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## 4 Years After Inauguration, Multi-billion Naira Baro Inland Port Rots Away

BY ABU NMODU, Minna

Weeds and thick trees have taken over the multi-billion naira Baro Port inaugurated in 2019 by former President Muhammadu Buhari even as a surging river is gradually encroaching the banks towards the port's building. LEADERSHIP's findings revealed that the port pavement and other engineering works commissioned in 2019 cost the federal government N3.5 billion, excluding the dredging work, at the time it was inaugurated. Further findings at the port showed that it was taken over by bushes because there has not been a single activity in the port since the day it was inaugurated even though the government promised immediate operation of the port during the inauguration.

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# Tinubu Looks Beyond Military To End Insecurity In North

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President Bola Ahmed Tinubu (middle); president of African Development Bank Group, Dr Akinwumi Adesina (left), and president of Africa Export-Import Bank, Dr. Benedict Oramah during the ongoing 5th mid-year coordination meeting of the African Union in Nairobi, Kenya yesterday.



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TRENDING

THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECT, SERAP, HAS ASKED THE SENATE PRESIDENT AND THE SPEAKER OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, GODSWILL AKPABIO AND TAJUDEEN ABBASS, RESPECTIVELY, TO HALT THE PLANNED SPENDING OF N110 BILLION ON BULLETPROOF CARS AND PALLIATIVE FOR MEMBERS.

**NUMBERS:**  
**159.5 MILLION**  
Active subscriptions for the internet across mobile devices, fixed and VOIP networks in Nigeria rose to 159.5 million in May this year. According to the latest industry statistics released by the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC), this represents an 8.6% growth when compared with the 158.2 million recorded in April.

**NIGERIANS IN DIASPORA:**  
Colchester United has secured the services of Owen Goodman, a talented Nigerian-British goalkeeper from Crystal Palace, on a year-long loan deal for the upcoming 2023/2024 season.

**HISTORY TODAY**  
The first artificial satellite was Sputnik 1, launched by the Soviet Union on October 4, 1957 under the Sputnik program, with Sergei Korolev as chief designer.

**SCHOOL CHILDREN IN CAPTIVITY**  
BAPTIST HIGH SCHOOL, KUJAMA'S Kidnapped Students Have Spent 815 Days In Captivity.

BACK STORY OF THE DAY

Flooding In Nigeria And The Way Forward ... As Court Stops Demolition Of Trademore Estate

BY IGHO OYOYO, Abuja

Less than a week ago, the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) granted judgment in favour of residents of Trademore Estate, restraining the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA), from continuing its planned demolition of the estate described as a natural passageway of floods. Justice Zubairu Mohammed of the High Court of the FCT at Jikwoyi, last Wednesday, while ruling on an ex-parte application filed by the estate through its team of lawyers led by Mike Oze-khome, granted an interim injunction, restraining the FCTA and its employees, agents, officials, privies, and

all those purporting to be acting for them or deriving title from them, and any other persons, of whatever nomenclature from trespassing or further trespassing, demolishing or further demolishing Trademore Estate, known as Plot 1981, Sabon Lugbe, Abuja. It will be recalled that the estate has been experiencing disastrous flooding which has been ravaging the area annually, for more than four years, claiming lives and property, without the FCTA finding any lasting solution to it, until the administration decided to demolish the estate to ensure free passage of imminent flood, and prevent it from affecting other nearby estates. However, with current development between the estate and the FCTA, the rising ques-



tions on the minds of estate's residents are, 'what is the way forward and the solution to the ravaging flooding? What danger does the court injunction portend in the wake of the ongoing rainy season? A town planner, Ms. Christie Anozie, said that although the residents may have been right to go to court and get the injunction, because most of them do not have where to move to, that

is not the solution to the problem which has become a threat to the lives of the entire residents of the estate. "When a mistake is made from the beginning of planning an estate and it leads to natural disaster like floods, and nothing can be done, except you go back to the beginning and that is where the issue of demolition comes in. "The mistakes have been

made from the beginning by wrong planning of the estate without considering the topography of the land and the waterways. "So, if that mistake need to be corrected, many houses built on waterways must go. So, I will say that getting a court injunction stopping the demolition is like postponing the evil days, and the people should be prepared for the worst, I am sorry to say," she said. A resident of the estate, Mr. Simon Bala, appealed to the FCTA to look beyond the solution of demolishing the estate and find other lasting solution to the flood disaster, saying that most of them will not have where to move to permanently if the estate is demolished.

Maimuna's Memoir  
Revamping Work Ethics

A Homily



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

Farida's teacher had to go. This should be a lesson. For that amount of complaints from parents, the Principal could not risk soiling the name of the school. However, that's not the only ethical issue happening in schools, for one I heard from a friend of mine of a school in a village where the teachers make the students work for them during school hours, for example run errands etc. this is not right. Most would complain that they are not earning enough. But that does not excuse exploiting the students under your care or making their parents do your job. You find other instances of teachers whose English often gets corrected by their students that is to say, while we have some unusually brilliant students out there in some cases, for some teachers they simply do not have the qualifications to teach but yet are employed for just that. All of these things should be checked because it affects productive service. And remember, they are in care of your children. Who these teachers are should matter a lot! I am also going to say, kudos to all the fantastic teachers out there working hard so they can impact knowledge to the students in their care. Do not stop the good work!

SEVEN TIPS : SEVEN YOUTUBE VLOGS TO FOLLOW FOR FASHION ADVICE

Dearly Bethany

This channel is hosted by soft-spoken 5 feet but curvaceous Bethany who looks good in all she wears, from muted pastel-coloured outfits to vibrant coloured ones. She offers viewers advice on how to pair up one's outfits as well as match outfits with accessories.

Justine Leconte Official

French stylist, Leconte is the very first person I learnt from that every skin tone is either warm or cold in relation to the complementary colour wheel. Justine also talks about capsule wardrobe, how to expand your wardrobe by just adding a different texture of a fabric, and the benefits of dressing and shopping like a French woman – their 'elegant, quality but non-trendy fashion style'.

Audrey Coyne

While Coyne talks about how to dress to look taller, or fashion looks for different age categories 20s, 30s, 40, 50s, etc. Her lingerie vlogs are the best, and helps adult know what to lookout for when purchasing bras among others.

Anna Bey

Bey holds several certificates in fashion and etique-



quette coaching, including a blog away from her vlogs. Her strengths though are in communicating to the fashion conscious or those seeking to dress better than before, what to wear and what not to wear; what looks elegant or trashy.

Alexa Chung

Of course, who wouldn't want to get tips from British model, Fashion reporter and TV host,

Alexa Chung.

British Vogue


This is the British version of the Vogue magazine, which can be found in several countries Japan, Korea, America etc. The good thing about Vogue is that you can watch the different Vogue channels and get fashion tips to stand out in your own geographical area, or to blend in, by dressing "as they do in Rome". Well, your locality.

Jamila Musayeva

Is an international social etiquette consultant and the author of Etiquette, The Least You Need To Know. In her vlogs, Musayeva talks about etiquette at social events, but also lifelong mannerisms one need to build social success and daily living.


AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (AfCFTA) - TRADE NEWS FROM THE CONTINENT

GHANA



New Oil Refinery at Tema, In Ghana is scheduled to begin operation by August end 2023. The refinery which cost 1.98 billion dollars to build, is expected to produce five million metric tonnes of petroleum products including liquified petroleum gas (LPG), jet fuel, gasoline, diesel and fuel oil.

KENYA



Kenyan President, William Ruto has called for a stronger, more financially autonomous African Union (AU). Ruto made this call during the fifth mid year Coordination Meeting of the AU at the United Nations (UN) Office in Gigiri Nairobi on July 16, 2023. The summit among other things aimed to address critical issues of African integration and division of labour.

AFRICA



A Dutch Research Firm, Newzoo, has said that Africa's video games market, and in particular sub-Saharan Africa's gaming industry is expected generate over \$1bn dollars for the first time in 2024. The data was compiled by the firm for an African gaming startup, Carry1st.

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# our stand

## N500bn For Palliatives

In a recent move that eerily echoes past decisions, President Bola Tinubu sought approval from the National Assembly for an \$800 million loan and an additional N500 billion palliative for the removal of petrol subsidy.

We recall that in his inauguration speech, President Tinubu announced the removal of fuel subsidy. However, this decision has resulted in an unprecedented surge in the prices of goods and services across the country.

Undoubtedly, the sharp increase in commodity prices is having a detrimental impact on individuals who are already grappling with financial hardships and trying to make ends meet.

It is important to note that we had previously on this page expressed support for the removal of fuel subsidy, as we believed that maintaining it was no longer a sustainable option.

However, in the considered opinion of this newspaper, while it is essential to address the economic challenges facing our nation, it is disheartening to witness the repetition of failed strategies that have not worked in the past.

Going by reports, the federal government plans to pay N8000 to 12 million Nigerians for six months to cushion the effect of the removal of fuel subsidy .

Indeed, as concerned citizens, we must express our disappointment and concern over the government's lack of innovative thinking and advocate for a more prudent allocation of resources that will yield long-term benefits for our nation.

We also recall that during the administration of President Muhammadu Buhari, a similar approach was employed, and it failed to deliver the intended results. The National Social Investment programme , school feeding programme ,Trader moni and other schemes failed to achieve the desired effect. It was a temporary solution and ended up as a massive drain on the nation's resources without providing lasting relief for the people.

Sadly, in our view, the proposed plan of distributing cash directly to families for a limited period seems to be treading the same path, with minimal prospects of

achieving the desired impact.

Nigeria's history is replete with instances where cash handouts have not led to sustainable development or progress.

Instead of providing much-needed relief, it perpetuates dependency and fosters an attitude of entitlement among the citizens. Such short-term solutions, we dare to point out, may provide temporary respite, but they fall woefully short of addressing the root causes of the nation's economic challenges.

The successful implementation of an increase in fuel prices was only achieved during the administration of the late Sani Abacha. His government established the Petroleum Trust Fund (PTF), which effectively utilized the additional revenue from the fuel price hike.

Under the PTF's management, numerous roads were constructed, and several hospitals were equipped with modern facilities and resources all across the country.

It is worth acknowledging that, despite the contentious nature of fuel price increases, the strategic utilization of these funds through the PTF had a positive and tangible impact on the nation's infrastructure and healthcare system.

As a nation, we must break away from this cycle of inefficient palliatives and invest in strategic initiatives that will spur economic growth and improve the well-being of the people.

Allocating the proposed funds towards more constructive endeavors such as purchasing buses, equipping primary healthcare centers, and investing in the power sector can create a lasting impact on the lives of Nigerians and the overall development of our country.

Transportation remains a significant challenge for many Nigerians, particularly in urban centers. By investing in a modern and efficient bus transportation system, we can enhance mobility, reduce traffic congestion, and bolster economic activities.

Furthermore, directing funds

towards improving primary healthcare centers is a crucial step in ensuring that quality healthcare is accessible to all citizens. By providing adequate resources and training for healthcare professionals, we can enhance disease prevention, early detection, and treatment, ultimately leading to a healthier and more productive population.

The power sector is another area that demands immediate attention. Investing in power generation and distribution will not only attract foreign investment and drive industrial growth but also improve the quality of life for millions of Nigerians who currently lack reliable access to electricity.

A robust power sector is the backbone of any thriving economy, and it will undoubtedly propel the nation towards sustained progress.

In advocating for these alternatives, we acknowledge that they require careful planning, transparent implementation, and consistent monitoring to ensure they yield the desired outcomes. But we firmly believe that they represent a more effective and forward-looking approach compared to simplistic cash handouts that lack long-term vision.

To become a world-class nation, we must demonstrate a commitment to break free from the chains of old, unproductive practices. As we express our reservation about the repetition of past mistakes, we must call upon President Tinubu to embrace progressive strategies that focus on sustainable development and inclusive growth.

Consequently, Nigeria deserves better than a rerun of ineffective and wasteful palliatives that have failed us in the past. President Tinubu and the National Assembly have an opportunity to break away from the cycle of short-sightedness and pave the way for a brighter future for the nation. Let us use the proposed funds wisely, investing in critical sectors like transportation, healthcare, and power generation to create a legacy of progress and prosperity for generations to come.

It is time to bid farewell to failed palliatives and embrace a new era of genuine economic growth and development.

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# Tinubu Looks Beyond Military To End Insecurity In North

BY JONATHAN NDA-ISAIAH, Abuja

The Tinubu administration will, in the coming weeks, unveil an initiative that will address insurgency and poverty, among other challenges confronting Nigerians, especially those living in the northern region, Vice President Kashim Shettima has said.

The vice president, who disclosed this yesterday in chat with journalists while on a condolence visit to Kano State, stated that the president's initiative is a non-military approach.

According to a statement by his media office, Sen Shettima, accompanied by Deputy Senate President Barau Jibrin, among others, were in Kano to commiserate with the government and people of Kano over the passing away of elder statesman, Alhaji Abubakar Imam Galadanci.

Speaking on the plan to address challenges confronting Nigerians, he said, "The president is determined to define the meaning and concept of modern governance. The crisis we have in the North West is further accentuated by poverty. Social exclusion is also something that the president is determined to confront and, in the coming weeks, he is going to unveil the Pulaku solution."

LEADERSHIP reports that Pulaku is the Fulani code of conduct defining and symbolising Fulbe identity and way of life, and bonding their relationship with one another.

Shettima continued, "Unless we want to engage in an endless war of attrition, there cannot be a military solution to the crisis in the North West. There has to be a kinetic and non-kinetic solution.

"In the next couple of weeks, we will unveil the Pulaku solution which will address the grievances and social exclusion of our Fulbe cousins in the North West and also towards addressing the root causes of all the banditry and insurgency in the nation."

Earlier on arrival in Kano, the vice president received by Governor Abba Yusuf and he

proceeded to the residence of the Emir of Bichi, HRH Alhaji Nasiru Ado Bayero, where he commiserated with him on the passing away of the late Imam Galadanci, and expressed President Tinubu's condolences.

From the Emir of Bichi's residence, the Shettima proceeded to the family compound of the late Galadanci where he was received by Prof. Shehu Galadanci and Air Vice Marshal Nura Imam (retd.) on behalf of the extended family.

Thanking the vice president for the visit on behalf of the family, Prof Shehu Galadanci emphasised the need for unity of purpose among northern leaders and urged Nigerians to always support the Tinubu administration in prayers and otherwise, for the success of its programmes and policies.

From Kano, the vice president then flew to Katsina on another visit to condole with renowned businessman, Alhaji Dahiru Mangal, over the demise of first wife, Hajiya Aisha Dahiru, who died Saturday evening in Abuja after a brief illness.

Hajiya Mangal has been buried according to Islamic rites.

Also yesterday, President Tinubu in Nairobi, Kenya, reaffirmed Africa's unity and strength, while strongly rejecting the notion of a new scramble for Africa.

The president warned that the past plundering and exploitation of the continent should remain in the past and not repeated.

Speaking at the Fifth Mid-Year Coordination Meeting of the African Union (AU), the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), the Regional Mechanisms (RMs), and the African Union Member-States, the president in a statement by presidential spokesman, Dele Alake, announced plans to strengthen the ECOWAS Standby Force to deter coups and combat terrorism in the sub-region.

The Nigerian leader, in his capacity as the chairperson of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government, highlighted the progress made by ECOWAS

in various sectors of its integration process, including trade, free movement of persons, investment promotion, infrastructure development, and security.

In his statement entitled "Address on Status of Regional Integration in ECOWAS," he emphasized the need for Africa to overcome its challenges and work towards a prosperous future, focusing on inclusive growth, good governance, and leveraging the opportunities provided by the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

Calling for good governance to ensure a prosperous future for Africa, free from the exploitations of the past, President Tinubu said: "As Africans, we forge ahead no matter the barriers thrust before us

"The world we inhabit is often unkind and uncertain. Past history and current global difficulties argue against our future success.

"Lessons of the past few years teach us that the world economy can be disrupted in ways that halt progress and invite downturn. Our nations can suddenly find themselves in dire situations if we choose to be passive observers of our fate.

"Such passivity does not commend itself to me. I will not listen to it. Neither should any African. The challenges we face mean that governance will be difficult.

"They also mean that visionary good governance is necessary. Some observers assert a new scramble for Africa is afoot and it is much like the old scramble that plundered our continent.

"But, here and now, let it be said to whomever the new scramblers might be that our continent may be old but our spirit is new. And it is strong. The bad that took place in the past must stay there. It shall never be repeated."

On peace, security, and stability, Tinubu acknowledged the challenges faced by the sub-region, including terrorism and unconstitutional changes in government.

"We sit here in a meaningful discussion of vital economic matters. Yet, it will be impossible to bring full meaning to



Tinubu

what we attempt unless we give due consideration to the instability and conflict that now scar many of our nations.

"The fullness of the integration we seek will elude us as long as several of our nations stand in the midst of violence and war.

"We cannot integrate Africa and attain the prosperity we seek while our nearby brothers and sisters suffer in pain and anguish, they should not suffer. We must advance as one continent toward peace and prosperity.

"Otherwise, we risk the creation of two or more Africa, one a select group of nations moving steadily while the rest remain trapped in the age-old mire of poverty, conflict and lack of hope."

He pointed out that in the area of peace, security, and stability, region is confronted with the twin challenges of terrorism and reversal of democratic gains through undemocratic changes of Government.

"To address these challenges, the ECOWAS Authority, which I have the honour to chair, has given a directive regarding the enhancement of the role of the ECOWAS Standby Force for deployment to fight terrorism and undemocratic changes in government.

President Tinubu recounted that during the recently concluded ECOWAS Summit in Bissau, West African leaders resolved to maintain engagement with Mali, Burkina Faso, to

assiduously work towards the implementation of the 24-month transition calendars agreed with ECOWAS.

Nonetheless, to assist Burkina Faso and Mali in defending their territories from occupation by terrorists, he said, ECOWAS had decided to provide support for their security agencies.

He appealed to international partners to assist to provide necessary support that will ensure the restoration of democratic order in these member-states.

On trade, President Tinubu said ECOWAS had achieved the Free Trade Area and was working on establishing the Customs Union and Common Market.

However, he expressed concern about the low level of intra-community trade among member-states, noting that the European Union remains the major trading partner for the region, followed by Asia, North America, and the rest of Africa.

Highlighting efforts made by ECOWAS to consolidate the gains of its trade liberalization scheme and support the implementation of the AfCFTA, the Nigerian leader said the ECOWAS Commission had been assisting member-states in the negotiations, ratification, and implementation of the AfCFTA.

He noted that 13 out of the 15 ECOWAS member states had ratified the agreement.

On free movement of persons, President Tinubu informed the meeting that ECOWAS had commenced action towards the implementation of the Harmonized Visa-Regime (ECOVISA) to facilitate the free movement of non-ECOWAS citizens.

On regional infrastructure development, President Tinubu reaffirmed ECOWAS' focus on building regional infrastructure, including the Lagos-Abidjan Corridor Highway, to promote economic activities and integration.

Regarding intra-regional cooperation, the President informed the meeting that a joint border post between Nigeria and Cameroon was recently commissioned and handed over in November 2022 to the authorities of the two countries.

He described the project as a bridge between ECOWAS and ECCAS and a solid foundation for future cooperation and integration between the regions and ultimately the African continent

President Tinubu also provided an update on the energy sector, expressing delight that several generation and inter-connection projects had been implemented within the region.

According to him, with the completion of the electric interconnection between Cote d'Ivoire-Liberia-Sierra Leone- Guinea (1,300 km) and between Senegal-The Gambia-Guinea Bissau and Guinea (1,700 km), all the 15 countries in West Africa have now been interconnected.

"The completion of the Information and Coordination Centre of the West African Power Pool (WAPP) will enable member-states to buy and sell electricity in the region as this centre will act as a regional system operator within the framework of the regional electricity market," he said.

The ECOWAS chairperson also provided updates on investment promotion, the ECOWAS Cybersecurity Agenda to combat cybercrime and improve cybersecurity capabilities in member states.

As the chairperson of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government, President Tinubu expressed his honour to participate, for the first time, in the Mid-Year Meeting of AU.

## Points At Issue

1 Indications have emerged that the administration of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu is looking beyond military strategies for solution to the insurgency ravaging the North.

2 In the days or weeks ahead, the federal government will unveil an initiative that will address insurgency and poverty, among other challenges confronting Nigerians.

3 The government believes that crisis in the North West is further accentuated by poverty and social exclusion, and vows to address the root causes of the crisis.

4 It argues that unless we want to engage in an endless war, there cannot be a military solution to the crisis in the North West. There has to be a kinetic and non-kinetic solution.







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# FG May Raise Minimum Wage To N200k, To Take Decision Soon

There are strong indications that the federal government is favourably disposed to raising the minimum wage to as high as N200k per month as demanded by the organised labour in the country.

However, state governors are urging for caution while Anambra State governor Charles Soludo has been asked to chair a Technical Working Group (TWG) to resolve the issues and its various dimensions.

LEADERSHIP gathered that the matter was discussed at the last month’s National Economic Council (NEC) meeting and it was there that the Salaries, Incomes & Wages Commission made a presentation on how the federal government can meet up with the demand of N200,000 per month minimum wage.

Sources, who spoke with *Empowered News Network*, revealed that President Bola Ahmed Tinubu is specifically and personally convinced that the demand of the organised labour is not unrealistic pointing to his campaign promises as a proof of his readiness to handle the challenge.

Recall that President Tinubu as

president-elect also said on Workers Day on May 1 that “In the Nigeria, I shall have the honour and privilege to lead from May 29, workers will have more than a minimum wage. You will have a living wage to have a decent life and provide for your families.”

At the NEC meeting which the president inaugurated in June, the Salaries & Wages Commission costed the financial implications of the said minimum wage increase and showed how the federal government could pay it, with a certain recommendation that it was well within the capacity of the federal government. But at the meeting the state governors who make up the membership of the NEC raised questions over the proposal.

Leading the governors at the meeting was Anambra State governor, Prof Charles Soludo who argued that before adopting the presentation to significantly raise the national minimum wage, it would be important for NEC to first understand where the money would come from, how much would come and what states would get.

Part of the expectations and

planning is that with the new foreign exchange policy more cash would be available to be shared by the federal and states governments under the FAAC monthly distribution. In which case according to informed sources there would be enough surplus cash to enable the significant raising of the minimum wage from N30,000 to N100, 000 monthly.

Similarly, the savings from the fuel subsidy would further mean more cash inflow to the federation account.

At the June NEC meeting, a sub-committee was formed to review the situation as was publicly announced, composed of governors led by Kebbi State governor with six other governors among the members. They are the governors of Anambra, Benue, Kaduna, Bauchi, Cross River and Oyo states with each representing the six geopolitical zones.

In the sub-committee are also the director-general of Budget Office of the Federation, Governor of Central Bank of Nigeria, Accountant General of the Federation and the representative of NNPC. Others included representatives from the

organised labour (TUC and NLC) and Ms. Rukayyat El-Rufai, according to a statement from the Office of the Vice President who is NEC’s chairman.

The sub-committee at its meeting soon after the NEC last month, formed a Technical Working Group, TWG, with Governor Soludo as chairman to interrogate the issues around raising the minimum wage understanding that it is both the federal and state governments and not just the federal government that would be responsible for the payment of the new minimum wage.

Under Soludo’s leadership the TWG has met at least thrice last month; on the 24th, 27th and 30th respectively.

In one of its major resolutions the TWG resolved that negotiations with labour must be two-tracked between the federal government in one hand and the state governments in another hand.

Later this month the NEC would meet to receive the report of the sub-committee and take a final decision on the national minimum wage which would then be forwarded to the president as an advisory.

## LEAP Africa, IYF To Host Pitch Event For Social Innovators

International Youth Foundation (IYF) and LEAP Africa have put up a pitch event for the recently launched Youth Enterprise Fund (YEF).

International Youth Foundation (IYF) is a global youth development organisation committed to inspiring and equipping young people to realise the future they envision while LEAP Africa is one of Africa’s leading youth-focused leadership development non-profit organisations.

According to the organisers, the pitch event constitutes a qualifying stage for the Youth Enterprise Fund which aims to reward ten Nigerian social innovators with a grant of \$10,000 each in funding with capacity building focused on the specific needs and requirements of each social enterprise, to deepen the impact of their work across Nigeria.

The organisers also disclosed that the Youth Enterprise Fund, made possible through the generous support of the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, seeks to empower young entrepreneurs by providing them with the necessary resources and financial backing to turn their ideas into reality. Present at the event were 13 early stage, young Nigerian social innovators who pitched their ingenious ideas in various sectors to the industry leaders who served as judges.

During the pitch event, the executive director of LEAP Africa, Kehinde Ayeni, asked the question: “Are you truly an innovator if you fail to disrupt the status quo?”

He further said, “This pivotal question challenged the audience to reflect on the core principles of innovation and its inherent connection to disruption.” He highlighted the importance of innovators being disruptors, stating that, “Irrespective of how developed a nation is, there is the necessity for disruptors. We need disruptors to alleviate poverty in Nigeria as we cannot continue to rely on the government.”

Joining the event virtually, Ronnie Murungu, the regional director for Africa and the Middle East, International Youth Foundation stated that for over two decades, IYF has been championing the importance of social entrepreneurship and this focus birthed the collaboration with LEAP Africa ten years ago.

# Tsunami Scare In U.S As Earthquake Hits Alaska Peninsula

A 7.2 magnitude earthquake triggered a brief tsunami advisory for southern Alaska late Saturday, but the advisory was canceled about an hour later, monitoring bodies reported.

The earthquake was felt widely throughout the Aleutian Islands, the Alaskan Peninsula and Cook Inlet regions, according to the Alaska Earthquake Center.

In Kodiak, Alaska, sirens warned of a possible tsunami and sent people driving to shelters late at night, according to a video posted to social media.

The United States Geological Survey wrote in a social media post that the earthquake occurred 106 kilometres (65.8 miles) south of Sand



**Biden**

Point, Alaska, at 10:48 p.m. Saturday. The quake initially was reported as 7.4 magnitude but downgraded to 7.2 soon after.

The U.S. National Weather Service

sent a tsunami advisory saying the quake occurred at a depth of 13 miles (21 kilometers). The agency cancelled the advisory about an hour after the first alert.

Before the cancellation, the National Weather Service in Anchorage, Alaska, tweeted that the tsunami advisory applied to coastal Alaska from Chignik Bay to Unimak Pass, but Kodiak Island and the Kenai Peninsula were not expected to be impacted.

The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency said shortly after the tsunami warning went out that there was no threat to the islands. There were an estimated eight aftershocks in the same area of Alaska, including one measuring 5.0

magnitude within three minutes of the original earthquake, KTUU-TV reported.

Residents were advised not to reoccupy hazard zones without clearance from local emergency officials, KTUU reported.

Small sea level changes were still possible, KTUU reported.

Alaska experiences thousands of earthquakes each year, most of which are too deep and too small to be felt. It is the U.S.’s most seismically active state and location of the second-largest earthquake ever recorded, according to the Alaska Earthquake Center. In 1964, a magnitude 9.2 earthquake in Prince William Sound caused extensive damage throughout south-central Alaska.

# Don’t Cancel My Election Over 25% In FCT, Tinubu Tells Tribunal

**BY OLAKUNLE OLASANMI, Abuja**

President Bola Tinubu and Vice President Kashim Shettima, have told the Presidential Election Petition Court sitting in Abuja, to dismiss the petition of the Labour Party (LP) and its presidential candidate Peter Obi.

Tinubu and Shettima, through their counsel, Mr Wole Olanipekun

(SAN) in his final written address against the petition of Obi and LP, described the arguments and testimonies of witnesses presented by the challengers as “frivolous, bogus and based on hearsay.”

In his written address, he urged the court to dismiss the petition as totally lacking in merit, substance and bona fide.

