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# First Time In 6 Years, PMB Wiends The Big Stick On 2 Cabinet Members

■ Power, Agric ministers fired for underperformance, flip-flop policies ■ More ministers to go  
■ Citizens hard hit as food inflation rises from 13.7% to 21%, power supply worsens ■ Experts set agenda for new ministers ■ President's action won't change anything – PDP



Chairman of Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Prof Mahmood Yakubu (middle); vice chairman, LEADERSHIP Media Group, Chief Mike Okpere (2nd left); INEC's national commissioner in charge of Voter Education and Information, Barrister Festus Okoye (left); group managing director, LEADERSHIP Media Group, Muazu Elazeh (2nd right), and director, LEADERSHIP Media Group, Abraham Nda-Isaiah (right), during a courtesy visit to INEC headquarters in Abuja, yesterday.

## LEADERSHIP Award Will Spur INEC – Prof Yakubu

BY TUNDE OGUNTOLA, Abuja

The chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Professor Mahmood Yakubu, said the award of Public Agency of the Year 2020 conferred on the Commission by LEADERSHIP Media Group will galvanize the electoral umpire to do more.

Yakubu stated this yesterday when he received a delegation from LEADERSHIP Media Group led by its vice chairman, Chief Mike Okpere, ahead of the LEADERSHIP Annual Conference and Awards ceremony slated for September 9.

INEC had emerged the LEADERSHIP Government Agency of the Year 2020 after a rigorous selection process at a meeting of the Board of Editors of the media organisation in December last year.

The INEC chairman, who confirmed that he will attend the annual event, said recognitions from organisations like LEADERSHIP Media Group will further encourage the commission to do more in its drive to strengthen the nation's democracy.

"We are always encouraged by organisations like yours. It gives us the will to do more to serve Nigerians better," Prof

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## IPOB Has Amassed Weapons, Bombs – Presidency

BY JONATHAN NDA-ISAIAH, Abuja

The presidency yesterday fired back at Amnesty International (AI), saying the global rights group was supporting terrorist groups like the proscribed Indigenous

People of Biafra (IPOB) which it accused of amassing a substantial stockpile of weapons and bombs in various parts of the country.

Presidential spokesman, Garba Shehu, in a statement, said the latest salvo by Amnesty International

at Nigeria was more of the same.

Mr Shehu was reacting to the latest report by Amnesty International, urging the Nigerian government to end enforced disappearance

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## Bandits Strike In Zamfara, Abduct 100 Students In Matawalle

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## CBN Appoints Nwanisobi, 7 Others As Departmental Directors

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BACK STORY OF THE DAY

Plateau Killings: Speaker Says Ultimatum To Implement Resolutions On Security Is No Plot To Impeach Governor

BY ACHOR ABIMAJE, Jos

Following the attack on the people of Yelwa Zangam, Anaguta community, in Jos North LGA, the Plateau State House of Assembly recently gave Governor Lalong two weeks ultimatum to implement the Resolutions of the House on Security Matters.

Addressing newsmen on behalf of other members of the house, chairman, House Committee on Information, Hon Dasun Philip Peter, challenged Lalong to defend Plateau people.

This ultimatum by the House resulted in rumours of plans to impeach the governor.

However, Speaker of the Plateau State House Of Assembly, Rt Hon Abok Ayuba has come out to dismiss such rumours, stating the governor had already began implementation of the security resolutions.

In any case, there is still shock and anger over killings of over 35 people mostly women and children, penultimate week at Yelwa Zangam, while several others sustained life threatening injuries and are receiving treatment at various hospitals in the state capital.

I discovered that the night marauders destroyed the only bridge linking the community, before carrying out this heinous



act, unleashing terror as families were burnt beyond recognition in their sleep.

Governor Lalong, in a statement issued by the director of press, Simon Makut Macham, said he was appalled by yet another isolated attack which took place at Yelwa Zangam village of Jos North Local Government Area.

This tragic event led to youths blocking major roads leading into the state capital to protest the killings. Others in their large numbers stormed Plateau State Specialist Hospital, where corpses of victims had been deposited, evacuating and taking them to Government House Little Rayfield to place them at the gates.

Speaking on behalf of the survivors during the mass burial, Ateker Pada Bitrus, who lost 19 members of his immediate family appealed to the governor to urgently address the humanitarian crisis in the community, following the destruction of their grains and farmlands.

In a chat with the secretary of the Plateau Elders Forum, Gideon Mitu, he urged security agencies to always be proactive in the discharge of their constitutional responsibility of protecting lives and properties, irrespective of ethnic and religious differences.

The Plateau State coordinator of Neighborhood Watch Engr Ola Azeez in Jos, told me that to ensure lasting peace in the state and put an end to incessant killings, government should intensify efforts in recruiting local vigilantes and hunters group of Nigeria, to synergise with conventional security agencies in the state, while adding that the issue of drug abuse be tackled.

Maimuna’s Memoir  
Revamping Work Ethics

Attitude Matters!

She stared at me in a patronising manner, and it was at that moment I decided to wipe that condescending look off her early twenty something - ish face. I picked up the lunch pack and flipped it open to pick up the sponge cake, by now it felt like a stone. “This, Madam Air hostess is called a sponge cake and not a muffin. I know what a muffin is,” I insisted, showing the co-passenger beside me who had been silent all through the exchange. He leaned over to scrutinise the cake and immediately nodded in agreement looking up at the air hostess to say in total agreement with me, “Yup, that definitely looks like a sponge cake.” The air hostess gave us both a glare mixed with an expression that seemed to say, ‘ Muffin, Sponge cake, whatever do you want some more or not?’ I read her mind but could not resist giving her my smile of victory as I put the cake away and answered her unspoken question for the both of us, “No, thanks. We are ok.” She walked away with a forced smile pasted on her face and I wondered, where did they bring her from? Did she go through any

training at all? I mean, the attitude of some air hostesses can make you wish you had missed the flight.



I read her mind but could not resist giving her my smile of victory as I put the cake away and answered her unspoken question

SEVEN TIPS: ON HOW TO WORK REMOTELY AND STILL BE PRODUCTIVE

Here are some tips on how to increase your productivity for maximum benefits when you have to work remotely!

SET YOUR OWN SCHEDULE AND STICK TO IT

One of the first things people working remotely experience are friends and family members viewing them as having much more free time than they actually have. Especially if your job gets done primarily through your laptop. If you set a schedule every Sunday and let your family and friends know your office hours they will be more likely to respect your work time.

SCHEDULE YOUR TIME IN BETWEEN MEETINGS

This is just a good practice in general but even more critical when working remotely. Don't assume that you'll get to all the work you have in between the video and phone meetings you have booked. It will be easy to get sucked into tasks and interests you have at home that you never feel like you get to really enjoy or complete. It's important to be proactive about not creating new bad habits.

CREATE A PROTECTED WORKSPACE

If you live alone it's a lot easier to treat any area of your home as a workspace. But you'll still need to make some type of separation for your own sanity. Consider decorating one area or room so that it has nothing to do with work. This could be your bedroom or sitting area. You'll need to feel like you have somewhere to unplug.

PROACTIVELY REACH OUT TO CO-WORKERS, LEADERS AND CLIENTS

Don't rely on them to connect with you. It can be easy to get pulled into the bliss or misery of isolation, depending on your social preferences. But the reality is, when working remotely, people need to be shown you are thinking of them.



UPDATE ON PROGRESS MORE THAN USUAL

Since this is a new experience for everyone, you should err on the side of over-communicating, especially with work progress, until remote working norms are established. Send updates to your manager and clients vs. waiting for them to ask you for them.

GET OUT OF THE HOUSE

Take advantage of the fact that you don't have to be tied to a desk. Check out local coffee shops, libraries or diners that you can work from if your house isn't a place that helps you concentrate. But make sure you are someplace quiet with reliable internet service if you are set up to take a video conference.

CONSIDER INTERNET SECURITY

When working remotely, consider how you are accessing the internet. Avoid public wifi since this increases chances for getting hacked. If you don't have your own or company provided hotspot wifi then consider only working on projects that don't require internet access when in public workspaces.

GIVE YOURSELF BREAKS

No one else is going to stop you and you may be amazed how much you can go from getting distracted by everything at home to having zero reason to stop working on or thinking about all your deadlines and priorities. Schedule breaks to get up and get some air.

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

ZIMBABWE



Manufacturers of foods that are required to be fortified have been warned by the Ministry of Health and Child Care that they risk having their products banned if they do not meet the required standards. In 2016, the idea was pushed a lot further to combat the loss of most vitamins and minerals when many common grains are processed, with these losses having to be replaced at levels previously set, as laid out in Statutory Instrument 120 of 2016: Food and Food Standards (Food Fortification Regulations).

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ETHIOPIA



Ethiopian Airlines Group and the Boeing Company have signed a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on positioning Ethiopia as an aviation hub for Africa. Building on the two parties' seventy years of shared history in aviation, the MoU aims at positioning Ethiopia as Africa's aviation hub – "Ethiopia for Africa". Boeing has recognized Ethiopian as a global aviation leader in the continent.

TANZANIA



TANZANIA's ports have attracted more revenues in the past six months, garnering 531.1bn/- between February and July, this year up from 525.4bn/- earned during corresponding period last year. The increased revenues came in the wake of improved infrastructures and performance which enhanced cargo handling capacity. Statistics indicate that the cargo handled at the country's ports increased from 7.83 million tonnes between February and July last year to 8.87 million tonnes in corresponding period this year, despite the COVID-19 pandemic that disrupted business globally.

SUDOKU PUZZLE AND SOLUTIONS

Each Sudoku puzzle comes with some numbers already filled and each box has a corresponding row, column and 3x3 grid where the numbers cannot be repeated. The row, column or 3x3 grid with the most numbers filled is the best place to start, filling new numbers because there you have fewer options to choose from. As you fill each number on a box, you increase your chances of getting new spaces filled.

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Solution To Yesterday's Sudoku

Sudoku For Today

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# our stand

## Punish Forex Defaulters

Recent media reports indicate that some unscrupulous Nigerians are in the habit of undermining the foreign exchange (forex) regulations as clearly stipulated by the monetary authorities. The reports claim that these Nigerians either use fake travel documents (visas) to access foreign exchange and even when they use genuine documents, they find other ways to beat the system by cancelling their flights, that is, abandoning their plans to travel and convert the already secured foreign exchange into other unauthorised uses.

The law guiding the administration of foreign exchange demands that it must be used for the stated purpose and within a given time. If the applicant is not able to exhaust the amount applied for and given, the excess must be returned to the bank. That is a theory observed more in the breach.

Reacting to this development, the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) directed the commercial banks to publish on their websites the names and Bank Verification Numbers (BVN) of the defaulting customers who presented fake travel documents or canceled their tickets and failed to return the already purchased foreign exchange. Also reacting to this unwholesome development, some members of the Bankers Committee said that the trend, if not curbed, portends great risk to the integrity and stability of the forex market.

In the opinion of this newspaper, this is not about publishing the names of the defaulters and it ends there. Without mincing words, this is clearly a financial crime, a case of obtaining under false pretences. In our local lingo, it is called 419 or OBT. There is no other way to look at it. There are provisions in

the nation's codes of criminal law to address issues like this. It is an attempt to frustrate and sabotage the efforts of the monetary authorities to put in place a forex policy that will serve the interest of all those who have genuine needs for the scarce resource. In addition to exposing their identities, the security agencies must be brought in to handle the criminal intent of those involved and deservedly bring them to justice.

Without prejudice to the processes already in place to get to the bottom of this disgraceful conduct, we are inclined to conjecture that most of the people involved are those familiar with the operations of the foreign exchange regime. It will not be unlikely that they are the so-called elite segment of the society who know all the rules and how to circumvent them.

It is not unlikely also that some members of staff of the banks are in cahoots with those playing this illicit game against the best interest of the nation. We say this because it will be a surprise if the banks do not have a mechanism for detecting and or differentiating a fake travel document from a genuine one. That these criminals get away with their methods is proof that there is a likely insider abuse. It is time, in our view, to bring the culprits and their collaborators to book.

The management of the nation's foreign exchange and the policies deployed for that purpose have remained complex if not controversial. The CBN management will confirm that forex is one aspect of their functions that creates anxiety for everyone involved. For the simple reason that

it is scarce and is also at the core of the economy of the country that is so import-dependent. The challenge is always there to manage it in such a manner that all sectors of the economy get their due fairly and equitably.

Beyond that, for some, it is one of the easiest means to becoming a millionaire just by doing nothing, literally. For instance, the official ceiling for forex allocation if one needs a Basic Travelling Allowance (BTA) is \$5,000 maximum obtained at official rate. Convert that to Naira through black market channels, one is talking in millions. So, what it means is that the incentive to cheat is there and very attractive.

It is from this standpoint that we insist that the matter must not be swept under the carpet. It is a crime against the state and must be treated as such regardless of the personalities eventually implicated. We mention this because often in Nigeria, the bigger the crime, the bigger the personality involved and the smaller the willingness to apply the full force of the law.

Nigerians are familiar with the notion of round tripping. It simply means accessing forex officially, abandoning the official purpose and converting it to Naira through unofficial channels. The sidelining of the Bureaux de Change was essentially a move to ameliorate their overbearing interference in forex administration. Commendable as that move was, we warned on this page that leaving the field open for banks alone is certainly a risk.

But the CBN cannot do it alone and that is why we are recommending detailed investigation into this matter after which the rules must be stringently applied to discourage saboteurs and their partners in crime.

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# First Time In 6 Years, PMB Wiends The Big Stick On 2 Cabinet Members

BY JONATHAN NDA-ISAIAH  
and CHIBUZO Ukaibe NSE  
ANTHONY-UKO, Abuja and  
CHIKA IZUORA, Lagos

In an unprecedented move since he assumed office six years ago, President Muhammadu Buhari yesterday fired two ministers in his cabinet for poor performance in their assigned duties.

The affected ones are the minister of agriculture and rural development, Mohammed Sabo Nanono, and his counterpart in the power ministry, Engr. Sale Mamman.

This will come as a pleasant surprise to many Nigerians as the president had been seen to be reluctant to remove his appointees even when there was public outcry for him to do so for one infraction or the other.

LEADERSHIP gathered that the two ministers' performances were subjected to independent and critical review after which both of them were relieved of their posts for falling below expectations.

Consequently, they were immediately replaced. The minister of environment, Dr. Mohammad Mahmood Abubakar, was redeployed to take over Nanono's role at agriculture and rural development ministry while the minister of state for works and housing, Engr. Abubakar D. Aliyu, will step up as minister of power.

According to President Buhari, substantive nominations will be made to fill the consequential vacancies in accordance with the requirements of the constitution.

He also warned that the process of cabinet reshuffle will be continuous based on review.

The president said, "On Wednesday 21st August,



Buhari

2019, the current Federal Executive Council (FEC) was sworn in after a rigorous retreat to bring returning and new members up to speed on the accomplishments, challenges, and lessons drawn from my first term in office and to emphasise the nine priority areas of government for the second term.

"Two years and some months into the second term, the tradition of subjecting our projects and programmes implementation to independent and critical self-review has taken firm roots through sector reporting during cabinet meetings and at retreats.

"These significant review steps have helped to identify and strengthen weak areas, close gaps, build cohesion and synergy in governance, manage the economy and improve the delivery of public goods to Nigerians.

"I must commend this cabinet for demonstrating unparalleled resilience that helped the government

to navigate the disruption to global systems and governance occasioned by the emergence of COVID-19 shortly after the inauguration. The weekly Federal Executive Council meetings were not spared because the traditional model was altered.

"As we are all aware, change is the only factor that is constant in every human endeavour and as this administration approaches its critical phase in the second term, I have found it essential to reinvigorate this cabinet in a manner that will deepen its capacity to consolidate legacy achievements."

"Accordingly, a few cabinet changes, marking the beginning of a continuous process, have been approved," and he went on to announce the ministerial changes.

The president went on: "In due course, substantive nominations will be made to fill the consequential vacancies in accordance with the requirements of the constitution.

"I have personally met with the departing members to thank them for their contributions to discussions in cabinet and the invaluable services rendered to the nation. Today, effectively marks their last participation in the Federal Executive Council deliberations and I wish them the best in all future endeavours.

"Finally, I wish to reiterate, once more, that this process shall be continuous."

**Peak Power Generation Drops From 5420MW To 4,701MW Food Inflation rises from 13.7% To 21%**

Available data indicate that Nigeria's electricity supply, though a perennial problem, remained erratic throughout the two year tenure of the former power minister, Engr Sale Mamman.

Despite massive investment in the power sector on his watch, the country's peak power generation remained abysmal.

From the all-time daily peak generation of 5,420.30 megawatts on August 18, 2019 few days to Saleh's appointment, generation dropped to a peak of 4,701.40 megawatts on August 31, 2021.

Saleh during his one year in office had said that over the past year, \$6.150 billion (about N2.373 trillion) had been secured for infrastructural development and earmarked for critical projects.

The grants were meant for critical projects including \$2.3 billion for Siemens, \$1.6 billion for Transmission Rehabilitation and Expansion Programme (TREP), \$1.7 billion for Distribution, \$550 million for the Nigerian Electricity Project (NEP), a rural electrification project being funded by the World Bank and the African Development Bank (AfDB).

Mamman had said with the fund, the ministry had begun implementing critical infrastructure to transform the generation, transmission, and distribution of 25,000MW of electricity by 2025.

In addition to these, the country committed much more funds into the sector during his second year with little to show for it.

In his submission, Kola Olubiyo, president, Nigeria Consumer Protection Network, backed the action of the president.

"The action of President Muhammadu Buhari in dropping the ministers and members of cabinet for non-performance is quite commendable..

"It was a case of lame-duck, lackadaisical and laissez faire attitude towards serious national policy issues that affect the PMB's Economic Sustainability Strategic Programme," adding that some

cabinet members exhibit what is called 'I don't care attitude' in Nigerian parlance.

"We have never had this magnitude of unprecedented, nonchalant attitude by the privileged elite in highly esteemed positions of authority.

"The decision by President Muhammadu Buhari to drop some ministers and rejig his cabinet is a step in the right direction.

"It is our desires and hope that Mr. President Muhammadu will do a full circle re-shufflement of his cabinet in the days to come in order to inject fresh energy, fresh blood and provide the much needed impetus for recalibration, total overhaul and rejigging of his cabinet," he said.

Also speaking with LEADERSHIP, Adetayo Adegbelembe, executive director of PowerupNig, said the cabinet reshuffle was overdue and a welcome development, especially with power and agriculture being pivotal to the daily livelihood of every Nigerian.

Adegbelembe noted that the power ministry had lost steam in the last two years which also coincided with the period the previous minister in charge was removed.

He observed that policy directions and leadership were clearly lacking.

"Power generation has also changed, but this cannot be tied down to any specific intervention by the former minister, meeting it at an average of 3,700MW in 2019 and leaving it at an average of 4,200MW.

"Even though we have an interim leadership, it would be expected that strong leadership of the power sector is required of

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## LEADERSHIP Award Will Spur INEC – Prof Yakubu

### FROM COVER

Yakubu said.

He lauded LEADERSHIP Media Group for its contributions towards strengthening the nation's democracy through dogged pursuit of its role as the fourth estate of the realm.

Prof Yakubu also scored INEC high on delivering free, fair and credible elections, saying the electoral body has repositioned itself to serve Nigeria better.

He specifically noted that none of the off-season elections conducted by the com-

mission under his watch had been nullified by any court based on infractions on its part.

As at the last count, INEC has conducted 26 off-season elections and is scheduled to conduct another one in Delta State next week.

Noting that the commission has evolved over the years into one of the most improved government agencies in the country, Prof Yakubu said with the deployment of technology during elections, INEC now serves Nigerians better.

"If you recall where we are coming from, even if you go

back to 1999, from registering voters every year to full biometric registration for the last eleven years, there has been remarkable improvements in our operations," Yakubu said.

He noted that during the last three electoral cycles in the country, the commission only updated its register and not enrolling eligible voters afresh.

Yakubu stated: "For the last three electoral cycles, we have only been updating the register, not registering people afresh. We have been deepening the use of technology in elec-

tions, and we will continue to do so."

On his part, the director, LEADERSHIP Media Group, Abraham Nda-Isaiah, applauded the commission's role in conducting free, fair and credible elections in the country.

The LEADERSHIP Conference and Awards ceremony is an annual event where the LEADERSHIP Media Group Limited celebrates those who have distinguished themselves in the public and private sectors in the preceding year.

In December 2020, LEADERSHIP had in line with its annual tradition of cele-



Yakubu

brating individuals and organisations that have distinguished themselves in their various fields of endeavour and made outstanding con-

tributions to Nigeria and the world in the course of the year, picked the nominees for its 2020 awards.

While declaring INEC its Government Agency of the Year 2020, the most influential newspaper in the country said the commission was given the honour "for successfully conducting the 2019 general election and other off-season elections, ignoring the antics of certain political actors in a tough political climate like Nigeria, and in the midst of restrictions occasioned by the Coronavirus pandemic."





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## Ebonyi APC Caretaker Chairman Quits Umahi’s Cabinet

BY OBINNA OGBONNAYA, Abakaliki

Ebonyi State Caretaker Committee chairman of the All Progressives Congress (APC) who also doubles as the commissioner for internal security, Mr. Stanley Okoro-Emegha, has resigned his appointment as a member of Governor David Umahi’s cabinet.

The commissioner for information and state orientation, Barrister Uchenna Orji, made the disclosure when he briefed journalists on the outcome of the State Executive Council (SEC) meeting.

He said Okoro-Emegha’s resignation letter was accepted during the meeting.

Orji stated that Okoro-Emegha’s resignation took effect from July 31, 2021, adding that the Executive Council also gave approval for his appointment as a security consultant to Ebonyi state government, effective from 1st day of August 2021.

The approval by EXCO also allows Okoro-Emegha to attend all state functions including SEC meetings, and can liaise with the permanent secretary of the Ministry of Internal Security and special adviser on internal security in the running of the security architecture of the state.

## CDS Visits Plateau, Urges United Action To Restore Peace

BY ACHOR ABIMAJE, Jos

Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Lucky Irabor yesterday visited Plateau State to assess the security situation and interacted with stakeholders on how to ensure lasting peace in the state.

General Irabor visited Governor Simon Lalong at the new Government House, Rayfield, Jos where he said he was in the state as part of the mandate by President Muhammadu Buhari to do everything to ensure that the perpetrators of the crisis are fished out and that such attacks do not happen again.

In a statement issued by the director of press and public affairs to the governor Dr. Makut Simon Macham, he said the stakeholders’ meeting was held at the Victoria Gowon Hall.

General Irabor said the meeting would afford him the opportunity to listen to the concerns and suggestions of all participants on the way forward.

He said the military could confront criminal elements working against the security of life and property, but real peace is only obtainable when the citizens make deliberate efforts to live with one another, adhere to norms, and laws as well as expose criminals amongst them.

The CDS also clarified the merging of the duties of “Operation Safe Haven” and the 3rd Armoured Division, which, he said, was done to give the commander wider latitude and resources to deploy whenever there is any emergency. He said it was a great advantage which must not be misconstrued.

## Bandits Strike In Zamfara, Abduct 100 Students In Matawalle

BY UMAR MOHAMMED, Gusau

Bandits yesterday stormed Government Day Secondary School Kaya in Maradun local government area and abducted about 100 students.

Maradun is the home town of the state governor, Bello Matawalle.

A source in the area, Muhammad Lawal, told LEADERSHIP that the criminals arrived in the school at about 11:00am while the school was in session.

“Though we are yet to ascertain the actual number of students abducted, we believed they would be up to 100, as the school population is over 300 and a significant

number of students were matched to the bandits den”, the source who did not want his name in print stated.

According to him, people have started taking census of the missing students, both male and female, to ascertain the actual number abducted from the school.

According to him, tension was high in the town, with majority of the people running into the bush to hide.

When contacted, the police spokesman in the state, SP Muhammad Shehu, said the command was yet to get report of the incident, even as he promised to find out.

Meanwhile, the Zamfara State

government has announced the total closure of all primary and secondary schools across the state.

Also, the state governor, Bello Matawalle, has ordered imposition of curfew in all the 14 local government areas of the state.

Addressing journalists yesterday at the police headquarters in Gusau, the state commissioner for police, CP Ayuba Elkana, said he was directed by the governor to announce the closure of all secondary schools.

“Following a security threat, the governor has directed the closure of all primary and secondary schools with a view to ensuring safety of citizens in the state,” he noted.

## Progressive Governors’ DG Upbraids Ortom, Olawunmi On Insecurity Claims

BY CHIBUZO UKAIBE, Abuja

Director-general of the Progressive Governors Forum (PGF), Salihu Moh Lukman, has lambasted the Benue State governor, Samuel Ortom and an intelligence specialist, Commodore Kunle Olawunmi (rtd) over their allegations of plots to Islamise and turn the country into a Fulani colony under Muhammadu Buhari-led federal government.

Lukman said such divisive rhetoric is worsening the already heightened security situation in the country.

The DG, in a statement, he titled: “Narrow Politics and Questions of

Democratic Development”, called on the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to caution Ortom, adding that parties should put in place internal code of conduct – bye-laws, beyond what is provided in their constitution.

He said to accuse the APC and President Buhari of promoting ‘fulanisation’ and ‘islamisation’ will be taking politics beneath the realm of logical reasoning.

“The fact that a serving governor is one of those exhibiting manifestations of ‘morbid symptoms’ calls for urgent review of leadership recruitment processes in the country.

“This should not be a partisan

matter. All the parties in the country should take this very seriously. As part of that reality, the case of wild goose allegations of ‘fulanisation’ and ‘islamisation’ agenda, should be a challenge, which the PDP should take over and make it an important priority.

“There is no reason why for instance Governor Ortom should not disclose the full details of the APC and President Buhari’s ‘fulanisation’ and ‘islamisation’ agenda. The proof should be a major campaign advantage for the PDP.

“The inability of the PDP to take over the campaign against ‘fulanisation’ and ‘islamisation’ may simply confirm the lack of evidence.

## Rivers Judgement: States Can Collect VAT Until... – SANS

BY KUNLE OLASANMI, Abuja

About a month after a High Court in Rivers state declared as illegal, the collection of Value Added Tax (VAT) by the federal government, some Senior Advocates of Nigeria (SANS) have backed the decisions of some states to begin the implementation of the judgment.

Already, Lagos State government has said it will begin the implementation of the judgment.

One of the defendants in the case, the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) has however vowed to appeal the judgement.

In an interview with LEADERSHIP, a professor of law and Senior Advocate of Nigeria, Chief Awa Kalu, said once a judgement is delivered, it can be implemented

immediately until it is set aside by a higher court.

According to him, an appeal is not automatically a stay of execution of judgment.

Kalu said, “Once a judgement is delivered, it can be implemented immediately until the Appeal Court says otherwise. An appeal is not automatically a stay of judgement. The judgement of a court is presumed correct until it is set aside.”

Another senior advocate, Chief Oba Maduabuchi, agreed with the submission of the law professor.

He said even if a motion for stay of execution of the judgment is filed, it is still at the discretion of the judge to grant it.

According to him, it is not automatic that it will be granted.

He said, “Since it is a court



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judgement, you are bound to obey it until a higher court says it is wrong. Even, if you file a motion for stay, it is only at the discretion of the court to tell parties to wait until the appeal before it is determined. Ordinarily, once a judgment is delivered, it becomes binding and it must be given effect to,” he said.

## NLC Threatens Strike Over Planned Electricity Tariff Hike

BY ANDREW OJIEZEL, Lagos

The leadership of Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) has vowed to paralyse business activities nationwide if the federal government should increase electricity tariffs.

While dismissing the speculations of another hike in electricity tariffs, NLC reiterated its readiness to embark on industrial action, if the government goes ahead to implement the increase.

NLC, in a statement by its presi-

dent, Comrade Ayuba Waba, said Nigerian workers will resist the move.

Wabba said, “We write to remind the minister that organised labour on September 28, 2020 through the federal government -Organised Labour Committee on Electricity Tariff agreed to freeze further increases in electricity tariffs until the committee concludes its work and its report adopted by all the principals in the committee.”

According to him, “It is in the light of this that we dismiss the ongoing speculations on increase as mere speculations. We, however, find it prudent to put you on notice that should the government make true the swirling speculation by approving an increase in electricity tariff, organised labour would be left with no option than to deploy the industrial mechanisms granted in our laws for the defence of workers’ rights.



### More Schools In India Reopen Despite Fears

More students in India have stepped inside a classroom for the first time in nearly 18 months, as authorities give the green light to partially reopen more schools despite apprehension from some parents and signs that infections are picking up again.

Schools and colleges in at least six more states will reopen gradually with health measures in place throughout September.

In capital New Delhi, all staff must be vaccinated and class sizes will be capped at 50 percent with staggered seating and sanitised desks.

In the capital, only students in grades nine through 12 will be allowed to attend at first, though it is not compulsory.

Some parents said they will be holding their children back, including Nalini Chauhan, who lost her husband to the coronavirus last year.

“That trauma is there for us and that is what stops me from going out. We don’t go to malls. We don’t go shopping. So why schools now?” she said.

Life has been slowly returning to normal in India after the trauma of a ferocious coronavirus surge earlier this year ground life in the country to a halt, sickened tens of millions, and left hundreds of thousands dead.

### Philippines Health Workers Protest As Pandemic Strains Hospitals

Scores of healthcare workers have protested in the Philippine capital to demand an end to what they say is government neglect and unpaid benefits, as pressure builds at hospitals fighting one of Asia’s longest-running coronavirus epidemics.

