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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Courage is the most important of all the virtues because without courage, you can't practice any other virtue consistently."

— Maya Angelou



## AFRICAN SAYINGS

"Only your real friends will tell you when your face is dirty."

Source: [parade.com](https://www.parade.com)

(African proverb)

## WEATHER

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ABUJA	KADUNA	KANO	MAIDUGURI	Jos	SOKOTO	IBADAN	ENUGU	P/HARCOURT	LAGOS
HEAVY THUNDER	HEAVY THUNDER	PARTLY CLOUDY	PARTLY CLOUDY	THUNDER SHOWER	PARTLY CLOUDY	THUNDER SHOWER	SCATTERED THUNDER	SCATTERED THUNDER	LIGHT RAIN
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(Temperature in centigrade)

## PRAYERS TIMES

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DHUHR	12:32	12:35	12:32	12:28	12:41	12:52	12:10	12:38	12:42
ASR	3:36	3:45	3:39	3:37	3:45	4:02	3:20	3:49	3:58
MAGHRIB	6:32	6:32	6:34	6:34	6:43	6:52	6:14	6:30	6:53
ISHA	7:33	7:33	7:35	7:35	7:42	7:52	7:15	7:31	7:50

SOURCE: Society for the propagation of Islam, Kaduna



## PHOTO OF THE DAY

■ Vehicles are stranded in flood water after heavy monsoon rains in Karachi, Pakistan, yesterday

Photo: Sabir Mazhar/Anadolu/Getty Images

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GAINERS	CHELLARAM	FTNCOCOA	LOTUSHAL15	BERGER	SUNUASSUR	LOSERS	MAYBAKER	UNIONDICON	CILEASING	THOMASWY	DEAPCAP
CURRENT	N12.10	N5.94	N58.31	N39.00	N5.99	CURRENT	N16.25	N9.75	N6.00	N2.51	N1.72
CHANGE	1.10	0.54	5.30	3.50	0.49	CHANGE	-1.80	-1.05	-0.50	-0.19	-0.12
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"Yes, he's in our office. He was invited to provide explanations on how some funds earmarked for the country's refineries were expended during his time as GCEO. That's all I know for now", the source told our correspondent.

When asked whether he would be released Wednesday night, the source said he did not know "because the documents are bulky and he must answer questions attached to them one by one."

"If the investigators are satisfied with his explanations, he may be given administrative bail, but of course, I don't think that can be today (Wednesday)," the source added.

Several phone calls to the spokesman of the agency, Dele Oyewale, were not answered. He was yet to reply to text and WhatsApp messages sent to him as at the time of filing this report last night.

*Daily Trust* reports that a Federal High Court in Abuja, had earlier frozen four bank accounts linked to Kyari, following demands of the anti-graft agency from the court over allegations bordering on fraud.

Although, *Daily Trust* was unable to speak to Kyari last night, a sponsored article by the former NNPC boss stated that he had done his part and the EFCC must do their part.

"... When each of us does our duty-without fear or favour with honour, respect, and commitment - Nigeria moves forward", he said.

President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, had in April, during a reconstitution of the NNPC board, removed the chairman, Pius Akinyelure and the Group Chief Executive Officer, Kyari.

The GCEO was consequently replaced by Bashir Ojulari, effective from April 2, 2025. Kyari had earlier served as

GCEO of the NNPC from 2019 till 2025, after the transition of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation into a limited liability company.

A few months after Kyari's sack, the anti-graft agency clamped down on top former officials of the oil firm including the managing directors of the three refineries in its bid to probe where the funds were expended amid refineries' failure to function.

It would be recalled that during Kyari's tenure some refineries were rehabilitated and commissioned.

However they were shut down after some months.

*Daily Trust* reports that Kyari had been outside Nigeria since his removal by President Tinubu.

It was not clear when he returned to the country ahead of his visit to the EFCC.

But while he was away, some sources said he shuttled between Europe, Dubai and Saudi Arabia.



■ Mele Kyari

## What happened last month

Justice Emeka Nwite of the Federal High Court sitting in Abuja, had in August ordered that Kyari's account be frozen.

In a ruling on an ex parte motion marked: FHC/ABJ/CS/1641, which was brought by the EFCC and was argued by its lawyer, Ogechi Ujam, the judge froze the accounts for 30 days.

Although the EFCC lawyer had urged the court to freeze the

account for 60 days to enable it to conclude the ongoing investigation, Justice Nwite limited the tenure of the order to 30 days, which he said could be renewed if necessary.

Ujam had told the court that the temporary freezing order was necessary because the accounts were currently being investigated in a case involving the offences of conspiracy, abuse of office and

money laundering pending the conclusion of the investigation.

She identified the accounts as Jaiz Bank account number: 0017922724 with account name: Mele Kyari; Jaiz Bank account number: 0017922724 with account name: Mele Kyari; Jaiz Bank account number: 0018575055 with account name: Guwori Community Dev. and Jaiz Bank account number:

0018575141 with account name: Guwori Community Development Foundation Flood Relief

In his ruling, Justice Nwite said, "I have listened to counsel to the applicant and gone through the affidavit evidence with the exhibits and written address attached. I find that this application is meritorious and it is hereby granted as prayed," he said.

## Kyari, others may appear in Court

### September 23

Giving further update last night, another source in the EFCC told our correspondent that arrangements were underway to arraign Kyari and some of his associates in court by September 23.

It would be recalled that the judge, Justice Nwite had adjourned till September 23 for the EFCC to report on further developments.

"Some charges may likely be pressed against him and some of his associates who had earlier been quizzed," the official said.

In May, EFCC operatives clamped down and arrested sacked managing directors and some top officials of the Port Harcourt Refining Company, Warri Refining and Petrochemical Company, and Kaduna Refining and Petrochemical Company.

The officials were arrested over alleged mismanagement of funds earmarked for the rehabilitation of the facilities. The total amount under investigation is \$2,956,872,622.36.

The EFCC is probing the sum of \$1,559,239,084.36 allocated to the Port Harcourt refinery, \$740,669,600 released for the Kaduna refinery, and \$656,963,938 approved for the Warri refinery.

The ex-Managing Director of Port Harcourt Refining Company Ltd is Mr Ibrahim Onoja, while Effia Chu served as the ex-Managing Director of the Warri Refining and Petrochemical Company Ltd.

## Ex-NNPC official convicted for bribery in US

Meanwhile, the United States District Court in California has convicted a Nigerian US-based lawyer, Paulinus Iheanacho Okoronkwo for receiving \$2.1 million bribe from a Chinese oil company to secure drilling rights in Nigeria.

Okoronkwo, who worked with the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), was said to have accepted the bribe while serving as an official of the state-owned oil firm.

According to an online platform, PREMIUM TIMES, the Los Angeles-based lawyer, 58, was indicted in 2024, for funnelling the bribes through his US firm.

He was found guilty in a three-count charge of money laundering, one count of tax evasion, and one count of obstruction of justice. The verdict was delivered on August 29, after a four-day trial in California.

Prosecutors told the court that Okoronkwo, a dual US-Nigerian citizen, collected the payment in 2015 while serving as general manager of the upstream division of the NNPC. In that role, he was a public officer and owed a duty of



■ NNPC headquarters

loyalty to Nigeria's government, the court said.

In October 2015, Addax Petroleum, a Swiss subsidiary of Chinese state-owned oil giant Sinopec, paid a bribe to Mr Okoronkwo in exchange for his influence in securing more favourable financial terms relating to its crude oil drilling in Nigeria, the court ruled.

Evidence showed that Addax wired the funds to a trust

account in the name of Mr Okoronkwo's Los Angeles law firm under the guise of legal consultancy in 2015.

Prosecutors described the agreement as a sham designed to cover up the bribe. Addax was seeking to protect its lucrative drilling rights in Nigeria, which prosecutors said were worth billions of dollars.

Investigators revealed that in November 2017, Mr

Okoronkwo used \$983,200 of the illegally obtained funds to make a down payment on a house in Valencia, California, and failed to declare the money on his 2015 tax returns.

Then in 2022, he lied to federal agents, insisting the money was client funds and not his income.

US District Judge John F. Walter has scheduled December 1, for a sentencing hearing, at which time Mr Okoronkwo will face a statutory maximum sentence of 10 years in federal prison for each money laundering count, up to 10 years in federal prison for the obstruction of justice count, and up to five years in federal prison for the tax evasion count.

Okoronkwo is currently released on a \$50,000 bond. The FBI and IRS Criminal Investigation led the investigation, with support from the Justice Department's Office of International Affairs.

The case is being prosecuted by the Assistant US Attorneys Alexander Schwab, Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division Nisha Chandran of the Major Frauds Section, and Alexander Su of the Asset Forfeiture and Recovery Section.



# Early campaign threatens democracy – INEC

By Musa Luka Musa (Abuja),  
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(Kano)

**T**he Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Prof. Mahmood Yakubu, has raised concern over the growing trend of premature political campaigns in Nigeria, warning that the practice undermines governance and erodes the integrity of the electoral process.

Speaking at a stakeholders' roundtable discussion on Wednesday, Yakubu said political parties, aspirants and their supporters have consistently flouted the law by openly campaigning long before the official timetable is issued by the Commission.

"Section 94(1) of the Electoral Act 2022 prohibits the commencement of campaign earlier than 150 days (five months) before polling day and must end 24 hours prior to that day. The idea is to prioritise governance over electioneering from one electoral cycle to another," he explained.

He lamented that despite clear provisions in the law, "political parties, candidates and their supporters seem to be perpetually in election mode even when the Commission is yet to release the Timetable and Schedule of Activities for elections or ahead of the timeframe provided by law. Across the country, we have seen outdoor advertising, media campaigns and rallies promoting various political parties and candidates."

Yakubu warned that such actions not only breach the law but also make it difficult for INEC to effectively monitor campaign financing.

"These activities undermine



■ From left: Representative of the Inspector General of Police, Abayomi Shogunle; former Chairman, Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Professor Attahiru Jega; Chairman, INEC, Professor Mahmood Yakubu and Chairman, Senate Committee on Electoral Matters, Adebayo Balogun, during a roundtable discussion on the challenges of premature political campaign, organised by INEC, held at The Electoral Institute in Abuja  
Photo: **Onyachukwu Obi**

the Commission's ability to track campaign finance limits as politicians, prospective candidates and third-party agents expend large sums that cannot be effectively monitored before the official commencement of campaigns," he said.

The INEC chairman, however, admitted that the commission is constrained by the legal framework in addressing such violations.

"Quite correctly, Nigerians expect INEC, as registrar and regulator of political parties, to act in the face of the brazen breach of the law on early campaigns. However, the major challenge for the Commission is the law itself," he said.

According to him, Section 94(2) of the Electoral Act only prescribes a "mild sanction

of N500,000 on conviction for campaigns conducted within 24 hours to polling day, but contains no provision for punishment for campaigns launched earlier than 150 days before the election.

"Here lies the challenge for the Commission in dealing with early campaigns by political parties, prospective candidates and their supporters," Yakubu stressed.

He acknowledged that the problem was not new, adding that the inability of INEC and other regulatory agencies to address it within the existing legal framework called for "deep reflection".

"I am glad that the immediate past chairman of INEC, Professor Attahiru Jega, is here to share his experience on the matter in a keynote address,"

Yakubu said, noting that "as the National Assembly is currently reviewing our electoral laws, the Commission has also invited the leadership of both the Senate and House of Representatives Committees on Electoral Matters. I am confident that they will give due consideration to actionable recommendations by experts, leaders of political parties, the President of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), the Broadcasting Organisation of Nigeria (BON), the National Broadcasting Commission (NBC), which regulates the broadcast media, and the Advertising Regulatory Council of Nigeria (ARCON), which regulates advertisement, including outdoor advertising."

Reiterating INEC's position, Yakubu stressed that "protecting our electoral process and

consolidating our democracy is a multi-stakeholder task."

President Bola Ahmed Tinubu had earlier weighed in on the issue of premature campaigns. Meeting with North East governors at the Presidential Villa last week, Tinubu acknowledged the political pressure from rivals but insisted he remained focused on governance.

"In the political environment, we are being drawn into early political activities from our rival political parties, but whichever way it is, I am not distracted. I am solidly focused, focused on what is ahead. Politics will happen at a given time," he said.

The president emphasised unity of purpose with governors, noting, "Working together the way we have been is the way to go to build the Nigeria of our dreams. There's no way politics will not interfere once in a while. It is for us to embrace the heart of winning, and from that heart we know the superior thinkers and doers. Our political party will prove itself eventually."

Earlier, the presidency had claimed that the opposition's early campaign activities aimed at unseating the government in 2027 forced the ruling party to publicly endorse Tinubu for a second term.

The debate was fuelled by campaign posters of the president that flooded major streets in Abuja months ago, even before the endorsements, drawing condemnation from opposition parties and civil society groups. At the time, the presidency distanced itself from the posters and warned promoters to desist. But with the materials still on display and no action taken against those behind them, many now believe the promoters enjoy the tacit backing of either the presidency or the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC).

## Jega wants parties, candidates held accountable for third-party activities

Delivering a keynote address at Wednesday's stakeholders' meeting, former INEC chairman Prof. Attahiru Jega called for strict sanctions and stronger alliances among stakeholders to curb the rise of premature campaigns in Nigeria, warning that the practice could undermine the credibility of the 2027 elections.

Jega said the solution lies in clearly defining campaign offences, prescribing tougher penalties and ensuring enforcement.

"All election campaign offences, and especially premature ones, should be carefully defined with strict penalties specified and strict enforcement where applicable," he said.

He also urged that parties and

candidates be held responsible for activities carried out by third-party campaign groups.

"It is very important because it is the easiest excuse for politicians to say campaigns are done by others, whom they have no control over. Once you can say parties and candidates are vicariously responsible for third-party campaigns, they will have to take measures to ensure that they do not violate the law," he added.

According to him, the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) and the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) must probe the funding sources of third-party campaigners. He said such spending should also be factored into the official

campaign finance limits.

The former INEC chairman, who led the commission between 2010 and 2015, said Nigeria could learn from other democracies such as Australia, Mexico, the Philippines and India, where premature campaigns are explicitly prohibited and violations attract penalties ranging from fines to imprisonment.

He described premature campaigns as "undesirable aberrations" that distort the playing field, undermine the law, entrench impunity and distract incumbents from governance.

"Premature election campaigns are basically campaigns done outside the legally defined period. They confer unfair advantages,

entrench the culture of lawlessness and create political tensions that may result in conflicts and undermine law and order," he said.

Jega also criticised Nigerian politicians, especially incumbents, for exploiting loopholes in the law to mount billboards, sponsor adverts and commission projects years before elections.

"When incumbents do this and get away with it, or third parties do it on their behalf, obviously a spiral of illegalities and lawlessness is unfolding, undermining the rule-based system and the integrity of the electoral process," he warned.

He argued that weak provisions in the Electoral Act and the reluctance of lawmakers, many of whom he said were

beneficiaries of early campaigns, to strengthen the law were at the heart of the problem.

"Many members of the National Assembly are unlikely on their own to pass laws that restrain them. So, a strong, close-knit, focused group of stakeholders such as civil society, election managers, security agencies and the media is highly necessary to drive these reforms," he said.

"Anybody who understands what democracy should mean to the voters and why it is important to do elections on a level playing field would not recklessly undermine clear legal conditions and conduct these premature campaigns," he added.

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# Elected officials responsible for promotional campaigns – IPAC

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The Inter-Party Advisory Council (IPAC) has also condemned the surge of premature campaigns across Nigeria, warning that the practice is illegal, unconstitutional and capable of derailing democratic development.

IPAC chairman, Yusuf Dantalle, said the electoral process must be protected through strict compliance with the laws, rules and regulations

governing campaigns.

“It is inappropriate, unfair, unjust, illegal, unconstitutional and undemocratic for any political party, aspirant or supporter to contravene the law to advance their political ambitions against others,” he said.

He lamented that while some politicians adopt subtle forms of early campaigning, others “throw caution to the wind and campaign publicly as if there are no laws or guidelines

for political activities, thus overheating the polity and distracting elected officers from their responsibilities.”

“Ironically, some of these elected and appointed public officers are responsible for promotional campaigns, taking advantage of the paraphernalia of their offices. This undemocratic practice must stop,” he said.

“After 26 years of unbroken democracy, it’s time to build a strong, equitable and inclusive society. Politicians cannot

continue to undermine the electoral process and expect free, fair elections. We must rebuild trust and foster integrity and sustainability,” he added.

While acknowledging the judiciary’s role in electoral justice, Dantalle warned against compromise, alleging that corruption in electoral litigation had eroded public trust.

“Sadly, the judiciary that is supposed to be the temple of justice is sought for sale to the highest bidder, as witnessed in

past electoral cases,” he said.

“The Council will stand by INEC and other democratic stakeholders to ensure that political parties and their supporters comply with electoral rules. IPAC will not sit back and allow anti-democratic forces to subvert the process with impunity,” he said.

He added that the Council would intensify voter education, especially on premature campaigns and voter registration.

## Police vow to enforce electoral laws

Meanwhile, the Nigeria Police Force has assured that it will continue to enforce electoral laws and provide adequate security to guarantee peaceful campaigns and elections nationwide.

Speaking on behalf of the Inspector-General of Police, Commissioner of Police Abayomi Shogunle said the Force remains committed

to bridging the gap between leaders, communities and citizens, stressing that the relevance of electoral laws to security and development must not be overlooked.

“Every law that is made, we in law enforcement have a duty to enforce. But we must also reflect on the relevance of these laws to issues of security and

development. That is a question we must look deep into,” he said.

Shogunle emphasised that the police will not shy away from their constitutional duty of ensuring peaceful political activities across the federation.

“The Nigerian Police Force will continue to enforce every law passed by the National Assembly. We will also do

everything necessary to ensure campaigns go on peacefully, at any time and in any location,” he said.

He further assured that security agencies are prepared to provide adequate protection during campaigns and on election days, irrespective of the location or political affiliations of candidates.

## INEC’s position belated – Analysts

Political analyst Saidu Ahmad Dukawa faulted the timing of INEC’s warning against early campaigns, saying the statement should have been made much earlier.

“One wonders why he made the statement so late. After all, campaigns have been on for quite some time. Even before the regime reached two years in power, they started campaigns for the next election,” he said.

Dukawa, however, acknowledged the validity of the warning, insisting it was long overdue. “So we can say he is right to say that, you know? Yes, he is right. He is right. Why he kept mute until now is what is surprising,” he added.

Another analyst, Dr Kabiru Sufi, also warned that early campaigns could distract officeholders from fulfilling their constitutional duties.

Sufi suggested that a clear timeline should be set for political activities.

“I think maybe months before – like six or eight months. This should be discussed at a high level, and INEC should be mandated to provide a timetable that must be strictly adhered to. For now, many people are not very clear about what early campaigns mean,” he said.

He noted that alliances and constant political rhetoric often create the impression of campaigns long before official timelines.

Sufi therefore called on INEC to initiate discussions with stakeholders to define clear boundaries.

“INEC can start a discussion so that a timetable is agreed with all parties – maybe a year before swearing-in or a year before the election, depending on what is agreed. Then INEC can draw the timetable and ensure it is strictly followed,” he said.



■ Stakeholders at the roundtable discussion in Abuja

## Lawyers weigh in

Commenting, a senior lawyer, Salam Jawondo (SAN), echoed the concerns raised by the INEC chairman, saying the commission is handicapped as it cannot punish violators without clear legal provisions.

He said the way forward is for the National Assembly to amend the law, since the matter cannot be fully addressed under existing provisions. “INEC has now thrown the challenge to both the National Assembly and the Presidency,” he added.

Jawondo lamented that Nigeria’s major problem is the absence of a clear space for governance. “Once a politician or party wins an election, the process of the next one begins almost immediately. By February next year, INEC will issue a notice of election, followed by the timetable for 2027. As reasonable people, even if there is no specific law on this, we should

allow ruling parties to focus on governance. Unfortunately, that is not the case here.

“The opposition should constructively assess and criticise the ruling party while the ruling party focuses on delivering its promises. But in most cases, it is the opposition that starts the issues, either by condemning the election or laying claims to victory. Politics in Nigeria is like being in the marketplace; you cannot allow your opponent to out-market you. That is the nature of our politics,” he said.

He noted that in advanced democracies such as the United States, elections end once results are declared, and governance takes centre stage. “This is why we don’t make much progress in economic activities; there is too much concentration on politics. At the end of the day, it boils down to our attitude. Not everything is about

the law. Do we have laws guiding how we run our families before we know what to do?” he asked.

However, Barrister Josiah Adebayo, Head of Chambers at Akin Akintoye (SAN) Chambers, faulted the alarm raised by the INEC chairman.

“As far as I am concerned, it is a question of the capacity of the person manning INEC. There are provisions either in the guidelines of the Electoral Act or in our criminal and penal codes that sanction many of the acts that undermine our system.

“If persons or parties are found culpable, INEC should take the bull by the horn and prosecute them. Lamentation will not solve the problem. We need people with the capacity and genuine interest of the people at heart to do the right thing,” he said.

He added that the Electoral Act empowers INEC to make

guidelines, and when such guidelines are flouted, they carry the force of law as subsidiary legislation.

Adebayo stressed that many political actors behave irresponsibly because authorities often fail to enforce existing laws. “The Electoral Act may not cover everything, since legislators are not God. But if the INEC chairman has identified gaps, the next step is to gather his commissioners and brainstorm on temporary solutions pending constitutional amendments.

“The essence of the guidelines and the law is to ensure a level playing field. If a wealthy candidate begins campaigning three years before an election while another candidate only gets resources a week before the election, where is the fairness? That is why the Electoral Act must remain in place,” he said.



# Strike: Doctors in marathon meeting

By Seun Adeuyi

**T**he Nigerian Association of Resident Doctors (NARD) on Wednesday held its National Executive Council (NEC) meeting to determine its next line of action on a pending ultimatum to the federal government.

The association had earlier issued a 10-day ultimatum to relevant government agencies, warning that members would embark on a nationwide strike if their demands were not met.

This comes amid the strike by resident doctors in Abuja and Oyo State.

Resident doctors, who constitute the majority of the medical workforce in teaching and specialist hospitals, have repeatedly gone on strike in recent years over unpaid wages, poor welfare, and inadequate working conditions.

Speaking during an interview in March, Osundara said NARD's membership was 11,899, representing approximately 40% of all Nigerian doctors.

## Resident doctors' demands

The doctors are demanding immediate payment of the outstanding 2025 Medical Residency Training Fund, settlement of five months' arrears from the 25-35 per cent Consolidated Medical Salary Structure review, and other long-standing salary backlogs.

Others are the payment of the 2024 accoutrement allowance arrears, prompt disbursement of specialist allowances, and restoration of the recognition of the West African postgraduate membership certificates.

They also called on the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria to issue membership certificates to all deserving candidates, implement the 2024 CONMESS, resolve outstanding welfare issues in Kaduna State, and address the plight of resident doctors at LAUTECH Teaching Hospital, Ogbomosho.

Daily Trust reports that units such as operating rooms, emergency departments, Intensive Care Units (ICUs), wards, specialized clinics, diagnostic imaging, and laboratories in district hospitals and primary health care centres across the country would be affected by the industrial action.

As of press time last night, the doctors' meeting was still ongoing.

## Brain drain, poor equipment crippling hospitals – Experts

Meanwhile, in separate interviews with Daily Trust,



■ Patients at the Maitama District Hospital, Abuja

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medical practitioners raised alarm over the deteriorating state of the nation's healthcare system.

They warned that the combined effects of brain drain, obsolete equipment, and poor welfare are pushing doctors out of the country.

One of the doctors described the situation as a system in crisis.

"Everyone knows the situation — why brain drain is worsening by the day," said Bello Malik, a public health physician.

According to him, young doctors are leaving the country at an unprecedented rate.

"They are no longer waiting to finish their house jobs before making plans to leave. They complete their training, write their exams, and head straight for the United States or the United Kingdom.

"They will go to any length to achieve this because the system gives them little reason to stay," he said.

Another medical practitioner, Kehinde Olayinka, faulted the government for allowing hospitals to decay, saying many facilities operate with outdated machines.

"Our hospitals are in shambles. Some of the equipment in use today is over 20 to 25 years old.

"Spare parts for CT scanners and MRI machines are no longer available, yet technicians keep improvising just to keep them running," he explained.

He noted that the lack of equipment forces Nigerian doctors to improvise in unsafe ways. "If there is no drainage bottle, we use a urine bag. If a proper catheter is unavailable, we substitute with an eye catheter.

"Nigerian doctors have been reduced to making something out of nothing," he said.

He also expressed frustration over poor motivation in the

system.

"Promotions are delayed for years, and even when they come, allowances are either unpaid or only partially recognized. Someone due for promotion in 2016 may only be confirmed years later, but their arrears will not be fully paid. This leaves health workers frustrated and demoralized," he said.

He warned that piecemeal interventions would not solve the crisis.

"The system is broken. What is needed is not cosmetic fixes but a full surgical overhaul. Healthcare, like education, must be properly funded. Otherwise, people will continue to leave," one doctor said.

## Nigeria risks losing more doctors without better pay, conditions – Prof

Speaking to Daily Trust, a former Medical Director of the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Abeokuta, Prof. Adewale Musa-Olomu, warned that Nigeria will continue to lose doctors to other countries unless the government improves their remuneration and working conditions.

Musa-Olomu, a professor of surgery at the University of Ilorin, said poor pay, lack of infrastructure, and overwhelming workload are driving doctors abroad.

"One of the greatest challenges we face is the shortage of doctors. They are simply not appealing to the system as it stands," he said.

He recalled how FMC Abeokuta was once granted a waiver to employ 100 doctors and 100 nurses, but could not meet the target.

"It was an extremely difficult period — nearly three months of searching, yet the doctors never came. Nurses would join for a short while, then leave

for opportunities abroad. We never reached the target of 100 doctors; at best, we had 36, and at one point, only four were available," he said.

According to him, many of those who joined "used FMC as a stepping stone to leave the country. After two to three months, our numbers would drop again. This instability makes it almost impossible to provide consistent care."

The professor stressed that the government must offer competitive pay if it expects doctors to remain in the system.

"We currently have only one pediatric surgeon at FMC. The workload is overwhelming — sometimes 30 to 50 circumcisions are expected in a short period. One surgeon cannot cope with that alone. We urgently need more doctors, residents, and consultants," he explained.

Musa-Olomu lamented the disparity in doctors' earnings compared to other countries.

"As a professor, I now earn about N490,000 from the university and N300,000 from the hospital — less than N800,000 in total. Compare that to colleagues abroad, earning N12 million in Saudi Arabia. The disparity is staggering and explains why many leave," he said.

He added that countries like the United States faced similar challenges in the 1990s but addressed them by paying doctors better, while Nigeria has failed to do so.

The former FMC boss also decried poor hospital infrastructure, particularly unstable electricity.

"Many hospitals operate in darkness due to unpaid electricity bills running into tens of millions. Operations are postponed or canceled because there is no power. Promises have been made to provide stable electricity to hospitals,

but implementation has been poor," he said.

On the workload, he noted that a single doctor may see up to 40 patients in the clinic, handle emergencies, operate in the theatre, and still be expected to monitor patients afterward.

"In countries like India, senior doctors remain with patients around the clock if complications arise. Here, one overstretched doctor is left to manage everything," Musa-Olomu said.

He stressed that while other sectors deserve attention, the health sector must be prioritized.

"Doctors and nurses should be properly remunerated, infrastructure must be improved, and enough staff must be employed to reduce the unbearable workload. Otherwise, increasing admissions into medical schools will only produce graduates who immediately leave for the UK, the US, or elsewhere," he said.

## Nigeria facing health, education emergency – Medical Academy

The Nigerian Academy of Medicine (NAMed) has warned of a deepening crisis in the country's health and education sectors, citing chronic underfunding and weak institutional structures.

At the Academy's 2025 Annual Lecture, Induction Ceremony, and Scientific Conference in Abuja, outgoing president, Emeritus Professor Samuel Ohaegbulam, said many hospitals lack basic diagnostic tools such as CT and MRI machines, while health workers are leaving in droves due to poor pay and working conditions.

"Can we blame them when they are offered \$15,000 a month abroad while struggling to survive at home?" he asked.

He also decried the inefficiency of the national health insurance scheme, noting that only 2-5% of Nigerians are covered despite existing laws.

On education, Ohaegbulam criticised the unchecked growth of universities and medical colleges without adequate quality control.

He further lamented the suspension of the Nigerian National Order of Merit (NNOM) Award for three years, describing it as a painful symbol of the country's declining recognition of excellence.

Former Health Minister, Professor Isaac Adewole, added that President Bola Tinubu has assured his readiness to strengthen the system, including improving health workers' remuneration to curb migration.



# EYE ON BORNO

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## Zulum commissions eye, dental hospitals, nursing college in Monguno

### ... Okays N3bn for construction of Specialist Hospital in Monguno

### ... To build 100 houses for health workers

Borno State Governor Babagana Umara Zulum on wednesday commissioned three landmark projects, including eye and dental hospitals, and a nursing college, in Monguno town in the northern part of the state.

Delivering his address, Zulum noted that the nursing college aims to address workforce shortages in the healthcare facilities in rural areas in the northern part of Borno State.

He said, "What matters is not only the construction of facilities, but human resources for health are a key ingredient that will ensure the provision of quality healthcare in Borno State. Therefore, this nursing college will train our younger ones in nursing, midwifery, and allied health courses so that they can fill the gap in the manpower not only in this region but also in other parts of the state."

The eye hospital, equipped with modern diagnostic and surgical tools, will provide sight-saving treatments and surgeries locally, eliminating the incidence of eye conditions like cataracts, glaucoma and trachoma, which can lead to preventable blindness if left untreated.

