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By; BAYO AKAMO, Ibadan

President of the Senate, Senator Godswill Akpabio has disclosed that Nigeria is ready to sustain the bilateral agreement reached between the country and Turkey in the area of education, health and military collaboration to fight terrorism and insecurity.

Senator Akpabio said this on Wednesday while receiving in courtesy, the Turkish Ambassador to Nigeria, Mr. Hidayet Bayraktar, in his office.

The Senate President stressed that the 10th Senate will do everything humanly possible to ensure that the agelong bilateral

relations between Nigeria and Turkey and collaboration in critical sectors continue in the overall interest of the two countries.

"On behalf of the leadership of the 10th Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, I welcome you to the Senate. We are very happy and delighted to receive you and your team in the Senate. Nigeria and Turkey have very cordial bilateral relationship in the area of education and military", he said.

Senator Akpabio added, "Both countries are currently being faced with insecurity and terrorism, but you have the experience and that is why

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## Desertification: Great Green Wall Introduces Groasis Water Boxx Tree Planting Technology In Yobe



By; **JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON**

The Director General, National Agency for the Great Green Wall, Yusuf Maina Bukar has pledged to support the 11 Northern States and Federal Capital Territory Abuja that have been battling with the encroachment of desertification affecting both human and animal activities.

The Director General who was represented by Habiba Musa Tumsah, the Deputy Director of Resource Mobilization

and Partnership Building Department at the commemoration of Great Green Wall Day in Damaturu with a theme 'Push Back the Desert' introduced a new technology of planting trees using a Groasis water boxx that would conserve water for a long period.

"We feel delighted to have you on this special day to mark the Great Green Wall day with a theme "Push Back the Desert". I am glad to state that the GGW day is marked and celebrated around the GGW pan African

countries and in Nigeria, across the 11 frontlines states including FCT"

"As part of the flagging of the special day, we will introduce the agency's new technology for planting by using the Groasis water boxx to support trees to survive in difficult circumstances".

As part of the activities to also mark the day, the team visited two primary and secondary schools as well as Federal Polytechnic all in Damaturu the state capital to inculcate the habit of tree planting among the pupils and students.

Garba Tahiru Usman,

Director Forestry and Wildlife Services in the state Ministry of Environment, who represented the Yobe state government revealed, the new technology which is at the trial stage, when succeeded will help in curbing the encroachment of the desertification in the northern parts of the state.

The Team also paid a royal visit to the Emir of Damaturu, Alhaji Shehu Hashimi II Ibn Elkanemi to solicit for this support in sensitizing his districts and ward heads in the on the importance of tree planting as well discourage peeling of live trees.

## I Will Maintain Zero Tolerance For Corruption, Lagos NIS New Comptroller Warns

By; **RAYMOND TEDUNJAYE, Lagos**

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cadres to enable them to convey their respective challenges and concerns to her.

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"All applicants who have concluded their online application should afterward proceed to the Servicom Unit of the respective applicant's chosen Passport Control Offices or Front Desk office in Lagos on their appointment dates for the processing of their application at no additional cost.

"Members of the public should desist from entreating the service of touts whose major aim is to exploit", the Comptroller counselled.



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## Tinubu's Palliative Of N53 Per Day, An Avenue To Divert Public Funds, Buy Votes - Atiku's

By; JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON

The Special Assistant on Public Communications to Atiku Abubakar, Mr. Phrank Shaibu, has described President Bola Tinubu's plan to hand out N8,000 to 12 million households for six months as a brazen attempt to divert public funds.

Shaibu said in a statement that Tinubu's plan to spend \$800m on palliatives under an opaque arrangement was reminiscent of former President Muhammadu Buhari's conditional cash transfer and COVID-19 intervention initiative which saw politicians keeping food items and provisions in their homes while the poor went hungry.

He said Buhari's interventionist programmes only ended up making Nigerians poorer as shown in reports released by the National Bureau of Statistics.

Atiku's aide stated, "After announcing the removal of petrol subsidy without proper planning, Tinubu has asked for the approval of \$800m loan which he claims will be disbursed to 12 million households for six months at N8,000 for each household per month. This is a continuation of the scam of the All Progressives

Congress.

According to statistics, a Nigerian household as at 2019 counted on an average of 5.06 members. So, with Tinubu's uninspiring plan, each individual in a household will get N1,600 per month or N53 per day. What should they do with it? Use the money to buy sachet (pure) water or a cup of boiled groundnut on a daily basis? And this is the man they claim transformed the economy of Lagos State? This must be a joke or a more sinister attempt to divert public funds.

Shaibu argued that Tinubu lacked a clear economic policy apart from taxing Nigerians.

He said having deceptively attained presidential power, Tinubu has been exposed as an economic illiterate. Atiku's aide stated, "Tinubu boasted that he would 'develop Nigeria's economy' like that of Lagos but this was all a scam. Statistics show that over 70% of Lagos revenue comes from income tax paid by private companies which had been in Lagos for decades due to its status as Nigeria's former capital.

"His only plan is to tax Nigerians to death as he did in Lagos and that is why the people of Lagos rejected him in the last election. Tinubu promised

to turn Nigeria's economy into a \$1 trillion economy but it is all a scam and can never be achieved with his brand of "agberonomics". Shaibu said Tinubu ought to have focused on putting money into the agricultural sector and subsidizing production and working at attaining energy security that is the backbone of spurring desired economic growth from SMEs if he was really serious about reviving the economy.

He added, "Agriculture makes up about 30% of Nigeria's GDP. He should have invested funds in the production aspect of agriculture and other issues affecting crop yields. The rural areas which are mostly agrarian are in the throes of insecurity. On Tinubu's watch, over 200 people have so far been killed. However, he seems clueless on how to tackle this menace.

"The so-called palliatives that Tinubu seeks to share to the poor are just another avenue to divert public funds. For years, the Nigerian government has rejected calls to publish the list of the beneficiaries of the so-called palliatives but this has never been done because it is all a scam.

"Tinubu should stop trying to deceive Nigerians who are still suffering from the effect

of his lackluster economic policies."

There are also concerns that this plan is a reinvention of old tricks through which the APC uses public funds as subterfuge for vote buying.

Let no one make any mistakes about it, the planned palliative is Trader Moni 2.0. "The scheme is nothing but a means to use public funds to prosecute political campaigns and objectives. It is even more telling that the current imposter government is contemplating the initiative when there is high expectation that the presidential election tribunal is set to give judgement in the controversial election that brought Tinubu into government.

The APC is a political party that has lost favour with a vast majority of Nigeria, and it is no coincidence that since 2019 when the party invented the charade of Trader Moni, it also incontrovertibly introduced the menace of vote buying into Nigeria's body politic.

A special investigation into the Trader Moni initiative by the administration of former President Muhammadu Buhari revealed that more than N20bn was wasted on corruption, kickbacks,

## VC Reveals Secret Behind Nkechinyere, Others' Success In UTME exams

*\*Anchor Varsity gives scholarship to UTME's highest scorer*

By; AYO OJEDOKUN, Lagos

Anchor University Vice chancellor, Professor Samuel Bandele has ascribed the feat achieved by Miss. Nkechinyere Kamsiyo Chukwu Umeh to the core values of the Deeper Life Schools imbibed by all their students, particularly DLHS students, which was manifested in the 2023 Unified Tertiary Matriculations Examination (UTME) conducted by the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB) recently.

Prof. Bandele made this disclosure during interaction with New Nigerian Newspapers during a press conference held recently at Anchor University in Ayobo, Lagos.

The University Don stressed that quality attention is placed on the academic, spiritual, and moral development of all their students saying that these core values have impacted positively on all and sundry within the system.

"There is quality attention not only on the classroom acquisition of secular knowledge but on the out-of-classroom admonition on morals and spiritual development with priority on core values defined by character, competence, and courage.

"In all our schools- either at Anchor University or Deeper Life High Schools, we are molders of life and makers of leaders for a better Nigeria and the world at large", he stated with candour.

The academic scholar averred that he was not

surprised about the performance of these students at the last UTME exams assuring that the school authorities would continue to support all their students to achieve their ambition in life.

However, the AUL management has awarded a full scholarship to Nkechinyere who scored 360 as she was also named as the institution's Young Ambassador for 2022/2023 academic session.

The VC also added that the scholarship would enable her to pursue any course of her choice in the institution for free.

He stated further that there would be a high percentage reduction in tuition fees for the next 50 students from Deeper Life High Schools who scored 250 and above in the UTME and gained admission into the university for the 2023/2024 session.

According to him: "rewarding Nkechinyere and others is to celebrate excellence and encourage healthy competition, hard work, and commitment among the students".

He equally hailed the National Head of Deeper Life high school and the Education Secretary of the church's group of schools, Mrs. T.O Malaka, for consistently producing well-rounded students and graduates.

He seized the opportunity to announce the commencement of the 2023/2024 admissions exercise even as he disclosed that the school has begun Post Graduate Studies in Computer Science, Microbiology, and Business Administration.

## Sharia Court Remands Man Over Alleged Canal Knowledge With Neighbour's Wife In Kano

By; AMOS TAUNA, Kaduna

A man (name withheld) from Dorayi Quarters in Gwale Local Government Area of Kano State, has been remanded by the State Sharia Court for allegedly having affairs with his neighbour's

wife.

The man was accused of convincing the neighbour's wife to dump her husband and taking her on outings whenever her husband was not around.

The court was told by the police prosecution counsel that after noticing the relationship

between man's wife and the accused, the husband divorced her.

He added that after the divorce, the suspect gave the wife a room in his house to keep her luggage, an incident that raised suspicion leading the ex-husband report to the police.

The defendant,

however, pleaded not guilty to the charge brought against him.

Sani Tanimu Sani Hausawa, the Khadi, after ordering his remand, stated that the defendant could be admitted on bail if he brought someone to stand for him, and adjourned the case to July 27, 2023.





## Senate Hails Tinubu's Courage To Stop Payment Of Subsidy On Fuel

*\*Wants urgent implementation of palliatives*



Senate President Akpabio

By; **BAYO AKAMO, Ibadan**

The Senate on Tuesday, unanimously hailed President Bola Tinubu on the decision of his administration to stop payment of subsidy on fuel.

