest 4 for supplying security uniforms to bandits

By Ogalah Ibrahim

POLICE operatives in Katsina State have arrested Aminu Hassan, a 25-year-old resident of Dundubus, Daja Local Government Area of the state, who is suspected of financing armed bandits operating in the council and its surrounding areas.

The suspect was arrested with two pairs of military uniforms concealed in a black polythene bag during a routine patrol along the Yantumaki and Kankara highway on

November 19, 2024.

The spokesperson of Katsina Police Command, Abubakar Sadiq revealed that subsequent investigations led to the arrest of three additional persons, Lawal Ahmad (29), Isma'il Dalhatu (24) and Shafi'u Adamu (28).

Sadiq said 14 pairs of military uniforms and one police uniform, allegedly intended for delivery to the armed bandits for their criminal operations were recovered by the authorities.

"The suspects have confessed to their involvement in this criminal activity," he said. In another development, the Katsina

State Police Command arrested seven individuals for allegedly raping four minors aged 13-14.

The suspects, all residents of Kaita LGA, were arrested on November 25, 2024, following a report lodged at the Kaita Divisional Police Headquarters.

Sadiq stated that the suspects lured the minors to the home of one of the suspects, where they assaulted them sexually.

He noted that the arrested suspects have confessed to the crimes and would be charged to court upon the conclusion of the investigation.



Allied Air Cargo with registration number 5N-JRT skidded the runway 22 at Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja, yesterday morning.

Court restrains election into Computer Village association

ALagos State High Court sitting in Ikeja, has restrained the defendants/respondents from attacking, harassing and further threatening to cause breakdown of peace, law and order in Computer Village, Ikeja, Lagos.

The court also restrained the defendants/respondents from parading themselves as officers of the claimant/applicant, Registered Trustees of Ogbako Ndigbo Computer Village, Ikeja, Lagos and conducting any election into

executive offices of the claimant/applicant.

Respondents/defendants in the suit are Chief Ekejiuba, Chris Okonkwo, Ifeanyi Akubue, Chinedu Osizugbo, Maduka Anthony, Cajethan Ekwueme, Peter Ikubudu, Obinna Ekpedo, Ukigwe Victor, Nwaeze Alex, Chinedu Mbaokwe, Orji Kelechi and Obidike Valentine.

Plaintiff in the matter is Registered Trustees of Ogbako Ndigbo Computer Village, Ikeja, Lagos.

Trial judge, Justice A. Lawal in his ruling, said: "Upon reading the 28 paragraphs affidavit in support deposed to by Fidelis Ezeugwu, and after hearing M. Chiaha, counsel for the applicants, moved the motion dated December 2, 2024 for interim injunction, it is hereby ordered that the respondents are restrained from conducting election into the executive offices of the claimant.

This order is to lapse in 30 days. The order granted include "An order of interim

injunction, restraining the defendants/respondents, their agent, servants and/or privies from ever conducting any election using the name of the claimant/applicant in conducting and any election into any elective office under the name or description of the claimant/applicant and from further illegally or unlawfully parading themselves or holding out themselves out as officers or members of the claimant/applicant pending the hearing and determination of motion on notice."

Alleged N1.35bn fraud: Court to hear applications Jan 30

THE Special Offences Court sitting in Ikeja, Lagos, has adjourned till January 30, 2025, to hear two applications in a charge by Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, against a defendant, Mr Olalekan Abdul in an alleged N1.35 billion fraud charge.

Trial judge in the matter is Justice Mojisola Dada.

The applications were filed by a nominal claimant (applicant) through its counsel, Chukwuma Ume, SAN.

Ume informed the court that both applications were dated November 17, 2024, and filed on November 24, 2024. The first one listed the Lagos Attorney General as a respondent, while the other, apart from the parties before the court, listed the EFCC as a respondent.

The SAN added that the applications were "fundamental" to the matter before the court as they related to the Nolle Prosequi entered by the AG which resulted in the removal of the 20 counts charges and the amendment of the Information filed by the prosecutor.

"The above application is praying the court to set aside the order," Ume added.

Responding to a question from Justice Dada, he informed the court that his second motion was focused on the amendment of the information filed on October 24, 2024, wherein the EFCC left out the second defendant in the case.

"The application is that the order and the amendment be set aside. The said applications have been served on all parties," Ume said, and prayed the court to take the application due to its "fundamental nature."

Assistant Chief State Counsel, Federal Ministry of Justice (Office of the AGF), Tolu Mokuolu, walked in and tendered "unreserved apology" for his lateness to court.

He informed the court that the office of the AGF had the right to intervene in the matter. As such, he would be seeking an adjournment to get the file from the EFCC as there were petitions in the office of the AGF and they would love to examine the file to see if they would take over or not.

Dr. Muiz Banire, SAN, who represented all respondents was served with the applications, responded that he was not opposed to the application for an adjournment, as he just got back from Abuja and needs 48 hours to respond to them.

Furthermore, since the office of the AGF was present in court, they would be waiting for his advice.

Prosecution counsel, Franklin Ofoma requested that the court inquire into the identity of the person watching brief, following which Mr. Peter Umah stated that he was from Aswani Legal Partners Ltd and he was watching brief on behalf of the nominal claimant.

Death of Okuama leaders in military detention: PANDEF, others demand justice

- Rule of law should be followed, no matter the crime —PANDEF
- Okuama people should enjoy due process —Egi
- It points to repression of Urhobo People —Prof. Awhefeada

By Samuel Oyadongha & Akpokona Omafuaire

PAN-NIGER Delta Forum, PANDEF, and Urhobo leaders, have decried the death of prominent Okuama Community leaders, in Ughelli South Local Government Area of Delta State, in military detention.

President General of Okuama Community, Pa James Oghoroko, died on December 6, while and Pa Dennis Okugbaye, the community's Treasurer, died on Wednesday (yesterday), both in military detention, at a military facility in Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

Rule of law should be followed, no matter the crime —PANDEF

Reacting to the death of the President General of Okuama community in military detention, PANDEF, yesterday, said it was yet to be briefed, describing the news as most unfortunate.

National Spokesman of PANDEF, Dr. Christopher Ominimini, in a telephone chat with Vanguard said: "PANDEF is yet to have the details but will liaise with the President General of the ethnic nationality union before it will know the step to take.

"All PANDEF wants is peace in the Niger Delta. However, PANDEF is sad over the death of those soldiers who are Nigerians and working for the country. Nobody is expected to be murdered gruesomely. So, we sympathise with the Nigerian Army and Mr. President who is the commander-in-Chief.

"Having said that we also want a society that is governed by the rule of law, but when people are arrested irrespective of the offence allegedly committed, the rule of law should be followed diligently.

"The death is painful but we cannot respond without knowing the details. The death of the community President-General is very painful and regrettable. Nobody should die in the hands of either the military or the police, people arrested and under investigation. We sympathise with the family, Urhobo Progress Union, Ewu Kingdom, Okuama community and the governor of Delta State.

"We learned that the governor of Delta State has given a directive for an autopsy to be conducted to know the cause of death. However, PANDEF, has appealed to the family, community and everybody to maintain the peace and give the state government the opportunity to do the needful.

"PANDEF will continue to work towards bringing peace to the Niger Delta. We have set up a seven man committee headed by Obong Victor Attah, former governor of Akwa Ibom State to ensure that wherever there is crisis peace is restored."

Leaders' death in



•Late Okugbaye



•Late Oghoroko

military detention unacceptable —Gbemre

According to Zik Gbemre, and Urhobo activist, "With the death of yet another Okuama community leader, 81 years old Pa Dennis Okugbaye, in military detention without trial, it is now obvious there is a grand conspiracy by the Federal Government for extra-judicial killing of Okuama community leaders.

"The death of Pa Okugbaye, Treasurer of Okuama, comes just six days after President General of Okuama community in Ughelli South LGA, Pa. Oghoroko, a septuagenarian died in same circumstance.

"A Professor of Physics and President General of Ewu Kingdom, Arthur Ekpokpo and three others are still being illegally held in military custody over the Okuama crisis.

"The military is gradually killing these people without a court of competent jurisdiction having convicted anyone of them for alleged role in the March 2024, killing of 17 soldiers on a doubtful peace mission in Okuama.

"This same Nigerian Army has admitted that prime suspect over the killing soldiers in Okuama is an Ijaw militant, who is neither related to Okuama nor live there. The Nigerian Army, by their intelligence gathering admitted that the said prime suspect killed 17 soldiers in anger over military disruption of his oil theft escapades.

"This was after the army had invaded, burnt and levelled every structure, but left one church building, in Okuama, killing unverified number of residents in the vengeful mission to push Okuama into extinction. Now they are

Does the military detain civilians in US, UK and France without trials? Few days ago, Tinubu was in France, and you saw how the country is organised and led by leaders...why don't you borrow the leadership qualities you see in France and UK that you visit frequently...for military detaining civilians is outdated and undemocratic

gradually killing Okuama community leaders with detention without trial with impunity while the prime suspect is walking a freeman.

"From what is now common knowledge, the Army is also exercising the impunity to extort from relations of the arrested persons. On December 6, 2024, the authorities had issued a signal for release of Pa Okugbaye on health ground to enable him get medicinal attention.

"That directive was kept on hold for three days till those in charge pressured the deceased family to cough out over N400,000 paid through a POS recommended by men of the Bori Camp, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

"And as always, Governor Sheriff Oborevwori as Chief Security Officer of Delta State and full blooded Urhobo man is so mum, so unfeeling. The UPU President General, Ese Gam Owe has not pronounced a word. Should we keep silent and leave Okuama community rudderless in the face of clear conspiracy to exterminate her people? Should Urhobo Nation be quiet.

"President Bola Tinubu, you are President of Nigeria and not a military head of state. So, the military has no constitutional power to detain civilians without trial in law courts? If the military has any reason to arrest them, then they must hand them over to Nigerian police force.

"Tinubu who claims to be a democrat is leading the administration when Okuama civilians were being detained by the military. The military detention is not trial of any kind. Tinubu please tell your military to release the remaining detained Ewu and Okuama leaders still languishing in

military detention without trials.

"Please release Prof. Ekpokpo and others still in military detention. I condemn killing of soldiers, innocent Okuama locals and burning of Okuama community. I am in pains as I write this. Tinubu you lived in US and schooled in US, is that how the military perform official duties in US?

"Is it military that detain civilians in US, UK and France without trials? Few days ago, Tinubu was in France and you saw how the country is organised and led by leaders. Why don't you borrow the leadership qualities you see in France and UK that you visit frequently. For the military to detain civilians is outdated and undemocratic.

"You have ambassadors in democracy strongholds, please ask them what is in vogue in leadership. We won't accept Nigerian military torturing Okuama community leaders to death in military detention. It is unacceptable," he added.

It points to repression of Urhobo people —Prof. Awhefeada

On his part, Prof. Sunny Awhefeada, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Delta State University, said: "It is a very sad and unacceptable occurrence and it directly points at the military and Federal Government backed repression of the Urhobo people.

"What happened is not just the abuse of the instrument of state violence, but a tragedy that will cast a dark shade on the Nigerian state for a long time to come. Only last week, Amnesty International raised the alarm over alleged deaths in military detention and these two incidents happened.

"Is Amnesty International not proved right now? The Urhobo nation at the appropriate time should sue the military and the Nigerian state to the International Criminal Court. This is one death too many. My condolences to the families of the bereaved, the Okuama people and the Urhobo nation," he added.

Okuama people should enjoy due process —Egi

Also, an Urhobo leader, Engr. Michael Egi, said: "It's a shame that the Nigerian government and it's tools of oppression have tacitly given the Nigerian military an open checkbook to do whatever they want on the people of Okuama. Are the Okuama people not Nigerians who should be given due process?

"Urhobos are appealing to the Federal Government to call it's army of oppression to order before there is an organised resistance which no Urhobo wants, but we are not just going to fold our hands and allow the Nigerian military take us out one after the other.

"We are watching and may soon call on the international community to ban arms export to Nigeria if this operation does not stop," he said.

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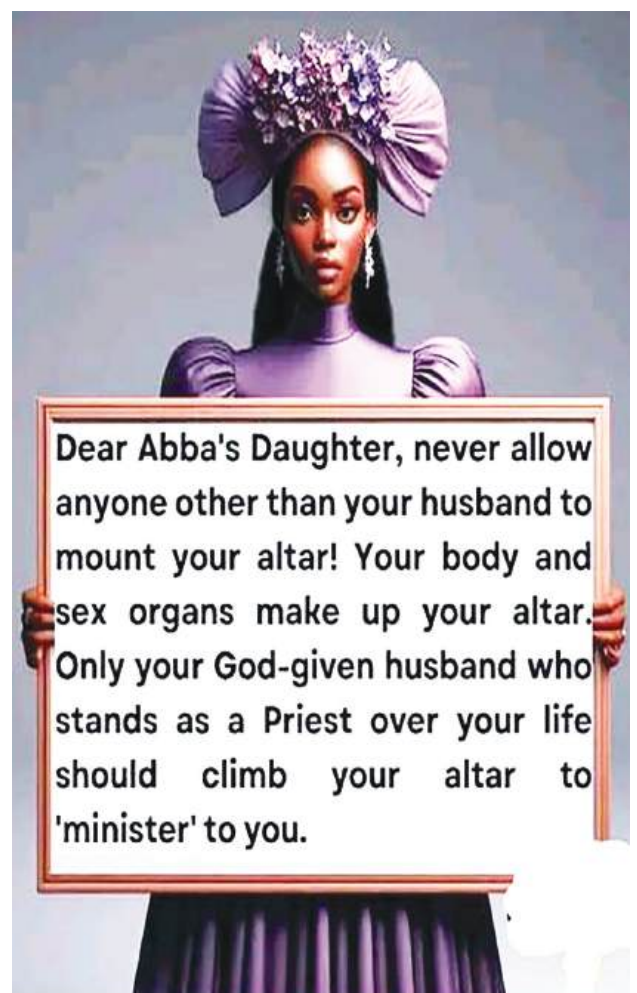


Thanks for 'gracing' our Xmas 'party'!

They used to beat us for not finishing our food, now they get angry when we eat the whole loaf of bread.



Yes o, moderation takes preference!



Dear Abba's Daughter, never allow anyone other than your husband to mount your altar! Your body and sex organs make up your altar. Only your God-given husband who stands as a Priest over your life should climb your altar to 'minister' to you.

AMEN! So it 'should' be!



US Embassy issues new visa directive for Nigerian applicants

UNITED STATES Embassy in Nigeria has announced updates to its immigration visa process, effective January 1, 2025.

Consequently, applicants with scheduled interviews are now expected to visit the Consulate General in Lagos twice, as part of the application procedure.

The embassy said on its official X page yesterday: "For applicants with interviews scheduled after January 1, 2025, are required to visit the consulate-general in Lagos at least twice during the immigrant visa process."

"This new process is designed to help you prepare for your visa interview and to prevent significant delays in processing your immigrant visa."

According to details on the embassy's website, the first visit will involve an "In-Person Document Review" with a consular staff member.

The embassy explained further: "This review ensures that applicants are prepared for their visa interviews. The review allows applicants to retrieve any missing documents, ahead of their visa interviews, helping to avoid delays in application processing."

The second visit, according to the embassy, will be the visa interview itself, conducted by a Consular officer.

It added that this appointment would be scheduled by the National Visa Center, NVC.

"If you do not complete the In-Person Document Review before your visa interview, you will be required to reschedule your appointment," the embassy noted.

These changes, the embassy said, were to enhance efficiency and reduce delays caused by incomplete documentation.

In a related development, the embassy has transitioned to a new visa services provider for its Abuja and Lagos consulates as earlier announced on August 26, 2024.

Israel launches 500 airstrikes on Syrian military sites

By Nkiruka Nnorom with agencies reports

THE collapse of the Assad regime has prompted a punishing military response from Israel, which has launched airstrikes at military targets across Syria and deployed ground troops both into and beyond a demilitarized buffer zone for the first time in 50 years.

The Israeli military says it has struck about 480 military sites across Syria, destroying most of the country's "strategic weapons stockpiles" over the past 48 hours, while Defense Minister, Israel Katz, said the Israeli navy had destroyed the Syrian fleet overnight, hailing the operation as "a great success."

In an update on Telegram last night, the Israel Defence Forces shared footage of its forces bombing what it said



OKPEBHOLO BOWS OUT OF THE SENATE — Governor Monday Okpembho of Edo State (right) with the Senate President, Godswill Akpabio as Okpembho bids farewell to the Senate at the National Assembly Chambers in Abuja, yesterday.

Tax Reforms bills: Over 50 nuisance taxes 'll be scrapped — FG

By Gabriel Ewepu and Ochuko Akuopha

ASABA-The Federal Government has said the controversial tax reform bills currently before the National Assembly were to ensure fairness, equity and justice for Nigerians.

This came on a day civil society organisations, CSOs, led by Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre, CISLAC, called on the federal government to build fair and inclusive tax system that reflects alignment of fiscal policies with equity and economic stabilization.

The Director-General of the National Orientation Agency, NOA, Mallam Lanre Issa-Onilu, who stated this at a briefing on World HIV Day, Security Awareness, Discouraging Get Rich Quick Syndrome, World Human Rights Day and Tax Reforms in Asaba, Delta State, said the bills were designed to scrap the over 50 nuisance taxes suffered by local businesses.

According to him, VAT will no longer be calculated based on where companies have their headquarters but where the goods are consumed.

He noted that the reforms were designed to ease the burden on hardworking Nigerians, while ensuring that everyone

contributed fairly.

Issa-Onilu, who was represented by Director, General Services in NOA, Mrs. Rebecca Nasamu, explained that the tax reforms bills "are four different bills that seek to bring everything about taxation and administration of tax in Nigeria under four different pieces of legislation."

He listed the bills as the Nigeria Tax Bill; The Nigeria Tax Administration Bill; The Nigeria Revenue Service Establishment Bill and Joint Revenue Board Establishment Bill.

Issa-Onilu said: "The Nigeria Tax Bill is where all major taxes imposed on individuals and companies are clearly stated as well as the rates. The bill is just like a compendium of taxes charged in Nigeria."

"The Nigeria Tax Bill, basically amalgamated all the existing laws in which provisions for taxation was made. When passed, the bill will lead to the repeal of 11 laws that contain provisions on imposition and collection of taxes."

On how the tax reforms would benefit Nigerians, he said government was working to stop different levels of authority from taxing people for the same thing and ensuring that those "earning very little pay little or no taxes, helping them manage their finances better."

•Build fair, inclusive tax system, CSOs tell FG

He said new digital systems were being introduced to make tax payments easier and more accountable, stressing that "by supporting this effort, we can create a tax system that works for all and funds the development projects that will improve our nation."

Meanwhile, CSOs in a communique issued at the end of the national tax conference in Abuja yesterday, called on the federal government to build fair and inclusive tax system that reflects alignment of fiscal policies with equity and economic stabilization.

The CSOs include Oxfam Nigeria, ActionAid, ChristianAid, the Nigerian Labour Congress, NLC, International Budget Partnership, IBP, Centre for Democracy and Development, CDD, and Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre, CISLAC, while some of the government institutions in attendance included the federal ministry of finance and the West Africa Tax Administration Forum, WATAF.

The communique raised concerns about key issues identified, including the timing of a VAT increase, which is considered problematic, given the current inflation rate exceeding 30 per cent; the degree of involvement of all stakeholders in determining the classification of essential and non-essential items in the proposed VAT reform.

Others are the need for data-driven evidence to justify both the equity and benefits of the proposed VAT sharing formula across the different tiers of government; the need for the government to address the significant infrastructure gap in Nigeria; review of the technical framework governing tax incentives and waivers and their effective administration to ensure that they are being utilized efficiently and contribute to the country's economic development, among others.

The communique read: "The 2024 National Tax Conference concluded with a united call for reforms that align fiscal policies with equity and economic stabilization."

"These recommendations underscore the collective effort needed to build a fair and inclusive tax system that fosters sustainable development and equitable growth for all Nigerians."

"The tax system be made more progressive to ensure that all taxpayers, especially big businesses and high-net-worth individuals pay their fair share of taxes."

"The proposed Personal Income Tax (PIT) rate risks eroding the relative gains from the minimum wage increase, as most low-income earners would exceed the N800,000 annual threshold. Rather than raising the rate for the second bracket to 15%, we recommend capping it at 10%, considering the inflationary pressures on the cost of living in Nigeria. This income group is already taxed at a 7% PIT rate when adjusted for the real value of their earnings. To offset the potential revenue shortfall from this adjustment, we propose increasing the rates for the last income bracket (above 50 million Naira) to 26%."

"The Presidential Committee should make available to the public, detailed data on the current VAT compliance rate, highlighting challenges leading to underperformance, and proffering solutions for improvement."

"The National Assembly to ensure the passage of the sections of the proposed tax bill that aim to harmonise taxes and digitize tax administration. In

anticipation of this, we urge the government to expedite the process of developing an effective implementation framework and ensuring its effective use."

"In collaboration with the Federal Inland Revenue Service, FIRS, the presidential committee should release a detailed framework outlining how VAT changes will be enforced, ensuring consistency and transparency across the system."

"Government should actively engage in public education and awareness campaigns to clarify the goals of fiscal reforms, focusing on fairness and equity."

"Provide platforms for wider citizens' engagement in the reform process to ensure their concerns are addressed and integrated into final policies."

"A portion of the additional revenue should be redistributed to benefit the owner tax brackets and the most vulnerable populations (women, girls and persons with disabilities)."

"Include clear indicators for tracking and monitoring gender inclusivity in the proposed fiscal policy and tax reform."

Reps probe Customs over 2,000 smuggled cars, 6.5m kg rice

•Panel to examine role of military personnel attached to Customs

By Gift ChapiOdekina

ABUJA-The House of Representatives yesterday mandated its Committee on Customs and Excise and that of defence, to investigate the operations and activities of the Nigerian Customs Service across Nigerian borders, with a specific focus on smuggling, allegations of complicity and incidents of brutality.

It also directed both committees to examine the role of military personnel attached to Customs patrols to ensure their operations complied with legal frameworks and human rights standards.

The House in its resolutions, further recommended appropriate measures to enhance oversight accountability, and efficiency within the Nigeria Customs Service to restore public trust and safeguard Nigeria's economic and national security interests.

The resolutions followed the adoption of an urgent motion of public importance moved by Ses Otuwaseun Whingan, member representing Badagry federal constituency, at plenary in Abuja.

Moving the motion, Whingan noted that by virtue of Section 4 (b, e, and f) of the Nigeria

Customs Service Act, 2023, the Nigeria Customs Service, NCS, was mandated to collect revenue, prevent smuggling and Customs fraud, and ensure the security of Nigeria's borders.

He noted further that recent reports by an online publication on November 18, 2024, exposed the mass smuggling of over 2,000 cars conveying 6,500,000kg of rice through Badagry under the watch of Customs officers.

He further explained that reports of brutality had emerged, including an incident along the Badagry-Seme expressway on December 1, 2024, where officers from the Nigerian Customs Service, in collaboration with soldiers, violently assaulted two transporters, Taofeek Olatumbosun and Rafiu Abdelmalik.

According to him, the victims were suspected of documenting smuggling activities, leading to threats against their lives and a standoff that required intervention from residents and police.

He said: "Smuggling has severe economic consequences, including undermining local industries, reducing government revenue, promoting unfair trade practices, and flooding markets with substandard and potentially harmful products."

LEISURE

SAYINGS OF OUR ELDERS

Ears that do not listen to advice, accompany the head when it is chopped off

TAKE HEART — ELLA RANDLE

"There is no chance, no destiny, no fate, that can circumvent or hinder or control the firm resolve of a determined soul." — Ella Wheeler Wilcox
Facing challenges does not mean you have failed. Major accomplishments typically require considerable effort. Recognize the hard work you put in along the way. — Ella Randle



VISIT—From left: Visit Officer, British High Commission, Nigeria, Mrs Ivie Ameh; Digital Access Programme Manager, Damila Sowemimo; Regional Coordinator Southern Nigeria, Dr Olachi Chuks-Ronnie; Enugu State Governor, Dr. Peter Mbah; British Deputy High Commissioner to Nigeria, Ms Gill Lever; 2nd Under Secretary (Political), Ms Wendy Shepherd and Social Development Adviser, Ms Dooshima Orjime and the Secretary to Enugu State Government, Prof Chidiebere Onyia, during a working visit to the governor by the Deputy High Commissioner at the Government House, Enugu, yesterday.

Forum of chairmen: No crisis in NNPP

By Davies Iheamnochor

PORT HARCOURT: The Chairmen Forum of New Nigeria Peoples Party, NNPP, has dismissed reports of crisis within the party's structure, saying it remained united and peaceful.

The chairmen of the party in South-South geopolitical zone disclosed this in a statement after a meeting in Port Harcourt yesterday.

The statement was signed by Elder Inemisit Akpan, state chairman, Akwa-Ibom State; chairman of state chairmen, NNPP, Nigeria, Dr. Joel Tubonimi; state chairman, Bayelsa State and Coordinator, South-South zone chairmen, Barr. Anthony Ogorboku Odeh; state chairman, Cross River State; Fred Ikponmwo, state chairman, Edo State; Godson Green, state chairman, Rivers State; and Rex Ogorburo, state chairman, Delta State.

The Forum insisted that the reports of crisis in the party were antics of enemies of the party to create unrealistic tension, adding that NNPP remained united under the chairmanship of Dr. Ajuji Ahmed; and it's national leader, Senator Rabiu Kwankwaso.

The statement read: "We categorically affirm that there is no crisis within the Party and the aforementioned individuals - Dr. Boniface Okechukwu Aniebonam, Dr. Agbo Gilbert Major, Mr. Oginni Olaposi and their associates are not recognized members of NNPP."

"These individuals were duly suspended and expelled from the Party due to various offenses and therefore, lack any standing to claim membership or to represent themselves as officers of NNPP"

Umahi, BPP move to eliminate bureaucracy in project delivery

By John Alechenu

ABUJA-The Minister of Works, Engr. David Umahi, and the Director-General of the Bureau of Public Procurement, BPP, Dr. Adebowale Adedokun, have opened discussions on how best to remove administrative bottlenecks to enhance project delivery, especially on road projects.

During the parley, which held at the headquarters of the ministry, in Mabushi, Abuja, yesterday, Umahi stressed the need for a new paradigm of seamless bureaucracies in public procurement processes for efficient and timely project delivery.

In a statement signed by his

NAFDAC recalls batch of Deekins Amoxycillin 500mg drug

By Chioma Obinna

THE National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control, NAFDAC, has alerted Nigerians of the recall of one batch of Deekins Amoxycillin 500mg capsule, manufactured by Ecomed Pharma Ltd and marketed by DevineKings Pharmaceutical Ltd, with lot number 4C639001.

In a report released on its website yesterday, the agency said the drug batch was being recalled following reports of serious adverse drug reactions.

"According to Ecomed Pharma Ltd, reports of serious adverse drug reactions were received from a hospital that reported three cases of serious adverse drug reactions from patients administered with the batch of Deekins Amoxycillin 500mg capsule," NAFDAC said.

Amoxicillin is a penicillin antibiotic for treating bacterial infections such as tonsillitis, bronchitis, sinusitis, pneumonia, and bacterial infections of the ear, nose, throat, skin, or urinary tract.

NAFDAC explained that adverse reaction to drugs might be life-threatening, and might require hospitalisation or prolongation of existing hospitalization, persistent or significant disability or incapacity, or a birth defect or death in fatal cases.

The product details of the affected product are as follows: 1. Name: MAH manufactured by Ecomed Pharmaceutical Ltd. Days of manufacturing is 03/2024,

Expiry date: 02/2027 and batch number : 4C639001.

The agency further implored distributors, healthcare providers, and patients to exercise caution and vigilance within the supply chain to avoid distribution, administration, and use of the affected lots of the product.

"All medical products must be obtained from authorized/

licensed suppliers. The products' authenticity and physical condition should be carefully checked.

"Anyone in possession of the affected lot is advised to immediately discontinue the sale or use and submit stock to the nearest NAFDAC office.

"If you have used this product, or someone you know, has used it, or suffered

any adverse reaction/event after use, are advised to seek immediate medical advice from a qualified healthcare professional.

"Healthcare professionals and consumers are advised to report any suspicion of substandard and falsified medicines to the nearest NAFDAC office, or call NAFDAC on 0800-162-3322 or via

email: sfallert@nafdac.gov.ng

NAFDAC further encouraged healthcare professionals and patients to report adverse events or side effects related to the use of the medicinal product to the nearest NAFDAC office, or through the use of the E-reporting platforms available on the NAFDAC website," the agency stated.

German President lauds Nigeria's economic reforms

By Johnbosco Agbakwuru

As Tinubu pledges stronger Nigeria-Germany ties

ABUJA- German President, Frank-Walter Steinmeier, yesterday lauded the ongoing economic reforms in Nigeria, applauding President Bola Tinubu's leadership and citizens' for their perseverance.

He gave the commendation during a bilateral talk session by the two leaders at the Presidential Villa, Abuja.

This is even as President Bola Tinubu reiterated his administration's commitment to enhance the partnership between Nigeria and Germany.

The German President pledged support for the Nigerian government to further boost the nation's economy and cushion the effects of the economic challenges confronting the country.

He recalled the German experience on previous economic crisis and identified courage and perseverance as boosters of realising economic transformation in any nation of the world.

Steinmeier said: "It is not easy, it was the experience in Germany many years ago when Germany was in a deep economic crisis, you need a lot of courage and

perseverance that would be to the benefit of your country."

"I myself and everybody in German politics are following your courageous steps and we will support you. Germany will support you on the ongoing reforms in Nigeria."

Meanwhile, speaking during a bilateral meeting with his German counterpart at the Presidential Villa, Abuja, yesterday, President Tinubu reiterated his administration's commitment to enhance the partnership between Nigeria and Germany.

He explained that the commitment was to foster a more fruitful collaboration that benefits both nations in energy and other critical sectors of economic development.

The President underscored Nigeria's willingness to engage in international business collaborations and assured that the current economic reforms embarked upon by his administration, were aimed at fostering a supportive environment for foreign investments.

He further highlighted the eagerness of both Nigerian and German policy makers and business leaders to deepen collaboration, as evident by prior engagements.

President Tinubu disclosed his government's efforts to enhance business rankings and create frameworks for mutual prosperity, expressing optimism about strengthening both people-to-people connections and government-level facilitation of economic opportunities.

Speaking during a joint press conference at the end of the bilateral meetings, he said: "It was a very good bilateral discussion."

"I could see from the previous meeting, earlier today (yesterday) that our businessmen and policy makers are very anxious to do business with Germany."

"Mine is to continue to give you assurances that our business doors are open and

reforms are working very well. These business ranking is what we have discussed.

"We plan to strengthen the relationship and build

Electricity: States mull alternative power sources

By John Alechenu

ABUJA-The Forum of Commissioners of Power and Energy in Nigeria has expressed concern over the frequent collapse of the national grid

The forum noted that yesterday's incident underscored the urgent need for sustainable and decentralized solutions to ensure uninterrupted power supply for all Nigerians.

Chairman of the forum, Prince Eka Williams, who disclosed this to journalists in Abuja yesterday, said: "The recurrence of grid collapses disrupts lives and businesses, creating far-reaching economic and social consequence."

"As Commissioners of Power and Energy from across Nigeria, we are united in addressing this challenge with pragmatic and state-driven solutions."

He highlighted some of the key outcomes and recommendations from the Forum's recent meeting on the problem to include: State Electricity Markets.

To this end, he said: "States are intensifying efforts to establish and operationalize state electricity markets as a critical step toward decentralizing the power sector."

"This approach," he explained, "allowed states to enhance generation, transmission, and distribution infrastructure tailored to their unique needs."

He equally stated that he and his colleagues advocated the development of grid systems within their territories to complement the national grid.

He argued that this approach would enhance localized reliability and reduces the cascading effects of a grid collapse. "While pursuing decentralization, they are also

partnership that is fulfilling and rewarding to the two countries, people-to-people relationship, and government-to-government facilitation of opportunities and prosperity."

Decry frequent collapse of national grid

advocating for collaborative measures with the Federal Government to stabilize the national grid.

"To make this work, they suggested that a collaboration in terms of investments in modern grid technology, predictive maintenance and real-time monitoring systems between states and the federal government was urgently required."

"On its part, the forum said the various state governments had stepped in with immediate interventions, such as deploying alternative power solutions for critical infrastructure, including hospitals, schools, and water facilities."

The commissioners reaffirmed their commitment to ensuring that no community remained entirely in the dark during such crises.

"The Forum reiterated its earlier call on all stakeholders, including the federal government, private sector players, and international partners, to align efforts toward achieving a resilient and reliable power sector."

While noting that states remained committed to playing a leading role in this transformation by fostering innovation, ensuring accountability, and prioritizing the welfare of their citizens, Williams said: "It is time to embrace a decentralized electricity framework where states have the autonomy and resources to manage their power needs effectively. Together, we can overcome the current challenges and build a more reliable and equitable power sector for Nigeria."



SENSITISATION—From left: Executive Secretary, Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board, SUBEB, Mr. Awoyelu; wife of the chairman, Surulere Local Government, Mrs. Nurat Yusuf; First Lady of Lagos State, Mrs. Claudiana Sanwo-Olu; Chairman, Surulere Local Government, Sulaiman Yusuf, and his vice, Muiz Dosunmu, during the Sexual and Gender-Based Violence, SGBV, Schools Sensitisation, in commemorating of the final day of the 16 days activism, tagged: 'No Excuse', at Wesley School 1&2 for the Hearing Impaired, at Surulere, Lagos.

Ondo guber: NNPP disowns lawsuit to sack Aiyedatiwa, deputy

By Dayo Johnson

AKURE — THE leadership of the New Nigeria People's Party, NNPP, yesterday, disowned the suit challenging the candidature of Governor Lucky Aiyedatiwa and his deputy, Dr. Olaiyide Adelami. The party's candidate, Mr. Olugbenga Edema, had asked the Federal High Court sitting in Akure, Ondo State to compel the Independent National Electoral Commission, INEC, to withdraw the nomination and the publication of the names of Governor Lucky Aiyedatiwa of the All Progressives Congress, APC, and his deputy as candidates.

Edema, in a suit, asked the court to interpret the applicability of Section 15 of the Third Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) over the nomination of the APC candidates.

But in a twist, the party, through its National Legal Adviser, Mr Robert Hon, said the party did not authorise any suit against the candidature of Governor Aiyedatiwa and his Deputy.

Hon asked the court to withdraw the party's name from the suit.

Counsel's to Aiyedatiwa, Adelami and INEC and APC, had asked the court to dismiss the suit for lack of jurisdiction and that the plaintiffs lacked locus standi to file the suit.

UNILAG alumni seeks increased endowment support

By Elizabeth Osayande

THE University of Lagos, UNILAG, Alumni Association has stressed the critical role of the alumni's contributions in shaping the university's future and support for students.

The President UNILAG Alumni Association Worldwide, Engr. Ifeoluwa Oyedele, spoke at the 55th anniversary of UNILAG Alumni Association, in a public lecture-themed "Nation Building in a Deregulated Economy: A Clarion Call for Citizens."

He said "We define what an alumni association should be," Oyedele declared proudly. "Just as the University of Lagos is the nation's pride, I can say without any iota of contradiction that the University of Lagos Alumni Association is also the nation's pride."

He highlighted the impressive infrastructure and resources the association has developed to support the university, illustrating its commitment to the institution's growth, saying "When alumni from other universities see our magnificent buildings, they are often left in awe. Virtually all of the great people in Nigeria, from the Chief Justice to captains of industry, are alumni of this university. The knowledge we acquired here has prepared us for leadership roles."

Reflecting on the need for sustainable funding, Oyedele stated, "Universities are run with endowments, not by the owners.

Security agencies harassing our members in Lagos —Medical Guild

By Chioma Obinna

MEDICAL Guild, a group representing all Lagos State government-employed medical and dental practitioners, yesterday, raised serious concerns over the increasing harassment of doctors by multiple regulatory bodies.

Addressing journalists in Lagos ahead of its Annual Scientific Conference in Lagos, the Guild highlighted how the activities of

agencies like the Police, the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), and the Consumer Protection Agency are disrupting medical practice in the state.

Chairman and General Secretary of the Medical Guild, Dr Moruf Abdulsalam and Dr Adekunle Akinade said the theme of the conference which is "When the Doctor is the Patient: A Critical Appraisal of the Hippocratic Values in Medical

Practice," brought together experts, stakeholders, and medical practitioners to reflect on the unique bond shared by healthcare professionals and the urgent need to protect doctors from unjust harassment.

They noted that the major highlight of the conference would be a panel discussion on "Navigating the Complex Web of Oversight: The Impact of Multiple Watchdogs on Medical Practice."

The Medical Guild criticised the trend of multiple regulatory agencies exercising powers that should be the exclusive preserve

of the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria, MDCN.

The Guild argued that routine medical errors and professional misconduct, which should be adjudicated by the MDCN, are now being criminalised by other agencies.

"This overlap," they said, "is causing undue anxiety, defensive medical practice, and demotivation among doctors."

The Chairman of the Guild, Dr Abdulsalam described the situation as "an affront on the medical profession" noting that it is also a contributing factor to

the increasing attrition rate among doctors in Nigeria.

"Doctors are being subjected to intimidation, harassment, and prosecution by agencies that do not have the technical knowledge to assess medical practice issues. This must stop," he stated.

He said to tackle the issue, the Guild has invited a panel of experts, including a medical law expert, the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) of Lagos State, a representative of the MDCN, and a representative of the Commissioner of Police, Lagos Command.

LASU workers demand pay parity with colleagues in LASUSTECH, LASUED

By Adesina Wahab

LAGOS—TEACHING and non-teaching staff at Lagos State University, LASU, Ojo, have frowned at the disparity in their salaries and those of their colleagues in Lagos State University of Science and Technology, LASUSTECH, and the Lagos State University of Education, LASUED.

The three universities are owned by the Lagos State government.

The workers, under the aegis of the Joint Action Committee, JAC, who have embarked on strike, wondered why a Chief Lecturer 111 in LASUED (formerly a College of Education) would be earning more than a professor in LASU.

Briefing newsmen yesterday, the workers called on Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, the Visitor

to the three universities to quickly right the wrong done them and approve the payment of all other dues they are being denied.

The workers are members of the Academic Staff Union of Universities, ASUU, the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities, SSANU, the National Association of Academic Technologists, NAAT and the Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Related Institutions, NASU.

Those who briefed the press were Prof. Ibrahim A. Bakare, ASUU Chairman, Oluwaseyi Lawal, SSANU Chairman, Dr. Olujimi Adejo, NAAT Chairman and Obafemi Sanni, NASU Chairman.

"For the records, below are the three major demands by the staff unions. These demands are as follows: Implementation of the 25 percent 35 percent salary Increase for all staff of tertiary institutions in Lagos State based on the agreement between the

Federal Government and the Staff Unions in those institutions which is expected to be domesticated in the state universities.

"Harmonisation of salary disparity between members of staff of Lagos State University and those of other state-owned tertiary institutions of Lagos State.

"Implementation of the New National Minimum Wage for our members in line with the relevant procedures and processes as

approved by the National Minimum Wage Law (2024).

"We pray that a timely and immediate intervention of Mr. Governor will save our University — the Lagos State University — from the current industrial action while counting much on his Executive Approval to quicken the implementation of our demands for improved welfare for the entire Staff Union members of Lagos State University."

Afe Babalola faults FG's refusal to issue free trade certificate

By Rotimi Ojomoyela

AD O - E K I T I — FOUNDER of Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, ABUAD, Aare Afe Babalola, has expressed concerns over the Federal Government's refusal to

issue a free trade certificate for his Industrial Park.

According to Babalola, the certificate would enable foreign companies to establish businesses in the park, thereby boosting Nigeria's economy.

The legal icon raised the concern on Wednesday in Ado-Ekiti while hosting delegates from the China-Nigeria

Consortium on Industry and Education at the ABUAD-China Partnership Forum Meeting.

Addressing journalists, the legal luminary, said among other, "In 1999, I traveled to China. At that time, China was a poor country, but the Chinese people were very wise. They created an area called

free trade zone, which allowed countries like the United States and Germany to set up industries there.

"The Chinese learned from these foreign industries, which eventually contributed to their remarkable global development today.

"For the past two years, I have applied for the same concept here, but the government has refused to grant us a free trade certificate. There is an American company ready to begin manufacturing cars in my Industrial Park, but the lack of this certificate has stalled their plans.

"If we still had the regional government system we used to have, we would be more developed than we are today. This is why we need a new constitution."

In her remarks, Ms. Wendy Wang, the Secretary-General of the China-Nigeria Consortium on Industry and Education, commended Afe Babalola for his visionary achievements in education, engineering, and health.

2027 polls: PDP'll overcome current internal crisis —Bode George •Tasks Tinubu on reduction of petrol price

By Dapo Akinrefon

FORMER Deputy National Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, Chief Bode George, yesterday, said the party would overcome its current challenges before the 2027 elections, noting that the ambition of an individual should not be higher than the party.

Chief George who spoke at an interactive session in Lagos, said there was no organisation anywhere in the world that is not riddled with crisis,

According to him, "I call our

party (PDP) the Iroko because the party didn't emerge from anywhere. It is entrenched in our constitution. Section 7 (3c), of the PDP constitution states that there will be and there must be and there shall be zoning and rotation of party positions and elective offices.

"Everything that had been in the South must go to the North. Everything that is in the North must come to the South. So that was what drove some of us because this is justice, equity, and fairness.

"That's what made some of us

say, I will join politics. We were the first to be elected in 1999. The first were appointed the managers.

"They handed over to us these procedures and these doctrines, so suddenly human manipulation came because someone wants to be president.

"So your ambition is now higher than the corporate ambition of everybody. Who the hell are you? And because it's been going from generation to generation, I'm happy I'm still alive. We can talk about it.

"What they handed over to us,

we are telling them, this is what they handed over that made the party to be stable. We will tell ourselves some serious old truths. We messed up ourselves with the manipulation. It started with Ayu."

Speaking on the need for a reduction in petrol price, the PDP leader said the reduction should commence immediately.

He urged President Bola Tinubu to reduce the price of fuel to N300 per litre noting that the reduction would enable Nigerians to celebrate the festive season.

PRESS CONFERENCE—
From left: Officer, Jalsa Salana, Kazim Oluwa; National President (Amir), Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at of Nigeria, Alatoye AbdulAzeez; Missionary-in-charge, Maulvi Adnan Tahir, and National President (Sadr), Majlis Ansarullah Nigeria, Dauda Raji, during the press conference by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at of Nigeria, to Mark the 70th Jalsa Salana Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at, held at the Ahmadiyya National Headquarters, in Lagos, yesterday.
Photo: Kehinde Gbadamosi.



Ebonyi Assembly frowns at shoddy jobs by contractors

By Jeff Agbodo

ABAKALIKI—EBONYI State House of Assembly joint committee on Infrastructure, Projects Monitoring and Evaluation has lamented over the shoddy job by the contractor handling the 2-km road contract awarded by the state government in Ohaozara, Onicha and Afikpo North Local Government Areas of Ebonyi South zone of the state.

The committee, led by Oluchukwu Ezeali, expressed dismay that in all the nine sites that they visited in Ohaozara and Onicha Local Government areas, the contractor allegedly did a shoddy job while, in some places, he failed to mobilise to site, despite a 30 percent mobilisation fee paid by the government in May 2024.

The chairman of the committee and member representing Afikpo North-East, expressed shock that the contractor had not done up to three metres of the job, out of the 2-km of the road awarded to it.

He however gave the nine contractors two weeks ultimatum to swing into action or face the wrath of the law with effect from 10th January 2025.

The lawmaker noted that the action of the contractors should be considered to be sabotaging the efforts of the government, as the masses were expected to have started using the 2km - road based on government directives.

Anambra to clear N20m hospital bill of man brutalised by state agents

By Vincent Ujumadu

ANAMBRA State government has announced that it plans to pick up the hospital bill of one Mr. Okechukwu Akaneme, who was brutalised by agents of the state.

Akaneme, a former chairman of Onitsha Federated Chapel of Nigeria Union of Journalists, NUJ, and Chairman of Onitsha Chamber of Commerce, recently had his neck and spinal cord broken by some agents of Anambra State Waste Management Agency, ASWAMA, during a disagreement over payment of waste disposal levy.

Though the agents had initially dismissed Akaneme's claim of being sick, describing it as a pretence, the senior citizen was first moved to a hospital in Onitsha and later to Nnamdi Azikiwe University Teaching Hospital, NAUTH, which later referred him to Memphis Hospital in Enugu.

It was gathered that his health had deteriorated, just as he has incurred about N20 million bill.

His situation had led to an uproar among members of the public, with many calling on the state governor, Chukwuma Soludo, to intervene.

