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Late Ohinoyi Of Ebiraland, Ado Ibrahim

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The Chairman of Northern Governors' Forum and Gombe State Governor, Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya, CON has conveyed his heartfelt condolences over the demise of the Ohinoyi of Ebiraland in Kogi State, Dr. Abdul Rahman Ado Ibrahim who died

at 94.

Governor Inuwa Yahaya said the entire Northern Governors mourn the loss of this distinguished first-class monarch, a man of peace, and an exemplary leader whose reign was characterized by dedication and commitment to unity, harmony and understanding among the people.

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el-Rufai's Road Contracts: Make Committee's Findings Public, Advocate Of Good Governance Tasks Uba Sani

By; IBRAHIM ADAMU, Kaduna

An advocate of good governance at the grassroots, Yusuf Goje has called on Governor Uba Sani to make public committee's report of inquiry on road contracts awarded in the past administration of Nasiru el-Rufai to set records straight and address the issue of abandoned projects scattered across the state capital.

In a statement with a title, "A Call For Public Release of Sabiu Sani Committee's Report On Status Of Roads In Kaduna State", Goje decried the silence and secrecy that greeted the report of inquiry since June after the committee was constituted and given terms of reference by Governor Uba Sani.

"Governor of Kaduna State Uba Sani, on the 26th of June, 2023, approved the constitution of a committee to determine the status of all ongoing projects across the State. The eight member committee headed by Sabiu Sani had immediately commenced

work, even though not without controversy.

"This was triggered by a news report titled, 'they collected money and abandoned the projects - Kaduna Official slams El-rufai's contractors.' Despite the fact that the report was subsequently debunked by the Chairman, it stirred public interest in the committee's work. Curiously, many want to know how loans running into billions of naira were utilized for road construction under the Urban Renewal Projects.

"The findings and recommendations of the committee's report, for many others, will provide the foundation for the current administration's road construction component of its rural transformation program. However, over three months after, there seems to be no public record of the committee finalizing and submitting its report, if there is, then it must have been ignored by the mainstream media.

"The committee had four weeks to: determine the status of all ongoing

projects across the state; get the details of contractual agreements/obligations; find out the funding arrangements and commitments of parties; find out the completion period of the projects; and come up with specific recommendations on each project.

"The findings of the committee in line with its terms of reference will be key to addressing the huge road infrastructure deficit in the State. As the State-owned roads, according to the Kaduna State Infrastructure Master-Plan (2018-2050), comprises of 2,133.59 kilometers, out of which only 49.20% (1,049.72km) are in good state, 22.09% (471.25km) are in a fair state and 28.71% (612.63km) are in a poor state. Out of the total State roads, 66.87% (1,426.79km) are paved (AC/SD) while the remaining 33.13% (706.80km) is earth road.

"The plan also estimated a total of N8.09 trillion (N245 billion annually) will be required to address

the roads renovation, construction and expansion envisaged in the State during the period. The Governor has gone on to kickstart the construction of rural roads under the RAAMP, among others. The question will be how much of the committee's report recommendations, in case it has been finalized and submitted without public notice, informed the ongoing road constructions to ensure value for money.

"In the spirit of transparency and accountability, it is imperative for the committee's report to be made public. This will enable residents of the State to know how monies invested in road construction, especially under the past administration, were utilized and what recommendations have been offered to improve the quality of service delivery. This is because road infrastructure is key to inclusive and sustainable socio-economic development of tge state," he stated.

Muslim Community to Gov Makinde: Don't throw Oyo state into chaos



Gov Makinde:

BAYOAKAMO, Ibadan

The Muslim Community of Oyo state on Friday advised Gov Seyi Makinde not to "throw Oyo state into chaos"

Oyo Muslim Community in a statement by its Chairman, Alhaji Ishaq Kunle Sanni and Secretary General, Alhaji Murisiku Abidemi Siyanbade, alleged the governor of embarking on "Christianization agenda" in his government.

It maintained in the statement that "we have been quiet for sometime on the Islamophobic tendencies of the Governor of Oyo State, Engr. Seyi Makinde".

The Muslim Community claimed that Gov Makinde "cabinet was composed of twelve (12) Christians and six (6) Muslims in a state with unarguably majority Muslim population", adding, "we kept mute as if all was well".

It stressed further, "However, there are some contemporary issues in the state now and if not nipped in the bud, they can snowball into a crisis of humongous magnitude, though, very avoidable".

"The rumour mill had it that apart from Ibadan that has a succession tradition that is sacrosanct and beyond any government interference, the Governor had vowed to allegedly impose Christians in Ogbomoso, Oyo and Iseyin", it said.

"Unassailable facts have shown that the imposition of Pastor Afolabi Ghandi Olaoye as Soun is one of the grand designs of Governor Seyi Makinde to perpetuate a Christian hegemony all over the state in the realm of Oba-ship".

"We are appealing to Governor Seyi Makinde to be circumspect of the yearnings of the people.

He should not throw oyo state into chaos due to his unmasqueraded antagonism for anything Islam".

It noted, "The people of Oyo State have been living together for ages in peace and togetherness. We appeal to His Excellency, The Governor, to avoid taking steps that may bring about religious discord in the State. Remember, it is in an atmosphere of peace that meaningful development can take place".

"We are appealing to Governor Seyi Makinde to be circumspect of the yearnings of the people. He should not throw Oyo state into chaos due to his unmasqueraded antagonism for anything Islam. A Yoruba axiom states unequivocally that: the king that reigned in an atmosphere of peace and tranquility, his name would be preserved in the achieves, the one that reigned in an atmosphere of chaos and anarchy, his name also would remain indelible in the achieves".

Fear Grips Ebonyi Community Over Sudden Disappearance Of Soldier

*Gov Nwifuru describes act as barbaric and inhuman

By; MKPUMA ENYINNA, Abakaliki

There is pandemonium in the war-torn community of Ezza/Effium community over the sudden disappearance of a soldier who is on a peacekeeping mission in the area ravaged by communal war.

Governor Francis Nwifuru has condemned in strong terms, the sudden disappearance of the Army Officer.

The governor said continued hostilities in the area is contrary to the visions of the founding fathers of the state.

The governor stated this when he received the Ebonyi Founding Fathers Forum in his Office, Ochoudo Centenary City, Abakaliki on Thursday.

The governor while describing the act as barbaric and inhuman wondered why the hoodlums decided to take laws into their hands even when a high-powered Peace Committee headed by Bishop Emeritus of the Catholic Diocese of Abakaliki, Most Reverend Dr Michael Nnachi Okoro was at the verge of submitting their report to the State Government.

"As old as that man is, my Lord

Bishop Michael Nnachi Okoro, he has visited Ezza/Effium for good nine times but the hoodlums could not give them the opportunity to conclude their investigation, it is a regrettable action by the people and I don't know what actually they need.

"I ask what do you need? You don't want peace, that is what you are announcing to the world, who else can give us a more truthful and factual opinion on the matter than Bishop Michael Nnachi Okoro. Why can't you wait for his report to come out? I know the man that nobody can influence him to agree on what is wrong or to do any unjust thing." He said.

He called on those behind the dastardly act to voluntarily report themselves to government to forestall severe military action in the area.

Governor Nwifuru who commended the Ebonyi Founding Fathers Forum for their sacrifices which birthed the state 27 years ago, appealing to them to keep advising him on the best approach to attain the vision which informed their agitations for the creation of the state.

"I am delighted with the level of cooperation from the founding fathers, I am very excited with this

show of love which I have received from day one till date from the founding fathers.

"We are all indebted to you and I appeal to you not to leave me alone, be with me, your advice is needed at this moment, your cooperation is needed, your advice is needed especially your wealth of experience and I want you to make yourselves available. Leave partisan politics at this moment, you have gotten to the point where you are now the father of all.

"Whoever is misbehaving can be cautioned by the founding fathers. You as the founding fathers would be given authority because you suffered to generate this resources that we are enjoying."

Earlier, the National Leader of the Founding Fathers Forum, Chief Martin Elechi and the Secretary, Dr. Boniface Chima, said they were at the governor's office to congratulate him on his election victory and to encourage him to remain focused in attaining his People's Charter of Needs manifesto.

The founding fathers pledged to offer useful counsel for the good governance of the state.

Northern Governors Forum, ACF, SDP, APC Mourn Iconic Monarch, Ohinoyi Of Ebiraland As He Dies At 95

In a statement signed by the Director-General (Press Affairs) Government House Gombe, Ismaila Uba Misilli, he said, "Dr. Ado Ibrahim's reign witnessed tremendous progress in his domain, leaving an indelible mark on the traditional and cultural heritage of the Ebira people. He was a cerebral leader of uncommon wisdom, humility and integrity.

"The late monarch's legacy of peace, honor, unity, and the preservation of cultural heritage will continue to inspire and guide the Ebira race, the Northern region and Nigeria as a whole for generations to come".

Governor Inuwa Yahaya extended his condolences to the Governor of Kogi State, Alhaji Yahaya Bello, and through him, the government and the people of Kogi State, as well as the entire Ebira land as they mourn the loss of a cherished leader and cultural icon.

The governor called on the family of the late monarch to uphold his legacy of honour and dignity, and sustain his enduring influence.

The Northern Governors' Forum Chairman prayed

Almighty Allah to forgive the shortcomings of the late monarch and reward his good deeds with Aljannat Firdaus.

*ACF Mourns HRH , Ohinoyi Of Ebiraland

*Laments that key Arewa elders answering call of nature

Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF), has described the death of His Royal Highness Alhaji (Dr.) AbdulRahman Ado Ibrahim, Ohinoyi of Ebiraland, aged 95, as a sad event

This was contained in a statement signed by its National Publicity Secretary, Prof. T. A. Muhammad-Baba, dated October 29, 2023

"With total submission to the Will of Almighty God, the Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF) has this morning learnt about the demise of His Royal Highness Alhaji (Dr.) AbdulRahman Ado Ibrahim, Ohinoyi of Ebiraland, aged 95, until the sad event also a key member of the of the Kogi State Traditional Council.

He will be buried later in the day today at Okene in accordance with Islamic rites.

"HRH late Alhaji (Dr.) A. A. Ibrahim was a nationalist, astute businessman of international repute in his own right, and an uncompromising pillar of support for Arewa matters. For these the late Attah will be sorely missed, especially at this current state of considerable and daunting challenges in the lives of the people of Ebiraland, Kogi State Arewa and Nigeria at large," the statement said.

ACF lamented that, "it is indeed to be a season of deaths as in the past few weeks, key elders of Arewa have been answering the Creator's calls and succumbing to death.

"However, ACF is consoled by the fact that each and all had lived lives worthy of emulation and leaving behind a legacy of exemplary behaviour and stellar achievements.

"HRH, late Alhaji (Dr.) A. A. Ibrahim



Ohinoyi Of Ebiraland, Ado Ibrahim

certainly belonged to this high-achieving and proud class. His was a life well-lived and full of dedication to the people, culture and tradition was built on and remained anchored on bold, brave principles and commitment to the truth," it said.

ACF therefore, extended profound condolences to the family of HRH late A. A. Ibrahim, the people of Ebiraland, Ebira Traditional Council, friends across Nigeria and the globe, as well the Federal and Kogi State Governments.

"May all remain fortified in faith consoled. May Allah SWT in His Infinite Grace and Mercy grant forgiveness and eternal rest in al-Jannah Firdaus to HRH," it concluded.

*Ohinoyi's Death, A Calamity – SDP Kogi Guber Candidate

Kogi State Governorship Candidate of the Social Democratic Party (SDP), Alhaji Muritala Yakubu Ajaka has described the death of the paramount ruler, Ohinoyi of Ebiraland, Alhaji Dr Ado Ibrahim as a calamity to the people of the state.

In a statement signed by the Spokesman and Director, Communications, Faruk Adejoh-Audu Muri/Sam Gubernatorial Campaign Council, the governorship candidate said the late monarch was of the last rare breed of valiant elders who would uphold the truth no matter what.

He said the passing away of the monarch to join his ancestors had robbed the state of the bravest, most courageous, honest, forthright and God fearing leader who worked tirelessly for the unity of the people of the state.