He argued that the “remote”

contention of the petitioners that his client’s election should be cancelled for not scoring 25 percent or one-quarter of the votes recorded in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) is not backed by any fact known to the law as the use of “and” in the constitution is conjunctive and not disjunctive.

He argued, “This case clearly cries to high heavens in vain to be fed with relevant and admissible evidence.

“The appellant woefully failed to realise that judges do not act like the oracles of life, which is often engaged in crystal gazing and thereafter would proclaim a new Oba in succession to a deceased Oba.

“Judges cannot perform miracles in the handling of civil claims, and at least of all manufacture evidence for the purpose of assisting a plaintiff win his case.”

# Extreme Heat Sweeps Across 3 Continents As Wildfires Spread

**BY AGENCY REPORT**

Scorching weather is gripping three continents, whipping up wildfires and threatening to topple temperature records.

Predictions of historic heat hung over swathes of Asia, Europe and the United States on Sunday.

In the Vatican, 15,000 people braved sweltering temperatures to hear Pope Francis lead prayer, using parasols and fans to keep cool.

But in their black robes, priests like Francois Mbemba said they were “sweating like hell”.

The 29-year-old said it felt hotter in St Peter’s Square than in his Democratic Republic of Congo diocese.

In Japan, authorities issued heatstroke alerts to tens of millions of people in 20 of its 47 prefectures as near-record high temperatures scorched large areas and torrential rain pummelled other regions.

National broadcaster NHK warned the heat was life-threatening, with the capital

and other places recording temperatures of nearly 40 degrees Celsius (104 Fahrenheit).

Japan’s highest temperature ever – a record 41.1C (106F), in Kumagaya city, Saitama in 2018 – could be beaten, according to the country’s meteorological agency.

Some places experienced their highest temperatures in more than four decades on Sunday, including Hirono town in Fukushima prefecture, which hit 37.3C (99.1F).

The United States National Weather Service reported that a powerful heatwave stretching from California to Texas was expected to peak during an “extremely hot and dangerous weekend”.

California’s Death Valley, often among the hottest places on Earth, is also likely to register new peaks on Sunday, with the mercury possibly surpassing 54C (129F).

At a Texas construction site outside Houston, a 28-year-old worker who gave his name only as Juan struggled in the blazing heat.

“Just when I take a drink of water, I get dizzy, I want to vomit because of the heat,” he told the AFP news agency.

Southern California is fighting numerous wildfires, including one in Riverside County that has burned more than 3,000 hectares (7,413 acres) and prompted evacuation orders.

Further north, the Canadian government said wildfires had burned a record-breaking 10 million hectares (25 million acres) this year, with more damage expected as the summer drags on.



# 4 Years After Inauguration, Multi-billion Naira Baro Inland Port Rots Away

## FROM COVER

An expert who worked at the site but prefers anonymity told LEADERSHIP that " Baro inland Port was designed for land containers from Lagos via Lokoja to Baro with a lighter towing tugboat and barges by the River Niger, but as of today the commis-

sioned Port is empty and bushes have taken over."

He stated further that though the project was commissioned without the requisite equipment, the port would have been a workable project if there was an access road and rail line to the area.

The village Hhead of Baro, Alhaji Salihu Mohammed Ndanusa, also

expressed concern over the poor state of the roads, saying that four years after the inauguration of the access roads that were supposed link the area to Katcha, Agaie, and Gulu to Abuja for the viability of the port remained in a deplorable state.

He said apart from the general state of the inaugurated port, the

access road is the major challenge to the viability of the port which would have changed to a great extent the economic fortunes of the people and the country.

A youth leader of the community and one-time member, Niger State House of Assembly, Hon Jibrin Ndagi Akwanu said, "We were scammed. They commissioned it

four years ago for political reasons during the campaign to win the election but after that they abandoned it.

"As you can see, this cannot work now because there is no access road, and even the rail lines installed have been pilfered, so, it is sad that after spending billions of naira the project is left to rot."

# Confusion In APC Over Reported Resignation Of Adamu

BY GEORGE AGBA, Abuja

Uncertainty yesterday pervaded the All Progressives Congress (APC) following reports of Senator Abdullahi Adamu's resignation as national chairman of the governing party.

There are indications that Adamu announced his resignation after mounting pressure from party bigwigs that he should do so.

A source within the APC who spoke in confidence on the development last night told LEADERSHIP that the embattled national chairman may have preempted the outcome of the national caucus and National Executive Committee (NEC) meetings billed for tomorrow and Wednesday.

"I am not surprised if Adamu has resigned because that is the noble part he should take if he does not want to be disgraced out of office. His refusal to support Senate President Godswill Akpabio and Speaker Abbas during the NASS leadership election sold him out as being anti-party.

"Don't forget that he also threw his weight behind former Senate president, Ahmed Lawan, instead of President Tinubu during the party's presidential primary last year. That he has been tolerated all this while shows how magnanimous Tinubu is as a leader," the source who did not want his name in print told our correspondent.

But an online report had it last night that Adamu resigned purportedly on the orders of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

National secretary of the party, Iyiola Omisore, was also said to have tendered his resignation minutes after.

An online newspaper, *Prime Business Africa*, reported that it got affirmation from reliable sources within the party and the presidency that Adamu "resigned a few minutes ago on the orders of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu."

Another online newspaper, *WesternPost*, also reported that Senator Abdullahi Adamu has resigned as APC national chairman.

Although efforts to get key members of the party to confirm the authenticity or otherwise of the chairman's resignation did not turn out, LEADERSHIP gathered from sources that members of the party's Nation-

al Working Committee (NWC) met at an undisclosed location to discuss pressing issues bordering on the fate of the party ahead of tomorrow's national caucus meeting and the NEC meeting billed for Wednesday.

Why the NWC members opted to meet secretly outside the party's secretariat when a meeting of the party's NWC is billed to hold today was still a puzzle at the time of filing this report.

The APC had scheduled the same NWC, caucus and NEC meetings for last week but had to move it to July 17, 18 and 19 following protest from some NWC members over a financial report of the party presented for deliberation by Adamu, which they insisted was not detailed.

*Prime Business Africa* reported that information it obtained last night indicated that the NWC and the president's meetings were postponed, purportedly at the request of Senator Adamu.

"It was also gathered authoritatively that all members of the NWC "are on the same page" regarding the compulsory resignation of the National Chairman and his Secretary, Omisore.

"The NWC members are also said to be miffed by the alleged lack of transparency in the party's 2022 Account audit, which they said was "surreptitiously secured and submitted without any of the members sighting it," the online paper reported.

Quoting a source which it said was privy to the details of the resignation, another online paper, *WesternPost*, reported yesterday that "Adamu was forced out over many issues which included his non-support for President Bola Tinubu.

"According to the source, for the past two weeks, elements within the party have been calling for his resignation threatening to remove him at the next National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting if he fails to resign," the online platform noted.

The paper further reported that Adamu caved in after Imo State governor and chairman of the Progressives Governors' Forum, Hope Uzodinma, "told him that if he didn't resign, they will remove him at the next NEC meeting".

LEADERSHIP recalls that since March this year, the national vice chairman (North-West)mof the party, Mallam



Adamu

Salihu Lukman, has been calling for the resignation of Adamu and the party's national secretary to balance the Muslim-Muslim presidential ticket and save the party in Osun State.

Lukman had also dragged Adamu and Omisore to court, praying the court to compel them to give account of how party funds were spent in the previous year.

Speaking with journalists in Abuja last week, the former director general of the Progressive Governors Forum (PGF) said despite raking in over N30 billion from sale of forms, Adamu refused to give President Tinubu and other candidates financial support in the 2023 general election.

He said, "Talking of national budget, we are just coming out of elections whereby we were not able to sustain past precedence. What was the past precedence? Under Comrade Adams Oshiomhole in 2019, every candidate of the party received something from the National Secretariat. In this last election, no candidate of the party received a dime from the party.

"Talking of finances, in our constitution the NEC is supposed to approve some form of sharing formula. I am aware that each state chapter has received about N20 million out of the N30 billion. Put together, that is about N700 million less than a billion which is less than 3 percent of the total income that has been earned.

"Yet we want to sweep this under the carpet. We are having states, zonal, local councils and ward levels who are left on their own. The whole question of funding of the party has not been addressed".

Asked in specific terms whether Tinubu got anything from the party or not, he said, "He didn't get a dime from the party. I am making this public. Let them challenge me and contradict me."

Lukman also faulted the party's decision to send its budget to the Independent National Electoral Commission INEC for scrutiny, arguing that it is the party's NEC that has the constitutional power to approve the budget.

He said, "We are expected to present a proposed national budget to the National Executive Com-

mittee NEC for approval by the provisions of Article 13(3A)(14) of the APC constitution. I felt embarrassed when I heard the National Secretary (Omisore) say the budget of the party has been sent to the Independent National Electoral Commission INEC.

"INEC is not the approving authority of the budget of the APC. The approving authority is the NEC. Till today we don't have a national budget. Yet we made over N30 billion from sales of forms.

"Till today as a member of the NWC and majority members of the NWC, maybe with the exception of the Financial Secretary, Treasurer and or the Auditor who may have inside knowledge of how much was expended on the renovation of the National Secretariat of the party, we have no knowledge of what is being expended".

He recalled that former President Muhammadu Buhari got some level of support from the party when he was the party's candidate in 2015 and 2019.

His words: "Look, in 2015, the party was truly a model party. President Buhari didn't have money. People were assigned responsibilities to raise money. It is just like Asiwaju and you say Asiwaju has money. So there were people assigned with the responsibility of mobilizing money for the party. If anything was done in 2023 based on that, it would be the initiative of Asiwaju. I am not aware of it as a party.

"If you remember in between, we were busy causing distractions about what should be our roles in the Presidential Campaign Council. Unless if we are humble and honest to admit that these are things that ordinarily shouldn't have happened and admit we need to correct them and reshape the relationship between us and the government that emerged, we would continue to have the problems we are having".

Lukman further accused Adamu of disobeying the party's decision on the choice of the leadership of the National Assembly by staying aloof from the position of the party.

According to him, instead of developing guidelines as directed by the provisions of Article 13 (4.6) of the constitution that would guide the emergence of the leadership of the National Assembly, the Adamu-led NWC approached it with a blank cheque.



# Na'Abba's Group Seeks Accountability In Palliatives Distribution

BY BELLO HAMZA, Abuja

A former Speaker of the House of Representatives Ghali Umar Na'Abba has commended President Ahmed Bola Tinubu over his plans to distribute palliatives to Nigerians with the aim

of reducing the hardship caused by the removal of fuel subsidy.

Na'Abba, who is the grand patron of the Coalition of Arewa Youths and Elders Group, applauded the Tinubu move to give N8,000 each to over 12 million Nigerians.

In a statement jointly signed by Na'Abba and the convener Musa Mujahid Zaitawa, they stressed the need for Tinubu to ensure transparency and accountability in the distribution of the palliatives, so that it would get to the grassroots who are largely affected by the

fuel subsidy removal.

Na'Abba said, "We are advising President Tinubu to distribute the palliatives according to the population, so that the highly populated region would get the large percentage.

"We wish to draw the attention of

President Tinubu about tuition fee increment by federal universities at the current situation where the majority of Nigerians are struggling for what to eat. Indeed, these universities are sabotaging Tinubu and his government. Therefore, he should not take this for granted."

# Edo Ijaw Debunks Allegation, Hails Security Operation In Community

BY PATRICK OCHOGA, Benin City

Community leaders, elders and youths of Inikorogha, an Ijaw community in Ovia South West local government area of Edo State have commended security agencies for ridding the riverine community of criminal elements who had laid siege to it.

The community said since the commencement of massive deployment of security operatives, multinational companies, such as Okomu Oil Palm, Oseh River Rubber Estate and others can now do

business without their personnel being kidnapped, robbed by some criminal gangs in the locality.

They urged members of the public to disregard allegations of political vendetta, intimidation or percussion peddled by some

persons as false and an attempt to "stand the truth on its head".

The chairman of Inikorogha Community, Mr Friday Benson, who spoke on behalf of the leaders, through a statement made available to newsmen, said the

operation in the community had no political undertone as members of the APC who are law-abiding are happy and living peacefully in the community, adding that only those involved in criminal activities were on the run.

They said at no point was

the assistant commissioner, State CID, Sani Fodio and CSP Williams Waba had hand in the said operation, pointing out that the commissioner of police was in charge of it.

Benson noted, "Inikorogha community has been relatively peaceful and safe

for people with genuine intentions and possible investors to come and explore.

"Those who have political scores should settle without dragging the name of our community into such imbroglio," he said.

## Group Faults Kano Govt Over N500bn Palliatives Comment

BY ABDULRAZAQ YAHUZA JERE, Abuja

Association for the Welfare of Poor and Vulnerable Nigerians (AWPON) has picked holes in the outright condemnation of the federal government's plan to distribute N500 billion as palliatives to Nigerians by the Kano State government.

The action of the government, according to the statement signed by the association's national coordinator, Mr Sambo Dogo, "...is unbecoming of a state government like Kano. This is simply pitting the public against federal government humane policy."

The governor, through his deputy Aminu Abdussalam Gwarzo at a meeting last Thursday with representatives of the Kano Cooperative Society at the Government House, lamented that the distribution was heavily biased, as Lagos State receives 47 percent of the allocation, followed by the South-South Zone with 17 percent, while other regions got lower percentages.

The association described the claim as "baseless, unverifiable and lacking in merit and authority."

Gwarzo said, "Since the meeting between the deputy governor and the cooperative societies was part of the activities to commemorate the 2023 International Day of Cooperatives, the deputy governor should be occupied with state plan for the development of cooperative societies, not attacking federal government's policy.

## Drug Abuse: Countdown to Fresh Offensive!



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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Management of the Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin, has observed with dismay the level of encroachment of the institution's land by illegal occupants.

Consequent upon this, the Management, through a radio announcement, invited all illegal occupants to a meeting on Friday, 9th June, 2023, which the majority of them failed to attend.

Despite the above measures and in disobedience to a judgment of an Ilorin High Court delivered on 5th day of June 2023, the illegal encroachment has not abated.

To this end, the Polytechnic Authority hereby advised all illegal occupants of its lands to immediately vacate the lands without further delay.

By this announcement, all illegal occupants and the general public are hereby notified that on expiration of SEVEN (7) days from the date of this NOTICE, the Polytechnic will commence the removal of all illegal structures on its lands.

This is for the attention and compliance by illegal occupants of Polytechnic lands and the general public.

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10 Listed Stocks Dominate Capital Market Trading With N25.6trn Capitalisation

BY OLUSHOLA BELLO, Lagos

Of the N33.1trillion total Nigerian Exchange (NGX) market capitalisation, 10 out of 156 listed companies control N25.62trillion translating to 77.1 per cent of the entire market valuation in six months, LEADERSHIP learnt.

The 10 companies are; MTN Nigerian Communications (MTNN) Plc, Airtel Africa, Dangote Cement, BUA Cement, BUA Foods, Zenith Bank, Guaranty Trust Holding Company (GTCO), Nestlé Nigeria, Seplat Energy and Geregu Power.

The total number of companies on the NGX as at June 30, 2023 are 156 with total capitalisation of N33.198 trillion. The NGX market capitalisation of the equities refers to the total value of the equities of all the listed companies on the Exchange.

These 10 stocks are called large cap and they dictate market trading direction through positive or negative performance as a company's stock is generally classified as large-cap, mid-cap or small-cap.

MTNN has taken over to become most capitalized stock of the NGX, with a market capitalisation of N5.565 trillion, accounting for about 16.76 per cent of the total equities market capitalisation as as June 30, 2023. Airtel Africa' market capitalisa-

tion followed by N4.960 trillion as it declined by N1.185 trillion from N6.145 trillion on January 2, 2023; while Dangote Cement followed with a valuation of N4.857 trillion.

BUA Cement recorded a total capitalization of N3.124 trillion, while BUA Foods achieved N2.444 trillion capitalization, gaining N1.274 trillion in six months.

Zenith Bank total capitalisation grew by N298 billion to N1.075 trillion, while Guaranty Trust Holding Company (GTCO) recorded a half year growth of N353 billion to N1.030 trillion.

Nestle Nigeria, Seplat Energy and Geregu Power capitalization stood at N990.820 billion, N823.705 billion and N750 billion respectively as at June 30, 2023.

The equities market performance in 2023 has maintained the uptrend momentum from 2022. As at June 30, 2023, the NGX All Share Index has a year-to-date (YTD) return of 18.5 per cent, driven by strong share price performances of large-cap stocks such as Dangote Cement, BUA Foods, Geregu Power and MTNN; impressive earnings performance as well as dividend declarations; and positivity following the inauguration address by President Bola Tinubu and subsequent policy reforms; including the new FX

liberalisation policy.

Speaking on this development, the chief economist/head, Investment Research of PanAfrican Capital Holdings, Mr. Moses Ojo, said impressive corporate earnings and dividend pay out to shareholders contributed to these companies' price appreciation.

According to Ojo, the three companies are the largest companies by market capitalisation on the NGX and that if these companies record one per cent gain, it will affect the direction of the stock market.

"The financial results of these companies have been impressive despite foreign and domestic challenges. Despite reporting high operating cost, the likes of MTNN and Airtel Africa have maintained robust fundamentals," he said.

The chief operating officer, InvestData Consulting Limited, Ambrose Omorodion attributed stock price appreciation in these companies to stability and its classification, saying "investors are always after highly capitalised stocks across the world. These are companies where Pension Fund Administrators, foreign and high network investors are ready to take positions. These companies are defensive stocks and they control over 50 per cent value on the NGX."



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PUBLIC DISPLAY EXERCISE ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) OF THE PROPOSED CASHEW PROCESSING AND GENERAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE PROJECT AT ELEBO VILLAGE, OLUYOLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA, OYO STATE BY VALENCY AGRO NIGERIA LIMITED

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Enugu Community Seeks To Join Ex-Perm Sec In Fund Diversion Suit

BY NNAMDI MBAWIKE, Enugu

Natives of Oma-Eke community in Udi local government area of Enugu State, have filed a motion on notice in a pending suit at the Federal High Court Enugu, seeking an order to join a former permanent secretary, Ecological Funds Office Abuja, Dr Habiba M. Lawal, personally as a party, in the suit over her alleged authorisation of the diversion of a 3.8 Kilometer Ecological Funds Road Project valued at N429 million approved and awarded by the Tenders Board of the Ecological Funds office.

The defendants in the suit are: a contracting firm, Flab Engineering Services Ltd, the consultant, Eco project Services Ltd, the permanent secretary, Ecological Funds Office, the attorney general of the federation, and now Dr. Habiba M. Lawal, who the plaintiffs are seeking to be joined as the fifth defend. The said project was awarded by the Ecological Funds Office during the administration of the immediate past Nigeria's president, Muhammadu Buhari to check ravaging erosion menace in the community, but was diverted to other places not mentioned in the contract award letter.

Group Honours Ex-Ambassador To Mali, Others

BY HUSSAINI HAMMANGABDO, Yola

FCT Women Abandon Fresh Tomatoes Over High Cost Some housewives in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) have started patronising sellers of dry tomatoes as the cost of fresh ones continue to increase.

A correspondent of the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) who monitored markets in Dutse and Bwari in Abuja, yesterday, reports that housewives now preferred dry tomatoes because it was cheaper.

Mrs Temitope Joshua, a housewife and a civil servant said that she dried her tomatoes in the past just for preservation but changed her method of preservation when she bought a deep freezer.

She, however, said that the recent hike in price of tomatoes had forced her to revisit the use of dry tomatoes for her cooking, adding that it was cheaper and had more value than the fresh ones.

Joshua said she bought in bulk to avoid its scarcity.

"I buy plenty when I go to the market because sometimes it is scarce and this is not even the season."



R-L: Director General, Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP), Mamman Ahmadu and Director, System Study and Review Department, Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission, (ICPC), Mr Abbia Udofia during the Inauguration of Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU) members in BPP office held in Abuja at the weekend. PHOTO BY REMI AKUNLEYAN

African Leaders Reaffirm Commitment To Integration, Development

BY JONATHAN NDA-ISAIAH, Abuja

African Heads of State and Government have declared their commitment to advancing integration, development and cooperation within the continent.

The leaders, representing the Bureau of the Assembly of the African Union (AU) and Chairpersons of the eight Regional Economic Communities (RECs) as well as Regional Mechanisms (RMs), concluded the Fifth Mid-Year Coordination Meeting of AU in Nairobi, Kenya, yesterday, with

the adoption of a draft declaration.

According to a statement by presidential spokesman, Dele Alake, the meeting chaired by President Azali Assoumani of Comoros and the chairperson of the African Union was attended by President Bola Tinubu of Nigeria and the chairperson of ECOWAS, as well as the presidents of Kenya, Egypt, Gabon, Djibouti, Libya, Senegal and DR Congo.

The leaders expressed their support for initiatives aimed at boosting connectivity and tourism within Africa, including the implementation of E-visa

facilitation.

They also pledged to champion the ratification of the Protocol on Free Movement of Persons to effectively support the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agenda.

The leaders vowed to support the operationalisation and expansion of key initiatives such as the AfCFTA Adjustment Facility, Payment and Settlement System, and Guided Trade Initiative, aiming to enhance trade facilitation and economic cooperation.

Earlier at the meeting, President Tinubu, in his

capacity as the chairperson of ECOWAS, presented a comprehensive report on the progress and challenges faced in regional integration.

He emphasised ECOWAS' commitment to promoting stability, democracy, and economic growth in Africa, underscoring the sub-regional organisation's dedication to good governance, rule of law and democratic values.

Tinubu reaffirmed ECOWAS' readiness to actively combat security challenges, working towards the integration and prosperity of the region.

Gov Abiodun Celebrates Wife At 57

Ogun State governor Prince Dapo Abiodun has praised his wife, Bamidele, for her continuous support and role in ensuring the successful implementation of his administration's ISEYA programme.

He said her determination at ensuring his success as governor of the state has helped in filling the gap as he serves the people.

Abiodun who made this known during the 57th birthday thanksgiving of his wife held at the Government House Chapel,

Oke-Igbehin, Abeokuta, charged the congregation and the people of the state to deliberate and live a life that touches others.

He said, "I want to thank you for filling in the gap as I serve the good people of Ogun State. I want to thank you for your consistent prayers. May the Lord Almighty continue to protect and keep you under his shadow.

"Today is a special day of thanksgiving because my beautiful and adorable wife has added another year. We are here

to celebrate what the Lord has done for us.

"I want to pray that God continues to give you Bamidele unspeakable and everlasting joy. May you fulfil your destiny," he said.

Abiodun, who also noted that days like his wife's birthday and thanksgiving are indeed worthy of celebration, added: "Days like these are indeed worthy of celebration, but at the same time, they are reminders that we have added one extra

year and we have one less extra year left on this earth."

The governor, who also urged the people of the state to ask themselves what reason God has created them, said that occasions like birthday thanksgivings are created not to only number our days, but to also give thanks to God.

In her remarks, the celebrant thanked God for giving her good health and sound mind, as well as holding her hands even in times of tribulation.

Nigerians Need Housing Intervention, Not Cash Transfers – HDAN

BY JONATHAN NDA-ISAIAH, Abuja

The executive director of Housing Development Advocacy Network (HDAN), Festus Adebayo, has called on the government to address unemployment and other economic challenges through affordable housing.

Adebayo disclosed this while speaking to newsmen in Abuja and urged the new administration to provide housing for citizens instead of cash transfers of N8,000 monthly being proposed.

According to Adebayo,

Nigerian citizens need intervention and not N8,000 cash transfer per month. This is coming at the time when Nigerian citizens are faced with the effect of fuel subsidy removal by the new administration.

"There's no doubt that it's a new dawn in Nigeria, and Nigerians are experiencing a new era. But the question is how far can they adjust to the effect of fuel subsidy removal? I believe only time can tell.

"I must say that the multiplier effect of fuel subsidy removal can be

seen in all aspects of the economy, because when fuel price increases everything increases, look at transportation, food, building materials and so on.

"I must use this opportunity to let you know that the palliative Nigerians need shouldn't be in cash transfer of 8,000 but intervention that will empower them to become productive and ease the effect of fuel subsidy removal," he said.

According to Adebayo, what is expected at this time is for the government to

intervene through palliative measures so as to enable citizens to cope with the economic effect of fuel subsidy removal, especially at a time like this when affordable housing is almost like a mirage.

Adebayo also hinted that the 17th edition of the Africa International Housing Show is set to hold on July 24th-27th, 2023 and that it would provide a platform where the federal government will speak on how it intends to address the issue of affordable housing for Nigerians.

UNHCR Partners Islamic Society To Help IDPs In Nigeria

United Nations Refugee Agency, UNHCR, has gone into partnership with the Al-Habibiyyah Islamic Society, a faith-based organisation in Nigeria, to galvanise support for internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Nigeria.

Currently, there are over 3.3 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Nigeria which cut across different regions of northeast, northwest, and north-central.

A statement by Hajiya Habiba Ahmed and Amina Rai of UNHCR, said the duo intends to mobilise support from Nigeria's Muslim community and galvanise the spirit of Islamic philanthropy as a tool to support these most vulnerable populations in the country.

Al-Habibiyyah Islamic Society will organise fundraising activities to mobilise resources till June 2024. The statement quoted the National Chief Imam of Al-Habibiyyah, Imam Fuad Adeyemi, saying, "This partnership with UNHCR is an expansion of the work Al-Habibiyyah is doing to support the less privileged in society.

No Going Back On Sacked Boards, Gov Eno Declares

BY INIOBONG EKPONTA, Uyo

Governor of Akwa Ibom State, Umo Eno, has warned leaders and members of dissolved non-statutory boards, who have refused to go that he would not succumb to pressure or other forms of entreaties to reverse his decision, reminding them that their lifespan had since elapsed with the immediate past administration of Mr Udom Emmanuel, on May 29.

While urging them to disengage from offices and desist from acting in their erstwhile capacities, Eno reiterated his position in the June 21, 2023 official statement that "such former appointees should handover to the most senior civil servant in the Board, except for statutory Boards or constituted Limited Liability Companies."

Addressing a monthly prayer summit at the Government House, Uyo, the state capital at the weekend, Eno said: "I would like to remind you that we have dissolved all non statutory Boards. You see, I am not the type that always likes to make noise and carry everything around me because power is transient. That is why people have a lot of problems exiting power. I want to remain a very normal person in spite of my position.



## Reps Screen Service Chiefs Today

BY JAMES KWEN, Abuja

The House of Representatives ad-hoc committee is set to screen the recently appointed service chiefs today, Monday as part of its assignment.

The panel, headed by the chairman of the committee on defence in the 9th House, Babajimi Benson (APC, Lagos), was constituted last Tuesday.

Speaker of the House Abbas Tajudeen who announced the setting up of the panel at plenary, said the eight principal officers of the House from the majority and minority parties would be part of the ad-hoc committee.

The majority caucus has (Prof.) Julius Ihonvbere (APC, Edo) as majority leader; Abdullahi Ibrahim Halims (APC, Kogi), deputy majority leader; Bello Usman Kumo (APC, Gombe), chief whip; and Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga (APC, Ogun) as deputy chief whip.

The minority caucus comprised Kingsley Chinda (PDP, Rivers) as minority leader; Aliyu Sani Madaki (NNPP, Kano), deputy minority leader; Ali Isa (PDP, Gombe), minority whip; and George Ozodinobi (LP, Anambra) as deputy minority whip.

## Free Emeziele Now, Group Urges FG, DSS

BY MARK ITSIBOR, Abuja

A pan-Nigerian advocacy group, United for Truth, Integrity and Justice Inc. (UTIJ) has expressed disappointment over the arrest and continued detention of former Governor of Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), Godwin Emeziele, by men of the Department of State Services (DSS), describing the development as a pure witch-hunt.

Emezele was arrested on June 10, 2023, a day after he was suspended by President Bola Tinubu, and he is still being held in the custody of the DSS.

