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The Shiites during the protest in Kaduna yesterday.

By: JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON

Members of Islamic Movement in Nigeria yesterday, during a procession in Kaduna against the Israeli-Hamas war alleged that their peaceful procession was attacked by men of the Nigeria Police Force.

A statement signed by

Aliyu Umar, made available to our correspondent yesterday, explained that purpose of the rally was to, "declare our whole hearted support for the oppressed and subjugated people of Palestine who are facing the most Inhuman suppression perpetrated by the illegal state of Zionist Israel".

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GO-CARES: Governor Inuwa Yahaya Approves N693m For Gombe CSDA

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By; JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON

Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya, CON has approved the release of six hundred and ninety three million Naira (N693,000,000.00) to the Gombe State Agency for Community And Social Development (CSDA) for the third batch of intervention under the GO-CARES Programme.

The General Manager of the CSDA, Malam Haruna Ahmed Imam disclosed this at the end of a training for community groups and project management committees and subcommittee heads on micro projects implementation across seventy seven additional communities.

Mallam Haruna Imam further revealed that the release of the funds by Governor Inuwa Yahaya followed the successful implementation of projects executed by the CSDA under the GO-CARES Programme.

He therefore, commended the Governor for supporting the CSDA projects, saying Gombe State is performing greatly among the participating states.

The General Manager explained that the training is to enlighten benefitting communities on the

concepts of project cycles, roles and responsibilities, sustainability and maintenance, community procurement, financial management and book keeping.

Addressing participants drawn from across the eleven Local Government Areas of the State, the General manager congratulated them on the inclusion of their various communities to benefit from the intervention which cut across health, education, nutrition and water.

He urged the committees to maintain standard and ensure that they monitor the execution of the project to completion and ensure sustainability.

The CSDA Manager of Basic Services Mr Labilwa Ismaila, that of Finance and Administration Alh Ibrahim Abubakar Gwani and Monitoring and Evaluation, Mallam Sani Adamu also spoke to the participants as regards their expectations of from their various Departments.

Responding, some of the participants, including the former Clerk to the Gombe state House of Assembly, Shehu Mohammed Atiku who is also the District Head of Gadawo,

the Secretary of Jama'atu Nasril Islam and Village head of Daban Fulani and Mrs Josephine Malang from Yamgana Women Group in Shongom Local Government area appreciated the State Governor and the CSDA for the intervention, saying the project touches directly on the masses especially those at the grassroots.

They particularly appreciated Governor Inuwa Yahaya for using the programme to reach communities that lacked basic amenities, promising to ensure that the projects will be completed within the specified time and according to specification.

Prior to the training, CSDA had conducted Needs Assessment, Participatory Rural Appraisal, and Field Appraisal in the communities, while Community Project Launch will follow suit.



Governor Inuwa Yahaya

It would be recalled that the CSDA has just completed similar projects in about 35 communities spread across the

State in the first and second phases of the GO-CARES Programme.

Road Crashes Reduce To 4.6% In Ondo State – FRSC

By: ADEBOYE ADO, Akure

The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Ondo State Command, yesterday said that the total number of road traffic cases was reduced to 4.6 per cent between January and September 2023 in the state.

Mr. Ezekiel SonAllah, FRSC Sector Commander in Ondo State, disclosed this in Akure at a press conference to commemorate 2023 African Road Safety Day And World Day Of Remembrance For Road Traffic Victims.

New Nigerian reports that the programme was organised by the World Health Organisation, Ondo State Field Office, in collaboration with the FRSC, Ondo State Command.

The theme of the programme was 'Justice, Slogan, Remember, Support, Act'.

SonAllah explained that the reduction was achieved through the efforts of the command enlightenment and advocacy to record zero crash on roads.

He said that the command would not relent on its oaths of protect lives and properties on highways.

According to him, in 2022 between January and Sept, 161 serious crashes was recorded while 139 was recorded in the same period in 2023, which is 13.7 per cent decrease.

"In the same months under review, 746 was total casualty recorded in 2022 and 657 in 2023 with the 11.9 per cent decrease, and 1,769 people

involved in crashes in the 2022 while 1,297 involved in 2023 with the 26.7 per cent decrease.

"Meanwhile, 97 was killed in 2022 while 116 as well, was killed in 2023, which shows 19.59 per cent increase. 649 people were injured in 2022, while 541 were injured in 2023 with a 16.6 per cent decrease.

"So, 237 total crashes were recorded in 2022 while 226 recorded in 2023 with a 4.6 decrease. The Command is not resting on our efforts until we are able to record zero crash on our roads," he said.

SonAllah also said that the remembrance day was to promote evidence-based actions to prevent and eventually stop further road traffic deaths and injuries.

He said that the command would deploy it's personnel and logistics to man the highways across the state.

The sector commander said that the command would aggressively enforce all critical offences of overloading, speed limit violation, use of phones while driving.

SonAllah also said driving under alcohol/ drug influence, wrongful overtaking, dangerous driving, failure to install speed limit device among others, would also be enforced.

The sector commander, therefore, said that it had become imperative to all motorists to ensure that their vehicles were functioning before embarking on any journey, especially during the festive seasons.

"Like what we said during the ember months campaign, life has no duplicate because if you are driving with defective headlights, you are risking your own life and others.

"Our motorists need to do the needful before plying the highways, both day and night, because what road crash understand is simple obedience of rules and regulations of road traffic.

"As we are advocating for zero crash in Ondo State, we need to realise it is a collective effort and all hands must be on desk.

"As we remember the lives of people that died today, we need to shun whatever could lead to loss of lives and properties," he said.

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According to the statement titled, "ATTACK A BY THE MEN OF POLICE FORCE DURING A RALLY ON SUPPORT OF PALESTINE IN KADUNA" the group said, "Members of the Islamic Movement in Nigeria under the leadership of Sheikh Ibraheem Y. Zakzaky staged a peaceful rally today, Thursday 16th November, 2023 at about 1115 HRS around the Kaduna State National Union of Journalist (NUJ) Secretariat and the National Human Rights Commission, Kaduna State, which is located less than 400m away from the NUJ Office.

"The purpose of the rally was to declare our whole hearted support for the oppressed and subjugated people of Palestine who are facing the most Inhuman suppression perpetrated by the illegal state of Zionist Israel," the group said.

According to them, "in recent times, the Zionist regime of Netanyahu has been unleashing mayhem of Genocide, ethnic cleansing of women, children and civilians on the people of Gaza in Palestine. It is our belief to call on all people of conscious to condemn the atrocities by the Zionist Israel regime and to demand for complete ceasefire and the bombardments going on in Gaza.

"While we were standing peacefully to register and handover our release memo of condemnation at the office of the National Human Rights Commission, we suddenly heard the sporadic sound of gunshots and teargas to our dismay in order to disperse the rally. So far, two of our members have been killed and several others injured. "We view the attack by the men of police force in Kaduna as barbaric in this civilized era. Protests, demonstrations and rallies have been going on in support of the Palestine all over the world-London, America etc. including Tel-Aviv in Israel against the Genocide," they explained.

They lamented that, "It is only here in Nigeria, Kaduna in particular, that such attack happened. We totally condemn the attack and hold the Nigerian Government responsible for this act of aggression.

"In Allah we trust and to HIM we shall all return to account for our



actions and inactions in this world.

"Peace be upon those who follow Guidance," the statement said. When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) Kaduna State Command, ASP Mansur said that the group came out with dangerous weapons. "As you are aware, the group which has already been proscribed by the state government, came out with dangerous weapons, locally made guns, swords, catapults which they used with iron objects.

"One innocent civilian, Sani

Aliyu who is 40 years old was killed in the process from their attack on policemen and two of our personal suffered serious injuries they are being treated at the police clinic at the moment.

*Buratai Foundation Condemns Killings In Israel-Hamas War
*Demands immediate ceasefire, global action

In the midst of the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict, the TY Buratai Humanity Care Foundation stands united in its condemnation of the escalating violence and loss of innocent lives.

The foundation, guided by the

principles of its esteemed Grand Patron, His Excellency Amb Lt Gen Tukur Yusufu Buratai Rtd CFR Betara of Biu, Garkuwan Keffi emphasized the urgent need for an immediate ceasefire and a return to the negotiation table.

This was contained in a statement signed by the Chairman of the foundation, Amb Ibrahim Dahiru Danfulani, Sadaukin Betara of Biu and made available to the press.

"The devastating consequences of this war have been felt on both sides, with casualties mounting among children, women, and the



elderly. It is disheartening to witness the absence of sympathy and empathy in the face of such immense human suffering.

"The TY Buratai Humanity Care Foundation firmly believes that every life is precious, and the indiscriminate loss of innocent lives is a tragedy that demands immediate attention.

"The foundation calls upon the international community, particularly the United Nations, to implement all relevant resolutions on the Middle East Question. It is imperative that the global community takes a united stand against the ongoing violence and works towards a peaceful resolution.

"The TY Buratai Humanity Care Foundation firmly believes in the power of diplomacy and dialogue to resolve conflicts and prevent further bloodshed," it said.

Furthermore, it explained that the principles of the foundation's Grand Patron, His Excellency, Amb Lt Gen Tukur Yusufu Buratai (Rtd) CFR, emphasize the value of human life and a deep respect for the rule of law.

"His Excellency's commitment to humanitarian causes and his unwavering dedication to promoting peace and stability make him an exemplary figure in the fight against all forms of violence and injustice.

"The TY Buratai Humanity Care Foundation urges the international community to stand together in condemning all forms of killings, regardless of the location or the parties involved. It is crucial that we recognize the universal value of human life and work towards a world where conflicts are resolved through peaceful means.

"As the carnage in the Israel-Hamas war continues, it is not too late for the world to take a collective stand against the violence and advocate for an immediate ceasefire. The TY Buratai Humanity Care Foundation remains steadfast in its commitment to promoting peace, justice, and the preservation of innocent lives. It is our shared responsibility to ensure a safer and more compassionate world for all," it said.



Some dignitaries at the 12th meeting of National Council of Housing and Urban Development in Kaduna.

FG Vows To Assist Vulnerable Nigerians Own Houses

By; I M R A N A
ABDULLAHI, Kaduna

Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Works and Housing, Mahmuda Mamman, has disclosed the intention of the federal government to assist vulnerable Nigerians own houses.

In a statement signed by Director Information of the ministry, Salisu Haiba Badamasi, made available to newsmen, revealed that, Mamman made this disclosure, while fielding questions from journalists, on the first day of the 12th meeting of the National Council on Housing and Urban Development taking place in Kaduna State.

The theme for the 12th council meeting is, "Harnessing Local and International Credit Schemes as a Panacea for Affordable Housing Infrastructure Development Under the Renewed Hope Agenda."

The Permanent Secretary said, "The National Housing Scheme Programme by the ministry would assist the vulnerable population of the country in affording a roof over their heads and this would in turn, bridge the gaps in the housing sector".

He further explained that, the housing ministry intends to go for social housing schemes to provide descent and affordable houses to cater to the housing needs of Nigerians, which he said was part of the efforts to realise the ambition and also in line with the Renewed Hope Agenda of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

"Accordingly to the Permanent Secretary, deliberations at the housing council meeting which commenced today, would figure out ways the state governments can queue into the scheme.

"We have written letters to the various state governments, asking them to give us unencumbered lands so that we can be able to build these affordable houses for all Nigerians because it is a

matter of right and not a privilege, that's why the administration is doing things differently", he added.

He also mentioned that an ongoing survey being conducted by the National Population Commission (NPC), would ascertain the accurate figure of housing deficit in the Nation, and the figures would be made known upon completion of the survey.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Permanent Secretary, Kaduna state Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, Rabi'u Yunusa, informed the meeting that government of Kaduna State is working on a programme that would provide affordable social mass housing which would accommodate 1,000 houses in the rural areas and 300 houses in the urban areas, across the 23 local government areas of the state.

Yunusa further revealed that the state has attracted a Qatari charity organization to provide 500 housing units for the most vulnerable people in the state, while also assuring that the State government was poised to build 10,000 units of houses in the next four years.