The dental hospital will offer services from basic check-ups and fillings to more complex procedures, addressing a long-neglected aspect

of healthcare in the area.

The governor also announced that with the commissioning of the eye hospital in Monguno, free eye surgery operations for 5,000 less privileged people in northern Borno had been flagged off.

Earlier, the Commissioner for Health and Human Resources, Prof. Baba Mallam Gana, commended Governor Zulum for transforming the health care system.

He noted that the Zulum administration had consistently prioritised high budgetary provision for the health sector, meeting the Abuja declaration of 15 percent budgetary provision for the healthcare.

### Directs release of N3bn for construction of Specialist Hospital in Monguno

Meanwhile, Governor Zulum has directed the release of 3 billion naira for constructing a Specialist Hospital in Monguno.

When completed, the hospital will serve as a referral centre for northern Borno's 10 local

government areas.

The governor said, "Furthermore, very soon we shall flag the construction of a befitting specialist hospital, General Hospital Monguno. The project will cost the Borno state government about three billion naira. The construction only, without equipping it."

"This project will soon start in Monguno town, and it will be fully equipped with state-of-the-art facilities like MRI, CT scan and others that are available in the metropolitan council, so that the ten local areas of northern Borno need not go to Maiduguri for their medical means in sha Allah."

"With the take off of the specialist hospital, we will introduce a residency training for medical doctors here in Monguno. So that, the major problem that we are facing in this region of the state, which is the gap in human resources, can be reduced to the barest minimum."

### Approves construction of 100 houses for health workers in Monguno

Governor Zulum also announced the approval for the construction of 100 houses in Monguno to address the housing deficit for the health care workers.

He stated: "I want to assure you that beneficial accommodation will soon be provided to all these staff so they can leave comfortably. However, as an interim measure. The commissioner for local Government council, as well as the local chairman of the Monguno local government, should put their heads together and identify some edifice within the town so that the Borno state government will take over this edifice on a rental basis pending the completion of the new housing estate for these doctors."

"The Commissioner for the Local Government also has to identify a site for constructing nothing fewer than one hundred housing units here in Monguno. Immediately, the personnel working in Monguno, especially the medical personnel and teachers living in Monguno, shall be given befitting accommodation. And in sha Allah we shall flag up this project very soon."



■ Governor Zulum, dressed in light brown attire, presiding over the commissioning ceremony in Monguno town... yesterday





# KANO IN FOCUS

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## Gov Yusuf urges muslims to emulate Prophet Muhammad's teachings

Kano State Governor, Alhaji Abba Kabir Yusuf, has extended his warmest felicitations to the Muslim Ummah in the state and beyond on the occasion of Eid-el-Maulud, marking the birth of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

Governor Yusuf called upon the faithful to use this auspicious day for deep reflection and to embody the Prophet's exemplary life and teachings.

"I am delighted to felicitate with the Muslim Ummah in Kano and beyond as we celebrate the noble occasion of Eid-el-

Maulud," Governor Yusuf stated.

"May we continue to reflect on the teachings and practices of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) for our greater glory, and may his virtues of peace, love, tolerance, and unity continue to guide our lives and our society," he added.

The Governor emphasised the importance of living in harmony and promoting peaceful coexistence, regardless of religious or ethnic differences.

He urged all citizens to pray for the continued peace, progress, and prosperity of Kano State and Nigeria as a whole.



■ Gov. Abba Kabir Yusuf

## I remain committed to Kano's transformation – Gov Yusuf

Kano State Governor, Alhaji Abba Kabir Yusuf, has said that the trials, tears, and turbulence he endured after the 2023 general elections have only deepened his commitment to transforming the state for the good of its people.

The governor made the remarks during the inauguration of the Shura Council at Government House, Kano.

Recalling the struggles that trailed his election victory, Governor Yusuf said his journey to power was never an easy one.

"I faced the most difficult challenges of my life after the 2023 elections," he admitted. "But through those challenges and tears, I remain committed to the service of Kano. I am still here because of God, not because of any individual."

He noted that while many had

written him off, divine providence made him governor in 2023, and only God can determine his fate in 2027.

"Leadership is never in the hands of man," he declared. "God installs and removes leaders as He wishes."

Governor Yusuf stressed that a true leader must focus on projects that uplift the people, not on personal political gains.

"Whether I seek re-election or not, my duty is to keep delivering meaningful programmes that will benefit the electorate," he affirmed.

Acknowledging the reality of power, the governor added: "I know that one day I will vacate this seat. That is why I am doing my best now to transform Kano physically, socially, and morally."

He expressed deep concern about the plight of young people, warning

that drug abuse, thuggery, and other vices threaten their future.

To address this, he announced the establishment of a new reformatory institution for women, designed to rehabilitate victims of drug abuse and other social challenges.

Appealing to the Ulama, Governor Yusuf urged them to use their influence to support the government's mission of reform.

"You are the only institution the people listen to with open ears," he said.

Despite acknowledging the pains and battles of his political journey, Governor Yusuf reassured the people that his spirit remains unbroken.

"Challenges may come, tears may fall, but my commitment to the transformation of Kano is stronger than ever," he concluded.

## Gov Yusuf celebrates Emir Sanusi, announces partnership with University of London



Kano State Governor, Alhaji Abba Kabir Yusuf, has congratulated the Emir of Kano, Khalifa Muhammadu Sanusi II, CON, on the successful completion of his Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London.

The governor described the Emir as an "icon of excellence" and a role model for present and future generations.

Governor Yusuf said the doctorate

degree was a well-deserved recognition of Sanusi's contributions to scholarship, economic thought, family reform, and advocacy for social justice in Nigeria and beyond.

He praised the Emir for his lifelong dedication to education, reform, and public service, describing him as a moral compass whose work continues to inspire millions.

The governor prayed for continued wisdom, sound health, and long life for the Emir, noting that Kano and Nigeria still benefit from his wealth of knowledge and experience.

Meanwhile, Governor Yusuf reaffirmed his administration's commitment to education, announcing plans to partner with the University of London to strengthen Northwest University, Kano.

He said the collaboration will focus on research, faculty development, and international academic standards, ensuring the institution competes with leading universities globally.

Governor Yusuf emphasized that his administration will continue to prioritize education as a pillar for Kano's development and future prosperity.

## Kano bans illegal chainsaw use, introduces permit system

Kano State Government has announced a statewide ban on the illegal use of chainsaws for tree cutting, felling and trimming, in a move aimed at curbing indiscriminate deforestation and promoting sustainable environmental practices.

The Commissioner for Environment and Climate Change, Dr. Dahiru Muhammad Hashim, during a press briefing on Tuesday.

Dr. Hashim said the decision aligns with both national and international frameworks on environmental protection, citing the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Section 20), the NESREA Act of 2007, and the National Environmental Regulations of

2014 on tree cutting and charcoal production.

He explained that the new Chainsaw Usage Permit Framework (CUPF) will regulate the operation of chainsaws in the state, ensuring that only registered and licensed users are permitted to fell or trim trees.

The commissioner noted that the initiative is also consistent with Nigeria's NDC 3.0 climate strategy, which seeks to cut deforestation by 60 per cent while restoring degraded forests through sustainable management.

"Kano cannot afford to continue losing its tree cover to indiscriminate felling. This step is necessary to protect livelihoods, preserve natural resources, and

strengthen resilience against climate change," Dr. Hashim said.

The Ministry called on schools, local governments, religious institutions, and traditional leaders to support the enforcement of the policy.

The commissioner further directed all commercial chainsaw operators to register with the Ministry, obtain usage permits, and participate in replanting initiatives.

"This is a decisive step in our fight against illegal deforestation. By enforcing this ban and implementing the Chainsaw Usage Permit Framework, Kano is setting a standard for environmental governance," Dr. Hashim said.



## Kano Pilgrims Board commends Gov Yusuf, reports successful 2025 Hajj

The Kano State Pilgrims Welfare Board has described this year's Hajj exercise as one of the most successful in the state's history, with no disease outbreak, no security breaches, and no cases of missing luggage recorded among pilgrims.

Presenting the 2025 Hajj report to Governor Abba Kabir Yusuf, the Chairman of the Board, Alhaji Yusuf Lawan, said despite the success, two pilgrims lost their lives during the exercise while one, Sani Abubakar Danmaliki from Kumbotso LGA, remains missing.

He explained that efforts involving the Nigerian Embassy in Saudi Arabia and Kano Hajj officials to trace the missing pilgrim have so

far not yielded results but assured that the search is ongoing.

"If he is alive, may Allah grant him good health, and if he is dead, may Allah repose his soul," Lawan prayed.

To strengthen welfare, he disclosed that the board has established a medical and mental health committee, including psychiatrists, to assess the fitness of intending pilgrims before travel.

On preparations for the 2026 Hajj, Lawan said the deposit has been pegged at N8.5 million, with collections already underway. He expressed optimism that Kano would exhaust its allocation of over 5,600 slots.

He commended Governor Yusuf for his unwavering support, which, he noted, greatly contributed to the smooth conduct of the exercise.

In his remarks, the Director General of the Pilgrims Board, Alhaji Laminu Rabi'u Danbappa, noted that the 2025 Hajj was unique as Governor Yusuf served as Amirul Hajj, while the Sarkin Karaye, Alhaji Muhammad Mahraz, was appointed Chairman of the Hajj delegation.

He said their leadership ensured orderliness and efficiency throughout the pilgrimage.

"There was no outbreak of disease, no childbirth, and no security breaches. Our pilgrims exhibited good conduct and represented Kano

with dignity," Danbappa stated.

He revealed that each pilgrim and official received a donation of SR250 from Governor Yusuf, disbursed transparently by the Sarkin Karaye, which was higher than the previous year's support.

Danbappa added that all financial obligations to the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) were settled, while NAHCON still owes Kano a refund for the deceased pilgrims.

Presenting the delegation's report, the Sarkin Karaye, Alhaji Muhammad Mahraz, said the collaboration between the Pilgrims Board and the state Hajj delegation accounted for the historic success.

"We have done our best to justify the trust reposed in us. Glory be to Allah, the 2025 Hajj exercise was one of the best in Kano's history, as even the pilgrims themselves have testified," he said.

The reports, which captured both successes and challenges, emphasized that the governor's personal presence as Amirul Hajj boosted the morale of officials and pilgrims, contributing significantly to the overall success.

Governor Yusuf, while receiving the reports, commended the Pilgrims Board and the delegation for their dedication and assured continued government support to improve future exercises.





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# Tinubu orders FEC c'ttee to crash food prices

By Saawua Terzungwe

President Bola Tinubu has directed a Federal Executive Council (FEC) committee to implement urgent measures aimed at reducing food prices nationwide.

The Minister of State for Agriculture and Food Security, Aliyu

Sabi Abdullahi, disclosed this on Wednesday at a capacity-building workshop for Senate correspondents in Abuja.

He said the directive focuses on securing safe passage for farm produce across transport routes to ease logistics costs.

"The president has given a

matching order with a Federal Executive Council committee already handling how to promote safe passage of agricultural foods and commodities across our various routes in the country," Abdullahi said.

The minister explained that the move aligns with Tinubu's broader

vision of food sovereignty, which goes beyond ensuring availability to guarantee affordability, accessibility, and nutrition on a sustainable basis.

He added that the government is preparing to launch a Farmer Soil Health Scheme to boost productivity, alongside a revamped cooperative reform initiative to

mobilise resources and empower rural farmers.

"Mr. President has shown tremendous interest in the cooperative sector as a veritable tool for resource mobilisation, economic activity generation, and improving the livelihood of members," Abdullahi said.

## 2024 budget performance now 80% - Edun

By Itodo Daniel Sule

The Minister of Finance and Coordinating Minister of the Economy, Wale Edun, on Wednesday said the performance of the extended 2024 budget has reached about 80 per cent.

He said this while speaking to journalists after a closed-door session with members of the House of Representatives Committee on Appropriation, chaired by Hon. Abubakar Bichi (APC, Kano).

Edun attended the interactive session alongside the Minister of Budget and Economic Planning, Atiku Bagudu, the Director-General of the Budget Office, Tanimu Yakubu, and the Accountant-General of the Federation, Shamsdeen Ogunjimi.

The minister said the 2024 budget, which was extended to December 2025 by the National Assembly, is still being implemented, with projects still ongoing at various stages.

He said, "As is customary, we reviewed the budget

performance, looked at 2024, basically, overall it's around 80 per cent. And as you know, the budget for 2024 was extended by the National Assembly till December, so it is still running, it is still a work in progress.

"And likewise, we looked at what is happening in 2025, and we put our heads together to ensure that, particularly, the projects that touch the grassroots, that provide support, resources, and facilities, like irrigation and other infrastructure projects at the grassroots level, are focused on and are given adequate attention and priority."

Addressing journalists after the closed-door session, the chairman of the committee, Bichi, said Nigerians were increasingly worried about the level of budget execution.

He explained that the engagement was part of the National Assembly's constitutional mandate to monitor budget performance and ensure effective service delivery.



■ Workers of the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs protesting alleged maltreatment and poor welfare, at the ministry's headquarters, Abuja yesterday

## Women affairs ministry staff protest poor welfare

By Tahnteh Azal

Staff of the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs on Wednesday staged a protest in Abuja over alleged neglect of their welfare by the ministry.

In a viral video, protesters accused the ministry of failing to provide welfare packages, training, and reimbursement for official trips.

One worker lamented that allowances for trips made in January and throughout 2023 remained unpaid.

Speaking anonymously, some staff alleged that since the minister, Imaan Sulaiman-Ibrahim, assumed office, workers' welfare had been sidelined.

"We have no working materials, no welfare. Staff due for promotional exams have not been allowed to write them," one said.

Another protester claimed the minister ignored internal concerns, focusing only on external empowerment programmes.

"The domestic policy is more important than the external. Before you empower outsiders, you must

empower those working under you," a protester said.

Sulaiman-Ibrahim succeeded Uju Kennedy-Ohanenye.

She has yet to respond to the allegations.

The protest adds to recent demonstrations across ministries, including the Finance Ministry, where TUC members and pensioners staged separate protests earlier this year.

Education and health workers have also held strikes over unpaid allowances.

## FG to decriminalise attempted suicide in December

The federal government has reaffirmed its commitment to decriminalising attempted suicide in Nigeria, setting December 2025 as the target date for the reform.

The Coordinating Minister of Health and Social Welfare, Prof. Muhammad Pate, said this on Wednesday at a press briefing in Abuja, in commemoration of the 2025 World Suicide Prevention Day, themed "Changing the narrative on suicide, creating hope through action."

Globally, September 10 is dedicated to raising awareness and recommitting to saving lives that otherwise might be lost to suicide.

In Nigeria, one of the most significant barriers to seeking help has been the criminalisation of attempted suicide under Sections 327 and 231 of the Criminal and Penal Codes, as the punitive approach has discouraged distressed individuals from seeking help and worsened stigmatisation.

To address this, the Federal Government inaugurated a National Taskforce on the Decriminalisation of Attempted Suicide on October 10, 2024, chaired by Prof. Cheluchi Onyemelukwe, with a mandate to guide Nigeria's transition from punishment to a public health-oriented, compassionate response.

Pate, who was represented by the Permanent Secretary at the briefing, Daju Kachollom, said, "Evidence shows that with increased public awareness, early identification of warning signs, improved access to mental health care, and compassionate community support, suicide rates can be significantly reduced."

He noted that a government white paper had been finalised, while a draft amendment to the National Mental Health Act 2021, now the National Mental Health Act Amendment Bill 2025, had been developed to repeal punitive provisions in the Criminal and Penal Codes. (NAN)

## UniAbuja elevates 104 academic staff to professorial rank

By Dalhatu Liman

The Governing Council of Yakubu Gwonon University, formerly University of Abuja, has approved the promotion of 104 academic staff to professorial rank, the largest in the institution's history.

Dr. Habib Yakooob, Acting Director of Information and University Relations, in a

statement, said the decision was taken at the Council's 78th Extraordinary Meeting held on September 9 and 10, 2025, at the main campus.

Of the beneficiaries, 58 were promoted to full professor, while 46 advanced to associate professor. The promotions cut across various disciplines, including agriculture, engineering, clinical sciences,

Islamic studies, theatre arts, and allied health sciences.

Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor Mathew Adamu, congratulated the new professors, describing the exercise as a milestone. He commended their commitment to scholarship, research, and community service, urging them to build on their achievements.

## Paying for tinted-glasses permit in order, police tell Nigerians

By Idowu Isamotu

The Nigeria Police Force has appealed to Nigerians to accept its decision to charge a processing fee for tinted-glass permits.

Force spokesman, CSP Benjamin Hundeyin, made the appeal in Abuja on Wednesday while reacting to a suit filed by the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) against the Inspector General of Police.

Hundeyin explained that the fee is meant to sustain the digital infrastructure deployed for the service, stressing that all actions

taken by the police in this regard are backed by law.

Daily Trust reports that the police high command had, a few months ago, reintroduced the issuance of tinted-glass permits with a view to curbing rising security challenges in the country.

But not convinced with the reintroduction, the NBA dragged the IG to court over the tinted-glass permit policy, arguing that the IG and the Force flouted some laws.

Hundeyin said, "Section 2(3a) of the Motor Vehicles (Prohibition of Tinted Glass) Act, 2004, empowers

the Inspector-General of Police or any person duly authorised by him to grant or approve the permit.

"Furthermore, Section 1(2) of the same Act provides that an applicant must show good cause either on health grounds or for security reasons before the use of tinted glass can be approved.

"The essence of this regulation is consistent with the core mandate of the Police to prevent crimes, as the permit is a critical tool for curbing violent crimes such as kidnapping, armed robbery, terrorism, and one-chance operations.



# INSIDE POLITICS

## 2 months after, INEC recognises ADC leadership

By Baba Martins

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has formally recognised the new leadership of the African Democratic Congress (ADC) two months after a coalition of opposition parties adopted the platform and assumed control of its structures.

Checks on INEC's official website on Wednesday showed that the commission had updated the party's leadership details to reflect Senator David B. Mark as National Chairman, Ogbeni Rauf Aregbesola as National Secretary, Dr Mani Ibrahim Ahmad as National Treasurer, Akibu Dalhatu as National Financial Secretary, and Prof. Oserhiemen Aigberaodion Osunbor as National Legal Adviser.

The coalition of opposition forces, championed by former Vice President Atiku Abubakar alongside other prominent politicians, had on July 2 formally adopted the ADC as its common platform to challenge the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) in the 2027 general election. At that event, former Senate President David Mark and former Osun State Governor Rauf Aregbesola were announced as interim chairman and secretary, replacing Ralph Nwosu and Alhaji Saïd Baba Abdullahi.

At its National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting on July 30, the party ratified Mark's appointment as Interim National Chairman, Aregbesola as National Secretary, and Mallam Bolaji Abdullahi as National Publicity Secretary. The



■ From left: Former Osun State governor and interim Secretary of the ADC, Rauf Aregbesola; former Senate President and interim National Chairman, ADC, David Mark; founder and former chairman of the ADC, Ralph Nwosu; and former Vice President Atiku Abubakar, during the unveiling of the ADC as the official platform for the coalition of opposition parties, held in Abuja on July 2

NEC also dissolved the existing National Working Committee (NWC) and inaugurated a caretaker committee that included Dr Mani Ibrahim Ahmad as National Treasurer, former Secretary to the Government of the Federation Babachir David Lawal as one of the Deputy National Chairmen, former Senator Tunde Ogbeha as National Vice Chairman (North-Central), and Prof. Oserhiemen Osunbor as National Legal Adviser, among others.

Other appointees announced by the coalition include Barr. Chinedu Idigbo as National Organising Secretary, Sen. Musa Elayo as National Vice Chairman (Diaspora), and Comrade Nkem Ukandu as National Welfare Secretary.

However, the party has faced resistance from within. Its 2023 presidential candidate, Dumebi Kachikwu, rejected the takeover,

while its only elected federal lawmaker, Hon. Leke Abejide, also declined to recognise the coalition-led leadership. Adding to the confusion, former ADC governorship candidate in Gombe State, Nafiu Bala, declared himself as factional national chairman. The delay by INEC in updating its records to reflect the new leadership only heightened political uncertainty around the party.

Speaking on Channels TV yesterday after INEC's recognition of the new leadership, the party's spokesman, Mallam Bolaji Abdullahi, dismissed suggestions of any legal challenge against the ADC.

"What we have is the completion of the administrative process of changing the leadership of the ADC from where we were coming from to where we want to be. So, there is no question of any other

leadership of the ADC," he said.

He insisted that there was no genuine contention over leadership, except "the one created by the media." According to him, "The coalition came into the ADC, and all the relevant executives resigned en masse to allow the new officers to take over. Now, we have taken over, and the duty that we have is to go back to INEC, show that we held a NEC meeting, and present the new leadership."

Abdullahi argued that none of the dissenting voices had the standing to challenge the new order. "You cannot find anybody who is challenging this who has the locus to do it. You mentioned the former presidential candidate of the party (Kachikwu). He does not have the locus because he was not in the executive," he said.

He further explained that the recognition process should be measured from July 30, when the

Politics apart, we can work with the legislature to eliminate political concerns from state police and make it indigenous to the community. That will provide an additional buffer for safety and effectiveness - President Bola Ahmed Tinubu

party's NEC formally ratified the new leadership.

"It's a new territory for us. It's not something you see every day, that a political party is being formed the way we had formed it. So, there are bound to be some issues. But INEC, being the regulatory body and ensuring everything was done the right way, required some back and forth. Eventually, we were able to meet all the requirements in terms of documentation, and that is now resolved. Today we can move forward in terms of building our party."

Abdullahi also clarified that there was no contradiction between INEC recognising the new officers substantively and the NEC electing them in an interim or caretaker capacity. He praised the electoral body for "standing on the path of democracy" and said the recognition would reassure members nationwide.

"This gives more confidence to our membership across the country because many people were apprehensive, not knowing what could happen," he said. "The integrity of our public institutions is at stake. A lot of them have credibility problems, so even when issues are purely administrative, people begin to suspect conspiracies. The longer it took to tidy this up, the more people thought INEC was pandering to other interests. Now that this has been done, we can go ahead. Our members across the country are excited. Those who were holding back, waiting for this to happen, have now seen it, and they can come in. We can move more deliberately in the task of building our party."

Last week, Abdullahi led some NWC members to a meeting at INEC headquarters in Abuja to discuss the matter. Afterward, he told Daily Trust that they "had a discussion on some issues, including leadership change, and we had a good understanding."

## El-Rufai on party's structure and 2027 ambitions

The delay coincided with growing debate within the coalition after some members, including former Labour Party presidential candidate Peter Obi and former Rivers State governor Rotimi Amaechi, hinted at contesting the ADC's presidential ticket on the promise of a one-term presidency.

Their positioning drew sharp criticism from former Kaduna State governor Nasir El-Rufai, who argued that talk of candidacy was premature.

Speaking on Channels TV, El-Rufai said the coalition's priority should be building a truly national party rather than focusing on zoning or term pledges.

"On the question of people saying, 'I will do one term,' I don't think anyone believes them. It is not right to constitutionally give up what is yours.

Four years is not enough to make meaningful change in government, as those of us who have governed know," he said.

"I want to appeal to everyone to stop making this commitment of four years. Nobody believes it, and you will end up changing the story. Let us wait for the party to settle, then we can decide the best path to win. Right now, the ADC is not a national party. We need to make it one. That is the first step, just as we did when forming the APC. Once we have built strong structures, then we can produce a candidate who can win."

He warned that habitual contestants were distracting the coalition and urged leaders to channel their energy into building a credible alternative to the APC.

## Tension in Kogi chapter as group alleges forceful takeover plot

Meanwhile, the ADC crisis has deepened in Kogi State, where rival factions have traded suspensions and accusations.

A group under the banner of Concerned Members of the ADC accused unnamed powerful figures of plotting to hijack the party in the state. At a press briefing yesterday, its spokesperson, Usman Lukman, described the alleged move as unconstitutional and vowed it would be resisted.

"Credible intelligence indicates that certain individuals, unknown to our structures, are plotting to forcefully take over the ADC leadership in Kogi. The ADC

in Kogi was built painstakingly from the grassroots. Any attempt to hijack it through unconstitutional means will be firmly resisted," Lukman said.

The group reaffirmed loyalty to Hon. Leke Abejide, whom it described as the undisputed leader of the party in the state. It dismissed those attempting to destabilise the ADC as "political opportunists and strange bedfellows."

It also warned security agencies not to recognise or provide cover for any ADC meetings not sanctioned by Abejide or the constitutionally recognised state chairman. "Any such gathering by faceless

impostors is illegal and a calculated attempt to breach peace and stability in Kogi," the group insisted.

The warning followed last month's open confrontation in the state chapter, where rival State Working Committees suspended each other over alleged anti-party activities. Ogga's faction suspended Abejide and his allies while reaffirming a vote of confidence in State Chairman Hon. Kingsley Temitope Ogga. In swift response, Abejide's loyalists reaffirmed Ogga's expulsion, dismissing his purported return as a "figment of his imagination".



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# Now that we can SEE

I grew up willing to look the demon in me in the face; look at it right through its soul and discover the secrets that make it tick. A contrarian, a devil's advocate... I believed that the God I worshipped was the God of truth and no matter where He stood that was where I would stand.

I have known and experienced and understood those low key, subtle moments when it was acceptable and you were encouraged to compromise the core values and principles the faith itself propagated and stood upon if it furthered the interests of the faith... I had also discovered at some point that, I, and in fact, the people I grew up implicitly trusting, people I absolutely believed were infallible were also petty human beings after all.

I have sang songs I later understood glorified killing and bloodletting. I have experienced an instance when it was made clear that you were allowed to lie and cheat and even kill if they weren't members of the faith. I have lived in a society that stripped all humanity from the "arna", which technically meant animists and pagans but informally applied to all nonbelievers. In the light of this reality, it was therefore easy for the hypnotic rhythms of the war-against-terror pop culture narrative pushed by the West to catch on and make a dent.

The era of 7-10 has effectively ended the era of 9-11. For me, it hits like a cold lead headshot from a smoking gun. Where I come from, there is this concept I want to call the "metaphor of lightening". It is the qualification for the phenomenon of what we can now see before our very eyes, that is, "the eye-opening hand of disillusionment".

In the darkness of a stormy night, everything goes, because no one can see that the king has no clothes on. Because the elephant in the room exists only as a distant silhouette that can be red, blue or even white. It depends on what the guy with the loudest megaphone says. If he says it is white, then a white elephant it is. No one could point and disprove that school of thought.

But perchance there comes a flash of fleeting lightening, and every profound detail of every little thing will be an epiphany of its own... and a reality check of its own.

Since at least 9/11 the world was immersed into a certain ideal—and I was conditioned by that ideal because that was the world I grew up in... and according to that ideal, there is something so carnal and malevolent about Islam.

The mainstream parroted tropes that asked questions on why it was clear that all terrorists are from one religion and from the definition of terror and terrorism derived from 9-11 that was true. I grew up knowing about al-Qaeda and Bin Laden and Hezbollah and Hamas. Then came the Taliban. Then came al-Shabab. Then Boko Haram. Then ISIS. They were all Muslims. And they were all terrorists. If there are terrorist groups that weren't Muslim, no one hears about them supposedly because they're not doing the heinous, reprehensible evil that is a way of life for Muslim terrorists.

I was of course already questioning the Islam = terror/Muslim = terrorist stereotypical equation before 10-7. We have heard from Snowden and we have also heard from Assange. Then I saw a US congressman ask the president of Colombia University in

the US, a Muslim Arab woman of Egyptian descent, if she wanted God to curse the US because apparently the Bible said God would curse anyone who does not bless Israel... even if Israel is mass murdering women and children and committing war crimes, not by the account of Hamas but by that of international institutions created to make such a judgment call. And I saw the Trump nominee for US Defence Secretary ask a news host to open the Bible because it is written in there that God gave Jews Palestine and that is what made the Zionist claim to Palestine valid even if it meant the genocide of Palestinians.

Then I noticed that Americans in particular called their men in uniform heroes and thanked them for their service even after all those Americans have also heard from Snowden and Assange. Then I also recall that... a US president had pardoned the token few actually convicted of murder according to US law because they deserved reprieve in the name of the people of America, whom they were serving. It was okay to be a terrorist after all, as long as you're doing it in the name of a cause you recognise as sacred. It was okay to be a terrorist as long as you are doing it in the name of a state actor. You are only a terrorist if you are a Muslim even if you do the exact same things Muslim terrorists do.

What I saw was the brazen relegation of every principle of humanity and the rule of law to the mean and blithe interests of their own world... the US government can kill one million Iraqis on a lie that came to be acknowledged as a lie... yet it can go back to being the leader of the free world, not a terrorist a terrorist organisation.

It is clear now. In my lifetime, there had never been a thunderclap this loud, a lightning strike this terrifying, a lightning rod this hypocritical. There was never one with a focus of the world until 10-7. That, and the fact that someone now understands and knows history in the context and perspective of this conflict, one can now see the fundamental disconnect between thought and reality.

I now know a little of what is in the Bible, the Torah, the Talmud and other religious texts and pronouncements of important figures. A perfect storm indeed. Now we can see!

I remember being accused many times of condoning jihadi terrorists and secretly approving what they do. With this lightning strike, with what we can now see following 10-7, I think I may know how deep that rabbit hole goes.

It's funny. I used to believe that African-Americans were abusing the whole white-guilt thing, and that the whole oh-so-persecuted victimhood complex was contemptible. And on that count in particular my reaction was, "figures!" They actually knew something I didn't know, we didn't know. They have lived with, "that", that wholesale insincerity and hypocrisy of purpose. Now I know. At least think I do.