"Our father is leaving at a time the state desperately needs his unifying guidance and wisdom to keep strengthening us as one indivisible people".

"The last time I visited him, late Ado

Ibrahim was as courageous as ever when he declared that being the oldest paramount ruler in the state, every Kogite is his child and he would not be intimidated by anyone to reject his own children."

"This death is a calamity to Kogi State and indeed Nigeria as a nation. Ado represented that last rare breed of valiant elders who will never shield the truth no matter the threat or reward for doing so.

"He will be remembered as the King who brought glamour, panache, pomp and pageantry never before seen in these shores to royalty.

"On behalf of my immediate family and the teeming supporters of the Social Democratic Party (SDP), I wish to commiserate with the good people of Kogi Central and indeed the entire citizens of Kogi State for this irreplaceable loss of a father who recognised us all as his children", he said.

Meanwhile, the Campaign Council has suspended all campaign activities and rallies scheduled for Sunday, October 29, including the World Press Conference scheduled for 2:00pm in Abuja.

"All SDP flags at our campaign offices throughout the state will fly at half mast through this week in honour of our late King", the Campaign Council further directed.

*APC Campaign In Kogi Put On Hold As Ohinoyi Dies

The All Progressives Congress (APC), has suspended the ongoing governorship election campaign in honour of the late Ohinoyi of Ebiraland, Dr. Ado Ibrahim.

The Secretary of the APC Campaign Council, Ozigi Salami, revealed this in a letter addressed to members of the Ododo/Oyibo Campaign Council yesterday.

The letter reads in part, "This is to bring to the notice of all directorates, support groups and teeming supporters of the Ododo/Oyibo project and the general public that the Ododo/Oyibo Campaign Council has decided to suspend all political activities in Kogi Central Senatorial District to honour the demise of our revered king, Dr. Ado Ibrahim, who God Almighty has called to eternal rest."

*Paramount ruler of Ebiraland dies at 95

The Ohinoyi of Ebiraland who doubles as the vice chairman Kogi council of chiefs, Alhaji Ado Ibrahim is dead aged nine-five.

He died in the early hours yesterday in an Abuja hospital after a brief illness.

Alhaji Ado Ibrahim was born on February 7, 1929 and was the fourth traditional ruler as the Ohinoyi of Ebiraland.

The late Ohinoyi attended both Western and Quranic schools during his formative years including primary education in 1940 at the Native Authority (NA) primary school in Okene.

He had part of his secondary school education at Ondo Boys High School and later Oduduwa College where he graduated in 1949.

He bagged his bachelor's degree in Economics from the prestigious London School of Economics and a master's degree from the Harvard Business School in 1959.

Following the death of Ohinoyi Sanni Omolori of the Oziada clan in 1997, Alhaji Ado Ibrahim ascended the Okene throne as the second Ohinoyi or fourth independent traditional ruler of Ebiraland on June 2, 1997.

During his reign, he constructed the magnificent Azad Palace named after one of his sons. The palace is renowned as one of the most beautiful in West Africa.

In recent times, Alhaji Ado Ibrahim faced challenges with the Kogi State Government when he was reportedly issued a query by Kogi state government for not granting an official welcome to President Muhammadu Buhari during the latter's visit to Kogi State on December 29, 2022.

A bomb exploded during President Buhari's visit near a mosque close to Alhaji Ado Ibrahim's palace, resulting in casualties.

The Nigerian police Department of State Security (DSS) arrested bomb blast masterminds who were members of ISWAP (Islamic State West Africa Province).

Alhaji Ado Ibrahim clarified that he did not receive an official notification about another palace construction project other than the one he had been residing in since his coronation.

The late monarch, Alhaji Ado Ibrahim will be remembered for his wisdom and dedication to tradition as indelible landmarks in the lives of generations to come in Ebiraland.

Emir Turbans Burutai As Betara Of Biu



By; JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON

The Emir of Biu, His Royal Majesty, Dr. Umar Mustapha II, on Friday, conferred a former Chief of Army Staff (COAS), Lt.-Gen. Tukur Burutai, the traditional title of Betara of Biu.

The first class traditional ruler also turbaned retired Brig.-Gen. Dadan Garba as 'Zanna of Biu' and Rear Admiral Abdul Adamu Bui as 'Shettima of Biu'.

Mr Mustapha said the celebrators were bestowed with the titles for their honesty, loyalty and dedication to the service of the people of the state and Nigerians.

The Emir explained that the selection of Burutai was in recognition of his exceptional contribution not only to the Biu Emirate but the country as a whole. The Borno Deputy Governor, Dr Usman Kadafur, commended the Emir for finding them worthy of the titles and for their commitment towards the peace and unity of Nigeria.

The historic event, which

took place at the emir's palace, was graced by dignitaries and politicians, serving and retired military officers, top government functionaries, traditional rulers and members of the academia, among others.

Some of the dignitaries included the Chief of Army Staff, Lt.-Gen Taoreed Lagbaja, Secretary to the Government of the Federation Sen George Akume, who was represented, Minister of Defense, represented by former Chief of Army Staff, Lt.-Gen. Farouk Yahaya; Lt. Gen. Lamidi Adeosun, former Commandant Nigerian Defense Academy, Maj Gen Ibrahim Manu Yusuf (Rtd), and former All Progressives Congress (APC) National Chairman, Alhaji Abdullahi Adamu.

Others are, traditional rulers from different parts of the country, Olowu of Kuta, Emir Kano, Emir of Borno, Emir of Machina, Emir of Zazzau and host of other emirs from nooks and crannies of the federation.



Our Company's Commitment To Sustainable Environment Irrevocable - Dangote Cement GMD

By; BAYO AKAMO, Ibadan

Group Managing Director of Dangote Cement Plc, Arvind Pathak on Tuesday, said that the company's commitment to sustainable environment is irrevocable

Mr Pathak said this while speaking during Sustainable Living Fair, a discussion and exhibition programme held in Lagos as parts of activities marking this year's Sustainability Week themed "Sustainable Production and Consumption – The Dangote Way".

According to Mr Pathak the Dangote Cement Sustainability Week is a yearly tradition of positively impacting its host communities, through employee volunteering, across our Nigerian and Pan African plants, as well as all Dangote business units.

"The journey to sustainability at Dangote Cement officially commenced in 2017 with the adoption of a Dangote Group wide seven Sustainability Pillars; cultural, economic, operational, social, environmental, financial and institutional, in every aspect of our business operations", he said

Pathak added, " Since the inauguration of the Dangote Cement Sustainability Week in 2018, employee volunteers have increased by 73 per cent, a testament to our vibrant Sustainability culture".

He stressed " This year, one of the activities earmarked for the commemoration of our sustainability week this year is the flagship Dangote Sustainable Living Fair which is aimed at showcasing

the various components of a sustainable lifestyle.

"At the fair, members of our host communities, visitors as well and employees can learn to prioritize the use of natural and renewable resources. Exhibitors are provided with an avenue to exhibit their goods, educate, and proffer, alternatives to consumers thereby creating a win-win situation."

Tasking stakeholders present to partake in the various educative sessions and activities, patronise the exhibitors, network with other sustainability enthusiasts and transfer the knowledge gained back to their various organisations and homes for implementation, Pathak commended the administration of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu for its commitment to good governance.

Head, Learning and Development, Dangote Cement, Nurudeen Yusuf in his remarks said "in a world faced with pressing environmental challenges, it is imperative that we come together to address the urgent need for sustainable production and consumption."

Lagos State Commissioner for the Environment and Water Resources, Tokunbo Wahab represented by the Deputy Director, Climate Change and Environmental Planning in the ministry Mr. Bankole Michael urged the public to be self-discipline in waste disposal, saying that "if we do not dispose our waste properly, it will find its way back into the environment and cause havoc on habitats."

By; IBRAHIMADAMU, Kaduna

As global prices of Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) keep skyrocketing, Managing Director and CEO of an LNG production and distribution company, Greenville Mr. Ritu Sahajwalla has called on Nigerians to embrace the use of liquefied natural gas as an alternative fuel for industrial, logistic and transpiration needs.

He said the use of Liquefied Compressed Natural Gas would reduce overdependence on petrol, bring down cost of production, enhance clean environment and above all stimulate economic growth.

Mr. Sahajwalla who was in Kaduna on Tuesday to inaugurate the company's LNG facility which he hinted was part of a project

of integrating over two million commercial tricycles into the stream of utilizing a more affordable fuel that would reduce the cost of transportation and bring succour to the general public.

Explaining further, Mr. Sahajwalla stated that the use of LNG would reduce the cost of production by 30 percent in manufacturing and production sector of the nation's economy, adding that if fully utilized in large-scale, prices of essential good and services would scale down.

He disclosed that the Kaduna LCNG facility would ensure availability of the product in the state and other parts of Northern Nigeria.

Special Guest of Honour at the event, Governor Uba Sani while commending

Greenville for making Kaduna an LNG hub, pointed out that the project would complement his administration's agenda of reviving moribund industries and promote economic and social development.

Represented by Commissioner for Transport and Public Infrastructures Architect Ibrahim Hamza, Governor Sani pledged to support the company in its drive to make domestic fuel affordable and ensure a clean environment for friendly ecosystem in line with international accord and conventions.

"The role of clean and affordable fuel in stimulating economic growth and development cannot be overemphasized in the present era of industrial revolution and

dependence on machinery for human daily activities.

"This will go a long way in energizing the state's business environment, create jobs and attract more investments to our dear state.

"We will support this laudable project in whichever way possible so it will grow and grow," he assured.

Earlier, the company as part of corporate social responsibility initiatives commissioned a police outpost and borehole it built for the host community in Kakau.

Commissioner of police Kaduna State while unveiling the renovated police outpost stated that the structure would go a long way in easing the job of the police in ensuring a secure environment.



JNI Visits Mangu LG Boss, Sues For Peaceful Coexistence Among Citizens

By; BUHARI B. BELLO, Jos

The Transition Implementation Committee (TIC) Chairman of Mangu Local Government Area of Plateau State, Hon. Markus Artu, on Wednesday October 25, played host to the leadership of the Jama'atu Nasril Islam (JNI).

The JNI delegation led by the chairman of JNI in Mangu Council Area, Malam Ibrahim Manomi, is part of efforts towards ensuring genuine

reconciliation and ending the cycle of violence in the council area in order to achieve total peace.

The JNI said that humanity should be the fulcrum for sustainable peaceful co-existence through which disputes would be resolved through dialogue and mutual respect for values, while individual beliefs should be raised above parochial interest.

The JNI chairman, Malam Ibrahim Manomi, also disclosed,

that they have forgiven all who have offended them in the interest of the peace and stability in Mangu Local Government Area, Plateau State and Nigeria, while assuring the Mangu TIC Chairman, that there will be no reprisals as they were happy that peace has finally come in our land to continue with our normal reasonable businesses.

While thanking Governor Caleb mutfwang, for his many initiatives, aimed at ensuring peaceful co-existence between

the worrying communities, the leadership of the JNI also took time to appreciate the Mangu Council Boss for his quick intervention and other proactive measures to prevent the crisis from escalating and thank the federal government, and different NGO'S who contributed towards alleviating the plight of the IDPS.

The Mangu TIC chairman, Hon. Markus Artu, appreciated the JNI group, security agencies and other stakeholders for their

efforts at mitigating the violent clashes which had lingered in the area for over 3 Months.

The Mangu Council Boss assured the JIN delegation that Governor Caleb Mutfwang-led administration would continue to support the implementation of the agreement reached between all parties involved, especially the recommendations that required appropriate policy response, to address the root causes of the inter-communal conflict.

Shehu Sani Proffers Solution To Broken Marriages

**Prays God blesses marriage of Kaduna journalist, Israel Bulus*

By: JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON

Worried by the increasing rate of broken marriages in Nigeria and the world over, outspoken Senator that represented Kaduna Central in the 8th Assembly, Distinguished Senator Shehu Sani has said that lack of patience, lost love and desire for material things are among the top factors that lead to couples going their separate ways

He expressed this, while fielding questions from newsmen on Saturday October 28, 2023 on the sidelines of wedding ceremony of Kaduna based media practitioners, Israel Bulus with his bride, Anne.

Shehu Sani therefore, advised the new couple to be patient with each other to have a successful marriage.