Senate President, Senator Godswil Akpabio while ruling on the motion moved by Senator Patrick Ndubueze, representing Imo North Senatorial District and titled "Need to Investigate the controversial huge expenditure on Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) under the Subsidy/Under Recovery Regime by the NNPCCL formally commended President Tinubu on his courageous decision to stop the payment of subsidy on PMS.

Commending his colleagues on their decision to commend the President on the fuel subsidy removal, Senator Akpabio stressed that the entire Senate are excited for the courage displayed by the President

"We commend President Tinubu for the decision to remove fuel subsidy. We are excited

for the courage displayed by the President", he said.

The Senate President added, "It was one decision that had to be taken and we are happy that it was taken during the lifetime of the 10th Senate. We are also looking forward to the implementation of the palliatives."

At the Senate in Plenary, Senator Patrick Ndubueze, representing Imo North Senatorial District moved a motion titled "Need to Investigate the controversial huge expenditure on Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) under the Subsidy/Under Recovery Regime by the NNPCCL".

The Senate however agreed to among others, constitute an Adhoc Committee to holistically investigate all controversies surrounding "subsidy and under recovery regime."

The lawmakers also called on the President to ensure that the planned palliatives intended to be put in place to cushion the effect of the removal is urgently implemented.

## Senator Godswil Akpabio with other Senators I Will Maintain Zero Tolerance For Corruption, Lagos NIS New Comptroller Warns

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# Uba Sani Moves To Secure Kaduna, Other States, Meets With Service Chiefs

By: JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON

In keeping to his administration's commitment to forging partnerships with security agencies in order to tackle current and emerging security threats in Kaduna State, Governor Uba Sani held separate meetings Tuesday with the Chief of Defence Staff, Maj. Gen. Christopher Musa, Chief of Army Staff, Maj. Gen. Taoreed Lagbaja, and Chief of

the Air Staff, Air Vice Marshal Hassan Abubakar. Hinting at what transpired, Governor Uba said they had robust discussions on the security challenges confronting Kaduna and other neighboring states. "Although successes have been recorded in the fight against insecurity in Kaduna State, I reminded the service chiefs on the need to consolidate on the successes," the

Governor said. Uba pledged maximum cooperation and support from the state government to enable the security agencies carry out their vital role of securing the lives and properties of citizens. He then used the opportunity to convey the warm congratulations and best wishes of the government and good people of

Kaduna State to the service chiefs on their well-deserved appointments. The service chiefs on their part, assured the Governor of their commitment to working with the government and people of Kaduna State to degrade bandits, kidnappers and other criminal elements and restore peace and security to our troubled communities.





## FG, Kaduna Govt Train Animal Health Workers On Disease Reporting

By; ISAAC ODEH, Kaduna

The Federal and the Kaduna State Governments have trained public, private animal health workers on disease reporting, use of National Animal Disease Information Systems (NADIS) software application.

Dr. Pakashi Zakarya, Kaduna State Director of Veterinary Services, said it is aimed at strengthening surveillance, data generation and disease reporting to improve collaboration, synergy between public, private animal health workers. He said the training would

help health workers know how to improve their practice at their various veterinary outfits for the good of the public..

Zakarya mentioned that the unveiling of the NADIS application will be used by animal health workers to report cases of disease outbreaks in their environment followed by prompt intervention from the state government.

In his opening remarks, Dr Columba Vakuru, Chief Veterinary Officer of Nigeria, said the training was timely due to current surge in incidence of zoonotic diseases like Rabies, Avian and recently the outbreak of Anthrax in

neighboring countries.

Represented by, Dr Yahaya Tanko, an official in the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (FMARD) encouraged diligence, proper channeling of report to reach the intended people and prompt the desired response.

He said that the training would assist the state government have a timely and accurate disease reporting format to curb and prevent outbreaks of disease.

Also speaking, Dr Amina Birma, State Epidemiology Officer in a presentation tagged

“Disease reporting and animal disease control act: The Veterinarian's responsibility” said disease reporting must be systematic and timely.

She said disease reporting is a form of communicating about diseases affecting animals, involving the collection, submission of data to the appropriate authorities responsible for surveillance and control.

Birma reiterated the need for veterinarians to maintain, update their knowledge in guidelines that stipulate their responsibilities for progress of the livestock sub-sector.

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you have been able to deal with it in a decisive manner”

“No nation can do it alone and that's why there is the need for cooperation and collaboration in the area of

healthcare and other sectors and not only in military hardwares. We need each other to overcome our security challenges and I commend the Turkish Parliament for standing by its people to fight terrorism and insecurity”.

Emphasizing the need for the people to be united to fight terrorism and insecurity in Africa, the Senate President said, “We would be delighted to visit the Turkey Parliament for exchange of parliamentary ideas. The Senate will do everything to ensure that this cooperation continues in the overall interest of the two countries”.

The Turkish Ambassador to Nigeria, Mr Hidayet Bayraktar, while speaking assured the Senate leadership of improved bilateral relations between Nigeria and Turkey and more support from the



Akpabio Sen President

Turkish government in order to improve on the diverse sectors of Nigeria's economy.

Mr Bayraktar congratulated Senator Akpabio on his emergence as the President of the 10th Senate.

Also, President of the Senate also received in courtesy, Rev Father Innocent Jooji, of the Abuja Catholic Diocese.

Rev Father Jooji, who stood in for the Arch Bishop of Abuja, Rev Ignatius Kaigama, said he came to deliver a congratulatory message on behalf of the Archbishop to Senator Akpabio, on his emergence as the President of the Senate.

He assured President of the Senate of more prayers for his success, his family and the National Assembly at large. He prayed for a better Nigeria under the current leaders at all levels.



## Finally, INEC Recognizes Omoaje As Action Alliance National Chairman

By; JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has given recognition to Hon Adegunle Rufai Omoaje as the authentic national chairman of the Action Alliance (AA).

To this end, the commission has updated its website, with the name of Omoaje appearing as the national chairman of the AA as against the name of one Kenneth Obidiche Udeze that was there before.

It would be recalled that some courts of competent jurisdiction, including an Ogun State High Court, a Federal High Court sitting in Abuja and Abuja division of the Court of Appeal had ordered INEC to recognize Omoaje as the national chairman of the AA.

For a long time, INEC failed to honour the orders of the court and continued to act in defiance of court orders.

INEC had until recently, recognized Udeze as the national chairman of the party, whereas

Udeze had since been suspended and subsequently expelled from the party in accordance with the party's constitution and the approval of the members of the think tank committee of the party.

However, Udeze continued to parade himself as the national chairman of the party despite various court judgments that gave recognition to Omoaje who emerged as the national chairman of the party at the party's lawfully constituted convention held in Ibadan, the

Oyo State capital.

However, on Tuesday, INEC retraced its step as it formally recognized Omoaje as the authentic and genuine national chairman of the party, thus published his name on the commission's website.

The electoral body also removed the name of Udeze from its website completely and directed all its state and local government offices to recognize Omoaje as the national chairman of AA.

With this development, Omoaje is to present candidates for the

next elections, holding in Bayelsa Kogi and other parts of the country.

Reacting to the development, the national chairman of the party, Omoaje noted that they will continue to thrive despite the challenges gone through as a result of Udeze's illegal actions.

He appreciated the leaders and members of the party across the 36 states of the country for standing by him, assuring that he would continue to raise the banner of the party high.



# Ojo Kingdom Is On Our Land - Iba Kingdom

By ; RAYMOND TEDUNJAYE, Lagos

In what seems a clear declaration for strong tussle, the Awori indigenes of Iba Kingdom have described as nonsensical the claims of Ojo Kingdom to the ownership of the land on which Lagos State University (LASU) is sited, declaring that it owns the entire land of Ojo and Iba kingdoms.

Reacting to an assertion by the Ojo kingdom of ownership of the land, the Iba Kingdom posited that they are peace loving people, but however warned that their mildness should not be taken for cowardice.

Speaking on behalf of Iba kingdom at a press conference on the issue, the head of kingmakers of Iba Kingdom Chief Omotesho Arowolo said LASU is on Iba land and even the Ojo kingdom.

Omotesho said both kingdoms are have been in controversy over the issue since 1961 and that Iba have won the case in court several times, adding that the fact that the school is been called LASU Ojo, doesn't make Ojo Kingdom the rightful owner of the land.

"It is Iba that owns LASU land, it is also us that own Ojo. Those of us who are from Iba we have our facts, the Ojo kingdom should check their fact before coming out to lie to the public. We are peaceful people, we don't want trouble."

This is the ninth Oba in Iba, while Ojo is just having the forth and our Oba's used to live long. The immediate past lived for 40 years", he stated.

Also speaking at the occasion, the Baale Sabo Oniba High Chief Taofeek Oloyede Oseni said it is nausensing for the Ojo kingdom to be claiming what doesn't belongs to them.

"We the Iba people are peace loving kingdom we don't want crisis in both kingdom, government had acquired the land in questions and both

kingdom are benefiting from the school sited on the land why issue of ownership.?"

" Even if government wanted to pay compensation today to the real land owner, they now where to go. They have their intelligence report and also a survey since colonial era up to the independent period. If government doesn't want to be bias with the issue they know better than both Ojo and Iba kingdom on the ownership of the land. We are not ready to fight anybody, but if they are ready, we are going to confront them.

"We want to correct the insinuation made by our brothers from Ojo kingdom that the whole and entire land that houses LASU is on Oniba land under Oniba Kingdom. Even the entire land of Ojo itself from time immemorial is on Iba land but was later conceded to them for peace to reign between the two kingdom.

"After the cases that came up, there were types of settlements which was being done between the Iba people and the Ojo people and the current boundary which everybody knows and we are aware of is Iragbogun which passes through the bridge at Alaba international market that demarcated Ojo from Sabo Oniba and came through to where we now know as Franklass, went through the gate of LASU, came through to some parts of Iyana Iba.

"We have our facts if the Ojo kingdom don't have their own. if you go to where I'm talking about, you will see all these descriptions and that is our current boundary between Iba and Ojo. LASU as we all know is land that were acquired and before LASU is sited to where we known today, it was formally Federal Government College which has now been taken to where we know as Agric in Ojo. The transferring of that College was necessary when the Lagos State Government killed the idea of having that place being used



Baales, titled chiefs and kingmakers of Iba kingdom during the conference.

for the Lagos State University and as you can see from there, what was being moved from the land which was on the land is Federal Government College, which means the Federal Government acquired the land initially and that acquired land is part of the Army Cantonement that was acquired from Iba Kingdom and which part is being taken to be used for the Federal Government College which was later transferred to Ojo kingdom to be used for the Lagos State University and everybody knows it.