The group expressed disappointment and rejection of the modus operandi of the DSS in a press statement issued by its executive director, Prince Uneke Ekwaogbu, and secretary, Hon. Musa Abubakar.

The group noted that arresting Emeziele, despite a subsisting court order barring his arrest, makes a mockery of the nation's democracy. It, therefore, urged President Bola Tinubu, well-meaning Nigerians and human rights to prevail on the DSS to release Emeziele out of respect for the court and the rule of law.

Corps member, Michael Evelyn Tiffa (left); NYSC Katsina State coordinator, Aishat Mohammad (2nd left) and corps member, Ologbonryo Emmanuel Sunday (right) presenting a souvenir to the director general of NYSC, Brig-Gen Yusha'u Dogara Ahmed (3rd right) during the DG's visit to Katsina orientation camp, yesterday.



## Reps Ask FG To Order Accreditation Of Dental College

BY JONATHAN NDA-ISAIAH, Abuja

House of Representatives has appealed to federal government to instruct the National Universities Commission (NUC) to immediately accredit Federal College of Dental Technology and Therapy, Enugu to independently award degrees in accordance with the Act governing its operations.

The House also mandated its committee on tertiary

education to ensure that NUC complies with provisions of the Act.

Deputy speaker of the House, Benjamin Kalu, while moving a motion on the floor of the House, reminded his colleagues of section 6a of the Federal College of Dental Technology (Establishment) Act 2017 passed by the House in concurrence with the Senate and assented to by President Muhammadu Buhari in 2017.

According to him, despite the enactment of the Act

and the visit of NUC to the College on inspection tour of its facilities in 2020, NUC has continued to deny the college of its deserved accreditation to perform its degree awarding functions.

The lawmaker expressed concern that NUC had insisted that the institution, which has been awarding Ordinary National Diploma (OND) and Higher National Diploma (HND) over the years, could only run degree programmes in affiliation with Federal University of

Technology, Owerri (FUTO) despite its findings and report that the institution is well equipped with both manpower and adequate facilities to unilaterally award degrees.

He recalled that whereas the institution was founded since 1955 to curtail capital flights and meet medical and manpower needs in the country, NUC's refusal to accredit the College for degree award is also a violation of Section 4(1a) of the NUC Act.

## Pro-Chancellor Hinges Nigeria's Development On Active Followership

The quest for a Nigeria that is economically strong with good infrastructure development is only possible with active and responsible followership, the pro-chancellor of Adeleke University, Dr Adedeji Adeleke said.

In an address at the 9th undergraduate and 5th postgraduate convocation of the university yesterday, the business mogul and founder of the university, challenged the stereotype of blaming only the national leadership for the poor state of the nation, affirming that Nigeria

cannot get out of the wood unless the followership accepts responsibility in nation building.

In his address titled "Change Begins with You", the chairman of Pacific Holdings Limited lamented the increasing rejection and maltreatment of Nigerians in several countries and posited that most challenges drawing the nation back are traceable to both followership refusal to take responsibility and the leadership complacency in the face of willing citizenry.

Emphasising the critical role of citizenship in nation

building, the founder of the Adeleke University told the new graduates that they can build a new country by making a difference through responsible citizenship.

"In Nigeria, we blamed the leaders. What about the followership? Citizenship comes with responsibility. Building a nation does not rest on leadership alone. When everybody contributes their quota, the nation grows and develops.

"You can start by holding your leaders accountable. Developed democracies

are what they are because of active citizenship. Young ones can still build a new Nigeria. There are many reasons for my optimism. If you are determined to change the narrative, to make a difference, you can do it within ten to fifteen years.

"Look at Nigerians in diaspora. Best minds in American medicine are Nigerians. In IT, Nigerians are next to India. They do well because they function in a society where followership holds the leadership to account for good governance.

## Igbinedion Varsity Graduates 3,000 Law Students In 23 Years

BY PATRICK OCHOGA, Benin City

Nigeria's premier private university, Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State has produced more than 3000 law graduates since its establishment in 1999.

Its vice chancellor, Prof. Lawrence Ezemonye, disclosed this on Saturday in Okada during the valedictory ceremony and public lecture for the 2022/2023 graduating students.

Ezemonye said the graduates were excelling in their various callings with some becoming Senior Advocates of Nigeria.

He said, "As it stands, the University has equipped you sufficiently well with knowledge and skills to face the future with confidence.

"Therefore, the challenge before you, the graduating law students, is to go to the Law School not only to replicate and surpass your performance at the College, but also to stand out from the crowd as your predecessors have done.

"The university's commitment to academic excellence remains on course. We have escalated our internationalization programme as a platform for knowledge exchange, research and development.

"Our Master Classes are up and running through the injection of industry experts in order to bridge the gap between theory and practice," he said.

Earlier, dean, Oba Erediauwa College of Law of the University, Prof. Osaretin Izevbuwa called for building of more law schools in the country to accommodate graduates that are produced year in year out.

This, he said, would enhance the delivery of the justice system in the country.

Izevbuwa said the present quota of the University at the Nigerian Law School was 100, but noted that the

management was leaving no stone unturned in securing more spaces.

The dean urged the graduates to follow the standards at the law school and be good ambassadors of the institution while furthering their academic engagements.

Delivering the public lecture, Mr Afam Osigwe advised the graduates to narrow their interest to a particular area as they proceed to law school.

Osigwe said the legal profession was very competitive and only those who stand out could excel in the field.

## NDLEA Nabs Europe-bound Teenager With Drugs At Abuja Airport

BY EJIKE EJIKE, Abuja

National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) has arrested a 19-year-old student, Benjamin Nnamani Daberechi, at the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport (NAIA) Abuja for attempting to export 7.2 kilogrammes of methamphetamine concealed in crayfish to Europe where he was going for undergraduate studies.

The teenager suspect was intercepted on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, during an outward clearance of passengers on Turkish Airlines flight TK 0624.

NDLEA spokesperson, Femi Babafemi said, "while being interviewed by operatives, Daberechi claimed he was a student on his way to Cyprus for studies, but upon a thorough search of his luggage, he was found in possession of 7.2kg of whitish substance neatly concealed inside a sack of crayfish.

A field test of the substance however proved positive to Methamphetamine."

## Ukrainian Varsity Inducts Deputy Speaker, 49 Others Into Council Of Fellows

BY ADEGWU JOHN, Abuja

Deputy speaker of the House of Representatives, Benjamin Kalu and 49 other Nigerians have been inducted into the council of fellows of Karazin School of International Relations and Travel Business of V. N Karazin Kharkiv National University, Ukraine.

The development is part of the university's move to strengthen bilateral relations with Nigeria in the area of education and human capital development.

At the induction oath of allegiance taking ceremony held in Abuja, the deputy speaker who was represented by member representing Calabar Municipality/Odukpani federal constituency, Cross River State, Bassey Akiba extolled the university for finding them worthy of the fellowship.

According to Kalu, "I want to thank the school on behalf of my principal for the good work they have been doing beyond Nigeria as a country, a lot has been done to Nigeria in terms of business relationship".



President, Nigeria Association of Auctioneers, Aliyu Kiliya (4th left), receiving an award as “Africa’s Patriotic Icon of integrity and leadership” from Majority Leader, Hon. Kobehi Kossah, of the African Students’ Union Parliament in Abuja at the weekend



## FCTA Dislodges Illegal Markets, Drug Spots At Asokoro

BY IGHO OYOYO, Abuja

Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) through its joint city enforcement team has raided and dislodged illegal markets, auto mechanic workshops and motor parks as well as illicit drugs related activities around AYA roundabout at Asokoro district of the FCT.

The team also abated

environmental nuisances around Court of Appeal junction through Federal Secretariat complex, Eagle Square and NICON Junction axis of Shehu Shagari Way.

The secretary of FCTA Command and Control, Olu-muji Peter, said the exercise was in continuation of the FCT administration’s commitment in ensuring that

the city is kept safe for every resident.

He warned those with criminal tendencies in the city to change their ways or relocate to wherever they came from, because the city would not be conducive for them, as the enforcement is continuous.

He said through credible intelligence from security agencies, the team busted

a criminal hideout around Asokoro, where illicit drugs were recovered.

“We have been able to dislodge where they normally reside, and that is a good development to those traversing around the place, especially at night. We got reports that people were being attacked whenever they were traversing this environment.”

## RETEAN Tasks Tinubu On Revival Of Transport Sector

BY ABDULLAHI OLESIN, Ilorin

Transporters under the aegis of the Road Transport Employers Association of Nigeria (RTEAN) have called on President Bola Tinubu to take advantage of the potentials in the transportation sector to develop the nation’s economy.

They also called on the

president to continue to support them to ensure the growth of their businesses.

The chairman of RTEAN in the North Central zone, Alhaji Salman Ayoku made the call during the zonal meeting of the union in Ilorin, Kwara State yesterday.

He appealed to the federal government to continue to support the association for a rapid development of

the nation’s transportation sector.

Ayoku described transportation as one of the major tools for the nation’s economic development.

He expressed the zone’s full support for the national president of RTEAN, Alhaji Musa Maitakobi.

He eulogised the virtues of the national president, adding that, “ In the past,

we didn’t have the RTEAN national secretariat and the welfare of members was not also attended to. Today, the narrative has changed under the present leadership of RTEAN.”

The Kwara State chairman of RTEAN, Alhaji AbdulRahman Onikijipa thanked his colleagues from the zone for holding the zonal meeting in Ilorin.

## Gov Bago Condoles With Etsu Nupe Over Kuta Muregi’s Death

BY ABU NMODU, Minna.

Niger State governor Muhammed Umaru Bago has condoled with the chairman of the Niger State Council of Traditional Rulers and Etsu Nupe, Alhaji Yahaya Abubakar and the people of Bida Emirate over the death of Kuta Muregi, Alhaji Mo-

hammad Abubakar Muregi.

Bago in a condolence message by his chief press secretary, Bologi Ibrahim, said the deceased was known for promoting harmonious coexistence among his subjects adding that he made an immense contribution to the growth and development of his domain.

He said, “His death has created a huge vacuum, but we remain resolute in God that He will raise someone to fill the gap.”

The governor extended his heartfelt condolences to the family of the deceased and prayed to God to comfort them, the people of Kin Kedde and the entire Bida Emirate.

He also prayed to God to

grant the deceased Aljanna Firdausi.

The late Muregi who was appointed Kuta Muregi by the Etsu Nupe in 2004 was a retired seasoned educationist.

He contributed his quota to the education sector of the state by serving in several capacities in old Lavun and Mokwa local government councils.

## Benue Doctors Laud Gov Alia For Implementing Medical Residency Training Fund

BY HEMBADOON ORSAR, Makurdi

Association of Resident Doctors (ARD) Benue State University Teaching Hospital (BSUTH) has described the Benue State governor Rev. Fr. Hyacinth Alia as the first governor in Nigeria to implement the Revised Medical Residency Training Fund (MRTF) 2023 at the revised rate.

The state president of the association, Dr Moses Agwa, who disclosed this

in a statement said, the gesture is a remarkable feat that will inspire resident doctors to be committed to their training and service delivery.

While appreciating the efforts of the acting chief medical director, Dr Michael Maanongun in ensuring the fruition of this effort, the association also commended Governor Alia, for his uncommon commitment to resolving the challenges faced by the healthcare sector within the state.

He added that the command under his watch between January and June this year has collected and remitted the sum of N9, 813,483,412.09 to the federation account.

## Kwara Customs Generates N6.2bn In Second Quarter

BY ABDULLAHI OLESIN, Ilorin

The Kwara State Command of the Nigeria Customs Service between April and June 2023 generated N6.2 billion.

This amount represents 9.14 percent of revenue increment compared to preceding year 2022.

The comptroller of Customs

in charge of Kwara Command, Kehinde Ilesanmi disclosed this while appraising the activities of the command in the second quarter of 2023.

“The command has at the end of the second quarter 2023, generated the sum of N 6, 246, 485,827.97. This amount represents 9.14% of the revenue increment com-

pared to preceding year 2022,” Ilesanmi said.

He added that the command under his watch between January and June this year has collected and remitted the sum of N9, 813,483,412.09 to the federation account.

“This amount is above what was collected from (Janu-

ary-June, 2022) with the sum of N5,762,552,633.87,” he stated.

Ilesanmi said the results of the command’s anti-smuggling activities coupled with its renewed drive in the utilisation of cutting edge strategies had led to 56 seizures of different items with Duty Paid Value (DPV) N48,822,400.00.

## Kogi Guber: Women, Youths Mobilise For Ododo

BY AYOBAMI OMOLE-IYAGIN, Lokoja

Thousands of youths, women and other All Progressives Congress (APC) faithful have rallied support for the party’s candidate in the forthcoming Kogi State governorship election, Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo and his running mate Joel Oyibo in Idah, traditional home of Igala people.

The rally which started at the Idah local government secretariat moved to the boundary point of Igalamela/Odolu local government area with the sea of heads marching with enthusiasm.

The chairman of Idah local government area, Hon Abu Odoma, in his address told the party supporters that the

rally was organised by the 52 youth and women support groups for the APC governorship candidate.

He added that the turnout of the mini-rally was a very good sign of impending successful November 2023 governorship election in favour of their candidate, Alhaji Ododo.

The excited chairman said, “I am particularly happy that the youths and women in Idah are more interested in credible leaders that can deliver the dividends of democracy to the district.

“They want a leader that can give credible leadership in the state and to guarantee the future of our people and not a sectional and ethnic leader who believes in tribal Sentiments.”

## Headies Awards 2023: The Plug Sets The Bar, Garners 13 Nominations

BY SOLOMON NDA-ISAIAH, Abuja

Artists from Nigeria’s leading talent management company, The Plug, dominated the Headies Awards list of nominees with 13 nods. The culture advisory company confirmed this, following a roll out of nominations by the award organisers for its 16th edition on Wednesday.

Leading the pack from its roster is Afrobeats titan, Davido, who bagged 5 nominations, scoring 2 each for ‘Stand Strong’ and his feature on ‘Electricity’. The superstar, who is currently on tour, also earned a nod for his latest album, ‘Timeless’, under the best album category.

Victony, who recently

released two singles “My darling” and “angelus” secured four nominations with ‘Soweto’, tapped for the “Best Recording of the Year” and “Viewers’ Choice” categories. He will seek to edge out other stars for the ‘Album of the Year’ and the highly coveted ‘Next Rated’ awards.

Other nominees managed by The Plug include internationally acclaimed afro-fusion star, Ckay, who features in the “Best R&B Single” for his hit track “MMADU”; South African sensation, Focalistic, who is nominated for ‘Best Southern African Artiste of the Year’, and Alte music trailblazer, BOJ, who also gained two nominations for ‘Best Alternative Song’ and “Best Alternative Album.”

## Rotary Club Gives Free Medical Treatment To 200 FCT Residents

BY ORJIME MOSES, Abuja

Rotary Club of Abuja Gwarinpa and Rotary Club Abuja Minister’s Hill in a joint project on maternal and child health, over the weekend, provided free medical tests and treatment to over 200 pregnant women and nursing mothers in Jahi community of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) to mark the month of “Maternal and Child Health” under Rotary International calendar.

It also distributed over 150 treated nets to pregnant women and nursing mothers against mosquitoes, and referred those with more challenges, including hepatitis, to hospital for better attention.

Addressing journalists, the president of the Rotary Club Abuja Gwarinpa, Adebanke Aderogba said that

they have decided to reach out to the needy in this adopted community in line with the mandate of Rotary International.

She said, “The joint project focused on creating awareness and providing medical care to over 200 indigent women of the Jahi community on illnesses that plague pregnant women and nursing mothers.

“Women were tested for malaria parasites, high blood pressure and blood sugar level. Medications were administered to those who showed signs of these ailments. Long Lasting Insecticidal Nets (LLINs) were also distributed to the over 200 women that were present. Health talks were delivered by qualified medical personnel who were on ground for the outreach.



## Yola Residents Laments Charcoal Price Hike

BY HUSSAINI HAMMANGABDO, Yola

Yola residents, especially local restaurants operators in Adamawa State, have decried the hike in charcoal price following ban on cutting of tree for firewood by the state government

Governor Ahmad Fintiri banned the indiscriminate cutting of trees, saying it causes environmental degradation and perennial flooding.

An Islamic leader, Sheikh Sale Gwalam, had asked the state government to provide alternative sources of cooking energy following the ban.

Gwalam said though the government may have good intentions, he expressed concern over the hardship being faced by the people of the state because of the action of the government.

He said, “We call on Governor Fintiri to come up with an alternative to charcoal, to cushion effects of the ban of cutting trees for firewood.

"Ordinary people are suffering due to the high cost of charcoal, as cooking gas is beyond their reach."

Another resident, Mrs Mabir Pansan, who roasts corn/maize, lamented low patronage arising from the ban.

## Customs Sympathises With Katsina's Chief of Staff Over Attack

BY GODWIN ENNA, Katsina

The Nigerian Customs Service, Katsina State area command has sympathised with the state government over the alleged attacks on the chief of staff to the governor in the state, Jabiru Tsauri, on his way to Kaduna recently.

The command in a statement issued by its public relations officer, Tahir Balarabe, and made available to LEADERSHIP, apologised with dismay over the unfortunate incident on the person of the chief of staff, assuring to punish anyone found guilty in the incident and be brought to book after completion of the ongoing investigation.

He said, "According to the press release signed by the chief press secretary to the governor of Katsina State, Ibrahim Mohammed, on 14th July 2023, the incident occurred on Thursday 13th July 2023 along Gorar Yammama highway, Katsina State.

L-R: Legal adviser to Coalition of Arewa Youth Consultative Forum, Barr. Suleiman Lere; convener of the Forum, Babangida Malabo; president of the Forum, Dr Gimba Maina, and member, Amina Abdullahi during a press conference over arrest of former EFCC Abdurasheed Bawa in Kaduna, yesterday. PHOTO GBENGA ABIOLA



## Sultan Directs Muslims To Look Out For New Moon Of Muharram

The Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Sa'ad Abubakar III, has directed Muslims to look out for the new moon of Muharram from today.

The Sultan, who is also the president-general of the Nigeria Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA), gave the directive in a statement

issued by the Advisory Committee on Religious Affairs Sultanate Council, Sokoto.

He said, “This is to inform the Muslim Ummah that Monday, July 17, which is equivalent to 29th day of Dhul-Qadah 1444 AH (Islamic calendar) shall be the

day to look for the new moon of Muharram 1445 AH.

“Muslims are, therefore, requested to start looking for the new moon of Muharram 1445 AH on Monday and report its sighting to the nearest district or village head for onward communication to the Sultan,” the statement

read.

The Sultan prayed to Allah to help all Muslims in the discharge of their religious duties.

It would be recalled that Muharram is the first month of the Islamic calendar and identified as one of the four sacred months of the year.

## Bauchi, Gombe, Jigawa Launch Subsidised Fertilisers For Farmers

As farmers begin cropping activities, Bauchi, Gombe and Jigawa State governments have approved 50 per cent subsidy on fertiliser prices to ease access to the commodity.

A check by the News Agency of Nigeria in Bauchi, Gombe and Jigawa showed that the sale of the commodity at the subsidised rate to the farmers had begun.

The NPK brand of fertilisers is being sold between N15,000 and N19,000 as against the former price of N27,000.

In Jigawa, the state government procured 6,000 metric tonnes of fertilisers for sale to the farmers.

The chairman, Fertiliser Distribution Committee, Sen. Mustapha Makama

said that Gov. Umar Namadi would inaugurate fertiliser distribution exercise on July 17.

He said the commodity had been distributed to the designated sale outlets to make it accessible to the farmers across the 27 local government areas of the state.

“The NPK brand of fertilisers would be sold at

N16,000 per bag.

“The gesture is to make fertiliser affordable and accessible to the farmers, especially those who could not afford it due to financial constraint.

“The committee’s role is crucial in facilitating the timely distribution of subsidised fertiliser which will help cushion the effect of the fuel subsidy removal.

## JNI Rehabilitates Graves In Bauchi Cemetery

BY KAMAL IBRAHIM, Bauchi

Preparatory to offering special prayer for rainfall following the prolonged dry days experienced this year, the Jama'atu Nasril Islam (JNI) in collaboration with Al-Muhibbah Foundation has embarked on two-day maintenance work on dilapidated graves at Bauchi Graveyard.

LEADERSHIP reports that caved-in graves were sand filled in an effort to seek Allah's intervention to end delayed rainfall which crippled farming activities being experienced in the state this rainy season.

The chairman of the JNI Special Subcommittee on Cemeteries, Malam Bala Ibrahim Sani said there is an impending need for

people to turn up for the exercise adding the delayed rainfall being experienced is an ill wind that blows nobody any good.

He said the graveyard rehabilitation will pave the way for a special prayer for rainfall across the state.

Malam Ibrahim called on the state government to declare a public holiday in the state for civil servants

to be able to attend the cemetery maintenance exercise.

Speaking, programme manager, Al-Muhibbah Foundation, Malam Ali Usman commended JNI for spearheading the exercise, adding that the same effort will be extended to old graveyards located at Fadamar-Mada and Jahun-Gulmammu.

## Zulum Allocates Site Ahead Of FCE Gwoza’s Take-off

BY FRANCIS OKOYE, Maiduguri

Borno State governor, Babagana Umara Zulum has granted approval for the use of a Government Secondary School as a temporary site for the take-off of a newly established

Federal College of Education (FCE) in Gwoza.

The site is at Vile, a community in Gwoza town, headquarters of Gwoza local government area.

The new school is the first of its kind, a Federal Government College of Education, in Borno since

the state was established in 1976.

Most of the 36 states and the FCT each have a federal University, federal polytechnic and federal college of education.

Borno had been without a federal polytechnic and federal college of education

until they were established by President Mohamadu Buhari's administration.

Governor Zulum had facilitated take off of a Federal Polytechnic site in Monguno and now did the same for the Federal College of Education in Vile, Gwoza.

## Malla Assumes Command As GOC 7 Division

BY FRANCIS OKOYE, Maiduguri

Newly appointed General Officer Commanding (GOC) 7 Division /Commander Sector 1 Operation HADIN KAI, major general Peter Malla has assumed command of the division.

The ceremony took place during the weekend between major general Abdulsalam Abubakar who is now the GOC 3

Division Nigerian Army and Commander Operation SAFE HAVEN and major general Malla at the division's headquarters,

Maimalari Military Cantonment.

The outgone GOC in his valedictory address to troops of the division, appreciated them for their efforts, commitment and charged them to support the vision of the new GOC.

Additionally, he

appreciated the chief of army staff (COAS), major general Taoreed Lagbaja for the opportunity given to serve as the GOC 7 Division.

He equally expressed his gratitude to the outgone theater commander, major general, Ali for the sustained strategic guidance.

## Suspected Smuggler Kills Customs Officer In Kebbi

BY KABIR WURMA, Birnin Kebbi

A customs officer, Aminu Abdullahi, attached with Kebbi State Customs Area command has been allegedly killed at his duty by a suspected smuggler, Abdulwasiu Salawudeen, on Tarmac Road in Yauri under Yauri local government area of the state.

The command’s public relations officer, Mubarak Mustapha, who made this known yesterday in a statement he issued to journalists in Birnin Kebbi metropolis, said the incident occurred when a 2015 Toyota Corolla model with chassis no 2TBURHE3FC456204 belonging to Salawudeen rammed into the officer on his line of duty.

He said the officer was however rushed to the General Hospital Yauri for treatment.

He was transferred to orthopaedic Hospital, Wamakko in Sokoto State where he died.

Salawudeen has since been arrested and detained by the customs officials at customs area command for further investigation.

## Group Donates Blood To Adamawa Patients

BY HUSSAINI HAMMANGABDO, Yola

A group, Volunteers for Emergency and Disaster Rescue Initiative has donated blood paints to patients at the General Hospital, Numan in Adamawa State.

The donation was part of the activities to celebrate the 2023 World Blood Donor Day towards life-saving.

The group’s executive director, Dr. Asondolo Badeson, appreciated the prompt responses from blood donors and their commitment to humanitarian intervention.

A donor, Musa Habila, said, "Blood donation reinforces our belief that our community cares deeply about the well-being of others and is willing to step forward to make a difference.

"We look forward to continuing our efforts in raising awareness and organizing future events to ensure Emergencies and Disasters are contained and minimize their impact”

The organisation plans to expand its initiatives, focusing on collaborations with hospitals, schools and local businesses to foster a culture of emergency and disaster management.

It intends to foster partnership and engage the communities to create a sustainable framework that addresses matters such as emergencies and disasters.



Court Grants Customs Permission To Detain Alleged Gun Runner

BY OLUGBENGA SOYELE, Lagos

Justice Nicholas Oweibo of the Federal High Court in Lagos has granted leave to the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) to detain an alleged firearms smuggler, Joseph Nwadiador, till the conclusion of its investigations on his activities.

The court granted the permission after the Customs accused the 61 years old suspect, a resident of 5th Avenue, G Close, Block 4, Flat 2, Festac Town, Lagos, of smuggling some rifles and ammunition into Nigeria from the United States of America.

Justice Oweibo order is a consequence of an ex-parte motion moved by NCS's lawyer, Mrs Kehinde Bode-Ayeni.

Mrs. Bode-Ayeni had informed the court that the remand request was brought under sections 294 and 295 of the ACJA, 2015; Sections 8, 181 of the Customs And Excise Management Act, Cap.

Olubadan Suspends Egungun Festival Over Violence, Arson, Looting

BY ADEBAYO WAHEED, Ibadan

Following reported cases of violence, arson and looting of shops by some yet to be identified hoodlums hiding under the cover of the ongoing annual Egungun festival in Ibadan, Oyo State, the Olubadan of Ibadanland, Oba Lekan Balogun directed that a suspension be placed on the festival forthwith.

The monarch equally summoned all the leaders of masquerades known as Alaagbaa in Ibadanland to an emergency meeting on Monday afternoon at the ancient Aliwo Palace, Agodi in Ibadan.

Oba Balogun, who expressed sadness over the reported cases of violence and brigandage accompanying the annual festival, the video of which had gone viral, described the development as unfortunate and an affront on his Palace, because he vehemently warned against the festival being turned into avenue to wreak havoc when the festival was to begin.

It would be recalled that Oba Balogun had last Wednesday condemned similar violence during the same festival that was reported at Alafara Olubadan a couple of days earlier.



R-L: Chairman, Adeleke University Ede, Dr.Deji Adeleke; Osun State Governor Ademola Adeleke; Vice-Chancellor, Adeleke University Ede, Prof.Solomon Ajayi Adebola and Chief Mrs. Dupe Adeleke Sanni at the university's 9th undergraduate and 5th post graduate convocation ceremony, at the Performing Arts Theatre Hall of the institution Ede, Osun State, yesterday

4 Die In Lagos-Ibadan Expressway Lone Accident

BY FEMI OYEWESO, Abeokuta

No fewer than four people were confirmed dead on-the-spot, while 11 others sustained varying degrees of injuries in a lone-accident which occurred yesterday along the ever busy Lagos - Ibadan expressway.

The accident, which happened at the Aiyetoro

Village, near Mowe Ibafo in the Obafemi - Owode Local Government Area of the expressway, involved a FOTON commercial bus with registration number: AGL 989 YA.

LEADERSHIP gathered that the Lagos bound commercial bus, which loaded its passengers from Ibadan in Oyo State, had 15 people

suspected to be passengers onboard and was on a top speed when one of the rear tyres burst, thereby forcing the vehicle to summersault before landing into a ditch.

Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement (TRACE) Corp, Babatunde Akinbiyi, who confirmed the accident,

explained that driver of the FOTON bus, a woman and two other male passengers died instantly, while the 12 other injured passengers were rescued and taken to a private hospital in the area by the combined efforts of TRACE personnel, operatives of the Federal Road Safety Corp (FRSC), as well as those of the state's Ambulance and Emergency Services (OGSA).