"I would advise the new couple to be patient with each other. Understanding, patience love and togetherness are important for any marriage to be successful.

"They should be there for each other and not listen to side talks from family, friends or acquaintances," he advised.

He therefore, prayed to God to bless the union to be successful in all ramifications and be blessed with children that will not make only the couple or their families proud, but the entire nation



Sen Shehu Sani



Oyo Water Corporation Chairman, Hon Adejo

Stop Stealing Destroying Our Facilities, Oyo Water Corporation Begg

By: BAYO AKAMO, Ibadan

The Executive Chairman, Oyo State Water Corporation, Hon. Elias Adejo on Wednesday, warned against stealing and destruction of the corporation's facilities across the state. Hon Adejo who handed down the warning in Ibadan while speaking with journalists said residents of the state should take ownership of public infrastructure in their areas, adding that the state government was adopting measures to address the challenge of water facility vandalism across the state.

He cautioned that those stealing the corporation's facilities with the thought that they are moribund should desist from such act.

"It is our collective effort to curb this act, as the corporation cannot single handedly do it. People think the properties are deteriorated and not useful any longer. Stealing and vandalism of government properties is like destroying our unborn generation's future, which is very wrong", he said.

Hon. Adejo added, "If you see people that want to steal or destroy our

properties, fight them because it is your civic responsibility to stop them from damaging the properties, as it is a big factor that is affecting the development of the corporation".

Assuring that Oyo State Government was already tackling the challenge through some waterworks projects at Asejire dam and Eleyele river, Hon Adejo urged residents in the state to stop water infrastructure vandalism in the State and that the Corporation was collaborating with other ministries and agencies to stop the development.

Speaking further, the Water Corporation Chairman said the present administration in Oyo State is ready to partner with international donors, so as to revamp the decaying infrastructure of the corporation, adding that the government has begun maintaining the Asejire and Eleyele dams. Disclosing that not fewer than 37.8 Hectares of land at Asejire dam has been leased to some agro-processing companies to serve as empowerment to residents around Asejire dam, he said the corporation has partnered with a firm on a project, which will generate funds for the government.

Crisis: Ogun NNPP Lauds DPP's Taking Over Of Case Involving Former Chairman, Oginni, 2 Party Officials

By; BAYO AKAMO
Ibadan

Ogun State Chapter of the New Nigeria People's Party (NNPP) on Thursday, lauded the taking over of a suit involving two officials of the party, and the party's former chairman in the state, Mr Olaposi Oginni by the Directorate of Public Prosecution, (DPP).

The party gave the commendation in a statement by its Public

Relations Officer (PRO) in the state, Comrade Olowu Olayemi Omokehinde.

According to the PRO, the decision by the DPP to take over the case saying Justice delayed is Justice denied, saying, this would give room for thorough investigations into matter so that justice would prevail.

"We are very much happy that the DPP has taken over the prosecution of this case. It is our firm belief that justice would be done and the truth of this

case will be brought to light".

New Nigerian recalled that on Wednesday Lawyers from the Department of Public Prosecution (DPP), Ogun state has informed the Abeokuta Magistrate Court, Isabo that they were taking over the prosecution of the case from the Police.

The court responded by saying that it was served a letter to the effect earlier from the Department of

Public Prosecution (DPP) and as such granted them leave to take over the case and directed the Police prosecutor to hand over the case file to the state prosecutors.

The prosecution counsel thereafter asked the court for an adjournment as they needed time to study the case file and go through all the statements of the witnesses, and the matter was adjourned to November 30, 2023 for trial.



Katsina Governor Assures Of Impacting Policies

By; SULAIMAN
AHMED MISAU,
KATSINA.

Governor Dikko Umar Radda of Katsina State has assured of bringing on board more policies for the upliftment of the common man.

Governor Umaru Radda was speaking at a special prayer session to honour

the Minister of Housing and Urban Development, Architect Ahmed Dangiwa held at Kankia Township Stadium.

Governor Radda said government is aware of the hardship faced by people hence the need for coming up with more policies to better their condition.

The Governor who reminded Minister Ahmed

Musa Dangiwa, that his present appointment was destined, pleaded for more prayers for Allah's guidance and courage to deliver in the new assignment.

On his part the Minister of housing and urban development Architect Ahmed Musa Dangiwa promised more affordable shelter for Nigerians.

He assured to deliver his constitutional responsibilities.

Earlier the Minister of state for housing and urban development, Engineer Abdullahi Tijjani Gwarzo appreciated the love and solidarity shown to Architect Ahmed Dangiwa by people of Kankia and the state in general.

Katsina Commissioner Supervises Palliatives Distribution In Mashi, Dutsi LGAs

By; SULAIMAN
AHMED MISAU,
Katsina

Katsina State Commissioner for Special Duties, Alhaji Isah Mohammed Musa Kankara has supervised the distribution palliatives at Mashi and Dutsi Local Government areas.

Alhaji Musa Kankara supervised the distribution of over 925 bags of rice in Mashi Local Government area.

He similarly, inspected the consignment of rice at the local government store which was ready for distribution to people in Dutsi.

In a remark, after

supervising the distribution, Alhaji Isah Mohammed Musa Kankara expressed satisfaction with the distribution and warned committee members at wards level against diverting the commodity. Speaking respectively, chairmen of Mashi and Dutsi thanked the Governor, Dikko Umaru Radda for the palliatives which they described as different from what was obtained in other states of the federation.

Some of the beneficiaries interviewed praised both President Tinubu and Governor Dikko Umar Radda for their concern on the plight of common man.

Ibadan beaded Crown Tussle: Judge Withdraws From Case

*Orders service of court process through substituted means on Olubadan, 11 newly coronated Obas

By; BAYO AKAMO,
Ibadan

The legal battle on Ibadan beaded Crown Tussle on Wednesday, took a new twist as the judge handling the case, Justice M.O Adegbola ordered the return of the case file back to the Chief Justice for reassignment.

Also, Justice Adegbola ordered the service of the court process through substituted means be served on some of the defendants in the case instituted by the former Governor of Oyo state, Chief Rasidi Adewolu Ladoja against Olubadan of Ibadan and the 11 newly coronated Obas.

The claimant lawyer, Barrister M. O. Folorunso at the resumed hearing on Wednesday told the court that all attempt to serve the defendants in respective home addresses failed as the defendants were not available to receive the court service.

Upon this, Justice Adegbola ordered that the substituted service be employed through pasting the originating process in the palace of Olubadan of Ibadan land at Alarere area, Ibadan.

However, the judge ordered the return of the case file back to the Chief Justice for reassignment, saying, "I am close to the parties in the case".

"My closeness to the claimant; second and fourth defendants would impugn on my credibility and that of the judiciary. The best in the circumstance is to step down in handing of the matter".

Justice Adegbola stressed specifically that the court should be aware of his closeness to the claimant, Senator Rasidi A. Ladoja, 2nd and 4th defendants. And in the interest of justice, "I have no option than to ask another judge to adjudicate on the matter",

Katsina Governor Hails Supreme Court Affirmation Of Tinubu's Presidency



Gov Radda

By ; SULA IMAN AHMED MISAU, Katsina

Governor Dikko Umaru Radda of Katsina State has hailed the judgement of the Supreme Court of Nigeria which affirmed the election of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu as the valid winner of the February 25, 2023 presidential election. Governor Radda in a congratulatory message through his Chief Press Secretary, Ibrahim Kaula Mohammed to President Ahmed Tinubu, described the verdict by the Apex Court which dismissed the appeals of Atiku Abubakar of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and that of Peter Obi of the Labour Party (LP) as a victory for democracy.

"This is not just a legal victory for President Tinubu, the All Progressives Congress, APC, but for all Nigerians and lovers of democracy around the world," Governor Radda said.

According to him the victory at the highest court in the land reflects the resilience of the institutions in the Country to entrenching democracy and the rule of law. adding that, "Nigeria remains the

epitome of democracy and freedom in Africa."

He emphasized that, the victory of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu at the Supreme Court was a clear reflection of the minds of millions of Nigerians that exercised their franchise in February to chart a course for the Nation with a renewed hope.

The Governor, consequently, called on "Nigerians and particularly the duo of Atiku Abubakar and Peter Obi and their teeming supporters not to see the verdict as a personal loss but as their contributions to deepening democracy in Nigeria."

He appealed to political parties in the case to unite behind President Bola Tinubu and Vice President Kashim Shettima as they stir Nigeria towards sustainable growth and development.

Governor Dikko Umaru Radda said by "coming together we can build a prosperous nation under peace and unity."

Governor Radda finally assured President Bola Ahmed Tinubu of his unwavering support to lead the nation with a renewed hope to greatness.

Official Says Facilities In Hard To Reach Areas Receive Medical Supplies In 5mins

**Zipline makes over 10,000 deliveries in 2yrs*

By ; ALEX UANGBAOJE, Kaduna

Healthcare facilities in hard to reach communities in Kaduna State, receiving medical supplies through drone services now heave a sigh of relief from the usual stockouts occasioned by lack of access to their communities.

Kaduna State, has suffered insecurity and lack of access roads to communities in the rural areas, which has affected delivery of medical supplies to healthcare facilities.

In June 2022, former Governor of the State, Malam Nasir el-Rufai, inaugurated drone services being provided by Zipline, a global leader in the instant health logistics deliveries, which formally begins operations in August 2022.

Speaking on Thursday, when a team of journalists on tour of Zipline Drones facility in Pambegua, Kubau Local Government Area, visited some health facilities receiving the services, Second In-charged of Health Clinic, Hayin-Gada Nasaru, community in Kubau LGA, Tasiu Abdullahi, said they now are five minutes away from the central drugs store.

"Before we started



receiving drugs from Zipline, it used to take between 3 to 5 days to our orders if we send request to the state drugs store in Kaduna, but today, in less than 5 minutes the drugs will arrive." He explained. According to him, there were times they experienced stockouts of some commodities and consumables because the State Drugs Supplies Management Agency, could not deliver them because of distance and lack of access roads and meeting the demands of clients became difficult.

"But today, if it is a single item you need very urgently, you can just place a call and get them as

fast as 5 minutes without keeping the patient waiting.

"This is one of the best thing that has happened to our state and we hope to see more improvement in their services." Tasiu, added.

The drone services according to Samuel Noma, Operation Manager, Zipline Nigeria, have made over 10,000 deliveries to different hard to reach facilities within 2years of operation where they supplied essential medicine and vaccines.

He said the drones are currently operational in 291 facilities within 12 LGAs in the state as the company plan to launch

two more distribution centres in Kafanchan and Birni Gwari, to enable it cover the whole of the state.

"The whole essence is to support government in its effort at reducing the rate of maternal, neonatal and child deaths in Kaduna State, especially the hard to reach communities.

"Zipline coming have taken away the stress of health workers going a long way to get medicine, it is now easier that they have enough time to attend to their clients, because it is delivered to them at their duty post.

"Zipline is also complimenting the efforts of government by reducing unemployment, a lot of us have benefited from because over 90% of staff here are from Kaduna State. We have had a lot of trainings on how to use these technologies and we are also transferring the skills to a lot of indigenes here." Noma, stated.

He further explained that "the health facilities makes order for drugs they will need in a day and most times patients are there in the health facilities, we provide them with what they need for that particular period.

"The average time from receiving the order to flying is 5 minutes. At present we are running at capacity where we do 150 deliveries per a day, it depends on number of health facilities making requests at a time."