"It is not hidden that the compensation from the Federal Government on Ojo cantonement was paid to the Late Oniba Oba Goriola Oseni, and the Ojo kingdom are now saying LASU belongs to Ojo. Maybe because it is being called LASU Ojo, that's why they are insinuating that the land belongs to them, the land belongs to Iba people. If Oniba Oba Adeshina said the land of LASU belongs to Iba, there's no misinterpretation in what he said and he also said that he belongs to Awori people which means it belongs to

everybody. To us at Iba the Ojo kingdom argument on the land is annoying."

He further said, both kingdom are benefiting from the university, we both have children lecturing there. We are being know for peace and we want to remain peaceful with Ojo kingdom until government say otherwise.

"Government has acquired the land for the purpose of everybody so I don't see the reason why we should be arguing or disputing about who owns what. Currently, the place belongs to the government, the government is making use of it and everybody is benefiting from it. We also have alot of Ojo and Iba people as staff in the University why the fuss.?"

"Can we now say Ojo people shouldn't work there because the land belongs to us at Iba. Both Oto Awori, Ojo and Iba we are all one big family there should not crisis among us. The Oniba has other several communities, vast areas of land that border Origbagbu, Ijanikin, Elekunpa, Elete in the riverine area and so many communities. You can see

many of the Chiefs and Baale that are seated that show you that all of us are installed on Iba land."

It would be recalled that the Ojo kingdom recently said the large expense of land on Which Lagos State University (LASU) was sited belongs to their forefathers and had not been ceded to Iba nor any other kingdom or individuals

The Ojo kingdom was reacting to the remarked made by the traditional ruler of a neighbouring Iba kingdom, HRM Oba Sulaiman Adeshina Raji Asade, the Oniba Ekun of Iba kingdom claiming that the land belongs to the Awori indigenes of Iba kingdom.

The Oniba made the remarked on the 22nd of June, 2023 at the 40th anniversary and 26th convocation ceremony of the institution that the land belongs to Iba kingdom. While appreciating the Lagos State Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu and the management of the University for the Honourary Doctorate Degree award conferred on him.

## APC Elders Calls For Sack, Prosecution, Arrest Of Ndiomu As PAP Boss

*\*Accuses him of taking orders from Bayelsa Gov. Diri*

By; JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON

The Bayelsa State All Progressives Congress (APC) elders council has called for the immediate sack, prosecution and arrest of the coordinator of the Presidential Amnesty programme, Major Gen. Barry Ndiomu on allegations of overt partisan support in favour of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and of Bayelsa State Governor, H.E Douye Diri whose payroll he has been under according to credible

reports.

In a statement obtained on Tuesday, Chairman of the Bayelsa State APC Elders Council, Chief Maxwell Adomokeme, wondered why Major Gen Ndiomu has decided to remain an aide of sort to the Governor of Bayelsa State Douye Diri instead of focusing on Niger Delta's delicate security concerns which, of course, is his primary job description.

"We wonder also why confidential mail communication between his

office and the office of the Secretary to the Government of The Federation would be deliberately leaked and made subject of pedestrian deliberations"

"We are not concerned about his obvious PDP ties and the fact he is a kinsmen to former Governor Dickson, our only concern is why he has consistently converted the Amnesty Programme to an anti-APC apparatus which is made more evident in his overwhelming empowerment of PDP card-

carriers and his recent and painful support of H.E Atiku Abubakar during the last presidential elections"

"The Amnesty office is, fundamentally, to keep peace in the Niger Delta Region and it's development. The institution is not to further party divides or glean partisan advantages. But beyond that, we urge the Department of State Security investigate leakages in communication between government agencies for such acts are as treasonable as they are worrying security breaches.

"We are calling for the immediate sack, prosecution and arrest of Major General Barry Ndiomu for leaking official government communication and for turning the Noble Presidential Amnesty Program to a mere empowerment scheme of the People's Democratic Party"

"We thank His Excellency Bola Ahmed Tinubu for the innovative pathways to progress he has unveiled since becoming President, we are certain our dear nation is on the pathway of sustained progress"



# Kaduna Dep Gov Tasks Kashim Ibrahim Fellows On Positive Virtues

By: FUNMIADERINTO, Kaduna

The Deputy Governor of Kaduna State, Dr. Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe on Tuesday, has admonished the Kashim Ibrahim Fellows (Class of Pheonix) to cultivate and nurture the virtues of respect, humility, integrity and passion, among others, in their respective careers and as emerging future leaders. Dr. Hadiza Balarabe expressed this when she hosted the fifth cohort of Kashim Ibrahim Fellows (Class of Pheonix) to a Brown Bag Session in her office at the Government House in Kaduna. Speaking with the fellows, the Deputy Governor shared the interesting and insightful stories of her life, explaining her experiences from childhood to the current position she occupies as the first elected female deputy governor of Kaduna State. However, government officials in the office of the deputy governor, also provided insight into the functions of their respective offices and how they perform such duties. The interactive session afforded the Fellows the opportunity to ask the deputy governor and her staff questions on governance, leadership and public service.





## Borno Govt, WHO flag-off Yellow Fever Vaccination In 3 LGAs

By: JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON

The Borno State Governments in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) and other partners have flagged off vaccination against Yellow Fever Disease in three local government areas of Maiduguri Metropolitan, Jere and Ngala in Borno State.

The Executive Director of the Primary Healthcare Development Agency in the state, Professor Mohammed Arab says, the exercise which is part of the Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) week which will last for twelve days between 12th to 23rd July, 2023.

"I would also like to use this opportunity to announce the upcoming Integrated Yellow Fever Preventive Mass Vaccination Campaign that will be held in three LGAs namely Jere, MMC, and Ngala, from July 12th to July 23rd, 2023.

"The vaccination campaign is to take place at health facilities and temporary posts at strategic locations within the communities aimed at providing preventive measures against yellow fever disease. It is important to note that the targeted age group for the yellow fever vaccination is individuals ranging from 9 months to 44 years old". In his remarks, the WHO State Coordinator in

Borno State, Dr. Ibrahim Audu Salisu, said "WHO has been supporting the state to strengthen Routine Immunization (RI) Services and supporting communities and vulnerable populations to be vaccinated against Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (VPDs).

"With support from WHO partners, Borno State Primary Health Care Development Agency (SPHDA) has successfully planned and is currently implementing an Integrated Yellow Fever Mass Vaccination Campaign, which is targeting up to 494,498 people aged 9 months to 44 years in 13 wards across 3 LGAs high-risk LGAs – MMC, Jere and Ngala".

"WHO and the SPHDA have provided the required resources and jointly conducted some pre-implementation activities such as training of state and LGA teams, distribution of vaccines and commodities, community engagement, etc.

He further explains, throughout the campaign, WHO Technical officers, LGFs, and Field Volunteers in the implementing LGAs will work closely with Government officials and stakeholders to monitor, supervise and provide the necessary support to ensure that the campaign becomes a success.



Officials of Borno state government, WHO and other partners conducting Yellow fever vaccination

## Oyo Government To Clamp Down On Street Traders

*\*Says street trading prohibited, punishable offense*

By: BAYO AKAMO, Ibadan

Oyo State Government is set to clamp down on street traders, in the enforcement of total ban on street trading in the state.

The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Mrs. Modupe Adeleye on Wednesday, said that this became necessary in view of the state government's sensitization at Ibadan markets many weeks ago, on the need to get rid of illegal trading.

Mrs Adeleye stressed that already, the state government has set machinery in motion towards clamping down on street traders as enforcement of total ban on street trading in the state.

According to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, "the move is in furtherance of the state government's commitment to stamp out street trading on the state highways and other major streets in the metropolis" Mrs Adeleye maintained

that in Oyo state, street trading is now prohibited and a punishable offense according to the environmental laws of the state, adding that the state government under the leadership of Engr. Seyi Makinde places a premium on safety of lives and properties.

"It is no longer news to anyone that the Oyo State Government will no longer tolerate street trading in the State and the ministry would be enforcing the law in full force, henceforth", she said

Mrs Adeleye noted that the strict enforcement exercise which has commenced in Ibadan is an implementation of a long existing enactment by the state government on Street Trading and Illegal Market Prohibition Law, which prescribes specific punishment for both the buyer and the seller of any goods or services on the streets.

The Permanent Secretary then enjoined market leaders in Oyo State to ensure members adhere strictly on the environmental laws.

## Tinubu Would Bring Unity, Progress In West Africa As Ecowas Chairman - APC-IGG

By: JABIRU A. HASSAN, Kano

President Bola Ahmed Tinubu would bring peace and unity across the African continent as the newly inaugurated ECOWAS chairman without bias.

This was disclosed by the National President, APC Initiative for Good Governance (APC-IGG), Ambassador Musa Mohamed Tsoken in an interview with journalists in Abuja.

He opined that Tinubu's exemplary leadership remains a blessing to the continent.