No matter what happens, the Palestinian cause has already won this war. The very world we will live in was itself created by Palestine on 10-7. 10-7 was certainly a dark day. Women and children died. What is so perplexing is the fact that after Hamas said, "let there be light!", what followed has been a resplendent storm of luminosity.

Now we can SEE!

## OPINION

# Is the UN dying?

By Muhammad Hassan-Tom

On-going genocide and ethnic cleansing in Palestine by Israel is a clear signal that the United Nations Organisation (UNO) is as good as dead. Founded in 1945 to maintain international peace and security, develop friendly relations among nations and promote international cooperation to solve global problems, the UN is a failure on all fronts. It is even possibly beyond redemption.

Shocking scenarios seen daily on live television are so sickening. Since May 27, 2023, at least 798 sick and starving Palestinians have been massacred by Israeli gunfire as they approached the US-backed Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) aid site in southern Gaza. According to Medicine Sans Frontier (MSF), several thousand survivors bear the hallmarks of inhumanely intense strikes - brutal burns, dismemberment, open fractures, shrapnel wounds, starvation and severe trauma.

Starting from October 7, 2023, the Zionist regime supported largely by the US and the UK has slaughtered some

killed." With the indictment of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for war crimes by the International Court of Justice ignored, the UN is silently stating that might is now right, signalling a sharp descent into international anarchy.

This round of relentless mass killings of Palestinians makes the previous savage Israeli massacres seem humane in comparison. In addition, the scorched-earth destruction of over 80 per cent of infrastructure across Palestine has put millions into indefinite displacement and untold misery in form of hunger, deprivation, disease and disorientation. By most accounts, the world is helplessly witnessing the worst ever genocide in Gaza.

The history of the Palestinian/Israeli conflict traces back to the 19th Century when Zionists sought to establish a homeland for the Jewish people in Ottoman controlled Palestine. The 1917 Balfour Declaration supporting the establishment of "a national home for the Jewish people" was the trigger. Both the British and other Europeans were excited with the prospect of settling the meddling and overbearing Zionists far beyond their borders. With hindsight, giving Palestine to the Jews has been a transfer and not a solution to the Jewish problem.

According to Wikipedia, An-Nakba or "The Catastrophe" is the Israeli ethnic cleansing of Palestinian Arabs through violent displacement and dispossession of their land, property and belongings along with the destruction of their society and the suppression of their culture, identity, political rights and national aspirations. The term is used to describe the events of the 1948 Israeli war in Mandatory Palestine as well as Israel's on-going persecution and displacement of Palestinians. As a whole, it covers the fracturing of Palestinian society and the long-standing rejection of the right of return for Palestinian refugees and their descendants.

During the foundational events of the Nakba in 1948, about half of Palestine's predominantly Arab population – around 750,000 people – was expelled from their homes through violent means at first by Zionist para-militaries and after the establishment of the state of Israel, by its military.

Over time, 500 Arab-majority towns, villages and urban neighbourhoods were depopulated. Many of the settlements were either completely destroyed or repopulated by Jews and given new Hebrew names. Israel employed biological warfare against Palestinians by poisoning village wells, by the end of the war, Israel controlled 78 per cent of land area of the Mandatory Palestine.

According to historical accounts, recent events follow a pattern of blood-thirsty holocausts starting from Deir Yassin Massacre (April 1948), Abu Shusha Massacre (May 1948), Tantura Massacre (May 1948), Lydda Massacre (July 1948), Saliha Massacre (October 1948), Al-Dawayima Massacre (October, 1948), Qibya Massacre (October 1953) to the Kafr Qasim Massacre (October 1956) and the horrific massacre in the Al-Aqsa Mosque courtyards in August 1990. The average is one brutal bloodbath every five years.

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65,000 innocent individuals, most of them children and women, and maimed over a hundred thousand others in intense bombing and ground offensives across Palestine. As if these are not enough violations of International Humanitarian Law, even aid workers, medical personnel and journalists are not spared. Too, daily malnutrition deaths continue as Israeli forces push further into Gaza City, where over 80 per cent of homes, hospitals, humanitarian warehouses, schools and even refugee camps have been systematically shattered.

The double jeopardy is that even as the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) are accelerating their genocidal campaigns and ethnic cleansing day and night, Palestinians have no option but to stay in Gaza City despite the intensifying military offensives and famine because they lack the means to travel and no safe places to seek shelter. There are no red lines in the vicious violence. Veto power exercised by the Israeli-controlled American Empire has legitimised lawlessness on the global scene.

Brice De Le Vingne, head of MSF's Emergency Unit put it more poignantly: "How can the killing of 800 people in a single week, including new-borns, small children and the maiming of hundreds more be considered a military operation adhering to international law. Catch-phrases like 'war is ugly' act as blinders to the fact that children too young to walk are being dismembered, eviscerated and



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### 4% FOB charge, needless burden on Nigerians

The recent reintroduction of a four per cent charge on the Free-on-Board value of imports coming into the country by the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) will further exacerbate the burden on Nigerians. It has sparked a national outcry from the business community, especially the manufacturing sector, for self-evident reasons. For a populace that is already weighed down by the high cost of items, this new measure will only add to their burdens.

This policy was first introduced six months ago, precisely in February 2025. However, the government was quick to suspend the implementation of the policy following a similar outcry that greeted its introduction. Suddenly, it was introduced in July, and its implementation commenced on August 4, 2025.

In place of this measure, MAN wants the government to revert to the previous system of one per cent of the Comprehensive Import Supervision Scheme and a seven per cent cost of collection fee. The group argues that this system balances revenue generation with industrial competitiveness.

Further, the government should note that this potentially harmful policy is coming on the heels of reports about rising stocks of unsold goods, with many of them expiring while in distributors' shops or producers' warehouses. Traders and manufacturers blamed this development on consumer resistance in response to the high prices of goods.

In January 2025, the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN) disclosed that its members recorded unsold inventory worth a staggering amount of N1.4 trillion. These high prices, according to the producers, are occasioned by the high costs of production across all sectors of the economy. MAN identified high inflation, a depreciating Naira, rising interest rates, escalating electricity tariffs, record low sales, multiplicity of taxes and levies, and insecurity as factors contributing to the high production costs. Most of the factors above are still at play in the economy, despite the reported downward trend in inflation for some months. For instance, CBN's Monetary Policy Rate remains at 27.5 per cent, which means that manufacturers still pay much higher rates to access funds for business.

This policy may indeed be counterproductive as it could force some manufacturers to fold up due to rising costs of production, and importers prefer other ports in the sub-region. The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has just published the July 2025 Purchasing Manager's Index, a measure of changes in the level of economic activities within a period. Although the July PMI showed that the three sectors covered – Agriculture, Industry, and Services– recorded expansion for the eighth consecutive month, the expansion in industry was just marginal, with a PMI of just 51.1 points. The significance of this performance becomes clearer when it is noted that an index above 50 points shows expansion, while any index at 50 points indicates no change.

The government should be guided by dynamics in the economy, especially intelligence provided by economic indicators.

A significant portion of the imports that come into Nigeria is raw materials or equipment used to produce goods. Nigeria imports such goods because the country does not produce them. Logically, subjecting intermediate goods to this additional charge in this high-cost environment can only force the importers, being manufacturers, to pass the resultant high costs to consumers by way of higher prices for the goods.

We call on the government to implement its policy of Nigeria First, which says that the government would give priority to locally made goods in the procurement of materials by its ministries, departments, and agencies.

The government should encourage our local industries to produce most of the goods we consume locally. This can be achieved by pursuing industrial policies that will offer quick wins for the country's industrial sector by stimulating local production, including most of the raw materials currently being imported. Daily Trust believes that Nigeria, as a country, should be able to produce most of the raw materials locally.

This calls for a commitment to the Nigeria First policy, which aims to promote local production and reduce reliance on imports. The government says it is attracting foreign direct investment into the economy, which must be pursued strategically. It calls for the appropriate sequencing of policies. Without first strengthening the capacity of the local industrial base, introducing this type of charge on imports will surely lead to higher prices.

The government should also be aware of the fact that due to the rising cost of imports, the level of uncleared goods at the nation's ports has shot up, with the demurrage on such goods rising as well. The increased cost of imports has led to a surge in uncleared goods at ports, with over 5,000 cargoes stuck, incurring over ₦2 trillion in demurrage costs. This does not synchronise with the picture of rising economic activities in the industrial sector as shown by the PMI for July.

Finally, a policy such as this should be based on comparative analysis. As MAN pointed out, West African countries like Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, and Senegal maintain lower import levies, ranging from 0.5 per cent to one per cent of the FOB value, with higher levies only on luxury or non-essential imports. With this, the new policy will make Nigerian ports less competitive.



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## OPINION

### Tinubu's debt trap: Who pays tomorrow?

By Hurso Adam

Our country, Nigeria is in its economic journey under President Bola Ahmed Tinubu. The mounting debt profile of his administration, built on an already precarious fiscal foundation left by his predecessors, raises urgent questions about sustainability, intergenerational equity, and the future of national development. While borrowing can be a legitimate tool for economic growth, the scale, speed, and opacity of Nigeria's current debt accumulation risk shackling future generations with obligations they did not choose, for benefits they may never see.

In 2015, when late President Buhari assumed office, Nigeria's total public debt stood at ₦12.12 trillion. By the time he left in May 2023, that figure had soared to ₦77 trillion, a staggering 535 per cent increase. Even more troubling

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is the structure of this debt: much of it was directed toward recurrent spending rather than productive investments. Nigeria's external debt ballooned from \$10.31 billion to \$43.16 billion, with significant portions allocated to budget support and debt servicing rather than capital formation.

Then, enter President Tinubu, whose early tenure has not deviated from this debt-heavy trajectory. In just his first year, Nigeria's public debt surpassed N100 trillion, representing an increase of over ₦24 trillion—nearly one-third of Buhari's total debt over eight years. Major facilities include a \$1.5 billion loan from the World Bank and a \$1 billion Eurobond and many more, ostensibly for infrastructure and budgetary support. If this trajectory continues unchecked, the national debt could breach ₦150 trillion by 2027.

Such rapid accumulation raises fundamental questions: What exactly are we borrowing for? Who is monitoring the outcomes? And, most importantly, who will pay the price?

The implications are not abstract. Nigeria's population is overwhelmingly young, over 70 per cent are under the age of 30. Every billion Naira borrowed today becomes a liability for these young Nigerians, many of whom already face bleak employment prospects, inadequate public services, and fragile social infrastructure.

The debt repayment does not occur in a vacuum. It manifests in higher taxes, reduced fiscal space, cuts to social services, and inflationary pressures. For a country where public sector salaries,

fuel subsidies, and debt servicing already swallow the bulk of government revenue, the margin for meaningful investment in education, healthcare, and innovation is rapidly eroding. In 2023, a shocking 96 per cent of Nigeria's federal revenue went to servicing debt. This is not just unsustainable, it is reckless.

Compounding the debt dilemma is the issue of regional imbalance in the distribution of debt-financed projects. Nigeria's federal character demands an equitable spread of development to promote national cohesion. Yet, evidence suggests a disproportionate concentration of federally-funded infrastructure in select areas, particularly Lagos and a few other urban centres.

Lagos has seen significant investments in rail lines, port expansions, and road infrastructure. While these may be economically justifiable, there are needs for comparable investments in other regions, particularly the Niger Delta and the insurgency-hit North East, areas that contribute substantially to national revenue or are in dire need of rebuilding. Such spatial inequality in the deployment of public investment not only undermines national unity but also defeats the purpose of borrowing in the name of "national development." Any borrowing done in the name of Nigeria should reflect federal character in infrastructural development. It is not right for populations that have not benefited from borrowed funds to be made to pay for them, whether through taxation or otherwise. I am of the opinion that, any loan or borrowed funds by either states or central governments should be reasonably repayable within our lifetime, so as to avoid indebting the next generation of Nigerians.

A democracy is only as accountable as its institutions are empowered. In Nigeria, however, debt procurement is increasingly shrouded in opacity. Loan terms especially with respect to interest rates, collateral agreements, and repayment timelines are often not disclosed to the public. This raises fears of "hidden debts" with punitive consequences, as seen in other African countries that fell into the trap of opaque bilateral loans, particularly from China.

The National Assembly, constitutionally mandated to scrutinise loan requests, often rubber-stamps executive proposals with little or no rigorous debate. This democratic deficit erodes public trust and opens the door to mismanagement or abuse. The Debt Management Office (DMO), though competent, lacks the enforcement teeth to halt unwise borrowing when political interests override economic logic.

To avoid tumbling further into a debt abyss, Nigeria must urgently recalibrate its fiscal and borrowing strategy. Borrowing must align with the country's actual revenue-generating capacity. Debt servicing should not exceed 30 per cent of government revenue a target already breached. Laws should be enacted or enforced to institutionalise such ceilings.

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# Why Buhari's graveyard wears new look — Family

From Tijjani Ibrahim, Katsina

A family member of the late President Muhammadu Buhari has explained the reason his grave is wearing a new look.

Viral pictures and videos on social media showed that the graveyard where the former president is laid to rest within his Daura country home is wearing a new look weeks after his burial.

The shots were taken during a recent visit by

Governor Dikko Umaru Radda of Katsina State to the graveyard.

While some argue that the graveyard of the former president deserves the new look, considering his status while alive, others think that the development negates Islamic dictates.

When contacted for a possible reason for such an action, a family member, Alhaji Hamisu Haro, who is in charge of the day-to-day running of the late former President's house, said the fencing was strictly for security reasons.

He said religious dictates were taken into consideration before the fencing.

"Considering the time we are in, we felt that there is a need to fence the graveyard, keep it secure, so that whosoever comes to visit would stay out there and offer their prayers, just like what people saw during Governor Radda's visit recently.

"There was a time some people, out of their sheer admiration for the former president, went and laid some flowers at the grave,

without our knowledge, we had to remove those flowers from the place, because it is a practice that contradicts Islamic teachings.

"That is why we thought of fencing the whole area, so that no one will access it without our knowledge," he said.

He said, apart from the fence within the area, there is also a concrete floor around the rave and a pavement leading towards the area, which could help check the problem of erosion due to rainwater.

He assured that the grave

itself has not been changed, considering the religious teachings.

Daily Trust learnt that although there are different perspectives among the four major Islamic sects in Nigeria - Izala/Salaf, Tijjaniyya, Qadiriyya and Shi'a, all of them have little or no regard for the perimeter fencing of a graveyard.

A Katsina-based Islamic scholar, who preferred anonymity, said, "The bone of contention has to do with the grave itself, how it should be done, and there

is a prophetic narration prohibiting decoration, tombstone and so on.

"But regarding fencing, even the place where our noble prophet and two of his companions are lying now is fenced.

"But with regards to decorating the tomb itself, and the tombstone, or in some cases, a metal plate bearing the name of the deceased, the Salaf or Izala sect is very strict about its prohibition, unlike the other sects that highly decorate the tombs of their religious leaders," he explained.



■ Katsina State governor, Malam Dikko Radda (middle) alongside other government officials, during a visit to the graveside of late former President, Muhammadu Buhari, in Daura, recently

## Customs intercepts 20 containers laden with N13.5bn illicit drugs

From Bassey Willie, Port Harcourt

The Area 11 Command of the Nigeria Customs Service, Onne, Rivers State, has intercepted 20 containers laden with illicit drugs with a duty paid value of N13,573,430,630.00.

The outgoing Controller of Area 11 Command Onne, Comptroller Mohammed Babandede, displayed the intercepted containers before newsmen at Onne

on Wednesday, shortly after handing over the leadership of the Command to the new Comptroller, Aliyu Alkali.

He said the intercepted containers were laden with 1,195,400 bottles of codeine syrup, 3,200,000 tablets of extra Diclofenac, 3,500,000 tablets of benzhexol, 1,633 cartons of laboratory equipment and 2,612,400 analgin injection packages.

Other drugs in the container were 239,400 packages of diluent ampoules

of artesunate injection and 399,700 packages of diluent ampoules of expired aretemac injection.

Babandede said the drugs, which were imported from India, were carefully concealed under other products.

He said that Nigeria has long struggled with the proliferation of counterfeit and substandard medication, which he said posed a significant risk to public health with potentially fatal outcomes.

## Qatar denies issuing fresh visa requirements for Nigerians

By Dalhatu Liman

The Qatari Ministry of Interior has denied reports that it has imposed sweeping visa restrictions on Nigerian passport holders, including a purported travel ban on male applicants.

Speaking to the BBC Pidgin on Wednesday, a ministry official clarified that "there are no restrictions on Nigerians seeking to visit Qatar," adding that the visa application process remains unchanged.

The country's digital visa platform, Hayya, also stated, "There has been no suspension or changes to the current procedures. If any updates are to be made, they will be announced on our official platforms."

The clarification comes amid widespread confusion triggered by a flyer from TravelTank, a Nigerian travel support firm, which outlined what it described as new visa requirements for Nigerian travellers.

The flyer, seen by Daily Trust, cited three major changes: mandatory booking of a return transfer alongside hotel reservations, restriction of eligibility to female travellers and families, and a requirement that only 5-star hotels be used for visa qualification.

"These requirements apply to all pending visa approvals," the flyer stated, urging clients to comply with the new conditions to avoid delays or rejections.

## 4 children, 8 others die in tanker accident

At least 12 people, including four children, have died following a collision between a gas tanker truck and a commuter bus on the Owerri/Onitsha expressway in Imo State on Tuesday.

The Imo State police command confirmed that the gas tanker, with registration number T 16716 LA and marked with the inscription NUPENG,

was driving against traffic when it crashed into the bus, which was carrying members of the Jehovah's Witness Church from Anambra State to Agwa village in Imo State.

Henry Okoye, the police spokesman, said eight adults and four children lost their lives in the accident, while eight others sustained injuries.

He said all the deceased

have been taken to Ogbaku Mortuary, and the injured are receiving treatment at Divine Hospital Awo-Omamma.

Okoye added that the police have launched an investigation into the crash, adding that the road has since been cleared, and traffic flow restored through the coordinated efforts of the police and road safety personnel.

## NMDC staff protest over alleged misappropriation, abuse of office

From Ado Abubakar Musa, Jos

Staff of National Metallurgical Development Centre (NMDC) have shut down the headquarters of the agency, accusing their management of misappropriation of funds, abuse of office, gross violation of public service rules, procurement act and financial regulations.

The staff, under the leadership of their unions, including the Academic Staff Union of Research Institutes (ASURI), Non-Academic Staff Union (NASU) and Senior Staff Association of Teaching Hospitals, Research and Allied Installations (SSAUTHRIAI), also accused the Director General of the agency of poor welfare

and working conditions, intimidation, among others.

The staff, who protested at the agency's headquarters in Jos on Wednesday, raised placards bearing different inscriptions such as 'Asuquo must go', 'stop victimisation in NMDC', 'NMDC needs change of leadership', among others.

The spokesperson of the organisation told Daily Trust that anti-graft agencies were already investigating the allegations.

Speaking to journalists during the protest, Mr. Henry Mwanle, chairman of the Academic Staff Union of Research Institutes (ASURI), said, "Our action is a dissatisfaction and displeasure that the staff have over mismanagement by the present management in the

centre.

"We are not happy about the degeneration of the centre. We are not happy with the welfare of the staff. We are not happy over gross misappropriation of funds and corruption."

The protesting staff vowed to continue the protest until accountability is restored in the centre.

When contacted regarding the allegations, the Director General of the agency, Linus Ikon Asuquo, neither answered our correspondent's call nor responded to his SMS.

However, the spokesperson of the organisation, Sunny Eweama, acknowledged the allegations raised against the DG and said an investigation into the matter has since begun.

## Kano police deny detention of journalist

From Sani Ibrahim Paki, Kano

The Kano State Police Command has refuted claims circulating online that a local journalist, Abdulaziz Aliyu, was detained at the Court Road Area Command in Gyadi-Gyadi, Kano, over a recent publication.

Daily Trust reports that the Association of Kano Online

Journalists (ASKOJ) had accused the police of illegally detaining Aliyu, a Kano-based online journalist, for over two hours on Tuesday over a publication.

ASKOJ, in a statement by its President, Yakubu Salisu, described the action as "intimidation and putting press freedom under siege."

But the police, in a statement by its spokesperson

in Kano, SP Abdullahi Haruna Kiyawa, on Wednesday, said the allegation is a deliberate attempt to misinform the public and tarnish their reputation.

According to Kiyawa, Aliyu was not detained but was formally invited following a written complaint lodged against him as part of a routine investigative procedure.





**NIGERIA AGRICULTURAL QUARANTINE SERVICE  
COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF A 2 DAY FRESH  
VEGETABLE EXPORT MEETING IN LAGOS NIGERIA ON THE 5TH  
AND 6TH OF MAY 2025**

Consequent on the need to streamline the export of Vegetables from Nigeria and the need to ensure seamless export in line with global best practices, the Comptroller General convened an emergency meeting of vegetable exporters in the South-West Zone, Lagos Nigeria to expedite action on the need to restructure vegetable export operations along the Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Service Export Value Chain.

The following 18 resolutions were reached at the end of the meeting:

1. All vegetable export will henceforth be done through the Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Export Certification Value Chain.
2. It is now mandatory for all vegetable exporters to own and operate a Packhouse registered with NAQS within the next 6 months.
3. All vegetables grown for export are to be grown in Green/ Screen houses and no longer in open fields, the duration for compliance is one year.
4. All exporters/farmers are to register and operate their farms through the Export Certification Value Chain of NAQS.
5. All companies involved in Vegetable export should designate, maintain and operate along the Vegetable ECVC.
6. Vegetable Exporters will be grouped and supervised by NAQS Inspectors in 3 categories to ensure seamless inspections and certification of all farms involved in vegetable export.
7. NAQS will henceforth enforce the provisions of the NAQS Act and other regulations on all those who will flout the laws and regulations that guide the export business.
8. There is need to use standardized cartons for packaging of vegetables for export while ensuring good labelling systems and colour designs.
9. There is need to streamline export operations and designate days to export vegetables in consultation with airline operators, as processed foods, oil seeds and other categories will have alternative designated days for export.
10. NAQS will continue to engage vegetable exporters/ farmers and airline operators to ensure seamless export operations on the issue of designated days for export, the process will be streamlined in consultation with the airline operators.
11. The export business is not an all-comers business, not everyone can be an exporter. Individuals are encouraged to fit into the different value chains that culminate in export processes. Nigerians are encouraged to specialize in cold chain, Packhouse management, supply chain management, carton production and other value chain along the export business as only exporters with high tonnage who can meet the required standards of export will now be registered for the vegetable export.
12. NAQS will register individuals in different categories, exporters, farmers, suppliers and cold chain operators to enable the destination countries audit our processes and provide trade codes for big players in the business.
13. Vegetable exporters are encouraged to only airfreight consignments with airlines that have cooling systems in their cargo compartment to ensure the safe condition of vegetables on arrival at its destination while the NAQS continues to engage the airline operators.

14. On the issue of vegetable exporters joining associations, membership of associations is voluntary, but the NAQS will assess the status of the existing associations) and decide whether it can register the association for uniform export process.

15. The amount for registration of new entrant into the "Association of Food and Vegetable Exporters of Nigeria" appears to be on high side and the association is enjoined to consider and review accordingly.

16. The name "Association of Food and Vegetable exporters is vague and ambiguous and needs to be streamlined to identify the actual commodity undertaken by the association.

17. The need for Nigerian exporters to operate bonded terminals for collection and clearance of Nigerian goods at the country of destination in consultation with DEFRA is suggested to further secure the export business.

18. In conclusion the Comptroller General of Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Service, stressed the need to structure the export value chain to ensure compliance with standard procedure and get premium services and prices for Nigerian exporters.

The Zonal Commander  
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## ABUJA METRO

## Woman slumps, dies in FCT market

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

A 47-year-old trader, identified as Mrs. Comfort Abednego, has reportedly slumped and died at the Kwaita village market in the Kwali Area Council of the FCT.

Witnesses said the incident happened on Wednesday around 11:23 am while she was attending to customers who came to buy garri (cassava flour).

Sources said the deceased stood up to buy a polythene bag in order to measure some mudu of garri for one of her customers when she suddenly slumped.

Ayuba Felix, a witness, told our reporter that the woman slumped

in the process of sitting down.

He said some vigilantes at the market were alerted and they came to rush her to a nearby clinic.

"Unfortunately, she was later confirmed dead upon arrival at the clinic. One of the traders at the market, who identified her relatives, contacted them to evacuate her corpse," he said.

A member of the vigilante, simply identified as Dogara, also confirmed the incident, saying the deceased came from Pache village and her body has been taken away by the family members.

"Actually, the woman always come from Pache village to sell garri on Kwaita market days. We saw people gathered where she

sells this morning and discovered that she had slumped and died," he said.

He added, "Even when the vigilantes found out from the relatives who came to evacuate her corpse, they said the woman was hale and hearty before she left home this morning."

A police source at the Kwali division also confirmed the incident to our reporter.

Meanwhile, the vigilantes have arrested a man, simply identified as Nasiru, while he was attempting to steal a motorcycle at the same market.

A member of the vigilante, identified as Dogara, said the suspect went to where motorcycles

were parked and he forcefully removed one of the bikes in an attempt to zoom off when he was apprehended.

He said, "The suspect actually targeted when some people rushed to where a woman had slumped at the market.

"He then attempted to remove the bike, but thankfully, a trader selling close to where the bike was parked suspected him and raised an alarm."

He added that the suspect was almost lynched by a mob who descended on him, but the vigilantes rescued him and handed him over to security operatives in the area.

## QUICK READ

## School resumption: FCTA satisfied with students' turnouts

The Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) says it is impressed with turnout of students, pupils, and teachers as schools in the FCT resumed for the 2025/2026 academic session.

Top FCTA officials, led by the Secretary for Education, Dr. Danlami Hayyo, stated this during a routine inspection of schools in Abuja on Monday.

The inspection covered primary and secondary schools in Garki Area 11, Garki Area 3, Wuye, Wuse Zone 6, and Wuse Zone 3.

Hayyo, who was represented by the Permanent Secretary, Mrs. Joy Okeke, said that both private and public schools recorded strong attendance. (NAN)

## FCT students trained on vocational, tech skills

The National Senior Secondary Education Commission (NSSEC) has provided vocational and technological skills training to at least 100 senior secondary school students in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

Speaking at the closing ceremony in Abuja on Thursday, NSSEC's Executive Secretary, Dr. Iyela Ajayi, said the programme was part of the commission's 2025 Long Vacation Skills Acquisition Initiative.

Ajayi, who was represented by Mohammed Salihu, the Head of Teacher Development and International Partnerships, said the programme was designed to empower young Nigerians with practical, self-reliant skills to prepare them for the future. (NAN)

## FCTA acting head of service promises reforms

By Umma Kursum Muktar

The newly appointed Acting Head of Service of the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA), Mrs. Nancy Sabanti Nathan, has pledged sweeping reforms in the FCT civil service to strengthen professionalism, staff welfare, and service delivery.

The announcement was contained in a press release issued by the FCTA, which confirmed her appointment and quoted Mrs. Nathan as aligning her vision with the Renewed Hope Agenda of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

Mrs. Nathan described the civil service as an institution governed by rules and regulations, stressing her determination to uphold transparency, accountability, and teamwork.

## FCTA demolishes structures at River Park Estate

By Hussein Yahaya

The FCT Administration has stopped the development of more than 30 structures at River Park Estate for violating planning regulations.

The administration accused the affected developers of proceeding with construction despite the withdrawal of their lease agreements and recommendations from a ministerial committee that all undeveloped plots in the estate be returned to the FCTA.

On August 8, 2025, FCT Minister Nyesom Wike inaugurated an ad-hoc committee to review controversies surrounding the River Park Estate.

The committee, led by Barr. Salman Dako, submitted its report last week, explaining that the revocation of undeveloped plots was necessary due to the expiration and breach of the Development Lease Agreement (DLA) and the need to reassert administrative control over the affected plots in line with Clause 9.2 of the DLA.

The committee, however, directed that holders of previous "customary" titles whose plots fall within the River Park Estate boundaries and have



■ Some of the structures being demolished yesterday

been developed in accordance with applicable planning and development control regulations "be permitted to retain their titles." The Director of Development Control, Mukhtar Galadima, who led enforcement officers to the site on Wednesday, said the action followed reports that developers were working day and night to bypass the directive.

"About a week ago, there was an event at the Honourable Minister's office where two committees

submitted their reports. One of the committees was on issues surrounding the River Park Estate development. And one of the recommendations put forward was that all undeveloped plots within the estates be returned to the FCT Administration," Galadima said.

"So we got a report that certain developers are hurriedly working day and night to develop some of the vacant plots. As an agency, we served them a stop-work notice. This morning, we came and saw

them working, so that's why we are removing the structures. The excavations and all those structures were put on the ground."

He disclosed that over 30 foundations had already been dug but insisted they would be filled in. "Whoever we see on-site, we remove it. So this is just the beginning. Luckily, they are just at the excavation level, but wherever we see any new development coming up, we will remove it," he warned.

## AEDC restores power in disconnected Abuja community

By Adam Umar

Residents of Kubwa village in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) have been reconnected to the national grid after a two-week blackout.

Abuja Metro reported last Thursday that officials from the Abuja Electricity Distribution Company (AEDC) had disconnected the power supply over an alleged assault on staff who were conducting a routine check for illegal connections.

In a phone interview yesterday, the community youth leader, Buhari Abu, told our reporter that AEDC officials returned to the community on Monday and reconnected the supply at the transformer where it

had been disconnected.

An AEDC source confirmed the development, stating that the branch office in Gbazango was directed by a higher office to restore the power.