Shehu Sani, SWAN President, Durunguwa, Other Dignitaries Attend Celebrity Journalist, Israel's Wedding In Kaduna

By: JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON

The roll call of dignitaries was endless as Kaduna based celebrity journalist, Israel Bulus hooked his heartthrob, Anne in a colourful wedding ceremony on Saturday October 28, 2023. The list of those spotted, included Senator that represented Kaduna Central in the 8th Senate, Comrade Shehu Sani, President of Sports Writers Association of Nigeria (SWAN), Isaiah Kemje Benjamin and Commissioner of National Population Commission, Abdulmalik Durunguwa, who is a prominent politician from Southern Kaduna, where the groom, Israel Bulus hails from. Others spotted, were senior journalists in Kaduna State, Elder Saxhone Akhaine, who is the Bureau Chief of Guardian Newspapers, Kaduna State, Alhaji Mohammed Sabiu (Regional Editor North

Tribune Newspapers, John Shiklam (This Day Newspapers), Amos TAUNA (Features Editor New Nigerian Newspapers) and General Manager Liberty Radio/Television, Alhaji Abdulazeez Ahmed Kadir. The list includes Noah Ebije (Sun Newspapers), Luka Binniyat (immediate past SOKAPU PRO), Elder John Fwah, Gbenga Folorunso Abiola (Leadership Newspapers), Ango Bally (Invicta FM), Maureen Sheyin (NAWOJ Kaduna Secretary), former NUJ National Assistant Secretary, Midat Joseph, Publisher of Gurara Magazine, Bomba Dauda, was also sighted prominently among Southern Kaduna Journalists on their reserved table. The wedding proper was held at ECWA Blue Roof Church, Sabon Tasha GRA, Kaduna, while the grand reception was held at the prestigious Gwasmyen Event Centre.



Nigeria Needs Righteous People In Positions Of Authorities - CAC President

*Says Nigerians suffering despite enormous resources

By; BAYO AKAMO
Ibadan

The President of Christ Apostolic Church Nigeria and Overseas, Pastor Samuel Oladele has declared that Nigeria needs righteous people in positions of authorities for Nigerians to stop suffering.

Pastor Oladele said this on Saturday, while addressing journalists during the thanksgiving which was part of activities for the final burial of the founder of CAC Oke Agbara, Ashi, Ibadan, Pastor Michael Ojo Olowere.

Lamenting that Nigerians are suffering despite enormous resources, the President of Christ Apostolic Church Nigeria and Overseas said, "there is no reason for Nigerians to suffer if we have righteous people as leaders".

Emphasizing that Nigerians have no business with suffering if people with good character are in power, Pastor Oladele maintained that Nigeria is blessed with enormous resources but that Nigerians may continue to suffer until righteous people are in positions of authorities.

"Righteousness exalts a nation and the preachers are those who preached righteousness. Nigeria is blessed with enormous resources, but see where



Pastor Samuel Oladele, President CAC Nigeria and Overseas

we are today", he said. Pastor Oladele added, "We should have no business with suffering from poverty but because there is no righteousness in the country. "Preachers, pastors, and prophets are those who preached righteousness, they are the ones that tell their members you must go out to demonstrate that we are the light of the world and salt of the

earth". Pastor Oladele stressed, "And when they behave and act righteously then we will begin to see the fruits of righteousness and that makes the preachers the very pillar and the power behind every nation". The thanksgiving service was held at the main bow of Lekan Salami Sports Complex, Adamasingba Ibadan.

Among dignitaries at the service were a former governor of Ekiti state, Chief Segun Oni, former President of CAC, Pastor Abraham Akinosun, General Evangelist of CAC, Pastor Hezekiah Oladeji, presiding Bishop of Victory International Church, Ibadan, Bishop Taiwo Adedokun, Lady Evangelist Racheal Olowere and Pastor Olatoye Ojo.

Proper Management Of Social Protection Policies Will Reduce Insecurity, CORN Director Tells Tinubu

By; BAYO AKAMO,
Ibadan

The Conflict Research Network West Africa (CORN West Africa) Director, Dr. Tarila Marclint Ebiede yesterday, hinted that proper management of social protection policies will contribute to peace building and reduce insecurity in Nigeria.

Dr Ebiede who dropped this hint in a statement made available to journalists, disclosed that towards this, CORN West Africa will hold a conference on, "Social Protection in Fragile and Conflict Affected Societies in Nigeria".

He stressed that special guests at the conference include, Hon. Abdulaziz Danladi, National Coordinator for the National Social Safety Nets Coordinating Office (NASSCO), Cristian Munduate, UNICEF Country Representative Nigeria and Chris Pycroft, Development Director, British High Commission, Nigeria.

According to Dr. Ebiede, the Conference which will take place on 8 and 9th of November, 2023, at the Conference Hall of the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR), Abuja, Nigeria will serve as the first intellectual forum for Nigerian scholars to critically interrogate the practice of social protection in Nigeria.

The Director CORN West Africa hinted that the body has mobilised researchers to critically review the practise of social protection policies such as conditional cash transfers, support for internally displaced persons, and school feeding among others.

He maintained that the maiden conference which is organised in partnership with the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR), focuses on "Social Protection in Fragile and Conflict Affected Societies in Nigeria".

Dr Ebiede pointed out that Professor Remi Aiyede, the Research and Policy

Uptake Lead at the Partnership for Social and Governance Research in Africa (PASGR), Kenya, will deliver key note with addresses from Hon. Abdulaziz Danladi, National Coordinator for the National Social Safety Nets Coordinating Office (NASSCO), Cristian Munduate, UNICEF Country Representative Nigeria and Chris Pycroft, Development Director, British High Commission, Nigeria.

"The conference is coming at a time when the Government of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu have rolled out different social protection programmes designed to help citizens cope with the prevailing difficult economic situation in the country", he said.

Dr Ebiede added, "Papers at the conference will examine how these social protection programmes, such as conditional cash transfers, school feeding programmes, COVID-19 palliatives, support for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPS) in Nigeria, youth empowerment programmes, have fared in practice."

"The conference will also examine the links between social protection programmes and efforts of peace building, conflict management, and reduction of insecurity in Nigeria".

He noted, " A special session at the conference will focus on the politics of Nigeria's social register, with the aim of unpacking the implications for poverty alleviation".

"This conference is urgent because it creates an opportunity for policy makers to receive feedback on ongoing programmes and policies with the aim of improving the outcomes of these programmes and policies.

"The conference will attract scholars, researchers, and policy analysts from universities, think tanks, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from Nigeria's six geopolitical zones and abroad."

APC Campaign In Kogi Put On Hold As Ohinoyi Dies

By; ADAMA JOHN,
Lokoja

The All Progressives Congress (APC), has suspended the ongoing governorship election campaign in honour of the late Ohinoyi of Ebiraland,

Dr. Ado Ibrahim, The Secretary of the APC Campaign Council, Ozigi Salami, revealed this in a letter addressed to members of the Ododo/Oyibo Campaign Council on Sunday.

The letter reads in part,

"This is to bring to the notice of all directorates, support groups and teeming supporters of the Ododo/Oyibo project and the general public that the Ododo/Oyibo

Campaign Council has decided to suspend all political activities in Kogi Central Senatorial District to honour the demise of our revered king, Dr. Ado Ibrahim, who God Almighty has

Multiple Checkpoints May Mar Nigeria's Participation In AFCFTA - Freight Forwarders

By; RAYMOND TEDUNJAYE, Lagos

The Federal Government has been cautioned against multiple checkpoints along the Lagos - Badagry corridor and other entry points across the six geopolitical zones, as it is capable of discouraging the country from effectively participating in the Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Agreement.

The National Association of Freight Forwarders and Consolidators (NAFFAC) which gave the admonition, warned that Nigeria businesses may suffer major setbacks if government fails to resolve the bottlenecks on the movement of goods from all the entry points and international frontiers, saying that Nigerian goods and services have potentials to compete favourably in the region.

Speaking at a roundabout meeting put together by the Association of Maritime Journalists of Nigeria (AMJON) in Lagos, President General of the foremost freight forwarding group, Prince Adeyinka Bakare expressed concerns over the multiple checkpoints manned by

security agencies and touts, noting that the illegalities would further affect foreign and local investment.

Bakare lamented that the association has engaged government at all levels in furtherance to tackling the illegalities along the Lagos Abidjan corridor.

According to him, there are only five checkpoints between Ghana and Benin noting that Nigeria only has over 30 checkpoints manned by operatives of the government which he described as extortion of the highest order.

Bakare who doubles as the Managing Director, De Potter Nigeria Limited told the group of journalists that trade barrier must be eliminated for the country to participate fully in AFCFTA, calling on the president Bola Ahmed Tinubu led administration to reduce the number of checkpoints along the routes to encourage international trade.

The NAFFAC boss explained that Nigeria stand a chance to benefit immensely in the exportation of her commodities to other countries of the continent if well harnessed.

While reiterating the



From Left: President of AMJON Paul Ogboukiri and NAFFAC President Prince Bakare during the roundtable in Lagos.

association's commitment towards encouraging exportation, Bakare expressed that freight forwarding business is beyond import, urging government to look inward to put in place policies to drive export. He lamented that the poor foreign exchange rates against the Naira has also discourage international trade but expressed

optimism that non-export would further grow the economy when government prioritize cargo exportation.

"Government needs to listen to this call because all our export supposed to be on CIF which is Cost Insurance and Freight and not the other way round.

"The issue of multiple checkpoints along the entry

points is killing the business and it will affect the AFCFTA. The multiple checkpoints is not limited to Lagos Abidjan corridor alone. It is common in the northern region of the country and government is not doing anything about it". Speaking further, he added that "This government should further encourage non-export to tackle the fall of our Naira".

APC Manchester Urges Kogi, Imo, Bayelsa Residents To Vote APC

By; JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON

The leadership of Manchester arm of the All Progressive Congress (APC), has urged residents of Kogi, Imo, and Bayelsa to vote massively for APC candidates in the upcoming elections.

In a statement by Hon David Adeoye, the political party's arm in the United Kingdom, made this known recently after some top members of the party met to strategise on how to support the parties in the different states.

In the same vein, the leadership of APC Manchester urged the residents to resist any form of oppression or aggression by other parties as the the Independent National Electoral Commission, INEC, has charged security agencies to take quick action against perpetrators of electoral violence.

Recently, the INEC Chairman, Prof. Mahmood Yakubu, charged the security operatives at a meeting of the Inter-agency Consultative Committee on Election Security ahead of the coming state elections in Imo, Kogi, and Bayelsa.

For the elections scheduled for November



11, 2023, INEC has announced that 18 political parties including APC will partake in the governorship election in Kogi, while 17 political parties including APC will slug it out in Kogi and 16 political parties with APC will slug it out in Bayelsa.

The leadership of the APC Manchester stressed the need for residents of the three states to vote enmasse for APC saying that the Renewed Hope agenda of President Bola Tinubu will be employed in making the states better than they are currently..

Tribunal Upholds Gov. Fintiri' Election, Dismisses Binani's Petition

By; TINA PHINEAS, YOLA

Adamawa State Governorship Electoral Petitions Tribunal on Saturday, dismissed the petition filed by Senator Aishatu Dahiru Binani against Governor Ahmadu Umaru Fintiri.

The Governorship Candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Binani filed a petition challenging the governorship election conducted by INEC on

March 18, 2023.

Senator Binani, in her petition instituted, had joined INEC, Fintiri and People's Democratic Party (PDP) as respondents, alleging that the election was not conducted in substantial compliance with the electoral act.

In her judgement, the Chairman of the tribunal, T. O. Uloho, dismissed the petition and affirms the election of Governor Umaru Fintiri.

It would be recalled that

On April 18, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) declared Governor Umaru Fintiri winner after a supplementary election. In the rerun, Fintiri polled 9,337 votes, while Senator Aishatu Dahiru Binani of All Progressives Congress (APC) scored 6,513 votes. At the end of the entire exercise, Fintiri polled 430,861 votes, defeating Binani who got 398, 788 votes.

Governor Mutfwang Receives President Christ Apostolic Church, Urges Prayers For Plateau

By; BUHARI. B. BELLO, Jos

Plateau State Governor, Barr. Caleb Mannaseh Mutfwang, has received the President of Christ Apostolic Church (CAC) in Nigeria and Overseas, Pastor Samuel Oladele in Jos.

The governor, represented by his deputy, Mrs Josephine Piyo, thanked the revered cleric for the visit and urged him to support the state with prayers and constant intercessions.

He also called on citizens to pray ceaselessly and live in peace and with one another.

"It is an honour to receive you today, we feel blessed that you have been in the state for so many days just to pray for peace to return to the land.

"It shows you have us at heart and you care about the people of Plateau and we are encouraged by it, what you have done has demonstrated kindness and ultimately an act of God.

"This further exemplifies

that we are all one. It doesn't matter where we come from, our denomination and the language we speak, we are brothers and sisters".

