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By: PATRICK TITUS, Uyo

The Civil Liberties Organization (CLO), in Akwa Ibom State has called on the state and federal governments to be proactive in securing the release of the corp members still in kidnappers' den.

The intending corps members, who are from Akwa Ibom State were kidnapped in Zamfara to an unknown destination, on their way to Sokoto State for their orientation over three months ago.

In a statement in Uyo yesterday, the CLO also called on the governments

to improve the security architecture in the country to protect the lives and properties of Nigerian citizens and foreign nationals.

The statement signed by the state Chairman, Vice Chairman and Assistant Secretary, Barr Godknows Njoku, Comrade Edidiong Obong and Comrade Idorenyin Sampson respectively decried the unimpressive efforts so far by the state government towards the release of the kidnapped corps members. He maintained that government has the capacity and capability to ensure the release of the victims who where on a

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Late Sheikh Ali

Prof Gwarzo Mourns Sheikh Yusuf Ali, Condoles Family, Kano Govt

By; IMRANA ABDULLAHI, Kaduna

The President MAAUN Group of Universities, Prof. Adamu Abubakar Gwarzo, has extended condolences to the family and people of Gaya Emirate over the death of renowned Islamic scholar, Sheikh Yusuf Ali. Sheikh Yusuf Ali died on Sunday night at the age of 73, following a protracted illness.

The condolence message was contained in a statement personally signed by Prof. Gwarzo and issued to newsmen in Kano on Monday.

He also expressed his deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Government and people of Kano State as well as the Muslim Ummah over the passing away of the great Islamic Scholar.

Prof. Gwarzo described the demise of the former Upper Sharia Court judge and director of the Upper Sharia Court as a great loss not only to his immediate

family, but to the entire Muslim Ummah in the country.

He noted that Sheikh Yusuf Ali will continue to be remembered for his immense contribution to the propagation of Islam through his preachings.

"So, on behalf of myself and Maryam Abacha American University (MAAUN), I wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the people of Gaya Emirate and Kano State Government on the passing on of the great Islamic scholar.

While praying to Almighty Allah to forgive and grant the deceased the highest level of Jannah, Prof. Gwarzo prayed to Allah to give the entire family the fortitude to bear the huge loss.

The deceased, who left behind three wives and 38 children, was buried in Kano after his funeral (Jana'iza) at his residence of Tudun Maliki quarters on Monday.

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journey to serve their fatherland and called on them to do more in order to save the victims and their families from physical, psychological and emotional trauma.

"CLO expresses dissatisfaction with the unimpressive efforts so far by the state government and security agencies towards the release of the kidnapped victims.

"The CLO is of the view that government has the capacity and capability to ensure the release of the

victims who where on a journey to serve their fatherland and we call on them to do more in order to save the victims and their families from physical, psychological and emotional trauma.

"CLO calls on government and security agencies to deploy the same strategy and process they used in securing the release of some of the victims to see to the release and freedom of the remaining victims, many of whom their families have contributed

money to secure their release but without success.

"CLO calls on the Federal Government to upgrade the security architecture of the country to arrest increasing insecurity and loss of confidence in the ability of the agencies to protect lives and properties of Nigerians and residents of Nigerian."

The statement said.

The organisation however, frowned at the general state of insecurity in the

country which include activities of Boko Haram, increasing banditry and kidnapping especially in the North and the activities of IPOB and organised hoodlums in the South East and other parts of the country.

"The state of affairs do not make for better reading especially for foreigners and will discourage foreign investors from investing and doing business in the country." It concluded.



From left, Osun State PDP Chairman, Hon. Sunday Bisi, Woman Leader South West PDP, Chief Mrs. Bose Adedibu, Osun State Deputy Governor, Prince Kola Adewusi, Osun State Governor, Senator Ademola Adeleke and Acting Chairman PDP South West, Hon. Ramon Owokoniran @ the South West meeting of the PDP held in Abe, Osogbo. Photo: AKINOLAARIYO

Katsina Police Confirms Killing Of 9, Injuring Of 18 By Bandits

By; SULAIMAN AHMED MISAU, Katsina

Katsina State Police Command has confirmed the killing of Nine people and Eighteen others sustained various degrees of gunshot injuries as a result of the attack by armed bandits during a Maulud procession at Rugar Kusa Village in Musawa Local Government Area of the state.

Police Public Relations

Officer (PPRO) of the Command, Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), Abubakar Sadiq Aliyu disclosed this in a statement that, on November 5, 2023, at about 2230 hours, armed bandits in their numbers, wielding dangerous weapons such as AK-47 rifles and shooting sporadically, attacked the Maulud procession at Rugar Kusa village, Musawa local government area, Katsina State.

He explained that, upon receipt of the report, immediately, Police operatives were mobilised and swung into action, where they succeeded in repelling the attack.

"Seven (7) people were shot dead, and eighteen (18) people sustained gunshot injuries as a result of the attack and were evacuated to General Hospital Musawa for immediate medical attention," he said.

However, he said "two (2) people out of the injured were confirmed dead by the doctor while receiving treatment. pointing out that, "investigation is still ongoing and efforts are on with a view to arresting the perpetrators of the dastardly act."

Assistant Superintendent of Police, Sadiq Aliyu assured that, further development would be communicated in due course.