The source explained that the main office was frustrated that the actions of a few residents had resulted in the entire community being punished, leading to the order for reconnection. The source also revealed that a cable (not an armored one) was stolen during the blackout, but it was replaced by the AEDC to restore power to the area.

In the meantime, the residents have reportedly raised money to fence the transformer in the community to protect it from vandals.

## Man arrested over possession of firearms in FCT

By Abubakar Sadiq Isah

A 45-year-old man, identified as David Tersoo, has been arrested for allegedly possessing a pump-action rifle in the Mpape area of the Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC) of the FCT.

Commissioner of Police, Saka Ajao Adewale, disclosed this to newsmen on Wednesday, stating that the arrest followed a distress call received by operatives of the Mpape police division regarding a case of domestic assault.

He said the alleged assault involved an eight-year-old girl and her three-year-old sister, as well as their mother, who was forced out of the house with her nine-month-old baby in the

middle of the night on Tuesday.

According to Adewale, the command promptly deployed the Divisional Police Officer of the Mpape division and operatives from the command's Gender Unit in collaboration with the Ministry of Women Affairs to the scene.

The children were rescued, and one of the victims was found with visible bruises.

"Their mother was later traced and placed in protective custody with her children," he said.

The suspect, a contractor with a history of domestic abuse, had locked himself behind a bulletproof door while armed. After sustained efforts, officers secured his arrest without casualties.



# CRIME

## Pastor remanded for allegedly raping woman inside church

A Benue Chief Magistrate's Court sitting in Makurdi on Wednesday ordered the remand of a 34-year-old pastor, Kelvin Imo, at the Correctional Centre Makurdi for allegedly raping a church member, who came for prayer and counselling. Imo, who resides at Gboko Road, Makurdi, was charged with rape.

However, the Chief Magistrate, Mr Kevin Mbanongun, did not take his plea for lack of jurisdiction over the matter.

Mbanongun adjourned the matter until October 8, for further mention.

Earlier, the prosecutor, Insp Friday Kanshio, told the court that the case was received at the State

CID Makurdi on September 2, through a petition written by the victim against the pastor.

Kanshio said the complainant had stated in the petition that she went to a church on Gboko Road in Makurdi (name withheld) on April 22, to see the accused who was her pastor for prayer and counselling.

She said after praying for her, the pastor used a handkerchief to wipe her face and she lost strength as a result of the act.

The complainant alleged that the pastor overpowered her because she could not struggle and forcefully had carnal knowledge of her inside the church without her consent.

Kanshio said that the pastor was arrested during a police investigation.

He added that the offence contravened Section 284 of the Penal Code Laws of Benue, 2004. (NAN)

## Police arrest robbery suspects, rescue trafficked children

From Hope Abah, Makurdi

Police in Benue State have arrested four individuals on suspicion of armed robbery in different parts of the state.

The State Commissioner of Police, CP Ifeanyi Emenari, announced the arrests during a press briefing in Makurdi on Tuesday.

He also stated that the command rescued 11 trafficked children in the Katsina-Ala area who were being transported to Benin.

Emenari said the police recovered five vehicles from the

robbery suspects after acting on intelligence, explaining that while the suspects were apprehended in Benue, some of the recovered vehicles were traced to both Benue and Plateau states.

Other items recovered include arms and ammunition allegedly used by the suspects for their crimes.

The police commissioner added that the command's tactical units have countered several criminal activities in the past month, including bandit attacks, herder incursions, and kidnappings in Orokam and other parts of the



■ The suspects

state.

Emenari commended Governor Hyacinth Alia for his support to the police and pledged to continue collaborating with other security

agencies to ensure a crime-free society.

He assured that the arrested suspects would be prosecuted after investigations are concluded.

## '31% of Nigerian women suffer sexual, physical violence'

From Peter Moses, Lagos

The Minister of Women Affairs and Social Development, Hajia Imaan Sulaiman-Ibrahim, said 31 percent of women aged 15-49 experienced physical violence, while over 28 percent have suffered sexual violence at least once in their lifetime.

She said the statistics reflected the "stark reality" of the country despite some progress recorded in the fight against Gender Based Violence.

The minister spoke in Abeokuta, Ogun State, during a working visit and brief stop-over at the Sexual Assault Referral Centre in the state capital.

She was welcomed to the state by the Deputy Governor, Engr Noimot Salako-Oyedele; First Lady, Mrs Bamidele Abiodun; the Commissioner for Women Affairs and Social Development, Motunrayo Adijat Adeleye, among other top female functionaries in the state.

The minister said that, "Across

Nigeria, 31 percent of women aged 15-49 have experienced physical violence, while over 28 percent have suffered sexual violence at least once in their lifetime.

"These are not mere statistics; they are daughters, sisters, mothers and neighbours. Each number carries a human face and a human story. They remind us that gender-based violence is not a private problem but a community crisis that undermines peace, family life, and development."

The minister said the statistics showed that major stakeholders must act urgently, with both compassion and commitment.

Also speaking, the State Commissioner for Women Affairs and Social Development, Motunrayo Adijat Adeleye, explained that the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) and the Women Development Centre were established because the state government believes that "healing must go hand in hand with rebuilding."

## NDLEA destroys cannabis farms in Edo

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

The Nigeria Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) in Edo State has destroyed illegal cannabis plantations covering 15.85 hectares.

The State NDLEA Commandant, Mitchell Ofoyeju, disclosed this to journalists, stating that "In a concerted effort against cannabis cultivation, we destroyed four illegal cannabis plantations in Ebule Forest, Owan West Local Government of Edo state,



■ The destroyed farm

covering a total area of 15.852732 hectares,"

he said.

He added, "The destroyed farms, when harvested, would have had an estimated yield of approximately 39,631.83 kg of cannabis."

The commandant also noted that the command has started aggressive public awareness campaigns in several communities, reaching hundreds of people.

He said these programmes are crucial for educating the public on the dangers of drug abuse and promoting a healthier community.

## Police arrest suspects in Jigawa crackdown

From Ali Rabihi Ali, Dutse

The Jigawa State Police Command has made a significant breakthrough in its fight against crime, arresting several suspects and recovering stolen items.

According to a statement by the Police Public Relations Officer, SP Shiisu Lawan Adam, the command has intensified its operations to ensure the safety of residents and their property. Commissioner of Police, CP Dahiru Muhammad, has praised

the officers for their professionalism and dedication.

One of the most notable arrests was Yunusa Usman (22), who allegedly used a knife to rob two people of their phones in Hadejia Local Government Area. Police recovered a knife from Usman after a tip-off. One of the victims, Abdullahi Abubakar, sustained a stab wound on his right thigh during the attack.

In another incident in Dutse metropolis, two suspected motorcycle thieves, Muhammad Suleman (also

known as Officer) and Sale Yahaya, were arrested while trying to snatch a Boxer motorcycle from a resident.

They confessed to the crime during interrogation.

The police also arrested one Ibrahim Isah and Abubakar Ahmad in Takur Site, Dutse Local Government Area.

The two were found with a stolen Samsung and a stolen Huawei phone.

In the Roni Division, police arrested one Musa Bala, a suspected motorcycle thief, and recovered a

stolen red Boxer motorcycle with registration number AYE 315 VN. Bala was linked to a case of motorcycle theft in Santar Tsaye village, Roni Local Government Area.

In a separate operation, police patrol teams in Dutse metropolis intercepted and arrested one Aliyu Abba and Muhammad Inusa, suspected motorcycle thieves who were trying to escape to Kano State with a stolen black Hyungen motorcycle.

### QUICK READ

#### Police vow justice for slain NSCDC operatives

From Usman A. Bello, Benin

The Commissioner of Police, Edo State Command, CP Monday Agbonika, has assured the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) that the killers of its officials will be brought to justice.

Agbonika gave the assurance during an on-the-spot assessment visit to the scene where the NSCDC officers were killed during the attack.

Describing the attack as a dastardly act that will not go unpunished, Agbonika reaffirmed the command's commitment to working in synergy with other security agencies to bring the perpetrators to justice.

He also assured that the command is intensifying its operational efforts to ensure the safe rescue of the abducted expatriate.

#### Plateau council chair confiscates expired products

From Ado Abubakar Musa, Jos

The Chairman of Langtang North Local Government Council in Plateau State, Pirfa Tyem, has seized several fake and expired products from shops, kiosks, and stalls across the area.

Tyem, who disclosed the confiscation on Wednesday, described the expired products as dangerous and stressed that their circulation would not be tolerated.

"We had earlier warned merchants of these fake products that the law spares no one, and any defaulter will face the full consequences," he said.

"Our commitment is clear. We will continue to track down and eliminate every harmful product threatening our communities. Public health is non-negotiable," he added.

#### NOA raises awareness on suicide prevention

The National Orientation Agency (NOA), on Wednesday, raised awareness about suicidal behaviors among Nigerians.

The Jigawa NOA Director, Mr Ahmad Tijjani, in his message to commemorate the 2025 World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) in Dutse, stressed the need to raise awareness on suicide and break the stigma.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the WSPD commemorated annually on September 10, aims to raise public awareness about suicidal behaviours, providing worldwide commitment and action, and highlighting the need to address mental health issues and reduce stigma. (NAN)



Nigeria  
Customs  
Service

## INVITATION TO CANDIDATES FOR THE NEXT PHASE OF THE RECRUITMENT EXERCISE

The Management of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) is pleased to notify the general public and applicants that the Service has commenced the next phase of its ongoing recruitment exercise, which is the Online Computer-Based Test (CBT). This second stage of the exercise, is scheduled to hold from 14th to 21st September 2025.

**All shortlisted candidates are hereby advised to:**

Check their registered e-mail addresses and phone numbers for subsequent information.

Note that only applicants who successfully passed the initial documentary scrutiny have been invited for this phase.

Candidates who applied for enlistment into the Superintendent Cadre (Level 8) should take note that they will be required to sit for an additional CBT after this phase of the exercise.

The recruitment process is sequential. Therefore, only candidates who succeed in the subsequent phases will be invited for further screening.

The Nigeria Customs Service remains committed to a transparent, merit-based, and credible recruitment process.

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# BUSINESS

## CBN EXCHANGE RATES

	US DOLLAR	Pound STERLING	EURO	YUAN/ RENMINBI	RIVAL	CFA
Buying	1500	2050	1710	108.1	118.5	0.70
Central NGN	1510	2000	1730	107.5	118.7	0.71
Selling NGN	1530	2100	1754	108.3	118.8	0.72

## COMMODITIES PRICE

CRUDE OIL BRENT	\$80.1/bbl
GOLD	\$1,799.07/ounce
SILVER	\$19.39/ounce
NATURAL GAS	\$4.63/MMBtu

## BUREAU DE CHANGE RATES

	Dollar	Euro	Pound S.
BUYING	N1,030	N1,045	N1,240
SELLING	N1,040	N1,060	N1,310

## Analysts: How to sustain \$5.6bn capital importation

From Abdullateef Aliyu, Lagos  
and Philip Shimmom Clement

**A**nalysts and economic experts have said Nigeria can sustain and improve on the \$5bn capital importation by sustaining reforms attracting domestic and global investors.

Daily Trust reports that capital inflows to Nigeria stood at \$5.6 billion in the first quarter of 2025, according to data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS).

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) says the quantum of investments into the domestic economy are determined by a mix of economic, institutional, and market-related factors.

For Nigeria, market size, growth potential, high level of macroeconomic stability and financial sector reforms instituted by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) that enable foreign investors to repatriate profits to home country remain big incentives for investors.

CBN's policies, including the currency reforms, led to investment inflows from abroad and reduced interventions in the domestic forex market.

The unification of exchange rates and the clearing of over \$7 billion FX backlog raised the country's investment outlook, with multilateral organizations, like the World Bank describing it as bold intervention to improve the economy's sustainability in the long run.

Also, Nigeria's sovereign risk spread has fallen to the lowest level since January 2020, erasing the premium accumulated during the pandemic and subsequent strain on its economy. All these are deliberate efforts to woo investors and sustain capital inflows to the economy.

According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows to states are determined by a mix of economic, institutional, and market-related factors.

Key determinants include the host country's market size and growth potential, the quality of its infrastructure and business climate, and its level of macroeconomic stability and political stability. Trade openness, factor costs (such as labor and wages), and effective government regulations also play a significant role.

In International Monetary Fund (IMF) Working Paper, by Ewe-Ghee Lim, titled: "Determinant of and the Relation Between, Foreign Direct Investment and Growth" detailed



that FDI determinants generally come in two forms: investor surveys and econometric or in-depth case studies.

"We reviewed two large investor surveys first. The first is a recent survey of CEOs, CFOs, and other top corporate executives of the Global 1000 companies. The survey cites large market size, political and macroeconomic stability, GDP growth, regulatory environment, and the ability to repatriate profits as the five most important factors affecting FDI," he said.

He said that heavy manufacturers remain mostly interested in the large emerging markets, commitment to privatisation.

The IMF also discovered that the most important determinants of FDI's inflows were the size of the market, the cost of labor and FDI policies.

Also to be considered are the investors viewed restrictions on repatriation of earnings, local content and local ownership requirements as serious setback to FDI.

"In general, the technology-intensive sectors such as general machinery and electronics were the most sensitive to restrictive FDI policies. Interestingly, fiscal and tax incentives were viewed as having little or no effect on FDI decisions. Such incentives policies were viewed as perhaps indicative of a positive political attitude towards investment, but also unstable because they could just as easily be reversed," the report said.

### FX inflows

The \$5.6 billion inflows in the first quarter of 2025 represent 67.12 per cent jump from \$3.4 billion recorded in the same period of last year.

The latest "Nigeria Capital Importation Q1 2025" report released represents 10.86 per cent surge from the \$5.1 billion reported in fourth quarter of 2024.

"In Q1 2025, total capital importation into Nigeria stood at US\$5.6billion, higher than \$3.37 billion recorded in Q1 2024, indicating an increase of 67.12 per cent. In comparison to the preceding quarter, capital importation increased by 10.86 per cent from \$5.08 billion in Q4 2024," the report stated.

According to the NBS, the banking sector took the lead with the highest inflows in Q1 2025.

**"In Q1 2025, total capital importation into Nigeria stood at US\$5.6billion, higher than \$3.37 billion recorded in Q1 2024, indicating an increase of 67.12 per cent. In comparison to the preceding quarter, capital importation increased by 10.86 per cent from \$5.08 billion in Q4 2024," the report stated.**

The report stated, "The Banking sector recorded the highest inflow with \$3.1 billion, representing 55.44 per cent of total capital imported in Q1 2025, followed by the Financing sector, valued at \$2.09 billion (37.18 per cent), and Production/Manufacturing sector with \$129.92 million (2.30 per cent)."

The report further noted that capital importation during the reference period originated largely from the United Kingdom with \$3681.96 million, showing 65.26 per cent of the total capital imported.

Analysts at Afrinvest explained that capital importation captures financial and physical capital entering a country from offshore sources, based on banking sector and Customs records. These inflows expand the capital stock

available to drive economic growth and often serve as a litmus test of an economy's health and international investment competitiveness.

They explained that on the surface, the rise in quarterly capital importation to a five-year high might suggest renewed foreign investor optimism in the domestic economy.

"In our view, this spike was driven by opportunistic investments in the money market, where Treasury Bills, Bonds, and OMO bills offered rates above 20 per cent in the period. However, such flows are highly sensitive to shifts in domestic monetary policy, global risk sentiment, and macroeconomic shocks, and flows momentum could wane when the CBN pivots to a more accommodative rate stance," they said.

"Meanwhile, the share of FDI – a cheaper and more impactful capital on long-term economic growth – continues to diminish. This trend is reflective of low confidence in the long-term prospects of the economy amid the legacy issues of insecurity, weak institutions and enforcement of law, bureaucratic inefficiencies, and a high corruption perception."

Continuing, they stated that weak traction into non-financial sectors such as Manufacturing, ICT, Construction, Oil & Gas, and Transportation, paints a less compelling picture of the overall surge in capital inflows in Q1. We note that while the uptick may support currency stability and short-term growth spurts, the underlying quality of these inflows mirrors previous episodes of hot-money dependence that heightened vulnerability to external shocks.

"Lastly, the concentration of investments in Lagos and Abuja (only 0.4% of the \$5.6bn inflows were directed elsewhere) spotlights the deep competitiveness gaps across sub-nationals. Hence, subnational governments need to strengthen

their business environments and improve overall investment attractiveness," they said.

"Nigeria appears to be back in business as long-awaited economic reforms take shape," said Emre Akcakmak, portfolio manager at East Capital. Key measures include improved currency liquidity, leeway for investors to repatriate their profit, and the stable naira.

"We feel the Central Bank of Nigeria will continue to stem any sharp appreciation of the naira to limit profit taking from the fast money community," Akcakmak said.

### Recapitalisation support to boost capital importation

CBN Governor, Olayemi Cardoso had stated that the current bank capitalisation is insufficient to support such a large economic scale.

Cardoso asked: "Will Nigerian banks have sufficient capital relative to the financial system's needs in servicing a \$1tr economy in the near future? In my opinion, the answer is "No!" unless we take action. That action was the ongoing recapitalisation of banks, meant to prepare them for expansion and attract big ticket transactions to support economic growth."

The Policy Advisory Council report on the national economy, had set an ambitious goal of achieving a GDP of \$1 trillion, with clearly defined priority areas and strategies.

Aliyu Ilias, developmental economist, noted that several sectors have previously remained uncaptured in official data, particularly entertainment. "By rebasing our GDP now, included those areas properly. This new visibility will make Nigeria appear much stronger to foreign investors, which will naturally help us attract more capital," he said.

He explained that the exercise will also reveal untapped economic potential and guide government resource allocation. "It will show where we are strongest structurally, such as in mining or other emerging sectors. That insight will help the government focus its efforts more strategically."

"Finally," he added, "it will support economic policy formulation, helping us align our strategy with the reality on the ground. We will know exactly where to put more effort."

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# No clear pathway yet to attain 1trn economy – Afrinvest Report

From Dotun Omisakin, Lagos

**N**igeria requires a minimum annual growth rate of 21.9% at an exchange rate of N1,500.00/\$1.00 to attain its \$1.0 trillion economy drive by 2031, Afrinvest West Limited report has stated.

It would be recalled that the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) revealed that the outcome of the country's rebased GDP in 2024 showed a nominal size at N372.8 trillion up from N314.02trn in 2023, using 2019 as the new base year in July 2025.

Afrinvest West Limited, in its report titled, "Nigerian Banking Sector Report 2025," x-rayed the reforms in both fiscal and monetary policy initiated by the President Bola Tinubu administration, stressing that the reforms lack critical enablers to translate them

into measurable results.

"However, more than two years into the Tinubu administration, Nigeria has yet to find a clear pathway to achieving this trillion-dollar target. Instead, recent data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) – based on the newly published rebased GDP figures – reveals a sobering reality: nearly half of the economy's size in 2022 (\$478.0bn) has been eroded by a mix of external shocks and self-inflicted economic disruptions.

"While many of the administration's announced reforms appear sound in principle and could, in theory, lay the groundwork for transformative growth, critical enablers to translate these reforms into measurable results are missing from the playbook," the report reads.

It identified lack of institutional reforms as the major limitation

of the positive performance of the reforms, highlighting the constraints to the growth of the economy.

"In our 2023 BSR: 'Getting Nigeria to Work Again!', we warned that policy blueprints such as the PAC report are unlikely to deliver high-impact results without deep institutional reforms. This position was informed by a root-cause analysis of why prior reform programmes fell short. Two years in, the same institutional weaknesses remain – hampering implementation capacity and diluting the potential gains of announced reforms.

"As a result of these enduring structural frailties, Nigeria's economy continues to exhibit growth retardation characteristics: (i). insecurity, especially in agrarian communities, limiting agricultural productivity, (ii).

large-scale oil theft, eroding vital export revenues, (iii). fiscal opacity, reducing public trust and investor confidence, (iv). public sector extravagance, diverting resources from development priorities, and (v). gross impunity, undermining the rule of law and accountability," the report reads.

It proposed a framework aimed at reengineering the country's economic fortunes through decisive, transparent, and reform-driven governance in high-impact sectors.

"To close these gaps and reposition Nigeria for a leap forward (notably, the \$1.0tn economy size target), we propose that the administration adopt the philosophical mantra of 'ACT-BOLD' – a framework for reengineering Nigeria's economic fortunes through decisive, transparent, and reform-driven

governance.

"Central to this recommendation is the need to prioritise accelerated growth in the seven high-impact sectors leveraging recommended policy imperatives to catalyse Nigeria into a new frontier of accelerated, inclusive, and sustainable growth," the report reads.

**...Subsidy Savings on infrastructural project**

Speaking at the 30th anniversary, the group managing director, Afrinvest West Africa Ltd, Dr. Ike Chioke highlighted that the country has witnessed both global economic contractions and expansion since the last 30 years, commending the federal government over the removal of fuel subsidy.

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■ From left: Group Head, Corporate Communications, Dangote Group, Tony Chiejina; Group Managing Director/CEO, Nigerian Exchange Group (NGX Group), Temi Popoola; Chairman, Dangote Cement Plc, Emmanuel Ikazoboh; Group Chairman, NGX Group, Alhaji (Dr.) Umaru Kwairanga; Chief Executive Officer, Nigerian Exchange Limited (NGX), Jude Chiemeka; Director, Dangote Cement Plc, Mariya Dangote; Head Primary Markets, NGX, Tony Ibeziako and GMD, Dangote Cement Plc, Arvind Pathak; during the Closing Gong Ceremony and Facts Behind the Figures presentation at NGX Group in Lagos. September 10, 2025. **Photo:** Benedict Uwalaka.

## Dangote Cement pays over N3.3trn dividends in 15 years

From Peter Moses, Lagos

Dangote Cement Plc says it paid over N3.3 billion in dividends to shareholders over the last 15 years.

Board Chairman of Dangote Cement, Emmanuel Ikazoboh, disclosed this on the floor of the Nigerian Exchange on Wednesday, during the "Facts Behind the Figure" presentation.

Ikazoboh, who just assumed the position of the chairman from Aliko Dangote, thanked the shareholders for standing by the company, while also assuring them of consistent good returns on their investments.

He said Dangote Cement remains resolute in transforming

Africa by creating sustainable value for all its stakeholders, as it will do all to achieve its vision of making Africa self-sufficient in cement and clinker.

He said: "To our investors, you have my unwavering commitment to safeguarding and growing your investment. To our regulators and market operators, you have my pledge of continued partnership and adherence to governance standards that lead rather than follow. To our employees and partners, you have my gratitude and my assurance that our collective strength will propel us to achievements we haven't yet imagined."

Speaking further on the future of

the company, the Chief Executive, Arvind Pathak, said: "We aim to expand installed capacity to 66.4Mta by 2030, supporting our long-term vision of making Africa self-sufficient in cement and clinker production. This growth will be driven by a mix of greenfield and brownfield projects."

He revealed that the company has commissioned the first phase (1.5Mta) of its 3Mta Côte d'Ivoire plant, while construction of the 6Mta integrated Ilori Plant continues to advance steadily. In addition, the company, according to him, has announced a \$400 million investment to double its production capacity in Ethiopia.

## Sterling HoldCo targets N149bn gross earnings in Q4

From Peter Moses, Lagos

Sterling Financial Holdings Company Plc has projected gross earnings of N149.27 billion for the fourth quarter ending December 31, 2025.

The firm said the projection builds on the Group's performance in the first half of the year, when profit after tax rose by 157 per cent, gross earnings climbed 39.7 percent to N212.61

billion, and earnings per share rose to 89 kobo from 56 kobo.

According to the filing on the Nigerian Exchange, Sterling HoldCo expects interest income of N116.73 billion and interest expenses of N42.88 billion, resulting in net revenue from funds of N73.85 billion.

The Group also anticipates credit impairment charges of N16.84 billion, with other income projected at N28.37

billion, bringing net operating income to N85.37 billion.

Operating expenses are forecast at N67.24 billion, leaving a profit before tax of N18.13 billion.

After accounting for a projected tax of N1.88 billion, profit after tax is estimated at N16.25 billion for the quarter. Sterling's cash flow outlook underscores the strength of its balance sheet.

## IOCs' divestment: Nigeria secures N604bn in decommissioning liabilities

By Faruk Shuaibu

The Chief Executive of the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC), Engr. Gbenga Komolafe, yesterday disclosed that Nigeria is applying lessons from costly global divestment cases to safeguard its oil and gas sector.

To this end, it stated that the country has secured over \$400 million (about N604bn) in decommissioning liabilities even as it set stricter rules for recent asset transfers.

Daily Trust reports that Nigeria has experienced a wave of divestments by the IOCs including Shell Petroleum Development Company, Nigeria Agip Oil Company, Mobil Producing Nigeria Unlimited, and Equinor.

Komolafe while speaking at the Nigerian Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI) Companies Forum, held in Lagos highlighted Nigeria's response to the recent divestments in line with Sections 232 and 233 of the PIA which place full responsibility for the decommissioning and abandonment of petroleum wells, installations, structures, utilities, plants, and pipelines on licensees and lessees.

The NUPRC boss who was represented by the Deputy Director, Human Resources, Corporate Services & Administration, Efemona Bassey, spoke on the theme, "Divestments, Liabilities, and the Impact of Ongoing Reforms on Extractive Companies in Nigeria."

Komolafe said the commission had drawn lessons of divestments in the North Sea, where decommissioning is estimated at £27bn by 2032, the Gulf of Mexico costing over \$9bn and in Canada's Alberta, more than 97,000 inactive or

abandoned wells now carry an estimated decommissioning and abandonment cost of between C\$30bn and C\$70bn.

The CCE stated that the lessons from these experiences guided the recent divestment approvals from NAOC to Oando Energy Resources; Equinor to Chappal Energies; Mobil Producing Nigeria Unlimited to Seplat Energies; SPDC to Renaissance Africa Energy; and TotalEnergies to Telema Energies.

The CCE said, "Without a robust and enforceable framework for abandonment and decommissioning, divestment transitions can create lasting financial and environmental burdens."

Similarly, Chapter 3 of the PIA and Section 104 of the PIA, establish specific obligations for host community development and environmental remediation respectively.

He said each of the 2024 divestments provided a critical opportunity to put the Commission's Divestment Framework to test and action: rigorously assessing the technical capacity of acquiring entities, verifying their financial strength, and securing decommissioning and abandonment obligations through upfront escrow arrangements.

Komolafe said, "The results from 2024 speak for themselves. Over US\$400 million in pre-sale decommissioning and abandonment liabilities have been secured through Letters of Credit and escrow accounts.

"Host Community Development Trust obligations are fully honoured. Environmental remediation commitments worth over US\$9.2 million have been pledged while awaiting the formal gazettement of the ERF Regulations."



# 3 police officers, 5 soldiers killed in Kogi, Zamfara

By Tijani Labaran (Lokoja) & Abubakar Auwal (Sokoto)

Gunmen have killed three police officers and five soldiers in Kogi and Zamfara states.

In Kogi, the police officers were killed on duty at a checkpoint in Egbe community, Yagba West Local Government Area.

The incident was said to have occurred around 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday when heavily armed men stormed the police checkpoint along the Egbe-Okoloke Road and opened fire on the unsuspecting officers.

Locals said two of the policemen died instantly, while the third succumbed to injuries on the way to the hospital.

"We woke up early Wednesday morning to the sound of heavy gunfire coming from the Okoloke-Egbe road axis. We all stayed indoors, fearing stray bullets. The exchange lasted for more than 30 minutes.

"Later, a neighbour told me that gunmen attacked a police checkpoint on the Egbe-Okoloke road, killing two officers on the spot and another who was confirmed dead while being rushed to the hospital," said Owolabi Yinka, a resident of Egbe.

Some residents alleged that a red Toyota car abandoned near the scene of the incident was the vehicle used by the armed men to carry out the deadly operation.

Confirming the incident, the Kogi State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP William Aya, stated that the attack occurred in the early hours of Wednesday at the border

area between Kogi and Kwara states.

He added that the Kogi State Commissioner of Police, Miller Dantawaye, had deployed a tactical police team to comb the area and apprehend the assailants.

"I can confirm to you that three of our officers on duty were killed today (Wednesday) in Egbe, a border community with Kwara State.

"The Commissioner of Police has deployed a tactical squad to the area, and we are currently on the trail of the gunmen. They will all be arrested," Aya said.

Meanwhile, by around 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, tension had gripped Egbe town following reports of a possible renewed attack by the gunmen.

Some residents said they heard gunfire near a military post in the area, though it was not immediately clear whether it came from security forces or attackers.

"We are indoors, while many people are fleeing the town. The security situation appears fragile and unpredictable," said Ayomide, another resident of Egbe.

Egbe and the surrounding communities have witnessed several violent attacks in recent years.

In December 2021, gunmen invaded Odo Ere and Egbe in Yagba West LGA, attacking three commercial banks, a divisional police station, and killing three persons while injuring several others. Those killed included two security personnel and a woman.

In May 2022, a newly married farmer, Biodun Fakoro, was found gruesomely

murdered on his farm in Egbe. His mutilated body, tied to a tree, was discovered by security operatives and local vigilantes after he had earlier been declared missing.

In January 2025, gunmen ambushed an ambulance along the Egbe-Ogbe-Ponyan road around 5 p.m. The ambulance director, Segun Adekoya, who was returning from a funeral, was attacked after fixing a punctured tyre. About 30 assailants laid siege; Adekoya, who had a mobility disability, was killed while others managed to escape.

Again, in May 2025, three indigenes of Okoloke in Yagba West LGA were ambushed and killed by gunmen just days after the abduction of Oba Ogunyanda Ilufemiloye, the Obalohun of Okoloke. Two of the victims, members of a local hunters' group, were reportedly on their way to Egbe to make purchases when they were attacked.