Mutfwang expressed his administration's towards the restoration of lasting peace to all troubled areas in the state.

Earlier, the CAC President said that the visit was to pray for the progress of the state and its people.

Oladele said his team had been on a 9-day visit to Bokkos LGA to pray and offer intercessions.

He added that they would end the prayers in the city of Jos in the coming days as directed by God.

He stated that the current administration has exhibited commitment to turn the fortunes of the state around, calling on citizens of the state to support the government and its policies.

The cleric urged the people to return to God and seek his face, he further called on detractors of the current administration to join hands with government to build a better Plateau.



Soun of Ogbomoso: Oyo Govt Heads For Appeal Court

*Seeks order setting aside the judgment invalidating Ghandi

By; BAYO AKAMO, Ibadan

Oyo State Government at the weekend, filed an appeal against the court ruling of an High court which invalidated the selection and installation of Oba Ghandi Afolabi Olaoye as the Soun of Ogbomosoland.

The state government also filed an application for stay of execution pending the hearing and determination of the Appeal Defendants/Applicants against the judgment at the Court of Appeal, Ibadan Judicial Division has also been filed at the High court.

In the appeal filed by Akin Onigbinde (SAN) and Co on behalf of Gov Seyi Makinde, Attorney General and Hon Commissioner of Justice, Oyo state and Hon. Commissioner Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy matter, the government "is seeking for an order setting aside the Judgment of the Trial Court of 25th October or an order of re-trial before another judge of the Oyo State High Court.

The six ground of appeal by the Oyo State Government are that the trial judge erred in his submission and how the judgment of 25th October, 2023 is against the weight of evidence before the Honourable Court.

It is also seeking for an order from the court, restraining the claimant/respondent by himself or through his servants,

agents, privies or otherwise howsoever, preventing him from taking any step or further step in recognition or in pursuance of the Judgment of this Honourable Court, Coram: Honourable Justice K. A. Adedokun delivered on the 25th day of October, 2023 in Suit No: HOG/27/2022 BETWEEN: PRINCE MUHAMMED KABIR OLAOYE V. EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF OYO STATE & 11 ORS. in executing the ruling.

Respondents in the appeal are i Prince Mohammed Kabir Olaoye, Ogbomoso North Local Government Kinnira, Ogbomoso, the Traditional Council of Ogbomoso North Kinnira, Ogbomoso, S. A. Mohammed, Esq.

Mohammed & Mohammed & Co. Mobolaji Chambers, Kola Fatoye, Esq, Chief Samuel Otolorin JP, Chief Salawu Ajadi, Chief Tijani Abioye Chief David Adeniran Ojo, Pastor Afolabi Ghandi Oladunni Olaoye and others

New Nigerian recalls that Justice K.A Adedokun had on 25th October in his judgment on suit no HOG/27/2023 between Prince Muhammed Kabir Olaoye Vs The Governor of Oyo State and 11 others said that the procedure for the nomination of the Soun of Ogbomoso the 12th Defendant was "irregular, null and void." for not strictly complying with the provisions of the Soun Chieftaincy declaration of 1958.

Oba Akiolu's Reign Has Brought Peace To Lagos - Rt Hon Obasa

By; RAYMOND TEDUNJAYE, Lagos

The Speaker of the Lagos State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Mudashiru Obasa, has described Oba Rilwanu Akiolu as a blessing to Lagos, adding that at 80, the revered monarch has contributed immensely to the progress of the state.

Dr. Obasa, the Baa'sofin of Lagos, said this in a congratulatory statement to mark the traditional ruler's 80th birthday yesterday.

According to Eromosele Ebhomele Media Assistant to the Speaker, Rt. Hon. Obasa while praising Oba Akiolu for his contributions to the advancement of Lagos and its cultural institution, said the monarch had made

indelible footprints in the history of the state with the way he has constantly stood for its peace and growth.

The Speaker, who extolled the virtues of the king as the Permanent Chairman of the State Council of Obas and Chiefs, further appreciated him for his guidance, advice and love.

"It gives me immense joy to honour a monarch whose reign as the Oba of Lagos has been characterised by unwavering dedication and compassion for his people.

"Your guidance and leadership have propelled the political class and our dear state to greater heights, fostering progress, unity and

prosperity.

"Your wisdom and wise counselling have touched countless lives, inspiring generations to strive for excellence and embrace the values of tradition and progress.

"As head of the traditional council of our state, you have demonstrably employed your throne to strengthen the bond among the traditional rulers in diverse communities paving the way for that enduring peace that we all enjoy today.

"You are, indeed, a blessing to our dear state and country.

"On behalf of my family, colleagues, management and staff of the Lagos State

House of Assembly, I congratulate you on this occasion of your 80th birthday. This milestone is truly worthy of celebration," Obasa said.

The Speaker prayed for more strength and wisdom for the monarch so that he would continue to use his wealth of experience and passion for peace to support the goal of sustaining the enviable position of Lagos in Nigeria.

"May your reign continue to be a blessing that constantly ushers in abundant accomplishments for generations to come and may you continue to enjoy sound health and happiness, amin," Obasa prayed.

Governor Inuwa Yahaya Attends Maiden Convocation Of Nigerian Army University, Biu

*Says institution has potentials to bring positive change to North-East

*Pays Homage To Emir of Biu

By: JACOB ONJEWU
DICKSON

The Chairman of Northern Governors' Forum and Gombe State Governor, Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya, CON, on Saturday, graced the maiden convocation ceremony of the Nigeria Army University, Biu, where he emphasized the importance of the educational institution to the North-East sub-region. A statement signed by the DG (Press Affairs), Government House Gombe, Ismaila Uba Misilli, made available on Saturday, said that in an interview with newsmen, the governor praised the establishment of the Army University and its potential to bring significant positive change to the North-East, particularly in light of the security challenges faced in the area.

Governor Inuwa Yahaya who expressed his admiration for the university's commitment to excellence, noted that the National University Commission deserved commendation for ensuring that the institution met high standards.

The Gombe State Governor was not only present at the convocation but also actively participated in the ceremony's academic procession.

One of the key highlights of Governor Inuwa Yahaya's engagement at the convocation was his commissioning of a state-of-the-art civil

engineering teaching workshop, a multimillion-naira investment constructed by the Borno State Government.

He commended the quality of some of the facilities he had the privilege to commission, expressing his belief that the university would contribute immensely to the development of the region in the near future.

The governor also joined in the official groundbreaking ceremony for the staff housing unit at the university, led by Borno State Deputy Governor, Umar Usman Kadafur.

He also supported Borno State Governor, Babagana Umara Zulum, former Chief of Army Staff, Lt. Gen. Tukur Yusuf Buratai (rtd), and Vice Chancellor of Bauchi State University, Professor Fatima Tahir, as they commissioned various projects during the event.

Governor Inuwa Yahaya used the opportunity of his visit to Biu to pay royal homage to the Emir of Biu, Dr. Umar Mustapa II, at his palace.

During the visit, the governor reaffirmed the long-standing relationship between Gombe State and the Biu Emirate.

He also expressed his gratitude for the Chieftaincy title bestowed upon his friend, Lt. Gen. Tukur Yusuf Buratai (rtd), as Betaran Biu, emphasizing that this recognition signified the community's appreciation for the former chief of army staff's remarkable contributions to the development of the area,



Cancer Not A Death Sentence - Kad Deputy Governor

By; **BASHIR BELLO DOLLARS, Kaduna.**

Nigerians have been advised to always avail themselves for medical checkup especially breast cancer screening.

The advise was given by a cross section of women personalities during a one -day cancer awareness workshop organised by Fifth Chukker Polo and Country Club in collaboration with Pink Hope and First Bank, held at Fifth Chukker Resorts, Maraban Jos, Kaduna.

Speaking at the workshop, the Deputy Governor of Kaduna

State who was represented by the Permanent Secretary at the state ministry of health, Dr. Aisha Abubakar Sadiq and the wife of Kaduna State Governor, Hajiya Hafsat Uba Sani who was represented by the Kaduna State Commissioner for Human Services and Social Development, Hajiya Rabi Salisu called on women to as a matter of urgency, always go for medical screening in order to ascertain if they are likely going to have breast cancer.

They however, noted that the disease is not a death sentence as some people believe and if

detected early it can be treated. Speaking on the plans of the wife of Kaduna State Governor to commence a breast screening exercise, the commissioner explained that 100 women have been penciled for the screening which will be held at Barau Dikko Teaching Hospital Kaduna.

In her remarks, the wife of Zamfara State Governor, Dr. Huriya Dauda Lawal reaffirmed the commitment of the wives of northern state Governors to intensify awareness on breast and cervical cancer in order to prevent she disease from killing

mose people. She also commended fifth chukker and pink hope for bringing hope to Nigerians.

The representatives of Fifth chukker resort Mrs. Blessings Ekwensi and her First Bank Counterpart pledged to continue to support all activities geared towards creating awareness on cancer as well as assisting especially the less privileged in the areas of cancer screening noting that r conducive environment had been created over the years for awareness on breast cancer.

Similarly, a medical doctor, Dr.

Fatima and a cancer survivor, Mrs Phoebe Sukai who is the administrator of Kafanchan Metropolitan Administration emphasized the importance of self breast examination as well as living a healthy lifestyle by eating quality food and vegetables as a means of preventing the disease.

Highlight of the event was free cancer screening and cutting of cake in solidarity with cancer patients.

The World Health Organization WHO had set aside October every year, in order to create awareness on breast cancer.



Passersby Save Two From Being Consumed As Vehicle Bursts Into Flames, Explodes In Kaduna

By; **IBRAHIM ADAMU, Kaduna**

Timely intervention of passers-by saved a middle age man driving a car alongside his sister from being burnt to death as a result of a fire outbreak.

The fire incident which occurred at about 1pm along Kachia Road, Kaduna, emanated from the car dashboard, which burnt the Mercedes Benz C300 beyond recognition yesterday.

New Nigerian correspondent who got to scene of the incident while

the car was still ablaze, spoke to the driver of the car who was still in a state of shock.

The driver and car owner who simply identified himself as Bello Safaru said he left Abuja some two hours ago, enroute Zamfara with his sister in the passenger's seat.

"We have had a smooth ride all long from Abuja until We got to Kaduna this afternoon when I noticed smoke coming out from the bonnet through the car dashboard.

"I hurriedly parked and came down in an effort to

quench the fire, but unfortunately, the inferno had already overpowered any human efforts and the car burnt completely beyond repairs and recognition," he lamented.

An eye witness, Salisu Musa narrated to our reporter how he and other volunteers tried unsuccessfully to save the car after rescuing the lady who was still inside the burning automobile.

"We were just across the road when we noticed a man in his early forties struggling to put out a smoke that was gradually

building into a fire.

"We crossed over and bought out the lady from the vehicle and the man too, we took them to a safe distance away from the car which exploded thereafter. "I believe the car must have overheated or there was an electrical fault somewhere.

"Drivers should endeavour to ensure their vehicles are in good shape and have functioning fire extinguishers placed in an easy to retrieve area in the car," he advised



Katsîna Daawah Distributes BUA Donated Bags Of Rice As Palliatives To Funtua Women

By; **SULAIMAN AHMED MISAU, Katsina**

Katsina State office of women in Daawah has distributed bags of Rice as palliatives to women in funtua local government area.

Beneficiaries are women displaced by bandits in the area, widows, divorcees, orphans and the less

privileged.

The state coordinator of the Daawah, Hajia Halima Mohammed Laila said that 150 vulnerable women benefitted from the gesture.

She said the rice was a donation given to women in Daawah by Alhaji Abdulsamadu Isyaka Rabi (BUA) foundation for distribution to the

needy women.

Hajia Halima Mohammed laila noted that similar distribution would be conducted in katsina, Jibia, Faskari and Dandume among other local government areas in the state.

She announced that about ten thousand women are expected to benefit from various relief assistance

sourced by the women in Daawah in katsina state.

In their separate remarks, Hajia Hannatu sha'aibu, Amina Dalha and Hajia Bilkisu Abdulkadir thanked BUA foundation for the distribution of the food items and urged other individuals and groups to emulate the kind gesture.