In his introductory remarks, Director Planning, Research and Statistics, Federal Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, Kolapo Raheem explained that the theme for the 12th National Council of Housing was chosen in consideration of the alarming need to galvanize domestic and foreign funds towards meeting the nation's housing challenges, as well as the enhancement of the country's overall economic growth and development.

He further urged the participants to explicate their professionalism in the deliberations so as to guide policy formulation that will facilitate affordable housing delivery.

Woman Petitions NAPTIP, Over Alleged Detention Of Under Aged Children

By; UTEBOR PETER
Asaba

A woman identified simply as Mrs. Stella Taylor, yesterday, raised alarm over the continued detention of her two adopted children at the Benin Zonal Command of National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP).

Mrs. Stella Taylor petitioned NAPTIP over the alleged continued detention of her two sons, stating that her four-year old, Master Divine William Ikechukwu Taylor and five-month old, Sherlyn Nwamaka Taylor, were arrested in September, 2023 when operatives of the anti-trafficking agency raided the home of Mrs. Taylor's private residence in Asaba, Delta state capital.

It was learnt that the agency had acted on the strength of a joint petition by Mrs. Taylor's elderly mother, Ifeoma Osakwe and youngest sibling, Valentina Osakwe, who by the petition, alleged that she was into trafficking of children.

But Mrs. Taylor, in a petition to the Director General of NAPTIP, debunked the trafficking allegation, accusing the Benin Zonal Commander of the agency, Mr. Nduka Nwanwene of being compromised by her

estranged family members to detain her children.

The United States of America-based nurse, alleged that her mother and youngest sibling were out to dispossess her of her property, adding that they had allegedly conspired to also snatch her earlier adopted child, Stella Star Uzomeyea Osakwe which they changed to Nene Star Osakwe in the process of adoption.

According to her, "I discovered the fraud in the adoption process when I returned to Nigeria in October 2022, my child was adopted in my youngest sibling's name despite bearing the cost.

"I never for one day did anything to forcefully remove the said adopted child from my mother's custody or did anything in the nature of trafficking the said child. My mother and my youngest sibling are still holding my said adopted child hostage,

"Because of that experience, I decided, on my own, to adopt Ikechukwu and Nwamaka, through the normal process of adoption, yet, my mother and younger sister will not let me be.

"The latest in the effort of my mother and my sibling to subjugate me is their use of Mr. Nduka Nwanwene, the zonal commander of Benin Zone of NAPTIP whom they have

financially compromised to weave a false report of trafficking in children 8 and 9 years old my neck and that of my husband via a false petition written to your zonal command by my youngest sibling and my mother alleging child trafficking.

"Pursuant to the said false petition, Mr. Nduka Nwanwene, for no reason via his subordinates stormed my residence in Asaba on the 22nd day of September, 2023, and picked up the occupants of my flat in my building including my two adopted children namely Master William Divine Ikechukwu Taylor, 4 years old and Miss Sherlyn Nwamaka Taylor, 5 months old, whom he has kept in custody at the Benin detention facility since 22nd September, 2023 despite repeated applications that the children be released forthwith to their caregiver.

"Sadly, my son, Master Walliams Divine, a pupil of Patricia Nursery and Primary School, Asaba, has been prevented from going to school by Mr. Nwanwene and his cohorts since the 22nd day of September, 2023.

"It is important to observe that despite an application to enforce the fundamental rights of the detained minors, Mr. Nwanwene in

fulfillment of the financial inducement from my mother and youngest sibling, has continued to maintain strangle hold on the said minors who have so psychologically be bruised by their unlawful detention in the detention facility in Benin City," the petition read.

Mrs. Taylor contended that the action of Mr. Nwanwene brought NAPTIP public ridicule, he was being used to settle family squabbles for no justifiable reason other than to tarnish me and take over my buildings in Asaba.

"I find it difficult to believe that Mr. Nwanwene could lend himself for use by my mother and my youngest sibling just for financial gains.

"I therefore plead with you Sir, to immediately conduct and enquiry into the unlawful acts of Mr. Nwanwene aforesaid with a view to prosecuting him for abuse of office and corrupt practices.

"We will gladly discontinue our suit against NAPTIP in particular if my adopted children are released forthwith and appropriate steps are taken against Mr. Nwanwene whom I intend to continue to litigate against alongside his cohorts for his unlawful activities and for his acts of corruption," she added.

Resume Or Transfer Powers To Deputy Governor, Coalition Tells Akeredolu

***Says political jobbers exploiting vacuum for personal gains**

By; JACOB ONJEWU
DICKSON

A Coalition of Civil Society Organisation for Democracy (CCSOD) has expressed concern over the delay by Governor Rotimi Akeredolu to resume office since his return from medical leave abroad.

The coalition, however, asked the Governor to resume or immediately transfer powers to his Deputy.

Addressing a press conference yesterday in Abuja, Chief Convener of the coalition, Dr Tunji John Asaolu, urged Governor Akeredolu to prioritize the needs of the people and to resume his responsibilities without further delay or transfer power to his Deputy, Mr Lucky Aiyedatiwa.

The rights group said Ondo State cannot afford to be without effective leadership, stressing the need for a swift action to rectify the situation.

They further condemned any attempts by political jobbers to sow discord between the governor and his deputy, as well as any endeavours to exploit the resulting power vacuum for personal gain.

Asaolu said: "We, however, think the Governor's protracted absence raises serious concerns about the functionality of governance, effective decision-making and administrative efficiency in our beloved state.

"The intent of the framers of our Constitution in sections 189,190 and 191 is to avoid any kind of vacuum. And these sections explicitly emphasise the necessity to avoid a vacuum in leadership. The prolonged absence of the governor creates a governance vacuum, thereby impeding the effective administration of Ondo State.

"Equally distressing is the apparent political interference by some persons not elected by the good people of Ondo state, preventing the Deputy Governor from fully discharging his constitutional duties in the absence of Governor Akeredolu. The people know their Governor and his Deputy, not a group of cabal or individuals constituting into "cabal."

"We remind all stakeholders that the constitution empowers the deputy governor to act in the governor's absence. The political maneuvering preventing this is a violation of the very principles that underpin our democratic system. Ondo State deserves strong and unwavering leadership, especially in challenging times.

"Therefore, we call on all relevant authorities to urgently address this matter and ensure the seamless transition of governance to the Ondo Deputy Governor, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

"The people of Ondo state deserve transparent and accountable leadership, and we will not stand idly by while

political machinations jeopardize the well-being of this noble and well respected state." According to the coalition, despite the governor's return from overseas medical treatment, he has yet to resume his duties within the state for several weeks.

"Let it be on record that we, like many other good Nigerians, are

praying fervently to God to fully restore Governor Akeredolu's good health and show him mercy.

"We, however, think the Governor's protracted absence raises serious concerns about the functionality of governance, effective decision-making and administrative efficiency in our beloved state."



Kogi Monarchs Laud INEC, Security Operatives On Conduct of guber election

By: ADAMA JOHN, Lokoja

Traditional rulers in Kogi State have commended the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), security agencies and other stakeholders for the peaceful conduct of the governorship election last Saturday.

They also congratulated the governor-elect, Usman Ododo and affirmed the traditional institutions' commitment for continued collaboration with Kogi State Government to enhance the unity and development achieved under the current administration.

The monarchs spoke when they paid a congratulatory visit to the Governor of Kogi State, Yahaya Bello, CON, at his GRA residence in Okene on Tuesday.

The Atta Igala and serving President of the Kogi State Traditional Council of Chiefs, His Royal Majesty, Mathew Alaji Opaluwa Ogwuche-Akpa, said the purpose of their visit was to celebrate with the Governor, his administration, and the Governor-elect, Usman Ododo, for the peaceful and successful governorship poll that was held on November 11, 2023.

Represented by Obaro of Kabba, Oba Solomon Dele Owoniyi, the monarch recalled their peace accord meeting with relevant stakeholders before the election, where they were advised to be



cautious of information on social media, and where they were assured that the government and security agencies had implemented mechanisms for a peaceful election.

On the election in Okunland, Oba Solomon stressed that the people were united in acknowledging and rewarding the governor for the positive impact of his administration.

He expressed the confidence that if they had to do this again, the people of Okunland would not only deliver the entire Okunland but would also widen the margin

of lead.

Oba Solomon appealed to Governor Bello to continue in his efforts at strengthening the bond among the people of Kogi State, advocating a united identity as Kogites rather than being identified based on ethnic divisions.

He commended the achievements of the current administration in fostering peace and unity over the past seven and a half years.

Governor Bello, accompanied by Governor-elect Ahmed Usman Ododo, expressed

gratitude to the traditional rulers for their prayers and the pivotal roles they played in ensuring the peaceful conduct of the November 11 election.

He commended His Royal Majesty, Williams Keke, the Aguma of Bassa, and His Royal Highness Bukar-Khalid, the Ohiogba of Mozum, for their contributions to the peaceful election and the victory for the APC in Bassa land.

The governor emphasised the need for collaboration among senatorial districts for the overall interest of the state, emphasising

that politics ends after elections, while development and good governance continue.

He stressed the importance of every part of the state feeling the impact of governance regardless of political affiliations.

Recall that last Sunday, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), declared Ahmed Usman Ododo winner of the November 11 governorship election, having polled the highest number of lawful votes of 446,237 to defeat other candidates.

Customs MMA Command Generates Over N74bn

By: RAYMOND TEDUNJAYE, Lagos

The Area Controller of the Murtala Mohammed Airport (MMA) Command of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), Comptroller Yusuf M.S. has disclosed that the command generated the sum of N74,286,707,443.01k between January and October 2023.

Yusuf who hinted that the revenue was collected from Customs duty and other charges, explained that the amount showed a progression above the amount collected within same period in 2022, which stood at N60,056,125,823.29k

Briefing the press Wednesday on the achievements of the Command under the period in review, the Comptroller noted that the revenue clearly shows a progressive difference of N14, 230, 581, 619.72k, depicting a 23% increase of collection.

He stated that the Command so far has met 76.34% of its annual target.

The Comptroller attributed the factors responsible for the achievements to include blockage of loopholes, enlightenment, stakeholders engagement and intelligent application of extant laws..

He also identified the resilience of officers in ensuring that agents were made to do proper declarations and to adhere strictly to import/export guidelines in tandem with extant laws as some of the factors.



Comptroller Yusuf M.S. displaying some of the Intercepted contraband

In the area of anti-smuggling activities, he said the Command intercepted an

unregistered pharmaceutical products suspected to be Tramadol tablets.

According to him, the shipment was intercepted on the suspicion of exceeding the approved threshold by the Federal Government.

The cumulative Duty Paid Value (DPV) of the aforementioned items stood at Three Billion, five hundred and fifty six million, eight hundred and two thousand, nine hundred and forty two naira, eighteen kobo (#3,556,802,942.18k)".

He explained that the consignment of Tramadol which were

Pakistan clearly go above the threshold (225mg) of Tramadol tablets allowed into the country.

Nigeria as a country allows Tramadol that fall below the 100mg threshold to be imported into the country, the CAC revealed, adding that a suspect has been arrested in connection with the illegal importation.

The seized illegal Tramadol medicaments were also handed over to the MMAC Deputy Commander of the National Drugs Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) Mr. Barth Aigbirere who praised the cordial relationship that exists between the Customs and the NDLEA as evidenced in the hand over.

He said that a whole lot of intelligence gathering and reliable knowledge sharing amongst agencies often happen hence the seizure that results in this hand over.

CAC Yusuf also took journalists round the Command's compound to show them the recent innovations carried out on all the physical structures at the Command.