Meanwhile, during the State Executive Council meeting on Tuesday, the state government resolved to pick the bill.

The Commissioner for Information, Dr Law Mefor, who disclosed this in a statement, said the resolution became feasible after the government sent a fact-finding team to visit the victim.

2024 Yuletide, Nigeria's worst season —Udeogaranya

AN All Progressives Congress, APC, presidential aspirant in 2019, Charles Udeogaranya, has condemned the Tinubu-led administration for gifting Nigerians their worst Yuletide

season. Udeogaranya advised President Tinubu to allow Nigerians to make the best of his administration, the way President Olusegun Obasanjo, President Umar Yar' Adua and

President Goodluck Jonathan allowed the best hands to run their administrations for the common good of all Nigerians.

"Since Tinubu is president, his responsibility should be to ensure that Nigeria succeeds in all ramifications but unfortunately, the opposite is what we all are witnessing".

Udeogaranya posited that until

President Tinubu delivers himself from the *emilokan* bondage, it will never be Uhuru for Nigerians.

Udeogaranya said he has everything to make Nigeria great, but President Tinubu may find it difficult to engage him to help him achieve a better Nigeria.

The former presidential aspirant said he needed not to

be a president himself to make things happen but only to have the president's ear, and the rest would be history.

He promised Nigerians that if anyone would let him direct the course of Nigeria, Uhuru would be Nigeria's portion.

"All that Nigerians need are these three S: food security; life and property security; and roof over their heads security. With these 3s, Nigeria would be on the part to greater glory."

Mbah, Musawa kick off Enugu Christmas festival

THE holiday season sparked to life in Enugu State, as Governor Peter Mbah and the Minister of Arts, Tourism, Culture and the Creative Economy, Hanatu Musawa, officially commissioned the much-anticipated Enugu Christmas Village.

This event marked the grand opening of the Enugu Christmas Festival, a 25-day extravaganza designed to fill December with joy, culture, and celebration. Attended by residents, visitors

from neighboring states, and guests from all walks of life, the village is a hub of excitement, offering something magical for everyone.

The Christmas Village, facilitated by the renowned Omu Resort, is a dazzling showcase of creativity and fun. Visitors can enjoy a waterpark, roller skating, archery, and amusement rides, among other attractions. However, the show-stopper is undoubtedly the breathtaking display of "500,000 Christmas

lights", creating an enchanting wonderland that captures the spirit of the season.

The Enugu Christmas Festival is more than just a holiday event; it's a celebration of the state's rich cultural heritage and its burgeoning status as a tourist hotspot. The festival lineup includes a vibrant array of activities, such as the Afrobeat Concert, a showcase of Africa's finest sounds; Praise Night, a spiritually uplifting evening of worship; Highlife

Concert, a tribute to the timeless rhythms of the East; cultural parade, a celebration of Enugu's traditions and a grand fireworks show.

Adding a touch of whimsy, the festival features the highly anticipated "Santa Street Storm."

Imagine over 100 cheerful Santas cruising through Enugu on tricycles, bearing gifts for orphanages and the less privileged. This heartwarming initiative exemplifies the festival's

commitment to spreading joy and compassion.

Running from December 7th to December 31st, 2024, the Enugu Christmas Festival promises unmatched entertainment and memorable moments for families and friends. With its combination of festive cheer, cultural pride, and generosity, the event solidifies Enugu's place as a premier destination for holiday revelry in Nigeria.

Soludo to resolve 21 years electricity blackout at Ojukwu Varsity

GOVERNOR Chukwuma Soludo of Anambra State has promised to restore electricity to the Uli Campus of the Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University, after 21 years of blackout.

Soludo, who also assured the institution of access to the internet and WiFi in public places within the campus, expressed optimism that it will further deepen the school's access to the digital world.

He made this assertion, which shows his commitment to quality education, during his one-day working visit to the campus in the Ihiala Local Government Area of the state.

In a release by Soludo's Chief

Press Secretary, Christian Aburime, the governor stated, "We have to work out a plan to connect power back to Uli and the campus. Uli campus is not forgotten. Our party mantra and governing ideology is to leave no

one behind, and education is Anambra's future and foundation.

"That is why we are investing in human capital that is productive at home and exportable abroad. We must deliberately invest in qualitative education. We are paying serious attention to quality. We also have the PPCP framework to do this," the Governor stated.

He further affirmed, "Digitalisation will give this campus an advantage, and we will also begin the gradual construction of the internal roads in the campus".

Payment demand slows down immunisation in Anambra

By Vincent Ujumadu

AWKA—OFFICIALS of the Anambra State Primary Health Care Development Agency have warned against demanding money for immunisation by some healthcare workers, saying such demands were slowing down the exercise in the state and defeating the objective.

At the flag-off of the second

round of 2024 Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health Week at Okija, Ihiala local government area of the state, some nursing mothers alleged that some health workers were demanding payment before immunising their children in some health facilities.

The women named two health facilities in Ihiala local government area where they claimed that they were asked to pay N600 before immunising

their children, adding that because they did not have the money at that particular time, they could not immunise their children.

Worried by the allegation, the State Health Educator, Uju Onwuegbuzina urged mothers to always report anyone demanding money for immunisation,

insisting that it is free.

Onwuegbuzina observed that Ihiala local government area is not doing well in immunisation, reminding them that the United Nations Children's Fund, UNICEF and other partners that sponsor the exercise, do not want any child to die.

WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram down in global outage

THERE was a global WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram down in a global outage, yesterday.

Down detector showed big spikes for Instagram with 70,000 outage reports above average and Facebook, which had over 100,000 outage reports.

Several users have taken to X, formerly known as Twitter, to express frustration at being unable to send messages, or view the latest posts on the Meta-

controlled apps. Meta is yet to speak on causes of the outage and when it will be fixed.

But WhatsApp took to X to write: "We're aware of some issues accessing WhatsApp. We are actively working on a solution and starting to see a return to normal for most people. We expect things to be back to normal shortly".

Recall that not long ago, it was reported that no fewer than 3.29 billion people used at least one of Meta's core products daily.

Firm launches new wealth app, promises to be transformative'

By Esther Onyegbula

In a landmark move towards leveraging technology for economic growth and social welfare, Smart Stewards, a financial literacy brand, has launched a new wealth creation app called 'WealthSync', designed for individuals, small businesses and corporate organisations.

Speaking at a press briefing, in Lagos, founder of Smart Stewards, Mrs. Sola Adesakin, described the WealthSync app as a significant development in the financial

technology space, noting that the app aims to enhance savings and investment opportunities for users by streamlining the investment process.

"This app is designed to make it easier for individuals and groups to access a broader range of investment options and manage their portfolios effectively."

She disclosed that the WealthSync app offers a suite of features, including Wallet Management, User Profiles, Push Notifications, Retirement Accounts, Low-risk Investments, Insurance Management, Educational Financial Planning, Resources for Financial



SUMMIT: From left, High Commissioner of Trinidad and Tobago to Nigeria, Wendell De Landro; Chairman of the Senate Committee on Works and senator representing Rivers South-East, Barinada Mpigi; Group Chief Executive Officer of Solewant Group, Mr. Solomon Ewanehi; Deputy Senate Minority Whip and senator representing Enugu West, Osita Ngwu; and Chairman of Petroleum Technology Association of Nigeria, Mr. Wole Ogunsanya, during the 8th Energy Summit of Solewant Group in Alode Eleme, Rivers State.

Ugochinyere can't speak for Rivers people

— Rivers Rep

By Gift ChapiOdekina

ABUJA—THE member representing Abua/Odual and Ahoada East federal constituency of Rivers State, Mr Solomon Bob (PDP, Rivers) said, yesterday that the spokesman of the opposition lawmakers in the House, Ikenka Ugochinyere cannot speak for the people of Rivers State.

Addressing journalists in Abuja, Bob accused Ugochinyere of speaking for the Rivers people when he is not an indigene of the state.

According to him, Ugochinyere is operating outside his legal and legislative boundaries, constantly abandoning his constituency to speak on issues affecting Rivers State and creating problems in the state.

He said: "I've not seen him engage in any lobbying activity in the House of Representatives. He's been here for a year plus now."

No crisis in NNPP, Forum of Chairmen insists

By Davies Iheamnachor

PORT HARCOURT—The New Nigeria Peoples Party, NNPP, Chairmen Forum, has dismissed reports of crisis in the party's structure, saying the party has remained united and peaceful.

The chairmen of the party in South-South geopolitical zone disclosed this in statement after their meeting in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, yesterday.

The statement by Elder Inemisit Akpan, State Chairman, Akwa-Ibom State and Chairman of State Chairmen, NNPP, Nigeria, Dr. Joel Tubonimi, State Chairman, Bayelsa State and Coordinator, South-South Zone Chairmen, Anthony Odeh, State Chairman, Cross River State, Fred Ikponmwosa, State Chairman, Edo State and Godson Green, State Chairman, Rivers State, Rex Ogoru, State Chairman, Delta State, insisted that the reports of crisis in the party were antics of enemies of the party to create unrealistic tension.

Power assets: Bayelsa, Rivers to establish joint anti-vandalism task force

By Samuel Oyadongha

YENAGOA—Worried by the incessant incidents of transmission power lines vandalism, Bayelsa and Rivers State governments have resolved to jointly work towards strengthening security architecture to protect power and other critical national assets in their border communities.

This decision followed the outcome of a meeting between the acting governor of Bayelsa State, Senator Lawrence Ewhrudjakpo, and the Deputy Governor of Rivers State, Prof. Ngozi Odu at the Brick House in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, yesterday.

In his remarks, Ewhrudjakpo underscored the importance of effective collaboration between the two states to tackle power outage and its attendant socio-economic losses occasioned by criminal activities of vandals.

Lamenting that it cost Bayelsa so much political and financial to have power restored after a four-month period of blackout, he stressed the need for urgent and drastic measures to forestall the recurrence of such harrowing experience.

Ewhrudjakpo thanked Governor Siminalayi Fubara of Rivers State and his deputy, Prof. Odu, for showing concern over the Bayelsa plight as well as indicating readiness for collaboration to curb the menace.

His words: "For the past four months, the transmission lines between Bayelsa and Ahoada in Rivers State have been vandalised almost three times. And to fix it, Transmission Company of Nigeria, TCN, was telling us one story after another.

"So, we decided to take it upon ourselves to fix the line, but having fixed it, what we need to do is to have a team that provides surveillance for that facility, so that it will not be easily vandalised again.

"We believe if we have this kind of joint collaboration, it will be easier for our communities to protect the facilities. So, we need to have a joint committee that will monitor the line between Rivers and Bayelsa."

Earlier, the Rivers State deputy governor, Odu, had assured the Bayelsa delegation of her state's preparedness to contribute meaningfully towards the fight against transmission lines vandalism.

She said: "We must do something about it because you don't leave your problems or sweep them under

the carpet. If you sweep them under the carpet, they remain there. You have to bring them out and find the strategy that works best to solve them."

Briefing newsmen shortly after the meeting, Bayelsa State Commissioner for Information, Mrs. Ebiuwu Koku-Obiyai and her Rivers State Local Government Affairs counterpart, Prince Charles Beke, disclosed that both states had resolved to establish anti-vandalism task force committees that will work jointly to check the activities of power vandals.

Mrs. Koku-Obiyai, who emphasised the need for active community engagement in the security arrangements, informed that Bayelsa had already constituted and inaugurated a 10-member anti-vandalism taskforce, which has since commenced operations in the state.

Government officials who accompanied Ewhrudjakpo to the meeting, which was at the instance of the governors of Bayelsa and Rivers States were, Chief of Staff, Government House, Mr. Peter Akpe, and the Commissioner for Power, Kumoko Kharin.

Others include Commissioner for Community Development, Watson Belemote; chairman of Yenagoa LGA, Mr. Bulodisiye Ndiware; Special Adviser to the Governor on Security Matters, Agberebi Akpoebi and Chairman of the Bayelsa State Anti-Vandalization Taskforce, Mary George.

The Chairman of Ahoada West, Mr. Iyekor Ikporo and that of Ahoada East, Mr. Chibudum Ezu, were part of the Rivers team, while the Managing Director, TCN was represented by Juliet Ndidi at the meeting.

Akpabio declares Edo Central senatorial seat vacant

● As Okpebholo bids Senate farewell

By Henry Umoru

ABUJA—THE President of the Senate, Senator Godswill Akpabio, has formally declared the seat of Senator Monday Okpebholo (APC Edo Central), vacant following his inauguration on November 12 as the governor of Edo State.

According to Akpabio, the declaration was made in adherence to Section 68(1)(b) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended), which stipulates that a lawmaker's seat becomes vacant upon assumption of another public office.

We can't over-burden Rivers people, businesses with excess taxes — Fubara

By Daniel Abia

PORT HARCOURT—Governor Siminalayi Fubara of Rivers State has said his administration would not over-burden the people, residents and businesses with excess taxes and levies.

Fubara made the assertion when he declared open the 156th Joint Tax Board meeting with the theme: "Opportunities and Strategies For Improved Taxation of High Net-Worth Individuals In Nigeria," in Port Harcourt, yesterday.

The governor also said the most tenable solution to strengthen the capacity of state governments to continue to deliver public services and development to their citizens would be to maximize tax revenue collection at all levels and across

sectors.

If this was done, Governor Fubara noted that the burden from a struggling national economy as experienced in Nigeria, which is buffeted by high inflation, would be minimized on state governments.

The governor bemoaned the increasing lack of adequate resources available to state governments to deliver their development commitments to the citizens, adding: "Tax is a tool for the government to deploy to advance several positive objectives. First, it enables the government to collect public revenue to provide public services and ensure the continuous functioning of the public sector.

"Second, it can also be used to make society more equitable by redistributing resources to benefit the most vulnerable members.

Akpabio, who acted promptly, affirming the constitutional basis for the decision and officially declaring the seat vacant, directed INEC to conduct elections to fill the now-vacant position, ensuring representation for the adcentral senatorial district in the upper chamber.

Meanwhile, Okpebholo has bid his colleagues in the 10th Senate farewell, saying one thing he would like to be remembered for as a lawmaker was that he will remain an ambassador to the Senate as he drives governance from the executive branch of government.

With the seat officially declared vacant, INEC is expected to schedule a by-election to elect a new representative for Edo Central senatorial district.

"Consequently, the tax system is a matter of great interest to all Nigerians because, without adequate revenues, it will be difficult for the government to meet its obligations to provide public services and advance the collective security and prosperity of citizens."

Further, he said: "In Rivers State, our approach is not to impose more taxes on our people but to broaden our tax base without increasing the rates, which has enabled us to generate more internal revenues as evident in the increasing collection figures on a month-by-month basis.

"Apart from keeping us above water, we are responsibly using the much-improved tax collections to fund critical infrastructure, including roads, schools, security, and healthcare across the state."

Akpabio, others for Wike's leadership style public lecture in Rivers

By Davies Iheamnachor

PORT HARCOURT—The President of the Senate, Senator Godswill Akpabio, is said to be among other leaders of the country to grace a public lecture on Chief Nyeson Wike's leadership style in Rivers State, tomorrow.

Staunch loyalists, associates and friends of the Minister of the Federal Capital Territory, FCT, Abuja, said the programme that would herald the leadership qualities of Wike was planned to shut down Rivers State particularly, Port Harcourt, the capital city, in celebration of his birthday.

The loyalists were said to have decided to use the occasion to make a strong statement on what they referred to as Wike's indisputable political leadership in Rivers amidst the ongoing crisis in the state.

Convener of the NEW Associates, Senator George Sekibo, said numerous supporters of the minister were excitedly waiting to mark the day.

Sekibo noted that, NEW Associates, a new political movement coined from the first letters of the minister's names, Nyeson Ezenwo Wike, is leading preparations for the celebrations.

Other groups such as Wikematic Youths, Wikematic Women, Rivers Ijaw Progressive Congress, RIPCO, among others were reportedly mobilising for the event.

Ugbomeji, Ugogoegin lands belong to Ifiekporo — Ifiekporo community

By Jimitota Onoyume

IFIEKPORO community in Warri South Local Government Area of Delta State has said Ugbomeji and Ugogoegin lands in the council belong to the community.

Dismissing the claim of Egbokodo community in a recent publication that they were owners of Ugbomeji and Ugogoegin, Pa Domino Michael, the Deputy Olaraja of Ifiekporo community at a briefing, yesterday, said it had never been in doubt that the portions of land allegedly belong to his Ifiekporo community.

Pa Domino, who was flanked by other leaders of Ifiekporo at the community's town hall during the briefing said Egbokodo community should not hesitate to approach the High Court in Warri for a judgment delivered in 1958 on the areas in Suit No. W/95/1958.

He said: "It is to the knowledge of the Olaraja of Ifiekporo, Pa George Mogbeyiteren, the Elders Council and law-abiding people of Ifiekporo community in Warri South that Egbokodo, one of our neighbouring communities organised a press conference on December 6, 2024.

"We conclude by advising the people of Egbokodo to resist the urge to go into needless dispute with Ifiekporo community. We are a peaceful and law-abiding community. Whilst we do not take what does not belong to us, we will also not let another take what belongs to us. The people of Egbokodo community should be well guided by the law."



Age falsification: Indicted judges must face trial — Prof Kalu, SAN

In this interview with Vanguard's Law & Human Rights, a former Attorney-General of Abia State, Prof. Awa Kalu, SAN hailed the National Judicial Council, NJC, for sanctioning some indicted judges recently, over misconduct, adding that the road is now clear for law enforcement agencies to prosecute judges indicted for criminal offences. He also spoke on recent observation by JUSUN on failure by all state governors to comply with 10-year old Supreme Court decision on full financial autonomy for the judiciary, the arrest and detention of rights activist, Dele Farotimi, and the ruckus trailing proposed tax reform law.

By Ise-Oluwa Ige

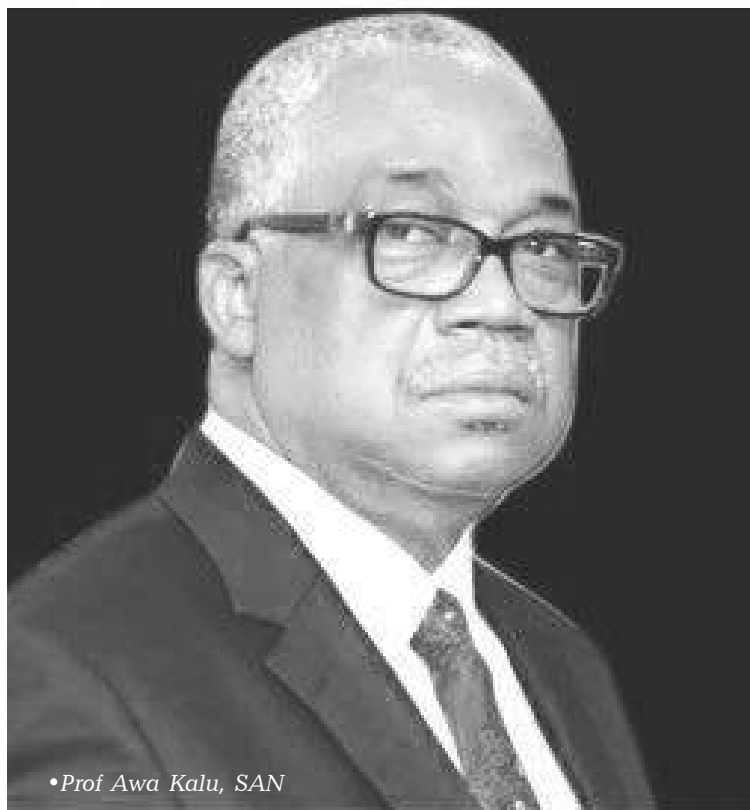
NJC recently wielded its big stick against some judicial officers including two heads of court who were said to have falsified their ages. The sufficiency or otherwise of the sanction has divided Nigerian lawyers. What is your reaction to this?

Constitutionally speaking, there is an age when you retire compulsorily from the bench whatever your rank. And once that age comes to pass, you are no longer qualified to hold judicial office notwithstanding whether you spent those years in advance. If you are sitting in a court when you are not supposed to do so, once it is found out that your tenure of office has expired, you must vacate that office. This is because the Supreme Court has decided that any time prescribed by the Constitution cannot be moved. It is like the rock of Gibraltar. If you are given say 14 days to file a document in the Constitution, or by the Constitution, once the 14 days expire, nobody can extend that time for you. So, if the Constitution says at 70, you must retire from any judicial office and nobody can extend that time. So, if you have sat illegally, you have to return what you earned while on the seat. That has been the tradition known to me. Even in our Holy Bible, there is time for everything. A time to sleep, a time to be awake. That is the thing. If you are unable sleep because of your age, then you have to take time off to go and sleep.

A school of thought has suggested that the case of the indicted judges should not end with NJC's sanction. Do you agree?

According to the decision of our appellate court, once you are accused of judicial misconduct, that misconduct must first be investigated and done with by NJC. If you fail to do so, the court will quash that kind of trial. So, it is a precedent for any judge to go on trial. You must first go before the NJC. So, it does not mean that if the NJC is done with you, if it is a criminal offence, you are free. In other words, when the NJC is done with you, the way will be clear for any law enforcement agency to do its job. The NJC is not a court of law. It deals with administrative matters. If you eat police money, NJC will not ask you to bring it. If you eat money from any organ, NJC will not visit you. But as long as you function as a judicial officer, at the time of breaking the law, the NJC will visit you.

That means law enforcement agencies can take over the case if they are interested?



•Prof Awa Kalu, SAN

Yes, if they are interested, then, their own functions begin. But for an act of judicial misconduct or an act that is alleged to constitute misconduct, the NJC will first show interest and do their own. Then, after the NJC has done its bit, any law enforcement agency that is interested can take over from there. But any action by law enforcement agencies before the NJC takes its stand will be inappropriate. That's what the law says.

How do you react to the recent arrest and remand in prison of Mr Dele Farotimi by the Police?

Well, the court has granted the man bail. If he fulfills the conditions of his bail, he will go on bail and become as free as any other person and then await the Police to prove what he did, having been charged to court. So, to be separating criminal defamation from civil defamation at this time having been granted bail is a question of public discussion. The matter is within the corridor of the court. The ball of the Police has been taken to court. And the young man on the other hand has his lawyer or lawyers who will do everything necessary to guarantee the protection of his constitutional right. That is how far I can go without meddling with the state of affairs in a court of law. Aare Afe Babalola is one of the most prominent lawyers in Nigeria at this time. In addition, he is an elder statesman. If the Police have acted on his behalf, then it is not his name we should be calling. He must have made a report to the Police. The Police must have scrutinized the nature and the content of the complaint he brought and have made an independent decision to arraign him before a judge. A judge has looked at the case and has granted him bail. I think at that stage, all of us should cool our temper in our everyday language.

Some stakeholders think that the ongoing fight between Afe Babalola and Dele Farotimi may put the Supreme Court on trial. Do you agree?

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Put Supreme Court on trial? How? Is the matter before the Supreme Court?

They said the genesis of the fight arose from a judgment of the Supreme Court in a landmark matter.

You are going too far. You don't cross the bridge until you get there. Now, where we are is that the Federal High Court has granted him bail. He should proceed on bail and plan his steps carefully because the gap between freedom and custody where he is, is thin. Let him just plan his action and let the court decide on whether he has committed an offence or not. That is what it means by granting him bail. He has taken his pleas before a court of law and that court has said alright, let's see what the Police have against you. That's why he is on bail. Let us not run faster than our legs can carry us. He is on bail and that is level one. Level two will be for the Police to prove their case against him by bringing their witnesses and the exhibits they have. Then, level three will be for the young man to defend himself. When we throw this matter to the media, or to social media as the case may be, it is very difficult to smell a rat. I love illustrating my point with proverbs. The ball is in the court of the Police. Let them show us as members of the public those things we don't understand. That is the thing. They have to bring those facts: that Afe Babalola, a very distinguished lawyer made a mistake by going to the Police or that the Police have no role to play in the matter. To be debating

in the public is unhelpful.

The Judiciary Staff Union of Nigeria (JUSUN) during the week alleged that 10 years after the Supreme Court ruled in favour of full financial autonomy for the judiciary, no state governor has fully complied. If this is true, does it worry you?

Full financial autonomy, let me be frank with you, I don't understand what it means. This is because when you talk about full financial autonomy, is it that the judiciary should take control of its finances by generating its income and disbursing it? Is it about capital as well as recurrent budgeting? Is that what they are in charge of? Are they the ones to award their contracts? Are they the ones to supervise the implementation of their contracts? Are they the ones to generate their salaries? These are the issues. If you look at the real operation of judicial financing critically, the Federal Government, FG, is in charge of part of it, though, not the totality of the operation of judicial financing. What I am saying is that when you talk about this financial autonomy, the FG is in charge of part of the financing. The FG is in charge of part of the execution, like payment of high court judges for instance. So, you have to get to the nitty-gritty of it to see that there are small issues here and there. Does every state understand it? Does the federal judiciary understand it? Does the NJC understand it? Does the Federal Judicial Service Commission understand this thing? Plus state judicial service commission?

Some people demanded for the separation of the federal judiciary from the state judiciary. Their argument is: If we are doing a federal system, let's do the federal system. If we are doing state, let everyone understand. But as it is, what we have is a mix. In most cases, the federal judiciary has some federal plus state and in some circumstances, federal minus state. There is what they call scattered thunderstorms here and there. That is to say, you don't have a total federal judiciary. And I will prefer a clear separation of federal responsibility from state responsibility as far as the financing and management of judicial matters are concerned.

But if I understand JUSUN very well, I think they are talking about the provision of section 162 (9) of the 1999 Constitution which says "Any amount standing to the credit of the judiciary in the Federation Account shall be paid directly to the National Judicial Council for disbursement to the heads of courts established for the Federation and the States under section 6 of this Constitution"

Before you continue, the FG has its consolidated revenue fund. Every state has its consolidated revenue fund. So, which one now consolidates state judicial financing? It is like managing roads in the country. They tell you that you have FG roads and state government roads. When you are in a state for instance, and the roads are bad, then, who determines which one is a federal road and who determines which one is a state road in terms of practical maintenance and performance? So, when you talk about courts, magistrate courts for instance, belong to states. Then, you talk about the state high courts, they said they belong to the federal judiciary. So, in terms of allowances, training and monitoring of performance, why is it that we cannot consolidate the separation between federal and state judiciary? Why can't we say alright, state government, be in charge of your judiciary? So, if you want to appoint 200 judges, do so on your strength. But when you want to appoint judges, then you have to go to NJC for screening and discipline. We can sit down and have committees that will delineate responsibilities. When you say full autonomy, for me, I don't fully understand it. These things are good grammatically. But when it comes to understanding fully where state judiciary begins in terms of

monitoring and execution of funds that come in, it is difficult to know. If we are running true federalism, this problem will not arise. That is my take.

I think all these complaints arose from the fact that the executive buys cars for judges and also build houses for them. So, some stakeholders hold that he who pays the piper dictates the tune. They argue that since these monies are government funds, why don't you release them to the judiciary so that it can use the fund for what it needs?

If you put your ears to the ground, you will know that you can have some issues in terms of executive management of their money. Ditto for the legislature. But when it comes to the judiciary, and you say ABC has embezzled certain fund or that ABC has misappropriated certain money, then, they will say, ah, take it easy. You understand me. If you say a chief judge has embezzled money, for instance, how do you blow it to the public? If you say a chief judge awards a contract and there is a kickback, how do you blow it open? That is where my concern is.

Are you saying it will tarnish the image of the judiciary?

It will blow it to smithereens. If you talk about the kind of billions that EFCC monitors, how will that happen to judicial autonomy on finances? So, there are complications beyond the grammar we speak every day. And we have to be careful. That is the truth. If we talk about judicial autonomy over finances, will the judiciary also accept harassments that go to other branches when money is missing, mishandled, or mismanaged, or is embezzled, or is misappropriated? The grammar that follows financial management is not easy. That is the real problem. When a storm comes to the executive branch of government over financial matters, will the judiciary accept the same level of discussion if money vanishes from its account?

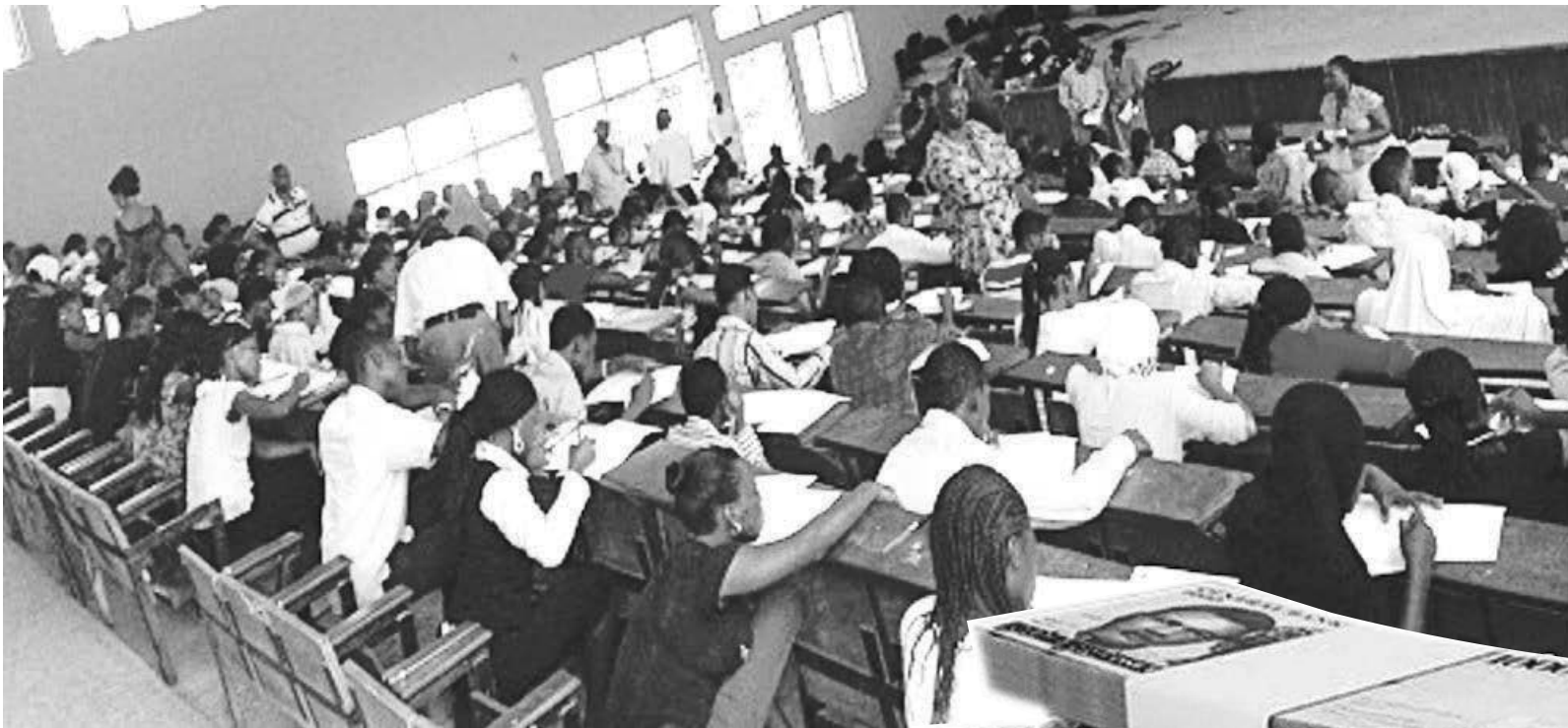
You mean if judicial officers are entrusted with funds, money may vanish?

There is no way money will not vanish. In our present circumstances, there is no way money will not vanish. The question now is: when that money vanishes and we the public want to talk about it, how will that be? If a judge vanishes with money, how will that be taken?

Are you saying the judiciary may lose its legitimacy?

Overnight. It will lose it overnight. So, we have to be careful about the level of autonomy we are talking about. Autonomy is English grammar o. We have to be extremely careful about how we push it. Because there is no human being including those who have, that cannot be tempted to want more. It is easy to speak grammar but when the consequences of speaking that grammar come, you will understand why things should remain the way they are now. I will tell you one light-hearted joke. A secondary school teacher has not seen his pupil for a week. When the young man returned to school and the teacher said: 'Oh, young boy, I haven't seen you for a while!' The young boy of 13 years said: 'Oh, my mother died. That's why you have not seen me for days.' The teacher said to him: 'What a shame!' You understand the grammar. That was what the teacher told the African boy of 13 years who lost his mother. Then, a few weeks later, the teacher now lost his mother and came to class and said: 'Oh, I lost my mother.' And the pupils said: 'Oh, what a shame!' The teacher said: 'All of you, kneel down.' (It is the consequence of speaking grammar. It is advanced-level grammar for Africa. That grammar is harsh. When you now come to financial supervision, remember that one day, they will say to you: 'What a shame! When they say: 'Ah, N500m is missing from the account, or N200m has been misappropriated,' somebody will say to you: 'What a shame.' I believe you will not say to that person: 'Kneel down.'

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VARSIY EDUCATION IN TATTERS: Lecturers can't fuel cars, sleep in offices to cut cost

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By Adesina Wahab

LAGOS: The crippling effects of the downturn in the nation's economy, coupled with the fallouts from the policies initiated by the Federal Government to bring the economy back on track, have not spared any sector.

Consequently, university teachers are now groaning under the yoke of unfavourable economic conditions.

Checks by Vanguard from across the country showed that to stay afloat, university teachers have cut down on a lot of things to save cost.

To save transport cost, some now park their cars at home and commute to work in public transport. Some even sleep in their offices, so as to reduce the cost of taking public transport to their offices multiple times in a week, while others have abandoned postgraduate programmes, especially those trying to get doctorate degrees, due to financial constraints.

Accommodation challenges and LASU Senate's warning

Like some of the universities set up during the Second Republic by state governments of the then Bendel, Ondo and Ogun states, the Lagos State University, LASU, Ojo, Lagos was conceived as non-residential, meaning most

staff and students are to live off campus. That was in the 1980s.

For LASU, the development meant many staff live in other parts of Lagos, such as Iba, Badagry and even as far as Ikorodu where some were able to build their own houses.

With high cost of fuel, bad roads and the attendant traffic jams, some lecturers have opted to use their offices as temporary residences.

The development got to a point that the Senate of the university last June had to come out to condemn and warn against the development.

During its 311th statutory meeting held on Thursday,

June 27, 2024, which considered a paper, Ref No: LASU/SEN/ST.311/024/AOB sent by the security unit of the university, the Senate frowned on sleeping in offices by lecturers and students.

The report had, among other things, said some members of staff and students were of the habit of sleeping in their offices and classrooms, to the extent of utilising kitchen utensils and other makeshift arrangement.

"This behaviour is not only unbecoming but also poses significant security risks and health concerns," the Senate noted.

A lecturer in the university, who spoke in confidence, said: "We all know that the initial plan by the founding fathers of the university was to make



● CONUA president, Dr. Niyi Sunmonu



● ASUU president, Prof. Emmanuel Osodeke

it non-residential. That was what all the state governments controlled by the defunct Unity Party of Nigeria, UPN, in the Second Republic did in Ogun, Lagos, Bendel and Ondo states.

"But things have changed. Moving from one point to another has become difficult in Lagos. Some roads have gone bad. Some of us here built our own houses in Badagry, Epe and even Ikorodu. Imagine having to commute daily from those places to the main campus here in Ojo.

"The high cost of living has not helped matters too. Many of us cannot afford to secure accommodation in nearby communities. The rent is high. Even when you secure a small place for yourself, and you have your family in your own house in Badagry for instance, where is the money to run two homes? It is a difficult situation."

We now trek to office or use public transport — UNIJOS ASUU

Speaking on what university lecturers now go through, the Chairman of the Academic Staff Union of Universities, ASUU, the University of Jos, Prof. Jurbe Mwolwus, said lecturers across Plateau State were not immune to the current hardship in the country.

He said: "We have not witnessed the situation where our lecturers sleep in their offices. I am not aware of such, but people are surviving one day at a time. Many have parked their cars, trekking and using public transport to get to work."

Prof. Ademiran Ademijubepo of the Department of Theatre and Film Arts, University of Jos, added: "I am not aware of any of my colleagues sleeping in their offices, but we are not finding it easy. God is helping us; my house is very far from the university, I live in Jos East local government area, and I have some responsibilities on the campus outside teaching. "I lecture twice a week and



back in Bokkos two to three days a week, you either rent an apartment in Bokkos or get a place where you pay N5,000 per night, sleep and do what you need to do before going back home.

"That is cheaper than making the journey every day. The school bus is not adequate, and the security situation in Bokkos is also a problem that will not even allow any lecturer think of spending the night in the office."

We spend our salaries on transport fare, no staff quarters—Ebonyi varsity lecturers

Ebonyi State University, EBSU, branch chairman of ASUU, Prof. Ikechuku

Okorie Igwenyi, said the lecturers in the university were worst hit as there is no single accommodation for the university staff. He said most lecturers have parked their vehicles at home due to their inability to fuel their cars to school, stressing that university staff members pay N3,000 transport fare to and from school daily.

Prof. Igwenyi described the situation of EBSU staff as most appalling because of the distance from town where lecturers live to go to the permanent site of the university.

He said: "In EBSU, we operate more of an off-campus system where most staff and students live outside the campus. The pain is excruciating and biting harder, given the economic situation of today. House owners have increased rent, there is no three bed room flat that is less than N600,000 annually in the town.

"It is troublesome because the meagre salary can no longer carry the increase in everything. We have a situation where a professor is paid about N400,000; so we can't afford the luxury anymore. The main campus is a bit far from the town; so as it stands today, we need at least N3,000 to go to work every day; it's that bad. Most lecturers have parked their vehicles because they cannot fuel them.

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Our salary takes us for only two weeks —AE-FUNAI ASUU

The Chairman of ASUU, Alex Ekwueme University, Ndufu Alike Ikwo, AE-FUNAI, Dr. Louis Omenyi, said that staff spend their one month salary within two weeks on transport fare to school.

He explained that the university doesn't have staff quarters, making it difficult to

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I go anytime I have other things to do. I sometimes leave my vehicle at home and go on public transport. I spend a lot on transport."

Prof. Chris Piwuna of the same institution, said: "I am not aware of such a situation. Generally, with the transport situation, people are not able to be on campus every day. The availability and accessibility to students have reduced and the work they need to do on campus, they are unable to do.

"The Band A issue of electricity has challenged the university in having a steady power supply on campus; we are faced with one challenge or the other. We are either unable to go or when you get there, there is no power to get things done."

From Plateau State University, Bokkos, the situation is not different as a lecturer who preferred anonymity maintained: "Many of us stay outside Bokkos and this economic situation has made us stay



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operate from Abakaliki to Ikwo where the school is situated.

"The situation has worsened due to economic crisis in the country. Our monthly salaries can't carry us to school for one month, it can only take us for two weeks due to lack of accommodation in the school. The management said there is no fund to build staff quarters in the school.

"We are appealing to the Federal Government to increase our salaries to be able to cater for our families, pay our bills and transport us to school daily. We are aware of inflation, occasioned by the economic brouhaha. So, we are calling on the Federal Government to provide accommodation in the long run and consider the increase in our salaries to enable us attend to our duties diligently," he appealed.

Lecturers are being mentally drained — Sociologist

A lecturer in the Department of Sociology, University of Ibadan, Prof. Oludayo Tade, said: "I am increasingly alarmed by the welfare challenges we face. The lack of adequate staff accommodation has become a critical issue.

"Many of us live far from campus, leading to exhausting commuting, and some even resort to sleeping in offices after late lectures. This situation not only affects our physical and mental well-being, but also diminishes our capacity to engage effectively with our students.

"The current economic climate further complicates these challenges. With rising inflation and stagnant salaries, many lecturers struggle to meet basic needs. Juggling multiple jobs to make ends meet takes a toll on our health and our focus on teaching and research.

"These issues do not only impact us, they also have significant repercussions for our students. When we are overworked and stressed, it becomes increasingly difficult to provide the quality education and support they deserve.

"It is crucial that we address these welfare concerns. Improved housing, fair salaries, and better working conditions are essential to foster an environment where both lecturers and students can thrive. We must advocate change, our future in education depends on it."

ASUU chairman at the University of Ibadan, Prof. Ayoola Akinwole, stated: "I must bring attention to the urgent welfare issues confronting our lecturers. A major concern is the insufficient accommodation for staff.

"Many of us live far from campus, leading to long and exhausting daily commuting, with some even having to sleep in their offices. This reality affects our health and diminishes our ability to support our students effectively.

"The current economic situation further complicates these matters. With inflation rising and salaries remaining stagnant, many lecturers struggle to afford basic necessities. This financial strain often leads to the need for additional jobs, which

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detracts from our primary responsibilities in teaching and research.

"These challenges extend beyond personal struggles; they significantly impact our students as well. When lecturers are overwhelmed and stressed, the quality of education suffers, ultimately affecting student engagement and success.

"It is essential for us to come together to advocate better working conditions, fair remuneration, and adequate housing. Addressing these welfare concerns is critical for the future of education at the University of Ibadan, benefiting both faculty and students. Together, we can work toward creating the

change that is so desperately needed."

The Chairman of ASUU, Michael Okpara University of Agriculture Umudike, MOUAAU, Prof. Chike Ugwuene, said he could only comment on the matter with permission from the national leadership.

"I don't have permission to speak on the matter. It's part of the matter our national president is taking up with the Federal Government. It's part of their dialogues and negotiations, and until these dialogues fail, I cannot speak on them."

However, some lecturers of the university who pleaded anonymity, for fear of victimisation, lamented the high cost of transportation to and from campus.

The lecturers, majority of who live and operate from Umuahia, a distance of about six kilometers, said they spend so much on transportation, arguing that they are left with virtually nothing after deducting transportation cost, cost of writing papers for publication in journals, attending conferences and other obvious costs from their salary.

We're struggling to survive, economy is too harsh — ASUU Coordinator, Akure zone

Prof. Adeola, the Coordinator, Akure Zone of ASUU, noted: "We are coping; all we are trying to do is to ensure that whatever we can do to ensure efficiency, we do. There are five working days in a week, but some have chosen to come two or three days, but no one comes all the

days of the week anymore.

"The reality on ground is that things are difficult. The current government is not listening to anyone. They are asking us to sacrifice but those in government are living luxuriously. They are making us suffer, we have colleagues who live in Ilesa, Osogbo to come to Ile-Ife daily, burning fuel to the tune of N30,000 weekly on the minimum.

"How do you justify that? I maintain my stance, I am a Professor, my salary is a little over N500,000. How do I put in my 100 per cent?"

"The government, I believe, seems not to be interested in people giving their best. We, in the academics, do not shy away from our duty. We are doing our best to ensure students continue to excel, using our blood. But the President Bola Tinubu-led administration is not doing anything good in any sector.

Taraba varsity lecturers lament poor welfare

Lecturers in Taraba State University, Jalingo, who embarked on an indefinite strike over welfare issues, have decried the poor working conditions they had endured for years.

In conversations with Vanguard, some lecturers expressed frustration over the lack of proper motivation, delayed salaries, and an overall challenging work environment which, they said, had negatively affected both their professional and personal lives.

Speaking to Vanguard, the institution's Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Atando Agbu, said: "Lecturing is very tedious and requires both mental and

physical engagement, which can only be achieved when one is well-fed and rested. Unfortunately, poor remuneration makes this difficult.

"At the moment, we have not been paid our November salary, and we are in December. It's disheartening to think of the future when there is no pension plan in place for lecturers here. This alone creates anxiety and discouragement.

"When we return home, we are also expected to care for our families and handle domestic matters. But without proper support, it becomes a constant struggle."

The chairperson of the institution's Academic Staff Union of Universities, ASUU, Dr Garba Joshua, said they embarked on an indefinite strike due to the failure of the university management and the state government to address critical welfare and institutional issues, despite being granted a 30-day relief period that expired on July 4, 2024.

Also, a lecturer in Sa'adatu Rimi College of Education, Dr Abdussalam Kani, lamented the poor welfare of lecturers.

He said: "It has not been easy, bearing in mind the inflationary trend in Nigeria which is beyond the expectation of every Nigerian and members of the academia inclusive. Because if you look at it, our income remains stagnant, the new minimum wage is yet to be implemented.

We're still working because of patriotism — ASUU Ilorin

Chairman of University of Ilorin branch of ASUU, Dr Alex Akanmu, and his counterpart in Kwara State University, Malete, Comrade AbdulGaniyu Salau, shared their views. Dr Akanmu described his colleagues as the most patriotic in the course of performing their civic duties.

"We are the worst paid when you compare our patriotic nature to expand the pool of knowledge and what we get as salary, which is meagre. If you look at what we get as take home, in terms of welfare packages, it's nothing compared to what our counterparts get in other countries of the world.