He said that, "West African countries have shown that our able president can deliver

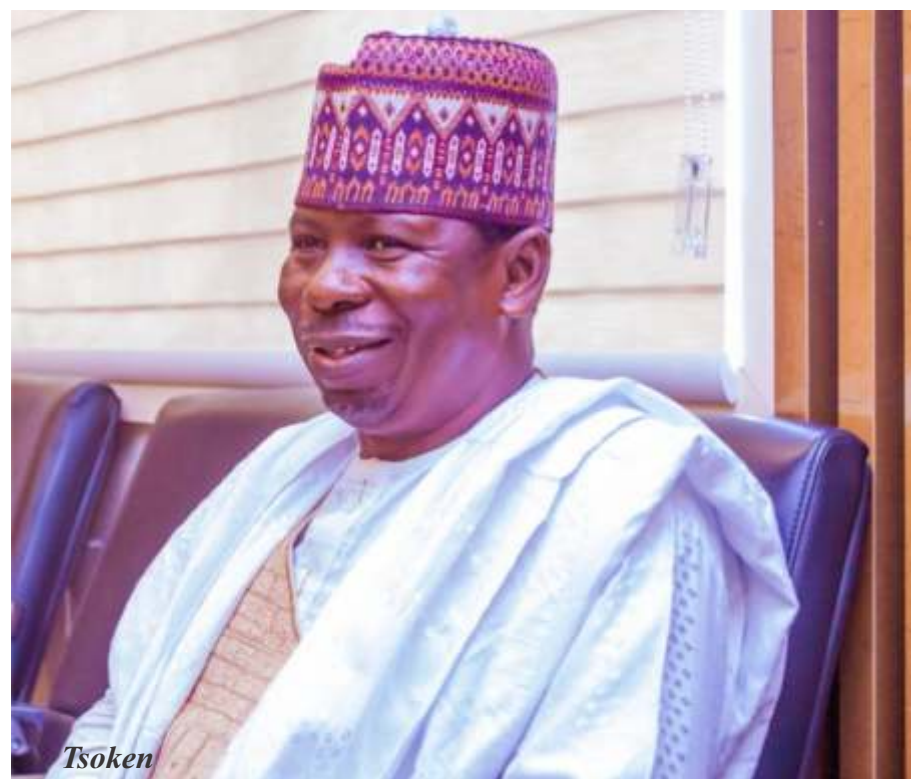
especially at this era when the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) is in serious need of a competent leader who is also very dedicated to the unity and progress of African nations in every sector".

Commenting on Nigeria as a nation, Ambassador Musa Tsoken thanked the Secretary to the government of the Federation (SGF), Senator George Akume for being very dedicated to the progress of this great country where he described him as a trusted leader and real democrat.

Ambassador Tsoken used the opportunity to commend the

Nigerian Senate President, Senator Godswill Akpabio and his counterpart, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Rt. Hon. Tajuddeen Abbas for role towards the development of this nation with optimum result.

In conclusion, Ambassador Musa Mohammed Tsoken thanked the Emir of Muri, His Highness, Alhaji Abbas Njidda Tafida for giving him all the necessary counselling as a Royal father and congratulated him for his 30th Anniversary as the Emir of Muri and wished him more progressive years on the throne.



Tsoken





# COMMUNITY FOCUS

## Impending Disaster: Kaduna Bridge Faces Dire Threat From Erosion, Concerned Residents Seek Urgent Assistance

By; JACOB ONJEWU  
DICKSON

The residents of Abuja road Rigasa, Igabi Local Government of Kaduna State, Nigeria, are gripped by mounting apprehension as they witness the relentless erosion plaguing their community's bridge.

Serving as a vital artery, the bridge connects Rigasa to Hayin Dan-Mani, Mahuta, and Mando, playing a pivotal role in facilitating seamless access to transportation and vital road networks. The deteriorating condition of the bridge has become a cause for grave concern among the residents, who express their discontent with deep worry.

Mallam Shehu Danladi, a conscientious member of the community, vocalized the collective sentiment, stating, "The looming specter of a bridge collapse instills profound fear within our entire community. We earnestly beseech all relevant stakeholders to lend their indispensable support and urgently address this pressing issue."

Shehu underscores the bridge's significance in linking Rigasa with neighboring communities, enabling millions of individuals to engage in crucial business transactions and navigate their daily lives for well over a decade.

Tragically, relentless gully erosion now poses an imminent threat to the bridge's structural integrity.

Swift intervention by the state government is imperative to avert an impending disaster and safeguard the bridge from inevitable

collapse. Failure to act expeditiously could sever critical connections between multiple communities, impeding routine transactions and causing substantial disruptions.

In this hour of urgent need, Shehu earnestly implored organizations such as SEMA, NEMA, the Red Cross, and other humanitarian entities to extend their invaluable assistance and come to the rescue of the beleaguered community.

Likewise, members of the esteemed African Climate Reporters, who recently surveyed the area, call upon the newly elected Governor of Kaduna State, Malam Uba Sani, to display resolute leadership and promptly extend support to the distressed residents.

The African Climate Reporters have observed with profound concern that the Rigasa community has repeatedly endured severe challenges arising from gully erosion and various other forms of environmental degradation. It is worth noting that Unguwar Kilishi, situated within the Igabi Local Government area, confronts a similar menace of gully erosion, imperiling hundreds of homes in its vicinity.

Given the gravity of the situation, the African Climate Reporters passionately implore the government to utilize the ecological fund and extend comprehensive support, addressing the pressing concerns and mitigating the deleterious environmental degradation gripping the area.





# Katsina Police Arrests Several Criminals

By; SULAIMAN AHMED MISAU, Katsina

Katsina State Police Command has arrested several suspected criminals committing various crimes in the state and neighboring states.

The Command under the state Commissioner of Police, CP Aliyu Abubakar Musa on July 12, 2023, at about 1430 hours raided flashpoints in Yan Taba, Sabuwar unguwa, Tudun Yan Lihidda, and Jan Bango quarters in Katsina metropolis arrested 24 suspected social miscreants (kauraye).

Commissioner of Police Abubakar Musa while Parading the Suspected Criminals before Journalists at the Command headquarters in Katsina Metropolis said in the course of investigation, a large cache of dangerous weapons, dried leaves suspected to be Indian hemp, and spirit solution, among others, were also recovered from the

suspects.

On the foiled kidnap attempt and rescue of kidnapped victims, Commissioner of Police Musa explained that, "Today, Thursday, July 13, 2023, at about 1230 hrs, information was received that terrorists armed with dangerous weapons such as the AK-47 rifle, shooting sporadically, attacked Hayin Shebau village, Matazu L.G.A., and kidnapped five (5) women and children upon received of the report, promptly, the Area Commander Dutsinma Mobilized the DPOs Dutsinma and Matazu to the scene, where they engaged the suspected terrorist in a fierce gun duel where they successfully foiled the kidnapping attempt and rescued all the kidnapped victims unhurt."

He said efforts are on with a view to arresting the fleeing suspects as investigation is going.

However, Speaking on the arrested Suspected notorious

informer to terrorists /bandits, he said on 9/7/2023, at about 1540 hours the command succeeded in arresting one Ismail Abubakar alias BB, 'M, aged 30 years old, of Bugaje town in Jibia local government area nemesis caught up with the suspect when an intelligence report of his hideout was received, and immediately detectives swung into action and succeeded in arresting the suspect.

In the course of the investigation, the Katsina state Police Commissioner said the suspect confessed to the commission of the offense and further revealed that he "orchestrated the kidnapping of his friend, for which he received the sum of three hundred thousand (#300,000) naira as his own share of the proceeds of the kidnapping."

Similarly, a suspected notorious fraudster in possession of counterfeit currencies was also paraded, Commissioner of

Police Aliyu Abubakar Musa said it was on July 9, 2023, at about 1830 hours the command succeeded in arresting "Bishir Umar, alias Dan Zamfara, 'm', aged 28 years old, of Magamar Jibia, Jibia LGA, who specialized in defrauding unsuspecting members of the public using counterfeit currency."

Police Commissioner Abubakar Musa reiterated that, nemesis caught up with the suspect when information about his illegal activities was received, where he was trailed and arrested and "upon instant search, the following pieces of suspected counterfeit currency were recovered in his possession: (1) Four (4) pieces of the one thousand naira (N1000) Denomination of Nigerian Currency (2) One piece of Ten thousand (10,000) CFA Niger Republic currency; (3) One piece of the 2000 denomination of the Niger Republic CFA; and

(4) One Passport ID card bearing Amadou Salamatou. During the course of the investigation, the suspect confessed to the commission of the offense."

Consequently, he said "On 7/6/2023 at about 1600 hrs, the command succeeded in arresting one Alkasim Muhammad, 'm', aged 43 years old, of Sharada Phase 3, Kano State, a suspected notorious fraudster that specialized in defrauding unsuspecting members of the public by way of fake bank transfers. Upon receipt of the complaint on the suspect's nefarious activities, detectives were drafted for investigation, where he was tracked down and arrested at Kazaure LGA, Jigawa State. In the course of the investigation, the suspect confessed to the commission of the offense and mentioned three (3) others now at large, as his accomplice.

Efforts are on with a view to arresting the fleeing suspects. Two (2)

# Ex LP Presidential Aspirant Berates Poor Telecommunication Services In Nigeria

By; MIKE ODEH JAMES, Kaduna

Former presidential aspirant under the platform of Labour Party (LP) and the leader of Rescue Movement of Nigeria (RMN), a Human Rights Group, Comrade Faduri Oluwadare Joseph has berated telecommunication companies in Nigeria over the poor quality of services they offer Nigerians.

Mr. Oluwadare spoke to group of journalists shortly after his podcast following a poor network experienced during his online meeting with national leaders of the Human Rights group. Faduri also known as Fadojoe lamented that twenty years after the deregulation of the telecommunication sector, and the entry of service providers like MTN, Airtel (Econet), Globacom, Etisalat and others into the county, the quality of services provided by most of the telecommunication companies remain very poor.

The human right activist noted that in order to avoid poor service delivery of the network providers, Nigerians have resorted into having two or more phones with different service providers yet it did not stop drop calls or poor services.

Fadojoe as he is popularly

known, further noted that while telecommunication outfits in the country are getting richer, smiling to the banks with huge profits, Nigerians are getting so poor services for their monies.

Stressing further that it's so pathetic that when Nigerians load units to make calls, before making few minutes call, the units is exhausted. And data loaded also gets whipped off before you browse for some hours.

The US based activist, asserted that while in USA, he has no reason to carry a second line as over there they are enjoying good network and better services for their money, which is totally different when it comes to those living in Nigeria.

He wonder why the National Assembly's committees on communication and other agencies with oversight functions have refused to act on the situation.

The right activist, then urged President Bola Ahmad Tinubu to probe the activities of these service providers with the aim of rectifying the anomalies. Similarly, he charged members of the National Assembly to as a matter of importance, investigate the reasons network services are very poor in the country.

He also urged the companies in

the sector to upgrade or modernize their equipment in order to provide seamless services.

"In 1999, the GSM was introduced to Nigeria by the administration of the then President Olusegun Obasanjo, Nigerians could then communicate with the outside world, call people on their cellphones and it was very wonderful. This was a major breakthrough and commendable.

"However, twenty years down the line many telecommunication service providers have entered into the country to provide network services to citizens. While these companies are making huge profits, Nigerians are experiencing poor network services.