He praised the CG of Customs for giving them "this befitting structure" and also thanked stakeholders and the press for aiding the successes that he has achieved

imported from Bangladesh, India and

By ; F U N M I A D E R I N T O , K a d u n a
The Deputy Governor of Kaduna State, Dr Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe led a delegation from the state to the Intra-African Trade Fair (IATF) held in Cairo, Egypt where she showcased Kaduna's investment and economic potential to a global audience. Dr Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe highlighted Kaduna's strengths as a resource-rich state with an educated and skilled young population, a favourable climate, investment-friendly reforms, and a strong political commitment to promote and protect investments. She emphasized the significant investments made in improving infrastructure, particularly roads, and the establishment of an economic and agro-allied zones in the state while implementing the ease of doing business initiatives in the state. The Kaduna delegation, consisting of Dr Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe, the Commissioner of

Business Innovation and Technology, Patience Faka i, the Commissioner of Agriculture, Bashir Dabo, and the Private Secretary to the Deputy Governor, Hafsat Aminu Ashiru, engaged leaders from other national and subnational governments, regional representatives, and industry leaders from various sectors. The IATF serves as a platform for entry into Africa's single market of over a billion people, facilitated by the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). This year's edition, under the theme "Building Bridges for a Successful AfCFTA," was organized by The African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank), in collaboration with the African Union and AfCFTA Secretariat. As the third fair concluded, the Kaduna State is optimistic about the potential partnerships and investment opportunities that may arise from their participation in the 2023 AITF.

Deputy Governor Showcases Kaduna's Investment Potential at Cairo Intra-African Trade Fair



60 Year Old Retired Banker Bags First Class In Sociology From UI

**Wins eight awards as best graduating student in Sociology*

By; BAYO AKAMO, Ibadan

A retired banker, Farouk Sanni yesterday, emerged the best graduating student in the Department of Sociology, University of Ibadan.

The 60-year old retired banker, while speaking on his experience at the 75th convocation ceremony at the University of Ibadan, disclosed that he took up the challenge to stay healthy and pursue his quest to understand human behaviour after retiring at UBA and had to write JAMB to be admitted to study sociology.

Sanni, who bagged eight awards as a result of the feat, stressed that he wrote JAMB with his child, who is now studying law at the University of Ibadan.

According to him, "Studying in a class where you have those who of the same age with your children can be very challenging, but I was magnanimous to accommodate what happened.

"Some called me daddy, some called me Mr Sanni while some will even say "he may be a daddy but he is not my father". I experienced a lot of

things, but as an old person, I was able to remain focussed."

The retired banker who said he felt accomplished with studying sociology in his quest to understand why people behave the way they do, said he had read accounting at Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife as an imposed course by an uncle.

A lecturer in the department, Dr Oludayo Tade while speaking on the feat of Mr Sanni, said the best graduating student had a chair which he tied to a tree where he read under a tree in the faculty of the social sciences.

Dr Tade stressed, "This 60-year-old man, Mallam F. K. Sanni graduated with FIRST CLASS in Sociology, University of Ibadan as the best student in his set, and with that won 8 awards. He has two undergraduate children in UI at the moment".

"Until he graduated, he picked and dropped his two children at lecture halls, and most of the time, I met him reading under the tree on Saturday and Sunday", he said

Dr Tade added, "On Ileya day, I saw him at usual reading space under a



Mr. Sanni

faculty tree, where he had brought a chair tied to the tree to use whenever he came around to read. I asked him jokingly: Alhaji

ni Ojo Ileya, he said Oga, I have bought everything they needed for them oooo. Staying with them will distract me, Sir."

669 LGAs In Nigeria Yet To Join League Of Open Defecation-free Communities - UNICEF

By; AMOS TAUNA, Kaduna

Nigeria still has a shortfall of 669 local government areas to join the League of open defecation-free countries, the United Nations Children's Fund, UNICEF, has lamented.

According to UNICEF, it might be impossible to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 6 by 2030 if the government and relevant stakeholders in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, WASH, do not mobilise to ensure the 774 LGAs of the country become open-defecation-free.

Dr Clement Adams, the Officer in Charge,

UNICEF Bauchi Field Office, spoke Wednesday at a media dialogue in Azare, Bauchi State, on World Toilet Day, congratulated the people of Katagum Local Government Area in Bauchi state for becoming the 105th local government area in the country to be certified open defecation-free.

He observed that the majority of the diseases that afflict people can be traced to poor sanitation, saying that not having enough toilets is endangering both humans and the environment and the statistics we have is not encouraging. He emphasized, "Jigawa is

the only state in the country that has all its local government areas certified open defecation free, but we believe other states can copy from them to ensure the country achieves the Sustainable Development Goal Number 6 by 2030."

The officer in charge stressed the need for more partnership with relevant stakeholders, pointing out that governments must ensure all hands are on deck to bridge the gap created by the shortfall.

The Bauchi State Commissioner for Water Resources, Alh. Nuhu Zaki, had earlier expressed the state government's

commitment to attain an open defecation-free status across all the 20 LGAs by 2025.

He said that it is important to note that the state government was able to deliver 8 local government areas as LGA ODF-wide, these include Dass, Warji, Shira, Gamawa, Bogoro, Ganjuwa, Toro and Katagum local government areas.

He noted that additional 5934 communities were delivered ODF while two other local government areas were at different levels of becoming ODF that is Bauchi and Zaki local government areas.

Tinubu Reiterates FG's Commitment To Free Press In Nigeria

By; PATRICK TITUS, Uyo

Nigeria's President, Senator Bola Ahmed Tinubu has reassured of the commitment of his administration to a free and robust media without any intention to stifle press freedom, while calling on media practitioners to operate within the framework of the ethics of journalism and to conduct their activities with utmost sense of duty, patriotism and responsibility.

President Tinubu gave the commitment, while declaring open 19th All Nigeria Editors Conferences (ANEC) at Ibom Icon Hotels in Uyo on Wednesday, with the theme, "Stimulating Economic Growth, Technological Advancement: Role of the Media", at Ibom Icon Hotel And Golf Resort, Uyo.

He charged the media practitioners to use their agenda setting role to advocate positive values and complement efforts of government at all levels towards economic growth and technological progress.

President Tinubu highlighted the contributions of the media in creating a favourable business environment to enhance stability of the financial market vis-a-vis the nation's economy.

He charged the media practitioners to champion the campaign for moral rectitude through robust engagement on the various platforms to promote economic growth and technological progress and collectively combat the menace of misinformation and false narratives through responsible journalism.

He said, "let me restate the commitment of my administration to a free and robust media without any intention to stifle press freedom, but we expect you to operate within the framework of the ethics of journalism and to conduct your activities with utmost sense of duty, patriotism and responsibility".

Speaking through the Minister of Information

and National Re-orientation, Alhaji Mohammed Idris Malagi, he congratulated Eze Anaba-led Executive of the Nigerian Guild of Editors and paid tributes to Alhaji Lateef Kayode Jakande as well as other progenitors of the revered forum of Editors.

He described the conference as a gathering of elites in the Journalism profession and its role in shaping public opinion as invaluable.

"I use this opportunity to restate our commitment to the freedom of the press and the provision of the necessary environment to enable the media to perform its constitutionally assigned role, holding the government accountable.

"I however, urge you, our esteemed editors to be vigilant, and help clearing our media space of the ills of the fake news, misinformation, disinformation and malinformation which portend great danger for our country," he stated.

Governor of the host State and Guest of Honour, Pastor Umo Eno, expressed the delight of the government and people of Akwa Ibom State over the assemblage of the media kingpins and commended the Nigerian media for the robust role played in advocating justice, equity and fair play.

The Governor of Cross River State, Prince Bassey Otu, represented by his Commissioner for Information, Mr. Erasmus Ekpang, called on leaders in the media profession to device means of managing the proliferating trend of unedited media articles through social media platforms and cautioned against the use of Artificial Intelligence, AI, which, he added, was capable of misleading, if not checked. In their remarks, Chairman of the Conference and Founder of Vanguard Newspaper, Mr. Sam Amuka and the President, Nigerian Guild of Editors, Eze Anaba advocated participatory democracy and respect to the rule of law for a better Nigeria.

President Bola Tinubu, Niger state Governor Umaru Bago, Hon Shehu ABG alongside some state governors and federal government delegates recently in a serial meeting regarding the Saudi-Africa summit in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.





COMMUNITY FOCUS

Mafa Stakeholders Urge Govt, CBOs, Others To Provide Individual Data Register in Community Development Centers

***Advise on creating social media information platform in CDCs**

By; SADIQ ABUBAKAR,
Maiduguri

Borno State Government, development/humanitarian partners (NGOs), security agencies and community based organization's (CBOs) have been urged to provide a comprehensive and detailed community members personal data register in every office of ward, village and district heads of Mafa Local Government Area (LGA) of Borno State to enhance peaceful coexistence and unity.

The call was made by community, religious, and women leaders as well as representatives of various ethnic, women, trade union and security agents at a one-day community dialogue forum for Reconstruction, Reintegration and Sustainable Peace and Resettlement from Mafa LGA of Borno State.

The community dialogue forum which was organized by Allamin Foundation and held at Hajja Manga Memorial Hall Maiduguri yesterday, also called for the creation of a community social media information platform with trained and experienced influencers to man the affairs of the platform which will serve as a dependable and reliable source of information for public consumption to. Strengthen capacity and will for reconciliation, reintegration and sustainable peace.

They argued that the personal or

individual register should be used by the ward, village and district heads as well as security agencies and community development centers for the purpose of information or data collection of members of the community, both young and old, male or female, new arrivals or visitors to the community as well as registering of deaths and births to enable the community leaders and security agencies as well as government have knowledge of their subjects.

The community stakeholders added that the creation of social media information platform for that will be used for the purpose records keeping or information data bank on residents or inhabitants of every community by way of making vital information about the people available and accessible to all and sundry about the people living in a particular community/domain for security and social purposes or services. Stakeholders further suggested that government and relevant authorities should ensure houses and roads or streets in every settlement are numbered and named respectively, to facilitate accessibility, identification and contacts among others in the community.

They also observed that at many instances, most of the women and girls repentant insurgents returning to communities in various places to rejoin their families, relations and loved



ones, have severally complained of stigmatisation against them by the people, making them feel unacceptable and disliked and their freedom and socialisation denied.

Others further identified marginalization or segregation and insults in the midst of people where, in schools, the repentant do experience against their children and girls especially, those going to primary school, attending gatherings or socialisation and even among those going to market places and hospitals for treatment.

Although it was disclosed that in many instances, some returnee repentant women have been arrested hiding and loading food and food items including soup in containers or plastics to carry to

the bush for their husbands while some of the women while some of the returnee women and girls do fight community women and girls at the slightest argument or misunderstanding.

They suggested however, for government to call on people to forgive and accept them, hence there is the need for more concerted efforts and prayers for peace, unity, understanding in communities, pointing out that, hence living with them is now a most but they still have problems in living with others as some have returned back to the bush as they couldn't bear or endure living with their relations again making their voluntary return, forgiveness and acceptance doubtful and suspicious.

It was also identified that still,

some of the repentant and residents are traumatized and have the, fear of being re-attacked by the returnee insurgents, while lamenting lack of carrying the district and village heads along in decision making and implementation of projects or programmes in their community or area of jurisdiction.

They also observed that government activities, projects and programmes are being executed and implemented without the involvement of the people's custodians, while calling for regular special prayers for relief, succour, reconciliation and reintegration, peace, progress and development.



Kanam LG Boss Frowns At Spurious Attacks On Prominent Citizens

By; **BUHARI B. BELLO, Jos**

Chairman of Kanam Local Government Dayyabu Yusuf Garga has described as wicked the naming and pasting of banners of some prominent Plateau citizens including a distinguished son of the area, Yusuf Adamu Gagdi by some faceless persons known to be sponsored by the ruling party in the state.

Describing the action as the last kicks of a dying horse, he wondered how a

supposed political party will reduce itself to such kind of desperation, knowing fully that it has just a few weeks to handover power in the state.

Dayyabu Garga said for the citizens of Kanam Local Government Area, Gagdi is a priceless asset that has always meant well for the people, by providing unequalled representation to the admiration of all.

He said calling him and other illustrious citizens

including the daughter of the soil, Hon. Justice Monica Dongban Menzem, President of the Court of Appeal unprintable names despite her innocence, shows desperation of the highest order.