"I need not tell you that the issue of transportation has become a major issue. Salaries are stagnant, fuel price has increased and people need to come to work, and if you live at a very far place to your institution, you begin to wonder which day of the week you should come to work and those who stay in far-flung places have to find somewhere nearby to stay.

"The staff quarters we got years back are still the same. No expansion; government is not building more and then the staff number has far increased. So those who stay very far have to make makeshift arrangements to allow them cope with the working conditions," he said.

In his response, Chairman of ASUU in Kwara State University, Comrade AbdulGaniyu Salau, said the union had pressed for palliatives for its members, which were successfully secured in surviving the hard times.

According to him: "What

we have been able to achieve as a union is to press for some of the palliatives for our members. We've been able to raise our hazard allowance from 80 to 100 per cent and we wrote to the university to give us some buses which they have done.

"Also, in the last one week, the university council has approved the implementation of minimum wage for all staff in Kwasu. We have been running some programmes and we have some sandwich programmes. All our members are rewarded at the end of the academic programme.

"The economic hardship is still telling on our members. Our salary was last reviewed in 2009; the one we got last was 25% and 35% which was not what we bargained for. The 2009 agreement stated that our salary should be reviewed every three years.

"But during the tenure of Chris Ngige as minister of labour and employment, rather than approve the agreed package, the government decided to give us award which we received: 35% for professors and others 25%."

We bear the brunt — Students

Commenting on the issue, the National President of the National Association of Nigerian Students, NANS, Comrade Lucky Emonefe, said students were at the receiving end of it all.

"If lecturers are not able to put in their best because of welfare issues, it is the students who bear the brunt. Instead of engaging students three times a week, some lecturers will just come once. Some don't even come to class.

"Also, some lecturers would subtly make students pay for things they ought not to pay for. These students also have their own challenges, as their parents are also affected by the economic situation in the country. But for the students not to incur the wrath of their lecturers, they will have to use their allowances to meet such obligations," he stated.

Make lecturers happy, NAPTAN urges govt

Parents, under the aegis of the National Parent Teacher Association of Nigeria, NAPTAN, have called on the government to make lecturers happy.

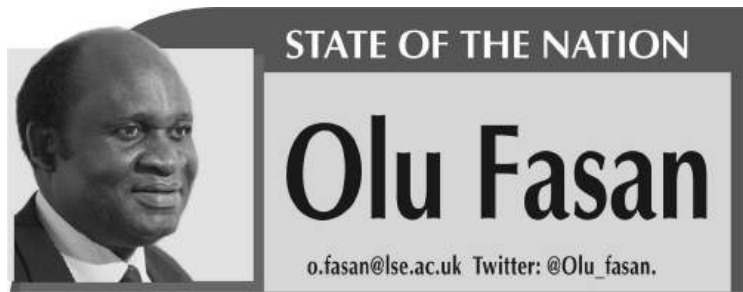
The National President, Alhaji Haruna Danjuma, while commenting on the development, opined that a happy worker would put in his best.

"The lecturers are human. They need to be made happy. The government should take their welfare as a priority. Education is not what we can allow to suffer and teachers at all levels are important in the sector.

"If the welfare of lecturers is ignored, they won't be able to put in their best. As parents, we also don't want a situation that lecturers would consider going on strike. We have had enough of that. We plead with the government to be alive to its responsibility. All that are due to the lecturers should be given them."

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The strength of any country consists of its natural resources, human resources and capital assets, namely, the economic wealth that delivers higher living standards. The first two determine the third. If a country can successfully harness its natural resources, using its human talent, it will prosper; if it can't, it will fail. Now, Nigeria is known worldwide for its abundant human and natural resources, so why is it one of the world's poorest countries? Why is Nigeria run so badly that it's utterly dysfunctional, verging on state failure? The commonest answer people give is "leadership". But Nigerians run world bodies and lead major Western political parties, so why can't Nigerians run their own country well? How can Nigerians provide leadership abroad, but not at home?

Well, the problem is systemic and structural: Nigeria is systemically wired to fail, and structurally conditioned to produce bad leaders. It is a corrupt, morally bankrupt nation. If values, not self-interest, guide your action, Nigeria is not your natural habitat: you must, if you are public-spirited, look for opportunities abroad. Nigeria's brightest and best are crowded out by a political system, a political structure and a culture, that reward self-dealing knavery over meritocracy, honesty and integrity. Thus, Nigerians who will never succeed at home go abroad and succeed there. Consequently, Nigeria is brain-drained and utterly denuded, thereby lacking state capacity and true statehood.

Recently, two Nigerians hit the headlines worldwide for their outstanding feats. One, Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala was re-elected unanimously, unopposed, for a second term as Director-General of the World Trade Organisation, WTO. When she was first elected in 2020, she was the first African and the first woman to hold the position.

Sadly, Nigeria's broken political system cannot produce public-spirited leaders because the system favours the highest bidder and makes it easy for state institutions to be captured and manipulated, resulting in fraudulent elections that produce dubious leaders

So outstandingly did she perform that no one attempted to deny her a second term by running against her. The second, Kemi Badenoch, was elected as the first Black leader of Britain's Conservative Party, which has produced more prime ministers than any other party in the UK since the country had its first prime minister in 1721. Given the Conservative Party's track record of

Okonjo-Iweala, Kemi Badenoch:
The shaming of Nigerian statehood

producing prime ministers, Olukemi Olufunto Badenoch, née Adegoke, could become the UK's first British-Nigerian prime minister!

Of course, Nigerians and, indeed, the Nigerian government are quick to celebrate and "claim" any Nigerian abroad who achieves great feats. But what chances would such achievers have had at home. For instance, how far would Dr Okonjo-Iweala have gone had she decided to run for president? How far would Badenoch have gone? Badenoch answered that question herself in one interview she gave about her childhood: she was born in the UK but brought to Nigeria by her parents, Femi Adegoke, a doctor, and Feyi, an academic, for her early education; she later returned to Britain at 16 for her A levels.

Now 44, Badenoch said she toyed with the idea of returning to Nigeria at 25 to begin a political career. However, according to her, a Nigerian political figure "belittled" her, "saying something about her being a woman and how she would never make it." Hardly anyone Nigerian would consider that account outlandish given that there is not a single female state governor in Nigeria, let alone the remote possibility of a female president. Yet, if Badenoch became the British prime minister, Nigeria might declare a public holiday to celebrate her achievement, never mind that she couldn't even become a governor in Nigeria!

What about Dr Okonjo-Iweala? Well, at least she was twice Finance Minister, first under President Olusegun Obasanjo and then under President Goodluck Jonathan. Even so, Dr Okonjo-Iweala is a prophet without honour in her own country. In 2018, she launched her book *Fighting Corruption Is Dangerous* at the London School of Economics. I attended the event and wrote about

it for the Africa@LSE blog, describing her as "popular abroad but under-appreciated at home". After President Jonathan lost power in 2015, Okonjo-Iweala became a hate figure in Nigeria. She narrated at the LSE event how the Buhari administration hounded her and her family, sending police officers to search her house for "illegal currency holdings" only to find "bags full of old newspapers." But when she became the Director-General of the WTO, Buhari gave her the GCON, Nigeria's second-highest national award. As the old saying goes, success has many fathers, but failure is an orphan!

That was precisely why Abike Dabiri, the CEO of Nigerians in Diaspora Commission, NiDCOM, tried to reach out to Kemi Badenoch after her election as the Tory leader and was miffed that Badenoch snubbed the overture. "It depends on whether she embraces her Nigerian identity. We reached out to her once or twice, but there was no response. We don't force anyone to acknowledge being Nigerian," Dabiri said peevishly.

But here's the truth: Badenoch certainly does not deny her Nigerian lineage, but she's not proud of the country, of how the patronage and corruption of Nigeria's political class have held the country hostage for years and stunted its development. She said one of the books that shaped her worldview was *Why Nations Fail* by Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson, the economics Nobel laureates, and she sees Nigeria's through the prism of that book. Whenever any British politician did something that she considered unacceptable, she would say it's a "Nigerian thing." Give her credit, she ran on the values of truth, honesty and responsibility, and won over the overwhelmingly White Conservative Party membership. By

contrast, such a commitment to personal ethics is utterly lacking in Nigeria's self-serving political class. Which brings us back to the broader point. Okonjo-Iweala, Kemi Badenoch and other Nigerians who have achieved great feats abroad have shown that Nigeria's problem is not the absence of talent. And those who say it is the absence of leadership are only half right. Of course, Nigeria has always produced leaders who put their own self-interest above the common good. But it is a country's political system that determines which kind of leaders emerge. Sadly, Nigeria's broken political system cannot produce public-spirited leaders because the system favours the highest bidder and makes it easy for state institutions, notably the electoral body, judiciary and security agencies, to be captured and manipulated, resulting in fraudulent elections that produce dubious leaders.

But think about it: Even if an Okonjo-Iweala or an Akinwumi Adesina, the successful president of the African Development Bank, AfDB, emerged as Nigeria's president, would they succeed? Well, not under the overcentralised political and governance structure that lacks effective checks and balances and that's riven by ethnic polarisation and zero-sum politics. Look no further: the North-South divide and entrenched vested interests over the tax reform bills expose Nigeria's systemic and structural problem. Yet, the fact that Okonjo-Iweala, Badenoch, Adesina and other Nigerians succeed abroad is an astonishing indictment of the Nigerian state. For if Nigeria is so dysfunctional while its citizens rule the world, what kind of statehood is that? It's a failed state!

BY DANIEL NWOGWUGWU

Libya vs Nigeria AFCON qualifiers: Crisis communication lessons and implications

The controversies and outrage surrounding the boycotted Libya vs Nigeria African Cup of Nations, AFCON, qualifying football match may have reduced; however, we are yet to see the end of it. The Disciplinary Committee of the Confederation of African Football, CAF, verdict indicting the Libyan Football Federation, LFF, of conspiracy against the Super Eagles of Nigeria did not go well with the Libyan side. Recent reports from Libya have revealed unrest, including mass arrests and fines on Nigerians in Libya, which, of course, is a fallout of the CAF verdict. This situation highlights crucial lessons in crisis communication within sports and emphasizes the broader implications for Nigeria-Libya relations in sports diplomacy. The strained relations between the two countries could affect future sports engagements and potentially spill over into other diplomatic areas.

Overview of issues leading to the boycott

The incident occurred on October 14, 2024 during the third round of the AFCON qualifiers between Libya and Nigeria, scheduled to be held at a designated Libyan stadium. However, reports revealed that Nigeria's national team, the Super Eagles, were maltreated by their host upon arrival in Libya. It was reported that the Nigerian team and officials were expected to land at the designated Benghazi Benina Airport but were unexpectedly diverted to Al-Abraq International Airport, Labreg, nearly 300 kilometres away from the Benghazi Airport. Upon arrival at Al-Abraq Airport, the Nigerian team was reportedly stranded for over 15 hours with inadequate communication. The Super Eagles skipper, Troost Ekong, raised

awareness about their treatment on X (formerly Twitter). He posted on his X handle @TroostEkongFDN, "12+ hours in an abandoned airport in Libya after our plane was diverted whilst descending. Libyan government rescinded our approved landing in Benghazi with no reason. They've locked the airport gates and left us without phone connection, food or drink. All to play mind games" (sic). He further called on the Confederation of African Football, CAF, and the Nigerian Football Federation, NFF, to rescue them and announced a boycott of the proposed match and returning home, citing safety concerns and inhumane treatment. They returned safely to Nigeria the following day.

In response to the incident, the Libyan Football Federation, LFF, stated they received similar treatment when they visited Nigeria for the third match of AFCON qualifiers. The LFF, in its official statement via its official X handle, @Libyan_FF, although regretted the inconveniences caused, noted that "it is essential to note that such incidents can occur due to routine air traffic control protocols, security checks, or logistical challenges that affect international air travel." Furthermore, the statement noted that "we firmly reject any claims that suggest foul play or sabotage in this situation. It is important to highlight that just last week, our own national team faced significant challenges upon our arrival in Nigeria for the third match of the AFCON qualifiers. Despite the difficulties we encountered, we did not make public accusations nor question the integrity of the Nigerian authorities (sic)." This incident led to the resignation of Libya's Football

Federation's president, Abdulhakim Al-Shalmani, who stated that he did not want to be a part of the failure of Libyan sports. However, in response to the incident, CAF's Disciplinary Board found Libya guilty, "declared lost by forfeit by Libya (by a score of 3 - 0), and ordered to pay a fine of USD 50,000 within 60 days of the notification of

Ultimately, this incident serves as a reminder for football associations globally to improve their crisis management strategies and prioritise clear communication and mutual respect in sports diplomacy

the present decision" (CAF Statement, Decision DC23175).

Lessons learned

The incident highlights key crisis management lessons. First is how (crisis) information can spread quickly through social media. Social media is a double-edged sword for escalating or de-escalating crises. While it could be argued that Nigerian skippers' use of social media to report the incident bypassed official channels, it was similarly used to share their plight with the world. The speed and broad reach of social media meant that narratives around crises could form and spread rapidly. A tweet, a video

clip, or a meme can spiral out of control within minutes, highlighting how social media can quickly shape public perceptions during a crisis.

In addition, we learn the importance of rapid crisis response and the implications of delayed crisis response. Organisations need to respond quickly to emerging crises in today's digital age. The Libyan Football Federation initially remained silent over the incident. However, seeing the public backlash and attribution of responsibility, the LFF was compelled to respond - albeit too late - to prevent the escalation of the crisis. This delayed response allowed the Nigerian narrative to dominate social media.

Transparency is another crucial lesson highlighted by this incident. Both sides should have been more transparent about the situation. The LFF's claim of similar treatment in Nigeria should have been communicated clearly and factually. Transparent communication is a powerful tool that can prevent speculation and build trust. This incident underscores the importance of open and honest communication in crisis management.

A lesson related to transparency is establishing clear protocols and communication channels. CAF should dedicate a designated number to report crisis issues. A well-established protocol and communication channel further assists in improving stakeholder relationships.

Clear communication with all parties involved is essential, especially in scenarios where logistical changes - such as the diversion of the Nigerian aircraft - occur. Enhanced dialogue with all stakeholders,

including players, officials, and the media, could have mitigated the crisis. Furthermore, this incident illustrates the need for sports organisations to prepare crisis communications plans for unforeseen circumstances. Overall, the incident highlights the need for better preparedness in managing logistical issues and avoiding communication breakdowns.

This incident could impact future international football matches by prompting stricter protocols for hosting games, especially in regions facing potential security or logistics challenges. It could also strain diplomatic relations between Libya and Nigeria amid reports of hostile treatment towards Nigerians in Libya. CAF should consider implementing crisis management and communication guidelines, including mandatory pre-match security checks, improved communication protocols between hosts and visiting teams, and a more transparent process for handling disputes. These measures aim to prevent similar incidents in the future.

Ultimately, this incident serves as a reminder for football associations globally to improve their crisis management strategies and prioritise clear communication and mutual respect in sports diplomacy. These plans will reassure the audience of the preparedness and security measures in place for their safety.

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The peace Ukrainians deserve

On December 6, Ukrainians commemorated the Armed Forces Day. It is an occasion used annually in honouring their "brave defenders who protect their homeland from Russian aggression." I happened to be at the Ukrainian embassy that Friday where the Ambassador of Ukraine to Nigeria, Ivan Kholostenko, said the heroes being honoured "safeguard not only Ukraine but also the broader world."

"On this day, we express our deepest gratitude to all those who defend the freedom and future of our country, ensuring peace and security for millions around the globe. The Embassy of Ukraine in Nigeria commemorates the heroes with an exhibition. Faces of men and women who risk everything for their homeland and peace around the globe are looking from the pictures of the exhibition," Kholostenko said. The most important element of the composition of the exhibition is the blue-yellow Ukrainian flag, which he said "bears the imprint of heroism and love for the motherland – the signatures of the heroes, soldiers of the 4th Battalion of the Slovozhansk Brigade of the National Guard of Ukraine, who defended Kharkiv from invaders." The national pride was palpable as he spoke. "The battle for Kharkiv became an example of heroism and self-sacrifice, when Ukrainian soldiers rebuffed the superior forces of aggressor, preventing them from turning the city into a monument of repression and cruelty. The flag has travelled all the way to Nigeria to serve as a symbol of courage and love for the motherland."

Of course, Ambassador Kholostenko was talking about the Russia-Ukraine war which is almost in its third year now. He blamed Russia for the aggression and for deploying hunger as a component of its war strategy.

"By unleashing an unprovoked and brutal war against Ukraine, Russia is using hunger as a way to put pressure on the world. The courage of the Ukrainian defenders allows Ukraine to fulfill its role as a guarantor of global food security and produce grain. This grain is delivered to the countries of Africa and Asia, which have felt the consequences of Russia's aggression the most."

It is a testament to how much the world has fractured since the United Nations, UN, came into existence on October 24, 1945 that bloody conflicts such as the war the Ukrainian envoy was bemoaning still remain a global spectacle. On that historic day 79 years ago, four years of painstaking planning morphed into an international organisation designed to promote global peace, justice and better living for all humanity.

The negotiations were particularly conscientious in the U.S. where President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, FDR, convinced Americans that an international organisation was the best means to prevent future wars and the U.S. Senate approved the UN Charter by a vote of 89 to 2. On June 26, 1945, 50 countries signed the Charter in San Francisco. Poland signed on October 15, 1945, becoming one of the original 51 member states.

The overarching goal of the new organisation, which rose from the ashes of the League of Nations, was to reduce international tension, promote human rights, lower the chance of other large-scale conflicts, promote peace, justice, and better living for all mankind.

Frustratingly, almost eight decades thence, and 193 member states to boot, the world is teetering on the brink of another large-scale conflict with the debilitating invasion of Ukraine by Russia and Israel's genocidal onslaught on Palestinians.

Fortuitously, just as all eyes were on President Roosevelt eight decades ago, all eyes are on U.S. President-elect, Donald Trump, for a solution. The fact that many acknowledge that Trump is no Roosevelt has not dampened expectations.

On the hustings, Trump blamed the two wars on the foreign policy failures of the Biden administration, with a promise to end them in 24 hours if re-elected. Now that his dream has come true, the global community is waiting on him.

Meanwhile, Trump, in his usual bombast, is ratcheting up the rhetoric. "I think we have to solve the Ukraine problem with Russia," he told the French magazine, Paris Match, this week. "Both countries are losing numbers that nobody can believe. Hundreds of thousands of

soldiers are being killed," Trump said, responding to a question about his top priority on the international stage. "And the Middle East is of course a big priority. But I think that the Middle East is a less difficult situation than Ukraine with Russia. But those are the two situations that we have to solve and we have to solve them quickly. A lot of people are dying." On Saturday, Trump met with French President Emmanuel Macron and Ukrainian leader Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Paris, during the reopening of Notre Dame Cathedral, his first international trip since his dramatic political

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comeback. After the highly anticipated meeting, he wetted global appetite for peace when he wrote on his Truth Social platform that "there should be an immediate ceasefire and negotiations should begin."

It is in the interest of both countries that the bloody conflict is ended. As Trump rightly noted, both Ukraine and Russia are paying a dire price. Only 18 months into the conflict, officials of the Biden administration aver that both countries had lost a staggering number of troops estimated at over 500,000, including the injured. Ironically, the troop toll was heavier on the Russian side in a war Putin said would end in a matter of days.

But more Ukrainian civilians have died since the war is waged mostly on Ukrainian soil, with fighting and air strikes inflicting over 30,000 civilian casualties, while 3.7 million people are internally displaced, and 6.5 million have fled Ukraine and 14.6 million others need humanitarian assistance.

There is no doubting the fact that Ukrainians desire peace and are willing to collaborate with Trump and, indeed, the international community to realise that goal, yet, one question concentrates their minds right now. What will be the terms of the ceasefire that Trump is touting? Will it guarantee enduring peace? This is important because without

justice and equity, peace becomes an illusion. Ukrainians deserve a peaceful homeland, immune to Russia's wilful aggression, a point poignantly made by President Zelenskyy last Sunday in a post on the Telegram messaging app: "When we talk about an effective peace with Russia, we must talk first of all about effective peace guarantees. Ukrainians want peace more than anyone else. Russia brought war to our land."

That is the crux of the matter. The Ukrainian envoy to Nigeria is on the same page with President Zelenskyy.

"Ukraine's position on peace remains firm. Ukraine desires peace more than anyone does. Ukraine did not start this war and never wanted it. If Russia stops fighting – there will be peace. If Ukraine stops fighting – Ukraine will cease to exist."

"Thus, the peace must be lasting and just. Ukraine is ready to seek diplomatic solutions, but only on the condition of full adherence to the United Nations Charter. Additionally, Ukraine requests effective and reliable security guarantees from international partners to prevent future aggression," he said in a statement forwarded to me on Wednesday.

To underscore their quest for peace by building trust with the incoming U.S. administration, Zelenskyy's top aide, Andriy Yermak, met with key members of the Trump team on a two-day trip recently. Will such deft diplomatic maneuvering thaw the diplomatic ice and prod Trump in the direction of a ceasefire that will guarantee lasting peace?

Trump insists that he is pushing the Russian leader Vladimir Putin to reach an immediate ceasefire with Ukraine. "Zelenskyy and Ukraine would like to make a deal and stop the madness," he wrote on social media. And that is true. The question is: Would Putin and Russia also want to make a deal and stop the madness? Trump says he knows Vladimir well and that this is his time to act. "China can help. The World is waiting!"

Indeed, the world is waiting and as Zelenskyy cautioned, Ukraine needs a "just and robust peace that Russians will not destroy within a few years."

Reducing military aid to Ukraine and pulling the U.S. out of NATO as Trump has threatened will indubitably hamstring Kyiv's fighting capacity. That cannot guarantee peace. Kremlin's incessant reference to a decree by Zelenskyy from October 2022 that declared the prospect of any talks "impossible" as long as Putin was Russia's leader is also a smokescreen to camouflage Putin's aversion for talks with Ukraine. That decree came after Putin proclaimed four occupied regions of Ukraine to be part of Russia, in what Kyiv and the West said was a clear violation of Ukrainian sovereignty.

Truth remains that Russia is the aggressor. And any deal that does not guarantee lasting and just peace for Ukrainians will be a repudiation of the 79-year-old UN Charter.



Understanding and fixing common paragraph problems

Every writer, from first-year students to seasoned professors, occasionally struggles with paragraph structure. In this week's article, I'll explore the most common issues and their solutions in straightforward terms. I'll begin by considering common paragraph problems you might recognise and then share tips with you on how to improve the flow and unity in your paragraphs.

Have you ever read a paragraph that seemed to wander aimlessly? That's what we call 'topic drift' - when a paragraph starts with one idea but ends up somewhere completely different. Think of it like a conversation that starts about coffee and somehow ends up about space travel. How to fix it? Simple! Ensure that every sentence in your paragraph connects back to your main idea. Your supporting sentences must be logically linked to the central idea in your paragraph. See the following examples:

Wandering:

Social media affects modern communication. Teenagers spend hours online every day. Gaming addiction has become a serious problem. Some schools have banned smartphones. Parents worry about cyberbullying. Mental health issues are increasing among youth.

Revised:

Social media fundamentally reshapes modern communication patterns among teenagers. Young people now spend an average of six hours daily on social platforms, transforming how they form and maintain relationships. This shift has created new social dynamics, where digital interactions often replace face-to-face conversations. As a result,

teenagers increasingly define their social status and self-worth through online engagement and virtual connections.

Did you notice how the revised version maintains focus on social media's impact on teen communication, eliminating tangential topics like gaming and school policies?

Another frequent issue is the 'underdeveloped paragraph' - it's like serving a sandwich with just bread and lettuce. These paragraphs lack meat - the examples, evidence, or explanations that make your point clear. Good paragraphs need at least 3-4 sentences to fully develop an idea. Consider the following examples:

Underdeveloped:

Climate change is a serious problem. It affects many aspects of life. We need to do something about it.

Revised:

Climate change threatens global food security in unprecedented ways. Rising temperatures have already reduced crop yields in tropical regions by 20% since 2010. Furthermore, changing rainfall patterns disrupt traditional farming seasons, forcing farmers to adapt centuries-old agricultural practices. These disruptions particularly impact developing nations, where subsistence farming remains crucial for survival.

The revision adds specific evidence, statistics, and clear consequences, giving the paragraph substance and credibility.

The 'kitchen sink' paragraph tries to do too much at once. It's like trying to fit your entire weekly grocery list into one bag. When you find yourself cramming multiple main ideas into one paragraph,

it's time to split them up. See the following:

Overloaded:

Artificial intelligence is changing everything. It helps doctors diagnose diseases. Companies use it for marketing. Students can write essays with AI. Self-driving cars use AI. AI can compose music and create art. It might replace many jobs. Some people worry about AI safety.

Revised:

Artificial intelligence is revolutionising medical diagnostics. Modern AI systems can analyse medical images with 97% accuracy, often detecting conditions that human doctors might miss. Leading hospitals now use AI-powered diagnostic tools to screen for common conditions like diabetes retinopathy and lung cancer, significantly

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reducing diagnosis time. This technology particularly benefits rural areas, where specialist doctors are scarce.

The revision focuses solely on AI in medicine, saving other aspects for separate paragraphs.

Not to be overlooked is the thing of unity and flow in your paragraph. How can you achieve this? Try summarising the paragraph in one sentence. If you can't, it might be trying to do too much. Another trick is to read your paragraph aloud - your ears will catch problems your eyes might miss. Think of paragraph unity like a family reunion - everyone's related to each other and to the main topic. If you spot a cousin who doesn't belong (an unrelated sentence), it's time to find them a new home in another paragraph. ? I do hope you're getting the sense of this.

You might be thinking, 'What is a practical way to

evaluate paragraphs when I write them?' Here are key questions to ask: Does the paragraph stick to one main idea? Are there enough details to support the main point? Do the sentences connect smoothly to each other? Does the paragraph feel complete? Think of these elements like ingredients in a recipe - you need all of them, in the right amounts, to create something satisfying.

Let me put this differently. Start with a clear topic sentence - it's like a sign post telling readers where they're going (this works for certain kinds of writeups that favour the traditional mode). Then add supporting details that directly connect to your main point. Additionally, use examples that your readers will understand and relate to. Lastly, end with a sentence that wraps up your thought or connects to the next paragraph. If you would like to maintain this approach, try using these simple tests to check your paragraphs:

The Topic Sentence Test

Read only your first and last sentences. They should clearly connect. If they don't, your paragraph probably wandered off topic.

The Highlighter Test

Highlight each sentence that directly supports your topic sentence. Unhighlighted sentences likely belong elsewhere.

The "So What?" Test

After each supporting detail, ask "So what?" If you can't connect it back to your main point, it doesn't belong in the paragraph.

Would you like a task to try? Then do this topic sentence challenge: Write three different topic sentences for the same set of supporting details. Which works best and why? Then go ahead to retain the best one!

I'll conclude this article by stating that strong paragraphs aren't built by following rigid rules but by maintaining clear focus, providing solid support, and creating smooth connections. Practice these skills regularly, and you'll see improvement in both your writing and your readers' understanding.

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The Kwara State Ministry of Education and the authorities of Government Day Junior Secondary School, Kulende, Ilorin, moved swiftly to address a case of severe assault of an unnamed National Youth Service Corps, NYSC, member by a teacher in the school where she had just completed her service year.

The student was reportedly attacked by the teacher, Fatimoh Amuzat Nike, for "not greeting properly" when she went to pick her clearance letter. A trending photo of the bewildered corps member showed that her NYSC khaki uniform was torn by the enraged teacher. This action prompted the NYSC in Kwara State to quickly withdraw all corps members posted to the school.

A joint investigative panel by the Ministry of Education and Kwara State Teaching Service Commission found Nike guilty of multiple infractions, including insubordination, fighting on duty, use of foul language and dis-

Justice for abused corps member in Kwara

respect for the NYSC uniform, a symbol of our national unity. The Commissioner, Saadatu Modibbo Kawu, condemned the teacher's misbehaviour, affirming it did not represent the character of the state and its people who are very hospitable to visitors. We commend the school and the educational authorities for the action they took to show their zero tolerance for the teacher's unacceptable conduct. Under a different set of circumstances, the school could easily have sided with the teacher. The state was able to effectively distance itself from the abuse of the NYSC scheme in their

domain.

What about justice for the corps member? We call on the Kwara State Governor, Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq, to invite the assaulted corps member and officials of the Corps to a reception to enable her leave the state with fond memories.

This assault represents another low that the scheme has fallen to in recent years. When General Yakubu Gowon founded the NYSC in May 1973, it was meant to serve as one of the policies to strengthen Nigeria's unity after the Civil War of 1967 to

1970. The manpower level in the country was still far below the needs of a rapidly developing country.

Youth corps members were treated almost as royalty in their places of assignment far from their states of origin. But, as the country grew and things started deteriorating on all fronts, the abuse of corps members increased, ranging from rejection at their places of primary assignment to being kidnapped by criminals for ransom. Safety concerns and maltreatment of corps members have lately led to calls for the suspension or outright scrapping of the scheme. Nigerians ought to know that corps members are brought to them from areas that may not share the same cultural traits with them. One thing we share in common is hospitality towards strangers.

Hostility towards peaceful visitors or non-indigenes is uncivilised behaviour, and must be condemned.



OPINION

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By ARIZE NWOBU

CBN and consistent increase in MPR

THE vision of the Central Bank of Nigeria, CBN, is to be the most efficient and effective of the world's central banks in promoting and sustaining economic development.

And the mission is to be proactive in providing suitable framework for the economic development of Nigeria through the effective, efficient and transparent implementation of monetary and exchange rate policy and management of the financial system.

PwC had noted that central banks need to not just adapt to changing conditions, but should also be proactive and anticipate the shifts ahead and how they are going to change the playing field for monetary policy and financial stability. CBN under the Governor, Yemi Cardoso, is connected with the economy and is on top of the challenges of the economy.

Cardoso and his team have demonstrated cognitive creativity and high degree of knowledge towards finding ingenious solutions to the challenges of the economy.

The economy had dipped during the immediate past administration and before the present CBN management assumed office. But the challenges became aggravated by the removal of fuel subsidy and the floating of the exchange rate, both of which combined with other factors including devaluation of the naira, insecurity and reduction in productivity to escalate inflation. It is important to note that both the removal of fuel subsidy and floating the exchange rate are not bad per se, instead they were necessary and desirous.

Hitherto, payment of fuel subsidy had been a source of huge leakage in the economy and it had denied the economy huge quantum of funds which, otherwise, would have been channelled into productive ventures.

It is expected that the removal of fuel subsidy will help to plug the leakages and rechannel funds back into essential economic and social infrastructures that will help to catalyze eco-

nomical growth.

The advantages of floating the exchange rate is that it will lead to the increase in foreign reserves because CBN would not have to use the reserves to intervene in the forex market to stabilise the exchange rate and which gives room for the government to, possibly, use it for essential capital projects.

It is anticipated that CBN's policy options will create the desired impact over time and as Bismark Rewane noted, there is always a lag when decisions are made and when the impacts are felt; it is anticipated that the impact of their policies will begin to manifest from the first quarter Q1 2025

Presently inflation is the big challenge in the economy and CBN is working dedicatedly and using monetary policy tools to fight it towards setting the economy on a strong pedestal. Inflation determines how a central bank regulates its money supply and managing inflation demands both technical and tactical strategies. Raising the Monetary Policy Rate, MPR, is the immediate and ready made mechanism which central banks use to fight inflation and that is what CBN is doing.

CBN has consistently increased the MPR since February 2024 and also adjusted other monetary policy tools, including the Liquidity Ratio, LR, and Cash Reserve Ratio, CRR, of banks, all of which are components of the monetary trans-

mission mechanism which central banks use to influence aggregate demand in the economy.

In February 2024, the Monetary Policy Committee, MPC, of CBN raised the MPR from 18.75 per cent to 22.75 per cent, which was phenomenal and unprecedented in the record of the MPC.

Subsequently in March 2024, the MPR was raised from 22.75 per cent to 24.75 per cent and further to 26.25 per cent.

Recently, the MPR was further raised from 27.25 per cent to 27.50 per cent, which is a 25 basis point increase.

The CEO, Financial Derivatives Company, Bismark Rewane, noted that the increase was a slap on inflation and that the market expected a 50 basis point increase.

Cardoso had noted that the MPC was being scientific and often looked at the face of data before they took decisions and assured that CBN would moderate the spiking inflation.

Inflation is currently at 33.9 per cent and is driven by transportation costs, exchange rate volatility, supply constraints, fiscal policy and money supply.

The quantum of money in circulation has been on the increase and which is not healthy for the economy.

Money supply rose from N1.4 trillion to N3.2 trillion in seven years. In January 2024, it grew to N3.28 trillion and to N3.9 trillion in March.

And by October 2024, total amount of currency in circulation had increased to N4.1 trillion with 93 per cent of the amount said to be outside the banking system.

The development is not agreeable to CBN, thus the consistent increase in the MPR by to regulate money supply towards helping to achieve the macroeconomic objectives of government. But for good effect, government also need to demonstrate fiscal responsibility, avoid a runaway debt and maintain an effective money sup-

ply to avoid further inducing inflation.

Experts have noted that governments induce inflation when they incur debts, print money and increase the money supply at a much greater rate than the growth of the GDP.

CBN's consistent increase in MPR to fight inflation is similar to what Paul Volcker, a former US Fed Chairman (1979-1987) did in the fight against inflation. Volcker consistently increased the Fed Fund rate until the economy went into a recession, but he continued to increase the Fed Fund rate until inflation rate tumbled down and he became a hero and nicknamed as "the man who quashed inflation".

CBN's consistent increase in the MPR may also recreate the Volcker effect, though some analysts have noted that increase in MPR is more effective in a Demand-pull inflation, but that Nigeria has a Cost-push inflation.

An analyst and formerly with Leadway Pension, Mr Uzor Okafor, noted that while the Volcker strategy may have been more effective in the US context, Nigeria's unique economic and institutional challenges required a more nuanced and context specific approach to managing inflation.

It is anticipated that CBN's policy options will create the desired impact over time and as Bismark Rewane noted, there is always a lag when decisions are made and when the impacts are felt.

The new CBN management assumed office a year ago and it is anticipated that the impact of their policies will begin to manifest from the first quarter Q1 2025.

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Business



GRADUATION — From left: Deputy Vice Chancellor, Pan-Atlantic University, Dr. Peter Bamkole; Representative of the Chief of Naval Staff, Rear Admiral Shehu U Gombé; Director, Enterprise Development Centre, Dr. Nneka Okekearu; and MD/CEO eTranzact Plc, Mr Niyi Toluwalope, at the Enterprise Development centre of the Pan Atlantic University graduation ceremony in Lagos.

Diageo, Tolaram partner to transform Nigeria's premium spirits market

By Peter Egwuatu

Diageo, former parent company of Guinness Nigeria, has entered into partnership with Celebr-8 Lyfe, a member of Tolaram Group, to enhance the availability of its iconic brands across Nigeria, following the sale of Diageo's majority shares in Guinness Nigeria to Tolaram.

The partnership, which combines Celebr-8 Lyfe's distribution network and brand building expertise with Diageo's world-class portfolio, aims to redefine the Nigerian spirits market by making high-quality international brands accessible to Nigerian consumers.

In a statement made available to Vanguard, Tolaram said the partnership marks a milestone in

how Nigerians experience quality spirits and does not only promise to meet consumer demand for globally renowned brands but also aims to raise the standards of market service and brand interaction nationwide.

"We are thrilled to partner with Celebr-8 Lyfe, whose local expertise complements Diageo's vision for growth in Nigeria," said Kavita Hans, General Manager, Diageo West and Central Africa.

Headed, "Our goal is to connect with more Nigerian consumers, through our exceptional brands, such as Johnnie Walker, Don Julio, Tanqueray, Singleton, Ciroc, Baileys, Black & White, Ketel One, Smirnoff, Gordons, and Zacapa. We will do this whilst contributing to sustainable growth in the market. Together, we are positioned to set new benchmarks for excellence and consistency in the Celebr-8 Lyfe."

Lagos State sensitizes staff on cybercrimes

By Olasunkanmi Akoni

An expert in technology, Dr Godwin Asogbon, has stressed the need for both Federal and State Governments to review the existing cyber security policy in the country in order to effectively secure financial transactions of the citizens.

Asogbon, Managing Director, Globatech World Professionals, made the call at a three-day Annual Retreat for Finance and Account Officers in the state health facilities.

At the retreat with the theme: "Cyber Security and Internet Safety, on Accounts and Electronic Medical Records, (EMR)," Organised by Lagos State Health Service Commission, Asogbon who was the guest lecturer, stated: "Today, everybody is gravitating towards internet to carry-out activities of government in one form or the other. So they (public

servants) should be aware of cyber-attacks vulnerabilities that could be created in the process of discharging their duties. These vulnerabilities could create an avenue for cyber-attacks. 'Another danger is the personal threats, in the sense that valuable information of civil servants, if revealed to general public, could be a major problem on the operations of government and if this is attacked, it could lead to breakdown of government's activities.'"

Earlier, the Permanent Secretary, Health Service Commission, Dr Ademuyiwa Eniayewun, in his keynote address, tasked the Accountants to handle the business of health the right way, by ensuring money is well spent judiciously, and assisting hospitals' Medical Directors to plan all monetary matters in a way that will enhance hospital growth and quality healthcare services.

AFD extends additional 50m Euros funding to DBN

By Emma Ujah, Abuja Bureau Chief

The French Agency for Development (Agence Francaise De Development -AFD) has provided the Development Bank of Nigeria (DBN) an additional 50 million Euros line of credit for on-lending to women entrepreneurs in the country.

A partnership agreement to that effect was signed between the two organisations in Abuja

yesterday. Managing Director of DBN, Dr. Tony Okpanachi, who signed on behalf of his bank, described the additional funding by AFD as a great opportunity to further empower Nigerian women-owned businesses.

According to him, DBN has been deliberate in focusing on providing greater access to women entrepreneurs in its seven years of operation, with women receiving about 74 percent of the bank's cumulative credit because of the catalytic impacts of empowering women in the society as a whole.

He stated further, "When DBN was starting, AFD, working with other development partners, provided the capital for DBN. Our initial capital, our take-off funding, AFD contributed extensively in starting DBN. "We have had this history and over the years, apart from providing initial funding, we have had a lot of support in the areas of building capacity, providing technical assistance. DBN is about seven years old and we are very grateful to AFD for this partnership over the years."

Blackout as national grid collapses 11th time in 2024

By Obas Esiedesa, Abuja

Nigeria's national power grid managed by the Transmission Company of Nigeria, TCN, collapsed yesterday, the 11th time in 2024, leaving the country in complete blackout.

Data from the National System Operator, NSO, showed that as of 2pm yesterday none of Nigeria's 26 power plants was on the grid.

Prior to that time, checks at about 1pm showed that 15 plants were on the grid generating a combined 3,087MW, with Egbin generating 666MW, Jebba Hydro at 427MW and Azura-Edo IPP at 379MW as top four power plants.

The latest collapse came despite a directive by the Minister of Power, Chief Adebayo Adedun, for full implementation of the recommendations made by the ministry's committee set up to resolve the challenges faced by the grid.

After the 10th collapse, the Minister promised that short, medium and long term measures would be taken to curb incessant electricity grid collapses.

Meanwhile, electricity distribution companies, DiscCos, confirmed the incident

on their social media handles while assuring consumers that they were working with stakeholders to restore the grid.

Abuja DisCo in a post on its X (twitter) stated: "Dear Valued Customers, we wish to inform you that a system disturbance occurred on the national grid at 1:32pm today causing power outage across our franchise areas. While gradual restoration of power supply has commenced, be assured that we are coordinating closely with relevant stakeholders to restore power fully as soon as the grid is stabilized".

Eko DisCo in Lagos posted: "Dear valued customer, kindly be informed there was a reported case of system

disturbance on 11th December, 2024 at 13:32hrs which has resulted in a loss of power supply across our network. We are currently working with our partners as we hope for speedy restoration of the grid. We will keep you updated as soon as power supply is restored. Kindly bear with us".

How grid collapse impacts our operations — GenCos

In a note on frequent collapse of the national grid, the Chief Executive, Association of Power Generation Companies (APGC), Dr. Joy Ogaji highlighted the significant mechanical and commercial impacts of grid collapses on

generation companies (GenCos).

Although the full industry-wide impact on GenCos is yet to be quantified, Dr. Ogaji revealed that the Kainji and Jebba hydro plants alone have incurred losses of N21.87 billion due to system instability this year.

"Grid collapse poses a significant threat to Nigeria's power sector, resulting in frequent disruptions, equipment damage, and substantial revenue losses for GenCos. Technically, grid collapse can cause catastrophic damage to generators, transformers, and other critical infrastructure, leading to prolonged downtime and costly repairs".

Nigeria's money supply rises 48% to N107.7tn

•As currency outside bank reaches N4.3 tn
•Credit to govt rises 80%

By Elizabeth Adegbesan

Nigeria's broad Money Supply (M²) increased by 48.3 percent year-on-year, YoY, to N107.7 trillion in October 2024, from N72.6 trillion in the corresponding period of 2023.

According to the Central Bank of Nigeria, CBN, Money and Credit Statistics data released yesterday the M² recorded six months consecutive increases since April 2024 but reversed the trend in

October 2024 declining month-on-month by 1.5 percent from N109.4 trillion in September 2024.

The report also showed that the YoY increase in money supply followed positive changes in its components.

Quasi-money, including savings deposits, time deposits, and other near-money assets, rose significantly.

The data showed that Quasi Money grew by 58 percent YoY to N73 from N46.2 trillion in October 2023.

Similarly, Demand Deposits increased by 46.4 percent YoY to N34.7 trillion in October 2024 from N23.7

trillion in October 2023.

Currency outside banks increased by 59.2 percent YoY to N4.3 trillion in October 2024 from N2.7 trillion in October 2023.

Narrow money (M1), also grew by 31 percent YoY to N34.6 trillion in October 2024 from N26.4 trillion in October 2023.

The increase in M² reflects the high government domestic borrowing from the private sector which is reflected in the data.

According to the CBN, credit to the government increased by 326.5 percent YoY to N40.05 trillion in October 2024 from N9.39 trillion in October 2023.

NMDPRA to review issues on wholesale gas supply operations

By Mariam Eko

The Nigerian Midstream, Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority, NMDPRA, is set to review issues on wholesale gas supply

operations following a stakeholders' sensitization meeting in Lagos.

Representing the Authority Chief Executive, the Legal adviser and Secretary of NMDPRA, Dr. Joseph Tolorunse, during the meeting, harped on the issue of licensing and concerns related to the 0.5 per cent levy imposed by the Midstream Downstream Gas Infrastructure Fund.

According to him, the meeting was held to address issues and concerns raised during the first phase of the NMDPRA sensitization program in Abuja, with the aim to reach an

alignment that will enable the effective implementation of the wholesale supply operations.

At the meeting, the oil producers argued the Petroleum Industry Act, PIA, did not provide for them to be levy collectors.

Reacting to this, Tolorunse, while speaking to newsmen, said "one of the arguments raised is the implementation of collection of government revenues, especially the 0.5 percent wholesale price of petroleum products and natural gas."

"The PIA made provision in section 37 and 52 for collection of levies but the thorny issue is

that the Act did not specify the entity to collect it but regulation has been made to provide that the supplier should collect it and remit to the government.

"We have explained to them here, that the charges are not on the supplier but rather on the wholesale customer. The convenient point is to collect this levy at the wholesale point as it forms part of the wholesale price".

He added, "since the Act was passed in 2021, the timing for implementation was part of our pushback as we need to implement regulations and also make guidelines that will specify the procedures for these levies' collections".

AGRIC COMMODITIES

Coffee	21.26	-0.11
Cocoa	9,401.00	+363.00
Sugar	21.07	-0.01

ENERGY & OIL

Brent Crude	72.50	-1.12
Light Crude	68.80	-1.14

CURRENCY BUYING	SELLING	
US DOLLAR	1612.6900	1613.1900
POUNDS	2043.6008	2044.2344
EURO	1690.2604	1691.3085
SWISS	1886.4390	1887.0062
YEN	10.6758	10.6791
CFA	2.6124	2.6224
WAUA	2205.7266	2206.3898
RIYAL	429.0667	429.1997
DANISH	226.6287	226.6990
SDR	2119.7197	2120.3769

CBN Exchange rate as at 11/12/2024



MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF BORNO STATE

The Borno State Government wishes to express its deepest gratitude to all individuals, organisations, Federal and State governments and institutions for generously contributing to the Borno Flood Disaster Relief Basket Fund.

Your support and solidarity during this challenging time have impacted the lives of thousands affected by the September 10th, 2024, flood disaster in Maiduguri Metropolis.

