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## Fuel price hike will compound hardship of Nigerians

**T**HE Northern Elders Forum (NEF) has said that the planned increase of fuel price will compound the already desperate condition of living of most Nigerians.

This is just as the Forum drew the attention of the government to the hardship under which the vast majority of Nigerians live.

This is contained in a statement issued by the Director, Publicity, and Advocacy of NEF, Dr Hakeem Baba-Ahmed.

The statement said "the Forum invites attention to the hardship under which the vast majority of the population lives.

"Increasing poverty levels and widespread insecurity demand that leaders should exercise extreme caution in taking economic and security-related decisions.

"Increase in the price of fuel, in particular, will compound the already desperate condition of living of most Nigerians.

"It is important that decisions on this matter include considerations of the interests of the national economy, welfare of the citizen, and reactions of a hard-pressed citizenry.

On the proscription of

bandits, the Forum cautioned against profiling and targeting all Fulanis as terrorists.

"The Forum noted a judicial decision to label bandits and kidnappers as terrorists and

recommends greater clarity in terms of the targets of this development.

"In any event, the Forum cautions against profiling and targeting all Fulani as terrorists. Millions of law-

### - Northern Elders Forum

abiding Fulani exist who should be encouraged to stay on the side of the law, while those who have chosen to continue on the path of criminality should

feel the full weight of the law," the statement noted.

On the release of Nnamdi Kanu, the Northern Elders said there is no safe, constructive, or informed

grounds for granting the request.

"Northern Elders Forum has carefully studied the request of Igbo elders for President Muhammadu Buhari to terminate the trial of Nnamdi Kanu and release him unconditionally.

"It has also noted President Buhari's

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Deputy Governor, Prof. Sonni Gwanle Tyoden in a group photograph with participants at the end of the month prayers for the state at Government House Chapel, Jos on Friday last week PHOTO: JOHN LAR

### Omicron Covid variant: FG puts Nigerians, residents on alert

**T**HE Federal Government has alerted Nigerians and residents alike to the new Omicron strain of Covid-19, describing it as a potentially dangerous variant, urging everyone

to exercise extra caution and vigilance in practice and enforcement of preventive measures.

Secretary to the Government of the Federation and Chairman of Presidential Steering

Committee on Covid-19, Mr Boss Mustapha, spoke on Monday during the national briefing of the Committee.

He spoke against the backdrop of the report that Canada had detected its

first cases of the new Omicron strain of Covid, in two people who had travelled recently to Nigeria, saying the world has been hit with a new Covid-19 Variant of Concern, called, Omicron as announced by the World Health Organization (WHO).

He, however, noted that the PSC is reviewing the situation around the world and putting in place measures to curtail the impact of the variant on the country.

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### Suspected Fulani militias responsible for Jos Jail break

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**S**USPECTED fulani militia were responsible for the jail break at the Jos Correctional Centre which led to the escape of over 252 inmates, the Plateau State Comptroller of Nigeria Correctional Service, Samuel B. Aguda disclosed.

Speaking during a press interaction in his office in Jos, the Comptroller further explained that following the attack, about nine persons were confirmed dead while one officer of the

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Aguda

### NDLEA intercepts 12,385kg of cannabis

**O**PERATIVES of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) at the weekend intercepted 12,385 kilogrammes of loud cannabis from getting into Lagos.

According to a statement issued by the spokesman of NDLEA, Femi Babafemi, loud cannabis is a strong specie of the illicit weed imported from a

neighbouring country (which name was not revealed) and smuggled into Lagos through the waterways.

Babafemi said the operatives acted on credible intelligence that 12,385 pellets of loud cannabis were brought in from the particular West African country through the ocean and ferried with boats to the Eko Atlantic beach, Victoria

Island in Lagos from where they would be distributed to drug hotspots such as Island, Peti Alagba and others areas across Lagos and other states.

He said on getting the intel, over 50 narcotic officers stormed the beach on November 27, 2021, and recovered the consignments along with two long trucks, a Toyota Sienna van, as well as arrested three suspects.

The agency spokesman said those arrested are Abdulkadri Zakari, 24; Ka'abu Sausu, 45, and Lawrence Adie, 27.

In another clampdown, a 70-year-old woman, Mrs. Beatrice Aigbedion, was among the suspects arrested in some parts of Edo State in connection with the seizure of over 5,000 kilogrammes of assorted



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command was shot death.

He said, "the assailants stormed the facility after 5pm and they were twelve (12) in number from Barkin-Ladi enclave heavily armed with AK 47 rifles, shooting sporadically killing one of my officers who was on duty and gained entrance to the premises of the command.

"As a result of the attack, over 252 of the inmates escaped. Nine (9) of them were rearrested and two were returned by their parents. Meanwhile, one of the inmates came back on his own and surrendered himself.

"Almost all of the attackers escaped, but one was gunned down by officers. Earlier, with the help of some inmates, the assailants broke into our armoury and carted away some of our rifles and handed them to some inmates who supported them, but were overpowered and gunned down", he explained.

Reacting to the questionable delay by sister agencies to response immediately, Aguda, said there were security personnel there, but the mobilization was what delayed the quick response clearing the air on the speculations that some assailants were trapped saying, "the assailants might have left when the security personnel came. I am not sure if some of the assailants were trapped in the facility.

Meanwhile, Plateau State Governor Simon Bako Lalong has commended the combined efforts of security operatives that helped in preventing gunmen from running down the Jos prisons.

The Governor gave the commendation in a message and further condemned in strong terms the Sunday attack on the Medium Security Custodial Centre in Jos, Plateau State.

**THE NIGERIA STANDARD** reports that the correctional centre came under attack Sunday when Gunmen reportedly stormed into the prison facility in Jos in large

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response which both raised very weighty issues related to the request, and his commitment to consider it.

"The Forum notes that there are no safe, constructive or informed grounds for granting the request, and advises that President Buhari will do serious injury to a country already threatened by multiple challenges to its security and territorial integrity if he delays

numbers with sophisticated weapons, sporadically shooting and causing tensions in the state capital.

But the timely intervention of joint security operatives brought the situation under control, leading to the entrapment of the assailants.

"I condemn the unfortunate incident and praise the gallantry of officers and men of the Jos Custodial Centre who rose to the occasion to thwart the plans of the criminals whose mission was to facilitate the escape of inmates and also cause destruction to the facility" Lalong said in the statement released Monday.

"I also praise the quick reaction of other security agencies including the Police, Operation Safe Haven, DSS, NSCDC and Operation Rainbow who responded swiftly to the situation and took charge of the general area, leading to entrapment of the assailants as well as arrest of fleeing inmates".

The Governor however described the event as sad and one too many in the nation's correctional system stating it was high time a wholistic approach is applied in bringing such

attacks and jail breaks to an end.

He said "In order to guarantee the safety of inmates, correctional officers, and the larger society from criminals who choose to attack the very essence of Nigeria's legal system by disrupting law and order, a wholistic approach should be employed".

While directing the immediate boosting of security measures around all custodial facilities in the State, Lalong assured that the State Government will work with the Federal Government in every way possible to ensure that all Correctional Facilities in the State are protected from such attacks.

Lalong equally said he is awaiting full report of the incident, and urged the citizens of the State to remain calm and go about their legitimate duties with utmost vigilance by reporting any suspicious activity to security agencies for prompt and decisive action.

He also assured that Government will continue to make Plateau inconducive for criminals by sustaining the proactive measures adopted against all criminal enterprises.

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potentially dangerous, and Nigerians and residents are required to exercise extra caution and vigilance in practice and enforcement of preventive measures.

"As the DG WHO has just started today, 'the emergence of the highly-mutated Omicron variant underlines just how perilous and precarious our situation is. South Africa and Botswana should be thanked for detecting, sequencing and reporting this variant, not penalized.'

"Nigerians and Residents are therefore urged to get fully vaccinated, frequently tested, and continue to strictly adhere to the non-pharmaceutical intervention measures, including physical

distancing, properly wearing of face masks, ensure proper ventilation and hand hygiene."

He also announced the impasse on the Nigeria-United Arab Emirates (UAE) flights have been resolved in the interest of both parties.

He noted that though the process has taken so long to pull through with some ripple effects, SGF thanked everyone that was involved in getting the deal.

He disclosed that a date for the commencement of flights between the two countries will be announced in due course.

He warned that the PSC was aware of some travellers who have resolved to circumvent the travel protocols by

illicit drugs across the state.

Babafemi said after days of surveillance, NDLEA operatives on November 24 stormed a warehouse at Uhiere, Ovia North East Local Government Area of the state, where they recovered a total of 4,261.5 kilogrammes of cannabis sativa, while a suspect, Ikong Stanley, was arrested. He said on the previous day, 1,240 kilogrammes was equally seized at a warehouse in Uzebba, Owan West LGA of the state.

Babafemi said: "At the point of her arrest in Irrua last Wednesday, Aigbedion was caught with different quantities of codeine cough syrup, Swinol and Rohypnol, while another dealer, Joseph Onyemaechi, 50, was also nabbed at Upper Sakponba area in Benin-city last Friday with different types of psychotropic substances weighing 2.055 kilogrammes."

He said similarly, Gabriel Akioya and Isa Saliu were arrested on November 25 at Irrua, Esan Central LGA with various quantities of Codeine, Tramadol, Swinol and Rohypnol.

Also, in neighbouring Delta State, Babafemi said operatives raided Hampton Towers and Spa Hotel on Okpanam road, Asaba,

providing fake COVID-19 Test Results, Permit to Travel Certificates or declaring fake vaccination status at our Points of Entry. "The weight of the law is heavy and will come hard on these people."

He said: "The Vaccine Mandate will come into effect fully on 1st December 2021 and I encourage every Federal Government Worker and in essence, all Nigerians and Residents to get vaccinated.

"With the developments around the world, people will not be able to travel without their verified vaccination cards.

"The NPHCDA is ramping up vaccination around the country to ensure that citizens have access to the vaccines wherever they may be. The vaccines are now available, so we need people to go get their jabs. The ED NPHCDA will elaborate on this.

"I announced at our last briefing that the PSC's nine months mandate extension will come to an end by 31st December 2021.

"In order to effectively capture the core elements of our national response, a National Summit to end COVID-19 in 2022 and to strengthen Global Health Security is being planned to hold in Abuja from 6 - 7 December 2021."

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**Marwa**

where Dobodient Etumudor and Thompson Chukwuemeka were arrested with different quantities of psychoactive substances, while another suspected dealer, Emeka Ben, was nabbed with 4.7 kilogrammes of Methamphetamine on Asaba-Ibusa road.

He said other suspects arrested in Delta State on November 25 for dealing in meth, cannabis, cocaine, and heroin are Ifeanyi Odibe, Uche Onwurah, and Justice Obika.

Babafemi said in Kano State, a suspected drug dealer, Alhaji Bukar Malan Abdu, was arrested and 143 kilogrammes of cannabis recovered from him, while 466 kilogrammes of same drug was seized in the home of one Bashir Shuaibu, an indigene of Edo State, but resident in Kano, who deals in cannabis sativa.

The spokesman of NDLEA said on November 25, a drug dealer in Maiduguri, Borno State, Chima Obi, was arrested in a follow-up operation following the seizure of his drug consignment, 73.2 kilogrammes codeine, at an NDLEA checkpoint in Postiskum, Yobe State, the same day.

The Chairman/Chief Executive of NDLEA, Brig. Gen. Buba Marwa (rtd), in his reaction to the arrests and huge seizures in Lagos, Edo, Delta, Kano and Yobe States, commended the officers and men involved in the operations, urging them and their compatriots in other commands not to rest on their oars.

He also charged them to always strive to record greater feats until the drug supply and drug demand reduction targets of the agency are fully achieved.

### 'Tourism can boost Nigeria's IGR'

TOURISM has the potential to take Nigeria's Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) to great heights, stakeholders have said.

Lagos State Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, Prince Olaniyi Oyatoye, among others, stated this yesterday at the Lagos Asa Day 2021 and launch of the Youth Empowerment Access Centre. The event held at De Blue Roof, Lagos Television, Ikeja.

The event, themed 'Let's use our cultural heritage to revive our economy', was packaged and organised by ASA Day Worldwide Inc. Canada, in conjunction with Lagos State Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture.

Sanwo-Olu, who was represented by the Commissioner for Tourism, Art and Culture, Mrs. Uzamat Akinbile-Yussuf, restated his administration's commitment to promoting and preserving culture and traditions for today and future generations.

According to him, there could not be meaningful development in any society without a deep understanding of the

people's culture and traditions. He said huge revenue could be generated from art and culture if well harnessed.

The governor added that the unique and symbolic of Asa Day was in tandem with his administration's THEMES development agenda.

Prince Oyatoye, who is president and convener of ASA Day Worldwide, called for more collaboration between government and private organisations so the benefits in the industry could be exploited.

He said Lagos was endowed with both natural and human resources and 'the state can multiply its IGR through tourism'.

Nollywood actors Prince Jide Kosoko, Muka Ray, Yinka Quadri, praised the organisers for the initiative, saying the government stands to gain a lot if it invests in the industry.

Highlights of the event included cultural display, health talk, stage performance, lectures, launching of the Youth Empowerment Access Center and presentation of awards.



**Baba-Ahmed**





## Business & Economy

# Effects of the Petroleum Industry Act

***The Petroleum Industry Act (PIA) 2021, which has lingered for around 20 years as it went through the process of enactment is now being assiduously implemented by the Federal Government through the Mele Kyari-led NNPC to meet the expectations of transforming the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry into one of the most efficient in the world. Its effects are beginning to manifest. SALISU NA'INNA DAMBATT writes.***

THE effects of the Act are profound and certainly transformative. An analyst summarised some of the features of the PIA thus: "the Petroleum Industry Act 2021 defines the legal, governance, regulatory and fiscal framework for the Nigerian Petroleum Industry and also the development of host communities."

One of the many main changes and effects borne out of the Act is the incorporation of the Nigerian National Petroleum Company (NNPC) Limited. The Company must declare profits made from its operations just like any other limited liability company. It should pay Company Income Tax, rewards shareholders by paying them dividends. The new NNPC Limited would have no recourse to government budgetary allocation.

As the NNPC Limited becomes an independent organisation doing business to make profits as provided for in the PIA for its shareholders, it will have to drop the unbearable burden of selling petroleum products at below cost-recovery rates. The Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation told the Federation Account Allocation Committee during a meeting in November 2021 that, between January and September 2021, it spent N864.07 billion cushioning the price of petrol for consumers.

The NNPC found the subsidy as unsustainable. Indeed, the Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning, Hajiya Zainab Ahmed has announced that the federal government will remove fuel subsidies by 2022 in line with the provisions of the PIA 2021. Transportation grant of N5, 000 will be paid to each of the poorest 40 million Nigerians monthly. The Group Managing Director of the NNPC disclosed that the subsidy for petrol will likely end in February 2022.

By creating a Commission and the Midstream and Downstream Authority each of which has clear roles, an unwieldy single regulator with too much work to contend with, and the attendant bureaucracy and bottleneck this entails, no longer exists.

As undue bureaucratic bottleneck is removed by limiting the waiting time for approval of licences for new operators at the upstream, midstream and downstream segments of the sector to a maximum of 90 days, the industry is expected to attract more investors. The speedy approval is a function of accountability, transparency and efficiency, all of them sum up the effects of the PIA.

The envisaged expansion of the sector will most likely make it more profitable for the benefit of



Nigerians and the investors. The benefits will include more earnings for the government. The greater revenue will be used to finance critical projects like transportation infrastructure, expansion of electricity generation and distribution system, and the provision of additional healthcare and educational infrastructure for the over 200 million population of Africa's largest democracy.

The PIA promises more goodies for Nigerians as it boosts the harnessing, processing and use of the country's abundant natural gas endowment for cooking, as autogas, thermal power generation, fertiliser production and in earning more foreign exchange for the leading African energy power house. The Ajaokuta-Kaduna-Kano (AKK) gas pipeline project is designed to encourage gas utilisation in the country.

The ongoing construction of Train 7 for converting gas into Liquefied Natural Gas, has created thousands of jobs for both skilled and unskilled labour in the long value chain inherent in the project. More direct and indirect jobs will be created when it comes into operation. The NNPC under the watch of Mele Kyari is unrelenting in pursuing the project until it reaches its

logical, productive, conclusion.

Some of the provisions in the PIA are capable of enhancing peace and security in the oil bearing areas of the country. The three per cent of the operational budgets of oil companies amounting to a minimum of \$500 million annually that will go to host communities to finance their development projects is a recipe for happiness and progress in the hitherto restive Niger Delta.

Additional to all these benefits promised for Nigerians by the PIA, is the provision for a mechanism to address and redress environmental destruction through oil spillage. Its emphasis on remediation without delay and the envisaged more rigorous enforcement of the penalty for gas flaring will decelerate environmental degradation and protect means of marine livelihood from destructive pollution. Gas flaring in Nigeria is scheduled to cease by 2030, for the good of the environment.

Nigerians across the country have welcomed the Petroleum Industry Act which was signed by President Muhammadu Buhari on August 16, 2021. To illustrate, the Chairman of the Imo State chapter of the Oil Mineral Producing Areas Landlords Association of Nigeria (

OMPALAN), Chibunna Ubawuiké, commended the President for signing the bill into an Act of the National Assembly. "I thank President Buhari for expeditiously assenting to the PIB after over 16 years of being in the doldrums. The political will the President demonstrated in signing the bill into law is uncommon."

Mr. Chibunna said that implementing the provisions of the Act will end hostilities and restiveness in the Niger Delta. The establishment of the Niger Delta Development Commission, the allocation of 13 per cent of the revenue from the proceeds of crude oil to the nine oil producing states of the Niger Delta, the Amnesty Programme for repentant militants and the creation of the Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs, were measures aimed at ending the hostilities and restiveness in the oil bearing states.

However, it is noteworthy as clarified by the NNPC Group Managing Director, Alhaji Mele Kyari, that the royalties and taxes payable by the new NNPC Limited would be shared among the country's six geopolitical zones, the Federal Capital Territory, and all tiers of government. "This is very simple. This company will pay taxes and royalties, which



**Kyari**

are revenues that accrue to the federation. So every part of this country and every subnational institution or government will benefit from it," he pointed out.

The NNPC boss, who has been in charge of the Corporation for just over two years, has midwived several initiatives that transformed it. The enhanced transparency and accountability he engineered in its operations have led to the elimination of wasteful expenditure and the first-ever declaration of profit in the sum of N287 billion by the Corporation in its 44-year history. In the years to come, the new NNPC Limited will yield bigger profits every year, thanks to the effect of the PIA.





# Business & Economy

## FG seeks foreign investment for solid minerals development

From DORCAS PANKYES, Abuja

THE Federal Government, in its determined effort to improve the economic sphere of the country, create jobs for teeming Nigerian youths, provide infrastructural development and deliver on its mandate to diversify the economy from crude oil, is seeking foreign investments for the development of the minerals sector in the country.

The Minister of State Mines and Steel Development, Dr Uchechukwu Sampson Ogah made this known when he delivered the "Special Address" at the Dubai World Expo 2021, with the theme "Investment in the Nigerian Gold Sector: Opportunities in the Gold Value Chain" held in Abu Dhabi recently.

Ogah, who was honoured with the "Excellence In Public Service Award" by FIN-Africa-UAE Trade and Investment Forum Dubai, expressed gratitude to His Royal Highness, Sheikh Hamdan bin Khalifa, for the whopping sum of \$2bn pledged to Nigeria for the country's sustainable development drive.

He assured of Federal Government's commitment to ensure appropriate deployment of the funds, when the agreement is signed.

Speaking further, the minister noted that the Expo, with participants from over 200 countries, provided the opportunity to showcase the potentials of Nigerian minerals sector on Dubai soil with special emphasis on gold and other precious minerals abundant in Nigeria.

His words, "I must confess that there cannot be a better platform to showcase the Nigerian gold sub-sector than on this platform with notable global organizations and investors, minerals beneficiation companies, global financial institutions, commodity trading companies etc all in one event.

The minister disclosed that the need for the diversification of the economy has become more compelling now in the post Covid-19 era. Adding that the Federal Government has established policies that will support sustainable development of Nigeria's gold resources and development, as well as consideration of general matters on gold mining administration and incentives.

He disclosed that the President Muhammadu Buhari led administration is determined to consolidate on the gains of diversification as it forms the critical backbone of industrialization.

In his remarks, Zulfikar Ghadiyali, Executive Director, Royal Office of Sheikh Hamdan bin Khalifa and Global Peace Ambassador, United Nations, disclosed that the pledge of 2 billion dollars from its Sustainability Fund is to



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further cement the very close trade and bilateral relationship that exist between the two countries. He noted that peace in Africa can only be attained through sustainability development. Adding that, "If there is substantial development, you will automatically have peace".

In a related development, the Minister of State, Mines and Steel Development Dr. Uchechukwu Sampson Ogah, at the Intra-African Trade Fair 2021 held at the Durban International Convention Centre, South Africa, recently, with the theme, "Building Bridges for a Successful

AfCFTA", noted that the promotion of Intra-African Trade Fair is a unique platform for facilitating trade and investment as well as information exchange in support of African Continental Free Trade Area, (AfCFTA). It is a great medium for accelerating Africa's integrated development as a pivotal continent.

Ogah who revealed that Nigeria has unlimited trade opportunities that the African economy can leverage on, expressed appreciation to the organizers, African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) and the African Union Commission (AUC), the

## CBN automates non-commercial exports form for dealers

THE Central Bank of Nigeria said on Monday that it had automated the Non-Commercial Exports form for stakeholders in the business sector.

The CBN disclosed this in a circular, which was signed by the Director, Trade and Exchange Department, Dr O.S. Nnaji, and titled 'Automation of Form NCX on the trade monitoring system'.

When payments are not expected for goods to be shipped to any destination outside Nigeria, NCX form is required to be completed by shippers or their agents and submitted to the bank for approval subject to the stipulated guidelines in the foreign exchange manual.

The circular read, "This is to inform all authorised dealers, Nigerian Customs Service, shipping lines and airlines, National Museum and the general

public of the deployment of e-Form NCX.

"Accordingly, the e-Form NCX shall replace the hard copy of the Form NCX for non-commercial exports, with effect from November 30, 2021."

The circular said all authorised dealers were required to ensure that the processing of Form NCX should only be done electronically on the Trade Monitoring System's website.

According to the CBN, the e-Form NCX is web-based and allows non-commercial exporters to initiate the form from the offices or homes and submit same to the authorised dealer bank.

It said, "A charge of N5,000 as fee per declaration of e-Form NCX is applicable with effect from November 30, 2021 and henceforth.

"There will be a direct debit of the processing bank's current account for each declaration, which should be

THE Debt Management Office (DMO) on Monday said that the Federal government of Nigeria has relied on debt to finance over 90 percent of deficits contained in its annual Appropriation Acts.

Patience Oniha, Director General DMO, who disclosed this on Monday also informed that public debt was instrumental in helping Nigeria bounce back from the recession caused by economic shocks which put a strain on the country's revenue.

Speaking at the Executive Leadership Workshop organised for Senate Committee on Local and Foreign Debts and House Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management in Niger State, Oniha, said the government understands the need for caution when borrowing, especially with mounting public debt and rapidly increasing debt service obligations.

"It is true that the public debt has been growing. We should remember that Nigeria has witnessed economic shocks with major impacts on revenue that have resulted in recession twice and borrowing was a major tool for reversing the trends.

"However, going forward, there should be a strong emphasis on revenue generation from multiple sources other than crude oil to ensure that debt is sustainable", she explained.

According to her, those initiatives that have been introduced to finance capital projects through Public-Private Partnerships should be sustained to curtail the need for direct borrowing by the Government to fund infrastructure projects.

Speaking further, the DG said the DMO successfully developed the domestic fixed-income security market which has created access for Nigerian corporates in the international capital market through products such as

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Ahmed

Nigerian Treasury Bills, FGN bonds, Savings bonds, Sukuk, Green bonds, Eurobonds, and Diaspora bonds.

She informed that since 2017, when the DMO started issuing Sukuk on behalf of the Federal Government, over N365 billion proceeds have been realised in the issuances, while over \$12 million worth of Eurobond have been issued since 2011.

The DG said the workshop was being organised for lawmakers to broaden their knowledge on borrowings –

how it is done and why it is done.

"Public debt and debt management are at the interest of the public at large, and because the National Assembly has the power as contained in the DMO Act and the Fiscal Responsibility Act to approve those borrowings, it only means they should be knowledgeable about debt; how we borrow and what type of instruments we borrow, and to know about the levels of debt stock so that when requests are made to them to approve new borrowings, they have an understanding of it.

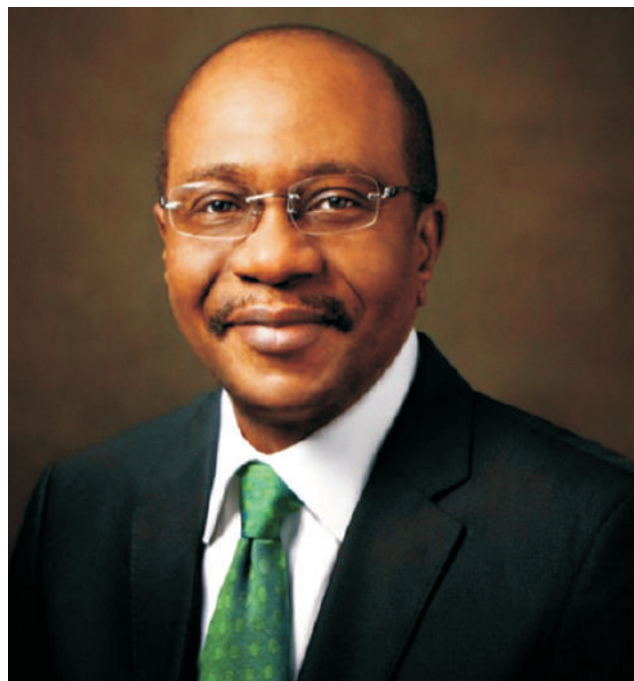
"This will make them better informed and also help us improve on our work," she said.