Oyebanji, Bamidele Back NASS On Passage Of 2022 Supplementary Budget

BY ALO ABIOLA, Ado Ekiti

Ekiti State Governor, Mr. Biodun Oyebanji and the Senate majority leader, Hon Michael Opeyemi Bamidele have backed the National Assembly on the passage of the 2022 supplementary budget.

The governor and the Senator representing Ekiti Central Senatorial District expressed happiness that the passed budget would be of great benefit to Ekiti State and the country at large.

Bamidele who explained that the budget was requested for by President Bola Tinubu to finance some uncompleted project of the immediate past administration and provide for palliatives for Nigerians revealed that a total of N4 billion has been earmarked for various road projects in the state in the budget.

The duo spoke in Ikogosi Ekiti at the weekend, after a church service held at the First Baptist Church to commemorate the 90th birthday of the father of the

governor, Pa Ezekiel Olakunle Oyebanji.

The governor and his wife Olayemi described Pa Oyebanji as a selfless, Godly man who lived for others and the community.

"Daddy brought us up to be humble, fear God and to give to humanity and he instilled discipline, hard work, humility and commitment through the grace of God. I think that God just gave him a long life to compensate him for his service to humanity and I thank him for bringing

all of us up in the way of the lord'.

Senator Bamidele stated that he was particularly happy that the life of Pa Oyebanji was being celebrated while alive, said, "To be alive at 90 even with the circumstances under which we live in Nigeria and all over Africa, it is a huge achievement that only God can make possible.

"The man is not just alive, he is the father of a sitting governor and the number one citizen of Ekiti State, for me that also calls for celebration".

Osun Muslim Community Exonerates Adeleke From Religious Bias

BY JOSHUA DADA, Osogbo

Osun State Muslim Community (OSMC) has cleared Governor Ademola Adeleke of alleged religious bias on his recently released list of Commissioners-nominee for the state.

President, OSMC, Alhaji Mustapha Olawuyi who spoke at a press conference in Osogbo yesterday on

A-week long activities for the celebration of Hijrah 1445 A. H. coming up between the 16th and 22nd, July, said it is not fair to accuse Adeleke of religious bias.

He noted that the first three key appointments the governor made namely, Secretary to the State Government, Chief of Staff to the governor and Governor's Spokesperson were all

Muslims and there were no hullabaloo, adding that there are a lot of appointments still to be made.

Recall that Muslims Rights Concern (MURIC) under the leadership of Prof. Isiaq Akintola had accused the governor of being a secret agent of Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) for nominating 17 Christians against 7 Muslims in his

commissioners-designate lists.

Sheikh Mustapha Olawuyi who hinted that the theme of the celebration is: "Bridging the Gap Between Corruption and Nation Building", disclosed that the guest lecturer will be Prof. Mikhail Folorunso, of Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Osun State University.

AWDROP Seeks Involvement In State Of Emergency On Food Security

BY ALO ABIOLA, Ekiti

The National President of Association of Waterwell Drilling Rig Owners and Practitioners (AWDROP) has hailed the decision by President Bola Tinubu to declare a state of emergency on food security, urging the federal government to get experts and water resources professionals engaged in achieving food security in the country.

AWDROP President, Mr. Michael Ale who is also the Co-founder of Global Initiative for Nigeria Development (GIND) said there could be no sustainable and equitable food security without water fairness.

He said such will help in its efforts to ensure speedy reforms on food security for the country.

Ale who noted that such development was not new in the country, said something novel and progressive has been added which included more than one Ministry, where coordination is key but a major concern.

He said, "State of emergency overrides other instructions and laid down principles, thus bypassing usual bureaucracy. But what can man do without water?"

"The National Security council should invite the Water association for their contribution."

While appreciating President Tinubu for thinking in this direction, he said, " It should no longer be business as usual in different ministries. Stakeholders invited and those not yet invited should be ready to play their role selflessly".

Among the events for the One-week long event include: Colloquium on Effect of Corruption on Nation Building, Quran Competition, Youth forum to discuss legitimate online business, Stakeholders forum to discuss Apathy to the study of Arabic and Islamic Studies in Nigeria among others.

Retired Judge Advocates Decentralisation Of Supreme Court

BY ADEBAYO WAHEED, Ibadan

A retired Justice of Court of Appeal, Abuja Division, Justice Peter Ige has called for the establishment of Supreme Court in the six geo-political zones of the country for effective justice dispensation.

Ige who spoke at a valedictory court session for his retirement and

70th birthday at the Ibadan Division of the Court of Appeal noted that decentralisation of the Supreme Court would give room for more effective administration of justice.

According to him, there is nothing wrong if the apex court has divisions in the nation's six geopolitical zones, like the Appeal Court.

The retired jurist said the decentralisation of the

Supreme Court would reduce its burden and enable it to deliver justice without delays.

Justice Ige noted that decentralising the Supreme Court would help to bring justice to the grassroots.

He argued that in such a circumstance, the courts would serve as divisions of the Supreme Court in the various zones instead of being restricted to Abuja

alone.

The jurist said the Court of Appeal justices have been depleted due to retirements and deaths, thus making the workload of the intermediate court really heavy.

He said more judges need to be appointed, besides the 90 justices the Appeal Court was currently having.

Justice Ige also said there is need for all pre- and

post-election matters to be determined before the swearing-in of the winners.

The retired jurist said pre-election matters should be instituted and determined before holding an election while post-election matters should be concluded before the winner of an election is sworn into office for the mutual benefits of all stakeholders in the electoral process and adjudication.



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## Galaxy Backbone Piloting Nigeria's Role In Africa's Single Digital Market

BY INNOCENT ODOH, Abuja

Nigeria's leading role in the digital economy sector reverberates around Africa as the continent strengthens its capacity for a single digital market within the framework Smart Africa Alliance.

Nigeria's Galaxy Backbone (GBB) PLC has been at the forefront of this ambitious move for digital transformation of Nigeria and Africa since it was established in 2006 by the Federal Government to pursue a coordinated and harmonized approach to information and communications technology acquisition, operation and use in the public sector.

GBB has been one of the major arteries of Nigeria's digital sector and it has been a reference point where other African countries visit as the repository of digital skills, high-tech information, sophisticated facilities and the hub of expertise on digital innovation.

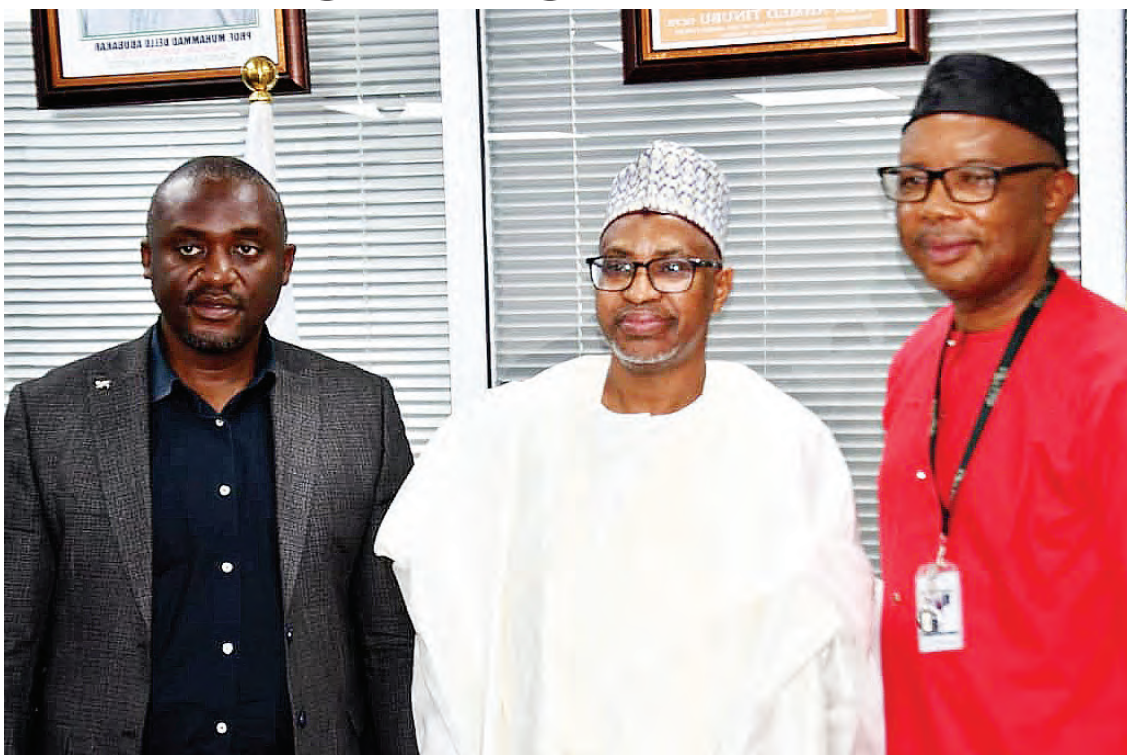
Recently, a delegation of digital experts from Zambia visited the facilities of the GBB in Abuja and was fascinated by the prowess of the GBB in policy initiatives and the drive to transform the continent into a single digital market.

Welcoming the delegation the Managing Director/CEO of the agency, Prof. Muhammed Abubakar, highlighted the enormous efforts being made by GBB and sister agencies to implement Nigeria's National Digital Economy Policy and Strategy(NDEPS 2020-2030) and many other policies that have been developed to guide the digital transformation of Africa.

He said "I believe you are very much aware of the efforts that are being put in place before now in terms of policies for NDEPS 2020-2030 and you are also aware of many other policies that have been developed that will guide the digital transformation of Nigeria as it were and by that the digital transformation of Africa."

Nigeria is reputed as the digital hub of Africa especially on Information and Communications Technology (ICT), which has contributed immensely to the GDP of the country, making it the investment hub of the continent.

According to the GBB boss, "Nigeria is the leading economy in Africa and in terms of digitalisation it is also a leading country in the whole of Africa, and out of seven Unicorns that



L-R: Acting director, corporate planning services, NITDA, Aristotle Onumo; MD/CEO Galaxy Backbone, Mohammad Bello Abubakar, and director, cyber security, Zambia Information and Communications Technology Authority (ZICTA), Austin Sichinga, during the working visit and facilities tour by ZICTA to Galaxy Backbone in Abuja.

we have in Africa five of them had their roots in Nigeria. This is enough to tell you the direction that we are going and we have the talent and what needs to be done so that we keep Africa together while we also lead it to the Promised Land in the 4th Industrial Revolution.

"So, one of the efforts to boost this policy is that Nigeria keyed into what we called the Smart Africa Alliance – the Smart Africa Alliance is a body that is headquartered in Rwanda and the chairman is the President of Rwanda. The whole essence is to see that we are not left behind in Africa and be able to key into the 4th industrial revolution that is knowledge-based.

"One of the things we are doing now in consonance with what Smart Africa Alliance wants to achieve is to have a single digital market for the whole of Africa and that is going to be our flagship in Nigeria. We want to harmonise all African countries into a single digital market in such a way we don't have to depend on other continents. We have gone far on that and I think another thing is that we hope to be in Rwanda somewhere next month to further consolidate on that."

Speaking to journalists after a tour of the facilities at the Galaxy backbone, the Director of Zambia's Information and Communications Technology Authority, Austin Sichinga,

said his country was attracted to Nigeria's digital economy especially the ICT infrastructure because of the massive investment Nigeria has made in the sector, which has added value to the nation's economy.

He said "we are also on a digital journey; our country is making efforts towards digitalising the economy and increasing utilisation of ICT. In our journey we looked at aspects of securing our transactions, we have looked at various countries that we could learn from. We came to agree that Nigeria is probably one of the best destinations we can look at not just because of similarity but also on how they manage a big population but still managing to make some strides on implementing secure digital transactions."

The Zambian expert said further that his country has a population of over 18 million which is fairly small compared to Nigeria, adding that his team came to observe how to manage infrastructure deployment of wire services over large physical space with massive infrastructure deployment just like Nigeria is doing.

He craved for more collaboration with Nigeria on digital skill development through legal and policy framework to ensure that the Zambian citizenry is well-equipped with the right knowledge to utilise digital

services.

"We have made quite a significant stride as well starting from the policy framework. We have the National ICT Policy, we have the legislative framework, and we have the electronic communication transactions act of 2011, the cybercrime act 2021 and data protection act 2021. We also have a data centre may be not of a similar size with Nigeria.

"We have a national data centre as well and we are deploying government services and we have set up a government portal, where citizens can access various government services and make payments for transactions online."

On the Smart Africa Alliance, Mr. Sichinga said "we are part of the Smart Africa Alliance. In that alliance each country is trying to spearhead what are called flagship projects, one of the areas that our presidency has mentioned is a nonstop border. So, that calls for a lot of collaboration because borders have to do with exchange of data. Therefore institutions have to begin to collaborate not just within countries but across countries, because if you want to trade and you want to move your goods from Nigeria to Zambia the data will be clear to reduce complications and make it easy for movement of goods and people."

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# Inside The North East

## NORTH EAST DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

# As NEDC Sustains Developmental Strides In Borno



Some of the projects under execution by the NEDC in Borno

State office of the North East Development Commission (NEDC) undergoing remodelling and renovation

BY FRANCIS OKOYE

The North East Development Commission (NEDC) established by the immediate past administration to rebuild states in the North-East following over a decade Boko Haram insurgency, has been doing much to rebuild structures destroyed by the terrorists in states across the region.

Apart from the rebuilding, the Commission is also intervening in the states' health sector including federal government owned hospitals.

The Commission through its various intervention projects in Borno state, the epicentre of the Boko Haram crisis, has lifted thousands of people out of poverty through empowerment programmes with various skills acquisition training for the teeming youths who were ordinarily before the establishment of the Commission, willing tools to the terrorists.

In Borno state, some hospitals like the Umaru Shehu ultramodern hospital, state specialist hospital, Dental and Eye hospitals in the state, including the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital (UMTH), Federal Neuropsychiatric hospital and 7 division hospital are all beneficiaries of the intervention on equipment and other facilities required for smooth attendance to healthcare issues in the state.

Just recently, NEDC in a bid to ensure that in addition to other health issues, the

eye and dental care of the citizens are taken care of, rehabilitated and equipped the state's dental and eye hospitals to bring the two health facilities in the state to a standard.

Interestingly, the Commission has been sustaining its interventions in different areas. As part of effort to ensure safety and comfort of security personnel in Borno, the Commission has embarked on the construction of Police stations and barracks for senior officers and men of the Nigerian police in Konduga and Bama local government areas.

The Commission equally embarked on the reconstruction and upgrading of Government Secondary School Biu, and construction of one block of three classrooms at Moduganari primary school; Ngomari Gana primary school and Kaleri primary school respectively.

As should be expected, residents of the state have continued to applaud the Commission even as they appeal for sustainability of its interventions.

"We are impressed with what the Commission is doing and urge it to sustain the tempo so more and more communities and people will feel its impact" Modu Umar, a resident of Maiduguri metropolis, has said.

As a demonstration of its commitment to sustainability, the federal government constituted a new board and management team for the Commission following the expiration of the term of the last Mohammed Alkali led team and the Major Gen Paul Tarfa (rtd) led Board.

The Commission now has a new management team in place with an acting MD/CEO, Umar Abubakar Hashidu as the leader

of the management team and working relentlessly towards the realisation of the Commission's noble mandates while awaiting the appointment of a new board. This is crucial for the Commission's continued efforts to rebuild and develop the North-East region.

Thus as the newly appointed acting MD/CEO, Umar Abubakar Hashidu with the support of three Executive Directors is consolidating on the achievements of the former Board and management of the commission through completion of projects under execution, new projects that would touch the lives of the people are on the as well being executed.

Hashidu who is optimistic that a new board would soon be in place to consolidate the drive towards ensuring genuine recovery from the ravages of Boko Haram in the North-East, assured that the current team under his leadership would not shirk away from its responsibilities of contributing to the realisation of the Commission's mandates. He also assured that efforts will be made to sustain the plausible programmes and policies already in place while building on new ones.

While praising the National Assembly and governors of the North-East states of Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno, Gombe, Taraba and Yobe, for their unwavering support of the commission, Hashidu promised that the leadership of the Commission will do all it takes to meet expectations of the region and its people.

Already, the acting management team has set the ball rolling and recently, to avert perennial disaster caused by massive water from Aloe

Dam in Konduga local government area of Borno State, the North East Development Commission (NEDC) has moved to fortify the Dam with excess water protection mechanism before the upcoming rainy season.

The move was announced by Hashidu when he led a team to the Dam following a request from the Chad Basin Development Authority on the Commission to intervene against excess water from the Dam, which usually destroys irrigation facilities and structures in the community around the Aloe Dam during the rainy season.

He noted that the importance of the Alau Dam cannot be overemphasised, saying that the water provides a lot of irrigation activities for food and other things, hence the NEDC is intervening to ensure that the Dam is fortified with enough flood preventive measures before the coming of the rainy season to avert the disaster that occurred last year, when the Dam overflowed and destroyed irrigation facilities and structures around the community.

Hashidu said that most of the NEDC projects revolve around water, sanitation, medical and the things that are internal to the organisation, which are critical areas that touch the lives of the people, saying that these are areas the commission's interventions are greatly needed.

At the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital (UMTH) where the Commission is constructing 40 Labour rooms extension with IVF centres to decongest the over stretched maternity ward, Dr. Hashidu expressed satisfaction with the quality of work done which is almost at completion stage.

He also visited the state office of the NEDC at the post-office area of Maiduguri, which is undergoing remodelling and renovation where he inspected the various apartments which includes offices, training centre, clinic, mosque among others before proceeding to Borno State University (BOSU), where he inspected the ongoing construction of Faculty of Engineering which will cover department of civil engineering, mechanical engineering and electrical engineering.

He noted that NEDC, understanding the importance of science and technology in the global economy, also prioritises science education so that citizens of the North-East can key into the growing market of technology that has become the modern trend.

He estimated both the 40 room Labour ward extension at the UMTH; the State office of the NEDC undergoing remodelling and renovation as well as the faculty of engineering at the Borno State University to be worth over N1.6 billion, adding that the price might change considering fluctuations of the economy.

As Nigerians await the appointment of a new board for the NEDC, it is gratifying to note that the acting MD and his small team in the Commission are doing what many described as impressive jobs of moving the Commission forward. It is gratifying to note that it has been work in progress as the team continues developmental strides in Borno and other parts of the North-East with victims of Boko Haram insurgency getting succour and healing from the trauma inflicted on them in the over 12 years crisis.



Leaders Can No Longer Take Electorate For Granted, Says APC Guber Aspirant

BY PATRICK OCHOGA, Benin City

A gubernatorial aspirant on the platform of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in next year’s governorship election in Edo State, Gideon Obakhan, has said that political leaders can no longer take for granted the power of the electorate as the days of queueing behind a favoured candidate was over.

Obakhan who said this in Benin yesterday noted that political parties now know that they need to field their best if they intend to win an election.

He stated that the last election, which saw many notable political leaders including President Bola Tinubu losing their states to opposition parties was an eye opener to political leaders and aspirants, noting that many voters are now aware of the power they have in deciding the fate of the country.

He said, “The people are the ones to decide who the party will present for election. The last election has shown that the right candidates must be fielded by political parties if they hope to win elections.

“Gone are the days when political leaders would present, back a candidate and instruct party faithful to queue behind them. The right candidate must be presented or parties risk losing elections.”

FRSC Approves 2 Area Commands, Units In Abia

BY KALU EZIYI, Umuahia

Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) has approved two area office commands and units for Abia State as part of its expansion programme.

Abia State sector commander of the corps, Paul Ugwu stated this during a courtesy visit to the chief of staff to the governor, Paul Ajagba in his office in Umuahia, the state capital.

The commander said the units would be established at Ikwuano along Umuahia-Ikot Ekpene Road, and Ogbor Hill, Aba to ease traffic flow along the axis.

He said the essence of the visit was to familiarize with the present administration in the state and to solicit its partnership in tackling some of the challenges facing the command.

Responding, Ajagba charged the commander and the command to be more proactive in putting measures on ground to reduce carnages on roads in the state.

He called for stronger synergy between the command and the state Road Traffic Management Agency in ensuring free flow of traffic across the state especially, the urban areas and environs.

L-R: Secretary, Board of Trustees, Agbaja-Enugu Leaders of Thought (AELT), Prof. Agu-Gab Agu; members of AELT, Chief Victor Ogakwu; Prof. Chika Anibueze; and Dr Charles Egumgbe, during the AELT Economic Summit Planning Committee meeting in Enugu yesterday.



Enugu: Nweke Withdraws Petition Against Gov Mbah As INEC Insists On Free, Fair Election

BY NNAMDI MBAWIKE, Enugu

The governorship candidate of the All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA) in the 18th March 2023 governorship election in Enugu State, Mr. Frank Nweke Jr., has withdrawn his petition against the winner of the election and governor of the state, Dr. Peter Mbah, of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

This came on a day the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), on Sunday, insisted that the Enugu State governorship election was free and fair.

This was even as another opposition party and petitioner, the Labour Party, finally closed its case at the tribunal, but mistakenly requesting BVAS for polling units in Igboeze North LGA instead of

those for Ugwawka and Owo in Nkanu East LGA.

Nweke, who came third in the governorship election with 17,983 votes as against Mbah’s 160,895 votes, announced the withdrawal of the petition at the Enugu State Governorship Election Petition Tribunal on Sunday, through an oral application by his counsel, R.A.C.E Achara.

Achara said it became imperative to withdraw the petition filed on 11th April 2023 in order to reduce the workload of the tribunal.

The tribunal consequently granted the wish and dismissed the petition accordingly.

Meanwhile, INEC’s Resident Electoral Commissioner, REC, for Enugu State, Dr. Chukwuemeka Chukwu, who was in court following the sub-

poena served on the Commission to produce specific BVAS machines used during the election in some isolated areas, told the tribunal during cross-examination that the election was free, fair, and credible.

The REC, who was represented by the Public Relations Officer of the Commission in Enugu, Victor Ezeokafor, also stated that the Commission gave certified True Copies of electoral documents requested by Labour Party.

He said those that were not released were those they did not pray for.

The electoral body also brought some BVAS machines as ordered by the court.

Reminded by that based on the last page of the subpoena, Exhibit 60, INEC was

mandated to produce the BVAS machines in 15 polling units, he said: “According to the list in the subpoena, we were mandated to produce five BVAS, and I am here with the five BVAS”.

Asked if he had the BVAS for Owo and Ugbawka I Registration Areas of Nkanu East L.G.A, the REC said INEC BVAS were marked by codes, insisting that INEC provided all the BVAS machines for the Codes mentioned in the court order, adding that the electoral body responds only to Codes and not name.

Probed further, he explained: “It is because he (Petitioners’ counsel) did not call out any code numbers, the BVAS machines I have here, are the five code numbers contained in the subpoena”.

Navy Arrests 4 Suspected Oil Thieves In Rivers

BY ANAYO ONUKWUGHA, Port Harcourt

Operatives of the Nigerian Navy have arrested four suspected oil thieves in the creeks of Krakrama community in Degema local government area of Rivers State.

The commander of Nigerian Navy Ship (NNS) Pathfinder, Commodore Suleiman Ibrahim, disclosed this while speaking to newsmen at one of the illegal bunkering sites.

Ibrahim stated that the four suspects were arrested during a tour of illegal oil refining sites at the Krakrama creeks.

He said the Nigeria Navy will ensure that the four crude oil thieves arrested faced the law.

The NNS Pathfinder commander further said the Nigerian Navy is collaborating with sister agencies in tracking those behind the crude oil refining in the creeks of Krakrama community.

Ibrahim stated that the Navy will continue to protect critical national assets from crude oil thieves and vandals in the state.

Gov Eno To Inaugurate Think-Tank On ‘Arise Agenda’

BY INIOBONG EKPONTA, Uyo

To ensure the implementation of his development blueprint tagged: “Arise Agenda” governor of Akwa Ibom State Umo Eno is set to inaugurate what he described as “Ibom Dialogue,” a summit of experts and critical stakeholders, to work out modalities for the people-oriented policies and programmes of government.

LEADERSHIP gathered that “Arise Agenda” comprises agricultural revolution, rural development, infrastructural maintenance/advancement, security management and educational advancement.

The governor declared this while addressing worshippers at the July edition of Government House monthly prayer summit held at Latter House Chapel, Government House, Uyo, the state capital.

According to Eno, specific stakeholders in key sectors of development have been notified to converge for the summit scheduled for Monday 24th through Thursday 27th of July, 2023.

Uzodimma Increases Minimum Wage To N40,000

BY EMMANUEL MGBEAHURIKE, Owerri

Governor of Imo State, Hope Uzodimma has increased the minimum wage in the state to N40,000.

This is part of the governor’s efforts to contain the hardship faced by the workers, which was recently made worse by the removal of fuel subsidy in the country by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

He also rolled out multiple palliatives to alleviate the sufferings of the people of the state.

The palliatives include enhanced free transportation, feeding and medical care for workers, loans to genuine farmers, establishment of marketing and commodity boards, payment of gratuities to retirees, mass housing, recruitment of more teachers for primary, secondary and tertiary institutions, bursary and scholarship for Imo State students.

Governor Uzodimma unveiled the package at a special meeting of critical stakeholders comprising religious leaders, politicians, farmers, traders, labour leaders, at

the Rockview Hotel, Owerri.

The governor said he knows that “we are buying petrol now at the rate of N530 per litre as against the previous rate of N189, you may hardly believe it. But I know that faith and hope are recurring words in our everyday lives.”

Uzodimma said he had watched with keen interest how people have been faring since the removal of the subsidy on fuel was announced, noting, “I can tell you that I have been deeply worried by my observations.”

He said, “It is clear to me

Ohanaeze Chieftain Faults South East Govs, Leaders’ Meeting In Abuja

BY OBINNA OGBONNAYA, Abakaliki

A chieftain of the Ohanaeze Ndigbo Worldwide, Mazi Okechukwu Isiguzoro yesterday said that the choice of Abuja as venue for the South East Governors Forum meeting with Ohanaeze Ndigbo Worldwide where insecurity in the zone was discussed

makes a caricature of the meeting.

In a statement he signed, Isiguzoro commended the governors for showing interest to halt the sit-at-home orders in the Southeast but insisted that the venue is a clear indication that the conveners have lost control of the zone to non-state actors.

He said convening South

East leaders meeting outside the zone gives an impression that Igbo leaders and conveners of such meetings are frightened to convene such meetings in the zone.

He expressed regret that sit at home orders has incapacitated the economic and social activities in the zone. “Ndigbo should know that the solution to end the sit at

home orders is in the Southeast not in Abuja.

“The Council of Elders of Ohanaeze Ndigbo recently faulted why some Igbo political leaders who have abandoned their states in the East, will now converge in a foreign land at Abuja and resort to help of foreigners to resolve a matter of Igbo affairs with homemade solutions.”





L-R: Member, Princeton Leadership Forum (PLF), Comrade Abdilmumini Umar; director, Gender Affairs, National Political Equity Movement (N-PEM), Ms Uga Ifeoma; director, Gender Affairs, National Political Equity Movement (N-PEM), Ms Uga Ifeoma; and President of PLF, Dr Chibuke Echem, during a news conference on NASS Election Petition Tribunal while urging civil society organisations to keenly watch the forthcoming July 24th Kano Central tribunal judgment in Abuja. PHOTO: NAN

# Lobby For Juicy Committees Heightens In Reps

BY CHIBUZO UKAIBE AND JAMES KWEN

Lobby for the chairmanship of grade A or what is termed juicy committees by National Assembly lawmakers is heightening, LEADERSHIP gathered yesterday.

A lawmaker, who spoke on condition of anonymity, stated that lawmakers who do not have large warchest may not be able to get chairmanship or even membership of juicy committees.