Protesters wearing protective medical gear gathered around the Department of Health (DOH) yesterday, holding placards demanding their risk allowances and hazard pay, as well as the resignation of Health Secretary Francisco Duque.

Medical staff have been overwhelmed during the pandemic and 103 of them have been among some 33,400 coronavirus fatalities in the Philippines.

“It is sad that many of us have died, many of us became sick, and many have resigned or opted to retire early, yet we are still kneeling before the DOH to give us our benefits,” Robert Mendoza, president of the Alliance of Health Workers, said from the back of a pick-up truck.

President Rodrigo Duterte gave health and budget ministries 10 days from August 21 to pay health workers, following nurses’ threats to resign and unions warning of strikes.



# IPOB Has Amassed Weapons, Bombs – Presidency

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in the country.

AI noted that families affected by enforced disappearance live through unimaginable torment, adding that when people vanish without a trace, with the acquiescence of the state who then denies all knowledge, it is impossible to move on.

But hitting back at the global rights group, the president said AI chose to take sides with terrorists, before the liberty of those they injure, displace and murder.

Shehu stated: "Speaking



Kanu the language of universal human rights, Amnesty Inter-

national deploys it only in defence – even outright promotion – of those that violently oppose the Federal Government of Nigeria. Parroting the line of Nnamdi Kanu and IPOB, a proscribed terror organisation, they work to legitimise its cause to Western audiences. This puts them in bad company. Controversial American lobbyists are paid hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to do the same, laundering IPOB's reputation in Washington DC.

"IPOB murder Nigerian citizens. They kill police of-

ficers and military personnel and set government property on fire. Now, they have amassed a substantial stockpile of weapons and bombs across the country. Were this group in a western country, you would not expect to hear Amnesty's full-throated defence of their actions. Instead, there would be silence or mealy-mouthed justification of western governments' action to check the spread of "terrorism."

"Despite Amnesty's self-proclaimed mandate to impartially transcend borders,

unfortunately in Nigeria they play only domestic politics. The international NGO is being used as cover for the organisation's local leaders to pursue their self-interests. Regrettably, this is not uncommon in Africa. There is nothing wrong with an activist stance; there are claims of neutrality, when all facts point to the opposite.

"Amnesty International has no legal right to exist in Nigeria. It must open a formal investigation into the personnel that occupy their Nigerian offices.

They should reject the outrageously tendentious misinformation they receive and bring some semblance of due diligence to the sources they base their claims on. Currently, we see none."

The presidential spokesman further noted that the federal government will continue to combat terrorism with all the means at its disposal.

"We will ignore Amnesty's rantings. Especially when it comes from an organisation that does not hold itself to the same standards it demands of others", he added.

# First Time In 6 Years, PMB Wields The Big Stick On 2 Cabinet Members

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whoever is put in charge."

He said that a quick review and audit of the Power Sector is needed as the five-year post-privatisation of the sector had been due since 2019 and the new minister would do well to champion this.

"The federal government also funded the national mass metering programme, an intervention quite like the NIPP, but for metering there is need for an accelerated process.

"There's also a quick need for the Corporate Governance of the Privatised Power Companies to be looked into. Work is already cut out for whoever is made to lead the power ministry," he added.

In his reaction, Engr. Kola Balogun, chairman and chief executive officer of Momas Electricity Meter Manufacturing Company, MEMMCOL, complained of lack of advocacy on the part of the ministry to help in achieving the government's mass metering initiative.

Balogun observed that termination of the appointment of the minister may not be unconnected with frequent system collapse which heightened in the last few months.

He urged the incoming minister to prioritise metering of electricity consumers as it will help to stabilise the power distribution subsector.

On her part, Joy Oga-ji, the MD/CEO/executive secretary of the Association of Power Generation Companies (APGC), advised the incoming minister to advance synergy among inter-related agencies and ensure closer collaboration with critical stakeholders to accelerate the government's transformation agenda in the indu-

stry.

Available data also showed that high food price inflation has been a persistent problem in Nigeria since the economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

It stood at 21 per cent in July, having risen from 13.17 per cent in August 2019 when the former minister of agriculture, Nanono, was appointed.

The World Bank has warned that millions of Nigerians are being pushed into poverty and food insecurity because of steep rises in the prices of staple goods.

### President's Action Won't Change Anything – PDP

However, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has said President Muhammadu Buhari's sacking of minister of agriculture and rural development, Mohammed Nanono, and his power counterpart, Saleh Mamman, is an ineffective attempt to cover for his failures in office.

The opposition party said it was also investigating the real reason behind their sack given Mr. President's public approach to fighting corruption by "easing out" the culprits.

PDP national publicity secretary, Kola Ologbondiyan, said the inefficiency of the Buhari administration is a product of myopic and divisive approach to governance as well as impunity and corruption in the All Progressives Congress-led administration.

Ologbondiyan added that even if the best hands are recruited, they will be contaminated by incompetence, impunity, disregard to rules, divisiveness and corruption that have become the hallmark of the APC and its administrati-

on.

"The party calls on President Buhari and the APC to note that Nigerians are not swayed by the sack of the ministers but are eagerly awaiting the exit of the Buhari Presidency and the APC come May 29, 2023, as there is no hope in sight under their purview," the party said.

### FEC Approves N89bn For Works, Aviation Projects

Meanwhile, the federal government has approved about N89.6 billion worth of contracts for award under the ministries of aviation and works and housing.

The minister of works and housing, Babatunde Fashola, and presidential spokesman, Femi Adesina, disclosed this to State House correspondents after the federal executive council meeting presided over by President Muhammadu Buhari at the Presidential Villa, Abuja, yesterday.

According to Fashola, council approved for the ministry of works and housing contract for the dualisation of the Odukpani-Itu-Ikot Ekpene road at the cost of N79.649 billion.

He explained that the approved contract is in relation to the section from Oku Iboku Power Plant to Abak of about 26 kilometres stretch.

"Council approved the award to Messers Sematech Nigeria Ltd for N79.649 billion to be executed over 16 months. So, this will help complete the dualisation gaps between the one awarded to Julius Berger and the section awarded to CCECC. When this is done, motorists in that area will now have an option of the dual carriageway instead of the exi-

sting single carriageway," he said.

According to the minister, this contract is in recognition of the heavy cargo that passes through that area: from the south-south through to the north central state Benue through Katsina Ala, and to the south east state of Abia.

"It's a very very important trade link for the country," he said, adding that part of the road project had in 2020 been awarded at the close of N54 billion.

Asked to give an update on the 2020 contract award for the same project, Fashola expressed regret that there had been paucity of funds to implement the project.

He said: "Okay, first of all, it's important for us to have a common understanding of the area, that is the rain forest area of Nigeria, mangrove areas, very high water table and rains in seven, eight months of the year.

"So, when we awarded the first section, from Odukpani-Itu to Julius Berger in 2016, they could not move to site because of the limited budgetary requisitions.

"So, that slowed down work in that area and they didn't move to site until 2018. And the second section, which was from Abak to Ikot Ikot Ekpene, was awarded in February 2020. We have had to mobilise some Sukuk resources to the area.

"Sometime last year, you might recall that I was there visiting with the governor; I actually went twice and we focused first on the link road from Alese Ugep area because that was a very big bad one. That one takes like three, four days to traverse a 70 kilometre road.

"Now, we have that under control, resolved, and motorable in the first phase to Odukpani. That has reduced the journey time there to less than two hours, from days. So, again, it's a work in progress.

"We're still challenged by resources - what we can mobilise there. When you look at the contract amount, it is about N54 billion. As you rightly pointed out, we have about N4 billion, N5 billion in the Sukuk. And if you look at this year's budget for the whole area, the amount approved by parliament was N100 million.

"So, again, we're hoping that we can fund this one, because we've proposed it for this year's Sukuk. So, these are the challenges that we face.

"We mobilised the contractors. Now it is to keep them resourced and financed so that they can do the work, especially during the forthcoming dry season.

"So, when you see the minister of finance, talking about the deficit that needs to be financed by borrowing, this is what is largely deployed to. But it's just not enough because almost all of what was left undone for about two decades, we've inherited it, and we asked for the job and we are committed to doing it."

Speaking further, Fashola blamed the collapse of a section of the Lokoja-Kabba road on natural causes.

"As we go through the rainy season, this is the context in which to locate the Lokoja-Kabba. It's a failure caused by nature and ageing. We expect that these things will happen, but we don't know where it will happen every time."

While noting that his ministry was often unable to respond to such failures, he called for the setting up of a contingency maintenance

fund, which he said should have a sizable amount.

"So, we've been proposing that Nigeria should have an emergency provision in the works budget, but we haven't been successful enough. There must be a contingency, a sizable sum, for when we see failures. Last year, we had a problem like that in Kebbi, where roads were washed away. We couldn't respond because we didn't have the resources. But we will lean on FERMA (Federal Roads Maintenance Agency)

"Well, traditionally back in Lagos when I was governor, I think we used to provide about five percent of our capital expenditure as a contingency fund for emergencies. Something between three and five percent; it varies across the world."

For aviation ministry, Femi Adesina, who briefed on behalf of the minister, said the Ministry of Aviation brought the memo for the approval of award of contracts for the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos; Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja; Aminu Kano International Airport, Kano, and Katsina Airport in Katsina.

He said for Lagos, it was for the expansion of terminal building at domestic terminal GAT, for the sum of N2,817,579,271.99. For the Katsina Airport, it's expansion of Katsina Airport Apron, awarded at N527,353,693.12.

According to him, there were also the expansion of Lagos Cargo Apron Area awarded at N1,982,943,242.81, expansion of Abuja Domestic Apron Area at N795,976,947.94 and expansion of Kano Apron Area at N1,059,120,234.37.



## APC Women Leader To Flag Off Capacity Building Workshop For PYWF

The women representative of the All Progressives Congress Caretaker Extraordinary Convention Planning Committee (CECPC), Hon. Stella Okotete, is organising a two-day capacity building workshop for all executives of the Progressive Young Women Forum (PYWF) from Tuesday 7th to Wednesday 8th September 2021, in Abuja.

In a statement signed yesterday by the interim publicity secretary, Theresa Tekenah, the workshop presents a unique opportunity for the PYWF executives to be identified with the processes, responsibilities and duties expected, create a blueprint of responsibilities for members of the Forum.

The workshop would also be an avenue to orientate the executives on the mandate and objectives of the Forum, which include; nurturing young women’s political aspirations, supporting young women candidates for political office and empowering young women in office to mentor and be mentored by other women in politics, business and humanitarian services.

The first day will focus on the PYWF strategy across the state structure, building team and vision, with breakout sessions. The second day would have the flag-off of the PYWF grassroot sensitisation and mobilisation.



President Muhammadu Buhari (right), receiving the master plan of Muhammadu Buhari Industrial Park from Gombe State Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya, during the governor's visit to the Presidential Villa in Abuja, yesterday.

## COVID-19: Obaseki Rejects Court Judgment, Insists On Vaccination

BY PATRICK OCHOGA, Benin City

Edo State Governor Godwin Obaseki yesterday insisted that there was no going back on “no vaccination, no access” into public places despite the order of a high court in Rivers State.

A high court in Port Harcourt, Rivers State had on Monday directed the Edo State government to maintain the status quo on

the purported compulsory vaccination of its citizens with the COVID-19 vaccine.

Governor Obaseki in an apparent reaction to the High Court directives described the judgement as pre-emptive and speculative adding that it was his sacred duty to protect the health of the citizens of the state.

He said, "To the best of our knowledge, the order is at best speculative and pre-

emptive as the scheduled date for the commencement of the enforcement of the directive by the state government is the second week of September, 2021.

"It must be stated that there is an obvious misconception that the directive issued by the government was to make vaccination compulsory for all citizens.

"Although the state

governor, in truth, has the power to make such an order under the Gazetted Quarantine Regulations, this directive is actually only a denial of access to public places of persons who chose not to be vaccinated.

"We believe the government's overriding concern is the safety and health of its citizens."

## I’ve Sued Akume Over Corruption Allegations, Says Ortom

BY HEMBADOON ORSAR, Makurdi

Benue State governor, Samuel Ortom, has dragged the minister of special duties and intergovernmental affairs, Senator George Akume, to court over the allegations levelled against him by the latter at a press conference he held in Abuja last

Monday.

The governor, who made his decision known at the Government House, Makurdi, yesterday, said, "I did not want to join issues with the minister, so I choose the honourable way."

Ortom said, "The minister lost his senatorial ambition in 2019 because of his abysmal performance

and now he has gone all out to vent his anger on me by destabilising my government, but I am not deterred because this is not the first time. In 2018, he also instigated members of the state Assembly to impeach me and they resisted by impeaching the then speaker. So, we will meet at the court.

"I don't want to join

issues with the minister but I have to put the records straight for all Nigerians and beyond to know, because all the allegations by the minister in the said press conference were cheap lies and blackmail, it is just to give a dog a bad name in order to hang it, so let him explain all the allegations at the court," he said.

## Gov Sule Directs Perm Secs To Take Charge Of Nasarawa Ministries

BY DANJUMA JOSEPH, Lafia

Governor of Nasarawa State, Abdullahi Sule, has directed permanent secretaries in the state civil service, to take charge of the various ministries under them, pending the appointment of new commissioners.

The governor gave the directive during a meeting with the

permanent secretaries, at the Government House, Lafia, yesterday.

LEADERSHIP reports that the governor on Monday sacked his cabinet and other aides, even as he reappointed others immediately.

The governor while addressing the permanent secretaries urged them not to stall any of the ongoing projects initiated

by his administration.

According to Engineer Sule, the essence of the meeting was to remind the permanent secretaries on the need to continue with ongoing projects started by the state government.

He recalled that at inception, he worked for a brief moment with the permanent secretaries before constituting the state executive council.

The governor pointed out that the only difference now is that, there are ongoing projects, which must not be allowed to stagnate.

"The essence of the meeting is to specifically appeal to you, not to relax on most of the projects that we started," he stated.

He appealed to the permanent secretaries to

always seek clarification on issues, stressing that, his administration will not tolerate a situation where ongoing projects will stagnate.

The governor explained that, with the local government election scheduled to hold in October, government is working hard to ensure that things are done right.

## Abuja Area Councils, Stakeholders Share N4.119bn In July

BY IGHO OYOYO, Abuja

Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) has disbursed the sum of N4.119 billion to the six area councils in the FCT and other stakeholders, as its share of statutory allocation for July 2021.

In a statement signed by the S.A Media To FCT minister of state, Austine Elemue, the figure showed an increase of revenue from the N2,660, 740, 632.40 billion disbursed in month of June, to N4,119, 421,409.95 in the month of July, representing over 50 percent increase.

The FCT minister of state, Dr Ramatu Aliyu, who presided over the 156th Joint Account Allocation Committee (JAAC), commended all critical stakeholders for their cooperation, despite challenges recorded in the past, explaining that the decline in the allocation was as a result of decrease in the statutory revenue allocation from the federation account.

## Without Facilities, Bayelsa Students Take Exam On Bare Floor

BY OSA OKHOMINA,

Students of Gbaranowei Grammar School, Okolobiri near Yenagoa, the Bayelsa State capital have lamented the poor condition of facilities in the school.

They said the situation had deteriorated to the extent that they were taking their promotion examinations on the bare floor.

LEADERSHIP gathered the school, which was established in 1973 as a boarding school for both boys and girls, has produced eminent Nigerians, a serving minister from the Niger Delta and a commissioner in the state, among others.

However, the condition of the school when LEADERSHIP visited showed two dilapidated classroom blocks without ceilings, seats, doors and windows, and students had to sit on the bare floor to take their promotion examinations.

Our correspondent when he visited the school on Monday observed that the walkway was bad and over 100 students were taking examinations in one of the classrooms with over 20 students sitting on the bare floor.

## Inter-agency Collaboration Panacea To Farmers-Herders Crisis – Varsity Don

BY HEMBADOON ORSAR, Makurdi

Lack of collaboration between Nigerian security agencies have been identified as the major problem hindering the tackling of security challenges bedeviling the country.

A lecturer in the Department of Theatre

Arts, Benue State University Makurdi, Dr Shadrach Ukuma made this known during the review of a book title; “Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons Factor in Herders-Farmer Conflict in Benue and Nasarawa States,” held in Otukpo local government area of Benue State.

The university don who commended the authors

of the book; Elijah Ikpanor and Timothy Tor, also called on government at all levels to ensure that penalty for those caught with these arms and those found trading in arms are commiserate with the offence.

Ukuma who lamented over the way security personnel in the country are losing their arms to

criminals, said there is every need to check the trend.

"I want to say that let there be inter agency collaboration among the security agencies, because doing this will help them to always nib in the bud any security threat," he added.

He however commended the Catholic Diocese of Makurdi for the proactive steps taken to bring the

farmers and herders on a round table to dialogue on ways that will bring permanent solution to the crisis.

The dissemination programme which is coordinated by the Foundation for Justice, Development and Peace (FJDP) is said to be aimed at dousing tension between farmers and herders.



# My Son’s Death Is God’s Will, Says Na’ Allah

BY RAHILA ABDULLAHI, Kaduna

Senator Bala Ibn Na’Allah has said that the death of his son, Abdulkarim Na’ Allah was the will of God which could not be questioned by anyone. Na’ Allah spoke while addressing officials and members of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Kaduna Correspondent Chapel who paid him a condolence visit at his residence in Kaduna.

Na’ Allah (APC-Kebbi South) who described Abdulkarim as one of his closest sons, however, noted that God had reasons to permit whatever He wishes, adding, “as Muslims, we must accept that whatever God does is the correct.

“If you really want to have peace in your life, then you must completely surrender to the will of God.

“As a family, we have accepted the incident as the will of God and would remain steadfast in our belief in the will of God,” Na’ Allah added.”

# Disquiet In Taraba APC Over Minister’s Sack

BY JOHN MKOM, Jalingo

Anxiety mounted in the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Taraba State when the news of the sack of Sale Mammah as minister for power by President Muhammadu Buhari filtered in.

Some party members in the state who spoke to LEADERSHIP said the news came as a shock, stating that the president must search for another committed APC member to refill the position.

Though the chairman APC Taraba State Ibrahim El-Suldi refused to comment on the sack of the minister, LEADERSHIP gathered that some of the top members of the party were already in a rush to Abuja to push for replacement.

“I don’t have a comment now. El-Suldi stated when contacted.

Chief David Sabo Kente, a staunch member of the party and APC governorship hopeful described the sack as shock, he said Taraba State chapter of APC did not expect the news as at the time it came.



Kaduna State Governor Malam Nasir El-Rufai (middle) with Chief of Staff, Muhammad Sani Abdullahi and programme administrator, Zainab Mohammed, welcome the 24 fellows of the fourth cohort of the Kashim Ibrahim Fellowship who resumed yesterday in Kaduna.

# Lawan Declares Kaduna Centre Of Banditry In Northwest

BY RAHILA ABDULLAHI, Kaduna

Senate President Ahmed Lawan has described Kaduna State as the gravity centre of banditry in the Northwest zone, saying security agents must live up to expectation in the protection of lives and property of the citizenry.

Senator Lawal stated this when he led a delegation on a condolence visit to the family of Sen. Bala Na’ Allah at his

residence in Kaduna.

While addressing the family of the deceased, he said that banditry had affected parts of the country, adding, “Kaduna State in particular is now like the gravity center of banditry in the entire Northwest.

“I appeal to our security agencies to come up with better strategies in dealing and confronting banditry that has now become almost a norm in this state and especially in the Northwest.

“We cannot get tired of insisting we get results from our security agencies and we will not also get tired of providing resources and platforms for our security agencies necessary for our security agencies to do better.

The senator, however, disclosed that the National Assembly before it went on recess in July, approved over N800 billion to security agencies to be better armed.

“With the recent acquisition

of the Tukanos by our Airforce and other platforms, we believe that the government is doing everything possible to enhance the capacity and capabilities of our armed forces to fight the numerous security challenges that we face, especially banditry here in the Northwest.

“Our security agents must sit up, we appreciate what they are doing but we expect better outcomes now that more resources have been given to them.”

# Governor Ishaku Has Connected Taraba With Road Network - Commissioner

BY JOHN MKOM, Jalingo

Taraba State commissioner for works, Irimiya Hamanjurde, said Governor Darius Ishaku has connected the people of Taraba through construction of roads network in the last six years of his administration.

Hamanjurde said the governor had deliberately embarked on massive

road construction in the hinterlands of the state to ease the hardship being faced by the people particularly where the masses have engaged in agriculture.

The commissioner stated this yesterday in an interview with LEADERSHIP in Jalingo, Taraba State capital.

He said the governor had completed several road networks since his first

tenure as the governor of the state in 2015

The commissioner mentioned that the completed roads include Jalingo, Kona Lau, Phase one dual way, Takum to Katsina/ ala highway, Magami roads network in Jalingo, Palace Road, Ministry of works roundabout to Donga road and THU to ATC road.

He said all the roads have

been completed 100 percent and commissioned.

Hamanjurde s stated that Governor Ishaku had also embarked on massive construction of Jalingo Dual Carriage Way, a 18 Kilometer way with a bridge at River Nunkai and a Flyover including pedestrian work way from NYSC Orientation Camp to Pantiempo outskirts Jalingo.

# Fast-track Livestock Reform Plan, Gombe Governor Urges PMB

BY JONATHAN NDA-ISAIAH, Abuja

Gombe State Governor Inuwa Yahaya has urged President Muhammadu Buhari to fast-track the implementation of the National Livestock Transformation Plan (NLTP).

Recall that most southern states have banned open grazing which may see a massive return of herders to

the North.

He disclosed this to State House correspondents after meeting with President Buhari at the presidential villa, Abuja.

The governor stressed the need to develop the Wawa-Zange grazing reserve in the state to ensure accommodation for the large number of herders that are likely to move back to the North.

He said, “We discussed the issue of Wawa-Zange grazing reserve. I think it is the largest grazing reserve that is gazetted in the whole of Nigeria totaling 144,000 hectares.

“I believe that Mr. President earlier in 2020 precisely in his 2020 January speech acknowledged and approved that the National Livestock Transformation Plan will take off with a

model from Gombe, the Wawa-Zange reserve.

“But so far, nothing serious has been done on that, and with the recent outburst, with the position taken by governors of southern parts of this country, there is the need for us to fast-track the process of building that place so that in the event our people move in multitudes to come back to resettle, we will have space for them.

# Zulum Promises Family Of Slain Pastor’s Son Justice

BY FRANCIS OKOYE, Maiduguri

Borno State Governor Babagana Umara Zulum on Tuesday night visited Pastor Bitrus Tumba whose son died when violence broke out between a demolition task force of Borno Geographic Systems, (BOGIS), and worshipers at a branch of

EYN church in Maiduguri on August 5th, 2021.

The governor was received by the family and some officials of Christians Association of Nigeria (CAN), led by the association’s chairman, Bishop Mohammed Naga.

Zulum had on the day of the incident sent Borno’s deputy governor, Umar Usman Kadafur, to meet

victims of the incident. The governor also invited and met with Christian leaders, led by CAN chairman, Bishop Naga, after which he directed the police to thoroughly investigate the incident and report to him.

Zulum was scheduled to visit Ezekiel’s family on the day of the incident, but had to abort to allow

the tense situation to cool down.

At the pastor’s house alongside the deputy governor, Umar Kadafur, yesterday, Zulum said, “Let me start by apologizing for delaying my visit even though I had sent a delegation to explain this to you. We deliberately delayed because of the tension in town.

# Dogara Cautions Against Neglecting Underprivileged

BY JONATHAN NDA-ISAIAH, Abuja

Former Speaker, House of Representatives, Yakubu Dogara, has warned that failure to address the plight of the underprivileged across the country is a recipe for disaster.

Dogara said this when the Tikau Emirate Council in Yobe State presented him with a letter conferring the title of Jarman Tikau of the council on him, on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, in Abuja.

He cited examples of resistance in developed democracies, saying: “For us in the Northeast, when I was Speaker, we in the Northeast, we realised that we were seriously in danger and whether we like or not all governments will have to adjust.

“We have seen the rise of far rights in Europe and even in established traditional democracies and that is a message for all of us that a system where people who excelled in accumulating capital, that is money, are exalted while those born on the fringes are left to be exploited will no longer work. That means that we have to do more for people who are less privileged.

# Gombe Approves N16bn For PMB’s Industrial Park

BY JAIYEOLA ANDREWS, Gombe

Gombe State government, yesterday approved over N16 billion for the construction of phase 1 of Muhammadu Buhari industrial park in Dadinkowa, Yamaltu/ Deba local government area of the state.

The approval was given at the executive council meeting, which was presided over by Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya.

The commissioner for commerce and tourism, Mohammed Aliyu disclosed this yesterday during a joint press briefing with his counterparts in finance, Gambo Magaji, local government and chieftaincy affairs, Waziri Jalo, information, Julius Ishaya and land and survey, Jahun Biri.

The commissioner for information and Culture, Mr Julius Ishaya Lepez disclosed this at the press briefing held at the Exco chamber, Government House, Gombe.



# PMB Sets Agenda For New NSIA Board

BY JONATHAN NDA- ISAIAH, Abuja

President Muhammadu Buhari yesterday charged the new board of the Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority (NSIA) to make more investments that support economic diversification, as global oil prices are projected to drop to around \$40 per barrel by 2030.

While inaugurating the third board of the NSIA in Abuja, the president reaffirmed

his administration's commitment to implementing long-term projects and programmes that create jobs for Nigerians.

In a statement issued by his spokesman, Femi Adesina, the president said the full impact of most of the strategic projects started under his watch would only be felt long after he had left office.

He described the appointment of the nine-man board as a call to duty, action and performance, adding that they were

eminently qualified for the job.

"This government operates on the agenda for long-term change which we all agree is inevitable. Change happens whether you are ready for it or not. As representatives of the federation, you are required to continue to drive the performance of the Authority to deliver benefits to all Nigerians. You must bear in mind that the National Economic Council, your Governing Council and Nigerians as a whole will

hold you accountable for this mandate.

The new board members are Farouk Mohammed Gumel (North West) as non-executive chairman; Sir Babatunde Sobamowo (South West), non-executive director; Isiekwenwa Ikemefuna Louis (South South), non-executive director; Ali Goni Kadugum (North East), non-executive director; Oniyangi Kabir Sulaiman (North Central), non-executive director; and Ike Chioke (South East), non-executive director.

# Danbatta To Unveil Book On Economic Transformation Via Broadband

BY INNOCENT ODOH, Abuja

Executive vice chairman (EVC) of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC), Prof Umar Dambatta, will launch a book on the socio-economic transformation of Nigeria through the broadband infrastructure.

A statement issued yesterday by the director of public affairs of the commission, Dr Ikechukwu Adinde, noted that the book, scheduled to be launched on September 7 in Abuja is a compendium of Danbatta's landmark speeches and

presentations since he emerged the NCC boss in 2015.

Other strategic projects to be unveiled by the commission alongside the compendium are the NCC's new five-year Strategic Vision Plan (SVP) 2021-2025 and the commission's new social media channel, the NCC's Global Connect Podcast.

Titled: "Catalysing Nigeria's Socio-Economic Transformation through Broadband Infrastructure," the book is a compilation of carefully-selected, seminal speeches and presentations of Prof. Danbatta.

# FG Begins Last Phase Of Survival Fund Scheme

BY KINGSLEY ALU, Abuja

Federal government has rolled out the last component of the Survival Fund programme known as the Guaranteed Off-take Scheme (GOS).

The government said the purpose of the GOS is to stimulate direct local production by enabling 100,000 MSMEs in the production sector with funds to produce 'post COVID lockdown' off-take products.

These products include: face masks, hand sanitisers, liquid soap, disinfectants

and processed foods such as garri, palm oil, groundnut oil, and spices.

Minister of state, industry, trade and investment, Maryam Katagum, at a briefing yesterday in Abuja, while observing that the COVID-19 pandemic caused a drop in demand for corporate and household products and commodities in the country, said the scheme is giving preference to products produced in reasonably sufficient volumes in each state which have proven propensity to create jobs and have a

multiplier effect on the surrounding economy.

Katagum said of the initial target of 100,000 MSMEs across the country, government received 65,976 applications across the country by the time the portal closed out of which it verified and pre-qualified 50,032 MSMEs that are presently being processed to off-take their products.

She added that potential beneficiaries in the 36 states and FCT were invited to apply via the Survival Fund Portal and applications were verified in line with

the project's approved criteria such as: Nigerian citizenship; registration in Nigeria, with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC); verifiable BVN of business owner; staff of no less than three persons.

The minister explained that government has successfully carried out a mapping of products produced in sufficient quantities in each state of the federation and the FCT, adding that at the end of the off-take process, items procured would be handed over to the state.

# Oyebanjo Emerges NSE Fellow

Council of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) has approved the election and also bestowed its fellowship on the chief technical officer (CTO) of FGN Power Company Limited Engr Idowu Adegboyega Oyebanjo.

The company is Nigeria's special purpose vehicle for the delivery and implementation of the Presidential Power Initiative (PPI) in conjunction with Siemens of Germany.

Oyebanjo is a power systems expert with over 22 years of experience in power systems training, planning, protection and management.

He earned an MSc with

distinction in Electrical Power Engineering from the University of Manchester and went on to develop an innovative method to account for temperature variation in laboratory thermal ageing experiments with various transformer insulation oils (2008).