According to Oniha, the workshop was "holding at a most auspicious time, when public debt has become very topical in the local and international environments. Phrases such as debt transparency, fiscal deficit, debt burden, debt trap, default, etc., have become the subject of analysis and media write-ups almost on a daily basis."

"The DMO recognises that borrowing should be done with caution to meet developmental and sometimes, social needs and that proceeds are deployed judiciously," she stressed.

In his keynote address, Clifford Ordia, Senate Committee Chairman on Local and Foreign Debts, said debt is a veritable tool for economic growth and development if properly managed.

He added that effective debt management that emphasizes transparency, due process, and fiscal discipline can precipitate a turnaround in the economy.



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# Business & Economy

## Rising food price and wellbeing of Nigerians

**The welfare of Nigerians is deteriorating every day due to rising prices, especially that of food items in the market. An increase in food prices has been in existence even before COVID-19, which may be attributed to the level of insecurity experienced in the North, pronounced conflicts between farmers and herders within the country. BUSAYO ADEROUNMU writes.**

DURING COVID-19, however, the limitations encountered during the production process put more pressure on the prices of goods.

An observation of the price of some commodities from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) data set shows that the average cost of 1kg local rice year-on-year increased by 4.95 percent and month-on-month 0.01 percent increase. Likewise, the average price of 1kg tomatoes increased year-on-year by 19.28 percent, while a 1kg of white Garri, the popular poor man food, experienced a year-on-year 27.91 percent increase.

Akandu Godwin, the Rivers State chairman of Nigerian Rice Producers Association, complained about the lack of mechanised equipment like caterpillars and bulldozers needed for cultivation by rice farmers, which made rice production difficult. He warned the government against the neglect of rice farmers in the state.

A World Bank report shows that most Nigerians cannot afford three square meals nor have one time or the other skipped a meal during the day. The report shows that between July and September 2018, 43.3 percent of adults missed at least one meal, 39.3 percent ran out of food, while 13.5 percent went the whole day without food. A decline was experienced between January and February in 2019.

The percentage of adults who skipped food, ran out of food and went the whole day without food in Nigeria were 27.3 percent, 25.1 percent, and 6.4 percent, respectively. These were the period before the COVID-19.

However, by November 2020, 56.1 percent of households skipped at least one meal, 48.0 percent ran out of food, and 18.3 percent went the whole day without eating. The increase in these percentages may be attributed to the economic effect of the pandemic on the country.

The inability of people to eat well and quality food also have a great impact on their physical and mental health as well as causing malnutrition and stunted growth in children.

According to the National Bureau of Statistics, the inflation rate for October 2021 is 15.99 percent year-on-year, which is 1.76 percent more than the 14.23 percent recorded in October 2020.

The expert also noted a high probability that food prices will double by the end of 2021. This implies that the purchasing power of people will reduce, which may also be attributed to the fall in per capita GDP.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increased by 1.87 year-on-year in the first quarter of 2020 despite the global disruption experienced



from COVID-19, the fall in oil prices, and the barriers to international trade. The real GDP of Nigeria, which was expected to grow by 2.1 percent, was -6.1 percent and -3.6 percent respectively in the 2nd and 3rd quarter of the year but increased in the last quarter of 2020 by 0.01 percent.

Since 2015, the per capita Gross Domestic Capita growth rate has been negative. The growth rate in Nigeria's GDP per capita are -0.03 in 2015, -4.17 in 2016, -1.79 in 2017, -0.68 in 2018, -0.38 in 2019 and -4.26 in 2020

In a bid to mitigate the rising

effect of poverty among the people, the federal government disbursed a cash transfer of N58 billion in the past two months. The national coordinator of Home Improvement Programme Conditional Cash Transfer, Halima Shehu, in a statement during the two days sensitisation training programme for the beneficiaries said that the program was meant to support development goals to enhance household consumption. Shehu explained that this program was founded with the slogan "Beta don come" to help the lower class.

However, Nigeria, with over 200 million as of 2021, still has over 40% of its entire population living below the poverty line. The report further shows that more than 4 out of 10 people in Nigeria live below the national poverty line. Millions more just live above the poverty line, thus making them susceptible to falling back into poverty due to the shock experienced from the pandemic. The World Bank report in 2020 shows an expectation of a future rise in extreme poverty in Nigeria by about 15 to 20 million Nigerians moving into poverty. There is a high level of poverty

experienced, especially among rural dwellers and specifically women.

COVID-19 has added around 88 million to 115 million people to the list of impoverished people. World Bank estimates show that 97 million people moved into poverty as a result of the pandemic.

This implies that the government must put in place adequate measures and programs to curtail the economic effect of the pandemic on Nigerians, as it is evident that the COVID-19 pandemic had a negative impact on the welfare of the citizens.



## Politics

# Lalong mourns Plateau House member

By **PALANG KASMI**

"THE demise of Plateau State House of Assembly (PLHA), Member Hon. Henry Longs has come as a rude shock to me, the Plateau State Governor Simon Bako Lalong has said.

Lalong in a statement Monday also said he is saddened by the death of the serving member who died shortly after undergoing surgery.

Until his demise, Hon. Longs represented Pankshin South Constituency in the PLHA.

"I recieved the news of the death with shock and am deeply grieved by the demise of the State Legislator whom I describe as a promising politician, legal practitioner and committed citizen of Plateau State'.

"The late Hon. Henry Longs has been up and doing in representing the interests of his Constituency at the State House of Assembly as he has been doing his best to enhance the delivery of dividends of democracy to the electorates across the entire State".

"As a Member of the ruling APC, Henry Longs contributed his quota towards the success of the Party both within the Plateau House of Assembly and the entire State through the facilitation and passage of

## Gyang calls for arrest of terror attacks

From **DORCAS PANKYES, ABUJA**

SENATOR Istifanus Gyang of Plateau North Senatorial District has called on security agencies to tackle and arrest the spread of terror attacks and criminality following the news of the attack and killing of two persons at Durbi, Hon Bitrus Kaze's Village, Shere District of Jos East Local Government Area.

This was contained in a statement signed by Musa Ibrahim Ashom, Special Assistant media and protocol to Sen. Gyang.

The senator said it is worrisome to be witnessing attacks in communities as terrorists invade and unleash terror from one LGA to another in Plateau North.

The Senator however prays for the repose of the souls of those who were killed in the avoidable attacks.

According to the statement, senator I.D Gyang also prays for peace in Plateau State



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laws for the good governance of the State and the nation", said Lalong in the condolence message.

While commiserating with his family over the sad development, the Governor urged his constituents, the Speaker Rt. Hon. Yakubu Sanda

and entire members of the Plateau State House of Assembly to be consoled over the tragic incident as the late legislator did his best to serve Plateau State.

The Governor then prayed for the peaceful repose of the soul of the Lawmaker.

## NSHA holds workshop for LGC legislative arm speakers

From **MOHAMMED ABDULLAHI, Keffi**

NASARAWA State House of Assembly (NSHA) is to organize a workshop on grassroots legislative practices and procedures for Local Government Council Legislative arms in the state.

Speaker of the House, Rt. Hon. Ibrahim Balarabe Abdullahi disclosed this while playing host to Local Government Council Legislative Arms Speakers Forum who called on him during the week in Lafia.

The speaker, who was elated by the visit which he described as the first of its kind appreciated the local government legislative arms speakers' forum for the initiative.

Your move is capable of strengthening the bond of cordiality between the state House of Assembly and the local governments legislative arms which will in turn promote peace and good governance both at the state and local government levels," he said .

Balarabe Abdullahi said a workshop will be organized for elected councilors and clerks to acquaint them with legislative practices and procedures.

"I want to congratulate you for your election and for your emergence as heads of your respective legislative arms, I wish you well, and God's guidance" he prayed.

The speaker also described the local government legislative

arms as the watchdog of the executive while urging them to maintain cordial relationship with the executive arm for speedy development.

"You are implored not to abuse your constitutional rights but ensure good working relationship with the executive arm for effective service delivery and to advise you against any confrontation with your council chairmen but rather embrace dialogue as a way of resolving any grievances," he said

He then urged them to emulate the leadership style of the state House of Assembly by maintaining good working relationship with the executive.

Balarabe Abdullahi equally advised local government chairmen to carry the legislative arms along for the progress and development of their areas.

He also stressed that if anyone is found wanting the Assembly will not hesitate to call him to order.

THE Speaker, Nasarawa State House of Assembly, Alhaji Ibrahim Abdullahi, has attributed the Governor Abdullahi Sule's style of inclusiveness to be responsible for earning him the prestigious Zik Leadership Award.

Abdullahi stated this while speaking to newsmen in Lafia the state capital where he described the highly revered prize as a testimony of the governor's all inclusive administration, exemplary leadership qualities and outstanding wealth of experience in governance.

He expressed belief that the award would spur the governor to do more toward impacting positively on the lives of the people and other Nigerians

"This prestigious and highly revered award is a testimony of Governor Abdullahi Sule's all inclusive, exemplary leadership qualities and outstanding wealth of experience in governance as well as global industrialisation policy as a visionary leader" he

While assuring the forum of the house support, Balarabe Abdullahi advised them to lead with the fear of God if they must succeed.

Earlier, the Chairman of the Forum, who is also the Speaker of Obi Legislative Arm, Mailafia Abdulmalik said the visit was to among other things appreciate the Speaker for his outstanding leadership quality which has brought about meaningful development in the state as well as tap from his knowledge.

He however enumerated their Major challenges to include lack of requisite knowledge of legislative practices and procedures.

The chairman therefore solicited the support of the house to enable them succeed.

## Defamation of character: Former APC executives head to court

THREE Former Niger State All Progressives Congress



**Abdullahi**

## 'Exclusive style of leadership reason for Zik leadership award'

From **MOHAMMED ABDULLAHI, Keffi**

observed.

"The announcement of his emergence as the co-winner of the prestigious Zik Prize for Leadership Award did not come to us as a surprise because it is a testimony to his all inclusive governance, industrialisation policy and leadership qualities and we at the Nasarawa State House of Assembly are proud of him, we associate ourselves with his leadership qualities, a man of the people, a legislature-friendly governor" he maintained.

"Our support for his

administration to succeed beyond all expectations remain our project and may he continue to soar high with the protection and guidance of the Almighty and it is indeed a victory for the entire people of Nasarawa State, and we members of the state assembly felicitate with him on this victory," the speaker said.

Abdullahi therefore stated that the award was a great moral booster for the governor to consolidate on what he is doing for the people of the state.

He however called for more support and prayers for the governor to succeed.



**Sule**

## Northern Governors celebrate Atiku @75

By **PALANG KASMI**

Governors of the 19 Northern States have joined the other well wishers to felicitate with former Vice President Atiku Abubakar on his 75th birthday.

The Governors, through their spokesperson and Chairman, Governor Simon Bako Lalong of Plateau State in a message described the former Vice President as an accomplished politician, businessman and a philanthropist who has used his opportunities in life to serve the nation and assist people in need.

The Northern Governors

Forum (NGF) Chairman said the Forum also recognises and appreciates Atiku's contributions to resolving some of the nation's challenges including those peculiar to the northern region such as illiteracy, poverty, insecurity, unemployment and lack of unity.

The forum's Chairman wished the elder statesman many more years of peace and good health urging the celebrant to continue to serve the people and avail the region and Nigeria his experience, wisdom and goodwill.

the offences contrary to section ninety-seven (97) and three hundred and ninety two (392) of the Penal Code Law and try the accused persons accordingly.

Meanwhile, Counsel to the defendants, Barrister Bukani, raised Preliminary objections that his clients were not personally served with court summon, adding that his complainants have another case in court seven, which he said is an off shoot of the court.

Counsel to the plaintiffs, Barrister Leri, told the court that the presence of the accused persons was necessary considering the volume of accusation against them.

The Chief Magistrate of the Court, Ibrahim Shaba, however adjourned the case for further hearing.

From **MATHEW JWANTU, Minna**

(APC) Executives have dragged their colleagues to Chief Magistrate Court Bosso for an alleged conspiracy and defamation of character.

In a joint suit the State Former APC Chairman, Jibrin Imam, Secretary Barrister Muhammed Liman and Treasurer, Doctor Shaffi'i Abdulsalam, accused the State Former Party Acting Executives for conspiring and maliciously publishing and granting interviews alleging that they misappropriated the State party funds.

The duo prayed that the court should rescue their image and take cognizance of



Politics

Irigwe land: An end is coming to attacks

By PAULINE DALLONG

SPEAKER of the Plateau State House of Assembly (PLHA), RT. Hon. Yakubu Yakson Sanda has expressed believe that all attack on the people of Irigwe will soon come to an end, as he calls for continuous prayer.

He said this Monday, when he led other members of the state assembly on a condolence visit to the paramount ruler of Irigwe land and Acting Chairman, Bassa Traditional Council, His Royal Highness the Bra Ngwe Irigwe, Ronku Aku at his palace.

In his words: "We are at the palace of His Royal Highness to condole with the Irigwe nation, over the recent attack which led to the death of many while houses were burnt down".

While encouraging the paramount ruler and his subjects to take solace in the fact that God knows why certain things happen, he said it was a phase that would soon pass.

Also speaking, Hon. Ibrahim Peter Gyendeng, the House Minority Leader and member representing BakinLadi constituency said it was with a heavy heart that members received the news of yet another attack on the Irigwe people.

According to him, it is very sad indeed that such was happening at a time when everyone thought that peace was gradually returning, he however, added that with time, all



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these will be a thing of the past.

In his remarks, Hon. Musa Agah representing Rukuba/Irigwe constituency, expressed appreciation to the speaker and members for the concern shown especially for coming physically to commiserate with the Irigwe people.

While describing the recent attack on Ta'agbe village as very devastating, he wondered why it happened at a time when the state government was making every concerted effort to see that peace was restored to the area and other parts of the state.

Responding, the royal father thanked the speaker and members of his entourage for identifying with the Irigwe nation, asking what the Irigwe people have done to warrant this cycle of

attacks.

He appealed to the lawmakers to do all it takes in order to find lasting solutions to the attacks and ensure that peace was once again restored so that the people will go about their normal lives without fear of being attacked or killed.

PLHA speaker saddened over demise of Henry Longs

The Speaker, Plateau State House of Assembly (PLHA), Rt. Hon. Yakubu YaksonSanda has described the death of Hon. Henry Longs, member representing Pankshin South constituency as shocking and a great loss to the House and state as a whole.

In a statement by his Press Secretary, Sabastian Hommuk, he said that the entire members,

A former Deputy Governor of the old Plateau State Alhaji Halilu Bala Usman has tasked the recently appointed overseers of the Development Areas in Nasarawa state to discharge their duties dispassionately and with the fear of God in order to justify the confidence reposed in them by the Governor and their people.

They have also been advised to ensure prudence, probity and accountability in all their actions and inactions which are in line with the policy thrust of the present administration.

Speaking in an exclusive interview with THE NIGERIA STANDARD immediately after the inauguration of the Overseers at Government House, Lafia, the former Deputy Governor cum traditional ruler congratulated all the appointees and implored them to see their coming on board as call to serve their people.

"You should see your appointment as a call to serve and not you to be

Overseers urged to discharge duties dispassionately

From MOHAMMED ABDULLAHI, Keffi

served or as a gold mine as such you should brace up to make a difference so that you can engrave your names in gold," he stressed.

Bala who is now a first class traditional ruler the Osu- Ajiri in Nasarawa Local Government Area of the state further admonished the Overseers to cooperate fully with their various council Chairmen and avoid any form of conflicts or unnecessary disagreement that may bring about the disruption of vital service provision for the people.

He however, stated that in the event of any conflict they should employ the spirit of dialogue and consultations with a view to get the best solution.

On why no woman was appointed, the former Deputy Governor attributed such to the politics associated with the process, but expressed

optimism that the governor would consider them in his next set of appointments especially that he is gender sensitive and considerate at all times.

To the people of the state, the Paramount ruler tasked them to ensure they accord the overseers their support and cooperation which would in turn be to their advantage.

On why the overseer of his own area Hon. Salihu Adamu was the only one that returned for third term consecutively, the traditional ruler attributed such to his good record of performance in which he exhibited a high sense of responsibility, decorum, respect and accountability as well as avoidance of conflict in the discharge of his responsibilities.

He however, tasked him to continue to maintain such noble attributes in order to earn himself a more higher position and urged all others to emulate him so as to get such honour and recognition.

By PAULINE DALLONG

the well being of his constituents, adding that his dedication to the peace and unity of Plateau will forever be cherished.

Sanda added that Hon. Long's wealth of experience and contributions on the floor of the House would be greatly missed by his colleagues and constituents.

While sympathizing with his immediate family, the people of Pankshin South and entire state, the speaker urged

them to accept the loss as the will of God and prayed for God's comfort for the family.

Meanwhile, the speaker in company of twenty (20) members of the House, except for Hon. Abok Nuhu Ayuba, Hon Na'anlongGapyil Daniel and Hon. LivinusKwapfuan were at the deceased residence at the Federal Low-cost, Jos to further commiserate with the family.

Responding on behalf of the family, Mr. Albert Longs who expressed gratitude to the speaker and members for coming to share in their moment of grief said they were deeply touched, adding that words cannot express how they feel as a family.

While describing his cousin as a role model and father to many, Mr. Longs said that even though a sad loss, they cannot question God and His timing but are happy that he has played his role and has exited for others to play theirs.

We will create a level playing ground-Plateau APC chairman

By BULUS GAMBO & JENNIFER YARIMA

CHAIRMAN All Progressive Congress, (APC) Plateau State, Chief Rufus Bature has disclosed that the party would create a level playing ground for aspirants intending to contest under its platform for the 2023 forthcoming elections.

The chairman disclosed this when he hosted a Plateau State gubernatorial aspirant Prof Dakas Clement Dakas and his supporters who went to his for his blessings

recently.

The chairman of the party noted with due respect that his party was aware of the need to ensuring a credible and trustworthy candidate emerges in the aftermath of the primaries to ensuring that it sustain its positional standing as a wining party and one to beat in the country.

He disclosed that though a few other aspirants have met him, Prof Dakas were the first to open meet him in such a manner add urged all supporters to imbibe good and transparent character as

politics was not a do or die affairs.

According to him, "we all have a role to play towards ensuring that we move the state forward and we cannot afford to let our people and or future generation down".

Chief Bature advice the aspirant to be of good conduct and integrity which he has been known for and one legal luminary who has contributed a lot to the growth of Plateau through his wealth of experience and rare wisdom.

The APC state chairman disclosed that Prof. Dakas Clement Dakas was and is still amongst few illustrious sons and daughters of the state who have distinguished themselves in their professional calling.

Earlier, the gubernatorial aspirant Prof. Dakas Clement Dakas had acknowledged the since sacrifice of the party chairman towards ensuring internal democracy and consolidation of the APC led government of Plateau State Governor Simon Bako Lalong.

He admonished Bature to do his best alongside other stakeholders towards ensuring that the party produces a successor after the incumbent Governor to

break the jinx in the historical analysis of the state.

He then pledged his loyalty to the party chairman and all other stakeholders of the party in the state.

In her vote of thanks, Hajiya Salamatu Uba thanked the party chairman for granting them audience despite the short notice and

thanked him for his words of encouragement during the visit.

She acknowledged that credibility of Prof. Dakas Clement Dakas who has what it takes to redefine the prospects of Plateau State if given the opportunity to serve his people in the capacity of the governor of the state.

Gyang describes Ta'agbe attack as set back to peace

SENATOR Istifanus D. Gyang of Plateau North has received the sad news of latest terror attack on Ta'agbe village in Rigwe land of Bassa local government saying the ugly development is a set back to the peace that was returning to Plateau North Senatorial District.

A statement by the Special Assistant media and protocol to Senator Gyang, Musa Ashom Ibrahim said Senator Gyang expresses concern that the very persons responsible for previous attacks on Rigwe land and other communities in Plateau North are the same merchants of death that visited Ta'agbe with

From DORCAS PANKYES

terror, killing 10 persons, leaving several others with gun shot injuries in addition to houses burnt and valuable properties destroyed.

According to the statement, the Senator said that the terrorists have been emboldened to undertake repeated attacks due to inability of government to give clear and definite orders to the Operation Safe Haven to decisively engage the terrorists to end the cycle of attacks on peace loving citizens and communities in Plateau North.

The Senator while condemning the dastardly attacks called on the Operation Safe Haven



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Commander to take all necessary steps to secure law abiding citizens and ensure that those behind the Ta'egbe attacks are apprehended to face justice.



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STATE PRAYER AND FASTING

The monthly fasting and prayers for Plateau State took place on Friday last week at the Government House Chapel Rayfield, Jos



Deputy Governor of the State, Prof. Sonni Gwanle Tyoden (left) being ushered in by the Deputy Chaplain, Government House Chapel, Rev. Ezekiel Dewan



Chief of Staff Government House, Hon. Noel Dongjur (middle) with the Commissioner of Justice, Barr. Chrisantus Ahmadu (left) and the Commissioner of Agric, Dr. Hosea Finangwai



A cross section of government officials at the service



Chapel band ministering in songs at the service



L - R: Justice Philomena Lot (Rtd) Adviser on Judiciary, Hon. Felicia Yakzum, Adviser on Women Affairs and Barr. Jonathan Mawuyau, Adviser on Legal Affairs during the Prayers and fasting



A cross section of worshippers at the service



Commissioner of Women Affairs, Hon. Rebecca Adar Sambo delivering her speech



Deputy Governor, Prof. Sonni Gwanle Tyoden in a group photograph with participants at the end of the month prayers for the state

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## Politics

# Constitutionalism, patriotism and hope in Nigeria

**No nation can attain meaningful and sustained development in an atmosphere of turbulence and chaos. For a nation to achieve progress, there has to be functional set of rules and regulations that moderate and guide the conduct of the citizenry to mitigate the natural tendencies of humans to misbehave in a manner that would cause injury to others or distress to the polity as a whole, AYUBA YILGAK'HA writes.**

CONSTITUTIONALISM is a political ideology that gives credence to being lawful. It is the process of living according to the dictates of laws or constitution which is always goal specific.

The development of the culture and practice of constitutionalism in the United States of America (USA) is a classic beauty to behold. While most nations, especially developing countries like Nigeria often fail in harkening to basic dictates of constitutional provisions, America has proven itself relatively faithful in doing so. Just recently when the country's President, Joseph Biden Jr was scheduled for what was referred to as "routine medical procedure", the president demonstrated with great patriotism the power of constitution and constitutionalism by way of seamless transmission of power to the Vice President, Kamala Harris through a letter transmitted to the Senate and addressed to the Senate President Protempore, Honourable Patrick Leahy, on November 19, 2021.

Because of the importance of the letter to this discourse, the main body of it is reproduced here and it reads:

"Dear Senator Leahy,  
Today I will be under a routine medical procedure requiring sedation. In view of present circumstances, I have determined to transfer temporarily the powers and duties of the office of President of the United States to the Vice President during the brief period of the procedure and recovery.

In accordance with the provision of section of the Twenty - Fifth Amendment to the United States constitution, the letter shall constitute my written declaration that I am presently unable to discharge the powers and duties of the office of the President of the United States. Pursuant to section 3, the Vice President shall discharge these powers and duties as Acting President until I transmit to you a written declaration that I am able to resume the discharge of those powers and duties.

Sincerely,  
Joseph Biden, President of the United States of America."

As I read and meditate on the soothing contents of this letter, my heart bleeds for Nigeria, my country because



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I was also reflecting on how difficult it has always been for Nigerian leaders (and followers) to do the needful even in critical and glaring cases of incapacitation. I remember, for instance, how difficult it was for power to be transferred to the then Vice President, Goodluck Ebele Jonathan when Late President Umaru Yar'Adua became very sick and eventually died. In fact, there are clearly indications that most Nigerian leaders would rather prefer to die in power than to die honouring the constitution they swope to protect which should not be the case.

By the way, what is the secret of America's breakthrough in constitution and constitutionalism? Coyle (1957) provides a hint as follows: 'The (American) Federal Government created by the constitution was a synthetic sovereign state and it was made, not born; the living flesh that now covers it's bones has been added by men who have made it to work - That is, by Americans practicing the art of political and sometimes of statesmanship.' In other words, pragmatic-cum-patriotic involvement and engagement of the citizenry is the magic behind America's towering profile in constitutionalism.

The constitution is the ground norm of a society or country. In the profound

words of Madison (1957), one of the most respected 'Founding Fathers' and signatories to America's historic Constitution which heralded the country's independence on July 4, 1776, "The aim of every political constitution is, or ought to be, first, to obtain for rulers men who possess the most wisdom to discern and most virtue to pursue the common good of the society and; in the next place, to take the most effectual precautions for keeping them virtuous while they continue to hold their public trust." A very noble objective here but, often times, hard to be realised especially in developing countries like Nigeria that seem to be suffocating from many developmental contradictions.

Muhammad, Nazariah and Isa (2019) observed generally that, "The process of evolution/attainment and development of nation/statehood is not achieved overnight mistakes are made, lessons are learned; considerations, concession, compromises, sacrifices, losses, and gains are made; symbiotic, parasitic or commensalism relations and co-habitation occur and do change with time and circumstances; conflicts of different dimensions occur and never ending, while controversies trail some other issues, even

wars are sometimes fought and reconciliations made in the long or short run."