"And bad as it's, Nigerians cannot even enjoy their data and airtime. If you load your phone with units to make calls before you know what is happening, it's finished. Once they buy the data and use few minutes it's whipped off, as if something is whipping



Comrade Joseph

off your data. Nigeria is ripe enough to enjoy unlimited data subscription like having unlimited data truly for a good price like is done in other parts of the world; and not the so called unlimited data in Nigeria that will turn out to be more limited than the limited data subscription: as the so called unlimited will finish within two to three weeks of browsing and you will be wondering what you

used the data for, yet such is referred to as monthly unlimited in Nigeria.

"This is unbearable and if there is anything more to talk about, it's the fact that nobody seems to be talking about it.

Therefore, I am using this media to appeal to president Bola Ahmed Tinubu to launch a probe into reasons why network services are bad or poor in Nigeria.



# WHO Donates 60 Severe Acute Malnutrition Kits To 6 Partners In Borno

By: SADIQABUBAKAR, Maiduguri  
**W**orld Health Organisation (WHO) has distributed 60 Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) kits components to six partnering non governmental organisations (NGOs) in Borno State yesterday for management of severe acute malnutrition in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe states which was observed by WHO to be on the high side.

The WHO Emergency Manager in charge of Borno, Adamawa and Yobe states, Beatrice Muraguri disclosed this to newsmen in Maiduguri during the distribution of the items to the partners at Borno Warehouse located at Maiduguri Flour Mills Limited area yesterday.

According to her, eleven Local Government Areas of Borno State are affected out of the 27 LGAs of the state, namely, MMC, Jere, Bama, Konduga, Gwoza, Askira/Uba, Monguno, Damboa, Gunio, Mobbar and Kaga where in collaboration with the six partners a SAM kit will be administered to 100 children totalling 6,000 kids suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM).

She added that the SAM kits were procured or funded by USAID and the German Government for the WHO to distribute to the partners, namely, FHI360, Intersos, IMC, IRC, Action Against Hunger and PUI.

Beatrice maintained that 'WHO is however coordinating all the partners who are responding in health and malnutrition which has been part of our response, not

just malnutrition, but severe acute malnutrition".

"For WHO we take it up when moderate malnutrition. acute malnutrition is responded to by WFP. UNICEF also respond to severe acute malnutrition but when it comes to the admission of these patients, that is where WHO comes in and we have to ensure that these partners that we have, have the capacity to manage the cases, not just that.

"Also to ensure that we have the kids attended so that we end up with these beneficiaries. The children to benefit from these kits So, the issue of malnutrition in the Borno, Adamawa and Yobe (BAY) States is addressed.

"There was an analysis done last year. And that is why this procurement of this kits is done. So, we have specific LGAs where we have acute malnutrition cases which are very high and also in stabilisation centres.

"So, we learned. For us, the closer the agency, we manage the pipeline as WHO so that we share with partners and then they go to the grounds, the LGAs to ensure that they get these cases and these cases are managed.

"So, that is why we are handing over to the state government today these items. And as for partner to the government, we are there to support the government. We can never replace the government that is why the government has to be here. We hand over to them and then they hand over the kids today to the partners who are all stakeholders in malnutrition. They are

also fighting malnutrition cases here," Beatrice said.

" We have Borno, Adamawa and Yobe State.. Out of the many LGAs, we have one kid is supposed to cater for 100 patients. So, given the number of LGAs I think the retention department work with the partners to come up with those figures.

" Because we know this one. The information we use was last year but you know the cases could have increased for this year. So we really need to work with the government or the grassroots level to ensure that the state nutrition department they are also involved so that they will give us the numbers given to us as the guidance because the situation has changed from last year.

"So there are many other partners which may not be here but we also have local NGOs who are also part of this and they will also benefit from these kits so that we ensure that we are reaching to the beneficiaries who are supposed to be treated using these kits. This is what was the trigger.

"The kits are a combination of many, many, many, a lot of things inside. So, it is an assorted kit. So, as I said, the number may not be the number specific now. We used last year statistics which is different from this year.

"So I believe you get from the Ministry also or from the nutrition department. Because really we are looking at controlling the issue because you see when it is not prevented. When it is not controlled. It will always be case coming

out to no help and that is why we have all these malnourished students ending up in stabilisation. The level is high, the level is high.

"The Percentage now is uncertain but it's high given that you can see what is happening in the infant for the security and we are also expecting the case to go high with these kits given. You that now you see the issues of their attacks to children on the extreme end of affecting them coming up with a malnutrition issue," The Emergency Manager added.

Earlier, the Permanent Secretary, Borno State Ministry of Health, Mohammed Aminu Ghuluze appreciated WHO for their donation and commended the partners for administering the severe acute malnutrition kits while assuring proper and strict monitoring of the usage and distribution of the kits to avoid diversion and sales in the market by the parents and guardians of the children as obtained in the past where items given to IDPs children are found on sale in the markets.

Represented by Pharmacy Adamu Usman of the State Ministry of Health, he said measures have been put in place already to ensure judicious use of the kits who are the beneficiaries while stressing that, anybody found wanting will be dealt accordingly.

Highlights of the events include presentation and distribution of the SAM kits to Borno state partners and group photographs.





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# ACP Sulaiman Seeks More Support For Lagos Police



L-R : DPO Ilupeju Division SP Matilda Ngbaronye, ACP Bayonle Sulaiman and Vice Chairman Odi-Olowo Hon. Jakande during the parley.

By ; **RAYMOND TEDUNJAYE, Lagos**

The Assistant Commissioner of Police in charge Area "F" Command of Lagos State Police Command, ACP Bayonle Sulaiman has called for more support from individual stakeholders and corporate organisations for the Police in the state.

Specifically, he urged residents of Ilupeju and its environs to up their support to the Ilupeju Division under the leadership of Matilda Umiah Ngbaronye in order to continue to make Ilupeju a safe haven for law-abiding citizens.

ACP Sulaiman, who gave the charge during an interactive session with stakeholders at Ilupeju Division, pledged the unalloyed cooperation of the Nigeria Police to all law abiding citizens.

The Area "F" Commander applauded the support of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu to the Lagos State Police Command.

His words, " I brought the greetings of the Lagos CP Idowu Owunhwa. I am here to interact and get feedback from members of the public. We crave your continued support of this safe haven for all law-abiding citizens of this community. On our part, we pledge unalloyed cooperation of Nigeria Police to the Nigerian nation.

" You can be assured of training and retraining of our personnel for crime detection and community engagement. I seize this opportunity to express our gratitude to our Gov. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu for the moral and material support we have enjoyed. I would also appreciate the invaluable contribution of our amiable, dynamic IGP Kayode Egbetokun who during the short time of appointment have helped the Police for better policing of Nigeria."

While responding to some requests made by the stakeholders, the gallant Commander said, 'For several years, the Lagos State Government and LGAs have been supporting in funding the Police, we thank God for them and I use this opportunity to speak to the Chairman represented by the Vice-Chairman not to be tired and to see the security of the LGA as number one on their programme.

" Without security, nothing can be done. You can use your position to talk to the Senator and House of Representative members in this area. The community must take interest in the police, the fueling of their vehicle among others, those are things that give room for corruption. Their one vehicle can't be enough, if you call them and they have been to one incident, you will think that they

don't want to come. I appeal to stakeholders, companies, I think they can team up to achieve this.' 'On the child adoption issue, some people came to my office believing that Ilupeju Police station is not doing anything but I know what the police station is doing going from one state to another to make arrests. There are things that we want people to recognize, it is not everytime that you blackmail the police. Where we are doing good, we should be praised. We want encouragement, let people know what we are doing',

In her brief remarks, the DPO of Ilupeju Division, SP Matilda Ngbaronye lauded the visitor and his achievement in the police work, adding that officers and men of the Division are happy and ready to learn from his wealth of knowledge.

"we are very happy that you took out time to visit us. Your antecedent speak for you. You have worked in many areas. We are very happy to work under you and to tap from your tutelage.", SP Ngbaronye quipped.

Speaking at the occasion, the immediate past Special Adviser to the Governor on Traditional Matters, Hon. Bayo Osiyemi recalled his experience and relationship with all the DPOs right from 1978, noting that the SP Matilda has made a difference.

'My association with this police

station started 45 years ago in 1978 when Alh. Abdullahi Kaltungo was DPO before he retired as AIG. Several other officers have also served in this police station and I am proud to be associated with all of them including this DPO.

"When SP Matilda was posted here, I was hoping and praying that she will make a difference as a woman and indeed she has made a difference. When you look at the aesthetics of this police station, one will see a big difference. I expect the Area Commander to move to be DCP and CP. I want you to look at the condition of police stations under your command with the exception of Ilupeju. You won't notice a difference between Jankara market and a police station.'

Also, the Vice Chairman of Odi-Olowo LCDA, Hon. Seyi Jakande, who represented the Chairman, Hon. Rasaan Olusola Ajala in his remarks commended the DPO of Ilupeju, SP Matilda for her ability to ensure safety of the area.

" You have tried in keeping security in this area. No woman, no nation.', Jakande enthused.

The representative of the Community Development Committee, Pastor Olasupo Michael noted the need of patrol vehicle in Ilupeju.

'Ilupeju Police Station is in need of vehicles. Please, Area Commander implement it. It is

when they have more vehicles that they can spread themselves in cases of emergency" he stated. The PCRC Chairman Ilupeju Division, Chief Sylva added: 'Our DPO deserves to go higher. She has been working hard. We thank all our companies that has been supporting Ilupeju Police station. We celebrate Ilupeju police station, please support them.'

The Indian community in its own contribution promised to donate and lit the Nestle Basketball Court and its environs with Five solar streetlights to improve the security in the area.

After the interactive session, the Area Commander alongside the DPO visited the wife of late Governor of Lagos State, Alh. Lateef Jakande, Alhaja Abimbola Jakande.

Present at the parley were the former Special Adviser to the Governor on Traditional Matters, Hon. Bayo Osiyemi, Vice Chairman of Odi-Olowo LCDA, Hon. Seyi Jakande, LCDA Councillors, the PCRC Chairman in Ilupeju, Chief Sylva, the CDC representative, Pastor Olasupo Michael, the Indian community represented by the President of the Bhoypuri Pariwar Global Foundation, Mr. Shanti Bhooshan Singh, Chief Security Officers (CSO) of companies, officers of Lagos Neighbourhood Safety Agency (LNSA), among others.