Garga said the good people of Kanam, Pankshin and Kanke as well as generality of Plateau citizens will continue to give Gagdi the rightful support to discharge his duties.

According to the chairman, after they failed

with the rumours of his death via a motor accident, they are cooking other means to tarnish his image assuring that Kanam people are with their son Gagdi all the way.

He then called on the judiciary not to be intimidated by the so-called stage managed and sponsored protests in Jos and Abuja as it will not change the decision to administer justice to the already seen handwriting on the wall of an imminent collapse of the party.



Dayyabu Yusuf Garga

Kogi Polls: ASCF Warns Melaye, Ajaka Against Unsubstantiated Claims Of Irregularities Against INEC

By; **JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON**

The Arewa Stakeholders Consultative Forum (ASCF) has issued a warning to the losers of the off-circle governorship polls held in Kogi State on Saturday to avoid making unsubstantiated claims of irregularities against the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC).

A statement issued by ASCF's Spokesperson, Danjuma Paul expressed concern over the inflammatory remarks made by some of the bad losers, including Yakubu Ajaka and Dino Melaye, against INEC.

The group stated that the election results had been adjudged as the freest, fairest and most credible ever, and noted that any claims to the contrary must be backed up with solid evidence.

ASCF reminded the aggrieved losers that the acceptable course of action is to seek legal redress through the appropriate channels, rather than resorting to indecent behavior that can undermine the integrity of the electoral process.

The group urged all stakeholders to maintain peace and refrain from acts that could lead to violence. ASCF commended INEC for its transparency and

professionalism in conducting the elections, and called on all candidates and political parties to accept the outcome of the polls in good faith.

The group also reiterated its commitment to promoting good governance and peaceful coexistence in Nigeria. The ASCF further emphasized the need for all parties to respect the rule of law and abide by the decisions of the judiciary if eventually the matter goes to litigation.

The group warned against any attempts to incite violence or disrupt public peace, noting that such actions would be met with stiff resistance. In addition, ASCF urged INEC to continue to improve on its processes and procedures in order to ensure even greater transparency and fairness in future elections.

The group also called on political leaders across Nigeria to work together towards promoting national unity and development. Finally, ASCF expressed its gratitude to all those who participated in the Kogi governorship polls, including voters, election officials, security personnel and observers.

The group urged all stakeholders to continue to support efforts aimed at strengthening democracy in Nigeria.

Governor Uba Sani Mourns Veteran Actor Samanja

By; **FUNMI ADERINTO, Kaduna**

Following his demise, Kaduna State Governor, Senator Uba Sani has expressed grief over the death of veteran actor, Alhaji Usman Baba Pategi.

A statement by the Chief Press Secretary to

Governor Uba Sani on November 12, said on behalf of the people of Kaduna State, Governor Uba Sani has extended his deepest condolences to the family and has called for prayers from well-meaning Nigerians for the family during this difficult time.

"With total submission to the will of Allah (SWT), Kaduna State Governor, Senator Uba Sani on Sunday November 13, 2023, received the news of the passing of veteran actor, producer and director Alhaji Usman Baba Pategi popularly known by Samanja Mazan

Fama.

"Born in 1942, to the Royal Pategi Family, he served in the Nigerian Army and in the old Northern Broadcasting Corporation, where he honed his talents as an actor, writer and producer.

"The nation fell in awe with his talents as an actor in the 1980s,

and through the role of Samanja in the defunct NTA drama series, about the lifestyle of soldiers in the barrack, he became a familiar and loved face in the homes of millions.

"May Allah (SWT) grant him Jannat-ul-Firdaus and forgive his sins," the statement said.

DOPF unveils panel of experts for its 4th Annual Lecture

By: JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON

The Delta Online Publishers Forum (DOPF) has unveiled a stellar lineup of key discussants for its highly anticipated 4th Annual Lecture; titled, "Fiscal Policy and Taxation: Balancing Revenue Generation and Economic Growth".

The event which is scheduled for Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at Golden Tulip Hotels, Asaba, promises to be a convergence of notable personalities from diverse fields, each contributing unique perspectives to this year's discourse.

The forum disclosed this in a statement jointly signed by its Chairman, Mr. Emmanuel Enebeli, and Secretary, Mr. Shedrack Onitsha, on Monday, November 13, 2023, in Asaba, capital of Delta State.

The panel of discussants which is populated by experts from the Taxation financial sector, will be headed by His Royal Majesty, Obi Henry Afamafuna Kikachukwu, Ph.D., the revered Obi of Ubulu-Unor and the first vice chairman of the Delta Traditional Rulers Council.

As a retired Director of the Nigerian Population Commission and a traditional ruler, Obi Kikachukwu is expected to bring his wealth of experience to bear on the intricate intersection of fiscal policy and taxation.

Obi Kikachukwu, in accepting to be in the panel commended DOPF's commitment to addressing critical national issues, lauding the Forum's annual choice of topic aimed at providing solutions, contributing to good governance, and fostering a

democratic culture.

Expressing optimism about the potential impact of research-backed contributions from groups like the Delta Online Publishers Forum, His Royal Majesty suggested that recognizing and incorporating these insights could substantially address the myriad of challenges currently facing the nation.

To join him on the panel is Hon. Bridget Anyafulu, an honourable member, Delta State House of Assembly representing Oshimili South State Constituency. Recognized for her advocacy for good governance and taxation for social and economic development, Hon. Anyafulu is expected to provide valuable insights that will elevate the discourse to new heights.

The financial sector will be well-represented by Dr. Godwin Okafor, the Branch Controller of the Central Bank of Nigeria in Asaba. With a robust background as a financial expert and years of service at the apex bank, Dr. Okafor's contribution is anticipated to shed light on the intricate relationship between fiscal policy and taxation, particularly in the context of revenue generation and economic growth.

Dr. Frank Nwugo, the Director of Operations at the Delta State Board of Internal Revenue, brings his expertise in economic policy and legal context of tax operations to the discussion, adding another layer of depth to the panel.

The panel will be expertly anchored by Mr. Overajo Benjamin, a seasoned media practitioner and consultant with a versatile background in broadcast journalism, print, and advertising.

Adding to the prestige of the event is the presence of renowned financial expert and philanthropist, Dr. Doris Amaka Ochei, who will serve as the Guest Speaker. Dr. Ochei, the Founder and CEO of Doris Amaka Ochei Foundation, boasts an impressive academic background with degrees in Accounting and Public Policy, a Masters in Business Administration, and a Ph.D. in Forensic Accounting. Her extensive experience as a Fellow in Accounting and a chartered Taxation practitioner positions her as a beacon of knowledge for the lecture series.

The Chairman for the occasion is Dr. (Chief) Samuel J. Eshenake (JP). He is the Secretary of the Uvwie Council of Chiefs and a prominent figure in Delta State. He serves currently as Chief Lecturer in the Department of Economics at the College of Education, Warri, including holding the distinguished position of Director of Programmes at Ignatius Ajuru University of Education in affiliation with the College of Education, Warri. Dr. Eshenake's influence and expertise in the Niger Delta region makes him an ideal



choice for this prestigious role.

The 2023 DOPF 4th Lecture Series is set to be an engaging and informative event, with a stellar lineup of speakers and discussants poised to delve into the critical issues surrounding fiscal policy and taxation.

Participants and stakeholders can anticipate a lively and insightful discussion as these distinguished personalities share their expertise and insights on striking the right balance between revenue generation and economic growth.



Gombe Governor Explores Partnership With NITDA To Boost E-Governance, Digital Literacy

By: JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON

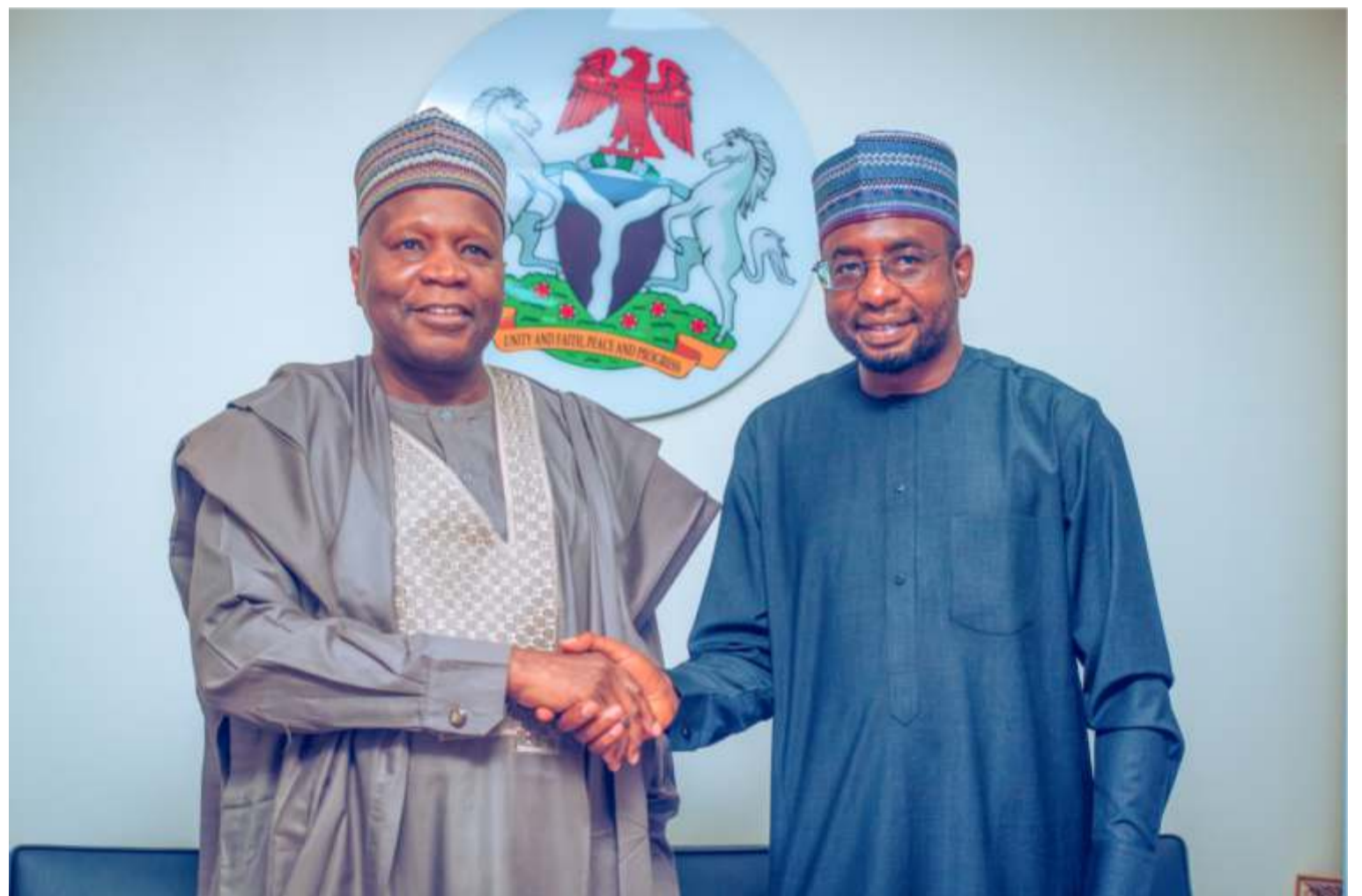
Gombe State Governor, Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya, CON, on Wednesday, paid a visit to the headquarters of the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) in Abuja.

A statement signed by the Director-General (Press Affairs) Government House Gombe, Ismaila Uba Misilli, said that the Governor met with the Director-General of NITDA, Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi, with their discussion focusing on ways to strengthen collaboration aimed at advancing digital literacy and E-governance initiatives in Gombe State to boost administrative efficiency and elevate service delivery.

A key aspect of the partnership will revolve around capacity building, with a focus on equipping thousands of youths and women in Gombe with essential digital skills through valuable training programmes.

The meeting holds particular significance as Gombe State was recently recognized by NITDA as the 'Most Digitally Compliant State' during the Digital Nigeria Conference Dinner and Awards 2023.