The scholars further observed that "This is typical to the Nigerian state and her evolution and development process." What this implies is that Nigeria's development trajectory is fractured or dislocated by myriad of problems and, therefore, in need of structural face-lift and constitutional coherence through altruistic motivations and patriotic pragmatism. But what is Patriotism, by the way?

Patriotism is the emotional attachment and love for one's country. It is an intrinsic and instinctive drive towards the achievement of public or national interest; instead of parochial or personal interest that is often rooted in greed fed by corruption. Patriotism is the oil that lubricates the wheel of nationalism which can be described succinctly, as the emotive desire for self determination from all forms of serfdom or slavery. It is the anchor of hope for national liberation and transformation which is in all things most desirable in every given circumstance.

National transformation can be seen as a holistic and spontaneous change in the structural configuration of a country. It has to do with sustained breakthrough in all facets of a country's life, be it economic, social, political, security and diplomatic relations. This breakthrough, for all intents and purposes, has to be seen to be practically reflecting in the overall welfare and security of the lives and properties of the citizenry. This is exactly the level of development every nation, and Nigeria in particular, craves for obvious reasons.

To be frank, the intense clamour for constitutional revolution or restructuring in Nigeria, especially in the current democratic dispensation that began in 1999, is a clear pointer that most Nigerians are disenchanted with the slow pace of development in the country, given its abundant blessings in both human and material resources.

Despite Nigeria's huge potentials for development, most of the country's development indices: Human Development Index (HDI) which covers knowledge, purchasing power and life expectancy; macroeconomic

indicators like unemployment and poverty, economic growth, inflation, interest rate, etc.; Terrorism Index and Corruption Index if not all, are showing bad signals. For instance, Nigeria's unemployment rate was as high as 33.3 percent throughout the last quarter of 2020 (Olurounbi, 2021). Apart from being rated 'the poverty capital of the world' from 2019 and still maintains status with over 86 million out of the over 209 million of its people living in abject poverty; it is ranked, 146th position out of 180 countries, as one of the most corrupt countries in the world too and also the Third most terrorised country after Afghanistan and Iraq (World Data Lab, 2021, Transparency International (TI), 2021 and Institute of Economic and Peace [IEP], 2021 respectively). Hence, the need to make adjustments as passionately convassed by many but nearly frustrated apostles of restructuring in the country.

The main thesis of this reflective expository essay is that the hope of Nigeria's breakthrough lies in the capacity to make the country's restructuring agenda human driven. This is because the human factor is the single most important resource that could make or mar the ambition to develop. It takes human beings (citizens) to mobilise other resources, make good laws and ensure they are followed to the letter. With pragmatic and patriotic citizens who are garnished or baked with sound emotional, social, intellectual and moral capital, changing the relevant aspects of the Nigerian constitution as the first step towards restructuring and living by the laws (constitutionalism) after they have been changed, will be a work over exercise. In other words, with constitutionalism sustained by patriotism, Nigeria's dream of achieving greatness is guaranteed, all things being equal.

We cannot afford to live under the illusion that all is well in Nigeria; there are challenges, really, "But we must set new aims and go on growing that one day we may be The respected equals of all other nations" as Hendrik Lund (2012) will put it. There is hope for Nigeria: You and I can make the country work and for the good of all of us.



## News

# Health care agency hands over facility, equipment

By NAOMI SANTOS

NATIONAL Primary Healthcare Development Agency has handed over a befitting facility, modern generator as well as medical equipment to the Primary Healthcare Clinic in Dong village of Jos North Local Government Area of Plateau State to enhance healthcare Service delivery to residents of the locality.

This was contained in a statement signed by the Special Adviser on Media and Publicity to the Chairman of Jos North LGC, Philip Eplong and made available to THE NIGERIA STANDARD in Jos.

The Coordinator, Martha Nigeria Limited, Doctor Obi Chike who handed over the facility and medical equipment on behalf of the Agency, said the organization is partnering the Association of Local Government Chairmen to provide quality healthcare services to the door step of the citizens.

Dr. Chike appreciated the Chairman of Jos North Local Government Council, Shehu Bala Usman and relevant stakeholders in the area for coming for his timely response to ensure a smooth transition.

He noted that it is not enough to build a facility but maintaining it is also key. He advised the local council to start operating the facility which according



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to him is ready for use.

Executive Chairman of Jos North Local Government Council, Shehu Bala Usman while inspecting the facility and medical equipment, appreciated the National Primary Health Care Development Agency for building a modern Healthcare center in the area.

Usman noted that the facility cited in Dong Village will go a long way in ensuring inhabitants of the area have access to standard and qualitative primary healthcare services.

He assured of the commitment of his administration to deploy adequate man power and other necessary support for immediate operation of the

facility.

The Chairman lamented on the activities of criminally minded elements who recently entered the facility and carted away some doors and other electrical equipment as unfortunate and directed the immediate engagement of ten personnel of the Hunters Association of Nigeria in Dong to guard the facility.

Those present at the handing over of the facility and Hospital equipment include, the Permanent Secretary Local Government Service Commission, Henry Langkwap, traditional rulers, Hunters Association of Nigeria as well as Dong Youth Vanguard.

A notorious bandit terrorising Kaduna-Abuja highway, Yellow Magaji has been gunned down by police operatives in Kaduna.

This was disclosed in a statement signed by the police public relations Officer (PPRO) Kaduna state command, ASP Muhammed Jalige, dated November 27, 2021, made available to newsmen.

The statement said, "On the 24th November, 2021 operatives of the Kaduna police command in collaboration with the Federal Intelligence Bureau and Special Tactical Squad Force headquarters, Abuja on the directive of the Commissioner of Police Mudassiru Abdullahi acted on credible intelligence and raided a facility Known as sir Joe guest inn located at No.8 Sajo Street Unguwan Maigero area of Sabon Tasha in Chikun LGA of Kaduna State where a report of suspected bandits were said to have lodged.

"While the cautiously coordinated raid was ongoing, the suspected armed bandits on sensing danger, took to their heels shooting sporadically leading to a gun duel with the operatives.

"One notorious bandit popularly called Yellow Magaji a.k.a Arushe was wounded in the shootout whereas his equally notorious partner, Yellow Ashana and others escaped with bullet wounds," it informed.

The statement explained that the wounded bandit

# Police gun down notorious terrorist

From JOHN FWAH Kaduna

was thereafter taken to Barau Dikko Teaching Hospital for possible resuscitation in a bid to obtain useful information but was confirmed dead on arrival by a medical doctor.

"After an extensive search of the scene, the operatives recovered one AK47 rifle loaded with twenty three (23) rounds of 7.62 X 39mm live ammunition, fourteen (14) expended shells of the aforesaid ammunition and one Boxer motorcycle belonging to the bandits.

"The owner of the facility who harbours the criminals was equally arrested for questioning.

"It is significant to state



IGP Alkali

# Bokkos constitutes transition committee

By NAOMI SANTOS

EXECUTIVE Chairman Bokkos Local Government Council, Hon. Joseph Guluwa, has approved the composition of a transition committee for Bokkos LGC.

This was contained in a press statement signed by Information Officer, the LGC, Philip Agwom Atsen and made available to THE NIGERIA STANDARD in Jos, Plateau State.

Members of the committee are: Majau Yusuf - Chairman, Mafulul Gabriel - Deputy Chairman, Damla Samuel - Member, Dishil Sunday - Member, Hon Emmanuel Asamai - Member, Philip Datukun - Member.

Others are Sarah Adanchin - Member, Hon Sylvanus Mahannan Ayuba - Member, Barr Jonathan Mawiyau - Member, Emmanuel Agati - Member and Pastor Alheri Sagai as the Secretary,

The terms of reference of the committee which was expected to complete its assignment and submit the report in 5 weeks from inauguration include:

Review and ascertain the comprehensive records of assets of the Bokkos LGC including land & properties, vehicles, Machinery and others. Review and ascertain the comprehensive liabilities of Bokkos LGC including outstanding contractors

and vendors liabilities, outstanding claims of past political office holders, staff claims and others. Review and Ascertain All Contracts/ Expenditure 2018 -2021 (for The past 36 months to hand over). review of revenue receipts 2018-2021 - All FAAC

(SRA), VAT, IGR & other income etc - for the past 36 months to hand over). identify new/untapped IGR sources for possible harnessing.

Some of the terms include: recommend strategy for investments & public private partnerships

and direct labour agency including the resuscitation of Bokkos investment company. Recommend strategy to constitute strong lobby team for the completion of Panyam-Bokkos-Wamba Road by FGN and how to attract international ..and national development partners. recommend strategy For

physical planning & development of Bokkos Mega city plan. Identify short-term, medium-term and long-term strategic economic development pillars for pursuit in Bokkos LGA. Any other issues as may be assigned and lastly report in 5 weeks from inauguration.

# ...sets up revenue committee

HON Joseph Guluwa has approved the set up of Revenue Central Advisory/Monitoring Committee For Bokkos LGC to reverse the low IGR profile of Bokkos LGA.

In a statement signed by Secretary Bokkos LGC for Executive Chairman Bokkos LGC, Pastor Alheri Sagai and made available to THE NIGERIA STANDARD in Jos, the Plateau State capital.

The committee which was expected to work closely with the revenue officer and other revenue staff of the LGC have the following membership: Guful Mankilik (Special Adviser - revenue) - committee Chairman, Zechariah Termen (Special Assistant/PA- Revenue) -

Member, Danladi Dauda Mangut (Special Assistant- Revenue) - Member, Hon Mahanan Ibrahim Nyalwat (Special Assistant- Revenue) - Member, Hon Nicholas J. Mundat (Special Assistant- Revenue) - Member.

Others include: Ambayin Atawal (Special Assistant - Revenue) - Member, Bukams Daniel Maryiom (Special Assistant- Revenue) - Member, Rabi Mahannan Mashingil (Special Assistant - Revenue) - Member, Juan Samuel (Special Assistant - Revenue) - Member, Hon Reuben Alims (Special Assistant - Revenue) -

Member, Mangs Danjuma Maina (Special Assistant - Revenue Honourary) - Member, Gabriel Gyawal Thakal (Special Assistant- Revenue) - Member

Others are: Sunday Danat- Special (Assistant - Revenue) - Member, John Dakup Tajan Shekarau (Special Assistant- Revenue) - Member, Timothy Danshak (Special Assistant - Revenue) - Member, Emmanuel D. Dikop (Special Assistant - Revenue) - Member, Alh Yahaya Adamu Laban (Special Assistant- Revenue) - Member and Anjappi Shedrach - Revenue Committee - Secretary

Terms of reference: The committee is a

special/standing committee created by the Executive Chairman with the following responsibilities:- Identify all revenue generating avenues.- Support enforcing the collection of all revenues. identify leakages and proffer solutions. -Advice and make recommendations to the chairman/Council periodically appropriate levies to be charged that are untapped. -Support the enforcement of penalties on defaulters. - Strategically recommend the modalities for deployment of ICT in collection Bokkos LGC IGR.

Others include: Develop strategy and policy for constant and sustainable

revenue generation. Supervise and monitor the assessment, collection and accounting of all market revenues, including creating sub-committees to monitoring operations of each market where necessary. -Supervise and monitor the assessment, collection and accounting of all Bokkos LGC revenues, fees, levies, fines and default penalties and interest as stipulated in Plateau State Revenue Law and as may be specified in any Bokkos LGC bye-laws or any government extant laws, rules and regulations and the committee shall make weekly operations and performance reports and reports directly to Executive Chairman.



## News

# Christian schools: Tools for national transformation

By JIDAUNA DARING

COMMISSIONER, Higher Education, Plateau State, Hon Mrs. Elizabeth Wapmuk has described the contribution of Christian schools in the education sector as a strong tool for national transformation.

Mrs. Wapmuk who also oversees secondary education was represented by Mrs. Magdalene N. Dami, of Jos North Area directorate, advised ACSN not to relent in its effort in promoting or uplifting the standard in Plateau and beyond.

This was issued in a communique presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> Association of Christian Schools in Nigeria (ACSN) general assembly 2021 and signed by the members of the communique drafting committee and made available to **THE NIGERIA STANDARD** in Jos on Monday.

Delivering a key-note address titled: "Component of a Functional Christian School for Maximum Development," Professor Festus Kolo who divided his address into 5 parts, focused on what a Christian school should be, and the necessary components for maximum development.

Prof. Kolo charged Christian schools to engage in the 3Hs, which are the Head, the Hand and the Heart.

He explained that the Head has to do with cognitive development and critical thinking, adding that, Hand performs the function of entrepreneurship and skill development while the Heart carried out the spiritual development of the individuals.



Wapmut

In their separate remarks, ECWA president, Rev. Stephen Baba Panya who was represented by Mr. Solomon Y. Gizo and COCIN president, Rev. Prof. Dacholom Datiri who was represented by Rev. Dr. Toma Habila Abungyak, both urged the association, proprietors and administrators to continue working towards reviving the standard of education in Nigeria.

The duo maintained that, only Christian education can curb the scourge in the society, adding that ACSN should see herself as stakeholders in the country and be passionate about raising servant leaders through Biblical discipline.

The proprietors on their part, advised that Christian schools should employ qualified Christian teachers and train

them to understand and run based on the vision and mission which established their schools.

Earlier in her welcome remarks, ACSN president, Dr. Mrs. Ekaete Ettang challenged the participants on the mandate for Christian education which is to rise up and make the difference in a godless generation.

Dr. Mrs. Ettang said that, one of the major achievement of the strategic plan was the national summit which three has been held already; first Lokoja, Gboko and recently in Abuja where it metamorphosed into the Christian education summit (CEST) with participants drawn from over 20 states of the Federation.

## Prof Izam invested NIOB President

By NAOMI SANTOS

VICE Chancellor of the Plateau State University Bokokos, Builder Professor Yohana Izam has been sworn in as the 21st President of the Nigerian Institute of Builders at an elaborate investiture ceremony in Abuja the nation's capital witnessed by key industry players.

This was contained in a statement signed by Public Relations Officer, John K. Agam and made available to **THE NIGERIA STANDARD** in Jos.

In his inaugural address, Professor Izam decried what he described as the sorry state of housing in Nigeria which was bedeviled by a combination of inconsistent policies, demographics and poor industry practices and that the overall impact of these variables have reflected in the massive housing shortage in quality and quantity in the nation.

Izam proposed an engagement with all housing delivery platforms to ensure the integration of the inputs of Builder's professional

inputs in some key federal government housing policies.

He said in order to find sustainable solutions to the challenges in the construction industry, Builders have contributions to make in terms of appropriate construction methodology and firm regulatory framework.

Speakers during the investiture ceremony also used the occasion to highlight challenges in the building industry in Nigeria with a view to proffering solutions that would address them in both the short term and in the long term.

Chairman of the occasion, Vice Chancellor of the Benue State University, Prof. Tor Iorapuu has expressed concern over the increasing cases of building collapse in the country, saying when building collapse, the nation collapses.

Guest Speaker and former Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Jos and former

Plateau State Attorney-General, Professor Dakas Clement Dakas tasked the newly sworn in NIOB President to find constructive solutions to the challenge of building collapse in the country. Professor Dakas who described Builder Izam as a team player and expressed confidence in his ability to create an enabling environment for inter-agency collaboration in the construction industry in Nigeria.

Six prominent Nigerians including Governor of Plateau State and Chairman, Northern Governors Forum, Simon Bako Lalong, Governor Samuel Ortom, Governor Aminu Masari, and Senator Danjuma Goje were conferred with the Institute's honorary fellowship for their immense contributions to the building industry through massive infrastructural development.

One hundred and twenty eight members were inducted into the Nigerian Institute of Builders which is the training arm of the building profession in Nigeria.



## Walking on slippery grounds

THE sad event that happened last Sunday calls for serious introspection on the part of all well meaning Plateau people and, indeed, all Nigerians. What we had heard from far off suddenly came knocking at our very own backyard. Who would have thought that the Jos Prisons, ensconced in the heart of the various security organizations in the city would be attacked in the manner that happened last Sunday?

Sadly, the medium security facility just like its counterparts in Edo and Owerri, was caught off guard even though it is strategically located and surrounded on all sides by either police formations or the Department of State Service. What could have happened that the perpetrators of the dare devil act had the gumption of carrying out this infamous act without any of the security agencies having an inkling of what was to happen?

This speaks volumes about the capacity and ability of our security services in intelligence gathering. Indeed, that the attack happened at the heart of the organizations that are supposed to protect the community is a confirmation of the lack of preparedness of these agencies to do their jobs well. President Goodluck Jonathan had cried out long before now that Boko Haram had infiltrated his administration yet he was not taken seriously. Here we are faced with a situation similar to what he had spoken about years ago and we seemed not to have taken any lessons from him.

From every indication, the invaders must have done their homework. They must have known that striking on a Sunday evening provided them with the best possible time to succeed and they did, if

the reports of the number of escaped prisoners is anything to go by. That was even when earlier information had pointed to the fact that the gunmen had been trapped inside the facility. This lack of preparedness in the face of recent attacks across the country on similar facilities only confirms the lackadaisical attitude of Nigerians towards the affairs of their country.

Nobody gives a hood about taking preventive measures in the face of the happenings in other states. The notion is always that it can not happen here. We refuse to

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learn from others who had made similar mistakes and paid dearly for it. Now we have criminals who had been put behind bars thrust back into society to swell the number of miscreants and visit the failures of those who are paid to protect the community on the innocent.

But what is it about Jos that each time there is seeming peace something happens to jolt the city out of its riverie? Only recently

there was a disruption of the peace in the sleepy community in Te'egbe, in Bassa Local Government Area of the state after a lull in the area. We must come to the realisation that we have to take our destiny in our hands if we are to make progress as a people. Government at the centre must know that federalism is about ceding power to the federating units. The state governors must therefore push for community policing if they are to succeed at all.

We might not get it right from the beginning but with time and the determination to succeed, things would eventually change for the better. Though legitimate fears have been harboured about the misuse of community policing by those who are in authority, it is not enough to kill the initiative. Even if community policing is used only for intelligence gathering, it would go a long way to solving some of our reoccurring problems.

Besides, the force would be made up of members of the various communities and this would give them the added benefit of knowing who lives in that community and who is a visitor. As the Yuletide approaches therefore, we must find local solutions to our local problems. We can not continue to do rely on a system that has not provided answers to our problems. We need to look inwards and proffer solutions to the myriad of problems facing our society.

We must not forget to praise the gallantry of some of our very dedicated officers, who put their lives on the line to make sure we live in peace. It is such people that have kept this country united and strong and ensuring that we do not walk on soft grounds that would destroy us.



## News

# Foron to hold maiden Amok Ibaas

By DAUDA PAM

THE maiden edition of Amok Ibaas Foron cultural festival tagged, "Amok Ibaas Foron 2021" has been slated for Friday and Saturday, December 10-11, 2021 at 9:00am, under the distinguished chairmanship of Hon. Yusuf Gagdi, Member, Representing Pankshin Kanam Kanke Federal constituency in the House of Representatives, Abuja and Ngo Naomi Jugu as Chairlady.

The Executive Governor of Plateau state, Rt Hon. Simon Bako Lalong, is expected to be the special guest of Honour.

The ancestral festival is the apex cultural ritual of the Ibaas Foron people which is usually hosted by the paramount ruler, Gwom Ibaas, to offer prayers heralding the coming of the rainy season to usher in farming and planting activities across Ibaas land and sometimes shortly after the rains to seek for God's blessings for a bumper harvest but in the case of the Amok Ibaas 2021 it calls for double celebrations. Not only has God Almighty, "Dakunom" been so gracious and merciful to the people of Ibaas but has used our amiable Governor, Rt. Hon. Simon Bako Lalong, who has elevated the stool of the traditional ruler of the Ibaas Foron people to the status of a 3rd class Chief. This, to the Ibaas man is worthy of pomp and pageantry hence the essence of this grandiose epoch making



Alamba

fiesta, deliberately coinciding with the month of coronation of Da Dr Luka Pagyang Pam JP, at about this time last year. This will remain indelible in the annals of history not only in Ibaas land but across the entire state and Nigeria at large.

The Ibaas people owe a lot of gratitude to the Executive Governor of Plateau state, for this foresight and by applying the right instrumentalities of office by granting the people the long desired and overdue autonomy placing them among the committee of ethnic nationalities on the Plateau. This will no doubt, spur the ingenuity and self actualisation of the Ibaas

people towards attaining self sufficiency and self reliance which they have been yearning from time immemorial.

Highlights of the occasion included an intercessory prayer session, lectures exhibition of traditional foods, arts and Artefacts, hunting expedition, miss Zene Ibaas beauty pageant as well as traditional dances and drama presentation.

Dignitaries, men and women of good will, members of the public and all sons and daughters of Ibaas land have been invited to grace the occasion at Zaron, Ibaas Foron chiefdom.

EXECUTIVE Chairman of Jos North Local Government Council Shehu Bala Usman has condemned the recent killing of innocent Nigerians in Te'egbe village of Miango District in Bassa Local Government Area of Plateau State.

This was contained in a press release signed by Philip Eplong, Special Adviser on Media and Publicity to Executive Chairman of Jos North local government council and made available to **THE NIGERIAN STANDARD** recently in Jos, capital of Plateau State.

He expressed sadness over the incident, describing

## Jos North chairman condemns recent killings

By HOSEA NYAMLONG

the heinous act as barbaric and unacceptable, especially at this time that Government is working in collaboration with other critical stakeholders to ensure total restoration of peace and security of citizens in the state.

He said that Bassa and Jos North Local Government share common boundaries and boardring communities, noting that what affects the people of Bassa also affects Jos North and indeed the entire plateau state and

Nigerians in general.

Usman, extends his deepest sympathy to the families and friends who lost their loved ones, and to every member of the community who were also traumatized by unwarranted despicable acts of wickedness.

He called on the law enforcement agencies to fish out the attackers to face justice, stressing that the perpetrators of this heinous attack would not be spared.

He assured citizens of Jos North of his administration commitment and determination towards investing on peace to ensure peaceful coexistence among the inhabitants of the area.

## TRSG to absorb casual teachers

From VICTOR GAI, Jalingo

STATE Governor, Darius Ishaku has hinted on the employment of over 3000 casual teachers popularly known as 'Rescue teachers' into the State Civil service.

Ishaku while addressing a congregation of the Christian Reformed Church Nigeria CRCN in Lufu, Takum LGA, said processes for their documentation was already on ground and called on them to be calm and give their best in their areas of assignment.

Ishaku tasked the new President of the Christian Reformed Church Nigeria



Darius

## Gumi's visit to Kogi raises apprehension, fears

THE Tuesday visit of the controversial Islamic Cleric, Sheikh Ahmad Abubakar Gumi to some communities in the Okun- Yoruba speaking area of Kogi State is raising serious apprehension and fears among the people and therefore needed to be probed.

Speaking with newsmen in Lokoja, a social critic and public commentator, Dr Shae Bebeyi raised his voice in

From AMEDU JOSEPH, Lokoja

support of Okun Development Association (the umbrella body of the Okun- Yoruba people) which condemned the visit of the cleric.

Gumi had visited Ayangan - community near kabba in Kabba/Bunu local government area and some communities in Yagba land

where he provided free medical outreach to some Fulani herdsmen which he said have been long abandoned.

But speaking with newsmen on Saturday, Dr Shae Bebeyi said going by the antecedents of the controversial cleric who he said has been openly supporting bandits, he raised doubts whether the medical outreach was not a smokescreen to any other sinister move against the Okun Yoruba people which he said are very peaceful, love strangers and law abiding.

According to the social critic, "if Gumi truly meant well, why did he not pay a courtesy call on the traditional rulers of the affected communities or even alert them of his coming before 'the so called medical outreach' and why must he single out the Fulanis or the herdsmen for the outreach?"

"Security agencies and Kogi State government must probe his visit- probe those funding the free medical outreach whether it has other ulterior motive because the peace loving locals where he visited and

indeed the whole of Okunland are already frightened and in serious apprehension

"We must ask, why the sudden attention of Gumi to herdsmen in Okun land?, are they the real Fulanis that have been living peacefully with the locals for years or are they fulanis from neighbouring countries?, if yes are they law-abiding and why must the medical outreach take place at night and not day time?"

"The people are asking that if Gumi is truly a Cleric, why did he choose to discriminate against the very people who are the host of the Fulanis and herdsmen whom he came to give free medical treatment and leaving out the locals, does he want to whip up sentiment by this action?"

"Why did Gumi change the names of the communities visited to that of Hausa- Fulani language? For example the name of the first Community he visited is known for ages as Ayangan - Kabba but he charged it to Ardo suberu. Is it a ploy to take their

### -Bebeyi

ancestral lands from them?

"Like the Okun Development Association has said, though Okun Yoruba people are peaceful, accommodating, law abiding and love strangers, yet this should not be construed as cowardice, the people will resist any fulanisation agenda that Gumi may be spearheading" he added

Dr Bebeyi who is the Chairman Board of Trustees, Chartered Institute of Development and Social Studies also expressed surprise why the federal government has not arrested Gumi by now saying his open support for bandits and kidnappers and his inflammatory statements are enough to invite him for questioning

"To me it sounds so ridiculous and surprising that the same Federal government who is hunting for the head of Sunday Igboho for standing by his people who are being killed and raped daily is now pretending not to see what Gumi is doing around the country to support bandits. So where is the justice?" he asked.

Isaiah Magaji Jirapye to ensure that people at the grassroots are empowered, educated and improve on the health needs of the people.

Commenting, President of the Christian Reformed Church Nigeria CRCN Isaiah Magaji Jirapye said he is a beneficiary of the missionaries who spread the Gospel to all nooks and crannies of the world.

He narrated his ordeal from a humble beginning in Lufu community of Takum Local Government Area saying the height he has attained is by the grace of God.

Jirapye advised the congregation to thank and look up to God who is ever ready to solve their problems and solicited for prayers from the people to finish his tenure successfully.

