

# GOOD NEWS, NIGERIA!

“The greatest thing we can do for our people is to serve them with all our hearts, giving our time, our skills, and our resources to uplift them.”  
- Kwame Nkrumah



## LOOKMAN CROWNED 2024 KING OF AFRICAN FOOTBALL

**Ademola Lookman**, a Nigerian footballer representing the Super Eagles and playing for Atalanta, has been crowned **African Player of the Year at the 2024 Confederation of African Football (CAF) Awards** in Marrakech, Morocco. The forward triumphed over competitors including Simon Adingra, Serhou Guirassy, Achraf Hakimi, and Ronwen Williams.

His remarkable year included becoming the **first player to score a hat-trick in a Europa Cup final** and starring in the African Cup of Nations. Notably, Lookman was the **only player of African descent on the 2024 Ballon D'or 30-man shortlist**, cementing his outstanding performance in the footballing world.

Starboy Lookman!



## KEMI BADENOCH IS NOW THE UK CONSERVATIVE PARTY LEADER

**Kemi Badenoch**, a UK politician and North Essex MP is now the leader of the UK's Conservative Party. She replaced Rishi Sunak as the leader of the opposition party after defeating her closest rival, Robert Jenrick, by polling 53,806 votes over his 41,388.

Badenoch's election made her the **first Black woman to lead a major political party in the United Kingdom**. Kemi has faced both criticism and support for her remarks about the Nigerian police and her decision to emphasise her Yoruba heritage rather than identifying broadly with her Nigerian roots.

Badenoch is also the sixth Tory leader in less than eight and a half years.

Interesting times ahead!



## UNILAG UNDERGRADUATE, DOKO, EMERGES YOUNGEST AFRICAN SCRABBLE CHAMPION

**Oluwatimilehin Doko**, a member of Team Ogun that represented Nigeria at the 2024 African Scrabble Championship in Kigali, Rwanda, has made history as the **youngest African Scrabble Championship winner**.

Doko and other Ogun State players in Rwanda recorded awe-inspiring performances, with the youngster emerging as the overall winner at age 24!

His new status was confirmed after he defeated Mumeen Jimoh, another Ogun State player (574-442), in round 31 to push his tally to an unassailable 24 wins.

The sky's the limit for you, Doko!



## TEMITOPE EMERGES LASU'S FIRST EVER FIRST-CLASS GRADUATE IN HISTORY AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

**Temitope Ayeobasan**, a 21 year old graduate of History and International Studies has set the record as the **first to ever graduate with first class honours from the department**. This feat represents the **first time in 40 years** since the establishment of Lagos State University in 1984.

Particularly interesting about this achievement by Miss Ayeobasan is that she initially enrolled to study law but only settled for History and International studies “due to certain circumstances” in her words. However, she was able to do so well because she eventually fell in love with the discipline. When asked about the reason behind her academic success, she alluded to passion and investment of time into one's endeavours.

Well done Temitope!



## CHIDINMA BECOMES AFRICA'S FIRST EVER FIRST-RUNNER UP IN THE MISS UNIVERSE BEAUTY PAGEANT

**Chidinma Adetshina**, the Nigerian representative at the 73<sup>rd</sup> Miss Universe Beauty Pageant held in Mexico City, emerged as the **first-ever African to finish as first runner-up in the competition**. She narrowly missed the top spot, losing to Miss Denmark, Victoria Kjaer Theilvig.

This achievement came after her controversial withdrawal from Miss South Africa 2024 due to xenophobic backlash over her nationality. Chidinma was born to a Nigerian father and a Mozambican mother and was raised in Soweto, South Africa.

We salute your resilience, Chidinma!



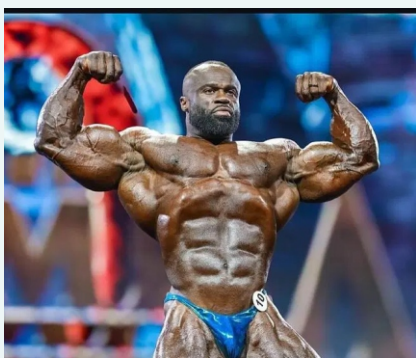
## NIGERIAN BORN ANITA BECOMES OXFORD UNIVERSITY'S FIRST BLACK WOMAN STUDENT UNION PRESIDENT

**Anita Okunde**, a 20-year-old student of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) at Oxford University, has registered herself as the **first-ever black woman to be elected student union president**.

At a very young age, Anita is already an award-winning activist, an I Will Ambassador, and a public speaker with a keen focus on intersectional climate justice and feminism. Anita's political campaign centred on addressing two key issues: increasing female representation in leadership positions and improving support and accommodation for people with disabilities.

Before her election, she served as the student union's socioeconomic officer and worked towards making the union more accessible to all by organising the union's first **Black History Month Dinner and Exhibition** and hosting socioeconomic debating workshops.

Keep up the good work, Anita!



## NIGERIAN BORN DAUDA WINS 2024 MR. OLYMPIA

**Samson Dauda**, a Nigerian born bodybuilder has clinched the most coveted title of **Mr. Olympia in the just concluded bodybuilding competition**. The event which took place at the Resorts World Theatre in Las Vegas in the United States of America also saw Dauda receiving the largest prize ever awarded in the sport's history - \$600,000 (Six Hundred Thousand Dollars).

Dauda's feat saw him take the crown from fierce rival Derek Lunsford. He has now put his name among household names who have won this title one or multiple times like Arnold Schwarzenegger and Ronnie Colmenn.

Congratulations, Dauda!

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!