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## Gunmen demand N100m to free 36 abducted worshipers

**G**unmen, who attacked Maranatha Baptist Church and St Moses Catholic Church in the Rubu community of Kajuru council of Kaduna State have asked for N100 million to free about 36 worshippers in their custody according to the traditional ruler of the area.

He spoke to journalists when heads of security

agencies and a Kaduna government delegation visited the area Monday.

He said he was freed because he is a traditional leader but was asked to raise at least 100 million in ransom before others in

captivity would be released.

Another freed victim, Bashir Usman, told journalists that the three persons who were killed tried to confront the terrorists.

According to him one woman had one of her ears cut off by the gunmen.

Also, some assailants attacked Panyam in Mangu council of Plateau State, abducting a traditional ruler, His Royal Highness,

Aminu Derwan.

According to reports, the gunmen, who were about 20 in number, stormed the palace early Monday and took away Derwan, the district head of Panyam.

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### INEC to comply with voter registration order

**C**ommissioner, Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on Information and Voter Education, Festus Okoye, has said that INEC will comply with the ruling of a Federal High Court in Abuja, on the Continuous Voter Registration (CVR).

Okoye made this known when he appeared on Channels Television's programme, Politics Today, Monday evening.

"The commission is a constitutional body, and we are under a constitutional obligation to give effect to judgements and orders of properly constituted courts of law and we are going to give effect to the order made by the Federal High Court", he said.

Recall that Justice Mobolaji Olajuwon of the Federal High Court in

Abuja, had restrained INEC from going ahead with its decision to end the CVR exercise on June 30, as scheduled.

The judge gave the ruling while granting an order of interim injunction, following the hearing of an argument on motion ex parte filed by the Socio-Economic Rights and Accountability Project (SERAP).

Okoye noted that the CVR exercise had been in place for the past one year and that INEC would on the 29th day of June, convince the court on the adjourned date on why the exercise should be discontinued for now.

"The court has asked the Independent National Electoral Commission to come back on the 29th day of June and explain its position; we are going to

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**Nigeria's President, Muhammadu Buhari (middle) outgoing Governor of Ekiti State, Dr. John Kayode Fayemi (right) and the Governor-elect of Ekiti State, Biodun Oyebanji during a ceremony at the State House Abuja to introduce the Governor-elect to the President on Monday**

Photo: STATE HOUSE PRESS, ABUJA

### KDSG sacks NUT president, over 2,000 teachers

**T**he Kaduna State Universal Basic Education Board has dismissed 2,357 teachers who failed the recently-conducted competency test, including the Comrade

Audu Amba, President of NUT.

In a statement, its spokesperson, Hauwa Mohammed, in Kaduna, said the board conducted a

competency test for over 30,000 teachers in December 2021.

She said that 2,192 primary school teachers including the National President of the Nigeria Union of Teachers, Mr Audu Amba, had been dismissed for refusing to sit for the competency test.

Mohammed noted that 165 of the 27,662 teachers

that sat for the competency test were also sacked for poor performances.

She said, "Following the state government's resolution for continued assessment of teachers to ensure better delivery of learning outcomes for pupils, KADSUBEB conducted another competency test for the

teachers in December 2021.

"The services of teachers who scored below 40 per cent are no longer required and their appointments have been terminated from the public service for their poor performances.

"Teachers who scored 75 per cent and above were recognised as those who passed the test and

qualified for attending courses in leadership and school management."

According to her, qualified teachers will be included in Teacher Professional Development Programmes to enhance their capacities to deliver quality teaching to pupils.

Mohammed said teachers who scored between 40 and

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## News

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Spokesman for the state police Command, Alabo Alfred, confirmed the incident, saying security operatives had been deployed to track down the kidnapers and rescue the

paramount ruler.

Police in Bauchi also confirmed Monday the abduction of the Village Head of Zira, Alhaji Yahya Abubakar and his son, Habibu Saleh, in Toro council of the state.

The Command's spokesman Ahmed Wakil, said the gunmen attacked the village, a border village with Plateau State, on Saturday.

Wakil said a police search team was on the trail of the hoodlums.

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back to the court on that 29th day of June to explain our position and then allow the rest of the issues to be determined by the court.

"The continuous voter registration has been ongoing for one year. We started the online registration on the 28th day of June, 2021 and then started the physical

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registration in July 2021, so the online registration has been going on for one year", he said.

Okoye noted that there were days when the INEC officers would register only one person for a whole day.

He said, "For each day our registration officers spend registering voters, it also has financial implications. This is not a

fresh registration, it is only meant for persons who have not registered before and those who have attained the age of 18.

"These are the ones that are supposed to engage in this continuous voter registration exercise. Persons who seek to do transfer, whose PVCs have been damaged are not obligated to register again."

### District head of Panyam kidnapped

**From PETER TITLE, Panyam**

THE District Head of Panyam in Mangu, Local Government Area of Plateau State, His Royal Highness, Da. Engr. Aminu Derwam, was at the wee hours of Monday kidnapped by heavily armed gun men.

An investigations by **The Nigeria Standard** revealed that, the heavily armed men who whisked the District Head away to an unknown destination at about 12:30am operated in commando style while the onslaught lasted.

Our correspondent further gathered that the assailants who were about 25 in number, divided themselves in groups and took position in strategic areas of the town to avert any eventuality. And they operated successfully.

A resident of the town who confided in our reporter and who would not want his name printed said the kidnapers came with sophisticated weapons and shot sporadically which scared residents away.

According to him, the fire power of the assailants made the people of the town to stay indoors. He

explained that the alleged kidnapers that took the royal highness away were ready to shoot and kill any person at sight. Adding that they were armed to the tooth.

Recall that the Sum Pyem, Mato Dakat and the District Head of Pushit, Da Diket Gupiya all in Mangu Local Government Area of the state were some months ago in similar circumstances abducted in their homes and later on released.

When contacted on the issue, the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in charge of Mangu Division and who spoke under anonymity said they were in receipt of



**IG Alkali**

the report and were investigating. He emphasised that anyone found to be involved in such act would definitely face the wrath of the law.

Our correspondent reports that as at the time of going to press, no contact was established between the family and the kidnapers.

### Petrol marketers increase pump price amid scarcity

NIGERIANS are now paying more for petrol despite the official price still fixed at N162.50 and N165 per litre.

Independent marketers, who started implementing a new price regime of between N170 to N190 lately, insisted that it would be difficult for them to sell at the official pump price.

Besides, scarcity of the product resurfaced in Lagos, Akure, Ado-Ekiti, Abeokuta, Jos, among other towns in Nigeria.

The situation in Abuja worsened at the weekend with long queues at the filling stations where petrol is sold.

In Lagos, many independent stations were shut, the few that were dispensing recorded long queues.

It also caused gridlocks on Ikorodu Road, Ikoyi, Ikeja, and Airport Road, among other places.

Independent Petroleum Marketers Association of Nigeria (IPMAN) in a statement by its Lagos State Depot (LSD) Secretary, Akeem Balogun, said: "With the current price, there is no way we can sell less than N180 per litre.."

"Kindly contact the Secretariat should you have any authority challenging your operations."

The chaos in the stations that dispensed fuel with a fewer number of pumps was worsened by jerry can-carrying residents in

search of the product to power their generators.

In Lagos, the queues were most noticeable at filling stations owned by major marketers in traffic-prone areas like Oshodi, Ejigbo, Ikeja, Egbeda, Ikotun Igando, Iyanaiba and Satellite.

Nearly all stations operated by independent dealers in the commercial city did not open to motorists.

Motorists in Osun, Kwara, Rivers, Delta, Edo, Kano, Katsina, Akwa Ibom, Cross River, Anambra, Enugu, Ebonyi, Benue, Nasarawa, Borno, Yobe, Imo, Abia and Gombe had no challenges purchasing fuel from both major and independent dealers, but petrol still sold between N165 and N180 per litre.

A source in the Major Oil Marketers Association of Nigeria (MOMAN) attributed the scarcity to a dislocation in the supply chain.

The MOWAN source, who pleaded anonymity, explained that when there is a disruption of the supply chain, it "takes an average of almost two weeks to get it back to normal."

He added that NNPC Limited restored supply late Monday, adding that motorists and commuters may have to cope till the early part of next week when normalcy is expected to return."

But IPMAN National Operations Controller,

Mike Osatuyi, pointed out that the fuel being sold in the last one week by independent marketers was a part of the reserves they had.

He said: "Marketers have been loading from the stock they had and we are running low on the product because we haven't received fresh supply. The situation will be worse if nothing is done urgently and when the old reserve we have runs out."

But IPMAN Chairman, Lagos Satellite Depot, Ejigbo, Akin Akinrinade, had before the statement announcing the increment, blamed the shutdown of stations operated by independent marketers.

He, however, explained to reporters in Lagos that IPMAN members resolved to shut down their operations because they could no longer operate at a loss and in a hostile environment.

He said the government fixed pump price at N165 per litre even when current realities showed that the minimum price should be N180.

He said: "As you can see, the queues are back and this is the second time we are witnessing it this year."

Akinrinade added that IPMAN members ought to be getting supply from the Pipelines and Product Marketing Company (PPMC), having made payments of over N1 billion since October

### Buhari seeks nod for 7 ministerial nominees

President Muhammadu Buhari has sent a letter to the Senate asking the red chamber to confirm the appointment of seven new ministerial nominees.

They are: Henry Ikechukwu Iko (Abia State); Umana Okon Umana (Akwa Ibom State); Ekuma

Joseph (Ebonyi State); Goodluck Opia (Imo State); Umar Ibrahim El-Yakub, (Kano State),

Ademola Adewale Adegoroye, (Ondo State) and Odum Odi (Rivers State).

They replaced ministers who resigned their appointments at the wake of the All Progressives Congress (APC) presidential primary election recently.

The Senate President, Ahmad Lawan, read Buhari's letter on the floor of the Senate during plenary. Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) caucus in the red chamber has appointed Senators Phillip Aduda (FCT) and Chukwuka Utazi (Enugu North) as the new Minority Leader and Minority Whip respectively.

Their names were announced on the floor by the Senate President.

Also at plenary on Tuesday, three APC Senators official defected to the PDP.

They are: Isa Kaita (Katsina North); Lawal Gumau (Bauchi South) and Francis Alimikhena (Edo North).

They cited internal crisis within the local chapters of their parties as reasons for their actions, in their separate letters read by the Senate President.



**Buhari**

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74 per cent did not meet up with the minimum pass mark, adding that they would be given a second chance to improve their capacities.

Recall that the Kaduna State government had in 2018 sacked 21,780 teachers who failed a competency test, and replaced them with 25,000 others recruited through vigorous processes.

Also in December 2021, the Board also sacked 233 teachers over alleged possession of fake certificates.



## Transforming Nigeria's food system via agricultural biotechnology, genomics

Statistics from World Population Review shows that Nigeria population is growing at the rate of 2.57 per cent. It projected that the overall population of Nigeria will reach about 401.31 million by 2050, AFONNE EMMANUEL writes.

THIS projected increase in the Nigerian population necessitated the move to increase food production in order to meet the demands of both man and livestock via biotechnology and genomics.

Agricultural biotechnology includes a range of tools that scientists deploy to understand and manipulate the genetic make-up of organisms for use in the production or processing of agricultural products, while genomics is the study of an organism's genome, its genetic material and how that information is applied.

John Komen, in his presentation at African Biennial Bioscience Communication (ABBC 2021) on "Global and Africa Policy and Regulatory Perspectives of Genome Editing," outlined the power of modern agricultural biotechnology and genomics in transforming African food systems.

Komen said that the ability of agricultural biotechnology and genomics in transforming African food systems into a force of economic growth, create wealth in the rural space and beyond, feed an African population expected to reach 2.2 billion people by 2050 could not be ignored.

He said that biotechnology, including improved breeds and varieties, was not widely embraced across Africa, and was inadequately addressed in food production policy frameworks.

An article by Nature Genetics, "Genomics and our future food security," explicitly stated that genomics has a part to play in ensuring that agricultural production meets the goal of feeding the world with continual human population growth and increasingly severe effects from climate change.

The article said genomics' role was in the area of maximising the utility, diversity and yield of resources, as well as in contributing to sustained food security in the future.

It further noted that agricultural genomics is a rich field that has been contributing to advances in crop development for decades.

"From sequencing reference genomes to genotyping for genome-wide association studies to genomic prediction, advances in technology and applications have led to breakthroughs in crop improvement," the article read.

Scientists have argued that one potential way for genomics to lend itself to crop improvement and food security was through the collection-wide sequencing and classification of established seed banks or gene banks.

They said that through this process, it would be possible for important agricultural species to be stored and maintained in large collections, organised by classification and origin.

Similarly, Nigerian scientists and agricultural biotechnology experts have affirmed that agricultural genomics uses technology to study the genes of plants in order to develop new and specific varieties of crops.

These new crops they say, can help address various food problems in Nigeria and Africa by helping to improve the



Gidado

productivity and sustainability of many plant varieties and livestock productions.

They also confirm that genomics can reduce the trials and failures involved in scientific research to a certain extent, which could improve the quality and quantity of crop yields in agriculture.

Dr Rose Gidado, Deputy Director at the National Biotechnology Development Agency (NABDA) and other experts have consistently spoken on the benefits of genome editing, also known as gene editing and the need for adoption of appropriate technologies to boost food production.

These indigenous experts listed some of these benefits to include among others: increased crop yields, reduced costs for food or drug production, reduced need for pesticides and enhanced nutrient composition.

**MODIFIED FOODS IN NIGERIA**  
The establishment of the National Biotechnology Development Agency (NABDA) and its recent 2022 Act, showed that the Nigerian government had taken a big leap in demonstrating willingness to improve food production and drive towards transforming the country's food systems via application of modern agricultural biotechnology and genomics.

Unarguably, the Nigerian government believes that safe modern biotechnology application can proffer solutions and offer great potential in the agricultural and other sectors of the economy.

The National Biosafety Management Agency Act, 2015 (as amended) was set up to entrench legal, regulatory, and administrative mechanisms in the safe application of modern

biotechnology and the use of its products, genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

Dr Rufus Ebegba, Director General of the National Biosafety Management Agency (NBMA), who spoke at a sensitisation workshop on modern biotechnology and biosafety regulations organised by OFAB for Board Members of the NABDA, hinted on the need for safety concerns.

He said biosafety was a means of addressing potential adverse impacts of modern technology and GMOs, particularly in the areas of gene flow, invasiveness, non-target effect, allergenicity, toxicity and socio-economic concerns.

Nigeria has embraced genetic modification and engineering, as the country is among the six African countries leading in adoption of genetically modified crops.

Prof. Chiedozi Egesi, Director, NextGen Cassava Breeding, IITA also at a sensitisation workshop said, "the application of genetic engineering has the potential to revolutionise food production.

"But unnecessary fears and concerns fuelled by false information and myths is limiting the application, majorly in regions that needs it the most, Nigeria inclusive."

Prof. Abdullahi Mustapha, Director General of the NABDA, who recently spoke on pod borer resistant cowpea, highlighted the gains recorded through the application of modern agricultural biotechnology.

"Biotechnology has proven its potential to help us overcome agricultural productivity challenges leading to more yield, for example, 2.9 tonnes per hectare of Bt cowpea from 350kg



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of non-Bt cowpea and addressing various breeding limitations that conventional breeding method cannot address.

"The PBR cowpea is a classic example of how the technology can provide solutions to one of the major challenges confronting cowpea farming," he said.

Mustapha disclosed that with the commercialisation, adoption and use of the new variety of cowpea modified to be resistant to insect maruca vitrata, Nigeria was beginning to revolutionise food production through tremendous yield, quick bumper harvest and good cooking characteristics.

Listing the economic benefits, he noted that a 20 per cent increase per hectare translated to N48 billion annually at N120, 000.0 per tonne.

Dr Rose Gidado, who is also the Country Coordinator of Open Forum on Agricultural Biotechnology (OFAB), outlined reasons at a recent sensitisation workshop on modern agricbiotech, why Nigeria and Africa must hasten up the adoption of modern agricultural biotechnology tools.

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Gidado said major promises of biotech crops were abundance of healthy foods, less dependence on pesticides, decreased production risks for farmers, more agricultural yield per land mass to feed the people.

Comparing Africa's progress in modern agricultural biotechnology to other developed and food secured nations, she said that with all the benefits of the technology, Africa was behind the rest of the world in application of genetic engineering in agriculture.

The OFAB country coordinator said Africa's backwardness was largely due to restrictive and unpredictable policy environments, poorly functioning institutional mechanisms for biosafety oversight and lack of political will for GM technology.

However, she assured that NABDA remained committed to transforming Nigeria's food systems and recovery of the economy through application of biotechnology. **Source: NAN.**



# Business & Economy

## FG's spending on pension, gratuity drops to N356bn

— CBN

The Federal Government's expenditure on pension and gratuity fell slightly by N3.48bn in 2021, according to figures obtained from the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN).

The CBN revealed in its data on 'Federal Government recurrent expenditure' that the amount spent fell from N359.6bn in 2020 to N356.12bn in the 2021 financial year.

Despite yearly allocations, the federal retirees have continued to complain of payment challenges.

Pension Transitional Arrangement Directorate in charge of the Defined Benefits Scheme under the Federal Government, had earlier said it inherited pension liabilities totalling N129.48bn.

During a capacity workshop where a presentation titled 'Parastatals Pension Department' was delivered, it said PTAD inherited an estimated amount of N32.77bn, N28.96bn and N67.75bn owed pensioners of the Treasury Funded Parastatal, Ex-PHCN and defunct agencies respectively.

The directorate, however, said it had cleared almost all the pension liabilities and was ensuring that all outstanding arrears were taken care of.

Recently, some retirees under the Federal Civil Service Pensions, Lagos State branch, protested non-payment of pensions among other challenges.

In a protest letter jointly signed by the Chairman, FCSP, Otunba Lawal, and State Secretary, Abiodun Michael, the retirees said, "Since September 2017 verification exercise, countless number of pensioners are yet to be on PTAD payroll till present."

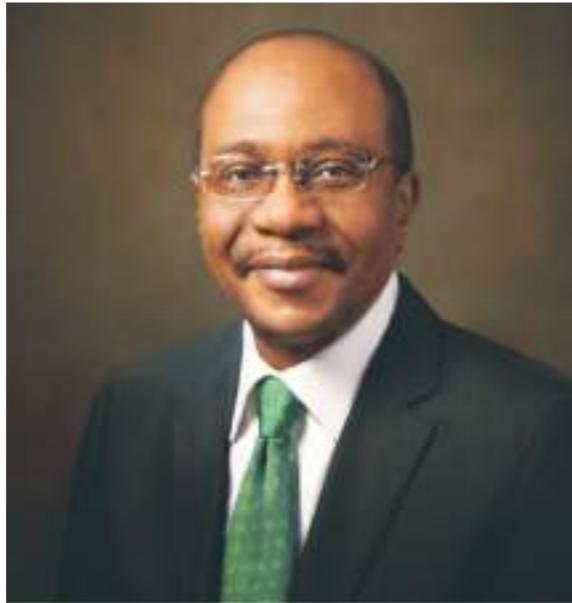
They complained that their monthly pensioners were not paid comfortably.

PTAD, reacting, said verified and qualified pensioners were on its payroll and that any person in doubt should come with their documents to confirm otherwise.

The Executive Secretary of PTAD, Dr Chioma Ejikeme, held a meeting with the executive members of the Nigeria Union of Pensioners and the Federal Civil Service Pensioners Branch.

The directorate said in a statement that, "PTAD boss informed the union executives that following the expanded computation project embarked on by the directorate in 2020, and going through the career documents submitted by pensioners during verification, it was discovered that 14,836 pensioners in the Civil Service Pension Department were being overpaid.

"At the end of the meeting,



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both parties agreed that the affected pensioners will be contacted and informed of the directorate's plan to properly place them on the

right monthly pension from the month of July 2022, while the modalities to recover the overpayment will be worked out in due course."

## Price of 5kg cooking Gas now N3,921.35

— NBS

The National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) says the average price of refilling a 5kg cylinder of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Cooking Gas) increased to N3,921.35 in May 2022.

This is contained in the NBS Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Cooking Gas) Price Watch for May 2022 released in Abuja.

The NBS said refilling the cylinder used to cost N3,800.47 in April 2022, adding that the increase indicated a 3.18 per cent month-on-month increase.

However, on a year-on-year basis, the average retail price of cooking gas increased by 89.28 per cent from N2,071.69 in May 2021.

The report showed that the highest average price for refilling a 5kg cylinder of cooking gas was recorded in Gombe at N4,366.67, followed by Bayelsa at N4,325.00 and Adamawa at N4,250.00.

On the other hand, it said Yobe recorded the lowest average price with N3,200.00, followed by Ogun and Ondo with N3,450.00 and N3,480.77, respectively.

The report showed that the average retail price for refilling a 5kg cylinder of cooking gas was highest in the South-East at N4,094.39 followed by the North-Central at N3,989.98 and South-South at N3,977.72.

"The South-West recorded the lowest average retail

THE federal government has disclosed that the \$13 billion Trans Sahara Gas Pipelines (TSGP) project will give Nigeria, Niger, and Algeria a huge opportunity to tap into European markets and boost economic growth on the continent.

The project, which would run from Nigeria through Niger Republic to the Mediterranean Coast of Algeria would also target gas supplies to Chad and Mali.

Minister of state for Petroleum Resources, Timipré Sylva, made this known at a meeting of the parties in Abuja, says Nigeria and its African partners, Niger and Algeria had intensified efforts to actualise the project.

According to the minister, it will bring their huge gas resources closer to the European market, especially with the high cost of gas occasioned by the war between Russia and Ukraine.

"I believe that it is a very good time for us to take advantage of very high gas prices globally," he noted.

Sylva said that besides taking the gas to European

## Nigeria, others to benefit from gas project



Sylva

markets, the project would boost economic growth on the African continent and firstly, create a corridor for development across Africa.

"Chad is also not far away from the corridor of this project. So this project has a lot of potential for growing the economies of African countries and North Africa," he said.

Minister of Petroleum, Niger Republic, Mahamadou Mahamane noted that the countries were ready to pull their resources together to ensure that the project was achieved.

Mahamane underscored the need to get the project going, saying it would promote regional cooperation as well as earn revenue for the countries.

In an address, the Algerian Minister of Energy and Mines, Mohamed Arkab, says the

reactivation of the project would boost economic development of the countries and assist them to achieve carbon neutrality in line with global energy transition.

Arkab recalled that a meeting had been held in Niamey on Feb. 16, within the framework of the reactivation of the Trans-Saharan Gas Pipeline Project.

Highlighting the progress made by the countries, he said declaration had been signed by the three parties and the roadmap agreed on.

He said it was indeed a tangible sign of willingness of all of them to move further on the TSGP project, with the aim of launching the updating of its feasibility study.

"While being fully part of the project aimed at decarbonising the oil and gas industry in short term, and at achieving carbon neutrality in the longer term, we remain convinced that a global and efficient energy transition cannot take place without the contribution of hydrocarbons".

## TinCan port shows decades of Neglect

— Saraki

THE Minister of State for Transportation, Gbemisola Saraki, has frown at the dilapidating state of TinCan Island seaport due to decades of neglect.

Saraki noted this during a ministerial tour of the Lagos ports and called on the need for a total reconstruction of the quay walls of the TinCan Island

Port complex which she said has become weak due to age.

She also restates that it is important to modernize the ports and get it ready for bigger vessels.

"We cannot build on a weak foundation, it is vital that we get these two very important ports modernized and ready to berth modern vessels. The state of the Ports shows decades of neglect but it's better late than never"

It will be recalled that the Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority, Mohammed Bello-Koko had on several interactions with the media drawn attention to the fact that the quay walls of TinCan Island port is collapsing.

Bello-Koko had also said that although the NPA had over the years been undertaking remedial works on the quays, the time has come for a holistic reconstruction and the Authority is working with the

Federal Ministry of Transportation on the most prudent funding option.

Reacting to this, Bello-Koko who was represented by the Executive Director Marine & Operation of the NPA Hon. Onari Brown said "the Authority is aware of the need to urgently reconstruct the port, and is working with the Federal Ministry of Transportation on the best funding option to adopt".

"We are on the verge of concluding discussions with multilateral funding agencies to fund the reconstruction. The other option is to go to the government to request that the NPA be allowed to use a certain percentage of its revenue which is transferred to the Consolidated Revenue Fund on yearly basis to fund the reconstruction" Bello-Koko noted.



Saraki



# Business & Economy

## Solar Power: The portent solution to Nigeria's energy crisis

**"We are like tenant farmers chopping down the fence around our house for fuel when we should be using nature's inexhaustible sources of energy – sun, wind and tide.... I'd put my money on the sun and solar energy. What a source of power! I hope we don't have to wait until oil and coal run out before we tackle that."**, UMAR FAROUK AHMAD writes.

THE Sun's level of hotness is 27 million degree Fahrenheit, which is 60,000 times the temperature of an oven, when one is baking a pizza. A powerful source of fuel, the sun provides us with solar energy.

According to experts, if all the solar energy that reaches the earth's surface can be captured, they will continuously run a 25-inch TV on every square meter of the earth and still have leftovers.

But instead, what humans prefer using are coal, oil, and natural gas, sources that are non-renewable, and will sooner than later, run out.

Science has shown that if we continuously use oil and gas, they will run out in the next 50 years while coal will 'disappear' in the next 115 years.

Beside, coal, oil and gas are polluting the planet earth and destroying its ozone layer, hence worsening the climate change crisis.

According to scientists, solar energy will not be exhausted even in the next 5 billion years; a statement to its renewability.

Other renewable sources such as water and wind, if you combine all their energy, it's going to be less than 1% of solar energy.