It was also gathered that governors have also joined in pushing for lawmakers in their states to have strategic committees, while heads of some sensitive and influential institutions are also lobbying to have preferred law-

makers head committees that would oversee them.

Some of the key committees are Appropriation; Works; Finance;

Defense; Banking and Currency; Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC); and Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

The National Assembly, among its other legislative functions, oversees the ministries, departments and agencies.

It was however gathered that some committees including Agriculture, Water Resources, North East Development Commission (NEDC), and Humanitarian, are likely going to be chaired by persons from the North.

Another lawmaker, who

does not want to be mentioned, confirmed that there is intense lobbying for chairmanship of the juicy committees even as work is still ongoing on the constitution of the standing committees.

The ranking member of the House of Representatives, however, added that he was not aware of financial inducements. He said lawmakers who worked for Hon Tajudeen Abbas' emergence as Speaker would be considered to head juicy committees, hence there might not be financial inducement.

The parliamentarian said the only challenge is that the Speaker was elected by 353 out of 359 members that participated in the election, so it is challenging to choose

who to reward and with what positions.

The source said an example of how intense the lobby has become was seen when about 100 lawmakers accompanied the Speaker to pay homage to the Emir of Zazzau, His Royal Highness, Amb. Ahmed Nuhu Bamalli on Saturday.

"The truth is members are intensifying their lobbying to head or at least be a member of the Juicy Committee. No doubt about that. What I doubt is financial inducement because the Speaker knows those who worked for him and what each member deserves. The support was not in vain so it can not go to the extent of paying to chair a juicy committee."

## Subsidy Removal: Ganduje's Men Slam Kano Govt For Criticising FG

BY GEORGE AGBA, Abuja

The immediate past administration of former Governor Abdullahi Ganduje in Kano State has dragged the New Nigeria People's Party (NNPP) government in the state for picking holes in the post subsidy palliative plan introduced by the federal government.

It said instead of faulting the government at the centre, the NNPP government should initiate and evolve concrete plans that would allevi-

ate the suffering of the toiling masses in the state.

Former commissioner for Information and Internal Affairs in the administration, Malam Muhammad Garba, who stated this in a statement, was responding to the NNPP's stance faulting the federal government palliative plan which it later retracted following a backlash from the public.

Garba said instead of studying what the palliative plan is all about, Kano State open-

ly criticised the plan only for them to withdraw the statement.

He accused the NNPP government in Kano of not making any concerted effort to ameliorate the plight of the people.

According to the statement, while some states have gone ahead to set up committees that would provide an interim solution to the situation, with others like Imo state jacking up the minimum wage to N40, 000 as an immediate in-

terim measure, Kano State has done nothing.

The former commissioner said, "In 2017 while negotiations were on between the federal government and the Labour Union on the N30, 000 minimum wage, the administration of Governor Abdullahi Umar Ganduje went ahead and negotiated N36, 000 minimum wage and thereby became one of the first state governments to approve minimum wage above that of the federal government."

# CSO Faults Tinubu's N8,000 Monthly Palliatives

BY ORJIME MOSES, Abuja

The United Action Front of Civil Society has condemned the N8,000 monthly palliatives to 12 million households by the President Bola Tinubu-led administration, saying it exposes the reality of renewed misgovernance and corruption.

The CSO in a statement signed by the head, national coordinating centre, Olawale Okunniyi said the supposed intervention is erroneous and a poorly conceived ploy to hoodwink the masses, who have been unduly

trampled and pauperised by the policy of the APC government under ex-President Muhammadu Buhari.

The leadership of the organised platform of the Nigerian civil society lamented that poor Nigeria are being forced to take the bitter pill of repaying a wrong-headed loan supposedly being acquired in their interest in the nearest future.

"It is no longer in doubt that the N500 billion approved by the House of Representatives on Thursday 13, 2023 as part of the amendment to the 2022 supple-

mentary appropriation Act for the provision of palliative would be funded through an additional \$800 million World Bank loan approved by the Senate. It is therefore worrisome that the new administration is treading in the erroneous indebtedness of its predecessor.

"It is also beyond doubt that the meagre monetary palliative could barely feed a family of two for five days considering the fact that the fuel price hike in the name of subsidy removal has deepened the proportion of multi-dimensional poverty in

the country.

"There are indeed enough reasons to conclude that the N8,000 monthly handout to a mere fraction of the poverty-stricken masses would end up another avenue for the corrupt enrichment of a few clique in power, as witnessed with previous supposed poverty alleviation programmes of the APC, namely the tradermoni scheme, the direct cash transfer and the school feeding programme supervised by the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management," the statement read.

## Nigeria Needs To Invest More In Education – Obi

Presidential candidate of the Labour Party in the 2023 election, Peter Obi, has stressed the need for improved investment in the education sector.

He lamented that Nigeria has 20 million out-of-school children in Nigeria, which according to him is more than the Year 2022 combined population of Norway, Ireland, Singapore and Dubai, which is 19.7 million.

Obi, who stated this on his twitter handle, said his comments formed the basis of his speech during the Graduation and Prize-Giving Ceremony of Pacesetters School, Abuja owned by Barrister Kenneth Imansuangbon and Mrs Kate Imansuangbon.

Commending the school proprietor for establishing a school system aimed at producing well-rounded and competitive citizens, Obi added that such institutions have

long term investments in human capital, which are perquisites for sustainable development and nation building in the new Nigeria.

"I have always advocated for greater investment in education. We now have 20 million out-of-school children in Nigeria, that is more than the Year 2022 combined population of Norway, Ireland, Singapore and Dubai, which is 19.7 million.

"Nigeria, therefore, urgently needs to do more with respect to investment in education. Education remains the greatest investment any nation can make for the citizens. I also appreciated the teachers of Pacesetters School, Abuja, while reiterating the need to always celebrate teachers for the sacrifices they make and the critical roles they play in the educational system, and ultimately, in societal development."

## Why Emefiele Will Go Free – Sowore

Presidential candidate of the African Action Congress (AAC) in the 2023 election Omoyele Sowore has said the Department of State Service (DSS) will eventually let the suspended Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Governor, Godwin Emefiele, go free despite their charging him to court for possession of one single barrel shotgun without license.

Sowore, who stated this on his twitter handle, claimed that Emefiele detention had nothing to do with the gravity of his alleged high crimes but that he is being held on behalf of those in power.

The presidential candidate said if Emefiele was held for the alleged crimes he had committed he would implicate a lot of influential persons in the Mohammedu Buhari-led adminis-

tration as well as the All Progressives Congress (APC).

He said that has become the pattern since after the former National Security Adviser (NSA) Col. Sambo Dasuki, also detained, charged to court and later freed.

Recall that Emefiele was detained for weeks by the DSS over alleged terrorism.

Sowore said, "For those who may not be familiar with the modus of the @OfficialDSSNG, holding @GodwinIEmefiele had nothing to do with the gravity of his high crimes, the game is to hold him on behalf of those in power.

"If @GodwinIEmefiele was to be prosecuted for his real financial crimes, economic sabotage, money laundering and terrorism financing involvement, FX round tripping etc.

## Wike Deserves Rivers Ministerial Slot, APC Stakeholders Insist

Stakeholders of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Rivers State under the umbrella of Amalgamation of Support Groups for Tinubu, Shettima, have insisted that former Rivers Governor Nyesom Wike, should be rewarded with a ministerial position in the Bola Tinubu led government.

The stakeholders, in a statement, said Wike was at the epicenter of the jinx-breaking result of Tinubu in Rivers State and should be allowed to benefit from the fruits of his labor.

The statement signed by the South East Coordinator of the group, Sir Victor Akpati, said it would be wrong to reward the Rivers State Social Democratic Party (SDP) governorship candidate in the last election, Senator Magnus Abe, with a ministerial appointment under the President Bola Tinubu administration.

The statement reads in part, "It is already a known fact that the Amaechi-led faction of the APC Rivers remained implacable, adamant, and firmly resolved not to support Tinubu,

even after Tinubu emerged from a free, fair, and credible Presidential Primary Election. Tinubu personally visited with colleague aspirants, including Rt. Hon. Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi, to solicit support for the Party.

"It is equally annoying to see Magnus Abe and his supporters claiming to have supported Tinubu's emergence when the reverse is clearly the case.

We feel sad when we see them posting falsehoods in old pictures and video footage with the clear intention to deceive Nigerians of their involvement.

The stakeholders explained that since Senator Magnus Abe and his group defected to the SDP, they have not campaigned for Tinubu in any way.

"This is understandable, as the SDP had its own presidential candidate for the election. We challenge Magnus to provide evidence of any engagement where BAT was mentioned or any campaign logo of BAT/APC was displayed or worn after he joined the SDP.



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INFLATION RATE (%)	2023	2022
MAR	22.04	15.92
APRIL	22.22	16.82
MAY	22.42	17.71

INTER BANK LENDING RATE (AS AT JULY 6, 2022)	RATE	CHANGE%)
0/N	1.5380	-0.08
1M	7.1500	-0.04
3M	8.6500	0.00
6M	9.4500	-0.19

COMMODITY INDEX (N/KG) (AS AT JULY 12 )		
Cocoa	1,852.00	0.00%
Soyabean	326.80	0.00%
Cashew	615.00	-0.02%
Sorghum	252.00	-0.40%
Paddy rice	339.00	-0.07%

## STI Raises N1.42bn From Existing Shareholders

BY OLUSHOLA BELLO, Lagos

Sovereign Trust Insurance (STI) Plc has embarked on raising new equity funds of N1.421 billion through rights issue from its existing shareholders.

The company is issuing 2.841 billion ordinary shares of 50 kobo each on the basis of one new ordinary share for every existing four shares held at N0.50 per share. The offer, which opened on July 6, 2023, is expected to close on August 14, 2023.

STI stated that the proceeds of the rights issue will be used for business expansion and to meet working capital requirements, saying, after the deduction of estimated issue costs and expense of N40.243 million, representing 2.83 per cent of the gross issue proceeds, the proceeds will be used for development of retail products, enhancement of investment portfolio, working capital and offer expenses.

The chairman of STI, Oluseun Ajayi stated that, the shareholders agreed that the company should raise additional equity capital up to the maximum limit of the authorized share capital, whether by way of a special placement, public offer, rights issue or a combination of any of them, saying, the board met, and in line with the strategic objective of the company, resolved to raise capital via a rights issue.

He said that the rights issue will not only give the company a competitive edge, but it also provides an opportunity for the insurer to expand its share of the market in the ever-competitive Nigerian insurance industry that has seen the entrance of a few global players in recent years.



L-R: Group managing director, Access Bank Plc, Roosevelt Ogbonna and regional CEO, Africa & Middle East, Standard Chartered Bank, Sunil Kaushal at the signing of agreements for Access Bank's acquisition of Standard Chartered's shareholding in its subsidiaries in Angola, Cameroon, The Gambia, and Sierra Leone, and its Tanzanian Consumer, Private & Business Banking business in London... recently. PHOTO BY ACCESS BANK

## Insurance Premium To Spike In PH, Lagos, Other Airports Over Inadequate Fire Service

BY YUSUF BABALOLA, Lagos

The inability of wide bodied aircraft to take off and land at the Port Harcourt International Airport, on Thursday and Friday over inadequate fire risk preparedness will increase insurance premium of foreign airlines into Nigerian airports.

LEADERSHIP reports that a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) issued by the Nigerian Airspace Management Agency (NAMA) to airlines, showed that the airport downgraded its fire category from level 7 to level 6, meaning large aircraft could not operate at the airport.

The NOTAM also indicated that the airport also downgraded the approach lighting capability which means higher visibility will be required for landing in bad weather.

However, another NOTAM was issued on Friday evening stating that the fire coverage has been upgraded back to Category 7.

However, speaking exclusively to LEADERSHIP, over the inadequate fire risk preparedness, the director of research, Zenith Travel Consult, Olumide Ohunayo, said inadequate fire tender at the Port Harcourt airport is an embarrassment to the nation and its aviation sector.

He, however, posited that the NOTAM would lead to increase of insurance premium to the Port Harcourt airport and others in the country.

"The NOTAM would lead to loss of revenue to the airports and not a good look for insurance into the airport because an insurance company will cite it and use that to increase premium. We

have an opportunity to improve our image because that shouldn't have happened, we shouldn't have an issue of serviceability and not providing an alternative for an international airport like Port Harcourt."

He continued, "It was an embarrassment but kudos that we are adhering to safety standards by issuing necessary NOTAM and all parties are informed ahead so that their won't be surprise during an emergency just like the Sosoliso crash. I think I want to take the positive side of the NOTAMS that they have issues with the fire fighting equipment and they had to downgrade because of the lack of service. That they won't be able to have appropriate fire cover and why will alternate plans and serviceability be an issue if we comply with the maintenance schedule.

## Africa Accounts For 1% Of Global Digital Economy – Mupita

BY ROYAL IBEH, Lagos

Africa currently accounts for only one per cent of the global digital economy, a stark contrast to 68 per cent in the United States, 22 per cent in China, and 27 per cent in Asia, the president and CEO of MTN, Ralph Mupita, has disclosed

This is even as he suggested that this gap represents a significant opportunity for growth.

To tap into the untapped potentials in the digital space, Mupita, while giving his keynote address to Nigeria's business leaders, at the Businessday CEO Forum, advocated for a call to action, a blueprint for building a digital economy

that could propel Nigeria to become the world's fifth largest economy.

He highlighted the vast untapped potential in the digital economy, with Nigeria's Internet Gross Domestic Product (iGDP) currently at six per cent and expected to double by 2050 to reach \$145 billion.

Commending the new administration under president Bola Ahmed Tinubu, who has indicated his commitment to promote the growth of ICT and the digital economy for the shared prosperity of all Nigerians, Mupita called on the government and business leaders to promote policies that facilitate inclusive growth.

He urged for a spectrum roadmap that ensures sufficient resources to meet the surging demand for mobile services. He advocated for speedy access to mid-band spectrum, crucial for the future of low latency 5G, and access to sub-1 GHz spectrum to provide widespread rural mobile broadband services.

He also highlighted the digital skills gap in Nigeria and across the African continent, especially in advanced skills such as AI & cloud computing. With an estimated 230 million "digital jobs" in Sub-Saharan Africa alone by 2030, Mupita emphasized the need for digital skills development to advance the digital economy.

## Naira Cards: Wema Bank Allows \$500 Monthly Limit On Int'l Transactions

Wema Bank has lifted the suspension of international transactions on naira cards.

In a note sent to its customers, the financial institution said it has imposed a \$500 monthly limit on international spending conducted through its naira cards.

Last year, many commercial banks in the country prohibited the use of naira cards for international cash withdrawals, including web and point-of-sale (POS) transactions.

The development exacerbated the plight of Nigerians who shop from online stores such as Amazon, as they were no longer able to pay with their naira cards.

In the notice, Wema Bank said customers can now enjoy seamless transactions and make international purchases using their naira cards.

"You can now use your Naira cards, including Mastercard, ALAT Mastercard, and Visa, for international spending. For your international transactions, you can enjoy up to \$500 per month," the notice reads.

"Here's what you need to know: Expanded Possibilities: The Naira card allows you the freedom to make international purchases, explore international online stores, and buy from your favourite international brands. You know what? The world is now at your fingertips!

### QUOTE OF THE DAY



*The Commission would also ensure that Nigeria achieves 90 per cent broadband coverage and 70 per cent penetration by the year 2025 in line with the National Broadband Policy— EVC NCC, Prof. Umar Danbatta*



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Gainers			Losers		
Symbols	CP	% change	Symbols	CP	% change
NASCON	28.05	10.00	Champion	3.15	-10.00
Johnholt	1.81	9.70	Flourmill	30.60	-10.00
SKYAVN	14.75	9.67	McNichols	0.63	-10.00
TIP	0.61	8.93	REGALINS	0.36	-10.00
Guinealns	0.27	8.00	UACN	9.00	-10.00

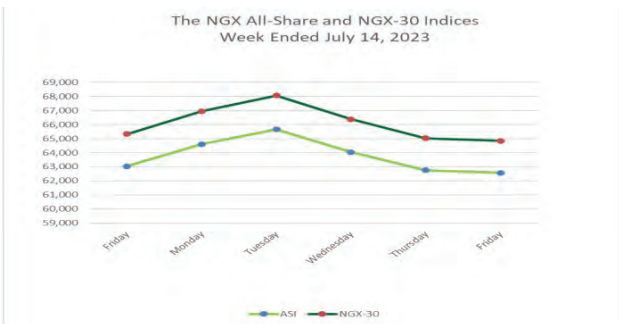
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# Analysts Anticipate Equities Recovery This Week

Following the latest trend of decline in the Nigerian equities space, the market is likely to recover some losses this week, **OLUSHOLA BELLO**, writes.

Capital market analysts have anticipated market recovery this week, amid investors looking forward to the first half (H1), 2023 earnings season. After seven consecutive weeks of bullish run, the Nigerian Exchange (NGX) benchmark index reversed its gains to bearish region last week as profit taking activities resurfaced with sell-offs that hit all kinds of equities across low, medium and high-priced stocks across all market sectors. This comes despite the gradual return of portfolio investors into the equities market and declining rates from money market as seen from the last treasury bills auction. Also, despite panic selling by fearful investors or traders, discerning investors are taking advantage of the pullbacks or price correction to position ahead of the June consumer

price index report, corporate earnings expectation and announcement of ministerial list by the new government. Similarly, all eyes are on the outcome of this month’s meeting of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Monetary Policy Committee, even as inflationary pressure has increased significantly with the ongoing economic reforms and unification the exchange rate. **Analysts Optimism** The chief operating officer of InvestData Consulting Limited, Mr. Ambrose Omordion said: “anywhere in the world, stock markets have cycles of bull and bear, the bear market results from profit taking or pullbacks, following which investors should know that profit taking and positioning are part of market dynamics. “We look forward to a mixed outing and intermittent prof-



it taking. It is noteworthy that factors responsible for pushing the market to this level remain unchanged so far, even as we expect that the earnings reporting season will reveal the state of corporate earnings and others.” This week, analysts at Cowry Assets Management Limited said “we expect the bearish sentiment to continue as market heads for a correction in the short term, creating an attractive entry point for discerning equity investors seeking alpha to continue targeting the fun-

damentally sound defensive stocks to protect their portfolios as we enter the new reporting and earning seasons. “Also, the profit taking activities are expected to persist in the absence of major catalyst to trigger positive sentiments. Meanwhile, we continue to advise investors on taking positions in stocks with sound fundamentals.” Cordros Securities Limited added that, “with the half-year earnings season on the horizon, we believe investors will look for clues on the sus-

tainability of the decent corporate earnings released for Q1 2023. However, we expect mixed market performance in the week ahead as bargain hunting on dividend-paying stocks will be matched by intermittent profit-taking activities. “Overall, we reiterate the need for taking positions in only fundamentally sound stocks as the weak macro environment remains a significant headwind for corporate earnings.” **Last Week’s Trading Activities** Although the domestic bourse started last week on a solid footing on positive reactions to Dangote Cement’s share buy-back announcement, the bullish momentum lost steam as investors took a breather following the recent rallies. As a result, the All-Share Index declined by 0.75 per cent week-on-week (W-o-W) to close at 62,569.73 points. Similarly, market capitalisa-

tion lost N256 billion W-o-W to close at N34.070 trillion. The performance across sectors has predominantly been mixed, with the NGX Industrial and NGX Oil & Gas index emerging as the top gainers of the week by 9.01 per cent and 1.43 per cent week-on-week. On the other hand, the NGX Banking index exhibited a lackluster weekly performance with a decline of 14.32 per cent. Also, the NGX Insurance index followed closely with 11.53 per cent decrease and the NGX Consumer Goods index closed by 2.29 per cent loss week-on-week due to negative price movements. The market breadth for the week was negative as 29 equities appreciated in price, 77 equities depreciated in price, while 50 equities remained unchanged. Daar Communications led the gainers table by 50.00 per cent to close at 30 kobo, per share.

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## MONEY MARKET

# Assessing \$6.2bn Capital Inflow Projection For 2023

**BY BUKOLA IDOWU, Lagos** Despite a decline in capital inflows into the country in the first quarter of 2023 compared to the figure recorded in the first quarter of 2022, analysts say, they expect the recent reforms in the foreign exchange sector to push foreign currency inflows into Nigeria up to \$6.2 billion by the end of this year. In 2022, the country recorded a total capital inflow of \$5.32 billion. The National Bureau of Statistics(NBS) recently reported that total capital inflows for the first three months of 2023 declined significantly by 28 per cent year on year to \$1.13 billion. The inflow in the first quarter of the year was however a 6.78 per cent improvement over \$1.06 billion that was reported in the last three months of 2022. Although, the value of inflow depreciated compared to 2022 Q1, analysts have said they expect

an improvement in capital inflows based on increased optimism by investors following efforts of the present government as well as the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to boost foreign the exchange market. The CBN, in tandem with the federal government, has introduced several policies to improve Nigeria’s ability to attract foreign capital and diaspora remittances. In the latest move to ease the challenges of investors in the forex market, the CBN announced that the 62 approved international money transfer operators could explore naira as a payout option, including dollars and e-Naira. Also, these operators must use the Investors’ and Exporters’ (I&E) rate to process the payments to the beneficiaries. This, alongside the collapse of the different foreign exchange windows into one window and pivoting the forex administration into a managed float, has been lauded by traders, analysts and investors alike who see



the moves as pro-market in nature. Analysts at Meristem Research, in an emailed note said: ‘expect an improvement in the capital inflows owing to increased investors’ optimism in the reforms of the new administration.’ Similarly, analysts at Afrinvest West Africa said: “we believe these recent measures can help reverse the ugly trends of low foreign capital and remittance into the country. “Additionally, poor business climate stemming from weak infrastructure, policy mismatch, insecurity, and increasing poverty are some of the challenges that undermine the at-

tractiveness of capital inflows, especially FDIs and remittances. “Therefore, the introduction of policies to support business growth, increase crude oil production and diversify forex earnings would allow the CBN to reduce its reliance on capital controls to manage forex reserves and, in turn, the free flow of capital would reduce the apathy of foreign investors to Nigeria. “In light of recent initiatives by the new government, we maintain our base case capital importation projection of \$6.2 billion for FY:2023. This is hinged on unification of forex rates and piv-

ot to a managed float system that keep rates close to its fundamental value and less aggressive capital controls in H2:2023.” Commenting on the Q1 2023 capital inflow figures, analysts at Cordros Capital said: “the year-on-year deterioration in the period reflects foreign investors’ lacklustre interest in the country given an unclear foreign exchange framework, an uninspiring macro narrative, elevated global interest rates, and heightened global uncertainties. “While we think the recent policy pronouncements are positive and may boost foreign investor’s confidence over the medium term, we believe they will adopt a wait-and-see approach, for now, looking for signals on the CBN’s plans to start clearing the forex backlogs and boost forex supply to support the market in the near term. Thus, if local forex liquidity improves, market rates increase, and investors can easily repatriate capital, we expect foreign capital inflows to increase over the short-to-medium term.” For analysts at Cowry

Assets Management, the year on year decline in capital importation from Q1 2022 suggests that there are still challenges that need to be addressed in order to attract more foreign investment into the country. “This is majorly the call on the federal government to speedily address the perennial issues or challenges that have continued to clog the pipeline of investment into the country. These challenges include the high cost of doing business in Nigeria, the unstable political and security environment, and the lack of transparency in government regulations. “However, the increase in capital importation in Q1 2023 from the previous quarter is a positive sign for the Nigerian economy. We think that despite the highlighted challenges in the economy, Nigeria remains a promising destination for foreign investment as it has a large and growing population, a young and educated workforce, and a wealth of natural resources.

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# Nigeria Records 159.5m Active Internet Connections In May 2023

BY ROYAL IBEH, Lagos

Nigeria now has 159.5 million active internet subscriptions across fixed, mobile, and VOIP networks, in May, 2023, the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) report has revealed.

This represents an 8.6 per cent growth when compared with the 158.2 million recorded in April, 2023, the latest report by NCC stated.

The report also disclosed

that mobile network operators (MTN, Airtel, Globacom, and 9mobile) maintained their dominance of the internet market with 159 million subscriptions, while VOIP operators, which include Smile Communications and Ntel accounted for 335,121 internet subscriptions as of May, while other internet service providers (ISPs) accounted for 204,810 internet subscriptions, as of December 2022.

On broadband subscrip-

tions, the report showed that broadband increased to 92.2 million in May, 2023 from 91.8 million recorded in April, 2023, representing 48.28 per cent.

Recalling that the federal government is targeting 70 per cent broadband penetration by 2025, the executive vice chairman of the NCC, Prof. Umar Danbatta, averred that the commission would be providing industry leadership to push broadband penetration in the country to

well above 50 per cent by the end of this year.

Danbatta said: “The Commission would also ensure that Nigeria achieves 90 per cent broadband coverage and 70 per cent penetration by the year 2025 in line with the National Broadband Policy.”

To achieve these targets, the EVC said the country would need to attract more investments in infrastructure to bring these targets to reality.



L-R: President, Cyber Security Expert Association, Ghana, Abubakar Issaka; country manager, Ericsson Nigeria, Peter Ogundele; director of strategy and transformation, 9mobile, Karn Gulati and chief technology officer, Spectranet, Nommy Paul, during the panel discussion, Tapping on the 5G Technology and Infrastructure nerves in West Africa – Future of Telecom at the IOT West Africa Conference and Exhibition 2023, in Lagos recently.

## Anchor Insurance Policyholders Claim N1.42bn Over Insured Risks

BY ZAKA KHALIQ, Lagos

Policyholders of Anchor Insurance Company Limited who suffered Insured risks in 2022 financial year, were compensated to the tune of N1.42billion.

The claims paid showed a 42.60 percentage rise when compared to the N997.42million compensated it made in 2021 financial year.

This N1.42billion claims also represents about 11 percent of the N13.15bn gross written premium the company generated in the year under review.

The N13.15billion premium translated to a 25.85% growth

over the N10.45billion declared of 2021.

Speaking at the company's 33rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Lagos recently, its chairman, Dr. Elijah Akpan, informed the Shareholders that the risk-bearing outfit's Profit Before Tax went up by 37.82 per cent from N1,02billion in 2021 to N1.41billion, stating that Profit After Tax increased to N1.22billion from N867.55million in 2021, showing a 41.01 per cent leap.

According to him, “whereas the Shareholders’ Funds jumped astronomically by 102.28% from N6.45bn recorded in

2021 to N13.05bn in 2022, the Company’s Total Assets grew to N18.56bn from N15.49bn in the corresponding year of comparison, representing a 19.81% increase.”

While stating that the company’s Solvency Margin moved up by 38.85% from 157% position in 2021 to 218% in 2022, the chairman noted that, “as a company that keeps its words, we paid out N1.42billion as claims to our genuine affecting policyholders as against the N997.42million response from us in the previous year, showing 42.60% rise in claims paid.”

He explained that, “as the

volume of businesses transacted in 2022 outweighed what was done in 2021, it was only analytically natural that claims that would come from such a high transaction would equally be more.”

At a time most companies find it difficult to meet dividends’ demand, Dr. Elijah said: “we paid a dividend of 4kobo per share in line with our yearly practice of ensuring that Shareholders enjoyed their reason for investing in the Company,” assuring that the board would not fail to do more than the current figure whenever there was any quantum profit margin.

## NPA Assures Vessels Of Safe Navigation Into Warri Pilotage District

BY YUSUF BABALOLA, Lagos

The Nigeria Ports Authority (NPA), on Sunday, disclosed that the Warri pilotage district is still receiving vessels despite the collapse of Escravos breakwater.

LEADERSHIP reports that the Escravos breakwaters constructed to prevent the siltation of the Warri channels had collapsed decades ago.