In his sermon, Evangelist Jonah Authority, condemned the act of lesbianism and homosexuality that is having its way in the society despite the teachings of Christ on how to live holy and pious lives.

High point of the service was the announcement of Elijah Adashu as the National General Secretary, Youth Wing of the Christian Association of Nigeria who is also from the Lufu community.



Bello



## Foreign News

**THE** Ugandan military has launched air and artillery raids against the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) armed group in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), in an operation agreed with Congolese forces.

"This morning, we have launched joint air and artillery strikes against ADF camps with our Congolese allies," a spokesperson for the Uganda People's Defence Force said in a Twitter post on Tuesday.

For his part, Patrick Muyaya, the DRC's government spokesman and communications minister said "targeted and concerted action with the Ugandan army started today with air strikes and artillery fire from Uganda against positions of the terrorist ADF in the DRC".

Ugandan authorities have blamed the ADF for deadly suicide bombings in the capital, Kampala, earlier this month. The armed group has been accused of carrying out dozens of attacks in the eastern DRC.

The DRC's government on Monday had said the two armies have been exchanging information for many months, and that no Ugandan troops were currently in the country.

"We have not said there will be joint operations. We have said there will be concerted actions," Muyaya had told a news conference, without elaborating. "If there is a need to go up a notch, we will."

Locals said they heard explosions on Tuesday morning in Watalinga territory, North Kivu province, in the borderlands of eastern DRC.

"There is a real panic here at home, especially because we were not informed of this situation," resident Julien Ngandayabo told Reuters news agency. "We have suffered too much with the ADF, who have massacred our families. We are waiting to see if this is the solution."

Pascal Saambili, head of the Watalinga chiefdom, said the community woke up to the sound of heavy bombardment which continued during the morning.

## Uganda military launches raids in DRC



**Ugandan authorities have blamed the ADF for deadly suicide bombings in the capital, Kampala**

Chatham House analyst Alex Vines, talking to Al Jazeera from Nairobi, said the ADF has been

highly operative in eastern DRC.

"ADF is a vicious organisation that killed

thousands of people in eastern DRC, after it was properly pushed out of Uganda," he said.

The ADF was founded in Uganda in 1995 and later moved to the DRC where it is one among dozens of

armed groups seeking control over territory and mineral resources in the east of the country.

The group, which the United States has formally linked to ISIL (ISIS), was blamed for the November 16 suicide bombings in the heart of the Ugandan capital which killed seven people, including the three bombers, and wounded dozens more.

The November 16 attack was the third ISIL has claimed in Uganda. It also claimed responsibility for an attack at a pork restaurant in a suburb of Kampala on October 23 that killed a waitress while a third attack on October 8 killed no one.

In recent days, news reports about the proposed cross-border campaign have sparked anxiety amongst some Congolese, who recall Uganda's role in civil wars that ended in 2003.

The Congolese government is still seeking more than \$13bn in reparations from Uganda for its involvement in the conflict.

## Lebanon wants 'best relations' with Saudi Arabia

Lebanese President Michel Aoun said his country wants the "best relations" with Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries amid an ongoing diplomatic rift with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

In an exclusive interview with Al Jazeera, Aoun said that his country is seeking to reconcile with Saudi Arabia, which severed diplomatic ties with Beirut last month.

The crisis erupted last month after video footage circulated online from an August interview in which Lebanese Information Minister George Kordahi made critical remarks about the Saudi-led coalition's war against the Houthis in Yemen.

Kordahi, a former game show host, said the Iran-aligned Houthis are "defending themselves ... against an external aggression". Kordahi is a member of a small Christian party allied with Hezbollah, which backs the Houthis in Yemen.

Saudi Arabia has distanced itself from Lebanon in recent years, often criticising it for Hezbollah's growing influence in politics. Riyadh considers Hezbollah a "terrorist" organisation.

Lebanese PM urged minister to 'take right decision' over GCC rift

In response, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, and Bahrain recalled their envoys from Beirut and expelled their Lebanese ambassadors. Saudi Arabia also banned all Lebanese

imports into the kingdom in a big blow to Beirut's already crippled economy.

Bahrain and the UAE called on their citizens to leave the country, while Yemen has also since recalled its envoy from Beirut.

The Lebanese authorities have called for dialogue with their Saudi counterparts.

President Aoun has dismissed Kordahi's comments and said they do not reflect the Lebanese government's position.

But he clarified that he has not asked Kordahi to resign from office over the remarks. He added that Kordahi will act in Lebanon's best interest.

"When a Saudi journalist insulted me on the air, no action was taken against him," Aoun, whose Free Patriotic Movement party is in alliance with Hezbollah movement, said.

The Lebanese president on Monday met Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani during which they discussed the GCC crisis, among other things.

Qatar, also a GCC member, reportedly offered to mediate talks between the two sides. However, Al Jazeera could not independently verify the report.

The two talked about developments of mutual interest regionally and internationally, as well as ways to enhance bilateral relations.

Aoun urged Qatar to invest in Lebanon amid ongoing civil unrest over the economic situations at home, saying his

country desperately needed multiple investments in various fields.

Aoun also spoke about other issues, including the investigation into the 2020 Beirut port blast, and the role of the powerful armed Lebanese group Hezbollah.

Speaking about the investigation into the deadly Beirut port explosion, which took place on August 4, 2020, Aoun said he did not agree with Hezbollah's stance.

The group had repeatedly called for replacing Judge Tarek Bitar, who has been leading the investigations, over the allegations of "bias" that have been widely dismissed by rights groups and families of blast victims.

Last month, Bitar was

forced to stop work for a third time over a lawsuit brought forward by a former minister who had been summoned for questioning.

Aoun also said Lebanon's central bank is under a criminal investigation. Luxembourg judicial authorities had opened "a criminal case" in relation to Governor Riad Salameh – who Aoun said is responsible for all the money lost.

02:26 Lebanon: Worsening living conditions spark more protests

The Lebanese pound has lost almost 90 percent of its value since late 2019 – the main driving force that has crushed the country's economy which is now in tatters.

Earlier this year, the World Bank said Lebanon's economic and financial crisis could rank as one of the three severest the world has seen since the mid-19th century.

In the wide-ranging interview to the Doha-based network, the Lebanese president reiterated that parliamentary elections will be held as scheduled and that measures are being taken to organise the March 27 event.

Due to the ongoing political and economic crisis, as well as the controversial electoral law – which stipulates that Lebanon's parliament is proportioned based on the state's multiple religious and sectarian denominations – there has been speculation that the election could be postponed.



**President Aoun of Lebanon**



## Feature

# NHGSFP: A respite to school children

**The idea behind creating the Federal Ministry for Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development by President Muhammadu Buhari, in 2019 was to help address the high level poverty and improve nutrition level of school children across the country, EZEKIEL DONTINNA writes.**

THIS was to help cater for Humanitarian affairs that has to do with National Social Investment Programme, (NSIP) like: National Home Grown School Feeding Programme (NHGSFP), Job Creation (N-Power), Conditional Cash Transfer and Government Enterprise Empowerment Programme [GEEP] respectively.

Since its creation in 2019, the Ministry through the able Minister, Hajiyah Sadiyya Umar Farouq, over nine million school children have been enrolled in this intervention programme with thousands of individuals, groups and communities benefiting from the programme in addressing issues of hunger, malnutrition and poverty across the country.

Although, similar programmes were initiated by previous administrations on air without a feel of it next door, as today, we can touch and feel it. In fact, for young pupils in public schools, this is quite strange because it has never been the practice in Nigeria public school and to them, it could be like the usual unfiltered smoke that could be swapped away by rain storm one.

People wondered if this could be a reality since all they knew was the practice in border schools, especially in the secondary schools where parents pay for services. This came to pupils who were already familiar with the old practice like an air to a drowning man in the middle of the sea.

When the APC led administration under the leadership of President Muhammadu Buhari, introduced this programme to cater for millions of school children across Nigeria, of course, as always been the case of our dear country, many see anything of that nature as a mirage and cannot be sustained.

But when the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development took the bull by the horn and shouldered this programme across the 36 states including FCT, Nigerians' mixed feelings disappeared when over a million school children were seen benefitting from this Programme.

Today, the competition has been to see "how my state benefit from this programme" and not the display of doubts by Thomases. For years now, this has been sustained and the demand for it has been a glorious nightmare to the federal government as states struggle for more enrollment.

The most interesting part of this programme is how strict the monitoring team carried out its assignment. They do not inform ahead of time when and where they intend to visit and when they



**Hajiyah Umar Farouq with pupils in a school**

discover any act of sabotage, the officers or cooks in question would be shown the way out.

However, as the demand for more enrollment keep knocking, the federal government decided to embark on the second round of enrollment starting with the distribution of additional Feeding Utensils where Plateau State was a beneficiary of it with items worth millions of Naira of last week.

While in Jos, the Plateau State Capital for the distribution of another sets of utensils, the Minister for Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, Hajiyah Sadiyya Umar Farouq said, "we have thus far recorded over 9 million pupils on the program being fed by over 100,000 Cooks. Employment is being created within the school feeding ecosystem in sectors of transportation and manufacturing.

"In 2019, when the Ministry was created, we set out to strengthen the Program with a view to make it sustainable and institutionalized within Government's social safety nets. Thus, we immediately identified the strategic areas in the program that needed to be reviewed to accommodate realities.

"The key areas identified include; Improving Meal Quality, Capacity Development of all actors in the value chain, Development of Evidence Based Policy Frameworks to guide Implementation, Building Strategic Partnerships to achieve sustainability, Support School Health and Nutrition, Data

Upgrade and Management, Improved systems.

"The Government of Plateau State under the pragmatic leadership of Simon Bako Lalong is passionate on this intervention and would definitely continue to do all that is required to ensure that Plateau citizens maximally benefit from NSIP and indeed all other interventions that will make Plateau above the poverty line".

It is an indication of the fact that, Plateau State is not left out in this gesture that has given hope to common Nigeria school child, hence the need to commend the relentless efforts Governor Simon Bako Lalong and his Assistant/Focal Person, National Social Investment Programme, Dr. Sumaye Hamza to attract Federal Government to the state.

According to the Minister, "we are pleased to inform that we have commenced deployment of interventions within the National HomeGrown School Feeding Program that would help resolve the identified gaps including a Nationwide enumeration exercise with the objective of verifying the existing data, upgrading the quality of data and our records to accommodate the scaling up of the program with an additional 5 million beneficiaries as directed by President Muhammadu Buhari.

"Additionally an operational review is underway, fully supported by experts and technical partners to ensure that this program succeeds in its objectives and capitalizes on gains and benefits such as women

empowerment, supporting the education of the girl child, creating employment and improving intergovernmental collaboration.

"We have deployed an extensive, layered and technology-supported monitoring system that would give us real time information of how the program is being implemented and the areas that need urgent intervention and correction. Thus, this intervention today, is only one out of the several strategic plans of our Ministry that seeks to ensure that the target pupils have the best experience of hygiene and safety during their consumption of these free meals", she enthused.

THE NIGERIA STANDARD understands that, nationally, 43 percent of Nigerians (89 million people) live below the poverty line, while another 25 percent (53 million) are vulnerable and recent report by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has it that Nigeria has the highest number of malnourished children in Africa and the second highest in the world. The country is also said to have the second-highest burden of stunted children in the world, with a national Prevalence rate of 32 percent of children under five.

While delivering her speech and the handing over of utensils to Plateau State Government at the Obasanjo Model Primary School Jos, the Focal Person of National Social Investment Programme (NSIP) in the state, Dr. Sumaye Hamza, said, this reports has

become a source of great concern to the political leaders, policymakers, those who implement them and parents across the country.

She disclosed that, an estimated 2 million children in Nigeria suffer from severe acute malnutrition (SAM), but only two out of every 10 children affected is currently reached with treatment, hence the NHGSF intervention and the desire of Mr President to increase the number of children benefiting from the NHGSF programme to 5,000,000, describing it as very appropriate as it would go a long way in addressing the disturbing malnutrition situation in the country.

Hamza, said, "overall, more than N20 billion naira has so far being injected into the Plateau State economy through these beneficiaries. At this point I must recognize the untiring efforts of the Hon. Minister Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, Hajiyah Sadiyya Umar Farouq and her Team for ensuring that the programme is effectively implemented nationwide.

"We are receiving these utensils for onward distribution to the cooks. The state has recorded increase in enrolment of school children as a result of the NHGSF intervention. We are anticipating to feed 320,088 pupils in 2,351 schools as soon as NBS validate the state data. This will surely go a long way in adding value to the whole process of increasing the number of children that have access to quality and nourished meal while in school", she assured.

The Plateau State NSIP Focal Person, therefore, encouraged citizens of the state to take advantage of the compassionate determined leadership of Governor Simon Bako Lalong to avail themselves to benefit from government intervention as she thanked Federal Government and Minister for ensuring that poor and vulnerable citizens of Nigeria are placed on the priority list of beneficiaries.

It is on record that, a total of 11,408 benefited from the NPower in batches A and B while over 14,000 are currently enrolled in batch C and have started receiving their monthly stipends of N30, 000.00. Currently, there are 3,421 cooks feeding 254,313 pupils in 2,325 schools public primary schools classes [1-3] in Plateau State amounting to N356,038,200 per month[20 school days]; 74,000 HouseHolds benefiting from the Conditional Cash Transfer and GEEP 2.0 registration ongoing accordingly.



Feature

# War against coronavirus

*With the resent devastation cause by Covid 19 all over the world, even In Nigeria it has cause a lock down of up to one year and so o. It is important that museum as a place where visitors come from various part of the world take the issue of Covid 19 very serious, so that it can save guide the safety of the visitors and the staff. Is important that we understand the nature of what Covid 19 is, what are the measures to take in other to secure life. We will in this study look at the causes of the virus, how it spread, the risk factors and on how to take note of Symptoms, management, and possible remedies the government and the museum at large. HANATU RAYMOND writes.*

**WHAT IS CORONAVIRUS-** Coronavirus are a group of viruses that can cause disease in both animals and humans. The severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) virus strain known as SARS-COV is an example of a coronavirus. SARS spread rapidly in 2002-2003. The new strain of coronavirus is called severe acute respiratory syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-COV-2).

Many health experts believe that the new strain of coronavirus likely originated in bats of Pangolins. The first transmission to humans was in Wahan, China. Since then, the virus has mostly spread through person-to-person contact.

Coronavirus has spread rapidly in many parts of the world. On March 11, 2020 that the (WHO) World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic. A pandemic occurs when a disease that people are not immune to spreads across large regions. Around 80% of people with COVID-19 recover without specialist treatment. These people may experience mild, flu-like symptoms. However, 1 in 6 people may experience severe symptoms, such as trouble breathing.

**What Caused Coronavirus**

Coronaviruses are common in certain species of animals, such as cattle and camels. Although the transmission of coronaviruses from animals to humans is rare this new strain likely came from bats, though one study suggests pangolins may be the origin. However, it remains unclear exactly how the virus first spread to humans. Some reports trace the earliest cases back to a seafood and animal market in Wuhan. It may have been from here that SARS-COV-2 started to spread to humans.

**How it Spread**

COVID-19 spreads from person to person through close communities. When people with COVID-19 breath out or cough, they expel tiny droplets that contain the virus. These droplets can enter the mouth or nose of someone without the virus, causing an infection to occur. The most common way that this illness spreads is through close contact with someone who has the infection. Close contact is around 6 feet.

The disease is most contagious when a person's symptoms are at their peak. However, it is possible for someone without symptoms to spread the virus. A new study suggests that 10% of infections are from people exhibiting no symptoms. Droplets containing the virus can also land on nearby surfaces or objects. Other people can pick up the virus by touching these surfaces or objects. Infection is likely if the person then touches their nose, eyes, or mouth. It is important to note that COVID-19 is new, and research is still on going. There may also be other ways that the new coronavirus can spread.

**Common symptoms are:**

- Fever
- Breathlessness
- Cough

- Sore throat
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Chills
- New loss of taste or smell

These symptoms are likely to occur 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

**Risk Factors**

Some factors can affect the risk of coming into contact with the virus, while other factors can affect the risk of developing severe illness. The risks is higher for anyone in close contact with people who have COVID-19, such as health care workers. Viruses can also spread more in certain areas, such as highly populated cities.

Older adults are mostly at risk of severe illness, such are people with the following chronic health conditions:

Serious heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies.

Kidney disease  
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)

Obesity, which occurs in people with a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 30 or higher

Sickle cell disease

A weakened immune system from a solid organ transplant  
Type 2 diabetes

**COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN NIGERIA**

The COVID-19 pandemic n Nigeria is part of the world-wide pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome. (SARS).

The first confirmed case in Nigeria was announced on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, when an Italian citizen in Lagos tested positive of the virus on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 a second case of the virus was reported in Ewekoso, Ogun State, a Nigerian citizen who had contact with the Italian citizen.

On 17<sup>th</sup> March, Nigeria confirmed the third case in Lagos State, while one was discovered in Ekiti State on 9<sup>th</sup> March, President Muhammadu Buhari established a presidential Task Force headed by the Secretary of the Federation Mr. Boss G. Mustapha.

As at July, 2020, Nigeria had 25,694 confirmed cases while 9,746 recovered and 590 death, Lagos have the highest confirmed case of 10,510 followed by FCT with 1,870, while Oyo have 1,380 confirmed cases, followed by Kano, 1,216 and Edo 1,105 confirmed cases.

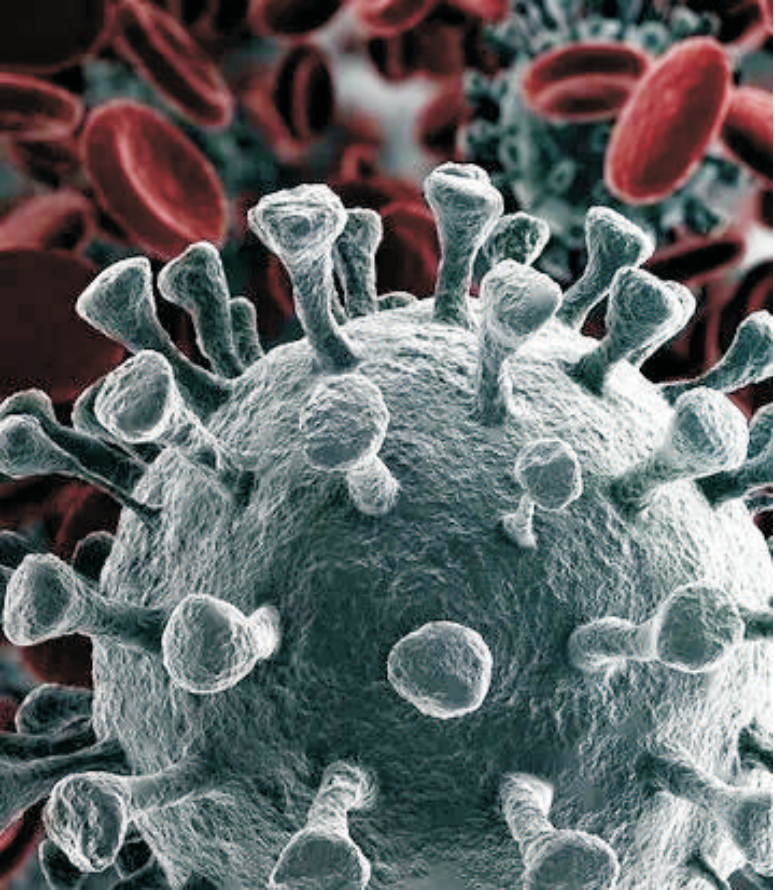
The Plateau State had recorded its first coronavirus case on April 23, 2020 from a woman who is believed to have contacted the virus in Kano. As at 1<sup>st</sup> July. Plateau State had 382 confirmed cases, 198 discharged cases and 10 death.

**Prevention**

There is currently no vaccine as medication approved for COVID-19.

You can protect yourself from COVID-19 and protect others by doing the following:

Practice good hand hygiene, wash your hands frequently and



thoroughly with soap and water. Use an alcohol based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol where soap and water are not available.

Avoid close contact with those who appear risk-keep a distance of at least 2 meters (6 feet) from someone who is coughing or sneezing. Wash your hands immediately after contact with a sick person or their environment.

Avoid touching your face

Sneeze and cough into the crook of your arm or a tissue, dispose the tissue immediately after use and wash your hand.

Wear a mask in public spaces (as recommended or required by your local health authority)

Stay at home if you feel ill (even if you have mild symptoms such as a headache or runny nose it's important to stay home to avoid transmitting illness to others. Call your health care practitioner if you experience a fever cough and have difficulty breathing.

Practice physical distancing by staying at home and avoiding close contact with others, examples of physical distancing include working from home if possible, avoiding public spaces (restaurants, movies, theaters) taking necessary trips outside during off-peak hours and using virtual tools to stay in touch with others.

If you suspect you have been exposed to COVID-19 or recently returned from travelling you may be advised by your health authority to self-isolate for 14 days to see if symptoms of COVID-19.

**Develop self-isolation involves:**

Staying at home

Staying at least 2 meters (6 feet) away from people of your household.

Practicing good personal hygiene measures such as regular hand washing, proper cough and sneeze

etiquette and avoiding touching your face.

Not sharing items such as towels and utensils and disinfecting surfaces frequently.

Not having visitors.

**Treatment**

Antiviral medications are under investigation for COVID-19, none has yet been shown to be clearly effective on mortality in published randomized controlled trials. Emergency use of authorization for remdesivir was granted in the U.S on 1<sup>st</sup> May for people hospitalized with severe COVID-19.

There is no known vaccine or antiviral treatment. Primary treatment is symptomatic and supportive therapy that has proving perfect medicine or vaccine that stop COVID 19.

**RECOMMENDED PREVENTIVE MEASURES**

Include hand washing, covering one's mouth and nose when coughing, maintaining two meters distance from other people (social distancing) wearing of face mask in public settings and monitoring and self-isolation for people who suspect they are infected. Authorities worldwide have responded by implementing travel restrictions, lockdowns, workplace hazard control and facility closures. Many places have also worked to increase testing capacity and trace contacts of infected persons.

The pandemic has caused global social and economic disruption, including the largest global recession since the great depression. Supply shortages exacerbated by panic buying and decreased emissions of pollutants. Schools, universities and colleges have been closed either on a nationwide or local basis in 172 countries, affecting approximately 98.5% of the world's student population. Misinformation about the virus has circulated through

social media and mass media. There have been incidents of Xenophobia and discrimination against Chinese people and against those perceived as being Chinese or as being front areas with high infection rates.

**How can one know if he/she is infected?**

By the time they have fever and/or cough and go to the hospital the lung is usually 50% fibrosis and it's too late. Experts provide a simple self-check that we can do every morning

Take a deep breath and hold your breath for more than 10 seconds. If you complete it successfully without coughing, without discomfort, stiffness or tightness, etc., it proves there is no fibrosis in the lungs, basically indicates no infection. In critical time, please self-check every morning in an environment with clean air. Everyone should ensure your mouth and throat are moist, never dry. Take a few sips of water every 15 minutes at least.

**Why**

Even if the virus gets into your mouth, drinking water or other liquid will wash them down through your throat and into the stomach. Once there, our stomach acid will kill all the virus. If you don't drink enough water more regularly, the virus can enter your windpipe and into the lungs, that's very dangerous so please do everything to ensure your safety during this pandemic.

**Management of COVID-19**

Strategies in the control of the outbreak are screening, containment (or suppression) and mitigation. Screening is done with a device such as a thermometer to detect the deviated body temperature associated with fever caused by coronavirus.

Containment is undertaken on fabric, it can survive for 6-12 hours. Normal laundry detergent will kill it.

If you have a runny nose and sputum, you have a common cold

CV Pneumonia is a dry cough with no runny nose.

This new virus is not heat-resistant and will be killed by a temperature of just 26/27 degrees it hates the sun.

If someone sneezes with it, it takes about 10 feet before it drops to the ground and is no longer airborne.

If it drops on a metal surface it will live for at least 12 hours so if you come into contact with any metal surface wash your hands as soon as you can with a bacterial soap.

On fabric it can survive for 6-12 hours, normal laundry detergent will kill it.

Drinking warm water is effective for all viruses. Try not to drink liquids with ice.

Wash your hands frequently as the virus can only live on your hands for 5-10 minutes but a lot

You should also gargle as prevention. A simple solution of salt can't emphasize enough, drink plenty of water!

**Written by: Hanatu Raymond Daze, National Museum Jos**



# EVE'S WORLD

With **Henrietta Gonzuk**

## Living

### Orange the world: End violence against women

Nearly 1 in 3 women have been abused in their lifetime. In times of crises, the numbers rise, as seen during the COVID-19 pandemic and recent humanitarian crises, conflicts and climate disasters. A new report from UN Women, based on data from 13 countries since the pandemic, shows that 2 in 3 women reported that they or a woman they know experienced some form of violence and are more likely to face food insecurity. Only 1 in 10 women said that victims would go to the police for help.

While pervasive, gender-based violence is not inevitable. It can and must be prevented. Stopping this violence starts with believing survivors, adopting comprehensive and inclusive approaches that tackle the root causes, transform harmful social norms, and empower women and girls. With survivor-centred essential services across policing, justice, health, and social sectors, and sufficient financing for the women's rights agenda, we can end gender-based violence.

To raise awareness, this year's theme is "Orange the World: End Violence against Women Now!". Orange is our color to represent a brighter future free of violence against women and girls. Be part of the orange movement!

**Why we must eliminate**



#### violence against women

Violence against women and girls (VAWG) is one of the most widespread, persistent and devastating human rights violations in our world today. It remains largely unreported due to the impunity, silence,

stigma and shame surrounding it.