Gombe State, under the leadership of Governor Inuwa Yahaya, has set an ambitious goal to automate all



government operations within the next four years to align with broader national efforts towards a more digitally inclined governance structure.

Gombe, known for its skilled

manpower, proudly holds the position of the 'Best State in Ease of Doing Business' in Nigeria. The collaboration with NITDA is poised to further amplify this reputation and facilitate the integration of cutting-

edge technology into various sectors in order to ensure that Gombe remains at the forefront of digital transformation in the country.



ABU, Nairobi Varsity Sign Pact On Research Activities

By; SANIALIYU, Zaria
Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria and University of Nairobi, Kenya have agreed to collaborate for joint research activities, exchange of scholars, as well as students both undergraduate and postgraduate.

This was contained in a statement made available by the Public Affairs Directorate, Office of the Vice-Chancellor, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria on Wednesday, November 15, 2023.

The agreement was contained in a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) jointly signed by both parties at the University of Nairobi in Kenya. The MoU is for a period of five years, and it shall be governed by the Nigerian and Kenyan laws subject to national and international jurisdictions. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kabiru Bala, signed the MoU on behalf of Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, while the Vice-Chancellor of University of Nairobi, Prof. Stephen Kiama, stood in for the Kenyan university.

The main objective of the Memorandum of Understanding is basically to provide directly or in collaboration with other institutions' facilities for university education, including technological, professional education, research, transmission of knowledge and the

stimulation of intellectual life and cultural development.

Specifically, other areas of collaboration as captured in the MoU include joint proposals for solicitation of funding and exchange of information as well as documentation both written and electronic.

Both institutions also agreed on use of each other's facilities subject to adequate prior notice, convenience and availability, as well as exchange of faculty of members in the field of mutual interests and on terms to be agreed.

Additionally, the MoU seeks for collaboration in joint research and publications, academic writing, alumni relations, partnerships and stakeholder engagements.

The two African universities will engage in capacity building through exchange programmes, research output, and short courses.

This is in addition to exchange of academic data and information, as well as joint organisation of scientific meetings such as seminars, conferences, colloquiums, and workshops.

Both parties further undertake to jointly solicit for funds, including donor funds, research grants, contributions, subscriptions and such related funds for the purpose of realizing any or all the objectives of the collaboration.





Governor Adeleke

Yeye Dupe Adeleke-Sanni Has No Role In Purchase of LG Vehicles - Osun Governor Spokesperson

***Blasts opposition over blackmailing attempt**

By; **BAYO AKAMO, Ibadan**

Osun State Government on Sunday, lashed out at the opposition in the state over what it described as alleged blackmailing attempt. The government in a statement by the Spokesperson to Governor Ademola Adeleke, Mallam Olawale Rasheed berated the opposition over its attempt "to drag the prestigious name and personality of Yeye Modupeola Adeleke-Sanni into what she knows nothing about.

According to the Osun State Government, "One of such blackmailing attempts is linking her to the recent purchase of official vehicles for local government areas caretaker chairmen in Osun State".

"It has been brought to our attention the blackmailing attempt of the sinking opposition and belly-aching traducers in Osun state to drag the prestigious name and personality of Yeye Modupeola Adeleke-Sanni into what she knows nothing about", it said.

Osun State Government added, "One of such blackmailing attempts is linking her to the recent purchase of official vehicles for local governments Caretaker Chairmen in Osun State.

"Let it be noted that the process involved in the purchase of the official

vehicles for the local government chairmen has nothing to do with Yeyeluwa. Due process was followed through Association of Local Government of Nigeria (ALGON), their umbrella body, in purchasing those vehicles. Yeyeluwa Adeleke-Sanni was not in any way involved in the entire process".

The statement stressed further, "Just recently, a reputable financial institution 'ICAN' accorded Osun State with the topmost position as one of the best audit and financial compliance states. This administration is committed to due process, transparency and upholding of procurement laws.

"We call the attention of the public to the existence of the Freedom of Information Act which allows the citizens to seek information through a designated process. Peddlers of fake news are also reminded of the existence of cyber crime laws which prohibit fabrication and spreading of fake news among others.

"Going forward, any defamatory or blackmailing attempt from any quarters will be treated with the right and deserving legal actions. Relevant state law officers have been directed by Mr Governor to bring to book those committing fake news and associated cyber crimes".

Peedeeep Arcade Properties Embarks On Over N4.7bn Shopping Complex, Seek Investors

By; **RAYMOND TEDUNJAYE, Lagos**

Efforts at addressing the Infrastructural deficit in the area of market development in Lagos will soon receive a boost, as the Peedeeep Arcade Properties Ltd, has begun the construction of a novel shopping complex worth over N4.7 billion in the state.

The project, which is a joint venture with the Nigerian Army Post Service Housing Development Ltd, is sited on a large expanse of land in Ojo area of Lagos.

According to the partnership agreement, while the Post Service Housing Development Ltd provides the land, Peedeeep is to source for funders for the construction of the project.

Speaking with journalists last weekend during a facility tour of the project, the Executive Director of Peedeeep Arcade Properties Ltd Col. Kingsley Ekong Umoh (rtd) disclosed that the complex comes with a special model different from the typical Nigerian market.

He called on investors both offshore and onshore to partner in funding the project to enable its

complexion within time specification.

Umoh noted that funding has been the major challenge to the project, expected to have been completed since its take off in 2021.

Talking about its animation, Umoh hinted that the front of the shops both at the up and ground floor will be designed with glass.

The Peedeeep boss disclosed that the market will consist of 45 buildings made up of 35 shops of different segments, based on the need of the buyers, even as he added that the shops is also transferable.

On the facilities to be enjoyed in the market, Umoh explained that there will be 24 hours electricity supply to be drawn from a dedicated line and also alternative sources, regular water supply, large parking space, creche, green rating and adequate security to be provided by private outfit, with a backup by the Army.

"The idea is to deliver a hybrid market, made of 45 mini malls, with creche that will operate like a school for the kids of the traders and another one for customers, 24 hours

electricity supply because there is provision for dedicated line and also alternative sources, regular water supply, large parking space and we are also competing for green rating, no refuse will leave the market, for all will be treated here. On security, the market will be well protected with private security outfit, with a backup by the Army because the project belongs to the Army.

Also speaking on the project the marketing officer of Peedeeep Arcade Properties Ltd, Mrs. Funmi Odetola disclosed that the mode of payment is made simple for ease of payment, which include instalmental payment. She added that there is also provision for mortgage partners, insurance policy amongst.

Adetola disclosed that the smallest shop in the complex, which is 11sqm sells for N6.6 million on the ground floor, while same size goes for N6,050,000 on the first floor.

The marketing officer hinted that the company currently runs an Ember Month Promo at N550,000 per square, which ends 31st December 2023.

Her words, "We only put the minimum at 11sqm, but you can buy above this. You can buy 15sqm, 22 sqm, 32 sqm, 44sqm and so on depending on your capacity. What we've done so far is the external wall which allows the internal demarcation to be done based on individual subscriber's specification.

"One of the value we want to deliver at Acada Arcade is to ensure that everybody that comes here get what they want and what their business demands. Acada Arcade is a segmented market, we have different aspect of the market which include electronics, fashion, cosmetics, different aspects of businesses. Also there is opportunity for those who are into bakery, shopping mall, eateries, banking hall, confessionaries amongst others.

"We have two layers of payment, we have instalmental payment without interest, where one pays in tranches. When you pay 70 percent, you have allocation to the shop.

"The smallest shop which is 11sqm is N6.6 million on the ground floor, while it is N6,050,000 on the first floor.



The ongoing construction of the complex.

Gov Buni Expands, Upgrades Tertiary Healthcare, Distributes Hospital Consumables

By; JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON

Yobe State Government, has commenced the expansion and upgrading of tertiary healthcare institutions in Damaturu the state capital to provide medical needs of patients as well as accommodate medical students of state university and other healthcare institutions during clinical practice.

The Chief Medical Director of the Damaturu Specialist Hospital, Doctor Usman Abba Geidam disclosed this at the commissioning of the newly expanded and upgraded radiology department of the hospital in Damaturu.

The Emir of Damaturu, His Royal Highness, Alhaji Shehu Hashimi II Ibn El-Kanemi who was the special guest of honour and the Radiology Department named after him, applauded the CMD and his team for working tirelessly to ensure they provide better service delivery to all residents.

The Radiology Department

consists of a counselling unit, scanning and X-Ray Centres as well as doctors consulting room.

In a related development, the Chief Medical Director of the specialist hospital also distributed healthcare consumables ranging from orthopedic beds, mattresses, blood Pressure and autoclave machines, thermometers, ward coats, among others to the 21 units of the hospital.

“There is a huge gap including orthopedic mattresses, ceiling fans and other equipment and we have distributed such across the 21 units of the hospital. With this distribution, the cycle of consumables deficiency is now completed, we will concentrate on service delivery” he said.

The chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee, Dr. Abubakar Kawu Mala told the gathering, the consumables have been lacking for a very long period of time but the six months of the CMD has changed the game. Out of the meagre Internally Generated Revenue, the hospital was able to purchase



the items as support to the donations made by Non-Governmental Organisations. The special guest of honour at

the distribution and the Ambassador of the Hospital, Mohammed Kukuwa believed with the recent development will

mitigate the challenge faced in the past.

Social Protection Policy In Nigeria At Risk Of Political Hijack – CORN Tells Tinubu

By; BAYOAKAMO, Ibadan

Director, Conflict Research Network, West Africa (CORN), Dr Tarila Marclint Ebiede on Sunday, alerted that politics is now threatening social protection policy in Nigeria

Dr. Ebiede raised the alarm while speaking with newsmen on the maiden conference organized by CORN themed: “Social protection and economic uncertainties in fragile and conflict affected societies” held in Abuja.

The CORN Director maintained that the

operation of social protection policy in the country seems to be at the risk of political hijack, thereby denying the vulnerable the inherent benefit in social protection intervention.

While charging President Bola Tinubu not to allow politics to hijack social protection policy under his watch, Dr Ebiede called for more research on social protection in Nigeria to ensure transparent and impactful use of social protection funding.

He stressed that the findings of the research presented in the conference

indicated that though the idea of social protection is good, there is a need to address the root causes of vulnerability.

“Efficient social protection system should be transparent with the social register. It is also important for the government to know that social protection alone does not address poverty. The government must implement economic programs that will address poverty in a sustainable way”, he said.

Dr Ebiede added, “The government should intensify efforts to improve the economic conditions of the people rather than concentrating on social protection”

In his keynote paper entitled “social protection is times of crisis” Prof Remi Aiyede of the University Ibadan disclosed that it is insensitive and provocative for government officials to be involved in conspicuous spending that reinforce self-aggrandisement in the face of belt tightening and hunger by majority of citizens.

The Professor of Political Institutions, Governance and Public Policy said “it must be emphasized that the recent focus of social protection on cash transfers is inadequate to achieve the required transformation of social conditions that the developmental state is expected to bring about.”

“Cash transfers and other social assistance programmes focus on chronic poverty and often to the neglect of the issues of inequality. The goal of social protection under the developmental state is to achieve shared prosperity by building an inclusive society. Social protection should encompass pillars of social services, social assistance, social insurance; and social promotion”

The Development Director of the British High Commission, Chris Pycroft while speaking said “social protection systems that support a range of human development outcomes that are carefully targeted to support those most in need, and operate at scale to prevent individuals and communities from falling behind are highly effective at mitigating the unprecedented risks”.

During the conference, UNICEF Country Representative in Nigeria, Cristine Munduate admonished that “we must address the pressing issue of economic uncertainty in fragile and conflict affected societies and support the government to define social protection measures relevant to the needs of the citizens, the financial hardships faced by families in such regions exacerbate the already daunting challenges”



Some participants are the CORN programme.

Compliance To Border Closure In Katsina Fully Enforced - Customs



Comptroller of the Katsina State Area Command of the Nigeria Customs Service, Mohammed Umar with Emir of Daura, Alhaji (Dr.) Faruk Umar Faruk at his Palace in Daura.