Before his appointment by President Muhammed Buhari, Oyebanjo was a primary system design engineer with E-ON/Western Power Distribution in the United Kingdom (UK) and prior to that, a commissioning engineer with Power Engineering Consultants also in the UK.

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# Lagos Focus



President Muhammadu Buhari (left) exchanging greetings with Lagos State Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu during a meeting at the Presidential Villa, Abuja.

## Lagos Records Over 10,000 Cases Of Domestic Violence In 2 Yrs

**STORIES BY GEORGE OKOJIE, Lagos**

The Lagos State government yesterday disclosed that it recorded a total of 10,007 reported cases of domestic violence including sexual abuse perpetrated against adults and children between May 2019 till August 26, 2021.

The state's Attorney-General and commissioner for Justice, Mr Moyosore Onigbanjo, revealed this in Alausa, Ikeja, at a media briefing on the highlight of activities to commemorate the Domestic

and Sexual Violence Awareness Month, September.2021, being organised by Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Response Team, (DSVRT).

The theme of the event is: "Institutionalising our Reforms."

Onigbanjo, who is also the chairman of DSVRT, lamented that despite the team's various initiatives as well as the zero-tolerance declared in the state, it has continued to see a steady increase of formal reportage of domestic violence cases of over 150 cases daily.

He explained that the theme was based on the critical need to ensure that all the interventions made are institutionalized and systems are in place to ensure that the state's response to Sexual and Gender Based Violence is well structured and service delivery is fully optimal.

Giving the data of the cases, Onigbanjo stated: "Under Mr Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olus administration, DSVRT, from May 2019 till August 26, 2021, has handled 10,007 cases which are into two

categories, adults and children.

"The breakdown of the cases shows: 4150 domestic violence, 177 rape, 255 attempt to commit rape/sexual assault, 246 sexual assault by penetration /threat, 877 others separation, not taking responsibilities of children, neglect, custody of the child, Non-GBV, among others, 436 child abuse/ Physical assault, 271 Defilement cases, 13 defilement by minor to minor, 454 child labour, abduction neglect/others,148 sexual harassment/molestation cases.

## Sanwo-Olu Decries Negative Effects Of Deforestation On Traditional Medicine

Lagos State Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu decried the rising rate of deforestation in the southwest region of the country, saying that natural herbs that could help in tackling major pandemic are gradually going into extinction as forest disappears in the region.

Sanwo-Olu stated this at the 2021 African Traditional Medicine Day tasked the traditional medicine practitioners to come up with evidence-based vaccines that could effectively treat some

of the diseases killing hundreds of residents, saying it is high time African traditional medicine experts came up with scientifically proven medicine as it is done in China and other developed nations rooted in traditional medicine practice.

The governor represented by the state's commissioner for Health, Professor Akin Abayomi said that his administration recognizes the importance of the traditional medicine experts in

the state, saying that most Lagosians would have visited the one traditional medicine centre or the other before visiting the orthodox medicine facilities.

According to the governor, traditional medicine practitioners help in dealing with the brain drain with exodus of health workers leaving the country in droves, adding that the traditional medical practitioner currently outnumbered the orthodox medical practitioners in the state.

He said the state government would support the practitioners with infrastructure by building a new befitting secretariat for them.

Also speaking, the registrar of the Lagos State Traditional Medicine Board (LSTMB), Mr. Kadiku Olorunkemi noted that the traditional day has been celebrated annually by reflecting on progress made towards raising the prominence of traditional medicine in national health systems.

## Sanwo-Olu Wife Charges Students To Study Hard To Guarantee Educational Excellence

Wife of Lagos State governor, Dr. Ibi-joke Sanwo-Olu has charged students who benefited from the 2021 edition of Lagos Examination to study hard to attain academic excellence.

The governor's wife who presented bank drafts to beneficiaries of the 2021 edition of annual Lagos Exams Support which is an initiative of her office targeted at helping candidates of the West African Examination

Council (WAEC) to pay outstanding school fees explained that the initiative is designed to support students especially in low-cost schools from the five administrative divisions of the state.

She listed the divisions to include Ikeja, Badagry, Ikorodu, Lagos Island and Epe, saying outstanding fees that may prevent them from writing the ongoing Senior Secondary School

WAEC examinations had been paid.

Five students out of the beneficiaries were selected for symbolic presentation of bank drafts. They are Ogun Medese Oluwayigamika (Badagry Grammar School - female); Adelekan Temiloluwa (Badagry Grammar School - female); Sulaimon Quadri (Lagos State Model College Igbo-kuta - male); Oyenuga Elijah (Command Day Secondary School Oshodi

- male); and Sulaiman Faizat Toyosi (Government Senior Model College Owutu, Ikorodu - female).

Sanwo-Olu said, "This initiative is in line with the THEMES Agenda of the Babajide Sanwo-Olu led administration especially the pillar E that speaks to Education and Technology. It is also in furtherance of the vision of the Office of the First Lady which is to impact lives and build legacies.

"We are basically embarking on the Lagos exams support scheme to increase the quota of students who have successfully completed WASCE or JSCE in order to attain the goal of free education till Secondary School, as well as ensure that the social capital in our dear state is not depleted bearing in mind that SSCE is the constitutional requirement for leadership in Nigeria."

## LASG Begins Upgrade Of Lagos Television

BY HAROLD ADE, Lagos

Lagos State,he Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu has approved a multi-million naira upgrade of key infrastructure at the Lagos Television (LTV) as part of a comprehensive plan to reposition the state-owned television station for national and international competitiveness.

The director, Public Affairs, Lagos State Infrastructure Asset Management Agency (LASIAMA), Mr. Rasaq Musbau said the project management team from the agency recently went on an inspection tour of the complex and expressed satisfaction with the pace of work.

He explained that the facility is now a beehive of activities carried out by construction workers to deliver a phased plan to revamp the 41-year-old television station.

Musbau stated that the upgrade entails the modernisation of the entire complex as the first step towards a complete turnaround of the station's facilities.

His words: "Governor Sanwo-Olu has put together an ambitious plan to completely turn around the television station and make it compete with some of the best privately-owned stations in the country. The ongoing infrastructure revamp is the first phase of the turnaround plan".

"Lagos Television was established in October 1980 during the administration of the first civilian Governor of the state, Alhaji Lateef Kayode Jakande. LTV was the first in Nigeria to operate on two frequencies or bands - VHF and UHF - but is now on UHF Channel 35. It is also the first State-owned television station on cable satellite DStv Channel 256 and Star-times Channel 104", the director added.

It would be recalled that 14 Fire Service Stations, FADAMA, Lagos State Drivers Institute (Lagos Island and Oshodi complex), Local Government Service Commission and Public Service Office are among other facilities currently under renovation by the Lagos State Government, through the State Infrastructure Asset Management Agency (LASIAMA).



# Again the Stars *Line up!*

## PERSON OF THE YEAR 2020 — GODWIN EMEFIELE



A lot has been achieved by the CBN through various credit enhancement programmes: the Anchor Borrowers' Programme, The Youth Entrepreneurship Development Programme, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Fund, The Nigeria Electricity Market Stabilisation Facility, The Real Sector Support Fund, Commercial Agriculture Credit Scheme and many other intervention schemes. These are in addition to various financial development and financial inclusion policies of the bank under Emeziele's watch.

For a lifestyle of service that held the economy and the nation together in the face of a monumental global crisis; for his consequential interventions that turn crises to moments of economic opportunity, and for positively redefining the role of the Central Bank, Godwin Emeziele is LEADERSHIP Person of the Year.

## PERSON OF THE YEAR 2020 — AKINWUMI ADESINA



In the past five years during which Adesina has presided over the AfDB, conscious efforts have been made to rededicate the bank to its core philosophy of "Building Today a Better Africa Tomorrow". An agricultural economist with remarkable distinction in the academia, development financing and administration, Adesina espouses the need to prioritise policies and programmes which would have direct positive impact on the lives of ordinary Africans, reinforce regional integration and set the continent on the path of self-sufficiency.

For an impeccable public-service record and extraordinary accomplishments, for passing the test of international scrutiny, for lifting the hopes of a nation and becoming the pride of his motherland, Dr. Akinwumi Adesina is LEADERSHIP Person of the Year.

## PERSON OF THE YEAR 2020 — BABAGANA UMARA ZULUM



To be Governor of Borno State is perhaps one of the most unattractive political jobs in Nigeria today. It comes with loads of expectations from a people brought to their knees by continued

attacks by Boko Haram terrorists. So, when the current governor of Borno State, Prof. Babagana Zulum, took over leadership from his predecessor, Dr. Kashim Shettima, on May 29, 2019, no one knew what to expect. Eighteen months later, even the uninitiated and distant observer would acknowledge Governor Zulum's exceptional zeal and work ethic.

When warehouses were being broken into and palliatives stolen during the EndSARS protests last year, there was no violence in Borno because there were no palliatives being hoarded as happened in other states. For his exemplary leadership style that puts the people first and for demystifying political power and bringing succour to his people at a great personal cost, Prof. Babagana Umara Zulum of Borno State is LEADERSHIP Person of the Year.

## POLITICIAN OF THE YEAR 2020 — MAI MALA BUNI



Quiet, unassuming and tactful, Yobe State Governor, Mai Mala Buni has proven beyond human comprehension that he is a peacemaker and stabilising voice in the country's political space. The real test of his political mettle came when he was entrusted with the leadership of his party, the All Progressives Congress (APC), as chairman, Caretaker/Extraordinary Convention Planning Committee (CECPC), one year after he assumed office as governor of Yobe State.

For successfully steering the ship of the All Progressives Congress (APC) from the brink of collapse following a series of internal wrangling and leadership tussle that threatened to overheat the polity and putting the party back on the path of peace and reconciliation, Governor Mai Mala Buni is LEADERSHIP Politician of the Year 2019.

## POLITICIAN OF THE YEAR 2020 — GODWIN OBASEKI



In what could best be described as the biggest political battle of his life, Governor Godwin Obaseki braced himself for the stiff opposition against his bid to secure a second term as Governor of Edo State. In a rare display of courage and brinkmanship, he dismantled the politics of god-fatherism in the state and proceeded to defeat his opponent, Pastor Osagie Ize-Iyamu, despite the fact that the All Progressives Congress (APC) had the full backing of the erstwhile national chairman of the party and former governor of the state, Adams Oshiomhole.

For his resilience and political sagacity in the face of daunting opposition to his reelection, including missing the chance to contest on the platform of the party that brought him to power, all happening at a time he was grappling to steer the ship of state amid a life-threatening pandemic, Governor Godwin Obaseki is LEADERSHIP

## GOVERNOR OF THE YEAR 2020 — EZENWO NYESOM WIKE



Love him or hate him, there is one thing you cannot take from Governor Nyesom Wike: the audacity, straightforwardness and consistency of direction that characterise his style of governance. He has deployed these leadership qualities in piloting the affairs of Rivers State with consummate exactitude. His swift response to issues that could threaten peaceful co-existence in a multi-ethnic state like Rivers has endeared him to many.

For taking far-reaching decisions and measures to safeguard the people of Rivers State from the threat of one of the most dreaded global pandemics by providing confident and courageous leadership; for defending the interest of Nigeria and affirming his belief in the country's unity by proscribing a secessionist group earlier barred by the federal government; and for building roads and other infrastructure that have brought about rapid social and economic development in his state, Nyesom Ezenwo Wike is LEADERSHIP Governor of the Year 2020.

## GOVERNOR OF THE YEAR — BABAJIDE SANWO-OLU



Although Sanwo-Olu's commitment to a "Greater Lagos" that his government would achieve through his six pillars of development tagged "THEMES" -- representing Traffic Management and Transportation, Health and Environment, Education and Technology, Making Lagos a 21st century state, Security and Governance -- has been remarkable, the dexterity with which he handled the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, the biggest global threat to public health in a state considered the epicentre of the disease, made him an enigma and a reference point in the early days of the pandemic.

For changing the narrative in Lagos State in the face of daunting challenges such as the Coronavirus pandemic, adeptly managing crises and ensuring that their degeneration to terminal levels that would have taken an irreparable toll on people of the state was averted, without losing focus on his blueprint for the development of Lagos as encapsulated in the THEMES Agenda of his administration, Babajide Sanwo-Olu is LEADERSHIP Governor of the Year 2020.

## GOVERNOR OF THE YEAR 2020 — ABDULRAHMAN ABDULRAZAQ



Before he assumed office as the governor of Kwara State, the state's infrastructure had almost collapsed. The education sector had become moribund as staff of all the state-owned tertiary institutions, except those of the state university, had embarked on a strike to protest over 13 months' arrears of salary owed them by the previous administration in the state. The resultant effect of blacklisting the state by UBEC for eight years was the deterioration of infrastructure in the state-owned primary and junior secondary schools.

For confronting the economic challenges of Kwara State through his determination to turn around the state positively and free the people from the shackles of poverty, thus making it possible for citizens of the state to feel the impact of governance after years of neglect, Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq is LEADERSHIP Governor of the Year 2020.

## SOCIAL IMPACT PERSON OF THE YEAR — BADAMASI BURJI



Badamasi set up a group of schools that he built from the scratch and furnished all alone, with fortune earned through his own sweat in his native Kano. Investing his fortune on his community rather than spending it holidaying with his family or buying luxury cars and apartments.

For his goodwill, generosity, philanthropy and desire to help the socially and economically disadvantaged, the LEADERSHIP Social Impact Person of the Year is Badamasi Burji.

## SOCIAL IMPACT PERSON OF THE YEAR 2020 — OSITA IZUNASO



A former national organising secretary of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Senator Osita Izunaso is one person that can be described as a jack of all trades and master of all. Having been elected to serve at both chambers of the National Assembly in addition to serving as national officer of political parties, he is one person who knows where the bones of Nigerian politics are buried.

For giving hope to thousands of Nigerians, especially persons living with disability, irrespective of ethnic, political and religious affiliation, through his humanitarian nongovernmental organization, Kpakpando Foundation, Senator Osita Izunaso is LEADERSHIP Social Impact Person of the Year.

## CEO OF THE YEAR — SHOLA AKINLADE





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## The Chairperson: Our Guide To Finding The Right Person For Your Company — Part 1

*What does a great Chairperson look like? Certainly not a frustrated CEO.*

### Why would you need a Chairperson?

A Chairperson's role goes far beyond effective Corporate Governance and managing the board. They may not show it, but a CEO can feel lonely and exposed. A good Chairperson will support and guide a CEO, occasionally offering push-back, even healthy opposition when needed.

A solid sounding-board, removed from the action, can be invaluable to the CEO, and the wider team up to their neck in daily business. Lastly, a Chairperson will bring their own specific areas of expertise to the table, whether that be hiring, product, marketing or communications.

Of course, their role as manager of the board cannot be discounted either, the detached position of a Chairperson can stand for the bigger strategic policies often lost in intricate board discussions.

Likewise, the board should benefit from a Chairperson's ability to empower all its members to be heard, relate well to each other and even act as mentor to the team as a whole, testing and encouraging them. He or she will ask the right questions — possibly the difficult, or conveniently ignored ones — holding the team to account and (gently) pointing out areas of weakness, before they become gaping holes.

### When is it right to bring a Chairperson on board?

A trusted source of advice, removed from the action, is a necessity for any CEO. But in an early stage company this role can be covered by a NED, reducing the need for a Chairperson. In this case a combined CEO-Chairperson is not only feasible but practical. Once a board is in place however, a stand-alone Chairperson is needed to ensure its smooth running.

Once your C-suite roles are filled a Chairperson may be required to make sure principles are leading over personalities, harnessing the management team's varied resources to all pull in the same direction.



Having said that, if the market fit hasn't yet been proven, hiring a Chairperson may be premature. After Series A, with the company mission clearly cut, will be a more appropriate time.

### What should you be looking for?

What does a great Chairperson look like? Certainly not a frustrated CEO. A Chairperson should be averse to daily detail

and be willing to let the CEO shine. Trust and openness are crucial: if a Chairperson doesn't speak openly, even bluntly at times, their contribution will be weakened.

They should have experience with the business model, especially of early-stage operations, and a relevant live network of contacts. They will be great communicators but relentless positivity shouldn't override an ability to say it as they see it.

You should be looking for someone who complements the team as a whole. For example, if the team is focused on the product then a Chairperson with experience in marketing would add more value.

### How to make the most of your Chairperson?

How can a CEO ensure a productive relationship with a Chairperson? Communication is key. Talking through and around the business, communicating good — and bad — news as a priority and simply sharing ideas, help feed a productive relationship.

An understanding based on candour allows constructively critical feedback to flow back and forth, along with the recognition that the situation is not competitive, but collaborative. That's the Why, When, What and How.

In Part 2, we'll look at the three stages of the recruitment process.

Alex Macpherson, Chairperson of Octopus Ventures, with 30 years experience in Venture Capital; Alexander Asseily, Chairperson of Chiaro Technology Ltd and Jonathan Bryant from 360Leaders Executive Search and Talent Development.

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I, formerly known as **ISIAKU NDASULE MAIGIDA** now wish to be called and addressed as **SULEIMAN ISIAKA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### OGODO

I, formerly known as **NWOBA CECELIA NKEMAKONAM** now wish to be called and addressed as **OGODO CECELIA NKEMAKONAM**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### CONFIRMATION OF NAME

That in some of my documents my name was written as **ADEJOJO SEYIFUNMI PETER**. That in some of my other documents my name was written as **ADEJOJO OLUWASEYI OKIKI-IMOLE**. Henceforth I wish to be known, addressed and called as **ADEJOJO OLUWASEYI OKIKI-IMOLE PETER**. That am the same person bearing all the above mentioned names. That any documents bearing the above mentioned names should remain valid. General public should please take note.

### DANIEL

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

### BULUS

I, formerly known as **BULUS SIMON** now wish to be called and addressed as **BULUS SIMON AUDU**. MY CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH IS 26-01-1994 NOT 6-10-1980. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### NSEWO

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

### AMINA

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

### ABDULLAHI

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

### CONFIRMATION OF NAMES

That **AFOLABI RAHMOTALLAI MOPELOLA & IDRIS RAMOTA MOPELOLA** refers to the same person but now wish to be known and addressed as **AGBELEYE RAHMOTALLAI MOPELOLA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### UKOHA -OGBA

I, formerly known as **UKOHA DABERECHI AMARACHI** now wish to be called and addressed as **UKOHA -OGBA DABERECHI AMARACHI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### AGUETA

I, formerly known as **ABUREKI IDEMUDIA WALTER** now wish to be called and addressed as **AGUETA FRIDAY**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### AKINBAMI

I, formerly known as **AKINBAMI SAMSON OLAWALE** now wish to be called and addressed as **AKINBAMI SAMSON PECULIAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### AUDU

I, formerly known as **BASIRU AMADU** now wish to be called and addressed as **AUDU BASHIRU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### MUHAMMAD

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

### JOHN

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

### CORRECTION OF NAME

That in my BVN Reg. My name was captured as **ZAHRDEEN SHAFIU** instead of **AUWAL ZAINADEEN**. that my correct name is **AUWAL ZAINADEEN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### ADENUGA

I, formerly known as **OMOTOSHO BOLANLE AMINAT** now wish to be called and addressed as **ADENUGA BOLANLE AMINAT** due to marriage. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### DUNG

I, formerly known as **PAM STEPHEN JOEL** now wish to be called and addressed as **DUNG JOEL PAM**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### GAMBO

I, formerly known as **AMOS GAMBO** now wish to be called and addressed as **GAMBO EMEKA LAMBA**. MY CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH IS 06-05-1995 NOT 09-10-1994. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### ARNOLD

I, formerly known as **MARTINS MERCY** now wish to be called and addressed as **ARNOLD MERCY EBERE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### ENECHÉ

I, formerly known as **AMOS ADEJOH** now wish to be called and addressed as **ENECHÉ EMMANUEL OJODOMO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### JINANWA

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

### GBADEBO

I, formerly known as **GBADEBO MICHAEL ADEWALE** now wish to be called and addressed as **GBADEBO MUKAILA ADEWALE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### AGBO

I FORMERLY KNOWN AND ADDRESS AS **ITODO REGINA**, IN MY BANK ACCOUNT AND BVN. HENCEFORTH I WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESS AS **AGBO REGINA**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENT REMAINS VALID, BANKS, ALL AUTHORITIES CONCERNED AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

### IROEGBU

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

### SABIU

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

### DANLADI

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

### ADEOTI

I, formerly known as **ADEOTI TUNDE** now wish to be called and addressed as **ADEOTI OLATUNDE PETER**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### ISAH

I, formerly known as **ISAH AZEEZ OBARO** now wish to be called and addressed as **ISAH AZEEZ OMEIZA**. All former documents remain valid. GT bank PLC and General public should please take note.

### NNAZHU

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

### OLAGOGO

I, formerly known as **OLAGOGO STEPHEN ODILEKE** now wish to be called and addressed as **OLAGOGO STEPHEN ODIO-AGA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### ENENCHE

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

### MOHAMMED

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

### ACHADU

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

### MARY

I, formerly known as **MARY KALU** now wish to be called and addressed as **MARY CHINENYE IFEANYI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### LAYI

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

### JUNAID

I, formerly known as **ADEYINKA ADEOLA TITILAYO** now wish to be called and addressed as **JUNAID ADEOLA TITILAYO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### OGUNNAIKE

I, formerly known as **WORGU, CHIBUROMA JANE** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS OGUNNAIKE, CHIBUROMA JANE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### ADESEYE

I, formerly known as **ADESEYE TITILAYO LOVETH** now wish to be called and addressed as **ADESEYE TITILAYO ODUNAYO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### HARUNA

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

### NASIRU

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

### SHEIKH

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

### OGEDENGBE-BUSARI

I, formerly known as **OGEDENGBE OLUWABUNMI ADEREW** now wish to be called and addressed as **OGEDENGBE-BUSARI OLUWABUNMI ADEREW**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### AIYENALE

I, formerly known as **AIYENALE EMMANUEL OLUWAFERANMI** now wish to be called and addressed as **AIYENALE OLUWAFERANMI EMMANUEL**. All former documents remain valid. That averment the managements of JAMB / University of ILORIN, and General public should please take note.

### OLUBUNMI

I, formerly known as **MISS OLUBUNMI OLAITAN AYINDE** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS OLUBUNMI OLAITAN AJIBOYE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### AMOS

I, formerly known as **AMOS DASHE** now wish to be called and addressed as **AMOS DASHE TOEPAN**. MY CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH IS 09/08/1982. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### ROSEMARY

I, formerly known as **ROSEMARY UWAEGBU** now wish to be called and addressed as **ROSEMARY AMAECHI SIMONIS**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### ALIZOR

I, formerly known as **NWANKWO MARYANNE CHINENYE** now wish to be called and addressed as **ALIZOR MARYANN CHINENYE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### OJO

I, formerly known as **FAMAYEGUN OMOBOLANLE TAIWO** now wish to be called and addressed as **OJO OMOBOLANLE OLAJUMOKÉ**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### MUSA

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

### AHMAD

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

### ABUBAKAR

I, formerly known as **ABUBAKAR MURTALA** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABUBAKAR NASIRU**. All relevant documents remain valid. All banks and the general public take note.

### CONFIRMATION OF NAMES

I wish to state that **ADEYEMO WASIU JIBOLA** and **ADEYEMO WASIU** is one and same person but wish to be known as **ADEYEMO WASIU JIBOLA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### TIVLUMUN

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

### ABUBAKAR

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

### EMMANUEL

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

### SALIHU

I, formerly known as **SALHU MUHAMMED** now wish to be called and addressed as **SALIHU MOHAMMED**. All former documents remain valid. First bank PLC and General public should please take note.

### ISAH

I am known and called as **ABDULRAHIM OYIZA FATIMOH** and **ISAH OIZA MARYAM**. Both names in my Primary Sch / Secondary Sch Certificate. Now wish to be known and called as **ISAH OIZA MARYAM**. My date of birth is 1/10/1986 NOT 29/7/1982. Former documents remain valid. Authority concern and General public should please take note.

### HAMMED

I, formerly known as **HAMMED FATIU ROBANIY** now wish to be called and addressed as **HAMMED FATIU OPEYEMI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### MARIAM

I, formerly known as **UMMULKHAIRI YUSUF** now wish to be called and addressed as **MARIAM MOHAMMAD**. MY CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH IS 1/1/1990 NOT 1/1/1992. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### ECHO

I, formerly known as **CEHO GLORIA A.** now wish to be called and addressed as **ECHO GLORIA ORINYA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### EGEREGA

I, formerly known as **ABU PATIENCE OGHENECHUKO** now wish to be called and addressed as **EGEREGA PATIENCE OGHENECHUKO**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

### LAWAL

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

### LUGARD

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



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

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

**MICHEAL**  
I, formerly known as **DENNIS JATAU** now wish to be called and addressed as **MICHEAL DENNIS ASOKONOM, DOB 2/6/1976**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**CHIOMA**  
I, formerly known as **CHIOMA NWANKWO** now wish to be called and addressed as **CHIOMA MERCY MBA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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

**OSI**  
I, formerly known as **ELEKWA JANEFRANCIS CHIDINMA** now wish to be called and addressed as **OSI JANEFRANCIS CHIDINMA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**UGWUALOR**  
I, formerly known as **MISS OJUKWUONA MARYJANE SOCHIMA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS UGWUALOR MARYJANE SOCHIMA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**OKAFOR**  
I, formerly known as **OKAFOR CHIDERA** now wish to be called and addressed as **OKAFOR CHIDERA MBUCHINYELUM**. All former documents remain valid. Banks and General public should please take note.

**NEBO**  
I, formerly known as **MISS CHIME MODESTER CHEKWUBE** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS NEBO MODESTER CHEKWUBE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**IKE-NWEZE**  
I, formerly known as **MISS OBIEFUNA JENNIFER CHISOM** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS IKE-NWEZE JENNIFER CHISOM**. All former documents remain valid. Raw Material Research Development Council (RMRDC) and General public should please take note.

**IJEOMA**  
I, formerly known as **IJEOMA ESTHER NWANKWO** now wish to be called and addressed as **IJEOMA ESTHER CHUIJOKE SIMEON**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**OMISSION OF NAME**  
I, **ANADI MMADUABUCHUKWU CHARLES**, wish to add, **ABUCHUKWU**, which was omitted from my name formerly **ANADI MMADU CHARLES**, in my bank account details. I now wish to be known and addressed as, **ANADI MMADUABUCHUKWU CHARLES**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

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

**AGYO**  
I, formerly known as **GAMBO AYITAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **AGYO GAMBO AYITAN**. All former documents remain valid. NIMS, UBA Plc Zenith Bank plc And general Public to Note.

**AWWAL**  
I, formerly known as **AWWAL MUSA ABDULLAHI** now wish to be called and addressed as **AWWAL MUSA, DOB 28/7/1990**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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

**NOMA**  
I, formerly known as **AMINU BASHAR NOMA, WITH OLD DATE OF BIRTH 01/01/1985** now wish to be called and addressed as **NOMA BASHAR AMINU, WITH NEW DATE OF BIRTH 11/01/1992**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**CORRECTION OF NAME**  
This is to certify that **KALU EZEKIEL CHIDIEBERE** (Correct Name); **KALU CHIDIEBERE EZEKIEL** (Wrongly written) and **KALU CHIDIEBERE CHARLES** (Wrongly written); refers to one and same person; Now wish to be known as **KALU EZEKIEL CHIDIEBERE**. All former documents remain valid. Banks and General public take note.

**OBUE**  
I, formerly known as **ONONOGBO KELECHI CHIDIEBERE** now wish to be called and addressed as **OBUE ONONOGBO KELECHI CHIDIEBERE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ANIAGU**  
I, formerly known as **MISS NNAMANI CHIDUMAGA IFEOMA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS ANIAGU CHIDUMAGA IFEOMA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**CHUKWU**  
I, formerly known as **CHUKWU AGNES MERCY** now wish to be called and addressed as **CHUKWU AGNES EBELE, MY CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH IS 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1999**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**EZIKEANYI**  
I, formerly known as **AMU OKECHUKWU ANTHONY** now wish to be called and addressed as **EZIKEANYI OKECHUKWU ANTHONY**. All former documents remain valid. Banks and General public should please take note.

**STANLEY**  
I, formerly known as **MISS. UBOCHI CHINASA LILIAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. STANLEY CHINASA LILIAN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**CORRECTION OF NAME**  
I, **EMMANUEL DAVID-WEST GODKNOWS**, wish to correct my name which was wrongly written as, **EMMANUEL DAVID WEST**, instead of, **EMMANUEL DAVID-WEST GODKNOWS**, in my bank account details. I now wish to be known and addressed as, **EMMANUEL DAVID-WEST GODKNOWS**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

**CONFIRMATION OF NAMES**  
I, **ONAGA SANDRA NNENNA**, That the name **ONAGA SANDRA NNENNA**, which appeared on my Drivers License, National Identity Slip, International Passport and **ONAGA ELIZABETH SANDRA** which appeared on my Rivers State Rivers State University Certificate, are my NAMES. That i now wish to be known called and addressed as **ONAGA SANDRA NNENNA**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ABEEKAA**  
I, formerly known as **MBAADE COMFORT NGUSURUN** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS ABEEKAA COMFORT NGUSURUN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**JENNY**  
I, formerly known as **JENNY EYONG IKPI, JENNY OMINI USANI** now wish to be called and addressed as **JENNY USANI OMINI USANI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**HAFSAT**  
I, formerly known as **HAFSAT TUKUR** now wish to be called and addressed as **HAFSAT ABUBAKAR, DOB: 13/3/1979**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**NANZING**  
I, formerly known as **KUMVEN RINGTIM** now wish to be called and addressed as **NANZING ALFRED PONCHANG**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**NWEKE**  
I, formerly known as **EMELUE OGECHUKWU GLADIS** now wish to be called and addressed as **NWEKE OGECHUKWU GLADYS**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**EZEMA**  
I, formerly known as **EZEMA LUKE CHIBUOGWU** now wish to be called and addressed as **EZEMA LUKE CHIBU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**NZEGBUNAM**  
I, formerly known as **OBASI CHINYERE EUNICE** now wish to be called and addressed as **NZEGBUNAM CHINYERE EUNICE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**NGONADI**  
I, formerly known as **MISS UCHEJIGBO CHINWENDU LOVELINE** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS NGONADI CHINWENDU LOVELINE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**AMAHALU**  
I, formerly known as **IGBOZURIKE EMMANUELA OBIAGELI** now wish to be called and addressed as **AMAHALU EMMANUELA OBIAGELI**. All former documents remain valid. National Institute for Cultural Orientation, Banks and General public should please take note.