Overall, the sun gives off far more energy than we'll ever need. The only limitation is our ability to convert it to electricity in a



cost-effective way. Anything produced by the action of the Sun is called Solar. SOLAR ENERGY is the energy produced from the sun.

Solar power, is simply the use of solar panels to convert solar energy into electrical energy using special materials such as silicon, while \*Solar Panels\* are photovoltaic modules that convert light from the sun to Electricity (DC Energy).

One of the major challenges Nigeria is facing is the issue of inconsistent power supply.

Despite the country having a great potential (high

amount of sunlight) to develop its solar power energy that will provide a consistent power supply, still, the country is investing billions of naira in hydro and thermal power generation.

Thankfully, the Nigerian government has recently acknowledged this potential and announced that it will focus on developing its solar power infrastructure in its bouncing back from the COVID-19 economic plan.

The writer, strongly believes solar energy is the best form of generating electricity because it is a renewable, clean source of power generation, CO2-free, and has no fuel burn.

Also, Solar power is scalable. This means that it can be deployed on an industrial scale, or it can be used to power a single household. When it's used on a small scale, extra electricity can be stored in a battery or fed back into the electricity grid.

With Solar electricity, a Constant power supply (24 hours of electricity) can be easily obtained as far as the installation is been carried out by a good solar designer

and installer.

According to the writer, the main reason why people are discouraged from installing solar in their homes, and places of work, among others is because they think solar installation is expensive and unreliable, which is not so in reality.

The initial cost of solar is quite expensive but the maintenance and operational costs are very cheap.

After solar installation, there will be no additional or extra expenses as compared to the endless buying of generator fuel and also the continuous charging of grid electricity meters.

A good properly installed solar can last for about 25 – 30 years. if the total cost of generator fuel or grid meter units is summed up for 25 – 30 years (life span of solar), It would be apparent that solar energy is more economical than the generators and grid electricity we use regularly.

However, Solar Electric System is upgradable. This means that If a consumer doesn't have enough resources to install solar for

his entire building, therefore he can begin the installation in one room, then later upgrade to two rooms, or three rooms, gradually until he completes the installation of the entire building.

For instance, if the solar installation for the entire building costs 100,000, hence the installation for only one room might cost 20,000 or lower which I believe would be affordable to the consumer.

The awareness here is that it's possible to start enjoying solar power with the little resource a consumer has rather than having nothing. And this is one of the fascinating ways of minimizing the cost of solar power generation.

For a country like Nigeria, solar power is what she must turn to, as it is the key to a clean, reliable and sustainable energy future.

Farouk, a Graduate of Electrical Engineering, Wrote From Wuye, Abuja. [slimumar14@gmail.com](mailto:slimumar14@gmail.com)

Source: BusinessDay.

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## Politics

# Chairman inaugurates councillors, SAs

By  
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KANKE Local Government Council chairman, Hon. Henry Jan Gotip has inaugurated a six members supervisory councillors and 3 Special Advisers. The event took place at the premises of the local government secretariat, Kwall recently.

The supervisory councillors who were sworn-in were Samuel Longme Sunday, Supervisory councillor in charge of Budget, Planning and Revenue mobilization, Micah Peter Gofuran is to take charge of works and land Department.

Others include Godung Kichime Sewa who is for Agriculture and National Resources Department, while Emmanuel Mibe Gofwan is for Water and Sanitation, Health Department, Hon. Nendirmwa Dennis is to take charge of the Department of the Health (PHC) and Domshiwa Geoffrey Yilleng is the supervisory councillors and the special advisers to the council chairman took their oath of office before the oath commissioner, Barr, John Christopher.

Speaking at the swearing in ceremony the Chairman, Hon. Henry Jan Gotip said the supervisory councillors and the special advisers are saddled with an important assignment and responsibilities and that they will have to discharge their duties with a sense of responsibility. In this regard much is expected of them in terms of service delivery to justify the confidence reposed in them.

"Since you have accepted this responsibility to render service to the government and people of Kanke Local Government Area, you cannot therefore afford to fail and take us backward", he said.

The council chairman called on the people of Kanke Local Government Area to come together to unite for the progress of the local government for a unity of purpose because if there is no unity and peace among the people definitely there will be no meaningful development in the local government area and urged them to strive very hard to see to the growth and development of Kanke Local Government Area.

He however, said his administration would employ standard practice, transparency and strict accountability in the evolution and the execution of government policy and programs as these are hall marks of good governance and modern democracy,

To the civil servants as the engine room of any responsible and responsive administration, he assured them of his administration records of hard work and to make their welfare top priority and front line charge and with good motivation the best can be achieved within the council. He called on the people of Kanke to always support the administration of Governor Simon Bako Lalong to accomplish its research mission.

Goodwill messages came from the former secretary to government of the state (SSG), Nde John Gobak the APC zonal



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chairman central zone, Hon. John Gotan Mai Kudi, Nde Peter Nwaden Ngolong Gogur on behalf of the traditional rulers and Hon. Simon Ngwan who spoke on behalf of all former chairmen of Kanke Local Government Council, All speakers spoke and emphasised on the unity of purpose in Kanke Local Government Area and they also enlightened the people to come out to register in the on-going voters registration.

Responding on behalf of the political appointees, the supervisory councillor in charge of social services, Mr. Geoffrey Domshiwa Yillong gave thanks

## Aspirant promises development to constituents

From  
JIDAUNA YANUNG, Abuja

AN aspirant for Mangu North Constituency of Plateau State, in the Plateau State House of Assembly, Sani Idris Shilak has vowed to bring development to the door step of his people if given

## My detractors make me more popular

By  
MATHEW JWANTU, Minna

THE Governorship candidate of the People's Democratic party PDP Niger state, Alh Isah Liman Kantigi has dispelled rumours making the rounds that he has withdrawn from the race. He said no amount of fiction will affect his victory in the forthcoming general election.

Kantigi made the clarification in a statement signed by one of the elders who serves as Coordinator "2023 Kantigi movement," Alh Abdullahi Kwatu Paiko, recently in Minna, Niger state.

He described the rumors as baseless and unfounded adding that before the PDP primary election, over 20 petitions were written to the screening committee in Abuja. However, that did not make any meaning.

to God and the executive chairman of Kanke Local Government Council, Hon. Henry Gotip for the opportunity given to them to serve their people at the grassroots in their various capacities. Yilleng assured the council chairman, the political class and the entire people of Kanke LGA that they will not betrayed the confidence and trust bestowed on them.

He also assured that they will also make sure that they justify the confidence reposed on them by always doing the needful at all times because the expectations of the people are high.

the mandate in 2023.

Disclosing this in an exclusive interview with **THE NIGERIA STANDARD** recently, Shilak who is popularly called "GOLDEN" promised to bring to bear the experience he has garnered in the National Assembly

The rumour according to him, make the flag bearer of the main opposition party, PDP, Alhaji Liman Kantigi even more popular "because they are already afraid that victory of Kantigi is obvious. That is why they are framing unthinkable fictions to pull the peoples choice down"

"This is not the first time ore is witnessing such rumour and blackmail. Even after primary election after the candidate was declared winner, all there allegations were and are baseless as they can not substantiate it with facts/documents."

Alh Abdullahi Kwatu further called on members of the people's democratic party PDP to give their support to the candidate rather than joining forces with the detractors to ensure smooth victory.

He said no amount of rumour or blackmail will

From  
JIDAUNA YANUNG, Abuja

A gubernatorial candidate of the All Progressives Congress in the recent primary elections, Mr. Kizito Dankat Gukas said there was no victor no vanquished in the just concluded primaries.

Speaking in an exclusive interview with **THE NIGERIA STANDARD** in Abuja, Mr. Gukas said those who emerged as flag bearers were victorious for all members of the party.

Gukas said it was a collective effort and "I'm very grateful for every body's contribution.

He further stated that the primary elections were "within a family to decide how to put our best foot forward. The main contest is the one to win in 2023."

According to him it will require the entire APC family and other supporters and sympathizers. We must pull everyone together, nobody should be excluded".

Mr. Gukas decried the current state of poverty and insecurity in the country even as he called on the

## 'No victor, no vanquished in APC primaries'



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political class to shun self interest and primordial considerations.

Also, the aspirant urged the political class to shun 'do or die' politics, noting that no position is worth anybody's

blood.

Gukas expressed optimism that God will intervene in the current situation in Nigeria, and urged Nigerians to obtain their PVCs ahead of the general elections in 2023.

## Rt. Hon. Abbas is biased -APC

From  
GYANG PAM, Yola

THE All Progressives Congress (APC) is blowing hot as it is accusing the Speaker of the Adamawa State House of Assembly Rt. Hon. Aminu Iya Abbas of a quick declaration of

the seat of Honourable Joseph Ayuba Kwada vacant when the member defected from the PDP to the APC. It stated this at a press conference at its Secretariat in Yola recently.

According to Dr. Raymond D. Chidama, state secretary of the APC, this was unlike that of

Honourable Umar Bororo who defected from the APC to the PDP.

The party added that this was a clear case of allowing his (Speakers) Personal interest to interfere with his official conduct and which is contrary to the Oath of Office administered on him on assumption of office.

And still angered by the spate of defection, the APC is again pointing out they are again watching the Honourable Speaker to see what action he intends to take on Honourable Shuaibu Musa who only very recently defected from the APC to the PDP.

To this end says Dr. Raymond, they have resolved to head for the court in respect of these two members and the party's legal team has been briefed to take the legal action on our behalf

Meanwhile, the APC had in the Press Conference congratulated all their party men and women who will fly the flag of their great party for the various positions in the 2023 general elections.

According to the APC Secretary, all the aspirants have tremendously contributed to the growth and sustains of the party and its members via active mobilization and utmost sacrifice of time and resources.

On the several appeals and legal proceedings as protests against the outcomes in few instances, the party sees this as normal democratic process and at attaining transparency, satisfaction and eventually deepen unity.

Meanwhile, the party says it has set up a reconciliatory committee to start purposeful reconciliation among all members in all the senatorial zones.

direct bearing on the people of his constituency.

He reiterated his commitment towards improving the lives of the youths and women by way of employment and empowerments among others.

Shilak stated that he would provide the enabling environment for the youths to explore and maximize their potentials so as to add value to the society.

Shilak who won the primary election under the Peoples Democratic Party, called for all Hands to be on deck to ensure his Victory at the Polls.

According to him, "No PDP member should be left out in the determination to wrestle power from the All Progressives Congress, APC next year".

"As we march forward, we need all of you because each one of you has a supporter and all of you plus all your supporters, we want you all to fuse together into one happy political family.

It is this family that will face the battle ahead. We have only started a journey. We shall end this journey sometimes next year".

over the years.

Shilak who also promised to create wealth for the people of his constituency also vowed to bring progress and prosperity among other goodies if given the mandate.

The aspirant also pledged to focus on projects and programmes that will have

## - Kantigi

deter Kantigi from perfecting his ambition towards making his set objectives realisable, with the support of the party faithful.

According to the elder statesman, Kantigi is more focused and determined to pursue his ambition knowing fully well, the 'bring down' syndrome orchestrated by selfish tendencies.

"Our concern is focusing on the choice of his running mate which we are still consulting, even as the Kantigi movement strategies to win the general elections is being mapped out"

He urged his teaming supporters to be resolute assuring them that his candidacy is not negotiable and that they will continue to strive to achieve the desired goals of giving hope to people.

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APC lawmaker cross carpets

Stories From  
**MOHAMMED ABDULLAHI,**  
Keffi

A member of the Nasarawa State's House of Assembly representing Keffi East Constituency Hon Abdulaziz S K Danladi has made a formal declaration to contest for the Representatives under the platform the Action Alliance

(A.A) come 2023 general elections.

Making his formal declaration in a political rally that was held in Keffi during the weekend in Keffi, S K Danladi stated that he decided to join the race under a new political platform the Action Alliance due to the injustice, undemocratic tendencies and lack of the level playing ground meted on him by his former political party, the All Progressive Congress, APC during the primary election which he opted out and did not contest.

Danladi who stated that as a committed democrat, he believed that in every contest it is only one person that would emerge and he is always ready to accept the outcome of the elections provided it was conducted justly in the spirit of democracy. But unfortunately, the opposite is the case as there was any attempt to do the needful as such he has to opt out because he can never associate himself with illegality, injustice and all forms of undemocratic tendencies.

"As a committed democracy who also believes in the sportsmanship spirit ordinarily would have accepted the outcome of the electoral contest provided it was conducted according to democratic tenets and justice but undemocratic attributes with the absence of social justice and fairness were introduced into the primary election of the APC. As such I have to opt out not even to contest, rather I took a bold decision to associate myself with the present platform which is the Action Alliance (AA) which gave me the ample opportunity to actualize my political dreams and aspirations and that of my teeming supporters also," he stated.

Danladi who is also the Sarkin Samarin Keffi described the present political journey under the Action Alliance as quite promising and assuring as such he would continue to pursue it with all sense of responsibility with democratic actions and principles with a view to liberate the people from what he described as political and ideology slavery.

"From what is now going in this our new political journey, it appears that all things would be promising and result-oriented especially with the encouraging response of people about my candidature. As such, we are quite confident that victory would be on my side," he asserted.

The House of Representatives hopeful therefore solicited for the votes of particularly the youths and women population



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whom he described as the largest and active that can successfully chase out all undemocratic elements that have been constituting a log in the wheel of progress.

He then assured that he would bring forth his wealth of experiences to bear in giving his people a popular and result oriented representation that would bring to them proper dividends of democracy in terms of resources, opportunities as well as the provision of basic social amenities and infrastructure that would make their lives more meaningful and rewarding.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Keffi Local Government chairman of the party, Malam Ibrahim Ibrahim advised the people of Keffi Federal Constituency to give their candidate and all other candidates of the Action-Alliance their vote to enable them reap the fruits of democracy.

He contended that the election of Sarkin Samari (S K Danladi) would change the narrative in taking the people to the land of promise especially that he has great passion and determinations to

Chairman tasks APC stakeholders on unity

From **DORCAS PANKYES,**  
Abuja

EXECUTIVE Chairman of Karu Local Government Area, Hon James Thomas has called on the APC stakeholders of his council to be united to guarantee the party's victory at the forthcoming general elections.

The Executive Chairman made the call at the extended stakeholders meeting of the party on Sunday, in Karu Local Government Area.

"We should eschew all bitterness we might nurse against each other as a result of the just concluded APC primaries, and remain united for the party's victory at the forthcoming general elections.

We should make sure all our candidates win at every Polling Unit and Ward. This could only be possible if we bury our differences and rally round those that have won at the primaries", the Chairman advised at the meeting.

He further lauded the Nasarawa State Governor, His Excellency, Engineer Abdullahi

continue to do his best for the people.

In his remarks the State's Chairman of the Action Alliance (AA) Aliyu Tanko Malami expressed his gratitude for the remarkable growth and acceptance the party is gaining from across the state and the country as a whole. And described the development as a good sign of hope and victory.

The Chairman however advised the people to endeavor to collect their permanent voter's cards (PVCs).

Embittered Senatorial aspirant vows to fight for justice

A Senatorial aspirant of the All Progressive Congress (APC) in the Nasarawa Western Zone of Nasarawa State, Barrister Labaran Shuaibu Magaji has re-stated his determination to continue to seek for redress in the appropriate court of law in order to secure justice on the undemocratic tendencies and manipulations that edged him

A frontline candidate for the Kogi West Senate seat on the platform of ACCORD (A), Bashorun Moses Deola (MD) Eseyin, FPOP, has solicited for the support and royal blessings of some paramount traditional rulers in the zone towards the 2023 general elections.

Eseyin, a former Special Adviser to the Kogi State Governor, in a consultation visit to the traditional rulers, said he was at their palaces to seek their royal blessings, support and to establish a firm rapport with the royal fathers.

The first port of call by the ACCORD Kogi West flag bearer and his entourage, was the Palace of the Obaro of Kabba and Chairman of Okun Traditional Council, His Royal Majesty, Oba Dele Owoniyi, where the monarch gave them a resounding reception.

Oba Owoniyi described Eseyin as a quintessential youth leader who has always availed himself to be part of human and societal development.

The monarch prayed for the success of his ambition and assured him of his support, saying, "I have no doubts in your capacity and ability to represent the zone well".

Eseyin further paid courtesy visit to the palaces of HRM, Oba Julius Joledo the Elulu of Mopa; HRM Oba Alfred Ayedogbon, the Alamuro of Amuro; and the Ajugbonjagun of Orokere. HRH Oba Michael Arogbonlo and their Chiefs in

Kogi West Senatorial candidate seeks royal blessings

From **AMEDU JOSEPH,**  
Lokoja

Council respectively.

Eseyin in all the royal palaces visited, said his visit was to seek royal blessings, endorsement and prayers for his senatorial ambition. He stated that saying his sterling qualities and past experiences in governance and service to humanity would be deployed to get Kogi West working.

"I am youthful and energetic, vibrant and experienced, purposeful, passionate and well equipped with necessary qualities and antecedents to represent the zone to drag down the deserved development," he said.

The royal fathers in their separate responses, welcomed the candidate and his entourage, and offered prayers for him to emerge victorious in the 2023 general elections to represent the zone at the Red Chambers of the National Assembly.

The Elulu of Mopa land, Oba Julius Joledo, commended Eseyin for his courage to embrace the youth and to run for Senate in the zone, The monarch called on the people especially the youth to rally round Eseyin, describing him as an Ambassador of Mopamuro Land, and offered prayers of blessings for him

and his entourage.

On his part, the Alamuro of Amuro, Oba Alfred Ayedogbon, also praised and commended Eseyin's bravery and audacity to jostle for the Senate seat.

According to him, it is a thing of joy to the entire Amuro Land being the first person in Amuro land to aspire for the p o s i t i o n He added that Eseyin's ambition would strengthen the unity in Amuro Land, while encouraging his Chiefs and the people of Amuro to rally round him.

He emphasised that Eseyin's triumph in the 2023 general elections should be a collective project for Amuro Land. The Ajugbonjagun of Orokere, HRH Oba Michael Arogbonlo, eulogised the ACCORD flag bearer for his courage and his positive impacts in the Orokere Land.

Corrigendum

We inadvertently published in our last Wednesday's edition the story 'As APC presidential flag bearer unveils agenda', on page 7. We have since found out that the story is not true. We therefore apologise for misleading our readers  
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never rest his oars towards ensuring that the necessary justice is secured.

"I want to assure my teeming supporters that I would relentlessly continue to pursue my case through the instrumentalities of the law with a view to secure justice which I am quite confident that the victory is on my side given the strong evidences that I have as my pillars of hope" he stated confidently.

Magaji who however assured that he is still a member of the APC, urged his teeming supporters to remain calm, resolute and committed, saying that since the attainments or achievement of victory is never easy and does not come platter of gold, they should never be distracted or discouraged.

He stated that he is highly elated and strengthened with the remarkable display of support by his people. He assured, that he would continue to pursue his case with all sense of responsibility and determination since the struggle is not all about himself but it is for the people whom he said were solidly behind him. As such he would never betray or disappoint them.

He stated that as a legal practitioner with a high record of performances and success who is also confident of the judiciary, he would make the best use of it to pursue his case in earnest so as to also set an example in such a way that political process must be done democratically and justly with a view to avert

future re-occurrences.

"In fact I am highly elated with the encouraging and hear twarming support from my admirers, supporters from across my local government and indeed the whole constituency and even state a situation that is indicating that the people have strong confidence in me and are eager to have my representation in the senate" he observed.

Speaking further about the case before the High Court of Justice, the Senatorial hopeful stated that it was quite clear that the delegate lists from both Nasarawa and Keffi Local Government Areas were doctored in favor of his co-contestant so as to manipulate or edge him out of the contest.

He stated that after a careful analysis it was discovered that the delegates in the said two Local Government Areas do not correspond with the originals delegates that were supposed to vote during the primary elections. As such the whole exercise can never stand in the face of justice and fairness.

Magaji further stated that it was based on that promise that the appeal committee of the Senatorial Election recommended to the National Working Committee (NWC) of the party that another primary election should be conducted. Or in the case were the time frame has elapsed he should be given the chance to represent the zone in the election. An action that is signifying hope and victory on his side.



Thomas

# IMAGES

## GOV LALONG AT THE FUNERAL OF LATE COL. MS SHEHU

Plateau State Governor and Chairman, Northern Governors' Forum, Rt. Hon. Simon Bako Lalong, retired General and sympathizers attended the funeral of late Col. Musa Sheikh Shehu (rtd), former Military Administrator of Rivers and Plateau states at the Apo Mosque, Abuja recently



Governor Lalong (right) in company of the Emir of Kanam, HRH, Dr. Muhammad Mu'azu Babangida on arrival at the funeral



A cross section of mourners at the funeral of the late Milad



Plateau State Governor, Rt. Hon. Simon Bako Lalong (left) Gen. Tukur Buratai and other sympathizer



Another section of retired military officers, relations and sympathizers at the funeral

## NIGERIA CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS IN NAZARETH

The first batch of Nigerian Christian Pilgrims have arrived Jerusalem for the Holy Pilgrimage



They are at the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth as seen in the picture



Another cross section of first batch of Christian Pilgrims



A cross section of pilgrims in high spirit at the sea



The pilgrims, guides and others in a group photograph after the visit to some holy scenes

## Politics

# Segun Oni and lessons of the Ekiti guber election

**Truth be told, only incurable optimism buoyed by infantile naivety of the Nigerian political environment would have suggested a different result from the outcome of the Ekiti State gubernatorial election held last Saturday. Not unexpectedly, the All Progressives Congress, APC, candidate, Biodun Oyebanji, was declared the winner of the election; the hero was Chief Segun Oni of the Social Democratic Party, SDP, while the Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, was the self-injured loser. SOLA EBISENI writes.**

ADMITTEDLY, Ekiti people have proven over time to be no respecter of incumbency factor in their emerging political culture. Unfortunately, the APC had no opposition, in the real sense, in the just concluded election and the people were left aghast in re-enacting their prowess for independent political action.

Before Saturday, it was clear that only the love of the people for the personality of Segun Oni in a highly monetised political environment prompted them to offer some resistance to the power of the APC which climaxed with the euphoria of Asiwaju's triumphant entry after the successful discharge of the Emi lo kan mantra. By the way, every political season offers its own distinctive historical package. The timing, location and courage of the delivery of the emilokan declaration not only confirmed Tinubu as a calculated political pugilist, it also made all the difference in the APC National Convention.

Call it whatever name, what matters is its outcome from the Machiavellian perspective. It is this realisation that power is the ultimate end that justifies the means that usually makes it expedient for the APC to mend fences and close ranks against its enemies.

On a flight from Abuja to Akure on Tuesday, June 13, still several days before the election on Saturday, the Akure Airport was so jam-packed that only Lagos and Abuja Airports could parade such number of aircraft conveying APC bigwigs across the South-West and other parts of Nigeria in solidarity with the state chapter.

They were there in their numbers and put behind them their differences. Even the 'Eleyi Excellency' took the swipe in his stride as fun from the godfather. Biodun Oyebanji had a full sense of brotherhood. In contrast, the PDP candidate was orphaned from birth. He was a victim of the mutually-destructive acrimony that has characterised its internal democracy.

The preponderance of opinion, both in Ekiti and other parts of the country, was that Segun Oni, a pioneer member of the party and Governor of the state between May 29, 2007 and October 14, 2010, was the best candidate for the



party. He lost the ticket not because he was not loved but only to the control of the party structure in the state.

It all started with the struggle for the control of the South-West zonal structure of the party earlier. The party could not find peace. All that mattered was who owned the Ekiti structure not necessarily the ultimate and most important seat at the Government House. Examples in several of its states show that since it lost power in 2015, the capacity for internal cohesion mechanism of the PDP has waned considerably, almost irretrievably.

In its internal democratic endeavours, either for the election of party officials or the purpose of choosing candidates for elective offices at all levels, it is always a fratricidal war of do-or-die. Winners assume the status of potentates with a feeling of absolute powers over party structure, which they inexplicably count as ultimate achievement.

I had a first-hand experience after the last gubernatorial election in Ondo State. Whatever were the reasons, the national

leadership appointed me Chairman of the Reconciliation and Mobilisation Committee, notwithstanding that I was an unsuccessful aspirant in the same primary election.

Eminent personalities from across the country were equally appointed on the same Committee. We identified the aggrieved personalities and groups, including certain parts of the state where we took our message of reconciliation to.

People were aggrieved for varied reasons and took concomitant but diverse steps to express their displeasures. There was massive defection to other parties by some, while several stayed within but failed to put in their best during the election. I wouldn't say our efforts were entirely in futility but I am not sure even till today if people were placated.

The wrangling in the leadership and ranks of the PDP in Ekiti did not only prevent unity of purpose, it created communication gap which was duly exploited by opponents. Thus, when Segun Oni announced his exit from the party on January 26, it was as if the soul of the party went with him.

At the end of the election last Saturday, APC scored



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187,057, SDP 82,211, PDP 67,457. Everything was done to frustrate Segun Oni and his SDP. Yet the outcome of the election showed clearly that if the PDP, with its established structure, had fielded Oni, the battle for the governorship seat would have been more realistic and feasible.

The satanic propaganda even in the morning of the election, that Oni had stepped down and directed his followers and admirers to vote for the candidate of the PDP would have affected his

support base considerably.

On the sidelines, the performance of Segun Oni showed clearly that if the disparate third forces would climb down from their unrealistic horses, pull together and present a candidate loved by all, especially the youths, the 2023 Presidential election may not be a straight battle between the PDP and APC. Let those sleeping desist from slumbering. Nigeria! We hail thee.

**Culled from Vanguard**

## News

## Gombe flags off child health week

From  
Willie Attah, Gombe

THE Gombe State Government has flagged off Integrated Maternal Newborn and Child Health Week in line with the administration's policy of providing quality healthcare to the people of the state.