Your contributions have helped provide essential relief and hope to countless families who have faced immense hardship during the crisis. Through your kindness and solidarity, we have restored livelihoods and continue to rebuild Borno and its communities.

The outpouring of solidarity and compassion from people across Nigeria and beyond profoundly moved us and has shown the strength with which you stood by us at the time of our dire need for many of our people. Your kindness and support have helped alleviate the suffering of thousands of victims affected by the flood. This has given us strength and unity of purpose.

As we continue with the recovery and rebuilding efforts, your support remains invaluable and timeless. We are committed to ensuring that all contributions are utilised judiciously for the intended purposes of direct support to victims.

Once again, the government and people of Borno State profoundly appreciate your donations, solidarity and for standing with us at a time of a major crisis that has befallen the state.

However, as the compilation of all the donors continues, there will be an addendum and the final list for those we may have erroneously omitted, for which we sincerely apologise.

We pray to Almighty God to reward you abundantly without measure for your contributions, solidarity, kindness, well wishes and support.

Signed
Bukar Tijani
Secretary to the Borno State Government

SUMMARY OF THE DONATIONS



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NUMBER OF **CASH DONORS** BY INDIVIDUALS, ORGANISATIONS AND STATE GOVERNMENTS



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NUMBER OF **DRUGS & MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DONATED** BY STATES, INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANISATIONS



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NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT DONATED **ASSORTED ITEMS**

CASH DONATIONS TO THE VICTIMS OF MAIDUGURI METROPOLIS FLOOD DISASTER OF 10TH SEPTEMBER 2024

S/No	DATE	DESCRIPTION/NAME OF DONOR	AMOUNT (N)
1.	23/09/2024	North East Development Commission	3,Billion
2.	07/10/2024	Alhaji Aminu Alhassan Dantata	1.5Billion
3.	19/09/2024	Alhaji Dr. Muhammadu Indimi	1,Billion
4.	24/09/2024	Alhaji Abdul Samad Rabiw Initiative	1,Billion
5.	02/10/2024	General Theophilus Yakaubu Danjuma	1,Billion
6.	26/11/2024	Alhaji Aliko Dangote	1,Billion
7.	11/11/2024	Access Bank PLC	1,Billion
8.	18/09/2024	H.E. First Lady - Renewed Hope Initiative	500,000,000
9.	26/09/2024	Pipeline Infrastructure Nigeria Ltd	500,000,000
10.	11/10/2024	Federal Inland Revenue Service	500,000,000

**CASH DONATIONS TO THE VICTIMS OF MAIDUGURI METROPOLIS FLOOD DISASTER OF
10TH SEPTEMBER 2024 (Continued)**

S/No	DATE	DESCRIPTION/NAME OF DONOR	AMOUNT (N)
11.	23/09/2024	Zenith Bank PLC	300,000,000
12.	18/09/2024	Min. of Humanitarian Affairs & Dis. Mg.	250,000,000
13.	19/09/2024	Niger State Government	250,000,000
14.	04/10/2024	Jigawa State Government	250,000,000
15.	22/09/2024	Sokoto State Government	200,000,000
16.	19/09/2024	Nordisk General Ventures	200,000,000
17.	20/09/2024	Imo State Government	200,000,000
18.	25/09/2024	FCTA Federal Capital Territory Abuja	200,000,000
19.	18/10/2024	Nigerian Ports Authority	200,000,000
20.	25/10/2024	Sir Emeka Offor	200,000,000
21.	13/09/2024	Kebbi State Government	200,000,000
22.	24/09/2024	Katsina State Government	200,000,000
23.	21/09/2024	Rekers Enterprises & Construction Ltd	150,000,000
24.	12/09/2024	Gombe State Government	100,000,000
25.	13/09/2024	Yobe State Government	100,000,000
26.	13/09/2024	Na'santama –RI Dynamic Enterprise	100,000,000
27.	17/09/2024	Kogi State Government	100,000,000
28.	13/09/2024	Hon. Muktar Aliyu Betara	100,000,000
29.	18/09/2024	Kano State Government	100,000,000
30.	18/09/2024	Engr. Abdussalam Kachalla	100,000,000
31.	18/09/2024	Taraba State Government	100,000,000
32.	19/09/2024	Kaduna State Government	100,000,000
33.	20/09/2024	Anambra State Government	100,000,000
34.	20/09/2024	Mainstream Energy Solution Ltd	100,000,000
35.	26/09/2024	H. E. Senator Dr. Ali Modu Sheriff	100,000,000
36.	27/09/2024	Abia State Government	100,000,000
37.	27/09/2024	Perm. Sec. Gen. Serv. SSG Off Exp. A	100,000,000
38.	27/09/2024	Dan Nene Construction	80,000,000
39.	13/09/2024	Hon. Ali Bukar Dalori and Others	70,000,000
40.	20/09/2024	Borno State Exco Members	60,000,000
41.	13/09/2024	Senator Kaka Shehu Lawan	50,000,000
42.	17/09/2024	Zerberced Limited Abuja	50,000,000
43.	17/09/2024	Adamawa State Government	50,000,000
44.	17/09/2024	Bayelsa State Government	50,000,000
45.	18/09/2024	Scylla Integrated Solution	50,000,000
46.	18/09/2024	JAIZ Bank PLC	50,000,000
47.	18/09/2024	North East project Limited	50,000,000
48.	19/09/2024	Umza International Farms Ltd	50,000,000
49.	20/09/2024	AJAP Financial Services Limited	50,000,000
50.	20/09/2024	Al Ansar Foundation	50,000,000
51.	21/09/2024	Obtuse Satomi - Umar Sheriff Lawan	50,000,000
52.	23/09/2024	H.E. Attahiru Bafarawa Foundation	50,000,000
53.	24/09/2024	A A Rano Nigeria Limited	50,000,000
54.	25/09/2024	H.E. Musa Mohammed Rabiu	50,000,000
55.	26/09/2024	Binani Printing and Publishing Ltd	50,000,000

**CASH DONATIONS TO THE VICTIMS OF MAIDUGURI METROPOLIS FLOOD DISASTER OF
10TH SEPTEMBER 2024 (Continued)**

S/No	DATE	DESCRIPTION/NAME OF DONOR	AMOUNT (N)
56.	26/09/2024	Senator Yusuf Datti Baba Ahmed	50,000,000
57.	07/10/2024	Chibok Local Government	50,000,000
58.	07/10/2024	Bakenne Fasiu Adewale	50,000,000
59.	07/10/2024	Kala Balge Local Government	50,000,000
60.	08/10/2024	Jere Local Government	50,000,000
61.	08/10/2024	Kaga Local Government	50,000,000
62.	08/10/2024	Centre for Alternative Policy	50,000,000
63.	09/10/2024	Magumeri Local Government	50,000,000
64.	09/10/2024	Mafa Local Government council	50,000,000
65.	10/10/2024	Askira Uba Local Government	50,000,000
66.	10/10/2024	Bama Local Government	50,000,000
67.	10/10/2024	Muhammad Alkali Imam	50,000,000
68.	10/10/2024	Guzamala Local Government	50,000,000
69.	11/10/2024	Gubio Local Government	50,000,000
70.	11/10/2024	Mobar Local Government	50,000,000
71.	11/10/2024	Dikwa Local Government	50,000,000
72.	11/10/2024	Monguno Local Government	50,000,000
73.	14/10/2024	Konduga Local Government	50,000,000
74.	15/10/2024	Abadam Local Government	50,000,000
75.	13/09/2024	Engineer Kaka Shettima	50,000,000
76.	18/09/2024	Bonny Channel Compony	50,000,000
77.	16/10/2024	Bayo Local Government	50,000,000
78.	16/10/2024	Nganzai Local Government	50,000,000
79.	16/10/2024	Ngala Local Government	50,000,000
80.	16/10/2024	Kukawa Local Government	50,000,000
81.	18/10/2024	Maiduguri Metropolitan council	50,000,000
82.	17/10/2024	Marte Local Government	50,000,000
83.	17/10/2024	Biu Local Government	50,000,000
84.	17/10/2024	Kwaya Kusar	50,000,000
85.	18/10/2024	Shani Local Government	50,000,000
86.	18/10/2024	Hawul Local Government	50,000,000
87.	18/10/2024	Dambo Local Government	50,000,000
88.	21/10/2024	Gwoza Local Government	50,000,000
89.	22/10/2024	Lotus	50,000,000
90.	13/09/2024	Senator Mohammed Tahir Monguno	50,000,000
91.	08/10/2024	QUMECS Nigeria Limited	40,000,000
92.	04/10/2024	President Buhari 2015-2019 FEC	32,500,000
93.	19/09/2024	Lubell Nigeria Limited	30,000,000
94.	23/09/2024	Yerima Mining Minerals and Gems Ltd	30,000,000
95.	17/10/2024	Nig. deposit Insurance Corporation Abuja	30,000,000
96.	18/10/2024	Nam Nam Nigeria Limited	30,000,000
97.	18/09/2024	Damacom Trust Limited	25,000,000
98.	19/09/2024	Rafali Nigeria Limited	25,000,000
99.	27/09/2024	Shoreline National Resources Limited	25,000,000
100.	25/09/2024	Borno State House of Assembly	23,226,956.65

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10TH SEPTEMBER 2024 (Continued)**

S/No	DATE	DESCRIPTION/NAME OF DONOR	AMOUNT (N)
101.	30/10/2024	His Excellency Gen. Muhammadu Buhari	20,000,000
102.	13/09/2024	RT. Hon. Kadiri Rahis	20,000,000
103.	13/09/2024	Samaila Satumari	20,000,000
104.	13/09/2024	Ahmed –Chief detail To VP	20,000,000
105.	13/09/2024	AGL & Brothers Enterprises	20,000,000
106.	16/09/2024	Umyime Josiah Idem	20,000,000
107.	26/09/2024	All Progressive Congress Borno St APC	20,000,000
108.	30/09/2024	Ibrahim Aminu Ahmadu	20,000,000
109.	07/10/2024	Ikhayere Thompson	20,000,000
110.	09/10/2024	Staun Global Limited	20,000,000
111.	17/09/2024	Ali Usman Alkali - Alwa-kali Global	20,000,000
112.	20/09/2024	Sir Ahmadu Bello Memorial Foundation	20,000,000
113.	27/09/2024	H.E. Idriss Mamman Durkwa	20,000,000
114.	09/10/2024	AREWA Consultative Forum	20,000,000
115.	13/09/2024	Arch. Sa'id Kori	20,000,000
116.	24/09/2024	Borno State Perm. Sec. Forum	15,600,000
117.	13/09/2024	Alhaji Bello Bodejo	14,250,000
118.	13/09/2024	RT. Hon. Engr. Bukar Talba	10,000,000
119.	13/09/2024	RT. Hon. Usman Ali Zanna	10,000,000
120.	13/09/2024	Hajiya Fati Kakenna	10,000,000
121.	13/09/2024	Ya Abba Kolo	10,000,000
122.	13/09/2024	Kanumbu	10,000,000
123.	20/09/2024	Nigerian Governors Spouses Forum	10,000,000
124.	16/09/2024	Comodex Limited	10,000,000
125.	17/09/2024	Guja Investment Nigeria Limited	10,000,000
126.	17/09/2024	Yaliam Press Limited	10,000,000
127.	20/09/2024	National Union of Road Transport workers	10,000,000
128.	20/09/2024	Dauda Adamu Kahu	10,000,000
129.	21/09/2024	Oluwaseyi Emmanuel Adekunle	10,000,000
130.	23/09/2024	Mohammed Zakariya	10,000,000
131.	20/09/2024	Shet Scientific Nig. Ltd (Zanna Adam Shettima)	10,000,000
132.	24/09/2024	Academic Staff Union of University	10,000,000
133.	27/09/2024	Nigerian Society of Engineers	10,000,000
134.	27/09/2024	Wives of Borno State National	10,000,000
135.	27/09/2024	Hon Ahmad Usman Jaha - Babawo	10,000,000
136.	30/09/2024	Abdullahi Isiyaku	10,000,000
137.	03/10/2024	Min for Local Govt. Chieftaincy Affairs	10,000,000
138.	04/10/2024	Kudla Milinda Satumari	10,000,000
139.	04/10/2024	Kam Steel integrated Company	10,000,000
140.	07/10/2024	Alumni Association of National Inst.	10,000,000
141.	07/10/2024	Daily Trust Foundation	10,000,000
142.	07/10/2024	Borno State Forum of Special Advisers	10,000,000
143.	09/10/2024	Army University Biu	10,000,000
144.	09/10/2024	Shitu Motors Nigeria Limited	10,000,000
145.	08/10/2024	Anonymous	10,000,000

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10TH SEPTEMBER 2024 (Continued)**

S/No	DATE	DESCRIPTION/NAME OF DONOR	AMOUNT (N)
146.	09/10/2024	Ankabut Engineering Limited	10,000,000
147.	10/10/2024	Federal College of Education Gwoza	10,000,000
148.	10/10/2024	Nigerian Academy of Engineering	10,000,000
149.	14/10/2024	Borno Muslim Ummah	10,000,000
150.	21/09/2024	Isa Zarewa UmmukhairyZumaa Air Ser	10,000,000
151.	16/09/2024	Senator Jibrin Barau Jibrin	10,000,000
152.	20/10/2024	Buratai International Travels Limited	10,000,000
153.	29/10/2024	First Bank Nigeria Ltd	10,000,000
154.	15/11/2024	Borno State Indigene Forum	10,000,000
155.	11/10/2024	Monguno Old Boys Association	5,050,000
156.	13/09/2024	Chairman Revenue Mobilization	5,000,000
157.	13/09/2024	Sadiq & Allamin	5,000,000
158.	13/09/2024	Hon. Khadijah Bukar Abba	5,000,000
159.	15/09/2024	Mustapha	5,000,000
160.	15/09/2024	Mustapha Alhaji Ali	5,000,000
161.	17/09/2024	Hon. Gambo Lawan	5,000,000
162.	17/09/2024	Suntrust Charity Foundation	5,000,000
163.	17/09/2024	Damuli Investment Company Limited	5,000,000
164.	18/09/2024	Usman Mohammed Shettima	5,000,000
165.	21/09/2024	Hesan Standard Vision Limited	5,000,000
166.	21/09/2024	N.A.R.T.O	5,000,000
167.	24/09/2024	Garba Lawan	5,000,000
168.	25/09/2024	Nigerian Institute of Arcitec.	5,000,000
169.	25/09/2024	Nigerian Institute of Agric Engineers	5,000,000
170.	25/09/2024	Hon. Mohammed Nur Sheriff	5,000,000
171.	28/09/2024	Mohammed Mustapha Fannarambe	5,000,000
172.	02/10/2024	Lake chad Basin Commission Nuhu m.	5,000,000
173.	02/10/2024	TUFAL Engineering Services	5,000,000
174.	07/10/2024	Abba Aji	5,000,000
175.	04/10/2024	Association for Consulting Engineering	5,000,000
176.	10/10/2024	Borno Impact Project	5,000,000
177.	18/09/2024	BK Lamah Motor Nigeria Limited	5,000,000
178.	05/11/2024	Rukaiya E Mohammed	5,000,000
179.	07/11/2024	Baba Ali Yusuf	5,000,000
180.	08/11/2024	Anonymous (Give Value)	5,000,000
181.	13/11/2024	DP JAIZ Bank Co 52/INARA Foundation	5,000,000
182.	12/11/2024	NEO Black Movement	5,000,000
183.	15/11/2024	Lary Monk	5,000,000
184.	18/11/2024	Federal Polytecnic Monguno	5,000,000
185.	13/09/2024	Niger Delagation	4,000,000
186.	08/10/2024	Anonymous	4,000,000
187.	08/10/2024	Anonymous	3,450,000
188.	26/09/2024	Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyor	3,000,000
189.	13/09/2024	Mamman Tubo	3,000,000
190.	14/10/2024	Centre for democracy	3,000,000

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10TH SEPTEMBER 2024 (Continued)**

S/No	DATE	DESCRIPTION/NAME OF DONOR	AMOUNT (N)
191.	12/09/2024	Aliyu Abubakar	2,000,000
192.	13/09/2024	Abdullahi Abba Damaturu	2,000,000
193.	13/09/2024	Hon. Fanta Baba Shehu	2,000,000
194.	13/09/2024	Hon. Kabiru Bello Badawaire	2,000,000
195.	15/09/2024	Lawan Yerima Kareto	2,000,000
196.	15/09/2024	Eauxwell Nigeria Limited	2,000,000
197.	15/09/2024	Usman Abdulkadir Kadai	2,000,000
198.	23/09/2024	Dr Mohammed Babagana	2,000,000
199.	26/09/2024	Gazali Hamza Sulaiman	2,000,000
200.	01/10/2024	ACC Gen & Others	2,000,000
201.	16/10/2024	Association for retired Perm. Sec.	2,000,000
202.	23/10/2024	ANAN Borno Branch	2,000,000
203.	25/10/2024	Todays Superstores 2	2,000,000
204.	23/09/2024	Nigerian Institute of Agric	1,500,000
205.	30/10/2024	Hallmarks of Labour	1,500,000
206.	20/09/2024	Aminu Abdulrahman	1,326,400
207.	05/11/2024	NIPSS Senior Executive Course Masjid Comm	1,075,000
208.	12/09/2024	Premium Times Services Limited	1,000,000
209.	13/09/2024	Maliya	1,000,000
210.	13/09/2024	Professor Bulama Kagu	1,000,000
211.	13/09/2024	Abba Sheriff Modu	1,000,000
212.	13/09/2024	Maryam Shehu Yakubu	1,000,000
213.	13/09/2024	Dalorima Memorial	1,000,000
214.	14/09/2024	Kolo Modu	1,000,000
215.	15/09/2024	Hon. Isa Marte Hussaini	1,000,000
216.	16/09/2024	Anonymous	1,000,000
217.	18/09/2024	Saadatu Garba Dogon Bauchi	1,000,000
218.	19/09/2024	Lespoir International Limited	1,000,000
219.	19/09/2024	Muhammad Kardi Aminu	1,000,000
220.	19/09/2024	Oyakhire Ohirieme Jamgradi	1,000,000
221.	20/09/2024	Ahmed Ishaq Ningi	1,000,000
222.	20/09/2024	Down town Take away Nigeria Limited	1,000,000
223.	20/09/2024	Mohammed Shettima	1,000,000
224.	20/09/2024	Al-Ansar Centre	1,000,000
225.	24/09/2024	B & C International	1,000,000
226.	24/09/2024	NISA Premium Hospital Limited	1,000,000
227.	24/09/2024	Alhaji Muktar Shafa	1,000,000
228.	25/09/2024	Waziri Farida Mzamber	1,000,000
229.	25/09/2024	No Name (Fissabilillah)	1,000,000
230.	26/09/2024	Al-Ansar University Limited Undergrad	1,000,000
231.	26/09/2024	Mamman Manir Murtala	1,000,000
232.	26/09/2024	Borno Cement Sellers	1,000,000
233.	27/09/2024	Engr. Khadiza Kubrat Ibrahim	1,000,000
234.	07/10/2024	Muhammad Ibrahim	1,000,000
235.	09/10/2024	Shehu Mustafa Balarabe	1,000,000

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10TH SEPTEMBER 2024 (Continued)**

S/No	DATE	DESCRIPTION/NAME OF DONOR	AMOUNT (N)
236.	11/10/2024	Aisha Liman Kaumi	1,000,000
237.	30/10/2024	Al-Amana AID	1,000,000
238.	04/11/2024	High Council of Nigeria Abroad	1,000,000
239.	08/11/2024	Waff Road Mosque Forum	1,000,000
240.	14/11/2024	Nat Ass of Proprietors of Private School bos	1,000,000
241.	29/09/2024	Paral/Bud Infrastructure Limited	819,770
242.	18/09/2024	Godwin Iroghma	650,000
243.	13/09/2024	Ambassador Ajimi Kachallah	500,000
244.	13/09/2024	Bello Badejo (Mosque Committee	500,000
245.	13/09/2024	Rebuild Arewa Initiative For Development	500,000
246.	16/09/2024	Nwajei Maxwell	500,000
247.	17/09/2024	Desimhi Favour O.	500,000
248.	19/09/2024	Lily Hospital Limited	500,000
249.	19/09/2024	Lamba Kamsulum	500,000
250.	19/09/2024	Bamidele Junior Solomon	500,000
251.	20/09/2024	Alhaji Mustapha Kagu	500,000
252.	20/09/2024	Samuel Mungamiya Suuleiman	500,000
253.	23/09/2024	Mofmed Medical Solution	500,000
254.	24/09/2024	Al-Ansar Academy Suleja	500,000
255.	07/10/2024	Agric Environmental engr Alumni	500,000
256.	15/10/2024	Okonko Nnamdi John	500,000
257.	12/09/2024	Yagana Waziri Bintube	500,000
258.	18/10/2024	Z. Concrete Nigeria Limited	500,000
259.	01/11/2024	Baba Ali Yusuf	500,000
260.	03/11/2024	Aisha Muhammed Muktar	500,000
261.	22/10/2024	Shehu M.–FCDA Qtrs Kubwa Muslim Ummah	425,000
262.	07/10/2024	Abioye Joel Babalola	350,000
263.	12/09/2024	Tijjani Bamai	250,000
264.	25/09/2024	Abdullahi Abubakar Yaro	250,000
265.	04/10/2024	Mobolaji Oluyimika	250,000
266.	09/10/2024	Hajiya Safiya Borodo	250,000
267.	13/09/2024	Goje Mohammed	221,000
268.	13/09/2024	Alphabet Network Limited	200,000
269.	24/09/2024	SSawyerr Benjamin Olufemi	200,000
270.	24/09/2024	Faborode Michael Oladimeji	200,000
271.	24/09/2024	Al-Ansar Education Kano	200,000
272.	25/09/2024	Olaoye Joshua Olanrewaju	200,000
273.	21/10/2024	Kaga Community development association	200,000
274.	12/11/2024	Nat youth Committee Police Community	200,000
275.	14/09/2024	Toyo Otoyo Eskor	100,000
276.	14/09/2024	Dahiru Mohammed	100,000
277.	15/09/2024	Waziri Musa Abbas	100,000
278.	15/09/2024	Mohammed Abbatar	100,000
279.	16/09/2024	Benjamin owonibi Adekunle	100,000
280.	17/09/2024	Gramson Invesment Nigeria Limited	100,000

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281.	17/09/2024	Omotara Oluwafemi	100,000
282.	17/09/2024	Usman Ismail	100,000
283.	24/09/2024	Al-Ansar Security Service Abuja	100,000
284.	24/09/2024	Akindele Folarin Alonge	100,000
285.	25/09/2024	Al-Ansar Security Service Limited	100,000
286.	07/10/2024	Al-Ansar Islamic College	100,000
287.	07/10/2024	Al-Ansar Academy	100,000
288.	04/10/2024	Anonymous	100,000
289.	07/10/2024	Mabel Ogheneochucko	100,000
290.	08/10/2024	Al-Ansar TV	100,000
291.	11/10/2024	Anonymous	100,000
292.	18/10/2024	A E. Shola	100,000
293.	28/10/2024	Mohammed Nur	100,000
294.	21/09/2024	Umar Bashir	68,000
295.	06/10/2024	Garba Usman Tijjani	63,500
296.	18/09/2024	Ibrahim Kachallah	60,000
297.	20/09/2024	Hafsatu Mohammed	50,000
298.	22/09/2024	Dr Bashir Alhaji Umar	50,000
299.	23/09/2024	Mele Waruma	50,000
300.	25/09/2024	Al-Ansar Radio	50,000
301.	29/09/2024	Jama'atul Nassurul Islam	50,000
302.	12/09/2024	Ayibakura Noah Mathew	50,000
303.	13/09/2024	Wajiro Lawan Aji	50,000
304.	14/09/2024	Seyi Akinlaja	50,000
305.	17/09/2024	Kadiri Fatai Babatunde	50,000
306.	06/10/2024	Olanirewaju Rebecca Omobola	50,000
307.	15/09/2024	Anonymous	50,000
308.	17/09/2024	Kayoed Adeola Ibrahim	50,000
309.	17/09/2024	Omowaleola Kadeba	50,000
310.	18/10/2024	Yusuf Sulaiman Alhassan,Hajjia Amina <small>Ghana</small>	50,000
311.	21/10/2024	Mary Micheal NYSC Corp Member	50,000
312.	04/11/2024	Ahmed Idriss Wadata	50,000
313.	26/09/2024	Justice Garandawa Ibrahim	40,000
314.	23/09/2024	Adama Joseph	30,000
315.	12/09/2024	Abdullahi Mohammed Nurudeen	30,000
316.	16/09/2024	Omole Ola Samuel	30,000
317.	28/10/2024	Rolez	26,500
318.	14/09/2024	Kalu Chikezie Kennedy	25,000
319.	17/09/2024	Adeboye Quadri Amodemaja	25,000
320.	18/09/2024	Lasisi Wasiu Omoleye	25,000
321.	13/09/2024	Mrs B Ogunbodede	20,027.81
322.	21/09/2024	Toko Ali Gongulong	20,000
323.	24/09/2024	Babagana Moruma	20,000
324.	13/09/2024	Ayeni Rapheal Bidemi	20,000
325.	13/09/2024	Lawan Abideen Olayinka Orimisan	20,000

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326.	15/09/2024	Oshomole Richard Julian Tunde	20,000
327.	16/09/2024	Baba Umar	20,000
328.	17/09/2024	Fenibo	20,000
329.	17/09/2024	Yinka Abdulazeez	20,000
330.	17/09/2024	Abayomi Isaac Okanlawan	20,000
331.	18/09/2024	Yakaka Umara	20,000
332.	19/09/2024	Omotoyo Olatoye	20,000
333.	18/09/2024	Ajayi Abimbola Ojo	20,000
334.	18/09/2024	Bamisaye Felicia Foluso	20,000
335.	20/09/2024	Fowasere Tijjani Olasumbo	20,000
336.	19/09/2024	Usman Mhammed Yahaya	10,100
337.	12/09/2024	Muhammad Alto	10,000
338.	13/09/2024	Umar Abubakar	10,000
339.	13/09/2024	Chukwuma Monday Oyedinma	10,000
340.	13/09/2024	Mohammed Sajida Sanusi	10,000
341.	13/09/2024	Salisu Muhammad Aliyu	10,000
342.	13/09/2024	Musa Usman Aliyu	10,000
343.	16/09/2024	Zainab Nuradeen Ibrahim	10,000
344.	16/09/2024	Sarah Eromana	10,000
345.	16/09/2024	Adebisi Bola Lateef	10,000
346.	16/09/2024	Umar Modibbo	10,000
347.	17/09/2024	Cherub School Limited	10,000
348.	17/09/2024	Ibwest Global Ventures	10,000
349.	17/09/2024	Josiah Ese Igbineweka	10,000
350.	17/09/2024	Abdu Nafiu	10,000
351.	17/09/2024	Anonymous	10,000
352.	18/09/2024	Gbolahan Abiodum	10,000
353.	19/09/2024	Nurudeen T Oliyide	10,000
354.	19/09/2024	Keresifon Kenneth Nyong	10,000
355.	19/09/2024	Jimoh Ibrahim Ishola	10,000
356.	20/09/2024	Abu Charles Iwiyisi	10,000
357.	21/09/2024	Tanko Shitu Muhammad	10,000
358.	23/09/2024	Adebayo Gabriel Mayomi	10,000
359.	25/09/2024	Abolurin Samund	10,000
360.	06/10/2024	Felix Olufemi	10,000
361.	17/10/2024	Sonia Isioma	10,000
362.	13/09/2024	Muhammad Kyari Muhammad	5,000
363.	13/09/2024	Fatima Hamid Bobboyi	5,000
364.	13/09/2024	Ali Idrissa	5,000
365.	13/09/2024	Alhaji Saleh Mustapha	5,000
366.	14/09/2024	Abubakar Bashir Mustapha	5,000
367.	14/09/2024	Hamza Alhaji Zanna	5,000
368.	14/09/2024	Balogun Shittabey	5,000
369.	14/09/2024	Mary Aderike	5,000
370.	14/09/2024	Jesse Bello	5,000

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371.	14/09/2024	Rashida Osokoya Adenike	5,000
372.	14/09/2024	Ismail Mohammed Agaka	5,000
373.	16/09/2024	Sunday Ezekiel Oluwajuwon	5,000
374.	16/09/2024	Anthony George	5,000
375.	17/09/2024	Mohammed Aminu	5,000
376.	17/09/2024	Adekola Madupeola Lateefah	5,000
377.	17/09/2024	Bashir Labaran	5,000
378.	17/09/2024	Oyekunle Aliyu Olayide	5,000
379.	17/09/2024	Olukemi Olugbenga	5,000
380.	17/09/2024	Marbis Otobo	5,000
381.	17/09/2024	Jaja John Ahamefule	5,000
382.	17/09/2024	Omoniyi Moses	5,000
383.	17/09/2024	Anonymous	5,000
384.	17/09/2024	Olayanju Yushau Bamgbola Brainia	5,000
385.	17/09/2024	Muritala Lekan Salaudeen	5,000
386.	17/09/2024	Alinson Ayisat Oloruntuyi	5,000
387.	17/09/2024	James Gana	5,000
388.	18/09/2024	Ogunlade Babatunde	5,000
389.	18/09/2024	Muhammad Abdulrahaman	5,000
390.	18/09/2024	Cornelius Maduneke	5,000
391.	18/09/2024	Terungwa Emmanuel	5,000
392.	18/09/2024	Muftaudeen Lukman	5,000
393.	18/09/2024	Abdulrazak Aleakuae	5,000
394.	19/09/2024	Uchechukwu Obioma	5,000
395.	19/09/2024	Kolajo Samsideen	5,000
396.	19/09/2024	Iquo Etim Okpo	5,000
397.	19/09/2024	Yahaya Hassanai	5,000
398.	19/09/2024	Haruna Abdullahi Ibrahim	5,000
399.	19/09/2024	Anonymous	5,000
400.	19/09/2024	Yusuf Alaba Shoboyede	5,000
401.	20/09/2024	Chimuanya Philip Nkwocha	5,000
402.	24/09/2024	Hauwa Mohammed	5,000
403.	18/10/2024	Fatai Adesina Kadiri	5,000
404.	22/09/2024	Gambo Abdullahi Banuuf	4,000
405.	14/09/2024	Sanda Nabila	4,000
406.	22/09/2024	Darskid Nige	4,000
407.	13/09/2024	Mohammed Mamodu Maina	3,000
408.	13/09/2024	Maina Baba	3,000
409.	14/09/2024	Oshineye Olabode	3,000
410.	14/09/2024	Ibrahim Safurat	3,000
411.	14/09/2024	Nana Dunoma Mustapha	3,000
412.	14/09/2024	Mala Goni	3,000
413.	14/09/2024	Anonymous	3,000
414.	14/09/2024	Muhammad Shettima	3,000
415.	17/09/2024	Chukwuka Otolokpo	3,000

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416.	17/09/2024	Nnamdi chinemerem	3,000
417.	17/09/2024	Jumada Isah Adaviruku	3,000
418.	17/09/2024	Rahmon Taiwo Odebiyi	3,000
419.	17/09/2024	Akerele Daniel	3,000
420.	17/09/2024	Sabiu Abdulrahman Ahmed	3,000
421.	24/09/2024	Joshua Gonja Maurice	3,000
422.	25/09/2024	Joseph Amos	3,000
423.	16/09/2024	Abdulazeez Tajudeen Abiodun	2,500
424.	17/09/2024	Mubarak Muzemil	2,500
425.	17/09/2024	Quadri Abimbola Ibrahim	2,500
426.	21/10/2024	Olayinwola Oluwasegun	2,000
427.	12/09/2024	Ingawa Salisu Alamin	2,000
428.	13/09/2024	Babakura Mustapha	2,000
429.	13/09/2024	Alhaji Fannami	2,000
430.	13/09/2024	Haruna Abdullahi	2,000
431.	13/09/2024	Satomi Shettima	2,000
432.	13/09/2024	Ayuba Muhammad	2,000
433.	13/09/2024	Muhammad Shettima	2,000
434.	13/09/2024	Ibrahim Saidu Abubakar	2,000
435.	14/09/2024	Anonymous	2,000
436.	14/09/2024	Victor Olorunjuwon	2,000
437.	14/09/2024	Mohammed Abba	2,000
438.	15/09/2024	Mustapha Shaibu	2,000
439.	15/09/2024	Kyari Fannami Mallam	2,000
440.	16/09/2024	Aisha Bello Muhammad	2,000
441.	16/09/2024	Zainab Ahmed	2,000
442.	16/09/2024	Abdulrahman Opeyemi	2,000
443.	17/09/2024	Abubakar Baba Inuwa	2,000
444.	17/09/2024	Yusuf Saleh Ayuba	2,000
445.	17/09/2024	Kingsley Kenechukwu	2,000
446.	17/09/2024	Segun Olajide	2,000
447.	17/09/2024	Umar Mahmud Idriss	2,000
448.	17/09/2024	U.M.T. Integrated Services	2,000
449.	17/09/2024	Oladeni Nuru Folorawo	2,000
450.	17/09/2024	Adegbayibi Adewunmi	2,000
451.	17/09/2024	Azavi Global Limited	2,000
452.	17/09/2024	Adeleke Wasiu Olayinka	2,000
453.	17/09/2024	Ayandepo Adeniyi Victor	2,000
454.	18/09/2024	Salaudeen Abdullateef	2,000
455.	18/09/2024	Ekizbu Alesi Onungwe	2,000
456.	18/09/2024	Moruf Adeyemi Anikulapo	2,000
457.	18/09/2024	Uzochukwu Lucius	2,000
458.	18/09/2024	Abdurrahman Adoki Sanni	2,000
459.	18/09/2024	Babatunde Jonathan	2,000
460.	19/09/2024	Anthony Thaddaeus	2,000

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461.	19/09/2024	Abba Babakura	2,000
462.	19/09/2024	Mansur Bello	2,000
463.	20/09/2024	Anonymous	2,000
464.	22/09/2024	Maduforo Chiagozie	2,000
465.	22/09/2024	Dahiru Mubarak Abubakar	2,000
466.	25/09/2024	Ibrahim Abdullahi Abubakar	2,000
467.	16/09/2024	Ibrahim Aliyu Baba	2,000
468.	27/10/2024	Babagana Hassan	2,000
469.	13/09/2024	Usman Sheriff Mustapha	1,500
470.	18/09/2024	Olojede Peter Kehinde	1,500
471.	18/09/2024	Martin Bujums Dimas	1,100
472.	13/09/2024	Yaro Bulama Maina	1,000
473.	13/09/2024	Bultu Abubakar Umar	1,000
474.	13/09/2024	Alamin Muktar	1,000
475.	13/09/2024	Gbenga Clement Coker	1,000
476.	13/09/2024	Bala Tahir	1,000
477.	13/09/2024	Mohammed Mustapha Alkali	1,000
478.	13/09/2024	Alhaji M Bello	1,000
479.	13/09/2024	Mohammed Kyari	1,000
480.	13/09/2024	Ahmed Kabir Argungu	1,000
481.	13/09/2024	Zuwaira Bamai Idriss	1,000
482.	13/09/2024	Suleiman Mohammed Bala	1,000
483.	14/09/2024	Abdulazeez Habeeb Olawale	1,000
484.	14/09/2024	Muhammed Bukar	1,000
485.	14/09/2024	Falmata Shettima	1,000
486.	14/09/2024	Aisha Garba	1,000
487.	14/09/2024	Safe be with me Technologies	1,000
488.	14/09/2024	Mohammed Musa	1,000
489.	15/09/2024	Damasak	1,000
490.	16/09/2024	Shaaban Idriss	1,000
491.	16/09/2024	Shittu Kamaldeen	1,000
492.	16/09/2024	Yakubu Abubakar	1,000
493.	16/09/2024	Jibrin Laila Barau	1,000
494.	16/09/2024	Haliru Saleh	1,000
495.	16/09/2024	Muhammad Hassan	1,000
496.	17/09/2024	Comfort Ibrahim	1,000
497.	17/09/2024	Abdul Qudus Obafemi Obayomi	1,000
498.	17/09/2024	Henry Iliya	1,000
499.	17/09/2024	Umar Sani Muhammad	1,000
500.	17/09/2024	Tellcargo Tour & Trading Intl Limited	1,000
501.	17/09/2024	Ibrahim Sheu Hassan	1,000
502.	17/09/2024	Ikedinashi Azuka Michael	1,000
503.	17/09/2024	Opara Martin EKENE Stephen	1,000
504.	17/09/2024	Idowu Abiodun Animashaun	1,000
505.	17/09/2024	Hafeez Adeiza Abdulkareem	1,000

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506.	17/09/2024	Olalekan Bayonle Hammed	1,000
507.	17/09/2024	Ikechukwu Nnabuiife	1,000
508.	17/09/2024	Musa Kawu	1,000
509.	17/09/2024	Okaka Abdulmutalalib Omeiza	1,000
510.	17/09/2024	Muheeb Alabi Raji	1,000
511.	17/09/2024	Sumaila Attah Suleiman	1,000
512.	17/09/2024	Aliu Usman Shehu	1,000
513.	17/09/2024	Ayodeji Damilola Adebawale	1,000
514.	17/09/2024	Oyebode Ifedayo Lolade	1,000
515.	17/09/2024	Lukman Iyanda	1,000
516.	17/09/2024	Yusuf Afolabi	1,000
517.	17/09/2024	Anonymous	1,000
518.	17/09/2024	Adedeji Hafeez Ijaiya	1,000
519.	17/09/2024	Anonymous	1,000
520.	17/09/2024	Bukola Seun Idowu	1,000
521.	17/09/2024	Moruff Olawale Ganiyu	1,000
522.	17/09/2024	Nasir Sardauna Iliyasu	1,000
523.	17/09/2024	Sodiq Abiodun Sobowale	1,000
524.	17/09/2024	Testimony Prince Okoh	1,000
525.	17/09/2024	Jacob Timothy Oludare	1,000
526.	17/09/2024	Onyedikachi Ikenna PRINCEWILL	1,000
527.	17/09/2024	Yayasama Salvation Raymond	1,000
528.	17/09/2024	Otokpa Raymond	1,000
529.	17/09/2024	Ademiji Felix Omotuwase	1,000
530.	17/09/2024	Jeremia Philip	1,000
531.	17/09/2024	Abdurrahman Mamman	1,000
532.	17/09/2024	Idris Ayo Akinjobi	1,000
533.	17/09/2024	Olorunshola Nicholas	1,000
534.	17/09/2024	Abdulhazeem Ajibola Popoola	1,000
535.	17/09/2024	Santos Vincent Anyip	1,000
536.	17/09/2024	Ifenyi Friday Paul	1,000
537.	17/09/2024	Auwal Saidu	1,000
538.	17/09/2024	Onyeje Chukwuebuka	1,000
539.	17/09/2024	Gomina Musa Sani	1,000
540.	17/09/2024	Raji Hamzat Adeiza	1,000
541.	17/09/2024	Abena Ibrahim Mamuda	1,000
542.	17/09/2024	Jimoh Bestplus Multipurpose	1,000
543.	17/09/2024	Itodo Ali	1,000
544.	17/09/2024	Abubakar Shuwa Ibrahim	1,000
545.	17/09/2024	Enoch Nyanki Bitrus	1,000
546.	17/09/2024	Hussaini Jamilu Umar	1,000
547.	17/09/2024	Atabor Francis Ali	1,000
548.	17/09/2024	Mahe Momodu Isah	1,000
549.	17/09/2024	Yurama Bemi	1,000
550.	17/09/2024	Gabriel Olamide Ola	1,000

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551.	17/09/2024	Kaka Ali Alhaji Mala Abadam	1,000
552.	17/09/2024	Egbon Reno	1,000
553.	17/09/2024	Oladipupo Kelvin Ajike	1,000
554.	18/09/2024	Pearse Olusegun	1,000
555.	18/09/2024	Labaran Sulaiman	1,000
556.	18/09/2024	Olayemi Emmanuel	1,000
557.	18/09/2024	Musa Afolabi	1,000
558.	18/09/2024	Otu Oshibu Nura	1,000
559.	18/09/2024	Abel Nickson	1,000
560.	18/09/2024	Nelson Eghosa	1,000
561.	18/09/2024	Ugbede Moses	1,000
562.	18/09/2024	Oluyomi Eyioluse	1,000
563.	18/09/2024	Mudathir Akande Muhammad	1,000
564.	18/09/2024	Ifeanyi Pascal	1,000
565.	18/09/2024	Hamzat Ibrahim Omotoyosi	1,000
566.	18/09/2024	Ibrahim Abdullahi	1,000
567.	18/09/2024	Simeon Olumide Bamikole	1,000
568.	18/09/2024	Emmanuel Oluwayomi	1,000
569.	18/09/2024	Anonymous	1,000
570.	18/09/2024	Adeleke Nkrumah Ademola	1,000
571.	18/09/2024	Anonymous	1,000
572.	18/09/2024	Auwal Mohammed	1,000
573.	18/09/2024	John okwudili Umahi	1,000
574.	18/09/2024	Bako Bilyaminu Ibrahim	1,000
575.	18/09/2024	Mayowa Olufemi	1,000
576.	18/09/2024	Anonymous	1,000
577.	18/09/2024	Okikijesu Samson Segun	1,000
578.	18/09/2024	Techsquad Inegrated Technologies	1,000
579.	18/09/2024	Emmanuel Akpan	1,000
580.	18/09/2024	Babatunde Albert Ayeni	1,000
581.	18/09/2024	Usman Musa Usman	1,000
582.	18/09/2024	Stephen Audu	1,000
583.	18/09/2024	Abdul Olanrewaju Bello	1,000
584.	18/09/2024	Badmus	1,000
585.	18/09/2024	Saleh Abdullahi	1,000
586.	18/09/2024	Usman Ahmed Tanze	1,000
587.	18/09/2024	Jane Yechanu John	1,000
588.	18/09/2024	Bala Abdullahi Umar	1,000
589.	18/09/2024	Livinus Umenyi	1,000
590.	19/09/2024	Omotayo Sunday Adebayo	1,000
591.	19/09/2024	08020673756	1,000
592.	20/09/2024	Abubakar Aboh Muhammad	1,000
593.	20/09/2024	Anonymous	1,000
594.	20/09/2024	Festus Nwuchiola	1,000
595.	21/09/2024	Adekunle Isiaka	1,000

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596.	21/09/2024	Bukola Musefiu	1,000
597.	21/09/2024	Mohammed Abubakar	1,000
598.	21/09/2024	Adewale David Olamide	1,000
599.	22/09/2024	Ahmed Abubakar Lamu	1,000
600.	22/09/2024	Isah Sulaiman Dutse	1,000
601.	23/09/2024	Samuel Kayode Akinbode	1,000
602.	23/09/2024	Armstrong Chukwuemeka Onwuzo	1,000
603.	24/09/2024	Oluwasegun Adekoya	1,000
604.	25/09/2024	Danladi Sukairaj	1,000
605.	30/09/2024	Anas Barde Bukar	1,000
606.	04/10/2024	Anonymous	1,000
607.	19/09/2024	Jimo Waidi Adejide	700
608.	17/09/2024	Solisu Olayinka Hanafi	600
609.	17/09/2024	Anaka Mbuotidem	600
610.	13/09/2024	Sakina Abubakar Adam	500
611.	13/09/2024	Habu Yahaya	500
612.	14/09/2024	Mohammed Bukar Allau	500
613.	14/09/2024	Mohammed Modu	500
614.	15/09/2024	Amina Hussaini	500
615.	15/09/2024	Ahmad Madugu	500
616.	17/09/2024	Abdullahi Yunus	500
617.	17/09/2024	Anonymous	500
618.	17/09/2024	Saheed Olawale	500
619.	17/09/2024	Qudus Temitope Ajibade	500
620.	17/09/2024	Abubakar Auwal Adam	500
621.	17/09/2024	Mashote Paul Oluwaseun	500
622.	17/09/2024	Musa Umar	500
623.	17/09/2024	Isah James	500
624.	17/09/2024	Mashahhudu U.	500
625.	17/09/2024	Ismail Uthman	500
626.	17/09/2024	Olayinka Oluwagbenminiya	500
627.c	18/09/2024	Zainab Adebisi	500
628.	18/09/2024	Udeme Ndiyo	500
629.	18/09/2024	Emmanuel Eze	500
630.	18/09/2024	Abdussamad Abdulkadir	500
631.	18/09/2024	Abdusamad Usman	500
632.	18/09/2024	Yahaya Baba Baba Mohammed	500
633.	18/09/2024	Anonymous	500
634.	18/09/2024	Able Okoli	500
635.	18/09/2024	Adetoyese Tope Alao	500
636.	18/09/2024	Sunday Tsiye	500
637.	18/09/2024	Isah Maryam	500
638.	18/09/2024	Aliyu Auwalu	500
639.	19/09/2024	Okpako Destiny	500
640.	19/09/2024	Chukwuebuka Lawrence	500