In general terms, it manifests itself in physical, sexual and psychological forms, encompassing:

·intimate partner violence (battering, psychological

abuse, marital rape, femicide);

·sexual violence and harassment (rape, forced sexual acts, unwanted sexual advances, child sexual abuse, forced marriage, street harassment, stalking, cyber-harassment);

·human trafficking (slavery, sexual exploitation);

·female genital mutilation; and

·child marriage.

To further clarify, the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women issued by the UN General Assembly in 1993, defines violence against women as "any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life."

The adverse psychological, sexual and reproductive health consequences of VAWG affect women at all stages of their life. For example, early-set educational disadvantages not only represent the primary

obstacle to universal schooling and the right to education for girls; down the line they are also to blame for restricting access to higher education and even translate into limited opportunities for women in the labour market.

While gender-based violence can happen to anyone, anywhere, some women and girls are particularly vulnerable - for instance, young girls and older women, women who identify as lesbian, bisexual, transgender or intersex, migrants and refugees, indigenous women and ethnic minorities, or women and girls living with HIV and disabilities, and those living through humanitarian crises.

Violence against women continues to be an obstacle to achieving equality, development, peace as well as to the fulfillment of women and girls' human rights. All in all, the promise of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - to leave no one behind - cannot be fulfilled without putting an end to violence against women and girls.





# EVER'S WORLD

With **Henrietta Gonzuk**

## Living

# Conflict triggers and how it affects emotions

By **KELLY RUDOLPH**

YOU might be unwittingly inviting conflict into your life... discover how. Everyone can relate to blame on some level. As such, we tend to commiserate and complain about it to our friends. Since all behaviors have pay-offs (good and bad), what do you think the pay-off is for conflicts? I eluded to it in the previous sentence. When we have conflict and talk about it to other people who understand, we feel like part of something bigger than ourselves. The pay-off here is *belonging*.

Let's talk about the secrets as to why we have conflicts in the first place, so you have a better idea of how to eliminate them when possible, and how to restore your balance quickly when they seem inevitable.

### Past Experiences

*We react to things based on our past experiences.* Example: If a boyfriend lovingly says the same words someone who previously caused you pain once said, you may blow up at him. Is it him you're angry at? No, it's the pain from the past experience that was triggered, and now you're in childhood? Studies and personal development processes show that following emotions back to their origin will lead to our childhood between the ages of birth and eight years old.

Think about this example for more clarity about how this works: adults conflicting over one having more control may trigger back to an older sibling bossing us around when we



were five. That emotion from our five-year-old self can be triggered today when we are 27, 35, or 60 years old. This is why there is so much emotion connected with conflict. You may have felt silly before for being so upset over something that seemed so menial; however, this could have been the reason for your distress.

As we grow throughout childhood and adulthood, the emotions from our childhood, along with all the events that triggered those same feelings again and again, expand like a

snowball rolling downhill. Something we hardly remember, if at all, from childhood may get triggered later in life and our unconscious emotional reaction to it is much bigger than it was the last time or the time before that. It may be challenging to trace it back to something that happened when we were little because we don't recall anything that monumental happening back then. That's because it wasn't monumental back then but it is now because of all the snowball effect of us housing that

emotional pain for so long.

### Personality Styles

*Different personality styles respond differently to situations and can cause conflict.* Example: If you are primarily one style and the person you are speaking with, working with or in a relationship with is a different one, you both may wonder why the other person doesn't see things the same way you do. Maybe they respond completely opposite of how you would in the same situation. It's baffling because what makes perfect sense to you may not make any sense to them. Or what may be important to you may not be to them.

Let's say something angers both of you; maybe you were both told something that turned out to be a lie. One of you wants to go after the person who lied, get them to admit the lie and apologize — and the other of you just wants to leave it in the past and move on. This can be a huge reason for conflict, especially since the person seeking justice and an apology cares about the fact that both of you were, in their estimation, betrayed and that someone should pay for it with an apology and rectifying the situation. Have you had challenges like this before? Be sure to let me know in a comment below.

Now that you know two secrets as to why conflicts occur while neither specifies which person is right or wrong, can

you think back to situations you've been upset about and identify what may have been the reason that you weren't aware of before?

Since I learned about these conflict secrets many years ago, I better understand how people differ greatly in their reactions to the same situation. This awareness doesn't eliminate frustration and anger by any means, because those are often automatic reactions we have based on our own personality styles and past experiences but it does facilitate quicker resolutions and the ability to grow through conflicts instead of just going through them.

### Lack Of Boundaries

*Conflicts often arise because most of us are lousy at establishing and enforcing boundaries.* Boundaries are vital in protecting our mental, emotional and physical health, yet we usually avoid them for fear that people won't like us if we lay down the rules. Example: Rather than allow someone to speak to you disrespectfully, you let them know you deserve common courtesy and they will need to use it in order for you to listen to them. There are ways to say or show this depending on who it is but I just wanted to make a bold point because having boundaries is a bold move most people never make.

Most of us who have established boundaries have been at a breaking point that was so painful, we welcomed the protection from boundaries and that reward was bigger than the pain of some people in our lives possibly disliking us. Going even further, those of us who actually enforce our boundaries have greater peace of mind, self-respect and people in our lives who are better aligned with our purpose and beliefs. That is because the ones who were simply using us for a power fix (their own ego issues) exit quickly because we're not easy prey any longer.

An important point to remember is that you have every legal and moral right to protect and defend yourself. That may sound serious when you think maybe your feelings are just getting hurt or that you misunderstood and feel bad because of the way you took what someone said or did — but it's a fact and it gives you permission to establish and enforce personal boundaries with everyone on your life, including how your children, boss, and parents treat you.





**Editorial**

## World Aids Day: Let's end the epidemic

December 1 of every year has been designated as World AIDS DAY since 1988 and is dedicated to raising awareness about the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection and mourning those who have died of the disease.

Each year the United Nations agencies, governments and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) come together to campaign around specific themes related to HIV and events are organised to highlight the current state of the epidemic. In line with this, therefore, the theme for this year is: End inequalities. End AIDs. End pandemic.

A report released by the Federal Government of Nigeria sometimes last year indicates that Nigeria has a national HIV prevalence of 1.4% among adults aged 15–49 years down from the previous estimates which indicated a national HIV prevalence of 2.8%. UNAIDS and Nigeria's National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA) estimates that there are 1.9 million people living with HIV in Nigeria.

The figure indicates that there are fewer people living with HIV in the country than previously estimated and in response launched the Revised National HIV and AIDS Strategic Framework 2019–2021, which will guide the country's future response to the epidemic.

Over 30 years after the first case of diagnosed HIV/AIDs case, Nigeria has made steady progress in scaling up HIV treatment and prevention services in recent years. "For the first time, the end of AIDS as a public health threat by 2030 is truly in sight for our country," was said to have been the response of President Muhammadu Buhari, President of Nigeria.

Although the emergence of other health emergencies such as Ebola, Covid-19 and others have taken attention away from the fight against HIV/AIDs, it remains a major public health issue that is affecting and ravaging especially the youth.

Since it's emergence 30 years ago the world has made significant progress, but division, disparity and disregard for human rights are among the failures that allowed the HIV epidemic to become and remain a global health crisis according to the World Health Organization (WHO). It is in response to this finding that this year's theme of End inequalities, End AIDs. End epidemic, seeks to bring an end to issues of stigmatisation and discrimination, with a special focus on reaching people who have been left behind especially in accessing essential HIV services, those not receiving essential HIV services.

The theme for the year can be said to be apt in view of the fact that it had been observed that aids from developed countries to developing countries are said to be dwindling over the years. More worrisome is the fact that developed countries have consistently discredited results of researches especially from African countries as in the case of drugs for HIV/AIDs, Ebola and of recent that of Covid-19.

African governments must, therefore, rise up to the occasion and find ways to save their people by doing the needful as is obtainable in Asian countries where their discoveries including herbal medicine are now accepted worldwide. It is also pertinent that enlightenment and sensitisation programmes should be scaled up, carried out vigorously as a lot of people are now becoming negligent and not being conscious of the existence of the disease.

## Langdienere community deserves motorable road

PERMIT me to use this medium in **THE NIGERIA STANDARD** newspaper to appeal to the Governor of Plateau State, His Excellency Rt. Hon. Simon Bako Lalong, to kindly look into the issue of the only accessible road in Langdienere Community in Kabong, Jos–North LGA.

At the end of the rainy season, the plight of the inhabitants of the area becomes worrisome because of the bad condition of that road and the amount of dust that occupants of the area suffers. Which is the only link to Mado Community in Tudun Wada. The road also serves as the only succor to motorists in case of traffic hold up mostly associated with kabong/Rukuba road especially in the evenings

when workers and traders close from work.

It is on record that people of the Ward which consists of the adjoining neighborhood of Government Secondary School (GSS) Kabong are worried about the worsening condition of the road.

It is also on record that the contract for the construction of the Kabong road was supposed to include that of the Langdienere road but was abandoned by the previous

## More punitive measures to rapists

I want to use this medium of **THE NIGERIA STANDARD** newspaper to urge the government to take a serious action on rapists.

Rape is one of the most

administration for an unknown reason.

In view of the above, I wish to once again assure the Governor of the support and loyalty of the vast majority of the residents of the community who had massively voted for the present

offensive act that should never be taken for granted. In our society today, rape has become a normal thing. In our society rape is taking place almost on a daily basis. For instance in

administrator and therefore would expect that the dividend of democracy and good governance as provided by the state government should reach our community please.

**Veronica Dung Pwajok**  
Langdienere, Kabong,  
Jos-North LGA

## Need to value human life

THE in Nigeria government in a long while has failed in terms of securing the lives of the citizens. Every day there is a problem of citizens losing their lives and it appears human lives are no longer valuable in the country, as on a daily basis lives are lost as a result of killings, ranging from banditry, kidnapping or terrorist activities including lives of its citizens. And also the interest of its members who are outside the country.

Over the years many leaders have made promises to tackle insecurity in the country but to no avail as the situation keep going bad. The country has lost so many lives and property which is a total set back to the entire nation.

Today, the challenges posed by insecurity in Nigeria is driving away

potential investors, thereby slowing our economic growth and development as a country which by now ought to have witnessed a quantum leap on its march to economic growth among the most industrialized nations on the continent of Africa.

Unfortunately, crisis has also been the problem of the country where crisis after another has dragged its people backward with each religious crisis taking its toll on a chunk of its population no matter the tribe, religion and race. Therefore as brothers and sisters we must be tolerant of one another for the sake of peace and progress. Blood shedding must be avoided at all cost and the life of a fellow human being must be sacrosanct while the need to apply the principle of live and let live should be paramount to us all.

Insecurity and religious crisis has today become a dreaded disease that if not well handled by government is threatening the corporate existence of the entire country. Therefore government should not only make promises last mere fulfill those pronouncements based on the need to secure the lives and property of its entire citizens.

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a situation where teacher rapes his student, a grandfather. rapes his granddaughter a guardian rapes his ward, then one begins to wonder what the society is turning into.

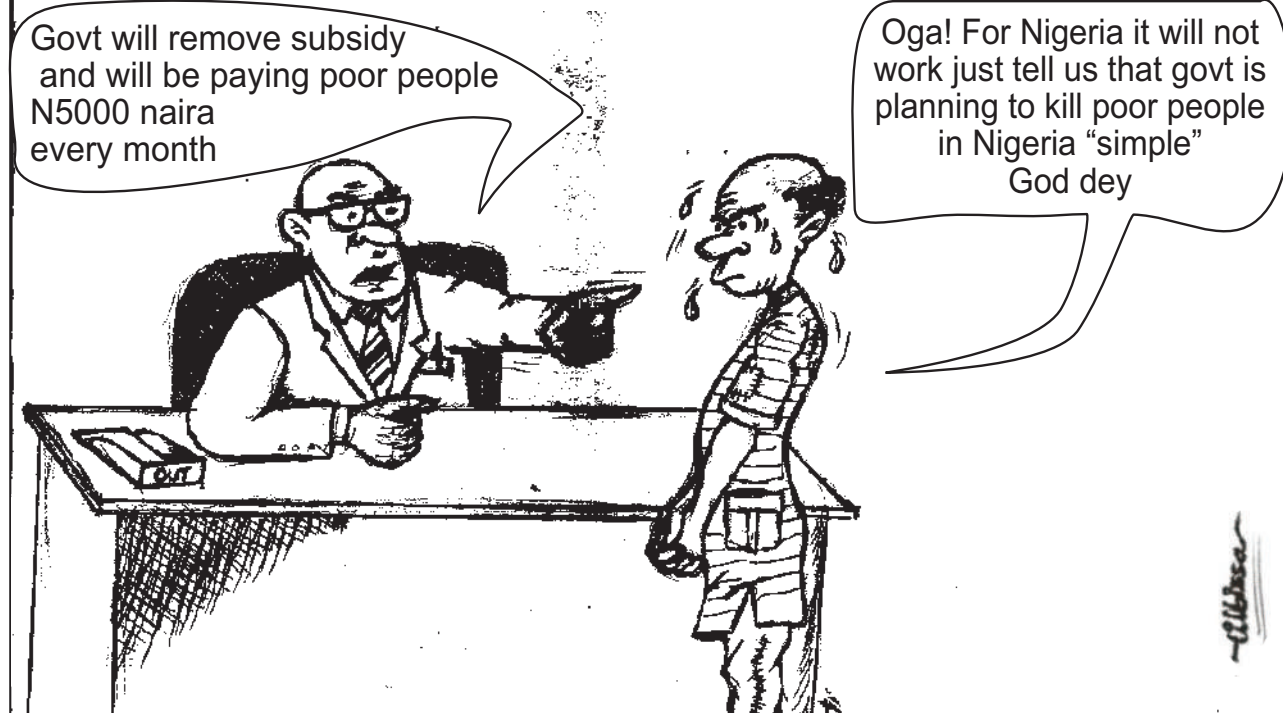
Rape leaves its victims with a lifetime stigma while the victims at sometimes are infected with HIV, IDS and other venereal diseases.

I therefore appeal to the state government to take serious measures on whoever is found with such criminal act and be named and shamed in order to deter with other potential rapist from such acts. Meanwhile, victims of rape must be well counseled by experts in order to remove the trauma and other psychological effects that comes with such negative acts.

**ABDUL FARIDAH**  
YANGA is a student

*Covid-19 is still present with us, please observe the none medication protocols*

## STANDARD Cartoon





## Opinion

EARLY marriage should be abolished in all parts of the country as the Child's Right Act identify a Child to be anyone below the ages of 18 that should be a standard that no child should be given out for marriage.

School closures, economic stress, service disruptions, pregnancy and parental deaths due to the pandemic are putting the most vulnerable girls at risk of child marriage in the next decade despite significant years.

Even before the Covid-19 outbreak many girls were at risk of child marriage in the next decade despite significant years.

Girls who marry in childhood face immediate and life long consequences they are more likely to experience domestic violence and less likely to remain in school child marriage increases the risk of early and unplanned pregnancy turn increasing the risk of mortality the practice can also isolate girls from family and friends and exclude the participating in and their communities taking a heavy toll

# The taboo of early marriage

By RUKAIYA ISA

on their mental and well being.

Covid-19 is profoundly effecting the lives of girls pandemic related travel restrictions and physical distancing make it difficult for girls to scales the health care social services and community support that protect them from child marriage unwanted pregnancy and gender based violence.

As school remain closed girls are more likely to drop out of education and not return job less and increased economic security many also force families to marry their daughters to ease financial burdens.

Worldwide an estimated 650 million girls and women alive today were marriage in childhood with about half of those occurring in Bangladesh, Brazil, Ethiopia, India and Nigeria. To offset the

impacts of Covid-19 and end the sustainable development Goals programme must be significantly accelerated.

Figures from the United Nation Children Education Fund (UNICEF) last year showed that, about 32 million girls of primary school are and 29 million of lower secondary school age are not getting education. Too often they are created as second class citizens. They are exploited abused and simply disregarded in many countries.

Many girls are also left behind because funding its targeted to boys education funding is an issue when is looking at reasons why girls aren't in school. Education for girls is often. The lowest budget priority in many countries daughtes are perceived to be less valuable once educated and less likely to a bide by they will at the father brother or husband often male siblings will

be given he chance to attend school. Increases a country productivity and contributes to economic growth millions of girls spend every day working to help feed themselves and the families girls child faces a list of challenges but lack of education is more in some part of the country.

Poverty is one of major cause lack of girl child education was recommend that government to create poverty alleviation programmes at the grassroots to provided with a safe and supportive and educational environment that is free from abuse exploitation and violence government should engage until the girls child had at turned a certain level of education and government should engage development of teacher that will translate into increase enrolment of early marriage.

**Student of Federal Polytechnic Bauchi**

## The possibility of a better Nigeria

BY CHINASA UDECHUKWU

QUITE indisputable, Nigeria stands as the giant amongst other African national. Densely populated by as estimation of 200 million people, intellectuals, business inclined men and women are in amazingly great number. Nigeria possesses people of different faith and enriched with great cultures, equally blessed with natural resources.

Interestingly Nigeria is also regarded to be very religious. Based on this premise, Nigeria is also assured to be a country but the reverse has been the case in most recent time.

The Nigerians constitution recognizes the right to life as a fundament I human rights. It becomes quite an irony looking at the health care system in Nigeria today. Surprisingly some hospitals are fond of going on strike and these are the very places Nigerians are supposed to get medical attention from. A well to do Nigerian could easily leave the shores of the country in search of a better health care service but what happens then in the case of an overage Nigerian who is not financially buoyant enough? Falling sick then would be equivalent to receiving a death sentence.

With the alarming number of graduates or tertiary institutions releases yearly and the absence of supplicant about the fade of these youths No doubt some may have learned one entrepreneurial skill or

the other but how about the others? This only boils down to an increased crime rate in the country thereby hampering the efforts of security agents in the country.

Insecurity has since become a word on the lips of every Nigerian. Security regards to some has become one of the most boring news in our brood cast medias. Insecurity causes regarded growth. A poorly drained and funded military can not function effectively well and in a country lie able to fully combat insecurity in a county like Nigeria.

This issue of insecurity in Nigeria brings us back to a more prevalent issue-corruption should not turn out as expected it is blamed on the government "If only the government of Nigeria could be a little less greedy the dictionary. However defined corruption as the act of impairing integrity, virtue or moral principles. It is therefore surprising that then corruption is mentioned the minds of majority runs towards the government or to the police force. Whatever is wrong with the police force or the government is equally wrong with every other Nigerian citizen. How?

A trader who charges doubt the price of an item simply because it is scarce in the market is not a politician but is simply practicing the same corruption he accuses the government of.

What do you have to say about a student who made straight. As but can't correctly fill in his or her data on an application form? Yet the

scarce student complains of bad governance and corruption.

A lecturer who will give a student a pass grade instead of a well deserved result is because the student was unable to purchase his hand outs is not a police officer but a corrupt lecturer.

How about a Nigerian who takes bribe to give a false testimony against another Nigerian thereby earning him imprisonment? Of course he is not a politician but a corrupt citizen.

We could go on even to our motorists who always forged to use their sect belts unless approaching a police check point. If an accident had occurred everyone would have blamed the government for bad road but no one would have remembered the vehicle driver who could have remembered the situation by simply using his sect belt. If a driver will not use his sect be it could he ask a passenger to use his? How about a motorcyclist without a good headlight and a helmet even down to Primary School pupil who goes to school by 9aminsteas of 9:30am.

It is now obvious that corruption is a collective responsibility to put an end to it.

To get out of this problem of corruption which has eaten deep in to our fabrics firstly every citizen must accept that no singular crime is better than the other it is simply a matter of disposition. If you were a police officer you could have done more than just taking bribes and if you were the president you might

have already sold the country.

One must as our president Muhammedu a sacrificial tack and one may be close courage to be different and start doing things rightly does not mean that every one will instantly join you, a great deal of patience is therefore needed.

We most also learn to reward honesty and hard word and at the same time, punish offenders. This will be useful in our schools and other establishments where people work because it will encourage dedication and as well discourage corrupt practices.

Since Nigeria is believed to be a very religious country our religious leaders could do well by encouraging to tarnish the image of that religious institution. It every man who enters a mosque or a church begins to work in line with the injunctions of its religion then a better Nigeria can be guaranteed.

And of course we all can be Imams or Pastors but could teach others the value of integrity and help them see the possibility of a corruption free Nigeria. It I am able to sit for an exam engaging in no form or malpractice, (although it is a difficult decision since the reading culture has long been forgotten) and I am alive to convince my friend to do like wise then we could say that Nigeria is finally heading some where.

**Udechukwu of the Plateau State Polytechnic, Barkin Ladi**



Change of Name

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<b>ISOH</b> I, formerly known as <b>ISOH STANLEY EKENE</b> , now wish to be known and addressed as <b>ISOH EMMANUEL IKECHUKWU</b> . All former documents remain valid. Concerned authorities and the general public to please note.	<b>FWANGLE</b> I, formerly known as <b>FWANGLE ABBAS ALI BARDE</b> , now wish to be known and addressed as <b>FWANGLE ALI ABBAS</b> . My correct date of birth is 27/8/1993. All former documents remain valid. Concerned authorities and the general public to please note.	<b>MIKAIL</b> I, formerly known as <b>MIKHAIL HAUWAU</b> , now wish to be known and addressed as <b>MIKAIL HAUWA</b> . All former documents remain valid. Concerned authorities and the general public to please note.	<b>OPARA</b> I, formerly known as <b>EMMANUEL CHIMAOBI VICTOR</b> , now wish to be known and addressed as <b>OPARA VICTOR CHISOM</b> . All former documents remain valid. Concerned authorities and the general public to please note.	<b>DEBORAH</b> I, formerly known as <b>DEBORAH SHEHU WARANBA</b> , now wish to be known and addressed as <b>DEBORAH WARANBA JANG</b> . All former documents remain valid. Concerned authorities and the general public to please note.	<b>YUSUF</b> <b>YUSUF ABUBAKAR LIMAN</b> : My correct date of birth was wrongly captured as 9/12/1996 instead of 14/07/2001. Concerned authorities and the general public to please note.
<b>MARY</b> I, formerly known as <b>MARY PAUL PANCEN</b> , now wish to be known and addressed as <b>MARY PAUL CHOJI</b> . All former documents remain valid. Concerned authorities and the general public to please note.	<b>HADIZA</b> I, formerly known as <b>HADIZA NA'OMI RAYMOND</b> , now wish to be known and addressed as <b>HADIZA TARU GOFWEN</b> . All former documents remain valid. Concerned authorities and the general public to please note.	<b>STEPHEN</b> I, formerly known as <b>STEPHEN PATIENCE</b> , now wish to be known and addressed as <b>STEPHEN PATIENCE MARY</b> . My correct date of birth is 27/05/1994. All former documents remain valid. Concerned authorities and the general public to please note.	<b>RABIU</b> I, formerly known as <b>RABIU ABDULLAHI RABIU</b> , now wish to be known and addressed as <b>RABIU ABDULLAHI</b> . All former documents remain valid. Concerned authorities and the general public to please note.	<b>KIMA</b> I, formerly known as <b>ZUBERU ADAMU ISA</b> , now wish to be known and addressed as <b>KIMA ZABAIRU</b> . All former documents remain valid. Concerned authorities and the general public to please note.	<b>BUNU</b> I, formerly known as <b>BUNU FRIDAY</b> , now wish to be known and addressed as <b>BUNU FRIDAY AZURFA</b> . All former documents remain valid. Concerned authorities and the general public to please note.
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## News

## PLASCOFED commended



Hyat

By HOSEA NYAMLONG

PLATEAU State Head of Civil Service Engr. Sunday Chong Hyat has commended the leadership of Plateau State Cooperative Federation, (PLASCOFED) the apex body of cooperative societies in Plateau State.

Speaking in a keynote address during a 2 day retreat programme for officials of cooperative societies in Plateau state at St. Louis Hall with the theme: "Positioning Cooperative Leaders with Management and Operational Tools" recently in Jos, Plateau State.

Hyat, who was represented by Pwajok Mangs, Director Administration, noted that

the programme was apt at this time, considering one of the 3 pillar policies of the rescue administration of the Executive Governor of Plateau state, Rt.Hon Simon Bako Lalong, on human capital development.

According to Mangs, government would look into the plight of cooperative societies in the state, while he urged PLASCOFED to partner with government for sustainable growth.

Speaking earlier, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Plateau State Mrs Nanlop Gupiya while declaring the retreat open, expressed confidence that the programme would widen the knowledge of

leaders of cooperative societies on the current issues for a better performance in the state and the country at large.

In a welcome speech by PLASCOFED President Mrs.Hannatu Merhak, she said the event seeks to expose participants with the opportunity to interact and network with other cooperative leaders and as well cooperative consultants towards enhancing economic, social aspirations and development of members of cooperative societies.

She added that the retreat programme was the first to be organized and would be an annual event henceforth, and said there is need for government to know that cooperative is in the business of helping to better the economic lives of its members and this can only be done if our monthly remittances are paid to us on time.

Merhak, stressed that the retreat is a kind of result oriented leadership programme that would evaluate their performances and chart a new way forward to better their primary cooperative societies and the federation.

The event featured a paper presentation by Mrs.Martha Tapgun, the resource person and a cooperative consultant, with a topic: "Organizational Conflict, causes, effects and remedy".

SOME Local vigilantes have raided terrorists camps in Niger communities where they also rescued some victims

Also in Zungeru Dam on 150% of the communities resettled the Group alleges And in Zamfara the state's governor commended Buhari for setting up committee on mining legal framework even as APC says it will wield big stick against Alhaji Mararafa.

Reserch also indicate thst Peace appeared to have eluded about 17 communities across seven local government areas of Sokoto State as bandits continue to run riot on the neighbourhoods, increasing killings, displacements and abductions.