## 5 soldiers, 10 villagers killed in Zamfara

In another incident, bandits on Monday ambushed a convoy along the Lilo-Gulubba Road in Gusau Local Government Area of Zamfara State, killing five soldiers and ten villagers who were traders on their way to the Gusau market.

Eyewitnesses said the attack occurred as troops escorted traders from Lilo village in Mada District to the state capital.

The bandits, who had reportedly laid in wait, suddenly opened fire on the convoy,

sparking a fierce gun battle with the escorting troops.

"The bandits emerged from hiding and attacked our convoy. The soldiers fought back bravely in a heavy exchange of gunfire. Sadly, five soldiers and ten villagers were killed," said a survivor who narrowly escaped.

The eyewitness, who pretended to be dead to avoid being targeted, added that the attackers eventually retreated after suffering heavy casualties.

Speaking with journalists on Wednesday, representatives of the affected communities described the ambush as a devastating blow to the area.

Mohammed Mohammed, spokesperson for the communities, confirmed the casualties and lamented the poor state of infrastructure in the state, particularly the roads, which he said made residents more vulnerable to attacks.

He appealed to local, state, and federal governments to urgently intervene by improving infrastructure, providing basic amenities, and strengthening security presence in the area.

While the identities of the slain soldiers have not yet been released, the community paid tribute to them, describing them as "gallant heroes" who gave their lives in defence of innocent civilians.

When contacted, the Army's Media Information Officer, Captain David Adewusi, said he was not yet aware of the incident but promised to provide more details after receiving a full briefing.

## FG to arraign 2 captured Ansaru commanders

The federal government will, on Thursday, arraign the two top leaders of the Ansaru terrorist group, an Al-Qaeda affiliated network, at the Federal High Court in Abuja.

The two commanders are Mahmud Muhammed Usman, a.k.a Abu Bara'a/Abbas Mukhtar; and his deputy, Abubakar Abba, a.k.a Isah Adam/Mahmud Al-Nigeri.

Abu Bara'a and Mahmud Al-Nigeri, popularly called Mallam Mamuda, will be arraigned before Justice Emeka Nwite on a 32-count charge bordering on terrorism.

While Abu Bara'a is the 1st defendant, Mahmud Al-Nigeri is the 2nd defendant in the charge marked: FHC/ABJ/CR/464/2025.

In count one, Abu Bara'a, who hails from Okene Local Government Area (LGA) of Kogi and Mahmud Al-Nigeri from Daura LGA of Katsina State were alleged to have aided and abetted the acts of

terrorism, sometimes between 2013 and 2015.

The duo were accused of conspiring amongst themselves and agreeing to be part of the formation and top commanders of the Jama'atu Ansarul Muslimineena Fii Bilaadis Sudan (a.k.a. JAMBS/Ansaru, a proscribed terrorist organisation in Nigeria.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that Abu Bara'a and Mahmud Al-Nigeri were recently captured during a high-risk, intelligence-led operation conducted by Nigeria's security and intelligence services between May and July 2025.

The National Security Adviser (NSA), Malam Nuhu Ribadu, made the announcement on Aug. 16 while briefing the newsmen in Abuja.

The Ansaru terrorist group was said to be responsible for a string of high-profile attacks and kidnappings across the country. (NAN)

## Court declines bail to Owo church attackers linked to Al-Shabaab

By John Chuks Azu

A Federal High Court in Abuja has refused bail to five suspects in the 2022 attack on the St. Francis Catholic Church, Owo, Ondo State, who have been linked to a foreign terrorist organisation, the Al-Shabaab.

Daily Trust reports that at least 41 members of the church were killed while 69 worshippers were injured in the attack.

Justice Emeka Nwite on Wednesday dismissed the bail application by Idris Abdulmalik Omeiza, Al Qasim Idris, Jamiu Abdulmalik, Abdulhaleem

Idris and Momoh Otuho Abubakar because the terrorism charges against them were capital in nature.

Justice Nwite upheld the submission by the prosecution that, being accused of belonging to a terrorist organisation, they may intimidate witnesses and jeopardise the trial of the defendants.

Earlier, the judge had agreed with the Department of State Security Services (DSS) not to reveal the identities of the witnesses in the trial, but to shield them during the proceedings.

The judge fixed October 19 for the commencement of the trial.



■ Some of the Nigerian returnees from Chad on arrival at the Cargo Terminal of the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos on Tuesday

## Flood: ICRC, AfDB unveil \$10m water project for Borno

By Idowu Isamotu

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), in collaboration with the African Development Bank (AfDB) and Borno State Government, on Wednesday, launched the Maiduguri Water Rehabilitation and Development Master Plan.

The project will start with phase one (2025-2026), and the investment will gulp the sum of \$10 million in the first phase.

The initiative is targeted to benefit more than 2.5 million residents and displaced people by 2030.

Speaking in Abuja during a roundtable, ICRC Head of Delegation in Nigeria, Doris El Doueihy, revealed that the plan is an investment-ready roadmap to scale water infrastructure in Maiduguri, where demand far exceeds supply.

AfDB's Director-General, Abdul Kamara, said the Bank was working with Borno State, ICRC, and other partners to address water

challenges, noting that good governance is key to achieving global goals on peace, justice, and clean water.

Kamara explained that it had invested more than \$800 million in water and sanitation projects across Nigeria over the past decade, reaching over 8 million people.

Kamara further disclosed that in Borno State alone, AfDB programmes had benefitted 1.6 million people, with nearly a quarter of those investments concentrated in Maiduguri.

Borno State Governor, Babagana Zulum, reiterated the state's dedication to building a resilient water system, describing the partnership as a crucial step toward safeguarding public health.

Zulum, who was represented by the Secretary to the State Government, Tijjani Bukar, said the state is determined to build systems that can withstand climate shocks, while outlining three pillars of the governor's vision: universal access to potable water, resilient infrastructure, and innovative community-led solutions.





# FEDERAL POLYTECHNIC, N'YAK-SHENDAM

P.M.B. 001, Nyak , Shendam LGA, Plateau State, Nigeria

(OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR)

## INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

### PREAMBLE

The **Federal Polytechnic, N'yak-Shendam, Plateau State** was established in March 2021 by the Federal Government of Nigeria, with the aim of technologically transforming the society. It is located in Shendam, Plateau State. The Polytechnic currently offers three approved academic programmes:

1. National Diploma in Electrical and Electronics Engineering Technology
2. National Diploma in Statistics
3. National Diploma in Business Administration and Management

The **Federal Polytechnic, N'yak-Shendam, Plateau State**, hereby invites applications from suitably qualified candidates to fill the post of the RECTOR, REGISTRAR, BURSAR and LIBRARIAN of The **Federal Polytechnic, N'yak-Shendam, Plateau State**, which shall become vacant on the 16th of March, 2026.

### THE RECTOR

The Rector is the Chief Academic, Administrative and Accounting Officer of the Polytechnic and has power to exercise general authority over both the staff and students and he/she is also responsible for discipline in the Polytechnic, subject to the general control of the Governing Council. He/she is one of the Principal Officers of the Polytechnic. In addition to proven management and leadership experience, the successful candidate must have a demonstrable passion for academic endeavours and must also be credible.

### I. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS AND QUALITIES

The candidate for the post must possess the following qualification and qualities:

- i. Doctorate (PhD) degree from a recognised institution in a discipline offered in the Polytechnic Sector; or any requirement stipulated in the Schemes of Service for the appointment of a Chief Lecturer;
- ii. Minimum of second class lower division degree or Higher National Diploma (HND) with Lower Credit in a discipline offered in the Polytechnic Sector from a recognised institution;
- iii. Minimum of seventeen (17) years teaching experience in tertiary institutions, at least ten (10) years of which must have been gained in a Polytechnic or similar TVET institution;
- iv. Chief Lecturer from the Polytechnic sector with not less than five (5) years' experience on the rank;
- v. Not more than fifty-nine (59) years of age as at 16th of March, 2026.;
- vi. Demonstrate evidence of strong academic and administrative leadership initiative and creativity in policy formulation, good human relations and positive managerial attributes;
- vii. Provide evidence of membership of professional body/bodies recognised by the Federal Government;
- viii. Provide evidence of scholarly publications in reputable journals as well as presentation of invited papers at educational conferences, seminars and workshops;
- ix. Be able to attract research grants and development facilities to the Polytechnic;
- x. Person with initiative and vision with the capacity to sustain the accelerated pace of development of the Polytechnic even under financial and other challenging constraints;
- xi. Person who is not likely to pursue racial, gender, political, religious or other sectional interests;
- xii. Morally sound, of impeccable character, proven integrity and free from financial embarrassment;
- xiii. Physically and mentally fit (with evidence from a Government hospital); and
- xiv. Proficient in Information & Communication Technology (ICT).

### TERMS OF APPOINTMENT AND CONDITION OF SERVICE

The appointment is for a single tenure of five (5) years in line with extant provisions. The salary is consolidated and the appointee shall enjoy any other benefits attached to the position of a Principal Officer of the Polytechnic as approved by the Federal Government.

### THE REGISTRAR

The Registrar is responsible to the Rector for the day to day administration of the Polytechnic and shall perform such other duties as the Governing Council or, as the case may be, the Rector may from time to time require her/him to do. He/she is one of the Principal Officers of the Polytechnic. He/she heads the Registry Department and is the custodian of Polytechnic documents. He/she is the Secretary to the Council, the Academic Board and any Standing Committee of the Council.

### I. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

The candidate for the post must possess the following qualifications and qualities:

- i. Holds a first degree with a minimum of second class lower division or Higher National Diploma [HND] with at least a lower credit in Social Sciences, Education, Arts, Humanities and other related courses from a recognised Institution of Higher Learning;
- ii. Have a minimum of eighteen (18) years post qualification cognate experience for first degree and HND holders or Master's degree in relevant discipline with a minimum of fifteen (15) years

post qualification cognate experience or Doctorate degree [Ph.D.] in relevant discipline with a minimum of twelve (12) years post qualification cognate experience, at least ten (10) years of which must have been gained in a Polytechnic or similar TVET institution;

- iii. Registered member with relevant professional bodies recognised by the Federal Government;
- iv. Be currently on the rank of Deputy Registrar for a period NOT less than five (5) years in a Polytechnic or similar TVET institution;
- v. Proficient in Information and Communication Technology [ICT] skills and packages;
- vi. Be not more than fifty-nine (59) years of age as at 16th of March, 2026.;
- vii. Demonstrate evidence of strong administrative leadership, initiative and creativity in administration policy formulation, good human relation and positive managerial attributes;
- viii. Knowledgeable in the Public Service Rules and Regulations of the Polytechnic system;
- ix. Provide evidence of membership of professional body/bodies recognised by the Federal Government;
- x. A person who is not likely to pursue, racial, gender, political, religious or other sectional interest;
- xi. Morally sound, of impeccable character, proven integrity and free from financial embarrassment; and
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### THE BURSAR

The Bursar is the Chief Financial Officer of the Polytechnic. He/she is responsible to the Rector for the day to day administration and control of the financial affairs of the Polytechnic. He/she is one of the Principal Officers of the Polytechnic. He/she heads the Bursary department and the custodian of the Polytechnic finances.

### QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

The candidate for the post must possess the following qualifications and qualities:

- i. First degree with at least a second class lower division or Higher National Diploma [HND] with at least a lower credit in Accountancy or Finance related courses from a recognised institution of higher learning;
- ii. Have a minimum of Eighteen (18) years post qualification cognate experience for first degree and HND holders or Master's degree in relevant discipline with a minimum of fifteen (15) years post qualification cognate experience or Doctorate degree [Ph.D.] in relevant discipline with a minimum of twelve (12) years post qualification cognate experience, at least ten (10) years of which must have been gained in a Polytechnic or similar TVET institution;
- iii. Registration with ICAN or ANAN;
- iv. Currently on the rank one level below the Bursar (i.e. Chief Accountant or Deputy Bursar or Deputy Director, Audit as the case may be) for a period NOT less than five (5) years in a Polytechnic or similar TVET institution;
- v. Proficient in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) skills and accounting packages;
- vi. not more than fifty-nine (59) years of age as at 16th of March, 2026.;
- vii. Demonstrate evidence of strong financial and administrative leadership, initiative and creativity in financial policy formulation, good human relation and positive managerial attributes;
- viii. Knowledgeable in the Financial Rules and Regulations of the Polytechnic system;
- ix. Provide evidence of membership of professional body/bodies;
- x. Person who is not likely to pursue, racial, gender, political, religious or other sectional interest;
- xi. Morally sound, of impeccable character, proven integrity and free from financial embarrassment; and
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### THE POLYTECHNIC LIBRARIAN

The Polytechnic Librarian is the Chief Library officer and shall be responsible to the Rector for the administration of the Polytechnic Library and the co-ordination of the library services in the teaching units of the Polytechnic. He/she is one of the Principal officers of the Polytechnic. In addition to proven experience in library management and leadership, the successful candidate must have a demonstrable passion for academic endeavours and must also be credible.

### I. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS AND QUALITIES

The candidate for the post must possess the following qualifications and qualities:

- i. Master's Degree from a recognised institution in Library Science or Library and Information Science, while possession of doctorate degree [Ph.D.] will be an added advantage;
- ii. Have a minimum of second class lower division degree or a minimum of Lower Credit in Higher National Diploma [HND] in Library Science or Library and Information Science from a recognised institution;
- iii. Minimum of eighteen (18) years cognate experience in tertiary institutions, at least ten (10) years of which must have been gained in a Polytechnic or similar TVET institution;
- iv. Currently on the rank of a Chief Librarian from the Polytechnic sector with not less than Five (5) years' experience on the rank;
- v. Demonstrate evidence of strong academic and administrative leadership, initiative and creativity in library policy formulation, good human relation and positive managerial attributes;
- vi. Provide evidence of membership of professional body/bodies in Library recognised by Federal Government;
- vii. Provide evidence of scholarly publications in reputable journals as well as presentation of invited papers at educational/library conferences, seminars and workshops;
- viii. Person who is not likely to pursue, racial, gender, political, religious or other sectional interest;
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### METHOD OF APPLICATION (APPLICABLE TO ALL POSITIONS)

Applicants are required to submit typed written copies of their application letter, curriculum vitae and attach photocopies of all relevant documents to their applications [twenty (20) copies], giving the details in the following order:

- i. Full Names [Surname first and underlined]
- ii. Date and place of birth
- iii. State of Origin and Local Government Area
- iv. Nationality and how acquired
- v. Marital status
- vi. Current Postal Address including telephone number and email address
- vii. Educational Institutions attended with dates
- viii. Academic and Professional qualifications obtained with dates
- ix. Membership of Professional Bodies/Association
- x. Honours and Distinctions [if any]
- xi. Academic/ Scholarly publications
- xii. Conferences attended and papers presented with dates
- xiii. Previous Employer[s] and Post[s] held with dates
- xiv. Present Employment to include status, duties and any other relevant experience
- xv. Statement of own vision for the Polytechnic [20 copies]
- xvi. Other activities outside current employment
- xvii. Names and addresses of three (3) Referees [Employer, Educational and Personal] who are to forward confidential Reports directly to the Registrar, Federal Polytechnic N'yak-Shendam. Such referees should be able to attest to the candidate's claim to high academic and managerial capabilities as well as to the candidate's notable uprightness.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (APPLICABLE TO ALL POSITIONS)

- (a) Applicants will be required to produce originals of the certificates and other relevant credentials' if invited for interview, photocopy will not be accepted.
- (b) Only shortlisted candidates will be invited for interview.
- (c) The decision of the Governing Council shall be final.
- (d) Applications should be submitted in a sealed envelope, marked APPLICATION FOR THE POST APPLIED FOR at the top left-hand corner of the envelope, and addressed to:

### THE REGISTRAR

**Federal Polytechnic, N'yak-Shendam**  
**P.M.B. 001, Nyak Town, Shendam LGA,**  
**Plateau State, Nigeria.**

### CLOSING DATE

Applications must reach the Office of the Registrar not later than six (6) weeks from the date of this advertisement.

### SIGNED:

**PROF. CELINA SHITNAN GANA**  
**REGISTRAR/SECRETARY TO COUNCIL**





## FEDERAL POLYTECHNIC, N'YAK-SHENDAM

P.M.B. 001, Nyak, Shendam LGA, Plateau State, Nigeria  
(OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR)

### INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT FOR VACANT POSITIONS (2025 EMPLOYMENT EXERCISE)

The Governing Council of the **Federal Polytechnic, Nyak-Shendam, Plateau State**, invites applications from suitably qualified candidates to fill the following vacant positions in the institution:

#### Academic Staff Positions

1. Chief Lecturer
2. Principal Lecturer
3. Lecturer III
4. Principal Technologist
5. Assistant Lecturer
6. Technologist II
7. Technologist
8. Librarian

#### Non-Academic Staff Positions

1. Senior Assistant Registrar
2. Assistant Registrar
3. Accountant I
4. Technical Officer
5. Library Officer
6. Assistant Data Processing Officer
7. Data Processing Assistant
8. Assistant Library Officer
9. Motor Driver Mechanic
10. Craftsman
11. Store Keeper
12. Porter

#### Qualifications and Experience

Applicants must possess the requisite qualifications and experience applicable to the position being applied for. Computer literacy and good communication skills will be an added advantage.

#### Conditions of Service

The conditions of service are as applicable in the Nigerian Federal Polytechnic System and as may be determined by the Governing Council from time to time.

#### Method of Application

Interested and qualified candidates are required to submit fifteen (15) typewritten copies of their applications, curriculum vitae (CV), and photocopies of relevant credentials. The CV should include the following information:

1. Full Name (Surname first)
2. Date and Place of Birth
3. State of Origin and Local Government Area
4. Nationality
5. Marital Status
6. Educational Institutions Attended (with dates)
7. Academic and Professional Qualifications (with dates)
8. Work Experience (with positions held and dates)
9. Publications (if any)
10. Names and addresses of three (3) Referees

Referees should be requested by the applicant to forward confidential reports directly to the Registrar.

#### Submission of Applications

All applications should be addressed to:

**The Registrar,  
Federal Polytechnic, Nyak-Shendam,  
PMB 27, Plateau State.**

Applications must be received not later than six (6) weeks from the date of this publication.

#### Note:

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

**SIGNED:**

**PROF. CELINA SHITNAN GANA  
REGISTRAR/SECRETARY TO COUNCIL**

## PHOTO GALLERY



■ French President Emmanuel Macron (left) receiving President Bola Ahmed Tinubu to a working private lunch at the Elysee Palace, Paris, yesterday



■ President Kashim Shettima (right); receiving the Kaduna State governor, Uba Sani (middle) and the Minister of Education, Dr Olatunji Alausa (left), to the 7th meeting of the National Council on Skills (NCS) at the Presidential Villa, Abuja on Tuesday

**Photo: State House**



■ From left: National Secretary, All Progressives Congress (APC), Ajibola Basiru; APC National Deputy Chairman, South, Emma Eneukwu; Ekiti State governor, Abiodun Oyeibanji; former Ekiti State governor, Otunba Adeniyi Adebayo and Senate Leader, Senator Opeyemi Bamidele, at the APC secretariat in Abuja yesterday

**Photo: Onyachukwu Obi**



■ Borno State governor, Babagana Zulum (middle); senator representing Northern Borno, Mohammed Tahir Monguno and other government officials, during the commissioning of the eye and dental hospital in Monguno town, Borno yesterday

**Photo: Govt House Borno**



## GOLDEN HARVEST

## COMMODITY INDEX

Commodity	Dawanau mkt, Kano	Lapai mkt, Niger	Dandume Mkt, Katsina	Kumo Mkt, Gombe	Saminaka, Mkt, Kaduna	Mutum Biyu Mkt, Taraba	Jingir Mkt, Plateau
Maize (100kg)	₦41,000	₦80,000	₦38,000	₦40,000	Old White maize-#36,000	₦30,000	Old White maize-#37,000
Beans (100kg)	₦96,000	₦200,000	₦101,000	₦100,000	Old Red maize-#36,000	₦30,000	Old Red maize-#37,000
Sorghum (100kg)	₦41,000	₦80,000	₦40,200	₦40,000	New White maize-#25,000	₦45,000	New White maize-#30,000
Millet (100kg)	₦57,000	₦90,000	₦60,000	₦60,000	New Red maize-#25,000	₦90,000 (not threshed)	New Red maize-#30,000
Wheat (100kg)	₦72,000	₦90,000	₦77,000	₦76,000	Old Rice-#110,000	₦40,000	Old Rice-#110,000
Rice (100kg)	₦108,000	₦90,000	₦108,000	₦105,000	New Rice-#90,000	₦105,000	New Rice-#90,000
Rice Paddy (100kg)	₦43,000	₦37,000	₦42,000	₦40,000	Soya beans-#70,000	₦24,000	Soya beans-#70,000
Tomato (Big Basket)	₦20,000	₦46,000	₦28,000	₦25,000	Sorghum-#37,000	₦86,000	Sorghum-#37,000
					Millet-#45,000	₦144,000	Millet-#45,000
					White beans-#85,000	One big measure of locally processed rice #2500 to #2800	White beans-#85,000
						One big measure of White beans #3300	

## Quote

"About 60 per cent to 70 per cent of the catfish produced in Nigeria are sold fresh, while only about 30 per cent to 40 per cent is smoked because of people who prefer 'point and kill' and pepper soup."  
-Olatoye Fajimi, incoming chairman, Lagos State Catfish and Allied Farmers Association of Nigeria

## What is your take on our stories?

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## How 5 farmers won campaign against tomato diseases

By Vincent A. Yusuf

**F**ive farmers in Kano State have been recognized as the best in a hands-on competition that aimed to foster innovation in pest management against tomato diseases.

The initiative, led by HortiNigeria, is a multifaceted effort to combat the devastating Tuta absoluta pest, also known as the Tomato Leaf Miner or "Ebola."

This tiny but destructive moth can wipe out entire tomato fields in days, threatening the livelihoods of farmers in Northern Nigeria.

The lack of effective pest management knowledge often leads to significant crop losses and the overuse of harmful pesticides, which poses health risks and inflates market prices.

**The Challenge of Tuta absoluta**

Tuta absoluta has a four-stage life cycle: adult, egg, larva, and pupa. The adult and larval stages are the most destructive, creating "mines" that damage the leaves, stems, and sepals of tomato plants.

The pest multiplies rapidly, completing its life cycle in just four to six days, causing extensive economic losses.

**Innovative techniques and solutions**

Twenty-five Community Field Trainers volunteered for the competition, testing innovative pest management strategies directly on their farms. While some faced challenges and withdrew, many went above and beyond, experimenting with techniques such as:

Drip irrigation systems to maintain a consistent water supply during droughts, molasses sprays as a natural deterrent, sticky traps to monitor and capture adult moths, wells and water harvesting to secure irrigation during dry spells.

These innovations not only helped control Tuta absoluta but also improved



■ Mary Yakubu, Gidan Duna, Ikara LGA overall farm resilience and productivity.

**Winners share experiences**

The five winning farmers shared their experiences and the knowledge they gained from the competition.

Abubakar Magaji from Kudan LGA said, "I never knew I could control this pest without harming my crops. By using sticky traps and molasses sprays, I saved my tomato farm and learned a lot from other farmers."

Alhaji Hussaini Umar of Dawakin Kudu LGA, Kano State, explained that he installed a drip system on his tomato farm, an uncommon practice in his community.

"It helped a lot, as there was heat stress in Kano that affected many contestants, but my tomatoes withstood it better thanks to drip irrigation, mulching, neem oil application, and Tutasan traps," he said.

Ayuba Haruna from Ikara, Kaduna State, noted, "During the exchange visits, I saw how my peers handled the pest. I



■ Hussaini Umar, Dawakin Kudu LGA, Kano State

adapted drip irrigation and molasses sprays, and my yield improved for the

first time in years."

Mary Yakubu, the only female winner from Gidan Duna, Ikara LGA, emphasized the role of women in agriculture.

She said, "The fight against Tuta absoluta is not just for men. As the only woman who emerged victorious, I believe that with dedication and the right practices, women like me can lead and succeed in agriculture."

Yusuf Magaji from Gidan Tanko, who dug a well to secure water during the dry season and applied the new pest control methods, said, "My farm is healthier, and I can now sell tomatoes safely to the market."

The campaign created rich opportunities for peer-to-peer learning through special sessions, including mega field days and exchange visits. These interactions allowed farmers to share experiences, exchange practical insights, and adopt proven techniques.

The program director of HortiNigeria stated that the farmers' experiences demonstrate the effectiveness of information exchange and practical experimentation in resolving agricultural challenges.

The top five fields were selected based on their resilience, creativity, and innovation. Their success proves that with knowledge, dedication, and collaboration, even smallholder farmers can combat serious agricultural challenges and protect their livelihoods.

**Moving forward**

While the fight against Tuta absoluta continues, the campaign has laid a foundation for sustainable pest management. By focusing on education, experimentation, and community-driven solutions, HortiNigeria's approach demonstrates that combating pests is not just about chemicals but about empowering farmers to thrive.

## Maize, rice prices soar as floods submerge Taraba farms

From Magaji Isa Hunkuyi, Jalingo

The prices of rice and maize have surged in Taraba State following floods that destroyed crops worth millions of naira in farming communities along the River Benue. The disaster, which affected five local government areas, submerged over 2,500 rice and maize farms.

Before the flooding, the prices of paddy rice and maize had been on the decline. However, they spiked sharply after the calamity. A 100kg bag of maize, which sold for between N25,000 and N27,000 days before the floods, now costs up to N40,000. Similarly, the price of a 100kg bag of paddy rice rose from N34,000 to N40,000, Daily Trust gathered.

This year's flooding which has been described as the worst in recent years

also damaged residential buildings in several communities. The worst-hit areas include Kunini in Lau LGA, Mayoreniyo in Ardo-Kola LGA, parts of Mutum Biyu in Gassol LGA, and several communities in Karim-Lamido LGA.

Umar Muhammad Lawal, a farmer in Mayoreniyo, said more than 800 rice and maize farms were destroyed in villages such as Jiro Kufayi, Jiro Kiriga, Jiro Sabongari, Jiro Dauda, Jiro Nabari, Kiriga Boya, Bendo Tugge, and Fataki. Others include Gurbi Zangai, Salo Bani, and Mayoreniyo, all in Ardo-Kola LGA.

He explained that most of the farms were located close to the River Benue. "I lost four farms to the flood, while other farmers lost rice and maize worth millions of naira," he said.

According to him, the flood came earlier than expected. "Each year,

flooding usually occurs around late September, after most farmers have harvested their crops. But this year, it came too soon. Days before the disaster, a bag of maize was N20,000. A few days after the flood destroyed nearly 80 percent of rice and maize farms, the price jumped to N40,000," he lamented.

He warned that the disaster would lead to a shortage of grains, especially in riverine communities where harvests have been wiped out.

In Karim-Lamido LGA, Sale Binnari told Daily Trust that hundreds of farms were submerged. The worst-hit areas include Binnari, Gorowa, Didango, Shimiyel, Nahuta, Belengo, and Mariyo.

Similarly, in Gassol LGA, farming communities affected include Baranda, Maigoro Kwatan Nanido, Mutum Biyu, Sheka, Hassan Kwatan Ibrahim Kiriga Jen, Zip, Kambari, Amar, and Sansani.

## MAN MUST CHOP

**NEWS: SMALLHOLDERS FARMERS ACCOUNT FOR OVER 80% OF NIGERIA'S PALM OIL PRODUCTION - MINISTER**



IS THAT THE REASON THEY ARE ABANDONED?



Enugu wins N100m model green state award

Enugu State has bagged a N100 million award as the cleanest State, just as the First Lady of Nigeria, Senator Oluremi Tinubu, unveiled the Renewed Hope Initiative, RHI, Green Nigeria Challenge.

The challenge is a nationwide environmental competition aimed at families, youth groups, communities, and states to engage in tree planting and environmental cleanliness.

She unveiled the challenge at the quarterly meeting with the Wives of State Governors and Coordinators of the RHI at the Presidential Villa on Wednesday.

The challenge, with the motto “Go Green Today for a Greener Tomorrow,” is in three categories: Households, Communities, and State, offering a grand prize of N20 million for the best-performing household, N50 million for the best Community, and N100 million for the best State.

At the event, the First Lady presented a cheque for N100 million as well as a plaque to the wife of Enugu State governor, Mrs. Nkechinyere Mbah, who received the honour on behalf of Enugu as “Model

Green State.”

“They earned it. It is not only in planting trees, but in environmental cleanliness. If you go to Enugu, Enugu is clean,” the First Lady said.

She recounted a conversation with the Wife of the Enugu State Governor, praising the proactive approach of the government to tackling environmental issues.

“When she sees anything that the governor doesn’t want to see—any litter around—they call and fix it immediately. And I think that’s the best way to go,” she added.

The RHI Green Nigeria Challenge is divided into three categories. The Household Category focuses on 11 northern states (Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno, Gombe, Jigawa, Kano, Katsina, Kebbi, Sokoto, Yobe and Zamfara) vulnerable to desertification, encouraging tree planting with a minimum of one tree per household to qualify.

The Community Category invites local governments, youth groups, schools, and NGOs nationwide to reclaim and transform degraded or abandoned spaces into parks, gardens and eco-friendly areas.

The State Category involves competition among states (excluding Enugu, which has already been rewarded) based on tree coverage along major roads and inner streets, encouraging tree planting.

On the motivation behind the initiative, the First Lady of Nigeria shared her personal history and inspiration.

“As a biologist, I’ve always loved to go clean. During the time my husband was governor of Lagos State, I used to go clean clogged drains. I was young, and I used a lot of energy,” Senator Tinubu said.