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

**CORRECTION OF NAME**  
I, **IHUNWO ADONA IBE**, wish to correct my name which was wrongly written as, **IBE IHUOMA ADON**, instead of, **IHUOMA ADONA IBE**. I now wish to be known and addressed as, **IHUOMA ADONA IBE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

**LORDMARK**  
I, formerly known as **REX OBINNAYA OKOROAFOR** now wish to be called and addressed as **LORDMARK REX OBINNAYA OKOROAFOR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ADDITION OF NAME**  
I, formerly known as **SUNDAY KPAREV** now wish to be called and addressed as **SUNDAY KPAREV MWAKYOGA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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

**FARIDA**  
I, formerly known as **FARIDA USMAN ALI** now wish to be called and addressed as **FARIDA BALARABE KUBAU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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

**LOVINGSON**  
I, formerly known as **AKARI PRISCA** now wish to be called and addressed as **LOVINGSON PRISCA IMAOYANI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**CORRECTION OF NAME.**  
This is to certify that **ORAH-CYRIL BASIL TOCHUKWU** (Correct Name) and **ORAH BASIL TOCHUKWU** (wrongly written); refers to one and same person; Now wish to be known as **ORAH-CYRIL BASIL TOCHUKWU**. All former documents remain valid. Banks and General public take note.

**ANI**  
I, formerly known as **ANI OBINNA UCHENNA** now wish to be called and addressed as **ANI OBINNA AVU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**JAMES**  
I, formerly known as **ZENDA DANIEL FANEN** now wish to be called and addressed as **JAMES CHRISTOPHER FANEN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MLAN**  
I, formerly known as **MLAN TERDUE JOHN** now wish to be called and addressed as **MLAN JOHN GIDEON. MY CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH IS 10/4/1990**. All former documents remain valid. Banks and General public should please take note.

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

**CORRECTION OF NAME**  
I, **NWALI MMADU PAUL**, wish to correct my name which was wrongly written as, **NWALI PAUL MMADUABUCHI**, instead of, **NWALI MMADU PAUL**, in my BVN details. I now wish to be known and addressed as, **NWALI MMADU PAUL**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

**CORRECTION OF DATE OF BIRTH**  
I, **MICHAEL ELIZABETH IJEOMA**, wish to correct my date of birth which was wrongly written as, **4TH MAY, 1991** instead of, **4TH MAY, 1995** in my West African Examination Council (WAEC) Certificate. My correct date of birth is, **4TH MAY, 1995**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

**ABUNKU**  
I, formerly known as **MOSES ESTHER IGBE ABUNKU** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABUNKU ESTHER IGBE**. All former documents remain valid. First Bank and General public should please take note.

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

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

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

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

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

**CHINWE**  
I, formerly known as **UKAMAKA OSITA UDENSI** now wish to be called and addressed as **CHINWE UKAMAKA ANGELA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**CHUKWUDI**  
I, formerly known as **ONU LOVETH UGOCHI** now wish to be called and addressed as **CHUKWUDI LOVETH UGOCHI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**EZE**  
I, formerly known as **EZE CHUKWU EBUKA** now wish to be called and addressed as **EZE CHUKWUEBUKA JOHN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ORJINTA**  
I, formerly known as **MISS EGBO ELIZABETH GINIKACHUKWU** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS ORJINTA ELIZABETH NWEGINIKACHUKWU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**CORRECTION OF NAME**  
This is to inform the general public that my name **OMABA SUNDAY EMMANUEL** was wrongly written, but now wish to be corrected and addressed as **OMEBE EMMANUEL SUNDAY**. My correct date of birth is **19TH JANUARY, 1994**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**CONFIRMATION OF NAME**  
This is to certify and confirm that **EZEH SAMUEL OKAFOR** and **EZE SAMUEL OKAFOR** refers to one and the same person but now wish to be known and addressed as **EZE SAMUEL OKAFOR**. All former documents remain valid. Banks and General public take note

**BLESSED**  
I, formerly known as **BLESSED ONYEBUCHI NWANDIKOR** now wish to be called and addressed as **BLESSED OMUNAKWE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**CONFIRMATION OF NAME**  
This is to confirm that, **OKEAH, PROMISE NKWACHUKWU; OKEAH, PROMISE N;** and **OKEAH, PROMISE**, refer to one and same person but now wish to be known and addressed as, **OKEAH, PROMISE NKWACHUKWU**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

**ADEBARA**  
I, formerly known as **ADEBARA OMOKEHINDE OLU SANAYA** now wish to be called and addressed as **ADEBARA OMOKEHINDE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**UDIMASHI**  
I, formerly known as **THANKGOD EAGINU SUNDAY** now wish to be called and addressed as **UDIMASHI THANKGOD EAGINU SUNDAY**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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

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

**SHAFFAU**  
I, formerly known as **MISS SHAFFAU MAHMUD MUKHTAR** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS SHAFFAU MAHMUD MUKHTAR**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ONUORA**  
I, formerly known as **ONUORA AMARACHI MARVELLOUS** now wish to be called and addressed as **ONUORA OBINNA MARVELLOUS AMARACHI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ALEGU**  
I, formerly known as **CHUKWU ESTHER LILIAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **ALEGU ESTHER LILIAN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ELOM**  
I, formerly known as **ELOM CHIBUZOR AGBO** now wish to be called and addressed as **ELOM CHIBUEZE AGBO**. All former documents remain valid. Banks and General public should please take note.

**CHIBUEZE**  
I, formerly known as **CHIBUEZE CHIDIEBERE MICHAEL** now wish to be called and addressed as **CHIBUEZE PRINCE MICHAEL**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**NWAFOR**  
I, formerly known as **ADUAKA ESTHER ORJI** now wish to be called and addressed as **NWAFOR ESTHER ORJI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**CORRECTION OF NAME**  
This is to inform the general public that my name **NZEAKOR BLESSING**, was wrongly written in my account and BVN registration, but now wish to be corrected and addressed as **NZEAKOR NGOZICHUKWU PEACE**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**CONFIRMATION OF NAME**  
This is to certify and confirm that **JANE URE OGBA, JANE URENNA OGBA, JANE OGBA, JANE URENNA OGBA-NDUKWE, JANE NDUKWE** and **JANE URE NDUKWE** refers to one and the same person but now wish to be known and addressed as **JANE URE NDUKWE**. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.

**ADDITION/RE-ARRANGEMENT OF NAME**  
I, **UKWUOMA-JOHNSON EGONNA AUGUSTINA**, wish to add, **JOHNSON**, to my name and also re-arrange my name which was wrongly arranged as, **EGONNA TINA UKWUOMA**, in my BVN details. I now wish to be known and addressed as, **UKWUOMA-JOHNSON EGONNA AUGUSTINA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

**CORRECTION OF NAME**  
I, **NTA, IRENE IDORENYIN**, wish to correct my name which was wrongly written as, **IDORENYIN IRENE**, instead of, **NTA, IRENE IDORENYIN**, in my BVN details. I now wish to be known and addressed as, **NTA, IRENE IDORENYIN**. All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

**AREMU**  
I, formerly known as **AWOYELE ESTHER ADEOLA** now wish to be called and addressed as **AREMU ESTHER ADEOLA**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.



**APOSTLE**

I formerly known and addressed as **IKOKO CHIAZOR PAUL** now wish to be known and addressed as **APOSTLE HUBERT PAUL**. All former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned and general public take be note.

**ONUKAGHA**

I, formerly known as **ONUKAGHA CHARLES JESSE O.** now wish to be called and addressed as **ONUKAGHA CHARLES JESSE** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**UCHECHUKWU**

I,formerly known as **ASUGHA AMARACHI COMFORT** now wish to be called and addressed as **UCHECHUKWU AMARACHI COMFORT** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ABUBAKAR**

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

**AMUSA**

I, formerly known as **AMUSA RAMONADIO** now wish to be called and addressed as **AMUSA RAHMAN LAVAL** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**CORRECTION OF DOB**

I **KOLO YIMI PATIENCE** wish to inform the general public that my date of birth was wrongly captured on my NIN as **6/6/1991** but now, I want it to be recaptured to **24/3/1982**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ZAINAB**

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

**CORRECTION OF NAME**

I, formerly known as **UELEBARI NYORR** now wish to be called and addressed as **UELEBARI NYOR**. Former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

**CONFIRMATION OF NAME/DOB**

That **JOHNA, PETER CELSUS** and **JONAH, PETER CELSUS** refers to one and same person but my correct name is **JONAH, PETER CELSUS**. My correct date of birth is 08/09/1994 and not 07/02/1990. Former documents remain valid. General public should take note

**AMEDE**

I, formerly known as **AMEDE IYEKEKPOLOR** now wish to be called and addressed as **AMEDE ADESUA UHEBAGUI** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**WILLIAMS**

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

**DAPIP-STANLEY**

I, formerly known as **MISS SWANDE, CHRISTIANA IEMBER** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS DAPIP-STANLEY, CHRISTIANA IEMBER** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**REMOVAL OF NAME**

I, **ZITTA,MANBYEN**, I was formally bearing **ZITTA, MANBYEN CHARITY**,That i now wish to REMOVE The the Middle name,**CHARITY** on my Existing name to be known called and addressed as **ZITTA, MANBYEN** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**DEBORAH**

I formally known as **MISS DEBORAH ILIYA** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS DEBORAH ILIYA**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

**MARTHA**

I formally known as **HANNATU BZUGU** now wish to be known and addressed as **MARTHA LALAI**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

**ANTHONY**

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

**IKECHUKWU**

I, formerly known as **ODO NGOZI**. 20/08/1978. now wish to be called and addressed as **IKECHUKWU NGOZI GLADIS**. MY CORRECT D.O.B IS 10/06/1979 All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**EDEH**

I, formerly known as **OKOLONTA CHINWE JOY** now wish to be called and addressed as **EDEH CHINWE JOY** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ADENIPEKUN**

I,formerly known as **JOHNSON ADE** now wish to be called and addressed as **ADENIPEKUN ADEKUNLE JOHNSON** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**GAJIR**

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

**MAMAN**

I, formerly known as **ABDULLAH MAMMAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **MAMAN AJANAH ABDULLAH** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**SOLOMI**

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

**CONFIRMATION OF NAME**

This is to confirm that **GARBA, KATUMI IBRAHIM** and **KATUMI BARBA, IBRAHIM** refer to one and same person,now wish to be known and addressed as **GARBA, KATUMI IBRAHIM**. All former documents remain valid. Bank and general public should take note.

**OWUKIO**

That i was formerly known as **MISS, DIKMAR QUEEN**. Now wish to be known called and addressed as **MRS. OWUKIO QUEEN MISSION**. All documents bearing my former name remain valid. General public should please take note.

**NURA**

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

**MASTER**

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

**DIMKA**

I, formerly known as **MISS ASANGA, JOY BRIDGET** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS DIMKA, JOY BRIDGET** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**OGUNDELE**

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

**ABDULLAHI**

I formally known as **ABDULLAHI KAKA ALI** now wish to be known and addressed as **ABDULLAHI KAKA ALI YALE**.All former documents remain valid general public should please.

**AISHA**

I formally known as **FATI AYUBA** now wish to be known and addressed as **AISHA BELLO**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

**OGUNDUYILE**

I, formerly known as **OGUNDUYILE OLATOSIN OLANIRETI** now wish to be called and addressed as **OGUNDUYILE OLUWATOMISIN OLANIRETI**. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**TINA**

I, formerly known as **MYTINA IGHIDGBA** now wish to be called and addressed as **TINA PATRICK** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**CHARITY**

I, formerly known as **CHARITY JAMES, CHARITY ONUBI, CHARITY EDEBO JAMES AND CHARITY EDEBO GABRIEL** now wish to be called and addressed as **CHARITY EDEBO GABRIEL** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**EMENIKE**

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

**BRAI**

I, formerly known as **OGUN KINGSLEY ESHIOFUNE** .Now wish to be known as **BRAI ESHIOFUNE**. All former document remain valid.The general public please take note.

**ENYINNAYA**

I, formerly known as **ANTHONY-EMEKA GLORIA CHIDINMA** now wish to be called and addressed as **ENYINNAYA IKENNA GLORIA CHIDINMA** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MBA**

I, formerly known as **DOUGLAS MBAH** now wish to be called and addressed as **MBA TARGEMA DOUGLAS** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**CHINWEZE**

I, formerly known and addressed as **Miss UDEH OBIAGELI RECHEAL**, now wish to be known and addressed as **Mrs CHINWEZE OBIAGELI RECHEAL** . All former documents remain valid. General public should take note.

**CONFIRMATION OF NAME**

I, **JUMBO THANKGOD CHUKURE, JUMBO THANKGOD**, refers to one and same person but henceforth wish to be called and addressed as **JUMBO THANKGOD**. My correct date of birth is 05/03/69. Former documents remain valid. Public should take note.

**BAYODE**

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

**NWOSU**

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

**IBRAHIM**

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

**UKONU**

I, formerly known as **NDUKWE NNENNA IKODIYA** now wish to be called and addressed as **UKONU NNENNA EKE** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ADAM**

I formally known as **BULAMA MALA** now wish to be known and addressed as **ADAM MUSA**.All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

**AMINA**

I formally known as **AMINA SANI** now wish to be known and addressed as **AMINA AUDU**.All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

**HABIBA**

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

**ODOGU-IKEDI**

I, formerly known as **IKEDI NGOZI BLESSING** now wish to be called and addressed as **ODOGU-IKEDI NGOZI BLESSING** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**DURU**

I, formerly known as **LUCIA OGECHI ALANEME** now wish to be called and addressed as **DURU LUCIA OGECHI** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**NOAH**

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

**UDOETTE**

I, formerly known as **GODWIN BEATRICE** .Now wish to be known as **UDOETTE HAPPINESS UDEME** . All former document remain valid.The general public please take note.

**KHADIJA**

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

**RABIU**

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

**NWAOKORO**

I, formerly known and addressed as **MISS IBEGBULAM ONYINYECHI SUCCESS** now wish to be known and addressed as **MRS NWAOKORO ONYINYECHI SUCCESS**. All former documents remain valid. Banks and general public should take note.

**YUSUF**

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

**CORRECTION OF NAME**

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT MY NAME WAS WRONGLY WRITTEN AS **AGIM. PRISE. JOHNSON** INSTEAD OF **AGIM PRAISE JOHNSON**. MY NAME IS **AGIM PRAISE JOHNSON**. ALL FORMER DOCUMENTS REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC TAKE NOTE.

**FATIMA**

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

**JUIUS**

I, formerly known as **OGBATA ALICE ELIZABETH** now wish to be called and addressed as **JUIUS ALICE ELIZABETH** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ABUBAKAR**

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

**ABABAKAR**

I formally known as **IBRAHIM MUSA** now wish to be known as **ABABAKAR MUSA**.All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

**HUSSAINI**

I formally known as **LADA UMORU** now wish to be known and addressed as **HUSSAINI IBRAHIM**.All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

**UMARU**

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

**NWACHUKWU**

I, formerly known and addressed as **ODOH EVERESTUS EMEKA**, now wish to be known and addressed as **NWACHUKWU EMEKA EVERESTUS**. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**MUSA**

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

**EJEMBI**

I, formerly known as **OKOPI SARAH JOHN** now wish to be called and addressed as **EJEMBI SERAH OJONE** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**IHEANYICHUKWU**

I, formerly known as **IHEANYICHUKWU EBUKA FAMOUS** . Now wish to be known as **IHEANYICHUKWU CHUKWUEBUKA GEORGE** as on my National Identity Card . All former documents remain valid.The general public please take note.

**TUKURA**

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

**ISHAKU**

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

**BENJAMIN**

I, formerly known as **BENJAMIN ABUTU EDEGBO** now wish to be called and addressed as **BENJAMIN ABUTU JOSEPH** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**AKA'ABA**

I, formerly known as **ABIBA MOHAMMED** now wish to be called and addressed as **AKA'ABA HABIBA MUHAMMED** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**BADMUS**

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

**HASSAN**

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

**OSUOLALE**

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

**ABDULKAREEM**

I, formerly known as **ABDULKAREEM DAUDA SULEIMAN** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABDULKAREEM DAUDA BAKO** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MARK**

I formally known as **MARK IJAI** now wish to be known and addressed as **MARK IJAI THLIZA**.All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

**TAJUDEEN**

I formally known as **SAKA KAFAYAT OLABISI** now wish to be known and addressed as **TAJUDEEN KAFAYAT**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

**AGYO**

I, formerly known as **AGYO NWWKABU** now wish to be called and addressed as **AGYO SARAH NWWKABU**. OLD DOB: 28/10/1989. NEW DOB: 28/10/1993. All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**KAIOR**

I formally known and address as **ABELA SESUGH SETH** now wish to be known and called, **KAIOR SESUGH SETH**.All former documents remained valid General public should take note.

**SADIQ**

I, formerly known and addressed as **SADIQ MUHAMMED AUWAL**, now wish to be known and addressed as **SADIQ MOHAMMAD AUWAL**. My Correct Date Of Birth is 11th October, 1995 and not 11th October, 1989. All former documents remain valid. General public to take note.

**ALWELL**

I, formerly known as **ACHOR MAUREEN ALLWELL** now wish to be called and addressed as **ALWELL MAUREEN UGOCHI** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**AMADI**

I, formerly known as **MISS. ONUCHUKWU CONFIDENCE CHINGARUM** . Now wish to be known as **MRS. AMADI CONFIDENCE CHINGARUM**. All former documents remain valid.The general public please take note.

**CONFIRMATION OF NAME**

That **NGOZI ANAYO OJIE GODDAY** as in my account & BVN and **ANAYO NGOZI ALETE** as in my second account refers to one and same person . All former documents remain valid.General public take note.

**JOHNNY**

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

**ZAKARIYA'U**

I, formerly known as **ZAKARIYYA ISMAIL** now wish to be called and addressed as **ZAKARIYA'U SA'ADU** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**HASSAN**

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

**ITSUOKOR**

I formerly known as **ITSUOKOR LYDIA ADA**. Now wish to be known and addressed as **ITSUOKOR LYDIA YADILICHUKWU**. All former documents remain valid. All authorities concerned please take note.

**ABUGU**

I, formerly known as **ALI PATIENCE NNDIAMAKA** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABUGU PATIENCE NNDIAMAKA** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**YUSUF**

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

**LOVELYN**

I, formerly known as **LOVETH ISAIAH** now wish to be called and addressed as **LOVELYN ISHAYA** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**UMAR**

I formally known as **ABBA KAKA MUHAMMED** now wish to be known and addressed as **UMAR MUHAMMAD ABBA-KAKA**.All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.

**KHADIJA**

I formally known as **KHADIJA UMAR** now wish to be a known and addressed as **KHADIJA UMAR AUDU**. All former documents remain valid general public should please take note.





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

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

**MUHAMMED**  
I,formerly known as **SANNI SOFIA ONYIOZA.** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUHAMMED SAFIYA.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**NJAR**  
I, formerly known as **MISS. ONYEGBULAM VICTORIA OLUCHI** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. NJAR VICTORIA OLUCHI.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**BEATRICE**  
I,formerly known as **MISS. BEATRICE TAMUNOBELEMA PINA** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. BEATRICE TAMUNOBELEMA FRANCIS BENSON.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**CORRECTION/CONFIRMATION OF NAME**  
That my correct name is **UWEN DAN ISAAC.** That on my Bank Account details and Bank Verification Number (BVN), my name was wrongly written in abbreviation as **ISAAC U. DAN.**That my correct and full name is **UWEN DAN ISAAC.** That the above mentioned name refers to me being the same person as **UWEN DAN ISAAC.**All documents bearing my name remain valid general public should take note.

**MARK**  
I, formerly known as **MARK PRECIOUS AMARACHI** now wish to be called and addressed as **MARK SILVER CONFIDENCE-AMARACHIMEREM.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ADEOLA**  
I,formerly known as **ADEOLA ESTHER ADENIJI** now wish to be called and addressed as **ADEOLA ESTHER IHENYEN.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**MAGRET**  
I, formerly known as **ANITA ANTHONY** now wish to be called and addressed as **MAGRET ANTHONY AKPAN.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**ABDULLAHI**  
I, formerly known as **NASIRU NUHU** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABDULLAHI NURA.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**QUEEN**  
I,formerly known as **EH1 QUEEN OTIKWU** now wish to be called and addressed as **QUEEN EHI OTIKWU.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**JUDITH**  
I, formerly known as **NANDI ANTHONY SAKPO** now wish to be called and addressed as **JUDITH NANDI ANTHONY.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**NAZIFI**  
I,formerly known as **NAZIFI IBRAHIM** now wish to be called and addressed as **NAZIFI IBRAHIM YAHAYA** And that my actual Date of Birth is 11-02-1995 and not 01 -01- 1992 All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**YANGE**  
I, formerly known as **GABRIEL YANGE** now wish to be called and addressed as **YANGE TYOLUMUN GABRIEL.** All former documents remain valid. IBTC Bank Plc and the general public to note, please.

**ONYENDI**  
I,formerly known as **ONYENALI MARY ANN** now wish to be called and addressed as **ONYENDI MARYANN.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**JOHNFAT**  
I,formerly known as **MAUREEN IFY JOHNFAT** now wish to be called and addressed as **OKORIE JOHNFAT MAUREEN NGOZI.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ADDITION /CORRECTION OF NAME**  
That I was formerly known called and addressed as **PRISCILLA PEREBAMO.** That I wish to add my Surname **JOSEPH** to my names. That my full and correct name is **JOSEPH, PRISCILLA BEREPA MO.** All documents bearing my former name remain valid general public should take note.

**ADDITION OF NAME**  
That I was formerly known called and addressed as **OKEKE UGOCHUKWU.** That I wish to add **BARTHOLOMEW** to my names. That my full and correct name is **OKEKE UGOCHUKWU BARTHOLOMEW.** All documents bearing my former name remain valid general public should take note.

**SANNI**  
I,formerly known as **AYODELE OLADUNNI** now wish to be called and addressed as **SANNI BASIRAT OLADUNNI.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**HASSAN**  
I, formerly known as **HASSAN MURJANATU** now wish to be called and addressed as **HASSAN MURJA.** All former documents remain valid. FIRSTBANK BANK and General public should please take note.

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

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

**ABIMBOLA**  
I,formerly known as **ABIMBOLA OMOLABAKE AKINWOLE** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABIMBOLA OMOLABAKE ADEYENUWO.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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

**PRISCILLA**  
I,formerly known as **PRISCILLA IBECHONE OGUCHE** now wish to be called and addressed as **PRISCILLA ALIYU-SULEIMAN.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**OKORO**  
I, formerly known as **ELEBECHI JOSEPH CHINONSO** now wish to be called and addressed as **OKORO JOSEPH CHINONSO** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**DEBEE**  
I, formerly known as **IORFA DEBEER** now wish to be called and addressed as **DEBEE IORFA.** All former documents remain valid. First Bank of Nigeria Plc and general public to take note.

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

**JANET**  
I,formerly known as **MISS. JANET LUKE SUNDAY** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. JANET CHIOKWA AMADI.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ADDITION OF NAME**  
That I was formerly known called and addressed as **IKINGA, HAPPINESS.** That I wish to add **INNOCENT** to my names. That my full and correct name is **INNOCENT, HAPPINESS IKINGA.** All documents bearing my former name remain valid general public should take note.

**ATOO**  
I,formerly known as **MISS OGBU CHINWENDU MARYJANE** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS ATOO CHINWENDU MARYJANE.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**OLAEGBE**  
I,formerly known as **AREOLA FADEKEMI OPEYEMI** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. OLAEGBE FADEKEMI OPEYEMI.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**DEBORAH**  
I, formerly known as **DEBORAH OLUWATOSIN ITABIYI** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. DEBORAH OLUWATOSIN RAPHAEL.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ANJEMBE**  
I,formerly known as **NJEMBE NGUSEE HELEN** now wish to be called and addressed as **ANJEMBE NGUSEER HELEN.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**TERNENGE**  
I,formerly known as **TEWASE QUEEN TERNENGE** now wish to be called and addressed as **TERNENGE QUEEN TORKWASE.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**FRIDAY**  
I,formerly known as **MISS. UMEH PATIENCE AKUDO** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS. FRIDAY PATIENCE AKUDO.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**FASANU**  
I Formerly known and addressed as **YUSUF JEMILAT BUKOLA** now wish to known and addressed as **FASANU BUKOLA ESTHER.** As was published in Nigeria Tribune on **May 30, 2015.** All former documents remain valid. Authority concerned and General public take note.

**CHANGE OF NAME/ REARRANGEMENT OF NAME**  
I FORMERLY KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS **ANIEFIOK ETIM WISS,**AND THAT MY NAME WAS WRONGLY ARRANGED ON MY BVN AS **WISDOM ETIM WISS.** NOW WISH TO BE KNOWN AND ADDRESSED AS **ETIM WISDOM WISS.** ALL FORMER DOCUMENT REMAIN VALID. GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD PLEASE TAKE

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

**CHINAGOROM**  
I,formerly known as **AGBO EVELYN CHINAZA** now wish to be called and addressed as **CHINAGOROM EVELYN CHINAZA** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**OKOLI**  
I,formerly known as **JOHN JUDE OBINNA** now wish to be called and addressed as **OKOLI OBINNA JUDE.** All former documents remain valid. First Bank of Nigeria Plc and the general public to note, please.

**CORRECTION/CONFIRMATION OF NAME**  
I,formerly known as **EZEJI IFEANYI PRINCE AND EZEJI IFEANYI HYCINTH** are one and same now wish to be called and addressed as **EZEJI IFEANYI PRINCE.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**JIM**  
I,formerly known as **EMMANUEL EDET ESEDEKE AND EMMANUEL BASSEY JAMES** now wish to be called and addressed as **JIM BASSEY.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**SAMSON**  
I,formerly known as **SAMSON MARK EZEKIEL** now wish to be called and addressed as **SAMSON MARK BAMIDELE.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**SOLOMON**  
I,formerly known as **EBINIM KINGSLEY** now wish to be called and addressed as **SOLOMON KINGSLEY EWERE.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**OGECHI**  
I,formerly known as **MISS ONUOHA SANDRA OGECHI** now wish to be called and addressed as **MRS OGECHI SANDRA OLOBATOKE.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**MUHAMMAD**  
I,formerly known as **SHAMASU DANTSOHO** now wish to be called and addressed as **MUHAMMAD SHAMMASU DANTSOHO CORRECT. DOB/22/11/1969 NOT /01/01/1970** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**REMOVAL OF NAME**  
That during my BVN registration, my name was wrongly written as **IKE IKECHUKWU NWOSU** instead of **IK ECHUKWU NWOSU.** That I wish to remove **IKE** from my name. That my correct name is **IK ECHUKWU NWOSU.** All documents bearing my former name remain valid general public should take note.

**AKINLAWON**  
I,formerly known as **OYEYEMI DAMILOLA ODUNAYO** now wish to be called and addressed as **AKINLAWON DAMILOLA ODUNAYO.** All former documents remain valid. AUTHORITY CONCERNED and General public should please take note.

**OBATULA**  
I,formerly known as **OBATULA OKIKI.** now wish to be called and addressed as **OBATULA SHERIFF OKIKIOLA.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**ABOSEDE**  
I,formerly known as **ABOSEDE, OLUMUYIWA ADELEKE** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABOSEDE JOHN ADELEKE** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

**IBRAHIM**  
I,formerly known as **IBRAHIM HAJIYA** now wish to be called and addressed as **IBRAHIM ZAINAB.** All former documents remain valid. First Bank of Nigeria Plc and the general public to take note.

**NWOKE**  
I, formerly known as **MADU CHIBUZO PEACE** now wish to be called and addressed as **NWOKE ONYENYECHI PEACE.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

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

**SESI**  
I,formerly known as **SESI OLA JACK** now wish to be called and addressed as **SESI OLABODE JACK.** All former documents remain valid. General public should please take note.

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

**ABUBAKAR**  
I,formerly known as **ABUBAKAR AHMAD** now wish to be called and addressed as **ABUBAKAR AHMAD IBRAHIM. CORRECT DOB 20/08/1990 NOT 02/09/1985.** All former documents remain valid. Any authorities and the general public should take note please.

## How To Legally Change Your Name

There are several reasons someone may want to change their name, often after a marriage or divorce. The process of legally changing your name generally includes petitioning to change your name and using your new name.