**CASH DONATIONS TO THE VICTIMS OF MAIDUGURI METROPOLIS FLOOD DISASTER OF
10TH SEPTEMBER 2024 (Continued)**

S/No	DATE	DESCRIPTION/NAME OF DONOR	AMOUNT (N)
641.	19/09/2024	Monday Osilamah	500
642.	19/09/2024	Abdulsalam Olasoju	500
643.	19/09/2024	Adeseye Abiola	500
644.	19/09/2024	Anonymous	500
645.	23/09/2024	Adam Safiu	500
646.	25/09/2024	Mele maaji Mohammed	500
647.	06/10/2024	Anonymous	500
648.	18/09/2024	Nurudeen Alao Adewole	450
649.	16/09/2024	Sani Ibrahim	400
650.	17/09/2024	Mohammed Alhaji Ahmed	400
651.	17/09/2024	Abdurrahman Yunus Saleh	300
652.	17/09/2024	Mathew Ekieumute	300
653.	18/09/2024	Hussaini Nura	300
654.	04/10/2024	Abdullahi Salisu	300
655.	13/09/2024	Bukar Alhaji Sheriff	250
656.	13/09/2024	Babagana Alhaji Bashir	200
657.	13/09/2024	Kaka Ali Abba	200
658.	13/09/2024	Dahiru Sani	200
659.	14/09/2024	Fadilat Nasale	200
660.	14/09/2024	Yahaya Abubakar Salisu	200
661.	14/09/2024	Fatoki Oyebode	200
662.	14/09/2024	Abass Adesina O	200
663.	14/09/2024	Manasst Zacharia	200
664.	14/09/2024	Abbas Elbara	200
665.	14/09/2024	Umar Saidu	200
666.	17/09/2024	Eniola Oluwasiyi	200
667.	17/09/2024	Sulaiman sagir Ibrahim	200
668.	17/09/2024	Mukoro Ejiro	200
669.	17/09/2024	Ezekiel Alaba Ajayi	200
670.	17/09/2024	Idriss Bolaji A	200
671.	17/09/2024	Mustapha Sagir Idrisa	200
672.	18/09/2024	Timothy John Bako	200
673.	18/09/2024	Yasin Shehu Muhammad	200
674.	18/09/2024	Joji H Samuel	200
675.	18/09/2024	Mubarak Olanikan Ibrahim	200
676.	18/09/2024	Bala Adamu	200
677.	19/09/2024	Ibrahim Ayuba	200
678.	19/09/2024	Zaharadeen Sani	200
679.	20/09/2024	Abdulganiyu Ayorinde	200
680.	20/09/2024	Rabiu Muhammad	200
681.	13/09/2024	Papoola Wahab Olaruwaju	150
682.	18/09/2024	Qudus Adebayo Hassan	150
683.	18/09/2024	Idara David	150
684.	21/09/2024	Jamilu Adebayo	150
685.	13/09/2024	Kadala Ismail	100

**CASH DONATIONS TO THE VICTIMS OF MAIDUGURI METROPOLIS FLOOD DISASTER OF
10TH SEPTEMBER 2024 (Continued)**

S/No	DATE	DESCRIPTION/NAME OF DONOR	AMOUNT (N)
686.	13/09/2024	Nest White Standard Concept	100
687.	13/09/2024	Umar Usman	100
688.	13/09/2024	Idriss Mohammed Saidu	100
689.	13/09/2024	Ahmed Goni Mohammed	100
690.	14/09/2024	Tahiru Babagana	100
691.	16/09/2024	Lawan Bukar	100
692.	16/09/2024	Wahab O. Popoola	100
693.	17/09/2024	Sadiq Tahir Bukar	100
694.	17/09/2024	Ojo Olaniyan	100
695.	17/09/2024	Lawa Ileanwa	100
696.	17/09/2024	Omotayo Michiel	100
697.	17/09/2024	Ridwan Adewole Salami	100
698.	17/09/2024	Aliyu Naatala Samaila	100
699.	17/09/2024	Dofa Francis	100
700.	17/09/2024	Arabambi Ismail	100
701.	17/09/2024	Adegboyega Mathew A.	100
702.	17/09/2024	Akeem Adeyemi Salami	100
703.	17/09/2024	Promise Ovunda	100
704.	17/09/2024	Olowofela Samson	100
705.	17/09/2024	Jaafar Ibrahim Umar	100
706.	17/09/2024	Abdulhakam Abubakar	100
707.	18/09/2024	Muhammad Aliyu	100
708.	18/09/2024	Hafiz Sarki Mohammed	100
709.	18/09/2024	Amiru Ojochile Yahaya	100
710.	18/09/2024	Muhammad Abba	100
711.	18/09/2024	Gabriel Ebebuike Enwu	100
712.	18/09/2024	Felix Kasimu Abibu	100
713.	18/09/2024	Umar Faruq Sani	100
714.	18/09/2024	Wasiu Adekunle Babatunde	100
715.	18/09/2024	Adegalu Omogoriala Ebenezer	100
716.	18/09/2024	Abdulrasheed Abdulraufu	100
717.	18/09/2024	Anonymous	100
718.	19/09/2024	Adumi Ahmed Mohammed	100
719.	19/09/2024	Mallam Abdullahi Mohammed	100
720.	19/09/2024	Divine Akpan juddy	100
721.	19/09/2024	Adedayo Oluwadara A.	100
722.	23/09/2024	Haruna Halilu	100
723.	24/09/2024	Anonymous	100
724.	30/09/2024	Uthman Zabbo	100
725.	17/09/2024	Bello Umar	50
726.	17/09/2024	Umar Kewuniji Adeniji	50
727.	17/09/2024	Meshack Christopher	50
728.	19/09/2024	Adanaya Jonathan Albert	50
729.	21/09/2024	Mustapha Gubio Mali	50
730.	21/09/2024	Ali Umar	50

LIST OF ITEMS DONATED TO BOSG BY PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (10 OCTOBER 2024)

1	MALNET TAB	63	ALBCROL	135	EMZOLYTE
2	ARTHEMED TAB	64	APILX	136	ZOMAL _{ss} TAB
3	ARTHEMED INJECTION	65	FYMALT TAB	137	LOSARTAN POTASSIUM
4	FEROBIN PLUS CAPSULE	66	ROCLOX FORT	138	LOSARTAN POTASSIUM + HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE
5	MIST MAG SUSPENSION	67	AROOMERANSISE	139	GLIMEPIRIDE 1MG + METFORMIN 500MG
6	CIPROFLOXACIN 500MG TAB	68	DAMOXEN	140	METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE
7	DOXYCYCLINE CAPSULE	69	LOZETRIM	141	OFLOXACIN + DEXAMETHASONE
8	TETRACYCLINE CAPSULE	70	UNIPLEX	142	CEFIXIME ORAL SUSP 100MG
9	METRONE 400MG TAB	71	REXALL DROPS	143	FLUBIPROTEN 0.03% OPHTHALMIC SOL.
10	ZOTRIM TAB	72	REXALL SUPPOSITORY	144	ALPHA LIPOIC ACID, MECOBALAMIN, BENFORIAMINE
11	MERTRONE SUSPENSION	73	REXALL SUPPOSITORY	145	GLIDAZIDE 80MG
12	PARACETAMOL TAB	74	REXALL TAB 1000'S	146	GLIDAZIDE 80MG + METFORMIN 500MG
13	PARACETAMOL SYRUP	75	REXALL TAB 96'S	147	CEFUROXIME AZETIL TAB
14	METRONE IV 100ML	76	RAYENAC	148	CERBONYL IRON + AXTIOXIDANTS CAPSULES
15	CIPROTAB IV 100ML	77	VILICIN BALM	149	MONTELUKAST 10MG + LEVOCETRIZINE 5MG
16	NORMAL SALINE IV 500ML	78	CERUVIN TAB	150	AMOXICILLIN 500MG + POTASSIUM CLAVUNATE 125MG
17	RINGERS LACTATE IV 500ML	79	CARVALS H80 + 12.5MG	151	OMEPRAZOLE
18	5% D/SALINE IV 500ML	80	CARVALS H80 + 25MG	152	NUEFYLUM SYRUP
19	VITADAR TAB	81	CARVALS H80 + 125MG	153	SUPERMAGS SYRUP
20	TROPITONE PLUS	82	CEROXIM SUSP 125MG	154	FORLIMOP
21	FERROL PLUS	83	CEROXIM SUSP 250MG	155	COD AMLODIPINE 10MG X 100MG TAB
22	YTALYTE ORS	84	BRUSTAN PLUS	156	COD AMLODIPINE 5MG X 100MG TAB
23	YG TONIC	85	CEPODEN TAB	157	COD ARTORVASTATINE 10MG X 100MG
24	WAXINE TAB	86	MAX CAPS	158	COD ARTORVASTATINE 20MG X 100MG
25	VALYN FOR CHILDREN	87	TRIDERMIX G	159	RAMIPRIL TABLETS
26	VADEX TAB	88	MIRAMOX 125MG	160	CODURETIC F TABLETS
27	PARACETAMOL	89	CLOX SUSP 250MG	161	GLUCODIX ER 1000MG
28	CALAMINE LOTION	90	PARAKA & GREEN SOO	162	VERI Q HEMOGLOBIN METER
29	TRIMAX CREAM	91	B-COMPLEX	163	VERI Q HEMOGLOBIN STRIPS
30	FEX SYRUP	92	COFEKRIS	164	STANDARD Q MPT64 RDTS
31	ETROTAB 200MG	93	KRI & FED	165	STANDARD Q MPAL PF RDTS
32	IMPEX TAB	94	BUSKAKRIS	166	SELEXON ANALYZER
33	MENTHYLATED SPIRIT	95	KRISACID	167	SELEXON TROPONIN 1
34	HOXAGYL 400MG	96	KAISACID TAB	168	SELEXON D-DIMER
35	HOXAGYL 200MG	97	BUSKA TAB	169	SELEXON CK-MB
36	PARA X96	98	KACISFED TAB	170	LIPID PRO METER
37	ARTELUM 80/480MG	99	BUSKA TAB	171	LIPID PRO STRIPS
38	KETOVAL X14	100	B-COMPLEX TAB	172	SICKLE SCAN RDTS
39	CIPRO X14	111	CAFEKAVIS	173	ON POINT GLUCOMETRE 150MG STRIPS
40	MALACT X12	112	PRIMALAR TAB	174	ON POINT GLUCOMETRE STRIPS
41	SEAWID	113	FALCITHOR TAB	175	WASSEN SELENIUM ACE PLUS D X30
42	MOBITIN SYRUP	114	FALCITHOR FORTE	176	PEFLOMED TAB
43	ROPHEGAM	115	MAXORON CAPSULE	177	COTOZAL TZ PLUS KITS
44	HEXPED	116	GLYFRAMIN TAB	178	ADOAMIN
45	SMARTANS HAND SANITIZER 500ML	117	MOTROSAM TAB	179	MARCRNOL
46	JAWARON TONIC 100ML	118	LIZOPRIL TAB	180	MARCHEAT
47	JAWASIL SUSP 100ML	119	AMCOFAM SAM	181	MARGESIC /100
48	D-KOFF	120	ASCORVIT TAB	182	DANCE 75MG
49	MANIA SYRUP	121	ORFRIMEF TAB	183	MARCFIX TABS
50	JAWADOX SYRUP	122	ORFEE TAB X100	184	MARCFIX SUSPS
51	MALQUIT TAB 20 X 120	123	ORFEMOL TAB X1000	185	MARCTHER INJ
52	INCHI C CREAM 20G	124	CIBIDORTE TAB	186	COLIBEL DROPS
53	ATESUNATE INJECTION	125	BENTONIC SYRUP	187	RHYDFORMIN
54	JYMORAL	126	BENTICIL SUSP	188	GYNOMARC KITS
55	ART2 X	127	BEFLAM	189	CLINCAP 300MG
56	FYMACE TAB	128	BENTCOF CHILD	190	CLINCAP150MG
57	ROCIOX FORTE	129	PARACETAMOL SYRUP	191	FREROLAB SEED
58	OMEPRAZOLE	130	RIBOTAN		
59	KENOP 625	131	BEMOXIL SUSP		
60	KENOP 228.5	132	EMZOVITE 5M		
61	SUNAZZ (1X3)	133	EMMYTHYNOYNIL 500MG		
62	OICCLESE	134	STERILINK HAND SANITIZER		

**LIST OF ITEMS DONATED TO BOSG BY PHARMACEUTICAL
MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (10 October 2024) (Continued)**

192 MCA EYE DROPS	202 DIDOXIM INJ	212 CHEMIRON BLOOD TONIC
193 PNREX 500MG	203 IRON DEX BOTTLE	213 GUSTAZA
194 SECNIDAZOLE	204 GEMAFEN SYR	214 ARTEHEM
195 SIVOROMYCIN SUS	205 LEVER INJECTION 60MG	215 ARTIX
196 SIVOROMYCIN TABS	206 COATAL FAMILY	216 FYNALE TAB
197 ORS	207 GECIP TAB 500MG	217 ROCKOX 10*10
198 RICHDOL	208 TRIBACT CREAM	218 ROCKOX FORTE
199 ALBENDAZOLE SYR	209 CODIN PLUS TAB	219 OMERPRAZOLE
200 SILAPEN SYR	210 EXDY JUNIOR 100ML	220 SYNAZI
201 RECGRISO SYR	211 EXDY JUNIOR 100ML	221 ULCEGEL

**LIST OF ITEMS DONATED TO BOSG BY ACHIEVING HEALTH NIGERIA INITIATIVE (AHNI)
(25TH SEPTEMBER 2024)**

S/N	DRUGS	QTY	UNIT	BRAND	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
ANTIBIOTICS						
1	CAP. AMOXIL 500MG	50	PACK	MECURE	6,100	305,500
2	CAP. CIPRO 500MG	200	PACK	GENEITH	950	190,000
3	TABS. METRO 200MG	50	PACK	FIDSON	1,300	65,000
4	TABS. METRO 400MG	50	PACK	FIDSON	1,700	85,000
5	TABS. DOXYCYCLINE 100MG	100	PACK	UNICURE	3,000	300,000
6	TABS. AZITHROMYCIN 250MG	100	PACK	ZIFAM	1,420	142,000
7	SUSP AMOXIL 250MG	100	BOT	ASTA	800	80,000
8	SUSP. ERYTHROMYCIN 250MG	100	BOT	TUYIL	1,100	110,000
9	TABS. AZITHROMYCIN 500MG	100	PACK	DONNY TRIUMPH	2,650	265,000
	SUBTOTAL					1,542,000
ANTIDIARRHEALS						
1	ORS	3,334	PACK	UYIL	498	1,660,332
2	TABS. ZINC 20MG	200	PACK	ARCHY	1,050	210,000
3	TABS. LOPERAMIDE 4MG	50	PACK	EMBASSY	2,250	112,500
	SUBTOTAL					1,982,832
ANTIMALARIALS						
1	TABS. ACT20MG/120MG	300	PACK	ZIFAM	600	180,000
2	TABS. ACT80MG/480MG	200	PACK	ZIFAM	800	160,000
	SUBTOTAL					340,000
ANTIPYRETICS						
1	TABS. PARACETAMOL 500MG	100	PACK	FIDSON	900	90,000
2	TABS. IBUPROFEN 400MG	50	PACK	ZIFAM	471	23,550
3	TABS. IBUPROFEN 200MG	50	PACK	UNICURE	300	15,000
	SUBTOTAL					128,550
VACCINES						
1	INJ TETANUS TOXOID	50	PACK		5200	260,000
	SUBTOTAL					260,000
ANTISEPTICS						
1	POVIDONE IODINE 50ML	50	BOT	AWA	1,300	65,000
2	JIK-1L	25	PCS	JIK	2,500	62,500
3	METHYLATED SPIRIT	50	BOT	GOUZE	600	30,000
	SUBTOTAL					157,500
PPIS						
1	CAPS. OMEPRAZOLE 20MG	50	PACK	KRISHAT	500	25,000
2	ANTACID	50	BOT	REELCER	1,400	70,000
	SUBTOTAL					95,000
CONSUMABLE						
1	SCC	10	PACK	DELEJECT		53,000

**LIST OF ITEMS DONATED TO BOSG BY ACHIEVING HEALTH NIGERIA INITIATIVE
(AHNI) (25TH SEPTEMBER 2024)(Continued)**

2	2CC	10	PACK	DELEJECT	53,000
3	COTTON WOOL	10	ROLL	SAM	37,000
4	SEPTOL	5	CTN	SAVLON	480,000
5	DISPOSABLE GLOVES	10	CTN	UNIGLOVES	65,000
6	TRANSPORTATION	1			250,000
	SUBTOTAL				938,000
	2.008% DISCOUNT				113,882

TOTAL 5,330,000

**LIST OF ITEMS DONATED TO BOSG BY PLATEAU STATE GOVERNMENT
(26TH SEPTEMBER 2024)**

S/N	ITEM	UNIT	PKT	QTY			
1	TABS. METRO 200MG	1000		50	15	POWDER GLUCOSE	PKT 500
2	TABS. PCM	1000		30	16	TABLET GLUCOSE	PKT 500
3	TABS. VITC	1000		30	17	TAB MMT	TIN 50
4	TABS. VIT B CO	1000		30	18	WATER GUARD	BT 200
5	TABS SHAL'ARTEM	24'S		640	19	0.9% N/SALINE	20 X 500MLS 50
6	CAPS AMOXIL 500MG	100'S		100	20	5% D/SALINE	20 X 500MLS 50
7	CAPS AMPICLOX	100		100	21	PURIT	4LITRE 20
8	TAB CIPROXIN	10's		1700	22	E GLOVES	PKT 20
9	TAB. FLEMING 1G	14		30	23	SYRUP PEM	60ML 500
10	TAB FLEMING 625MG	14		50	24	SYRUP MULTIVITE	100ML 200
11	TAB LORATIDINE	100'S		100	25	SUSP. METRONIDAZOLE	60ML 100
12	TAB AZITHRO	10'S		300	26	SUSP ERYTHROMYCIN	60MLS 100
13	TABS HYDROCORTISONE	VIAL		100	27	ORS	5'S 200
14	INHALER SALBUTAMOL	PC		10	28	MILK (3 CROWN 12G)	SACHEET 210
					29	SANITARY PAD	BAG 41

**LIST OF ITEMS DONATED TO BOSG BY HMA MEDICALS
(29TH SEPTEMBER 2024)**

S/N	ITEM	UNIT	QTY				
1	N/SALINE	CTN	52	5	5CC	CTN	2
2	5% D/SALINE	CTN	43	6	2CC	CTN	2
3	5% D/WATER	CTN	104	7	COTTON WOOL BIG	ROLL	20
4	10CC	CTN	2	8	COTTON WOOL SMALL	PCS	250

**LIST OF ITEMS DONATED TO BOSG BY CLEAN ENERGY NIG LTD
(29TH SEPTEMBER 2024)**

S/N	ITEMS	UNIT	QTY				
1	ORS	CTN	30	6	SYR IBUPROFEN	CTN	10
2	ACT 80/480MG	CTN	3	7	TAB IBUPROFEN 200MG	STRIPS	100
3	ACT SYRUP CQ 80MG	CTN	10	8	TAB IBUPROFEN 400MG	STRIPS	100
4	PCM SYRUP	CTN	50	9	ANTISEPTIC LIQD BOT	CTN	6
5	TAB PCM 500MG	CTN	10	10	RUBBING ALCOHOL	CTN	2
				11	TAB METRONIDOLE 400MG	JAR	

**LIST OF ITEMS DONATED TO BOSG BY SHEYI TINUBU
(20TH SEPTEMBER 2024)**

S/N	ITEM	UNIT	QTY				
1	IVF N/SALINE 500MLS	CTN	280	9	SYR VIT C	BOT	1020
2	IVF 5% D/SALINE	CTN	149	10	IV GIVING SET	PCS	3000
3	IVF 4.3% P/SALINE	CTN	18	11	INJ CEFTRIAZONE	VIAL	2200
4	IVF CIPROFLOXACIN	CTN	10	12	FACE MASK	PCS	1500
5	IVF METRONIDAZOLE	CTN	10	13	TAB. PCM	TIN	100
6	10CC	BOX	60	14	2CC	BOX	90
7	5CC	BOX	120	15	INJ ARTEMRE	PACK	500
8	E. GLOVES	PACK	200	16	SUSP. AMOXIL	BOT	1200
				17	TAB ACT X24	PKT	2700

LIST OF ITEMS DONATED TO BOSG BY SHEYI TINUBU (Continued)

18	TAB. AMLODIPINE 10MG	PKT	800	38	TAB. PREDNISOLONE	PKT	200
19	SURGICAL GLOVES 7.5	BOX	10	39	INJ ATHROMAX	PKT	400
20	SURGICAL GLOVES 8	BOX	40	40	INJ ARTESUNATE 60MG	VIAL	170
21	SCALP VEIN	PCS	2000	41	CANNULAR 22G	BOX	10
22	TAB CIPRO 500MG	PKT	1400	42	TAB. ALBENDAZOLE 200MG	BOX	19
23	INJ PCM	PKT	120	43	TAB. ALBENDAZOLE 400MG	BOX	3
24	CAP AMPICLOX	PKT	120	44	TAB. VIT C	TIN	10
25	G.V PAINT	BOT	600	45	INJ GENTAMICIN	AMP	500
26	SPIRIT	BOT	72	46	SUSP CO-TRIMOXAZOLE	BOT	120
27	CANNUALR 18G	BOX	40	47	DISPENSING ENVELOP	PKT	29
28	CAP AMOXICILLIN 500MG	PKT	300	48	CHLORAMPHENICOL EYE	BOT	960
29	SYR PCM	BOT	360	49	TAB. METRONIDAZOLE 200MG	PKT	145
30	GENTA EYE DROP	BOT	600	50	TAB. FLUCONAZOLE 150MG	PKT	39
31	CAP LOPERAMIDE	PACK	840	51	TAB. SP	PKT	15
32	TAB. LISINOPRIL 10MG	PKT	200	52	3K CREAM	TUBE	60
33	SUSP. GRISEOFULVIN	BOT	50	53	GYNAMED V.CREAM	TUBE	100
34	TAB. METRONIDAZOLE 200MG	TIN	15	54	CLOTRIDREM 1% CREAM	TUBE	100
35	TAB IBUPROFEN 400MG	PKT	26	55	TAB. BONDURETIC	PKT	10
36	TAB. CLOTRIMAZOLE	PKT	100	56	TAB. FERROUS SULPHATE	TIN	30
37	PLASTER 4"	ROLLS	200	57	TAB. FOLIC ACID	TIN	40
				58	CAP. OMEPRAZOLE 20MG	PKT	400

**LIST OF ITEMS DONATED TO BOSG BY NIGERIAN AIRFORCE
(29TH SEPTEMBER 2024)**

S/N	Description of Item	QUANTITY			
1	Ivf Dextrose Water 50%	2 Cartons	37	ACT DS x 6	400 Packets
2	Ivf Dextrose Water 5%	10 Cartons	38	ACT x 24	200 Packets
3	Ivf Dextrose Water 10%	10 Cartons	39	Amlodipine 10mg	200 Packets
4	Ivf Normal Saline	10 Cartons	40	Amoxicillin 500mg	40 Packets
5	Ivf Ringers Lactate	10 Cartons	41	Amoxicillin 250mg	10 Packets
6	Ivf dextrose Saline 4.3%	10 Cartons	42	Ampiclox 500mg x1000	10 Packets
7	Ivf dextrose Saline 5%	10 Cartons	43	Azithromycin 500mg	10 Packets
8	Ivf Metronidazole	5 Cartons	44	Calcium Lactate 300mg	3 Tins
9	Ivf Ciprofloxacin	5 Cartons	45	Cefuroxime 500mg	15 Packets
10	Inj Ceftriazone	200 Packets	46	Tab Ciprofloxacin 500mg	15 boxes
11	Inj Cefuroxime 750mg	10 Packets	48	Chymoral	15 Packets
12	Inj Cimetidine	3 Packets	49	Co-amoxiclav 625mg	35 Packets
13	Inj Diazepam 5mg	1 Packet	50	Diclofenac 50mg x100	35 Packets
14	Inj Diclofenac 75mg	15 Packets	51	Erythromycin 500mg x10	5 Packets
15	Inj Hyoscine 20mg x100	5 Packets	52	Fansidar 525mg x1000	1 Tin
16	Inj Hydrocort 100mg	20 Vials	53	Ferrous Sulp 200mg x1000	8 Tins
17	Inj Labetalol 50mg	5 Vials	54	Folic Acid 5mg	5 Tins
18	Inj Magnesium Sulphate 5mg	10 Amps	55	Frusemide 40mg	3 Tins
19	Inj Promethazine	7 Packets	56	Hydrochlorthiazide 25mg x1000	2 tins
20	Inj Omeprazole 40mg	20 Vials	57	Hyoscine 10mg x100	4 Packets
21	Inj Paracetamol 300mg x10	70 Packets	58	Ibuprofen 400mg x1000	3 Tins
22	Inj Potassium Chloride	5 Amp	59	Ketoconazole 200mg	10 Packets
23	Inj Vitamin K	1 Packets	60	Lisinopril 10mg	100 Packets
24	Cough Syrup Adult	2 Cartons	61	Loratidine 10mg	10 Packets
25	Cough Syrup Child	2 Cartons	62	Losartan 100mg	10 Packets
26	Cefuroxime 125mg	2 Cartons	63	Antacid	2 Tins
27	Co-amoxiclav 228	2 Cartons	64	Moduretic	15 Packets
28	Erythromycin 100mls	2 Cartons	65	Nifedipine 20mg x100	10 Packets
29	Syr Ibuprofen	2 Cartons	66	Omeprozole 20mg	150 Packets
30	Paracetamol	2 Cartons	67	Pess Clotrimazole 100mg	5 Packets
31	Vitamin B.Co	2 Cartons	68	Slow K 600mg x40	3 Packets
32	Vitamin C	2 Cartons	69	Spirinolactone 25mg	2 Tins
33	ORS x3	2 Cartons	70	Tegretol CR 400mg	1 Packets
34	ACT	2 Cartons	71	Vasoprin 75mg x100	10 Packets
35	Piriton Syrup	2 Cartons	72	Zinc Sulphate 20mg	10 Packets
36	Amoxicillin Syrup	2 Cartons	73	Vitamin C	9 Tins
			74	Seprine	5 Tins

**LIST OF ITEMS DONATED TO BOSG BY NIGERIAN AIRFORCE
(29TH SEPTEMBER 2024) (Continued)**

75	Albendazole	10 boxes	92	Syringe 5ml	4 Boxes
76	Paracetamol	9 Tins	93	Urine Bag x10	4 Pks
77	Multivite	5 Tins	94	Facemask	10 Boxes
78	Metformin	10 Packets	95	Disposable Gloves	5 Packets
79	Daonil	3 Packets	96	Methylated Spirit 4 Litres	2
80	Metronidazole	10 Packets	97	Cotton Wool	10 Rolls
81	Blood Giving Set	2 Bags	98	Dispensing Envelope	5 Rolls
82	Cannula Blue	1 Box	99	Nylon	5 packets
83	Cannula Green	1 Box	100	Gutt Betaxolol	1 roll
84	Cannula Pink	1 Box	101	Ciprofloxacin Eye/Ear drop	20 Pcs
85	Cannula Yellow	1 Box	102	Gutt Ivycrom	1 roll
86	Catheter 16" x10	3 Packets	103	Neb Ventolin 2.5mg	1 Box
87	Crepe Bandage 6" x12	2 Dozens	104	Neb Ventolin 5mg	1 Box
88	Infusion Giving Set x 50	2 Bags	105	Gentamicin Eye/Ear drop	1 Box
89	POP 6"	2 Dozens	106	Cream ABF	3 Boxes
90	Syringe 10ml	1 Boxes	107	Deep Relief Ointment	4 Boxes
91	Syringe 2ml	4 Boxes	108	Cream Ketoconazole	1 Box
			109	HYDROCORTISON	5 Boxes

**LIST OF ITEMS DONATED TO BOSG BY NNPC
(25TH SEPTEMBER 2024)**

S/N	ITEM	UNIT	QTY			
1	SYR CHLOPHENIRAMINE	BOT	7200	17	COUGH SYRUP ADULT	BOT 7200
2	AMOXICILLIN CLAV 1.2G	VIAL	1200	18	COUGH SYRUP CHILD	BOT 7200
3	OMEPRAZOLE CAP	PKT	3000	19	TAB. CHLOPHENIRAMINE	PKT 49
4	TAB TETRACYCLINE 250MG	PKT	50	20	IVF N/SALINE 500MLS	PCS 25000
5	TAB METRONIDAZOLE 400MG	PKT	1000	21	IVF R/LACTATE	PCS 25000
6	TAB METRONIDAZOLE 200MG	PKT	1000	22	4.3% P/SALINE	PCS 20555
7	TAB. CIPROFLOXACIN 500MG	PKT	3000	23	IVF CIPROFLOXACIN	PCS 20000
8	TAB DICLOFENAC 50MG	PKT	500	24	IVF METRONIDAZOLE	PCS 20000
9	TAB. DICLOFENAC 100MG	PKT	1252	25	INJ PCM	VIAL 15000
10	ORS	PCS	500	26	5% D/SALINE	PCS 26000
11	TAB. ALBENDAZOLE	PKT	5000	27	INJ GENTAMICIN	PKT 500
12	SUSP. ALBENDAZOLE	BOT	5000	28	INJ DICLOFENAC	PKT 50
13	INJ HYDROCORTISONE	VIAL	1000	29	CAPS. AMOXIL 500MG	PKT 1000
14	HYDRO CORT CREAM	TUBE	2000	30	CAPS. AMOXIL 250MG	PKT 1000
15	TAB. LORATIDINE	PKT	2000	31	TAB. PCM 500MG	PKT 200
16	SYR LORATIDINE	BOT	2000	32	SYR PCM	BOT 7200
				33	INJ PCM	AMP 5003

ASSORTED ITEMS DONATED TO THE BORNO STATE GOVERNMENT

S/N	NAME OF PERSON/ ORGANIZATION	ITEMS DONATED
1	Matrix	Rice 800 Bags (50kg), Flour 600 Bags (25kg), Vegetable oil 2,000 Gallon, Spaghetti 500 Cartons, Biski 1000 Bags, (10kg), Sugar 30 Bags (50kg), Bread 5,000 Pcs, Cadbury 3 in 1 (33Pcs) and 1000 Pieces of Mosq. Net
2	Sahad Super Stores	Indomie 3000 Cartons (75gm)
3	NNPC Foundation	Rice 3,000 Bags (50Kg), Vegetable Oil 1,200 Cartons, Spaghetti 5,000 Cartons, Sugar 800 Bags (50kg), Salt 500 Bags, seasoning 250 Cartons, 8,000 Cartons of Bottle Water, Bucket 4,000 Pieces and 4,500 Pieces of Mosquito net.
4	National Agency of Green Wall	Rice 80 Bags (25kg), vegetable Oil 30 Cartons 4.5Ltr, Spaghetti 30 Cartons, Macaroni 30 Cartons, Soap 4,000 Cartons, Sanitary wares 1 & 1/2 Truck, Mat 212 Pcs, Kerosene Strove 60 Pcs, Cooking Pots 73 Pcs, Plastic Chair 175 Pcs, Plastic Bucket 600 Pcs, Kettle 291 Pcs, Bowl 578 Pcs, Mortal & Pastel 78 Pcs, Foot Mat 100 Pcs, Plastic tray 250, Slippers 2506 Pcs, Rubber plate 409 Pcs, Rubber cups 700 Pcs, Spoons 433 Pcs, Apron 192 Pcs, Hand towel 96 pcs, and 353 Pcs Stainless Plate.
5	Federal Ministry of Agriculture & Food Security	Rice 112,600 Bags (25kg), Rice 3,800 Bags (50kg), Maize 30,200 Bags (50kg), Millet 11,000 Bags, Surgum 19,000 Bags, Water pump 2,000 Pcs.
6	Monguno Engineering Nig. Ltd (MEN)	1000 Pcs of Wrapper.
7	Nig. Society of Eng. Borno State Chapter	1000 Pcs of Wrapper.

ASSORTED ITEMS DONATED TO THE BORNO STATE GOVERNMENT (CONTINUED)

S/N	NAME OF PERSON/ ORGANIZATION	ITEMS DONATED
8	Today's Super Store	1,500 Bags of Pure water.
9	F.R.S.C Commander	Rice 100 Bags (10kg).
10	Zanna Abdulkarim	1000 Pieces of Bread.
11	Yale Bread	Biscuit 10,000 Cartons and Bread 10,000 Pieces.
12	Abba Jato Bread	2,000 Pieces of Bread.
13	Hon. Aminu Jaji	Rice 600 Bags (25kg),
14	NEDC	Rice 10,000 Bags (25kg), 10,000 Pcs of Vegetable Oil, Macaroni 10,000 Cartons, Mat 15,000 pcs, Shadda 5,000 pcs, Blanket 15,000 pcs, wrapper 5,000 pcs, children wears 5,000 pcs, Vegetable oil, 5,000 Gallons and 7,500 pcs of Mosquito Net
15	Sumal Food Group Ibadan	Biscuit 5,000 Cartons, and Bread 50,000 Pieces
16	Tatabe	Indomie 3,700 Cartons.
17	Seyi Tinubu	Rice 500 Bags (25kg), Flour 200 Bags (25kg), Groundnut Oil 1,000 Cartons, Spaghetti 1,000 Cartons, Tomato Paste 1,000 Cartons, Sugar 100 Bags (50kg), Bread 10,000 Pcs, Mosquito 5,000 Pcs, Blanket 4,000 Pcs Mat 10,000 Pcs, Mattress 1,000 Pcs, anti-Malaria 26,000 packs, analgesic 3,500 Boxes, anti-ulcer 3,000 Boxes, anti-Hypertensive 35,000 pack, anti diabetic 50,000 cartons, anti-diarrhea 110 cartons, topical cream 2 cartons and anti-biotics/anti-fungal 9,650 Boxes.
18	United Arab Emirate (UAE)	256 Cartons of food items each carton contains 20 types of assorted food item.
19	Oil Attajiri	Indomie 100 Cartons
20	H.E Mai Mala Buni CON	600 Bags of Rice (50kg)
21	Nasarawa State Government	Rice 1,200 Bags (50kg), Spaghetti 6,000 Cartons, Sugar 1,800 Bags (50kg)
22	Oriental Energy Resources	Rice 1,200 Bags (50kg).
23	NNPC INUM	Rice 6,000 Bags (50kg), Macaroni 45,000 Cartons, 50 Bots
24	Yusuf Ali Yusuf Ali (Al'uma Ventures)	Beans 600 Bags (100kg) and 1,200 of wheat
25	Borno State Internal Revenue Service	Indomie 3,000 Cartons and Semolina 1,500 Bags (5kg) , clean powdered detergent (100gm) 16,000 units
26	Maiduguri Flour Mills	1,000 of Master flour (10kg)
27	JIBWIS	Rice 600 Bags of (50kg).
28	NNPC Headquarters	Rice 9,000 Bags of (50kg) and Beans 1,441 Bags of (100kg)
29	Borno Elder's Forum	Indomie 1,000 Cartons, Rice 1,000 Bags and 5 Bags of used cloth
30	Ambassador Babagana Ajimi	Mat 100 Pcs, Bread 200 Pcs
31	Salvation Ministry (Home Success)	Indomie 50 Cartons, Rice 50 Bags (50kg) Vegetable Oil 70 Carton, Tomato Paste 50 Carton, shoes 100 pairs and 70 Cartons of Maggi
32	Zamfara State Hajiya Rilawanu Milo	Shadda 496 pcs
33	Plateau State Energy Management	Bread 2,000 pcs
34	NABTE Kaduna State	Men and Women cloth 46 Set, and 28 pairs of shoe
35	Unknown Person (Kaduna)	Blanket 30 Pcs, Mosquito Net 100 pcs and 100 pcs wrapper
36	Wuye Mosque Finance Quarters	Used cloth 2 ½ Bags
37	Zarmaganda Jos Plateau State	Bottle water 9,210 packs
38	Rite Food Limited	8,064 Packs of Baggi Bottle Water
29	FBB Rice Mill Limited	Rice 1,000 Bags (10kg)
30	Benue State Government	Yam 45,000 Tubes, Gari 260 Bags, Kuli-Kuli 100 Bags and 220 Bags of Millet
31	CCECC Nigeria Limited	Indomie 200 Cartons, Rice 100 Bags (25kg)
32	Erisko Food Limited	Erisko tomato Paste 70gx50 sachets per carton (Chicken& Onion flavor) 1,500 Cartons, Meal ready to eat 5,000 packs and erisko beef seasoning cube 25x40 75 cartons
33	Jaiz Bank Staff (Sharia Audit Department) Maiduguri Branch.	Rice 55 Bags (10kg), Millet 50 Bags (10kg) , Mosquito net 40 pcs, wrappers 83 pcs, Soap 65 cartons, Blanket 40 pcs, 2 cartons of toothpaste, 1 carton of toothbrush and 20 cartons of Detergent.
34	CMEA China	Indomie 200 cartons, Rice 130 Bags (5kg), Vegetable oil 30 Packs, Laushi 500 Bags

ASSORTED ITEMS DONATED TO THE BORNO STATE GOVERNMENT (CONTINUED)

S/N	NAME OF PERSON/ ORGANIZATION	ITEMS DONATED
35	H.E Sen. Oluremi Tinubu CON	Indomie 450 cartons, Semolina 140 Bags (5kg), Power oil 65 cartons, Spaghetti 450 cartons, Tomato Paste 170 cartons, Biscuit 180 cartons, Onga 180 cartons, Mosquito Net 200 Bags, wrappers 190 Belt, used cloth 13 Bags, Soap 320 cartons, baby diapers 200 cartons and Lil pad 500 Cart
36	NEMA	Indomie 600 Packs, Cadbury 3in1 500 Pcs, Soap 500 cartons, Mattress 760 pcs, pot cooking 500 pcs, Plastic Bucket 2,000 pcs, Detergent 800 pcs,
37	Bankers Committee of Nigeria	Rice 7,500 Bags (10kg), Mattress 3,077 pcs and Power oil 1,303 pcs
38	NLNG	Rice 970 Bags (50kg), Spaghetti 3,470 Cartons
39	Coalition of Ulama Kano State	Rice 5,200 (12.5kg), Maggi cubes 1,050 Sachets, used cloth 4100 pcs, Sanitary pad 1,400 pcs, 120 pairs of shoe, Blanket 1,400, Baby ware 85 pcs and 936 Sachets of Omo.
40	Nigeria Police Academy (NPAMU)	Cadbury 1 Bag, New cloth 9 Bags, 5 Sack of used cloth, Soap & Omo 1 Bag,
41	Adamawa Police Commissioner	Rice 7 Bags (10kg) and 10 Cartons indomie
42	Hon. Asabe Vilita Bashir	Mosquito net 4 Bundle, Wrapper 400 pcs
43	APC Women Leader Hajiya Yar' Mama	400 pieces of wrapper
44	Saro Life Care	Soap 13,000 cartons, and Antiseptics 688 carton .
45	Lever Brothers' Company	26 packs of Vaseline, close-up 68 pack and 175 packs of Royco
46	M-Saleh & Company limited	4 Pieces of Pumping Machine
47	MCAN Borno State Chapter	19 Set of used cloth, white shoe 41 pairs, Plastic Bucket 30 pcs, Rubber cup 52 pcs, Hijab 15 pcs and 18 pcs of food flask.
48	Federal Ministry of Special Duties	Maize 300 Bags, Rice 300 Bags (25kg), Sanitary pad 100 pcs and 100 pcs of Baby diapers.
49	Medical Initiative of Africa Abuja	100 pieces of Mosquito Net
50	SAGAD Rice Mill	3,000 pcs of Rice (50kg)
51	Muslim Ummah Yobe State	Used cloth, Shoes, Caps Hijab, under wear, Un-sawn Material, Blankets Bags and Food items.
52	De- Lace International Nigeria Limited	Hijab 300, Blanket 100 pcs and 100 pcs of wax
53	Yobe Islamic Center Damaturu	Female & Male, Shoes, Caps, Carpet, Bags and Blanket over 70 sacks, 6 Bags and 2 Bags of Hijab.
54	NNPC Management	Normal Saline 0.9%, Ringer Lactate Infusion, 31 4.3% Pediatric Saline, Ivf Ciprofloxacin, Ivf Metronidazole, Injection Paracetamol Iv, 58 Dextrose Saline, Injection 32Gentamicin, Injection Ceftriaxone 1g, Injection Diclofenac, Cap Amoxicillin 500mg, Cap Amoxicillin 250mg, Tab Paracetamol 500mg, Syrup Paracetamol, Injection Paracetamol, Tab Metronidazole 200mg, Tab Ciprofloxacin 500mg, Tab Diclofenac 50mg, Diclofenac 100mg, ORS, Tab Albendazole x2, Sus Albendazole, Inj. Hydrocortisone cream, Hydrocortisone 100mg, Tab Loratidine, Syrup Loratidine, Cough Syrup Adult, Cough Syrup children, Tab chlorpheniramine, Syrup chlorpheniramine, Injection Amoxicillin / clavulanic Acid 1.2g, omeprazole capsule and tetracycline 250mg Caps.
55	Borno State Timber Seller Association	3,000 Pieces of 2/3 Timber (1 Truck)
56	Plateau State Government	Tab Metronidazole (200mg) 1000 pack, Tab Paracetamol 100 pack, Tab Shal'Artem (Act) 24's, Cap Amoxil 500mg 100's, Cap Ampiclox 100's, Tab Ciproxin 10's, Tab Fleming 625mg 14's, Tab Fleming 1g 14's, Tab Levamisole 1's, Tab Loratidine 10's, Tab Azithromycin 100's, Inj. Hydrocortisone Vial, Inhaler Salbutamol 10 Pack, Powder Glucose 500 packet, Tab MMT (Tin 50), Water Guard (Bot 200), 0.9% Normal Saline 20x500ml (50), purity 4lit (20), Examination Gloves (20 Pac), Syrup Pem (60ml 500), Syrup Multivitamin (100ml 200), Susp.Metromidazole (60ml 1,500), Susp Erythromycin (60ml 100), ORS 5's, Milk (3 Crown 12g) 210 Sachets and 41 Bags of Sanitary Pad.
56	BUA Group	4,500 Bags 50kg Rice, 4,500 Bags of 50kg Flour and 22,000 cartons of spaghetti
57	Saro Africa Prestige Oil	Cooking oil 1,000 cartons.
58	Lead Way Prestige Oil	Cooking oil 1,000 cartons
59	Ambassador Dr. Dunoma Umar	100 Bags of Fertilizer.

HAPPY
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to a

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BOSS.**

*“You were born
to give Hope
to humanity”*

Excellency, Sir, You have been a source of blessing and inspiration to us.

We are, therefore, eternally grateful to God for the gift of you to our family.

On this special day, We extend our warmest congratulations to you for this remarkable milestone and celebrate your accomplishments.

We pray God to continue to grant you good health, happiness, and great success in all you do.

Congratulations and Happy birthday, Excellency, Sir

Signed:

**Barr Lucky & Dr (Mrs)
Efe Ajokperiniovo**

His Excellency,
Senator Hope Uzodimma, CON
Governor, Imo State.



THE GOVERNMENT OF EBONYI STATE



UNIVERSAL BASIC EDUCATION BOARD PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION TO TENDER FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR THE EXECUTION OF 1ST – 4TH QUARTER 2023, UBEC INTERVENTION PROJECTS IN THE BASIC EDUCATION SCHOOLS IN EBONYI STATE.

The Ebonyi State Universal Basic Education Board, Abakaliki urgently requires the services of reputable contractors, firms, for the execution of 1st – 4th Quarter 2023, UBEC intervention projects in the Basic Education sub-sector of the state. Interested contractors are hereby requested to tender for pre-qualifications for the execution of the projects herein stated.