She emphasized leading by example, saying, “People have to see you do what you want them to do. And it’s more appealing and attractive that way.”

Reflecting on her experience at an international level, Senator Oluremi Tinubu recalled attending the G20 Summit in Brazil with President Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

“One of the things they are going to be looking at is plastic waste. Every country is buying into it, cleaning their oceans and waterways because the fauna in the sea is being affected by waste dumped into the sea,” she recounted.



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ADDENDUM

POSTPONEMENT OF BIDS OPENING FOR CATEGORY A (GOODS) AND CATEGORY B (WORKS)

The attention of the General Public is hereby drawn to our advertisement (INVITATION FOR TENDER AND EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EoI)) which appeared in the Daily Trust and Tribune of Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 and the Federal Tenders Journal of Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 and to note that due to the public holiday/unforeseen circumstances beyond our control, the general public are hereby informed that:

- (i) The technical bids opening for Category A (Goods) and Category B (Works) which earlier scheduled to be opened on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 by 12.00 noon will now take place immediately at the close of submission on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 at the Council Headquarters, Gudu District, Abuja by 12:00 noon; and
- (ii) NADDDC/W/001: Landscaping of Design Studio Complex is stepped down from the advert.

Signed:  
Elimimian Abraham Father  
Head of Procurement  
For: Director General



IBRAHIM BADAMASI BABANGIDA UNIVERSITY, LAPAI  
(Office of the Registrar/Secretary to Council)

INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POSTS OF  
UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN AND CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER OF  
IBB UNIVERSITY, LAPAI

The Governing Council of Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida University, Lapai, hereby announces that the positions of **University Librarian** and **Chief Security Officer** of the University will be vacant by 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2026. Suitably qualified and interested individuals are invited to apply for the positions.

1) UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN

A. The Job

The University Librarian shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the provision of Library services in the University and its constituent Departments/Units.

B. Qualifications and Experience

Candidates applying for the position of the University Librarian must possess the following:

- i. PhD in Library Science or in Library and Information Science.
- ii. Considerable academic publications.
- iii. At least fifteen (15) years relevant working experience in a Tertiary Institution, preferably in a recognized University. Candidates must not be below the rank of Deputy Librarian/Reader.
- iv. He/She must be a registered member of the Librarians Registration Council of Nigeria (LRCN).
- v. Candidates must have good computer skills.

C. Condition of Service

The appointment for the post of University Librarian will be for a single term of five (5) years only. The remuneration and condition of service are as applicable to the post of University Librarian in Nigerian Public Universities and as may be determined by the Council and the Government from time to time.

**Note: Candidate shall not be more than 60 years at the time of application.**

2) CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER (CSO)

A. The Job

The Chief Security Officer (CSO) shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the provision of Security services in the University and its constituent Departments/Units.

B. Qualifications and Experience

Candidates applying for the position of the Chief Security Officer (CSO) must possess the following:

- i. A good first degree not below second class lower division with at least 18 (eighteen) years' cognate post qualification experience in security related job.
- ii. A good HND not below lower credit from a recognized institution with at least 18 (eighteen) years' cognate post qualification experience in security related job.
- iii. A Military or Police Officer not below the rank of Major or Deputy Superintendent of Police or its equivalent rank in the Paramilitary with at least 15 years' experience in security related job.
- iv. A Police Officer not below the rank of Superintendent of Police or its equivalent rank in the Paramilitary with

- at least 12 years' experience in security related job.
- v. Be a responsible individual with a proven record of integrity, discipline and physical fitness. Experience in security coverage of a tertiary institution will be an added advantage.

C. Conditions of Service

The appointment for the post of Chief Security Officer (CSO) will be for a single term of five (5) years only. The remuneration and condition of service are as applicable to the post of Chief Security Officer in Nigerian Public Universities and as may be determined by the Council and the Government from time to time.

**Note: Candidate shall not be more than 60 years at the time of application.**

Method of Application

Qualified and interested candidates are required to submit twenty five (25) copies of application letter, credentials and Curriculum Vitae with the following information:

- i. Full name – Surname first
- ii. Marital status
- iii. Number of Children, including the age of each child
- iv. Date and place of birth, Local Government Area, State of Origin and Nationality
- v. Current postal address
- vi. Educational qualifications obtained with dates
- vii. Academic and Professional bodies/Associations
- viii. Work experience, status and salary level
- ix. Hobbies
- x. Names and address of three referees one of whom must be the present employer

Photocopies of applications and relevant credentials must be attached under confidential cover in an envelope sealed and marked “POST OF UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN” and “POST OF CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER”, as the case maybe, IBB University, Lapai and addressed to:

The Registrar and Secretary to Council,  
Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida University,  
P.M.B. 11, KM 3, Minna Road, Lapai,  
Niger State, Nigeria.

Referees

Candidates are advised to request three of their referees to forward reports on them under confidential cover to the Registrar and Secretary to Council, IBB University, Lapai.

All applications must be submitted six(6) weeks from the commencement date of this advertisement.

Signed:  
Idris Saleh Kuserki  
Registrar/Secretary to Council,  
IBB University, Lapai



IBRAHIM BADAMASI BABANGIDA UNIVERSITY, LAPAI  
(Office of the Registrar)

POST UTME SCREENING EXERCISE FOR 2025/2026

This is to inform all UTME/DE candidates who chose IBB University, Lapai, as their most preferred Institution (First Choice) in the 2025 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) to visit our website at [www.ibbu.edu.ng](http://www.ibbu.edu.ng) for online screening exercise between Wednesday, 10th September to Sunday, 28th September, 2025.

Eligibility for the Screening Exercise:

Only candidates with UTME score of 150 and above and who have uploaded their O'Level results on the JAMB Central Admission Processing System, CAPS are Eligible for the screening exercise. While Direct Entry candidates are required to upload a scanned copy of their Advanced Level (JMB, NCE or Diploma Results) in addition to their O'level Result. **(Direct Entry candidate should note that A'Level NABTEB result is not acceptable for this exercise).** The online screening exercise is in three stages as indicated below.

Stage 1: CANDIDATES ELIGIBILITY CHECK:

Enter their JAMB Registration Number to confirm if they are eligible. If eligible; Enter their mobile phone number & result(s) to submit (Maximum of two (2) sittings for O'Level results) from the following examination bodies WAEC, NECO or NABTEB, NBAIS. Enter the Result checker (scratch card) pin of your Exam body in the appropriate boxes provided for one

or two results as applicable carefully avoiding number transposition. The candidate should generate a transaction ID/invoice for payment through the payment gateway, and instruction for payment is on the transaction ID. N2,000.00 only shall be payable for all the process.

Stage2: PAYMENT:

If Branch Collect is selected, a transaction ID/invoice slip will be generated to be printed out and taken to any of the listed banks on the portal.

If web PAY is selected as the preferred payment option, the candidate will be re- directed to webPAY page to make the payment online

Further details on how to use the payment platform is available on the UTME Results Screening portal.

Stage 3: RESULT SUBMISSION:

Candidates who have completed the second stage of the screening should proceed to the third stage upon receiving their payment confirmation SMS (text message). They are to log into the portal using the details sent to them in the SMS (text message). Candidates are advised to correctly input their results and any other requested information on the portal. Candidates may after submission print out their submission acknowledgement slip for personal reference only.

Note that supplying false information will result in disqualification. You are allowed to supply a maximum of two different O' Level examination results. Candidates without O' Level results at the time of this exercise can choose the Awaiting Result (AR) option against the subjects they sat for or intend to sit for. The results must be provided before the end of the Admission Exercise.

ANY CANDIDATE WHO FAILS TO DO THE ONLINE SCREENING WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR ADMISSION.

Signed  
Idris Saleh Kuserki  
Registrar





## INTERNATIONAL

# Paramilitary launches drone strikes on Sudan capital

By Joshua Odeyemi with agency reports

**A** wave of paramilitary drone strikes hit key infrastructure and military targets in and around Sudan's army-held capital on Tuesday, bringing to an abrupt end a period of relative calm in the area.

The strikes hit a power station, a weapons factory and an oil refinery near Khartoum, witnesses at the sites said on condition of anonymity, while a military source said an air base had also been targeted.

The Rapid Support Forces' (RSF) Tasis administration later said the paramilitaries had launched "precise and successful air strikes" in Khartoum and other areas.

The Tasis administration has declared itself the government in territory held by the RSF, at war with Sudan's regular army since April 2023.

The assault came months after the military recaptured the capital in March, and as the army-backed government pressed a major reconstruction bid.

The attacks occurred at around 5:00 am (0300 GMT), with witnesses telling AFP by phone, on condition of anonymity, that they had seen strikes hit the Al-Jaili oil refinery, the Al-Markhiyat substation in Omdurman and the Yarmuk weapons factory.

Four drones targeted the power station and sparked a fire, the witnesses said, with images posted on social media appearing to show the site in flames.

A source at the national electricity company told AFP that the damage had been minor, but witnesses reported a blackout in some parts of the capital following the attack.

The military source, also speaking on condition of

anonymity, said a strike on Wadi Seidna air base had been intercepted.

"Our air defence intercepted and shot down the drones that were targeting the base," the source told AFP.

Another drone strike hit an army building in Kafuri, wounding several troops, another military source said.

## No peace in sight

The RSF has in recent months been accused of widespread drone attacks in several army-controlled areas of Sudan, striking critical infrastructure and causing blackouts for millions.

Efforts to mediate between Sudan's leader, army chief Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, and his deputy-turned-rival, RSF commander Mohamed Hamdan Daglo, have failed to yield a sustained ceasefire, with the military vowing to fight until victory.

The army-backed government has launched a vast reconstruction programme in Khartoum, with around 600,000 people returning to

their homes in recent months, according to the United Nations.

The war has devastated the capital, forcing around half of its nine million residents to flee.

The conflict has killed tens of thousands of people and created the world's largest hunger and displacement crises.

Some 10 million people are currently displaced inside the country, with most facing dire hunger, while another four million have sought refuge beyond its borders.

In recent months, Khartoum has seen a return of relative calm, with fighting concentrated in the country's southern Kordofan and western Darfur regions, where the warring sides have wrestled for territory.

North Darfur state capital El-Fasher, the last major city in Darfur still under army control, has seen some of the fiercest battles, with the RSF pressing an offensive to claim the city, which it has besieged since May 2024.

Hundreds of people are believed to have been killed in the area in recent months, where the UN said this month that the RSF has committed "myriad crimes against humanity" during its siege.

## Military's response

General al-Burhan, Sudan's army chief, visited the damaged sites and condemned the strikes as a "cowardly act aimed at innocent citizens".

He pledged to respond with reconstruction and resilience, framing the attack as an assault on public services rather than just military assets.

The military confirmed that its air defence systems intercepted drones targeting the Wadi Seidna air base, preventing further damage.

Despite the RSF's claim that only military and logistical sites were targeted, the strikes caused blackouts and infrastructure damage, raising concerns about civilian impact.

The RSF's use of drones marks a tactical escalation in the ongoing civil war, which began in April 2023.

## Cuba suffers 5th nationwide blackout in a year

Cubans were in despair on Wednesday after their country plunged into its fifth nationwide power blackout in a year.

"A total disconnection of the SEN electricity system has occurred, which may be associated with an unexpected shutdown" of the Antonio Guiteras thermoelectric power plant, the energy ministry said on its X account.

It added that it was investigating the outage, which happened at around 9:15am (1315GMT).

Cuba is already in the throes of its worst economic crisis in three decades.

In recent years, it has been plagued by hours-long daily blackouts, recurring electricity system breakdowns and an acute shortage of fuel to keep producing power.

The recent installation of 30 solar parks, with Chinese funding and expertise, has not yet alleviated the situation.

The Antonio Guiteras plant is the biggest of the communist-run island's eight decrepit oil-fired power plants, some of which are more than 40 years old.

On Sunday, five of the nation's 15 provinces were left in the dark for several hours due to a breakdown in the grid.

In October 2024, the island was plunged into darkness for several days following a shutdown of the Antonio Guiteras plant. The hurricane season also knocked out power.

Cuba has attempted to plug the hole in its generating capacity with floating electric plants rented from a Turkish company.

It also uses generators fueled by crude oil, while struggling to find enough petrol for the island's cars, tractors and ambulances.



■ Smoke billows from the burning Hilton Hotels, a day after it was set ablaze by protesters in Kathmandu on September 10, 2025. Nepali demonstrators set parliament ablaze on September 9, while the veteran prime minister quit, as a "Gen Z" protest movement sparked by a ban on social media overtook the Himalayan nation. (Photo by PRABIN RANABHAT / AFP)

## Protesters raze homes of political leaders, kill wife of ex-Nepal PM

Rabi Laxmi Chitrakar, the wife of Jhala Nath Khanal, a former prime minister of Nepal, has died after protesters set their home ablaze in Kathmandu.

The incident occurred on Tuesday in the Dallu area of the capital city, where demonstrators reportedly trapped her inside the residence before igniting the fire.

Chitrakar was rushed to Kirtipur Burn Hospital in critical condition but succumbed to severe injuries during treatment.

Her death comes as violent, youth-led protests continued

for a second day across Nepal despite the government lifting a controversial ban on social media platforms.

Demonstrators have demanded the resignation of government officials over allegations of corruption, political nepotism, and economic stagnation.

At least 22 people have now been killed since the unrest began on Monday, with over 300 injured.

Amnesty International accused Nepalese police of using

live ammunition on protesters.

Videos circulating online showed petrol bombs hurled at the residences of top politicians, including those of Oli, Sher Bahadur Deuba, another former prime minister, and Pushpa Kamal Dahal, chairman of the Maoist Centre.

Major government landmarks, including Singh Durbar, the central administrative complex, and Sheetal Niwas, the presidential residence, were also targeted.

Amid the spiralling violence,

Oli, 73, announced his resignation in a letter to the president on Tuesday, saying the decision was necessary to "take further steps towards a political solution and resolution of the problems".

The protests, driven largely by young Nepalis, have spread across Kathmandu and other cities.

Several ministers, including those of water supply, agriculture, and home affairs, also tendered their resignations in protest at the government's handling of the crisis.



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**4 Costing:**  
Change of Name - **N3,000**  
Loss of Documents - **N9,450**  
Registration of Trustees - **N15,500**

- I, formerly known as **ADAMS AISHAT IZAOIZA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MUSTAPHA AISHAT IZAOIZA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.
- There was a mistake in my name on my BVN wrong name is **RALIYA MUHAMMAAD TASIU** MY CORRECT NAME IS **MUHAMMAD RALIYA TASIU**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID, FIRST BANK PLEASE TAKE NOTE
- I, formerly known as **SANUSI ATTAHIRU ALHAJI** now wish to be known and addressed as **ATTAHIRU SANUSI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.
- I formerly known as: **IBRAHIM ISMAIL HUBAKAR**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM ISMAIL HABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid all authority concern and the general public should please take note
- CHAVALLADA: I** Formerly known as **CHAVALLADA SAMSON**, now wish to be known and addressed as **CHAVALLADA ZIRA SAMSON**. All former documents remain valid. **NECO, NCE** and General public should please take note.
- I formerly known as **GABRIEL PAUL** now wish to be called and address as **GABRIEL PAUL BRIGHT**, All former documents remain valid, Authority concern and general public should please take note
- I, formerly known as **BETIKU FEYISIKEMI RACHEAL**, now wish to be known and addressed as **BETIKU FEYISHIKEMI RACHEAL**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.
- I was formerly known and addressed as **MISS SUMAYYA AMINU YAHAYA** and married to **USMAN YAHAYA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS SUMAYYA AMINU YAHAYA**. All former documents remain valid. **NYSC**, Authority concern and the general public should please take note.
- I, formerly known as **RASHEED ABUBAKAR HARUNA** now wish to be known and addressed as **HARUNA ABUBAKAR RASHEED**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.
- I, Dankadi Kailani Abdu of Kailani village of Kiru Local Government Area of Kano State wish to notify the general public that my corrected date of birth was **15/01/1977** not **01/01/1979**. All my former documents remain valid. All Authorities concerned should please take note
- SANGIRU: I**, formerly known as **SANGIRU SA'IDU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SANGIRU SA'ADU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.
- I formerly known as **LAWAN UMAR SANI** now wish to be known as **LAWAN UMAR**. All former documents remain valid Authority concerned and general public should please take note.
- I, formerly known as **ALOLA OLASUNKANMI ISMAIL**, now wish to be known and addressed as **OLOTU OLASUNKANMI ISMAILA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.
- I, formerly known as **EZE CORNELIUS OKWUDILI** now wish to be known and addressed as **EZE JEFFREY OKWUDILI**. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note
- SAMUEL: I** formerly known as **OGUNBORE SAMUEL ADEWUNMI** now wish to be known and addressed as **JESULOLUWA SAMUEL ADEWUNMI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note
- I formerly known as **AMINA BASIRU** now wish to be called and addressed as **AMINA BASHIR ILIYASU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.
- \*NENGE: I** WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS **NENGE SAAFA BENJAMIN** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS **NENGE SAAFA**. ALL DOCUMENTS BEARING THE FORMER DETAILS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.\*
- I formerly known as **MRAN DALHA SUNUSI** now wish to be known as **IMRAN SUNUSI DALHA**. All former documents remain valid Authority concerned and general public should please take note.
- I, formerly known as **JEREMIAH KELVIN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **JEREMIAH OSAMWONYI KELVIN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.
- I, formerly known as **MOHAMMED HAUWA** now wish to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM SAADATU** and my DOB is **22/02/1985** not **26/06/1985** and to update my BVN with **09079190685**. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note
- I, formerly known as **SANI SALIHU** now wish to be known and addressed as **ALHAJI SANI SALIHU DANWARAI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.
- I formerly known as **SAADATU I AHMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **SAADATU ISYAKU AHMED**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note
- I formerly known as **BASHIR BARAATU** now wish to be known and called as **BASHIR BARAATU BATAIYA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concernic please take note
- I formerly known as **Babangida Garba** now wish to be known as **Ibrahim Babangida Garba**. All former documents remain valid Authority concernic and general public should please take note.
- I formerly known as **HADIZA ABBAS** now wish to be known and called as **HADIZA ABBAS MOHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concernic please take note
- I formerly known as **ADAMU HARUNA RABU** now wish to be called and addressed as **HARUNA RABU ADAM**. All former documents remain valid Authority concerns and the general public please take note.
- I formally known as **HADIZA ABDULLAH MUSA**, all former documents remain valid general public and the authority concerned should take Note
- SONIA: I**, formerly known as **IZUEGBUNEM EKENE SONIA** now wish to be known and addressed as **VICTOR EKENE SONIA**. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note
- I, formerly known as **BABBA HAUWU** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR HAUWA ISA** and also change my BVN phone number from **08025626482** to **09133348361**. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note
- CALEB: I** formerly known as **MORDI SYDNEY CHUKWUMA** now wish to be known and addressed as **CALEB NKEM OKPALA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.
- I, formerly known as **BUBE ABU GARUBA** now wish to be known and addressed as **GARBA BUBE** and my DOB is **07/06/2004**. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note
- I Formerly known as **BILKISU IDRIS** Now wish to be called and addressed as **BILKISU IDI KANO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.
- MUSA : I** formerly known and called **MUSA ISAH NULL** now wish to be known and addressed as **MUSA ISAH**. All former documents remain valid. Concerned authorities and the general public to please take note.
- I Formerly known as **SALLSU SHAAIBU / SALISU SHUAIBU / SALISU SHUAIBU USMAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **SALISU SHAAIBU USMAN**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note
- GLORIA: I** Formerly known as **FIRST NAME: GLORIA MIDDLE NAME: SURNAM: NGBOROGWU** now wish to be known and addressed as **FIRST NAME: GLORIA MIDDLE NAME: EMMANUEL SURNAM: NGBOROGWU**. All former documents remain valid General public should please take note
- I formerly known as **ALI AHMAD USMAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **USMAN AHMAD ALI**. All former document remain valid Authority concerns and the general public please take note.
- Correction of Name: wrongly name captured on international passport as **MAUDE AL MUSTAFA MAMUN**, now correct name, **MAUDE AL-MUSTAFA MAMUN**. All former documents remain valid. General public and Authorities concerned should
- I, formerly known as **OLUWANIFESIMI: I** formerly known as **OGUNBORE OLUWANIFESIMI OPEYEMI** now wish to be known and addressed as **JESULOLUWA OLUWANIFESIMI OPEYEMI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.
- JOY: I**, formerly known as **OKECHUKWU JOY** now wish to be known and addressed as **OKECHUKWU JOY OGONNA**. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note
- I, formerly known as **MISS. OGBOLE GLADYS EJUMA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS. EJEMBI GLADYS EJUMA**. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note
- I Formerly known as **Suleiman Mohammed** now wish to be called and addressed as **Suleiman Muhammad labaran**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.
- MUSA : I** Formerly known as **REJOICE LINUS** with DOB **24/08/1995**, now wish to be known and addressed as **MARYAM SADIQ** with DOB **24/08/2006**. All former documents remain valid. All the General public should please take note.
- MARYAM: I** Formerly known as **JAMES JADEL OBED**, now wish to be known and addressed as **JAMES JEDIEL OBED**. All former documents remain valid. All the General public should please take note.
- \*ORYTAM: I** WAS FORMERLY KNOWN AND CALLED AS **ORYTAM FATER GABRIEL JAMES** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN, CALLED AND ADDRESSED AS **ORYTAM GABRIEL FATER**. ALL DOCUMENTS BEARING THE FORMER DETAILS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.\*
- I Formerly known as **Umar Mohammed** now wish to be called and addressed as **Umar Abubakar Muhammed**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note
- I Formerly known as **MARYAM IBRAHIM** now wish to be known as **MARYAM ALIYU**. All former documents remain valid Authority concerned and general public should please take note.
- I formerly known as **IMMU IBRAHIM** Now wish to be called and addressed as **ABUBAKAR IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note
- OJARIKRE: I**, formerly known as **OJARIKRE GIFT EJOVWOKE** now wish to be known and addressed as **OJARIKRE-SAGINE GIFT EJOVWOKE**. All former documents remain valid. Banks, general public and concerned authority take note.
- MARY: I**, formerly known as **ENENCHE MARY** now wish to be known and addressed as **ENENCHE MARY THERESA**. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note
- OSE: I**, formerly known as **ABDULHAMID IBRAHIM** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULHAMID BABA OSE**. Date of birth: 1st January, 1997. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.
- SALAMI: I**, formerly known as **SALAMI TAOFEK OLAMIDE** now wish to be known and addressed as **SALAMI TAOFIK OLAMIDE**. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note
- I, formerly known as **SONGU BENJAMIN** now wish to be known and addressed as **SONGU SESUGH BENJAMIN**. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note
- AISHA, I** formerly known as **IBRAHIM AUWAL AISHA** now wish to be called and addressed as **AUWAL AISHA IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid Authority concernic and general public to note
- I formally known as **HADIZA ABDULLAHI**. now wish to be known and addressed as **HADIZA IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note
- I Formerly known as **Halifa Yusuf Babba** now wish to be called and addressed as **Muhammad Yusuf Babba**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.
- I Formerly known as **Fadila Yusuf Babba** now wish to be called and addressed as **Nafisat Yusuf Babba**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note
- I formerly known as **SULEMAN RABU 4/4/1986/** now wish to be known as **SULEMAN ALASAN RABU 4/4/1984/** All former document remain valid authority concerned and general public should take note
- I formerly known as **MUHAMMADU NAALLAH NAALLAH** now wish to be known as **MUHAMMED NAALLAH**. All former document remain valid authority concerned and general public should take note
- I formerly known as **SANI ADAMU MOHAMMED** now wish to be known as **SANI MOHAMMED ADAMU**. All former document remain valid authority concerned and general public should take note
- I formerly known as **SANI ABDULLAHI IDRIS** now wish to be known as **ABDULLAHI SABO AMINU**. All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should please take note.
- I formerly known as **MISS HAUWA SALISU SADIQ** now wish to be known and called as **Mrs HAUWA SALISU AMINU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concernic please take note
- I FORMERLY KNOWN AS **MUHAMMED KAMILU** NOW WISH TO BE AND ADDRESSED AS **ABDULLAHI KAMILU** MY CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH IS **01/01/1996** AND MY CURRENT PHONE NUMBER IS **08149821346** TO BE EFFECTED ON MY BVN. All former Documents remain valid, **UNION BANK PLEASE TAKE NOTE**
- I, formerly known as **ATTAHIRU HARUNA LOLO** now wish to be known and addressed as **ARUNA UMAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note
- I Formerly known as **OSAS PRECIOUS DENIES** now wish to be called and addressed as **OSAS PRECIOUS**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note
- ABEL: I**, formerly known as **ABEL RAPHAEL DAVID**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ABEL RAPHAEL**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.
- I formerly known as **ELIZABETH BONIFACE** now wish to be called and address as **ELIZABETH BONIFACE AYIKA**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concern and general public should please take note



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I formerly known as **FARIDA HALILU** now wish to be known and called as **FARIDA HAMISU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concernic please take note

I formerly known and addressed as **SAKINA UMAR IBRAHIM** now wish to be known and addressed as **SAKINA UMAR BASHIR**. former documents remain valid. concerned authorities and the general public to please take note

**SUNUSI: I**, formerly known as **SUNUSI IBRAHIM**, DOB 07/06/1991. now wish to be known **GWADABE IBRAHIM SUNUSI**. DOB 22/05/1980. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and the general public to note.

**ABUBAKAR\* I** formerly known as **ABUBAKAR MBOTTO** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR MUTTU**. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note

I formerly known as **SULAIMAN SANI** now wish to be known as **SULAIMAN DANSAKWATO SANI**. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public please take note

**1. FADILA : I** formerly known as Miss **FADILA AHMED ABUBAKAR** now wish to be called and addressed as Mrs **FADILA AHMED ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned **NYSC** and the general public to please take note.

I formerly known as **IBRAHIM MUSTAPHA ABDRAHIM** now wish to be known and called as **IBRAHIM MUSTAPHA ABDULRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concernic please take note

I formerly known as **NKAN JOSHUA DAVID** now wish to be called and address as **DAVID JOSHUA NKAN**, Old D.O.B 20/10/1968 New D.O.B 20/10/1964. All former documents remain valid, Authority concern and general public should please take note

I formally know as **AHMADU BELLO** now wish to be called and address as **MUHAMMAD BELLO** and date of birth from **21/05/1979** to **20/06/1978**. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public should please take note.

**AISHATU\* I** formerly known as **AISHATU BRA MUSA MAINA** now wish to be known and addressed as **AISHATU ADAMU SAID**. All former documents remain valid, general public should please take note

I formerly known as **AMINU DALLADI** now wish to be known as **DALADI AMINU HASSAN**. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public please take note

**15. MODU : I** was formerly known and addressed as **MODU MALLAM ALI**. Now, I wish to be known and addressed as **\*MODU FALTAMI**. All former documents remain valid. With Correct DOB **01/01/1977 NOT 09/07/1969**. The general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **RAHINATU MACHIDO GARBA** now wish to be known and called as **RAHINATU GARBA MACHIDO**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concernic please take note

I formerly known as **JAMILA BASHIR** now wish to be called and address as **JAMILA MUSTAPHA**, All former documents remain valid, Authority concern and general public should please take note

I formally know and address as **GANIYU MOHAMMED -AWWAL ODUNAYO** now wish to be called and address as **GANIYU MUHAMMAD -AWWAL ADEWALE**. All former documents remain valid authorities concern and general public should please take note

**SADIQ\* I** formerly known as **SADEEQ MUHAMMAD SANI** now wish to be known and addressed as **SADIQ MUHAMMAD SANI**. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note

I formerly known and addressed as **RUNFEMI EDITH ZARA** now wish to be known and addressed as **SULIEMAN OLORUNFEMI EDITH ZARA**. All former documents remain valid. concerned authorities and the general public to please take note

I formerly known as **NAIMATU UMAR ABDULLSALAM** now wish to be addressed and called **NAIMATU DAUDA ABDULLSALAM**. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public take note

**ABBAA: I**, formerly known as **ABBAA YAKUBU ABDULLAHI**, now wish to be known **ABBA YAKUBU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and the general public to note.

I formerly known as **IBRAHIM BALA** now wish to be called and address as **IBRAHIM BALA MAISUDAN**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concern and general public should please take note

**RABIU: I** formerly known as **RABIU ADOYUSUF** now wish to be known and addressed as **RABIU ADO YUSUF**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

**MIRACLE\* I** formerly known as **BOSHI ADAMU** now wish to be known and addressed as **MIRACLE YURAMA KPANA**. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note

**MUHAMMADU: I**, formerly known as **USMAN MUHAMMAD UMAR, D.O.B 20/05/1977** now wish to be called and addressed as **USMAN MUHAMMADU, D.O.B 19/02/1976**. All former documents remain valid, the authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **SANI BELO** now wish to be known as **SANI MUHAMMAD BELLO**. All former documents remain valid authority concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **AMINA ALI IBRAHIM** now wish to be known as **AMINA IBRAHIM ALI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **SAIDU HARUNA** now wish to be called and address as **SAIDU HARUNA**. All former documents remain valid, Authority concern and general public should please take note

**YAHU: I** formerly known as **YAHU MUHAMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **YAHU MUHAMED ZAKSRI**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

**ANAS: I**, formerly known as **BOSHI ADAMU** now wish to be known **ANAS GARBA SULAIMAN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and the general public to note.

I formerly known as **SHEHU FATIMA** now wish to be called and addressed as **IDRIS FATIMA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note

**2. I** formerly known and addressed as **UMAR ABUBAKAR** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR ALIYU UMAR**. All former documents remain valid general publicity concern and the general public to please take note.