### Steps To Legally Change Your Name

1. Petition to change your name by filling out a name change form, an order to show cause for legally changing your name, and a decree to legally change your name.
2. Take these forms to the court clerk and file them along with your state's required filing fees.
3. In most cases, a judge or magistrate will review your forms and grant the name change.
4. Some states require a more formal advertisement before you use your new name, which is done simply by posting a notice in the local newspaper.
5. Use your new name.

### Using Your New Name

The most important thing to do to legally change your name is to start using your new name. You can do this by:

- \* Introducing yourself using your new name
  - \* Filling out forms and applications under your new name
  - \* Telling your family and friends to only refer to you by your new name
  - \* Informing your school, employer, and other institutions of your new name (some institutions may require legal documentation of your name change).
- Be sure to check the requirements in your state by visiting your state government's website or calling your court clerk.
- In most states, it's a rather simple process to change your name through the court system. In fact, most state government websites have forms online that you can print and use. The questions on the forms are very straightforward and may include your old name, new name, Social Security number, the reason for your name change, and a promise that you are not changing your name to escape debt or criminal liability.

### Can I Change My Name to Anything I Want?

Typically, you may legally change your name to whatever name you'd like, although state marriage laws may also provide some additional legal guidance. There are some exceptions though. For example, you can't:

- \* Change your name to escape debt liability or hide from criminal liability
- \* Change your name in order to commit a crime
- \* Change your name with the intention to mislead, which usually involves taking the name of a famous person (courts typically do not allow this, unless you have a convincing reason that's not related to the famous person or the use of his or her name)
- \* Choose a confusing name that includes numerals or punctuation (although some courts have permitted people to spell out the numbers, for example, „Seven“ instead of „7“)
- \* Choose a name that would intimidate, offend, be considered obscene, or is a racial slur

### What Are the Most Common Reasons People Change Their Names?

Marriage and divorce are easily the most common reasons people change their names. Generally, if you're changing your name after marriage, a marriage certificate is the only thing that you need. A divorce decree is all you need to change your name back after divorce.

### Is Filing My Name Change in Court Required?

Not in most states, but it's helpful. Most states allow you to legally change your name simply through usage. You can choose a name and just start using it in social settings and in your business. This can be a completely legal name change.

Culled From: <https://www.findlaw.com/family/marriage/how-to-legally-change-your-name.html>





# LEADERSHIP

## Company Trustees

### SOCIAL MILLENNIUM WOMEN AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

This is to inform the general public that the above named has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), Abuja for Registration under part 'C' of Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.

**TRUSTEES ARE:**

- |                       |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| 1. Danladi Abdulkadir | (Chairman)  |
| 2. Aliyu Abdulrahman  | (Secretary) |
| 3. Garba Adamu        |             |
| 4. Adama Garba        |             |
| 5. Hafsat Auwal       |             |
| 6. Zainab Mohammed    |             |

**AIM AND OBJECTIVE:**

1. To empower women and youth through training on various skill such as training knitting etc.
2. To conduct awareness and sensitization campaign on the dangers and negative effect of open defecation to human health.

Any objection to this Registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

### IFELAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CAC/IT/ NO. 158721

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE ABOVE NAMED HAS APPLIED TO THE CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION FOR REMOVAL OF TRUSTEE UNDER "PART C" OF THE COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT 1999.

**RETAINED TRUSTEES:**

1. HON. JUSTICE FATI ABUBAKAR LAMI, RTD, CON, LL.D.
2. HON. JUSTICE MAUREN ONYETENU ADAOBI JFHC
3. MRS OLUFUNKE ADEKOYA, SAN
4. PROF. KONYISOLA AJAYI, SAN
5. MR GBENGA OYEBODE MFR
6. MALAM YUSUF ALI, SAN
7. MRS TOYIN SANNI
8. PROF. OLANREWAJU FAGBOHUN, SAN
9. PROF CHRIS OHUROGU
10. PROF BABAFEMI ODUNSI
11. MRS JAINABA JOHIM
12. MR YAHAYA MAIKORI
13. HON. CHUGBO ENWEZOR
14. DR AYODELE AKENROYE

**REMOVED TRUSTEE:**

HON. JUSTICE OLUBUNMI OYEWOLE

ANY OBJECTION TO THIS CHANGE SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION, PLOT 420, TIGRIS CRESCENT, OFF AGUIYI IRONSI STREET, MAITAMA, ABUJA WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THIS PUBLICATION.

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

### FINIKY BABA & JAMES BULUS FOUNDATION

This is to inform the general public that the above named has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), Abuja for Registration under part 'C' of Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.

**TRUSTEES ARE:**

1. Ishaku James Bulus
2. Henkelmann Shaku Finiky Baba
3. Ishaku Bulus

**AIM AND OBJECTIVE:**

1. To feed the hungry, especially women and children in the society
2. To offer scholarship opportunities to economically disadvantaged young people to enable them further their education in nigerian educational institution.
3. To promote positive well being and character of young people in the society at large.

Any objection to this Registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

### M. U KARAGE EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

The public is hereby notified that the above named has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for Registration under part C of the Companies and Allied matter Act 2004.

**TRUSTEES ARE:**

- |                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Muhammad Umar Karage        | - Chairman        |
| 2. Sani Umar Karage            | - Secretary       |
| 3. Mrs Maryam Abdullahi Karage | - Newly Nominated |

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:**

- i) To propagate and preach the HOLY QURAN & HADITH throughout Africa (Da'awah).
- ii) To establish Islamic institution across the continent and worldwide.
- iii) To organize seminars, workshops and human services for the sake of Allah.
- iv) To win souls for Sunnah.
- v) To teach and practice the efficacy of Prophet'S life and deed
- vi) To give charity
- vii) Contributing voluntarily and cheerfully for the support, development and spiritual growth of the establishment.
- viii) Supplications, prayers and intercessions for all men and people in authority.
- ix) To print, publish and distribute religious literatures, Islamic handbooks.
- x) Preaching and coaching the way of handling the schedules of Mosques (Administration and Management) Act No.23 1990

Any objection to the Registration should be forwarded to The Registrar, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, P. M. B 198 Garki Abuja within Twenty-Eight (28) days from the date of this publication.

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**A. M MAINA ESQ.**  
**08039367232**

### ASSOCIATION OF ORTHOPAEDIC CAST TECHNOLOGISTS & TECHNICIANS OF NIGERIA

This is to inform the General public that the above named Association has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for Registration under Part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 2020.

**NAMES OF TRUSTEES:**

- |                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Ibekwe Godwin Chibuike  | - Chairman  |
| 2. Ojo Bamidele Solomon    | - Secretary |
| 3. Oyinola Timothy Adewumi |             |
| 4. Yusuf Bashir Salisu     |             |
| 5. Adagba Michael Nwonu    |             |
| 6. Adeniji Kabiru Akanmu   |             |

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:**

- (a) To register and organize all cast professionals both in public and private sector.
- (b) To monitor, supervise and regulate the training of any aspect of Orthopaedic casting Profession in any institution in Nigeria.
- (c) To issue professional Membership Certificate to all Orthopaedic cast Technologists, Technicians.
- (d) To issue Registration to practice to all Orthopaedic cast Technologists, Technicians.
- (e) To regulate the practice of Orthopaedic cast technology in Nigeria for Technologists, Technicians, etc.
- (f) To engage relevant Government authorities on issues affecting the profession.

Any Objection to this Registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission Plot 420 Tigris Crescent off Aguiyi Ironsi street PMB 198 Maitama Abuja within 28 Days of this Publication.

SIGNED: **OJO BAMIDELE SOLOMON - SECRETARY**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT **FRANK ADAH UKPELE** OF OTUKPO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA OF BENUE STATE, I AM HAPPILY MARRIED TO MY WIFE **MRS MARY OKOPI UKPELE**. WE GOT MARRIED ON THE **18TH DECEMBER, 2010** AT ST AUGUSTINE CHURCH OTUKPO. OUR MARRIAGE PRODUCED TWO NUMBER OF CHILDREN, NAMELY:- **ANGEL EHI** AND **PRETTY ENEWA UKPELE**, THEY ARE THE ONLY BIOLOGICAL CHILDREN ON EARTH AND NO OTHER. ONE **MISS ESTHER OLGBECH**E IN CONNIVANCE WITH MY MOTHER HAS BEEN PEDDING AN UNVERIFIED, UNSUBSTANTIATE AND FALSE STORY THAT I HAVE ANOTHER CHILD WITH **MISS ESTHER OIGBECH**E, THE STORY IS FALSE BECAUSE I DO NOT HAVE ANY CHILD FROM ANY OTHER WOMAN OTHER THAN MY WIFE, THE SAID STORY IS CREATED TO DESTABILIZE MY FAMILY AND TO DESTROY MY MARRIAGE. THE PURPORTED STORY IS FALSE IN ALL RAMIFICATIONS.

ALL AUTHORITIES CONCERNED AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF SHOULD PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

### SALVATION & PENIEL LAND CHURCH OF ALL NATIONS

This is to inform the general public that the above named has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), Abuja for Registration under part 'C' of Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.

**TRUSTEES ARE:**

1. Robert,Victor Valentine
2. Ben,Mmandu Monday

**AIM AND OBJECTIVE:**

1. To preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to all nation's
2. To promote fellowship among believers.

Any objection to this Registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

### PREVALENT GRACE BIBLE MINISTRY

This is to inform the general public that the above named has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), Abuja for Registration under part 'C' of Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.

**TRUSTEES ARE:**

- |                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Udoh Michael Aniefiok  | - President |
| 2. Aniefiok Ofonime Asian | - Secretary |
| 3. Edem Umoh Michael      |             |
| 4. Anusim Frank Emeka     |             |

**AIM AND OBJECTIVE:**

1. To preach the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, salvation, healing and Deliverance to mankind.

Any objection to this Registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

### AISHAT YUSUF HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION

This is to inform the general public that the above named has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), Abuja for Registration under part 'C' of Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.

**TRUSTEES ARE:**

1. Yusuf Aishat Abdulkadir
2. Yusuf Abdul Abdulkadir

**AIM AND OBJECTIVE:**

1. To help achieve focused delivery of health care services to women and youth, especially the rural and urban less privileged.
2. To create awareness and to sensitize the public on issues concerning their health related issues.
3. To conduct, promote awareness and provide intervention on reproductive health and other public health issues as it affect people with special needs including orphans and vulnerable children and their caregivers especially in the rural area hard to reach communities in Nigeria.

Any objection to this Registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, P.M.B 198, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

### M. U KARAGE EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

The public is hereby notified that the above named has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for Registration under part C of the Companies and Allied matter Act 2004.

**NAMES OF TRUSTEES:**

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|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Muhammad Umar Karage        | - Chairman        |
| 2. Sani Umar Karage            | - Secretary       |
| 3. Mrs Maryam Abdullahi Karage | - Newly Nominated |

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:**

- i) To propagate and preach the HOLY QURAN & HADITH throughout Africa (Da'awah).
- ii) To establish Islamic institution across the continent and worldwide.
- iii) To organize seminars, workshops and human services for the sake of Allah.
- iv) To win souls for Sunnah.
- v) To teach and practice the efficacy of Prophet'S life and deed
- vi) To give charity
- vii) Contributing voluntarily and cheerfully for the support, development and spiritual growth of the establishment.
- viii) Supplications, prayers and intercessions for all men and people in authority.
- ix) To print, publish and distribute religious literatures, Islamic handbooks.
- x) Preaching and coaching the way of handling the schedules of Mosques (Administration and Management) Act No.23 1990

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**A. M MAINA ESQ.**  
**08039367232**

### PUBLIC NOTICE / CAVEAT

This is to inform the General Public that a Company Popularly know as **GAJERE MULTIPLE LINKS, NIGERIA LIMITED** used the name of **NURADDEEN GASHASH** (as representing **NURAM NIG. LTD**) a director in the said **GAJERE MULTIPLE LINKS, NIGERIA LIMITED**.

The entire public shall note that **NURADEEN M. GASHASH** or his Company **NURAM HOLDING NIG. LTD.** is not and has never consented at any material time to be a director in **GAJERE MULTIPLE LINKS, NIGERIA LIMITED**.

Therefore any person or organization that deals with him, does so at own risk please take note.

SIGNED: **HAMZA HALADU ESQ.**  
SOLICITOR TO NURADEEN M. GASHASH  
08061547000.

### GORO ORPHANAGE AND CHARITY FOUNDATION

The general public is hereby notified that the above named has applied to Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), Abuja for Registration under Part "C" of the Companies and Allied Matters Acts, (CAMA) 2020.

**TRUSTEES ARE:**

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| 1. ALI SANI ABDULLAHI       | - CHAIRMAN  |
| 2. ZAINAWA MURTALA ALHASSAN | - SECRETARY |
| 3. ALI ABDULMATIN GAMBO     | - TRUSTEE   |
| 4. SULEIMAN SHUABU          | - TRUSTEE   |

**AIM AND OBJECTIVE:**

1. To provide educational pyscon - social health nutritional support to vulnerable children and youth

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### HEROES CHRISTIAN CENTRE

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**TRUSTEES ARE:**

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| 1. Agbiokoro Timothy Chitua      | - Chairman  |
| 2. Timothy chitua Rhoda Omowunmi | - Member    |
| 3. Akerele Adedayo Ebenzer       | - Secretary |

**AIM AND OBJECTIVE:**

1. To promote the contribution of the church to national development and cohesion in Nigeria.
2. To promote the Church of Christ globally using relevant mediums including online platforms.
3. To promote the gospel news surrounding the kingdom of God in africa.
4. To promote charitable activities for the furtherance of the gospel of Christ and welfare of humanity.

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### CLASSIQUE GENTLEMEN'S CLUB

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**THE TRUSTEES ARE:**

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| 1. Adeniji Hakeem Oduyinka    | - President |
| 2. Adeniyi Owolabi Akeem      |             |
| 3. Odulaja Olanrewaju Jimson  |             |
| 4. Odunbaku Obafemi           | - Secretary |
| 5. Makinde Olanrewaju Ibrahim |             |
| 6. Saminu Bashiru Akinwande   |             |
| 7. Ishola Sulaimon Oluwashina |             |

**AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:**

1. To maintain and promote peace between members.
2. To foster and encourage the spirit of fellowship and comradeship between members.
3. To affiliate with Associations having similar aims and objectives.

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### ASSOCIATION OF MEN FOR HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES IN OJODU

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**TRUSTEES ARE:**

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| 1. Alabi Aliu Babatunde    | - Chairman  |
| 2. Adekanmi Adebajo Samuel | - Secretary |
| 3. Oladimeji Monsuru Rafiu | - Treasurer |

**AIM AND OBJECTIVE:**

Our purpose is to help every man understand life and help them Active their Potentials to Function positively..

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SIGNED: **TRUSTEES**



UNIFIED MEMBERS FOR WOMEN  
ADVANCEMENT

THIS IS TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE ABOVE NAMED HAS APPLIED TO CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION (CAC), ABUJA FOR REGISTRATION UNDER PART "C" OF THE COMPANIES AND ALLIED MATTERS ACT, 1990.

NAMES OF TRUSTEES ARE:

1. AISHATU ALI CHIROMA

2. AMINA ABDULLAHI MUHAMMAD

3. ZALIKHAU AHMED BELLO

4. RABI ISMAIL

5. JAMILA BALKINDO MUHAMMED.

- CHAIRPERSON

- SECRETARY

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. TO PROMOTE PEACE, COOPERATION, UNDERSTANDING AND UNITY AMONG MUSLIM AND OTHER GROUPS IN THE SOCIETY.

2. TO ELIMINATE DIFFERENCES (PERCEIVED AND REAL) AND ENCOURAGE ACCEPTANCE OF DIVERSITY.

3. LIAISE BETWEEN AND FOSTER UNITY OF DIFFERENT GROUPS FOR UNDERSTANDING.

4. INCULCATE ISLAMIC MORAL VALUES AND DISCIPLINE AMONG MUSLIM FAMILIES.

5. TO CREATE AWARENESS AND SUPPORT EDUCATION FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS AS NATION BUILDERS.

6. TO CONDUCT AND ENCOURAGE CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES, PROMOTE HEALTHY LIVING AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TENANTS OF RELIGION OF ISLAM.

ANY OBJECTION TO THIS REGISTRATION SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION AT 420 TIGRIS CRESCENT, OFF AGUIYI-IRONSI STREET, MAITAMA, ABUJA WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THIS PUBLICATION.

SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

DAARUL HADEETH SALAFIYAT FOUNDATION  
ILORIN

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TRUSTEES ARE:

(1) MUHAMMED ALIYU JABATA - CHAIRMAN

(2) AHMAD MUDATHIR - SECRETARY

AIM AND OBJECTIVE:

1. TO PROPAGATE AND PROMOTE THE TEACHINGS OF ISLAM.

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SIGNED: **BARR ABUBAKAR ALIYU KOTO**

OTU-ONYERUALI SOCIAL CLUB OF OTOLOKPO  
KINGDOM, LAGOS STATE

This Is To Inform The General Public That The Above Named Club Has Applied To The Corporate Affairs Commission For Registration Under Part "C" Of The Companies And Allied Matters Act 1 of 1990.

THE TRUSTEES ARE:

1. OGADI FRANK CHUKWUEMEKE

2. IKPESE KENNETH

3. AKUMAZI EKELE PHILIP

4. CHINAKWE ALIONYE SUCCESS

5. UZUM ALPHONSUS NWAEKE

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. TO PROMOTE INTER-SOCIAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG MEMBERS AND OTHERS.

2. TO PROMOTE INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL AND RECREATIONALLY INTEREST OF MEMBERS.

3. TO PROMOTE PEACE, LOVE, PROGRESS AND UNITY AMONG MEMBERS.

4. TO PROMOTE AND TO ENSURE GENERAL WELL-BEING AND SOCIAL WELFARE OF MEMBERS.

5. TO ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE GOOD BROTHERLINESS.

6. TO SUPPORT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, PROMOTE SELF-EMPOWERMENT OF MEMBERS AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUTREACH THROUGH BENEFICIAL PROJECTS.

Any Objection To The Registration Should Be Forwarded To The Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Crescent, Off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, P.M.B 198, Garki, Abuja, Within 28 Days From The Date Of This Publication.

SIGNED: **CAJETAN AMASIKE ESQ. 08037933562**

ESELUNMA AND OKARU ECHETA AKAEZE INDIGENT  
STUDENTS' EDUCATION SUPPORT FOUNDATION

The general public is hereby notified that the above named has applied to Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), Abuja for Registration under Part "F" of the Companies and Allied Matters Acts, (CAMA) 2020.

THE TRUSTEES ARE :

1. OTUU JONAH ANYIM

2. UMAHI CHIKAODIRI BARNABAS

3. OBAJI EZE CHRISTIAN

- CHAIRMAN

- SECRETARY

- MEMBER

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. To sponsor indigent students acquire tertiary education, with the view of producing at least thirty (30) graduates in ten (10) year's time .

2. To reach out to indigent persons in our society, both men and women .

3. To promote, encourage, assist and co-operate with other bodies who share similar and related objectives .

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SIGNED: **SECRETARY**

IKE OLORUN TRADOMEDICAL FOUNDATION

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THE TRUSTEES ARE

1. Olapade Muideen Akeem.

2. Adeoye Abiodun Agbaletu

3. Okunowo Christianah Jokotade

(Chair Person)

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. TO RENDER TRADITIONAL MEDICAL HEALTH CARE AT LITTLE OR NO COST TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

2. TO PROFFER SOLUTIONS WITH TRADITIONAL HERBS AND PRAYERS.

3. TO IMPACT THE FOUNDATION BY GOING ON VISITS TO PRISONS AND HOSPITALS FOR OUTREACH AND PREACHING.

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REMGRAD EMPOWERMENT FOUNDATION

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TRUSTEES ARE:

1. OYENAME OLUWANIKE BLESSED

2. AKPABIO PEACE ETIM

3. OSUDE OLUKOREDE KOFOWOROLA

4. OYEDEJI OLUWAFEYISAYO OYEDOTUN

AIM AND OBJECTIVE:

1. TO ENCOURAGE AND PROVIDE WELFARE PACKAGE AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT TO WOMEN, MEN, CHILDREN , WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

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NNEOMA NOBLE MOTHERS ASSOCIATION  
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THE TRUSTEES ARE:

1. NNAMANI FELICIA.

2. ALUM VIRGINIA NWAMAKA

3. NNAJI CASSADRA

- CHAIRMAN

- SECRETARY

- MEMBER

AIM AND OBJECTIVES ARE:

1. TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF MEMBERS, PROMOTE WOMEN, GIRL CHILD EDUCATION, PROMOTE HUMAN AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ESPECIALLY IN POOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

2. TO FOSTER UNITY, PEACE, PROGRESS IN THE SOCIETY THROUGH PEACE BUILDING INITIATIVES AND VALUE RE-ORIENTATION

3. TO PROMOTE SPIRIT OF INDUSTRY AND EGALITARIAN SOCIETY THROUGH ATTITUDINAL CHANGE WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND COMMUNITY TOWN HALL MEETINGS

4. TO EMPOWER WOMEN, YOUTHS AND LESS PRIVILEGED IN THE SOCIETY THROUGH SKILL ACQUISITION TRAINING AND MENTORING

5. TO COLLABORATE WITH OTHER FAITH BASED, CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, LOCAL AND MULTI-NATIONAL NGO'S TOWARDS THE ATTAINMENT OF THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES FOR WHICH THE ORGANIZATION IS ESTABLISHED. ETC

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SIGNED **ALUM VIRGINIA NWAMAKA**  
**-SECRETARY**

AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS OF  
LANDED PROPERTY DOCUMENTS

I, **MR. TONYE FRANCIS ALLAGOA**, of No. 89B King Perekule Street, G.R. A Harcourt, Rivers State, an adult Male, citizen of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, do hereby make this publication and state as follows:

That I am the deponent herein and make this publication in good faith. That my late father **HON. JUSTICE AMBROSE EZEOLISA ALLAGOA** is the bonafide owner of all that properties lying, situate and being at No. 1 Finima Street, Old G.R.A, Plot 1A, Orije Layout, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria, No. **11/13** Old Aba Road, Rumuomasi, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, and all other Ambrose Ezeolisa Allagoa Estate in general. That upon the demise of my Late father, my elder brother **PRINCE KELVIN OPUENE CHINEDU ALLAGOA** who is now late, moved some of my father's landed documents to his residence. That **PRINCE KELVIN OPUENE CHINEDU ALLAGOA** died on the **6th day of April, 2020**. That after the death of my late elder brother all my late father's landed documents in his custody got missing at his residence. That all diligent efforts made to recover same proved abortive, hence this publication. That this publication is now made for official and record purposes and to notify all relevant authorities concerned and the general public.

# How To Be A Good Chair

## Principle #2: Practice Teaming—Not Team Building

David Fitzalan, a former CEO of an international retail chain who comes from the UK, tried hard to apply his team-building approach to the first board he chaired. He organized two off-sites to talk about shared goals, the team's rules, and the members' mutual expectations. All 10 directors showed up for the first off-site (though two excused themselves in the middle), but only six attended the second. Still, Fitzalan kept working to bring the directors closer together.

Eighteen months later a board evaluation yielded some surprising news: The directors did not appreciate his efforts. After reflecting on the feedback, Fitzalan realized that directors are not a traditional team. They spend little time together (four to six board meetings a year plus some committee meetings and phone calls), and each member usually sits on more than one board. Most have a different, full-time job. Collaboration in this context is what Harvard Business School professor Amy Edmondson calls "teaming": gathering experts in a temporary group to solve problems they may be encountering for the first and only time. To enable it, leaders have to shift away from defining team norms and building trust, and focus on quickly scoping, structuring, and sorting the collaborative work.

Fitzalan's approach now is to interact with directors individually before board meetings, consulting each well ahead of time to identify agenda items. After the meeting, he follows up with minutes, notes, reports, and phone calls. He says he calls "every director once a month to inquire how they are doing, to share the latest news, to discuss the agenda of the next board meeting, in fact to remind them that they are an important part of that board."

During the board meetings themselves, Fitzalan tries to give all directors equal airtime. No director can take the floor a second time until all the rest have expressed their views, and directors may pose questions only to get clarification, not to launch opinions. Fitzalan is careful to monitor body language for signs of boredom, irritation, or discontent so that he can intervene quickly. In the event of disagreements, he lets the discussion continue until a consensus emerges. He generally opposes the use of voting to resolve disputes, because he feels that it destroys the collaborative spirit.

When the time comes to make a decision, Fitzalan focuses on arriving at a specific, actionable, clearly formulated resolution—and checks that every director understands and supports it. "As a novice chair, I underestimated the degree to which people participating in the same discussion and listening to the same proposed decision may have different ideas about what it actually meant," he recalls. "As a result, we had some unpleasant conversations later on."

Manfred van der Merwe of the Netherlands, who has chaired boards at 11 companies, has a structured onboarding process for directors. He starts by ha-



ving a face-to-face conversation with each newly appointed director, during which he describes the company, its strategy, its key executives, and its board, but—most important—also sets clear expectations. Among them are mandatory physical attendance at all board meetings ("Two missed meetings and you're out"); thorough preparation ("Do not think you can learn about the issues by listening to the management presentations; we don't do them"); development of company and industry knowledge; and time commitment ("If you can't spend 15 working days a year for this board, let's say good-bye now"). The novice director then will have a series of meetings with fellow board members and senior executives and company visits.

Van der Merwe also works hard to get more out of directors who aren't contributing enough to discussions. Rather than cold-calling them in the boardroom, though, he solicits their opinions before meetings and presents their views to the

board, acknowledging the source, which often triggers a direct contribution. He also contains directors suffering from verbal diarrhea by applying a three-stage approach: first, direct confrontation in the boardroom; second, a one-on-one conversation off-line; and third, another one-on-one with an offer of professional help paid for by the company. If none of it works, he will ask the director to stop attending meetings and to stand down for reelection.

**Principle #3: Own the Prep Work**

Inexperienced chairs often think that the job is all about managing the dynamics in the boardroom. Experienced ones, however, recognize that the meetings are just the tip of the iceberg. A great share of the chair's work goes into setting an agenda and putting together a briefing package. Van der Merwe, for example, starts preparing meeting agendas a year in advance, asking for the in-



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put of the CEO, other directors, and the corporate secretary. To make his agenda, an item has to be strategic, material, and ripe for decision—and something only the board can handle. Every agenda has a limit of six items, and he always builds in some slack so that there’s time to extend a discussion, if needed, or to address an unexpected item. Before approving an agenda, he circulates a draft among the interested parties.

Equal effort goes into the briefing package. “People prepare better when materials are crisp, concise, and have good visuals,” he notes. All presentations have a one-page executive summary; every investment proposal includes at least three alternatives; and management presentations can’t exceed 15 slides. Van der Merwe defines the format for materials, reviews the final pack before it goes out, and has it delivered to directors no later than five days before the meeting.

Following up is equally important. Van der Merwe quickly provides detailed minutes of all his meetings to the board members involved and, as appropriate, key executives. These summaries are action-oriented and cover different views and opinions, as well as conclusions and resolutions, so that directors won’t forget, ignore, or resurface key positions. The board secretary tracks the implementation of board decisions and regularly briefs Van der Merwe on progress. If implementation of a decision has been delayed, the chair will reach out to the CEO for an explanation.

#### Principle #4: Take Committees Seriously

Experienced chairs agree that work on committees is key to a board’s success. As Van der Merwe explains, “We do three-quarters of the work during committee meetings. Committees are small, their members possess relevant expertise, and discussions are always candid. By definition, board meetings are more formal. So I try to have profound discussions at the committee level—have them do all the analytical work and prepare resolutions for the whole board.”

As chair, Van der Merwe decides who joins which committees and who serves as their chairs. He keeps on top of the committees’ work through monthly calls, during which he gets updates on their plans, open issues, and ideas for the future. To make sure that regular committee meetings are well attended, he schedules them (well in advance) to dovetail with full board meetings over a two-day period, usually holding committee meetings in the afternoon of the first day, followed by a dinner, with the full board meeting taking place the next morning. When the need arises for an unplanned meeting, he’ll arrange to have it via videoconference rather than in person, making it possible for more directors to participate.

#### Principle #5: Remain Impartial

Though many newly minted chairs are eager to put their knowledge and experience to full use, the harsh reality is that collective productivity suffers when the person at the head of the table has strong views on a particular issue.

This was a lesson learned by Don McGill, a former partner at a U.S. consulting firm, who first became a chair 12 years ago. “In my former life I prepared for client meetings by thinking about ideas, cases, and models that would attract their attention and eventually help solve their problems,” he says. “When I became a director, I continued along the same lines. While studying board materials, I was trying to figure out the best decision for the board. Initially as a chair, I kept doing the same, but often I was not happy with the board discussions, and some board members were not happy with my offering a lot of ideas. I even heard some of them mumbling, ‘Consultants never stop being consultants.’”

For a different perspective, he asked his sister, a university professor, how she prepared for her classes. He was struck by how carefully she planned and managed her communications with students. “That conversation helped me change focus from looking for solutions to planning the process,” he says. Today he maps out to a minute how much time to devote to the CEO’s report and how much to the following discussion, and how to structure the latter—down to who will get the floor first and who will speak last.

Jane Macleod, who is from Canada, went through a similar evolution. She was chairing her third board when she came across the proverb “Lookers-on see most of the game.” This gave her an insight into board-chair dynamics: “If I want to see the whole picture and facilitate the work of the group, I should not play. I should become an onlooker without any stake in the game.” Initially, it was difficult to let go and not participate in discussions, but some simple techniques helped her unlearn old habits and develop new ones.