UBE INTERVENTION FUND APPLICATION (1ST – 4TH QUARTER 2023) PROJECTS

PROJECT (1ST- 4TH QUARTER 2023)

LIST OF PROJECT UBEB 2023

LIST OF SCHOOLS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 11 NOS OF A STOREY BUILDING OF 12 CLASSROOM BLOCK, OFFICES AND TOILETS (1ST – 4TH QUARTER) 2023

S/N LOTS NO	CODING	NAME OF SCHOOL	COMMUNITY	WARD	GPS COORDINATES	NO. OF BLOCKS	LGA	QUARTER
1	UBEC/SUBEB/NC/001 /2022	CPS Amaegu, Agba	Amaegu	Agba	N 6° 3' 6" W 7° 44' 55"	1	Ishielu	1 st quarter
2	UBEC/SUBEB/NC/002 /2022	Central School Ntezi	Amaegu	Ntezi	N 6° 1' 55" W 7° 44' 43"	1	Ishielu	1 st quarter
3	UBEC/SUBEB/NC/003 /2022	Ishiagu Central School, Ishiagu	Ishiagu	Ihe	N 6° 39' 8" W 8° 2' 37"	1	Ivo	1 st quarter
4	UBEC/SUBEB/NC/004 /2022	Nwezenyi Junction CPS, Nwezenyi	Igbeagu	Igbeagu	N 6° 38' 43" W 8° 12' 17"	1	Izzi	2 nd quarter
5	UBEC/SUBEB/NC/005 /2022	Igbegu Nduoruta Agbaja CPS Agbaja	Agbaja	Mgbo	N 6° 29' 40" W 7° 12' 23"	1	Izzi	2 nd quarter
6	UBEC/SUBEB/NC/006 /2022	Igwebuikwe CPS Ugwulangwu	Ugwulangwu	Uhnotaru	N 5° 46' 4" W 7° 50' 42"	1	Ohazara	2 nd quarter
7	UBEC/SUBEB/NC/007 /2022	Umuogudu PS Umunaga	Ikennekwu	Umunaga	N 5° 45' 6" W 8° 54' 45"	1	Ohazara	2 nd quarter
8	UBEC/SUBEB/NC/008 /2022	Okpeshi CPS Umuogudu Oshia	Okpeshi	Okpeshi I	N 6° 30' 14" W 7° 52' 3"	1	Ohaukwu	3 rd quarter
9	UBEC/SUBEB/NC/009 /2022	Isu Central School, Isu	Isu	Ama-nato Isu	N 6° 6' 30" W 7° 45' 55"	1	Onicha	3 rd quarter
10	UBEC/SUBEB/NC/010 /2022	Abaomege CPS, Abaomege	Abaomege	Abaomege	N 6° 6' 32" W 7° 43' 41"	1	Onicha	3 rd quarter

LIST OF SCHOOL FOR REHABILITATION / RENOVATION OF 1 NO STOREY BUILDING OF 12 CLASSROOM BLOCK, OFFICES AND TOILETS (1ST – 4TH QUARTER) 2022.

S/N LOTS NO	CODING	NAME OF SCHOOL	COMMUNITY	WARD	GPS COORDINATES	NO. OF BLOCKS	LGA	QUARTER
11	UBEC/SUBEB/RN/001 /2022	Unity primary School, Amovu, Ohaukwu LGA	Amovu	Ezzamgbo	N 6° 0' 41" W 7° 55' 45"	1	Ohaukwu	3 rd quarter

LIST OF SCHOOL FOR REHABILITATION / RENOVATION OF 1 NO STOREY BUILDING OF 6 CLASSROOM BLOCK, OFFICES AND TOILETS (1ST – 4TH QUARTER) 2022.

S/N LOTS NO	CODING	NAME OF SCHOOL	COMMUNITY	WARD	GPS COORDINATES	NO. OF BLOCKS	LGA	QUARTER
12	UBEC/SUBEB/RN/002 /2022	Army day primary school Nkwegu	Achara Nkaliki	Izzi unupu	N 6° 0' 55" W 7° 47' 60"	1	Abakaliki	4 th quarter

LIST OF 3 NOS OF SCHOOLS FOR REHABILITATION / RENOVATION AND EQUIPPING SCHOOL LIBRARY (1ST – 4TH QUARTER) 2022.

S/N LOTS NO	CODING	NAME OF SCHOOL	COMMUNITY	WARD	GPS COORDINATES	NO. OF LIBRARY	LGA	QUARTER
13	UBEC/SUBEB/RN/003/2022	Igbegu Nduoruta Agbaja CPS Agbaja	Agbaja	Agbaja Mgbo	N 6° 29' 40" W 7° 12' 23"	1	Izzi	3 rd quarter
14	UBEC/SUBEB/RN/004/2022	Ikennekwu PS Umunaga	Ikennekwu	Umunaga	N 5° 45' 6" W 8° 54' 45"	1	Ohazara	3 rd quarter
15	UBEC/SUBEB/RN/005/2022	Okpeshi CPS Umuogudu Oshia	Okpeshi	Okpeshi I	N 6° 30' 14" W 7° 52' 3"	1	Ohaukwu	4 th quarter

SUPPLY OF FURNITURE (2ND – 4TH QUARTER) 2022

S/N LOTS NO	CODING	QTY	QUARTER
16	UBEC/SUBEB/FURN/001-860 /2022	860	2 nd – 4 th quarter

SUPPLY OF DESKTOP COMPUTERS 4TH QUARTERS 2022

S/N LOTS NO	CODING	QTY	QUARTER
17	UBEC/SUBEB/EQP/1-1,001 /2022	1,001	4 th quarter

LIST OF SCHOOLS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 11 NOS OF MOTORIZED BOREHOLE WITH OVERHEAD TANK (3RD – 4TH QUARTER) 2022

S/N LOTS NO	CODING	NAME OF SCHOOL	COMMUNITY	WARD	GPS COORDINATES	QTY	LGA	QUARTER
18	UBEC/SUBEB/W&S /001/2022	CPS Amaegu, Agba	Amaegu	Agba	N 6° 3' 6" W 7° 44' 55"	1	Ishielu	3 rd quarter
19	UBEC/SUBEB/W&S /002/2022	Central School Ntezi	Amaegu	Ntezi	N 6° 1' 55" W 7° 44' 43"	1	Ishielu	3 rd quarter
20	UBEC/SUBEB/W&S /003/2022	Ishiagu Central School, Ishiagu	Ishiagu	Ihe	N 6° 39' 8" W 8° 2' 37"	1	Ivo	3 rd quarter
21	UBEC/SUBEB/W&S /004/2022	CPS Ihenta, Akazeze	Ihenta	Ihenta	N 6° 0' 55" W 7° 47' 60"	1	Ivo	3 rd quarter
22	UBEC/SUBEB/W&S /005/2022	Nwezenyi Junction CPS, Nwezenyi	Igbeagu	Igbeagu	N 6° 38' 43" W 8° 12' 17"	1	Izzi	3 rd quarter
23	UBEC/SUBEB/W&S /006/2022	Igbegu Nduoruta Agbaja CPS Agbaja	Agbaja	Agbaja mgbo	N 6° 29' 40" W 7° 12' 23"	1	Izzi	3 rd quarter
24	UBEC/SUBEB/W&S /007/2022	Igwebuikwe CPS Ugwulangwu	Ugwulangwu	Obiozara	N 5° 46' 4" W 7° 50' 42"	1	Ohazara	4 th quarter
25	UBEC/SUBEB/W&S /008/2022	Ikennekwu PS Umunaga	Ikennekwu	umunaga	N 5° 45' 6" W 8° 54' 45"	1	Ohazara	4 th quarter
26	UBEC/SUBEB/W&S /009/2022	Okpeshi CPS Umuogudu Oshia	Okpeshi	Okpeshi I	N 6° 30' 14" W 7° 52' 3"	1	Ohaukwu	4 th quarter
27	UBEC/SUBEB/W&S /010/2022	Unity primary School, Amovu, Ohaukwu LGA	Amovu	Ezzamgbo	N 6° 0' 41" W 7° 55' 45"	1	Ohaukwu	4 th quarter
28	UBEC/SUBEB/W&S /011/2022	Abaomege CPS, Abaomege	Abaomege	Abaomege	N 6° 6' 32" W 7° 43' 41"	1	Onicha	4 th quarter

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY OF SPORTS FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENTS 2022

FOOT BALL			
S/N	FACILITIES & EQUIPMENTS	QUANTITY	QUARTER
1	Goal post net	6	1 st quarter
2	Goal post construction	6	1 st quarter
3	Jersey	6	1 st quarter
4	Goal keeper kits	6	1 st quarter
5	Balls	6	1 st quarter
6	Boots	6	1 st quarter
7	Branding	6	1 st quarter
8	transportation	6	1 st quarter
HAND BALL			
S/N	FACILITIES & EQUIPMENTS	QUANTITY	QUARTER
1	Goal post construction	5	2 nd quarter
2	Jersey	5	2 nd quarter
3	nets	5	2 nd quarter
4	canvas	60	2 nd quarter
5	Balls	5	2 nd quarter
6	Branding	5	2 nd quarter
7	transportation	1	2 nd quarter
VOLLEY BALL			
S/N	FACILITIES & EQUIPMENTS	QUANTITY	QUARTER
1	Sand volley ball courts and construction	4	3 rd quarter
2	Jerseys	4	3 rd quarter
3	balls	4	3 rd quarter
4	nets	4	3 rd quarter
5	canvas	4	3 rd quarter
6	Branding	4	3 rd quarter
7	transportation	1	3 rd quarter
RACKET GAME			
S/N	FACILITIES & EQUIPMENTS	QUANTITY	QUARTER
1	Table tennis board	5	3 rd quarter
2	Branding	5	3 rd quarter
3	transportation	1	3 rd quarter
ATHLETICS TRACKS AND FIELD EVENT			
S/N	FACILITIES & EQUIPMENTS	QUANTITY	QUARTER
1	baton	10	4 th quarter
2	Spike shoes	90	4 th quarter
3	Vest and pant	10	4 th quarter
4	Javelin	20	4 th quarter
5	Shot puts	20	4 th quarter
6	discus	20	4 th quarter
7	Stop watch	20	4 th quarter
8	Measuring tape	20	4 th quarter
9	Branding	10	4 th quarter
10	transportation	1	4 th quarter

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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- Evidence of registration with Bureau on Public Procurement (BBP).
- Affidavit disclosing if any Director has been convicted in any court for any criminal offence relating to fraud or financial impropriety, criminal misrepresentation or falsifications of facts relating to any matter.
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Attention: Engr. Obiora Ije
E-mail: obiorapeter21@gmail.com
For enquiry please call : 09152160345

Note: Successful firms will pay VAT and withholding tax to Federal Government and 1% Educational Development Trust Fund levy and youth empowerment levy to Ebonyi State Government.

Engr. Obiora Ije (MNSE)
Head of project / procurement & secretary tenders board
For: Executive Chairman
Phone: 09152160345

THE GOVERNMENT OF EBONYI STATE



UNIVERSAL BASIC EDUCATION BOARD PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION TO TENDER FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR THE EXECUTION OF 1ST – 4TH QUARTER 2023, UBEC INTERVENTION PROJECTS IN THE BASIC EDUCATION SCHOOLS IN EBONYI STATE.

The Ebonyi State Universal Basic Education Board, Abakaliki urgently requires the services of reputable contractors, firms, for the execution of 1st – 4th Quarter 2023, UBEC intervention projects in the Basic Education sub-sector of the state. Interested contractors are hereby requested to tender for pre-qualifications for the execution of the projects herein stated.

UBE INTERVENTION FUND APPLICATION (1ST – 4TH QUARTER 2023) PROJECTS PROJECT (1ST- 4TH QUARTER 2023)

LIST OF PROJECT UBEB 2023

LIST OF SCHOOLS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 11 N0S OF A STOREY BUILDING OF 12 CLASSROOM BLOCK, OFFICES AND TOILETS (1ST – 4TH QUARTER) 2023

S/N LOTS NO	CODING	NAME OF SCHOOL	COMMUNITY	WARD	GPS COORDINATES	NO. OF BLOCKS	LGA	QUARTER
1	UBEC/SUBEB/NC/001/2023	Ezikwo Road Primary School Abakaliki	Nkaliki unphu	Azuiyiokwu	N 6° 20'52" W7°51' 30"	1	Abakaliki	1 st quarter
2	UBEC/SUBEB/NC/002/2023	Nkaliki Community Primary School, Along EBHA Road	Nkaliki unphu	Izzi Unuphu	N 6° 23'45" W7°45'34"	1	Abakaliki	1 st quarter
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4	UBEC/SUBEB/NC/004/2023	Ozizaa Central School, Afikpo	Amorie Ozizaa	Ibii-Ozizaa	N 6° 12' 46" W7° 51'9"	1	Afikpo south	2 nd quarter
5	UBEC/SUBEB/NC/005/2023	St. Patricks Primary School, Kpirikpiri	Nkaliki Echara	Kpirikpiri	N 6° 15' 45" W7° 43'54"	1	Ebonyi	2 nd quarter
6	UBEC/SUBEB/NC/006/2023	Ogbala Community Primary School,Ogbala	Agalegu	Ndiegu	N 6° 11' 34" W7° 21'58"	1	Ebonyi	2 nd quarter
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11	UBEC/SUBEB/NC/011/2023	CPS Ndiaguazu, Nsokkara	Amagu nsokkara	Amagu nsokkara	N 6° 7'34" W7° 47' 30"	1	Ezza-South	3 rd quarter

LIST OF SCHOOLS FOR REHABILITATION / RENOVATION OF 2 N0S STOREY BUILDING OF 12 CLASSROOM BLOCK, OFFICES AND TOILETS (1ST – 4TH QUARTER) 2023.

S/N LOTS NO	CODING	NAME OF SCHOOL	COMMUNITY	WARD	GPS COORDINATES	NO. OF BLOCKS	LGA	QUARTER
12	UBEC/SUBEB/RN/001/2023	Unity Primary School, Inyima Amuzu	Amuzu	Amuzu	N 6° 8' 56" W7°34'40"	1	Ezza-South	3 rd quarter
13	UBEC/SUBEB/RN/002/2023	CPS Anumocha, Okpuitumo Ikwo	Amainyima	Amainyima	N 6° 11' 23" W7° 23'51"	1	Ikwo	4 th quarter

LIST OF SCHOOL FOR REHABILITATION / RENOVATION AND EQUIPPING SCHOOL LIBRARY (1ST – 4TH QUARTER) 2023.

S/N LOTS NO	CODING	NAME OF SCHOOL	COMMUNITY	WARD	GPS COORDINATES	NO. OF LIBRARY	LGA	QUARTER
14	UBEC/SUBEB/RN/003/2023	CPS Anumocha, Okpuitumo Ikwo	Amainyima	Amainyima	N 6° 11' 23" W7° 23'51"	1	Ikwo	3 rd quarter
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SUPPLY OF FURNITURE (2ND – 4TH QUARTER) 2023

S/N LOTS NO	CODING	QTY	QUARTER
17	UBEC/SUBEB/FURN/001-860/2023	860	2 nd – 4 th quarter

SUPPLY OF DESKTOP COMPUTERS 4TH QUARTERS 2023

S/N LOTS NO	CODING	QTY	QUARTER
18	UBEC/SUBEB/EQP/1-1,001/2023	1,001	4 th quarter

LIST OF SCHOOLS FOR CONSTRUCTIONS OF 13 N0S OF MOTORIZED BOREHOLE WITH OVERHEAD TANK (3RD – 4TH QUARTER) 2023

S/N LOTS NO	CODING	NAME OF SCHOOL	COMMUNITY	WARD	GPS COORDINATES	QTY	LGA	QUARTER
19	UBEC/SUBEB/WBS/001/2023	Ezikwo Road Primary School Abakaliki	Nkaliki unphu	Azuiyiokwu	N 6° 20'52" W7°51' 30"	1	Abakaliki	3 rd quarter
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PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY OF SPORTS FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT 2023

S/N	FACILITIES & EQUIPMENTS	QUANTITY	QUARTER
1	Football boots	330	1 st quarter
2	Set of jersey	330	1 st quarter
3	Goalkeeper out fits	60	1 st quarter
4	Hand gloves	60	1 st quarter
5	footballs	132	1 st quarter
6	Pairs of socks for football, handball and volley ball	330	2 nd quarter
7	whistle	110	2 nd quarter
8	Skipping rope	132	2 nd quarter
9	Coding of items	30	2 nd quarter
10	Hand ball	30	3 rd quarter
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DEBT MANAGEMENT OFFICE NIGERIA

Pursuant to the Debt Management Office (Establishment) Act 2003 and the Local Loans (Registered Stock and Securities) Act, CAP. L17, LFN 2004

DEBT MANAGEMENT OFFICE on behalf of the FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA

Offers for Subscription by Auction

and is authorized to receive applications for

₦60,000,000,000.00 – 19.30% FGN APR 2029 (5-Yr Re-opening)*
₦60,000,000,000.00 – 18.50% FGN FEB 2031 (7-Yr Re-opening)*

Auction Date: December 16, 2024
Settlement Date: December 18, 2024

SUMMARY OF THE OFFER

ISSUER:

Federal Government of Nigeria (“FGN”).

UNITS OF SALE:

₦1,000 per unit subject to a minimum subscription of ₦50,001,000 and in multiples of ₦1,000 thereafter.

INTEREST RATE:

For Re-openings of previously issued bonds, (where the coupon is already set), successful bidders will pay a price corresponding to the yield-to-maturity bid that clears the volume being auctioned, plus any accrued interest on the instrument.

INTEREST PAYMENT:

Payable semi-annually.

REDEMPTION:

Bullet repayment on the maturity date.

STATUS:

1. Qualifies as securities in which trustees can invest under the Trustee Investment Act.
2. Qualifies as Government securities within the meaning of Company Income Tax Act (“CITA”) and Personal Income Tax Act (“PITA”) for Tax Exemption for Pension Funds amongst other investors.
3. Listed on the Nigerian Exchange Limited and FMDQ OTC Securities Exchange.
4. All FGN Bonds qualify as liquid assets for liquidity ratio calculation for banks.

SECURITY:

FGN Bonds are backed by the full faith and credit of the Federal Government of Nigeria and are charged upon the general assets of Nigeria.

**INTERESTED INVESTORS SHOULD CONTACT OFFICES OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING
PRIMARY DEALER MARKET MAKERS (PDMMs):**

Access Bank Plc.	First Bank of Nigeria Ltd.	Stanbic IBTC Bank Ltd.
Citibank Nigeria Ltd.	First City Monument Bank Plc.	Standard Chartered Bank Nigeria Ltd.
Coronation Merchant Bank Ltd.	FSDH Merchant Bank Ltd.	United Bank for Africa Plc.
Ecobank Nigeria Ltd.	Rand Merchant Bank Nigeria Ltd.	Zenith Bank Plc.
FBNQuest Merchant Bank Ltd.	Guaranty Trust Bank Ltd.	

* The DMO reserves the right to allot the FGN Bonds at its discretion.

Roadside trading: I never flouted LG chairman's order —PG

UGHELLI — GENERAL of Otovwodo-Ughelli community, Ughelli North Local

Government Area of Delta State, Mr Ovigwe Ugbarugba, has said that he has never flouted the order of the local government council Chairman to traders to desist from trading on the roadsides and walkways at the Otovwodo market.

Reacting to an allegation that the leadership of the community flouted the council Chairman's order, Ugbarugba said trading on the roadsides and walkways was risky and not acceptable to them.

He assured of the community's support in ensuring that the chairman's order against roadside trading was not flouted by the traders.

Ugbarugba said "If you can recall, my administration as PG inaugurated nine committees in Otovwodo and one of the committees was to look into the activities of traders and find a lasting solution to street trading. "And in one address I presented during our meeting, the community commended

Governor Sheriff Oborewori for decongesting the Otovwodo junction with the construction of the ring road that eased traffic flow.

"In that same address, we appealed to the council chairman to ensure a facelift of the Otovwodo market, so as to move the traders away from the roadside. I want to appeal to the government to give a time frame of about three months in finding a lasting solution, as continuously chasing them away is not the permanent solution.

"The community has an expanse of land behind shop fair that can accommodate over 400 traders. That place should be developed so as to move the traders there.

"It is annoying when you see these people with their goods by the roadsides, it is very risky as a lot of vehicles ply the road. Recently, while trying to direct traders in the market to leave the road, I lost my mobile phone in the process."

UTM FLNG signs Global Compact on Human Rights, Labour, Environment, Anti-corruption

By Udeme Akpan

LAGOS—AHEAD of its projected 2.8 million tons per annum, MTPA, gas production, UTM FLNG Ltd, owner of Nigeria's first Indigenous Floating Liquefied Natural Gas, FLNG, has signed the United Nations Global Compact, UNGC, on Human Rights, Labour, Environment, and Anti-Corruption.

UTM Group Managing Director Dr. Julius Rone, OFR, signed the UNGC document in a ceremony at the UTM Towers, Abuja, Nigeria, on Wednesday, December 11th, 2024. This marked UTM's commitment to implement the UN Global Compact and its Ten Principles as part of its business strategy, culture, and daily operations. Ms Naomi Nwokolo, CEO / Executive Director, UNGC NIGERIA, signed on behalf of UNGC.

Recall that in September 2024 the Federal Government of Nigeria granted UTM the License to Construct, LTC, Nigeria's first Floating Liquefied Natural Gas, FLNG, facility with production capacity of 2.8 million tons per annum, MTPA, of Liquefied Natural Gas, LNG, Liquefied Petroleum Gas, LPG, and condensate from re-injected gas at the OML 104 Yoho Field.

With the signing of the UNGC document, UTM FLNG

also commits to public accountability, transparency and engaging in collaborative projects that advance the broader development goals of the United Nations, particularly the Sustainable Development Goals, SDGs.

The signing of the UNGC by UTM on the heels of the issuance of a License to Construct its FLNG facility underscores the company's commitment to leapfrog the Nigerian economy by ensuring the availability of gas at lower cost, generating massive employment and multi-million Naira business opportunities for Nigerians and other nationals.

Speaking at the event Dr. Rone stated that UTM is imbuing global best practices, upholding transparency and accountability in its operations and is committed to the Ten Principles of UNGC as part of its business strategy, culture and daily operation.

He also stated that in line with its ESG commitments, UTM will strictly implement its Sustainable Development Goals such as SDGs 5, 8, 13 & 14 among others through its organizational policies, governance structure and robust engineering design.

Part of the requirement for participation in the UNGC is the annual submission of a Communication on Progress (CoP) on the efforts of the company to implement the Ten Principles on human rights, labour, the environment and anti-corruption which provide a robust plan for businesses pursuing collaborative efforts for expansion and growth.

The UNGC is a special initiative of the UN Secretary-General designed to spur collective action among companies to unite and align their operational strategies with the Ten Principles for global business models that enable them absorb escalating pressure from customers, employees and investors and play pivotal role towards a more sustainable and equitable world.

Its ambition as contained in the UNGC brochure is to accelerate and scale the global collective impact of business by upholding the Ten Principles in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption to evolve and deliver the SDGs through ambitious, accountable companies and environments that enable change.

Dr Akpoveta joins DELCOM 2024 as Trainer

ASABA—DEAN, School of Information and Communication Technology, ICT, Delta State Polytechnic, Oguwashu-Uku, Dr Emmanuel Akpoveta, will attend the 5th edition of Delta State Communication Workshop, DELCOM 2024 as a Trainer

State Workshop Facilitator and Director General, Delta State Bureau of Communications and Orientation, Dr Fred Latimore Oghenesivbe, in a statement on Wednesday said Akpoveta is a renowned communication scholar, prolific writer, social commentator, and author of many text books on mass communication and Journalism.

Dr Akpoveta will join Prof Abigail Ogwezy-Ndisika of the University of Lagos, and Prof Joyce Ogwezi, of Dennis Osadebey University Asaba, to train 150 participants, including media aides to Delta State Governor, during the 3-Day capacity building and professional skills development program, scheduled to hold from Tuesday 17th to Thursday 19th December 2024 at Hotel Benizia Asaba.

"He holds a PhD in Mass Communication, and had delivered lectures on multifaceted issues in Nigeria and overseas," Oghenesivbe said.

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
OSUN STATE OF NIGERIA
(PROBATE DIVISION)

WHEREAS the person's whose names are set out in the second Column of the said schedule date and the place mentioned therein.

AND WHEREAS the person's whose names and address set out in the second Column of the said schedule along (wherever found necessary or expedient) with the particulars of their relationship to the deceased have applied to the High Court of Justice, Osun State of Nigeria for the grant unto them of letters of administration in respect of the and/or personal property of the said deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said Letters of Administration will be granted to the said Applicants unless a notice of prohibit such grant is filed in the Registry of the High Court of Justice, Osogbo, Osun State of Nigeria within twenty-one (21) days from today.

SCHEDULE

DECEASED

1. ADEBAYO ABRAHAM FAGBORE
Late of P. 189, Kayanf Street, Ilesa, Osun State, who died on the 19th day Ilesa.

2. SAMUEL ADEUSI OSOBU
Late of B.70, Okesa Street, Ilesa Osun State who died on the 23rd day of December 1969 at Ilesa.

3. IYABO ADESIYAN FADARE
Late of Balogun's Compound, Okini, Osun State who died on the 3rd day of May, 2024 at Okini.

4. FLORENCE IDOWU OLADOYE
Late of 36, Ejekalofe Street, Ayepe, Osogbo, Osun State who died on the 18th day of September, 2024 at Osogbo

APPLICANT FOR GRANT

1. Fagbore Adedoyin Titus of P. 189, Kayanfada Street, Ilesa, Son of the said Deceased.

2. Osobu Victor of B.70, Okesa Street, Ilesa Son of the said Deceased

3. Fadare Babawale Mathew of Balogun's Compound, Okini, Son of the said Deceased

4. Oladoye John Akinloye of 36, Ejekalofe Street, Ayepe, Osogbo, Widower of the said Deceased

DATED 12th DAY of DECEMBER, 2024


OMISADE F.I.
PROBATE REGISTRAR

CAVEAT EMPTOR (BUYERS BEWARE)

This is to inform the General Public that all that piece/parcel of land including the uncompleted building therein, lying and situate at Cinema Site up to the Canal belonging to Late Chief Daniel Okumagba is NOT FOR SALE.

Any person or organisation showing interest or dealing with any one in respect of the aforesaid property is doing so at his/her peril.
BE WARNED.

Dated 5th December, 2024.


Signed:

Chief Francis Okumagba
Eldest Surviving Son of Late Chief Daniel Okumagba

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SPACE FOR SALE

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the general public of the loss of Original Certificate of Occupancy with No. 1ac3w-9128z-70e7r-dafcu-20 in respect of Plot 1838, Katampe District, Cadastral Zone B07, FCT-Abuja, issued by the Federal Capital Territory Administration, belonging to SANI JIBRILLA. All efforts made to recover the missing document proved abortive. If found, please contact the nearest police station. Authority concerned and the general public to take note.

CHANGE OF NAME AND CORRECTION OF DATE OF BIRTH

I formerly known and addressed as JAGBA ESEGHENE, Now wish to be known and addressed as JAGBA ESE VANESSA. Also my date of birth was wrongly captured as 23rd November 2002 instead of 23rd November 2001 being my correct date of birth. All former documents remain valid. Banks and the general public please take note.

CORRECTION OF DATE OF BIRTH

I, IZE-IYAMU EFOSA KINGSLEY wish to state that I got married to OJO HOPE UHUNOMA on 13/07/2019 at Lagos registry Lagos State, Nigeria that the said marriage certificate issued to us, my date of birth was wrongly written as 15th day of December 1968 instead of 15th day of December 1978. All former documents remain valid. General public to please take note.

MISSING DOCUMENT

I, MR. ASEMOTA ARAKPOGUN ANDRA of No. 16, Imadiyi Street, Off Etete Road, G.R.A, Benin City, Edo State.

1, That I am the rightful owner of missing Community Land Approval of a parcel of land measuring 50ft by 100ft (Fifty feet by One Hundred feet) with a four flat building (Story building) that was built on the said land with survey Plan No. TDN/ED/20/2007 which was transfer to me by MRS. CLARA OMONIZUA of No. 11, Anigboro Street, Uselu Quarters, Benin City, Edo State dated on 23rd day of June, 2014 lying, situate at Ward 11K Isihor Community, Ugbowo Express Road, in Ovia North East Local Government Area, Edo State.

2, That the said Community Land Approval Paper was discovered missing on the 12th day of December, 2023 in Benin City, Edo State and all efforts made to trace it proved abortive hence this affidavit.

3, That I hopefully depose to this affidavit of missing Community Land Approval Paper stated above voluntarily.

4, That I hereby with this affidavit confirm and affirm the above fact that the AUTHORITY TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN should please take note for record and official purposes.

NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF THE CREDITORS OF SEABIRD EXPLORATION NIGERIA LIMITED (RC 1371103) TO APPOINT A LIQUIDATOR FOR CREDITORS VOLUNTARY WINDING UP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Meeting of the Creditors of SeaBird Exploration Nigeria Limited (the "Company") will be held at Landmark Towers, 5B Water Corporation Road, Victoria Island, Lagos on 30 December 2024 at 10:00AM for the purpose of passing the following resolutions:

1. "THAT Mr. Kenneth Erikume of Landmark Towers, 5B Water Corporation Road, Victoria Island, Lagos BE and is HEREBY appointed Liquidator (the "Liquidator") for the purpose of winding up the affairs of the Company.

2. "THAT the Liquidator BE and is HEREBY authorised to exercise the powers in section 644 of CAMA 2020.

3. THAT the Liquidator BE and is HEREBY authorised to appoint such advisors as he deems necessary and to exercise such other incidental, consequential, supplemental, and additional powers as are necessary to give effect to the winding up of the affairs of the Company."

Dated this 12th day of December 2024

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
SVEINUNG ALVESTAD, FINN ATLE HAMRE

PUBLIC NOTICE ANNOUNCEMENT CAVEAT EMPTOR

The general public is hereby informed that the Board of Directors of Ogigbah Royal Company have not authorized the sale, mortgage or lease of the following properties belonging to Ogigbah Royal Company.

1. Storey building at No. 31, Isoko Road Ughelli
2. Properties at No. 280, Effurun-Sapele Road Effurun.
3. Storey building at No. 39, Isoko Road Ughelli.
4. Property including surrounding land that housed Ogigbah wood industry, later Torpas bakery in Ughelli-Warri Expressway Ekiugbo-Ughelli.
5. A piece or parcel of land along the East-West Road by Afiesere Junction, Ughelli.
6. Building at No. 64 IDC Road, Oleh

BUYERS BEWARE


Chief Patrick S. Ogigbah
Director Ogigbah Royal Company


Engr. Charles O. Ogigbah
Director Ogigbah Royal Company


Engr. Pius U. Ogigbah
Director Ogigbah Royal Company

CHANGE OF NAME

TEMILOLUWA I, formally addressed as Aluko Temiloluwa Olubunmi. Now wish to be addressed as Uwagboe Temiloluwa Olubunmi. Formal document remains valid. General public note.	JAMES I, formerly known as Felix James. Now wish to be known as Yakubu Tima James. All former documents remain valid, general public take note.	ROSELINE I, formerly known as OMEJE ROSELINE NKECHINYERE now wish to be known, called and addressed as NGWOKE ROSELINE NKECHINYERE. Former documents remain valid. General public take note.	CAROLINE I, formerly known as Ewa Ikpi Caroline. Now wish to be Ewa Caroline. All former documents remain valid, general public take note.
FATIMAH I, Olawole Fatimah Olajumoke, formally addressed as Olawole Fatimah Olajumoke. Now wish to be addressed as Olawole-Melemuku Fatimah Olajumoke. Formal document remains valid. General public note.	GRCAE I, formerly known and addressed as MISS OMOLAFE GRACE KEMI now wish to be known and addressed as MRS FAMEEWO GRACE KEMI. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.	OKONKWO I, Formerly Known Called And Addressed As. OKONKWO NONSO. Now Wish To Be Known And Addressed As. OKONKWO FERDINAND NONSO. All Former Documents Remain Valid, General Public Should Please Take Note.	NAFISAT I, formerly known as Salihu Nafisat. Now wish to be as Nafisat Tsalha Abubakar. All former documents remain valid, general public take note.
SIAWI I formerly known as Siawi Obelley Abbey is now to be addressed as Siawi Elizabeth Obelley-Abbey, with Siawi being my first name, Elizabeth my middle name and Obelley-Abbey my surname. All former document remains valid. General public note.	AKPAN I, formally known as Akpan, Uduakobong Solomon now wish to be known called and addressed as GERALDINE UDUAKOBONG AKPAN all documents bearing my former name remain valid general public should please take note.	CHIZOBA I, formerly known and addressed as MISS UGWU CHIZOBA CHARITY. Now wish to be known and addressed as MRS EZEUGOIGWE CHIZOBA CHARITY. All former document remain valid, general public take note.	ANTHONY I, formerly known as ELUGBE ELUGBE ANTHONY. Now wish to be as known as ELUGBE IKECHUKWU ANTHONY. It was wrongly captured on my BVN, during registration for BVN. All documents bearing the abnormality remain valid. Zenith Bank and public take note.
AKPAN I, formerly known and addressed as Destiny Umeudo, now wish to be known and addressed as Akpan David Victor. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note.	JUDITH I, formerly known and addressed as Miss Ejioju Judith Ijeoma, now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs. Onyeyana Judith Ijeoma. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.	IJEAMAKA I, formerly known and addressed as Ijeamaka Mafiana. Now wish to be known and addressed as Ijeamaka Anwuli Mafiana. All former document remain valid, general public take note.	BLESSING I, OJISHUA BLESSING FLORENCE LYRIS wish to inform the general public that I am the same person as OJISHUA BLESSING FLORENCE and OJISHUA BLESSING LYRIS. All documents bearing these names remains valid. General public take note.
PATRICK I, FORMERLY KNOWN AS MR. NWONYEIBE PATRICK NDIWE NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS MR. PATRICK LUCKY NNA. GENERAL PUBLIC PLEASE TAKE NOTE.	NWAEKE My correct name is Nwaeke Michael, but in my BVN/Account my name was wrongly captured as Nwaeke Friday instead of Nwaeke Michael as captured in my NIN. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.	ISIOMA That AZUBIKE ISIOMA MIRACLE & AZUBIKE MIRACLE are same and one person but now wish to be addressed as AZUBIKE ISIOMA MIRACLE all formal documents remain valid, general public, whom it may concern take note.	JULIET I, CHINONYE JULIET JOHN OYKAGUE OYILAGU OYIL wish to inform the general public that I am the same person as CHINONYE JULIET OYKAGUE and CHINONYE JULIET JOHN OYIL. All documents bearing these names remains valid. General public take note.
ROFIAT I, formerly known and address as MISS ANIFOWOSE ROFIAT ARIYIKE wish to be known and address as MRS BISIRIYU-ANIFOWOSE ROFIAT ARIYIKE. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.	ISAAC My BANK ACCOUNT/BVN details are ISAAC DAVID but want them changed to ISAAC DAVID ELOHO. Public notice.	UGBEGA During my BVN/Account registration, my name was captured as: Ugbega Catherine, instead of Ugbega Catherine Onome, but now I wish to be known, called and addressed as: Ugbega Catherine Onome. All documents remind valid, general public please take note.	ENIOLA I, formerly known, called and addressed as BABALOLA ENIOLA, now wish to be known, called and addressed as BABALOLA ENIOLA ZAINAB. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public should please take note.
ERIC I, formerly known and addressed as Eric Victor Avverosuo now wish to be known and addressed as Eric Victory. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.	JOY I, formerly known and addressed as MISS BIAKPARA, MOTU-EBI JOY now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. EKIOEKEME, MOTU-EBI JOY. All former documents remain valid. Public notice.	RITA I, formerly known and addressed as MRS KINGSLEY RITA now wish to be known and addressed as MISS NWABUWE RITA all formal documents remain valid, general public should take note.	REGINA I, formerly known and addressed as Regina Bright. Now wish to be known and addressed as John Regina Bright. All former documents remain valid, general public take note.
AMARACHI I, formally called and addressed as Miss THECLA AMARACHI NWAHEIE. Now wish to be known called and addressed as Mrs THECLA AMARACHI BUCK. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.	ABINA I, formerly known and addressed as MISS OFOSU, ABINA CHINEMEREM now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. OKORO, ABINA CHINEMEREM. All former documents remain valid. Public notice.	JESSICA My name was wrongly written as CHUKWUMA JESSICA PREYE instead of my correct name as CHUKWUMA JESSICA PREYE. All former documents remain valid general public take note.	CHINELO I, formerly known and addressed as MISS CHINEDU CHINELO ENDERLINE. Now wish to be known and addressed as MRS ANYANWU CHINELO ENDERLINE. All former documents remain valid, general public take note.
LUCKY I, formerly known and addressed as Sunday Rukevwe Lucky now wish to be known and addressed as Ojabanor Lucky. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note.	CHIOMA I, Formerly Known Called And Addressed As Okeke Chioma Anulika. Now Wish To Be Known Called And Addressed As Okoro Chioma Anulika. All Former Documents Remain Valid. General Public please Take Note.	MARY I, formerly known as UDEAJA MARY NWAKAEGO. Now wish to be known and address as CHINONSO MARY NWAKAEGO. All documents bearing any of the former names remain valid. General public take note.	OGOCHUKWU I, formerly known and addressed as Edeha Ogochukwu. Now wish to be known and addressed as Ojoko Ogochukwu. All former documents remain valid. Banks and the general public please take note.
OKORO I, formerly known called and addressed as. JAKPOR OKORO PAUL. Now wish to be known called and addressed as. OHWOJERO OKORO PAUL. All former documents remain valid general public and to whom it may concern should take note.	ORJI I, Formerly known Called And Addressed As Kennie Mbadie. Now Wish To Be Known Call And Address As Orji Kenneth Akweke. All Former Documents Remain Valid. General Public please Take Note.	YAHAYA I, formerly known as BISHIR YAHAYA which is in my BVN. Now wish to be known and addressed as SHETU YAHAYA as it's in my NIN. All former documents remain valid. General Public Take Note.	FASHOLA I, formerly known and addressed as FASHOLA BUSAYO OLUWA, now wish to be known and addressed as FASOLA BUSUYI JEMISEYE. All documents remain valid. General Public take note.
FELIX I, formerly known called and addressed as. FELIX ALAKEME OMONIBOR. Now wish to be known called and addressed as. FELIX ALAKEME JACKSON. All former documents remain valid, general public and all concern authorities should take note.	OBABOR I, formerly known, called and addressed as OBABOR S.A, now wish to be known, called and addressed as OBABOR SAMSON ADHEKEGBA. All former documents remain valid, General public please take note.	OVOKE I, formally known as MISS FIOGBERE EMUOBOME SYLVIA, now which to be known as MRS. OVOKE EMUOBOME SYLVIA. All former documents remain valid, general public take note.	HELEN I was formally known as: Ehinsan Oritsetimiyin, but now wish to be known, called and addressed as: Nemi Eyinsan Helen, the general public please take note.
OGHALE I, formerly known, called and address as. MISS OGHAE FELICIA MILLER but now wish to be known, called and address as MRS OGHAE FELICIA ESIETE all documents bearing my former names remain valid. General public please take note.	HAPPINESS I, formerly known, called and addressed as Miss Happiness Woroma Chikweru. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as Mrs. Happiness Woroma Iheanacho. All former documents remain valid, General public please take note.	KEME I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS MISS. YEME KEME AND DUE TO MARRIAGE NOW WISH TO BE ADDRESS AS MRS. EDIAGBONYA KEME (NEE YEME). ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. PUBLIC TAKE NOTE.	ODION I want to change my name from OGUDU ODION to the new names EWHOGBOKHAU ODION. All documents remain valid. General Public take note.
RHODA I, formerly known and addressed as MISS UROWAYINO RHODA ORITSETEMI but now wish to be known and addressed as MRS IBOYITIE RHODA ORITSETEMI all former documents remain valid. General public take note.	FAMOUS I, formerly known, called and addressed as FAMOUS IBRI EBIYERE. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as FAMOUS EBI-ERE. All former documents remain valid, General public please take note.	EMMANUEL I, formerly known and addressed as, Raphael Emmanuel, now wish to be known and addressed as, Okpalojie Emmanuel, all former documents remains valid, general public take note.	DOGO My name was wrongly arranged on some of my documents as LADI DOGO FRIDAY instead DOGO FRIDAY LADI. DOGO FRIDAY LADI remains my correct name. All former documents remain valid, General public please take note.
AKPORIE In my BVN and other documents, my name is incompletely and wrongly captured as Akporie, Akporie Theophilus and Akporie Theophilus instead of of Akporie Theophilus Owhe, general public should please take note.	AKPOEBI I, formerly known, called and addressed as Kelvin Akpoebi Pride. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as Asia Akpoebi Pride. All former documents remain valid, General public please take note.	IZIEGBE I, formerly known and addressed as, Ebhonyaye Iziegbe Marigold, now wish to be known and addressed as, Mrs Palmer Iziegbe Marigold, all former documents remains valid, general public take note.	NWAKOLO I, formerly known and addressed as NWAOKOLO MESHACK EMEKA, now wish to be known and addressed as NWAOKOLO MESHACK IKEDI. All former documents remain valid, General public please take note.
OKONDO This is to confirm that OKONDO FAVOUR PEACE is the same person as OKONDO PEACE, henceforth I wish to be addressed as OKONDO FAVOUR PEACE. All former documents remain valid, the general public should take note.	PRECIOUS I, formerly known, called and addressed as Miss Daniel Precious. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as Mrs Chiedozie Precious. All former documents remain valid, General public please take note.	PATRICIA I, formerly known as MISS. PATRICIA OMAUVAYE JEFIA and MRS. PATRICIA OMAUVAYE IRIKEFE, now wish to be known as MRS. ONOME-IRIKEFE PATRICIA OMAUVAYE. All former documents remain valid, public take note.	TAGHOGHO I, formerly known and addressed as MISS. ORUKOMAYON TAGHOGHO, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. ODIACHI TAGHOGHO. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and the general public take note.
CHARITY I, Mrs Charity Inyene Udomfu, was formerly known and addressed as Miss Charity Odinakachi Chiboka. Henceforth, I wish to be known and addressed as *Charity Inyene* *Udomfu.* All former documents remain valid. The general public should take note.	OGECHUKWU I, formerly known and addressed as MISS NWENYI OGECHUKWU JANET. Now wish to be known and addressed as MRS ITUMO OGECHUKWU JANET. All former document remain valid general public take note.	JENNIFER I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS MISS. OIBOH JENNIFER MONICA AND DUE TO MARRIAGE NOW WISH TO BE ADDRESS AS MRS. CHUKWUFUMNAYA JENNIFER MONICA. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. CONCERN AUTHORITIES AND GENERAL PUBLIC TAKE NOTE.	RUTH I, formerly known and addressed as AKASHILI RUTH ISIOMA, now wish to be known and addressed as UZOKA RUTH ISIOMA. All former documents remain valid, General public please take note.
PEACE I, formerly known on my BVN as PEACE INNOCENT SUNDAY. Now wish to be known and addressed as PEACE EZEKIEL AKPAN. All former documents remain valid. Banks and the general public should take note.	CYNTHIA I, formerly known and addressed as UKPAI NNENNA CYNTHIA. Now wish to be known and addressed as AKAWOR EZINNE CYNTHIA. All former document remain valid general public take note.	JOY I, formerly known as UBOGU JOY OBUKOME, now wish to be known as SAMUEL JOY. All former documents remain valid, general public take note.	EMMANUEL I, formerly known and addressed as Ofurum Emmanuel Onyekachi, now wish to be known and addressed as Onyekachi Emmanuel Mandela. All former documents remain valid, General public please take note.
FAVOUR I, formerly known and addressed as OSAAWE FAVOUR ACHA. Now wish to be known and addressed as OSAAWE FAVOUR OSARUMWENSE. All former document remain valid, general public take note.			

News

Delta APC rejects Akpeki's submission of reconciliation report

By Ochuko Akuopha

ASABA—THE All Progressives Congress, APC, in Delta State, has disowned what it described as the unauthorised reconciliation committee report submitted by Chief Paulinus Akpeki to the National Chairman of the party. This was contained in a letter addressed to the National Chairman of APC and signed by the State Deputy Chairman of the party, Chief Francis Obigbor and Secretary, Mr. Peter Akarogbe. The statement read in parts; "Our attention has been drawn to the submission of the document titled: All Progressives Congress (APC) Delta State: OROGUN OTEGA EMERHOR, OON led Reconciliation Committee Report by Chief Paulinus Akpeki.

The said report was submitted to the National Chairman of the APC on the 8th day of December, 2024, without authority from SWC,

SEC, Caucus and due regard to the process outlined in the report itself.

"We wish to bring to your notice the fact that the said report is an inchoate document as it is yet to be deliberated upon by the relevant organs of the Delta State APC as envisaged even by the content of the report."

They stated that, the report submitted does not convey the aggregate opinion, decisions and resolve of the members of the APC in Delta State.

The statement stated that "no recognition of whatsoever be given to the document which is yet to be considered by the SWC in a properly constituted meeting before submission to SEC and Caucus for debate and final adoption at the State party level."