The event also featured commencement of mass vaccination campaign against measles, meningitis, yellow fever and covid-19 from Friday 17th June to 8th July, 2022.

Performing the ceremony at the Gombe Emir's Palace on behalf of the State Governor, Muhammad Inuwa Yahaya, the State Deputy Governor, Manassah Daniel Jatau, said the activity is a move towards improving the health status of the entire population of the state.

It is also to ensure that the morbidity, mortality of mothers, newborn and under-five years is reduced to the barest minimum.

According to him, "you are all aware that our government has ensured efficient and effective primary health care services delivery in the state since its inception on the 29th of May, 2019.

"As at today, the state has successfully handled cases of Lassa Fever, while it is prepared to handle emergency health issues such as Ebola, Monkey pox and others", he added.

He said, "for us to achieve the laudable objectives, the great support from the Primary Health Care Development Agency (PHCDA), it's partners and relevant stakeholders must be acknowledged and accepted".

He called for the support of traditional rulers and religious leaders, civil society organizations, women groups, media, and members of the public for the success of the exercise.

Earlier in his remarks, the State Commissioner of Health, Dr. Habu Dahiru said the mass campaign for vaccination targets women, mothers and children under five across the state.

The commissioner who commended the zeal put by the present administration in the health sector, and explained that the leadership of Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya has contained Lassa Fever and has vaccinated many people against Covid-19 including the Governor and his deputy.

Executive Secretary, PHCDA Gombe State, Dr. Shuaibu Abdulrahman, said the exercise shall be carried out in all the 114 wards in the state, covering all the eligible population including mothers, children and adults beginning from Friday 17th June to 8th July, 2022.

Dr. Shuaibu revealed that Gombe, Ogun and Lagos were the three states in Nigeria where the exercise shall be



Jatau

taking place.

Dr Shuaibu explained that Yellow Fever vaccination covers children from 9 months to adults of 44 years, measles for children of 9 months to 59 months, while Men-A is for children 10-11 years and routine immunization for children 0-23 months.

Vitamin-A is to be administered on children of 6-59 months, Covid-19 for adults 18 years and above, Fesolate /Folic for pregnant mothers, anti-malaria drugs for children and pregnant women and deworming tablets for children.

The Senior District Head of Gombe, Alhaji Abdulkadir Abubakar, appreciated the government for having the people of the state at heart and providing vaccination towards improving their health status.

In his goodwill message, Mr. Yahaya Ahmed of National Primary Health Care Development Agency,

appreciated the efforts of the state government towards advancing the health of the citizenry.

Representatives of development partners, Mr. Patrick of World Health Organization commended the state government for embarking on the mass vaccination programme. He assured of their continued support towards enhancing the livelihood of the people in the state.

## Federal Poly Nasarawa set for convocation

From  
MUHAMMED ABDULLAHI,  
Keffi

THE authorities of the Federal Polytechnic Nasarawa in Nasarawa State have concluded plans towards the conduct of its 10<sup>th</sup> combined convocation ceremony of the institution

Addressing a press briefing for the combined 10<sup>th</sup> convocation ceremony, the Rector of the institution, ESV. Dr. Abdullahi Alhassan Ahmed, explained that the convocation ceremony being

hosted by the institution which was established in 1983, is the 2<sup>nd</sup> being hosted under the present administration of the polytechnic.

He disclosed that the Federal Polytechnic, Nasarawa had 8 successive Governing Councils with the current Governing Council, chaired by Emeritus Professor Godwin Sogolo, being the 9<sup>th</sup> Governing Council in the history of the Polytechnic. He

## Taraba Gov commissions Pamanga-Dakka road construction

By  
VICTOR GAI, Jalingo

TARABA State Governor, Darius Ishaku, has held the official flag off of the construction of the 35 km Pamanga-Dakka road in Bali LGA worth N10.3 billion.

During the flag off in Pamanga, Bali LGA, Ishaku said the road was part of his plan to deliver the state from socio-economic backwardness.

According to him, the road was first constructed in the 1920s and was left in that state until now.

He said all the financial obligations to the contractor have been met and would be completed by December.

Ishaku disclosed that when



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completed, the road would connect Ganye in Adamawa State with Jalingo and also improve the economy of the communities.

The Chief Engineer, Fadi Azzam of Geld Construction, the contractor of the project, disclosed that 21 kilometers of the road have been done and that the project would be completed in record time.

In his remarks, the Commissioner of Works, Irmiya Hammanjulde said the road would reduce the hardship experienced when travelling from Pamanga to Dakka which is almost impassable to motorists in the wet season.

"The importance of the Pamanga to Dakka road project cannot be over emphasized. Its construction has become imperative for faster socio-economic development, boosting of agricultural activities and to enhance effective security surveillance of the area".

The Deputy Speaker, Taraba State House of Assembly, Hamman Adama Abdullahi and Chairman Bali LGA, Musa Mahmud, both praised Governor Ishaku for constructing the road.

## ActionAid, JONAPWD gave children a treat

From Willie Attah, Gombe



Children from rural areas in Gombe State having fun during 2022 Day of The African Child in Laken Turum village.

He called on parents to help in the elimination of these harmful traditional practices especially marrying out their children (girls) at a tender ages.

Rather, he stressed, children should be encouraged to go to school. "Parents can help in eliminating these harmful traditional practices such as early marriages. It affects the lives of girls and women generally. They need to be empowered with knowledge because if you empower a woman, you empower the society".

He also called on government to make laws that will make it an offence on parents if they don't send their children to school especially in rural communities. Abdullahi also pointed out that all efforts should be made to include Western education in Tsangaya (Almajiri) system of education.

Pupils from Lalaipido, Latatar, Latur, Lashadar, Tedmukzu, Kwaififi, Powalam and Panguru communities all assembled at Laken Turum for the programme. However, pupils from Shela community could not make it during the event.

and answer session about the achievements recorded by the institution so far, the Rector stated that he always makes the best use of all the available human and material resources towards the achievement of his goals.

On the issue of challenges, he attributed such to the paucity of funds and stated that such have not brought them backward as they have adopted prudence in the management of the scarce resources at their disposal.

Ahmed also stated that the institution has recorded a significant landmark in the invention and exhibition of its creative materials, adding that the quality of its graduands is quite encouraging.

Meanwhile, the Rector disclosed that during the convocation ceremony six distinguished Nigerians who have excelled in their various fields of endeavors will be conferred with the Fellowship of the Federal Polytechnic, Nasarawa (FFPN), which included the Governor of Nasarawa State, Engineer Abdullahi A. Sule, Hajiya Zainab Shamsuna Ahmed, Minister of Finance, Budget and National planning as well as Hon Aminu Sulaiman Goro, the Chairman, House Committee on Tertiary Education and Services.

Others include Alhaji Ibrahim Usman Jibrin, the Emir of Nasarawa and former Minister of Environment, Federal Republic of Nigeria; H.E Alhaji Halilu Bala Usman, the Osu Ajiri and former Deputy Governor of Plateau State; as well as the Late Alhaji Jibrin Mairiga, the 9<sup>th</sup> Emir of Nasarawa (Posthumous Award).

"Our focus since establishment has been towards achieving the Polytechnic's objective and also tailored towards our mission of "molding students to become disciplined, skilled and innovative for self-actualization and national development," he explained.

He stated that as part of the ceremony, there will be pre-convocation lecture at the Muhammadu Buhari Multipurpose Hall. Explaining that the Convocation Lecture is themed "Equipping Nigerian Youths in skills acquisition for the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution", to be delivered by a thorough bred academic, Prof. Idris Muhammad Bugaje, the Executive Secretary, National Board for Technical Education (NBTE), who also a former Rector of the Polytechnic.

Speaking during a question

News

# Lalong mourns former military administrator

THE Plateau State Governor, Simon Bako Lalong has described the demise of a former Military Administrator of the state, Col. Musa Sheikh Shehu Rtd. as shocking and a huge loss. The late Shehu who passed on Sunday June 19, 2022 was also the former Military Administrator of Rivers State reports **The NIGERIA STANDARD.**

By **PALANG KASMI**

efforts in implementing projects and programmes that impacted on the lives of the people across the entire 17 Local Government Areas of the state.

The Governor also praised his contributions to the

political development of the country and his efforts towards consolidating democracy where he served as the Secretary General of the Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF).

While commiserating with his family, Lalong urged them to accept his death as the will of God and continue to pray

Governor Lalong while attending the funeral rites of the late Military Administrator at the Apo Cemetery in Abuja said the late Col. Shehu was a fine officer and gentleman who served the nation with dignity and honour.

"Shehu was Plateau's Military Administrator between 1998 and 1999 and he demonstrated enormous passion for peace, justice and development by carrying all segments of the society along in governance", Lalong stated in a statement.

He acknowledged his



Lalong

# I fear no body except God - Bala

Governor Bala Mohammed Abdulkadir, in a ceremony at the Government House, Bauchi recently where he distributed 60 brand new cars to PDP LGA Coordinators, members of the National Working Committee and party chairmen of the 20 LGAs in the state, expressed optimism in his re-election bid in 2023 general election.

Bala proudly said he fears no political opponent, group or individual no matter how formidable as he also consider himself a formidable politician who knows what it takes to win elections.

The Governor added that "The only exception is God, the Almighty Allah in facing the 2023 general elections."

He declared that "Let the opposition political parties, particularly their gubernatorial candidates know that they are not feared. What I reasonably fear is my creator, the Almighty God as far as the 2023 elections are concerned".

Senator Bala however, cautioned all the gubernatorial candidates of the other political parties in the state to beware of their utterances to the electorate during campaigns in order not to be inciteful.

According to the Governor, "We are not afraid of government's power or ability at the top, we are accustomed to it. What we are afraid of is our creator, the Almighty Allah, but not a fellow human being.

It is the fear of Allah that can apply a brake to our mission. These cars' beneficiaries are equal to the tasks."

The Governor expressed concerns over how cronies of the candidate of the major opposition party in the state

From **ABBAS SHEHU GUNGURA, Bauchi**

are allegedly going about the grassroots distributing FG's forms to be filled by the electorate in the pretext of giving them Covid-19 palliatives.

He however, queried that "Why is it now when electioneering campaigns period for the 2023 polls is fast approaching that such programme of the federal government flagged-off in 2020 could be implemented in the state.

This is a blatant lie for the cronies to use this campaign method, he pointed out.

"After siphoning Social Investment Programme (SIP) funds and other federal government's palliatives meant to tailor the needs of people in Bauchi State, it is now that these political gladiators are using part of the loots to deceive the electorate."

Bala Mohammed, therefore, drew the attention of the good people of the state generally to beware of those he referred to as haloing politicians who are all out to feed fat on them, saying "Those are the hijackers, the exaggerators, swindlers, charlatans who think they would have a field-day in Bauchi. They are jokers" he pointed out.

"I'm very grateful with the unbridled support the People's Democratic Party, the PDP is giving me, especially the return ticket for a second term tenure in office ahead of the 2023 polls, it is really a gesture unprecedented in the annals of party politics. I'm also grateful to the entire Bauchi State for their unrelenting support in the course of my stewardship", he stressed.

He added that "We are giving out these brand new cars to show our gratitude to the beneficiaries for their commitment to the promotion of the party's ideals, and their loyalty, support and cooperation, as well as motivation ahead of the forthcoming general elections".

"I also thank the entire citizens, especially our traditional rulers, the Ulamas, Mallams and Ustazs, Christian clerics, community leaders and other leaders, our vibrant youths and women."

The Governor, however, assured that his party "would peacefully and harmoniously play our partisan cards in an atmosphere devoid of rancour, and by God's grace, victory will be on our side come 2023 polls".

"Nobody could deceive our traditional rulers, our youths and women, and the politicians.

To hell with their political machinations for it would not hold water. See how hundreds of their members are defecting to our party after the primaries. They are ineffective and would simply soon pass unnoticed," he furthersaid.

Bala Mohammed added by calling on PDP disciples, especially those who participated in the just concluded party primaries to come together under a unified umbrella as one formidable entity ahead of the commencement of electioneering campaigns for the party to sweep the polls at all levels of governance.

He re-emphasized that a reconciliation committee is already in place to reconcile aggrieved party members with a view to forge ahead and ensure victory in the forthcoming general



# What subsidy?

I want to start by making a confession. I have difficulty in understanding basic economics. I didn't do very well in economics when I wrote GCE back then. Came out with a credit but a c6. That is very close to a pass? Since then, I have steered clear of anything that has to do with figures and economics. And, each time there is a discourse in that area I simply apply my native intelligence to make my point.

Since the Babangida era, Nigerians have been told that unless subsidy on fuel is removed, our country, Nigeria, will continue to stagnate. Indeed, for the Babangida government to access a World Bank facility at that time, one of the conditionalities was for it to stop paying subsidy on fuel. As a result, fuel prices were jacked up and motorist were made to pay more for it. Abacha too removed subsidy. Yar'adua did same and Obasanjo followed in the stead of his predecessors. This led the Bretton Woods institutions to forgive Nigeria some of its debts and monies were returned to help the states develop their infrastructure.

Over time, different administrations have added to the cost of fuel in the name of subsidy removal. Since the present administration came on board we have been told that subsidy has been removed and market forces now determine cost of the commodity. This perhaps has been responsible for the rise or sometimes the fall in the cost of the commodity.

However, for someone like me who does not understand the dynamics of economics, is the subsidy endless and amorphous? After several claims were made with regards to its removal, the thing keeps reoccurring. Can't it be dealt with once and for all?

Now there is something wrong somewhere. I think the more this thing is looked at, the less one understands it. If over the years, subsidies have been removed, for how long else will we have to

contend with it? Perhaps, somebody is playing games with the lives of the people? Maybe someone is not being sincere and it is being buried in some subsidy that we cannot understand?

Over the years, we have been told that subsidy removal will make allowance for the rebuilding of decaying critical infrastructure. But what do we have on ground? Are our leaders, who have been mandated by us to run our country on our behalf being sincere? Have they been honest? Have we, as a people not been tossed around as if we are in a game of football or chess?

Can our leaders come clean when they are asked to account for their deeds while in the driver's seat? Can they, in all sincerity tell the people and God that they did their best in running the country? Can the followership also sincerely say they have held the leadership to account? It is no wonder then that Okonjo Iweala, Jonathan's Finance Minister alluded to the fact that fighting corruption is dangerous in Nigeria in her

**“ Nigerians lack character. We are not a nation that punishes wrong doers. We celebrate thieves. We own them. If someone from my locality steals I should not frown at it. He is my own. He has just taken a bit from the national cake on behalf of his community and therefore, should not be punished. How can there not be subsidies that cannot be explained? When we finish eating our common patrimony and keep sacrificing on the altar of nepotism, ethnicity and regionalism we will one day wake up to a country that will offer us nothing.**

book.

Our refineries have suffered neglect over time. Turn around maintenance have become veritable routes to wealth for those lucky to be saddled with them. Nepotism has become our greatest undoing. Competence has thus suffered. If you are not my brother you are not qualified. We destroy our institutions. We put deliberate clogs on their ways and refuse to allow them function and grow. We delight in growing other economies rather than our own. Imagine Abacha servicing the country even in death. Several million dollars have been returned as stolen monies kept in bank vaults in other climes.

Once you are appointed into public office, you become the rallying point of your locality. Everybody gathers in your house to pay homage. This in itself kills initiative. People become lazy and dependant.

Nigerians lack character. We are not a nation that punishes wrong doers. We celebrate thieves. We own them. If someone from my locality steals I should not frown at it. He is my own. He has just taken a bit from the national cake on behalf of his community and therefore, should not be punished. How can there not be subsidies that cannot be explained? When we finish eating our common patrimony and keep sacrificing on the altar of nepotism, ethnicity and regionalism we will one day wake up to a country that will offer us nothing.

The time to wake up from our long slumber is now. We have all that it takes to be a great nation. What we lack is good leadership and followership. We, therefore, need to change. Character is fundamental and central to this change. You disobey the law you must get punished. That way we might start being accountable. Leaders must be elected based on competence and not sentiments.

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## News

# Kogi speaker, 4 lawmakers impeached

From AMEDU JOSEPH, Lokoja

THE Speaker of the Kogi State House of Assembly, Hon. Mathew Kolawole was on Friday impeached by 19 out of the 25 members of the house.

Kolawole was impeached few hours after he presided over the impeachment of four principal officers of the House, including his Deputy, Majority Leader, Deputy Majority Leader and the Chief Whip.

His impeachment followed vote of no confidence passed on him by the 19 members. However, no new Speaker has been elected to replace Kolawole who was representing Kabba-Bunu state Constituency in the house.

He just won the House of Representatives ticket of Kabba-Bunu/Ijumu federal Constituency of the All Progressives Congress (APC) during just concluded party primaries.

In the impeachment notice served on Kolawole Friday afternoon, the lawmakers said their action was pursuant to Section 92 (2) of the 1999 Constitution as amended and Order 10 Rule 65 Sub 12 of the house's standing rule. The lawmakers said that Kolawole is no longer fit to occupy the seat of the

Speaker of the House "owing to financial impropriety, high handedness, serial abuse of office, refusal to abide by the provisions of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as amended with regards to the constitutionally required yearly sittings and grave unparliamentarily conduct that has all cumulatively brought the integrity of the House of Assembly as an institution to total disrepute and has furthermore reduced and nearly destroyed the personal integrity of members before their constituents and Kogi State in general."

They said the House under Kolawole has been embroiled in messy crisis of confidence which has led to nonpayment of the member's constitutional entitlements.

They also accused him of gross corruption and diversion of funds meant for members of the assembly.

Mr Mathew Kolawole used the Kogi State House of Assembly account to collect a personal loan running into hundreds of millions to the detriment of members of the House," they said.

The lawmakers said Kolawole is accordingly removed/impeached with effect from Monday, June 13



Kolawole

, 2022 in accordance with the 1999 constitution.

They said that Kolawole will remain on suspension pending the submission of final report by the House Committee on Ethics and Privileges on the allegations levied against him. However, all the 19 lawmakers pledged their unalloyed loyalty to Governor Yahaya Bello.

## KCSDA flags off N44.4m NG-CARE projects

From AMEDU JOSEPH, Lokoja

DETERMINED to touch the lives of rural dwellers, the Kogi State Community and Social Development Agency (KCSDA), has inaugurated projects worth over forty four million naira to be executed in communities in Kabba/Bunu, Yagba East and Bassa Local Government Areas of the state.

THE National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), Kogi chapter, has celebrated with His Excellency, Governor Yahaya Bello, on the occasion of his 47th birthday anniversary. The NYSC members organised a colourful ceremony for the Governor with the display of Ebra cultural dance and presentation of colanut, and birthday card designed by the corps members. The Secretary to the State Government (SSG), Dr Afolashade Ayoade, received the corps members on behalf of the governor. The governor was also honoured as the 'Youth Ambassador'.

Speaking at the event in Government House Lokoja on Saturday, the State Coordinator of NYSC, Pastor Mrs Mofoluwasho Williams, described Bello as "a young and vibrant Governor and a father of corps members in the

## Kogi NYSC celebrates gov Yahaya Bello at 47

From AMEDU JOSEPH, Lokoja

state".

"When somebody is doing well, you have to identify with the person and celebrate with him. In her response the SSG, Dr Afolashade Ayoade, who spoke on behalf of the governor, appreciated the corps members for the gesture, saying they were the first to give him such a gift.

"He is the father of the corps members in the state. And as his children, we have to identify with him on such an auspicious occasion," she said.

Williams added that the corps members would also showcase the rich culture of Ebra land. In her words, "as you can see, I am dressed in Ebra regalia and the corps members that displayed are not from Kogi.

"So it shows the dexterity of the corps members and that they are ready for any government assignment in the state.

"The youth are always excited about the antecedents of the Governor and have decided to honour him as the Youth Ambassador", she said. In her response the SSG, Dr Afolashade Ayoade, who spoke on behalf of the governor, appreciated the corps members for the gesture, saying they were the first to give him such a gift.

Ayoade expressed the governor's delight to receive the corps members at the Government House, saying "the governor is so elated and very happy about it". She described the governor as the Youth Ambassador indeed, as he had ensured youth engagement, empowerment and involvement in governance.

She urged the NYSC to table all their requests for onward presentation to the governor, assuring them of urgent attention.

## "Nigeria on threshold of greatness"

From JIDAUNA YANUNG, Abuja

PLATEAU State Liaison Officer in Abuja, Mr. Pius Yenshi says Nigeria is currently on a track to greatness just as he urged the citizens to play active roles for this to be fully achieved.

Disclosing this at a news briefing in his Asokoro office recently on Democracy Day

celebration, Mr. Yenshi said this year's edition coincides with the 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the June 12, 1993 elections.

According to him, "However, it is now very glaring that we are on the threshold of history with the forthcoming general election that are now heralded by the smooth

convention of all the political parties and the emergence of various political flag bearers in the likes of Bola Ahmed Tinubu. Atiku Abubakar and Peter Obi among others.

"The new story that we all anticipate, envisage and dream about for our country is achievable. Our hopes are rekindled. All that is required is our collective resolve to be part of the ship of progress"

Yenshi stated that the day is significant to Nigerians because of what it portends. He stressed that the citizenry will continue to acknowledge the day and learn from what transpired so that "we don't fall into similar traps in future".

He said "2023 is around the corner, less than 12 months from now. We are going to have elections by this time next year. We would have been around the swearing in of the next president. And what transpired at June 12 should be a lesson to us that we need to have an acceptable, credible transparent election".

This is just as the people were charged to take absolute ownership of the projects for its sustenance. The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the agency, Hon Raphael Okomoda gave the charge over the weekend, at Ashanta Community in Kabba during the flag of the first N-Care projects in the state.

He said, it was the policy of the present administration of Governor Yahaya Bello to improve on the lives of the people that necessitated the approval for the rehabilitation and renovation of these projects.

He said, when completed, the projects will significantly impact on the lives of the host communities.

The chairman stated that the choice of Saint Monica College Kabba for the rehabilitation of science laboratory, a classroom and drilling of borehole worth over #14 million was to create conducive environment for teaching, learning, research and to return the lost glory of the over 60 years old iconic secondary school.

He charged members of the Projects Monitoring Committee CPMC to reciprocate the confidence repose in them by ensuring that the projects are executed according to standard and timely completion. While commending Gov. Bello for giving the agency maximum support, he warned benefitting communities against undermining the process.

Similarly, the Managing Director of the agency, Chief Dauda Momoh while presenting the cheques of over fourteen million naira to the Omowa and Bajida Communities in Isanlu, Yagba East LGA, charged the committee to maintain high standards in the execution of the projects.

The GM said the approval



Bello

for the rehabilitation of a clinic and sinking of borehole for Omowa and Bajida communities was based on the effective utilisation of funds of the previous projects.

He added that the first tranche of 20% of the contract sum is being presented, while the remaining two tranches of 50% and 30% would be accessed based on the extent of work done. He assured them of the availability fund that will enable them to complete the job in two months. He disclosed that Governor Yahaya Bello has to slice the community counterpart commitment from 10% to 2.5% in order to reduce the financial burden on the people occasioned by harsh economic realities.

Earlier, the GM had presented cheque of over #14M to Gboloko Community to sink borehole and completion and furnishings of examination Hall of Community Secondary School, Gboloko, Bassa Local Government Area, in the Eastern Zone of the state. In a remark the Chairman of

project Management Committee for Saint Monica collage Kabba, Dr. Akin Olorunoba commended Governor Yahaya Bello for his magnanimity in giving succour to the staff and students of the College.

According to him, "By this token, in few years from now, many Doctors, Engineers and scientists would emerge from here. We are grateful to his excellency and the Management of the Agency for choosing the College for these all important projects. We assure him that the projects would be completed according to specification and within the stipulated time frame", he assured.

In their separate comments, the Principal of the College Mrs. Dare DadaDupe and Head girl, Miss Petra extended their gratitude to the Governor and the Agency in aiding the college to overcome her critical challenges. While promising to reciprocate the gesture by churning out students with high grades in science subjects, assured of the judicious use of the projects.



Yenshi

## Foreign Commentary

# Ghana's Pan African Heritage Museum driving Africa's history

*In our series of letters from African writers, media consultant and trainer Joseph Warungu writes about plans to build a huge museum in Ghana to reflect the history and heritage of Africans.*



**Pan African Heritage Museum**

IN our series of letters from African writers, media consultant and trainer Joseph Warungu writes about plans to build a huge museum in Ghana to reflect the history and heritage of Africans.

The Maasai of Kenya and Tanzania, the Himba of Namibia, the Somali of the Horn of Africa, the Zulu of southern Africa and the Mbenga of the West Congo Basin - among many other communities - could soon be on the move to a new home in Ghana.

The most significant mass movement of peoples within Africa started more than 4,000 years ago, when huge populations of Bantu-speakers left their original dwellings in southern West Africa, to settle in other parts of the continent.

The new migrants will be travelling in the opposite direction.

Like their predecessors, they will not require visas or travel documents.

Their relocation is not physical but cultural and spiritual. It is their history, their philosophy, their beliefs and their story that is about to find a new home.

The new dwelling is located at Pomadze Hills in Winneba. The 10-

acre site in Ghana's Central Region is about 60km (40 miles) west of the capital Accra.

It's a site to behold, with rolling terrain, covered in greenery.

If all goes according to plan, by August next year this location will give rise to an impressive six-storey structure - the Pan African Heritage Museum.

The museum's founders hope it will address "distortions" about Africa's history and heritage

The location in Winneba, through which the "migrants" will enter their new home in Ghana, is just over an hour's drive to the Door of No Return at Cape Coast Castle, from which millions of Africans were forced to leave the continent and into slavery.

The museum, which is under construction, has one key goal - to curate and tell the story of Africa using African voices, tools and culture.