Affected local government areas includes Gada, Goronyo, Gwadabawa, Illela, Isa, Sabon Birni and Tangaza with about 50,000 residents from 17 affected communities in Sabon Birni currently taking refuge at Dan Dadji Makaou, Shadakori and Garin Kaka villages in Maradi, Niger Republic where a bandit leader had taken over Gangara while another kingpin now controls Makwaruwa village as the district heads.

A former chairman of

## Vigilante raid terrorists camps, rescue victims

ANENE AIKE, Sokoto

Sabon Birni Local Government Area, Idris Gobir, who spoke with our correspondent, stated that bandits had taken over the identified communities.

Gobir, who is the Special

Assistant to the Minister of Police Affairs, Muhammad Dingyadi, said, "The bandits are now in control of the entire eastern part of Sokoto State and no one dares to challenge their authority."



Tambawal

## ICAN set to tackle quackery in practice

From AMEDU JOSEPH, Lokoja

THE Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) Abuja District Society, has expressed readiness to tackle quackery in the profession through monitoring and addressing issues peculiar to members in practice.

The district's chairman, Alhaji Balogun Abdurashheed, in a telephone chat with Our Correspondent, said the inaugural "Partners' Breakfast Roundtable", organised by the Professional Practice Forum (PPF) of ICAN Abuja District Society on Saturday is aimed at strengthening practitioners capacity.

Abdurashheed said that the district was fully ready and committed to tackling quackery in the profession and other issues that are peculiar to practitioners, saying the forum was the first of its kind in the history of ICAN.

He noted that PPF was set up by the Executive Committee of ICAN Abuja District Society in March 2021, and its executive committee inaugurated on April 29, 2021, to pilot the forum's affairs.

He, therefore solicited for the support of members in practice to ensure that the forum achieved its desired goals and be sustained.

Speaking on the journey so far, the forum's chairman, Mr Abel Agbo Onyeke, said the PPF was formed to complement the activities of the Institute's Professional Practice Committee and Department in monitoring members in practice in Abuja, and to provide a platform for practitioners in the district to tackle challenges such as a

rapidly changing business and regulatory environment, technological disruptions, competition, and other issues threatening their businesses.

He noted that the partners' breakfast roundtable, which would be held quarterly, would provide an opportunity for members to meet, interact and deal with these issues.

He stressed that the forum remained committed to five key areas: sensitization and mobilization, organization development, capacity building, partnership & networking, and regulatory compliance.

Other activities lined up include "supporting firms to structure, adapt, and respond effectively to industry and technological changes" and helping practitioners to develop and strengthen their skills, abilities, processes, and resources needed to succeed and thrive.

Mr Onyeke concluded by appealing to all members to be actively engaged in the activities of the forum, saying that no firm should think that it is "too small to matter or too big to be bothered"

The guest speaker at the event, Mr Adetoyese Fadele, Head, Professional Practice Department (PPD) of ICAN, commended the forum for the partners' breakfast roundtable initiative.

He emphasised the need to do everything possible to ensure that quackery was eliminated in the profession, saying the institute had identified that most of the challenges were from the Small and Medium Practice (SMP).

## Christians charged against hypocritical worship

By NAOMI SANTOS

DEPUTY Provost and Director, Doctoral Programme of Jos ECWA Theological Seminary (JETS), Rev. Dr. Friday Sule Kassa has reminded Christians that God does not accept hypocritical worship.

Kassa made this known during 2021 Annual Thanksgiving Service of ECWA Goodnews Church Nassarawa Gwong, Jos North Local Government Area of Plateau State, on Sunday.

He took his reading from the book of Colossians 3:17 and Psalms 50:1-23, with a Theme: "Celebrating Christ in you through Thanksgiving".

He said that God is interested in obedience and this obedience was to live a life of thanksgiving.

He further said that the Bible in Col. 3:17 made us to understand that "whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him". In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you in 1 Thessalonians 5:18. Thanksgiving is a divine expectation.

Rev. Kassa emphasized on how we have gathered here to offer our sacrifice of thanks but God is saying we should wait.

He said, he will judge us first, God invited the whole world to be witnesses on what is about to take place in verse 4 of our text

He calls the heaven above to witnessed; He said there are two classes of people in the church, the faithful ones and the wicked ones.

He added that "It is an annual events that they always do, they are doing that in order to show appreciation for what God has done for them

The Deputy Provost then said whatever we do with our life, the biggest thing in our life is the salvation God has given to us."

The only sacrifice that God will accept is sacrifice of obedience, leaving a thanksgiving life, he has redeem you from darkness into light, he admonished you to walk in light which is the doctrine principle, whatever thanksgiving you have is secondary, if you appreciate the salvation of God in your life truly you value the life He has given you, you will beg as the Thessalonica church in 2 Cor., if you have that in mind your pastor will not beg you to visit the sick in the hospital because you have the mind of giving and you are practicing a Christian life.

Reverend in charge of ECWA Goodnews Church Nassarawa Gwong, Rev. Dr. Ezekiel Daniel Eggah, appreciated the guest speaker for his hard work in



Panya Baba

God's vain yard, that may God continue to increase and sustain him in Jesus name.

He also appreciated the committee for their sacrifices and contributions in various ways, to see that this 2021 annual thanksgiving succeeded.

On his part, committee chairman 2021 annual thanksgiving, Mr. Adams Bala said that he

appreciated God Almighty, the host Pastor, Rev. Dr. Ezekiel Eggah and the board of elders for giving them the privilege to serve as committee of this year's annual thanksgiving.

He added that the turn-up was encouraging, even though from Friday through Saturday it was low due to some other activities.

**"Give way to peace as it is the gateway to development and togetherness in our society."**



\*\*\***PROBATE NOTICE**\*\*\***IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF PLATEAU STATE OF NIGERIA IN THE PROBATE DIVISION**

**WHEREAS** the person whose name is set out in the first column hereunder died intestate on the date and place state in the said column:

**AND WHEREAS** the person whose name (s) and addresses and relations to the deceased are set out in the second column hereto has/have applied to the High Court of Plateau State for a grant of letter of Administration of the Real and Personal properties/ estate of the said deceased:

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that letters of administration will be granted to such person/persons unless a **"NOTICE TO PROHIBIT"** the grant is filed in the Registry within twenty-one (21) days from the date hereof:

<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> Didel Thobias Daniak late of Plateau State died on the 15TH July 2021 at JUTH Plateau State.	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> Jummai Thobias Didel of Jenta Mangoro Blessed Sacrament Jos North LGA, Plateau State Lawful widow of the said deceased.	<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> Mathias Dena'at Dalep late of Plateau State died on the 2nd May 2020 at Kwalla, Qua'an-Pan LGA Plateau State	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> Kyendongna'an Mathias Dalep of No4 Shinco Road Little Rayfied Jos South LGA. Lawful son of the said deceased.	<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> Silas Bot Pam late of Plateau State died on the 7th June 2020 at Vom, Jos South LGA Plateau State.	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> El-Shadai Pam Silas of Near COCIN Church Sabon Gari Tudun Wada Jos North LGA Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased.
<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> Kumden Sunday late of Plateau State died on the 15th December 2020 at Zarmaganda Jos South LGA Plateau State.	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> Baiko Yusuf of Zarmaganda Jos South LGA Plateau State Lawful son of th said deceased.	<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> Daniel Odiwu Asabe late of Plateau State died on the 27th October 2021 at PSSH, Jos.	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> Abraham Daniel Atikinkpan of Opp. ECWA Church Dogon Daji Bassa LGA Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased.	<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> Dauda Obed Akudung late of Plateau State died on the 19th December 2020 at JUTH Plateau State.	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> Mwat Obed Akudung of COCIN LCC Twancik Tudun Wada Jos North LGA Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased.
<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> John Onoja late of Plateau State died on the 22nd November 2014 at General Hospital Magu LGA Plateau State.	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> John Solomon Onoja of Angwan Mission Mangu LGA, Plateau State Lawful son of the said deceased.	<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> Kumwen Reuben Samuel late of Plateau State died on the 8th September 2019 at Jos Plateau State.	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> Zhendhi Reuben Samuel of Gindiri Mission Compound Mangu LGA Plateau State. Lawful daughter of the said deceased.	<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> Mabur Samson late of Plateau State died on the 21st March 2021 at Angwan Rukuba Jos North LGA Plateau State.	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> Samson Fatigen Mabur & Samson Naomi Alice of Angwan Rukuba Nabor, Jos North LGA Plateau State. Lawful widow/son of the said deceased.
<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> Cap. Solomon Umaru late of Plateau State died on the 7th January 2021 at JUTH Plateau State	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> Samuel AhokUmaru of Bomo Village Rukuba Chief Kingdom Bassa LGA Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased.	<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> Nanmar Samson late of Ogun State died on the 27th November 2020 at General Hospital Idiroko Ogun State.	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> Timchang Langnap Samson of a Division Police Barrack, Jos North LGA, Plateau State. Lawful brother of the said deceased.	<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> Lende Monday late of Plateau State died on the 12th January 2021 at Bukuru Jos South LGA Plateau State.	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> Monday Daniel of Opp. Fire Service Bukuru Jos South LGA, Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased.
<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> Thomas Ihe Eriba late of Plateau State died on the 10th June 2020 at PSSH, Jos.	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> Isaac Thomas Eriba & Benjamin Thomas of Jenta Mangoro, Jos North LGA Plateau State Lawful sons of the said deceased.	<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> Adamu Sarati late of Plateau State died on the 11th August 2021 at Bassa LGA Plateau State.	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> Peter Ruth of Near ECWA Nzharuvo Miango, Bassa LGA Plateau State Lawful widow of the said deceased.	<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> Insp. Binshep Elton late of Plateau State died on the 31st March, 2021 at Jos.	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> Daniel Felicia Yamsor, Enouch Elton & Aaron Elton All of CTU Barrack Base, Bukuru II Jos. Lawful widow & sons of the said deceased.
<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> Useini Dabit late of Plateau State died on the 27th May 2018 at Mangu LGA Plateau State.	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> Tanko Bulus Dabit N.I.P.S.S. Kuru Jos South LGA, Plateau State. Lawful brother of the said deceased.	<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> Rosemary Ozohu Tenufa Ogido late of Plateau State died on the 25th July 2021 at Jos Plateau State.	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> Tenu Michael Mary Deborah of not E-close 12 Avenue Federal Lowcost Jos. Lawful daughter of the said deceased.	<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> John Akohu Mishi late of Plateau State died on the 26th July 2021 at JUTH Plateau State.	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> Benard John of ECWA Goodnews Centre Rukuba Road Jos North LGA Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased
<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> John Dewan late of Plateau State died on the 20th August 2021 at Jos Plateau State	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> Haruna John Dewan No7 Unity Close Opposite TCNN Bukuru Jos South LGA, Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased.	<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> Helen Maurgur Gashon George late of Plateau State died on the 5th July 2007 at National Hospital Abuja	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> Gokang Brian George & Gakben Elvis George.All of 2B Abdullahi Road GRA Jos, Plateau State. Lawful sons of the said deceased.	<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> Kachollom Pam, late of Plateau State, died on the 1st November, 2020, at JUTH Plateau State.	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> Yak Pam Sambo Jos South LGA, Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased.
<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> Hauwa Asabe James late of Ogun State died on the 26th December 2018 at Denro-Ishashi Ifo LGA Ogun State.	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> Shangji Solomon James of Zarmaganda Jos South LGA, Plateau State Lawful son of the said deceased.	<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> Godfrey Okonkwo late of Plateau State died on the 2nd May 2002 at Jos Plateau State.	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> Lydia Tina Okonkwo of JZ15T Zaria Road Jos North LGA Plateau State. Lawful widow of the said deceased.	<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> Insp Dauda Nyam Agwom, late of Plateau State died on the 22th June, 2021, at Jos Plateau State.	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> Markus Nyam Izang of Sabon Gari Village Jos East LGA, of Plateau State Lawful son of the said deceased.
<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> Maichibi Izang Maichibi late of Plateau State died on the 12th October 2021 at Bauchi State.	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> Usman Ajang Tunttu of Filibot Maijuju Jos East LGA, Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased.	<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> Ajas Sunday Kadai late of Plateau State died on the 27th September 2021 at SDA Hospital Jengre Bassa LGA Plateau State.	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> Anari Dorcas Ajas Jengre Hospital Bassa LGA, Plateau State. Lawful daughter of the said deceased.	<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> Tangsuk Shyepsuk, late of Plateau State died on the 2nd February, 2016 at Quaan-Pan, LGA Plateau State.	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> Peter Shyepsuk of COCIN Church Kwalla Quaan-Pan LGA, Plateau State, Lawful Husband of the said deceased.
<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> Edward Theophilus Adeniyi Gooding late of Lagos State died on the 30th October 2005 at Berlin -Germany	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> Susanne Adesola Olayinka Gooding of 5th Avenue 512 Road H. close House No. 5 Festac, Lagos State Lawful daughter of the said deceased.	<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> Agwom Sani Wisky late of Plateau State died on the 26th September 2020 at Jos Plateau State.	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> Agwom Paul of No. 32 Dawap Street Behind St. Michael Catholic Church Nass Gwong Jos North LGA Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased.	<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> James Dadu'ut Dyewa, late of Plateau State died on the 25th October, 2020 at Kano State.	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> Daniel Bitok and Naomi Elisha all of Federal Lowcost Rantya Jos, Plateau State Lawful Widow/Brother of the said deceased.
<b>NAME OF DECEASED PERSON:</b> Ephraim Akila Shar late of Plateau State died on the 4th October 2020 at Shendam LGA Plateau State.	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT FOR GRANTS</b> Camilus Ephraim Shar of Pangshom Shendam LGA Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased.				

(LADI A. MADAKI),  
**PROBATE REGISTRAR,**  
**PLATEAU STATE OF NIGERIA, JOS**





By KENNETH DARENG

WIKIPEDIA in its 2010 report had ranked Nigeria as a nation with a high number of jail breakers in the world.

The attack on the Jos correctional centre last Sunday, November 28, 2021, which is the latest among other episodes across the country where eleven people were killed with 252 inmates escaping, attests to the fact that Nigeria is facing a major crisis at all fronts of tackling insecurity generally.

In the case of Jos correctional attack, it beats the imagination of any sensible person that a well fortified prison located in the heart of the city centre surrounded by the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) Headquarters, the Department of State Services (DSS) and its close neighbor the Joint Taskforce (JTF) of the Nigeria army, could be attacked with sophisticated weapons powered by machine guns, grenades and other explosives that the attackers used in blasting their way into the facility. The country had in the recent past witnessed such attacks at various correctional centres in Lagos, Ekiti, Ondo, Kogi, Bauchi, Minna with the most recent that happened in Jos.

But what puzzles the mind of an average right thinking Nigerian is; how

can an army of jail birds just break free into tin air?.

The situation has become more worrisome as the escapes came when security has been declining in several parts of the country, where kidnapping,

2009 till date.

A breakdown of the figures indicated that on 7 September 2010, a prison break was reported in Bauchi prison which was attacked by 50 gunmen suspected to be Boko Haram. The attack



## Nigeria's Correctional Centres, how secure?

armed robbery and terrorist activities has become rife while the army and police have been deployed to respond to security threats in almost every state.

In the case of the owerri prison break, prison officials said men armed with high powered weapons including machine guns and rocket propelled grenades arrived at the prison yard and there were sporadic exchange of fire with security personal and the attackers used explosives to blast their way into the prison yard and set free about 1,800 prisoners.

Prison break is not only an unlawful act under Nigeria law, it can also be seen as an act of terrorism. For more than 1,888 prisoners to escape from a prison, the spiral effect on the society can be devastating and dangerous especially where these are people with established criminal minds and records of varying degrees. Imagine a jail breaker with a record of murder, rape or kidnapping, banditry and so on being unleashed on the society. I think Government and all relevant security agencies must put all hands on deck to recapture those criminals or else the crime level will metamorphose into another evil dimension in a country when security has already fallen apart.

According to a Wikipedia report, prison breaks are pervasive issues in Nigeria due to a lack of security and being a common target by militant groups. The report also stated that prison breaks have resulted in the escape of over 4000 prisoners from Nigerian prisons as from

resulted in the escape of 721 prisoners leaving 5 people dead with 6 injured persons.

In a similar attack on January 4, 2013, there was an attack at the Shagamu Minimum prison in Ogun state with 20 inmates escaping and also leaving several prison officials injured.

On 30 June 2013, it was reported that the Olukuta Medium Security Prison in Akure, the Ondo State capital was attacked by some unknown gun men suspected to be Armed robbers who succeeded in freeing about 175 prisoners, after killing two people and injuring several others. Although 52 of the escapees were later rearrested. Again, 10 October, 2014, an unsuccessful Prison break at the Kirikiri Maximum Prison in Lagos state by convicted inmates was reported. The incident left 20 prisoners dead and 80 others injured while 12 of them escaped.

On November 2, 2014, another prison break took place at Koton-Karfe Federal Minimum security prisons in Kogi State, by a number of gun men also suspected to be members of Boko Haram.

The incident at the prison resulted in the escape of 144 prisoners and leaving one prisoner dead while 45 of them were rearrested according to official report.

Another attack was reported on 30th November 2014 on the Federal Prison in Ado-Ekiti in Ekiti State where 341 prisoners escaped from the facility, killing one prison personnel but only 67 escapees were captured.

On December 6, 2014, about a week after the Ekiti prison break, Minna Minimum security prisons located in Minna the Niger State capital was also attacked by suspected members of Boko Haram which resulted in the escape of 270 prisoners leaving one security official of the prison dead.

The Owerri prisons in Imo State which Wikileaks reported that on April 5, 2021, a group believed to be Eastern Security Network (ESN) attacked the prison with heavily armed men carrying machine guns, rocket-propelled grenades and improvised explosive devices gained access into the prison yard though the administrative block and released 1,844 inmates of the prison.

If a secured facility like the Jos Correctional Centre is being attacked like a poultry farm, how safe and secure are other Correctional Centres in our country. And if these Centres are being attacked by Boko Haram and bandits and where in a situation where the Police, the Army and other security officers are killed in no small numbers what then is the fate of ordinary Nigerians that are defenseless while manding their business.

I wonder why would a gang of a rag-tag criminals dislodge an organized security outfit? Then the question is where lays our security intelligence and where is our country heading towards as we are moving from one form of criminal or security threat to another. Are we now telling ourselves that we can accept these ills as part of our way of life?



## Telecommunication shutdown palaver

more than a month in order to curtail the menace of the bandits and other criminal activities in those states.

However, the law enforcement agencies have not rested on their statutory obligations and yet the activities of bandits appear to be on the increase day after day and the lives and property of the citizens are also under threats. The decision to curtail the air space of banditry and kidnapping by putting a partial shutdown of telecommunication services within these states was a welcome idea but these have continued to cause unabated hardship on the residents by affecting economic activities rather proffering solutions to the challenges.

Needless to say that bandits and other criminal gangs have continued to engage in reckless operation in these areas despite the lack of network, thereby waking the residents unable to communicate or to make distress calls in times of emergency. They cannot give information to the security agents, on the whereabouts or movement of the attackers.

To this end, some citizens are of the opinion that the shutdown of network communication services in these states has not yielded tangible results, rather it is seen as an attempt to further worsen the state of in security in those states, which also makes life unbearable to the residents.

The fight against the insecurity is Nigeria, require government to deplore modern day communication technology to adequately leverage or mitigate the challenges bedeviling the country.

The persistence of insecurity has been claiming precious lives of the citizenry therefore, government to moist redouble to its efforts in order to put an end to these menace through the adequate funding of apparatus, such as the police, military, vigilante and the local hunters which needs to yield more positive results.

Recently, the bandites have abducted more than fifty worshippers in Kakau Village in Chinkun Local

Government Area in Kaduna State during a Sunday worship service leaving the worshippers helpless without any form of communication to draw the attention of the security agencies in the area.

In addition, another incident at the Kaduna Kachia Road, the outskirt of Chikun Local Government Area where bandits were said to have operated in the high way for several hours without any call or information to draw the attention of the security on that fateful day portends another challenge for the Federal Government in its fight against insecurity which clearly demonstrates the lack of coordination with the security agencies for optimum results.

Meanwhile, the telecommunication services in Nigeria need to be reviewed in order to checkmate and monitor the activities of subscribers.

The Nigeria communication commission, (NCC) has recently announced that they have more than one hundred and ninety million registered subscribers of GSM Networks in the country. Even with the partial shutdown of telecommunication

services, the kidnappers have also mastered and perfected the use of GSM phones to communicate and demand for ransom, from families of their victims without any trace from the network providers.

Therefore, the compulsory registration of Sim Cards by NCC is also as attempt to stop the criminal use of such lines, also seems to have made little impact to the security architectures in arresting culprits either by tracking down such people with the lines or crippling their operations.

It is common knowledge that security of lives and property is a prerequisite for progress in any nation and time has come for the security agencies to implore and adopt modern technology including the telecommunicate network provides of GSM in arresting the menace of those criminals who are tormenting Nigerians in different parts of the country.

Nevertheless, it is possible to embark on cell phone surveillance which normally involves tracking, monitoring, interception, recording of phone conversations and text messages on mobile phones, instead of the outrageous shutdown of telecommunication services.

Modernization of the art equipment gadgets can be implored to monitor the movement of these criminals by tracking their mobile phones signals. It is believed that once the criminals know that they can be track down from any location. It would certainly put some kind of check on their movement and operations.

TELECOMMUNICATION in Nigeria includes radio, television, mobile phones and internal. The advent of mobile telecommunication in the country about two decades ago has continued to enhance communication and other business activities even faster.

Sadly, the activities of banditry and kidnapping in recent times had compel the government of Zamfara, Kaduna states to shutdown their telecommunication services in some parts of the states in order to checkmate the activities of bandits.

Recently in Kaduna State, telecommunication services were shutdown in some parts of Kaduna South, particularly in Chikun, Kajuru, Birnin Gwari and Kachia Local Government Areas while residents have continued to witness an surge in activities of kidnapping and banditry that have left citizens of those states to live under a perpetual fear.

Even though, that of Zamfara State was restored four weeks thereafter, the order that was put in place, in the Kaduna State Government lasted for



By EZEKIEL DONTINNA

IT started like the distant drone of traffic that hardly could come by when the news of harmonizing various structures Ngwan Ishi O'Tarok (NIO), the umbrella body of Tarok Nation came trailing the air waves to have substantive Executive Council that would move the association forward.

Over the years, the association has been overseen by a Caretaker Committee and the journey has not been quite smooth given the prevailing realities of times. It also obvious that, in every move to resuscitate or rather make a glorious rise, it is all in how determined you are to role from one step to another.

Probably, it was for this reason that the Tarok Nation saw the need to resuscitate the apex body of NIO and elect Ambassador Danjuma Nanpon Shen, a retired Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Defense to sail the ship to the promised land.

Although, the process came with its wolves threatening the smooth running of the election by attracting court issues, but as always been the case with every success story, they were able to sumount these challenges and conducted a free and fair elections into various positions on November 13, 2021 accordingly.

The election which was keenly contested also saw Dr. Karnak Dandam as Vice President I, Mr. Nanyak Laden, as Vice President II, while the position of National Secretary went to Mr. Nangor Ndam to be assisted by Mr. Anthony Timjul Joro respectively.

Others included; Chief Nimfa Zwalbong (National Treasurer), Mr. Yaknan Cirfat Bulus (National Financial Secretary), Hon. Daniel, Nanbol Listick (National Publicity Secretary), Mr. Nansel Dashe (National Publicity Secretary II) and Mr. Nimzing Mannaseh (National Welfare Secretary) in that order.

Also elected were Comrade Jomiri Nankpak as the National Organizing Secretary, Mr. Binbol Noah and Mr. Nantim K. Changcuwei as National Auditor I & II, while Barr. Selven Zingman is to serve National Legal Adviser with Nash Timloh Telzing as the National Provost Marshall respectively.

However, there and then, the newly elected National Executive Council were sworn-in to take charge where two week later, the a handing-over ceremony was organised and all necessary documents were presented to new executives last Saturday at the National President's residents in Jos, the Plateau State Capital.

**THE NIGERIA STANDARD** understands that, the newly elected National President of NIO, Ambassador Danjuma Nanpon Shen, long before his retirement as a Federal Permanent Secretary and subsequent relocation to his home town of Kumkwam, he has had an uncanny love, commitment and dedication to his Tarok Nation and people, especially the under privileged generally.

Probably, this disposition could be what gave him an age over his opponents to be unanimously

elected to continue with his commitment to Tarok land. This was glaringly seen the faces of those who graced the occasion of his handing-over. There were cheers and raspberries as they prayed for his success.