Recall that Akpeki who is the Chairman of the party in Delta Central and Francis Obigbor have been at loggerheads over the Acting Chairmanship position of the party in the State, following a medical vacation of the Chairman, Elder Omeni Sobotte.

LAPO Microfinance spends N655.5m on scholarships in 17 years

BENIN CITY— THE management of LAPO Microfinance Bank (LAPO Mfb) has said that it has spent N656.486 million to provide scholarship to 4,114 young Nigerians since 2007 under its LAPO Scholarship Scheme spent

The Managing Director of the Bank, Mrs. Cynthia Ikponmwoosa disclosed this yesterday at the annual LAPO Microfinance bank scholarship award presentation to beneficiaries in Benin City.

Ikponmwoosa said the 2024 award was the 16th edition of the scholarship and that the beneficiaries were students of Junior Secondary Schools, tertiary institutions and skills acquisition.

She said "This event celebrates academic excellence and highlights the transformative role of education in alleviating poverty and fostering sustainable development. Since the program's inception, LAPO has invested 656,486,900, benefiting 4,114 young Nigerians. These figures

represent real lives uplifted, reflecting our steadfast commitment to empowering underserved populations and promoting economic opportunities through education.

"Today, many beneficiaries have graduated and are making significant contributions across various sectors. To further enhance the program's value, the LAPO Scholarship Tertiary Alumni Forum connects graduates' beneficiaries, enabling them to mentor current students of the scheme and maintain strong ties with the LAPO community. This network fosters leadership, community engagement, and professional growth among alumni while amplifying the program's impact.

She said 185 beneficiaries were students of both secondary and tertiary institutions while no fewer than 65 were from skills acquisition.

In his remarks, the founder of LAPO Group, Godwin Ehigiamusoe said since the establishment of the organisation in 1987, it has offered financial empowerment to over 2 million underserved and unbanked customers across 34 states, including the Federal Capital Territory, FCT.

Lagos Business School awards National Jeweller Bland2Glam

LAGOS—SEYI Banigbe, founder of prominent jewellery brand, Bland2Glam, received the award for "Best Retail Organization in Range Excellence" on behalf of the brand from the Lagos Business School, on their campus. The Lagos Business School's Africa Retail Academy announced this award at their recently held 2024 Africa Retail Congress.

Bland2Glam specializes in the design and retail of urban fashion jewellery for men and women. Banigbe started the business in 2012 from her laptop and has grown the brand into a nationally recognized one with retail locations in premium shopping malls at Lagos,

Enugu, Ibadan and Abuja; Bland2Glam is also present in the departure lounge of the Murtala Mohammed Airport 2 and employs over 30 Nigerians.

On receiving the award Banigbe said, "Being recognized by this institution is the pat-on-the-back Bland2Glam needed after twelve years of being in operation and retailing across malls nationwide every day of the week. We started off retailing female jewellery only but bringing the business to this point where we have as many male customers as female customers across all ages, has been a lot of hard work on our part and we are grateful for this award."

Professor Louis Nzegwu of the Lagos Business School presented the award to Seyi Banigbe and explained that Bland2Glam won the award because they are an "innovative organization which has redefined the landscape of urban jewellery design and retail in Nigeria, demonstrating that the Nigerian retail sector is not merely about transactions, but building relationships, understanding customer needs and creating an unforgettable shopping experience."

The theme of the 2024 Africa Retail Congress was "Retail Beyond Borders: Expanding Local Trade, Unlocking Global Markets" and awards were presented to leading retailers across varied sectors. Wema Bank and Med Plus also won in other retail categories.

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Congratulations



I, Florence Olabayo Kers wishes to congratulate my Son, Kers Gabriel Andrea Oluwapamilerin on his birthday celebration.

I pray that the Almighty God will continue to guard your path in Jesus name.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF IMO STATE OF NIGERIA
IN THE HIGH COURT OF OWERRI JUDICIAL DIVISION
HOLDEN AT OWERRI
BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP HON. JUSTICE B.C. IHEKA
THIS FRIDAY THE 1ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024

SUIT NO: HOW/1000/2023

BETWEEN:

SIR EDWIN ONUOHA
(By his Attorney Jonathan Onuoha)

=====

PLAINTIFF/APPLICANT

AND

MIKE CHIDI

=====

DEFENDANT




B.C. IHEKA
(JUDGE)

ORDER OF COURT

UPON going through the Motion Ex-parte supported by an affidavit of 9 paragraphs deposed to by **NGOZI OHASHIEGBULAM**.

AND after hearing **M.I. AHAMBA, SAN.** of Counsel to the Plaintiff/Applicant.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Writ of Summons issued in this Suit No: **HOW/1000/2023** be and is hereby **RENEWED** for another period of three (3) months with effect from today, 1/11/2024.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

2. The Service of the said Writ of Summons with the accompanying processes on the Defendants by substituted means as ordered by the court on 6/12/2023, namely by **PUBLICATION** in a **National Daily News Paper**, which was effected 24/5/2024 be and is deemed as proper service.
3. The Plaintiff shall effect service of this order on the Defendant in the same manner the Writ of Summons was served, namely by **Publication**, and the **RIGHT** of the Defendant to file his process under Order 9 Rule 1 (1) and Order 15 Rule 1 (2) of the Imo State High Court (Civil Procedure) Rules, 2017, shall become effective from the date of Publication of this order.

ISSUED AT OWERRI UNDER THE SEAL OF THE COURT AND IN THE HAND OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE THIS 1ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024.



NJOKU MARTIN O.
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COURT SERVICES

14/11/2024

Tribute

By Oguwike Nwachukwu

Uzodimma moving to greater heights at 66

This time last year when Imo State Governor, Dr. Hope Uzodimma, CON, marked 65, I was intentional in the choice of the title of my piece: "Imo's 65th birthday gift to Uzodimma." The circumstances in the build-up to his re-election for a second term in office in 2023, with all the political shenanigans that characterised the period, made the title inevitable.

Desperate political opponents and their likes who don't like the governor's face, had worked tirelessly last year to ease Uzodimma out of office willy-nilly, deploying all manner of negative political permutations, innuendo, and blackmail to ensure he lost his re-election. Unfortunately, their efforts turned out to be a storm in a teacup, a big waste.

To their utter disappointment Uzodimma did not just win overwhelmingly and convincingly, but put all seen and unseen detractors to shame when the results were announced.

In the main, Uzodimma's re-election turned out to be historical, with all the 27 local government areas in Imo returning an unprecedented electoral verdict; a feat that will take any governorship candidate in the State a lot of hard work to achieve in future. That was just a year ago.

It is no longer news that Uzodimma, now in his second term as Governor Imo State, will mark his birthday today, December 12 as he is wont to doing. In fact, what would be news is that he did not mark his Special Day. For the sake of those who may not know, His Excellency has turned 66. He is already six years older in the elder statesmen's club where 60 is the official entry

point. If you have issue with your arithmetic, regarding the year of his birth into the royal family of the late Igwe Michael and the late Ezinne Rose Uzodimma at Ozuh Omuma, in today's Oru East Local Government Area of Imo State, it is in 1958.

So, exactly on that day/year, young, handsome, intelligent, wise, bold, kind, generous, spirit-filled, God-fearing Hope Odidika Uzodimma, became a gift to humanity. Yes, you heard me correctly. That is the man we gladly serenade every December 12.

Needless to say that the goodwill messages have been pouring in from across the globe, signifying the genre of man in focus.

Fast-forward to the years before 2020 when he was elected Governor of Imo State, Uzodimma an accomplished businessman, bestrode the private sector like a colossus while at the same time keeping a keen eye on politics due to his passion for philanthropy and, generally, service to his people.

Perhaps his election into the Upper Legislature (Senate) to represent the people of Orlu zone (Imo West), from 2011-2019, turned out to be the turning point in the exposition of his mastery of politics as

he eloquently displayed his leadership acumen-cum-managerial dexterity in the Senate, features that appeared to be on incubation during the years he was in private practice as a business wizard.

Before I digress, Sen. Uzodimma is not just the Governor of Imo State today, a position he was fully prepared for, but he is also Chairman, Progressives Governors' Forum, PGF, Chairman, South East Governors' Forum, SEGF, among other leadership portfolios at National and Sub national levels. Lest I forget, last weekend, December

At 66, he has moved to greater heights in doing the things he loves to do best; he remains the same strong, energetic, upwardly-mobile Senator, nay Dr. Hope Odidika Uzodimma, known for motivating his aides and those around him

7, 2024 to be precise, another feather was added to Uzodimma's cap, with the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, FUTO, conferring on him the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Management, DMT, *Honoris Causa*.

The award, according to the Vice Chancellor of FUTO, Professor Nnenna Otti, was in recognition of Uzodimma's "decades of meritorious, selfless and outstanding services that have positively impacted the lives of the good people of Imo State, the nation and humanity." The award is nothing but another befitting 2024 birthday gift to Uzodimma by the society.

Watching the governor between December 12 last year and now, yours sincerely keeps seeing an Uzodimma who evolves significantly in the

manner he applies himself to the demands of his office, and his commitment to the service to humanity and God.

At 66, he has moved to greater heights in doing the things he loves to do best. He remains the same strong, energetic, upwardly-mobile Senator, nay Dr. Hope Odidika Uzodimma, known for motivating his aides and those around him with the "let's go, let's go," gentle yell anytime there is serious work to be done. Yes, serious work that demands application of intellect, zest and total commitment.

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Nwachuku is Chief Press Secretary/Special Adviser Media to Governor Uzodimma.



Gov. Hope Uzodimma



**PUBLIC NOTICE
FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT**

PUBLIC DISPLAY EXERCISE FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) OF THE PROPOSED PRIORITY FERRY ROUTES, TERMINALS, FERRIES AND NAVIGATION CHANNELS IN LAGOS STATE BY LAGOS STATE WATERWAYS AUTHORITY (LASWA).

In accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Act CAP E12 LFN 2004, which makes it mandatory for proponents of all new major developmental activities to carry out Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of their proposed projects, the Federal Ministry of Environment hereby announces twenty-one (21) working days public notice for information and comments on a report conveying the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA), Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) and Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) submitted by Lagos State Waterways Authority (LASWA).

Brief Project Description:

The proposed project activities shall entail the design and construction of ten (10) priority ferry routes connecting various points of Lagos Lagoon including the provision of e-vessels across seven (7) Local Government Areas. There are two (2) components of the project, namely - Component 1 (Construction of Inland Waterways Transport [IWT] corridors and associated facilities) and Component 2 (Establishment of sustainable IWT operations). The project on completion shall enhance access to transportation across Lagos State waterways.

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- Amuwo-Odofin Local Government Area Headquarters, Festac Town, Lagos State.
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- Ojo Local Government Area Headquarters, Ojo, Lagos State.
- Lagos State Ministry of the Environment & Water Resources, State Secretariat, Alausa-Ikeja.
- Federal Ministry of Environment, Games Village, Surulere, Lagos State.
- Federal Ministry of Environment Environmental Assessment Dept. (Environment House), Independence Way South Central Business District, Abuja - F.C.T.
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Duration of Display:

Date: 12th December, 2024 - 14th January, 2025. **Time:** 8:00am - 4:00pm Daily.

COMMENTS SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE HONOURABLE MINISTER, FEDERAL MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, MABUSHI, ABUJA - F.C.T. AND VIA www.ead.gov.ng ON OR BEFORE 21ST JANUARY, 2025.

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PERMANENT SECRETARY
FOR: HONOURABLE MINISTER**



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Solewant Group rallies stakeholders on investments in LNG, CNG

By Ediri Ejoh

ELEME—AFRICA'S oil and gas industry stakeholders, who gathered at the 8th Energy Summit of Solewant Group, held in Alode Eleme, Rivers State, at the weekend have called on the Nigerian government and other countries in Africa to invest massively in Liquefied Natural Gas, LNG, Compressed Natural Gas, CNG, and other clean energy solutions for the continent's clean energy transition.

The oil and gas industry experts, in their presentations at the yearly international conference, with the theme: "Pioneering Technology and Innovation for Transition to Sustainable Energy Development in Africa," argued that Nigeria and other countries in Africa should utilise their abundant hydrocarbon resources to effectively transition to clean energy.

In his paper titled "Unlocking Gas Potential as Catalyst for Energy Transition in Africa," the High Commissioner of Trinidad and Tobago to Nigeria, Wendell De Landro, kicked against the continued flaring of gas by oil and gas companies operating in Nigeria.

De Landro, who cited how his country utilised its gas for clean energy, noted that the Nigerian government has failed to stop multinational oil companies from flaring gas due to a lack of political will.

The High Commissioner, who formerly worked with Shell, said Nigeria needed to build gas-gathering stations to store its abundant gas and adopt clean energy solutions.

Also, in his paper presentation titled "Exploring Oil Sector Innovations for Energy Transition in Africa," the Dean of the School of Engineering Technology, Federal University of Technology, Owerri (FUTO), Prof. Remigius Uche, noted that Africa's experience has proven that the continued use of fossil fuels as the primary energy source had failed to address the continent's energy challenges, especially in Nigeria.

The professor of mechanical engineering stated that despite possessing about 125 billion

barrels of oil reserves, which constitute about 7.2 percent of the world's total crude, and 17.89 trillion standard cubic meters of gas as reported in 2023, Africa's per capita energy consumption is lower than the global average.

Earlier in his address, the Group Managing Director of Solewant Group, Mr Solomon Ewanehi, stated that the summit was a premier platform for advancing innovation, collaboration, and sustainability in Africa's energy sector, reflecting the company's unwavering commitment to driving transformation in the energy landscape.

Edo community crisis deepens despite Oba Palace's intervention

By Ozioruva Aliu

BENIN CITY—THE crisis in Ugbineh Community in Ovia North-East Local Government Area of Edo State, continues to worsen despite a clear directive from the Palace of the Oba of Benin.

The Oba's Palace through its Dispute Resolution Committee had last April urged both elders and youths in the community to disregard the purported removal of the Community Youth Leader, Mr. Dominic Edobor, by the village head (Odionwere) Pa. Jackson Usiobaifo Osayande, and maintain the status quo in the overall interest of peace, stability and development.

However, certain individuals in the community have disregarded the Oba's efforts hiring armed thugs to escalate the situation, resulting in the displacement of some of elders, injuries of youths and wanton destruction of private property, while women and children have been made vulnerable as tensions mount in the Community.

Among those displaced are Pa. Gius Osarenmwinda, the community's second-in-command (deputy Odionwere),

and Pa. Alfred Agbonedeso, the Ugbineh Chief Priest. Both are said to be currently seeking refuge outside their ancestral homes.

The worst-hit by the violence is Mr Dominic Edobor, whose private investments, including a sawmill, have been severely damaged.

Edobor's lawyer, Barr. Benjamin Iluobe described the root cause of the crisis as the illegal removal of Edobor as the Okaighele (Youth Leader) by the village head, Pa. Jackson Usiobaifo Osayande.

Iluobe said the Community wrote to the Palace to dissociate themselves from the Odionwere's decision. It was also said that the Palace invited all parties and having heard from them immediately reversed the removal of Mr Dominic Edobor and urged the community to maintain the status quo.

"They went back to the Community and ostracized the three elders and Mr. Dominic Edobor, All attempts to enter the Community have been met with resistance from youths led by the Odionwere's son, one Gabriel Usiobaifo", Iluobe stated.

50 Years Anniversary.

In Cherished MEMORY

Of our VERY BELOVED
Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather,
Great Great Grandfather:

**The Late Chief ISAAC
ORITSEJEMIYOTAN PESSU**

1904 to Dec. 12, 1974 .

(The OJOMO OF WARRI , 19th March, 1955 to 12th Dec 1974).

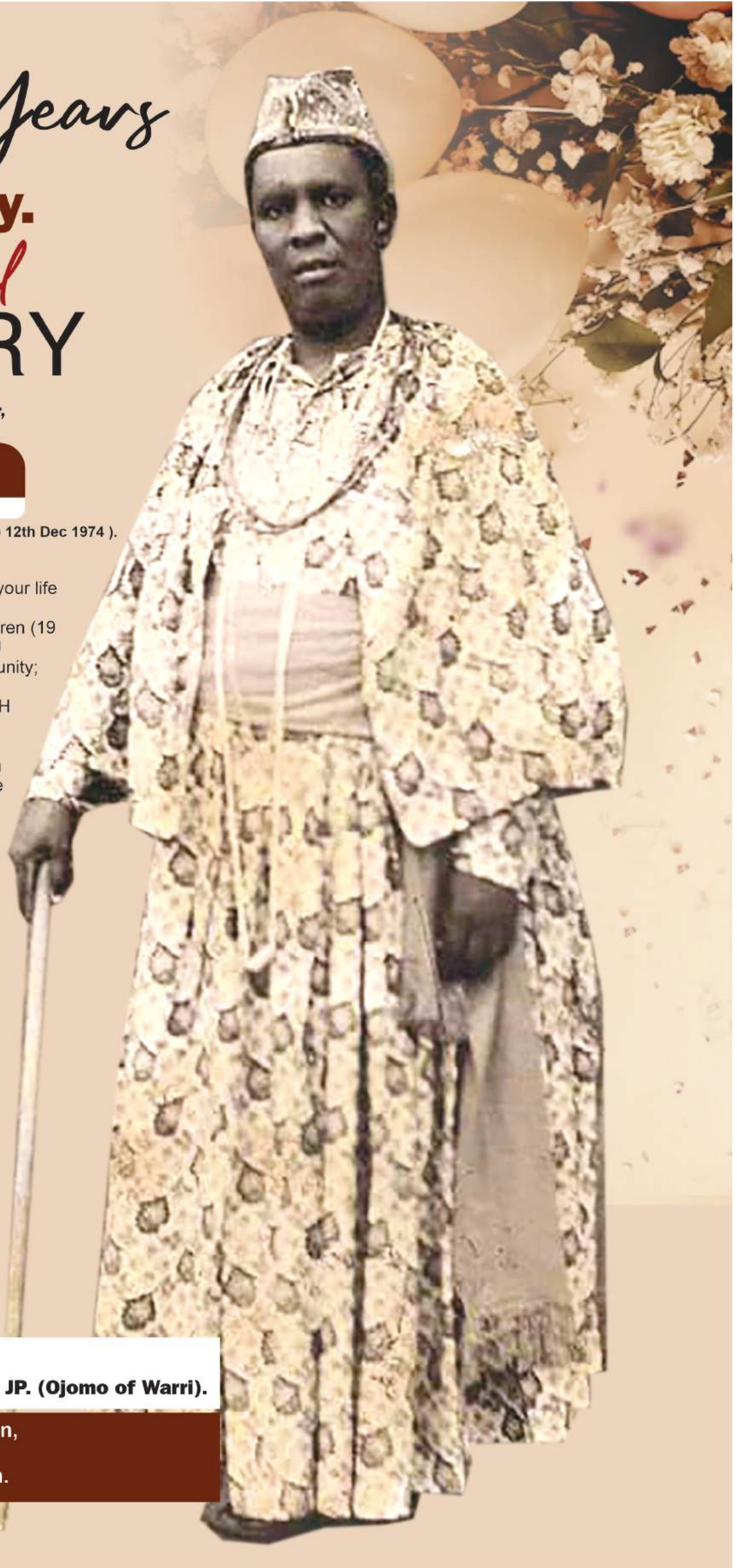
We recalled that;
We your children continue to testify that your life
was a great blessing.
Papa was a great blessing to all his children (19
of us at his departure); the entire PESSU
EBIOWA Family; Okotomu-Irigbo Community;
WARRI KINGDOM; St Paul's Anglican
Church Ankpa in present Diocese of IDAH
and the larger Christian Society.

Papa, your memory is a great treasure in
our hearts. We your children had the rare
privilege and opportunity of witnessing
your benevolent deeds; learned from
your teachings and Sermons, the Iwere
nation treasure you as one of those
who translated the Bible and the
Christian Hymns book to Itsekiri
language. Papa you installed great
family values in us and led your people
in humility.

Papa, we are very happy to say that
after 50 Years of your painful departure,
we still count Nine (9) of us your
children alive and well with hundreds of
grand, great grand and great great
grand children.

PAPA, we remember your modesty
and humility today and always. We
recall that Good Men Do Not Die;
They Transit and Leave Behind
Echoes Telling Tales Of Their Time!

**DADDY! YOU LIVE FOREVER IN
OUR HEARTS!!!**



Signed

**Mr Godwin Usietan PESSU
Chief Tesigiweno Yahya PESSU. JP. (Ojomo of Warri).**

**For the Children, Grand Children,
Great Grand Children
and Great Great Grand Children.**



EDO STATE GOVERNMENT

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to A True Pathfinder

Happy Birthday to our good friend and brother, Governor Hope Uzodinma of Imo State. On behalf of the people and Government of Edo State, we wish you God's Uncommon Favour, Protection and Good Health.

As Chairman of the Progressive Governors Forum and Governor of Imo State, you have surpassed everyone's expectations. We pray that God will continue to guide you.

We wish you good health, more prosperous years on earth, and above all, may God give you the wisdom to continue to pilot the affairs of Imo State.

Happy Birthday, Your Excellency!



Senator Hope Uzodinma
Executive Governor of Imo State.



His Excellency,
Sen. Monday Okpebholo
Executive Governor of Edo State



His Excellency,
Rt. Hon. Dennis Idahosa
Edo State Deputy Governor

Warmest Felicitations

to

**GOVERNOR
HOPE UZODINMA**

on His

65th

Birthday

As I join your family, friends, and well-wishers to celebrate this remarkable milestone, I'm filled with immense joy and gratitude for the gift of your friendship. Your life has been a shining example of dedication, perseverance, and selfless service to the people of Imo State and Nigeria.

As Governor of Imo State and Chairman of the Progressive Governors Forum, your visionary leadership has been instrumental in shaping the state's future and promoting progressive governance across Nigeria. Your tireless efforts to drive progress and development have earned you widespread recognition and appreciation.

I appreciate the overwhelming love and support Imo people have shown you and your family, and more importantly, for believing in you. Your promise to not let them down is a testament to your integrity, and I have no doubt that you'll continue to work tirelessly for the betterment of Imo State.

As you mark this significant milestone, I pray that God will continue to bless you with good health, wisdom, and strength. May this new chapter in your life bring you joy, fulfillment, and many more years of service to the people of Imo State.

Please accept my warmest felicitations.



Sincerely,
His Excellency
Senator Ovie Omo-Agege
Deputy President of the Senate (2019-2023)



His Excellency
Hope Uzodinma
Executive Governor, Imo State

Happy Birthday

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Funds raised from VAT won't be mismanaged by states

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there is need for a fair and balanced tax system that mirrors the specificities of the Nigerian society."

Recall that on October 3, 2024, President Tinubu transmitted four tax reform bills to the National Assembly for consideration, following the recommendations of the Presidential Committee on Fiscal and Tax Reforms, headed by Taiwo Oyelede, for the review of existing tax laws.

The bills include the Nigeria Tax Bill 2024, which

is expected to provide the fiscal framework for taxation in the country, and the Tax Administration Bill, which will provide a clear and concise legal framework for all taxes in the country and reduce disputes.

Others are the Nigeria Revenue Service Establishment Bill, which will repeal the Federal Inland Revenue Service Act and establish the Nigeria Revenue Service, and the Joint Revenue Board Establishment Bill, which will create a tax tribunal and a tax Ombudsman.

Revocation: Wike, Lori-Ogbebor tussle over Abuja land

By Omeiza Ajayi

RIGHTS activist, Chief Rita Lori-Ogbebor, yesterday pleaded with President Bola Tinubu to intervene in the revocation of the ownership of a property belonging to her late husband, Col Paul Ogbebor, even as the Minister of the Federal Capital Territory FCT, Nyesom Wike, challenged her to provide genuine evidence of ownership of the said land.

She explained that the estate, which is located in Life Camp area in FCT, is the property of Paulosa Nigeria Limited, a company owned by Col Ogbebor, a civil war hero and one of the first generation officers in the Nigerian Army.

Lori-Ogbebor, in an interview, said the Federal Capital Development Authority, FCDA, had issued a notice of quit on November 22, 2024, and went ahead to reallocate the property on December 9.

She disclosed that her findings at the Corporate Affairs Commission, CAC, indicated that the estate was reallocated to a company that had a three-time member of the House of Representatives as director.

"My husband went to Abuja and worked there. He wasn't

a land grabber. My husband was among those whose sweat contributed in building the Abuja we have today. He gave people hope to come to Abuja. "He never collected any land. My husband got his land rightfully like any other Nigerian. Paulosa is a company that brought Italians, Lebanese to work in this country. And they are there to date. They were all given land certificates.

"Later, they were told to revalidate, which they did. After revalidation, they were told they were now free to apply permanently for this land. My dear husband constructed the sewage system in Abuja. My dear husband died during COVID-19 outbreak. He had children.

"The children paid ten million naira to regularize. When they demanded receipt FCT officials said they were not ready yet. That was during Mohammed Musa. El-Rufai came, it was the same thing. At some point, they said the area was not surveyed that they needed to survey it. The children paid for the survey to the FCDA.

"Everytime they would say the file is with the Minister. When Wike came, on November 22, 2024, he sent a quit



RETAIL CONGRESS: From left— Professor Louis Nzegwu, Chair, Africa Retail Congress, Lagos Business School; Seyi Banigbe, Founder, Bland 2 Glam; Oluwatomilola Mustapha, Academy Manager, Africa Retail Academy, Lagos Business School, when Seyi Banigbe, received the award for "Best Retail Organization in Range Excellence", from the Lagos Business School, during the 2024 Africa Retail Congress in Lagos.

notice, the children were surprised. I couldn't even imagine it. He followed it up with a demolition notice on the 9th. The occupants were asked to quit that they are now staying there illegally," Mrs Ogbebor said.

Reason for revocation
Giving reason for revocation, Senior Special Assistant on Public Communications and New Media to the FCT Minister, Lere Olayinka, challenged those using the social media to circulate falsehood about their lands being grabbed by the Federal Capital Territory Administration, FCTA, to provide genuine evidence that they owned such lands.

Olayinka, who also cautioned self-appointed social media activists to be mindful of being used to promote false claims, said: "The most reasonable thing for anyone to do is to find out from both sides before going public with any issue."

Referring to a recent video being circulated on a land located at Life Camp, particularly Plot No. 2241, Gwarinpa District, Cadastral Zone C02, Abuja, the minister's spokesperson challenged those claiming ownership of

the land to provide Right of Occupancy or Certificate of Occupancy granted by the FCTA.

Olayinka said: "A construction company, Paulosa Nigeria Limited, occupied the land as a temporary office, under a Temporary Right of Occupancy arrangement granted in 1984 (40 years ago).

"For 36 years, the company occupied the land, built permanent structures on it and rented them out without any approval from the government.

"On November 18, 2020, after occupying the land for 36 years without approval,

Paulosa Nigeria Limited applied to the then minister of the Federal Capital Territory, for the conversion of the Temporary Right of Occupancy to a Statutory Right of Occupancy.

"On February 1, 2023, approval was granted to Paulosa Nigeria Limited for a Statutory Right of Occupancy, subject to certain terms and conditions.

"Some of the terms and conditions are payment of ground rent per square meter per annum, which was N50K/m² from 2022 to 2023, amounting to N2,332,143; payment of premium of N500/

m², amounting to N11,660,715 and payment of ground rent from 1984 to 2021 (37 years), amounting to N43,144,645.

"However, for 20 months, Paulosa Nigeria Limited refused to comply with the terms and conditions for the approval.

"Consequent upon the failure of Paulosa Nigeria Limited to comply with the terms and conditions for approval granted for a Right of Occupancy on the said land, the approval was revoked on October 10, 2024, more than 20 months after it was given.

"From the above, it should be clear that Paulosa Nigeria Limited never at any time, owned the land.

Yuletide season: Brewery firms, FRSC, NURTW caution against drunk driving

By Tunde Oso

AS the Yuletide season draws near, the Beer Sectoral Group (BSG) of the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria, Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) have advised road users against drunk driving in the country.

Speaking during the campaign, Hans Essaadi, Managing Director, Nigerian Breweries Plc & Chairman of the

BSG, said: "We unite for a cause that transcends industries and touches the very fabric of our society—promoting responsible drinking, enhancing road safety, and preventing drunk driving."

He added that the BSG as a sub-sector of the Food & Beverages Sector of the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria, representing Nigerian Breweries Plc, Guinness Nigeria Plc, and International Breweries Plc, has always been committed to meaningful social responsibility initiatives. Among these, our Don't Drink and Drive campaign stands out as a key focus area.

"Today, we reaffirm our collective commitment to promoting responsible drinking and increasing awareness of the dangers of drunk driving."

The BSG boss also lamented

that yearly,

many lives are tragically lost due to accidents caused by impaired driving entirely preventable losses.

He added: "This campaign focuses on three key pillars: Education, Enforcement, and the Encouragement of responsible behaviour."

He further explained that driving under the influence of alcohol can cause road accidents and fatalities, stressing that as manufacturers of alcoholic beverages, we recognize the critical role we play in advocating for the responsible consumption of our products.

"Our message is simple yet essential: 'If you drink, don't drive.'"

We believe celebrations and enjoyment should never come at the cost of lives. We urge all Nigerians to make responsible choices, such as appointing designated drivers or utilizing ride-hailing services and taxis after consuming alcohol," he added.

He commended its collaboration with the FRSC, echoing that the initiative had been central in sustaining the campaign.

"Together, we have taken proactive steps, including donating breathalyzers to support enforcement efforts, and ensuring that drivers on our roads are sober and fit to drive. This partnership exemplifies the power of public-private collaboration to create meaningful social impact."

In the same vein, the FRSC Lagos State Commander Kehinde G. Hamzat, stated that if they are telling the people not to drink and drive it means they value your life and they don't want you to die. He said that part of FRSC's responsibility is to make sure the driver is not drinking or under any alcoholic influence while driving.

He said that passengers should always speak up against dangerous driving because dangerous driving kills passengers a lot. A scene where a drunk driver is driving a passenger bus and is involved in a deadly accident and kills all of them, causing the driver to use his drunkenness to take the lives of all his passengers. That is the reason why the FRSC has been working hard to stop the habit of drink and driving.

We'll handle return of Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso with wisdom

— TINUBU

By Johnbosco Agbakwuru

ABUJA — President Bola Tinubu said yesterday that the interest and welfare of the citizens in Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger remained priority for leaders of the Economic Community of West African States, ECOWAS, assuring that wisdom and diplomacy would make the difference in reintegrating the countries into the commission.

Receiving the President of Germany, Frank-Walter Steinmeier, in a state visit at the Presidential Villa, Abuja, Tinubu, who is the chairman of ECOWAS, noted that the leadership of the three coun-

tries had been reluctant in bringing out transition programmes with clear dates.

The President in a statement by his Special Adviser on Information and Strategy, Bayo Onanuga, said: "Our relationship of mutual respect will continue as we reappraise the situation in the three countries. What I can assure is that we will not give tolerance to unconstitutional government."

"We will continue to lead by example. We have innocent citizens who are victims of the military. We will continue to explore diplomatic channels to navigate without punishing the innocent people."

"We will continue to allow free movement and trade. Though the transition programme is not sure or certain,

we will not punish the innocent citizens; they are not in possession of power," he said.

He told the German leader that the regional body would leave the door open for the return of democracy in the countries.

"This is what ECOWAS will stand for. Whatever is happening in the countries, we are mindful of the wellbeing of the citizens. I don't want to personalize issues as ECOWAS chairman. We will leave the door open for collaboration," the President added.

In his response, the German president said the re-integration of the three countries would have significant impact on the economy and security of the West Coast.

"We will talk bilateral and regional issues. We just had a meeting with the President of ECOWAS Commission. We know how important it is to have regional cooperation. We are part of the European Union."

"For Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso, there are serious security and economic consequences for not carrying on together. We understand why ECOWAS security members are insisting on diplomacy."

"It is not easy but you will need to use your diplomacy to keep the commission and the region together. While you are using diplomatic means to bring Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso to rethink their

position, you should have emergency plans in place for future economic cooperation," the German leader said.

ECOWAS: FG seeks unity against terrorism, crime

By Victoria Ojeme

THE Federal Government has called for regional unity in addressing the challenges of terrorism, crime, and governance reforms facing West Africa.

Speaking at the opening of the 53rd Session of the ECOWAS Mediation and Security Council at the ministerial level, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Yusuf Maitama Tuggar, urged West African nations to confront shared challenges with renewed unity and resolve.

He said the interconnected nature of peace, governance, and development across the region demanded urgent collaboration among governments to bring governance to the citizens.

He said: "Political stability is the foundation of sustainable development and regional integration." The minister warned that that without it, "the aspirations of our people for prosperity and progress will remain unfulfilled."

Tuggar noted that problems, such as political transitions, terrorism, violent extremism and the persistent threats of



Naira depreciates to N1,600/\$ in parallel market

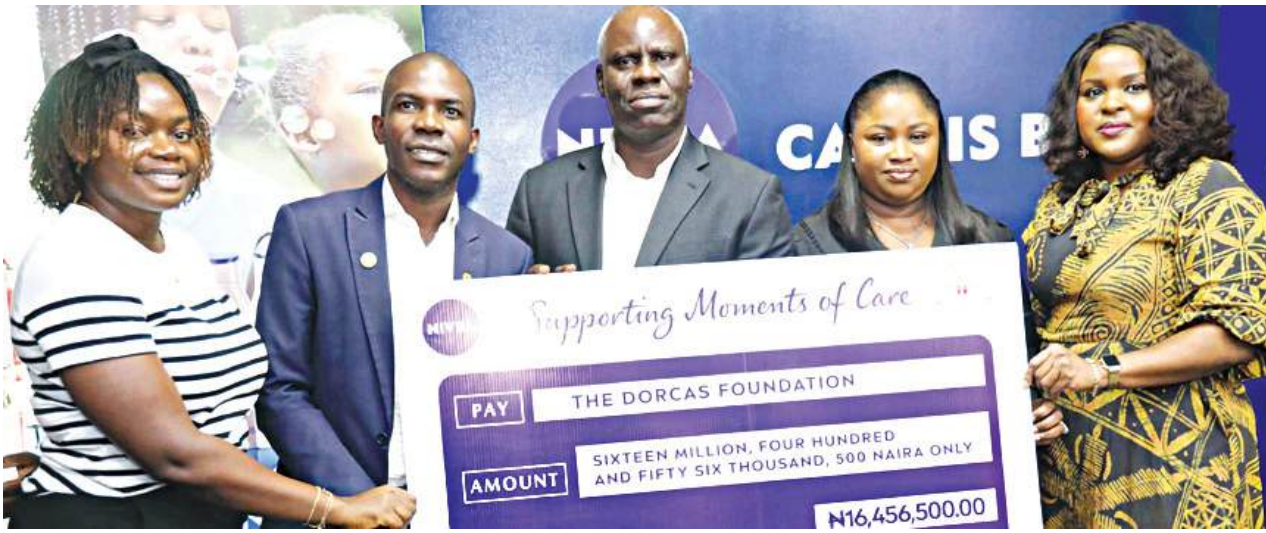
By Elizabeth Adegbesan

THE Naira yesterday depreciated to N1,600 per dollar in the parallel market from N1,585 per dollar on Tuesday. Similarly, the Naira depreciated to N1,545 per dollar in the official foreign exchange market.

Data from the Daily Nigerian Foreign Exchange Market (NFEM) published by the Central Bank of Nigeria, CBN, showed that the indicative exchange rate for the naira rose to N1,545 per dollar from N1,525 per dollar on Tuesday, indicating N20 depreciation.

Consequently, the margin between the parallel market and NFEM rate narrowed to N55 per dollar from N60 per dollar on Tuesday.

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PRESENTATION —From left: Marketing Activations Manager, Beiersdorf Nigeria Oluwadamilola Adeyemi; Chief Operations Officer, The Dorcas Cancer Foundation, Korede Akindele; Country Manager, Beiersdorf Nigeria, Oladele Adeyole; Paediatric Oncologist and Founder, The Dorcas Cancer Foundation, Dr. Adedayo Joseph, and Human Resources Director, Central East and West Africa (CEWA), Beiersdorf, Eniola Onimole, at the presentation of N16,456,500.00 Million Cheque by Beiersdorf Nigeria to Dorcas Cancer Foundation in support of the foundation's care for paediatric cancer survivors in Nigeria at the Beiersdorf Ikeja Lagos.

Interest rate, others drive up investments in Mutual Funds by 89.12%

By Peter Egwuatu

Investors have stepped up bullish position on the Mutual Funds investment window pushing the total Net Asset Value, NAV, Year-on-Year, YoY, to N3.826 trillion in November, 2024, about 89.12% growth over N2.023 trillion in the corresponding period 2023.

Mutual Fund is a professionally managed investment window that pools money from many investors and invests same in stocks, bonds, and short-term debt on behalf of the subscribing investors.

Analysts noted that the major driving force is the monetary policy rate increases by the Central Bank of Nigeria, CBN, which has created high yields in money market instruments.

Latest data released by the Securities and Exchange Commission, SEC, showed that Fixed Income Funds was the most attractive among other Funds in the review period. It recorded N1.807 trillion, accounting for 47.21% of the total NAV of the Mutual Funds.

The Money Market Funds trailed with N1.568 trillion and accounted for 40.9% of the total NAV, while Bond/Fixed Income Funds occupied the third position posting N211.308 billion, representing 5.52% of the NAV.

Commenting on the performances of the Funds, Michael Oyebola, the Chief Executive Officer, Money Counsellors said: "The monetary policy reform has seen interest rates on steady rise this year. Also the increased awareness on the part of the

ordinary investors as well as foreign investors' attraction of the exchange rate policy has helped to drive more investment in Mutual Funds and stock market generally."

He stated further: "The Nigerian Mutual Fund landscape has evolved significantly over the past few years, transforming into a vibrant and accessible investment platform for both retail and institutional investors. The substantial growth in the Mutual Fund industry can be attributed to various factors, including some level of increased financial literacy among the population as well as the ongoing bull market have also encouraged investors to seek higher returns through Mutual Fund investments."

Commenting on the rising profile of Mutual Funds, Analyst and Vice Executive

Chairman, HighCap Securities Limited, David Adonri, said: "The future of Mutual Funds in comparison with other financial instruments is reasonably bright. They have their captive market which is the retail investment market. "Additionally, Mutual Funds are plentiful and structured to meet the differentiated needs of investors. Each Fund targets the risk tolerance of its investor group.

"Their usefulness as portfolio diversification tool is unmatched in the capital market. They deal reasonably well with unsystematic risks and hence reliable tool for risk management. They are generally for passive investors but foreign investors have joined because of the attractive yield".

Dangote Refinery exports PMS to Cameroon

By Peter Egwuatu

In a landmark move for regional energy integration, Dangote Refinery and Neptune Oil jointly announced the first-ever export of Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) from Dangote Refinery, Africa's largest oil refinery, to Cameroon.

Dangote, in a statement yesterday, said the milestone achieved was as a result of the strategic collaboration between the two companies, and also underscores their commitment to strengthening economic ties between Nigeria and Cameroon while meeting the region's growing energy demand. Alhaji Aliko Dangote, President and CEO of the Dangote Group, stated: "This first export of PMS to Cameroon is a tangible demonstration of our vision for a united and energy-independent Africa. "With this development, we are laying the foundation for a future where African resources are refined and exchanged within the continent for the benefit of our people."

Antoine Ndzenge, Director and Owner of Neptune Oil emphasized: "This partnership with Dangote Refinery marks a turning point for Cameroon. By becoming the first importer of petroleum products from this world-class refinery, we are bolstering our country's energy security and supporting local economic development.

"This initial supply, executed without international intermediaries, reflects our commitment to serving our markets independently and

efficiently."

The collaboration between Dangote Refinery and Neptune Oil does not end with this first export. Both companies are exploring new initiatives to establish a reliable supply chain that will help stabilize

fuel prices and create new economic opportunities across the region.

A major regional impact

For Nigeria, this export showcases Dangote Refinery's

ability to meet domestic needs and position itself as a key player in the regional energy market. It represents a significant step forward in accessing high-quality and locally sourced petroleum products for Cameroon.

NCDMB seeks FG's support for Birogo River dredging to enhance marine, oil operations

By Udeme Akpan

THE Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB), has called for the collaboration of Federal Government and relevant agencies to dredge the Birogo River, which houses the FMES logistics base.

The Board noted that the initiative would enhance access to Bayelsa State, enabling larger vessels to reach Yenagoa and positioning the state capital as a critical hub for marine and oil industries.

Barr. Esueme Kikile, General Manager, Corporate Communications and Zonal Coordination at the NCDMB, disclosed this on tour of the facility as part of the just-concluded Practical Nigerian Content programme aimed at showcasing the capacity of indigenous operations.

He described the tour as part of the Practical Nigerian Content programme aimed at showcasing functional Nigerian assets and their capacity for excellence.

According to him, the management of the company has

demonstrated a strong commitment to ensuring safety and addressing security challenges, assuring clients of a secure and efficient operation.

Kikile acknowledged that while the NCDMB may not have the resources to directly dredge the river, he emphasized that the Board would actively collaborate with relevant government agencies to support efforts aimed at improving access to Bayelsa State for oil and gas operations.

"We will advocate for the government to ensure that Bayelsa is fully opened up. Revitalizing and maximizing the jetty service for oil and gas operators in the region, as well as facilitating logistics for operations in swampy areas and offshore Bayelsa, can drive significant economic growth in the area.

"This facility, previously occupied by Ogu Logistics Base and acquired by First Marine Engineering Services in 2018, has seen significant improvements in capacity and services.

"It demonstrated the remarkable progress local companies have made, showcasing corporate governance

APM Terminals Apapa records 20,856 truck visits in November

By Godwin Oritse

APM Terminals Apapa recorded 32,945 gate movements through 20,856 truck visits, including import deliveries, export gate-ins, and the movement of empty containers in November 2024.

In a statement, the Terminal Manager, Steen Knudsen, described it as a record-breaking performance since the terminal began operations in 2006.

He stated: "This milestone reflects the success of our transformation and optimization initiatives. Since 2020, we've undertaken a comprehensive overhaul of our infrastructure, operations, equipment, services, and workforce development. These efforts have enabled us to grow our volumes and expand capacity, meeting market demands and exceeding customer expectations."

According to him recent upgrades at the terminal include expanded barge slots to improve logistics; a new booking app for streamlined operations; enhanced rail services for smoother cargo

We'll add 150mw to power grid by year-end — Adelabu

By Johnbosco Agbakwuru

ABUJA — IN a bid to boost power supply, the Minister of Power, Adebayo Adelabu, has assured that additional 150 megawatts will be added to the national grid before the end of 2024.

Adelabu gave the assurance while speaking with State House correspondents after a meeting between President Bola Tinubu and German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier at the Presidential Villa, Abuja.

He outlined the progress made under the Siemens-led Presidential Power Initiative (PPI), attributing the upcoming boost in

movement; an expanded yard capacity accommodating an additional 2,400 TEUs of export cargo; a dedicated export lanes; and extended gate access to reduce container turnaround times.

Knudsen expressed gratitude to key partners, including the Nigerian Ports Authority and the Nigeria Customs Service, for their support in achieving this feat.

He said: "This historic accomplishment would not have been possible without their unwavering collaboration. Their partnership has been integral to our success.

"We are committed to creating seamless opportunities for our customers and fostering an efficient ecosystem for truck and cargo flow."

Looking ahead, APM Terminals Apapa plans to continue expanding services and pushing boundaries to transform Nigeria's logistics landscape. "Together with our partners, we aim to set new benchmarks, deliver world-class services, and enhance satisfaction for end-users," Knudsen concluded.

power capacity to the near completion of the initiative's pilot phase.

According to him, "We have completed about 80% of the pilot stage, which includes the importation, installation, and commissioning of 10 power transformers and 10 power mobile substations.

"These efforts have already added 750 megawatts to our grid capacity, and by year-end, an additional 150 megawatts will be realized upon full completion of the pilot phase."

The Minister acknowledged the aging and fragile state of Nigeria's power grid, emphasizing the necessity of the Siemens project to ensure long-term stability.

The next phase, he noted, involves rehabilitating 14 existing substations and establishing 23 new substations across the country.

"We are transitioning to Phase One of the project, with the first batch of this phase already concluded in terms of commercial agreements," he said. Approval from the Bureau of Public Procurement is expected soon, after which the Federal Executive Council (FEC) will finalize the financing arrangements.

Adelabu expressed optimism about the initiative's transformative impact, stating, "When Phase One is complete, Nigeria's power grid will not remain the same. This project will redefine grid stability and efficiency across the country."

In addition to grid enhancements, Nigeria is strengthening its partnership with Germany to expand renewable energy sources. Adelabu highlighted the country's potential in solar, wind, and hydropower.