The great minds behind the project say this is necessary because for a long time the African story has been told by others.

They argue that when someone else tells your story, they tell it from their perspective so that they look good.

The museum therefore seeks to own the African narrative by bridging what the founders say is a gap that has widened among people of African descent for over 400 years.

It's a museum that seeks to teach, heal, and inspire.

The museum will also seek to bridge the gap among people of African descent

Ghana's President Nana Akufo-Addo says the museum will "provide a natural residence and resting place for all the looted cultural artefacts of our continent, which are housed in foreign museums and which will be returned to us".

This is the latest museum to be built on the continent, following those in Senegal, Democratic Republic of Congo and Nigeria, and comes at a time when there's a growing acceptance in Europe that the items seized from Africa during the colonial era should be returned.

Judging by the digital version that was recently launched, the museum will be a stunning structure that will stand tall and be visible from far away - a monument of Pan-Africanism.

As a passionate Pan-Africanist myself, I went on a tour of the virtual museum.

As you enter, your eyes are treated to beautiful contemporary works of art produced by great artists of African descent.

Soothing saxophone sounds, accompanied by gentle piano notes, put you at ease.

As if on cue, I'm immediately grabbed by this wonderful painting by Nigerian artist Doba Afolabi.

Nigerian artist Doba Afolabi's work was displayed at the virtual launch of the museum

The work, titled Nite Voltron, depicts a passionate musician joyfully emptying the contents of his lungs into his saxophone.

A few virtual steps on and I'm

staring at Tangled Trickster - an intriguing work by American visual artist, Aisha Tandiwe Bell, who is famous for using mixed media to create myth and ritual.

According to her, the woman portrayed as a trickster "sums up our modern fragmented, hyphenated identities and multiple consciousnesses". Tangled Trickster is by Aisha Tandiwe Bell

The idea of targeting our collective African identity and history by harnessing, celebrating and curating African culture in a unique Pan-African museum came about in 1994.

The man behind it is Kojo Acquah Yankah, a former editor of Ghana's Daily Graphic newspaper and who previously served as an MP and cabinet minister in the government of the late President Jerry Rawlings.

He tells me the inspiration came to him as he attended the 375th anniversary commemoration of the forced arrival of the first 20 Africans on the coast of Jamestown, Virginia, in the US - the birthplace of American slavery.

"The event was attended by over



**Ghana's Pan African Heritage Museum seeks to reclaim Africa's history**

5,000 people of African descent from all over the world, celebrating their historical memoir," says Mr Yankah.

"This inspired me to create the Pan African Heritage Museum to unite Africans and people of African descent and raise the self-confidence of Africans as a people with a rich history and heritage."

But why this museum when there are many others in Africa?

"There are less than 2,000 museums on the continent as opposed to over 30,000 in Europe and in the US," says the man who also founded the African University College of Communications in Ghana.

"The museum is special because it's the only one bringing all African heritage together under one roof."

The principal architect for the project is James Inedu-George, a Nigerian famous for capturing the spirit of African cultures and infusing it into his designs.

The symbol chosen for the

museum is a horn, a communication tool announcing Africa's renaissance.

The museum will aim to attract visitors from around the world

The project is funded through donations and is estimated to cost about \$50m (£40m).

But its key supporters, including President Akufo-Addo, believe it will be worth the bill.

"It will not only benefit all the peoples of the world, but it will also imbibe in all of us a deep consciousness and understanding of the goals and ideal of Pan-Africanism".

Apart from the artefacts and research materials, the museum will also have a garden of sculptures, a herbal garden and space for festivals, concerts, film shows and exhibitions from across the Pan-African world.

The innovation and creativity hub of the museum will be a space for young people to build on new ideas for the future after touring the facility.

The museum will set aside a two-acre plot where it will replicate a selected number of African kingdoms, ancient and modern.

It will showcase their history, their art, their culture and learn from their skills, craftsmanship and indigenous knowledge, which has sustained Africans until today.

This is where the big stream of African "migrants" will find a home.

Mr Yankah hopes his vision will redress our distorted heritage.

"Our legacy was stolen, and our confidence dimmed by paralysing accounts of our past and even our present, hence we disregard the wise sayings and indigenous knowledge of our own people and quote eloquently from sources alien to us for our daily living."

Indeed, as the late Nigerian literary giant Chinua Achebe observed: "Until the lions have their own historians, the history of the hunt will always glorify the hunter."

Well, we Africans now have the pen, a paint brush and a large canvas - it's time to tell our story.



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

WHEREAS the person whose name is set out in the first Column hereunder died into on the date and place state in the said column.  
AND WHEREAS the person whose name(s) and addressed and relations to the deceased are set out in second column hereto has/have applied to High Court of Plateau State if grant of letter 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 (2) days of from the date hereof.

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| Christopher Nyam Bot, late of Plateau State. Died on the 13th April, 2017 at Jos, Plateau State.                      | Christopher Hagalstine Bot of No. 12 P.C Badung Street Hwolshe Jos South LGA, Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased.        | Inspector Emmanuel David late of Plateau State. Died on the 8th April, 2022 at Anambra State.                          | Freeman David & Ruth David Nandak of Summary Hotel New Abuja, Dadin Kowa Jos South LGA, Plateau State. Lawful son/daughter of the said deceased. | Davou Vou Vincent late of Plateau State. Died on the 7th June, 2016 at Kwata Zawan, Jos South LGA, Plateau State.           | Vincent Rap Davou of Kwata Zawan Jos South LGA, Plateau State. The Lawful husband of the said deceased.                                     |
| Bongven Chirkat late of Plateau State. Died on the 11th March, 2022 at General Hospital, Langtang LGA, Plateau State. | Gideon Binkur Manchang No. 116 Behind COCIN Church Yantrailer Jos North LGA, Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased.         | Mamven Viapbong Jatdul late of Plateau State. Died on the 30th May, 2021 JUTH, Plateau State.                          | Juliana Mamven Jatdul & Timzing Mamven of Angwan Abuja Tudun Wada Jos North LGA, Plateau State. Lawful widow/son of the said deceased.           | Julius Yuntoe late of Plateau State. Died on the 28th June, 2021 at JUTH, Plateau State.                                    | Yuntoe Charies Julius No. 15 Rapmen Street Total Shendam LGA, Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased.                               |
| Chollom Irimiah Pam late of Plateau State. Died on the 9th November, 2021 at BHUTH, Jos Plateau State.                | Johnson Irimiya & Rose Pam of C/O Seventh Day Adventice Laranto Jos North LGA, Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased.       | Comfort Nguumbur Unongo late of Plateau State. Died on the 13th January, 2022 at Jos, Plateau State.                   | Terkura Ephraim Unongo of No. 5 Old Airport Road Jos South LGA, Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased.                                  | Hassan Ajasin late of Nasarawa State. Died on the 7th April, 2022 at keffi, Nasarawa State.                                 | Buki Tama Silas & Calista Love Silas of Anglo-Jos Police Barrack Jos South LGA, Plateau State. Lawful son/daughter of the said deceased.    |
| INSP. Shwardit Godwin, late of Plateau State. Died on the 13th April, 2022 at Jos, Plateau State.                     | Simput Jilang Abel & Simput Joy Nentapmwa of COCIN LCC Mado Tudun Wada Jos North LGA, Plateau State. Lawful son/daughter of the said | Bernard Changnap Rimman late of Imo State. died on the 16th September, 2012 at Imo State.                              | Nanlop Bernard Rimman of No. 53 Zone B Behind Transformed Gwarandok Abattoir, Jos South LGA, Plateau State. Lawful widow of the said deceased.   | Guwal Yakubu Dagor late of Plateau State. Died on the 20th October, 2021 at Mangu LGA, Plateau State.                       | Kyautar allah Yakubu Guwal of No. 7 New Layout Bungha Mangu LGA, Plateau State. Lawful daughter of the said deceased.                       |
| Talatu Bari late of Plateau State. Died on the 21st June, 2020 at OLA Hospital, Jos North LGA, Plateau State.         | Jacob Adu Audu of Jenta Adamu Jos North LGA, Plateau State. Lawful nephew of the said deceased.                                      | Ugunbowale Aderonke Omowonuola late of Plateau State. Died on the 30th December, 2021 at JUTH, Plateau State           | Ogunbowale Taiwo Oluseyi of Opp ITF State School Ranya, Jos South LGA, Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased.                           | Sallah Gabriel Jibrin late of Plateau State. Died on the 1st May, 2021 at JUTH, Plateau State.                              | Mabi Pomak Lohor of Bating GSS Hei Kwang Jos LGA, Plateau State. Lawful daughter of the said deceased.                                      |
| Anthony Dawang Mulak late of Plateau State. Died on the 25th November, 2021 at JUTH, Plateau State.                   | Rebecca Anthony Mulak of Jos University Teaching Hospital Jos North LGA, Plateau State. Lawful widow of the said deceased.           | Maram Michael Adanchin late of Plateau State. Died on the 25th August, 2021 at PSSH, Jos.                              | Ruth Maram Adanchin of District Head Palace Bokkos LGA, Plateau State. Lawful widow of the said deceased.  | INSP Ibrahim Kundo late of Plateau State. Died on the 8th April, 2022 at Anambra State.                                     | Moses Ibrahim Kundo & Lami Ibrahim of Mopol 8 Jos, Plateau State. Lawful widow/son of the said deceased.                                    |
| Karimu Ibrahim late of Plateau State. Died on the 3rd April, 2021 at Angwan Marafa Dengi Kanam LGA, Plateau State.    | Abdulkarim Abdulkarim Ibrahim of Angwan Marafa Dengi Kanam LGA, Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased.                      | Cleophas Suleiman late of Plateau State. Died on the 1st May, 2019 at Allah Nakowa Hospital, Mangu LGA, Plateau State. | Pankyes Celophas of Murish Mangu LGA, Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased.  | Wamtuahun Othniel Zechariah late of Plateau State. Died on the 12th April, 2022 at Jos, Plateau State.                      | Kyenpia Othniel Echariah of Opposite ECWA Church Hwolshe Jos South LGA, Plateau State. Lawful daughter of the said                          |
| Hassan Yunusa late of Plateau State. Died on the 30th March, 2022 at Abuja, FCT.                                      | Yunusa Umar Abubakar of Bauchi Roa,d Moto Pack Jos North LGA, Plateau State. Lawful father of the said deceased.                     | Abdu Ahmadu Akoh late of Plateau State. Died on the 18th December, 2019 at Jos, Plateau State.                         | Lawal Amadu Abdul of No. 16 Yakubu gowon Way Jos, Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased.  | Pastor Endale Mekonen late of Plateau State. Died on the 10th August, 2011 at Hospital, Abuja.                              | Salome Molkulung Mekonnen of T7 Quarters Dawaka Close Near Hill Station, Jos North LGA, Plateau state. Lawful widow of the said deceased.   |
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## Feature

### Enemy of the state: Understanding banditry and terrorism

*The recent events in Owo, Ondo State, and other parts of Nigeria have proved that there's more the Nigerian government can do to protect the citizens. Their measures against terrorism are insufficient, and Nigerians are tired of just thoughts, prayers, and well wishes. ADEBAYO ADELEKE writes.*



#### Boko Haram

ALTHOUGH there are inadequacies in the system, there's still more that can be done with what is available. The enemy of the nation is also aware of these deficiencies and will exploit them for as long as the government permits. It's time to put a stop to this.

In this article, I will analyse two crucial things the government must do to make visible progress in the war against terrorism.

If you do not know what your enemies want to achieve, it will be difficult to subdue them. Whether it's the bandits, herdsmen, or terrorists, they will have a mission, and they will continue to penetrate different regions of the country.

Nigeria must first understand who its enemies are and their end-state to defeat them. If you do not know what your enemies want to achieve, it will be difficult to subdue them. Whether it's the bandits, herdsmen, or terrorists, they have a mission, and they continue to penetrate different regions of the country.

Although we may not completely understand what they want, it is clear that the enemies of Nigeria do not want it to stand together, at least from my point of view. Their tactics of killing, kidnapping, and requesting ransom have now begun to gain more attention.

One of the things they do to reach their goal is plant palpable fear into the hearts of citizens by destroying lives and properties. These terrorists

understand the power of fear and use it to divide and conquer. It is crucial to understand that fear is only a tool, not a goal. Killing people isn't the goal, it's just a way to show power. Nigerian security operatives must identify their goal, stop it, and regain control.

Another thing the government should do is change tactics. For a long time, Nigeria has been offensive towards terrorist acts, and while this is not wrong, if a tactic hasn't given you the results you require, it may be time to change it.

Using the wrong tactics, regardless of the weapons and technology, will only lead to failure. These terrorists are using tactical manuals and ambushes. It is dangerous to believe that they are primitive in their strategy because they're not.

Getting the tactics right requires a lot of planning and understanding of the landscape and the enemy.

Unfortunately, the Nigerian formation is fighting against a guerilla war tactics.

You can't fight a guerilla war with conventional tactics. You have to fight with equal tactics and have a superior understanding of the landscape to gain ground and achieve the objective.

Another method to stop their goal is by convincing them to change it. This is also called dialogue or negotiation. Although it is not a typical method, a few countries have tried this.

It is the responsibility of the Nigerian government to take a stand on whether negotiation is a plausible solution for the country.

The second and most important thing is to understand their supply chain and intercept it. You cannot eliminate the enemy if their supply chain works seamlessly. Supply chain controls operations – how they get weapons, and food supplies and how they communicate.

In understanding their supply chain, security agencies must track the borders where weapons flow from, and the road networks used to move them. These road networks existed during the old empires, and although they are not primarily visible now, still exist. This is why someone can be picked up in Lagos and ends up in Onitsha.

These road networks enable the enemy to get out quickly after committing heinous acts. Until Nigeria understands these intricacies, subduing them will be difficult. It's time for security operatives to monitor these road networks. If we can cripple their supply chain, we can bring them to their knees and reduce the number of victims in the country. No war or terrorist act will go far if it loses funding and supplies.

Now that we have discussed a few things the government and security agencies must do, let's move to the people. Unlike what many believe, everybody has a duty when it comes to security – the people, government, and security agencies. We cannot leave it to the government alone to handle.

How can I be involved you may ask? This is the simple answer.

When you see something strange, report it. Don't keep quiet. If there is no one to report to, post it on social media. Only ensure that the information you are reporting is accurate, relevant, reliable, timely, and useful for decision making. With credible information, we can curb many crimes.

In conclusion, there is so much more the Nigerian government can do. If there aren't enough security personnel, then recruit more people and train them effectively. Many countries have gone through what Nigeria is going through globally so there are a lot of opportunities to learn from them and see how they contained a lot of these security challenges.

Enough is enough.

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# EVERYBODY'S WORLD

With *Henrietta Gonzuk*

## Living

# Design your kitchen on a budget

By **CHIKODI ANWASI**

A lot of people have confessed that their kitchen is their favourite place. It is not unusual to come across pictures on the internet or visit the kitchen of friends or relatives to take in the details of the interior decor.

Start by designing your kitchen with a budget in mind- whether you are redoing the entire kitchen or changing a few things, it is important to create a budget.

Designing a kitchen is an ever-evolving process that requires some skill because the way we use our kitchen is constantly changing. These days, kitchens are not strictly used for cooking, but it is also for dining and lounging.

**Consider the shape and size of your kitchen:**

This stage is important because you are mostly thinking and becoming aware of what you are working with. So take in the shape of your kitchen: U-shape, L-shape, one-wall, and sizes: small, medium and large. Besides this, consider the structural elements.

**Envision the design:**

After knowing your kitchen size and design, consider the flow of your kitchen-where your appliances will be kept. If you can, sketch it so that you can remember. Start by scribbling down all the features of your dream kitchen, and then include tangible ideas that a designer or a friend can help with.

**SEARCH FOR INSPIRATION:** Knowing the design you would want for your

kitchen can be tasking. Thankfully, Pinterest, Telegram, Quora, among others, have sections where you can get pictures, tips and tricks as well as help to figure out the elements you would want to incorporate into the space.

**THRIFT KITCHEN APPLIANCES:**

You do not have to break the bank to get the appliances you want. Take a visit to the thrift shop, where you can get exactly or close to what you want. Also, a trick to getting appliances at a better price is to check the price range or just window shop before you make your decision. But if there is a discount, indulge away.

**Hire a carpenter:**

Do not overlook your next-door carpenter. If after searching for a particular design of cabinet or if you have a design in mind, sketch and give to your carpenter. One of the perks is the opportunity to bargain a more affordable amount at better quality, depending on your bargaining skill.

**Paint with your favorite colour:**

Your kitchen can easily be your escape comforting place if you make it feel like an intricate part of your home. It is important to choose colours that will ensure that the light reflects right. Most people prefer white. However, other options exist. The downside to white is the bugging need to repaint if something stains the wall. To make it fun, why don't you call a few friends for a paint-and-drink?



**Frame or wallpaper:**

Make your picture stand out by putting a frame or wallpaper in your kitchen adds to the beauty of your kitchen. Choose the picture of a meal or even a kitchen quote to motivate you every time you go in.

**Mix with unique items:**

Items like expensive jars and

ceramics will make your kitchen admirable and not tacky. Having these unique items will give people the thoughts that everything in your kitchen is delicate. Do not know where to find them? You can check your favourite malls, the markets or your favourite online kitchen thrift stores.

**Kitchen flooring:**

Depending on the type of flooring you want, floor tiles add the pop to your kitchen. If you don't want the wooden ones, you can go for the mixed tiles option. If preferred, mix the whole and broken tiles and get someone with an artistic eye to create a nice design.



# EVERY SOWORLD

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## Living

### Girl child education for national development

By **CHRISTY TAMAI**

EDUCATION is a process and system of providing information, knowledge, skills and training with an aim of changing a condition and situation. The change expected is usually positive in nature, and the education could be formal or informal.

The definition is crucial in the case of Nigerian women whose condition needs to be changed for socio economic transformation. Females in Nigeria have a basic human right to be educated and this right has been recognized since 1948 adoption of the universal Declaration on Human Rights. According to a report in 2014, female education has an important impact on the development of a stable prosperous nation.

National Commission (NPC) observed that women with higher education qualifications are more likely to be in formal wage employment than those at the level of primary school education.

A positive correlation exists between the enrollment of girl's in primary school and the gross national product (GNP) and increase of life expectancy. One of this correlation, enrollment in school, represents the largest component of the investment in human capital in any society.

Rapid Social economic development of a nation has been observed to depend on the quality of women and their education. Education gives women a disposition for lifelong acquisition of knowledge, value, attitudes competence and skills.

To ensure equal access to education, the national policy on education states that access to education is a right for all Nigerian Children regardless of gender, religion and disability. In 1960, when most African States (countries) began to gain political independence there was notable gender inequality in education, girls enrollment figures were very low throughout the continent.

In May 1961, the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights and UNESCO's Education plans for Nigeria were announced in a conference held in Addis Ababa Ethiopia. A target was set to achieve hundred percent universal primary education in Nigeria by the year 1980.

In most civilized countries of the world, the most important instrument for achieving a sustainable national development is education.

This view is also true of Nigeria in relation to the pursuit of national development as it is documented in the national policy on education (NPE 1981, Revised) which states in point thus: The Federal government of Nigeria has adopted education on an instrument per excellence affecting nation development...In catalyzing national development, formal education has multiple functions to perform.

The most important among these functions is that it creates well education people who will bring their talents, knowledge, skills, and experience to bear as they function in various capacities in the economic and social development of the nation.



The concept of girl child educated incorporates the necessary attitude, cultural and behavioral training which parents gives to their daughters at home to enable them become useful resourceful and respectful citizens. It also includes, the functional teaching or training in skills acquisition which many girls undertake.

Denying girl children access to early childhood education makes them socially excluded, creating room to become illiterate women.

Education is one of the most critical areas of empowerment for women, it is central to development and improvement of the nations welfare. It is a powerful " Equalizer " opening doors to all to lift them out of poverty.

**Below are the roles of girl child education to nation building:**

**Poverty Reducing Effects:** Girl child education can vitally contribute to the attainment of the millennium development goals, while two of the goals pertains directly to education. Education also helps reduce poverty, promote gender equality. Lower child mortality rate, protect against HIV/ AIDS, reduce fertility rates and enhance environmental awareness.

**Improve health and nutrition:** Education greatly benefits personal health particularly for girl child, it profoundly affects reproductive health immunization rates, education may be the single most effective preventive weapon against HIV/ AIDS.

If the issue of HIV/ AIDS is rampant in a particular country, the force and economic growth will be affected, again through the awareness of girl child education, the rate of HIV/ AIDS will be reduced to the barest minimum and this will have positive impact on nation building.

**Reduces Inequality:** Education reduces illiteracy that is one of the strongest predictor of poverty. Primary education plays catalytic

roles for those most likely to be poor, including girls, ethnic minorities, orphans, disabled people and rural families.

Girl child education has been proven to increase income for wages earner's and increase productivity for employers, yielding benefits for the community and society.

Despite these contributions to nation building women education has always been marginalized due to cultural practices and political decision. The effect of this situation has led to certain deprivations that have hindered women and girl child in particular from maximizing their capacities in the development process of their communities.

In Nigeria, as in other African

countries, women are not held in high esteem, consequently female education is seen as a wasteful venture as people think that the role of women is for procreation and confinement to the kitchen.

The importance of education to a child is for overall development of a nation. This cannot be over emphasized particularly the girl child, therefore education is the right of every girl child, a key to transforming her life and making her a responsible citizens.

Without education, girls are denied the opportunity to develop their full potentials and play productive role in nation building. Although some efforts have been made to improve girl child education in Nigeria much still needs to be done if women must

realize their potential and fully contribute to the political socioeconomic and technological transformation of the country. Government at all levels should give more attention to girl child education because if they are well educated they will have chances of contributing to nation building.

Individuals can contribute to girl child education by giving them scholarship, to study in higher institutions, provision of school facilities and equipment that ease their learning effectively as it contributes to nation building. UNICEF policies on equal rights to education should be strictly adhered by government at all levels in Nigeria for the enhancement of nation building.



**Editorial**

**Make voter registration a continuous process**

**THE** Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) established by the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has the mandate to organise elections into various political offices in the country. As part of preparations towards the 2023 general elections, therefore, the Commission had scheduled June 2021 to June 30, 2022 for continuous voter registration to enable those who turned 18 after the last one as well as those who for one reason or the other do not have their Permanent Voters Card (PVC) to obtain theirs.

**WITH** just eight days to the June 30 deadline, there is a large turnout of citizens at registration centers. Stories are making the rounds that some people leave their homes as early as six in the morning to be able to beat the long queues and spend less time at the centers but could not get it.

**ACCORDING** to the electoral umpire, the deadline is to enable the commission clean up the registration data, print the PVCs and compile the register ahead of the 2023 general elections. As part of efforts to ensure that the process is seamless, more accessible and user friendly not only to the multitude of prospective registrants, but also to registered voters who may wish to transfer their registration or have had their PVCs missing or defaced.

**AS** the deadline gradually draws closer, the exercise has witnessed a surge in the number of people trying to beat the dateline. As a result, several Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and individuals alike have called for an extension of the exercise to enable more Nigerians register. Last week, the House of Representatives had during plenary asked the Commission to extend the deadline by sixty days.

**HOWEVER,** INEC shows no intention of extending the June 30 deadline even as SERAP and 185 concerned Nigerians filed a lawsuit compelling INEC to extend the deadline for voter registration to allow eligible Nigerians to exercise their rights.

**AS** contained in the suit, "INEC must not only be independent and impartial in the exercise of its constitutional and statutory responsibilities, but must also be seen to be independent and impartial in all its dealings. Extending the voter registration exercise would also bolster voter confidence in the electoral process. One of the people's most sacred rights is the right to vote.

**THE** Commission has a constitutional and statutory responsibility to ensure the effective exercise of the right of all eligible voters to participate in the election of their own government. Extending the voter registration deadline would provide more opportunity for eligible voters, including young people, the elderly, people living with disability, as well as those resident in states facing security challenges and living in IDP camps to participate in the 2023 elections."

**AS** a result, the High Court sitting in Abuja stopped the commission from ending the voter registration on 30 June, 2022. And in reaction, INEC has filed an appeal countering that the dateline is to enable it clean up its record and allow it adequate time to prepare for the 2023 general elections.

**EVEN** as CSOs and other concerned citizens are calling for an extension of the deadline, a worrisome development, however, is the fact that the PVCs that are ready have not been collected by their owners making the effort fruitless as one cannot vote without his or her PVC. Nigerians, therefore, need to take a step further and not just queue endlessly to register and end up not collecting their PVC.

**IN** a traditional African society, the male child is considered as more important, much emphasis is placed on the female gender, little is asked of young men about their participation and responsibility in doing house hold chores. It is believed that being a man, is to succeed in the financial and economic aspects.

Most parents base their parenting on the female gender thereby leaving the male gender to fend for himself overtime, this has prove costly and detrimental to the society. The male child that was abandoned has become a bane in the society and the wheel of progress. The time is right for the narrative to change to avoid stories that touch the heart.

Most vices perpetuated in the society is carried out by the male gender ranging from armed robbery, kidnapping, rape, theft etc, their actions have broken homes and shattered the dreams of aspiring individuals. Most parents base their sex education at the tender age on just the girl child, they seldom leave the male child to his fate, little wonder we are having increasing number of unwanted pregnancies and abortions. The male gender at the tender age depends on his peers to teach him what his parents considered irrelevant to impart in him.

Furthermore, most parents consider house

chores to be mainly for the girl child thereby allowing the male child to have a filled day, playing with friends.

It is mundane to think certain responsibilities and teachings are for just a particular gender, this nasty and backward belief is costing us much

more than we are willing to pay. The boy child that was neglected is unleashing terror, pain and agony on the girl child. This is evident in the spate of rape and senseless killings on rampage, its obviously a carnage, which is endemic on the society.