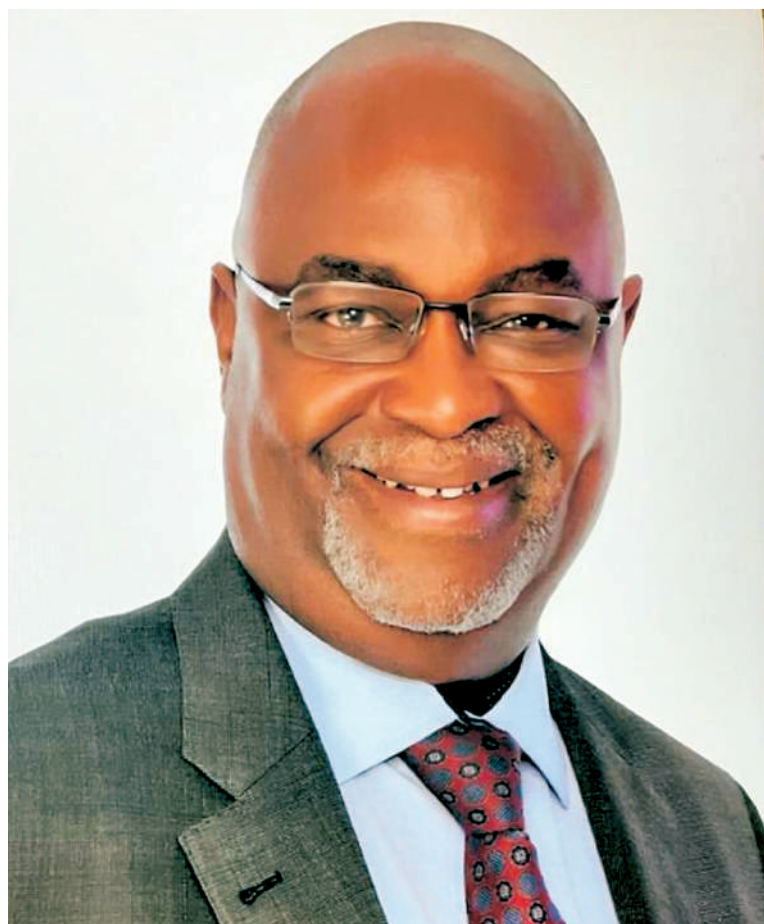
Addressing Journalists shortly after the handing-over ceremony, National President of NIO said, this action formally marks the beginning of a new hope for the resuscitation of the NIO world wide and a new lease of life for the entire Tarok Nation

of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs to expedite the process for the selection and instalment of a new Ponzhi Tarok. We thank His Excellency, Rt. Hon. Simon Bako Lalong KSGG, the Executive Governor of Plateau State for the creation of new Chiefdoms in Plateau State including Kadarko and Byan Chiefdoms. We await the creation of Districts and village areas across the State which we trust will further bring government presence and impact closer to the



## Events, People & Places

# Rebranding NIO towards a better future



Sheni, NIO President

saying, "let me again use this medium to appreciate PLSG for the roles they have been playing towards instalment of Ponzhi Tarok.

"And to also appeal to Government through the Ministry

grassroot", he appealed.

Sheni, therefore, assured his people of his resolve and commitment towards programmes that would have position impact on Tarok and Plateau land which would

include: Resolution of the Langtang North Chairman Tuzzle; Visits to Tarok Joint Traditional Council and Neighbouring Communities; The long-standing challenge of the UPonzhi O'Tarok and Securing Tarok Land respectively.

Other Short Term he emphasized on within the next 24 months include; Commencement of the Construction of NIO Headquarters; Empowerment program for our women and youth and Business Enterprises in Tarok land in that order adding that, "we also have long term programs and policies as indicated in the attached manifesto of ours.

"We expect that at the end of our tenure, we would have left Tarok land in a much better position than we met it. But we need the cooperation and support of all Tarok sons and daughters. I pledge, on behalf of my team and Executive members, that we will do our utmost best for our people and we shall not disappoint Tarok people at the end of the day. That is our pledge", the President promised.

He went further to appeal to the Federal Government to consider the rehabilitation of the Federal Road from Jos to Barkin Ladi, Mangu, Pankshin, Langtang through Yelwa to Ibi in Taraba

State urging PLSG to help facilitate the fixing of Plateau Radio Television Corporation Booster Station in Dankang which would serve as the biggest medium of communication in the Southern Plateau.

Sheni, also appeal to Management of National Television Authority (NTA) to bring back Langtang substation in order to boost communication in Southern Plateau zone to connect his people the federal mite where they would be able to feel the presence of government programmes that are beneficial to them.

Meanwhile, he called on all Tarok sons and daughters that have not yet done their registration for National Identification Number (NIN) to endeavor to do so without further delay and also eligible youths cease this golden opportunity given by INEC to register for their permanent voters card (PVC).

Stressing on the importance of sustaining Tarok culture and promote unity among them, the President said I-LUM O'TAROK, the popular Tarok festival, would be God willing and with the full support of the Chairmen of Langtang North and Langtang South Governments, and the Joint Traditional Council, would hold in April, 2022.



Ngwang Ishi O'tarok (NIO) National Executive



IMAGES

JOCOSA NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Jos College Old Students Association (Government College Jos) last week held its National Convention at the school premises along Zaria Road, Jos



National Chairman, JOCOSA, Mr. Pyalson Joel Yohanna answering questions from newsmen



Students of Government College rendering spiritual songs at the service with JOCOSA



Pastor Paul, a set 2003, Old Students offering special prayers for Plateau State Government, Principal, Staff and Students of the college



Principal of the school, Mrs. Salome Goshit (right) flanked by her staff during a special prayer session offered by students of the college



Mr. Vina Adams of PRTVC with his colleagues Old Students of Government College Jos praying for the students during the church service



Guest Speaker at the convention thanksgiving service, Rev. Justine Ahmadu (2nd right) with Principal and JOCOSA members



Some Old Students helping themselves outside the dilapidated dinning hall of the school



National Chairman, JOCOSA, Mr. Pyalson Joel Yohanna (2nd left) in a group photograph with some Old Students and Students of Government College, Jos

PHOTOS: DANLADI DUK



## Odd World

# Woman fakes wedding photo shoot to get attention

A woman has gone viral on TikTok after she came clean about the fake wedding photo shoot she arranged to get back at her ex after they broke their relationship off.

A woman has revealed the extreme measures she went to in a bid to get her ex-boyfriend's attention.

The woman, who goes by the username @dieschaklin on TikTok, claimed that she staged her own wedding, and even hired a photographer to capture the 'special moments,' just to see if her ex would contact her.

"Remembering the time I faked my own wedding and had a professional photoshoot so he would reach out," she wrote.

The woman appeared to have hired a venue - complete with stables - and even roped in someone to play the part of her "husband" for the 'big day'.

She then posted the pictures to her Instagram in the hopes that her old flame would see them.

In the pictures, she wore a stunning white gown and veil, which she accessorised with dainty silver jewellery, and appeared to have had her makeup professionally done.

She then posed for pictures with a huge bouquet of white flowers alongside her new doting "groom".

One snap saw the pair embraced in door

frames, while another saw them standing by their wedding cake.

The groom even serenaded the woman on the piano as she gazed at him lovingly in another.

But unfortunately, her elaborate plan didn't work out.

"Worst part is he watched my story and still didn't reach out," she revealed in the caption.

Since being posted, the video has racked up more than 285,000 likes and thousands of comments from people who were both impressed and baffled by her idea.

One person said: "Why would he reach out on your wedding day?!"

Another wrote: "This HAS to be real the pictures look too real."

A third commented: "Should have done an engagement shoot lol once the wedding happens it's too late."

"What were you gonna say if he reached out? What was the plan bestie?" asked someone else.

A few people shared the lengths they went to get an ex's attention as one person joked: "I faked my death," and another said: "I did this and he actually reached out and 'stopped the wedding' and he asked me to marry him. All it takes is just the right amount of crazy ladies."

Others demanded a storyline, and she is yet to respond. **Source: Mirror**



## Jos prison break is unacceptable

IN an unfortunate scenario which social commentators and pundits described as another daylight Nollywood blockbuster movie of the year, about twelve suspected Fulani militia reportedly attacked the Jos Correctional Center last Sunday evening where they attempted to free their detained colleagues in lawful custody. Though Nigeria has for almost a decade now continued to witness several jail breaks, the assault on the Jos Correctional facility was so intriguingly spectacular and sophisticatedly one of a kind of its kind in most recent times.

Further giving an insight into this unfortunate incident, the Comptroller of the Jos Correctional Center, Samuel Agunda further explained that the intruders all Fulani from Barkin Ladi Local Government Area of the state allegedly attacked the center with the sole aim of freeing some of their notorious kinsmen who had taken arms against the state and its peopling.

Though the hoodlums succeeded in passing through the prison gates and penetrated into the armory, nine of the deceased inmates, killed by security agents were those who tried to use the weapons from the armory to escape from lawful custody. Unfortunately however, one official of the correctional center paid the supreme price after the hoodlums confronted him by the gate.

Immediately after the attack, the Plateau State Governor, Rt. Hon Simon Bako Alalong commended that efforts of the security agents for gallantly confronting and repelling the attackers with great courage. The Governor who condemned the incident also praised the gallantry of the officers and men of the custodian Centre who rose to the occasion to thwart the plans of the criminals whose mission was to facilitate the escape of inmates and also cause destruction to the facility.

First and foremost, yours sincerely most commend the various security agencies who stood firm against all odds to defend the Jos Correctional Center as they have done a successful job. Even though the prison officers were caught unawares during last Sunday evening's attack on the facility, the officers subsequently gave a good account of themselves by repelling the attack and trapping the intruders within the perimeter of the edifice.

Though the incident according to reports had been put under control, it has left an indelible scare which will for a long time to come continue to hunt us all as a people. This is because of the fact that the issue of jail break in Nigeria is today becoming one too many. Available statistics indicates that at least 4,307 inmates had escaped from prisons in the country since 2017 based on compiled media reports.

In 2021 alone, more than 2,000 inmates were freed in two earlier jailbreaks. Though the issue of jail break is not a new phenomenon in the country, no one had ever imagined that a well fortified facility like the one in Jos, Plateau State could be a target in most recent times. This is because of the fact that the correctional facility is surrounded by the DSS, the Headquarters of the Nigeria Police, Plateau State Command and its proximity to the Headquarters of the Operation Safe Heaven.

For the fact that these hoodlums had the capacity to attack such an edifice without a rethink speaks volume of the long period of preparation for such a dastard act. But again, ever since we started experiencing these consistent prison breaks in the country, security experts have continued to opine that more efficient measures would be taken to curb this menace once and for all.

Even though this ugly incident has come and gone, there is urgent need for stakeholders to itemize and digest the submission of the Comptroller of the Jos Correctional Centre so as to prevent any future reoccurrence. It really does not make sense that in a contemporary society where we have found ourselves in today, none of our prisons is having CCTV security cameras to monitor any intrusion which may occur.

This aside, in the past decade, one of the problems that has continued to bedevil this country has been that of overcrowding of prisons by inmates either convicted or awaiting trials. In most cases, these inmates include those pending trial including other condemned criminals awaiting execution. While decapitated prison walls have become so vulnerable for these ferocious inmates, the government has been unnecessarily spending millions on unrepentant criminals who have not be served the same delicacies they served their victims in their heydays of criminal activity.

Now that the unabated acts of prison break is truncating our nation's rich historical antecedents, authorities concerned must this time around wake up from their slumber and deal with this situation headlong. At a time when this country is nearly becoming overwhelmed with huge security challenges, such unpleasant incidences would only add up to our fears and anxiety as a developing nation.

It was also thought-provoking that some unguarded elements are bracing up by all means necessary to undermine the security framework of the nation. Now that the identity of all those who attacked the Jos facility are known, everything humanly possible must be done to apprehend these miscreants. To say the truth; we are all saddened by the most recent jail break in the city of Jos.

But come to think of it; this recent happening has further exposed the obsolete security frame inherent in a developing nation like Nigeria. Be that as it may however, we must continue to reemphasize that the present security architectural design is not working as anticipated and something urgent must be done about this.

Therefore, to help prevent future reoccurrence, stakeholders must stop playing politics with human lives, rather we must come to terms with the reality of that which is confronting us at the moment. In the event that traitors are found to be attributing to the complex nature of our security problems, supervising bodies must ensure that erring officers are apprehended that punished to serve as deterrents to others.

Beyond all this however, it is high time the leaders of this country come to terms with the depreciating level of insecurity in this country by ensuring that the needful is done to save this country from nose diving into oblivion and becoming a failed state.



## View Point

# Plateau: Finding our place of sustainable peace

**Plateau State as an apex pearl of tourism where purified and peaceful people leaved is now altered by perpetrators of trouble who treasure unrest than rest. Those were the people who peeled the peace of plateau into pieces and has become a hard nut to crack today, ADAM YUSUF MUHAMMAD, writes.**

FROM time in memorial, the people of Plateau had been brothers keeper of one another, they used to sit together and solve issues that may arise between them. Together they lived in a single defined territory so as treat their terrors together and to protect the lives of the innocent.

Despite the multi-lingual, tribal and religious dichotomies, these people of the discord culture came together to build one Plateau to what it is today. They eat together and visit one another, they slept together to solve the slips of one another.

To demonstrate oneness, Berom had sponsored the education of Fulani time without number and so Fulani to Berom. In the past, a Ron man goes and spend the night in Bokkos will go and spend his night with his Mwaghavul, Fulani, Berom, and Hausa friends without any panic. That was so because they trusted one another. Today the reverse is the case. We hate one another for no reason. Can't we emulate our fathers?

In the early days of September 2000, the children of chocolate Plateau started living in a cat and mouse life. They started witnessing a panic pioneered by poisonous people who hate peace and unity among the diversified cultures of the State. The dread started in Jos North and then escalated to rural realms of the state. Many lost their lives, properties and ancestral homes.

From that point in time, the bad eggs among us ignited the crisis through selective killings of serene souls. In July 2012, Gashish District of Barkin Ladi LGC of Plateau State witnessed an artificial disaster where numerous of our brothers and sisters lost their lives. Same in Barkin-Ladi, Riyom, Bassa, Jos South and Jos North in the past years.

If one can sit down to bring the case on table of reason, the major cause of it is not but just self interest among us which will take us no where. No matter the extent of the anger, one cannot deny or claim your destiny! ! !

The murders and criminals of our time neither belong to any religion, tribe or region but they cut across all regions, religions and cultures. The killings are now for no reason but just to kill for killing sake. Then where can we find peace?

In the cause of this menace, so many of our parents are involved. So many of them have abandoned their children to live on their own. Gone were the days when parents interrogate their children on who their friends were, on the account of their daily activities and spiritual background, on where they got money and how they spend it. It has gotten to a point where a father and a son goes to the same beer parlor, take intoxicants and date the same lady. Who will advise the other and how can we find peace when this has cut across all of us regardless



Lalong

of Muslim, Christian or an tribal barriers.

Government of the state has been making efforts to settle the dispute and overcome the killings of people but till date; it still stands. Government has deployed security agents to the affected areas, it have been organizing peace dialogue programs to restore the unity of the state but the citizens left them high and dry.

The Governor of the State, His Excellency, Simon Bako Lalong in his first year in office called all traditional leaders and stakeholders of the state to see how peace of the state can be restored but still killings persist till date.

In the same ideology, the security agencies are also calling for peace and encouraging people to live in unique unity. They always call for discussion forums on peace related matters among the various ethnic and religious groups in the state. They try and relate with members of communities to see that peace is maintained in any given area within the state; yet it has not gain ground.

Our spiritual leaders also

deliver sermons in our mosque and churches on matters related to peace and unity among us. This they do by defining to us the negative impact of killings and disunity using our spiritual scriptures which we believed in.

None Governmental Organizations (NGOs) like Red Cross, Mercy Corp, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (CHD) among others have been trying to bring different cultures together and discuss on how to promote peace in the state by organizing dialogue programs among people of different tribes to demonstrate to them how to restore peace and live together yet their efforts fell on deaf ears.

Despite these efforts, killings of one another still disturb the peace of Plateau. One thing to note is before you kill or cause disturbance, consider the following common things you share with the second party.

First, all of us are humans who have life and blood in the body. If you kill; you will also die one day. Take into consideration the pain in the process of taking life.

Another thing is that we all have same basic necessities that is, food, clothes and shelter. One



Sanda

must depend on another to survive. For instance, one have money but needs a farmer to buy food stuff from, he has money and food but cannot educate himself unless with the effort of one another. He has money but need a Mason and a carpenter to build and roof his house.

While others rear for us, others farm for us to avoid farmine. While others are treading, others are miners, others engineers and that is why we cannot live in isolation.

In the same vain, wealth in wide is a well being. Once there is a misunderstanding, hunger will be the harvest. This is because we cannot go out to farm in fear of death, our shops will be closed for security in terms of disputes. In the aftermath we yawn of hunger for we must all eat. Then what is the essence of killing if hunger and poverty are the successors?

In addendum, we all have religions that believes in the life in the hereafter and constantly warn us against the consequences of killing one another. Our spiritual scriptures defines the commands of the God which all of us believe He exist

and kill.

In the same realm, think about the long - run of killing, what comes after is poverty because we no more move to find food, also illiteracy will swallow our brains because we no more have materialistic teachers for they will run in rescue of their lives. Why can't we stop killing.

For the religious, traditional leaders and also citizens, get over your worries and come together, stop harboring criminals because they are from both sides but rather expose them to the security groups so as they face the music. If you harbor a criminal or any other evil person; he will harm you in return so better you expose them to the authorities concerned so that they should be punished. Religious leaders should preach their sermons towards serenity of the hearts of humans.

For the government, go by the book. It is clear in chapter one section 11(1) of 1999 constitution that "the national assembly may make laws for the State or any part with respect to the maintenance and securing of public safety and public order..." with this you need to set laws that will treat criminals that kills in such a way that they should stop. Be watchful of how the citizens and the security operates.

Dear people of Plateau come together to solve the problems of one another, peace is a treasure to all and a trash to none stop killing yourselves and push for peace and unity. We should stitch in time to save nine.

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## The Jos November 28 Jail break

AS the month of November was COMING to an end, men of the underworld chose to strike and attack the Jos Correctional Centre on Sunday evening of November 28, 2021.

The attack came barely days after the Ta'agbe Village, of Miango District, in Bassa Local Government area was attacked, leading to loss of lives and properties.

Violent attacks remains a major security challenge affecting Nigeria's mortality ratio, economic and national development. The worrisome trend has been partly blamed for the rising food prices because many farmers cannot access their farms for fear of being attacked. Of recent, almost every state of the 36 states of the country including the Federal Capital Territory has had its own share of such violent attacks, causing great concerns with calls on security operatives to up their game and be more proactive.

One of such calls came from the Plateau State Governor Simon Bako Lalong shortly after the Ta'agbe attacks. He condemned the barbaric attacks that left casualties especially the elderly, women and children, over 10 people lost their lives. He also challenged the security operatives to fish out the perpetrators.

Indeed, it has been a common occurrence that there is hardly any arrests after such attacks making many media commentaries and editorials to also challenge security operatives to be more proactive, make arrests, punish perpetrators and unravel the true identities of those serially perpetrating such attacks, that is always done in a similar pattern. The political will and capacity has also been variously questioned.

The last Sunday of November 28 had seemed like a normal day to many residents of Jos town who went about their normal duties attending church services and other activities. Then the sounds of heavy gun-shots started filling the air by evening, past 5pm. This was immediately followed by sharing of social media messages at different platforms warning citizens to be careful around town as the Jos Correctional Centre was under attack, and roads like the Jos Polo Round About, and Hill Station Junction was blocked by security operatives.

The gun duel between the assailants and combined security operatives who immediately mobilised themselves to foil the attacks lasted for hours, and citizens were apprehensive with tensions everywhere. Breaking news on both the social and traditional media started trickling in as more details were being awaited.

Fake news too trickled in and posts of unconfirmed conflicting casualty figures, and images of fake prisons burning circulated on social media platforms to paint the story of the Jos prison attack scenario. But thank God, in one of my Whatsapp Platforms, a member challenged the picture being used to peddle the story saying "This is not Jos Prison" and another person in the group responded "You are right, this is the image of Enugu prison". Then when the right picture of the Jos prison surface a member of the group acknowledged and said "Yes, this is now the Jos prison", and others said "Yes it is".

The battle was intense. People waited for the unexpected in their neighbourhood as they

imagined the sight of armed prisoners on the loose. Unconfirmed reports said one of the escapees was beaten to pulp in a community close to the prison. Finally the next day, on Monday November 29, an official statement from the Nigerian Correctional Service (NCoS) confirmed the casualties and gave a picture of what happened. Spokesperson of the NCoS Francis Enobore in a statement in Abuja disclosed that 10 persons were killed and 252 inmates escaped during the attack on the Jos Medium Security Custodial Centre. He also said the dead include a worker at the facility and nine inmates caught up in the gun battle. Enobore however said 10 of the escaped inmates were recaptured, 6 inmates were injured, but 252 remain at large. Before the sad incident, the Jos Custodial Centre had 1,060 inmates constituting 560 pre-trial detainees and 500 convicts according to a report by Premium Times.

Governor Lalong while commending the bravery of security operatives in curtailing the situation condemned the attacks. He called for a wholistic and more stringent approach by security operatives by boosting of security measures and facilities around all Correctional Centres in the state and country. If done, "this will ensure all correctional facilities in the state are protected from such attacks" said the governor as he assured on securing the lives and properties of citizens.

It is time the Federal Government invest heavily in Prison facilities by installing modern digital security apparatus like CCTV cameras around such correctional centres to forestall such embarrassing occurrences like the one in Jos which occurred in the heart of the state capital. It was worrisome to many that the Jos correctional facility, located at a very secure environment in the heart of Jos the state capital, surrounded by the DSS office, Police Headquarters, the Police Area Command office, including a Police Barracks was attacked in such a manner amounting to such high number of escapees.

### Plateau loses Lawmaker

When news came that Plateau State House of Assembly had lost one of its lawmakers, Hon. Henry Soembis Longs to the cold hands of death, the state was turned into mourning.

Governor Lalong described the death of Longs as shocking and devastating, taking him away at his prime. The late Longs was the representative of Pankshin South constituency in the House and one of the active members of the ruling party the All Progressives Congress (APC).

He was said to have died after undergoing a surgical operation in a health facility in Jos Sunday evening of November 28. Lalong said the Late lawmaker was an active driver of the Legislative process in the Plateau Assembly and the APC.

Sunday November 28 2021 though past and gone, was indeed a day to remember in Plateau, after the two tragedies.



## News

## Buhari honours 3, vows to sanction corrupt public servants

PRESIDENT Mohammad Buhari on Tuesday said the federal government will sanction those who aid illegal recruitment, pad their payroll and retain ghost workers in the public service.

The president said this while declaring open the 3rd National Summit on Diminishing Corruption in the Public Sector.

He warned that his administration would not

hesitate to punish Heads of Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) that fraudulently present new projects as ongoing projects in the budget.

"We reduced the cost of governance by maintaining our promise to complete abandoned or ongoing projects commenced by previous administrations and have ensured that MDAs do not put forward new capital

projects at the expense of ongoing projects.

"Government has, however, noted from the activities of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) that some MDAs have devised the fraudulent practice of presenting new projects as ongoing projects.

"Necessary action and sanctions will continue against the heads of such errant MDAs. I am confident that ICPC will continue to maintain the vigilance required of her by the ICPC Act in this regard," the president warned in a statement issued by his Special Adviser on Media and Publicity, Femi Adesina.

President Buhari who described the summit as auspicious, observed that the theme of the event, "Corruption and Cost of Governance: New Imperatives for Fiscal Transparency" is a reminder of the negative impacts of corruption, adding that it offers an opportunity for critical stakeholders to offer suggestions on ways to further reduce the cost of governance and promote transparency and accountability in government expenditure.

"I am delighted that the Legislative and Judicial arms of government are also under

focus on managing the cost of governance because government is a collective and is not the business of the Executive branch alone.

"On 19th August 2020, the Federal Executive Council adopted the National Ethics and Integrity Policy which I launched on 25th September 2020.

"I am delighted that some public officers continue not only to demonstrate the core values of ethics, integrity and patriotism but have been identified for their sterling anti-corruption disposition in their workplace," he said.

A highpoint of the event attended by the Chief Justice of Nigeria, Ibrahim Tanko Muhammad and a representative of the Senate President Ahmed Lawan was the presentation of the 2021 Public Service Integrity Awards to three distinguished Nigerians: Nelson Okoronkwo, Deputy Director, Legal, Federal Ministry of Information and Culture; Muhammad Ahmad, Assistant Commander of Narcotics, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA); and Ikenna Nweke, a PhD student from Imo State studying in Japan.

Okoronkwo, who was recognised for his consistent

acts of integrity in the different ministries where he has served, is a committee member on fertilizer distribution that led the recovery of billions of naira from racketeers with collaborators within the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

He was credited with reporting corrupt practices that led to the Ogoni cleanup investigation in the Federal Ministry Environment.

As committee chairman on illegal recruitment in the Federal Ministry of Information and Culture, the Deputy Director facilitated the detection and removal of over 3,000 fake employers from the Service, thereby saving the government millions of naira in terms of salaries and emoluments.

The NDLEA officer, Ahmad, was recognised for demonstrating the highest ideals and standards of the public service in the discharge of his responsibilities.

Also a recipient of the Chairman/Chief Executive Award for Outstanding Performance and Integrity, Ahmad recently recovered and declared to his Agency the sum of 24,500 USD offered to him as bribe by a drug baron to compromise an investigation

of 27.950 kg of cocaine, worth billions of naira

Nweke, the Nigerian PhD student in Japan who found a wallet containing a very large amount of money and other valuables returned it to the Japanese police.

He declined 10 per cent of the money offered to him as a reward.

Nweke, who joined the event virtually from his base in Japan, was recognised for his act of "honesty and integrity," by the President.

On Nweke, President Buhari said: "I am also happy to note the ICPC special award to Ikenna Steve Nweke, a Nigerian PhD student from Imo State studying in Japan.

"He has done Nigeria proud in far-away Japan by displaying traditional Nigerian values of honesty and integrity and returning a wallet containing a very large sum of money and other valuables to the police.

"He also declined 10% of the money found as a reward offered to him.

"I join the ICPC in declaring him ICPC CITIZENS ANTI-CORRUPTION VOLUNTEER GROUP ICON.

"He is indeed an icon and a beacon for our youths. I also congratulate all those to be awarded the ICPC Certificate of Integrity through their agencies."