However, the management of NPA led by Mohammed Bello Koko, said the authority has concluded survey and mapping of the channel and at conclusive stages of securing relevant approvals for the best financing option to fund its reconstruction.

He stated that the NPA has also put mitigants in place to ensure safe berthing of legally operating vessels and as well facilitate trade facilitation.

Bello-Koko said, “While we are working assiduously under the guidance of the Ministry of Transportation and Federal Government to sustainably and comprehensively address the challenges of all Delta Ports, we have put measures in place to ensure nothing impedes business continuity for all those operating within our safety and security rules”.

“The up-to-date local and international training, simulation and maneuverability competence building of the highly experienced pilots of the NPA has ensured zero incidence of vessels running aground and enabled the safe berthing on Friday 14th July, 2023 of inbound vessels MT Zonda and MT Stellar and outbound vessel MT Duke, MT Vardar and MT Igbiososa, with six vessels at anchorage outbound and inbound for Bonny Island, Koko and Escravos.”

## Air Peace Expands Regional Operation, Begins Lome Route July 28

BY YUSUF BABALOLA, Lagos

Indigenous airline, Air Peace, is expanding its regional connectivity with the launch of Lome route on July 28, 2023.

The airline has also announced special flights to Antigua between August 5 and 9, 2023, in partnership with Tour Brokers International.

The airline said the Lagos-Lome-Lagos route will be operated with the 50-seater Embraer 145 jets.

“We are expanding our West African presence to strategically connect key cities in the sub-region, ease connectivity for Africans and strengthen commercial ties between countries.

“Air Peace is committed to easing the air transportation burden of Africans, and this will continue to drive our route expansion as well

as fleet modernisation. We also recently received two Boeing 737-700 aircraft to further strengthen our domestic and regional operations”, the release stated.

On the Antigua operations, Air Peace disclosed that it is offering the best flight deals for customers who plan to travel for the Antigua Carnival from August 5-9, 2023, plus bespoke hotel packages from Tour Brokers International.

Similarly, the foremost airline hinted that plans are in top gear to resume China soon, adding that more connections and routes like Congo Kinshasa and Abidjan are in the works. With Lome operations, Air Peace’s regional route strength will increase to eight, including Douala and Niamey launched in 2021 and 2022 respectively.

## CISLAC Charges Stakeholders On Food Fortification Campaign In Nigeria

BY KINGSLEY OKOH, Lagos

The Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (Cislac) has charged industries, food experts and supply chain workers on the need to amplify food fortification campaign in Nigeria to drive workforce nutrition.

Cislac also called on MDAs and organised private sector operators through third-party campaign to collaborate with non-state actors on food fortification drive to improve workforce nutrition in Nigeria.

CISLAC and the Multisectoral group explained that the full implementation of food fortification in Nigeria will build stronger health systems in the workforce that will respond to local needs and provide underserved communities with right tools to live healthier lives.

Cislac expressed that the relevant stakeholders would join col-

laborative efforts to address the gaps and weak fundamental aspects of nutrition among employees and supply chain workers.

The food fortification campaign, according to Cislac, is to ensure that the active workforce and general working population have access to quality food while stressing that the general workforce population spends half of the day at their workplace.

CISLAC also urged organised private sector to ensure adequate nutrition for staffs and employees while stressing that this would reduce lost work hours and maximize full potential at workplace.

Speaking earlier during a campaign launch and media roundtable with CSOs and Media training on food fortification with the theme; “Fortifying Nigeria’s Future: CSO and Media Training on Food Fortification and Workforce Nutrition in Nigeria.”

## ‘Tackling Unemployment, Poverty Crucial To Preventing Violent Protests’

BY JONATHAN NDA- ISAIAH, Abuja

As the federal government digs in to implement its economic reforms which have left many Nigerians grappling for survival below the poverty line, renown public policy adviser, Nextier, has advised it on ways to avert the disenchantment from snowballing into major national crisis or mass protests.

Researchers at Nextier in a new report over the weekend recalled its earlier analysis linking worsening poverty to increased

insecurity, with the question: “Would the Worsening Poverty Increase Insecurity in Nigeria”.

They that such a scenario is now playing out by way of street protests and violence in Kenya, occasioned by grievances over escalating costs of living.

Nextier is advising the Bola Tinubu administration to quickly check unemployment and dwindling productivity, while ensuring that the N500 billion earmarked for subsidy removal cash-transfer palliative reaches the most vulnerable Nigeri-

an households for maximum impact.

According to Nextier, “in Nigeria today, the present economic reforms have caused financial pressure for millions of Nigerians and other residents, at least in the short term. This ranges from the elimination of fuel subsidy to increases in taxes.

“The repercussions of fuel subsidy removal and the speculated intended increase in energy tariffs have generated great confusion and misery across the country, especially in the infor-

mal sector, which employs most people.

“Thus, with the economic crunch and unavailable cushioning effects, it beckons to question at what point would the breaking point be.”

Nextier experts therefore recommended that “the Nigerian government should prioritise addressing how fiscal and monetary policies affect employment, prices and productivity to reduce the number of people pushed below the poverty line.



# As Dangote Emerges Africa’s Richest For 12th Consecutive Year

BY OLUSHOLA BELLO, Lagos

Aliko Dangote, the president of Dangote Group, who was ranked Africa’s richest man in the Forbes Africa’s billionaires list, has remained consistently ahead of the pack for 12 consecutive years, with a current net worth of \$14.2 billion.

Dangote has emerged the richest man in Africa, despite economic headwinds that affected the fortunes of half of the world’s reported billionaires. Dangote, whose business flagship, Dangote Cement Plc, is the largest producer of cement in Africa, is the only Nigerian in the list of first 200 richest men in the world with an estimated net worth of \$14.2 billion, up from last year’s \$12.1 billion.

Forbes, in its latest ranking of world billionaires for 2023, reported that, falling stocks, wounded unicorns and rising interest rates translated into a down year for the world’s wealthiest people.

Dangote, presently ranked 124th among the world’s richest billionaires, is the only Nigerian in the top 200 world billionaires and one of the two Africans within that bracket; with South Africa’s Johann Rupert, who deals in luxury goods ranked 157th with a net worth of \$11.1 billion.

The Africa’s richest man founded and chairs Dangote Cement, the continent’s largest cement producer.

Dangote Cement has production capacity of 51.6 million tonnes per year across ten countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, with integrated factories in seven countries, a clinker grinding plant in Cameroon, and import and distribution facilities in Ghana and Sierra Leone.

Dangote also owns stakes in publicly traded Dangote Salt (NASCON) and Dangote Sugar manufacturing companies. His Dangote Petroleum Refinery, touted to be the world’s largest single-train refinery, was recently commissioned and is expected to process 650,000bpd of petroleum for domestic consumption and export; in what experts have described as a game changer in the oil and gas sector.

The foremost philanthropist had earlier been rated 11th of the 50 World’ Greatest men and women of all time by the Fortune Magazine, an American multinational business magazine which premised the ranking of the world’s greatest mainly on the businesses run by the men and how they have used it to impact their society positively.



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The time-tested magazine, which first edition was published in February 1930, said the world’s greatest men and women are transforming the world and inspiring others to do so in business, government, philanthropy and the arts. ‘These thinkers, speakers, and doers make bold choices and take big risks- and move others to do the same,’ the magazine declared.

Specifically, Dangote earned nomination after being adjudged as having used his business to acquire wealth and is now converting his wealth into impactful philanthropy through his Aliko Dangote Foundation.

The top 10 greatest men and women, according to Fortune Magazine are: Bill and Melinda Gates, Jacinda Ardern, Robert Mueller, Pony Ma, Satya Nadella, Greta Thunberg, Margrethe Vestager, Anna Nimiriano, Jose Andres, and Dough Mcmillon and Lisa Woods.

The ranking of Dangote as one of the greatest business leaders had attracted comments by eminent persons around the world who described him as worthy of the nomination going by his business acumen and philanthropic gestures.

On the billionaires ranking for 2023, Forbes, the global media company said nearly half the world richest list are poorer than a year ago, including Elon Musk with net worth of \$180 billion, falling from Number 1 to Number 2 after his pricey acquisition of Twitter helped sink Tesla, his multinational automotive and clean energy company.

Benard Arnault, the 74-year old French, who is the head of luxury goods giant LVMH, was ranked number one richest man in the world with a net worth of \$211 billion, the very first time a France national will top the list.

Forbes reported that the party is over for many of the world’s richest people. For the second straight year, both the number of billionaires around the globe has declined from 2,668 in 2022 to 2,640 in 2023 and total billionaire wealth has dropped, too - down by \$500

billion, to \$12.2 trillion, as turbulent times have hit both public and private markets.

Nearly half the planet’s billionaires are poorer than they were a year ago. A total of 254 people have lost their billionaire status altogether yet others recorded gains.

Overall, the United States still boasts the most billionaires, with 735 list members worth a collective \$4.5 trillion. China (including Hong Kong and Macau) remains second, with 562 billionaires worth \$2 trillion, followed by India, with 169 billionaires worth \$675 billion. To calculate net worths, Forbes used stock prices and exchange rates from March 10, 2023.

Dangote Industries Limited is a diversified and fully integrated conglomerate with vibrant operations in Nigeria and Africa across a wide range of sectors including cement, sugar, salt, condiments, packaging, energy, port operations, fertilizer, and petrochemicals. Since inception, the Dangote Group has experienced phenomenal growth on account of quality of its goods and services, its focus on cost leadership and efficiency of its human capital.

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## Five Easy Tips To Remember When Planning A Wedding Menu

Even the location of your wedding can play a part in what you eat. A wedding close to the beach may feature fresh seafood.

At an event as big as a wedding, it is not easy catering to everyone's tastes. You and your significant other might love sushi, while your grandma is more of a meat and potatoes girl. Deciding on the food you'll serve at your wedding is only one part of the equation. Then you must decide on a buffet, sit-down dinner, appetizer schedule and more. Here are five easy tips to keep in mind when you plan your wedding menu to make sure you don't forget a single thing.

### Make It Personal

Everything from the dress to the decorations speaks to your style, so why shouldn't the food? Incorporate some of your favorite foods on the menu and explain why. If you and your future spouse love to make mac and cheese on the weekends, incorporate it into the dinner menu with a little card that explains why. You can also make your meal a roadmap of your relationship. For example, if you fell in love over gelato in Italy, then have that as a part of the dessert. Even a craft beer you drink together on special occasions can appear on your drink menu.

### Watch out for Dietary Restrictions

Not every guest will be able to eat everything on the menu. Try to avoid overly spicy foods that could upset stomachs and look at creating a kid-friendly menu if you'll have entire families attending. Vegetarians and vegans will also need specific options either in the buffet line or as part of the sit-down meal. Talk to your caterer ahead of time about what meals you can make for individuals with allergies and other dietary requests. If you are holding a sit-down dinner, ask about any dietary conditions on the wedding invitations and make sure everyone gets their correct meal.

### Keep It Local

The season in which you get married will help you determine what to serve at your wedding. For example, a summer salad with different fruits and vegetables will taste better in the summer than it would in January. Even the location of your wedding can play a part in



what you eat. A wedding close to the beach may feature fresh seafood as opposed to a wedding in the Midwest, which might serve

BBQ. Another creative touch is to work with local farms to provide the ingredients for your wedding. Even picky eaters will appreciate

your vegetables more if they know you're supporting local farmers with a commitment to sustainable agriculture.

### Go with the Reception Flow

The timing for dinner also plays a role in how your reception will operate. Do you want guests to snack on appetizers all night to keep the dance floor moving? Or, do you have a family full of talkers who would prefer a sit-down meal? This is something you need to work out with your wedding planner and caterer ahead of time. Some industry experts recommend a „grazing“ reception filled with different appetizers. This prevents the reception from losing momentum, and you can even save money by cutting out that carving station and other expensive food items.

### Upgrade the Typical Dishes

There's nothing wrong with the standard chicken, beef and vegetarian options. In fact, those three options usually satisfy everyone's palate. Start by creating dishes around beef, chicken, fish or vegetarian selections, then add sides, sauces and other aspects that can work for different dietary restrictions. The key is to find a mix of salty, sweet and spicy dishes. Once you have the basics covered, you can add in different appetizers or other meal options. For example, if you and your fiancé love sushi, then find a caterer with experience as a sushi chef who can add a new layer to your wedding menu.

### Plan, Plan, Plan

The best wedding menus aren't something you think of the night before. Once you have your date and venue, it's recommended that you book the caterer a year in advance. Talk about the things you want on your menu and allow your caterer to throw in some of their own creativity. With the right planning, you'll have a wedding meal people will talk about for years to come.

<https://www.7centerpieces.com/planning/five-easy-tips-to-remember-when-planning-a-wedding-menu/>

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE: TO IMPROVE COGNITIVE FUNCTION



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### ACROSS

- 1 Double Down sandwich seller
- 4 Hockey player Richard nicknamed the "Pocket Rocket"
- 6 WWII ship sinker
- 7 Like the color of many big cats' coats
- 8 Match up, as files
- 1 Generally recognized
- 2 Swiss bread ?
- 3 Word before life, lights, or limits
- 4 Rough housing
- 5 It acquired PayPal in 2002

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## Change Of Name

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I, formerly known as **SURNAME: IKEABA NAMES: MARYROSE CHINYELU AND: IKEABA CHINYERE MARYROSE** now wish to be called and addressed as **SURNAME: OBIKWELUGO OBIASOR FIRST NAME: CHINYELU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### OBIASOR

I, formerly known as **SURNAME: OBIKWELUGO OBIASOR FIRST NAME: CHINYELU** now wish to be called and addressed as **SURNAME: OBIASOR NAMES: JENNIFER CHINYELU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### ONYIBEYIN

I, FOMERLY KNOWN CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS **MISS ANWAH JOSEPHINE EFUCHA** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS **MRS JUSTICE JOSEPHINE EFUCHA** REASON FOR THE CHANGE IS DUE TO MY MARRIAGE TO **MR ONYIBEYIN JUSTICE IHECHIKARA** ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

### OMISSION OF NAME

I **EMMANUEL SIMON AGBO**, that my surname **EMMANUEL** was omitted in my BVN to read **AGBO SIMON** instead **EMMANUEL SIMON AGBO**. I therefore wish to be known and address as **EMMANUEL SIMON AGBO**. All former documents reminds valid. Access' bank and the General public should take note.

### SANNI-AZEEZ

I, formerly known, called and Addressed as **AZEEZ SHERIFAT FOLASHADE**. I now wish to be called, known and addressed as **SANNI-AZEEZ SHERIFAT FOLASHADE**. All documents bearing my former names remain valid. General public should please take note.

### AYOBAMI

I, formerly known, called and Addressed as **ABDULLAHI SIDDIQ AFOLABI**. I now wish to be called, known and addressed as **AYOBAMI AFOLABI ABDULLAHI**. Henceforth. All documents bearing my former names remain valid. General public should please take note.

### AGUKWE

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

### NNENNA

I, formerly known, called and addressed as **MISS. NNENNA GLADYS OWUNNA**, now wish to be known, called and addressed as **MRS. NNENNA GLADYS AMADI**. That the change of name was necessitated by my marriage to **MR JOSHUA ONYEKACHI AMADI**. That all documents bearing my former name(s) remain valid. That this Affidavit is now made for record and official purposes. public take note

### JACINTA

I, formerly known and addressed as **MISS IDOKO JACINTA EBERE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS JACINTA EBERE BARTHOLOME**. All former documents remain valid. General Public take note

### ADDITION OF NAME

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

### CONFIRMATION OF NAMES

That **EGBAIN JESSICA SUNDAY, SUNDAY NKECHI JESSICA, EGBAIN NKECHI JESSICA, EGBAIN NKECHI JESSICAL and NKECHI SUNDAY SAMUEL** refers to one and same person. Any documents bearing any of the above names remain valid. General public take note.

### ADAMU

I, formerly known and addressed as **ADAMU SULAIMAN**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAMU SULAIMAN YAKUBU**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

### YAHAYA

I, formerly known as **YAHAYA M. MUHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **YAHAYA MUHAMMED KYARI**. All former documents remains valid. General public should take note

### AMINA

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

### RESHEEDAT

I, formerly known as **RASHEEDAT SULEMAN** now wish to be known and address as **RESHEEDAT ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid general public should take note

### MERCY

That **MERCY ROWLAND IGWE** and **MERCY EDET SAMPSON** refer to one and same person. All documents bearing any of the said names remain valid. The correct arrangement of my name is **MERCY ROWLAND IGWE, SURNAME: IGWE FIRSTNAME: MERCY MIDDLENAME: ROWLAND**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

### ANIWETELI

That in some of my details I bear the name **ANIWETELI UEAMAKA THERESA**, while in some I bear **ANIWETELI UEAMAKA STEPHANIE**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **ANIWETELI UEAMAKA THERESA**. All documents bearing my former names remains valid, general public should please take note.

### SARAH

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

### AVEGBAG

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

### ORJI

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

### FAVOUR

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

### HASHIMU

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

### DANLADI

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

### ABDULKADIR

I, formerly known and called **ABDULKADIR SAEED**. Henceforth wish to be Known and called **ABDULKADIR SAIDU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### MUHAMMED

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

### JOLAOYE

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT I, FORMERLY KNOWN AND ADDRESS AS **MISS JOLAOYE BUKOLA ROFIYAT** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESS AS **MRS OLAITAN OLUWABUKOLA ROFIYAT**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID BANKS, AUTHORITY CONCERN AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

### THOMPSON

I, Formerly known and addressed as **MISS KANU CHINWEOKE QUEEN** Now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. THOMPSON CHINWEOKE QUEEN**. All former documents remain valid General public take note.

### ADDITION OF NAME/DATE OF BIRTH

I, formerly known as **KANU HELEN**, now wish to add **EWEZUGACHI** to my names, now wish to be called and addressed as **KANU HELEN EWEZUGACHI**. Also my correct date of birth is 5th November 1997 not 5th November 1999. All former documents remain valid. All Authorities concerned and general public take note.

### OGHENEOVO

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

### OLIVIA

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

### ARRANGEMENT AND CORRECTION OF SPELLING OF NAME

I, formerly known as **SURNAME: MUHAMMAD FIRST NAME: SANI MIDDLE NAME: MUHAMMAD** now wish to be called and addressed as **SURNAME: SANI FIRST NAME: MUHAMMED MIDDLENAME: MUHAMMED..** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### CHIOKEANIGBO

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

### TSEBAM

I, formerly known and addressed as **TSEBAM SAMUEL AYGUSOKO** now wish to be known and addressed as **TSEBAM SAMUEL AYGU**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

### PETER

I, formerly known as **IKOYI MARIA** now wish to be known and addressed as **PETER MARIA IKOYI**. All former documents remain valid. The general public to take note

### AHUAMAH-LEVI

I, Formerly known and addressed as **AHUAMAH LEVI DOBSON AZUBUIKE** Now wish to be known and addressed as **AHUAMAH-LEVI DOBSON AZUBUIKE**. All former documents remain valid General public take note.

### OMONIYI

I, formerly known as **OLANIYI OLUWASEUN OLUWAFUNKE** now wish to be called and addressed as **OMONIYI VICTORIA OLUWAFUNKE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### ABDULLAHI

I, formerly known as **ABDULLAHI YABUDU LIMAN** now to be addressed as **ABDULLAHI MOHAMMED LIMAN**. All former documents remain valida lavun LGA, and general public to take note

### ALHASSAN

I, formerly known as **FATIMA ABUBAKAR** d.o.b, 07\2\1956 now wish to be addressed as **ALHASSAN RAMATU NDAGI** d.o.b, 12\2\1956. All former documents remain valid. Bida LGA, and general public to take note

### AISHATU

I, formerly known as **HADIZA MOHAMMED** dob 15\8\2000 now wish to be know and addressed as **AISHATU NABILA MOHAMMED** d.o.b, not 7\1\1981 all former documents remain valid. Bida LGA, and general public to take note

### SAMUEL

I, formerly known as **SAMUEL LUBEM ORKUR** now wish to bear **SAMUEL LUBEM AERKERA**. All former documents remain valid. Access Bank PLC, all constituted authorities concerned and the general public to note.

### AKAAHAR

I, formerly known as **UGBUDU DOOSUUR ROSEMARY** now wish to bear **AKAAHAR DOOSUUR ROSEMARY**. All former documents remain valid. The general public to note.

### TERA

I,formerly known as **TERLA MNGUNGEN PHILOMENA** now wish to bear **TERA MNGUNGEN PHILOMENA**. All former documents remain valid. UBA PLC, all constituted authorities concerned and the general public to note.

### AKAANYA

I, formerly known as **AKAANYA PATRICIA** now wish to bear **AKAANYA PATRICIA MNGUSONUN**. All former documents remain valid. Banks, NIMC and the general public to please take note.

### ALECHENU

I, formerly known as **AKOR BLESSING EHI** now wish to bear **ALECHENU BLESSING EHI**. All former documents remain valid. NYSC and the general public to note.

### IGBA

I, formerly known as **NYAMVE SEWUESE RITA** now wish to bear **IGBA SEWUESE RITA**. All former documents remain valid. Banks and the general public to note.

### KIVA

I, formerly known as **DELA ABUGA JOHNSON LUSAKA** now wish to bear **KIVA ABUGA JOHNSON KAAHA**. All former documents remain valid. All constituted authorities concerned and the general public to note.

### THERESA

I, formerly known as **MISS THERESA ANIETIE OKON**, now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS THERESA EMMANUEL ALOYSIUS-IKPE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

### EZENWA

I, formerly known as **CHIMA EZENWA** now wish to be called and addressed as **EZENWA CHIMA KINGSLEY. MY CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH IS 27/09/1994 AND NOT 18/04/1995**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### NMEZI

I, Formally known as **NEV GIFT**, wishes to be known and address as **NMEZI GIFT NMACHI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### HUSSAINI

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

### AL AMIN

I, formerly known as **SADIQ AL AMEEN ABUBAKARK** now wish to be called and addressed as **AL AMIN ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### MUHAMMED

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

### SUBEDAH

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

### OWOEYE

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

### EGBOR

I, formerly known as **EGBOR RACHAEL OSESI** now wish to be called and addressed as **EGBOR RACHAEL OSELEONOMEN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### AUDU

I, formerly known as **ABUBAKAR ABDULLAHI OGBO, WRONG D.O.B 04/01/2002** now wish to be called and addressed as **AUDU ABDULLAHI OGBO, CORRECT D.O.B 04/01/2003**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### KUKU

I, formerly known as **MISS OJEWUSI TITILAYO OLUFUNKE ANIKE** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS KUKU TITILAYO OLUFUNKE ANIKE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### ONJE

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

### OLETU-OROH

I, formerly known as **ORO ROSELINE** now wish to be called and addressed as **OLETU-OROH ROSELINE OMOLOLA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### ACHIEF

I, formerly known as **ACHIEF ATTA JUDE** now wish to be called and addressed as **ACHIEF ATTA THADDEUS**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### ISAH

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

### ODEY

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

### SAFIYANU

I, formerly known as **MU'AZU AUWALU** now wish to be called and addressed as **SAFIYANU IBRAHIM DANBABA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### NWANKWO

I, formerly known as **KATCHY CHIZOBA PERPETUAL** now wish to be called and addressed as **NWANKWO CHIZOBA PERPETUA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### PHILIP

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

### RUQAYAH

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

### IBRAHIM

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

### CORRECTION OF NAME

I, formerly known as **YUSUF IBRAHIM** now wish to be called and addressed as **IBRAHIM YUSUF OMAME** OLD 11/11/1993 NEW 11/11/1995. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### AMINA

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

### ODULEYE-OLANREWAJU

I, formerly known as **OLANREWAJU KEFAYAT OYINDAMOLA** now wish to be called and addressed as **ODULEYE-OLANREWAJU KEFAYAT OYINDAMOLA** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### CORRECTION OF NAME

My name was wrongly captured in my BVN as: **OJO OLUBUMI ABOSEDE** instead of **OJO OLUBUNMI ABOSEDE**. My correct name is: **OJO OLUBUNMI ABOSEDE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### MUKTAR

I, formerly known as **NUTAIRU HABIB AND MUTAIRU HABIBULLAH B** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUKTAR HABIB BABATUNDE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### CHUKWUNYERE

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

### AGWUNCHA

I, formerly known as **AGWUNCHA CHIEMEZIE HILLARY** now wish to be known and address as **AGWUNCHA CHIEMEZIE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### CORRECTION OF NAME

My name was wrongly captured in my BVN as: **OJO OLUBUMI ABOSEDE** instead of **OJO OLUBUNMI ABOSEDE**. My correct name is: **OJO OLUBUNMI ABOSEDE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.



**ADDITION OF NAME**  
I, formerly known as **AMINU DAUDA** now wish to be called and addressed as **DAUDA AMINU OJAH. CORRECT DOB IS: 09/06/2005.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**EJE**  
I, formerly known as **CHINANZA PEACE EJE** now wish to be called and addressed as **EJE MARBEL** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**EZE**  
I, formerly known as **MISS ONUOHA MARGARET EZINNE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. EZE ERNEST MARGARET EZINNE**. All former documents remain valid. Banks and general public should take note.

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

**IWUAMADI**  
I,formerly known as **MISSANICHUKWU NNEKA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. IWUAMADI NNEKA**. All former documents remain valid. Banks and general public should take note.

**JONATHAN**  
I, formerly known as **EBOGO JOSIAH WILLIAMS**, now wish to be known and addressed as **JONATHAN JOSIAH WILLIAMS**. All former documents remain valid. Banks and general public should take note.

**SIMEON-BRIGHT**  
I, formerly known as **MISS EMMANUEL BLESSING IHECHI**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. SIMEON-BRIGHT BLESSING IHECHI**. All former documents remain valid. Banks and general public should take note.

**NWACHUKWU**  
I, formerly known as **NWACHUKWU MARYANN CHINENYENWA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **NWACHUKWU MARYANN CHINENYE**. All former documents remain valid. Banks and general public should take note.

**NEBO**  
I, formerly known as **MISS CHIBUZOR CHINAZA LOVETH**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. NEBO CHINAZA LOVETH**. All former documents remain valid. Banks and general public should take note.

**CORRECTION OF NAME**  
This is to notify the public that during BVN/ account opening my name was wrongly captured as **ODOEMENA PRINCE CHARLES** instead of **ODOEMENAM PRINCE CHARLES CHIMECHEFULAM** My correct name is **ODOEMENAM PRINCE CHARLES CHIMECHEFULAM**. All former documents remain valid. First bank and general public take note

**PIUS**  
I, Formerly known as **AKEWE STANLEY**, now wish to be known and addressed as **PIUS STANLEY IKEKHUA**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

**YUSUFF**  
I, Formerly known as **MISS. TAIWO OLUBUNMI ROSEMARY**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. YUSUFF OLUBUNMI ROSEMARY**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

**GLORY**  
I, FORMERLY KNOWN AS **GLORY SAMUEL SUNDAY**, NOW I WISH TO BE KNOWN CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS **GLORY EDINAM UDO**, ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID, BANKS AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD NOTE.

**IDRIS**  
I formerly known as **MISS IDRIS BARAKAT KOFOWOROLA** now wish to be known & addressed as **MRS IDRIS BARAKAT ALEJO**, Federal University wukari,Taraba State Government &the General Public to please note.

**UCHECHUKWU**  
I, formerly known and addressed as **UCHECHUKWU CHIKAODILI**, now wish to be called and addressed as **UCHECHUKWU CHIKODI CELINE**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. Banks, general public take note.

**BARILEDUM**  
I, formerly known as **BARILEEDUM KAABARI** now wish to be called and addressed as **BARILEDUM PROMISE KAABARI**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should take note.