Arewa Youth Assembly Hails Governor Hope Uzodinma On Re-election

By; AMOS TAUNA, Kaduna

The Arewa Youths Assembly (AYA), has suggested that anyone that feels dissatisfied with the election outcome of Imo State is encouraged to pursue legal means by approaching the court for redress.

The forum said it stands against fomenting trouble or engaging in any activities that may disrupt the peace and harmony of the state, saying that peaceful resolution through legal channels is vital for the stability and prosperity of our country.

A statement issued on Monday by its Speaker, Mohammed Salihu Danlami, said, "The Arewa Youths Assembly extends warm congratulations to His Excellency, Governor Hope Uzodinma, on his well-deserved re-election victory in the recently concluded gubernatorial elections. We

acknowledge that this triumph is a result of Governor Uzodinma's commendable achievements over the past four years."

The Youths Assembly hails all individuals and organizations whose efforts contributed to the successful conduct of the gubernatorial elections, ensuring a free, fair, and transparent process and thanked the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), security agencies, observers, and the electorates for their dedication and commitment to upholding the democratic values of the nation.

The youths congratulated Governor Hope Uzodinma, on his well-deserved re-election victory in the recently concluded gubernatorial elections and acknowledged that this triumph is a result of his achievements over the past four years in the state.

According to the statement, "Governor Uzodinma's dedication and commitment to the progress of Imo State and Nigeria at large have been evident in the transformative initiatives he has implemented during his first term. We believe that his re-election serves as a testament to his leadership qualities and the positive impact he has had on the state. He is the first governor to win all the Local Governments in his state. It is evident that he is leading Imo without any form of segregation, hence, his uniform acceptability across the state.

"Furthermore, the Arewa Youths Assembly would like to call upon all other candidates who contested the election to put aside their differences and unite in support of Governor Uzodinma's leadership. It is crucial to prioritize the progress and development of Imo State, and by supporting the re-elected

Governor, we can collectively work towards achieving this goal.

"However, where anyone feels dissatisfied with the election outcome we encourage them to pursue legal means by approaching the Court. We stand against fomenting trouble or engaging in any activities that may disrupt the peace and harmony of our beloved state. Peaceful resolution through legal channels is vital for the stability and prosperity of our country.

"The Youths Assembly commends all individuals and organizations whose efforts contributed to the successful conduct of the gubernatorial elections, ensuring a free, fair, and transparent process. We extend our appreciation to the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), security agencies, observers, and the electorates for their dedication and commitment to upholding the democratic values of our nation."

By; SULAIMAN AHMED MISAU, Katsina

Comptroller of the Katsina State Area Command of the Nigeria Customs Service, Mohammed Umar has said that, the compliance level in respect of border closure is fully enforced in the state and it is good for economic development of the country.

Comptroller Umar said his officers and other security personnel are working in harmony and no more challenges as smuggling of rice and other commodities has reduced to the barest minimum in the state.

Comptroller Mohammed Umar was speaking at the Palace of the District Head of Babban - Mutum, Alhaji Haruna Abdullahi during a familiarization visit to the border Community in Baure Local Government Area of the state.

Comptroller Umar who led a high powered officers of the command delegation to the area, assured that, officers and men of the Nigeria Customs Service would not rest on their oars until smuggling is totally annihilated.

He reiterated the efforts of the Customs in working with other sister security agencies to further checkmate peddling of prohibited goods into the country as well as the protection of lives and property of the citizenry.

Comptroller Mohammed Umar who vowed to resuscitate the Customs Community Consultative Forum in border Communities in the state emphasized that, the revitalization of the forum would enable the service and members of the border Communities in the state to rub minds on sustainable ways of stemming smuggling and other transborder crimes for improve economic activities.

He said the Consultative Forum which would be effective before the end of this year would serve as an avenue for the Service to sample relevant opinions of border Communities and proffer solution that would further deepen genuine economic activities.

While describing the Customs Community Consultative Forum as a veritable tool for resolving issues in border Communities, Comptroller Umar said it would feature periodic engagement with leaders of business association, traditional and religious Leaders

"We will immediately revamp the Customs Community Consultative Forum and make it more functional for improved trade facilitation and economic development without compromising national security," Comptroller Mohammed Umar said.

He therefore, warned officers and personnel of the Service, especially those serving at the border communities not to compromise in the discharge of their duties, and always act in the best interest of the country.

According to him, "We are here to make sure that the economic activities of the state are improved. They (officers) should maintain the rules and regulations governing the border closure, and they should not disturb the normal economic activities of the state."

Comptroller Umar also visited Kongolam, Zango and Mai'Adua border stations in Mai'Adua and Zango Local Government Areas of the State, and held interactive sessions with Chairmen of the councils, leaders of various business associations, traditional and religious leaders. Where they assured their support to the Nigeria Customs Service, considering it notable commitment to enhancing border security and trade facilitation in the state.

Comptroller Mohammed Umar according to a statement by the Public Relations Officer of the Katsina Customs area Command, Assistant Superintendent of Customs, Tahir Balarabe finally toured the border stations as well as visited former President Muhammed Buhari at his country home in Daura and the Emir of Daura, Alhaji Dr. Faruq Umar Faruq, where they all reiterated their support for the Nigeria Customs Service.

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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
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2 X 1	7,714.28	578.57	8,292.85	4,975.71	373.18	5,348.89

Kano Govt Appeals For Calm As Court Delivers Verdict Today

By; JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON

Kano State Government has advised people in the state to remain calm and avoid acts capable of causing breach of the peace as the Appeal Court delivers judgement today, in the appeal filed by the New Nigeria People's Party (NNPP), against the judgment of the Kano Governorship Election Tribunal.

A statement issued to newsmen in Kano by the

state commissioner for Information, Baba Halilu Dantiye, yesterday, said the advice becomes necessary as some may take advantage of the situation and cause breach of the peace.

Dantiye, who was reacting to today's governorship election judgment by the Appeal Court in Abuja, stressed the need for people to maintain the peace for the development of the state and country at large.

He also called on security agencies to double their efforts in ensuring that law and order are maintained as well as ensure full protection of lives and properties of the citizens in the state.



Gov Yusuf

Confusion As Appeal Court Orders Conduct Of Elections In Taraba Polling Units Instead Of Kaduna State

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not dating of INEC forms among other irregularities presented by the appellate before the learned judges of the tribunal led by Ibrahim Wakili.

The most strange and unsettling aspect of the Appeal Court judgment was the listing of polling units in far away Taraba State as areas where fresh elections are to be conducted in place of areas in Kaduna State.

The areas mentioned in the document read, signed and authenticated by the Appeal court were; Lawanti Kofar Jauro, Yelo Lima, Abba Kalu and Shilo which are all wards or polling units in Taraba states, an infraction legal experts said would affect and invalidate the verdict.

A kaduna based lawyer who preferred anonymity described the judgement as embarrassment to judiciary, adding that the error would affect validity

and render enforcement of the rule impossible.

A judicial officer with court of Appeal, Kaduna expressed worries and disappointment over the misappropriation of names of polling units in the documents pronouncing the verdict, saying the mistake was a very costly one, capable of derailing justice and casting doubts on Judicial arm of government.

"That mistake of mentioning polling units in Taraba instead of those in Kaduna by the appeal court judges was unforgivable, particularly in democratic system like ours which vests power of interpretations on shoulders of judges.

"This infraction is capable of throwing out political atmosphere into chaos and confusion," he added.

All eyes will now be if the judgement would stand the test of time.

Bank Failure: NDIC Reiterates Commitment To Customer Service Efficiency



By; EMMANUEL AGBO, Kaduna

The Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) has said that the corporation will remain committed to offering succour to customers through efficient service delivery in the event of bank failure.

The Director, NDIC, Malam Basheer Alhasan Nuhu gave the assurance in Kaduna earlier this week, shortly after the grand finale of the just concluded Kaduna International Polo Tournament.

He said NDIC is there for the general public to pay them their money to the insured sum when the need arises.

"The NDIC is an agency

that supervises banks to protect depositors, ensure monetary stability, effective and efficient payment system as well as to promote competition and innovation in the banking system," he said. Speaking with journalists shortly after the event, the director expressed satisfaction over the peaceful conduct of the 2023 Polo Tournery, adding that polo is a very exciting game for the kings, yet the general public love it.

He disclosed that "NDIC is a co-sponsor of the event. So our presence here is to inform the general public invariably the bank depositors that there is NDIC which gives them succour for their deposit in their bank account in the event of

bank failure.

"Why we always partner with the polo tournament is because there are exciting spectators so that we share our knowledge of deposit insurance with each other. It is a nice game. This year's tournament has finished very well." He said.

Remarking also, the Chairman of BBFA Polo Club Dawule Baba, said the polo games was beyond their expectations especially the Georgian Cup played last week that produced Rubicon as winner, after defeating El-Amin in the final.

He said that they are now playing the Emir of Katsina cup, while noting that the Polo games did not take place last year because the pitch needed

to undergo refurbishing, meanwhile it have been upgraded to global standard, a renovation that many players across the globe that participated in the tourney, including England, USA, Argentina, and others lauded.

In the same vein, the Public Relations Officer, (PRO) Dan Jarman Adamawa, Malam Mustapha Taheer, said that Kaduna State is the heart beat of polo in Nigeria and so they are not surprised if they are playing the game accordingly and showing skills of professionalism.

He said that he was elated to be present at the concluding part of the game, stressing that it's great seeing Kaduna Polo Club back to its good old days for the general public to enjoy.



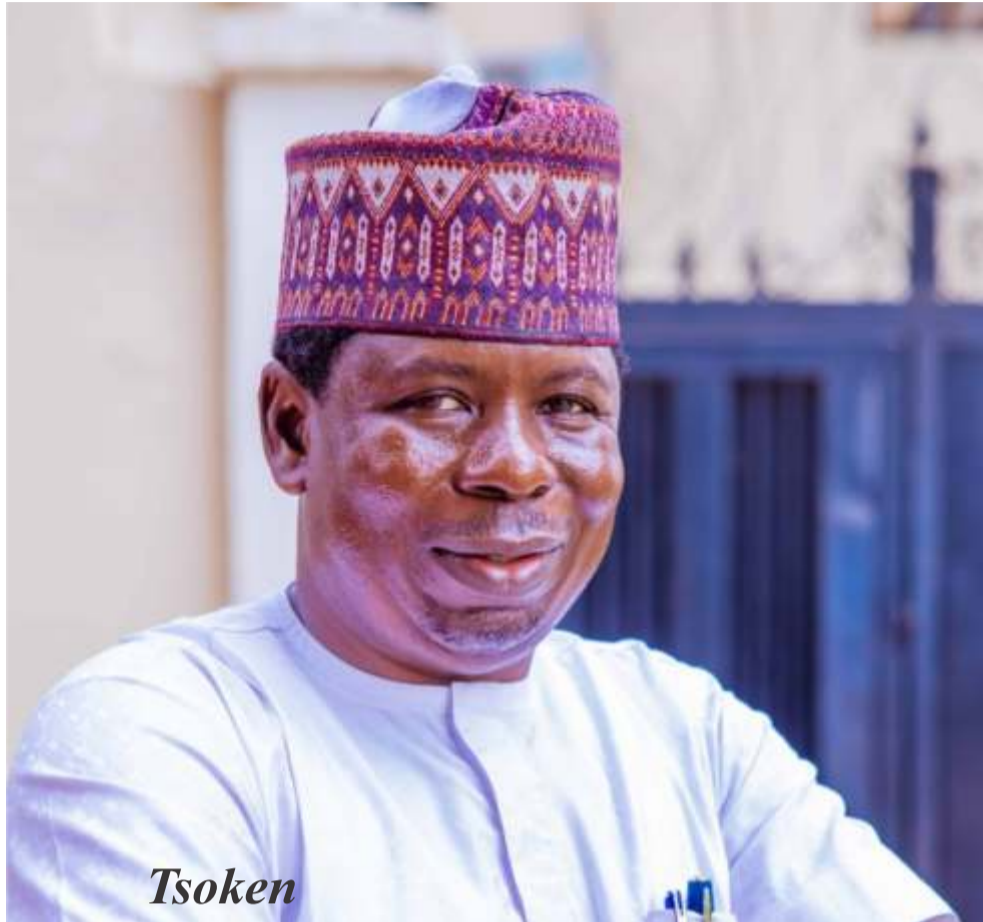
APC-IGG Congratulates Governor Uzodinma, Ododo, APC National Chairman Over Election Victory

By; JABIRU A. HASSAN, Kano

APC Initiative For Good Governance (APC-IGG) has issued a congratulatory message to the reelected Governor of Imo State, Hope Uzodinma and the Kogi State governor-elect, Usman Ododo on their recent election victory as declared by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC).