Rather than asking herself, “What is the best solution for a problem?” she now asks, “What is the best way to organize a discussion of the problem?” She still studies the materials and works to understand all the nuances of an issue, but like McGill focuses on how to structure conversations and allocate time for presentations, committee reports, and discussions, and which directors should open or close discussions.

During the meetings, Macleod concentrates on listening to what each director says, observing how that person says it and the group’s emotions. At first she allowed herself only to frame a discussion, rephrase what other directors had said, synthesize solutions from their opinions, and articulate a proposed resolution. Over time she learned when to extend a discussion, when to shorten it, when to let the conversation flow freely, when to ask everyone to express opinions in one minute, and when to solicit detailed views from particular directors. Her meetings became more dynamic, less noisy, more fun, and altogether more productive. To reinforce her new style Macleod organized mini-evaluations at the end of each board meeting, asking directors to recall instances when she acted as an expert rather than as a process facilitator. But eventually she learned to put her “expert hat” on when required—though not at the expense of the quality of the process. As she puts it: “If I do it well, the board does not notice it was the chair’s idea.”

#### Principle #6: Measure the Inputs, Not the Outputs

Often when ex-CEOs become chairs, they start looking for metrics to evaluate the performance of the board with. Some even engage strategy consultants to help develop such indicators.

Franz Appenzeller, who currently chairs the boards of two Swiss multinationals, knows better. “The decisions our board makes today will shape the company for decades to come,” he says. “It is naive to think that we can find a metric or a set of metrics to apply at the end of the year to tell how effective the board has been.” A seasoned U.S. private equity investor who has nominated a few hundred board chairs agrees with that point of view. “During an interview, if an aspiring chair answers my question about board effectiveness by suggesting quantitative metrics, it’s a red flag for me,” he says.

Yet Appenzeller is a firm believer in assessing the quality of the board’s work. He sees the board as a “black box” that transforms certain inputs into outputs—namely, the decisions it makes. While the quality of the outputs cannot be accurately measured in real time, the quality of the inputs can. And if the inputs are good, the desired outputs will—in general—follow. For Appenzeller, five inputs are critical: people, board agendas, board materials, board processes, and board

minutes. He sees it as his job to ensure that they are first-rate.

For him, the most crucial input is people—that is, making sure the board has the right human capital. He creates—and annually updates—competency maps, or descriptions of specific skills and knowledge that his boards must possess collectively, and compares them against online self-evaluations of the directors every year and with external assessments from consultants every two years. If there are gaps, he works with the nominating committee or shareholders to plug them by bringing in new directors. If that’s not possible, he’ll call in external advisers.

The other four inputs are also assessed through directors’ evaluations and consultants’ reviews. Appenzeller wants to know how well his agendas cover strategy, executive appointments, compensation and succession, investments, risk, compliance, and disclosure. He solicits directors’ and experts’ views on the quality of board materials and minutes, and asks members to evaluate the board meetings for length, candor, airtime allocation, engagement level, and resolutions. He also gets feedback on his own performance: How well does he frame questions, facilitate exchanges, articulate decisions, and conduct reviews? How about his work outside the boardroom—his interactions with directors, availability, and proactivity?

#### Principle #7: Don’t Be the Boss

Board chairs interact frequently with management, particularly the CEO. The chair and the CEO may review board agendas and materials, finalize company press releases, follow up on board decisions, or meet regulators together. In some cases chairs even visit customers or vendors, attend press events, or hold meetings with government officials—all additional opportunities to connect with the CEO. It’s not surprising, therefore, that some chairs come to see themselves as the CEO’s boss.

Good chairs do not make this mistake. They always remember that they represent the board and keep the other directors informed about all new developments and insights. They understand that the board is the collective “boss” of the CEO and that the task of the chair is to make sure the board provides the goals, resources, rules, and accountability the CEO needs.

Consider the experiences of Singapore’s Jack Liu, who has chaired boards for more than two decades. In his early days as a chair, he opted for intensive and informal interactions with CEOs. One welcomed that approach, but two others felt he was encroaching on their territory. So after a while, Liu adopted a more formal approach: drawing up a written definition of the chair’s and the CEO’s responsibilities and rules of engagement (he called it “a nonaggression pact”) and having the CEO sign it. This model backfired when one CEO made a disastrous technology decision without consulting anyone, including Liu. The actions of the CEO were perfectly within the agreed-upon boundaries; asking advice in areas where he lacked competence was not part of the deal.

It took Liu over 10 years to develop the approach he uses today. Instead of building a chair-CEO relationship, he builds a board-CEO relationship. “I have two roles with regard to the CEO,” he says. “First, as a board leader I have to make sure we collectively give our CEO what a good boss gives his subordinates: motivation, control, advice, and mentoring. I organize the content and the communication process so that the CEO gets it. Second, as one of the directors, I may personally do something for the CEO, just because I have the skill or the knowledge. Currently, at one board I chair I mentor the CEO, not because I am chair but because I’m the eldest director and have more experience than the others. At another board I chair, a senior independent director serves as the CEO’s mentor, as he has profound industry knowledge.”

#### Principle #8: Be a Representative with Shareholders, Not a Player

If a CEO’s boss is the board, the board’s boss is the shareholders. The relationship with them is a key concern for the chair, who tends to be their primary interface with the company. With public companies, regulations severely restrict how and when communication between the board and the shareholders can take place, but the intent is to ensure equal and fair treatment of all shareholders, no matter how large their holdings. Equal treatment of investors is also important for private companies, but there chairs have more freedom in structuring shareholder relationships.

#### Good Chair or Bad Chair?

Measure your board against these benchmarks.

Klaus Dinesen, a veteran chair from Denmark, believes that in interactions with investors, it’s crucial for the chair to act as the board’s agent, not as an individual. “Who am I to deal with a significant shareholder on equal terms?” he says. “A part-time board chair getting an equivalent of \$100,000 a year. Not serious. But when the whole board speaks to them, they listen. So I always remind shareholders I am an interface between them and a board. I never speak my mind; it’s the collective voice of the board of directors they are hearing.”

It’s a two-way street: Dinesen also wants the board to know as much as possible about shareholders’ expectations and plans. He has developed a 10-point questionnaire that covers such areas as investment horizons, appetite for risk,

thirst for dividends versus growth, preferences for speed and modes of growth, and level of attachment to the company. Once every two years he asks every shareholder to answer those questions, reports the findings to the directors, and discusses with them the implications for the company and its strategy. In turn he keeps shareholders in touch with news from the company and the board, informing them of each board meeting’s agenda in advance and sending them a one-page summary of key decisions and deliberations. He budgets four full working days a year just for meeting with shareholders.

In Dinesen’s view, shareholders can be a valuable asset. The board can benefit from their experience, knowledge, networks, and other resources, provided—and this is a big proviso—they stay out of the boardroom. One private company he chaired had three shareholders on its board, and at one meeting when they began to reason and act like owners rather than directors, he stopped them and sent them off to have an emergency shareholders’ meeting. At another board, he offered his resignation when a shareholder sent him a memo asking him to make the board approve an acquisition. The shareholder subsequently withdrew his request.

#### CONCLUSION

Ultimately, the challenge for the board chair is not really about traditional leadership at all. To be sure, the board does have an important leadership function: counseling and supervising the management team. But that responsibility is collective, and the chair’s job is to enable the board to fulfill it. To be effective, chairs must recognize that they are not commanders but facilitators. Their role is to create the conditions under which the directors can have productive group discussions. Good chairs recognize that they are not first among equals. They are just the people responsible for making everyone on their boards a good director.

#### The CEO Who Couldn’t Quit

When the CEO of a large bank—I’ll call him Alex Tyson—proposed to his board that he step down from that role and succeed the retiring chair, it looked like a no-brainer. As COO, he had saved the institution from bankruptcy 18 years earlier, and his tenure as CEO had taken it from success to success. After some debate the directors also approved Tyson’s choice for a new CEO—a 48-year-old vice president who had been with the bank 15 years.

After a two-week vacation, the new chair went to work. He began with a six-hour “business review” with the CEO. The next morning he called some of the bank’s key clients to talk about prospective business. He spent most of the afternoon grilling the CFO on the previous month’s operating expenses and the cash flow forecast. Finally, he called in the company secretary to discuss the next board meeting’s agenda, which went out to the directors half an hour later.

At that meeting Tyson began by sharing concerns about two items not on the agenda: a large client’s credit portfolio and an upturn in expenses. The board spent an hour on them and gave the CEO detailed instructions for fixing them. Then the group turned to the first item actually on the agenda, a risk mitigation review. Tyson gave the floor to the chief risk officer—but took over after seven minutes. The meeting ran two hours over schedule.

Six months into his chairmanship Tyson began to drastically cut the number of board meetings, preferring to attend management meetings instead. The directors’ meetings grew shorter as the chair proposed resolutions that the CEO had agreed to in advance and allowed for little discussion.

After 18 months Tyson, citing the need to improve systems and boost innovation, suggested replacing the CEO with a senior executive who had made his career at a large global bank. By then the bank’s performance had started to deteriorate, and the board did not oppose Tyson’s energetic push.

But the relationship between the new CEO and the chair quickly became strained. The CEO didn’t appreciate Tyson’s deep involvement in operations, particularly the regular contact with clients and executives. Though the chair stopped attending management board meetings, he couldn’t stay away from customer calls and one-on-ones with executives. Matters came to a head on the first anniversary of the CEO’s appointment, when the CEO issued an ultimatum: Either I leave or the chair does. The CEO was promptly dismissed. The bank’s stock price fell by 10% on the announcement. The next morning two independent directors resigned, and Tyson called an emergency board meeting.

At that meeting the board reinstated Tyson as CEO and elected one of the independent directors as chair. The newly appointed chair defined his mission as “consolidating the board,” while Tyson promised to bring dynamism and customer orientation back to the bank. The stock price recovered 10% on the news.

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For outstanding and innovative contributions to the ease of business operations and services, the LEADERSHIP CEO of the Year is Shola Akinlade.

**PUBLIC SERVICE PERSON OF THE YEAR 2020**  
- BOSS MUSTAPHA



Since his appointment as the SGF, Mustapha has brought calm, panache and competence to that office. As his name implies, Boss has been synonymous with efficiency and capacity to deliver on the job.

Fondly referred to as the "boardroom guru", Mustapha was deputy national chairman of the Action Congress of Nigeria. The party was one of the three major parties that merged to form the All Progressives Congress on February 6, 2013, in anticipation of Nigeria's 2015 general election. He later served in the presidential campaigns and was among the members of its transition committee in Nigeria's 2015 election that brought President Buhari into power.

For discharging his duties meticulously as chairman of the Presidential Task Force (PTF) on COVID-19, giving crucial direction to the country to flatten the curve and wriggle Nigeria out of the health hazard posed by the global pandemic, while combining this responsibility and commitment with the arduous task the office of Secretary to Gov-

ernment of the Federation (SGF), Boss Mustapha is LEADERSHIP Public Servant of the Year.

**BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR**  
- ABDULRAZAQ ISA KUTEPA



In 1990, Abdulrazak Kutepa co-founded Waltersmith, an investment company which now has interest in several sectors of the economy including oil and gas Upstream, Midstream and Downstream, Real Estate and Hospitality. Waltersmith Petroman has grown production from 500 bpd to hit peak production of 7,900 bpd. In 2020, Waltersmith Refinery commissioned its 5,000 bpd modular refinery and performed groundbreaking for the 45,000 bpd modular refinery.

For an uncommon spirit of enterprise that thrives in a difficult business environment; and a dogged determination to diversify, create wealth, employment and opportunities, the LEADERSHIP Business Person of the Year is Abdulrazak Isa Kutepa.

**BANKER OF THE YEAR**  
- HERBERT WIGWE



Not every business person knows the job of transforming a non-viable business enterprise into a global business.

Only a few gifted managers can achieve this feat. One of such managers is the group managing director, Access Bank Plc, Herbert Wigwe. Wigwe has helped to develop some of Africa's biggest companies in the construction, telecommunications, energy, oil and gas sectors through Access Bank. He developed a unique model that involves the understanding and provision of financial support. Wigwe is an exemplary leader. His soaring record of achievements spanning across the board, his knack for national development and unassuming boardroom influence are outstanding.

For transforming Access Bank Plc from an obscure Nigerian bank into a world-class African financial institution, Herbert Wigwe is LEADERSHIP Banker of the Year.

**BANK OF THE YEAR**  
- TAJ BANK



TAJ Bank Limited is the second non-interest bank operating under Islamic principles after Jaiz Bank in Nigeria. Founded in 2019, the bank received license from the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to operate as a regional bank. Widely regarded by industry watchers as a trailblazer, TAJ Bank has maintained consistent growth since inception. Due to its various innovations in digital and financial services, the bank has continued to scale up its operations with products and services that align with the needs of customers. Under less than one year of commencing operations, TAJ Bank became a key player in the Nigerian financial industry, providing credit facilities and empowering small and medium enterprises (SMEs), boosting financial inclusion and growing businesses.

For recording remarkable growth across key performance indicators, signifying not only viability but also success of the non-interest banking model in the industry, adding value with financial inclusion services for people at the grassroots within a very short time, TAJ Bank is LEADERSHIP Bank of the Year.

**DUFIL PRIMA FOODS PLC**  
- BRAND OF THE YEAR



Dufil Group comprises of Dufil Prima Foods Plc. and its five subsidiaries - namely: De United Foods Industries

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For driving a popular, affordable and accessible food brand acceptable across all classes and social spectrum, and sustaining its dominance among competing brands Dufil Prima Foods Plc is Leadership Brand of the Year.

**GOVERNMENT AGENCY OF THE YEAR 2020**  
- INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION, (INEC)



Conducting fair, credible and transparent elections in an intemperate political climate like Nigeria is not just difficult but requires unique expertise beyond technical capacity. That was the task before the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) ahead of the 2019 general election and in subsequent off-season elections which saw some political actors attempting to undermine the process. However, the electoral umpire was able to rise to the occasion. Mindful of the unpredictable political climate and the peculiar challenges thereof, INEC's ability to ensure an effective administration of elections as seen in the successful conduct of the 2019 general election comprising the presidential, National Assembly, governorship, state assembly and the FCT area council elections as well as 11 end-of-tenure off-cycle governorship elections in Kogi, Bayelsa, Edo, Ondo, Anambra, Ekiti, Osun, Kogi, Bayelsa, Edo and Ondo states was instructive.

For successfully conducting the 2019 general election and other off-season elections, ignoring the antics of certain political actors in a tough political climate like Nigeria, and in the midst of restrictions occasioned by the Coronavirus pandemic, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) is the LEADERSHIP Government Agency of the Year.

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## In Focus

# Bogoro Charges Institute On Problem Solving Research

BY HENRY TYOHEMBA, ABUJA

The Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Prof. Suleiman Elias Bogoro, has called on the Institute of Agricultural Research and Training (IAR&T) of Obafemi Awolowo University sited in Ibadan, to develop a new focus of conducting “problem-solving and nation-fixing multidisciplinary research that responds to national aspiration with forex earning potentials”.

Bogoro made the call while delivering a paper titled Research for Development in Agriculture Sector: The Role of Research Institutes in Innovative Value Chain Transformation at the first annual lecture of IAR&T held in Ibadan recently.

He stated that multi-commodity value chain agricultural research institutes such as IAR&T have some responsibilities to lead value added, innovative and transformative research in top food and cash crops in collaboration with other relevant institutes

across the country.

According to the Executive Secretary, IAR&T could attain global competitiveness through focus on the institutionalization of R&D in the agricultural sector of the economy, by leading the implementation of the recommendations of global, continental, regional and national development requirements.

“The core mandates of Research and Training of IAR&T should be leveraged to lead Nigeria’s agricultural sector towards becoming the pivotal sector of the new knowledge economy.

“It is worthy of note that the traditional outputs of agricultural activities include food for humans, feed for animals, raw materials for industries, job/income for the citizens and revenue for government. The rejuvenation of these outputs using R&D tools will reposition IAR&T as a national and global reference institute,” he said.

Bogoro called for a more robust relationship between Obafemi Awolowo



L-R: Former minister of health, Prof. Isaac Adewole, vice chancellor, Obafemi Awolowo University, Prof. Eytape Ogunbodede, executive secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Bogoro, director, IAR&T, Prof. Veronica Obatolu and chairman, TETFund's national research fund screening and monitoring committee, Prof. Olufemi Bamiro during the presentation of IAR&T award of excellence to Bogoro in Abuja, recently.

University, IAR&T and the Department of Agriculture of the university for greater efficiency.

Speaking at the event, the Vice-Chancellor, Obafemi Awolowo University, Prof. Eytape Ogunbodede expressed appreciation to Prof. Bogoro for accepting the invitation of IAR&T to deliver its first annual lecture, adding that his acceptance has placed the annual lecture series on a sound foundation, raising the bar very high for subsequent lectures.

In her welcome remarks, the

Director of IAR&T, Prof. Veronica Obatolu stated that “It is not an overstatement to note that the desire for the diversification of our national economy away from mono-product economy based on oil can only be achieved through research-driven value chain development in agriculture.

“That is why IAR&T is delighted and immensely proud to initiate an annual lecture like this and the first of its kind to be given by no other person than Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, the Executive Secretary

of TETFund, who has been playing a significant role in recognizing and promoting research and development in our research and training system towards the socio-economic development of our nation state”

Present at the event were former Minister of Health, Prof. Isaac Adewole; Chairman

of TETFund’s National Research Fund Screening and Monitoring Committee, Prof. Olufemi Bamiro; Director R&D and Centres of Excellence TETFund, Dr. Salihu Girei Bakari; Technical Assistant to the Executive Secretary on R&D, Dr. Mustapha Ayo Popoola among others.

## Experts Estimate Nigeria’s Infrastructure Gap At \$3trn

BY HENRY TYOHEMBA, ABUJA

Research experts have estimated Nigeria’s infrastructure gap at \$3 trillion, about six times the size of its annual Gross Domestic Product, GDP.

Speaking during a virtual meeting on institutionalisation of R&D in Infrastructure Development thematic group of the TETFund Research and Development Standing Committee, RDSC, they stressed the importance of infrastructure development to economic growth.

A lecturer with the Ahmadu Bello University,

Zaria, Prof Muhammed Usman, in a presentation, said between 2009 and 2013, Nigeria invested a paltry \$664 per capita per annum in infrastructure, representing 3 percent of its GDP, compared with an average investment of \$3.060, or 5 percent of GDP in developed countries.

Usman noted that this has widened the country’s infrastructure gap and has been a major impediment to economic growth.

He said with the rapid growth of the country’s population, the demand for infrastructure is outpacing its supply, adding that the country’s

weak infrastructures were exposed in the wake of the global pandemic in 2020.

Earlier, the Chief Executive Officer, CEO, of Nigeria Economic Summit Group, NESG, Mr. Laoye Jaiyeola, who chaired the meeting, noted that infrastructure is a major hindrance to the country’s competitive development.

Mr Jaiyeola said one of the challenges facing the private sector was infrastructure, adding that the country needs funds annually to finance infrastructure if it must get out of the rocks.

Also speaking, the Executive Secretary of

TETFund Prof Suleiman Bogoro, said the fund was reviewing a report of the draft executive bill on the establishment of the National Research and Development Foundation, NRDF, earlier received from the RDSC.

Bogoro said he is in contact with the leadership of RDSC and other relevant stakeholders for the purpose of offering informed advice on the final document that will leave his desk, and proceed to the ministry of education, for it to be considered as a document worthy of being taken to the federal executive

council.

The TETFund boss commended the committee for traveling around the country to come up with “the information that reminds us of the gaps to, indeed, tell us what we need to do to close the gap between Nigeria and the more advanced nations.”

Speaking on TETFund’s interventions, he said “We have raised our interest to the level of knowing the microscopic application of our funds that have an impact on the key areas of not just the Tertiary institutions. That we are directly funding but the ancillary partners, including

research institutes, the industry, the larger picture of Nigeria in the biggest of context.”

Prof. Bogoro said for too long tertiary Institutions in the country operated as if they could survive alone, adding that the walls have to be collapsed to ensure that the institutions synergize and get assistance from those in the industry.

He expressed gratitude to the Academic Staff Union of Universities, ASUU, for proceeding to identify the institutionalisation of NRDF as part of its negotiations with the Federal Government.





# NITDA's Corner

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## NITDA Affirms Stakeholder Engagement In Re-enacting NITDA Act, 2007

The National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), in its efforts to ensure that Nigeria benefits maximally from the global digital economy, draws the attention of Information Technology sector stakeholders and the general public on its commencement of the process of repealing and re-enacting of the NITDA Act, 2007.

The need to repeal the existing Act became necessary with the launch of the National Digital Economy Policy and Strategy (NDEPS), which effectively replaced the Nigerian National IT Policy, 2000.

You may recall that the vision of the National IT Policy was to make Nigeria an IT capable country by 2005. We can all attest that Nigeria has gone beyond the vision of using IT, but aiming to become the digital economy capital of Africa.

Furthermore, since the enactment of the NITDA Act 2007, NITDA has operated as the catalytic Government Agency for developing and regulating the Information Technology sector.

However, in light of recent advancements in Information Technology and the shift in the global economy paradigm, the NDEPS was envisioned to “transform Nigeria into a leading digital economy, providing quality life and digital economies for all”.

This current reality has necessitated the reimagination for the establishment of NITDA. It is a known fact that digital technologies have created new forms of economic activities that have been beneficial to the global economy.

However, these digital technologies come with their promises and perils, such as cybercrimes, privacy invasion and other social problems. This necessitates the need to proactively manage their adoption through the development of a stakeholder-led robust regulatory architecture to enable Nigeria to maximise the benefits of such technologies and mitigate the negative consequences.

Therefore, the need for a more agile and practical approach to regulations, standards-setting and guidelines development for the country, with a focus on digital and emerging technologies, cannot be overemphasised.

Based on the foregoing, we identified the need to update NITDA's legal framework for



The director general, NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi, hosted director general, National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) Balarabe Shehu Ilesah, at the Agency's Corporate Headquarters, Abuja, yesterday.

regulating and developing a digital economy for Nigeria. The Agency's current establishment law is outdated. It cannot meet the needs and requirements for supporting a digital economy, as well as effectively protect the rights and interests of stakeholders in the digital world.

The review of the NITDA Act 2007, aims to address contemporary digital issues, revamp Nigeria's economy, build trust and protect the rights and interests of players in the ecosystem.

Furthermore, the review of the NITDA Act 2007, would serve as an enabler for the growth and development of Nigeria's digital economy. Some of the highlights of the repeal include the following, among others, creating a framework for: promoting the startup ecosystem; promoting indigenous products and services through standardisation; collaborating with the requisite public and private sector partners to carry out activities that will assist in electronic waste disposal; fostering collaboration to facilitate the implementation of robust cybersecurity measures aimed at building trust in Nigeria's digital economy; facilitating capacity building through the digital literacy and skills initiative; entrenching stakeholder participation in developing regulations through the rule-making

process; and promoting the safe use of digital technologies, including social media, for the attainment of national objectives.

The IT sector and general public will attest to the fact that NITDA has recorded unprecedented achievements in the past few years, despite the limitations of the current establishment law. Some of these include: facilitating the substantial contribution of the ICT sector to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), contributing 17.92% in the second quarter of 2021, catalysing job creation and igniting innovative activities in the tech ecosystem; the implementation of the IT Project Clearance initiative that supported the Federal Government's fight against corruption. This has resulted in over 22.45 Billion Naira saving and has significantly increased local content consumptions by over 300% in 4 years. NITDA currently registered 1573 indigenous companies to enforce local content through IT Clearance; the introduction and implementation of the Nigeria Data Protection Regulation (NDPR), subsidiary legislation enshrined to ensure data protection and privacy of Nigerian citizens. The NDPR is the first of its kind in Africa, serving as a source of reference for other African countries. It also facilitated the creation of a new industry valued at

around 3.4 Billion Naira, stimulated new business models, and empowered thousands of Nigerians through capacity building and skills development. It also facilitated the creation of over 2,818 new jobs in the industry; executing strategic global initiatives in the innovation ecosystem such as MIT-Regional Entrepreneurship Acceleration programme (MIT REAP), Bridge to MassChallenge and Clayton Christensen's Framework of Disruptive Innovation to foster the growth and success of startup enterprises, facilitate key strategies to compliment innovation initiatives and accelerate economic growth and job creation through Innovation Driven Enterprises; and strategic deployment of digital literacy, skills and entrepreneurship initiatives resulting in building capacities of millions of Nigerians and the emergence of new economic sectors like Fintech, e-Commerce, Venture Capital Investment, Business Process Outsourcing, and robust software industry.

The proposed NITDA Bill aims to create a regulatory framework to accelerate Nigeria into the digital economy and substantially catalyse prosperity. This will include promoting and implementing policies that support indigenous content, access to digital services, investments in

the sector, adoption of emerging technologies, innovation, research and development, with a particular focus on the rights of citizens and national interest.

NITDA, as the apex regulator of the IT sector, will leverage the proposed NITDA's Bill to extensively engage with crucial IT stakeholders and protect its stakeholders' interests in the best possible way. However, this can only be achieved through more excellent connectivity and collaboration by registration and licensing processes.

Considering the importance of the NITDA proposed Bill. The Bill will be presented to the National Assembly as an Executive Bill. The process of Executive Bill is as follows: the Agency initiated the process by sending the initial draft to its supervisory Ministry, the Federal Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy, for policy review; the Federal Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy perform the policy review; upon completion of the policy review, the Federal Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy conveys the initial draft Bill to the Office of the Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice Office for legal drafting and statutory review; the Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice Office will revert with their legal opinion to the Federal Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy; NITDA will engage all IT stakeholders in line with the Rulemaking Process of the Agency; NITDA will send the updated draft Bill to its supervisory Ministry, the Federal Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy; the Bill will be presented to the Federal Executive Council (FEC) and upon approval, the President will transmit the Bill to the National Assembly for the enactment process, which will include public hearings and more stakeholder engagements; and upon passage by the National Assembly, it will be transmitted to the President for assent.

As an accountable Agency, NITDA assures Information Technology sector stakeholders as well as the general public that the process will be transparent and subjected to comprehensive stakeholder engagements.

We, therefore, count on the support of Nigerians towards the successful passage of the Bill and eventual signing into law. This will undoubtedly help towards ensuring that Nigeria harnesses the potentials of the ever-expanding digital economy.

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# AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES FORUM

## COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE MEETING OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES FORUM HELD IN ABUJA ON THURSDAY 12 AND 19TH AUGUST 2021

**A**gricultural Commodities Forum, a forum of Agricultural Commodity Associations in Nigeria, held its meeting in Abuja on Thursday, 12th and 19th August, 2021 during which it deliberated on and examined, among others, the issues of insecurity as it affects farmers and high price of food items as it affects Nigerians in general.

2. **Forum** observed that prices of food items across the nation have spiked beyond the reach of ordinary Nigerians, thereby creating unusual hardship among the people. **Forum** expressed sympathy and solidarity with Nigerians in these difficult times, particularly the majority struggling to make ends meet;

3. After extensive deliberations and appraisal of the situation, **Forum** arrived at the conclusion that, as a critical stakeholder, it has a duty to share its own perspective on the causes of rising food prices and the policy responses that may help alleviate the situation. In that regard, **Forum** unanimously observed:

a. Seasonal spike in the price of food items is an unfortunate feature of rain-fed agriculture, compounded in Nigeria by grossly inadequate storage infrastructure. It is a phenomenon which happens every year, particularly between the planting and harvesting periods. However, **Forum** observed that the unusual spike in the last one year was due to a combination of factors, including:

i. Intensification of the activities of violent criminals in key food producing areas within North East, North West and North Central, leading to forceful displacement of large numbers of people and disruption of farming activities. More than one million farmers have been displaced in 2020 due to the criminal activities of terrorists and bandits. Many of our members and officials have been kidnapped and held for ransom while other have lost their lives;

ii. Outbreak of Covid-19 which necessitated the sudden and unexpected disruption of normal human activity, including farming, particularly at the worst possible period for Nigerian agriculture;

iii. Disruption of movement of people, goods and services across the world and the closing of all international borders. (The negative impact of Covid-19 on Nigerian agriculture and, consequently, on food prices has been predicted in a report by an online publication, Premium Times titled, Covid-19 Will Have a Negative Impact on Food Security - Experts dated April 9, 2020);

iv. Disruption of the cropping calendar of some agricultural commodities, including food crops, forcing farmers to plant weeks behind normal and recommended planting period. Failure to plant at the right time adversely affects yield per hectare;

v. Unusual spike in the prices of inputs, exacerbated by the general economic crisis and the fall in the exchange value of the Naira from less than N200 to over N400 to the dollar;

vi. Panic buying and stocking of food items by individuals, families, humanitarian organizations, state and federal governments, Nigeria's neighbors and middlemen and women who wanted to make money from the crisis. Some of these stocks were broken into during the EndSARS protests.

vii. Massive stocking of feedstock by processors of agricultural commodities, particularly maize and rice, in a bid to keep processing plants active during the period of expected scarcity occasioned by dire predictions of flood and turbulent weather by the Nigeria Meteorological Agency.

b. These and other factors, such as two back-to-back recessions in 2020, have played a role in creating the market conditions that led to the unusual spike in food prices in the past year. It is, however, pleasing to note that the reopening of the world economy is beginning to impact positively on food prices.

