# GOOD NEWS, NIGERIA!

"The nation needs men who think in terms of service to their country and not in terms of their country's debt to them."

- Omar Nelson Bradley



## NIGERIA'S FEMALE BASKETBALL OLYMPIC TEAM SETS RECORD!

The Nigeria women's basketball team, known as D'Tigress, made a historic leap at the Summer Olympics held between the 26<sup>th</sup> of July and the 11<sup>th</sup> of August 2024. They became the first African basketball team, male or female, to qualify for the quarterfinals.

The team was led by Rena Wakama, its first female head coach. This achievement came after a 79-70 victory over Canada at Stade Pierre-Mauroy in Paris.

This beautiful achievement by D'Tigress also came after they won their first Olympic victory in 20 years after winning 75-62 against Australia in their first game.

We are proud of you, D'Tigresses!



## RENA WAKAMA NAMED BEST FEMALE BASKETBALL COACH IN THE PARIS 2024 OLYMPICS!

**Rena Wakama**, the 32-year-old coach of D'Tigress and the team's first-ever female coach, was named the best female basketball coach in the just-concluded Paris 2024 Olympics by FIBA (the International Basketball Federation) and the IOC (the International Olympic Committee).

Wakama achieved this feat by guiding the team to their first ever quarterfinals of the Olympic Games which they eventually lost to the eventual winners, the United States female basketball team by 88-74.

Rena Wakama also holds the record of being the first Nigerian female basketball coach to win the women's Afrobasket since its maiden edition in 1966.

Keep winning, Rena!



## KELECHI NDUKWE BECOMES THE FIRST PERSON OF NIGERIAN DESCENT TO COMMAND US NAVY WARSHIP!

**Kelechi Ndukwe,** has made history as the first Nigerian to command a US Navy warship. Kelechi, who was recently promoted to the rank of Navy captain from Commander, began his career in the US Navy in 2003, shortly after he earned a master's degree in national security and strategy from the US Naval War College.

In 2021 he assumed command of the USS Halsey (DDG-97), an Arleigh-Burke class guided missile destroyer. He took over from his predecessor, Devere I. Crooks, who had commanded the ship since November 2019, while Ndukwe served as the ship's second in command.

Ndukwe has also worked in the office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, America's highest-ranking military office.

Congratulations, Kelechi!



## NIGERIAN LADY, ISLAMIYAT OJELADE WINS 7 PHD SCHOLARSHIPS IN US UNIVERSITIES!

**Islamiyat Ojelade**, a talented Nigerian student, has reportedly achieved a remarkable academic milestone by securing PhD scholarships to seven top universities in the United States. What makes this accomplishment particularly impressive is that Ojelade obtained these scholarships without holding a Bachelor's or Master's degree, instead relying on her Higher National Diploma (HND).

Ojelade graduated from the Federal Polytechnic Ilaro in Ogun State, southwestern Nigeria, with an HND in Science Laboratory Technology (SLT). She excelled academically, achieving a cumulative grade point average of 3.89, which earned her the distinction of being the best-graduating student in her 2018 class.

Keep shining, Islamiyat!



### ISRAEL OLATUNDE AN IRISH BORN NIGERIAN IS NOW THE FASTEST MAN IN IRELAND!

**Israel Olatunde**, a sprinter of Nigerian descent representing Ireland is now the fastest man in Ireland. The 22 year old achieved this feat by clocking a stunning 10.12 secs (1.7m/s) to win at the NEB Open in London on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.

His runtime dwarfs the former national champion, Paul Henssion's time of 10.8s-a record held since 2007.

Keep blazing the tracks, Israel!

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