# Development: Kaduna Govt Thanks World Bank

By ; FUNMI ADERINTO, Kaduna

**K**aduna State Governor, Senator Uba Sani, has thanked the World Bank for prioritizing Kaduna State in its development assistance.

The governor led a team of top Kaduna State Government officials to a high-level strategic engagement meeting with the World Bank, Nigeria Office team, headed by the Country Director, Mr. Shubham Chaudhuri.

The governor urged the global body to sustain its impactful presence in the state.

According to him, "We shared thoughts on the World Bank's projects in Kaduna State, focusing on the challenges, impact, lessons learnt and pathway to the future.

"We gave them insights into our administration's focal areas, especially the revitalization of rural economies through massive infrastructural development.

"We therefore sought the financial and technical support of the World Bank to actualize this vision which promises to impact positively on the lives of rural dwellers, the poor, underserved and the vulnerable," he said.





# Chibusi Takes Over Theater Command, Ali, MNJTF

*\*Over 100,000 insurgents surrender*

By; SADIQ ABUBAKAR,  
Maiduguri

The Theater Commander, Joint Task Force (JTF) Operation Hadin Kai North East, Major General Ibrahim Ali has said that over 100,000 Boko Haram insurgents have voluntarily surrendered to the military within the six months of his leadership at the theater command.

General Ali disclosed this yesterday, while handing over the mantle of leadership of the theater command at the Maimalari Containment Maiduguri to his successor, Major General Gold Chibusi who was deployed from Multi National Joint Task Force (MNJTF) Njamainah, Chad

Republic to the theater command as the new Theater Commander.

He added that a lot of successes were achieved despite the few challenges that the military is being confronted with during his six months stay leading to the rescue and release of two NGO workers and three Chibok schoolgirls from the captivity of the boko haram insurgents while 8 additional boko haram insurgents voluntarily surrendered and laid down their arms to the security agencies on Wednesday this week.

He thanked officers and soldiers of the theater command for their followership and understanding while commending the loyal and cooperation that they accorded

during the various operations that were carried out across the north east and lake chad region.

General Ali further appealed to them to extend the loyalty and cooperation to his successor which led to the various achievements while advising the sector and unit commanders of the theater command to continue to be vigilant and disciplined as well carry out regular trainings for themselves and the soldiers with a view to end the crisis.

He also called on the commanders to take the issue of welfare of their soldiers more seriously as a motivating factor towards encouraging the soldiers to put in their best in the fight and end the war.

The outgoing theater

commander urged the new Theater Commander to endeavour to maintain the tempo of successes recorded and bold on the achievements recorded so far as an experienced and professional senior military officer who has the knowledge of the state and theater command having served as Bama Brigade Commander in the past.

Earlier on Wednesday night, a send off ceremony was organized for the outgoing Theater Commander at the Maimalari Officer Mess where senior military officers and commanders commended his leadership style and appreciated his followership with officers and soldiers of the theater command headquarters during his stay and wished him success

in his new post.

The new Theater Commander, Maj. Gen. Gold Chibusi however in his remark assured the officers and soldiers of the theater command that he will continue the good work his predecessor has started and even build on it with their support, loyalty and cooperation.

He also pledged to establish a synergy among all the commands, units and teams of the theater command with a view to finish the war and restore permanent peace in the state and region at large.

Highlights of the events include gifts presentation to the top senior officers redeployed from the theater command and group photographs as well as change of guard.





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HALF PAGE	248,970.00	18,672.75	267,642.75	203,175.00	15,238.13	218,413.13
QUARTER PAGE	164,670.00	12,350.25	177,020.25	94,724.44	7,104.33	101,828.77
10" x 6 Col	364,320.00	27,324.00	391,644.00	245,005.20	18,375.39	263,380.59
10" x 5 Col	333,960.00	25,047.00	359,007.00	224,588.11	16,844.11	241,432.22
10" x 4 Col	242,880.00	18,216.00	261,096.00	163,336.80	12,250.26	175,587.06
10" x 3 Col	182,160.00	13,662.00	195,822.00	122,502.60	9,187.70	131,690.30
9" x 6 Col	327,888.00	24,591.60	352,479.60	220,504.68	16,537.85	237,042.53
9" x 5 Col	273,240.00	20,493.00	293,733.00	183,753.90	13,781.54	197,535.44
9" x 4 Col	218,592.00	16,394.40	234,986.40	147,003.12	11,025.23	158,028.35
9" x 3 Col	163,944.00	12,295.80	176,239.80	110,252.34	8,268.93	118,521.27
8" x 6 Col	291,456.00	21,859.20	313,315.20	196,004.16	14,700.31	210,704.47
8" x 5 Col	242,880.00	18,216.00	261,096.00	163,336.80	12,250.26	175,587.06
8" x 4 Col	194,304.00	14,572.80	208,876.80	130,669.44	9,800.21	140,469.65
8" x 3 Col	145,728.00	10,929.60	156,657.60	98,002.08	7,350.16	105,352.24
7" x 6 Col	255,024.00	19,126.80	274,150.80	171,503.64	12,862.77	184,366.41
7" x 5 Col	212,520.00	15,939.00	228,459.00	142,919.70	10,718.98	153,638.68
7" x 4 Col	170,016.00	12,751.20	182,767.20	114,335.76	8,575.18	122,910.94
6" x 6 Col	218,592.00	16,394.40	234,986.40	147,003.12	11,025.23	158,028.35
6" x 5 Col	182,160.00	13,662.00	195,822.00	122,502.60	9,187.70	131,690.30
6" x 4 Col	145,728.00	10,929.60	156,657.60	98,002.08	7,350.16	105,352.24
6" x 3 Col	109,296.00	8,197.20	117,493.20	73,501.56	5,512.62	79,014.18
6" x 2 Col	72,864.00	5,464.80	78,328.80	49,001.04	3,675.08	52,676.12
5" x 5 Col	151,800.00	11,385.00	163,185.00	102,085.50	7,656.41	109,741.91
5" x 4 Col	121,440.00	9,108.00	130,548.00	81,668.40	6,125.13	87,793.53
5" x 3 Col	91,080.00	6,831.00	97,911.00	61,251.30	4,593.85	65,845.15
5" x 2 Col	60,720.00	4,554.00	65,274.00	40,834.20	3,062.57	43,896.77
4" x 6 Col	145,728.00	10,929.60	156,657.60	98,002.08	7,350.16	105,352.24
4" x 5 Col	121,440.00	9,108.00	130,548.00	81,668.40	6,125.13	87,793.53
4" x 4 Col	97,152.00	7,286.40	104,438.40	65,334.72	4,900.10	70,234.82
4" x 3 Col	72,864.00	5,464.80	78,328.80	49,001.04	3,675.08	52,676.12
4" x 2 Col	48,576.00	3,643.20	52,219.20	32,667.36	2,450.05	35,117.41
3" x 3 Col	54,648.00	4,098.60	58,746.60	36,750.78	2,756.31	39,507.09
3" x 2 Col	36,432.00	2,732.40	39,164.40	24,500.52	1,837.54	26,338.06
2" x 2 Col	24,288.00	1,821.60	26,109.60	16,333.68	1,225.03	17,558.71
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FRONT PAGE SOLUS	787,474.29	59,060.57	846,534.86
FRONT PAGE STRIP	787,474.29	59,060.57	846,534.86
BACK PAGE EAR PIECE	420,889.54	31,566.72	452,456.26
FULL PAGE (COLOUR)	465,967.54	34,947.57	500,915.11
FULL PAGE (BLACK AND WHITE)	364,037.14	27,302.79	391,339.93
HALF PAGE (COLOUR)	303,285.71	22,746.43	326,032.14
HALF PAGE (BLACK AND WHITE)	247,500.00	18,562.50	266,062.50
QUARTER PAGE (COLOUR)	203,877.14	15,290.79	219,167.93
QUARTER PAGE (BLACK AND WHITE)	111,692.74	8,376.96	120,069.70

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PAGE 4 OR 5	375,000.00	28,125.00	403,125.00
PAGE 6 OR 7	325,000.00	24,375.00	349,375.00
FRONT PAGE MAST HEAD EAR PIECE	225,000.00	16,875.00	241,875.00
FRONT PAGE SOLUS	312,500.00	23,437.50	335,937.50
FRONT PAGE STRIP	375,000.00	28,125.00	403,125.00
BACK PAGE EAR PIECE	200,000.00	15,000.00	215,000.00
BACK PAGE STRIP	250,000.00	18,750.00	268,750.00
CENTRE SPREAD (COLOUR)	837,500.00	62,812.50	900,312.50
DOUBLE SPREAD (COLOUR)	700,000.00	52,500.00	752,500.00
CENTRE SPREAD (BLACK & WHITE)	575,000.00	43,125.00	618,125.00
DOUBLE SPREAD (BLACK & WHITE)	550,000.00	41,250.00	591,250.00
FRONT PAGE (10" X 6)	3,250,000.00	243,750.00	3,493,750.00
ROP STRIP (COLOUR)	125,000.00	9,375.00	134,375.00
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6 X 3	102,857.14	7,714.29	110,571.43	57,142.86	4,285.71	61,428.57
6 X 2	45,428.57	3,407.14	48,835.71	32,285.71	2,421.43	34,707.14
5 X 3	53,428.57	4,007.14	57,435.71	37,428.57	2,807.14	40,235.71
5 X 2	42,571.43	3,192.86	45,764.29	24,857.14	1,864.29	26,721.43
4 X 3	47,714.29	3,578.57	51,292.86	30,571.43	2,292.86	32,864.29
4 X 2	33,142.86	2,485.71	35,628.57	21,714.29	1,628.57	23,342.86
3 X 3	34,571.43	2,592.86	37,164.29	23,142.86	1,735.71	24,878.57
3 X 2	22,857.14	1,714.29	24,571.43	14,285.71	1,071.43	15,357.14
2 X 2	16,000.00	1,200.00	17,200.00	9,142.86	685.71	9,828.57
2 X 1	7,714.28	578.57	8,292.85	4,975.71	373.18	5,348.89



# Tinubu's Cabinet: Adamawa Awaits Who Becomes Minister

By: TOM GARBA

Nigerians are anxiously waiting to see the formation of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's cabinet. Who and who made the final list of ministers nominated from the thirty-six states including Abuja, the federal capital is what is on the burning plate of his next line of action and the APC family.