4. **Forum** also noted the unfair attack on the Federal Government and its food security policy by a section of the Organized Private Sector under the auspices of the Nigeria Economic Summit Group. In a statement it released last year, **Forum** finds the following passage ill-informed and not supported by the data:

"... despite the budgetary allocation and huge sums of money disbursed by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) through the Anchor Borrower Programme, a huge gap remains in meeting the food requirements, which has resulted in increasing hunger among the Nigerian populace."

5. **Forum** has the highest respect for the Nigeria Economic Summit Group and its

contribution to economic policy over the years. However, **Forum** disagreed with its assessment of the current state of agriculture in Nigeria and the policy thrust of the Federal Government in the sector. This disagreement is supported by available data as follows:

a. Central Bank of Nigeria had placed restriction on access to foreign exchange by importers of certain agricultural commodities in order to encourage local production, create jobs and reduce undue pressure on the nation's dwindling foreign reserves. This policy led to savings of over \$1.2bn in foreign exchange annually from rice importation, for five consecutive years. Considering the total loan advanced to rice farmers under the Anchor Borrowers Program since its inception constitutes a fraction of the savings, the Anchor Borrower Programme could not be said to be a failure by any stretch of the imagination.

b. When the Anchor Borrower Programme was launched in November 2015, average annual rice production in Nigeria in the five preceding years was 2 million metric tonnes. By 2020 average annual rice production by local farmers had tripled to 6 million tonnes, mainly as a result of CBN intervention and the FGN policy of border closure. Over the same period, average yield per hectare improved from 1.5 metric tonnes to 5 metric tonnes (Source RIFAN).

c. In maize, average annual local production between 2010 and 2015 was 8 million metric tonnes. This more than doubled to 18.5 million metric tonnes between 2016 and 2020. Over the same period, average yield per hectare improved from 3 tonnes to 5 tonnes mainly due to CBN intervention.

d. The combined number of rice and maize farmers that benefitted from the CBN Anchor Borrower Programme between 2015 and 2020 were just over a million, at an average of one hectare per farmer. For every hectare cultivated, an average of 10 direct and indirect, permanent and seasonal jobs were created across the value chain - from land preparation to food on the table (Source RIFAN/MAAN)

e. In the area of processing, Nigeria moved from 5,000 micro and small scale rice mills in 2015 to 58,000 in 2019; from 90 medium scale mills in 2015 to 118 in 2019; and from 7 large scale mills in 2015 to 47 in 2020. All of these mills use locally grown rice (Source, RIFAN). Maize processing moved from 13,500 micro scale mills in 2015 to 18,678 in 2019; from 38 small scale mills to 62; from 22 medium scale mills to 34; and from 15 integrated mills to 28 (Source, MAAN)

f. The contribution of agriculture to Nigeria's GDP continued to grow over the last five years and throughout the recession, from 20.63 in 2015 to 24.65% in Q2 of 2020, a growth of about 25%. Incidentally, 2020 Q2 growth, which coincided with the period of rising food prices, was the highest in the sector in the last two years (Source NBS).

### Recommended Policy Responses

**Forum** commended the Federal Government of Nigeria for its commitment to agriculture and for doing more for the sector than any previous government in Nigeria. By determining that agriculture is the main gateway to economic diversification the Administration had, rightly, prioritized the very sector in which Nigeria has, potentially, the most competitive advantage.

**Forum** also commended the Central Bank of Nigeria and its Governor for the boldest and most successful interventionist program to ever be embarked upon in the sector. The Anchor Borrower Programme continues to positively impact productivity and output in agriculture as evidenced by the huge strides in rice and maize production over the last five years. The Programme had also led to the creation of millions of full-time and seasonal farm jobs while helping to increase the contribution of agriculture to the nation's GDP over the same period.

Nonetheless, **Forum** expressed the view that to achieve full food sufficiency and security, more needs to be done, over a longer period, in order to fill the demand gap and catch up with the nutrition needs of the nation's fast growing population. In this regard, **Forum** recommended the following policy responses:

### 1. Address the Menace of Insecurity

Governments at all levels need to do more to address the menace of growing insecurity across the country, particularly in rural areas, in order to safeguard life and property, guarantee freedom of movement and enable displaced persons to return to their communities. Without adequate physical security, the nation cannot attain its food security policy objective. Nigeria cannot afford to add famine to terrorism and banditry. Doing so will lead to even greater threat to national security.



2. Targeted Investment in Agriculture

The three tiers of government must scale up their investment in agriculture. Over the last five years, total budgetary allocation to agriculture by the Federal Government averaged 1.4% while total investment by all tiers of government in the sector was even more abysmal. Investment in agriculture should target the following areas:

a. Research and Development

Nigeria's agricultural research institutions should be supported by the federal government to acquire up-to-date knowledge in soil science, develop high quality and soil-specific seed varieties, propagate best agronomic practices and the capacity to disperse the products of their research among farmers

b. Irrigation

There is still a large amount of underutilized body of water across the country ready to be harnessed for the purpose of food production, to mitigate the ever-present risk of rain-fed agriculture and reduce the nation's seasonal exposure to rising food prices. More investment in technology-appropriate irrigation will substantially reduce food insecurity and help secure the future of Nigeria's agriculture.

c. Mechanization

Nigeria needs at least one million tractors to meet the current demands of its farmers and approach the FAO standard, per hectare, per capita. No modern nation can successfully feed its growing population and achieve food security by traditional farming methods. Government must aggressively promote agricultural mechanization through accelerated public sector intervention to enable farmers own tractors and ramp up output per hectare. It must also support the private sector to set up local assembly and manufacturing plants as part of the strategy to achieve the nation's long term food security objective.

d. Extension Services

Forum recommends the establishment of a well equipped extension service centre in each state in Nigeria and the prioritization of extension education and training in our institutions of higher learning.

e. Greater Access to Credit

A practical and forward-looking agricultural credit framework is badly needed to enable Nigerian small scale farmers carry the burden of feeding the nation on a sustainable basis. **Forum** called on the financial sector regulator to engage farmers through their associations and seek their opinion on the appropriate credit framework and strategy that will unleash the potential and productivity of Nigerian farmers.

Commodity Associations present at the meeting were:

S/N	NAME	NAME OF ASSOCIATION IN FULL
1	Bashir Y. Ibrahim	Agricultural Commodities Producers Association of Nigeria (ACPAN)
2	Aminu M Goronyo	Rice Farmers Association of Nigeria (RIFAN)
3.	Anibe Achimugu	National Cotton Association of Nigeria (NACOTAN)
.4	Bello Abubakar	Maize Association of Nigeria (MAAN)
5	Sadiq Umar Deware	North East Commodity Association (NECAS)
6	Abdullateef Ahmed	National Sheep & Goat Association of Nigeria (NASHGODAN)
7	Jibrin Bukar	National Sunflower Growers, Processors and Marketing Association of Nigeria (NSUNGPMAN)
8	Mohammed B. Maina	National Association of Sorghum Producers, Processors and Marketers of Nigeria (NASPPAM)
9	Alfred C. Mkparu	BIOWISH Africa Ltd.
10	Abdulrazaq Usman Mohammed	National Groundnut Producers Processors & Marketers Association (NGROPPMA)
11	Ebeh A. Ikechukwu Ogoenyi	Federation of Snail Farmers, Processors & Marketers Association of Nigeria (FESMAN)
12	Dr Florence Edwards	Ginger Growers Processors & Marketers Association of Nigeria (GGPMAN)
13	Hon. Hassan Abubakar	Kenaf Producers, Processors & Marketers Association of Nigeria (KEPPMAN)
14	Pastor Segun Adewunmi	Nigeria Cassava Growers Association (NCGA)
15	Dr Edwin Uche	Maize Growers, Processors & Marketers Association of Nigeria (MGPMAN)
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Private Sector Records 5.78% Decline In August PMI

BY OLUSHOLA BELLO, Lagos

Nigeria private sector has recorded a decline of 5.78 per cent in Purchasing Manufacturing Index (PMI) for the month of August according to a survey

This was revealed by the PMI survey conducted by Stanbic IBTC Bank, showing the headline PMI index performance down to 52.2 in August from 55.4 in July. The headline figure derived from the survey is the PMI Index.

Readings above 50.0 signal an improvement in business conditions on the previous

month, while readings below 50.0 show a deterioration.

According to Stanbic IBTC Bank, business conditions in Nigeria's private sector improved modestly midway through the third quarter, but the rate of growth slowed to a six-month low.

“Softer upticks in output, new orders and employment contrasted with quicker expansions in held inventories as firms seek to take advantage of faster lead times, and protect against any future supply shocks. However, a loss of momentum in demand resulted in a dip in

optimism. Sentiment was the third-weakest in the series history.”

It added that purchase prices continued to rise sharply, although the rate of inflation softened from that seen in July, saying that new orders rose for the 14th month in succession during August which panellists linked to greater domestic demand.

It also pointed out “The rate of expansion eased notably from that seen in the previous survey period, however, with some firms mentioning that higher prices led to weaker sales growth.

Automotive Council Concludes Software Training For North-Central

BY KINGSLEY ALU, Abuja

The National Automotive Design Development Council (NADDC) has concluded its software automotive training programme for engineers in the north-central part of the country.

Director - general, NADDC, Jelani Aliyu, who spoke at the conclusion of the training in Abuja, explained that the software automotive skills acquisition programme was part of NADDC's strategies of ensuring quality assurance and sustainability of

the programme and is designed for the six geopolitical zones of the country.

While noting that the programme is being organised by the NADDC in collaboration with MIDAs and NFX of South Korea, Aliyu said the major goal of the training is to expose young Nigerian engineering graduates to modern auto soft wares.

“ MIDAX and NFX and other related software for engineering and design development is what is being used around the world to take imagination from the

mind into reality so that they can make the lives of people better.

“That is why we thought it very important to train Nigerian youths in understanding and how to use this software in developing products especially those that are related to automotive sector. Education is key and highly- advanced education is the best.

“We are encouraging government agencies to put efforts together in empowering youths to stem the tide of unemployment.”

Transcorp Appoints Oliver Andrews As Independent Non-Executive Director

BY BUKOLA IDOWU, Lagos

The board of Transnational Corporation of Nigeria Plc (Transcorp), Nigeria's largest listed conglomerate, has appointed Mr. Oliver Andrews as an independent non-executive director.

He brings over 35 years of experience in infrastructure development, public-private partnerships and strategic advisory working with regional and international institutions, international corporations and DFIs.

Andrews most recently served as the chief investment officer at the Africa

Finance Corporation (AFC), one of the largest investors in infrastructure solutions in Africa, where he oversaw the growth of assets under management, from \$1 billion to over \$8.4 billion, including significant investments in the energy and natural resources sector

Commenting on his appointment, the group chairman Transcorp Plc, Mr. Tony O. Elumelu, said “We are delighted to welcome Oliver to the Board of Transcorp, as we execute on delivering our purpose of “Improving Lives, Transforming Nigeria”. His ex-

perience of power and infrastructure will be a great asset to Transcorp, as we continue to implement our strategies of suppling robust, dependable power in Nigeria and across Africa.”

Oliver has held several senior positions, including being executive director and chief investment officer of the African Finance Corporation; managing director of the Gambia Ports Authority, and a strategic advisor to several governments as a member of the Africa & Middle East and Commonwealth Infrastructure Technical Advisory Groups.

NIMASA Set To Train 25 Edo Indigenes On Maritime Studies Abroad

BY YUSUF BABALOLA, Lagos

The director general of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), Dr. Bashir Jamoh, yesterday, said the agency is ready to sponsor indigenes of Edo state who are below 25 years of age to Greece on fully-funded scholarship to study Maritime related courses.

Jamoh stated this in Benin City when he led a team from the agency on a courtesy visit to Governor Godwin Obaseki of Edo state at the government house.

The NIMASA DG stressed the fact that human and infrastructural capacity development is key to the growth of the maritime industry in Nigeria.

He noted that the agency's drive to develop the blue economy in partnership with littoral states in the country is aimed at achieving a diversified economy for the country.

“Shipping is the alternative to oil and the shipping sector in Nigeria can produce three quarter of the nation's earnings from the oil sector. To achieve this, we at NIMA-

SA are engaging the littoral states in Nigeria to develop strategies that would lead to maximizing the potentials of the sector within the next ten years when countries are targeting to end the use of fossil fuel,” he said.

Jamoh commended the Edo state government on the Benin River Port project, which he said, would be a revenue booster for the state as he identified Kano, Plateau and Gombe states as states that have invested hugely in Inland Dry Port development, despite not being littoral states.



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## The Battle For Control Of APC In Gombe

In this piece, **JAIYEOLA ANDREWS**, delves into the power tussle for control of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Gombe State, amidst groundswell of endorsements and solidarity for the state governor, Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya.

**A**s scheming ahead of the 2023 election mounts, intrigues within the political landscape are becoming more intense. In Gombe State, the situation is not different. The question about who leads the governing party in the state, All Progressives Congress (APC), emerged recently.

But for many watchers, the leadership question in APC reflects the subtle tussle between Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya and his predecessor, Senator Danjuma Goje, who represents Gombe Central in the red chamber. However, like in most APC-controlled states, the natural and conventional leader of the party, incumbent Governor Yahaya, is in charge of the party in Gombe.

The drama started with the defection of key figures alongside thousands of their supporters from the main opposition Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to the APC in Yalmatu Deba, Kwami, Furnakaye and Nafada local government areas.

This gale of defection was followed by a meeting held on August 22 in Deba, with some APC bigwigs from Gombe Central in attendance. The meeting passed a vote of confidence on Governor Inuwa Yahaya, recognising him as the sole APC leader in the state. The Deba endorsement of Governor Yahaya came against the backdrop of the seeming cold war between the governor and Goje over who controls the APC in the state.

Pundits aver that the cold relationship between the two political heavyweights started during the buildup to the 2019 general elections. While those in the senator's camp claim that the governor leveraged on the strength of their leader to assume office, those in the governor's camp insisted that Goje worked against their principal during the party's primaries in 2019.

The tussle had taken several twists and turns as supporters of both camps continued to make snide attacks at each other. While this covert battle of supremacy raged on, party watchers were of the opinion that the governor had tried not to escalate the situation. According to his supporters, the governor continued to refer to the senator as his boss, leader and mentor each time he speaks in political and non-political forums alike.

"He speaks glowingly of Goje at any prompting. As a matter of fact Gover-

nor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya holds Senator Danjuma Goje in the highest of all esteem despite knowing fully well that the Senator did not sufficiently support his candidature in 2019. Unperturbed with this needless affront, Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya will always stop at nothing in pleasing his former boss.

"The appointment of Senator Mohammed Danjuma Goje's daughter Dr. Hussein Danjuma Goje as the Commissioner of Environment and his in-law Ibrahim Dasuki Jalo Waziri as the Commissioner of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs amongst other appointments vividly portray the Gombe State Governor as a man of peace and a social and political bridge builder," an APC member in the state, Abubakar Salim, said.

However, Yahaya's passive approach to the situation began to take a toll on critical stakeholders and supporters of the APC in the state. It was also learnt that opposition parties in the state equally cashed in on the development, making political wrangle out of peaceful disposition of the governor to mean cowardice.

Party watchers in the state noted that the Deba endorsement of the governor by APC stakeholders from Gombe Central, the zone which Senator Danjuma Goje represents, was instructive. The party stalwarts at the meeting presided over by Alhaji Abubakar Muazu, faulted Goje for parading himself as the APC leader in the state.

Their six point communiqué reads in part: "The Meeting acknowledged and commends with appreciation the phenomenal performance of His Excellency, Governor Muhammad Inuwa Yahaya in the last two years for his unprecedented, diverse and equitable distribution of developmental programmes and projects both completed and ongoing not only in Gombe Central Senatorial District, but the entire state at large which places Gombe State on the trajectory of sustainable development.

"We commend the Governor's political sagacity and magnanimity as well as his avowed commitment to the growth and consolidation of the gains of our great party in the state and country in general.

"We wish to also commend and appreciate His Excellency, the State Governor for the various appointments given to our sons and daugh-



Yahaya

ters into key positions from the Zone. "We equally acknowledge the unique leadership style and approach to matters of Security which have largely led to the attainment of peace and tranquility in the State.

"The stakeholders further congratulated His Excellency, the Governor, for the successful conduct of an all-inclusive, hitch free, credible, free and fair ward congresses devoid of any rancour and acrimony in line with the provisions of our great party's constitution and guidelines".

The APC meeting was followed by that of traditional rulers in Gombe State to reinforce and re-echo resolutions earlier reached by the APC stakeholders in the zone.

The council of traditional rulers in Gombe Central comprising of four Emirs and over 60 District heads equally converge on Akko Local Government Area and reiterated their support and loyalty to the governor as the sole political leader of the state, commending his political sagacity towards repositioning the State and the upward review of their remuneration and welfare.

In the same vein, APC chieftains in Gombe North also threw their weight behind the leadership of Governor Yahaya. Rising from a meeting held last Sunday in the state under the chairmanship of elder statesman, Ambassadors Ibrahim Yarima Abdullahi, who doubles as the Sarkin Bai of Gombe, the party stakeholders in Gombe declared their endorsement of the state governor.

A communiqué signed Ambassador Abdullahi and other some other stakeholders to this effect noted: "We strongly appreciate the giant and unprecedented developmental strides being witnessed in Gombe State under the able leadership of His Excellency, Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya in all facets of human endeavour in these challenging times and also commend his avowed commitment to the sustenance of the prevailing peace and security in our dear state.

"As leader of the party we have

recognised the sincerity of His Excellency Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya, to unite all members of our party, we unanimously resolved to support him by working assiduously to promote unity, stability and peace among all members of our great party and the state at large.

"We are deeply concerned by the recent antics of some elements within our party and in the opposition to cause discord and rancour amongst members of our party and we hereby appeal to all our members to ignore the shenanigans of these merchants of trouble and remain steadfast in their commitment and loyalty to the party and government."

Just yesterday, traditional rulers in Funakaye local government area of Gombe State led by the Emir of Funakaye, Alhaji Muazu Muhammad Kwairanga, passed a vote of confidence on Governor Yahaya. The unanimous resolution was taken at the traditional leaders stakeholders meeting held at the palace of emir of Funakaye in Bajoga town.

These endorsements of the governor signal a tough battle ahead, but political pundits argue that the endorsement also coming from Goje's zone shows the coast may just be clearer for the governor's return to victory.

Like any other politician, Governor Yahaya, however, has to keep hoping that such endorsements will continue for the advancement of his political career in the light of the actualisation of his second term bid as governor.

Party stakeholders are not in doubt however of Goje's political mastery and influence, especially at the national level. But how he would be able to pull it off considering the weight of endorsement the governor has garnered is another matter.

In this regard, a political analyst, Abdullahi Ibrahim, said, "Clearly, Goje is a known political titan in the state but how he engages the incumbent governor who has also emerged as one of the influential figures in the party will be interesting to watch."

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*The endorsement of the governor by APC stakeholders from Gombe Central which Senator Danjuma Goje represents is instructive.*

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*The tussle in Gombe APC reflects the subtle battle between Governor Yahaya and Senator Goje*





**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**UNAUTHORISED PROVISION OF AUTOMATED VEHICULAR TRACKING SERVICES (AVTS)**

The Nigerian Communications Commission (the Commission), is the independent regulatory authority for the telecommunications sector in Nigeria. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of the Nigerian Communications Act (NCA) 2003, the Commission wishes to inform the general public that it is illegal to provide Automated Vehicular Tracking Services and Remote Inventory Management Systems using communication systems in Nigeria without requisite license and/or authorisation from the Commission.

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For the guidance of members of the public, the Commission has published a list of all licensed AVTS operators on its website at: <https://ncc.gov.ng/licensing-regulation/licensing/licensees-list#list-of-individual-category-licensees>. Members of the public are advised to patronise only the licensed organisations and to report any unlicensed operator to the Commission and/or law enforcement agencies for further action.

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## Police Harp On Manpower Development

BY OGUNTADE ISMAILA, Lagos

The Nigeria Police Force yesterday harped on the need to implement a manpower development policy that will focus on improving capacity of police personnel across all ranks, in line with new policing standards and best practices.

The Inspector General of Police, (IGP), Muhammed Akali Baba, who stated this in his opening remarks of a three-day fully residential capacity building workshop for public relations officers (PPRO) across all commands and formations of the Nigeria Police Force and organised in partnership with the Nigeria - German Development Cooperation (GIZ) in Lagos.

IGP explained that the workshop is timely and unique in many ways and one of it is the contextual theme of the workshop which seeks to develop robust forensic awareness and knowledge for their spokespersons.

## ‘Ekiti Anti-Land Grabbing Law Has Attracted Investors’

BY ALO ABIOLA, Ado Ekiti

Stakeholders have applauded Ekiti State government for enacting 2019 Anti-land Grabbing Law 2019 in the state, saying it has attracted investors to the state.

A real estate developer, Mr. Akintayo Adaralegbe, said the law has not only promoted but also enhanced the ease of doing estate developing business in the state.

Adaralegbe who is the chairman of T. Pumpy Concept Limited, a real estate firm, said the law had equally ensured proper protection of landed property owners and ward off illegal occupation and sale of lands by those he described as racketeers and grabbers.

Governor Kayode Fayemi had in 2019 assented to the law which prescribed four-year jail term for those who fraudulently occupy or sell lands belonging to other owners in Ekiti as passed by the state House of Assembly.

He spoke in Ado Ekiti on Wednesday during a pre-launch press conference heralding official take off of operations of the real estate firm in Ekiti.



L R: Head of Retails, Dashme Store, Dedun Fabikun; head of Corporate Communications, Oando Plc, Alero Balogun; general manager, Corporate Services, Oando, Demola Ogunbanjo, and chief operating officer, DashMe Foundation, Morinsola Arogundade, during the commencement of a donation programme to Orphanages by Oando Staff in support of Dash Me Store, an initiative of former Minister of Finance, Kemi Adeosun, at the Oando Office, Lagos yesterday

## I’m Not Yet Interested In 2023 Presidential Election – Akeredolu

BY TOPE FAYEHUN, Akure

Ondo State Governor Oluwarotimi Akeredolu has distanced himself from promotional activities linking him with the 2023 presidential election.

The governor in a statement by his chief press secretary, Richard Olatunde, said he had nothing to do with the

pseudo campaigners.

In the last two weeks, campaign posters and fliers urging Akeredolu to contest the next presidential election have dotted a section of the social media.

The latest poster depicted an Akeredolu/Buni joint APC ticket. Alhaji Mai Mala Buni is the governor of Yobe State and doubles

as chairman of the APC Caretaker/Extraordinary Convention Planning Committee.

But Akeredolu’s spokesperson described the development as a “needless distraction”.

“Undoubtedly, the development is no less a needless distraction. Even though Mr Governor’s constitutional

right, qualification and competencies are not in doubt, this does not represent in any manner, his immediate political disposition.

“For emphasis, Governor Akeredolu who has just been re-elected wishes to be left to focus on deepening good governance in Ondo State.”

## Court Orders Interim Forfeiture Of Kwara Firm’s N5.3bn

BY OLUGBENGA SOYELE, Lagos

Justice Tijjani Ringim of the Federal High Court in Lagos on Wednesday ordered the temporary forfeiture of the sum of N5,318,517,789.48 warehoused in a new generation bank by a firm, Kaiser Strategic Services Limited to the federal government.

Justice Ringim gave the directive after listening to

an ex parte application filed and argued by one of the lawyers to the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) Rotimi Oyedepo.

Oyedepo had told the court in the application that the Ilorin, Kwara State-based firm’s ownership of the fund is questionable because it was reasonably suspected to be proceeds of unlawful activity.

According to Oyedepo, Kaiser Strategic Services Limited was incorporated on November 18, 2010, with a registered address at 9, Orioko Ilorin, Kwara State.

He claimed that there is no business endeavour in the said address and that the company is not carrying out any legitimate business but rather was primarily procured to retain proceeds of unlawful activities.

The lawyer alleged that the money was deposited in three bank accounts in tranches of N1,407,182,797.00, N2,275,525,493.17 and N1,635,809,499.31.

He, therefore, urged the judge to put the money under the custody of the federal government for 14 days in the interim and subsequently order it to be permanently forfeited to the government.

## Open Defecation Defaulters Face Jail Terms In Oyo

BY ADEBAYO WAHEED, Ibadan

Following the passage of the Oyo State Open Defecation Prohibition Bill into Law by the state’s House of Assembly, defaulters now face N5,000 fine or an option of non-custodial punishment of one week.

The passage followed the presentation of the report of the Ad-hoc Committee

headed by Akintunde Olajide (Lagelu).

The bill was sponsored by the speaker, Adebo Ogundoyin, deputy Speaker, Muhammad Fadeyi and Olusola Owolabi (Ibadan North East 1).

A public hearing to harmonize the inputs of all stakeholders on the bill was conducted by the House on the 4 August, 2021.

It makes it an offence for

anyone to defecate in the open or deposit faeces anywhere in the state while anyone caught and prosecuted is liable to a fine of N5000 or an option of non-custodial punishment of one week. With the passage of the bill, it is now compulsory for house owners and companies to make provision for toilets facilities.

Anyone who failed to comply with the provision of the law is liable on conviction to three months imprisonment or a fine of N50,000 or both. The new law further empowers the Oyo State government to seal premises, whether residential or commercial, that flouts the law.

## Customs Intercepts N643.73bn Donkey Skin, Others In Lagos

BY YUSUF BABALOLA, Lagos

The comptroller general of the Nigeria Customs Service Strike Force, Zone A, yesterday said they had intercepted N643 billion worth of poisonous donkey hides, skin, charcoal and woods set for export in Lagos.

LEADERSHIP recalled that the seizures were already stored in a warehouse

in Apapa, and were at the verge of being moved into the port for export when it was intercepted.

Showcasing the seizures at the Nigeria Customs Export terminal, in Ikorodu, the Controller CGC Strike Force, Zone A, Ahmadu Shuaibu, said the seized items were discovered in a warehouse not too far from Apapa port and that those behind the illegal storage took to

their heels on sighting the customs team.

Shuaibu revealed that the seizures would have been exported, but for the concerted efforts of officers and men of the unit.

He said effort was ongoing to ensure that all those behind the stockpiling of the seizures were brought to book.

He said the export prohibition guideline is in

tandem with the federal government’s policies for the protection of endangered species, protection of the local economy and to promote the National Forest Policy that was approved by the Federal Executive Council, which according to him, is aimed at greatly assisting the nation’s sustainable management of its vast forest resources against deforestation.

## 30th Anniversary: Osun To Honour Ajiborisha, Akande, Adeboye, Others

BY JOSHUA DADA, Osogbo

As part of activities lined up to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the creation of Osun State, the government has unveiled plans to honour 28 distinguished citizens of the state.

This was disclosed by the chief of staff to the Governor, Dr. Charles Akinola, while addressing journalists at a press conference on Wednesday, on the imperatives of the anniversary celebration.

According to Akinola, the celebration, which began last week with the governor featuring on special TV and radio interview sessions, will on Thursday, September 9, feature an anniversary colloquium fielding high-profile resource persons like Chief Bisi Akande (former governor, Osun State), Sultan Muhammadu Sa’ad Abubakar (Sultan of Sokoto), Dr. Reuben Abati (former special adviser to President Goodluck Jonathan on Media and Publicity), Dr Yemi Farounbi (former Nigerian Ambassador to the Philippines), among others.

## Disintegration Not In Nigeria’s Interest – Deji of Akure

BY TOPE FAYEHUN, Akure

The Deji and paramount ruler of Akure Kingdom, Oba Aladetoyinbo Ogunlade Aladelusi has called on promoters of secession to have a rethink in the interest of the nation.

Oba Aladetoyinbo who recognized the rights of the agitators to do so within the ambit of the law, however opined that the nation if restructured will be better together as a united entity.

The first class monarch stated this while presenting the new Asiwaju of Igbo (Onyendu Ndigbo) to the Igbo community at his palace on Wednesday.

Oba Aladetoyinbo observed that “the myriads of challenges which has pervaded our economy coupled with seemingly unending insecurity across the nation could make the people to consider secession as the only available and viable option at the moment.”

He, however, cautioned the government at all levels not to take the people for granted, saying, “It is very clear that the majority of our people are living below the poverty line, the purchasing power of our naira is astronomically depreciating with many states owing salaries and gratuities.”



## Despite PIA, FG To Make Provision For Fuel Subsidy In 2022 – NNPC

BY NSE ANTHONY-UKO, Abuja

Despite the signing of the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA) and the anticipated full deregulation on the downstream sector, the federal government will make provision for subsidy in 2022, Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) has said.

NNPC group managing director, Mr Mele Kyari, disclosed this on Wednesday at a public hearing organised by the Senate Committee on Finance on the 2022-2024 Medium Term Expenditure Framework and Fiscal Strategy Paper (MTEF/FSP).

Although no provision was made for fuel subsidy in 2021, he informed the lawmakers that the government had begun a conversation with relevant stakeholders to exit the subsidy regime.

The NNPC chief, however, stated that the process may not be concluded anytime soon, hence the need to reintroduce subsidy in the 2022 budget.

The federal government is projecting N900 billion for fuel subsidy for 2022.

On his part, the chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, Adeola Olamilekan, raised a concern about revenue generation to curb borrowing to fund the budget.

The lawmakers also want government agencies to equally focus on revenue generation as they do on spending the government's money.