Buhari



## Sports



Super Eagles

## World Cup:

# Nigerians speak on Super Eagles

By **PETER TITUS, SANDRA DAVID, HENRY DANIEL, DAVID DUNG, LONGS JOSEPH and BLESSING STEPHEN**

AS Nigeria Super Eagles qualified to the 2022 World Cup in Qatar and with their current form, will they perform well in the world championship? Our correspondents went round the town to sample the opinion of football lovers.

Mathew Sunday, a footballer, expressed sadness with the performance of the Super Eagles, especially against Liberia, which they secured three points in an unprofessional manner and their performance against Cape Verde which they manage to secure a point.

He disclosed this in an interview in Anglo Jos, with **THE NIGERIA STANDARD** sports desk recently, noting that FIFA ranked Nigeria in 36 position while Cape Verde and Liberia were far behind them and it was so difficult to beat them.

Sunday asserted that if the Super Eagles can't outshined countries like Liberia and Cape Verde and what would be the outcome if they play against countries like England, Spain and Brazil in Qatar, 2022 World Cup.

He revealed that Gernor Rohr is not up to the task in taking the team forward as regards to the caliban of players the have in top European Clubs, but can't even beat a country like Cape-Verde.

"If we really want to win the World Cup or get through the group stages, the Super Eagles should sack Gernor Rohr or he should resign, because his tactics are too poor and the players lack consistency, no team work, its always individual performance", he said.

Also Emmanuel Godiya, who is also a footballer training with Mees Palace Football Club of Jos,

displeased with the performance of the team against Liberia, though winning 2-0 and their match against Cape-Verde, which he said they manage to escape with a point.

He opined that their performance was woeful against even smaller African countries, maintaining that if the Super Eagles can't beat small African Countries, he don't see them going anywhere in the World Cup in Qatar 2022.

He further acknowledged that Gernor Rohr is incompetent to lead the team to success in Qatar, saying that his tactics are too poor like wise choice of players.

Bans Nekaka, a player with Nassarawa United, on his part, said though the team got three points in the game against Liberia, it's a match of fate decider, because if they lost the match they would 'nt have qualified for the 2022 World Cup in Qatar, saying that it was a great performance but they have to improve in their pattern of play in every match.

He stressed that Nigeria can win the World Cup, because they have many outstanding players that are not being called to the squad, urging that the technical crew should call on such players in order to strengthen the team.

"Nigeria should include home base players in the squad, so as to encourage the NPFL players, that would bring competition to the squad, because the home based players always give in their best", he said.

Also, Benson Aganchi, a sport analyst expressed sadness with the performance of the team and the coach's poor tactics, despite topping group E to qualify.

He noted that their pattern of play is not encouraging despite topping the group with 13 points.

"Nigeria would not go far in the tournament due to their inability to break down weak opponent, talk more of in the main competition where, they would face the giant Footballing countries". He said.

Also, Peter Samuel, also a football analyst in Jos, expressed displeasure with the team and its tactician, for their poor pattern of play, adding that Rohr is incompetent to handle the team for a better performance in Qatar.

Emmanuel James, former coach of Young Shooter F.C of Bukuru expressed delight with Super Eagles qualification to the World Cup.

"The Super Eagles are well organized for World Cup and we have hope they will win the Cup if they do the necessary things instructed by Rohr", he ended.

The writers are students of the Plateau State Polytechnic, Mass Communication Department on Industrial Attachment with the Nigeria Standard.



Al Masry

DUTCH manager Jo Bonfrère could be in line for a shock return to the Super Eagles after he formally sent his application for the team's coaching role to the NFF.

According to ESPN journalist Colin Udoh, Bonfrère has officially expressed his interest in taking over from the current coach Gernot Rohr, who is on the brink of the sack.

Rohr has been in the role since 2016, but his position has become untenable due to the team's recent unimpressive performances.

The NFF is currently looking to pay the German tactician off as they interview potential candidates. And among the candidates that have sent in their application is Bonfrère.

Nigeria's 1996 Olympic gold-winning coach Jo Bonfrere has formally put in his paperwork to apply for the Nigeria job.

The NFF is currently in the process of paying off current coach Gernot Rohr to terminate his contract while

## Bonfrère applies to take over from Gernot Rohr



Bonfrère

interviewing candida for t h e job#SuperEaglesInsider

The Dutchman is familiar with the Super Eagles, having served as the team's coach on two occasions and as an assistant in another stint.

Bonfere served as Super Eagles assistant coach under Clemence Westerhof at the 1994 World Cup before leading the Dream Team to the

gold medal in the football event of the Atlanta 1996 Olympics.

He left his role after the Olympics but returned in 1999 to lead Nigeria to a second-place finish at the 2000 Africa Cup of Nations.

Should he return, Bonfrère's first task will be to lead the three-time African champions to next year's AFCON, which starts on January 9 in Cameroon.

## Chukwueze praised after scoring against Barcelona

SAMUEL Chukwueze was praised by celebrated Spanish sports daily AS following his goal for Villarreal in their 3-1 loss to Barcelona in a La Liga match at the Estadio de la Cerámica on Saturday night.

**NEWSNOW** said that, it was his first goal in the Spanish top-flight since he found the net against the same opponents on April 25, 2021.

Following a goalless first half, the game exploded into life three minutes into the second stanza when Frenkie de Jong tapped in the rebound of a Memphis



Chukwueze

shot though the goal was initially ruled out for offside. Chukwueze, on as a

substitute in the 65th minute, equalised with a great finish with fourteen minutes remaining and it was thought Villarreal were back in the game but it was Barcelona who went on to win it.

Memphis' with an angled finish made it 2-1 with two minutes to go and Coutinho won and converted a penalty in stoppage time to get the job done.

AS reporter David Esteve is of the opinion that Chukwueze is back to his best after a difficult start to the season due to his injury problems.

He wrote on Chukwueze : "He revolutionized the game. He scored the tying goal with good definition and created a lot of danger. His best version returned."

Chukwueze has appeared in ten matches across all competitions for Villarreal since making his comeback against Osasuna on October 17.

## Al Masry file complaint against Rivers United

AL Masry Vice President Mohamed El-Kholy claimed his club will be filing an official complaint against

their CAF Confederation Cup opponents Rivers United.

**NEWSNOW** said that, Egypt representatives in the CAF Confederation Cup Al Masry have suffered a disappointing 2-1 defeat to Nigeria's Rivers United at the Enyimba International Stadium. The game was not broadcasted on TV per the request of the hosts.

The Egyptian side now has to win 1-0 or by a two-goal difference in Port-Said next Sunday to qualify to the Group stage.

After the confrontation, Al Masry vice president Mohamed El-Kholy said that they will be filing an official complaint as they saw insulting treatment from their hosts.



Sports

“It was a huge victory for us”

MANCHESTER City midfielder pair, Ilkay Gundogan and Fernandino were on target as Pep Guardiola's Premier League superiority over West Ham continued.

According to **BBC SPORT**, City have now won 10 of 11 top-flight meetings with the Hammers under the Spaniard.

In a game played in a snow-storm before half-time, skipper Gundogan provided the decisive moment after 33 minutes when he turned home a deflected Riyad Mahrez effort at the far-post.

It was the Germany midfielder's third goal of the season - and his second in four league games - and was followed up in the final minute by Fernandinho, who had only been introduced three minutes earlier to tie the game up.

The veteran Brazilian had not scored a Premier League goal since



**Gundogan's goal was the German's third in the Premier League this season**

October 2018 but found the target from the edge of the box.

Manuel Lanzini pulled one back with the final kick of the game, which cost Ederson his 100th clean sheet in all competitions but did nothing to prevent City moving back into second spot, six points clear of the Hammers.

The Londoners remain fourth despite suffering successive Premier League defeats for the first time since April.

Man City boss Pep

performance from us.”

Guardiola offered special thanks to head groundsman Lee Jackson and his team for this latest victory.

A s h a l f - t i m e approached with heavy snow falling on a pitch

already covered in it, there was a real fear the game might not reach its conclusion.

Yet Jackson and his colleagues got to work and with the aid of a half-time interval extended by referee Michael Oliver by five minutes, and the surface was clear again

when the game restarted, by which time the snow had stopped.

Guardiola said: “I think the groundkeepers, the men who took care of the pitch, were the men of the match. They did an incredible job so we could play the game today.”

Mendy confident to win Yashin award

CHELSEA'S Senegalese goalkeeper Edouard Mendy is confident he can win the Lev Yashin award for Europe's best goalkeeper when the Ballon d'Or gala takes place on Monday night.

**BBC SPORT** said that, the 29-year-old is one of the 10 goalkeepers in contention for the prize, with only Italy's European Championship winner Gianluigi Donnarumma, of Paris St-Germain, up for the main Ballon d'Or trophy.

Nonetheless, Mendy - who won the Champions League in May - believes he can become the second man to win an award introduced in 2019 by Ballon d'Or organisers.

“Of course I think I can win it,” Mendy told BBC Sport

Africa.

“[If I do win it] I think it would be something I would have deserved. It's

something I have worked hard to get, so it would be a great pride given my journey.”



Mendy



**ICRC**

The International Committee of the Red Cross - ICRC- ([www.icrc.org](http://www.icrc.org)) Is an Independent humanitarian organisation, neutral and impartial organization. Jos Sub Delegation Is looking for a suitable candidate to fill the vacancy below

**Buyer 1**

Under the supervision of the Logistics Site Manager, the Buyer 1 is responsible for the procurement of requested goods and services for the ICRC Sub Delegation in Jos, s/he is responsible to secure the best correlation of quality, price and delivery time. The Purchaser/Buyer is the owner of his/her procurement files from reception of the request until final submission for archiving. The Purchaser must understand well the work and needs of all the departments.

**Main duties and responsibilities**

- Receives validated Supply Request (SR) from the Supply Chain officer (SCO), analyses them and communicates with the requester for further details if needed
- Determines the source of supply for incoming SR in cooperation with SCO and the Warehouse according to internal procedures after having check registration and all other data on it
- Responsible for the follow-up process until goods/services are delivered by the supplier
- Prepares and sends out a request for quotation (RFQ) using the ICRC LOG Standard Item & Supplier database to achieve the right quality for goods to be purchased
- Must ensure that the RFQ contains all relevant information to enable transparent selection of the best price, terms, and conditions
- Presents selection table (ST) and supports documents to justify and exhibits transparency in the choice of supplier
- Ensures that high-value purchases are conducted in liaison with Abuja Log Purch Unit, with the applicable green light
- system and in full conformity with the financial rules within the delegation, but also according to ICRC Nigerian Fin purchasing rules
- In the case of a petty cash purchase, physically visit the local markets in order to procure goods
- Ensures supplier's registration and validation are completed as per standard ICRC's Procurement Guidelines
- Reports any changing on the local market (availability of goods, shortage, price increase, etc.)
- Reports occurred problems and unusual requests concerning, purchase, quality, price without delay

**Education and Experience Required**

- Bachelor's degree or higher education in Procurement, Logistics or similar field.
- Additional vocational training in Purchasing or Logistics. CIPS is preferred.
- Minimum 2 years of experience in Procurement, Logistics or similar position in Private or Humanitarian sector.
- Advanced conversational and written skills in English and Hausa.
- Computer literate: Microsoft office package & MRP based software

**Desired profile and skills**

- Adaptivity & Quick learning, sense of responsibility & autonomy.
- Honest & Trustworthy.
- Good Negotiation skills. Communication (Ability to express views and ideas).
- Good knowledge of the local market.
- Capacity to understand and integrate the ICRC logistics' procedures in a transparent manner


**How to apply**

- Send Curriculum vitae, Cover Letter and NYSC Certificate to [ABJ\\_Recruitment\\_Service@icrc.org](mailto:ABJ_Recruitment_Service@icrc.org)
- Clearly indicate "ABJ202100228 Buyer 1 JOS" as the subject of your application (*Applications intended for this role without this subject will not be treated*)
- In the body of the mail, please indicate the following in the format as seen:
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  - Current location
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**ICRC**

The International Committee of the Red Cross – ICRC- ([www.icrc.org](http://www.icrc.org)) is an independent humanitarian organisation, neutral and impartial organization. Jos Sub Delegation and Makurdi Antenna is looking for a suitable candidate to fill the vacancy below

**Technical Helper**

Under the supervision of the Premises Maintenance Officer, the technical helper provides cleaning/housekeeping at the ICRC premises. S/He also provides basic technical support in ensuring all electrical, plumbing and carpentry issues are attended to in the Makurdi antenna.

**Main duties and responsibilities**

- Ensures that there are no electrical, plumbing and carpentry issues in the Makurdi antenna.
- Ensures that the antenna is always clean.
- Purchases of cleaning supplies and sending invoices to the sub delegation.
- Ensures proper stocks of office supplies.
- Informs his/her supervisor of any needs, malfunctions or problems.
- Carries out other manual tasks as required

**Education and Experience Required**

- 2-years work experience in a similar function
- Basic knowledge of English
- Ability to be able to work without too much supervision
- Ability to write simple reports

**Desired profile and skills**

- Ability to be able to work without too much supervision.
- Attention to details
- Honest and Trustworthy

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- Clearly indicate "ABJ202100225 Technical Helper MKD" as the subject of your application (*Applications intended for this role without this subject will not be treated*)
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Sports

Messi wins Ballon d’Or award

PARIS St-Germain and Argentina forward Lionel Messi won the Ballon d’Or - awarded to the best footballer of the year - for a record seventh time.

**BBC SPORT** said that, Messi, 34, helped his country win the Copa America, his first international honour, and has scored 40 goals in 2021 - 28 for Barcelona, four for Paris St-Germain and eight for Argentina.

Bayern Munich and Poland striker Robert Lewandowski came second, Chelsea and Italy midfielder Jorginho was third and Real Madrid’s French striker Karim Benzema finished fourth.

The Ballon d’Or is voted for by 180 journalists from around the world, although there was no award in 2020 because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Either Messi or Cristiano Ronaldo (five wins) collected the award every year from 2008 to 2019, apart from in 2018 when Croatia midfielder Luka Modric won it.

Messi had already won the trophy more times than any other player and his seventh success comes after wins in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015 and 2019.

“It’s incredible to be here again,” he said at the ceremony, held at Paris’s Theatre du Chatelet.

“Two years ago I thought it was the last time. People were starting to



Messi

ask me when I was going to retire but now I’m here in Paris and very happy.

“It’s a special year for me with this Copa America title. It meant a lot to win [1-0 against Brazil in the final] at the Maracana stadium and I was so happy to celebrate with the people from Argentina.

“I don’t know if it’s the best year of my life - I’ve had a long career - but it was a special one with the title with Argentina after the tough times and the criticism.”

Messi also had warm words for the runner-up, 33-year-old Poland captain Lewandowski.

“I wanted to say to Robert that it was an honour to go up against him,” said Messi. “He deserved to win it last year.”

Lewandowski scored 53

goals in all competitions in 2021 for Bayern and was awarded the Striker of the Year prize, a new award that was only announced hours before the ceremony began.

Paris St-Germain’s Gianluigi Donnarumma, who helped Italy win Euro 2020, won the Yashin Trophy for best goalkeeper, while Champions League winners Chelsea were named Club of the Year.

THE Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports Development will facilitate the creation of a Skateboarding federation in Nigeria very soon.

Sports Minister, Sunday Dare disclosed this in Lagos, over the weekend, stressing that the number of young people picking interest in the sports necessitated the move.

The Minister was on a routine visit to the National Stadium Complex in Surulere, Lagos, when his attention was drawn to a group of young skaters, mostly between ages three (3) and fourteen(14), practicing near the secretariat of the Lagos chapter of the Sports Writers Association of Nigeria (SWAN).

After interacting with their instructors and parents, Dare promised to look into their request, assuring them that the modalities and processes will be initiated immediately.

Skateboarding is getting increasingly popular worldwide and only recently has become an Olympic sport.

Meanwhile, Sunday Dare has pledged the support of his Ministry to the Nigerian University Games Association

Skateboarding Federation to be established soon- Dare

From DORCAS PANKYES, ABUJA

(NUGA) ahead of the 26th edition of the games, holding at the University of Lagos next year.

The Minister expects that talents produced at the event will be integrated into the National Sports Federations so they can be further developed into elite athletes who will represent the country in International competitions.

Speaking in Lagos on Friday, at the elaborate lighting of the game’s torch event, he said the return of the games to the University of Lagos is an opportunity to rewrite its history.

“I was barely five days in office as the Sports Minister when I met the Vice Chancellor, Professor Oluwatoyin Ogundipe and I challenged him to host the NUGA games so we could use it to turn around the games and to launch an aggressive youth and sports development plan for our universities and the

country as a whole. He has delivered on his part and I must tell you that the ministry will do its part too.

“As a Ministry, we will ensure that our sports federations also get involved in the games to identify talents that will be fed into the system, so that they can be the next generation of talents in our national teams,” he said.

He challenged the NUGA Games 2022 Local Organizing Committee to organize games that will signal a ‘new beginning’ in the 57 year history of the Association.

The Pro Chancellor of the University of Lagos, Senator Lanre Tejuosho and the Vice Chancellor, Professor Oluwatoyin Ogundipe thanked the Minister for his support and promised to put together an event that will meet global standards.

...As Putellas wins Women’s award

Barcelona captain Alexia Putellas won the Women’s Ballon d’Or, awarded to the best female footballer in 2021.

Putellas, 27, scored as Barca beat Chelsea 4-0 to secure their first Champions League crown.

She ended the 2020-21 season as the highest-scoring midfielder in Europe with 26 goals in all competitions and was also named Uefa’s Women’s Player of the Year and Midfielder of the Year.

Team-mate Jennifer Hermoso came second, with Chelsea striker Sam Kerr third.

Arsenal forward Vivianne Miedema was fourth, while the Chelsea trio of Pernille Harder, Jessie Fleming and Fran Kirby were seventh, ninth and 10th respectively.

“I’m sure I won’t be the last Barcelona player to win the prize. This is just the beginning,” said Putellas, who was one of

five Barca players nominated for the award.

Former England midfielder Karen Carney, speaking on BBC Radio 5 Live’s Monday Night Club, praised Putellas.

“She has been brilliant for Barcelona,” said Carney.

“She has been phenomenal playing that attacking midfield role. She is so key to Barcelona - and she can get a goal or thread a pass.”



Putellas

NTA emerges winner of SWAN football tournament

**From DORCAS PANKYES, Abuja**

The Nigeria Television Authority (NTA) again emerged the overall winner of a keenly contested football tournament put together by the Sports Writers Association of Nigeria



Ibn Mohammed DG, NTA

(SWAN) FCT chapter.

The week-long football event which kicked off on Monday November 22, climaxed on Thursday November 25, 2021 at SiaOne Academy pitch located inside Moshood Abiola National Stadium Abuja with seven participating media-based teams.

The teams that participated include NTA, News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), Nigeria Customs Broadcasting Network (NCBN), TVC, Voice of Nigeria (VON), African Independent Television (AIT) and Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN).

At the end, Africa’s largest television network, NTA, retained the trophy, a record four times after narrowly defeating determined NAN 1-0 with a spectacular Olalekan

Kilajolu’s volley midway into the second half of the encounter.

Earlier, AIT beat NCBN 1-0 in the third place match to finish third best.

Making a presentation, the donor of the overall winners’ football trophy and President of Emeka Offor Foundation, Sir Emeka Offor, represented by his Chief of Staff, AIG Chris Ezike (rtd) announced that the trophy which has been severally by NTA backed with cash prize is now for keeps.

Sir Offor then, assured of the Foundation’s readiness to donate a brand new trophy with a cash prize for 2022 edition of the competition.

“I’m very delighted with the steady innovation of SWAN FCT leadership. The idea is in tandem with what our Foundation stands for. We are very

excited to partner notable media houses through SWAN,” he said.

Also speaking, President of Ratels Sports Development Foundation (RSDF), Barr. Paul Edeh, congratulated the winners and all participants just as he also made cash donation to the two teams that played as well as match officials in the final of the football event.

“SWAN has been a great partner in football and sports development generally. We can only continue support each other for more.”

In his remarks, SWAN FCT chairman, Mr Ndubueze Chidoka while commending the mature disposition of teaming members, expressed gratitude to all that supported the various events.





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## Jos - Shendam dual carriage way: A dream at midnight?

ONE has always had dreams. Some come true within weeks, some in the year, some in a decade and some appear not to be realized in one's lifetime but are actualized sometime later. Even Joseph in the Bible had dreams that became real in his lifetime, orchestrated by God Himself.

The history of roads dates back to the origin of humanity. I believe communal links between one community and the other existed and referred to as 'foot-paths'. Even ants had such paths as they wandered around in search for food, or when relocating from one abode to another. As a child, I personally witnessed these ant tracks. Rats also have their own paths.

As traffic increased on the roads, they became clearer and a bit wider. One needed no compass to get from one village to the other. The roads were existing guides. With the introduction of transportation of carts drawn by donkeys, cows, or mules, it became obvious that roads had to be widened to accommodate such carts or chariots as the case may be. When mechanized means of transport emerged, roads had to be given further attention to tolerate faster speed, weight and for durability.

Stone paved streets were said to have been built in the city of Ur in the Middle-East as far back as 4000 BC and log roads in Glastonbury, England at about the same time. Egypt in Africa is said to have the world's oldest paved road, constructed sometime between the year 2600 and 2200 BC.

In Nigeria, the history of roads is not very clear, but road systems are said to have begun in the 1900s, as feeder networks to new railroads. By 1990, Nigeria had constructed about 108,000 kilometers of roads of which only 30 kilometers were paved, 24,000 kilometers were gravel and the rest were 'unimproved earth' roads. Plateau State benefitted sparingly in these road networks. Trips out and into Jos was mainly by rail and train as this had been constructed very early in the 1900s to transport tin-ore from Jos to the coast for onward transportation to Europe for their industrial revolution. As far as I can remember, the Jos-Pankshin-Shendam road was 'earth un-



**Buhari**

improved' by 1970. Before this time, vehicles plying the road were trailed by streams of dust which could be seen by us then from miles away. If it was now, robbers would have used this sign to their advantage to stop and rob the vehicles and their passengers as they could see the sign from far away and therefore prepare to intercept the vehicle.

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So what is the DREAM? The dream is that the Heipang to Shendam Road is going to be dualized soon!!! In fact, extending the sleep a little longer on the night of the dream, it appeared to me that the work had actually commenced. The messenger of the dream showed me some details! Whether this is state or federal road is not the problem.

The road was going to be done

in three phases! Phase I was going to be from Heipang to Pankshin; Phase II from Pankshin to Shendam and the Phase III from Shendam to Lafia in Nasarawa State. The Phase III was going to be a joint project by Plateau and Nasarawa States.

Yes even as of the time of writing, I am not really sure whether is a dream or what has already been penciled down by government to start soonest. The whole thing was made **super real** in the dream as the current administration had been invoked by the immediate past administration, having done most of the roads in Jos and immediate surroundings. That this road connected many local government headquarters with the capital of Plateau State. That the road was going to open up a lot of commerce in the state. That the road was going to divert most traffic from the eastern part of the country to Jos through this road to the economic advantage of the state. That roads enhance rapid development. How can this dream then not be true?

The dreamer also saw the Local government councils, challenged by the central administration, also widening, and tarring major roads in their areas and linking these to this main dual carriage way. The few kilometers of roads remaining to be dualized by the central government are done by these local government areas linking them to the state capital



**Lalong**

or the nearest dualized road closest to them.

One thing for sure is the misuse of roads particularly by the pedestrians. It must be noted that roads have 'right of way', fully compensated for by the authorities, and this must be recognized by all and sundry. Therefore, road users on foot must learn how to use the road when the need arises. No one has the right to truncate roads to put speed bumps (road blocks) without written permission from the authorities, and this will be accompanied by specifications on how to do so. No one advocates that pedestrians be knocked down by motorists, but pedestrians must obey rules guiding the use of any highway. Native authorities should put in place a mechanism to continuously educate their populace about the use of the roads. It is unfortunate to see that where the road is bad in a village or township, instead of the natives using any available resources to mend the road, they take to building speed bumps thereby making use of the road unbearable to the legitimate road users who have paid for the use of the road. Communities who are not ready to tolerate use of the road by motorists should approach government even before the road construction to be by-passed.

We cannot go back to spending

a whole day to drive from Shendam to Jos as was the case before the road construction. Whether we like it or not, speed has some relationship with faster economic development. That is why the road were tarred, for faster movement and safety.

The speed bumps have terrible health effects. Patients referred to Jos often die en-route as vehicles in which they are carried waste so much time to get there in addition to the 'jumps' caused by the bumps. The worst hit are patients with all types of bone fractures being transported to Jos. Secondly, the long-term effects of these bumps on the human vertebral column (the backbone) cannot be imagined years after users of the road have long forgotten about it. People do not relate this physical insult on the backbone to long standing back pain!!

Economically, the wear and tear on vehicles that ply these roads can only be imagined. The costs on brake pads, shock absorbers, amount of petrol used, time taken to and from base, for example, and so on. Buy a taxicab on hire-purchase and give it to a driver to ply, for example, Pankshin to Jos and to pay you back in 6-12 months and see whether this can be achieved. The obvious thing would be one complaint or the other for the inability to pay back the 'loan' and all are genuine reasons. Let us think for a moment in this regard and not act on sentiments! Pedestrians should advocate for and use zebra road crossing points.

As I put aside the biro writing this script, I wonder whether dreaming is a crime. But with a few consultations, I am reassured that it is not. So, I do not feel guilty or bad at all. The feeling is that if I do not witness it in my lifetime, that it would be a reality one day. It takes just a large heart to start, and one day, it would be completed. As I conclude, I ask God to forgive me if I have done any wrong in this regard. I am sure many people have dreamt along this line, may be not exactly like mine, but for one reason or another have failed to voice it out. Let us all say amen to this dream at midnight!

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