It is gradually becoming a norm which must urgently be nipped in the bud.

Its time to salvage the future, we can't continue to have girls and women who are traumatised and rendered useless. Abortion and unwanted pregnancies have cut short the dreams and aspirations of our dear children. For how long will the boy child continue to uproot the good morals inculcated in the girl child? It is heart breaking and mind blowing.

Parents should as a matter of urgency consider both gender as equal in other to avoid one sided discipline. Parents should learn to appreciate their children and give them the necessary support. Family values should be



**The male child**

upheld and the girl child has gotten enough. Sex education should be taught to both gender with the impending danger associated in practicing pre-marital sex. The boy child should be taught contentment, to be satisfied with whatever might be given to him, so as so distant himself from theft and robbery.

Values of prayer should also be encouraged amongst children, their closeness to God will distant them away from vices that will corrupt the good morals imbedded in them.

**By Ajang Ajiji John, Jos.**

**Planting with a security plan**

I write through this medium of the Nigeria Standard to remind households to exercise caution in choosing the type of crops for planting within the vicinity of their compound during this planting season.

Let's not forget what happened in the recent past where those who planted corn within their houses in some communities provided cover for unknown gunmen who attacked some house holds especially in Bassa, Riyom and Barkin Ladi LGAs.

Although farming is good as a means of providing food for the family, it has also become ideal to plant those crops that will not endanger lives and property.

We are living witnesses to recent happenings in farming communities where high crops like corn block or prevent rural residents from noticing attackers most especially at the peak of the rainy seasons and worse, at night.

**By Gyang Dung Gada, Gada Biu.**

**Standard Cartoon**

**JAMB QUESTION**

1. Jagaban and Atikulate who amongst them has not changed party?
2. Who amongst them did not give dollars to delegates during the primaries?
3. Between the two who doesn't use medicated glasses?

Oga this one is a competition between aged billionaires. Let them carry on. 'God dey!'



## Opinion

### At close quarters with Peter Obi

By OBOLI AUGUSTINE

I never planned this piece. I never saw it coming, yet here I am labouring my tired head for words that fit the purpose. I have been in Lagos for the past seven days on some engagements. The engagement was quite arduous. It ended yesterday and my return journey was this morning 19th June 2022. Having been away from my family, I was eager to return to their love and affection which nothing else could give. The return flight Lagos - Abuja was originally for 10.30am, but you know the Nigeria problem seems carcinogenic and it is even affecting the privately run businesses. The airline operator that was to bring me to Abuja adjusted the flight time and of course altered my programmes. The light was rescheduled to 1.00 pm. I got the message before I left the hotel room, thankfully. At other times the changes are made when you are already at the airport and far behind the stated departure time.

I sought accommodation at a hotel in Ajao Estate. For anyone familiar with Lagos, Ajao is close to the local airport at Ikeja. I wrongly assumed that in less than thirty minutes I would be at the airport since it is Sunday and there would be little or no traffic jam. So, I set out for the airport at 11.30 am. It was a modern-day miracle that I did not miss my flight because, surprisingly, the boarding call for the flight rescheduled to 1.00 pm was called an hour earlier. Yes surprise, surprise!

On my way to the airport, I saw a traffic situation, I had never seen before. I was ill at ease, biting my teeth and feeling terrible that I would miss my

flight. The traffic jam I learnt, was because a popular politician and a Presidential Standard Flag Bearer of a major political party was returning to base after the sweet victory in Abuja two weeks ago. A horde of supporters and all shades of people had turned up to celebrate him.

Luckily, we meandered through the traffic commotion and I got into the airport at the nick of time to secure my boarding pass and access to the aircraft.

Air peace flight P74124, was filled with passengers. I was one of the earliest persons that took their seats, while a handful of other passengers trickled in. I was given a window seat close to the boarding door, and in that vintage position I could see nearly all the passengers coming into the aeroplane. Shortly before the aircraft door was closed I saw an elderly woman on a Wheelchair followed by a young man and another older person. The younger man who accompanied the woman on the Wheelchair was engaged by the airpeace staff. I guess they were strategising on how to get the woman into the aircraft since there was no immediate facility to roll the occupant of the Wheelchair on the plane.

The other passenger following behind could be seen discussing with them and gesturing. After a brief moment a decision appeared to be reached and the woman on the Wheelchair was carried into the aircraft. The other older passenger gave support. And guess what, that

older passenger was Peter Obi. I didn't for one had an inkling that he could be the one. So simple, he was carrying his carryon bag by himself and no security details around him. It was amazing and at the same time unbelievable: a Nigerian politician, former governor and a presidential aspirant? I kept wondering but wait for the shocker: he walked into the aircraft and was warmly greeted by persons already occupying the business class section. I was watching and waiting to see him take his seat among the nouveau riches and creme de la creme of the society, but he came down straight to a seat adjacent to mine in the economy section and sat down. When the woman in the Wheelchair could not find a more convenient place, Mr. Obi vacated his seat for her before another passenger moved by his sense of love and care left his for him.

Moves were frantically made to upgrade him to the business class by the airpeace on-board service personnel but he refused. Not done the captain, a

chubby middle-aged Caucasian was called in to relocate him but he still refused, insisting he was good with the class of ticket he purchased. What a man! So humble and simple. He is a quintessential Nigerian. I saw firsthand that he walks his talks. He bought the economy ticket not because he could not afford the business ticket. He is a rich man by every standard and could conveniently buy a private jet, if he chooses, but by his mantra those things are vanity and waste. The persons with business ticket did not get to Abuja before Obi and the rest of us; it is just our penchant for class, I have arrived syndrome. Yet if you interrogate their lives you would discover to your dismay that they hardly touched lives because they lived imprisoned and isolated in their palatial homes.

Let me confess here that I have been politically docile, believing that the people ruling us would be true to their promises, but that is not anymore. So much has happened to the land. Nigeria hemorrhages on many fronts and

we need people that will salvage the land and not ravagers.

From today I can see the trajectory of Mr. PO. Perhaps his argument for a better managed Nigeria is making sense to me. A leader that feels the pulse of the people and is empathic will have a greater motivation to deliver and perform. PO will leverage on his experience in prudent management of resources in Anambra to pull Nigeria out of the woods. He will bring on board, his celebrated intellectual polyvalence to figure things out and solve the myriad of problems confronting us. I believe Nigeria can be a great nation if we consciously work towards it. We are tired of being labelled potentials because of bad leadership and perhaps ignorant and evil followership. Nigeria ought to have been a world power by now, because our country is richly blessed.

I don't know what tomorrow holds but what I saw of PO today is picture perfect, and our leaders should learn to be humble and humane. Everything comes from God to whom we would give account.

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ACCORDING to data, Nigeria is a country of the young with almost half the entire 180 million strong population, 46 percent currently under the age of 15. The current total for children under the age of 5 stands at nearly 31 million while each year at least 7 million babies are born. While a little over one in three of Nigeria's whole population lives below the poverty line, among children, this proportion surges to 75 percent.

Nigeria is the eighth most populous country in Africa with over 200 million populace, accounts for 20% of all global maternal deaths with a daunting maternal mortality ratio of 800 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births. Northern Nigeria has become a hub of

### Insecurity: The challenge of women and children

By AJIJI AJANG JOHN

joblessness, illiteracy, early child marriage, maternal mortality and terrorism.

The Boko Haram humanitarian crisis has led to over 37,500 deaths with 2.4 million internally displaced citizens with severe impacts in Borno, Adamawa, Yobe and Gombe predominantly leading to physical and food insecurity. The deleterious effect of conflicts in maternal and child health has a broad expense such as lack of shelter, safe and sanitary facilities, food shortage, dearth of health care personnel and reduced

access to quality health services. Socio-economic inequalities such as maternal education, sanitary conditions and family health are existent in these areas. It is paramount to buttress on the aspect of insecurity as it affects maternal and child health of the population.

There is need for Nigerian government to pay attention to this region in timely manner. Essential health services should be improved on in those regions. Funding should be allocated in abating conflicts and insecurity in Northern Nigeria.

Some of the insecurity includes

bombing, suicide bomb attacks, sporadic shooting of unarmed and innocent citizens, burning of police stations, churches, Kidnapping of school girls and women etc kidnapping, rape, armed robbery and political crisis, murder, destruction of oil facilities by Niger Delta militants, alongside the attacks carried out by fulani headsmen on some communities in the North and South have been another major insecurity facing the country.

Nigeria has been included among one of the torriest countries of the world. Many lives and properties have been lost and a large number of citizens rendered homeless. Families have lost their loved ones. Many women are now widows. Children become orphans with no hope of the future.

The Nigerian military should be empowered with more sophisticated arms to fight this insurgency, government should beef up security in the eastern and southern parts of the country to curb the menace of insecurity. Grazing grounds or ranches should be built in all states of the country for fulani headsmen who rear cattle. All is in a bid to curb the senseless killings and attacks, peace is a veritable tool to embrace.

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## Change of Name

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| <p><b>ISAAC</b></p> <p>I, formerly known as <b>ISAAC OLUWATOBI AJAO</b>, now wish to be known and addressed as <b>ISAAC OLUWATOBI GABRIEL</b>. All former documents remain valid. All concerned authorities and the general public to please take note.</p>  | <p><b>BITRUS</b></p> <p>I, formerly known as <b>BITRUS MWANRET</b>, now wish to be known and addressed as <b>BITRUS MWANRET DATIT</b>. All former documents remain valid. All concerned authorities and the general public to please take note.</p>                                    | <p><b>TEMLONG</b></p> <p>I, formerly known as <b>TEMLONG JONATHAN</b>, now wish to be known and addressed as <b>TEMLONG JONATHAN NANDAM</b>. All former documents remain valid. All concerned authorities and the general public to please take note.</p>     | <p><b>USENI</b></p> <p>I, formerly known as <b>DINCHI LOHNNAN</b>, now wish to be known and addressed <b>USENI DINCHI LOHNNAN</b>. All former documents remain valid. All concerned authorities and the general public to please take note.</p>  | <p><b>WUYEP</b></p> <p>I, formerly known as <b>LIMWAKAT VERONICA AARON</b>, now wish to be known and addressed as <b>WUYEP LIMWAKAT AARON</b>. All former documents remain valid. All concerned authorities and the general public to please take note.</p>  | <p><b>JOSEPH</b></p> <p>I, formerly known as <b>ABUBAKAR UMARU</b>, now wish to be known and addressed as <b>JOSEPH UMARU HAIDARA</b>. All former documents remain valid. All concerned authorities and the general public to please take note.</p>                |
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News

# Development agency submits designs for pipeline network

By FWENJI GOAR

The Plateau State Urban Water Supply Project, a French Development Agency assisted project, has completed engineering designs for the pipe network project extension of water supply to communities in Jos and Bukuru, replacement of old pipelines, and rehabilitation of the Yakubu Gowon, and lamingo water treatment plants.

This was made known recently at the Ministry of Water Resources by Mr Alejandro Perez, team leader of the consultants of the engineering design in Jos.

According to the team leader, at the completion of details engineering design for the project, the projects can commence at any moment from now.

The pipeline networks that would be extended and the old pipes replaced will cover 72 kilometres and will also attract additional 15,000 customers to Jos Water Services Corporation. Already, the corporation has over



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25,000 customers.

Responding to the presentation of the consultants, the Hon. Commissioner for Water Resources and Energy Sa;ad Bello thanked the consultants for the completion of details engineering design for Plateau State Urban Water Supply project.

According to commissioner, government is concerned about the projects. He urged the project team to commence

work on the design immediately.

Also speaking at the presentation was the Ag Managing Director, Jos Water Services Corporation, Mrs Stella Buge thanked all those who worked towards the completion of details engineering design for the project. She promised that everything would be done for work to be done according to the specifications in the design.

THE Adamawa State Command of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) has within the period of June, 2021 to May 2022 arrested over 296 drug offenders that comprised of 286 males and eleven female suspects.

Addressing newsmen on the occasion of this years United Nations International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Drug Trafficking Monday, the Commandant NDLEA Adamawa State, Agboalu Femi Samson gave a breakdown of the seizures.

According to the Commandant, they include cannabis sativa 2,702.167kg, tramadol 146.806kg, Diazepam 36.116kg and Exol-5 29.676kg. Others are, Pentazocine 124.578kg, Rophynol 1.473kg, codeine based syrup 61.440kg, and cocaine 0.013kg. It also include Methaqualone 0.227kg Phenobarbitone 2.290kg and live ammunition 28 rounds. Speaking further, Commandant Femi said his men also confiscated one locally made pistol and military camouflage niker.

He however said while the total drug seizures recorded under the period under review was 3,107.786kg, the 28 rifle live ammunition and the locally made pistol, the military camouflage have been transferred to the Nigerian Police along with the suspects.

The Command has rehabilitated 44 males and one female who have been

# NDLEA arrests 296 drug offenders within one year

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counselled and rehabilitated.

One hundred and four male drug offenders were sentenced to various tenure of imprisonment ranging from six months to the highest sentence of four years without the option or fine within the period under review.

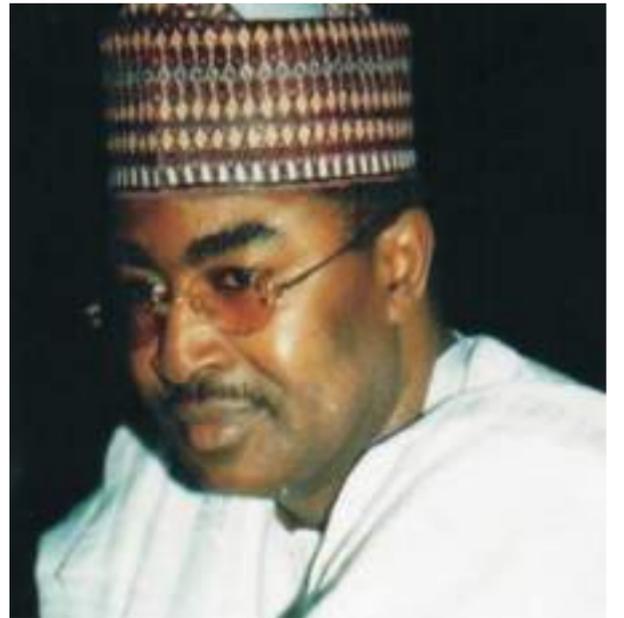
Femi disclosed that pending cases stand at seventy one with fifty one pending cases. Equally of note is the mastermind and a known drug baron who concealed 2,197 blocks of cannabis sativa weighing 2000.6kg in a motorized concrete mixer truck, from Akure in Ondo State at Girei Town in

Adamawa State.

The NDLEA Commandant then appealed to government for operational vehicles and funding.

In another development, the Police Command in Adamawa State on Monday paraded 13 suspected kidnappers. Recovered from them include an AK47 rifle, Dane guns, three motorcycles and the sum of N358,500. Commissioner of Police, Sikiru Kayode Akande commended the State Government and stakeholders for their contributions towards this success.

He assured that the Police will not rest on their oars until residents sleep with their eyes closed.



Marwa

# NASG donates N50m to Federal Poly

NASARAWA State government has announced the donation of fifty million naira to the Federal Polytechnic Nasarawa as parts of its contributions to enable it construct and equip its engineering workshop among other development challenges facing the institution.

Governor Abdullahi Sule who announced the donation in his speech after being conferred with the Fellow of the polytechnic along with other dignitaries stated that the gesture was in line with his administration's policy that seeks to promote science and technical education as the basic instrument for the development of the state.

He stated that it was based on those efforts that his administration successfully initiated and established the gigantic Wing Commander Abdullahi Ibrahim Vocational

From MUHAMMED ABDULLAHI, Keffi

and Skill Acquisition Centre in Lafia, the state's capital. He added that it was on that premise that the teeming youths in the state would enroll themselves and acquire skills to become self reliant, self employed as well as job creators not job seekers.

"The establishment of the gigantic Wing Commander Abdullahi Ibrahim Skills Acquisition Centre in Lafia the state capital by this administration was a deliberate plan to enable the youths to acquire skills that would at the end of the day make them self reliant, self employed as well as job creators not job seekers" he asserted.

Sule who described the Federal Polytechnic Nasarawa as a worthy partner in the

development of technical graduates that have been contributing significantly in their various field of endeavors, congratulated the polytechnic through its Board and Management and assured it of continued partnership and support.

He stated that on its parts, the state government has concluded plans towards the full take-off of the faculties of Engineering at Gudi and the School of Medicine and Health Sciences at the Nasarawa State University, Keffi.

Governor Sule further disclosed that to make the take-off of the two proposed facilities successful, all the necessary equipments, infrastructure, man power among others were provided in order to make the activities of teaching and learning effective.

While expressing his gratitude to the Polytechnic for finding him and other dignitaries worthy for the award of its followership, he assured that he would continue to do his best towards justifying the confidence reposed on him. Earlier, the Rector of the Polytechnic, ES Dr. Abdullahi Alhassan Ahmed stated that the Governor was chosen to be awarded with the Followership of the polytechnic based on his remarkable contribution towards the development of particularly science and technical education in the state.

He therefore appealed to him and other recipients of the Fellowship awards to continue to do their best in the promotion of their activities for

the development the society and humanity as a whole.

# Gunmen abduct village head, son in Bauchi

From ABBAS SHEHU GUNGURA, Bauchi

Umar Mamman Sanda, directed the Divisional Police Officer, DPO in the area to rescue the abducted victims without delay and unhurt.

"The Command has since dispatched a team of detectives, and other police officers to rescue the victims and presently our men are combing the bush in search of the abducted victims. And we assure residents that the

abducted persons shall soon be rescued."

SP Wakil said the Commissioner of Police urged the public to remain calm and go about their normal business and report any suspicious character as police are doing everything humanly possible to rescue the victims.

He called on the public to always provide useful information to the Police via technological applications, NPS rescue me apps or through other social media handles of the police for prompt response.

THE village head of Zira in Toro Local Government Area of Bauchi State Mallam Yahaya Saleh Abubakar and his son Habibu Saleh were recently attacked and abducted by unknown persons.

The District Head of Lame, Sarkin Yakin Bauchi, Alhaji Aliyu Yakubu Lame, in a disturbed situation said "Last Saturday night, the village head of Zira was abducted with his son, and their abductors are yet to contact the family."

He said, "The situation is alarming and worrisome if people cannot sleep with their two eyes closed. It's time for the Federal Government to look in to what is happening in Northern Nigeria."

"The recent abduction came five days after gunmen attacked Jimari communities in Alkaleri Local Government Area. They killed four people and injured three."

Bauchi State Police Command spokesman, SP Mohammed Ahmed Wakil confirmed the incident.

He said that the gunmen went to the village which is under Rishi Police Division, a border village to Plateau State, where they criminally carried out the act.

The spokesman said the State Commissioner of Police



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# PROBATE NOTICE

## IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF PLATEAU STATE OF NIGERIA PROBATE DIVISION

WHEREAS the person whose name is set out in the first Column hereunder died into on the date and place state in the said column. AND WHEREAS the person whose name(s) and addressed and relations to the deceased are set out in second column hereto has/have applied to High Court of Plateau State if grant of letter 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 (2) days of from the date hereof.

| NAME OF DECEASED PERSON  | NAME OF ADDRESS OF APPLICANT'S FOR GRANT   |
|--|--|
| Yusufu Ruth Ezekiel late of Plateau State. Died on the 30th June, 2021. at Kabwir, Kanke LGA, Plateau State. | Alfred Nentawe Yusuf of Anglican Diocese of Jos North LGA, Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased. |

| NAME OF DECEASED PERSON  | NAME OF ADDRESS OF APPLICANT'S FOR GRANT  |
|--|---|
| Yaksat Christiana Ada late of Plateau State died on the 14th Jan, 2022, at BHUTH, Plateau State. | Maklek Yakbat Gaius of St. Joseph Block IND. Rukuba Road Jos, Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased. |

| NAME OF DECEASED PERSON  | NAME OF ADDRESS OF APPLICANT'S FOR GRANT   |
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| Selchang Kashang Taupyen late of Plateau State. Died on the 4th Oct, 2019. At fortis Hosp. London. | Dejinanya Othniel Taupyen, Fangnan Moses Taupyen, Yilcit Eunice Taupyen & Shaldam Taupyen Thompson. All of New Layout Rantya Jos South LGA, Plateau State. Lawful Widow/sons/brother of the said deceased. |

| NAME OF DECEASED PERSON  | NAME OF ADDRESS OF APPLICANT'S FOR GRANT   |
|--|--|
| Ogbodo Christopher Ugo Chukwu late of Lagos State. died on the 13th March, 2015. At Lagos State. | Regina Uren Ogbodo of No. 35 Yemi Ogunleye Isheri-Osun, Ikotun Lagos State. Lawful widow of the said deceased. |

| NAME OF DECEASED PERSON  | NAME OF ADDRESS OF APPLICANT'S FOR GRANT  |
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| Chagok Dauda Dalyop late of Plateau State. Died on the 25th March, 2019, at JUTH, Plateau State. | Poret Cynthia Nandak of an Gullidi Zawan Jos South LGA, Plateau State. Lawful Widow of the said deceased. |

| NAME OF DECEASED PERSON   | NAME OF ADDRESS OF APPLICANT'S FOR GRANT  |
|---|---|
| Suleiman Abdullahi Maikano late of Plateau State died on the 1st May, 2022. at Chilas Hosp. Jos North LGA, Plateau State. | Yusraa Suleiman Maikano & Ibrahim Dasuki Maikano of Mavo, Wase LGA Plateau State. Lawful brother/daughter of the said deceased. |

| NAME OF DECEASED PERSON  | NAME OF ADDRESS OF APPLICANT'S FOR GRANT   |
|--|--|
| Godwin Sarah Wayil late of Plateau State died on the 17th May, 2022, at JUTH, Plateau State. | Fenitah Godwin & Godwin Sylvia Shantisha of jenta Mangoro Jos North LGA, Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased. |

| NAME OF DECEASED PERSON  | NAME OF ADDRESS OF APPLICANT'S FOR GRANT  |
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| Saratu Mohammed Kaze late of Plateau State, died on the 15th April, 2022, at Kerker Village Jos East LGA, Plateau State. | Kaze Ishaku Bulus of Kerker Village, Fobur Districk Jos East LGA, Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased. |

| NAME OF DECEASED PERSON   | NAME OF ADDRESS OF APPLICANT'S FOR GRANT   |
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| <b>KACHOLLOM MARKUS</b> late of Plateau State. Died on the 27th SEPT., 2019 at JUTH, Plateau State. | <b>MARKUS BITRUS GYANG</b> of Behind COCIN Church Dadin Kowa, Jos South, LGA Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased. |

| NAME OF DECEASED PERSON   | NAME OF ADDRESS OF APPLICANT'S FOR GRANT   |
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| Dung Samuel Vwam late of Plateau State. Died on the 4th Oct., 2020 at Ganawuri, Riyom LGA, Plateau State. | Philip Vwam Dung of Ganawuri Riyom LGA, Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased |

| NAME OF DECEASED PERSON  | NAME OF ADDRESS OF APPLICANT'S FOR GRANT   |
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| Kopchir Kassam late of Plateau State. Died on the 30th Jan., 2022. at Lur, Kanke LGA, Plateau State. | YILJURA KASSAM POLIT of Lur, Kanke LGA, Plateau State. Lawful brother of th said deceased. |

| NAME OF DECEASED PERSON   | NAME OF ADDRESS OF APPLICANT'S FOR GRANT   |
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| Lotmen Shinlat late of Plateau State. Died on the 26th Dec., 2021 at Gen. Hosp. Shendam LGA, PI State | Shinlat Emmanuel Lotmen of Pangwasa Opp. GSS, 26th Dec., 2021 at Gen. Shendam LGA, Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased. |

| NAME OF DECEASED PERSON   | NAME OF ADDRESS OF APPLICANT'S FOR GRANT   |
|---|--|
| Bariki Wasika late of Plateau State died on the 26th May, 2022 at Bwoi, Mangu LGA, Plateau State. | TOMA DANAHAP of No. 17 West of Mines, Jos-North LGA, Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased State. |

| NAME OF DECEASED PERSON  | NAME OF ADDRESS OF APPLICANT'S FOR GRANT  |
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| Lyop Haruna (also know as) Non Lyop Haruna late of Plateau state. Died on the 8th Dec., 2020 at Barkin Ladi, LGA, Plateau State. | NON CHIY HARUNA & NET HARUNA CHAKURA OF ALL GANAWURI, RIYOM LGA OF PLATEAU State. Lawful brother/sister of the said deceased. |

| NAME OF DECEASED PERSON  | NAME OF ADDRESS OF APPLICANT'S FOR GRANT  |
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| Regina Alfred Jonathan late of Plateau State. Died on the 20th February 2022 at OLA Hosp., Jos Plateau State.. | MERCY NORO GEORGE .of Plot38/T Abattooir, Jos South LGA, Plateau State. Lawful daughter of the said deceased. |

| NAME OF DECEASED PERSON   | NAME OF ADDRESS OF APPLICANT'S FOR GRANT  |
|---|---|
| Gotom David late of Plateau state. Died on the 2nd Jan., 2022 at PSSH, Jos Plateau State. | David Khitmwa Gotom of Hwoishe Jos-South LGA, Plateau State . Lawful daughter of the said deceased. |

| NAME OF DECEASED PERSON   | NAME OF ADDRESS OF APPLICANT'S FOR GRANT   |
|---|--|
| Oppa Mary Asheazi also known as Oppa Mary late of Plateau State. Died on the 25th May, 2021 at JUTH, Plateau State. | SUNNY OPPIA of Lamingo 7, Behind Chief House Jos North LGA Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased. |

| NAME OF DECEASED PERSON   | NAME OF ADDRESS OF APPLICANT'S FOR GRANT   |
|---|--|
| Ezekiel Jok late of Plateau State. Died on the 15th May., 2021 at Jos, Plateau State. | Christiana Vou Ezekiel of No.1 D.B. Zang Way Jos South LGA. Plateau State Lawful widow of the said deceased. |

| NAME OF DECEASED PERSON  | NAME OF ADDRESS OF APPLICANT'S FOR GRANT   |
|--|--|
| Major Musa Sani Samaila late of Plateau state. Died on the 4th July, 2021 I at Hospita Kano State. | Musa Ismaila of G10ZT Nassarawa Gwong Jos-North LGA, Plateau State . Lawful father of the said deceased. |

| NAME OF DECEASED PERSON   | NAME OF ADDRESS OF APPLICANT'S FOR GRANT  |
|---|---|
| Dauda Martha Tuje late of Plateau State. Died on the 22nd July, 2021. at Lafia, Nasarawa State. | Joshua Dasong Tuje of Barkin Ladi LGA, Plateau State. Lawful nephew of the said deceased. |

| NAME OF DECEASED PERSON   | NAME OF ADDRESS OF APPLICANT'S FOR GRANT   |
|---|--|
| <b>Sambo Yop</b> late of Plateau State. Died on the 6th Nov., 2021 at JUTH Plateau State. | Faith Bulus Azi of Tudun Wada Behind Police Station Jos North LGA Plateau State. Lawful daughter of the said deceased. |

| NAME OF DECEASED PERSON  | NAME OF ADDRESS OF APPLICANT'S FOR GRANT   |
|--|--|
| Wai Amos late of Plateau State. Died on the 22nd Aug, 2019. At Garkawa, Mikang LGA, Plateau State. | Amos Jeremiah Naanmwo of Peace Baptist Church Garkawa Mikang LGA Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased. |

| NAME OF DECEASED PERSON  | NAME OF ADDRESS OF APPLICANT'S FOR GRANT  |
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| Ayuba Adamu late of Plateau State. Died on the 14th Sept., 2018 at Jos, Plateau State. | Ayuba Nuhu of No. 18 Phase III Longwa, Jos South LGA, Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased. |

| NAME OF DECEASED PERSON   | NAME OF ADDRESS OF APPLICANT'S FOR GRANT  |
|---|---|
| Aji Bulama late of Enugu State died on the 8th Aug, 2020. At Enugu State. | Harira Bulama of Dagonwa District Damaturu Yobe State. Lawful Widow of the said deceased. |

| NAME OF DECEASED PERSON   | NAME OF ADDRESS OF APPLICANT'S FOR GRANT   |
|---|--|
| Nimmyel Rimven Rimpyn late of Plateau State. Died on the 20th Nov., 2021 at PSSH, Jos, Plateau State. | RIMPYEN KUMFA NIMMYEL of Angwan Barki Dadin Kowa, Jos South LGA, Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased. |

| NAME OF DECEASED PERSON   | NAME OF ADDRESS OF APPLICANT'S FOR GRANT   |
|---|--|
| Chundung Musa late of Plateau State, died on the 14th Sept, 2020 at Jos, Plateau State. | Musa Christian Chuwang of Kinshasa Road Old GRA Maiduguri, Borno State. Lawful son of the said deceased. |

| NAME OF DECEASED PERSON  | NAME OF ADDRESS OF APPLICANT'S FOR GRANT  |
|--|---|
| Iroegbulem Stella late of Abuja, FCT. Died on the 14th Aug., 2020 at Derock Hosp. Abuja FCT. | IROEGBULEM HILLARY CHUKWUDI of Kabong, Jos North LGA, Plateau State. Lawful son of the said deceased. |