**GARBA \* I** formerly known as **GARBA IBRAHIM**, now wish to be known and addressed as **GARBA IBRAHIM JABA**. All former documents remain valid. authority concerned and the general public should take note please.

I formerly known as **ABDULLAHI ALIYU** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABDULLAHI ALI YAKASAI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerns and the general public please take note.

**AISHA: I** formerly known as **AISHA SHUAIBU SALEH** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS AISHA YASIR SHARIFF**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

**ALHAJI\* : I** formerly known as **DAUDA ALHAJI** now wish to be known as **ALHAJI AHMAD MUSA**. All former documents remain valid. The general public should take note.

**WISDOM: I** formerly known and addressed as **BRAIMAH WISDOM ANNOURSE**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **CLEMENT WISDOM**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note

**3. I** formerly known and addressed as **ABDULLAHI BISHARA** and **BISHARA ABDULLAHI** now wish to be known and addressed as **BISHARA LAWANE ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid general public to take note.

I formerly known as **Alhj Isa Bello** now wish to be known as **Bello Isah**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **MURTALA IBRAHIM DOB 02/05/1996** now wish to be known and addressed as **MURTALA ABDURRAHMAN** 01/02/1999. All former documents remain valid authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**BINTA: I** formerly known as **BINTA AMADU, BINTA GABAS** now wish to be known and addressed as **BINTA AHMADU GABAS**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

**I ABIODUN OLUWATOSIN ALICE\***, do solemnly and sincerely declares as follows: that the names **ABIODUN TOSIN** and **ABIODUN ALICE OLUWATOSIN** are all referred to me. As I use to bear either of the names. I now wish to be known and addressed as **ABIODUN ALICE OLUWATOSIN**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public to take note.

**OHIMAI: I** formerly known and addressed as **STEVEN DAVID**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **IGIEN DAVID OHIMAI**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note

**4. LAAZURU : I** formally known as **GALA TIZHE** now wish to be known called and addressed as **LAAZURU MACKSON**. All former documents remain valid general public to please take note.

I formerly known as **ABULKADIR ZAYYANA** now wish to be known as **ABDULKADIR ZAYYANA 9/5/1989**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public should please take note

**ABUBAKAR: I**, formerly known as **ABUBAKAR IBRAHIM UMAR**, now wish to be known **ABUBAKAR IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and the general public to note.

**ZACHARIAH: I** formerly known as **DORCAS ZAKARIYA** now wish to be known and addressed as **ZACHARIAH DORCAS**. All former documents remain valid and general public should take note

**ZARA\* I** formerly known as **ZARA UMAR ABDULLAHI** now wish to be known and addressed as **ZARA MOHAMMED ABBA**. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note

**AILOJE: I** formerly known and addressed as **AILOKA PAUL SUNDAY**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **AILOJE OHIOCHIOYA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note

**NWADIKE: I**, was formerly known called and addressed as **MISS. ONUOHA, ADAEZE VICTORY**, now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. NWADIKE, ADAEZE PRINCESS**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid general public should take note.

I, formally known as **MISS AISHA IBRAHIM MAKUDAWA** wish to be known and addressed as **MRS AISHA ABDULKARIM MAKUDAWA**. former documents remained valid. General public and the authority concerned should take note

I was formally know as **MODE BABANGIDA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MODI BABANGIDA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note.

**MODU I** formerly known and addressed as **ALHAJI MODU GANA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MODU ALHAJI GANA**. All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

**ALHAJI\* : I** was formerly known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR K.A. BUKAR**. Now, I wish to be known and addressed as **\*ALHAJI BUKAR KONDUGA**. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**MARIA: I** formerly known and addressed as **PAUL MARIA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **PAUL ONAGE MARIA**. My correct date of birth is **10/10/1980**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note

**MRS. ALEXANDER = I** was formerly known, called and addressed as **UKULA MSEER PATRICIA**. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **MRS. ALEXANDER MSEER PATRICIA**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

I, formally known as **SHEHU SALISU** wish to be known and addressed as **SALISU SHEHU KAFINDANGI**. former documents remained valid. General public and the authority concerned should take note

I was formally know as **TIJJANI SHIITU SULEIMAN** now wish to be known and addressed as **TIJJANI SHIITU**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note.

**MAKAMA I** formerly known and addressed as **MAKAMA MOHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **MAKAMA MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

**SYLVESTER\* I** Was formerly known and addressed as **SYLVESTER PETER SILAS**. Now wish to be known and Address as **SYLVESTER PETER**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

**RICHARD: I** formerly known and addressed as **RICHARD MARIAM ALIU**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **RICHARD MARIAM MERO**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note.

I formerly known as **BASHIR BARAATU** now wish to be known and called as **BASHIR BARAATU BATAIYA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concernic please take note

I, formally known as **NABILA UMAR** wish to be known and addressed as **MRS NABILA MUHAMMAD**. former documents remained valid. General public and the authority concerned should take note

I was formally know as **ARMITYAU LAWAL** now wish to be known and addressed as **ARMITYAU LAWALI IMAM**. All former documents remain valid, Authorities concerned and general public should take note.

**AISHATU I** formerly known and addressed as **AISHA TIJJANI MUHAMMAD** now wish to be known and addressed as **AISHATU TIJJANI**. All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

**ASMAU\* : I** formerly known as **ASMAU BALA** now wish to be known as **\*ASMAU ALI**. All former documents remain valid. The general public should take note.

I formerly known as **MAIMUNA HASSAN IBRAHIM**. Now wish to be called and addressed as **MAIMUNA IBRAHIM AHMED**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note

I formerly known as **USMAN HAMZA** now wish to be known and called as **HAMZA ABDULLAHI USMAN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concernic please take note

I, formally known as **ABU MOHD DANFULANI, MUHAMMAD ABU** wish to be known and addressed as **DANFULANI MUHAMMAD ABU**. former documents remained valid. General public and the authority concerned should take note

**GARBA: I** formerly known as **ALHAJI GARBA UMAR**, now wish to be known as **GARBA UMAR MARAFA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public take note

**DORATHY: I**, formerly known as **DORATHY OBOT**, now wish to be known **DORATHY VALENTINE OBOT**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and the general public to note.

I formerly known as **SAHAVI USMAN 28/7/1992** now wish to be known and called as **USMAN MUSA 6/2/1993**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concernic please take note

I, **ESTHER EZRA GAMBO** formerly Known and addressed as **\*ESTHER MARKUS** wants to be known and addressed as **\*ESTHER EZRA GAMBO\***. All former documents remain valid the general public and **NYSC** should take note.

I formerly known as **SADISU ALKASIM** now wish to be known as **SALISU ALKASIM**. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public please take note

I, formally known as **SULEIMAN DAYYABU, DAYYABU SULEIMAN, SULAIMAN DAYYABU KURFI, SULEMAN DAYYABU KURFI** wish to be known and addressed as **SULEIMAN DAYYABU KURFI**. All former documents remain valid. General public and the authority concerned should take note

I formerly known and addressed as **FRIDAY ANI** With date of birth **18-03-1981**, now wish to be known, Called and addressed as **FRIDAY ANI** and my correct and proper date of birth is **22-05-1984**, all former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

**BARKA I** formerly known and addressed as **BARKA YUSUF MSHELIA** now wish to be known and addressed as **BARKA MSHELIA YUSUF**. All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

I formerly known as **AMINU LAWAL LAWAL** now wish to be known and called as **AMINA ALIYU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concernic please take note

I, formerly known as **VCTORY THOMPSON**. Now wish to be called and addressed as **IKEME INI-OBONG THOMPSON**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note

I formerly known as **ALIYU KHADIJA IDRIS** now wish to be known as **ALIYU KHADIJA IDRIS-ALIYU ALL**. Former document remain valid general public should please take note

I formely known and addressd as Agba Comfort Azibimbe now wish to be called as Comfort Nelson all former documents remain valid. General public should please take note

I formerly known and addressed as **NURA BELLO LEMA**, now wish to be known, Called and addressed as **NURA LEMA**, all former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned and General public please take note.

**AISHA I** formerly known and addressed as **AISHA ABBA MUHAMMAD** now wish to be known and addressed as **AISHA JIBRIN**. All former documents remain valid All concern and authority General public should please take note.

**AHMED:- I** was formally known as **AHMED ALI ADAM** and now wish to be known and called as **AHMED ADAM ALI**. All former documents remains valid. Authority concern and the general public to please take note.

I, formerly known as Emele Precious Uchechukwu Now wish to be called and addressed as **AIDELOJE PRECIOUS UCHECHUKWU**. All former documents remains valid. General public and Authorities concerned should please take note.

**BILYAMINU: I**, formerly known and addressed as **BILYA MOHAMMED**, now wishes to be known and addressed as **BILYAMINU MUHAMMAD USMAN** and my correct DOB: **01-JAN-2000**. All former documents remain valid and constitute authorities concern and the general public should please take note.

**YUSIF: I**, formerly known as **YUSIF HARUNA**, now wish to be known, Called and addressed as **YUSUF HARUNA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and the general public to note.

I formerly known and addressed as **SANI NASIRU MALLAM**, now wish to be known, Called and addressed as **NASIRU SANI**, all former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned and General public please take note

**FURAIATU\* : I** formerly known as **HURAIRA USMAN ISHAQ** now wish to be known as **FURAIATU USMAN ISHAQ**. All former documents remain valid. The general public should take note.

I formerly known as **IBRAHIM SABO** now wish to be known as **IBRAHIM SABO UMAR**. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public please take note

**TERTSUA: I** formerly known as Miss **AKAA AHEMEN**, now wish to be known as **MRS TERTSUA AHEMEN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public take note.

I formerly known as **PAULINA OCHEME** now wish to be known and addressed as **PAULINA OCHANYA OCHEME**. All former documents remain valid general public should take note

I formerly known and addressed as **FASESAN ABIKE IBITOLA** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABIKE IBITOLA LADAPU**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should take note

**UMAR: I** formerly known as **ABDULAZIZ MAJE** now wish to be known and addressed as **UMAR ABDULAZIZ MAJE**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should take note

**OLUWASUYI\* I**, formerly known as **OLUWASUYI AYODELE PRINCE**, now wish to be known and addressed as **OLUWASUYI AYODELE MARACHIM**. All former documents remain valid. **GTB BANK** And Authorities concerned and general public to take note.

**DAHIRU: I**, formerly known as **DAHIRU ABUBAKAR**, now wish to be known **DAHIRU ABUBAKAR ABBA**. All former documents remain valid. Authority Concerned and the general public to take note.

**EZE: I** formerly known as **EZE CHIMAZARAM ARIAN** now wish to be known as **EZE CHIMAZARAM ARIAN**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public take note.

I formerly known as **ABUBAKAR ABDULLAHI** with DOB 01/01/1954 now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULLAHI ABDULRAHMAN ABUBAKAR** with DOB 03/01/1957 all former document remains valid general public should take note

I formerly known and addressed as **KABIR MAIKANO** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABUBAKAR KABIR MAIKANO**. All former documents remain valid. General public and authorities concerned should take note

I formally known as **LAMI SALEH** and now wish to be known as **LAMI HARUNA**. All former document remain valid. General Public should take note.

**FATIMA\* : I** formally known as **PALMATA ALHAJI USMAN**, now wish to be known and addressed as **FATIMA USMAN**. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note.

I formerly known as **MR IBRAHIM ALHAJI LAWAN** now wish to be known as **IBRAHIM LAWAN**. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public please take note

**ISAH: I** formerly known as **UMAR SHEMAU**, now wish to be known as **ISAH SHEMAU**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public take note

I formerly known as **MARKUS NANGONG** with DOB 16/06/2001 now wish to be known and addressed as **PELTEN NANGONG MARKUS** with DOB 06/01/2001 all former document remains valid general public should take note

I formerly known as **ABDULHAYYU HASSAN** now wish to be called and address as **ABDULHAYYU HASSAN BADARU**. All former documents remain valid authority concern and general public please take note.

I formerly known as **ISMAIL ZAHAER ALKASIM** now wish to be called and addressed as **ISMAIL ALKASIM ZAHAIIR**. All former documents remain valid Authorities concernd and general public should pleas take note.

**HALIMA\* I** formerly known as **HALIMA ZAKARI** now wish to be known and addressed as **HALIMA ISHAKU**. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note

I formerly known and addressed as **OLO RUNFEMI EDITH ZARA** now wish to be known and addressed as **SULIEMAN OLORUNFEMI EDITH ZARA**. All former documents remain valid. concerned authorities and the general public to please take note

I formerly known and addressed as Miss. **HAUWA MUHAMMAD**. Now wish to be known and addressed as Mrs. **HAUWA MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and general public to take note

I formerly known as **ARIN ANYA** now wish to be known and addressed as **ARIN ANYA GRACE**. All former document remains valid general public should take note



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**I** Formerly known as **GIDEON NUHU** Now wish to be called and addressed as **GIDEON YASHIM GWANI** All former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the general public to please take note

**YAHAYA: I** formerly known as **YAHAYA MUHAMMAD** now wish to be called as **YAHAYA IBRAHIM** all former documents remain valid general public all authority concern should please take note

**AMINA: I**, formerly known as **AMINA ZAILANI AMINU ADAMU**, now wish to be known and addressed as **AMINA ZAILANI ADAMU**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

**ALIYU: I**, formerly known as **ALIYU MARYAM**, now wish to be known and addressed as **ALIYU MARYAM MUHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

**I** formerly known as **SANI NURA** now wish to be called and addressed as **SANI NASIRU** All former documents remain valid. **DOB 01/01/1990**, Correct **DOB 20/08/1994** general public all authority concern should please take note

**I**, formerly known as **CHARITY BITRUS**, now wish to be known and addressed as **CHARITY BWAYIN**. All former documents remain valid. The general public and any authority concerned to please take note

**I** Formerly known as **ABIGAIL BALA** Now wish to be called and addressed as **ABIGAIL SAMBO** All former documents remain valid Any Authority concern and the general public to please take note

That my correct full name is **ETHUAKHOR OSHOKHAYAMHE** CHRISTOPHER. That my name was stated on **BN** as **ETHUAKHOR CHRISTOPHER** instead of my correct name **ETHUAKHOR OSHOKHAYAMHE CHRISTOPHER**. That **ETHUAKHOR** is my surname, **OSHOHAYAMHE** is my first name and **CHRISTOPHER** is my middle name. That I am the same person. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**CORRECTION OF MIDDLE NAME**  
**RASAO: I**, formerly known and addressed as **RASAO MALIQ OKEZIE** now wish to be known and addressed as **RASAO MALIQ OLUMIDE**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**ABOLAJI: I**, formerly known and addressed as **MISS OLUWASANMI KEHINDE FEHINTOLA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MISS. ABOLAJI KEHINDE FEHINTOLA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**ADEBAYO: I**, formerly known and addressed as **SOGBAIKE BRIDGET BUKOLA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS ADEBAYO BRIDGET BUKOLA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**ABIOLA: I**, formerly known and addressed as **ABIOLA MATHEW ALABI** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABIOLA MATHEW OLUWATOSIN**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**KUGBERENU: I**, formerly known and addressed as **KUGBERENU LYDIA OLUWAFUNMILAYO** now wish to be known and addressed as **KUGBERENU LYDIA YEMISOLA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **KAREEM MUTIAT ROMOKE** now wish to be known and addressed as **APEEZ MUTIAT ROMOKE**. That I was born on 20th day of August, 1983 not 20th day of August, 1984. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

That I was formerly known and addressed as **BANKOLE OMOLARA FUNMILOLA**. But now, I wish to be known, called and address as **OPANIYI OMOLARA FUNMILOLA** due to marriage reasons. That I should be addressed as **OPANIYI OMOLARA FUNMILOLA** henceforth. That all documents bearing my former name shall still remain valid, General public take note.

**ADEGOKE: I**, formerly known and addressed as **ADEGOKE COMFORT ODUWAYO** now wish to be known and addressed as **ADEGOKE OLUBISI AJOKE**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**LAWAL: I**, formerly known and addressed as **LAWAL YEKINNI ALAWUSA** now wish to be known and addressed as **LAWAL YEKINNI AYINLA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**I** formerly known as **IFEOLUWA OLUWABUSOLA** MAKINDE wish to inform the general public that by instance of celebration of Marriage, now wish to be called and addressed as **IFEOLUWA OLUWABUSOLA OYESANYA**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public take note.

**OLATUNJI: I**, formerly known and addressed as **OLATUNJI JOHN**. That I wish to add **OLUWADAMILARE** to my name. Now wish to be known and addressed as **OLATUNJI JOHN OLUWADAMILARE**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**MY NAME WAS CAPTURED ON MY INTERNATIONAL PASSPORT AS OLATUNJI IYANU REBECCA** INSTEAD OF **ADELAKUN IYANU REBECCA**. NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AS **ADELAKUN IYANU REBECCA**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. AUTHORITIES CONCERNED AND GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

**ONAKUNLE: I**, formerly known and addressed as **Mrs KAWONISE OLABISI OLASILE** now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs ONAKUNLE OLABISI OLASILE**. All former documents remain valid. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

**I, FORMALLY KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS MISS FAITH CHINONSO UGWU GOT MARRIED TO MR AMEH FRANCIS SUNDAY** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS **MRS AMEH FAITH CHINONSO**. ALL FORMER AND FUTURE DOCUMENTS REMAINS VALID. LET THE GENERAL PUBLIC PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

**ADDITION OF NAME: AKIBU: I**, formerly known as **SULEIMAN MUHAMMED AKIBU** now wish to be known and addressed as **SULEIMAN MUHAMMED AKIBU OGAZI**. All former documents remained valid public to take note

**\*RE-ARRANGEMENT/ADDITION OF NAME\***  
**I, \*OKON VICTOR ETIM\***, wish to state that my name was wrongly arranged on my **BN** as **\*OKON ETIM VICTOR\*** and was captured on my Bank Account as **\*OKON VICTOR\*** instead of **\*OKON VICTOR ETIM\***, as it appears on my **NIN**. That I wish to add **\*OKON\*** and arranged my name as **\*OKON VICTOR ETIM\***. The general public should please take note.

**\*OKOBO\* I**, formerly known as **\*FRIDAY ESTHER FRIDAY\***. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **\*OKOBO ESTHER FRIDAY\***. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**\*IDIMOJU\* I** formerly known as **\*IDIMOJU IFEANYI EMMANUEL\***. Now wish to be called and addressed as **\*IDIMOJU EMMANUEL\***. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**\*TEERABOO\* I**, formerly known as **\*TEERABO BARILUNANEE BRIDGET\***. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **\*TEERABOO BARILUNANEE\***. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **BRAIDE ISABELLA JANUARY**, now wish to be known and addressed as **UCHE ISABELLA JANUARY**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note

**I, FORMERLY KNOWN AS IGWENWANNE IBE AUGUSTINE** NOW WANTS TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS **IGWENWANNE IBEGBUNAM AUGUSTINE**. ALL DOCUMENTS BEARING FORMER NAME REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC TAKE NOTE.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **EBIOWEI, BIBODE TRANCY** now wish to be known and addressed as **MINAKIRI-JAJA BIBODE TRANCY**. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **JAJA, MINAKIRI ANDERSON** now wish to be known and addressed **JAJA, ANDERSON MINAKIRI**. All former documents remain valid. The general public should please take note

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **ROBINSON HAPPINESS MAABA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **EKINE, HAPPINESS MAABA**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note

**\*PRINCEWILL\* I**, formerly known as **\*PRINCEWILL OTONYEMIEBA BIOKPOMABO\***. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **\*PRINCEWILL OTONYEMIEBA\***. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**\*THERESA\* I**, formerly known as **\*MISS. TOM BARINAADAA\***. Now wish to be known as **\*MRS. THERESA BARINAADAA SAMUEL\***. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should be please take note.

**\*MICHAEL\* I**, formerly known as **\*MARCAULY ESTHER\***. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **\*MICHAEL ESTHER ANIBIET\***. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**\*CHUKWUEBUKA\* I**, formerly known as **\*MISS. OCHULOR JOY\***. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **\*MRS. CHUKWUEBUKA JOY\***. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**\*ADDITION OF NAME\*** **I**, formerly known as **\*NKIOO KINGSLEY\***. Now wish to add **\*SUNDAY\*** to my name to be known, called and addressed as **\*NKIOO SUNDAY KINGSLEY\***, and my correct date of birth is **23/03/1999** and not **23/01/1998**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**\*TOLOFARI\* I**, formerly known as **\*COMFORT CHISARA IHEZIE\***. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **\*TOLOFARI, COMFORT CHISARA JACK\***. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**\*FLORENCE\* I**, formerly known as **\*MISS. FLORENCE MENE OGBUGBU\***. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **\*MRS. FLORENCE MENE ALIA\***. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**\*ORANAGWA-CHUKWUMA\* I**, formerly known as **\*MISS. ORANAGWA CHINYERE GERTRUDE\***. Now wish to be known, called and addressed as **\*MRS. ORANAGWA-CHUKWUMA CHINYERE\***. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. The general public should please take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **NANA ASMA'U ABDULLAHI**, now wishes to be known and addressed as **ASMA'U ABDULLAHI**. All former documents remain valid. General public and other concerned authorities should please take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **BUHARI MOHAMMAD**, now wishes to be known and addressed as **BUHARI MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. General public and other concerned authorities should please take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **FATI UMAR**, now wishes to be known and addressed as **FATIMA MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. General public and other concerned authorities should please take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **MISS ZAINAB MUHAMMAD SAUWA**, now wishes to be known and addressed as **MRS ZAINAB MUHAMMAD SAUWA**. All former documents remain valid. General public and other concerned authorities should please take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **AINA'U MUHAMMED**, now wishes to be known and addressed as **AINA'U MUHAMMAD WABABE**. All former documents remain valid. General public and other concerned authorities should please take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **LAWALI SHEHU**, now wishes to be known and addressed as **FARUKU SAHABI**. All former documents remain valid. General public and other concerned authorities should please take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **AMINA AMADU TILLI**, now wishes to be known and addressed as **AMINA USMAN TILLI**. All former documents remain valid. General public and other concerned authorities should please take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **SAADATU ABDULLAHI FAKAI**, now wishes to be known and addressed as **SAADATU ABDULLAHI ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public and other concerned authorities should please take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **FATIMA AMINU**, now wishes to be known and addressed as **FATIMA AMINU SIFAWA**. All former documents remain valid. General public and other concerned authorities should please take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **MOH'D S BUDA**, now wishes to be known and addressed as **FIRST NAME; SAMBO, MIDDLE NAME; BUDA, SURNAME; MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. General public and other concerned authorities should please take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **JIBRIL SULEIMAN JIBO**, now wishes to be known and addressed as **FIRSTNAME; JIBRIL SURNAME; SULEIMAN**. All former documents remain valid. General public and other concerned authorities should please take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **IBRAHIM MAIR MUHAMMADU DOB; 01/01/1952**, now wishes to be known and addressed as **IBRAHIM MAIRABA DOB; 01/01/1969**. All former documents remain valid. General public and other concerned authorities should please take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **MOSTAPHA MOHAMMED DOB; 01/8/1989**, now wishes to be known and addressed as **MUSTAPHA IBRAHIM DOB; 01/01/1987**. All former documents remain valid. General public and other concerned authorities should please take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **ZUWAIRA ABDULLAHI DOB; 20/09/1985**, now wishes to be known and addressed as **ZUWAIRA ABDULLAHI SIFAWA 15/08/1982**. All former documents remain valid. General public and other concerned authorities should please take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **MOHAMMED SAIDU ARGUNGU DOB; 01/01/1962**, now wishes to be known and addressed as **MUHAMMED SAIDU DOB; 01/01/1969**. All former documents remain valid. General public and other concerned authorities should please take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **BASHAR KAMARU BELLO DOB 07/11/1994**, now wishes to be known and addressed as **KAMARU BELLO DOB; 01/01/1999**. All former documents remain valid. General public and other concerned authorities should please take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **MISS RASHIDA BELLO ABUBAKAR**, now wishes to be known and addressed as **MRS RASHIDA BELLO ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public and other concerned authorities should please take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **OJENIYI OJENIYI DAVID**, now wishes to be known and addressed as **OJENIYI DAVID OLADEJO**. All former documents remain valid. General public and other concerned authorities should please take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **AMINU GIDADO**, now wishes to be known and addressed as **AMINU GIDADO YABO**. All former documents remain valid. General public and other concerned authorities should please take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **HAUWA'U ABDULLAHI**, now wishes to be known and addressed as **HAUWA'U ABDULLAHI MUHAMMAD**. All former documents remain valid. General public and other concerned authorities should please take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **MAIMUNA UMAR D.O.B 01/01/1968**, now wishes to be known and addressed as **ARZIKI UMARU D.O.B 01/02/1996**. All former documents remain valid. General public and other concerned authorities should please take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **NURA MUHAMMAD**, now wishes to be known and addressed as **MOHAMMED GWIWA**. All former documents remain valid. General public and other concerned authorities should please take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **AHMED ABDULLAHI DOB; 01/01/1998**, now wishes to be known and addressed as **AHMAD ABDULLAHI BAGWANDE DOB; 10/02/2000**. All former documents remain valid. General public and other concerned authorities should please take note.

**I**, formerly known and addressed as **MALIKI SHEHU**, now wishes to be known and addressed as **MALIK ABUBAKAR**. All former documents remain valid. **GT** bank and General public and other concerned authorities should please take note.

## EMEKA ANYIM UDE INITIATIVE (EAI)

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

## Trustees:

1. CHUKWUEMEKA OWO UDE
2. ANYIM CHUKWU UDE

## Aims and Objectives:

1. To support public primary and secondary schools in rural areas or as called - Village schools with educational interventions to improve their learning.
2. To engage in activities that will improve the educational environment of public primary and secondary schools in rural areas or as called - Village schools.
3. To solicit for and accept donations, grants, and assistance to promote the objectives.
4. To do all such lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objectives.

Any objection to this registration should be forwarded in writing within 28 days from the date of this publication to: The Registrar, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja.

SIGNED: CHAIRMAN

## OFUOBI BROTHERS CLUB KANO

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

## TRUSTEES

1. OGBONNA EMMANUEL NWALI
2. CHUKWU ORI FRANCIS
3. NWITE JOSHUA KENECHUKWU

## Aims and Objective

TO FOSTER UNITY, ENHANCE THE WELFARE, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE MEMBERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC

2 TO ENGAGE IN CHARITABLE, CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AND PROMOTE PEACE AND HARMONY AND DEVELOPMENT OF IT'S MEMBERS AND THE COMMUNITY

3 TO PROMOTE BROTHERHOOD AND MUTUAL SUPPORT AMONG CLUB MEMBERS WHILE UPHOLDING CULTURAL VALUES AND SOCIAL NORMS

Any objections to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General Corporate Affairs Commission plot 420 Tigris Crescent off Aguiyi Ironsi street Maitama Abuja within 28th days of this publication

## LOSS OF DOCUMENTS

This is to notify the general public that the **original documents of the family house belonging to Late MR. LASISI ADEBAYO ADESANYA, located at Itoko, Iso Eran, Abeokuta South Local Government Area, Ogun State**, together with my birth certificate, tax clearance, and other vital documents, have been misplaced.

The said property is the family house inherited by me, **ADEBAYO ADUNNI TITILAYO**, being the daughter of the late **MR. LASISI ADEBAYO ADESANYA**. All efforts to trace the said documents prove abortive. Authority concerned and general public take note.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**I**, Mallam Dahiru Jibril of No. Q7 Kano Road, Kaduna North LGA of Kaduna State wish to inform the general public that I am the legal and bonafide owner of a landed property laying and situate at OB4 Bamako Road, Unguwan Rimi, Kaduna North LGA of Kaduna State.

I purchased the said property from one Aliko Mohammed of OB4 Bamako Road, Unguwan Rimi, Kaduna North LGA of Kaduna State on 04/06/1986 and Change of ownership was transferred to me. The Deed of Assignment was prepared in respect of the said property but unfortunately the assignor is late and the family has relocated. All effort made to found them to attest to the Deed of Assignment has been proved abortive. The general public particularly KADGIS to please take note.

## CONFIRMATION OF NAMES

This is to inform the general public that **MANIR IBRAHIM** and **MANIR IBRAHIM MAGAWATA** refer to one and the same person, Henceforth wish to be called as **MANIR IBRAHIM MAGAWATA**. All other documents bearing either of the names remain valid. The general public, Kebbi State Government and all Authorities concerned should please take note.

Requirement for Change of Name Women: Marriage Certificate or Court Affidavit; Men: Court Affidavit

## LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to notify the general public of the loss of original R of O in respect to property with plot Number 1095 at Wuse 11 A08 District Abuja and file number MISC 50760.

The R of O was issued in the name of Barbedos Ventures Limited and was handed over to Kashim Bukar Shettima of No.8B Mambila Road, Malali, Kaduna State who is the Chairman/CEO of the Company. Since the R of O got missing/ misplaced, all efforts made to trace the said document proved abortive. The publication is to bring same to the attention of the authorities particularly AGIS. If found, contact AGIS or the nearest police station.