The eager desires of Nigerians of Tinubu's line of minister are much noticed by the people of Adamawa State, North East Nigeria, the Inlaw state of former President Muhammadu Buhari.

The unique nature of Adamawa State in terms of human resources, with a growing of human capital development, mineral resources, and the unique beauty of over eighty clusters of ethnic nationalities is the biggest beauty the state holds. One of the reasons it is called "Land of Beauty."

Many people in the state are so much interested in who made it to the final of Tinubu's ministerial list for obvious reasons that the state has had Buhari's share of bad administration of allowing crisis to rock down the All Progressives Congress (APC) family and failed to have the full dosage of eight years tenure, which by now it would have become a grown party having a consolidated and unshakable strength.

This would have made the party a flying horse with the horn of a unicorn. Many people in Adamawa appeared to be more desperate to know who represent them as a minister considering the experience with the minister slot of the state under Buhari's regime was more of a state with minister representative.

Muhammed Musa Bello was Buhari's cabinet member from Adamawa who had eight years uninterrupted ministerial slot of Federal Capital Territory (FCT) but the complaint against him was his adamant nature of not "helping people", especially the politicians who worked toes and nails to make sure Buhari wins election in 2015 and 2019.

Though a good man, with a high sense of humor and open door policy, but to politicians in the state his seat was not beneficial to them in any way judging from the past FCT Minister right from JT Useni, Adamu Alero, Aliyu Modibbo Ahmed, Muhammed Bala, etc who have helped people and supported many politicians.

To many, Bello's nonchalant attitude towards people in the



President Tinubu

state was an added salt to the injury of the party suffering from the break in transmission of a supposed eight years. It was abruptly scuttled down to four years because of lack of party unity and Buhari's leadership ability to wade off the party crisis to the party's unity of purpose.

This is one of the reasons Adamawa people eagerly and anxiously waiting to know the Man or woman nominated to be the minister from their state. Their desire for the minister is to get someone who can politically balance up the huge gap created in the last eight years of President Muhammadu Buhari.

The last eight years have never been palatable to the APC family in Adamawa State and their wishes this time around is to have a politically fit Minister, morally okay Man, and mentally well to do Man or woman that can work in the interest of the state and capable enough to reconcile all warring factions.

The ministerial slot for Adamawa is seen as a keenly contested seat by many APC members who are all qualified to hold the position. Names of notable politicians like Rt Hon Bala James Ngilari, Sen Grace F Jackson Bent, Chief Sunny

Moniedafe, Senator Abubakar Ahmed Moallayidi, Engr Samaila Aliyu Numan, Sen Binta Masi Garba, Dr. Modi Halilu, Professor Mamman Tahir, Senator Jonathan Zwingina, and Senator Aishatu Dahiru Ahmed Binani are mentioned in one platforms or the other of their desires to be given the slot. And they are all scheming their ways to be considered for the office.

Going by what is trending in many social media platforms, one will conclude that President Tinubu has picked the APC Governorship candidate, Senator Aishatu Dahiru Ahmed Binani with a portfolio of minister of women affairs.

The social media list with all the minister nominees from each state has been an issue of debate on many of the platforms. The argument for or against is more so that Tinubu's Senior special assistant on media, Dele Alake refuted that the ministerial list is not ready.

Ready or not, it is certainly going to be with passage of time no matter how long it carries.

To any concerned Adamawa APC Man, they are looking for someone that Tinubu will rely on to recollect the state from the claws of PDP leadership which

they believe is their mandate taken by the opposition who leverage on the in-house fight.

The question is who is Tinubu going to appoint as the next minister from Adamawa state that will further not plunder the party into crisis? Before now, the party building into the 2023 elections was embroiled in a deep crisis that has lingered on to the party's primaries.

Interest and intriguing politics of primordial sentiments have crippled the party to almost stand alone without a shepherd. Binani being the governorship candidate went to the polls as a political orphan with only a few senior members backing her up to campaign grounds because of deep animosity that has eaten deep to the party fabric of unity.

Who is the Minister that will heal the many wounds of senior and junior party members? It is not a gain saying or a blubber statement of pleasing the moment. Adamawa APC is having a perennial crisis and only Tinubu and the minister to appoint this time around will be able to broker peace, iodized the broken hearts and the unhealed wounds of many aggrieved party

members.

It therefore, means that Mr. President must take decisions on Adamawa with an extra sense of wisdom. He must consult widely and appropriately about who will be the next minister from Adamawa. For obvious reasons and history, Adamawa state is a microcosm of a larger Nigeria. The only state in the north that has elites in quantum that can alter the cause of Nigerian history.

It is on record, Adamawa remains the only state that always has one of theirs close to the government at the center stage.

The President has to use wisdom in getting the minister from Adamawa state else that singular decision of his may jeopardize his government and the party at large.

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# Our Elders, Please Tell This Muritala Yakubu To Stop Disgracing Us In Igala Land

By OJOCHIDE SAMUEL

Now, one needs to question the credentials this man called Muritala Ajaka has to qualify him to contest for the governorship of a state in Nigeria beyond his reliance on fruitless propaganda since the beginning of this election season.

If he is not shouting that they want to assassinate him, he is defending well established criminals in a state that has produced world acclaimed professionals across all fields. He and his managers have not, for once, tried to market what they have to offer the people of the state other than this ignoble dance around ethnic jingoism and character assassination without substance.

I was one of those that bought the wide misinformation in the past about Yahaya Bello, the Governor of the state, until I saw proof without being told, that he had actually achieved far more in the state, in terms of development, than had been achieved in over a decade before him.

For a long time too, Kogi State has not been at the centre of political reckoning like it is today in the country. So, somehow, this guy has just been vilified by haters for no just cause as far as I'm concerned. Reflecting further on everything out there, there are more positives and wins for the people than the negatives some people are just throwing about.

In all of this, I doff my hat for Governor Yahaya Bello's media managers. They have been quite proactive. With all the missiles coming from everywhere, they have maintained a remarkably strong share of voice in the media that I usually wonder how they navigate.

Back to this Ajaka, I watched his Channels TV interview with Seun Okinbaloye and I asked myself: Is this man trying to be the Governor of his Primary School Alumni Association? No substance at all. He looked like someone who was almost wetting his pants out of tension. First, I heard, "I didn't lost out", and my head ached. Again, I heard



"I symbolizes peace", and I said whaaaat? What is this guy doing on TV? Where are his managers? He couldn't, in all honesty, answer one single question intelligently, just trying to stick to this their propaganda of unfounded allegations. And he couldn't even do justice to that.

Today again, he is crying about, saying one court has stopped security agents and Governor Bello from

harassing him. Please, does this man think politics is just about playing the victim when your legs of atrocities are not covered?

Does this clown think that even if we would do an agenda in the East, our people would leave someone as respected and highly cerebral as the former Chief of Naval Staff, Usman Jibrin, to endorse a man with alleged questionable credentials,

someone who many have alleged did not go to school, and to worsen matters, someone who has nothing filled against career achievements in his INEC form except for being an errand boy to one Governor and being a former member of their party's NWC, made possible by the same Yahaya Bello that he is now accusing of all sorts?

Kogi East Elders, please tell

this Yakubu to stop disgracing us everywhere. He is the least qualified of those contending and should start with the state House of Assembly in 2027.

But wait a minute, if no one deceives him that he is an Excellency in waiting, how would people be able to "chop" his money?

We are sick and tired of this fixation on Yahaya Bello this, Yahaya Bello that. Let him address issues and stop portraying Kogi as a state filled with uncivilised people. Every right thinking Kogite, across party lines, supports the Governor on security. No one should whip up evil sentiments that can take us back to the ugly years of terror reign in Kogi.

Ojochide Samuel, a banker, is from Omala Local Government Area of Kogi State.

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# Oyo Housing FC In High Spirit Ahead NLO Youth League Playoff

By: AYO OJEDOKUN, Lagos

The Team Manager of Housing Corporations Football Club, Mr. Okesiji Abiola has assured of a better outing of the traditional side ahead of the Nation-Wide League One now known as NLO Youths League which kicked off along many designations centers across the country on Wednesday 12th June 2023. The technical crew of Oyo Housing led by Coach Sanusi Musiliu Kolawole popularly known as Ilerika according to Okesiji has high optimism on behalf of his boys to do the state proud and qualify from the Osogbo zone that have 11 teams. Housing Corp FC that is the only team from Oyo State in 'D' with venue at Osogbo Township Stadium Osun State, is grouped with, Karamba FC, Ijesha United FC, Ijesha Golden Warrior FC, Fortune FC and Alaska FC all from Osun State, while Big Stars FC, House of Prayers Football Academy, Musty FC, Injectors FC and Dohz Sports Academy all from

Kwara State.

The participation in the Nation-Wide League One which is now Nigeria youth League according to guidelines issued by the management team of the NLO Youths League, signed by Olushola Ogunnowo, the Chief Operating Officer of NLO is restricted to players of age 19 years, which means only players born from January 2004 above are eligible to participate.

“All thanks to the Patron of the team and the Deputy Governor of Oyo State, Chief Adebayo Lawal who spearheaded the resuscitation of the traditional Housing Corporations Football Club in 2021 and has since been ensuring that the boys are well motivated with good incentives especially ahead of



the this NLO Youth League playoff”.

“The Coach combed the nooks and crannies of the state to

assemble the under-19 boys for the team and considering the good preparations giving the boys ahead of the playoff, I can

assure the football lovers of a place in the NLO division one from the Osogbo Centre”, said Okesiji.

# Make Nigeria Proud By Winning World Scrabble Championship, Senate President Tasks Federation



Senator Akpabio with the Scrabble Federation members.

By: BAYO AKAMO, Ibadan

President of the Senate, Godswill Akpabio has tasked members of the Nigeria Scrabble Federation to make Nigeria proud by winning the World Scrabble Championship coming up in Las Vegas, United States of America.