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

# CHANCE OF NAME

| TOLI  |
|---|
| I, formerly known as <b>TOLLY MICHAEL KURUNGU</b> , now wish to be known and addressed as <b>TOLI MICHAEL GRUNGU</b> . All former documents remain valid. . All concerned authorities and the general public to please take note. |

| HUSSAINI   |
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| I, formerly known as <b>HUSAINI ADAMU GABAI</b> , now wish to be known and addressed as <b>HUSSAINI ADAMU GABAI</b> . Correct date of birth is 01/01/1970 not 25/7/1993 and 05/07/1970. All former documents remain valid. All concerned authorities and the |

| SIYANBOLA   |
|---|
| I, formerly known as <b>SIYANBOLA NURAT</b> , now wish to be known and addressed as <b>SIYANBOLA NURATU ISMAIL</b> . All former documents remain valid. . All concerned authorities and the general public to please take note. |

| CHONG   |
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| I, formerly known as <b>NCHANG CHONG</b> , now wish to be known and addressed as <b>CHONG BAGU</b> . All former documents remain valid. . All concerned authorities and the general public to please take note. |

| GOLADI  |
|---|
| I, formerly known as <b>GOTOM PARDUNG GOLADI</b> , now wish to be known and addressed as <b>GOLADI PARDUNG GOLADI</b> . Correct date of birth is 01/01/1985. All former documents remain valid. All concerned authorities and the general public should please take note. |

| OLEKWU  |
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| I, formerly known as <b>OLEKWU OTENE ECHONO</b> , now wish to be known and addressed as <b>OLEKWU OLOCHE OGILI</b> . All former documents remain valid. All concerned authorities and the general public should please take note. |

| ZAPHANIAH   |
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| I, formerly known as <b>ZAOHANIAH GODNESS</b> , now wish to be known and addressed as <b>ZAPHANIAH GODKNOWS KWATDYEN</b> . All former documents remain valid. All concerned authorities and the general public should please take note. |

| JOY  |
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| I, formerly known as <b>JOY IFEOMA OBIMMA</b> , now wish to be known and addressed as <b>JOY GIDEON CHIMMIN</b> . All former documents remain valid. All concerned authorities and the general public should please take note. |

| ILOABUEKE   |
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| I, formerly known as <b>ONYEMAOBI CHIDINMA GRACIOUS</b> , now wish to be known and addressed as <b>ILOABUEKE CHIDINMA GRACIOUS</b> . All former documents remain valid. . All concerned authorities and the general public to please take note. |

| BADUNG  |
|---|
| I, formerly known as <b>YAKUBU CHRISTIANA</b> , now wish to be known and addressed as <b>BADUNG CHRISTIANA PAM</b> . All former documents remain valid. All concerned authorities and the general public should please take note. |

| IBRAHIM   |
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| I, formerly known as <b>IBRAHIM ASAMU</b> , now wish to be known and addressed as <b>IBRAHIM ASAMA'U</b> . All former documents remain valid. . All concerned authorities and the general public to please take note. |

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# Public Notice

## LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to notified the general public of the lost of original Certificate of Occupancy ( C of O ) PL No. 11389, belonging to **ELIJA IBRO DOGONYARO** of No. 1 Zamko Road Rayfield Jos. All efforts made to traced the missing document proved abortive. If found, please returned to the nearest police station. Ministry of Lands, Survey and Town Planning Jos and the general public to please take note.

**SIGNED:**  
Elija Ibro Dogonyaro

## MANJI LADAN FOUNDATION

The general public is hereby notified that the above named Organization has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission for registration under part 'F' of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 2020.

### THE TRUSTEES ARE:

1. Ms. Manji Ladan Fenan - Chairman
2. Barr. Nanjul George Wuyep - Secretary

### Aims and Objectives

1. To offer education to the less privileged girl- child, orphans and the physical challenged
2. To empower widows
3. To create economic opportunities through skill acquisition for girls and women

Any objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar-General Corporate Affairs Commission, plot 420, Tigris Crescent, off Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

**Signed: Secretary**

# Nigeria: Politics, Politicians as deceit



**By Victor Ali**

WHEN is Nigeria's Politics and Politicians getting it right? Or put succinctly the other way, is Nigeria's mouthed "nascent democracy", growing forward? Or is it moving in reverse gear? Or still, can one assume it has remain stagnant? The flouting of electoral laws by this practitioners and beneficiaries of the system is awkward. Unfortunately, they've refused to quit the stage even when there is no ovation because of several factors including abject poverty and penury inflicted on the poor, and hopeless electorate.

Yet, they have no shame of reeling in lies, deceit and self-delusion. When a Nigeria politician tells you something is white, watch it and be careful because it may be green, brown or yellow; when the politician in Nigeria promises you fish, keep your fingers cross, perhaps, it may be scorpion of snake. Yes, they are good in manipulating the electorate with rice, maggi and a few naira notes to find their way to power after which they forget the electorate with reckless abandon. With over two decades of uninterrupted democracy, the dividend are yet to get to the electorate. You can only see it on the pages of newspapers, hear it on radio or view it on the television. On good scrutiny, nothing seems to be on ground. Where there is a "show" of commissioning ask a contractor to tell you the inflected figure of the contract and sure, you will go beserk. But there are few exception to these scandals. Expectedly, the youth

are getting agitated to the point of restiveness. their sing-song is, allow the leadership of the country to be towered on the truth. As if in cohorts with the youth, ex-President Olusegun Obasanjo in his book, **My Watch (Vol.ii)**. - **Political and Public Affairs**, affirmed that due regard must be given to the development of relevant's institutions which play vital roles in patronage in the desired pattern of appropriate behavior". He further stated in the said book that". As the political institution grow, I wish to see a deliberate effort to groom successor generation, who having been well prepared and can take over from the "Papa Eagles" who have to be nudged away gently from the slage and give honourable exit". This to my mind is pure self-adulation! And why?. See particularly the recent convention of the two major political parties - the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) and main opposition political Party, the Peoples Democratic

Party (PDP). It was an a s s e m b l a g e o f septugenerians and even octogenarians. Some of them have been in politics since we were in secondary schools. Most of them at the conventions are the same that the oracle of Otta dubbed as "Papa Eagles". In fact, yours sincerely will want us to believe that some are "Kaka grand-father, Eagles". The lists is a legion. The standard bearer of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Turakin Adamawa, Alhaji Atiku Abubakar is among the



"Papa Eagles"? And what Iyorchia Ayu? Another about that of the All set of "Papa Eagles" Lest Progressives Congress we forget, Abdullahi (APC), Asiwaju Ahmed Adamu was a key player Bola Tinubu as in the Second Republic presidential flagbearer? 1979 - 1983, while Dr. Another "Papa Eagles"? I I y o r c h i a A y u beg your pardon? What Superintendent over the are we really saying?. Senate as President in the Third Republic. And chairmen of the two that confirms the logic a f o r e m e n t i o n e d and truth in the rantings parties - Senator in that book over Abdullahi Adamu and Dr.

***As the political institution grow, I wish to see a deliberate effort to groom successor generation, who having be well prepared and can take over from the "Papa Eagles" who have to be nudged away gently from the slage and give honourable exit",. This to my mind is pure self-adulation! And why?."***

## Party delegates and imposition!



**BY PETER H. TITLE**

THE primary elections for different political offices of two major political parties in Nigeria, the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) and the opposition Peoples' Democratic Party (PDP) held recently in the nations capital Abuja that produced the party's standard bearers is gone but has left tongues wagging. While Nigerians were optimistic and eager of who would represent them in next year's general elections, the display exhibited by the political gladiators by raining money in (United States Dollars), apart from other incentives doled out on delegates paved way for them to fly the flags of their various parties and which became a

matter of concern to all reasonable and sane persons in the society. Unfortunately, the delegates did not go for the best but decided to go for the highest bidder as well follow their principal's instructions. Other aspirants who had the sympathy of the electorates and who could have won if it were to be the general elections, could not garner much votes and even none for lack of resources. What played out at the primaries that saw the duo of, Asiwaju Ahmed Bola Tinubu and Alhaji Abubakar Atiku was a manifestation and true reflection of the sell out of the delegates. Their attitude left many Nigerians in awe as well as wonder where these candidates got their money and the display of wealth they characterized on the eve of the primary elections while majority of the citizens are walloping in abject poverty. These politicians wants to rule and rule, yet they refused to promote our currency, 'The Naira'. They decided to use foreign currency to lure the delegates as they see Nigeria's legal tender as mere paper which would just occupy space time. The money splashed on the delegates for the primaries alone is far above an annual budget of some of our African countries. Yet these smaller countries are doing well in the areas of governance, security, health, education, technology and so many more.

It's obvious that the standard bearers of these parties the delegates imposed on the people are not marketable. And what the people hate is imposition. They collected millions of naira and do not care about the masses and the future of the next generation. Nemesis will catch up with these crop of people that call themselves 'Delegates 'by bringing bad products into the market. Nigeria is a wealthy nation based on it's vast natural resources. There is no state amongst the 36 states including Abuja, the nation's capital that hardly would you not find a deposit of mineral resources there. It is glaring that states like Zamfara, and Sokoto bedevilled with banditry that had refused to ceased on one hand is attributed to

the abundant mineral deposit there which it is believed the bandits are cashing on and that the more reason they don't want to Let go their negative activities. One is tend to believe that there is a selective justice from the operatives of Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC). This came to light with the fragrant display and exchanged of money for votes while these operatives were stationed with an eagle at the venue of these conventions to monitor and make arrest. Yet, no report of any arrest was witnessed. The EFCC officials who were supposed to do justice no matter one's standing in the society were just aloof.

They were supposed to monitor the financial transactions or flow and called any individual or groups involved to order yet nothing came out of it, but were there just to add colour to the occasions. Even their counterparts, the ICPC, Police as well as other security paraphernalia were there for their allowances. By and large, what yours sincerely frowns at is , the party delegates cheated Nigerians by chosen candidates based on their financial strength, coupled with their selfish interest and the financial benefits which was extended to them as well. Let's put it that both APC and PDP delegates that chose the presidential standard bearers were not more than 3000 in all, those very insignificant number was

the choice for more than two million. Nigerians who would decide who become the President in 2023. Interestingly, if Nigerians decide to go for an entirely a different candidate, then who is to be blamed because the few delegates imposed unpopular candidates on the people. It's unfortunate therefore that they have known the mentality of Nigerians who does not go for candidates but party. That is the more reason the delegates would continue to go for the highest bidder which at the end, is at the detriment of the generality of Nigerians. It was only a delegate from Sanga Local Government Council of Kaduna State that gave back a little of the largesse he got from the convention to his community. While we commend him for that gesture unlike others our democracy is growing gradually, and these impositions by the so called delegates would be corrected in no future distance. Based on these, if all political parties would adopt the option A4 system, me think, the better for Nigerians and the system. It would also bring to the barest minimum litigations on the entire, parties as well as the politicians. Nigerians too should rise up and call a spade a spade and to decline any kind of incentives from money bags including from those from the corridors of power if at all we want our nascent democracy to flourish because these delegates have mortgaged

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By JIDAUNA DARING

FOLLOWING the expiration of the three year tenure of a woman of timber and calibre, a workaholic, hardworking, dedicated and committed leader; the out-gone chairman, Nigeria Association of Women Journalists (NAWOJ), Plateau State chapter, Mrs. Jennifer Yarima whose attribute has been that of a pacesetter.

It is therefore a fact that, the out-gone NAWOJ Chairman came on board and steered the ship of this important association for the past 6 years, in both first and second tenure that propelled significant legacies that were evident in the out-gone EXCO which they carried out a lot of tremendous programmes that have direct bearing or impact on the lives of the people, particularly the less privileged voiceless in the society.

No wonder some individuals, groups, associations and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) have showered accolades on the leadership of the out gone EXCO, especially the Chairman for always availing herself at any point in time to attend to some matters or cases. It was never in her character to hesitate to attend to them.

Their efforts have continued to change so many negative narratives to positive in the lives of the affected people. Therefore, it remains to be seen how this tempo can be sustained by the successors of the out gone EXCO so that this type of humanitarian services would not die or be swept under the carpet.

This has further indicated that NAWOJ is significantly contributing its quota in the fight against violence on women and genderbased children.

It is in view of this that a new leadership has emerged for NAWOJ Plateau State chapter when the NAWOJIANs came out en-mass to elect their new EXCO that will pilot the affairs of the association for the next 3 years. This epoch making event took place at the NUJ state Secretariat Jos, the Plateau State capital, recently.

**THE NIGERIA STANDARD**, Witnessed the election conducted in a peaceful atmosphere and was under the watch of the National Vice President Zone "D", Jamila Abubakar among other invited guests from different media outfit that were in attendance during the election.

The newly elected EXCO that were all un-opposed saw the emergence of Mrs. Nene Dung of the PRTV Jos as NAWOJ Chairman; Grace Akwe Gotip, NTA Jos Network Centre, Vice Chairman, Mwuese Adem, Highland F.M Jos, Secretary; Yvonne Ishola **THE NIGERIA STANDARD** newspaper Jos, assistant secretary; Eunice Agabus, PRTV Jos, Treasurer; Patience Aliyu, Correspondent Chapel, Financial Secretary and Godiya Janet, State information, Auditor.

In her farewell speech, out-gone NAWOJ Chairman, Mrs. Jennifer Yarima remarked that the journey of the out-gone executive members of NAWOJ in the State from its start to the end had been challenging, tasking and intriguing, saying that they have every cause to celebrate their little achievements through sincere commitments, spectacular innovations and significant opportunities granted by God's grace couple with lots of sacrifices, which their team was able to attain in service to humanity and Almighty God.

Mrs. Yarima said that the synopsis of some of NAWOJ's contributions towards upgrading the living standard of the vulnerable which are too numerous to mention have

no doubt placed the association on the podium of appreciation both within and outside the state.

She added that their synergy with the Nigeria Police Force Plateau State Command and the Nassarawa Gwong Jos Police Division manned by the able DPO, SP Musa Hassan led to the hosting of several awareness and sensitization seminars and enlightenment programmes which made tremendous impact on several communities.

Mrs. Yarima disclosed that most of

elections in the country, it is anticipated that journalists in the country must exhibit high sense of integrity and professionalism so as to ensure the smooth transition of power to the next democratically elected administration. Knowing too well the sacrifices journalists made to help ensure the emergence of democratic dispensation today, we cannot afford to display any irresponsible act which can lead to the disintegration of the country."

## As Plateau NAWOJ elects officials



the programmes and awareness walk were held in synergy with community leaders, Muslims, Christian Elders Forum, women and male groups as well as selected students from various schools in the state stressing that NAWOJ was also able to synergize with other important organizations in the likes of FIDA, NHRC, Women for Women International, NCWS and the Jos Stakeholders Center for Peace in the state which she currently chairs.

"We were also able to execute medical outreach programmes in collaboration with the Nigeria Medical Association, Plateau State in the area of the dangers of pneumonia in refugee camps. Within this same period, we staged several programmes to highlight and bring to the notice of stakeholders the prevalence of rape and gender based violence in our communities in the state."

Mrs. Yarima while appreciating the state government, traditional rulers and spirited individuals who were always there for them, they also appreciated the Nigeria Union of Journalists Plateau State council under the leadership of Mr. Paul Jatau for the huge support he has continued to give NAWOJ as a body.

She noted that the lingering insecurity problems have affected women of this country more than ever before. When innocent citizens of this country are killed, maimed and or kidnapped, the women were the most hit. When their sons, daughters or husbands are killed, they are devastated for life. Unfortunately, the statistics of the Human Development Index including its prevalent increasing debacle of extreme poverty, illiteracy and infrastructural deficit have degraded the living quality of particularly rural women in this country.

According to her, even in the midst of these difficulties, the political landscape of the nation has not been favourable for our women. "While some scholars blame us for our own undoing as women, the reality of the fact is that, our stakeholders are not ready to create an enabling environment for our integration in the scheme of things. This is the sad commentary of Nigerian women at the moment."

"As we approach the 2023 general

She explained that they must encourage women to get involved in active politics and occupy elective position to enable us legislate on policy friendly policies to change the narratives in the country. Adding that as the 2023 elections gets closer, they must engage them on some of these issues to enable them be integrated into the political landscape.

Mrs. Yarima said that in our cause for a better Nigeria, all hands must be on deck towards doing the needful for the sake of our future generation.

In her acceptance speech shortly after receiving handing over note from the out-gone, of leader, the newly elected NAWOJ chairman, Plateau state, Mrs. Nene Dung expressed delight and thanked Women Journalists for finding them worthy to serve in different capacities as EXCO to lead the association for the next 3 years.

Mrs. Dung said that the new EXCO would not disappoint them, particularly for confidence reposed in them. She said according to mark 3:25, "If a house be divided among itself, that house cannot stand"

She appealed to all NAWOJ members to join hands with the EXCO so as to take the association to higher heights. She also emphasized the need to create a database and also open a website for NAWOJ.

Mrs. Dung pointed out that just as it is impossible for one hand to lift a load and place it on the head, but will require the use of both hands. She called on all NAWOJIANs not to seat on the sidelines and make comments.

The new NAWOJ chairman also urged her members to bring their collective ideas together in order to see how they can fashion out plans that will be beneficial to all NAWOJIANs in the state.

She remarked that her predecessor has left a big shoe to be filled, adding that their collective support and wise counsel will inspire the EXCO to do more so as to also leave a legacy for those coming behind.

Mrs. Dung while soliciting for support and cooperation of its members also promised to carry



everybody along at all times.

Plateau State Commissioner for Information and Communication, Hon. Dan Manjang who was represented by Director Information of the Ministry, Mrs. Theodora Damulak congratulated the newly elected and sworn-in EXCO and assured them that the ministry would collaborate with NAWOJ, to enhance the ethics of journalism profession.

NAWOJ National Vice President Zone 'D', Jamila Abubakar who was at hand to observe the conduct of the election commended the Plateau State Chapter of the association for the peaceful conduct and smooth handing over of the mantle of leadership to the incoming EXCO pleaded with them to work with NAWOJ zone 'D'.

Abubakar also showered praises on the out-gone chairman, Mrs. Jennifer Yarima for the good works she has done, especially for defending the voice of the voiceless in the society.

NUJ chairman, Plateau State Council, Mr. Paul Jatau applauded NAWOJIANs for the maturity exhibited before, during and after the election. He urged them to maintain such spirit in subsequent elections.

Mr. Jatau challenged the new EXCO to come out with programmes that would further move the association forward. He encouraged NAWOJ members to be serious in attending the state Council's Congress meeting, adding that the Council's door is always open for

support.

He told NAWOJIANs to do away with all forms of unnecessary distractions instead, they should rally round them with advises that would make the association to continue waxing stronger in all they do at all times, saying that prayers cannot work without works.

In their separate goodwill remarks, former NAWOJ National Secretary and zone D sec. Mrs. Lucy Chindaba and Tongnan Bawa among others congratulated the new EXCO, and also told them that what they have in their hands now is a huge responsibility that needs sacrifice, urging them to continue from where the former EXCO stopped.

They equally called on the new EXCO to always ensure that all its members are informed when it comes to both EXCO and Congress meetings so that they can always deliberate on issues that would bring about progress to the association.

Earlier while administering the oath of office to the incoming EXCO, Barrister Mary Izang told them that the oath taking is a commitment of responsibilities for their various offices; hence the need for them to deliver well as far as the oath taking was concerned.

Chairman, electoral committee, Esther Nasara while thanking God for seeing them throughout the preparation also appreciated those that partner with them. She equally thanked all NAWOJIANs for the support accorded them.

# IMAGES

## JOS CHAPTER NAWOJ SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

*The Nigeria Association of Women Journalists (NAWOJ), Jos Plateau State recently elected new officials to run the affairs of their office for 3 years. Presided over by NAWOJ Vice President, Jamila Abubakar at NUJ Secretariat, Jos*



*Jamila Abubakar, NAWOJ Vice President, Zone D (right) discussing with Leah Thomas, NAWOJ Zonal Secretary, Zone D*



*Mrs. Jennifer Yarima, out going Chairperson (right) reading her handing over note to be presented to the new chairperson, Mrs. Nene Dung*



*Mr. Mark Agagwu, Assistant Director News, NTA Jos Network Center (left) discussing with Mr. Paul Jatau, NUJ Chairman, Plateau State at the swearing-in ceremony*



*L - R: Mrs. Esther Nasara, Mrs. Henrietta Gonzuk, and Mrs. Christiana Gokyo, members of ELCOM NAWOJ 2022, Credentials Committee*



*The newly elected NAWOJ officials taking the oath of office, being administered by the oath Commissioner, Barr. Mary Izam*



*A cross section of journalists listening to speeches*



*Mrs. Francisca Adidi, Mrs. Lucy Chindaba and Mrs. Tongnnan Dada Bawa, NAWOJians*



*A group photograph of PPC NAWOJ, new EXCO and NUJ Chairman after the swearing in ceremony*

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**Odd World**

**'Conned by my husband, he is a woman'**

A woman has taken to social media to share her unusual story after revealing she was conned by her husband who turned out to be a woman, and she didn't realise for 10 months of marriage

A woman said she was conned by her partner after being married for ten months, as he turned out to be a woman

A new bride said that she was conned by her ' husband ' - as ten months into their marriage, she discovered he was actually a woman.

The victim, who is referred to as NA in legal documents, entered into a relationship with a man she met through online dating, who is identified by the initials AA.

AA claimed to be a man who was a trained surgeon and in the coal business, and the pair got married in a secret ceremony and NA was moved away from her family.

Over the course of their relationship, NA claims that she and her family were conned out of £16,537 and now AA has appeared at the Jambi District Court in Indonesia on Tuesday, June 14.

NA has shared her story on social media after the court case made national news in her home country of Indonesia.

She said that AA had said they had recently converted to Islam and was looking for a wife, and after three months

the pair were wed in a nikah siri arrangement.

The phrase translates to 'secret wedding', and is used in the country for unregistered marriages - and while it's not recognised by law it is by religion.

NA said this was because AA couldn't produce the civil documents required for a legal wedding, and the pair lived together in NA's parents' house.

But while there, NA's parents became suspicious of AA - as they kept asking for money despite their impressive sounding career.

