

GOOD NEWS, NIGERIA!

"Every good citizen adds to the strength of the nation." – Gordon B. Hinckley (American Religious Leader & Author)

The nation grows when citizens and government play their respective roles in economic development. Behind every good act are simply men and women being productive in their different capacities.

#OnePerson can and does make a difference!

LOOTED BRONZE RETURNED TO OBA OF BENIN



Hurray! Two of the historic items looted by the British during the **1897 invasion of the Benin Kingdom** have been officially handed over to the Oba of Benin - **Oba Ewuare II** after 125 years.

The artefacts—the **head of an Oba (Uhunwun Elahor)** and a **carved cockerel (Okpa)**—were handed over to the Oba by the Nigerian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, Mr Tunji Ishola, in a ceremony in Benin.

According to Oba Ewuare II, *"the bronzes were more than mere art, but were mostly of religious significance, adding that the two artefacts would be returned to where they rightly belong."*

The **University of Oxford** is also set to return looted items in 2022.

We hope the Benin Kingdom understands the **tourism potential of these assets!**

SIMI ADEAGBO INDUCTED INTO OLYMPIC HALL OF FAME

Simi Adeagbo was inducted into the **Olympic Hall of Fame** at the **Winter Games - Beijing 2022**. She is the **FIRST African female winter olympian** to receive this award.

Before her induction, Simi recently made history by becoming the **first African to win the Europe Cup monobob race** at the International Bobsleigh and Skeleton Federation (IBSF) Women's Monobob World Series in Winterberg, Germany.

According to her, *"I'm incredibly honoured to be an inductee into Olympians for Life winter games. Through sheer grit and talent, I have transcended every obstacle in my path. From the foothills of Ekiti, Nigeria to the world's grandest stages of sport, I have overcome defeat, injury, bigotry, bias, and every naysayer in between."*

Congratulations on this historic feat!



EMMANUEL IKECHUKWU UMEONYIHIRIOHA BECOMES FIRST IGBO LECTURER IN OXFORD UNIVERSITY

In **Emmanuel's** words: *"It is official that I am the **first official Igbo Language lecturer** at the number one university in the world, the University of Oxford. Our induction happened today by Marion Sadoux, Head of Modern Language Programmes, University of Oxford Language Centre. This became possible in an account of the James Currey Society. This is the first time the Igbo language will be taught at the university."*

Nigeria to the world!

COURT SENTENCES SEXUAL OFFENDERS TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT

Justice Abiola Soladoye of the **Lagos State Special Offences Court, Ikeja**, has sentenced **Abiodun Matthew**, a 39-year-old driver to life imprisonment for raping a **4-year-old** pupil of the University of Lagos Women Society Nursery and Primary School, Akoka, Lagos.

In another case, **Sunday Oyedele** was also sentenced to life imprisonment with no option of fine for raping a **3-year-old**.

Justice Soladoye also ordered their names to be entered into the Lagos State Sexual Offenders Register.



29-YEAR-OLD BUILDS ELECTRIC CARS AND TRICYCLE



Mustapha Gajibo, a **29-year-old school drop out from Maiduguri**, is building electric cars and tricycles and converting car engines into generating sets.

According to him, he has *"sold **15 tricycles and 7 buses** to individuals which have already started generating revenues for them."*

The young engineer said his electric vehicles are locally made and can travel for at least **100 to 150 kilometres** before requiring a recharge.

We applaud his ingenuity and expect his business to grow rapidly given the current fuel scarcity!

We are all dealing with bad news on a daily basis, and the effects of the trauma will not be fully understood for many years to come. We are committed to curating **good news**, so share your **good news** with us!

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