In a statement he signed and issued to our correspondent, the national president of the initiative, Ambassador Musa Mohammed Tsoken, said that the recent election victory recorded by the All Progressives Congress (APC) indicates that the party is making good impact to Nigeria's citizens of all categories.

Ambassador Musa Tsoken added that from the results of the November 11 polls, APC is still the best choice of Nigerians at both rural and urban communities, where he reiterated his group's determination at ensuring good governance at all the three tiers of government.



Tsoken

The statement added, "On behalf of the national executive officers of our great support group, the zonal coordinators, states, local government areas and wards leaders, I wish to congratulate His Excellency, Governor Hope Uzodinma, the Kogi State governor-elect,

Malam Usman Ododo and our able party chairman, Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje who played a key role towards the success of our party". APC-IGG commended President Bola Ahmed Tinubu for what he described as his good leadership style which is

influencing national unity, peace and economic growth, especially when he is well supported by his executive council the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF) and good working relationship between the legislative and executive arm.

Group Hails Security Agents For Ensuring Peaceful Elections

By; AMOS TAUNA, Kaduna

The Unified Nigeria Youth Forum (UNYF), has expressed satisfaction with the level of professionalism displayed by the security agencies and other institutions involved in the conduct of the election in ensuring peaceful elections in the three states last week Saturday.

The forum noted that off season elections were held in the states of Bayelsa, Imo and Kogi states over the weekend, saying that while the results of Imo and Kogi states have been declared by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), that of Bayelsa was being expected.

Addressing newsmen in Kaduna on Monday, Aliyu Muhammad, Publicity Secretary of the forum explained that observers were sent to the three states to monitor the conduct of the elections, stressing that their interest remained how to deepen the democracy with whatever results that were made available to the people as they are not partisan and therefore have no affiliation to any of the political parties.

He said, "As at this morning, reports from our field officers indicated that the elections in Bayelsa and

Kogi experienced pockets of violence but not to the point of impugning on the integrity of the results. Both the security agencies and other institutions involved in the conduct of the election did their very best to ensure that the wishes of the people reflected in the results."

He alleged that that of Imo was completely different as the election was free, fair and credible, going by the fears of many that Imo was a volatile area, it turned out to be false, pointing out that it is not to say that there was no untoward incident in isolated areas, some vote buyers were arrested as already reported by the media and some people who wanted to disrupt the collation of state results were forcibly removed from the hall.

The Publicity Secretary stated that the election held in all the 27 local government areas of the state believed that where there was voter apathy like in the metropolis where people were angry over power cuts by NLC, the results reflected as such.

The forum commended INEC for holding the most peaceful, free, fair and credible elections in Imo state among the three states involved in the off season elections.

Nigerian Youth Group Congratulates Hope Uzodinma's Re-election

By AMOS TAUNA, Kaduna

The Unified Nigerian Youth Forum (UNYF) has congratulated Hope Uzodinma, the Executive Governor of Imo State on his resounding victory and reelection as the Executive Governor of Imo State for another tenure of four years in the November 11, 2023 Gubernatorial elections in Imo State.

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on Sunday the November 12, declared Hope Uzodinma of the All Progressives Congress (APC) and incumbent Governor of Imo State as the duly elected and winner of the November 11 Governorship election in Imo State, with 540,308 votes, followed by the candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) with a paltry 71,503 votes.

A statement issued in Kaduna on Monday by Abdulsalam Moh'd Kazeem, the National President of UNYF, said the youth group described his victory as a big win for democracy and good governance not just in Imo State where the Governor-elect has come to personify excellent leadership but to the APC and Nigeria at large.

According to the statement, "Hope Uzodinma's victory and reelection as the Executive Governor of Imo State has reaffirmed our position, and that of the good people of Imo State that he is indeed a great leader with a vision, who has been divinely sent and inspired to deliver Imo State from backwardness and corruption into a haven of investments and progress. As progressive youths, we are proud to identify ourselves with this colossus."

While extolling the leadership traits and monumental landmarks of the Uzodinma's administration in Imo State in the past four years, UNYF expressed confidence in his ability to even do more to place Imo State in a strategically competitive position that will rival even Lagos and Kano in terms of revenue and service delivery.

"One of the big achievements of Hope Uzodinma in the past four years in office was his determined crackdown on insecurity and criminality in Imo State. That boosted investors confidence in addition to massive infrastructural development and friendly laws that have come to guarantee safety and good returns on investments. Imo remained the only State where the inhumane Monday sit-at-home policy of

the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) was not operational. This is indeed what has earned him the people's confidence and we are proud to identify and partner with him as he continues to deliver world class governance to Imo people.

"As one of the few APC governors in the South Eastern Nigeria, Hope Uzodinma has continued to use his position and connections with the Federal Government to foster peace and development in Imo State and a region that was once known for insecurity and all forms of criminality. His fierce stance against bullying from political rivals and enemies of the people has endeared Nigerians to him and we urge him to do more to put an end to thuggery, the antics of godfathers and corruption in Imo State and Nigeria at large", the group added.

The group appealed to the other contestants, Imolites and Nigerians at large to massively support Governor Hope Uzodinma to deliver his next four years with resounding success such that Nigerians will have no choice but endorse and support him to be the next President of Nigeria after the tenure of Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

"Governor Hope Uzodinma is a big project and Nigerians from all walks of life are excited with his track record so far. He has what it takes to be Nigerians next President and the first President from South East Nigeria. We must therefore queue solidly behind him and shame the opposition and enemies of our democracy. This is also a call to other contestants to accept and support his victory instead of resorting to needless court cases," the statement explained.

Journalists Are Critical Stakeholders Towards Nation Building - University Don

**Says they should hold elected leaders accountable on electioneering promises*

By: **BAYO AKAMO, Ibadan**

The Coordinator of Post Graduate Programme, Department of Mass Communication and Media Technology at Lead City University, Ibadan, Dr. Bayonle Busari on Monday, declared that journalists are critical stakeholders towards nation building.

Dr Busari said in Ibadan, while delivering a lecture at the 2023 Press Week of the Correspondents' chapel of Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Oyo State Council.

He emphasized that journalists are to shape the society as no one become anything in the society without the media, hence the need for the media practitioners to see themselves as an integral part towards the progress and development of the nation.

Dr Busari however charged journalists in the country, to constantly put elected leaders on the stop so as to ensure that the promises made by the politicians during the campaigns are fulfilled.

The university don noted that as part of their duties in the society the media practitioners have a role to set the agenda for the society in which they operate as "it is the responsibility of media professionals to determine what the society discusses, how it is discussed and the effect of the discourse".

Emphasizing that the media should put leaders on the spot and hold them accountable on their electioneering promises as

well as the discharge of the primary responsibilities of government, he charged them to shun all tendencies that will expose them to patronage from politicians, which may make them to compromise their integrity.

Enjoining the Nigeria Union of Journalists to set up a welfare scheme that will cater for the need of indigent journalists across the country, Dr Busari lamented the condition of many journalists in the country as he maintained that many journalists are being owed salaries, the situation which is making them willing tools in the hands of politicians and political parties.

He then advocated for a welfare scheme by the NUJ from where indigent journalists can benefit. He maintained that this will help to reduce the effect of the precarious situation which some of the journalists face.

Oyo state NUJ Chairman, Comrade Ademola Babalola lauded the leadership



Presentation of award from left Comrade Demola; Babalola, Guest lecturer, Dr Bayonle Busari; Chairman Correspondents' Chapel Comrade Adebayo Raji and NUJ National Trustee, Zone B Comrade Bayo Akamo looks on.

of the Correspondents Chapel in the state for the growth of the Chapel since the emergence of its new leadership, saying adding the Chapel is the most vibrant among others"

The Oyo state NUJ Chairman noted that there is the need to always remind political office holder their campaign promises which will be the yardstick in measuring their performance in office.

Stressing that government should prioritised infrastructural development across the nation, and create enabling environment for journalists to thrive,

Comrade Babalola journalists should be see as partners in progress towards the development and progress of the nation.

The Chairman of Correspondent Chapel, Comrade Raji Adebayo in his welcome address said journalists as the voice of the voiceless and watchdog for the masses are saddle with the tasks of making political office holders accountable to the electorate.

Comrade Adebayo urged politicians, particularly political office holders at all level to deliver on their campaign

promises, saying this is the only way dividends of democracy can get to the masses.

"Again, I will also say, in my own personal opinion, this policy of giving palliatives to the people, is just a political statement which is not really serving the need of the general populace, rather I will prefer that funds that are being made available for palliatives should be channelled towards infrastructural development such as roads, health, education and others that will be of benefits to all irrespective of our status." he said

Dawakin Tofa LGA Organises Third Phase Of National Unity Prayers

By: **JABIRU A. HASSAN, Kano**

The third phase of special prayers has been organised by the Executive Chairman of Dawakin Tofa Local Government Council, Honourable Ado Tambai Kwa, which was held at Government Girls Secondary School (GGSS) Dawanau play ground on Monday morning,

with prominent personalities in attendance.

Our correspondent who witnessed the conduct of the special prayers, reports that top ranking local government functionaries from both executive and legislative arms, All Progressives Congress (APC) stalwarts, as well as Islamic scholars from across the 11 wards of the local government

area participated in the prayers respectively.

Furthermore, business moguls, civil society organisations (CSOs), development partners, members representatives from non governmental organisations (NGOs) and former legislators also participated in the prayers for national unity, progress and for the success of the APC and its gubernatorial candidate, Dr.

Nasiru Yusuf Gawuna at the appeal court.

All those who had a chat with our correspondent, stressed that prayer is the remedy of all problems and promotes unity and progress, especially in a situation where there is the need for continuous prayers.

They commended the council chairman, Ado Tambai Kwa for

his determination towards organising special prayers for national progress.

In his remarks shortly at the end of the special prayers, Ado Tambai Kwa reassured that his administration has resolved to holding routine prayers in order to ensure that all is well, because prayers remain pillar of getting remedy.

Lagos Taskforce Absolves Self Of Accident Involving Death Of Sweepers

By ; RAYMOND TEDUNJAYE, Lagos

The Lagos State Taskforce has debunked the news making rounds that the agency is involved in the car chase which led to an accident and tragic death of two LAWMA officials at Gbagada axis.

The Chairman of the Agency, CSP Shola Jejeloye disclosed this on Tuesday at the agency's headquarters, that there is no iota of truth in the report.

It would be recalled that a suspected traffic offender, while escaping arrest by yet to be identified traffic enforcement officials (not Lagos State Environmental Taskforce officials) along Gbagada axis, had knocked down two highway sweepers attached to the Lagos State Waste Management Authority (LAWMA) resulting in their death on Monday.

In a statement by Gbadeyan Abdulraheem, Director, Press & Public Affairs of the Agency, Jejeloye explained that none of the taskforce officials were posted out for traffic enforcement, rather, they were deployed to Ile-Zik, Dopemu and Ikeja to maintain law and order during the NURTW protest.