The Senate President who is also the Grand Patron of the Federation gave the task on Tuesday, while playing host to members of the federation in his office. Senator Akpabio charged the Nigeria Scrabble Federation to

do the country proud by repeating the feat of 2015 which saw them emerge the world champions.

He then bid the National Scrabble team farewell to this year's World English Scrabble Players Association (WESPAC),

The team departed Nigeria on Wednesday to be part in the World Championship.

It would be recalled that the federation in 2015, won the World Scrabble Championship both Individual competition and Country. It also retained the trophy in 2017 and 2019.



# TY Buratai Academy FC Fans Celebrate Historic 2-1 Victory Over Rising Star FC Jigawa

By: JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON

Rising Star FC Jigawa has been a regular participant in the NLO Division Two for 16 years, while TY Buratai Academy participated for the second time.

TY Buratai Academy delivered a shocking 2-1 defeat to Rising Star FC, fans and supporters were in jubilation mood after the victory over the Jigawa based football club in their opening of match for NLO Division Two match

yesterday.

The Abubakar Tafawa Balewa Stadium Bauchi State was thrown into wild celebration as Danbukur's superb first-half goal handed TY Buratai Football Academy a well deserved 1-0 lead over Rising Star

Danbukur hammered in a half-volley from the edge of the box into the top corner in the 16th minute of the game after several chances missed by club top top scorer Ukasha in the opening game.

It looked for a long time like TY Buratai Academy would be leaving the Tafawa Balewa Stadium with just one or even draw points on yesterday afternoon.

Tension reached its peak after a penalty was missed by Rising Star attacker at 67th minutes of the game before later they equalized in the 79th minute, but the Sarkin Yaki Boys were in the end, satisfied by a late win.

"It was a match typical of with tension and intensity right to the end," the coach

told reporters.

"We are happy because during phases of the game we were very good with a great goal that gave us control, but in the start of the second-half we had a crazy start and conceded a goal and a penalty to the opponent.

"We celebrated Henry's goal the way you'd expect a late goal to be celebrated." He added.

Ty Buratai Football Academy will play six more matches within the next six days.





# Isaiah Benjamin Elected SWAN President

**\*Vows to commence reconciliation of aggrieved members**

By: JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON

After a tensed atmosphere in Omoku, Rivers State on Thursday July 13 2023, Isaiah Benjamin from Kaduna State has emerged the President of the Sports Writers Association of Nigeria (SWAN).

He beat his opponent, Alhaji SADIQ Moyoyo by 16 votes to 6 in the keenly contested election, held at Chrisdera Hotels, Omoku.

With his victory, he is expected to lead the association for the next three years.

In his acceptance speech, Mr. Benjamin said that he would hit the ground running by reconciling aggrieved members.

"I am not unaware that some of our members may be aggrieved rightly or wrongly but whatever it is, my desire is to run a stronger and more united SWAN, and towards achieving this, I will engage in genuine reconciliation of those members aggrieved for whatever reason so that together we can all be on the same page," he said.

According to him, he is indeed humbled by the show of solidarity and love.

"When it is often said that powers belong to God and gives it to whomever he wishes, this is certainly a confirmation of God's doing through all the delegates to this triennial Congress, I gesture I don't take for granted.

I therefore wish to first and foremost thank God for this opportunity to serve.

He commended and appreciated the National Executive Committee (NEC) under the pragmatic leadership of Sir Dr. Honour Sirawoo whom he said, has laid a very solid foundation for which they are trusting God to build upon going forward.

"I must also commend the National Election Committee (SWANECO) for seeing to the realization of this day, adhering strictly to the provisions of the statutes without compromise. It is equally commendable and I say a big thank you to the committee.

"Although their decision and adherence to the statutes was not favourable to a number of those who showed desire to contribute their quota to the growth and

development of the association, I wish to humbly appeal that they take it in good faith though painful. Whatever opportunity they fail to get today can always be gotten in the nearest future.

"I wish to appeal to them that this administration for which I have been given the mandate to lead will run an all inclusive and open government and their wealth of experience individually and collectively will be sought to move the association forward, and like I said in one of my posters during the electioneering campaigns, 'together we can do it's God helping us.

"Let me not bore you with too much take but to finally assure you one and all that I will not let down this confidence reposed on me God helping me.

"I wish us all journey mercies to our respective states and kindly convey my best wishes to your loved ones, as we look forward to your contributions and suggestions that will add value to the administration of this our great Association," he said.





**TY Buratai Academy FC  
Fans Celebrate Historic  
2-1 Victory Over Rising  
Star FC Jigawa**

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## Reps Hungry For Partnerships With UK, Other Democracies, Says Speaker Abbas

*\*British High Commissioner visits Speaker, seeks better Nigeria-UK ties*

By: SANIALIYU, Zaria

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Rt. Hon. Abbas Tajudeen has said that the 10th House is "hungry" for more partnerships with the United Kingdom and other democratic countries across the world. Speaker Abbas also congratulated the Great Britain on the successful coronation of King Charles III.

A statement issued by Musa Abdullahi Krishi, Special Adviser on Media and Publicity to the Speaker, said Abbas extended the courtesy when he received a delegation from the British High Commission to Nigeria, led by the High Commissioner, Dr Richard Montgomery, on a courtesy call at his office in Abuja yesterday.

Also at the meeting, were the Deputy Majority Leader, Hon. Abdullahi Ibrahim Halims; Minority Leader, Hon. Kingsley Chinda; Deputy Minority Leader, Hon. Aliyu Sani Madaki; Minority Whip, Hon. Ali Isa, among other members of the House.

The Speaker noted that he was "particularly very delighted" to receive the British envoy, stressing that it was the "second Foreign Mission to visit us since our inauguration."

Speaker Abbas added: "I want to use this opportunity to congratulate you and the people of the United Kingdom over the successful coronation of King Charles."

It was an unprecedented activity which attracted a lot of attention all over the world. As you know, Nigeria is one of the former colonies of the United Kingdom. We follow keenly what is happening

there, particularly as regards to culture and politics.

According to the Speaker, Nigeria and the UK have come a long way, he said, the relationship between the two countries "has predated modern civilisation because we have been around and relating for over 200 years."

The Speaker thanked the British Government for all the technical assistance given to Nigeria "and we are urging you in this 10th Assembly to do much more." He added: "We are hungry of ideas. We are hungry of partnerships. We are hungry of collaborations, particularly with a democracy like the Britain."

Speaker Abbas further said: "In the 10th Assembly we want to sustain the gains of the 9th Assembly. In the 9th Assembly, we have recorded phenomenal achievements in so many facets. So, we want to see how we can be able to consolidate and improve; and that is the reason why, during my inaugural speech, I made mention that we were going to improve on our Legislative Agenda.

"The Agenda is going to be our guide for the next four years, and we are right now in the middle of it. It is something that is going to be probably the best that has ever come out of the National Assembly".

"We urge the British Government, PLAC and all other needed partners to come and give us advice on what they think we should do to move this great country to a higher level."

The Speaker disclosed that part of the innovations and creativities of the 10th House was to "for the very first time"



**Reps Speaker (right) with the British High Commissioner**

create 'friendship committees' indentifying the key democracies in the world and relating to them on bilateral and multilateral bases.

"We believe such kinds of collaboration or one-on-one between the Nigerian Parliament and other parliaments will go a long way in correcting our mistakes, giving more ideas on what to do to improve our legislatures and so on. So, the UK or the Britain is one of those countries that we have identified," Speaker Abbas noted.

Earlier in his remarks, Montgomery noted that the UK values its relationship with Nigeria, while asking to know how his country could strengthen its relationship with Nigeria.

The British High Commissioner said: "I want to say that on behalf of my team that we deeply value the relationship that we have with the National Assembly and I believe that over many decades we have had a very productive relationship. The United Kingdom sees Nigeria as an increasingly important partner."

## Buni Meets SGF Seeks FG's intervention In Yobe State

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Yobe State Governor, Hon. Mai Mala Buni, has visited the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF), Senator George Akume to discuss areas of cooperation and intervention by the federal government.

A statement issued and signed by Mamman Mohammed, the Director General, Press and Media to the Governor, said Buni highlighted the

state of federal projects in the state and the urgent need for federal intervention.

It would be recalled that some federal roads were washed away by floods last year.

Other projects include, the Damaturu Regional Water Supply, Fika Water Project, electricity supply and others.

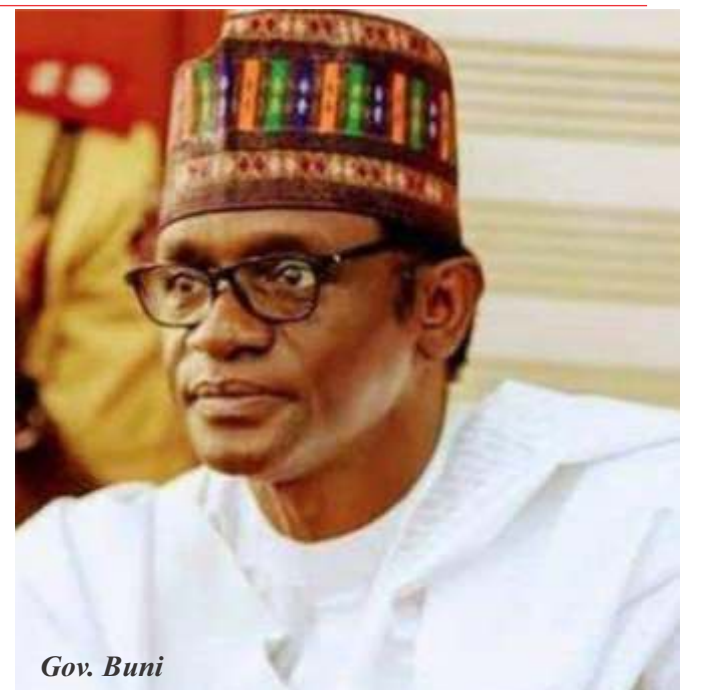
The SGF, Senator George Akume, assured Governor Buni that the federal government will look into the projects to improve the lives of

the people.

He also assured the commitment of the Tinubu administration of working on the same page for the benefit of the people of the state.

Similarly, Governor Buni met with private investors with proposal to establish agro-allied industries in the state.

The governor said Yobe State Government would establish Industrial village to be provided with facilities to woo investors to the state.



**Gov. Buni**