The Senate is holding a three-day public hearing on the 2022-2024 MTEF/FSP, as part of processes to prepare the 2022 budget.

MTEF sets parameters with which the budget is prepared, including the borrowing plan of the government as it proposes \$57 per barrel as crude price and 1.88 million barrels daily oil production.

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INFLATION RATE (%)	2021	2020
MAY	17.93	12.4
JUNE	17.75	12.56
JULY	17.38	12.82

INTER BANK LENDING RATE(AS AT AUG 31 2021)	RATE	CHANGE(%)
0/N	8.4250	-2.98
1M	11.2469	-0.28
3M	12.1322	-0.27
6M	13.3928	0.14



L-R: President, National Association of Microfinance Bank (NAMB), Mallam Yusuf Ahmed Gyallesu, presenting the 'Ambassador of Microfinance Banks' plaque to the deputy chairman, House Committee on Finance, Hon Saidu Musa Abdullahi and executive secretary, NAMB, Shikir Nuhu Caleb, during the 11th Annual General Meeting 2021 of the association in Abuja.

## CBN Appoints Nwanisobi, 7 Others As Departmental Directors

BY MARK ITSIBOR, AND SUNDAY ISUWA, ABUJA

Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) yesterday confirmed the appointment of Mr. Osita Nwanisobi as the director, Corporate Communications Department, with effect from August 25, 2021. Nwanisobi had acted in acting capacity since October 2020, when his predecessor, Isaac Okorafor retired from service. The apex bank also appointed seven other directors.

This is as the CBN faulted the

Senate over alleged unremitted 80 per cent of operational surpluses into the Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF).

According to the CBN, contrary to what the Senate has been saying, it has been remitting operational surpluses in the last five years.

Meanwhile, other directors whose appointments were confirmed are Mrs. Elizabeth Omolara Fasoranti, who steps in as the director, Branch Operations; Dr. Abdulkadir Abdullahi Jibril as di-

rector, Medical Services and Mrs. Rashidat Jumoke Monguno, who now directs affairs in the Consumer Protection Department (CPD).

Other are Mrs. Amina Habib, who is now the director, Human Resources Department; Dr. Blaise Ijebor, Director, Risk Management; Mr. Chibuzo Anthony Efofi, Director, Financial Policy and Regulation and Mr. Benjamin Nnadi, who assumes the position of Director, Reserve Management.

All the appointments are with effect from August 25, 2021.

## Investors Gain N350bn In August As NGX Maintained Upbeat Trend

BY OLUSHOLA BELLO, Lagos

The nation's equities market has recorded improved performance in the month of August, 2021 as investors investment went up by N350 billion.

The NSE ASI which opened the month of August at 38,547.08 points, appreciated by 1.74 per cent to closed the month at 39,219.61 points on August 31, 2021. Also market Capitalisation of listed equities gained N350 billion within the period under review to N20.434 trillion from N20.084 trillion it closed at end

of July 2021.

Capital market operators attributed the improved performance of the market to the strong first half (H1), 2021 corporate earnings and improving macro-economic indices shown in the second quarter (Q2) GDP quarter-on-quarter growth of 5.01 per cent.

According to them, this confirms the recovery in the country's economic position, offering an insight into what the future holds for the stock market and economy in general.

Speaking on market performance for August, the vice presi-

dent of High cap securities, Mr David Adonri said the stock market in August regained lost ground and it replicated the recovery that started in the last quarter.

According to Adonri, the marginal increase is a factor of released results. He explained further that the stock market is expected to maintain the same trend in September considering the fact that the macro-economy conditions are improving with increasing GDP and drop in inflation rate. The crude oil price is also high and government visits the market for more bond issuance

## At NESG Forum: Stakeholders Demand 'Purposeful' Govt Engagement With Private Sector

BY MARK ITSIBOR, Abuja

Stakeholders from both public and private sectors have called for a more serious, working and purposeful engagement between government and the private sector to produce an economy of inclusive growth for Nigerians.

They made the call during a virtual conference that was organized by the Governance and Institutions Policy Commission of the Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG) with the theme "Government and Private sector engagement in the times of the COVID-19 Pandemic and beyond."

NESG board member and CEO Kainos Edge, Mrs Wonu Adetayo said the pandemic has allowed government to look at technology utilization, saying the experience has shown it is vital for the government to produce accurate, useful, and up to date information to people who will help inform decision-makers better and guide in the creation of effective policies.

Founder, Africa Initiative for Governance Mr Aigboje Aig-Imoukhuede said the pandemic require multi-generational responses and should be approached as a marathon battle. "...the real issue lies on the economic and social side where we continue to suffer from social unrest which can be linked to the trauma of COVID-19 which ignited a grand nature of negative trends including double-digit inflation and unemployment," Mr. Aig-Imoukhuede said.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

The CBN as a law-abiding government agency had not at anytime, defaulted in the remittance of its operational surpluses. We do this on yearly basis as required by the Fiscal Responsibility Act despite the fact that the CBN Act requires us to remit 75 per cent only "

CBN Deputy governor, Economic Policy, Dr Kingsley Obiora



Obiora



Following the demise of Alhaji Ahmed Mohammed Joda (1930-2021), Chief Phillip Chukwuedo Asiodu (87) remains the last of the titans in the list of those termed as Super Permanent Secretaries who served under General Yakubu Gowon between 1966 and 1975. We owe them a debt of gratitude. We remain ever grateful for their services. We miss them. We missed their competence and counseling. We missed their discipline and adherence to rules and regulations. We are in dilemma today because their likes are not around. It is not too late to celebrate Chief Asiodu, before he returns to his maker. Chief Asiodu, who is the Ogbuefi Akuna Ka of Asaba in Delta State, was born on February 26, 1934. In 1964, he married Eugenia Olajumoke Pereira. He started his Education at Sacred Heart School, Calabar, 1939-1942, Hope Waddell Training Institute, Calabar, 1943-1944, St. Paul’s Catholic School, Ebute Metta, Lagos, 1944-1945, King’s College, Lagos, 1946-1952, Queen’s College, University of Oxford, England, 1953-1956; head of Chancery, Nigerian Permanent Mission to the UN, 1960-1962, member, Organisation of African Unity Provisional Secretariat, Addis Ababa, 1963-1964, deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Lagos, 1963-1964, deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Lagos, 1964-1965, acting Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health, 1965-1966, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Industries, 1966-1971, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Mines and Power, 1971-1975, also,



# Asiodu, The Last Titan After Ahmed Joda

By Eric Teniola

chairman, National Electric Power Authority, 1971-1975, Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Petroleum and Energy, Lagos, 1975. At present, Chief Asiodu is the Patron of the Council of Retired Federal Permanent Secretaries, of which Alhaji Yayale Ahmed, former Secretary of the Government of the Federation is the Vice-Chairman while my friend, Dr. Goke Adegoroye is the Publicity Secretary. A lot has been written on Alhaji Ahmed Joda since his passing, and a lot will still be written on him. In my encounters with him, I discovered that his humility was his greatest strength. He was a humble man. He carried his dignity to his grave. No doubt, Alhaji Joda was a rare breed. Alhaji Ahmed Joda was born in Yola in Adamawa state. He had his education at the Yola Elementary School, Yola Middle School, Kaduna College, 1945-1948, Pittman’s College, London, 1954-1956, joined Nigerian Broadcasting Service, 1956-1960, Senior Assistant Secretary, later Permanent Secretary, Northern Nigerian Public Service, Permanent Secretary, Federal Government, 1967-1978 and retired in March 1978. Let us take a look at some of those described as Super

Permanent Secretaries. There was Chief Ime James Ebong. He was Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Transport. It was during his time that the Murtala Mohammed Airport was conceptualized and built. He later became Permanent Secretary, Economic Development and Planning. Chief Ebong was the first Executive Secretary and Chief Executive of the Federal Capital Development Authority. He was brilliant and articulate. He took the likes of Wole Okunfulire to Abuja as the first Professional Urban Planners in Abuja. President Joe Biden of the United States of America recently appointed his daughter, Enoch Titilayo Ebong as the acting Director of the United States and Development Agency. He died on August 7, 1989. There is Chief Allison Akene Ayida (Jun 6, 1930- October 11, 2018) who had his education at the King’s College, Lagos in 1952, Queen’s College, University of Oxford, England, 1956, London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London, England, 1957; assistant secretary, Federal of Finance, Lagos, 1957-1963, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Development, 1963-1971, Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Finance,

Chairman, UN Commission for Africa, Secretary to the Federal Military Government and head of service, 1975-1977. We also have Alhaji Liman Ciroma who was born on September 30, 1930 in Potiskum, Yobe State. He had his education at the Government College, Zaria, 1949, Institute of Archaeology, London, 1953-1954, South-West Essex Technology College and School of Arts, England, 1954-1956, University of Birmingham, England, 1956-1959; technical assistant, Department of Antiquities, Colonial Administration, 1949-1953, archaeologist, Ile-Ife, Benin and Igbo Ukwu, 1959, curator, National Museum, Lagos, later acting deputy director of Antiquities, Jos, 1960, joined Northern Nigerian Civil Service, 1961, assistant secretary, Prime Minister’s Office, Kaduna, later deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Local Government, Kaduna, Provincial Secretary, Minna, acting deputy secretary to the Prime Minister, Northern Nigeria, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources and Community Development, 1965-1967, transferred to North-Western State Public Service, 1967, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, North-Eastern State, 1968-1971, Permanent Secretary,

Federal Ministry of Industries, 1971-1975, Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, 1975-1977, Secretary to Federal Military Government and Head of Civil Service, 1977-1979. We equally have Erediauwa (22 June 1923 – April 2016), the 39th Oba of Benin, traditional ruler of the Edo people in Benin City, Edo State, Formerly known as Prince Solomon Akenzua, Oba Erediauwa’s full title was His Royal Majesty Omo n’Oba n’Edo Uku Akpolokpolo Erediauwa I. He was succeeded by Ewuare II. Oba Erediauwa took on the title and duties as traditional head of state and rightful heir of the Benin Empire when he was crowned, succeeding his father, Oba Akenzua II, in a ceremony held in Benin City, Nigeria, on 23 March 1979. He was a Super Permanent Secretary. He was the most senior Federal Civil servant that attended a meeting of the Supreme Military Council of Nigeria held in Aburi, Ghana between January 4 and January 5, 1967. He was then Permanent Secretary of the Federal Cabinet Office, Lagos. Other top Civil Servants that attended the Aburi meeting were Mr. P.T. Odumosu (Secretary to the Military Government, West), Mr. N.U. Akpan (Secretary to the Military Government, East), Mr. D.P. Lawani(Under-Secretary. Military Governor’s Office, Mid-West) and Alhaji Ali Akilu (Secretary to the Military Government, North). – Teniola, a journalist and retired director in the Presidency, lives in Magodo, Lagos

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The mistreatment of Nigerian citizens abroad is nothing new. But the 7th August, 2021 man-handling of a Nigerian diplomat in Jakarta by Indonesian Immigration agents was so ruthless, appalling and undiplomatic, to evoke public outrage. In a video of the incident, widely shared on social media the visibly distressed Nige-rian diplomat, Mr. Abdurrahman Katsina Ibrahim, was forcibly restrained inside a vehicle by several men. “I can’t breathe,” he yelled, at one point in the video, with his head pinned to the seat. The Nigerian Foreign Minister Geoffrey Onyeama strongly condemned the incident, describing it as “an egregious act of international delinquency by Indonesian state actors.” In an unusual but largely popular move by an administration often criticised for lethargy on public policy matters, the government summoned the Indonesian am-bassador to protest the apparent mistreatment of the Nigerian diplomat. The Foreign Ministry also demanded “appropriate sanctions against the relevant (Indonesian) officials,” and recalled Nigeria’s ambassador in Indonesia for consultations, warn-ing that the sanctions could include “a review of bilateral relations” between the two countries. Indonesia’s immigration office initially defended the actions of its officers, saying the Nigerian diplomat had been “uncooperative”when questioned during what an official



# Curbing Ill-Treatment Of Nigerians Abroad

By Paul Ejime

called routine checks on the validity of permits held by foreigners in Indone-sia. However, the Indonesian foreign ministry spokesperson Teuku Faizasyah later said the ministry regretted the incident, and was continuing to communicate with the Ni-gerian government on the matter. “That incident was an isolated incident and does not have anything to do with In-donesia’s commitment to performing its duties as a host country as per Vienna con-ventions on diplomatic relations,” he said, adding: „the law and human rights minis-try had launched an internal investigation as a follow up to that incident.” Apparently unimpressed by the explanation by the Indonesian government, sec-tions of the Nigerian population, from Lawmakers to civil society, weighed in on the matter, all condemning and describing the Indonesian incident as one too many. Many public commentators also recalled several recent mistreatments of Nigerian citizens in other countries

including in Ghana, Malaysia and South Africa and called for concrete remedial measures from the government. The Association of Retired Career Ambassadors of Nigeria (ARCAN) was very em-phatic in its condemnation of what it called “unprovoked attack by Indonesian Immi-gration Officials on a Nigerian diplomatic agent.” “The attack was not only unprovoked and unwarranted, but it was also a glaring abuse of established conventions and international norms and conduct as en-shrined in the Vienna Convention (1961), on Diplomatic Relations,” the Association said. It supported the “interim steps so far taken by the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry by summoning the Indonesian Ambassador to Nigeria to protest the actions of the unruly Indonesian Immigration Officials and recalling, for consultation, the Ambassador of Nigeria to Indonesia.” ARCAN goes further to express “the hope that ...other rogue officials in Indonesia and elsewhere in the world would have learnt the necessary

lessons and ensure that this type of clear breach and barbaric behaviour never rears its head again.” There has been no escalation and it might be unwise to canvas the extreme meas-ure of severance of diplomatic relations, but three weeks on, there appears to be a disturbing silence even on the diplomatic front regarding the incident. Both gov-ernments might be working behind the scenes using back-stop channels, but the Nigerian government owes it a duty to keep concerned Nigerians duly and consist-ently abreast on the incident. Such matters, even when resolved secretly or in private, the public must be in the know of key elements of the resolution. For instance, an effective public communi-cations strategy would recommend openness, follow-ups and sensitisation to en-sure that the general public is carried along, not only to assuage the anger but also to ensure that there is no repeat of such an ugly incident. Generally, the recurring mistreatments of Nigerians abroad have to do with the wrong perception that Nigerians are

corrupt or criminally minded, which is not only false, but grossly unfair on the overwhelming majority of Nigerians who are contrib-uting to development in various parts of the world. This unfortunate profiling which has persisted over time must, therefore, be recti-fied, both through the conduct of Nigerians everywhere and the actions and body language of the government at home. Nigerians both at home and in the Diaspora have a responsibility to conduct them-selves as worthy ambassadors of their country. It is a collective responsibility on the part of the government and citizens to ensure that the country enjoys international goodwill and positive public image. There must be a deliberate public policy commitment and efforts by both govern-ment and the citizens to ensure that Nigeria and its nationals command respect at home and abroad. The Indonesia incident is a reality check and a call on all Nigerians to wake up to their patriotic duties. If a Nigerian diplomat can be man-handled in a foreign land, what is the fate of ordinary Nigerian citizens abroad? It is a diplomat today; it could be anybody else tomorrow. – Ejime, an Author and former Diplomatic/War Correspondent, is a Consultant on Communications, Media, Elections and International Affairs.

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## Aisha Buhari Cup Will Transform Girl-child, Bolster Nigeria's Image – LOC

BY SALIFU USMAN, ABUJA

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) for the Aisha Buhari Invitational Women's Football Tournament have underscored the essence and sublime potentials of the championship, saying it will transform the life of the girl-child and bolster Ni-

geria's image.

The Barrister Seyi Akinwunmi-led committee made these known at the offices of the Wife of Vice President, Mrs Dolapo Osinbajo; minister of youth and sports development, Sunday Dare and his women affairs counterpart, Dame Pauline Tallen.

"The President of the NFF, Mr

Amaju Pinnick, came up with this idea as a way of celebrating 30 years of Nigeria women football going on the international plane. However, we now see it as the opportunity to bring to the fore the hurdles and obstacles facing women and the girl-child, and in doing so, make policy makers to focus on and tackle them.

"We are also not unaware that a successful tournament will impact positively on the future of women football in Nigeria, and the image of our country as well. We are also looking to use this tournament to project the works of our First Lady in the area of improving the lot of women and the girl-child, and at the end support the Foundation in our own small way," Akinwunmi said.

Director of organisation and chairman of the Nigeria Women Football League, Ms Aisha Falode, emphasized on the impact that positive conversations and narratives generated by a successful tournament can have on the girl-child and the Nigeria nation, saying that foot-

ball can accomplish the cornerstones of the Future Assured Programme.

"The key aspects of the Future Assured Programme are health, education and economic empowerment, and playing football can empower the girl-child health-wise, academically and economically. This tournament can build an awesome women's football industry in this country that the girl-child and women can key into and forget all social vices and impediments."

We want to bring out the potential in the young ones. As for the sustenance of the game, I can assure you that the IGP has endorsed it to be an annual event with the corporation of the federation," he stated.

## Nigeria Vs Liberia: We Want 3-points Or Nothing, Fans Task Eagles

BY OLAWALE AYENI, LAGOS

Some football fans in Lagos have charged the Super Eagles to ensure they defeat Liberia in matchday 1 of the Qatar 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifiers on Friday at the Teslim Balogun Stadium in Lagos.

The Confederation of Africa football (CAF) has given the nod that 5,000 fans should be allowed into the Stadium with a sitting capacity of 21,000 for the game in adherence to COVID-19 protocols.

The last time the Super Eagles played a competitive match in Lagos was last April when Nigeria defeated Lesotho 3-0 in their last 2021 Africa Cup of Nations qualifier match.

Speaking to LEADERSHIP Sports ahead of Friday's match, a football fan from Igando, Fego Agarry, expressed excitement for the Super Eagles return to the commercial city of the country

while urging them to defeat Liberia.

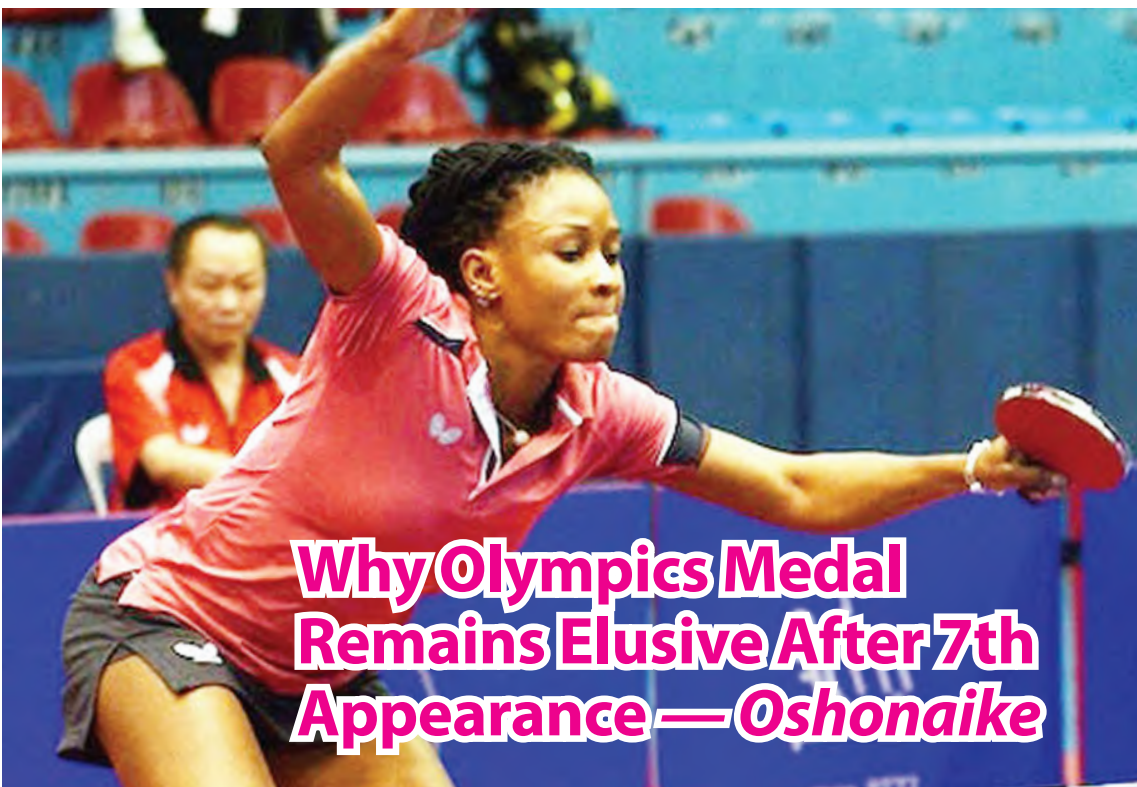
"I'm so excited that I will see the Super Eagles play in Lagos again. We expect them to defeat Liberia about 4-0 to get all 3 points," he said.

Another fan in Ojodu Berger, Odunayo Popoola, promised to be one of the 5,000 fans that would be at the stadium to cheer the Super Eagles to victory.

"I will do my best to ensure that I watch the Nigeria match against Liberia on Friday, I can't wait to see the game live, Gernot Rohr must deliver the 3 points.

Also Kayode Davis, from Surulere, said Liberia should not score a goal against the Super Eagles due to the quality of players at Gernot Rohr's disposal.

"Liberia must not score a goal against us, we have the best of players looking at the two teams. We must get all three points from the match," he said.



## Why Olympics Medal Remains Elusive After 7th Appearance — Oshonaike

Seven time Olympian and Nigeria's table tennis Queen, Funke Oshonaike, has attributed her inability to win an Olympic medal for seven consecutive attempts to Asians dominance of the table tennis.

Oshonaike, who joined the exclusive International Table Tennis Federation Club 7 after the Tokyo 2020 appearance, has been to the world's biggest sporting fiesta seven times without any medal.

With her appearance at the just-concluded Tokyo Olympics, she sets a record of being the first fe-

male table tennis player in the world to attend seven successive Olympic Games.

The 46-year-old tennis star started her journey to the Olympics in Atlanta 96, then Sydney 2000, Athens 2004, Beijing 2008, London 2012, Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020.

Oshonaike crashed out of the Tokyo 2020 at the preliminary round after losing to Juan Liu of the United States.

Picking up an Olympic medal would have been a major boost to her illustrious career, but Oshon-

aike said she felt fulfilled as an athlete.

"I am very fulfilled as an athlete. The only thing I would have loved more is to have gotten a medal at the Olympics, but it's very hard. Getting in the medals zone is difficult at the Olympics because table tennis is more dominated by the Asians.

"However, I still thank God that I achieved what none of them have been able to achieve. I also hope to see more women at the 7th club in the future," she said.

## Air Peace Now Official Airline Sponsor Of Super Eagles, Other National Teams

BY SALIFU USMAN, ABUJA

Air Peace has signed a partnership agreement with the Nigerian Football Federation (NFF) as the official airline sponsor of the Super Eagles and Nigerian national teams.

The sponsorship agreement which is for a four-year period, is renewable every year.

Speaking at the agreement signing ceremony in Lagos on Wednesday, NFF president Amaju Pinnick said the "initial agreement" is worth N300m with additional benefits to the country's national teams.

Pinnick who was accompanied to the signing ceremony by Super Eagles quartet of Alex Iwobi, Joe Aribo, Tyron Ebuehi and Oghenekaro Etebo, said the partnership was timely as Nigerian players will fly to the Cape Verde match onboard the airline's brand new Embraer E195.

"Air Peace epitomizes unity, patriotism, humanity and selflessness. Ourselves at the NFF have followed not only the meteoric rise of the company but its patriotic fervour and sense of nationalism. It is an organization that believes firmly in the Nigeria project, just as we do.

"This contract covers all the National Teams, from the Super Eagles to the junior teams. Let me say it here that the Super Eagles will be flying to Cape Verde on Monday for their FIFA World Cup qualifier in the latest brand of aircraft just acquired by Air Peace. The NFF is happy to partner with this highly responsible organisation that has Nigeria at the heart of everything it does," Pinnick said.

He assured that NFF will keep to the letter and spirit of the contract.

Chairman of Air Peace, Barrister Allen Onyema, said his company was delighted to have the opportuni-

ty to work with the NFF and the National Teams. "We decided to partner with the NFF not just because we are enamoured by the hard work and resilience of Mr Amaju Melvin Pinnick in improving the lot of Nigeria's

football on the pitch and in the boardroom, but also because we passionately seek a platform to give Nigerians hope. Football is a huge unifying force everywhere and the same is true of our country."



NFF president, Amaju Pinnick. (3rd right); NFF board member, Aisha Falode (2nd left); chairman of Air Peace, Barrister Allen Onyema (3rd left) and couple of airline crew



## AMUSEMENT PARK

POLITICIANS ARE THE SAME ALL OVER. THEY PROMISE TO BUILD A BRIDGE  
EVEN WHEN THERE IS NO RIVER. — NIKITA KRUSCHEV



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# Giving Buhari A Bad Name?

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The bandits' attack, penultimate Tuesday, on the famous Kaduna-based Nigeria Defence Academy [NDA] was a tough test of the military's capacity and readiness for the fight against violent crimes. Although it was not exactly the first of its kind as similar attacks were launched by the Boko Haram on the Force Headquarters in Abuja and some military camps in the north-east, this particular one has widened the scope of the on-going interrogation of the approach of the government to the prevailing security challenges vis-à-vis the growing audacity of the perpetrators of the various forms of violence.

Aside the reactions of the members of the public, most which were full of expressions of disappointment, fear, confusion and helplessness and all of which the confirmation of the attack by the NDA management effectively re-enforced, strong emphasis on an alleged conspiracy as contained in the statements issued by President Muhammadu Buhari's media and publicity aides was an angle that has attracted sufficient public attention. The almost total attribution of the rising rate of such incidents to what is being perceived in that particular circle as a resolve of political opponents to embarrass the president and possibly bring the government down is a very confusing game.

Buhari and all those guys who are, by either design or accident, are in this government have every reason to worry whenever the issue of integrity is raised, because it was something that they used as an instrument of campaign. During each of his four contests for the presidency he was always described as a man of integrity whose desire was the genuine repair of the country's system so that they could work again work for all of us.

It was, in fact, the integrity label he carried that generated support for him and at the same time scared his opponents some of whom even joined the train just to continue to belong. The support for Buhari which originated from the north-west and later spread to other places, especially after he was re-packaged and threw up for the 2015 contest by some politicians who considered the project as an instrument for some kind of self-actualization predicated mainly on the integrity factor.

Even those Nigerians with a



high sense of realism assumed or even believed that the emergence of Buhari would mean the end of the crises that manifested in the various spheres of national life over which he persistently complained and vowed to rapidly eliminate when he got to power. Having been in his mid 70s and as a retired army general and former military Head of State, the president who was put far ahead of others, in terms of moral uprightness and competence, successfully became the most preferred candidate and eventually got elected.

The insistence by the media aides that the insecurity in the country is being aggravated by the attitudes of some political opponents indicates a resolve to continue to play around the integrity factor which has been their biggest weapon. It is a clear attempt to ensure that the current challenges are seen more as the creation of the adversaries of the government than the failure of the president so that he will continue to enjoy the confidence and goodwill of Nigerians.

But it will not be easy for President Buhari and his promoters to have their way this time around because they are now on the other side and are therefore consistently required to provide answers to all the questions about the multifarious problems in the country. The conspiracy or sabotage theory that they continuously push in order to generate public sympathy will, just

like it happened with some of the past governments, fail to yield the desired results.

In other words, the accusation against those who are, either in reality or by imagination, politically opposed to the government that they are either the sponsors, promoters or perpetrators of the lingering violence in a bid to give the president a bad name has apparently failed to sink into a lot of Nigerians. Rather than just swallow this argument, most people are simply asking the government to quickly unmask the suspected saboteurs and subsequently take further necessary actions against them.

Whether there is the involvement of political opponents in the persistence and escalation of violence or not, the basic requirement of the citizens is the containment and the obvious reduction of the crippling crimes that are already a threat to not only the lives of the people but the also the survival of the country. This particular demand is further being re-enforced by the consistent remembrance of the expressed concern of the president over the security and welfare of the public.

In the over last six years that he has been in power, President Buhari has evidently got sufficient percentage of all that he wanted from Nigerians as they had shown abundant appreciation of the enormity of the initial challenges that the government faced and

had practically made sacrifices where and when necessary. The co-operation extended to the government by the various categories of the citizenry was not only unprecedented but was also definitely huge enough to render any sabotage ineffective.

The complaint about sabotage as being continuously expressed by the president's media handlers indicates a lack of appreciation of the contributions of all the well-meaning Nigerians to the implementation of the programmes of government. It is terribly disheartening that even with all the deprivations and the self-denials that have become the main features of the lives of most people, such officials are still presenting the alleged sabotage as the cause of the failure to deliver on key promises.

As already mentioned, the complaint is not completely baseless as sabotage by political opponents or just some kind of traducers is one of the realities of politics and governance. Political competitions and rivalries are, in fact, more about the methods by which opponents seek to obliterate the policy-making and implementation strategies of the government which, as once a veteran opposition politician, the president must have known.

Now, the most popular submission is that the Buhari government should care much less about what its opponents say and care much more about the impact of its policies and programmes on the nation. It should realize that the cause of the dilemma is either an improper definition of sabotage or a failure to deal with it.

## GHANA MUST GO

Debts: We are borrowing responsibly

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What does that mean in Chinese?





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