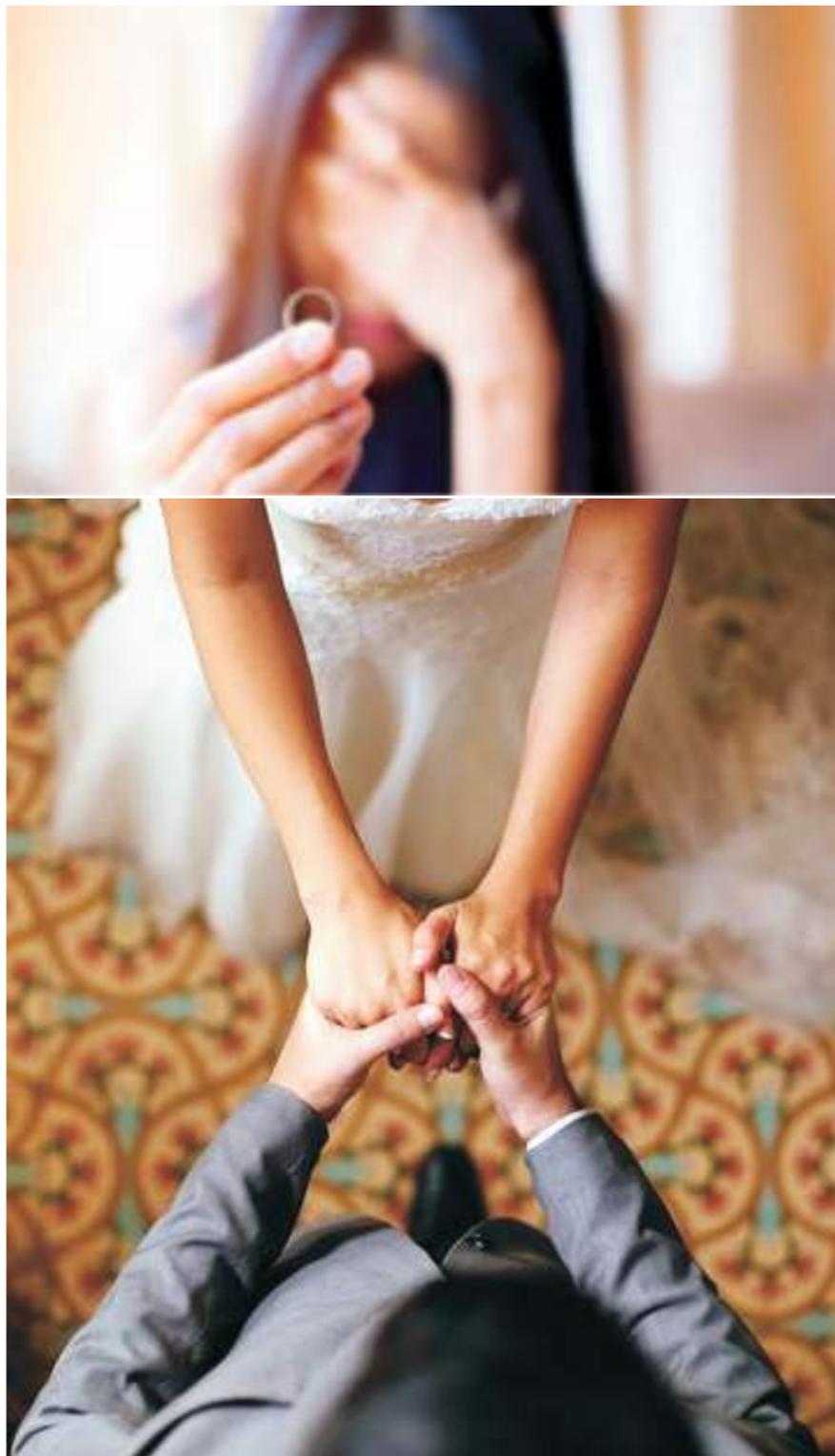
To get out of the spotlight, AA then moved out with NA to live in South Sumatra, where the victim was then confined to the house for several months, as local publication Coconut reports.

NA said that AA controlled the pair's finances, and in April the victim's mother contacted the police who tracked the pair down.

During a police interview, AA sensationally revealed that she was a woman whose real name began with the initials EY.

After sharing her story online, AA was asked about her sex life and she said that her parenter would always turn off the lights and insisted on blindfolding the woman before sex.

**Source: The Mirror**



**Peter Obi: If wishes were horses**

IF wishes were horses, yours sincerely this caliphate ideology of conquest and expansionism in a secular nation state like Nigeria.

It is in the midst of this political maneuverings that Mr. Peter Obi has indicated interest to contest under the platform of the Labour Party to according to his manifesto save the nation from nose-diving into oblivion. After trying without success to find his route under the platform of the opposition party. The Peoples Democratic Party he was later forced to change gear and eventually ended in another political party, the Labour Party. As it is, many political pundits are of the strong opinion that his party is not structured and may not be a strong platform to deliver him as president come 2023.

This is not to however say that Peter Obi is not competent to be trusted with power or is a mere pushover. In fact, just recently, I was opportune to watch an interview which Obi granted a television station during a programme titled "Brekete" where the former Anambra State Governor subsequently disclosed the humongous amount of money he left behind in government coffers after his tenure expired. I was moved to tears after the former governor was able to restore integrity and good governance in the state by ensuring that all the components of Human Development Index were reactivated with due diligence under his watch.

This aside, while giving a rundown of the monetary investments which yielded substantial profit during his tenure which amounted to trillions of naira; I could not imagine why Obi should not be given an opportunity to govern this country. What beats my imagination was how on earth was the Governor able to suppress any possible temptation of greed and self-centeredness to achieve this marvelous feat. Sincerely speaking, Peter Obi is a different kind of contemporary politician and democrat of high principle Nigerian politicians will never support.

That was perhaps the more reason why the powers that be in the PDP hurriedly bundled him out. But again, it must be known that his kinsmen, the Igbos did not also help him when it mattered most. If the billionaires in the south east could rise billions of naira to fight the Coronavirus pandemic at the right time, what equally stopped them from doling out these financial resources in support of their brother?

Why did most of these influential Igbos supported northern Presidential aspirants during the primaries when they know too well that they had a more competent personality in Obi? Why did it take them this long to decode the relevance of PVC during electoral process in the country? I can't imagine it is now that most Igbos are scrambling to get their PVC's and not strategizing to woo support and sell Peter Obi's candidature beyond his region.

But again, whosoever advised the Igbos to fight for their liberation through the barrel of the gun did not help them either. Though many of the south easterners have lost touch with the realities of the Civil War and the difficulties the region has continued to encounter, they ought to have gone back to history to understand that such revolutions in a contemporary time as such does not usually pay.

For the avoidance of any doubt, no sane Nigerian will support any form of arm insurrection by any group and or region which is aimed at achieving secession when this agitation can be better achieved through a referendum. These are some of the factors which may considerably affect Peter Obi's aspirations of becoming the president of this country. If wishes were horses however, I will have no regrets if Peter Obi becomes the President of this country come 2023 but the handwritings on the wall are indicating the contrary.

## Feature

# 2023: Plateau question and agenda setting

*In 1999, Benjamin A. Kwashi, the Anglican Bishop of Jos, in a paper titled, "The Plateau Question: Plateau State Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow", presented at the Conference Hall of the Jos Hill Station Hotel, during a seminar organised by the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) barely four months after the Nigerian fourth democratic dispensation and the administration of former Governor, Sen. Joshua Chibi Dariye was ushered in; intimidated the leaders, politicians, stakeholders and other citizens on the gradual decline of the once vibrant state, which has become the envy of others away from the dreams of its founding fathers. ATANG IZANG, writes.*

THE Plateau Question seminar had drawn different denominational speakers from far and near, which the Anglican clergy was one of such speakers. In his opening presentation he noted that: "Our dear Plateau State has decided today to invite all who are interested in the goodwill and progress of this state to attend this historical gathering".

### Three questions of WHY?

Plateau is being destroyed. Plateau State Politicians are not united. The Church on the Plateau is losing direction, were raised.

The scholarly clergy further provoked the audience's mind with another question asking: What Shall we do? Then he proceeded to answer the same question by saying we should:

Agree to develop and build new state of our dream.

Draw a working plan and design a development programme in the state.

Create a forum for political unity in the state.

Create, and follow a Plateau State Agenda.

Church must focus on its primary calling of making disciples, turning communities to God, bringing grassroots mission development and welfare of communities in Plateau State.

However, almost 23 years down the line after the seminar and with three successive administrations in service of Plateau State, and the honest question to ask is, has the state been able to tick correctly the boxes highlighted above?

This, of course, brings us to the main trust of this article, which is the forthcoming 2023 general elections in the country as they affect us as a people in Plateau State in particular.

The 2023 elections no doubt, gives us another opportunity to create a forum for political unity of the state: since 1999 till date, there has never been anything near political unity in the state, whether within same political party or across party lines. The recent governorship primaries in both the major political parties are a stark example, as voices of discontent and disenchantment are still reverberating across the state.

The 2023 elections also afford us another opportunity to create what will be termed as a 'General Plateau Agenda', a sort of a customized template for development in which successive governments and administrations irrespective of the political platforms they are coming from. Lagos State is a typical example that has that kind of customized template for development (though the Center of Commerce has been ruled by the same political party despite the metamorphosis in nomenclature).

Now, what should be our Plateau State agenda, who sets the agenda and how do we go about



Lalong



Gomwalk

pursuing the agenda? The agenda setters must include the Church and other religious bodies, Media and Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs) operating on the Plateau as well as well-meaning individuals.

However, for any agenda to be achieved there must be reasonable degree of peace and stability to guaranteed cozy, radiant as well as ambient atmosphere for socio-economic and political development.

### The Plateau Agenda

Plateau is not the poorest state in the country; it is however argued that it is the lack of Plateau Agenda for continuous development and elders who care. It was against the backdrop of this that sometime in April this year, a socio-cultural group known as Plateau Our Heritage Revival Initiative, POHri, held its inaugural summit to stimulate conversations that would change negative narratives and place the State on the part of progress especially as a fresh crop of leaders are billed to emerge in 2023.

The group frowned at detrimental factors keeping the State in economic bondage and set an agenda for effective and efficient governance that would ensure all prosperity for the citizens if adopted.

The event, with the theme "Plateau State: Changing the Narratives - Our Stand", was a convergence of professionals and critical stakeholders who discussed and chart a way for a prosperous and united Plateau.

Discussants including Prof. Patricia Lar, the Vice President of West Africa Research and Innovation Management Association (WARIMA) spoke on "Plateau: A State in Progress or Inertia?" Viktor Kuchili the Lead

Development Consultant CCN Nigeria spoke on "Building Economic Gains for Plateau State", Barr. Henry Longpoe a Lecturer with the University of Jos spoke on "Punishment of Crimes in Conflict Situations, a case study of Plateau State" and an accomplished Banker, Yohanna Panshak spoke on "Changing the Narrative for Sustainable Revenue Generation in Plateau State".

A security expert, Gen. John Temlong who chaired the summit asked for attitudinal change among citizens and urged the elders in the State to set good examples and be mentors to the youths.

POHri Convener, Ayuba Dangwong explained that the summit was aimed at addressing critical issues affecting the State and proffer solutions to the problems identified saying, "We are here to discuss, rub minds and ensure that we forge ahead as a people and for the sake of our common heritage."

POHri's Chairman, Alex Kwapnoe observed that "Plateau ought to be the envy of all; we ought to be the centre of attraction, but we are not. So, we must be involved in who governs Plateau in 2023, and that person should emerge based on experience and the quality of what he or she has to offer. We must put our sentiments and interests aside and elect credible leaders that can move this State forward."

The Development Teams of the Group presented their reports on what should be done to move the State forward as Dr. Chris Yilgwan of the Health Development Team, Dr. Sumaye Hamza of the Education Development Team, Nde Isaac Dimka of the Infrastructure Development Team, and Mr.

Daniel Pam of the Cooperative Development Team made their presentations.

Plateau State is a diverse, agriculture-based state in the North Central; although it has vast natural resources, Plateau has faced issues of security as inter-ethnic violence and conflict between herders and farmers heavily affect the state. The over-proliferation of weaponry and increased pressure for land along with failures in governance led to the worsening of these clashes in the years ahead of the election.

### 2023

The 2023 Plateau State gubernatorial election will take place on 11 March 2023, to elect the Governor of Plateau State, concurrent with elections to the Plateau State House of Assembly as well as twenty-seven other gubernatorial elections and elections to all other state houses of assembly. The election will be held two weeks after the presidential election and National Assembly elections. Incumbent APC Governor Simon Lalong is term-limited and cannot seek re-election to a third term.

Politically, Plateau's 2019 elections were a mixed bag for both major parties. On the federal level, PDP nominee Atiku Abubakar narrowly won the state but it swung slightly towards Buhari; legislatively, the parties fairly evenly split the Senate seats and won House of Representatives seats. State wise, Lalong won re-election by about 4% of the vote and the APC won a majority in the House of Assembly.

At the beginning of Lalong's second term, he announced that the administration would center its policy on infrastructural development, peace and

community security, and sustainable economic growth. In terms of his performance, Lalong was commended for infrastructural development amongst other.

### Role of the Church

The Church has abandoned its responsibility in raising Godly leadership, leading by example, and leading in mission. So the people (the sheep) are in disarray: no one wants to serve, everyone wants to get, and no one wants to contribute. The Pastor tells the people to give but he himself does not give. The Church leadership is engaged in the same politics for power as does the politician in the world.

### The above point was summed up like this:

"...Let me make it clear that the growth in fame of Plateau State was because the church and the pastors then, preached what they believed and lived on what they preached. They were concerned with developing communities and bringing the life changing Gospel to lost world?"

### We must begin today:

Make an action plan to develop every part of the state including strategic education for the coming generation with definite view to train in every faculty in the University of Jos, Plateau State University, Bokokos, NVRI Vom and all other relevant institutions domiciled on the Plateau.

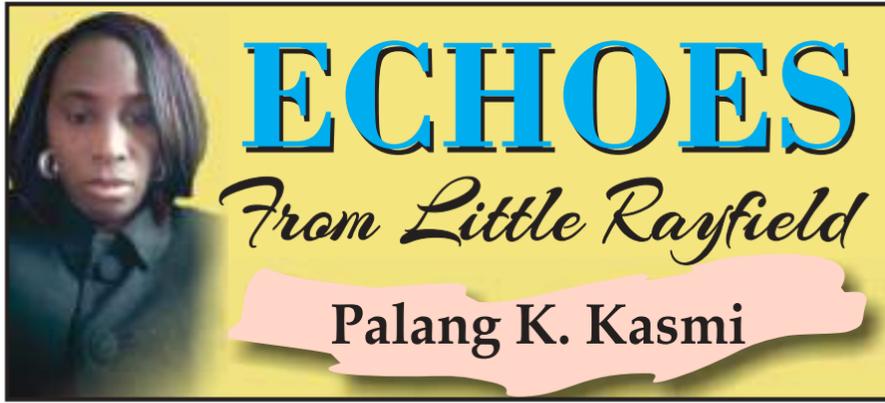
There must be a forum of elders including credible religious leaders who must agree to sit and put out the fire of any disagreements in politics or any field of endeavour to enhance good fellowship and create trust for the next generation. The same group must ensure that which government emerges in the state will be compelled to follow the Plateau Agenda

The Church must reinstate the position of Mission and Evangelism in all Theological College training and pursue this cause in all church ministries, always seeking the power of the Holy Spirit in revival, renewal and rededication thereby seeking the Kingdom of God where there will be justice for all and peace in all communities.

A Commission to regulate Theological education in this state is a necessity.

All missions and NGOs must be encouraged to bringing physical and people-oriented development to the state.

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## Celebrating Father's day 2022

Sunday June 19, 2022 for the Plateau First Man was a remarkable day as he led his wife and children to attend the 2022 international Father's Day 2022 Mass at Our Lady Queen of Nigeria Pro-Cathedral, Garki Abuja.

Father's day is a day set aside worldwide for celebrating and honouring fatherhood and the influence of fathers in the society.

Although father's day is not proffered by a specific theme by the United Nations, the day celebrates and honours good hearted and strict paternal figures who are



considered fathers.

After the homily which centred on the key role fathers play in their families, Lalong led fathers of the Cathedral in a long procession to offer thanksgiving offerings to God for seeing fathers through their undaunting role in their homes as breadwinners and fatherly figures.

The men lined up, sang songs of praises and danced towards theater after which the Cathedral Administrator, Rev. Fr. Nicholas Onyema blessed them and offered prayers to God to help them keep their families together.

The remarks by the President, Catholic Men Organisation (CMO), Sir Martins Dibangs urged families to always celebrate their fathers for the great sacrifice they make to keep their families. He described Lalong as a role model to families, having them together to support and be with him which is a unifying force.

In his 2022 message to fathers on Father's Day, Pope Francis urged them to teach their children well, always be by their side and love them. "I ask that you have the grace to be very close to your children, letting them grow, but being by their side. They need you, your presence, to be there, your love!" the Pope told fathers at St. Peter's Square.

Lalong had earlier in his remarks advised fathers to play positive fatherly roles in their families to keep them together in love and unity saying only then, will we have a progressive family which starts from the family unit.

### Plateau loses former MILAD

It was a sad moment as news came on Sunday June 19, 2022 that Plateau State had lost its former Military Administrator, Col. Musa Sheikh Shehu rtd.

Governor Lalong attended the funeral rites at the Apo Cemetery in Abuja, along with other sympathisers from within and outside Plateau shortly after he had finished celebrating the 2022 Father's Day at the Catholic Cathedral in Abuja.

The Governor, eulogised the Late MILAD and showered accolades on him for playing his part in the development of the state. Shehu was the former Military Administrator of Plateau State between 1998 and 1999, and he served as the Secretary General of the Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF). He was also the former MILAD of Rivers State.



## News

### You can only make positive change through PVC

-CAN Chairman

From **MATHEW JWANTU, Minna**

Chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Niger State Chapter, Most Rev. Bulus Dauwa Yohanna has called on eligible Nigerlites to get their Permanent Voter Cards (PVCs) to participate in the 2023 general elections if they truly want to effect positive change.

Most Rev. Bulus Dauwa made the submission in his Democracy Day

message tagged 'Clarion call on all Christians in Niger State and made available to journalists. The Chairman said, "the 2023 General Elections is around the corner and we are the determinants of who governs us in the next dispensation".

The Catholic Bishop of Kontagora Diocese was optimistic that "the INEC said it recorded a 22.13

percent increase in Continuous Voter Registration (CVR) in 2019. Now, 2023 is up to us. The final lap towards carrying out your civic duty as an electorate starts from getting your PVC so you can vote on election day.

"As Christians, we must participate actively in politics, either as members of political parties or as electorate. To avoid regrets in the future, adults of voting age in Niger must get their Permanent Voters Cards (PVCs) . "

While urging Christians to embrace continuous registration exercise by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), the Chairman said "We must go all out and get our PVCs so we can vote in people of our choice into power; those who can fix our roads, build hospitals, ensure our children get better education, provide security, all the basic amenities and then secure the future of the country".

Furthermore, he warned that Christians must not sit

on the fence, saying "we must all participate actively in the nation's electoral process and avoid statements like 'votes do not count'. If votes don't count, politicians won't bribe/pay people to vote for them.

"When people say they are not interested in getting the PVC because they are not sure if hired thugs would not disrupt the election; that they are not sure the security situation in the country would allow for any election in 2023, or that the elections would be rigged. I will just say to you-go and get your PVC" .

On his part, Bishop Yohanna also said "if Nigeria must be rescued, then Christians must wake up and do the needful. We need to arm ourselves with our PVCs. Make all necessary efforts to do so. If we continue looking backward, we would not make the desired progress".

He however called on the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to publish centers for the collection of PVCs to enable those who had registered online to pick up their cards.

### District head appoints title holders, palace aides

By **IBRAHIM SULEIMAN INGAWA, Katsina**

The District Head of Danja Local Government of Katsina State, Alhaji Mohammed Tukur Bature has appointed 78 title holders and 24 palace aides. Bature disclosed this while speaking to newsmen during his 30th anniversary celebration on the throne, on Sunday, in Danja.

He stated that the 78 people were awarded traditional titles in view of their contributions to the socio-economic development of the area and their excellence in their chosen endeavours.

"Among the 24 persons upgraded, but some freshly appointed as my aides will work directly with me in my palace," he said.

The District head thanked his subject for the tremendous support and cooperation they have been giving him all these years.

"In all this period of my reign, I have never taken anyone to court and no one has ever taken me to court" he added.

**THE NIGERIA STANDARD** recalled that as part of activities marking the 30 years on the throne of the

royal father, include the following celebration special prayers in Mosques/dinner and good will messages from important dignitaries and prominent sons and daughters of the district extolling the virtues of the celebrant.

Bature started his elementary school at Bokori from 1945 to 1948, after which he proceeded to Katsina Middle School from 1949 to 1952, then to St. Paul Kufena College, present Government College Zaria.

Later proceeded to Government College Keffi, Nasarawa State, Kings College Lagos, where he completed his secondary education in 1960.

The District Head of Danja, who is also the Sarkin Kudun Katsina, was admitted into the prestigious Court Law School, London from 1961 to 1963, Holbon College of Law, London, from 1963 to 1966, where he graduated with LLB Hons. Law, before coming back to Nigeria same year.



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## Sports

# Thompson-Herah on taming the demons

LAST summer, two weeks before the Jamaican Olympic trials, Elaine Thompson-Herah's Achilles was hurting. Again.

The injury had flared on and off for almost five years, ever since she did the 100m-200m double at Rio 2016.

The latest bout of pain was intense. And the doubts bubbled up fast. She feared, as the tendon stayed tender, that she might miss the trials, ending her title defence before it had begun.

As she rested and iced up her heel, she knew she had to fix something else as well.

"My mind was not in the right place," she told BBC Radio 5 Live's All About podcast. "I had to change that talk in my head."

Every morning, Thompson-Herah would wake, pray and read the bible. She started listening to a particular spiritual - Anywhere You Lead Me I Will Go by Nigerian gospel singer Mercy Chinwo - on repeat.

Her faith in God bolstered her faith in herself. But if the meek inherit the earth, a little more swagger helps an Olympic title defence.

After every practice session, she would reach for her phone, open up the notes app and write down and read out a series of affirmations.

"I will run 10.5. I will run 21.5. I can do it. I am a winner. I am a champion," began the list.

"I will be the fastest woman alive. Say it, believe it, work for it and pray for it. I will be the double Olympic champion. Today is my day. I am the greatest," it ended.

"You write it down, you talk it, you say it, and naturally you will believe," Thompson-Herah, 29, explained.

Plenty of others needed convincing as well, though. Thompson-Herah had finished off the 100m podium at the London 2017 and Doha 2019 World Championships. She hadn't made the 200m final at either.

In those Jamaican trials, she made the team for Tokyo, but only just. Thompson-Herah



Thompson-Herah's compatriot Usain Bolt is the only other athlete to defend an Olympic sprint double

was third in the 100m. Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, the fastest woman alive and the world champion, was well out in front. Shericka Jackson, usually a 400m specialist, also finished ahead of Thompson-Herah.

But a month later, the scene had shifted.

Thompson-Herah ran 10.71 - her fastest time in four years - in her last race before Tokyo. She then trotted to 10.82 seconds in her first 100m heat. She coasted to 10.76 in her semi-final.

As she grew stronger, rivals such as Dina Asher-Smith, Sha'Carri Richardson and Blessing Okagbare fell out of contention.

The affirmations were coming to pass. A place among track's immortals awaited. If she could negotiate the final

hurdle.

"I was super nervous, more than normal," Thompson-Herah said as she remembered the night of the 100m final. "I felt like I was going to explode. I could not wait to get into my blocks and just run."

"But first they turned off all the lights in the stadium and started to introduce all the finalists. They introduced lane two and then lane three, but then, instead of me in lane four, they skipped me and went to lane nine."

"I didn't know why. In the end, they left me for last. Then there was two seconds of silence and we were called to our marks."

"I told myself I cannot change anything or fix anything. One last breath and that was it."

Nothing needed fixing. She burst through the line at the other end of the straight and

sucked in the air, still Olympic champion and now the second-fastest woman of all time.

Only American legend Florence Griffith-Joyner had ever gone quicker than Thompson-Herah's winning 10.61 seconds.

And it could have been faster. It could have been even closer to the 10.49 world record. In the final 10 metres, instead of pushing for the line, Thompson-Herah raised her arm in celebration.

"A million times," she laughed when asked if she had watched the race back since.

"I could have run 10.5, if I was not celebrating. I didn't realise I'd done the pointing. I think my body knew I wanted to win so badly."

"If I could run it back over, I would run straight to the line. That is the thing I could fix - the start was great, the transition was great, just that last 10 metres."

She didn't have too long to dwell on it in Tokyo. Three days later, she became the first woman to do an Olympic double-double as she also defended her 200m crown. Again, she did it with a performance second only to 'Flo-Jo' on the all-time list.

The small details, the self-belief, the training-day grind - that's how Thompson-Herah made history in 2021. But it is how she has operated her whole career.

She was a good junior athlete, but far from spectacular. She wasn't the best in Jamaica, never mind

the world.

"I didn't win much when I was smaller, I wasn't going to international competitions, but I stood by the sport because the love I have for it," she added.

"The love takes me to higher places. I wasn't the champion in high school, other girls were faster than me. But I'm competitive, hard working and motivated because of where I'm coming from."

Thompson-Herah is ambitious for herself, saying she has yet to reach her peak. With World Championships in Eugene and Budapest in successive summers, she wants more medals. And those world records are tantalisingly close if her injuries ease and she has a clear run at the clock.