Ebonyi Governor Mourns Late Matriarch At 98

By; **MKPUMA ENYINNA, Abakaliki**

Governor Francis Ogbonna Nwifuru has extended condolences to the former Senator who represented Ebonyi North senatorial zone, Sen. Sylvanus Ogiji Ngele over the departure of his mother at the age of 98 years.

The burial took place at her country home, Ndunkwegu, Amagu in Abakaliki LGA of Ebonyi State, witnessed by family members, friends, and well-wishers from all walks of life.

In his condolence message at the funeral, Governor Francis Nwifuru described the late matriarch, Nneoha Maria Nwanyimba Ngele as a devout Christian who made herself a rallying point for the younger generation while alive and advised her offspring to hold on to her good legacies in their daily lives. While presenting her biography, his son, Senator Sylvanus Ogiji Ngele stated that her mother was so kind, caring, and nice to everyone who came close to her, saying that she impacted positively on many lives before her departure.

She was a caring mother, she was nice to everybody, and a community leader. She will be remembered for so many good things she has done because she has impacted positively on many lives. We are going to miss her greatly," he said.

Also speaking, a former National Assembly member, Hon Sylvester Ogbaga noted that the late Nneoha Maria Ngele lived a fulfilled life owing to the testimonies from people. He explained that late

Maria was one of the respected woman in Izzi land and prayed God to grant her soul eternal rest.

"The woman in question is highly respected in Izzi land and beyond. Anybody that comes closer is always proud of her. You can see how everybody is testifying about her. We are happy she lived a fulfilled life. As we celebrate her today, we pray to God to grant her eternal rest.

In their separate remarks, the council chairman of Abakaliki, Hon Ebere Nwogba; Ebonyi counterpart, Hon Chinedu Uburu, and Hon Stephen Nwakpa of Izzi LGA respectively all described her as a kindhearted woman who added value to our society and prayed God to bless and grant her rest in His kingdom.

Two of daughters, Mrs. Josephin Ogbegede and Mrs. Cordelia Nwiyere further added that their late mother is a virtuous woman who is so kind and caring till death, saying that she lived a peaceful and impactful life.

"I am a giver; she gives without measure. She is a caring mother indeed. When she told me she was sick, it was not showing in her body. But the day she died, there was heavy rainfall and great thunderstorms which shows that a virtuous woman has gone.

"I will remember my mother because she took good care of me. Even though she died, I am happy she lived a peaceful and impactful life. I pray God to give her soul eternal rest in His bosom.

Late Nneoha Maria Nwanyimba Ngele died at the age of 98 years.



Rot In Nigeria's Education Sector Has Nothing To Do With Politics, Governance - Senator Akintunde

**As ICGS celebrates 40th anniversary*



ICGS old students commissioning a block of classroom

By; BAYO AKAMO, Ibadan

The Senator representing Oyo Central Senatorial District, Senator Yunus Akintunde, on Saturday, said that the rot in the education sector has nothing to do with Nigeria's politics and governance.

Senator Akintunde expressed this in Iroko, while speaking with journalists at the 40th anniversary of the 1983 set of Iroko Grammar school.

The Chairman, Senate Standing Committee on Environment pointed out that there is no link between the decay in public facilities and politics, adding that, "non-governmental participation, individual intervention in the nation's educational sector must be encouraged to reverse the

dilapidation of public utilities in the country.

"The dilapidation situation of education infrastructure has nothing to do with our political structure. It's purely a policy issue and it's not only educational infrastructure. These days you see so many thousand polls of solar street light on. Governments are putting them on now. There is no provision for their maintenance, so in five years' time, they will all become dead", he said.

Senator Akintunde added, "If you remember former Governor Adebayo Akala era, that was the first time they put on solar street lights on Awolowo Road, old Bodija.

After about one or two years, the whole thing went off, because while building up our contract, the provision for

renovations, maintenance and rehabilitation have never been part of our contract. Look at most of the buildings here, they were built tens of years ago," The keynote Speaker at the anniversary, Otunba Oladejo Olawoyin attributed the rots in the sustenance of public infrastructures to the dilapidation of the nation's politics, adding lack of commitment of successive Nigerian leaders at governmental level and policy summersaults have stunted socioeconomic growths in Nigeria.

"We have done researches and discovered that more than 300,000 schools in Nigeria have gone under in terms of dilapidation. Dilapidation is a state of ruin, destruction of infrastructures that are

supposed to be maintained. When you don't have maintenance culture, it means you have misplaced your priorities".

Speaking, Chairman, Planning Committee of the 40th anniversary, Ambassador Akinremi Bolaji said God has helped him and his foundation to renovate four classrooms, adding "they are ready for commissioning today.

"In conclusion, let me remind that Iroko Community Grammar school has contributed immensely in assisting us to be who and what we are today. This is so important because all you need to become the President of our great nation, Nigeria, is just a secondary school certificate, either pass or fail".

President MAAUN Group Of Universities Congratulates Adamu Aliyu On Appointment As ICPC Chairman

By ; I M R A N A ABDULLAHI, Kaduna

The President of MAAUN Group of Universities, Prof. Adamu Abubakar Gwarzo, has congratulated Dr. Musa Adamu Aliyu on his recent appointment as the Chairman of Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC).

Until his new appointment, Dr. Adamu Aliyu was the Attorney General and Commissioner of Justice of Jigawa State since September 2019 and holds Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate degrees in Law.

He was also named as a Senior Advocate of Nigeria-designate in October 2023.

The congratulatory message was contained in a statement personally signed by Prof. Gwarzo and made available to newsmen in Kano yesterday.

Prof. Gwarzo, who is also the President of the Association of African

Private Universities (AAPU) noted that the appointment of Dr. Adamu Aliyu was well-deserved in view of his wealth of experience.

He said as a Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN) as well as his track records of service, he has no doubt the new ICPC chairman would deliver on his mandate.

He also expressed confidence that the new ICPC Chairman who served as the Attorney General of Jigawa State for four years, would be above board in the discharge of his new assignment.

"With your skills and experience, I have no doubt that you will continue to serve your country with diligence as you move along your path," Prof Gwarzo said in the statement.

He prayed to almighty Allah to continue to guide and give the new ICPC chairman the wisdom and strength to steer the Agency to greater heights.





Death In Guest House

By Safiya I. Dantiye

EVEN THOUGH it is universal not to speak ill of the dead, however, there are salient issues and a lot to be said about the death of a commissioner in Borno State last Saturday in a Guest House. He was found dead while a woman beside him was unconscious but she also died at the hospital.

Engr. Ibrahim Idriss Garba was Commissioner for Rehabilitation, Reconstruction, and Resettlement. He died at his Guest House in 777 Housing Estate in Maiduguri, which is at the outskirts of town.

Some men lie to their wives that they are travelling only to end up in a Guest House for the weekend! They must have made arrangement to be very careful not to be spotted by anyone who is not in the know that they are indeed in town. Such is the extent of deception that may come to haunt them if they are found out.

When I first heard the story on radio, there was static, as such it was not clear so I didn't grasp the whole story. Therefore, I thought he died at his house and members of his family were not there, perhaps they had travelled.

But when I heard about a woman beside him, I asked, "which woman?" Then later I found out the whole story, which is tragic for the family, not only because of his death, but the circumstances surrounding it.

"The wife (widow) would not be happy," a friend observed. Of course yes. She would mourn, but that hurt would be there forever and the unanswered nagging questions of how and why?

In any event, this is a lesson for men who are fond of taking girlfriends or prostitutes to designated places. Every now and then we hear of a death of a man or a woman in a hotel room. The partner may have run away or was arrested. Some of these men are actually married.

All the same, a Guest House connotes something distasteful and suspicious to married women. These houses meant to offer accommodation to guests that come to states are turned into convenient places to take women by the privileged people that can use them at will. They are safer and more convenient than a hotel and besides, you don't pay for their use.

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travelling only to end up in a Guest House for the weekend! They must have made arrangement to be very careful not to be spotted by anyone who is not in the know that they are indeed in town. Such is the extent of deception that may come to haunt them if they are found out.

But what legacy do you want to leave for your children? No matter what, the manner of how you die counts and if it is in the circumstances of being with another woman somewhere, the tale would be carried for generations.

If your wife finds out, is it worth the quarrel and distrust that follow? Or even cause the end of your marriage?

Though as usual, the wife would be prevailed upon to forgive and accept that as a man he might fall into such temptation and therefore it was not an issue. Can you imagine?

Strangely, in some cases, the wives accept this waywardness if the husbands are wealthy and they are comfortable. They weigh their options and sacrifice their happiness for material comfort. Their heart may be laden with pain of the knowledge, but they present outward civility to the husbands so as not to 'offend them.'

A Guest House should be strictly used for its purpose. The privilege of having one at your disposal does not give you the right to turn it into a place for yourself and your friends to take other women.

"I have to accept it; he is a man. What can I do?" Some would say.

It is this defeatist attitude that emboldens the men to cheat and dare the wives to do their worse.

Some parents may even blame their daughter and abuse her for challenging her husband. They would tell her that as a woman there are certain things she must endure and accept from her husband as 'all women do.'

No matter the liberties they take, men should be considerate because if the bubble bursts it is not only the wife that would be affected. It would engulf parents, children, relations and friends.

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Good Governance At All Levels, Recipe For Peaceful Co-existence In Nigeria - CYP Stakeholders

"All the three religions are from the same source. They all preach peace and if we are truly religious, then we should be peaceful. The country can only grow in time of peace and we deserve peace to ensure Socio - economy growth in the country.

The peace conference witnessed the attendance of eminent Nigerians including the Ooni of Ife, Oba Enitan Ogunwusi, who was represented by the Onifeguwa of Ifeguwa, Oba Solomon Adedire, representative of the Lagos and Oyo states government, among other dignitaries.

Speaking at the Conference, a chieftain of the New Nigeria People's Party (NNPP), Ambassador Olufemi Ajadi Oguntoyinbo Ajadi who was the Organising Committee Chairman for the Conference said for Nigerians to enjoy peaceful co-existence the government must promote equity and fairness in the allocation of resources, pursue even development of all the zones or parts of the country as well as put in place, social welfare provisions for citizens.

According to him, "God has provided this country with all it needs to take care of its citizens. It is now left for the government to utilise such resources to promote peaceful co-existence in the country.

"To do that, there must be

good leadership and good leadership can only come from politicians who have genuine interest of the people at heart.

"Whenever we have the opportunity, let's support only those office seekers who have the interest of the people at heart".

He said there is no other better time than now for an international peace conference than now saying "Internationally, the state of Israel is at war with her Arab neighbours and that war is threatening to drag in many other nations of the world.

"Look at what is happening in different parts of Nigeria - disagreements and conflicts here and there. Rather than peace and harmony, what we are seeing is bitterness, acrimony, distrust, fighting, destruction of lives and property and total disunity. With all these you will agree with me that the organisers of their conference deserve a commendation.

Also speaking at the occasion, the President of CYP, Ambassador Kolawole Princess said the conference is aimed at ensuring that there is peaceful co-existence among the adherents of the three religions in the country namely Christianity, Islam and the traditional religions.

She said the CYP is not a partisan organization but encourage Christians to

take active interest in politics by participating in elections as a means of choosing the right leadership for the country, adding,

Nigeria should remain peaceful despite its multi religious and multi ethnic status as a Secular state.

"The adherents of the three religion in the country should live in peace and harmony. There is no family in the country especially in Yoruba land that you will not find adherents of the three religions. Why then are we fighting ourselves in the name of religion. We must stop fighting, unite and work for peaceful co-existence".

Also speaking, the Special Assistant to the Governor of Oyo State, Engr. Seyi Makinde on Inter Faith Affairs, Rev. Olufemi Ibikunle called on the politicians to stop dividing the people along religious lines, saying, "You can peacefully seek vote during election, but please don't divide us, let us live in peace, we are one people irrespective of our religious differences.

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QUARTER PAGE	164,670.00	12,350.25	177,020.25	94,724.44	7,104.33	101,828.77
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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
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8" x 3 Col	145,728.00	10,929.60	156,657.60	98,002.08	7,350.16	105,352.24
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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

Adamu Fika: The Courageous Man Who Lived By Principles

By: HASSAN GIMBA

So, Malam Adamu Fika, the Wazirin Fika, is dead. Called home by our Creator who loves man more than man loves himself. When He created the world and everything that is inside it, He made man for a purpose and sent him down to earth to complete the purpose.