"Germany has the technology, and we have the natural resources," he said,



ENTREPRENEURSHIP: From left, Dr Taiwo Nolas Alausa, Director, Business Education Services and Business Unit, Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI); Olubunmi Godo, Head, Public Sector, Providus Bank; Dr. (Mrs) Abosede Yinka-Ogundimu, Divisional Head Institutional Banking, Providus Bank; Princess Layo Bakare-Okeowo, Vice President, LCCI and Board Chairperson, Business Education Services and Training, LCCI; Dr Chinyere Almona, FCA, Director-General, LCCI; Dr Bashir Animashaun, Director of Lagos State University (LASU) Consult; Mr Asaolu Olufermi, Representative of the Honourable Commissioner, Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education and Dr. Gladys Igbekele, General Secetary LCCI Entrepreneurial Mentorship Programme Alumni at the Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry's 11th Entrepreneurship Mentoring Graduation Ceremony of the 2024 set held in Lagos, yesterday. Photo: Kayode Ogunfeyitimi.

Gov Alia presents N550.1bn 2025 budget to Benue Assembly

By Peter Duru

MAKURDI Governor Hyacinth Alia of Benue State has presented to the Benue State House of Assembly an appropriation bill of N550.1billion for the 2025 fiscal year for passage.

Christened Budget of Human Capital Development, Food Security and Digital Economy, the estimate is 47.5 percent higher than the 2024 revised and approved budget which stood at N225.7billion.

Presenting the budget on the floor of the State House of Assembly, Governor Alia proposed a capital expenditure of N374.7billion which represented a 15.5 percent increment over the 2024 Revised Budget and a recurrent expenditure of N175.4billion representing a 13.55 percent increment over the total recurrent cost of the 2024 revised budget.

The Governor explained that the increase in the recurrent expenditure would make provision "for the sustenance of minimum wage payments and other incidental costs associated with overheads."

He stated that the increase in the capital estimate would ensure the sustenance of the "modest gains in infrastructure and human capital development including education, health, and poverty alleviation."

"In essence, we aim to ensure food security through food availability, accessibility and affordability, and enhance the digitalization of the economy to promote investment and secure our borders."

He assured that in order to ensure fiscal transparency in the state and local government system, the 2025 budget would be coordinated by the Budget and Economic Planning Commission, under his watch.

Receiving the budget, the Speaker of the House, Mr. Hyacinth Dajoh assured that members would ensure speedy passage of the estimate to ensure its implementation.

saying that "health is wealth". It is on this premise that we advocate the need for HMO for all Dockworkers in their places of work that will provide health insurance coverage for them and their immediate family."

On his part, the Director General of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency, NIMASA, Dr. Dayo Moberiola, among others, said: "At NIMASA, we believe that safety is not just a priority but a fundamental."

Unpaid arrears: Labour issues Dec 15 deadline to terminal operators

By Victor Ahuma-Young & Godwin Oritse

THE Maritime Workers Union of Nigeria, MWUN, yesterday handed down a December 15 deadline to Terminal operators in the nation's Ports formations to clear all unpaid arrears to the Dockworkers or face dire consequences.

President-General of MWUN, Prince Adewale Adeyanju, who gave the deadline in an address to make the 2024 Dockworkers Day celebration, however, lauded the Managing Director of ENI Terminals and President of Seaports Terminals Operators Association of Nigeria, STOAN, Princess Vicky Hastrup, for promising to clear all the arrears owed Dockworkers working in her terminals, saying this is leadership by example."

Katsina inaugurates farmers, herders conflict prevention c'ttee

KATSINA The Katsina State Government has inaugurated an ad hoc farmers/herders' Conflict Prevention and Resolution Committee.

Inaugurating the committee, the Secretary to the State Government, SSG, Abdullahi Garba-Faskani said: "this is a very sensitive issue. We saw the need for the committee to monitor these activities so as to avert any negative consequences or situation in our society."

The ad-hoc committee is headed by Salisu Abdu, the Permanent Secretary, Cabinet and Security, governor's Office.,

The SSG urged members of the committee to conduct a sensitisation drive to inculcate peace and harmonious coexistence between herders and farmers, and also to ensure herders' peaceful transit and exit.

The committee, he said, is also expected to work with local government councils, traditional institutions and the Fulani cultural associations, on modalities to avert farmers/herders clash.

Adeyanju directed the President of the Dockworkers' Branch of MWUN, Ibrahim Ehize to "ensure that all arrears owed Dockworkers are paid on or before December 15, 2024. I repeat, all the arrears must be paid on or before December 15, 2024. There will be consequences for those who failed to pay up."

According to him, "The work of dockworkers is mostly full of risks and hazards. They face hazards every day, from heavy machinery to harsh weather

conditions and exposure to hazardous Cargo etc. This is why it is important to ensure that Dockworkers get the necessary training, are provided with necessary equipment and support to perform their duties safely and efficiently.

"We have experienced numerous accidents largely attributed to lack of personal protective equipment, PPE, and adequate rest period. Let it be emphasized that the non-provision of PPE is a clear violation of safety regulations as provided for by the fundamental conventions on occupational

safety and health - International Labour Organization, ILO.

"As a union we strongly urge the terminal operators to prioritize the safety and wellbeing of dockworkers by providing adequate PPE. We further advocate for employers to provide group life insurance coverage to all Dockworkers, recognizing the inherent risks associated with cargo handling and their unique operations. This policy will provide financial security and support to workers and their families in the event of accidents or fatalities. Also, it is important to restate the popular

Tax reforms to make taxation fairer, less burdensome for Nigerians —FG

By Peter Duru, Makurdi

THE National Orientation Agency, NOA, yesterday said the tax reforms being introduced by the President Bola Tinubu-led Federal Government is aimed at making taxation fairer and less burdensome for all Nigerians.

The Director General of NOA, Lanre Issa-Onilu spoke while

flagging off the NOA nationwide Sensitization Campaign on the World HIV Day, Security Awareness, Discouraging Get Rich Quick Syndrome, World Human Rights Day and Tax Reforms Bill, in Makurdi, the Benue State capital with the theme, "Promoting Awareness, Ethical Values and National Development."

Represented by the NOA State Director, Mr Bitrus Idoko, the Director General stated that the nationwide sensitization campaign aimed to unite

Nigerians in the government's commitment to "addressing pressing issues and fostering a more informed, secure, and ethical society."

Issa-Onilu who emphasised the essence of taxation and its importance to national development noted however that "it has been a source of concern for many Nigerians due to issues like multiple taxation and its impact on low-income earners.

"And to address these challenges, the government is implementing reforms to make the system fairer and less

burdensome for citizens."

He explained that the reform bills were four different bills that seeks to bring everything about taxation and administration of tax in Nigeria under four different pieces of legislation emphasizing that the bills would eliminating all forms of double or multiple taxation, ensure support for Low-Income Earners, ensure simpler and transparent tax processes and also ensure visible impact of taxes in the country.

According to him, "these reforms are designed to ease the burden on hardworking Nigerians while ensuring everyone contributes fairly. By supporting this effort, we can create a tax system that works for all and fund the development projects that will improve our nation."

ANWBN empowers over 250 women in Northern Nigeria

The Association of Nigeria Women Business Network, ANWBN, has trained and empowered no fewer than 250 women in various communities across Northern Nigeria.

The initiative, a collaborative effort with the Center for International Private Enterprise, CIPE, and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, GIZ, was aimed at building the digital skills of Nigerian businesses and women entrepreneurs to engage in the digital economy by implementing a training program titled, "Digital Literacy & E-commerce Training for Women-Owned Businesses" for women entrepreneurs in Nigeria.

The training sessions were held in key locations, including Kuje and Lugbe in Abuja, as well as Nyanya in Nasarawa State, drawing participants from across the northern region.

Speaking at the event, ANWBN National Coordinator, Otunba Gbemisola Oduntan emphasised the association's commitment to improving the lives of women.

She said "We are very passionate about the economic empowerment of women. We want government policies re-

formed, especially those that hinder women from reaching their full potential.

"Our aim is to liberate women, make them independent, and show them they can achieve great things without relying on others," she said. The program focused on equipping women with digital skills to thrive in today's economy.

TGI Group shines at AMGA 2024, supports military collaboration

TG I Group, a key player in Nigeria's economic landscape, has reaffirmed its dedication to corporate citizenship by proudly supporting the 2nd African Military Games (AMGA) 2024.

Held from November 18 to 30 in Abuja, the AMGA 2024 brought together military personnel across Africa under the theme: "Enhancing Africa's Military Cooperation Through Sports." Team Nigeria emerged as the champions, dominating the medal table with 234 medals, including 114 golds, 65 silvers, and 45 bronzes.

In a comment, the Vice Chairman, TGI Group, Mr Farouk Gumel, lauded the efforts of the Nigerian Armed Forces, saying: "As an organization that values excellence, we must acknowledge the resilience and excellence of our gallant Nigeria Armed Forces. Their remarkable achievement at AMGA 2024 cements Nigeria's position as a continental leader in this regard as well."

Gumel said TGI Group's support for servicemen and women extends beyond the games, noting: "We deeply respect the sacrifices made by our military personnel to ensure a safe society.

3m persons in Kaduna benefiting from e-payment platform —Gov Sani

By Obas Esiedesa

ABUJA—GOVERNOR Uba Sani of Kaduna State, has disclosed that no fewer than three million persons are benefiting from eTranzact platform in the state because of its easy accessibility to a wide range of people, regardless of their localities.

Sani noted that the needy and vulnerable Nigerians have a lot to gain from the eTranzact payment platform with the introduction of their new innovative solutions, Credo and Pocket-Moni.

The Governor who made this known in Abuja on while appearing as a special guest at the launch of

the eTranzact products, said his government's effort had put many poor and vulnerable indigenes and residents of Kaduna State on the path of prosperity. He said "As of today, we have close to three million people in Kaduna State benefiting from eTranzact platform because of its easy accessibility to a wide range of people, regardless of their localities."

Senator Sani said signing of the executive bill on eTranzact banking was the first act he performed as Governor of the State after he assumed office in May 2023, saying he was already concerned that over 70% of Nigerians were financially excluded.

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Labour, govt chart new path for workers, economic growth

● Stakeholders laud NUPENG on 7-storey new secretariat

Stories by Victor Ahiuma-Young

It was a gathering of who is who in Nigeria's Oil and Gas Industry as well as Labour movement among other stakeholders at number 9 Jibowu Street, Yaba, few days ago. The occasion was the commissioning of the Seven-storey new national secretariat of Nigeria Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers, NUPENG, by President Bola Tinubu.

The new secretariat tagged: NUPENG Tower replaced the old secretariat commissioned 24 years ago (2000) by President Olusegun Obasanjo.

It was built during the leadership of Brisibe Awe as the first President of NUPENG after its take-over by the Military Government of late General Sani Abacha.

The inauguration of the edifice described by Nigeria Labour Congress, NLC and Trade Union Congress of Nigeria, TUC, as the tallest Union office building in Nigeria with multiple power sources such as electricity from the national grid, generating plant, and solar panel, was witnessed by President Tinubu represented by the Minister of State for Petroleum Resources (Oil), Senator Heineken Lokpobiri, Minister of Labour and Employment, Mohammed Dingyadi, represented by the Registrar of Trade Union, RTU, Falonipe Amos, Group Managing Director of Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Limited, NNPC, Mallam Mele Kyari, President of NLC, Joe Ajaero, and the President of TUC, Festus Osifo, who doubles as President of Petroleum and Natural Gas Senior Staff Association of Nigeria, PENGASSAN.

Also in attendance was a senior member of the House of Representatives and former President of NUPENG, Peter Akpatason, representatives of Delta and Lagos states governors, Chief of Army Staff, other security agencies, diplomats and royal fathers.

Welcoming the guests and members of the union including its veterans, President of NUPENG, Prince Williams Akporeha, among others, stressed the need to continue to prioritize the welfare of workers, uphold safety standards, and invest in the development of skills and technology that will drive us toward a more sustainable future.

He said: "The completion of this 7-floor edifice signifies not only the growth and advancement of NUPENG but also the vital role we play in the advancement of Nigeria's oil and gas industry. This project was wholly financed from workers' contributions and we are proud of the commitment, dedication and discipline of our rank and file members.

"This Tower is more than just bricks and mortar. It is a physical manifestation of the tireless efforts of every single member of NUPENG, whose services and dedication have helped shape the course of Nigeria's oil and gas industry. It is a testament to the spirit of solidarity that defines our union and the workers who are the heartbeat of our economy.

Workers' welfare

According to him: "For over four decades, NUPENG has been at the forefront of advocating for the rights and welfare of workers in the petroleum and natural gas sectors. From negotiating fair wages and safe working conditions to pushing for sustainable policies that ensure the continued growth of the industry, our union has been a voice for the voiceless, a protector of the



From left: President of TUC, Festus Osifo; GMD of NNPC, Mallam Mele Kyari; Minister of State, Petroleum Resources (Oil), Senator Heineken Lokpobiri; President of NUPENG, Prince Williams Akporeha and NUPENG General-Secretary, Afolabi Olawale, during the commissioning of NUPENG Tower, in Lagos.

vulnerable, and a champion of justice.

"Through our dedication and hard work, we have ensured that Nigeria remains a leading player in the global energy market. Whether in the upstream, midstream, or downstream sectors, NUPENG workers are the ones who keep the wheels of our energy sector turning, despite challenges and adversities. We are the men and women who ensure that the lights stay on, that the economy thrives, and that Nigeria's place on the global energy stage remains secure.

"As we reflect on our accomplishments, we must also acknowledge that there is still much work to be done. The road to a more sustainable, fair, and prosperous energy sector for Nigeria remains long, but we are up to the task. With unity, dedication, and a shared vision, we can overcome any obstacle."

Partnership for growth

While commending President Tinubu's efforts at repositioning the sector for the good of all Nigerians, Prince Akporeha, said: "We must work together to ensure that Nigeria's energy future is sustainable, inclusive, and equitable for all Nigerians."

And to "industry partners in the downstream sector, we appreciate your collaboration and shared commitment

to the success of our industry. The challenges of today require collective effort, and we must continue to strengthen our partnerships to ensure that our sector remains globally competitive and capable of meeting the needs of all Nigerians.

"As we stand at the threshold of a new chapter in NUPENG's history, I call on all of us—government, industry, and labour—to work hand in hand in shaping the future of Nigeria's energy landscape. Let us commit ourselves to policies that not only foster the growth of the industry but also ensure that the benefits of this growth reach every Nigerian.

Let us continue to prioritize the welfare of workers, uphold safety standards, and invest in the development of skills and technology that will drive us toward a more sustainable future.

"NUPENG has always been about more than just negotiations and contracts. We are about people. We are about ensuring that the workers who power this nation receive the dignity, respect, and fair compensation they deserve. We are about creating an environment where prosperity is shared by all. As we look toward the future, I am confident that we will continue to rise, evolve, and meet the challenges of tomorrow with the same determination that has defined us for over 40 years."

PENGASSAN raises alarm over spike in expatriate quota abuses

THE Petroleum and Natural Gas Senior Staff Association of Nigeria, PENGASSAN, has raised the alarm over increasing abuses of expatriate quota in the nation's Oil and Gas Industry.

According to PENGASSAN, of most concern are those coming from India whose influx should be of interest to the regulatory authorities in the country.

President of PENGASSAN, Festus Osifo, while addressing the Association's National Executive Council, NEC, in Abuja, among others, said: "A pressing concern is the high number of expatriates in Nigeria's oil and gas industry, mainly from India. While skilled foreign workers contribute to economic development, the current situation demands attention.

"Many expatriates and alleged

quota abuses raise concerns about long-term national development impact. Expatriate employment also strains the economy due to salaries, remittances, and other expenses. "Socially, it can fuel unrest and resentment among Nigerians who feel excluded from opportunities in their industry.

"We demand strengthening our regulatory mechanisms and enforcing the regulations to promote local content and ensure transparency and accountability. We must work towards ensuring sharing of our natural resources to the benefit of all Nigerians."

On collective bargaining agreement, CBA, Osifo informed that: "The leadership of the Association across all levels have been engaging different management across all sub-sectorial level in negoti-

President Tinubu

Commissioning the secretariat, President Tinubu called for a stronger relationship with the unions in the Petroleum Industry for the benefit of Nigerians.

According to him, the success of the oil and gas sector should be measured according to the success of the unions for higher production and more revenue for the government.

Represented by the Minister of State for Petroleum Resources (Oil), Tinubu said that NUPENG and PENGASSAN would be held accountable if the sector failed, stressing on a renewed commitment to grow the sector for the benefit of the country.

The President restated his government's commitment to deepening the relationship with the unions in the sector in particular and Organised Labour in general to achieve a mutual benefit for all, including workers and the government.

In their solidarity messages, Ajaero, and Osifo, among others, described the feat as a show of resilience and testimony of the Organised Labour's contribution to Nigeria's economy.

ating new collective bargaining agreement.

"A lot of successes have been achieved in this regard as this is the most veritable way the Association has strategically devised to help its members navigate the current economic challenges.

"We have been able to secure a cumulative increase of 150 percent to over 200 per cent increment for our members in some branches."

Continuing, he noted: "As previously announced, the reorganisation of the PENGASSAN Secretariat and the implementation of proper placements for our staff is ongoing. This is not merely a restructuring exercise but a strategic initiative designed to enhance efficiency, productivity, and overall effectiveness in serving our members.

Labour minister tasks union leaders on enduring legacies

THE Minister of Labour and Employment, Muhammed Dangiadi, has charged Union leaders in the country to strive to leave enduring legacies for future generations.

He equally urged trade unions to imbibe the spirit of excellence in their respective sectors and contribute to the nation's economic development and prosperity.

The Minister spoke at the commissioning of the 7-storey New national secretariat of the Nigeria Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers, NUPENG, in Lagos, known as NUPENG Tower.

Among others, the Minister represented by the Registrar of Trade Union, RTU, Falonipe Amos, lauded efforts of the leadership of the Union headed by Prince Williams Akporeha, "whose quest for excellence speaks volumes as manifested in his achievement of this great feat. This is highly commendable and worthy of emulation by other Associations and Trade Unions in all sectors in this great country."

The Minister said the new national secretariat would enhance the operational efficiency of your great Union in the discharge of its duties to her members, thereby resulting in increased productivity. I enjoin you all to use this Secretariat positively for the attainment of Equity, Fairness and Social justice for your members and it is my expectation that you will effectively utilise it to promote industrial peace and harmony in the Oil and Gas Sector of the nation's economy in line with the drive of the present administration to provide quality and affordable life for all Nigerians across the length and breadth of this country.

"Permit me to use this opportunity to implore other Unions that are yet to commence similar projects to emulate what we are celebrating with NUPENG today. This will indeed go down in history as one of the greatest legacies bequeathed to both the present and future generations in the leadership circle of trade unionism in Nigeria.

"Let me draw your attention to the need for a good maintenance culture such that this complex will perpetually be habitable and beneficial to the present and future members of your Union. This is because where there is no regular maintenance of a building such as this, the safety of the building and its occupants would not be guaranteed; and cases of possible deterioration/fire out-breaks cannot be prevented.



Food insecurity: Hunger haunts Nigerian children, millions in dire need

- 2.1m children projected to suffer severe acute malnutrition, UNICEF
- More succumbing to malnutrition, experts warn
- Say FG must reconsider fuel pricing policy

By Chioma Obinna

FACED with economic pandemic and food insecurity, Nigerian children are bearing the brunt. As the cost of living keeps skyrocketing, the prices of foods and food-related products are also rising. Worse still, more farmers abandoning their trade due to insecurity, access to foods for most Nigerian families have become a luxury.

Before now, the story around the nutrition and proper feeding of Nigerian children has remained a stark contrast between the privileged and the marginalised.

Many Nigerian families sleep on an empty stomach. Sadly, the current situation has further worsened the plight of the majority of Nigerians. Affording a meal a day has become serious struggle for most families.

The cost of the so-called popular local foods such as garri, and beans, known as food for poor Nigerians has quadrupled and is now as much as 10 times higher in some areas, putting these Nigerians in more difficult situations.

The increasing food insecurity has particularly impacted vulnerable populations, including pregnant women, children, and those strictly on prescribed diets.

Many families are forced to make wrong choices of foods irrespective of their nutritional value, while others are resorting to 0-1-0 eating pattern.

Cost of foods and related products

Findings by Vanguard showed that the cheapest 50kg bag of rice is as high as N85,000 depending on the area and brand. A refill of 12.5kg cooking gas cylinder costs as high as N16,000, depending on where you are buying it from.

A measure of the cheapest beans costs as much as N10,000. Some of the commonest vegetables, popularly known as ugu (pumpkin leaf), waterleaf and Oha for the Igbo-speaking part of the country, have nothing to do with exchange rate as cost starts from N500. The smallest loaf of bread starts from N300 to family sized loaf of N3,500 depending on the area.

However, statistics obtained from the National Bureau of Statistics, NBS, on selected food prices to watch released on November 24, 2024, showed a continued increase in prices of food items.

In October 2024, it showed that the average price of 1kg beans (brown), stood at N2,798.50, indicating a rise of 254.23 percent in price on a year-on-year basis from N790.01 recorded in October 2023 and a 2.19 percent rise in price on a month-on-month basis from N2,738.59 in September 2024.

Also, agricultural eggs medium size (12 pieces) experienced significant price increases year on year by N140.21 percent from N1,112.22 in October of last year (2023) to N2,671.60 in October 2024.

On a month-on-month basis, the average price of the item rose by 7.42 percent from N 2,487.04 in September 2024.

The NBS also showed that there was a notable price increase of bread (sliced) by 103.76 percent on a year-on-year basis from N760.82 in October 2023 to N1,550.24 in October 2024. On a month-on-month basis, it increased percent from N 1,528.19 in



A mother using the MUAC tape, predominately used to measure the upper arm circumference of children and that of pregnant women to identify malnutrition

September 2024.

"Furthermore, the average price of 1kg Local rice sold loose went up by 137.32 per cent on a year-on-year basis from N819.42 in October 2023 to N1,944.64 in October 2024, while there was an increase of 1.56 percent on a month-on-month basis. Also, the average price of 1kg of beef boneless, increased by 98.73 percent on a year-on-year basis from N2,948.03 in October 2023 to N5,858.58 in October 2024. On a month-on-month basis, it increased by 3.99 percent from N5,633.60 in September 2024."

The alarming surge in malnutrition cases across Nigeria has become a pressing concern. Families are grappling with the rising cost of food, forcing many to make difficult choices and compromise their nutritional needs. Mary Emordi, a widow and mother of two, is one such example. She recounts the heartbreaking reality of struggling to provide even a single meal for her children.

A sachet water hawker, at the Mile 2, Mary can no longer continue with her trade, her meagre capital has been used to feed her children. The escalating prices of essential commodities have pushed her to the brink of financial ruin, leaving her unable to sustain her trading business. Her two children sometimes go to bed on an empty stomach. "It is no longer about nourished foods; it is about ensuring that at least the children have food in their stomach before going to bed. Sometimes, I have to choose between buying nourished foods and just getting any food that can fill their stomach. Considering their young age, it's a heart-breaking decision to make," Mary told Vanguard, in tears.

The sight of these two children at the Mile 2 Bridge, where their mother kept them under

the scorching sun to hawk sachet water, could bring tears to the stone-hearted. These children are being deprived of their right to education, play, and a safe childhood. They are also exposed to various risks, including physical harm, exploitation, and social isolation.

Their story is not unique. Millions of Nigerian families face similar challenges. The high cost of foods,

It is no longer about nourished foods; it is about ensuring that at least the children have food in their stomach before going to bed

coupled with limited access to nutritious foods, particularly among poor Nigerians, has led to a public health crisis.

Findings by Vanguard showed that many Nigerians are struggling to afford basic food needs, leading to malnutrition, increased mortality rates, and a surge in poor performance of school children.

One of the immediate causes of malnutrition, according to nutritionists is access to food. They say food insecurity is one of the major drivers of malnutrition and the current situation in the country would result to further increase in child malnutrition with further extension to adult malnutrition challenge.

Burden of malnutrition

The 2023 National Demographic Health Survey, NDHS, shows that stunting which was 37 per cent in 2018 has risen to 40 per cent while wasting rose from 7 per cent to 8 per cent and overweight 22 per cent to 27 per cent.

While official statistics including the recent NDHS may not fully capture the extent of the problem, Nigeria is facing a severe hunger and malnutrition crisis. A growing number of Nigerians are struggling to access nutritious food, leading to a decline in overall health and well-being.

Nutrients contained in foods are fast disappearing from the table of Nigerians as families no longer have access to quality meals that supply their daily nutrients. The country risks having more stunted, and wasted children that may not contribute to the GDP of the country in future. No thanks to food insecurity. Rather, the country may

not escape spending more money on Read-To-Use Therapeutic Foods, RUTF, to treat the impact of malnutrition because Nigerian children have no access to nutritious food.

According to experts, malnutrition which is the deficiencies or excesses in nutrient intake most times occur when children do not have access to food materials that enable them to grow, maintain themselves and reproduce. Also, nutrition is also the biochemical and physiological process by which an organism uses food to support its life. Malnutrition manifests in form of wasting, stunting, overweight and underweight. Micronutrient deficiencies called hidden hunger is also a problem in children who don't have adequate access to foods. These children are at risk of Vitamin A, Iodine, Zinc, and Iron deficiencies.

For 12-year-old Bukola, a simple meal of rice and beans used to be the norm after school. But now, with the rising cost of rice, her family struggles to afford even the basic staples. Her mother often skips meals to ensure Bukola and her siblings eat, but the hunger situation is becoming worst for the family. Bukola can no longer concentrate in school, often feeling tired and listless. The situation has become so bad that Bukola is gradually losing her childhood. Instead of playing with friends and enjoying her childhood, she spends her days hawking snacks on the streets to help her family make ends meet. Sadly, the meager income she earns is barely enough to cover their daily expenses. Bukola often goes without food for long hours to allow her two younger brothers to eat.

"Sometimes, I skip school to help my mother who sells fruits at Mushin," she said tearfully.

Dalopo, an 11-year-old girl has

experienced the horrors of conflict and displacement that forced her family to flee their home due to insecurity.

Her family works as daily wage labourers. When there's no work, they struggle to afford even basic meals. As the eldest child, she often skips meals to ensure his younger siblings eat. He has become malnourished and frequently falls sick.

Dalopo who lives in Ejigbo area of Lagos, often helps her mother by foraging for food at the bus stop or scavenging from garbage bins.

"Sometimes, my stomach aches from eating spoiled or contaminated food." According to her, she often wakes up at night with nightmares of hunger and fear for her future. Dalopo longs for a normal life, where she can go to school and eat a full meal without worry.

Reasons for rising food insecurity

In an exclusive interview, the Executive Secretary of the Civil Society Scaling Up Nutrition in Nigeria (CS-SSUN), Mr. Sunday Okoronkwo, alerted that food insecurity in Nigeria is at alarming levels, driven by a combination of rising insecurity, economic instability, and skyrocketing inflation.

Okoronkwo highlighted the far-reaching impacts of these crises, including hunger, malnutrition, and increased social unrest.

He said the truth is that insecurity and food insecurity in Nigeria are very high, pointing to the escalating cost of living, which has made farming unaffordable for many Nigerians. "Farming is no longer a viable option for many farmers, and this directly affects the availability of food for the country," he added.

He warned that the impact of food insecurity is multi-faceted. He explained that hunger not only leads to poor health outcomes, such as malnutrition in both children and adults, but also contributes to crime and violence.

"Hungry People may resort to illegal activities to survive. Hunger also drives many young people into criminal groups or terrorist organisations, particularly in the northern regions of Nigeria where food production has been severely disrupted by insecurity."

Okoronkwo noted that food insecurity exacerbates malnutrition, which remains a significant challenge in Nigeria. Recent data from the National Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS), show that stunting rates among Nigerian children have worsened from 37 per cent in 2018 to 40 per cent in 2023. He attributed this rise to the increasing difficulty families face in accessing nutritious food, driven by both economic instability and the escalating cost of basic goods.

"The situation is dire. The rising cost of fuel has pushed up food prices, making it even harder for families to access quality meals. The dollar exchange rate and fuel price hikes have compounded this issue, affecting everything from transportation to food production."

Okoronkwo called on the Nigerian government to reconsider its policy on fuel prices, which he believes is at the root of the nation's food inflation crisis.

"If the government can reduce fuel prices, it will have a ripple effect on lowering food prices. Fuel is essential for transporting food and producing the goods that Nigerians rely on. Without addressing this, it will be difficult to reverse the growing food insecurity," he argued.

Despite the challenges, Okoronkwo urged Nigerians to be proactive in securing food for their families. "I advise Nigerian parents to diversify their income sources. If

possible, engage in farming or start a small garden at home to ensure a steady supply of food. While the government has a duty to ensure food security, families must also take responsibility for their own well-being."

Okoronkwo stressed the urgency of addressing Nigeria's food security issues, which are directly linked to the nation's overall economic health and future growth.

"Without stable access to nutritious food, the country's workforce will continue to suffer, leading to lower productivity and ultimately affecting Nigeria's GDP."

Implications of food insecurity for Nigerian children

According to experts, children facing food insecurity are more likely to suffer from malnutrition, which can lead to stunted growth, weakened immune systems, and cognitive impairment. They are also more susceptible to diseases, which can further worsen their health and hinder their development.

Again, hunger and fatigue make it difficult for children to concentrate in school, leading to poor academic performance and increased dropout rates. Food insecurity can cause anxiety, depression, and other mental health problems in children. In the long term, food insecurity can limit children's future opportunities, affecting their ability to secure employment and contribute to society.

In an exclusive interview with the Representative of UNICEF in Nigeria, Ms. Cristian Munduate said 2 out of 3 Nigerian children currently experiencing food poverty, adding that the situation is dire.

She said food poverty not only deprives children of essential nutrients required for physical growth but also severely impacts their cognitive and intellectual development.

She said the skyrocketing cost of food has made balanced diets unattainable for many households while ongoing conflicts limit farming activities, disrupt food transportation, and restrict market access, particularly in the northwestern and northeastern regions.

Munduate said this year, over 2.1 million Nigerian children are projected to suffer from severe acute malnutrition, and requiring immediate medical intervention.

"Nearly 45 per cent of children under five are stunted, a condition that causes irreversible damage to brain development, impairing cognitive abilities and future learning potential.

According to Munduate, malnourished children struggle to focus and learn, leading to poor academic performance. With three out of four Nigerian children unable to read or perform basic arithmetic, malnutrition is a critical driver of the country's educational crisis.

Malnutrition weakens children's immune systems, increasing their vulnerability to diseases like diarrhea, cholera, and typhoid fever.

A Nutrition and Dietetics Consultant at OAUTHC, Ile-Ife, Osun State, Dr. Obinna Ogbonna, who paints a grim picture of the devastating consequences of food insecurity in Nigeria warned that: "Food insecurity is the direct opposite of food security and when there's food insecurity, it poses a grave danger to the population, especially to the vulnerable groups which include pregnant women, children, and the aged."

He stressed that the impact of the current crisis is far-reaching as children and pregnant women, already vulnerable, face a host of health risks. "Pregnant women would be exposed to low pregnancy weight, frequent illness and unnecessary infections, high mortality."



CHAN: Some players to be axed

Ahead of CHAN qualifying tie against the Black Galaxies of Ghana, Nigeria's Super Eagles B have intensified preparations for the match. The Nigerian side is currently camped at the Remo Stars Stadium, Ikenne.

Assistant coach, Fidelis Ilechukwu, while giving update on the team, revealed that the number of players in camp might be reduced this weekend.

Meanwhile, the coaches will also decide on Lobi Stars' striker Ossy Martins, who was injured in a car accident on his way to training camp in Ikenne.

CHAN Eagles coach Fidelis Ilechukwu said they will decide on whether or not to replace the striker by the



weekend. Martins, 24 later this month, has been a consistent scorer in the NPFL. This season, he has netted six goals.

The CHAN Eagles battle arch-rivals Ghana on December 22 before a second leg six days later in Uyo to determine the team to advance to the 2025 CHAN in February.

Mayweather attacked while shopping for jewellery

Boxing legend Floyd Mayweather has issued a statement after he was confronted by an angry crowd and forced to flee London's Hatton Garden jewellery district. The former undefeated world champion was shopping at a jewellery store before he had to be bundled into a black 4x4 by his security guards.

Footage circling online shows Mayweather looking angry in a bright green jacket as a group tries to get close to the star. The ex-boxer can be seen turning to face the crowd as several people try and push past his security team before he is quickly shoved into his vehicle.

A source close to Mayweather told The Sun that at no point during the chaos was the fighter touched, adding that the crowd had used racial slurs towards him. One witness, who filmed the incident, told the newspaper as many as 10 people may have gone after Mayweather, while up to 25 people watched on.

He said: "Mayweather's security team were outnumbered. Someone said that Mayweather had been shopping when he was asked why he supported Israel. He doubled down and said he was proud to support the Jews. "Then someone took a swing at him because of that. It looked very targeted. "He was bundled out of the shop but by then there were multiple people trying to hit him, and pushing his security guards." The eyewitness added that Mayweather's security guards were trying to keep the distance between the ex-boxer and the crowd.



•Mayweather

A match against Real's always difficult — Lookman

Super Eagles forward Ademola Lookman has expressed optimism despite Atalanta's hard-fought 3-2 defeat to Real Madrid at the Gewiss Stadium on Tuesday night in the UEFA Champions League.

Lookman was named UEFA's Player of the Match, with Uefa's Technical Observer Panel highlighting that he was a constant threat to the Real Madrid defence, showcasing fantastic close control when dribbling and coming up with a superb strike for his goal. Speaking after the match, Lookman acknowledged the challenge of facing the Spanish giants but highlighted his team's positives.

"Tough match today, they took their opportunities when they had them. They are a very quality team; we knew it would be difficult. We were unlucky, but we leave with our heads held



•Lookman

high," Lookman was quoted as saying by Tuttomeratoweb. He also reflected on his personal contribution and the team's collective effort: "I always try to give my best and create opportunities for others, as others do for me. A lot of good things, but also some things to learn from. We have another game on Saturday and hopefully we can win it."

Linus wins 2024 Alake Golf Tournament

By Solomon Nwoke

The excitement at the 2024 Alake Golf Tournament which ended recently at Abeokuta Golf Club (AGC), Oke Mosan, Ogun State will linger for a long time in the memories of golfers and golf enthusiasts. The Oando Plc sponsored tournament organised in honour of Oba Adedotun Aremu Gbadebo, the Alake and Paramount Ruler of Egbaland, drew out a total of 112 golfers as Johnson Linus emerged the overall winner with a net score of 67.

It was also meant to serve as a platform to honour the

Monarch's enduring legacy and contributions to Egbaland. Linus (handicap 7) from Abeokuta Golf Club (AGC) beat second placed Fatai Ajibade (handicap 4) who played 73 net to win the men's 0 - 8 category while Azeez Odejayi (handicap 4) placed third with 74 net after beating Akande Omoniyi (8) on count-back. Desmond Matthew from Ikoyi Golf Club won the best gross award with a gross score of 66.

The professional category was a tough battle as Kabiru Aminu from Ilorin Golf Club played 68 gross to beat the duo of AGC based pros, Samson Arowolo, 71 gross and Nojimu Sofela, 73

NFF chiefs favour a return to Labbaddia for Super Eagles

The Nigeria Football Federation is still leaning towards the employment of a German as the substantive coach of the Super Eagles before the commencement of the 2026 World Cup qualifiers in March next year.

Nigeria prosecuted the entirety of the 2025 AFCON Qualifiers under the stewardship of interim coach Austin Eguavoen.

The former Super Eagles defender who successfully landed the Super Eagles in Morocco is expected to return to his desk as Technical Director of the NFF, with a foreign coach expected to lead the team for World Cup qualifiers where they are 5th in a 6 team group and without a win after four matches. We gathered the NFF are settling for a German coach because they are very particular about team organisation and discipline which has been a major concern



•Labbaddia

since the departure of Gernot Rohr.

We gathered that the NFF eggheads are reconsidering a return to Bruno Labbaddia who was first announced as Super Eagles coach in September. The German turned down the offer due to issues bothering on personal terms..

NSC activates 'Adopt-an-Athlete' initiative to support Brume after accident

The National Sports Commission (NSC), under the leadership of its Chairman, Mallam Shehu Dikko, has activated the Adopt-an-Athlete Training Grant initiative with its first recipient being Nigerian track and field star, Ese Brume, following her recent involvement in a ghastly car accident.

Speaking at an event to mark the partnership with Confetti Assets Limited, the NSC Chairman Mallam Shehu Dikko commended Confetti Assets Limited for its generous support. He reiterated the vision of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu to drive sports development in Nigeria through a sustainable public-private partnership (PPP) model.

"We must create a system

that does not solely depend on government funding but rather leverages private sector partnerships to achieve a thriving sports economy," Dikko said.

On his part, the Director General of the NSC, Hon. Bukola Olopade, emphasized the Commission's commitment to athlete welfare and development. "While we were strategizing, something unfortunate happened to Ese Brume. She was involved in a ghastly motor accident, but to God be the glory, her life was spared," Olopade said.

"When we spoke, I asked her what I could tell the Chairman to do for her immediately. She made me proud when she said, 'All I need right now is whatever the Commission can give me as a training grant to help me buy a small vehicle so I can continue my training because I want to win the World Championship in September next year.' That touched me deeply," Olopade said.



•Brume

World Netball appoints Ogbondeminu, two others into Medical Advisory Panel

World Netball (WN) has appointed Nigeria's Dr. Samuel Ogbondeminu and two others, Luke Ford and Dr. Maria Mulungu as Members of the World Netball Medical Advisory Panel (MAP).

The Panel is responsible for advising the World Netball CEO and Board on medical, health and well-being issues and works closely with them to support the development and implementation of agreed priorities in the Strategic Plan. Dr Ogbondeminu, a member of the Cycling Federation of Nigeria, CFN, is a Sports Medicine practitioner with over two decades of experience in athlete care and injury management, having been involved at previous Commonwealth Games and Olympics.

The other member, Ford is the lead physiotherapist for WN Member, Wales Netball, and specialises in musculoskeletal management, rehabilitation and performance optimisation, while Dr Mulungu, who has a Bachelor's of Medicine and Surgery, brings experience from her role as the team doctor at WN Member, Netball Namibia, which she has held since 2021.

The three new Members will join MAP Chair Prof. Christa Janse Van Rensburg and fellow MAP Members Sharon Kearney, Janet Young and Dr Laura Lallenc to make up the panel.

ITTF Africa signs strategic agreements with ITTF

ITTF Africa (African Table Tennis Federation) has entered into a Strategic Quadrennial Agreement (SQA) with the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) for the period 2025 to 2028. This partnership underscores a unified commitment to advancing table tennis in the continent of Africa.

The agreement, which promises enhanced funding, outlines collaborative efforts between ITTF Africa and ITTF to promote and develop table tennis in Africa. The signing ceremony took place on December 7, in Chengdu, China,

with ITTF Africa President Wahid Enitan Oshodi and ITTF President Petra Sorling in attendance.

After formalizing the agreements, Oshodi stated, "The objectives outlined in the SQA align with the new vision and direction of ITTF Africa under my leadership. We will work closely with the ITTF to ensure these objectives are fully achieved in Africa."

Sorling added, "The Strategic Quadrennial Agreement marks a pivotal moment for our global table tennis family.



•Aruna

Vanguard Sports



CHAN Eagles: Some players to be axed



Juventus 2-0 Man City: Vlahovic, Weston pile more pressure on Guardiola

Manchester City's horrendous run of form extended yesterday, losing to Juventus in the UEFA Champions League. Pep Guardiola's men have now won just one of their last 10 games across all competitions. Dusan Vlahovic opened the scoring after the break, with Weston McKennie doubling the lead. City's chances of a top-eight finish

are now hanging by a thread. Both sides came into the game needing a victory to keep any hopes of a top-eight finish alive.

During a lacklustre first half a touch of brilliance from Kevin De Bruyne slid Erling Haaland through on goal, only for goalkeeper Michele Di Gregorio to deny the marksman.

The young Juventus side start to believe an upset was on the cards after the break and some hesitant defender allowed Vlahovic to score the opener, despite goalkeeper Ederson trying his best to stop the ball crossing the line.

City continued to dominate possession without opening up the Juventus defence and were throwing extra men forward in search of an equaliser.

However, Pep Guardiola's side were hit on the break again as substitute Timothy Weah found fellow American replacement Weston McKennie unmarked inside the box to put the match beyond reach.

TODAY'S MATCHES

EUROPA LEAGUE			
Hoffenheim	vs	FCSB	6.45 pm
Ludogorets	vs	AZ Alkmaar	6.45 pm
Malmor	vs	Galatasaray	6.45 pm
Olympiacos	vs	Twente	6.45 pm
PAOK FC	vs	Ferencvaros	6.45 pm
Roma	vs	FC Braga	6.45 pm
Un Gilloise	vs	Nice	6.45 pm
Victoria Plzen	vs	Man Utd	6.45 pm
Ajax	vs	Lazio	6.45 pm
Rangers	vs	Tottenham	9 pm
EUROPA CONFERENCE			
FC Astana	vs	Chelsea	4.30 pm

RESULTS

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE			
Atl. Madrid	3	Slovan Bratis	1
Lille	3	Sturm Graz	2
AC Milan	2	Crvena zvez	1
Arsenal	3	Monaco	0
Benfica	0	Bologna	0
Dortmund	2	Barcelona	3
Feyenoord	4	Sparta Prague	2
Juventus	2	Man City	0
Stuttgart	5	Young Boys	1
EUROPA LEAGUE			
Fenerbahce	0	Ath Bilbao	2
NPFL			
Enyimba	0	Sunshine	0

Arsenal 3-0 Monaco Blazing Gunners overcome Monaco at Emirates

ARSENAL defeated Monaco 3-0 in a one-sided clash as the Gunners leapt up to third in the Champions League table. Bukayo Saka fired the Gunners ahead after a stunning move which was kicked off by 18-year-old Myles Lewis-Skelly, who started at left-back. Saka then doubled Arsenal's lead with 15 minutes to play, capitalising on a horror Monaco defensive error in their own box. Kai Havertz knocked home the Gunners' third after connecting with Saka's shot to put the game out of the French side's reach.



Fifa confirms Saudi Arabia as 2034 World Cup host

...Announces dates for 2027 Women's W/Cup

The 2034 men's football World Cup will be held in Saudi Arabia, while Spain, Portugal and Morocco will be joint hosts for the 2030 tournament, world governing body Fifa has confirmed. Three matches in the 2030 tournament will also be held in Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay to mark 100 years of the competition. The hosts for both World Cups were confirmed at Wednesday's Extraordinary Fifa Congress meeting following

a vote. Meanwhile, the 2027 Women's World Cup will be staged in Brazil between June 22 and July 27, 2027, FIFA has announced. President of the world's football body Gianni Infantino announced the date during the virtual meeting yesterday. The opening match of the Brazil 2027 FIFA Women's World Cup is set for Thursday, 24 June 2027. The final is billed for Sunday, 25 July 2027.



SUDOKU

TODAY'S PUZZLE

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YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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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.

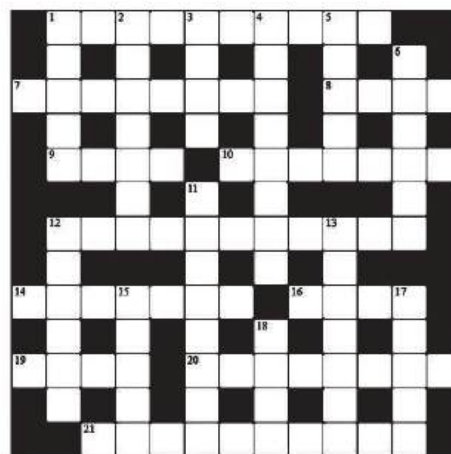
NPFL: Enyimba struggles continue

Days after escaping a home defeat with a 2-2 draw in the 2024 Caf Confederation Cup round two match against Egyptian giants Zamalek, two time African champions Enyimba Football Club of Aba were held to a goalless draw by Sunshine Stars of

Akure in a rescheduled NPFL match in Aba yesterday. The Aba Elephants failed to score despite their dominance in the game. The draw leaves the former champions 7th in the table on 23 points after 14 matches.

QUICK CROSSWORD

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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ACROSS

- Shorten(10)
- English county(8)
- Connection(4)
- Wicked(4)
- Bewilder(7)
- Meaningful(11)
- Astonish, amaze(7)
- Farm building(4)
- US coin(4)
- Disaster(8)
- Below(10)

DOWN

- Make up for(5)
- Making liquor from malt(7)
- Compass bearing(4)
- Brave(8)
- Spring flower(5)
- Put in(6)
- Topmost point(8)
- Female relative(6)
- Lack of red corpuscles(7)
- Frequently(5)
- Nick, incision(5)
- Scheme(4)

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