**ADAJA**  
I, formerly known as **MISS. CHUKWUWIKI ADAORA PRISCILLIA** and **MRS. ADAJA ADAORA PRISCILLIA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. ADAJA ADAORA PRISCILLIA** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**CHIEDOZIE**  
I, formerly known as **MISS. IJEOMA IWUOHA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. CHIEDOZIE IWUOHA, IHEOMA DOMINION** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ANDY**  
I, formerly known as **ANDY IDONGESIT EFFIONG** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. ANDY ANDY KINGSLEY** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ONWUEGBUZIE**  
I, formerly known as **MISS. NWAOGU LILIAN CHINASA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. ONWUEGBUZIE LILIAN CHINASA** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**CORRECTION OF NAME**  
My name was wrongly written as **BARIYE VIBARA** Instead of **BARIYE VIGARA**. My correct name is **BARIYE VIGARA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**BOMA**  
I, formerly known as **BOMA IDASEFIEMA** now wish to be called and addressed as **BOMA PRAISE SEPIRIBO TOM-GEORGE** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**INIMEYA**  
I, formerly known as **MISS. WILSON OSEPHMUGH BETRAM** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. INIMEYA OSEPHMUGH** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ENDURANCE**  
I, formerly known as **MISS. ENDURANCE OMA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. ENDURANCE USANG ISRAEL** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**FAITH**  
I, formerly known as **MISS. FAITH KELECHI IKENGWUONU** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. FAITH KELECHI CHUKWU** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**JANE**  
I, formerly known as **MISS. JANE CHINALIRUM OGBONNA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. JANE CHINEDUM GODWIN** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**OKE-IGORI**  
That on NIN my name appeared as **OKE DEBORAH** instead of **OKE-IGORI, DEBORAH OSAWESE** while it appeared on my BVN as **DEBORAH OSAWESE OKE** instead of **OKE-IGORI DEBORAH OSAWESE**. That I am confirming my name is **OKE-IGORI, DEBORAH OSAWESE**. General public should please take note.

**OKAFOR**  
I, formerly known as **MISS. OKOYE, FAVOUR OLUOMA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. OKAFOR, FAVOUR OLUOMACHUKWU** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**LEKIA**  
That on my BVN my name appeared as **LEKIA PROMISE**. That I now wish to add **YIIBARI** as my middle name. That am confirming my full name is **LEKIA PROMISE YIIBARI**. General public should please take note.

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

**MIKE**  
I, formerly known as **NWOGWUGWU MIKE UZOMA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MIKE PRINCE UZOMA** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**OGUCHUKWU**  
I, formerly known as **OGUCHUKWU CHIDINNA MBENE** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. OGUCHUKWU CHIDINNA MADU** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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

**ANGELA**  
I, formerly known as **MISS. INNOCENT ANGELA CHIOMA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. ANGELA CHIOMA IKWUMELEZEH** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ELUCHIE**  
I. FORMERLY KNOWN AN ADDRESSED AS **GOLDEN TOCHUKWU**. NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS **ELUCHIE GOLDEN TOCHUKWU**. All former document remains valid. The general public take note

**AGBEDO**  
I, formerly known and addressed as **MISS IJEMBA ADELINE IFEYINWA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS AGBEDO ADELINE IFEYINWA**, All former documents remain valid, general public take note.

**FELIX**  
I, formerly known and addressed as **FELIX FAVOUR OBINNA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **FELIX OBINNA CHINYERE NNEKA** , All former documents remain valid, general public take note.

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

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

**DIETER**  
I, formerly known as **DIETER PRISCA UGONNA** now wish to be called and addressed as **DIETER QUEEN UGONNA** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**EYO**  
I, formerly known as **ANTHONY PAULINUS** now wish to be called and addressed as **EYO ANTHONY MFERE** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**OGU**  
I, formerly known and addressed as **MISS OGUIKE NJIDEKA FELISTAS**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS OGU NJIDEKA FELISTAS**, All former documents remain valid, general public take note.

**ABARA**  
I , formerly known and addressed as **ABARA DONALD OBINNA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ABARA FELIX OBINNA MURPHY**, All former documents remain valid, general public take note.

**DESTINY**  
I formally known as **MISS NWOKEOCHA. DORIS CHINELO**. Wish to be Addressed and known as **MRS DESTINY CHINELO MARK OBIZUONU**. All document bearing my former name remains valid. The general public take note.

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

**GEORGE**  
I Formerly known and addressed as **CHIKA CHIKADIBIA OKELE AND GEORGE CHIKADIBIA OKEKE** as appeared in my BVN and Account, now wish to be known and addressed as **GEORGE CHIKADIBIA OKELE**. All former document remains valid. The general public take note.

**ALIYU**  
I Formerly known as **MISS SALEEMATU JIBRIL**. now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS ALIYU SALEEMATU JIBRIL**. Date of marriage: 13/08/2021 All other documents remain valid. General public to take note

**ABDULAZEEZ**  
I, formerly known as **ABDULLATEEF ABDULAZEEZ ABDULLATEEF** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABDULAZEEZ ABDULRAHMAN DOB 30 / 11 / 2000** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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

**RABI'ATU**  
I, formerly known as **RABI'ATU ABDULKADIR** now wish to be called and addressed as **RABI'ATU ABDULKADIR YAHAYA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**AGIRI**  
I, formerly known as **MADI ZAINAB MANA** now wish to be called and addressed as **AGIRI ZAINAB MANA** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**KADIRI**  
I formerly known as **ADAMA SHAIBU**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **KADIRI SHAIBU**. Former documents remain valid. Authority concern and general public should pleased take note.

**SIYAKA**  
I formerly known as **Mrs UWADIUNOR BAMIZOKO EMMANUELLA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs SIYAKA ONIZE NANAHAWA**. Former documents remain valid. Authority concern and general public should pleased take note.

**CHINDA**  
I, formerly known as **OGBUAGU NNAMDI** now wish to be called and addressed as **CHINDA ROLAND** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**TAMUNOBELEMA**  
I, formerly known as **GEORGE FRED DAMIETE** now wish to be called and addressed as **TAMUNOBELEMA RAPHAEL PEPPE** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**OKACHI**  
I, formerly known as **OKACHI OWHONDA EMMANUELLA** now wish to be called and addressed as **OKACHI KINGSLEY OWHONDA** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**WARIBOR**  
I, formerly known as **MISS: AZIAKA, HELEN KPUGIBEKE** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS WARIBOR, HELEN KPUGIBEKE** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**DAMIETE**  
I, formerly known as **GEORGE FRED DAMIETE** now wish to be called and addressed as **DAMIETE RAPHAEL PEPPE** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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

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

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

**CONFIRMATION OF NAME**  
That **UMOH UNWANA DICK** is one and the same person as **UMOH BRIGHT DICK**. All my documents bearing **UMOH UNWANA DICK** remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**CORRECTION OF DOB**  
This is to inform the general public that I, **IBIEWARI CONSTANCE TAMUNOWENGIFRI** wish to state that BVN was wrongly captured as **28 January, 1987**. This to confirm that my correct date of birth is **28th October, 1987**. General public should please take note.

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

**VIVIAN**  
I FORMERLY KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS, **VIVIAN BAMITALE OMOJUWA** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS **VIVIAN BAMITALE OJUBUYI**. ALL DOCUMENTS BEARING THE ABOVE NAMES REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC/ALL AUTHORITIES CONCERNED PLEASE, TAKE NOTE.

**NOMSULE**  
I, formerly known as **TORSAR NGUUMBUR LUCY** now wish to be called and addressed as **NOMSULE NGUUMBUR LUCY** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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

**RHODA**  
I, formerly known as **RHODA FWANJE** henceforth want to be known and addressed as **RHODA ZAKKA**. All former documents remain valid. The general public should take note.

**CORRECTION OF NAME/DOB**  
THAT MY BVN DETAILS WAS WRONGLY CAPTURED **ADE RAFATA S**. MY CORRECT NAME IS **ADE RAFATA FOLAKE**. My correct DOB is **9th January, 1979** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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

**SA**  
I formerly known and addressed as **SA ADU ISHAKA RUWAN FILI** now wish to be known and addressed as **SA ADU ISHAKA**. All documents bearing former name remain valid, concerned authorities and general public to take note.

**MAIMUNA**  
I wish to state that **MAIMUNA MUHAMMAD MODDO** and **MAIMUNA ISHAQ** and **MAIMUNA MUHAMMAD** refers to one and the same person. Henceforth I wish to be known and called **MAIMUNA ISYAKU SABO**. All former documents remain valid. The general public to take note.

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

**BENJAMIN**  
I, formerly known as **MISS.ABASSA TIMIPERE ELIZABETH** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. BENJAMIN TIMIPERE ELIZABETH** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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

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

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

**CORRECTION OF NAME**  
I, formerly known as **YUSUF IBRAHIM** now wish to be called and addressed as **IBRAHIM YUSUF OMAME OLD 11/11/1993 MEW 11/11/1995** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.



ONYEAGHALA NWANNE SOCIAL CLUB OF NIGERIA

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

**THE NAMES OF TRUSTEES ARE:**

1. NWOGO MICHAEL IFEANYI	- CHAIRMAN
2. ELUIGWE CHRISTIAN CHINEMEREM	- SECRETARY
3. OHANEKWU SIXTUS CHIGOZIE	- TRUSTEE
4. AMATOBI INNOCENT LAWRENCE	- TRUSTEE
5. EKWULUGWO MAGNUS UGOEZE	- TRUSTEE
6. OKORO CHINEDU KINGSLEY	- TRUSTEE
7. ODUMODU MMADUABUCHI JOHN	- TRUSTEE

**OBJECTIVES**

- TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF MEMBERS AND TO RENDER ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE NECESSARY.
- TO ACT AS A FORUM FOR DISCUSSING MATTERS AFFECTING THE PROGRESS AND WELL-BEING OF MEMBERS AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY.
- TO FOSTER AND ENCOURAGE THE SPIRIT ONENESS AND COMPANIONSHIP AMONGST MEMBERS
- TO PROVIDE FOR AND ENGAGE IN ACTS OF PHILANTHROPY IN FAVOUR OF THE NEEDY MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY AT LARGE

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

SIGNED: **SECRETARY.**

NEW DIMENSION BROTHERS SOCIAL CLUB

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT ‘NEW DIMENSION BROTHERS SOCIAL CLUB’ HAS APPLIED TO THE CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION, ABUJA FOR REGISTRATION UNDER PART C OF THE COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT 2020.

**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**

1. ODO SOCHIMA MATTHEW	- TRUSTEE/CHAIRMAN
2. UGWUANYI ONYEKACHI DESMOND	- TRUSTEE/SECRETARY

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:**

- TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROGRESS, UNITY AND WELLBEING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY AT LARGE
- TO PROMOTE THE CORE VALUES OF INTEGRITY, DISCIPLINE, GENEROSITY, SELFLESS EXISTENCE AND PEACEFUL LIVING AMONG ITS MEMBERS
- TO FOSTER MUTUAL LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATION
- TO JOIN FORCE TOGETHER IN UNITY IN SUPPORT OF ANY OF ITS MEMBERS WHO IS IN NEED OF SAME

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

SIGNED: **SECRETARY.**

SUSPECTED KIDNAPPING

I, **EBOSELE GRACE F.** FEMALE NIGERIAN CITIZEN AT ARUE SECONDARY SCHOOL UROMI, EDO STATE, NIGERIA DO HEREBY MAKE AN OATH AND STATE AS FOLLOWS:

- THAT I AM THE ABOVE NAMED PERSON
- THAT I AM THE PRINCIPAL AT ARUE SECONDARY SCHOOL IN UROMI EDO STATE
- THAT TWO STUDENTS OF THE SAME PARENTS- AIWANOSE DAVID PRECIOUS ‘M’ 20 YEARS SS3 AND AIWANOSE DAVID MARVELOUS ‘F’ 19 YEARS SS2 WERE KIDNAPPED ON THEIR WAY HOME FROM SCHOOL
- THAT ONE JOHN OSAGIE IS A STUDENT OF THE SAME SCHOOL
- THAT JOHN OSAGIE WITNESSED THAT AN UNREGISTERED BLACK LEXUS KEEP PARKED BY THE BUSH SIDE TOOK THEM AWAY
- THAT TWO WOMEN CAME ONE MRS. MARY SUNDAY, THE GUARDIAN OF THE STUDENTS AND MRS OFURE OSAGIE THE MOTHER OF THE WITNESS, CRYING, SAYING THAT MR. AIWANOSE DAVID CHARLES LEFT THE CHILDREN IN HER CARE AND RAN AWAY FROM THE COUNTRY FOR HIS DEAR LIFE BECAUSE OF DEATH THREATS AGAINST HIM.
- THAT THE INCIDENT OCCURRED ON 24TH MAY, 2033 AT THE HOUR OF 4PM.
- THAT I MRS EBOSELE GRACE WANT TO PUBLISH THE INFORMATION ON THE NEWSPAPER AND OBTAIN A POLICE REPORT
- THAT HIS AFFIDAVIT IS NOW NEEDED FOR RECORD AND OFFICIAL PURPOSES.

THAT I MAKE THIS AFFIDAVIT IN GOOD FAITH AND CORRECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OATH LAWS OF LAGOS STATE, 2015

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

I, **SAMIRA ABUBAKAR MIJIN YAWA** OF NO. 5 ADEYINKA STREET, NEPA JUNCTION, APO, ABUJA HEREBY STATES THAT ON THE 22ND OF NOVEMBER, 2022 WHILE ON TRANSIT WITHIN ABUJA, I DISCOVERED THAT MY RECERTIFICATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER WITH PLOT NO. 290 CADASTRAL ZONE A04 AND **FILE NO. IM 10622 ASOKORO** DISTRICT, ABUJA GOT MISSING. ALL EFFORT MADE TO TRACE AND RECOVER THE SAID DOCUMENTS PROVED ABORTIVE. GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE.

FAMILY CHANGE OF SURNAME

THAT ON BEHALF OF MY FAMILY WE WANT TO CHANGE OUR FAMILY SURNAME FROM “**UMEH** TO **MMADUEKWE**” THAT OUR FORMER NAMES ARE;

- JAMES ANGEL CHIAMARA,
- JAMES CHINEMEZE FRANKLIN,
- JAMES KAMSY NOBLE-VALENTINE,

THAT WE NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS;

- ONYEGIRI ANGEL CHIAMAKA,
- ONYEGIRI CHINEMEZE FRANKLIN,
- ONYEGIRI KAMSY NOBLE-VALENTINE,

THAT ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS BEARING OUR FORMER SURNAME REMAINS VALID. BANKS AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

LOOS OF DOCUMENTS

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE LOSS OF ORIGINAL APPROVAL OF CUSTOMARY RIGHT OF OCCUPANCY IN RESPECT OF **PLOT NO. C405 OF ABOUT 600SQM** DATED 15/10/2001, LOCATED MPAPE 11 LAYOUT ISSUE IN FAVOUR OF TOKUNBO OLU BY BWARI AREA COUNCIL ABUJA LAND PLANNING AND SURVEY DEPARTMENT. DRIVERS LICENSE ISSUED TO HIM BY FEDERAL ROAD SAFETY. ALL EFFORTS MADE T TRACE THE SAID DOCUMENTS HAVE PROVED ABORTIVE. IF FOUND PLEASE RETURN TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION CONCERN AUTHORITY AND GENERAL PUBLIC TO PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

UNITED SISTERS ASSOCIATION OBINWANNE

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

**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**

1) ONWUMELU ANN NKECHI	(PRESIDENT)
2) UGWUNZE PAMELA IFUNANYA	
3) ONWUMELU DORIS SOPULUCHUKWU	
4) IHEANETU NGOZI AUGUSTINA	(TRUSTEE&SECRETARY)

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

- TO PROMOTE FRIENDLY RELATION AND EXCHANGE OF IDEAS WITH OTHER SOCIAL CLUB WORLDWIDE.
- TO ENCOMPASS VARIOUS FACETS OF EVERY MEMBERS’ LIVES, INCLUDING MORAL, FINANCIAL, EDUCATIONAL, SPIRITUAL, AND BEYOND.
- TO PROMOTE NETWORKING, POOLING AND EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF RESOURCES. AND CREATE AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR THE EMPOWERMENT AND SELF- ACTUALIZATION OF MEMBERS WITH A VIEW TO ATTAINING THEIR OPTIMUM IN EDUCATIONAL, BUSINESS AND SOCIOECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
- TO FOSTER THE WELL-BEING AND ADVANCEMENT OF EVERY MEMBER WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION.

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

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE MISSING OF NYSC EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE BEARING **USMAN USMAN** ISSUED TO HIM BY NYSC DATED 14/11/1994 GOT LOST. ALL EFFORTS MADE TO TRACE IT PROVED ABORTIVE. IF FOUND, PLEASE RETURN TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION. NYSC, GENERAL PUBLIC AND ALL AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

SIGNED: **MUSA ABUBAKAR USMAN.**

IDUMUESAH PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE ABOVE NAMED ORGANISATION HAS APPLIED TO THE CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION FOR REGISTRATION UNDER THE COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT 2020.

**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**

1.LAWRENZO ATU FRANK	(CHAIRMAN)
2. ONYEKPE DESTINY ONYEKACHI	(SECRETARY)
3. ANTHONY BRIGHT NGOZI	
4. COLLINS STANLEY PERSONALITY	
5. ELUEMELEM SHEDRACK	
6. AKOWA IWEDIKEN	

**AIMS/OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANIZATION**

- TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE YOUTHS OF IDUMUESAH KINGDOM
- TO FOSTER PEACE, UNITY AND COOPERATION AMONGST THE YOUTHS OF IDUMUESAH EXTRACTION
- TO GRANT SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES BOTH LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY TO YOUTHS OF IDUMUESAH EXTRACTION AND OTHER YOUTHS CLOSELY AFFILIATED WITH THEM.
- TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUPPORT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SMALL SCALE BUSINESSES FOR MEMBERS AND YOUTHS OF IDUMUESAH KINGDOM.
- TO ADVANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OF IDUMUESAH COMMUNITY.
- TO GRANT REFUNDABLE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ITS MEMBERS FOR THE ENHANCEMENT/ ADVANCEMENT OF THEIR BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

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

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

MASJIDUL-UMMAH, GOMBE

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**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**

(1) ALIYU UMAR MODIBBO	(CHAIRMAN)
(2) ALIYU AISHA MODIBBO	
(3) USMAN ABUBAKAR ALKALI	(SECRETARY)

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:**

- TO PROMOTE PRAYERS AND PREACHING OF ISLAMIC PRINCIPLES IN THE SOCIETY
- TO PROVIDE FREE SHELTER FOR THE POOR, LESS PRIVILEGED AND THE DESTITUTE
- TO PROVIDE FREE ISLAMIC AND WESTERN EDUCATION AMONG YOUTHS, THE VULNERABLE AND LESS PRIVILEGED IN THE SOCIETY
- TO CREATE AWARENESS ON ISSUES OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT
- TO TAKE CARE OF ORPHANS AND UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN IN THE SOCIETY
- PROVISION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE
- PROVISION OF FREE SKILL AND PRACTICAL EDUCATION TO YOUTHS IN THE COMMUNITY

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

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

ONYINYEOMACHUKWU EMPOWERMENT FOUNDATION

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

**THE NAMES OF TRUSTEES ARE:**

- UWAECHIA ONYINYE GIFT.
- OKOYE CHINONSO EMMANUEL.
- WORNU EMMANUEL IHEANYICHUKWU.
- ONWUBIKO EVANS CHIDIEBERE.

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:**

- EMPOWERMENT OF YOUTHS, WOMEN AND CHILDREN.
- ERADICATION OF HUNGER AND POVERTY, ENHANCING SOCIAL CHANGE, HEALTH CARE SERVICES, EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY IN FURTHERANCE OF A PATRIOTIC RESPONSE TO THE UNITED NATIONS SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

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

SIGNED: **IJARA JUDITH CHIBUDOM, ESQ.**

LAMMOSAM HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION

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

**THE NAMES OF TRUSTEES ARE:**

- OLAJIDE ADEYEMI IGE
- PRINCE YOMI OMOGBEYIN
- HINMIKAIYE RICHARD SEGUN.

**AIM AND OBJECTIVES**

- TO PROMOTE WELFARE ACTIVITIES AT THE ALLEVIATION OF HUMAN SUFFERING AND OVERALL AMELIORATION OF THE SOCIETY ESPECIALLY FOR THE POOR,HELPLESS AND WEAK.

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

SIGNED: **CHAIRMAN**

MODIBBO MUQADDAM UMARU ISLAMIC CENTRE KUMO

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**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**

(1) ALIYU UMAR MODIBBO	(CHAIRMAN)
(2) ALIYU AISHA MODIBBO	(SECRETARY)
(3) USMAN ABUBAKAR ALKALI	

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:**

- TO PROVIDE FREE HEALTH CARE TO IDP’S CAMPS, ORPHANS AND WIDOWS IN THE SOCIETY
- CREATION OF AWARENESS ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AND MOBILIZATION OF HUMAN AND MATERIAL RESOURCES
- TO STRENGTHEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND EMPOWERMENT AMONG VULNERABLE GROUPS, WIDOWS AND LESS PRIVILEGED IN THE SOCIETY
- TO PROMOTE FREE ISLAMIC AND WESTERN EDUCATION AMONG YOUTHS, THE VULNERABLE AND LESS PRIVILEGED IN THE SOCIETY
- TO PROVIDE FREE WELFARE TO MOSQUES, ORPHANAGE HOUSES AND IDP’S CAMPS
- TO PROMOTE PRAYERS AND PREACHING OF ISLAMIC PRINCIPLES IN THE SOCIETY
- TO PROVIDE, COLLECT AND DISTRIBUTE FOOD ITEMS FROM GOVERNMENTAL AND NON- GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS AND DISTRIBUTE SAME TO IDP’S CAMP AND ORPHANAGE HOUSES, LESS PRIVILEGE THAT ARE IN NEED

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

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

EMMANUEL BABAYARO PIONEERS FC

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

**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**

1. BABAYARO EMMANUEL HYACINTH	(BOARD CHAIRMAN)
2. NASIR ABDULKADIR MOHAMMAD	
3. JOHN CLARITA OMUSA	(TRUSTEE AND SECRETARY).

**THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:**

- SPORTS DEVELOPMENT
- SPORTS MENTORSHIP
- SPORTS EMPOWERMENT.
- SKILLS ACQUISITION IN SPORTS

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

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

HIGGI DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION CAC/IT/NO: 18051

THIS IS TO NOTIFY THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE ABOVE-NAMED HAS APPLIED TO THE CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION FOR REMOVAL AND APPOINTMENTS OF TRUSTEES CORRECTION OF NAME OF TRUSTEES UNDER PART ‘F’ OF THE COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT CAMA 2020.

**THE REMOVED TRUSTEES ARE:**

1) MARTHA QUAGHE	- RESIGNED
2) BERNADETTE ZAKKA	- DECEASED

**THE NWELY APPOINTED TRUSTEES:**

1) RAKIYA NGIDDA ZIRA	- APPOINTED
2) RHODA NAKKUDU BITRUS	- APPOINTED

**THE RETAINED TRUSTEES ARE:**

1) MARTINA KWATRI YUSUF	-(CHAIRMAN) - RETAINED
2) ESTHER ABRAHAM KWAGHE (FORMERLY ESTHER IBRAHIM GAMBU)	-RETAINED
3) ROSEMARY TITSI GANAMA	-(TRUSTEE SECRETARY)- RETAINED

**CORRECTION OF TRUSTEES NAME:**  
FORMER NAME: ESTHER ABRAHAM GAMBU  
CORRECT NAME: ESTHER ABRAHAM KWAGHE

**THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES REMAIN THE SAME .**

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

SIGNED: **MASE D. ACHO-ASANI, ESQ**



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Loss Of Document

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

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

I, **MUKHTAR LAWAL. KATSINA**, OF 4, MODOJI ROAD, GRA KATSINA , KATSINA STATE, DO HEREBY INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE LOSS OF THE ORIGINAL RIGHT OF OCCUPANCY (R OF O) IN RESPECT OF PLOT NO. 1087 WITH FILE NO. KT 62506 CADASTRAL ZONE A01, MAITAMA DISTRICT, ABUJA BELONGING TO MUKHTER LAWAL KATSINA.

THE SAID MISSING DOCUMENT GOT LOST ON 3/3/2022 WHILE I WAS ON TRANSIT WITHIN FCT.

ALL EFFORTS MADE TO TRACE THE SAID MISSING DOCUMENT PROVED ABORTIVE. IF FOUND, PLEASE CONTACT THE NEAREST POLICE STATION OR THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND ADMINISTRATION, FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION, (FCTA), ABUJA. CONCERNED AUTHORITIES AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE LOSS OF LAND DOCUMENTS: PLOT 474 WITHIN CADESTRAL ZONE LO1 KUJE SOUTH WEST; **FILE** NO. CR20770; **SIZE**: 769.60 SQM2; IN THE NAME OF ARCH JOSIAH OGBA.

TO WHO IT MAY CONCERN

I WRITE TO MAKE PUBLIC MY MISSING LAND DOCUMENTS AS A RESULT OF CHANGE IN ACCOMMODATION. EVERY EFFORT MADE TO RECOVER THE LOST DOCUMENTS HAS PROVED ABORTIVE. ALL RELEVANT AGENCIES, ESPECIALLY AGIS, SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

SIGNED:  
**CHIEF CHESA OGBA**  
OWNER.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE LOSS OF ORIGINAL LETTER OF INTENT IN RESPECT OF FILE NO. MISC 118137 BEARING **ABU TURAB INVESTMENTS LIMITED**.

ALL EFFORTS MADE TO TRACE THE SAID MISSING DOCUMENT PROVED ABORTIVE. IF FOUND, PLEASE CONTACT THE NEAREST POLICE STATION OR THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND ADMINISTRATION, FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION, (FCTA), ABUJA. CONCERNED AUTHORITIES AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE NOTE.

SILVER GLORIOUS GIRLS FOUNDATION

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

**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**  
1. OSAI SILVERLINE (CHAIRMAN)  
2. IZIDOR ONYINYECHUKWU (SECRETARY)

**AIMS:**  
A HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY FOUNDATION THAT STANDS UP FOR THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENTS IN THE SOCIETY

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

SIGNED:  
**SECRETARY**

LOSS OF DOUCMENT

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE LOSS OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS OF FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF THE MINISTER, LETTER OF OFFER AND CERTIFICATE OF HOUSE NO 149 BEARING THE NAME OF BAWA ALAKU ALAKS (THE ORIGINAL ALLOTTEE) IN RESPECT OF **HOUSE NO 149, KARU SITE, A FOUR BEDROOM DUPLEX** WHICH BELONGS TO **MR FRIDAY COLLINS ONUCHE**.

THE ABOVE MISSING HOUSE DOCUMENTS GOT MISSING WHILE ON TRANSIT BETWEEN BAUCHI AND UMUAHIA IN ABIA STATE. ALL EFFORTS MADE TO TRACE THE ABOVE ORIGINAL HOUSE DOCUMENTS HAVE PROVED ABORTIVE, IF FOUND PLEASE RETURN TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION OR TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED ADDRESS.

GENERAL PUBLIC /ALL AUTHORITIES CONCERNED PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

SIGNED:  
**BARR HAUWA IGOMU (MRS)**  
**08059828885**

ANN ADEOBA EIRINI FOUNDATION

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

**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**  
1. ADEOBA JEMIMA TITILAYO  
2. GABRIEL COMFORT

**AIMS:**  
A HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY FOUNDATION THAT STANDS UP FOR THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENTS IN THE SOCIETY

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

SIGNED:  
**SECRETARY**

STEM MISSIONS AFRICA

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**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**  
1. OBIAGELI FOLAKEMI AKINBULE - CHAIRMAN.  
2. ADEYEMI TOSIN MICHAEL - TRUSTEE.  
3. JASON PERE-OWEI KALI - TRUSTEE

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:**  
Changing the lives of kids in Africa, one project a time, through Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

ANY OBJECTION TO THE REGISTRATION SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION, MAITAMA ABUJA, WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THIS PUBLICATION.