The purpose of the creation of man is to worship the creator as a way of life. Therefore, our lives and how we conduct our affairs all count on the scales of worship.

Imam Ja'afar Assadiq (AS) said: "If you want to know the religion of a man, do not look at how much he prays and fasts; rather, look at how he treats people."

The late Waziri was a man who respected all and treated all well. Yet, he is dead, and I am lost for words. What do I say? How do I start? How do I say it?

Soft-spoken and charismatic, his character made people spin lots of myths about him. A story was told of how, one day, on his way to Potiskum from Kaduna, he and his driver came across a roadblock set up by highway bandits. Then he told his driver to stop on the road and he went out and removed the roadblock, telling his driver to pass. He returned it (roadblock), entered his car and they moved on while the bandits were just rooted to their spots.

The myths were plenty. Another had it that when walking in a corridor at the secretariat where he was permanent secretary multiple times and where he reached the apex of the civil service career as head of service, he never turned sideways for any man to pass.

Perhaps the way he exited the service strengthened the myths. I asked him what happened that led to his resignation at the peak of his career in 1988. He drew me close to him. A lot of times I asked myself why, but I could not get the answer and I could not ask him. But it imbued me with greater confidence to ask him almost anything.

Quite right, he was among those who knew me from infancy, but my first conscious contact with him was in 2004 when Malam Adamu Ciroma was turbaned the Dallatun Fika. I saw the Waziri sitting in front of the Emir of Fika's place in Potiskum and I drew near and saluted him. He answered in his usual soft-spoken, low-tone manner that you sometimes had to strain your ears to hear.

He then pointed to an elderly, distinguished-looking gentleman by his side and told me, "Interview him." I was then publishing a newspaper called *The Informant*, with a Hausa version, *Mafadi*, in Potiskum. I think he saw from my face that I did not know the man and so he helped me out: "He is Sunday Awoniyi."

I was like... so this is the fabled Sunday Awoniyi!

Soon after, I had another encounter with him. I was included in the team of five formed by the Federal College of Education (Technical), Potiskum, to write Liman Ciroma's biography.

The team arranged to meet the Waziri for some briefs on the late Ciroma. However, there was a mild drama before we left Potiskum for Kaduna because the college sent me some money as duty tour allowance (DTA). I asked them how they arrived at it and I was told that they placed me as a level 14 officer, to which I took offence. I was the chief executive of my company and demanded to be placed on the same level as their provost.

After settling the disagreement amicably, we

proceeded to Kaduna. The Waziri welcomed us and entertained us with assorted food and drinks, after which he took us to his library stacked with books, newspapers, magazines and journals. We sat on chairs at a long table and the interview started. By the time we asked about two or three questions, I think he had already assessed us and then abruptly he asked us, "Who among you here studied history?" None of us raised his hand.

Among us was the registrar of the college, an administrator, two teachers with science backgrounds and yours sincerely. I never heard from anybody about the book again after our return. I made efforts by interviewing Ciroma's relatives and meeting with the team, but I gave up when I saw their lack of interest.

The late Waziri would just call me on the phone and, when I answered, expecting an instruction, would just hang up after exchanging greetings. He did not do that once or twice. It made me feel embarrassed, kind of. Who was I? When my father died on January 7, 2013, at about 2:30 pm, he called to commiserate with me that day at around 4:30 pm on my way to Potiskum.

When Muhammadu Buhari was elected president in 2015, he facilitated for the Emir of Fika and some dignitaries from the emirate to go and felicitate with him at his temporary residence at Defence House, Abuja. He gave specific instructions that they should include me in the delegation.

The original plan was for him and a few respected elders to guide the Buhari administration discreetly. He withdrew a few months into the life of the administration; he realised he was being used to lend it credibility whereas the government was being run against his expectations.

Every time he was to come to Abuja, he would phone me from Kaduna and say, "Hassan, I'll come into Abuja on so and so day and time, meet me at so and so hotel." And he was so patient to repeat to me whatever I did not hear, aware of his naturally low-tone voice.

And I always went to meet him. It was in one of those meetings that he told me a lot about his career. How he went to the North East as a commissioner and the why and how he returned to the federal civil service.

I seized the opportunity to ask him why he resigned from a position you would hardly find a Nigerian resign from no matter what was going on.

Previously, the office of the Secretary to the Federal Government (SFG) and that of the Head of Service were one but in 1986 Babangida separated the two offices, making Chief Olu Falae the SGF and Waziri the Head of Service. He was against it. He told me that he even volunteered to resign and for someone else to be appointed to the position so that the office would be left intact.

In 1988, the reforms of the civil service took effect, making ministers accounting officers instead of permanent secretaries who were rechristened directors-general. It was the last straw that broke the camel's back as he resigned.

All these were based on a report of a reforms committee set up by the government of IBB. As a member of the committee, the Wazirin Fika sensed that General Babangida's reforms would ruin the civil service. He wrote a minority report against the reforms and resigned.

He was later vindicated when that policy was dumped some years later, but the civil



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service is still teetering from that experiment.

Unknown to me, he made sure that the late Sam Nda-Isaiah, publisher of *Leadership Newspaper*, knew he had my back. And so when I left as an editor of the Friday title (between 2014 and 2015) to serve as spokesman for the minister of science and technology, Dr Abdu Bulama, the paper went through at least five editors. After May 2015, I did not return because I didn't want those lining themselves for editorship to think I had returned to "block" them.

"Chairman", as we called the publisher, was worried but could not call me. All through our relationship, he somehow viewed me with respect and as someone a bit semi-independent. So he went through the Wazirin Fika. He was the one who called me and asked: "Hassan, you don't want to go back to *Leadership*?" I said I wanted to, then he said, "Okay, call Sam and tell him you are coming back". And that was how I returned for a second stint.

A year before he resigned from the civil service, he had a disagreement with Babangida. Babangida wanted to sell to the retiring Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Sowemimo, his house for ₦4 million, as the latter had requested. The Waziri advised against it, asking the president to give the Justice money to build another house instead, saying if such houses had been sold since colonial times, there would have been none left. Anyway, IBB did as he wished, but the man had made his point.

When the late General Sani Abacha was

looking for credible people to assist him in governance, he made the Waziri the first chairman of the Federal Character Commission, with Dr. Sabo Bako from ABU, Zaria, as the secretary.

The chairman, with the disciplined background of a British-trained civil servant, could not jell with the secretary coming from the liberal university structure. When it came down to Abacha to settle for one, he was said to have intoned, "Tell that doctor to return to ABU."

I used to visit Dr Fika with my family at his house in Kaduna and in Abuja whenever he asked me to meet him. And so it was that we also visited him a couple of times on his sick bed at the Aso Clinic. Even at the hospital, he made me feel welcomed, and he engaged me in discussions, always encouraging me by telling me: "I read your article."

The Waziri was a man who lived by the best of principles: he spoke truth to power while in service and left when the powerful refused to heed wise counsel, but the world knows now that time and posterity have vindicated him.

He did not remain with a sealed mouth, enjoying the fruits of misdeeds, then turning back and castigating at a "valedictory speech" when forced by service rules to leave. That attitude does not help the country. That's cowardice and Dr Adamu Fika, the Wazirin Fika, was never a coward. May his noble soul rest in perfect peace. Hassan Gimba is the Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of *Neptune Prime*.

Tribunal verdict: It's a prayer answered, Fintiri continue the good work now that the Battle is over

**Surely you shall still overcome shall there be any coming murky waters*

By: TOM GARBA

You would recall that the Chief Press Secretary to the Governor of Adamawa State, Mr Humwashi Wonosikou few days ago, issued a statement calling on the people of the state to pray for His Excellency, Rt Hon Ahmadu Umaru Fintiri to mark his 56th birthday celebration.

Governor Fintiri solicited prayers as a birthday gift to Adamawa State citizens and Nigerians on sundry issues some of which are the judgment delivered on Saturday, challenging his authenticity as the substantive governor of the state.

At the tribunal on Saturday, the three-man judges with Justice Theodore Ulojo as the leading Judge spent over six hours thrashing out line by line, one by one the petition of the All Progressives Congress (APC) Governorship candidate, Senator Aishatu Ahmed Dahiru (Binani).

The judge snowed bow his judgement by nose-diving simple "Dismissal" for lacking electoral regulations, it became a breakout celebration in the city of Yola, Jimeta, Numan, Michika, and Madagali.

The whole state was turned into wild jubilation that Rt Hon Ahmadu Umaru Fintiri is the confirmed governor of the state as declared by the tribunal judges.

I recall how the prayers of many people, both the old and young bombarded the Social Media, praying for him to succeed as governor, especially on Saturday's judgement.

It's a battle won, a victory for the people of Adamawa State. The faith I now have on the governor, is strong enough to paddle him through the many waters of coming court litigations shall there be appeal

by aggrieved candidates as it is already done by candidates of the SDP, Dr Umar Ardo.

My Governor Sir, continue the good work. Your records of achievements now speak well of you that the God who started a good thing for with will finish it to the end of your journey as the substantive Governor of Adamawa State as pronounced by the electoral tribunal court.

The prayers of millions of people around the world will guide and guard you through coming to any legal tussles.

The prayers of the saints and the good people of Adamawa State will fight, defend, keep, and make you a survivor of the, a Governor leading the government of a common Man. I congratulate you on this historic moment of Adamawa's political journey. Keep working Sir, keep the tempo of your good and excellent work of the Urban renewal mandate high and wide to the nooks and crannies of the State.

You are a lion, tip-toeing the land of beauty for the Masses' sake. You are a tiger, wild and gallant, fearless and focused to dare the impossible. Of course, you are sheep, harmless and gentle, innocent and calm to serve the people of Adamawa well.

These prayers are still with you, they are still backing you from now to any day coming when someone will still shout nay in disagreement with what the judge of our land pronounced.

It's a prayer answered all the time, because the God you serve, we serve, is a faithful God from now even to the end of time.

Congratulations Sir, now that the Battle is over.

Tom Garba, SPSP, FIMC, FBMC, a journalist, wrote this piece

From Abuja, Nigeria



Governor Fintiri

Digital Nigeria 2023: Gombe Receives NITDA's Most Digitally Compliant State Award

*Governor Inuwa restates commitment to automating all government operations

By; JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON

Gombe State has been conferred with the 'Most Digitally Compliant State' Award by the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA). The award was presented to Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya by the Hon. Minister of Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy, Dr. Dosun Tijjani during a ceremony at the end of the Digital Nigeria Conference 2023, organized by NITDA at the International Conference Center in Abuja.

The Gombe State Governor was represented at the ceremony by Retired Federal Permanent Secretary and member of Gombe State Special Advisory Council, Dr. Ibrahim Jalo Daudu and Commissioner for Science, Technology and Innovation, Dr Abdullahi Bappa Garkuwa.

According to a statement signed by the DG (Press Affairs) Government House Gombe, Ismaila Uba Misilli, made available on Saturday, receiving the award, Governor Inuwa reiterated the commitment of his administration to ensuring that Gombe State becomes the hub of information technology (IT) and innovation in Nigeria.

The Governor emphasized that digitalization has created a conducive environment for business in the state and outlined plans to further improve internal revenue generation (IGR) and transform Gombe State into Nigeria's Silicon Valley.

He revealed that his administration aims to automate all government operations within the next four years, citing the successful implementation of the biometric personnel management system in the state civil service.

"Gombe State is poised to lead in the digital revolution and address real-world governance, business, and social challenges through innovative projects".

The Director-General of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi, had in a letter conveying the nomination to Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya, stated that the award was a direct result of Inuwa's impressive strides in the field of Information Technology.

As reported earlier, the recognition was earned through a series of remarkable initiatives of Governor Inuwa Yahaya-led administration through exceptional policies which encompass a wide range of accomplishments, including reducing Right of Way (RoW) fees, enhancing digital infrastructure development, supplying essential ICT devices to government departments, and implementing automated revenue collection systems.