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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF KATSINA STATE OF NIGERIA, PROBATE DIVISION		
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NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON:	NAME OF APPLICANT:	
LATE SHAIBU SANI OF PHC DEPARTMENT MASHI LGA RTD DIED ON THE 16 TH AUGUST 2024 AT MASHI	IBRAHIM SHAIBU OF UNGUWAR RINJI QTRS MASHI LGA KATSINA STATE SON OF THE SAID DECEASED	
LATE ABBA YUSUF OF PENMAN PENSION DIED ON THE 26 SEPTEMBER 24 AT MODUJI QTRS KATSINA STATE	MUHAMMAD ABBA OF MODUJI QTRS KATSINA STATE SON OF THE SAID DECEASED	
LATE JAMILA ABBA YUSUF OF MODUJI QTRS KATSINA STATE DIED ON 30 MARCH 24 AT HOSPITAL	MUHAMMAD ABBA OF MODUJI QTRS KATSINA STATE SON OF THE SAID DECEASED	
LATE ISYAKU RABE OF NIGERIAN AIRPORT AUTHORITY KATSINA STATE DIED 28 AUGUST 25 AT KATSINA	FIRMAN ISYAKU AND HAJARU ISYAKU AKA OF SHINGAR LOW QTRS KATSINA STATE DAUGHTER AND WIDOW OF THE SAID DECEASED	
LATE AYSHA LAWLAL BRIBE OF LGBA DUTSINMA RTD DIED ON THE 27 AUGUST 25 AT DUTSINMA LGA	BINTU LAWLAL OF DUTSINMA LGA KATSINA STATE DAUGHTER OF THE SAID DECEASED	
LATE HAMZA MUHAMMAD OF NIGERIAN POLICE FORCE RTD DIED ON THE 26 AUGUST 25 AT KATSINA	HADIZA HAMZA OF FILIN POLO QUARTER KATSINA DAUGHTER OF THE SAID DECEASED	
LATE FATMA AGAJU OF SOCIAL WELFARE WIGAWA LGA KATSINA STATE DIED ON THE 1ST AUGUST 25 AT WIGAWA	MURHAMMO AMIRU ADAMU OF SABON GARI THS WWA LGA KATSINA STATE SON OF THE SAID DECEASED	
AT PROBATE REGISTRY, HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, KATSINA STATE	DATES THIS 11th SEPTEMBER, 2025	(MUSTAPHA HASSAN RUMA) PROBATE REGISTRAR, HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, KATSINA STATE

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SCHEDULE	
NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON:	NAME OF APPLICANT:
Late Ibrahim Mustapha of Nigerian custom service RTD died on 6/3/2025 at Katsina	Almustapha Ibrahim of no 16 Dutsin Reine street kofar kaura layout katsina son of the said Deceased
Late Ibrahim Bishir Maigoro of Business man died on 12/8/2024 at Katsina	Muhammad Bashir Maigoro of Salmuwar Ungi K/ kaura Katsina Son
Late Lawal Mamuda of Funtua Local Govt died on 15/4/2025 at Funtua	Salisu Bala of Funtua Local Govt Brother
Late Ibrahim Muhammad Aminu of Business man died on 23/6/2025 at Funtua	Kabar Ibrahim of Dandaji Qtrs Funtua Son
Late Abashe Danladi of F C E Katsina died on 28/8/2025 at Katsina	Nawasi Abbas of Modaji Qtrs Katsina Son
DATES THIS 11th SEPTEMBER, 2025	
AT THE PROBATE REGISTRY, HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, KATSINA.	(MUSTAPHA HASSAN RUMA) PROBATE REGISTRAR

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON:	NAME OF APPLICANT:	
LATE MUSTAPHA YUSUF MAGAJU OF MINISTRY FOR LG DIED ON THE 2ND JUNE 25 AT KATSINA	YUSUF MUSTAPHA OF TUDURI MATAWALLE QUARTER KATSINA SON OF THE SAID DECEASED	
LATE RABE AHMED OF PHC DEPARTMENT SANDAMU LGA KATSINA STATE DIED ON THE 25 AT SANDAMU	TALATU AHMED OF MALLAMAWA QUARTER DAURA LG. ELDER SISTER	
LATE TIRI GYANG DAKYONG OF FEDERAL UNIVERSITY DUTSINMA LGA KATSINA STATE DIED ON THE 2ND JULY 24 AT DUTSINMA	SARATU YAKUBU TIRI OF BEHIND CONTINENTAL COMPUTER KATSINA (FE OF THE SAID DECEASED	
LATE SULAIMAN MUHAMMAD OF NIGERIAN POLICE FORCE KATSINA STATE COMMAND DIED ON THE 14 JULY 25 AT HOSPITAL	ABDULRAHMAN SULAIMAN AND IBRAHIM DANLADI OF FASKARI LGA KATSINA STATE SON AND BROTHER OF THE SAID DECEASED	
LATE HAJARA LAWLAL OF HSMB RTD DIED ON THE 12 AUGUST 25 AT KATSINA	SHUAIBU MUSA OF SAULAWA QUARTER KATSINA SON OF THE SAID DECEASED	
LATE RIFKATU JIBRI OF SABON GARI ALHADI YAHUZA BATAGARAWA LGA KATSINA STATE DIED ON THE 4TH MAY 25 AT HOSPITAL	YAHAYA JIBRI UMAR OF SABON GARI ALHADI YAHUZA BATAGARAWA LGA KATSINA STATE SON OF THE SAID DECEASED	
LATE JIBRI UMAR CHRISTOPHE OF U.H.S JOS. DIED ON THE 8TH MAY 2023 AT HOSPITAL	YAHAYA JIBRI UMAR OF SABON GARI ALHADI YAHUZA BATAGARAWA LGA KATSINA STATE SON OF THE SAID DECEASED	
AT PROBATE REGISTRY, HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, KATSINA STATE	DATES THIS 11th SEPTEMBER, 2025	(MUSTAPHA HASSAN RUMA) PROBATE REGISTRAR, HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, KATSINA STATE

**LEGAL NOTICE:**

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, JIGAWA STATE OF NIGERIA**

IN THE HIGH COURT PROBATE REGISTRY WHEREAS the persons whose names are set out in the first column hereunder died intestate in the date and at the specified place in the said column.

AND WHEREAS the persons whose names and addresses appear below in the second column (Herein-after called the claimants) claim relationship to the deceased persons named opposite in the first column and have applied to High Court of Justice, Jigawa State for the grant of 'Letters of Administration' of the personal properties of the said deceased.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HERE BY GIVEN. That letters of administration will be granted to the claimants, "UNLESS A NOTICE TO PROHIBIT" the grant is filed in the probate Registry, High Court of Justice, Jigawa State within TWENTY ONE (21) DAYS of the publication of notice;

<b>DECEASED</b>	<b>APPLICANTS</b>
<b>UBAIDU TSOHO</b> of NPF Kaduna Command who died on 28/12/2020 at AKTH Kano.	<b>KHAIRAT BALA &amp; ALIYU UBAIDU C/O Government House Dutse, Jigawa State. The Proposed Administrators.</b>

**DATED 10/9/2025**

**HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE JIGAWA**

**(AISHA AHMED BABURA ESQ.) PROBATE REGISTRAR**

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
This is to inform the general public of the Loss of Original Letter of Grant of Allocation Paper of Plot No. 160 situated at Layout Dukawuya G.R.A Kano, Plan TP/KAS/220, LKN/RES/94/892 belonging to ALH. ABDO LAWAN K/MAZUGAL and the said PLOT was issued to Him by the Ministry of Land and Physical Planning Kano State which got lost while in his Possession at Zawachiki Qtrs, Kumbotso LGA Kano on 24th March 2025. All efforts made to trace same proved abortive. Authorities concerned and general public should please take note.

HEALTH DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVE INITIATIVE (IT- 32107)
This is to inform the General public that the above named Organization has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission Abuja, for the Removed of Trustees under Part F of the Companies and Allied matters Act. 2020.
<b>TRUSTEES</b>
1. Prof. Sadiq Wali -Removed
2. Prof. Mohammed Kabir -Removed
3. Dr. Mansur Kabir -Removed
4. Dr. Haruna Adamu -Removed
5. Halilu Ahmed Getso -Removed
Any objection to this amendment should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission (C.A.C) No. 420, Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi-Ironsi Street, P.M.B. 198, Maitama, Abuja within 28 Days of This Publication.
Signed: Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to notify the general public that the Sharia Court of Appeal, Federal Capital Territory Abuja has authorized public Auction sales of some household items and cold room in Suit No. CV/123/2024/ UNDIE EDWARD AND PHILIP TECHNICIAN at the Court premises, Gudu, FCT, Abuja.
Date: Friday, 19th September, 2025. Time: Starting from 10am
Signed: Director Litigation For: Sharia Court of Appeal.

PUBLIC NOTICE
WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME NIGERIA WELFARE INITIATIVE
This is to notify the general public that the above named Association has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for change of Trustee under Part F of the Companies and Allied Matters Act of 2020.
REGISTER NO: CAC/IT/NO 137285.
<b>Old (remove) Trustee are:</b>
1. MADUEKE IFEOMA NONYE
2. OKOGBUE CHARLES CHUKWUDUBE
3. ZAKARIYAU ABDULWAHEED
4. ADEJOH ELIZABETH
<b>NEW Trustee Are:</b>
1. OMALE MICHAEL OMEDE
2. OMEZI GODWIN IFEANYI
3. OLOFO JOHN
4. USMAN ALHERI
Any objection to this change should be forwarded to the Registrar General Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Crescent, Maitama, Abuja, within 28 days of this publication.
Signed; chairman.

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to notify the general public that the Sharia Court of Appeal, Federal Capital Territory Abuja has authorized public Auction sales of Two-bedroom bungalows. The property is located at Anagada Village by Zuba-Gwagwalada Road, Gwagwalada Area Council, FCT, Abuja.
Date: Thursday, September 25, 2025. Time: Starting from 10am
Signed: Director Litigation For: Sharia Court of Appeal.

LOSS OF DOCUMENT
This is to inform the general public that the loss of original ALLOCATION LETTER of Plot nos: 5 and 6, situated at TSAMAWA GASAU in KUMBOTSO local govt area Kano State. Belongs to SALE A JILI. IN PRESENCE OF ABBA GALADIMA AND RILWANU BAITA is declared missing. All efforts made to trace the said Document remain abortive. If found, please return to the KUMBOTSO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA, AUTHORITIES CONCERNED and general public to note.

LOSS OF OCCUPANCY PERMIT
I, ABDULLAHI IDRIS OF DAWAKIN KUDU LGA KANO STATE -NIGERIA. THAT I AM THE LEGAL AND RIGHTFUL OWNER OF PLOT NO.2245 PLAN NO.TP/KNUPDA/DKD/14 WHICH THE SAID PLOT LAID AND SITUATED AT YARGAYA IN D/KUDU LGA OF KANO STATE. THAT I WAS ALLOCATED WITH THE SAID PLOT BY KANO STATE MINISTRY OF LAND AND PHYSICAL PLANNING. THAT THE ORIGINAL OCCUPANCY PERMIT ISSUED IN RESPECT OF THE SAID PLOT GOT LOST AND ALL EFFORTS MADE TO TRACE SAME PROVED ABORTIVE. AUTHORITY CONCERNED AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO TAKE NOTE.

LOSS OF OCCUPANCY PERMIT
I, HASSANA BASIRU OF YARGAYA LGA KANO STATE -NIGERIA. THAT I AM THE LEGAL AND RIGHTFUL OWNER OF PLOT NO.2293B PLAN NO.TP/KNUPDA/DKD/14 WHICH THE SAID PLOT LAID AND SITUATED AT YARGAYA IN D/KUDU LGA OF KANO STATE. THAT I WAS ALLOCATED WITH THE SAID PLOT BY KANO STATE MINISTRY OF LAND AND PHYSICAL PLANNING. THAT THE ORIGINAL OCCUPANCY PERMIT ISSUED IN RESPECT OF THE SAID PLOT GOT LOST AND ALL EFFORTS MADE TO TRACE SAME PROVED ABORTIVE. AUTHORITY CONCERNED AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO TAKE NOTE.

LOSS OF OCCUPANCY PERMIT
I, SHA'AIBU USAINI (M) OF KANO STATE. THAT I AM THE LEGAL AND RIGHTFUL OWNER OF PLOT NO.1616 WITH PLAN NO.TP/KNUPDA/340A SITUATED AT INUSAWA IN UNGOGO LG, KANO. THAT THE OCCUPANCY PERMIT ISSUED IN RESPECT OF THE PLOT GOT LOST WHILE IN MY POSSESSION AT UNDISCLOSED PLACE(S) WHILE IN MY POSSESSION AND ALL EFFORTS MADE TO TRACE THE MISSING DOCUMENT PROVED ABORTIVE. AUTHORITY CONCERNED AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO TAKE NOTE.

LOSS OF OCCUPANCY PERMIT
I, ABDULLAHI IDRIS OF DAWAKIN KUDU LGA KANO STATE -NIGERIA. THAT I AM THE LEGAL AND RIGHTFUL OWNER OF PLOT NO.2226 PLAN NO.TP/KNUPDA/DKD/14 WHICH THE SAID PLOT LAID AND SITUATED AT YARGAYA IN D/KUDU LGA OF KANO STATE. THAT I WAS ALLOCATED WITH THE SAID PLOT BY KANO STATE MINISTRY OF LAND AND PHYSICAL PLANNING. THAT THE ORIGINAL OCCUPANCY PERMIT ISSUED IN RESPECT OF THE SAID PLOT GOT LOST AND ALL EFFORTS MADE TO TRACE SAME PROVED ABORTIVE. AUTHORITY CONCERNED AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO TAKE NOTE.

LOSS OF OCCUPANCY PERMIT
I, HASSANA BASIRU OF YARGAYA LGA KANO STATE -NIGERIA. THAT I AM THE LEGAL AND RIGHTFUL OWNER OF PLOT NO.2291 PLAN NO.TP/KNUPDA/DKD/14 WHICH THE SAID PLOT LAID AND SITUATED AT YARGAYA IN D/KUDU LGA OF KANO STATE. THAT I WAS ALLOCATED WITH THE SAID PLOT BY KANO STATE MINISTRY OF LAND AND PHYSICAL PLANNING. THAT THE ORIGINAL OCCUPANCY PERMIT ISSUED IN RESPECT OF THE SAID PLOT GOT LOST AND ALL EFFORTS MADE TO TRACE SAME PROVED ABORTIVE. AUTHORITY CONCERNED AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO TAKE NOTE.

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I, ABDULLAHI IDRIS OF DAWAKIN KUDU LGA KANO STATE -NIGERIA. THAT I AM THE LEGAL AND RIGHTFUL OWNER OF PLOT NO.2224 PLAN NO.TP/KNUPDA/DKD/14 WHICH THE SAID PLOT LAID AND SITUATED AT YARGAYA IN D/KUDU LGA OF KANO STATE. THAT I WAS ALLOCATED WITH THE SAID PLOT BY KANO STATE MINISTRY OF LAND AND PHYSICAL PLANNING. THAT THE ORIGINAL OCCUPANCY PERMIT ISSUED IN RESPECT OF THE SAID PLOT GOT LOST AND ALL EFFORTS MADE TO TRACE SAME PROVED ABORTIVE. AUTHORITY CONCERNED AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO TAKE NOTE.

LOSS OF OCCUPANCY PERMIT
I, ABDULLAHI IDRIS OF DAWAKIN KUDU LGA KANO STATE -NIGERIA. THAT I AM THE LEGAL AND RIGHTFUL OWNER OF PLOT NO.2247 PLAN NO.TP/KNUPDA/DKD/14 WHICH THE SAID PLOT LAID AND SITUATED AT YARGAYA IN D/KUDU LGA OF KANO STATE. THAT I WAS ALLOCATED WITH THE SAID PLOT BY KANO STATE MINISTRY OF LAND AND PHYSICAL PLANNING. THAT THE ORIGINAL OCCUPANCY PERMIT ISSUED IN RESPECT OF THE SAID PLOT GOT LOST AND ALL EFFORTS MADE TO TRACE SAME PROVED ABORTIVE. AUTHORITY CONCERNED AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO TAKE NOTE.



# SPORT



■ Super Eagles' Calvin Bassey celebrates his equaliser against South Africa with teammates on Tuesday

## Super Eagles will keep fighting for World Cup spot – Chelle

By Jide Olusola

Super Eagles head coach Eric Chelle remains optimistic that Nigeria can still secure a place at the 2026 FIFA World Cup, despite their precarious position in Group C.

Chelle backed his players following the 1-1 draw against South Africa in Bloemfontein, a result that left the team's qualification hopes hanging by a thread.

Despite dominating large spells of the game, Nigeria failed to secure the win they desperately needed, leaving them on 11 points from eight matches—six adrift of Group C leaders Bafana Bafana with just two games to play.

Chelle, however, chose not to dwell on the disappointment, instead commending the team's commitment in a difficult away fixture. "We tried, [the players] gave everything to try to win and, like I said,

it's difficult to come here and hope for a win because this team is very good, their wingers are very fast, and the striker keeps the ball well," he said after the match.

The coach admitted that a brief lapse cost Nigeria dearly. "During this game, for just 10 seconds, we were not in a good position and they killed us, so after that we came back in the game because we were ready for that, and the state of mind of the players was to come back and try to score a goal, but South Africa is a good team."

Looking ahead, Chelle acknowledged the tough road that remains. "We are professional, so it's still two games and for sure these players want to win these two games, but at this moment it's difficult for us because we wanted to win [against Bafana], and I think we did everything to try and win," he said. "So in the last two games, a lot of things can happen in one month ... we just need to analyse this game again and

after that we'll see in the last two games."

Nigeria's draw with South Africa on Tuesday left the Super Eagles in second place on the Group C table with 11 points from eight matches.

The team will next face Lesotho on 10 October at the Toyota Stadium in Bloemfontein, before concluding their qualifying campaign on 16 October against the Benin Republic in Uyo.

Group leaders South Africa remain firmly in control with 17 points from eight games, while Benin sit second on 14 points. Nigeria and Rwanda are level on 11 points, though the Eagles edge ahead on goal difference. Lesotho, with six points, and Zimbabwe, on four, round out the standings.

With only two games left, Nigeria may need maximum points from both fixtures to keep their 2026 FIFA World Cup hopes alive, or risk being pushed into the play-off route.

## NOC women's commission wraps up nationwide seminar series

By Jide Olusola

The Women's Commission of the Nigeria Olympic Committee (NOC) is set to host the final zonal seminar of its nationwide initiative in Owerri, Imo State, from September 16 to 18, 2025.

The three-day programme will bring together female coaches, administrators, and technical officials from State Sports Councils and Commissions across the South-South and South-East geopolitical zones. Sessions will take place at the Executive Garden Hotels on Okigwe Road, in the Imo State capital.

Professor Florence Adeyanju, Chairperson of the NOC Women's Commission, will preside over the seminar, while the Commission's Secretary, Mrs. Kemi Obidahunsi, confirmed that the Owerri gathering represents the successful conclusion of a series that began in July 2025. Previous editions engaged participants from the North Central, North East, North West, and South-West zones.

In her remarks, Professor Adeyanju praised the commitment of Women's Commission members in the South-East and South-South, commending their determination to host the seminar despite challenges. She stressed the importance of resilience in empowering female leaders across the sports sector.

The event will be formally inaugurated by Engr. Habu Ahmed Gumel, President of the Nigeria Olympic Committee and Nigeria's representative on the International Olympic Committee (IOC), who has underscored the national significance of the initiative.

## Osimhen faces spell out as ankle sprain treatment begins

By Jide Olusola with agency reports

Galatasaray have confirmed that Nigerian striker Victor Osimhen has suffered an ankle sprain, following an injury sustained while playing for the Super Eagles in Saturday's 1-0 win over Rwanda in the 2026 World Cup qualifiers.

Osimhen was forced off midway through the first half in Uyo after a challenge from Rwanda's Claude Niyomugabo, ruling him out of Nigeria's second qualifier against South Africa in Bloemfontein on Tuesday.

Initial medical checks by the Super Eagles doctors suggested a less severe problem. "Team doctor confirmed Victor Osimhen's injury is a bruise on his shin. He woke up this morning (Sunday) with discomfort and will not be travelling with the squad to South Africa for Tuesday's game," Super Eagles Media Officer, Promise Efoghe, wrote in a statement.

The striker has since returned to Turkey, where Galatasaray's medical team carried out further examinations. Team doctor Dr. Yener Slim revealed a more serious diagnosis.

"In the examinations conducted today



(Tuesday) on our football A team player Victor Osimhen in our hospital, a moderate level of sprain (tension and bleeding) was detected in the ankle ligaments and the necessary treatment was started to return to the field as soon as possible," Slim said in a statement posted on the club's website.

Osimhen was replaced by Cyriel

Dessers during the Rwanda game, though the Belgium-born forward struggled to make an impact. Instead, substitute Tolu Arokodare came off the bench to score in the 51st minute, sealing Nigeria's victory and keeping their qualification hopes alive.

It remains uncertain whether Osimhen will recover in time for Galatasaray's upcoming league match against Eyüpspor on Saturday.

The 24-year-old striker joined Galatasaray permanently this summer after a successful loan spell from Napoli, completing a €75m move that made him the club's record signing. He has already scored two goals in three league games this season, helping his side to the top of the table with 12 points.

## Aruna storms into WTT Champions Macao round of 16

By Jide Olusola

Nigeria's Quadri Aruna made a flying start to his WTT Champions Macao 2025 campaign on Tuesday, sweeping aside China's Huang Youzheng in straight games in the men's singles round of 32.

The world number 26, who had been struggling for form in recent months, showed no signs of hesitation at the Macao East Asian Games Dome, sealing an 11-3, 11-8, 11-8 victory.

Aruna outscored Huang 33-19 overall, converting 19 points on his own serve and 14 on return. His dominance was highlighted by a seven-point scoring streak and an eight-point lead at the widest margin, while Huang's longest rally stretched to just two.

The win represents a timely return to form for the 36-year-old African number one, who had managed only one victory in his last six World Table



Tennis outings, with defeats to the likes of Tomokazu Harimoto, Shunsuke Togami, Truls Möregårdh, and Omar Assar. Against Huang, however, he was sharp and composed throughout.

Wildcard entrant Huang, ranked 49th in the world, was unable to make an impact and exits early from the tournament. Aruna now progresses to the round of 16, where he will face either Germany's Patrick Franziska or sixth seed Xiang Peng of China.

The WTT Champions Macao, one of the sport's most prestigious tournaments, features a stacked field that includes defending champion and world number one Lin Shidong, Wang Chuqin, Hugo Calderano, Tomokazu Harimoto, and Lin Yun-Ju. Calderano, seeded fourth, advanced with a straight-games win over Korea's An Jaehyun, while in the women's singles, Zhu Yuling and Adriana Diaz also progressed to the round of 16.



## LINE OF SIGHT

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## Kingdom of Agberos

The tragic incident last week in Abuja, in which a cackle of rabid touts wrestled a private vehicle into an accident that killed a couple and some of the touts at Abuja's Mabushi, is yet another reminder that our system of administration is flawed.

Anyone who drives in Abuja and any other major Nigerian city is familiar with the reprehensible actions of the desperadoes who rush your vehicle and wrestle your steering wheel from you, often putting both your life and theirs on the line, to extract some ridiculous fines from you.

The reasons for exacting these fines are often flippant, and the plethora of unions behind them are far too numerous to name.

While the Mabushi tragedy was caused by touts who claim affiliation to one of the transport unions in the country, the sad truth is that it could have been any of our "professional" law enforcers. How many times have police officers, road safety officials, or VIO acted in the exact same manner? How often have we seen videos of these law enforcement officers sprawled on car bonnets, clinging to windshield wipers as furious drivers speed away with them?

So while this practice has been widespread, let us focus on the activities of touts whose practices have often been unofficial but have found some form of legitimacy or state recognition of late. These practices are derived from our hustling mentality, where people whose talents and energy could better serve the country and themselves elsewhere are reduced to running after cars and passengers to do jobs that simple signs could do. This banal practice has resulted in the birth of an army of street touts whose singular purpose has been to harass road users, create chaos on the streets, and extract money from people going about their lawful business.

The sad reality is that these touts, who have become an eyesore on our streets and transit parks, have gained institutional backing when they are endorsed by local council authorities to harass motorists or are deployed as revenue-generating goons for "a council" or, more precisely, some council officials.

A few years ago, they gained a blanket licence to operate within the FCT when the city suddenly introduced street parking fees. They licensed these touts to harass road users caught unawares by the new parking regime and the sudden presence of drug-addled enforcers forcing themselves into private cars and wrestling car keys and steering wheels from road users.

I remember my encounter with them when I had pulled over at a designated parking spot to buy something off a street vendor, when several men accosted me; one was trying to seize my car key while several

others were trying to force my car door open. I had thought I was being carjacked in the mid-morning Abuja sun until they explained that they were essentially FCT-licence-carrying touts.

Despite the subsequent court ruling that the imposition of the parking fees was unlawful and that ill-fated operation was swept aside, the touts had been emboldened, and their actions have grown even more daring. Now they engage motorists in high-speed chases and wrestling matches in moving vehicles that endanger public safety on the roads.

These endorsements have meant that they are provided with some sort of pseudo-legal backing by claiming to be operating on behalf of transport workers' unions. The question here is: when did these unions have authority over road use in the country? Why does anyone who is picking up passengers, whether for commercial reasons or out of a desire to genuinely help, become subject to their extortionist fines?

The goal of any union should be to incentivise membership so that members see the merits and benefits of being due-paying members of the union. This could be in the form of some insurance cover, financial protection and other benefits, or advocating for better policies that will benefit the members. Dues are meant to be paid periodically. What we are witnessing, however, is a practice where motorists, be they members of the unions or not, are taxed for every single passenger they carry or for simply being on the road. This cannot be legal, and I hope the law can be called upon to state this.

The reality is that no one knows what the fines being collected are used for. One of the touts who assaulted the Ehekweme family and drove them to their deaths claimed to be working for the Road Transport Employers Association of Nigeria (RTEAN). However, when interviewed by a journalist, he admitted that for every "arrest" they make by corralling road users to their office to pay a N7,000 fine for any infraction, the union leaders take N3,000 while the touts take the remaining share of N4,000.

This is the incentive for the desperate acts we have seen these touts engage in so as to commandeer vehicles to their office. The tragedy for this tout was that since the accident in which he broke some limbs, the union he claimed to work for had not shown up to look out for him. This is not what unions are meant to do.

RTEAN, which in various iterations has been in existence since 1933, and in its current one since 1978, is supposed to reform the transportation sector, promote professionalism among drivers, ensure road safety, and support socio-economic

development and youth employment in Nigeria.

As road users, we can all attest that there is hardly anything professional about drivers' conduct in Nigeria. If the union is doing anything about improving this, we have not seen this or the impact of such efforts. Drivers continue to behave like the touts they have to wrestle with every day to put food on the table for their families. Neither can RTEAN demonstrate that they have made any significant impact in improving road safety among its members when basic safety requirements, such as wearing seatbelts or ensuring that vehicles are in proper working condition, are often completely ignored. Yet we have a proliferation of unions like this, including the NURTW and others in the country.

The big question is: what then do they do with all these fees they generate, for which the Ehekweme family was forced to give up their lives? If the union has the right to demand fines and levies from road users, to be able to seize and detain vehicles pending payment of certain fines for offences that were never clear to the road users in the first place, then everyone from whom they can demand payments can and should demand accountability from them and demand to know exactly how these fines are spent.

For the family of the Ehekweme, the damage has been done. Their loved ones cannot be returned. The only hope they can cling to is a sense of justice, and the state is bound by duty to provide this.

It is so easy to fall prey to these touts running around Abuja, trying to jump into one's car like frenzied zombies from World War Z. This is why this tragedy resonates with Nigerians, because we all know that could have been any of us, that in the climate of extortion that the unions have created through their network of touts, we are one stop away from being driven off the road by agberos trying to earn their 3k for the day.

Their deaths must not be in vain for their family and for Nigerians. After investigations are completed, those indicted should be prosecuted for manslaughter according to the laws of the land. This should serve as a deterrent to other touts who are all too eager to charge drivers into dangerous situations. At the same time, the unions these touts work for or that licensed them to operate must be held accountable for this tragedy. This could take the shape of significant compensation to be paid to the family of the victims. It will also ensure that the unions will ensure proper and professional conduct for whoever they will task with generating revenues on their behalf.

Crucially, we must end this form of barbarism that we have unleashed on our roads. While I have read some reports of the FCT setting another task force to arrest street touts in the capital, we must be careful not to eradicate unlicensed touts with licensed ones. Recognised authorities like the police should step up to the plate and act accordingly to remove this menace from our streets. They must, however, go about this task with professionalism, as it would be counterproductive to use agberos to chase agberos. Our streets are not madhouses. We should not be losing people to this madness.

## SPORT REPORT

### Marmoush to miss Manchester derby with knee injury



■ Marmoush

Manchester City will be without Omar Marmoush for Sunday's Manchester derby after the Egypt forward suffered a knee injury on international duty.

The 26-year-old was substituted in the ninth minute of his country's World Cup qualifier with Burkina Faso - which finished as a goalless draw - in Ouagadougou on Tuesday.

Marmoush, who joined City from Eintracht Frankfurt for £59m in January, was hurt following a robust fourth-minute challenge.

City said initial scans in Egypt indicated Marmoush would miss Manchester United's visit to Etihad Stadium on Sunday (16:30 BST).

Marmoush initially played on after receiving treatment on the field, but was replaced by Osama Faisal shortly afterwards.

He has scored eight goals in 28 appearances for City.

### Schauffele not with Ryder Cup teammates after son's birth



■ Schauffele

Xander Schauffele is not at the Procore Championship in Napa, California, with the rest of his United States Ryder Cup teammates in order to be at home in Florida with his newborn son.

The rest of the US team is in Northern California this week to squeeze in a final competition before the Ryder Cup at Bethpage Black in Farmingdale, New York, from September 26-28.

Even Bryson DeChambeau, who is ineligible for PGA Tour events due to his contract with LIV Golf, said he would make the trip to Napa to bond with his teammates.

However, Schauffele confirmed to the Associated Press on Tuesday that he chose to remain in Florida after his wife, Maya, recently gave birth to a boy the couple named Victor.