SIGNED:  
**SECRETARY.**

LIGHT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, OGHEDA

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

**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**  
1. AMINU EMMANUEL ORINAMI - CHAIRMAN  
2. IDIALU BETTY EFOSA - SECRETARY  
3. IDIALU JAMES OSEIMON - MEMBER  
4. AFENKHARE BLESSING IMUENTINYAN - MEMBER.

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES.**  
1. TO ENGAGE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ON PERSONAL & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES.  
2. TO TRAIN CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULT TO A HIGHER EDUCATIONAL LEVEL.  
3. TO PROVIDE SKILL ACQUISITION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING.  
4. TO PROVIDE SOCIAL CARE & WELFARE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMUNITY.  
5. TO ENSURE THAT THE COMMUNITY IS PEACEFUL AND THE PEOPLE LIVE HEALTHY IN IT.  
6. TO WORK WITH OTHER NGOS HAVING SAME AIMS AND OBJECTIVES.  
7. TO WORK HAND IN HAND WITH OTHER NEIGHBOURING COMMUNITIES TO ENABLE ONENESS AND LOVE.

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

SIGNED. **SECRETARY.**

LIGHT CENTRE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, AGBODO

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

**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**  
1. AMINU EMMANUEL ORINAMI - CHAIRMAN  
2. IDIALU BETTY EFOSA - SECRETARY  
3. IDIALU JAMES OSEIMON - MEMBER  
4. AFENKHARE BLESSING IMUENTINYAN - MEMBER.

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES.**  
1. TO HELP AND SUPPORT COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON BUSINESS GROWTH AND OTHER WELFARE.  
2. TO OPERATE AS CHARITY ORGANIZATION TO AGBODO COMMUNITY AND OTHER COMMUNITIES AROUND.  
3. TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT TO CHILDREN OF THE COMMUNITY.  
4. TO PROVIDE SKILL ACQUISITION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR YOUTHS OF THE COMMUNITY.  
5. TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS, PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH.

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

SIGNED.  
**SECRETARY.**

MASJID RAHMAN OFFA


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**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**  
1. BELLO ABDULHAKHEEM  
2. AKEWUSOLA NASIR OLAWALE  
3. MUHAMMAD BASHEER RAJI  
4. LAWAL RAFIU OREDOLA  
5. BELLO LATEEF FUNSHO  
6. OSENI JELILI ABAYOMI  
7. JAMIU NURUDEEN ADEMOLA

**THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES ARE:**  
1. TO EDUCATE AND IMPACT KNOWLEDGE OF ISLAM AND ARABIC STUDIES TO THE COMMUNITY  
2. TO ENGAGE IN RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL, VOCATIONAL AND HUMANITARIAN SERVICES FOR THE LESS PRIVILEGED  
3. TO FOSTER UNITY AMONG MUSLIMS AND NON MUSLIMS WITH THE TEACHINGS OF ISLAM ON THE REASON FOR PEACEFUL CO EXISTENCE IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES

ANY OBJECTION TO THIS REGISTRATION SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION, PLOT 420, TIGRIS CRESCENT, OFF AGUYI IRONSI STREET, P.M.B 198, MAITAMA, ABUJA WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THIS PUBLICATION.

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**



LOSS OF DOCUMENT

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VISIT:  
ABUJA OFFICE: LEADERSHIP GROUP LIMITED 27 IBRAHIM TAHIR LANE, OFF SHEHU MUSA YAR'ADUA WAY, UTAKO DISTRICT, ABUJA



COMPANY TRUSTEES

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## Tobi Amusan Sets New Record, Wins 100m Hurdles At Silesia Diamond League

BY AFFA ACHO, Abuja

World record holder Tobi Amusan on Sunday won the 100m women's hurdles at the 2023 Silesia Diamond League in Chorzow, Poland.

Amusan only caught American Kendra Harrison on the line in a thrilling race to set a meeting record with 12.34 seconds.

The world record holder (12.12 seconds) finished ahead of the stacked field in 12.34s to equal the meeting record.

She was just ahead of her rivals for next month's Budapest World Athletics Cham-

pionships, with United States of America's Keni Harrison second in 12.35s and Nia Ali, another American, third in 12.38s.

Jamaica's Megan Tapper came fourth in 12.49s in one of the tightest contests of the meeting.

Akani Simbine and Wayde van Niekerk of South Africa also flew the African flag high in Poland, both of them winning their races.

In the men's 100m, Simbine finished first with 9.97s as 0.02s separated the top four in another close race.

World record holder Niekerk clocked a

season's best and meeting record of 44.08s to win the 400m.

In another impressive performance, Yulimar Rojas improved on her own triple jump world lead and set a new meeting record with a 15.18m leap in her sixth and final attempt to claim the win.

Speaking on the milestone, Amusan said, "It was not easy for me with injuries in my hamstring and my knee. But I trusted in my coach and my work. It's all about the process. I just won this in a smooth style, I was just running. Honestly, I had no idea that I won when I crossed the finish line."



## Australia & New Zealand 2023 : Super Falcons Land In Brisbane For Final Preparation

BY AFFA ACHO, Abuja

Nigeria's Super Falcons have arrived at their base in Brisbane, Australia ahead of the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup.

The players, officials & backroom staff were received by the FIFA team and the Nigerian community on their arrival on Sunday morning.

Randy Waldrum's side are based at the Sofitel Luxury Hotels, Bris-

bane.

The Super Falcons spent around two weeks in Gold Coast for the first leg of their preparation.

The West Africans thrashed Australian side, Queensland Lions FC 8-1 in a friendly on Saturday morning.

Barcelona Femeni star, Asisat Oshoala bagged a brace in the encounter.

Ifeoma Onumonu, Rasheedat Ajibade, Monday Gift, Toni Payne

and Uchenna Kanu scored the other goals for the Super Falcons.

The team will depart for Melbourne on the eve of their opening fixture against olympic champions, Canada

The encounter is slated for Melbourne Rectangular Stadium on Friday, July 21.

Co-hosts Australia and Republic of Ireland are the other teams in the group.



## National Women's Rugby Devens Tournament Is An Opportunity To Discover Talents – Are

BY FELIX IGBEKOYI, Asaba

The national women's Rugby sevens Tournament will be an avenue to select players for the national female team that will embark on training tours across some West African countries.

The President of the Nigeria Rugby Federation, Dr. Ademola Are disclosed Sunday at the stadium, saying it is also part of opportunity for talents to be discovered in Nigeria women's rugby.

"It will be an opportunity for talents to be discovered in Nigeria

women's rugby and also serve as an avenue to select players for the national female team that will embark on training tours across some West African Countries.

The Competition which is being sponsored by Delta state government alongside Bugawin has kicked off inside the mainbowl of the Stephen Keshi Stadium, Asaba.

Eight teams qualifying for the knockout stage played yesterday.

Host Delta team A Rugby side tackled Anambra Angels in the second game of the day, after Edo state team played Benue Bufallos in the first match of the quarterfinals.

Delta team B squared up against Springbok of Anambra in another last eight fixture, while Gosar Rugby team of Lagos entertained Imo Pyramids in the last quarterfinal game.

There was two losers games between Abia Rugby team and Eco 2 Rugby club of Lagos state, while the Nigeria Police Rugby team took on the winners of the game. The semi finals was also played.

Are and co sponsor of the tournament, Otumba Charles Yemi Farimoyo, CEO/MD Bugawin were present at the competition.

## Khali Lauds Gara's Interest In Athletics Development

Former vice chairman of Nigerian Basketball Federation (NBBF), Alhaji Muktar Adamu Khali, has applauded the chairman of Gombe State Athletics Association, Ahmed Shuaibu Gara Gombe, for putting together the just concluded maiden edition of inter primary schools athletics championship, describing it as a right step taken to produce national and international athletes in the state.

Khali, who spoke to newsmen in Kano, said Gombe State will dominate athletics events in the country in few years to come with the products of the grassroots developmental event.

According to him, old Bendel State

adopted similar programmes in the past, which yielded positive results.

"Apart from dominating various sporting events, Bendel athletes were seen all over states across the country."

"I have been following the Gombe inter Primary athletics championship through Facebook, I really enjoyed watching it. And hope people should encourage Gara Gombe in this regard," Khali said.

While commending Gara Gombe for personally sponsoring the championship, he urged the state governor, Muhammad Inuwa Yahaya to support Gara with a view to achieve the desired objective.

## Nigeria's Justice Harriman Elected President Of CAF Appeals Board

On the margin of the Ordinary General Assembly of the Confederation of African Football in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, Nigeria's Justice Roli Harriman has been elected President of the CAF Appeals Board.

Harriman, a 62 – year old High Court judge, former senior lecturer at the Nigerian Law School and an Alternative Dispute Resolution Judge in Delta State since January 2013, replac-

es compatriot A. U. Mustapha (SAN) at the head of CAF's ultimate judicial body.

She was elected alongside Fernando Valera Monteiro from Cape Verde, who will serve as Vice President of the Appeals Board.

Also elected are Senegalese Ousmane Kane, who will serve as President of the CAF Disciplinary Board, while Jane Njeri Onyango from Kenya will be Vice President.





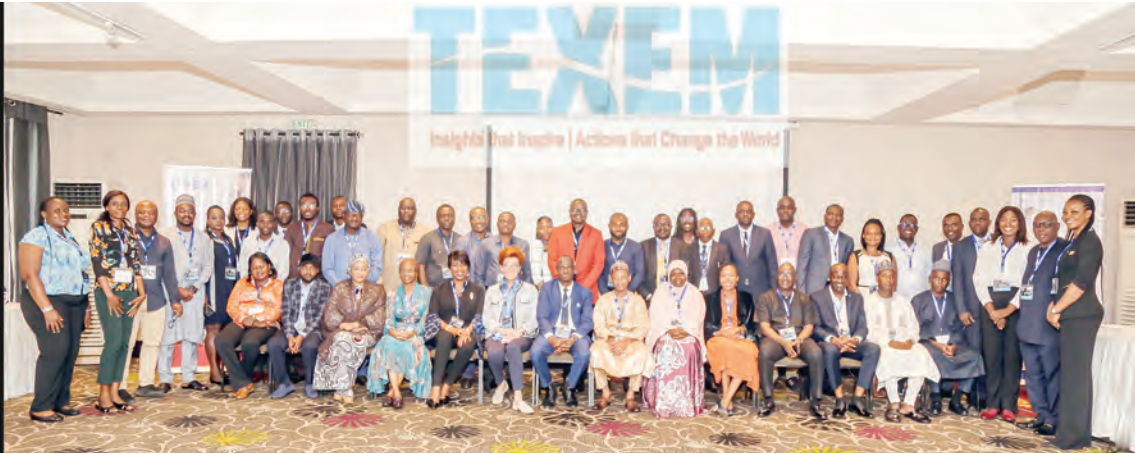
# CBN, NMDPRA, NUPRC, Others Glean Insights On Surviving Turbulent Times

TEXEM, a renowned learning platform for executives and organizations in the UK, recently concluded a highly successful two-day customized executive development programme titled “Winning in Turbulent Times.” The executive development programme occurred on the 12th and 13th of July, 2023, at The Wheatbaker Hotel in Ikoyi, Lagos State, Nigeria. The programme aimed to equip leaders with essential skills and strategies to navigate and succeed in challenging business environments.

Day 1 of the programme commenced with an Introduction of TEXEM by the Founder and Chair of TEXEM, Dr Alim Abubakre; this was followed by an enlightening session by Prof. Tahir, titled “Challenges, Risk, and Opportunities - The Nigerian Context.” Prof. Tahir shared insights into the unique challenges leaders face in Nigeria and highlighted the potential risks and opportunities that arise in such contexts. The session provided a comprehensive understanding of the Nigerian business landscape and set the stage for subsequent discussions.

Prof. Rodria Laline, a distinguished leadership development and governance expert, took the stage to discuss “Critical Skills that Leaders Need to Win.” Prof. Laline outlined the key competencies leaders require to thrive in turbulent times, emphasizing the importance of adaptability, resilience, and effective decision-making. Her session provided valuable guidance to the delegates on enhancing their strategic and leadership abilities.

Dr Alim Abubakre delivered a thought-provoking presentation on “Leading in Volatile Times,” shedding light on the strategies and mindset needed to lead successfully amidst volatility and uncertainty. Dr Abubakre emphasized the importance of agility, innovation, and effective



communication in navigating turbulent situations.

In another session led by Prof. Laline, titled “Strategic Leadership in an Age of Disruption,” the delegates learned how to develop strategic thinking and innovative approaches to tackle disruptions in the business environment. Prof. Laline shared real-world examples and encouraged interactive discussions to explore actionable strategies for dealing with disruptions.

A panel session featuring Prof. Laline and Prof. Tahir, moderated by Dr Abubakre, provided an opportunity for in-depth discussions on various leadership topics. The panellists delved into the nuances of winning strategies and governance dynamics within organizations. Delegates actively participated, contributing their perspectives and experiences, which enriched the dialogue.

To reinforce the concepts learned throughout the day, the programme organizers incorporated an engaging game, a multiple-choice question-based educational assessment. The game assessed the delegates’ understanding of the discussed concepts in a gamified manner. The first day concluded with the game and the presentation of gifts to the winners.

Each session throughout the day also included interactive discussion sessions, where delegates were encouraged to apply the strategies and concepts learned. They shared insights on strategies that worked and those that failed, fostering a rich exchange of knowledge and experiences.

Day 2 began with Prof. Tahir’s session on “Examples of Strategies That Work and Others That Fail in the Public and Private Sectors in Turbulent Times.” Prof. Tahir showcased real-life case studies and drew lessons from successful and failed strategies in navigating challenging environments. The session provided delegates with valuable insights to inform their future decision-making processes.

Prof. Laline returned with her expertise in “Winning Strategies Irrespective of the Context,” guiding the delegates in developing effective strategies that transcend specific circumstances. She emphasized the significance of understanding and leveraging core business principles to achieve sustainable success.

Continuing her valuable contributions, Prof. Laline also shared insights on “Winning Strategies in a Digital Age,” highlighting the increasing importance of digital transformation and innovation. Her session

explored the intersection of technology and strategy, equipping delegates with the necessary knowledge to harness the digital landscape for organizational growth.

In addition to these sessions, Prof. Laline addressed the critical issue of cyber security, discussing its implications for leaders and organizations. The session emphasized the importance of proactive measures and risk mitigation strategies in protecting against cyber threats.

Similar to the previous day, a panel session chaired by Dr Abubakre brought together Prof. Laline and Prof. Tahir, allowing for robust discussions on leadership challenges and strategies. The panellists shared their expertise, responded to delegate questions, and further enriched the learning experience.

Once again, the programme organizers incorporated an engaging game to assess and reinforce the knowledge gained on the second day. The interactive game ensured active participation from the delegates and enhanced their understanding of the concepts discussed.

The programme culminated with a certificate presentation, acknowledging the delegates’ successful completion of the two-day immersive learning experience. The participants expressed their satisfaction with the programme, highlighting its eye-opening nature, comprehensive coverage of strategy development, and insights into effective governance dynamics within boards.

“Winning in Turbulent Times” provided an invaluable platform for leaders to acquire critical skills, develop winning strategies, and explore governance dynamics in challenging business environments. The programme fostered extensive networking opportunities, allowing delegates to connect with like-minded professionals and unlock shared value.

**Testimonials:**

“Winning In Turbulent Times” has been an eye-opener, talking about strategies, how to develop strategies, from strategies that failed, and then identifying those winning strategies. We also went through the governance dynamics of the board and how to make an effective board.” “... looking at TEXEM, I think they are doing a great job. The knowledge, and the faculty, are quite top-notch. The ambience, and the environment, are good for learning. So thank you, TEXEM, and I see that we’re going places and would be able to continue to deploy knowledge that would be quite useful to our environment and to the globe generally.” - Chidinma Justina Obiejesi, Group Head, Human Resources, Megalectrics Limited.

“TEXEM, that is These Executive Minds, whatever they do in the UK was exactly replicated here in Nigeria. And I’m really impressed with the organizers of this training programme, and I wish them the best of luck in future.” - Dauda Ardo Adamu, Head, Human Resources, Nigerian Security Printing & Minting Plc.

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## Wimbledon 2023: Alcaraz Defeat Djokovic To Win Men’s Singles Title

Carlos Alcaraz won the Wimbledon men’s singles title for the first time by ending Novak Djokovic’s recent dominance with a stunning victory.

Spain’s Alcaraz, 20, fought back from a nervy start to win 1-6 7-6 (8-6) 6-1 3-6 6-4 against the defending champion.

Djokovic was going for a fifth straight win, an eighth men’s triumph and a 24th major - all record-equalling feats.

But the 36-year-old Serb was outlasted by top seed Alcaraz, who underlined his class by winning a second major title.

Alcaraz, who won his first Grand Slam title at the US Open last year, celebrated by falling flat on his face and kicking a ball into the crowd after taking his first match point.

The majority of a packed Centre Court,



which included the Prince and Princess of Wales, actor Brad Pitt and two-time winner Andy Murray, rose to their feet to acclaim the All England Club’s newest champion.

As tradition now dictates, Alcaraz ran up the stairs from the court to his box and embraced coach Juan Carlos Ferrero, along with his family and friends.

Alcaraz is the third youngest man to win the Wimbledon title in the Open era after 17-year-old Boris Becker in 1985 and 20-year-old Bjorn Borg in 1976.

## NFF Confirms Talks With Pesero Over New Contract

BY AFFA ACHO, Abuja

The Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) has confirmed that talks are ongoing with Super Eagles head coach, Jose Pesero over a new contract.

NFF’s Technical Director, Augustine Eguavoen made it known in Abuja at the end of the first FIFA Instructor’s Course held in Nigeria.

Pesero’s one-year contract with the NFF expired in June, with the NFF president Ibrahim Musa Gusau declaring that the future of the Portuguese manager would be decided through a public social media poll.

The former Porto and Sporting Lisbon head coach passed the task of qualifying Nigeria to the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations, doing so with a game to spare after a nervy 3-2 win over Sierra Leone last month.

The Nigerian Federation’s Technical Director has now confirmed that the NFF is seeking to re-contract Pesero, but will also make adjustments to the previous agreement while urging him to be flexible if he hopes to continue as the Super Eagles coach.

“At the moment he is in charge, we are discussing in-house and we are giving him conditions as well,”

Eguavoen told reporters.

“We are flexible, so it could be suitable for both sides and once we reach a common ground, why not?”

“We would invite him and once we agree and we arrive at a common ground, we would be flexible and we also want him to be flexible with us.”

The former Super Eagles captain continued: “Contract or no contract, he is a human being and he is still the coach of the national team as it is.

“Contract attached to whatever is not the issue for now, we will invite him as our present coach. We want to reach a common ground but if we can’t, we would also like to shake hands.



## Boxing: Anthony Calls Out Wilder, Fury Ahead August Bout

Anthony Joshua hit out at Deontay Wilder and Tyson Fury during the first press conference ahead of Joshua vs Whyte II on Monday afternoon.

AJ went face-to-face with Dillian Whyte for the first time after his August 12 bout with the British heavyweight was announced last week.

During the press conference, AJ was asked whether he was using the bout to prepare for a Saudi Arabian showdown with Deontay Wild-

er later in the year.

Joshua was quick to shut down claims and tell reporters that he was fed up with the Bronze Bomber before throwing shade at the Gypsy King.

Joshua said: ‘Forget Wilder and them lot. Them lot are doing my head in for years. You lot have seen now the shenanigans that go on in the heavyweight division.’

‘I’ll be real it’s even going on with Fury. He came out and said he

was training for Usyk and then Sugar Hill came out and said he wasn’t training him. You can see all the lies that are going on.’

When asked why he decided to face Whyte for a second time after previously beating him in 2015, AJ said ‘it was good business’.

He told reporters: ‘I’m definitely up for fighting. There are a lot of names in the division but look what this fight does. This fight does good business.’





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Something Fishy

In Our Waters

It is a scientific fact that water and oil do not mix, but in the complex and complicated world of criminal enterprise, this natural law does not apply. It is becoming evident that in Nigeria's crude oil theft industry , there is an inexplicable convergence of interest against the interest of the country. This has gone on for too long , hurting our economic calculations as a country.

A massive vessel, "MT Tura 11", laden with 800 metric tonnes (erroneously stated as 800,000 litres) of stolen crude oil, was intercepted on Escravos Sea in Delta State by operatives of Tantita Security Services Limited. They handed over the vessel to the military Joint Task Force (JTF) Operation Delta Safe troops.

The JTF personnel allegedly set the bunkering vessel ablaze on Warri River after the ship's captain confessed that the ship was laden with crude oil. Could the recent arrest and subsequent setting ablaze of a vessel used for oil theft be a case of a complex web of organised economic crime or failure of law enforcement? The facts of this case are as intriguing as the entire landscape of oil theft, maritime crime, and environmental degradation in the Niger Delta. This operation has caused considerable unease among stakeholders in the oil and gas industry, maritime space, law enforcement and ecological conservation activists. It raises a lot of fundamental questions with no answers in sight.

First, is the burning or destruction of vessels transporting stolen crude oil the best approach to fighting the crime? This entails destroying evidence that would aid investigation and prosecution. The hasty destruction of the oil theft vessel raises questions about due process in the fight against what may be considered a complex economic crime against the state. In every crime investigation system and process, the instant destruction of evidence leaves a trail of further suspicion.

There are elements of concealment of a wider crime that a more thorough and discreet investigation will reveal. This vessel had been arrested severally in connection with crude oil theft and released. We are unaware of any arrest and prosecution connected with these previous incidents. The JTF had, in October 2022, destroyed a vessel, MT Deima, allegedly carrying stolen crude. Burning vessels used for crude oil theft is now a common practice and a pattern of a deterrent.

The Defence Headquarters' defence to this noxious practice is a certain executive order given by former President Olusegun Obasanjo in 2003. However, in 2019, facilitated by Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), Nigeria's National Assembly passed the Suppression of Piracy and Other Maritime Offences Act (SPOMO Act), which provided the legal framework to deal with this kind of issue, including provisions for asset forfeiture and disposal of proceeds.

Second, will burning crude oil at sea not exacerbate the already severe environmental degradation in the Niger Delta? Elementary science has taught us that it will lead to air and marine pollution, degraded mangroves, and oceans, and destroyed biodiversity and vegetation.

In this instance, the burning of 800 MT of crude, if it took place, will have far-reaching and long-lasting effects on the environment and the communities dependent on it. The cleaning up of the environment could take several weeks. While addressing the issue of stolen crude should remain crucial, environmental protection must remain a priority.

Third, on the issue of law enforcement, with multiple maritime intelligence gathering technology available in the country, such as Nigerian Navy's "Falcon Eye", NIMASA's "C4i and NPA's "C3i", how come none was able to detect a tanker vessel as big as MT Tura 11 or MT Deima? Does it not raise curiosity that it took a security contractor rather than the Navy or other security agencies to intercept and arrest the rogue vessel? Is this a case of conspiracy, complicity or just abdication or dereliction of duty? When juxtaposed with the allegation of Mujahid Asari Dokubo of a compromised military, it calls for deep investigation, interrogation, and introspection.

There are obvious vested interests, and things are unravelling. And one wonders whether this operation has anything to do with the N48 billion per annum pipeline surveillance and security contract. Is there a "Wangerisation agenda" in the crude oil pipeline contract?

This incident provides an opportunity for a holistic review of our approach to fighting oil theft in the country. The criminal violation in oil theft has been a concern for years. This is despite the existence and presence of the Navy in the suspected theatres. Getting to the bottom of this criminal enterprise requires more than the arrest of one



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errant vessel. It requires a thorough investigation to establish the missing links between the arrested vessel and other activities in the past. As we already know, oil theft is a major national economic crisis that requires a deeper understanding and collaborative action as a national priority.

A few issues are for consideration. Should we not consider asset forfeiture and disposal instead of burning, which is barbaric, crude, unhealthy and toxic? Have we considered recovery and repurposing the stolen crude for legitimate use? What level of interagency collaboration do we have in the fight against crude oil thieves? From the overall layout of the narrative, it is obvious something is fishy.

Crude oil theft is a significant challenge in Nigeria, and tackling it requires a systematic and bespoke approach involving various stakeholders. We need to articulate some strategies to address this economic malady. Recognising that addressing crude oil theft requires a multi-faceted and sustained effort involving government agencies, law enforcement, communities, and international partners is crucial. Combining these strategies with continuous monitoring, evaluation, and adaptation of approaches can significantly reduce crude oil theft in Nigeria. Some of these strategies are in place now, but their functionality could be better since they have not eradicated the scourge of oil theft in Nigeria. Efficient and effective implementation is a crucial success factor.

Activities such as enhancing security measures in oil-producing regions are crucial. This includes increasing patrols, establishing dedicated security forces, and deploying technology such as surveillance systems and drones to monitor pipelines and oil infrastructure. Cooperation between the Nigerian Navy, NIMASA, the Nigerian Police, and other security

agencies is essential to combat oil theft effectively. Besides, engaging with local communities in oil-producing regions is vital for addressing the root causes of crude oil theft. It is essential to create awareness about the negative impacts of oil theft on the environment, economy, and local livelihoods. Encouraging community members to report suspicious activities and offering alternative sources of income can help reduce the incentive for involvement in oil theft.

Also, protecting pipelines from tampering and illegal tapping is crucial. Implementing technologies like pipeline monitoring systems, pressure sensors, and leak detection systems can help promptly identify and respond to unauthorised activities. Regular inspections and maintenance of pipelines are necessary to ensure their integrity and reduce vulnerabilities.

Furthermore, strengthening legal frameworks and imposing stricter penalties for oil theft can act as a deterrent. Enforcing existing laws and regulations effectively, prosecuting perpetrators, and confiscating assets obtained through illegal activities can help combat oil theft. Also, enhancing governance and promoting transparency in the oil sector is essential to tackle oil theft. Implementing measures to curb corruption, improve revenue management, and ensure accountability in the oil industry can help reduce opportunities for theft and illegal activities.

Collaboration is key to effectively addressing crude oil theft in Nigeria. Collaborating with international partners to address the transnational nature of oil theft is crucial. Sharing intelligence, best practices, and technical expertise can help Nigeria in its efforts to combat oil theft. Cooperation with neighbouring countries to prevent smuggling and illegally exporting stolen oil is also important. Collaboration between oil companies operating in Nigeria and relevant industry associations is essential. These entities can share information and collaborate on security measures, technology implementation, and best practices to protect oil infrastructure. Cooperation can include exchanging information on suspicious activities and joint initiatives to address oil theft.

Besides, collaboration with technology providers specialising in pipeline security, surveillance systems, and monitoring technologies can significantly enhance efforts to tackle crude oil theft.

Finally, collaborating with financial institutions can help track and disrupt the financial networks associated with crude oil theft. Sharing information on suspicious transactions, implementing stricter financial controls, and working together to freeze and seize assets obtained through illegal activities can undermine the profitability of oil theft operations.

Establishing platforms for regular communication, coordination, and information sharing among these collaborating entities is important.

It is important to reiterate that strategies and actions of the past have not worked, and this new administration must desist from following them. Now is the time for a new bold approach to tackling the menace of crude theft. The systems that allow such impunity are entrenched and will be difficult to uproot. This calls for a deliberate intervention from Nigeria's highest point of leadership. The President must send a clear message that he will not accept the stealing of even a drop of our crude oil, and those behind such atrocity must stop or face the wrath of the law no matter how highly placed they are. It is a national embarrassment for news of crude oil theft to pervade the local and international space. Nigeria must protect its resources at all costs.

GHANA MUST GO

Governor Adeleke

marks one year

election victory

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No dancing

competition?