Also, Gombe State has made strides in digitizing the Gombe Geographic Information System (GOGIS) for improved land management, revolutionizing salary payments through automation, and introducing Biometric Machines to combat truancy and enhance efficiency and productivity among civil servants.

Recall that just recently, Gombe State stood out brilliantly among many Federal establishments and state agencies at the GovTech Digital Governance Award organized by the Presidency through the Bureau for Public Service Reforms, and received three prestigious awards for its remarkable achievements in advancing digital governance.

During that event, Gombe State Geographic Information System (GOGIS) received the coveted "Best State in Geographic Information System" Award, Gombe State Due Process Office clinched the best State MDA in innovative Digital Services and Gombe State University (GSU) was recognized as the best State University in Website Operations.



Delta Police Smashes Robbery Syndicate, Arrests 6 Suspects, Recovers 6 Firearms

By ; RAYMOND TEDUNJAYE, Lagos

Strategies at subduing criminal activities during the ember months in Delta State by the Police have recorded another, as six suspected armed robbers have been apprehended by detectives.

Six assorted firearms, which include three English made pistols and three locally made guns were also recovered by the detectives within the same period.

The Delta State Commissioner of Police, Wale Abass had emplaced Ember months Special Operations Team, which comprises of all tactical formations (RRS, Raiders, CP-Decoy, Eagle net, Safer highway, Safe Delta, Special Anti-Kidnapping and Cyber crime Squad, Crack Squad, CP monitoring and CP X-squad) led by their various commanders, and also the DPO's of each divisions who were directed by the CP to personally lead their men to carry out intensive stop and search duty across the State.

The Assistant Commissioner of Police Operations and the various Area Commanders were

equally directed by the CP to ensure strict supervision and monitoring of their activities.

The Delta State Police Command Spokesperson DSP Bright Edefe, in release on Sunday said all strategies have contributed immensely to the peace the State is enjoying.

Giving a breakdown of the breakthrough, Edefe said, "The recent achievement was recorded on 24/10/2023 at about 2120hrs when a team led by SP Inyere Elias Chinedu were on night patrol along Asaba - Benin Expressway by Rain Oil Filing Station, they intercepted a commercial shuttle bus (REG NUMBER UNKNOWN) with four male passengers.

"During a search of the bus, one English Beretta pistol, one dagger, was recovered from one of the occupants identified as Ishiaku Ya'u.

"The suspect and exhibits are in custody, and investigation has commenced. Efforts are being intensified to track down members of his gang and recover other weapons. Similarly on 22/10/2023 at about 2120hours, while sector 'C' of the ember months patrol were on stop and

search duty along Asaba-Benin expressway, they intercepted a shuttle bus with two male passengers, and upon search of the passengers, one locally made cut-to-size gun, and two live cartridges were recovered from them. Suspects were arrested immediately, and they have since been charged to court.

"The Command has so far arrested a total of six suspected armed robbers, some of which have been charged to court, while two English made pistols and four locally made guns have been recovered.

"The Commissioner of Police, CP Wale Abass, reiterates that it is the primary duty of the police to ensure that lives and properties are safe at all times.

"He appealed to the public to play pivotal roles that will help the police carry out their duties effectively by reaching out to the police over any suspicious movements or persons in their environment through the contacts of the Command Control Room: (08036684974; 08125958005; 09053872287) or the PPRO Office: (09155570007; 09155570008);



CP, Wale Abass

or visit the nearest Police Station or the PPRO's Office.

"He assured callers or anyone with information that can

assist the Police all information will be treated with the strictest confidentiality".

Report Any Cleric Engaging In Practices Alien To Islamic Dictates - Oyo Muslim Community

*League of Imams and Alfas to set up Disciplinary Committee over arrest of three with human parts

By; BAYO AKAMO, Ibadan

The Muslim Community of Oyo State on Saturday, asked the

people of the state to report any Islamic cleric or Mallam (teacher) found engaging in sharp practices alien to Islam

practice.

Addressing a press conference in Ibadan on the recent arrest of three people caught with human

parts in Ibadan, the Chairman of the community, Alhaji Isiaq Kunle Sanni said the people of the state should without waisting any time report such Islamic cleric or teacher for proper investigation.

According to him, the Muslim community will continue to follow the case until the culprits are brought to book.

Alhaji Sanni disclosed that the league of Imams and Alfas led by the Chief Imam of Ibadanland has concluded plans to set up a disciplinary committee where any Islamic cleric suspected to be engaging in unlawful activities would be reported for investigations.

"Report them, if anyone is spending money recklessly, report them. Anyone that we want to put forward as leaders, we must check their background. We will follow the case up. We say we will follow the case up. We will follow it to the logical conclusion. We should be watchful of the Mallams teaching our children the knowledge of Islam", he said

Alhaji Sanni added, "The league of Imams and Alfas led by the Chief Imam of Ibadan land, Alhaji Abdulganiry Abubakri Agbotomokekere is

setting up a disciplinary committee where Mallams suspected of engaging in kufir practices alien to the Islamic culture would be reported for investigation and punishment that may lead to being ostracized from the league."

He then urged Muslims in Oyo state not to take laws into their hands, saying, "while we call for caution and appeal to Muslims not to take the laws into their hands, we want the public to know of our preparedness to follow the prosecution of these men of evil to its logical conclusion".

New Nigerian recalls that three persons, identified as Muibi Ramoni Opeyemi, Taofeeq Olalekan Kabeloun and Tayo Akinrinola were caught with fresh human parts few days ago in Ibadan.



Kaduna Polo Club Rakes In Over N71m For 2023 International Tourney Sponsorship, Support

By: JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON

With the resumption to action after a year's break, the stakes are higher ahead the Kaduna International Polo Tournament which gallops off on October 31, as over 71 million Naira was realized at the Ahmadu Yakubu Polo Club House on Saturday night during cheque presentation by various sponsors and those rendering support to the 2023 edition, with more sponsorship deals being expected.

Sponsors of the most prestigious polo trophy in Africa, First Bank Nigeria Plc blazed the trail with N30 million Naira for the Georgian Cup sponsorship, the highest amount the traditional sponsors have ever staked so far.

New entrants Taj Bank came in with a N5m juicy offer, presented in firm of a cheque, Trobell Nigeria Ltd also doled out N5m and Plutos Bank N5m.

Imani Group presented N4m, Malcomines N3m, AMA Pharmaceuticals N3m, Fifth Chukker N3m, El Amin N3m, NDIC N2.5m, President NAARTO N2m, Musaco Investments N1m and Sublime N1m.

Others are, 8Twenty8 N500,000, Royal Arms N500,000, Farm To You N500,000, Keffi Ponies N500,000 and Terra Trek Solutions N500,000.

Also on the list are, Shamsudeen Hussein N250,000, 80 Yard NN200,000 and Graade Skills Academy N200,000, bringing the total amount raised to N71, 050,000.

Meanwhile, other potential sponsors that are yet to make their donations known, are, Niger State Government, Katsina State Government, Zamfara State Government, Barbedos Group, BUA Group, Dangote Group, Rubicon, Badard Zaz and Max Airline.

In his opening remarks, President of the Kaduna Polo Club, Alhaji Mohammed Babangida said it's a special day for both the club and the various sponsors as well as those supporting the tournament.

He thanked all that supported the club towards the 2023 tournament.

Babangida said they took off one year off competition to develop their facilities.

"We now have a field like never seen before, we thank you for your support," he declared.

In his remarks, the Tournament Manager, Alhaji Atiku Abubakar Saleh (Baraden Maru) said that Kaduna Poio Club has a long and rich history of polo.

"This relationship has gathered old faces and new ones here today.

Kaduna Polo Club appreciates your commitments," he added.

He assured that they are looking forward to a very successful tournament.

"For 2023 tournament, the major cups to be played are as foilcws,

First Week 31 October TO 5th November, Georgian Cup 15-20 Goals, El-Amin Cup O-2 Goals.

"Second Week, Emir of Katsina Cup, formerly Dickenson Cup, 8-12 Goals, Imani Cup 3-7 Goals.

Other cups to be plaged are selected cups such as

1. General Hassan Cup
 2. Isa Kaita Memorial Cup
 3. Late Umaru Shinkafi Cup
 4. Emirol of Gombe Late Usman Shehu Abubakar
- And others," he informed.



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Good Governance At All Levels, Recipe For Peaceful Co-existence In Nigeria - CYP Stakeholders



Ambassador Kolawole Princess, (President CYP); Ambassador Olufemi Ajadi Oguntoyinbo, (Chairman, Conference Organising Committee); Onifeguwa of Ifeguwa, Oba Solomon Adedire representing Ooni of Ife, Oba Adeyeye Enitan Ogunwusi at the International Peace Conference organised by Christian Youths in Politics (CYP) held at Airport Hotel, Ikeja, Lagos

By; BAYO AKAMO, Ibadan

Stakeholders at the International Peace Conference yesterday, said good governance at all level is the major criteria to have peaceful co-existence in Nigeria.

The conference with the theme, "Interfaith Peaceful Co-existence" organised by the Christian Youths in Politics (CYP) brought together religious leaders among Christians, Muslims, Traditionalists and Politicians from various political parties in the country.

Speaking, the Organising Committee Chairman for the Conference, Ambassador Olufemi Ajadi tasked government at all levels in Nigeria to provide good governance, which is only way to foster peaceful co-existence among the various adherents of religion and different ethnic tribes.

Ambassador Ajadi pointed out that for Nigerians to enjoy peaceful co-existence, government

must promote equity and fairness in the allocation of resources, pursue even development of all the zones or parts of the country as well as put in place, social welfare provisions for citizens.

"God has provided this country with all it needs to take care of its citizens. It is now left for the government to utilise such resources to promote peaceful co-existence in the country", he said.

Ambassador Ajadi added, "To do that, there must be good leadership and good leadership can only come from politicians who have genuine interest of the people at heart. Whenever we have the opportunity, let's support only those office seekers who have the interest of the people at heart".

The NNPP Chieftain stressed that there is no other better time than now for an international peace conference than now, adding "Internationally, the state of Israel is at war with her Arab neighbours and that war is threatening

to drag in many other nations of the world.

"Look at what is happening in different parts of Nigeria - disagreements and conflicts here and there. Rather than peace and harmony, what we are seeing is bitterness, acrimony, distrust, fighting, destruction of lives and property and total disunity. With all these you will agree with me that the organisers of their conference deserve a commendation.

The President of CYP, Ambassador Kolawole Princess while speaking said the conference is aimed at ensuring that there is peaceful co-existence among the adherents of the three religions in the country namely Christianity, Islam and the traditional religions.

She stressed that CYP is not a partisan organization but encourage Christians to take active interest in politics by participating in elections as a means of choosing the right

leadership for the country, saying Nigeria should remain peaceful despite its multi religious and multi ethnic status as a Secular state.

"The adherents of the three religion in the country should live in peace and harmony. There is no family in the country especially in Yoruba land that you will not find adherents of the three religions. Why then are we fighting ourselves in the name of religion. We must stop fighting, unite and work for peaceful co-existence".

Also speaking, the Special Assistant to the Governor of Oyo State, Engr. Seyi Makinde on Inter Faith Affairs, Rev. Olufemi Ibikunle called on the politicians to stop dividing the people along religious lines.

Accoding to him, "You can peacefully seek vote during election, but please don't divide us, let us live in peace, we are one people irrespective of our religious differences.

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CP Durosinmi Decorates 132 Senior Officers in Akwa Ibom

By; PATRICK TITUS, Uyo

The Commissioner of Police in Akwa Ibom State, CP Olateyo Durosinmi has decorated 132 senior police officers newly promoted in the command.

At the ceremony last week at the command headquarters, Ikot Akpanabia in Uyo, CP Durosinmi conveyed the congratulatory message of the Inspector General Police, IGP, Acting IGP Kayode Egbetokun to the newly promoted officers.

CP Durosinmi also thanked the IGP and the Police Service Commission for finding the promoted Officers worthy of elevation.

He charged them to redouble their efforts in crime fighting to further enhance the peace and security of Akwa Ibom State.

Among those promoted was ACP Samuel Akpan, the Officer-in-Charge of X-Squad in the Command, who thanked the IGP, the PSC and the CP for finding them worthy of elevation.



Decoration of new police officers in Uyo