According to him, there is no way they could have been



One of the deceased sweepers and the car that knocked them.

involved as widely speculated, as the vehicle and occupants involved in the chase were clearly not in Taskforce uniform. "It is a very sad and most importantly avoidable incident today that has led to loss of lives. For us as an Agency, we have a very firm believe that traffic offense is not a criminal offense, therefore it is better for a traffic offender to escape from the scene of the offense than to create a madness on the road that

could lead to loss of life". "The officials involved in this devastating incident will be fished out, arrested and will be made to answer for their crimes. The suspected motorist who evaded arrest and knocked down these two innocent workers will also be trailed and prosecuted. In this era of social media, there is no hiding place for any criminal". Jejeloye admonished Lagosians to maintain calmness and

serenity and allow the law take its full course. He assured that justice will be adequately served and no stone will be left unturned till all parties involved in the heinous crime are prosecuted. "I strongly hope this serves as a deterrent to any overzealous officer who sidelines the safety and security of Lagosians who we have sworn to protect. Anyone caught jeopardizing the safety and security of Lagosians

all in the name of apprehending a traffic offender will be severely dealt with." The Chairman urged all Lagosians to adhere to all traffic rules and regulations put in place by the State Government to help sustain sanity on our roads. Traffic rules have been put in place to ensure that we spend less time on our roads and to bring accidents occurrence down to the barest minimum.

Nigerians Deserve Good Governance As Dividend Of Democracy, Not Sharing Of Money - Ajadi

By; BAYOAKAMO, Ibadan

The New Nigeria People's Party (NNPP) governorship candidate in last election in Ogun State, Ambassador Olufemi Ajadi Oguntoyinbo on Tuesday, said Nigerians deserves good governance as dividends of democracy.

Ambassador Ajadi expressed this in Ibadan, while speaking at the grand finale of the 2023 Press Week of the Correspondents' Chapel of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Oyo State council.

The NNPP Chieftain maintained that Nigerians deserve better dividends of democracy especially with the present economic hardship in the country.

He stressed that Nigerian citizens have not been enjoying dividends of democracy from its leaders who are only concern

with their own personal gains at the expense of majority of Nigerians.

According to Ambassador Ajadi, it was not proper for government to be considering sharing of

money as solution to cushion effect of removal of fuel subsidy in the country and that the money should be channelled towards the growth and progress of the nation.

"Nigerians don't expect money from the government, what they need is good governance, good road network, stable electricity, let begin to enjoy dividends of democracy by giving Nigerian

monthly allowance as a citizen of Nigerian", he said

The NNPP Chieftain added, "There is no transparency and clarity in activities of the government, for genuine transparency, let all names of beneficiaries from the palliatives be publish on newspaper with their account number before the palliatives is disbursed."

The NNPP chieftain pointed out that there is no way government can identify the poorest of the poor the palliatives is actually meant for without the money been diverted to politicians account.

Ambassador Ajadi charged the journalists to at all times abide by the ethics of the profession considering the importance of their roles towards nation building can not be overemphasized.



Dignitaries at the Correspondents Chapel Press Week

Paris 2024: Sports Minister Steps Up Olympic Games Preparations With Inauguration Of Ministerial Strategic Committee

*Charges Committee to ensure Nigeria surpasses previous performances at the Games_

By; JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON

As Team Nigeria gears up towards the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris, the Honorable Minister of Sports Development, Senator John Owan Enoh, on Wednesday, took a significant step towards ensuring the country's exceptional outing on the global stage, as he inaugurated the Ministerial Strategic Committee at the Moshood Abiola National Stadium, Abuja.

In an assertive move towards meticulous planning and strategic execution, the Committee will spearhead Nigeria's preparations for the upcoming Games.

The inauguration of this Committee underscores the Minister's unwavering commitment to fostering excellence in sports and providing the necessary support to Nigeria's athletes.

Led by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, Alhaji Ismaila Abubakar, the Committee comprises distinguished members renowned for their expertise and passion for sports development.

The Minister stated that the strategic committee is entrusted

with the crucial task of orchestrating crucial plans towards a successful Olympic Games appearance.

"In order to ensure adequate preparations and effective participation of Team Nigeria at the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, The Federal Ministry of Sports Development has therefore constituted the Ministerial Strategic Committee to recommend strategies and modalities towards a successful outing of Nigeria at both Games, the Minister stated.

"This Committee is made up of eminently qualified Nigerians who have served this country in various capacities. They were carefully selected based on their track record and relevant experiences.

The Minister reeled out the terms of reference of the committee charging them to discharge their responsibility for the collective good of the country, including determining shared objectives/targets and reviewing performances of National Sports Federations vis-a-viz the medals projections for each sport.

With Nigeria's best olympic appearance dating back to the Atlanta 1996 Olympic Games, the Minister charged the Committee to surpass Team

Nigeria's medal haul of 1996, where Nigeria won gold medals in football and long jump, amongst other medals.

"As you go on to perform this critical national assignment, I want to urge the members of the committee to exert positive energy, intellect and experience to ensure that Nigeria

surpasses its previous performance at the Games," Senator Enoh said.

The committee comprises: Alh. Ismaila Abubakar as chairman, and Amaka Ashiofu as member/secretary.

Other members include: Dr. Paul Onyeudo, Mr. Patrick Okeke, Mrs. Thecia Opara, Engr. Abolore Alanamu, Mr. Olufehinti Olusegun, Mr. Tunde Popoola, Mr. Suleiman Issa, Mr. Olumide Bamiduro, Mr. Brendan Ndifon, Prince Ebuta



Ayuk, Barr. Danladi Ibrahim, and Mr. Abubakaar Waziri.

Speaking after the committee's inauguration, chairman, Alh. Abubakar stated that the team will do its best to make Nigeria proud, as it will work meticulously to ensure smooth preparations and execution of all plans. He said they will leave no stone unturned to deliver on all terms of reference assigned to them.

With qualifying series for Paris 2024 still on across various

sports, eight Nigerian athletes have already qualified for the Games thus far - 3 track and field athletes, 3 boxers, one wrestler, and one cyclist. In the coming weeks, this number will increase significantly, as more qualifying tournaments are concluded.

For the Paralympic Games, the country has picked two tickets in para-athletics, 9 in para-table tennis, while 8 athletes are currently on the pathway to qualification in para-powerlifting.



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Police Apprehends 5 Suspected Armed Robbers, Cultist In Delta, Recovers 3 Firearms, Others

By; RAYMOND TEDUNJAYE, Lagos

At least five suspected armed robbers and a cultist are cooling their feet in police custody in Delta State, New Nigerian Newspapers has learnt.

The suspected criminals, according to reports, were arrested by operatives during different operations at Kelubia Street Agbor-Obi and Ogwashi-Uku, Ubulu-Uku Road.

It was gathered that three locally made cut-to-size guns, one AK-47 magazine loaded with five rounds of 7.62mm live ammunition, three rounds of 5.56mm live ammunition, two live cartridges, two Vikings secret cult berets, and 10 wraps of weed suspected to be Indian were recovered from them.

The Delta State Police Command Spokesperson DSP Bright Edefe, who made the disclosure in a statement yesterday, hinted that the suspected were arrested by operatives attached to Agbor Area Command and Crack Squad of the Command.

He identified the suspects as Ogbolu Peter, 35, Justice Nmor, 28, Precious Odilu, 26, Queen Mba, 27, all of Agbor

Community, and Chigozie John, 36 of Ubulu-Uku community.

It reads, "On 12/11/2023 at about 0500hrs, operatives of Agbor Area Command while acting on credible intelligence, stormed Kelubia Street Agbor-Obi where they apprehended four suspects: Ogbolu Peter 'm', Justice Nmor 'm', Precious Odilu 'm', Queen Mba 'f', all of Agbor Community, and aged 35, 28, 26, and 27 years respectively.

"Preliminary investigation led to the search of their premises during which two (2) locally made cut-to-size guns, one AK-47 magazine loaded with five (5) rounds of 7.62mm live ammunition, three (3) rounds of 5.56mm live ammunition, two (2) live cartridges, two (2) Vikings secret cult berets, and ten (10) wraps of weed suspected to be Indian Hemp were recovered.

"Suspects and exhibits are in custody, and investigation has commenced as efforts are being made to arrest other members of the criminal gang.

"In another development, members of Crack Squad received information about a cult activity at Ogwashi-Uku, Ubulu-Uku Road. Upon arrival, the members of Crack



Some of the suspects and items recovered

Squad cordoned off the premises and arrested one Chigozie John 'm' aged 36 years, and recovered one locally made cut-to-size gun with one live cartridge.

"The suspect admitted being a member of Aro Bagger Confraternity.

"Further investigation is in process, as efforts are being made to arrest other cult members operating within the state".

Meanwhile, the Commissioner of Police Delta State Command CP Wale Abass has applauded the successes achieved as well as the tenacity of the operatives in the execution of their duties.

He further called on the

assistance of the public in the speedy eradication of firearms and ammunition, stating that the opportunity given by the Inspector General of Police, IGP Kayode Egbetokun Ph.D., NPM for persons in possession of firearms to return to the nearest police station is still open, noting that criminal activities will not be tolerated in the state.

The Police Commissioner also warned residents, particularly the youths, to shun cultism and other related vices, stating that the Command will not relent in identifying, arresting, and bringing them to justice.

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Confusion As Appeal Court Orders Conduct Of Elections In Taraba Polling Units Instead Of Kaduna State

By; IBRAHIM ADAMU, Kaduna

It was yet another confusion in political history of Nigeria in the present dispensation as Appeal Court, Abuja ordered fresh conduct of elections in polling units located in Taraba in an appellate judgment on Igabi Federal Constituency of Kaduna State.

The lead judgement delivered by Ibrahim Wakili, Justice of Court of Appeal on Thursday 3 November 2023, a copy of which was made available to our correspondent granted the prayers of the appellant Zayyad Ibrahim, candidate of All Progressives Congress (APC) in February 25 House of Assembly election of Igabi federal constituency by voiding and overturning the electoral victory of flag bearer of People's Democratic Party (PDP), Jallo Hussaini Muhammad.

Other two Judges of court of Appeal, Justices Samuel Ademola Bola and Aseimo Abraham agreed and endorsed the verdict of the lead Judge of ordering rerun in areas outside jurisdiction of the appeal. Igabi, the local

government at the center of the controversial judgement is located in Kaduna state with a federal legislator.

General election was conducted on 25 February for the seat of a member representing the constituency in the House of Reps.

Candidate of PDP in the election Jallo Hussaini was consequently announced winner of the exercise, an announcement that triggered legal tussle from tribunal up to appeal court. Aggrieved candidate of APC Ibrahim Zayyad thereafter ran to election tribunal where his case suffered a set back.

Not satisfied with the verdict of the first and initial juries, Ibrahim of APC went up to Court of Appeal in Abuja where his grouses against the election were heard and prayers granted.

Among the issues he listed which, according to him went contrary to Electoral Acts 2023 were; over-voting, violence, miscalculation, misappropriation and manipulation of results, discrepancies between ballot papers issued and total votes cast, non-stamping, non-signing and

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Suleiman: UBRBDA Assistant Director Bags Award Of Excellent Leadership

By; TOM GARBA, Yola

For his exemplary leadership style and purposeful humanitarian services, an Assistant Finance Director with Upper Benue River Basin Development Authority (UBRBDA), Mallam Abubakar Tela Suleiman was honoured with an award of excellence.

A Pan Nigeria Youth group known as Northern Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN), described Suleiman as an excellent leader in order of Sir Ahmadu Bello Sardauna of Sokoto whose heart is always with people, serving humanity in

all ramifications.

The Youth group whose motto is One people, one common Destiny further described Suleiman during the award presentation in Yola with "Sir Ahmadu Bello Sardauna Award Leadership of Excellence"

NYCN Vice President, Comrade Nabilu Suleiman who represented the President, Isah Abubakar, eulogized Suleiman as Jarman Matasan Arewa who has positively impacted the life of Nigerian youth across many states.

Comrade Nabilu said Suleiman was

honored as an Icon of societal transformation as Jarman Matasan Arewa,

Jarma means a role model, a man who leads others well, and a fearless Man who can dare the undeniable for the sake of the masses. This is how Suleiman is generally seen and described by the NYCN leadership.

"In recognition of your purposeful leadership, Youth empowerment, and humanitarian services. You are honored with the Jarman Matasan Arewa " Nabilu said