But she is also ambitious for her sport and event. The women's sprints are packed with talent, characters and sub-plots. The start-lists leave the men's equivalents in the shade.

"The ladies are coming out and performing and that helps me to run even faster," she said.

"Everyone wants to be on their A-game. These ladies are putting on a fire this year and I hope we can take it back again next year."

"We want to build our women's sport, because sometimes it is always the men doing their thing. It is time for us to take over."

Whether anyone can overtake Thompson-Herah is another thing entirely.



The grand light show and introductions that preceded the 100m final in Tokyo only increased Thompson-Herah's nerves

Sports



Amusan

## Amusan wins, shatters record at Diamond League

Nigerian Tobi Amusan clinched the gold medal in women's 100 hurdles at the Diamond League meet in Paris on Saturday.

Amusan edged out Bahamian Devynne Charlton in a time of 12.41, an African record.

She broke the 12.77 record set by Nigerian - Spanish Gloria Alozie at the 1998 African Championships in Dakar, Senegal.

Amusan's time also makes her world's third fastest in the 100 metres hurdle.

Only Jasmine Camacho-Quinn (12.37 seconds) and Alaysha Johnson (12.40 seconds) are better.

Three-time Olympic gold medallist Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce equaled her world-leading time of the year in winning the 100 meters in 10.67 seconds.

She was unchallenged at Stade Charlety as she matched her time at the Kip Keino Classic in Kenya last month.

She also beat Jamaican countrywoman and two-time reigning Olympic champion Elaine Thompson-Herah's meet record of 10.72, set last year.

The 35-year-old Fraser-Pryce will go for a 10th world championship gold medal in Eugene, Oregon, next month.

Winfred Yavi of Bahrain triumphed in the women's 3,000 steeplechase in a world-leading and personal best time of 8:56.55.

Olympic bronze medallist Yaroslava Mahuchikh also set a world-leading mark for 2022 in the women's high jump at 2.01 meters as she led a 1-2-3 for Ukraine with Iryna Gerashchenko and Yuliya

Levchenko.

South African sprinter Luxolo Adams won the men's 200 commanding in 19.82. Alexander Ogando of the Dominican Republic was second in 20.03.

American Devon Allen won the men's 110 hurdles in 13.16.

Frenchman Benjamin Robert pleased the crowd with a late surge to overtake Australian Peter Bol and win the men's 800 in 1:43.75, while Ethiopian Selemon Barega cruised to victory in the men's 5,000 in 12:56.19.

Olympic champions Steven Gardiner and Shauna Miller-Uibo of the Bahamas won the men's and women's 400, in 44.21 and 50.10, respectively.

Also, Olympic champion Valarie Allman won the women's discus with a meet record of 68.68 meters to beat the previous mark set by rival Sandra Perkovic of Croatia. Perkovic was second with a throw of 68.19.

Sweden hosts the next Diamond League meet in Stockholm on June 30.

## Nigeria Customs emerge champions of Mark D tourney

NIGERIA Customs were on Sunday night, crowned Champions of the 2022 Mark D Ball Men's Basketball Tournament, after inflicting a 61-55 defeat, on new Abuja franchise MO Heat, in the final of the Elite 8 tournament, played at the Indoor Sports Hall, located in Package B, of the MKO Abiola National Stadium, Abuja.

D'Tigers player, Ibe Agu who captained Customs contributed 17 points, 2 fewer than his team mate Michael Daramola, whose 19 points was matched by Mo Heat's top scorer, Bright Akhuetie, while Owen Michael could only manage 13 points, for the Mo Heat, who literally lost their way in the last quarter.

Going into the finalé watched by a capacity crowd and graced by eminent personalities, including a representative of the minister of youth and Sports Development, Abba Yola, a former Senator representing Kogi West Senatorial district, Dino Melaye and Directors of Sports from the FCT, Plateau, Niger and Benue.

Mo Heats were unbeaten, and favourites to take the title, having already beaten the Customs side, in the build of to the final.

The first quarter being nervous one, ended 15-15, with both teams fighting hard

in the second quarter and even at the end of the 3rd quarter, it was still a tight game at 47 baskets, apiece.

Nigeria Customs started the last quarter with more zeal and purpose, pulled away, and eventually were able to hold off a late challenge mounted by Mo Heats to win the final by 6 clear points.

Victory ensured that they emulated their ladies folks, who also won the women's tournament, played towards the end of 2021.

On the other hand, defeat for Mo Heat, was their very first and only defeat in the 32-team tournament.



Nigeria Customs players celebrating their victory

THE first edition of the Ogun Women Run will take place in the Ogun State capital, Abeokuta on June 4, 2022, with 1000 participants running 5 kilometres, BSNSports.com.ng reports.

The Chief Executive Officer, Brussel Sports Management, the organisers of the Run, Mr. Seyi Johnson, said Tuesday at the MKO Abiola Stadium Conference Centre, Abeokuta, that, the Ogun Women Run is aimed at empowering the women in Ogun State across board not leaving out anyone, ensuring healthy living for women in the state. Give women in the state a voice against any form of oppression and abuse."

"Market women, women from the corporate world

## Ogun women run holds June 4 with 1000 runners

and students ages 18 years to 60 years are eligible to participate. He Added that, women who are above 60 years old can only participate in the 'Walk event' over five kilometres, which is an integral part of the Ogun Women Run.

Seyi Johnson, noted that, the elite women athletes have been registering for the Run through the official website www.brusselsportsltd.com, while others runners have been registering physically at the All Stars office of the M.K.O Abiola Stadium, Abeokuta, after obtaining forms.

The Brussel Sports Management, stressed that, the organisers has

attached a health indemnity form that should be completed and submitted by each participant, on the fitness of the runners to ascertain the fitness of all runners before they are okayed to participate.

Johnson added: "There is a total cash prize of N1 million for winners. With the champion going home with N500,000, first runners up N300,000 and second runners up N200,000. Nothing that the sponsors of the Ogun Women Run, include: Access Bank Plc, Bet9ja, Brussel Sports Management, 7-Up Plc, Aquafina, 2Sure, FiNerge, NSML, and the Ogun State Government.

## U18 basketball championship to dunk off July 27

THE Interim Management Committee (IMC) has announced the postponement of the U18 Basketball Championship from its former Dunk off date (June 15, 2022) to July 27, 2022, BSNSports.com.ng can report.

This is contained in a statement signed by Mohammed Manga, Director of Press and Public Relation, Ministry of Youth and Sports Development.

The statement reads, "As you may recall, the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports Development, Mr Sunday Dare recently



Catching them young

inaugurated an Interim Management Committee (IMC) to oversee the development of youth basketball and the domestic league following the country's withdrawal from International Competitions.

"The Committee was among others, charged to commence a youth basketball league and domestic league to help in nurturing home based players so as to provide a reservoir of players that will represent the country in international events after the period of withdrawal.

"In realisation of this objective, the Interim Management Committee has adjusted the date for the U18 Basketball Championships initially slated to commence June 15, 2022 to July 27 through 30th, while the finals will come up in August 8-14, 2023.

"The shifting of the Championships became imperative to afford the Committee (IMC) ample opportunity to study, rethink and restructure the logistics and organizational arrangements for the successful hosting of the event and to ensure that States are adequately informed and prepared for full participation.

"To this end, top athletes and outstanding coaches selected from the Championships will form the core of the National U18 teams that will be camped between 14th-21st August ahead of subsequent developmental programmes aimed at supporting the grassroots development policy for the game being finalized.

## Sports

### Peseiro should give home-based players opportunity -Zubairu

By ANDRE D. BISIYI

THE new Technical Adviser of Super Eagles, Jose Santas Peseiro has been advised to ensure the inclusion of home-based players, as over relying on the foreign-based will not be good for the team.

Coach Aliyu Zubairu, Technical Adviser of Gombe United gave the advice in an interview with our sports correspondent in Jos after his boys forced Plateau United Football club of Jos to a 1-1 draw in the NPFL week 34 tie, played at the Jos international Stadium on Sunday.

Zubairu emphasized that, featuring the home-based in the senior national team, will show the whole World that the domestic league of the country is good.

"By the time our league players are being featured in the national team, it will show the world that our league is vibrant as over focusing on the foreign players will discourage our home-based players, from competing, he said.

"I think Clement has given the home based players the opportunity to showcase their talent during his time, Peseiro should emulate him and I believe he will do that, because I learned he watched Kwara Uniteds game against Sunshin Stars in Ilorin Stadium.



Zubairu,

He should ensure he move round the league matches venues and he will get players, the coach said.

While commenting on their game with Plateau United, the Technical Adviser expressed happiness with his boys show of commitment in ensuring the held Plateau United to a 1-1 draw.

"Well, the game was a good one, considering the pedigree of our opponent, we knew the game was going to be tough, so we prepared very well, Plateau United is a good side, that is why we said to ourselves, it was not going to

be an easy game," he maintained.

Coach Zubairu further opined that they gain promotion not quit long, but the team is waxing strong and promised to stabilize the club in order to win the league title in the future.

On his part, Hamza Abara, Chief Coach of Plateau United, said that as the league is coming to an end, every club is pressing harder.

"This is a very good team of Gombe United, considering the way and manner they played, so they deserved the draw," he declared.

PRESIDENT Muhammadu Buhari has ordered the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) to expand its Congress for it to contain more representative of the various stakeholders as well as to conduct elections into the Executive Committee in September, when the tenure of the Amaju Pinnick-led administration runs out.

These directives was conveyed in a letter dated June 17, 2022, and signed by Spots Minister, Sunday Dare.

The letter was addressed to NFF President, Amaju Pinnick.

President Buhari urged the NFF leadership to amend the NFF Statutes 2010 to reflect the national yearnings and aspirations and peculiarities of Nigeria as a sovereign nation while aligning with the principles and objectives of football as set by world football ruling body FIFA.

Various stakeholders have headed to court demanding

### Buhari orders more representative in NFF congress



Buhari

for a more inclusive NFF Congress after arguing that it is skewed in favour of the state FA Chairmen, who have 37 of the 44 members of the

country's football highest decision-making body.

The FA Chairmen have as a result dominated the NFF Executive Committee.

### Wikki Tourists player recovers from neurogenic shock

WIKKI Tourists FC Prince John who suffered a neurogenic shock as a result of traumatic hit on his head by a Shooting Stars defender during Sunday's MatchDay 34 fixture

of the Nigeria Professional Football League is in stable condition, reports BSNSports.com.ng.

The shock happened on the bench after he was substituted from the match and was immediately rushed to the stadium medical facility for medical attention and rehydration.

John was later taken to a Specialists Hospital in Bauchi for CT Scan in company of the Technical Adviser, Team Doctor and Chairman of Club.

It was cherry news for John and the entire Wikki Tourists team few hours later as the result from the CT scan was negative and the player was later discharged after his full recovery.

Recall Shooting Stars snatched a point in the game against Wikki Tourists no thanks to Dare Dede heroic performance in goal.

Needing a positive result to brighten their chances of surviving the drop, the Oluyole Warriors fought bravely at the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa Stadium, Bauchi.

Opeoluwa Olufemi in the second half opened scoring as he nodded into the net from a well directed free kick taken by Ebuka Anaekwe.

As it near full time, Wikki Tourists' spirited efforts to level up were thwarted by Dede and his defenders and when it appeared the visitors will carry the day, a penalty was awarded to the hosts in the dying minute as Gali Falke was adjudged to have handled the ball in the box.

Substitute, Idris Muhammed Guda, made no mistake from the spot to give his side a face saving leveller, thus ending the tie at 1-1 as both sides could not find the winning goal within the five added minutes.

### Players Union withdraws lawsuit

AHEAD of the September 2022 Nigeria Football Federation, NFF election, the Professional Football Players Association of Nigeria, PFAN have disclosed of its readiness to withdraw a lawsuit instituted against the NFF in Bayelsa State

The PFAN through an Bayelsa State Federal High Court in case number FC/YNG/CS/133/2021 got an Exparte Order barring the NFF from holding its Annual General Assembly, AGA earlier slated to hold in Edo State in December last year.

However, arising in a meeting on Monday in Abuja, after a joint meeting between Concerned Congress Members of the Nigeria Football Federation, CCMNFF, the PFAN and the Project 2022 Task Force, the group agreed to withdraw the case to pave way for the NFF to convene an emergency congress for the election.

In a communique read before journalists at the venue of the meeting, Hotel Reno,

Abuja; Rivers State Football Association chairman, Barrister Chris Green said the agreement to withdraw the suit is part of the mechanisms the group adopted to ensure that all necessary modalities are put in place ahead of the election.

"Resulting from the delay in convening the 2022 NFF Annual General Assembly, which the Executive Committee of the NFF attributed to the interim order of injunction given by the Federal High Court, Bayelsa State Judicial Division, in suit no FHC/YNG/CS/133/2921.

"Concerned Members of the NFF Congress on the 20th day of June, 2022 in Abuja met with the players union, whose member is the plaintiff in the aforesaid suit and resolved as follows:

"That the plaintiff in the aforementioned suit shall immediately withdraw same from court to pave way for the executive committee of the NFF to immediately convene the emergency General

Assembly of the NFF Amaju Pinnick is reported to be scheming for a 3rd term in office as NFF President

"The AGA in which the Congress discuss the way forward for the Nigeria Football in compliance with the status and for the sake of the good order," Barr. Green read.

Making clarifications on the withdrawal of the suit, Chairman of the PFAN Board of Trustees, BOT, Mr Harrison Jalla said that the court order stopping NFF from holding its Congress will be withdrawn within a week

Meanwhile, the Minister of Sports Sunday Dare on Monday met with the Task Force of the Players Union and members of the Nigeria Football Federation Congress asked them to follow due process and find a way to get the matter out of court so that the NFF could hold its Congress for the September elections.

In 2021, a board member of the Nembe City, Seigha Obiene had approached a

Federal High Court, Bayelsa State Judicial Division with suit number; FHC/YNG/CS/133/2021 with the prayer that five members of the NFF Congress who were part of the Elective Congress in Katsina in 2018 participated illegally in the elections and asking the court to declare the elections null and void.

Recall that the Federal Government last Friday ordered the leadership of the NFF to amend its statute to expand the number of the Congress.

Also, 28 FA Chairmen had sent a notice to the Secretariat of the Federation asking it to vacate the ex-parte order stopping the federation from holding its Congress.

The source who pleaded anonymity told Vanguard Monday morning that following negotiations with the kidnapers, the ransom was reduced from N150m to N30m but did not say if the ransom was actually paid before his release last night.

"Insha Allah things are under control. Negotiation is on, God willing, this issue will soon be over.

"The ransom has come down to N30m from N150m. Hopefully by tomorrow (today) or next, things shall be concluded", he had said yesterday.

It would be recalled that the Bauchi-born former member of the House of Representatives was abducted along the Jos-Bauchi road on his way back from Abuja where he attended the wedding of the son of the former president of the Nigeria Football Federation, NFF Alhaji Aminu Maigari last Saturday.



Members of the Professional Football Players Association of Nigeria



Prince John



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**"I have attempted to suggest a renaissance framework for the rebirth of our country. I regret that time has not allowed me to delve into more specific roles we can play, not only for Universities, but even more compelling so, for the greater good of our country. What I have deliberately dwelt more on is the inescapable role and centrality of universities in shaping not just nations, but civilization, in all its ramifications."**

**PROF. SULEIMAN ELIAS BOGORO**

## Ivory towers: Challenge of Nigeria's creative renaissance

**W**E should ensure we earn this respect, and if society refuses to oblige us, we must demand for it, else very soon charlatans will take over leadership in all spheres of our life, the way quack publishers are selling even bound pages of garbage on the streets, and they call them TEXT BOOKS. If we keep quiet, the ominous phenomenon of mediocrity will consume our nation, and posterity will judge us harshly for failing to stem the rot.

### So what are universities for?

The University of Bologna in Italy is said to be the oldest university in the world and was founded in 1088 AD. An important idea in the definition of a university is the notion of **Academic Freedom**. The first documentary evidence of this comes from early in the life of the first university. The university of Bologna adopted an academic charter, called *Constitutio Habita*, in 1158 or 1155, which guaranteed the right of a travelling scholar to unhindered passage in the interest of education. Today, this is claimed as the origin of "academic freedom". Following its adoption on 18<sup>th</sup> September 1988 by 430 universities across the world as *Magna Charta Universitatum*, it is now widely recognized internationally.

According to Bamiro (2013), overall, the global trend sees higher education moving from the periphery to the centre of governmental agendas in most countries. Universities are now seen as crucial national assets in addressing many policy priorities, and as: sources of new knowledge and innovative thinking; providers of skilled personnel; contributors to innovation; attractors of international talent and business investment; agents of social justice and mobility; contributors to social and cultural vitality; and determinants of health and wellbeing. This is what some have referred to as "the economic growth-oriented model of academic funding by government". In other words, our universities have important role to play in transforming the economy as knowledge workers. That this is so is accentuated by the submission of the organizers of the Going Global 2013 conference under the theme - *Global Education: Knowledge-based Economies for 21st Century Nations*:-

*In the 21st century, knowledge based economies will create the wealth, prosperity and well-being of nations. Research and tertiary education systems are primary drivers of these, playing three key roles. They produce cutting edge knowledge; they transfer, exchange and apply that to drive innovation; and they educate and skill knowledge workers. For these three roles to build knowledge and innovation in a globalised world, they must themselves be globally connected. Cutting edge research requires world-class research partners from across the globe; major innovation requires not only researchers but also businesses and investors to collaborate across national boundaries; knowledge workers need to develop international competences and skills to be effective in the future world.*

Where are the philosopher kings?

Aren't we missing in the crowd?

We must stand to be counted by the depth and quality of our ideas and thoughts, outcome of our actions and activity, integrity, character and culture

That we must rise beyond the proclivities of fault lines and the mundane of materialism and corruption that define us too often

We must restore, elevate and

institutionalize INNOVATIVE AND CREATIVE RENAISSANCE In the Ivory Tower to reclaim our enviable leadership role in society

Understanding the context and relevance of INNOVATION and CREATIVITY as the foundation of inventions, discoveries and ideas that yield new products, technology and outcomes which define profound scholarship, intellectualism and originality. The Japanese say "Good thinking, Good Product". In terms of application of innovation in governance as the Japanese adage suggests, I believe that we have demonstrated this from the Ivory Tower. It is a fact that perennial gross underfunding of public education (Nigeria has remained one of the lowest funders of public education in the world as shown in Table 1), and for decades in the tertiary subsector, has remained the central contentious factor that led to most previous and current ASUU strike actions. It was for this reason that ASUU ingeniously innovated the Education Trust Fund, ETF (now properly re-designated as Tertiary Education Trust Fund, TETFUND) as a non-budgetary funding window. Today, TETFUND is responsible for not only over 95% of capital infrastructure provision in our universities, it has expanded its interventions to support academic staff development (graduate training, and conference attendance especially overseas), support for book development and professional/institution-based journal production, Library Development and National Research Fund (NRF) and Institution-Based Research funds with ceiling levels of N50m and N2m respectively. For me, this is one patriotic contribution through innovative thinking by ASUU that has become the largest intervention fund in the education sector, and a model in Africa that is not being given enough credit for. So, taking a cue from this trail-blazing innovation and creative thinking, it seems there is space for many new innovations to be made by individual academic staff and ASUU as a union to help rescue our universities, and indeed the entire education sector, from non-performance.

We must deepen and sustain RESEARCH as the fulcrum for methodical and systematic solution to requirements, challenges, needs, demands and problems of Science & Technology, the economy, governance and social life in general. Sadly though, our universities have more recently relegated research in preference for teaching, which quality declines over time and can only be improved upon with quality research characterized by innovation, creativity, improvisation and renewability. Even more disturbing, recent surveys discovered that there is more emphasis on theoretical rather than applied research for problem-solving publications in many of our universities. We cannot continue this way.



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Consequent to the above, the following are considered very important pathway for greater involvement and leadership of universities in arresting the sad drift in the many non-performing areas of our national life: They include the following:

(i) We in the university system, should again lead others by coming up with additional non-budgetary funding window options, including greater partnership that will significantly increase the involvement of the private sector in the research partnership and other special funding windows for infrastructure and research in universities. If this requires creation of cluster expert teams to study other global climes beyond Africa, we should do so. In this regard, the model of courting the National Assembly to facilitate the enactment of relevant laws that will institutionalize R and D as it obtains in most developed countries may be a wise take off point. Once a law compels the private as well as all public institutions to set aside a mandatory percentage of funds for R and D, which must be used for only research purpose in partnership with universities and centres of excellence, that will soon become the largest pool of funds for Professors, researchers, post-doctoral work and product development. In this regard, each university may proceed to engage and lobby private sector actors to patronize the most productive and problem-solving research. In this way, industry will have value for money because of the patents that will emerge, while the researcher will have money for value addition to the industry. At the end, it will be a win-win situation. Once research funds are available and researchers are required to up their game, we shall realize that quality of research will be enhanced, more patents and inventions will come up and we as a nation shall be the better for it as our economy will become more competitive as illustrated in the case of USA versus Europe in Fig. 1.

(ii) Already, the federal and state governments have announced plan to declare a state of emergency in the education sector. If this is implemented

and a sustained commitment of 15-20% annual budgetary funds are made available to the education sector from the year 2020 -2030, it will herald a major boost in the sector. It is hoped that specific priority areas in both basic and tertiary sub-sectors will be targeted for sustained injection of funds to reverse the slide. Yet, it is necessary that detail monitoring mechanism for the release and utilization of the improved funds down to institutional levels will go a

long way in avoiding mistakes of the past where massive injection of funds has been met with predetermined strategies by officials at top bureaucratic and down to institutional levels to mismanage or misapply the funds.

(iii) It is necessary that some policies are reviewed to ensure the right results are achieved. For instance, it has been observed that persons without previous exposure or involvement in the running of tertiary education are known to be appointed in the past and present into the Governing Councils of Universities and other tertiary educational institutions. Incidentally, this matter has got the attention of the National Assembly, but rather than amend the laws of all Universities and other tertiary institutions to prescribe minimum educational and experience requirements, it is being done piecemeal. The National Assembly should be prevailed upon to amend the laws of all the tertiary institutions to reflect this important aspect. For too long, our universities have been run by persons who neither have degrees or understand the priorities and minimum standards required to recognize and certify universities as veritable centres of excellence. We need to stand and insist on minimum standards for not only admissions but also recruitments, policy and management overview of universities if we are to compare with the best globally.

(iv) We need to re-assess the proliferation of universities for strict compliance with not only quality and standards but also sustainable funding mechanism. Both ASUU and indeed each of us have a key role to play in demanding that minimum prescription for standards and funding regimes are met by all universities that have been licenced. Where universities fail to meet these basic requirements, including public universities, their licences should be withdrawn. Period.

(v) I believe we should set high standards for our universities and be ready to reap the benefits when they accrue. We should promote and advocate for the aggressive transformation of our universities to Africa's first destination for tertiary education and so make foreign patronage a major revenue source for our universities. Today, it is a fact that because British Universities are some of the best, having established very high standards for themselves, they

have become revenue earners, and in turn, the huge monies realized from foreign students is used to sustain their own universities and subsidize their British students. We can achieve this if we advocate for and achieve the sustainable funding mechanism for our universities at the suggested public funding level for at least ten years.

(vi) Each of our universities can secure respectability and generate additional IGR through many ways. For instance, as it obtains in many

universities in more advanced countries, universities must initiate innovative discourse platforms, special or short-term specialist courses of one week to three months, or occasional high profile fora to attract some of the best in both public and private sectors (within and beyond the country) in a manner that it achieves both academic goals as well as help in generating funds for the universities.

(vii) We in the University system (again, ASUU has a very key role to play here), should engage federal and state governments to compel them to enact a law that makes it compulsory for contracts (not less than 25%) to build in requirements for professional consultancy which must be given to consultancy outfits, professors, researchers and experts as entities and individuals who operate in universities, polytechnics, research institutes and other centres of excellence. This will constitute a major revenue earner for the experts, the consultancy units of the tertiary institutions and the institutions overall.

I have attempted to suggest a renaissance framework for the rebirth of our country. I regret that time has not allowed me to delve into more specific roles we can play, not only for Universities, but even more compelling so, for the greater good of our country. What I have deliberately dwelt more on is the inescapable role and centrality of universities in shaping not just nations, but civilization, in all its ramifications.

I dream to see the brilliant professors from this university in medicine take the lead at national level in unravelling the challenges of some of our endemic diseases; I dream to see that Uniben researchers dominate and dictate in arriving at specific solutions for some of the environmental challenges consequent to oil exploration; I dream that Uniben researchers will unravel the deeper circumstances that have propelled some of our children to want to ignore the dire risks associated with crossing the Mediterranean sea for so-called green pastures, in a manner we in other universities from other parts of the country can learn from it and challenge ourselves to dig deep for home-grown, innovation-driven solutions to some of our other national challenges like kidnapping, religion and hate-inspired terrorism, drug addiction, etc. In other words, I believe that Uniben can build on its very strong research pedigree for which it has global recognition. I am not unmindful that in this university, the patents and concomitant commercial benefits of the Distinguished Research Prof. J. O. Igene *Kilishi* is today the highest IGR earner for the university. I know this university has some of the best anthropologists and criminologists, some of the best professors of Jurisprudence or indeed law in general. I know that some of the finest scientists are here in this hall. I have tried to only remind us that if we rise, seek and claim our rightful place as philosopher kings, inventors, innovators and creative minds across the disciplines that make up the ivory towers, we shall restore pride not only for ourselves but for our nation, and indeed the black race, sadly referenced for all the negative reasons. Who says the Nigerian renaissance cannot start from your desks, cells and laboratories in Uniben? May God use us to change the course of our country. With all of us on same page, it is possible.

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