Kogi Guber Polls: APC Raises Concerns Over Neutrality Of Security Agencies

By: ADEBOYE ADO, Akure

The Kogi State Chapter of the All Progressives Congress (APC), has called on security agencies to be fair to all, in carrying out their operations. The call is coming on the heels of alleged security raids on the residences of some APC chieftains in Kogi East, in which the party has expressed serious concerns.

In a statement issued by the Spokesperson/-

Director, Media and Publicity of the APC Campaign, Kingsley Femi Fanwo, the ruling party reiterated that it welcome every effort at ensuring a peaceful poll on Saturday November 11, 2023.

Explaining that the election is for the electorate to determine who leads the state from January 27, 2024, Fanwo said there shouldn't be a reason for insecurity in the state.

He also expressed the concerns of the campaign

council regarding the "needless raid on the residences of some of our chieftains in Kogi East", saying that the party "hold the hope that they are not specifically targeted ahead of the election".

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By: SANIALIYU, Zaria

The National Chairman, People's Redemption Party (PRP) Malam Falalu Bello has said that the party is pained by the ongoing genocidal carnage taking place in the Israeli occupied territory of Gaza and the West Bank, both in Palestine.

He stated this in a statement yesterday said as a party dedicated to the pursuit of peace and justice both at home and internationally, they call for an immediate cessation of hostilities and human rights abuses presently ongoing in that territory.

The party condemned the events of October 7 and said that it believes in the rights of Israel to statehood.

Bello said it is their belief that this should be understood in the context of the long festering Palestinian question and the paralysis of the international community to properly address the problem by adopting the recommendations of the Oslo Accord and the robust implementation of the proposed two-states solution to the problem.

"In this regard, we urgently call on the Federal Government of Nigeria to liaise with other governments, the United Nations Organization, the African Union and other multilateral bodies to insist

on an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in the Gaza War". The statement said.

According to him, by implementing a humanitarian pause, all parties can gain opportunity to assess the extent of the damage, ensure the welfare of affected civilians and facilitate essential medical services, humanitarian aid, and access to basic necessities.

He said, this respite will also allow for a conducive environment to discuss a comprehensive roadmap towards a negotiated settlement, considering the legitimate aspirations and concerns of both the Israeli and Palestinian peoples.

"The PRP believes that a just and lasting resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is essential for global peace and security.

"As advocates for peace, we stand for justice and equity which are key vehicles for peace and harmony everywhere, and we urge the Nigerian government to play an active role in achieving a humanitarian pause and advancing efforts towards a two-state solution," It added..

The National Chairman recalled that Nigeria. did what was expected against apartheid in South Africa and should repeat the same against apartheid in Palestine.



L-R: Kwara State Governor/Chairman, Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF) Chairman, AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq; Sultan of Sokoto, Sa'ad Abubakar III and the Emir of Ilorin, Dr. Ibrahim Sulu-Gambari; at Jum'ah service in Ilorin, the state capital,

Happy Home Universal Rice Resources Assures Nigerian Consumers Of Superior Quality Rice

By: RABO HALADU, Kaduna

Rice is no doubt one of the most popular staples in Nigeria and there is almost no home in the country where it is not consumed. Kano based rice processing company, Happy Home Universal Rice Resources Limited, has vowed to produce quality rice across the country in order to compliment federal government's efforts on boosting rice production in Nigeria.

The Chairman Happy Home Universal Rice Resources Limited Kano, Alhaji Nura Mai Turare said the company is committed to producing quality rice for Nigerians to consume.

Alhaji NuraMaiTurare, stated that the company's vision has always been to "preserve and enhance rice production in Nigeria by ensuring genetic integrity of rice.

Mai Turare reiterated the company's commitment towards producing quality rice across the

country to compliment the Federal Government's efforts on boosting rice production in the country. He promised to make the rice available at all times and at affordable prices, stating that the product always passes through different quality analyses before being released for consumption.

According to him the Company will continued to maintain the quality of there rice they are producing since the inception of the company

over the years.

"Our company is located at Hadejia Road in Gezawa Local Government Area of Kano State and we are working tirelessly to produce quality and affordable rice in the country.

"At the moment, our company produces premium varieties of rice from farmed paddy, which are branded and distributed nationwide as Sulltan Rice, Happy Home Rice and Rice Berry respectively," he said.



PRP National Chairman

Zamfara: Why NGF Should Ask Gov Dauda To Halt Smear Campaign Against Matawalle, Others - Northern Elders

By: JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON

A group, Arewa Elders Forum For Development and Peace has strongly appealed to the Nigeria Governors Forum (NGF) and Zamfara State elders to wade into cold war between Governor Dauda Lawal and his immediate predecessor and Minister of State Defense, Bello Mohammed Matawalle in the interest of the good people of the State.

These elders believe that the NGF and respected elders far and near will put a stop to unnecessary smear campaigns against each other so there can be expected good governance, peace and improved general security in the state and Northwest as a region.

Deputy National Secretary of the forum, Dr Aliyu Usman Rumfa who made the plea shortly after the Forum's emergency meeting in Kaduna yesterday, added that there

is no reason for the Northern elders and other voices of reasoning from the region to fold their arms and watch things degenerating right under their nose while millions of the innocent people of Zamfara suffer banditry attacks, kidnapping and other social vices include poverty and hunger daily.

"It is alarming with the continued reports of attacks and kidnappings going on in many villages and urban areas of Zamfara State as a result of poor attention given by the Zamfara State Governor who is more interested in sponsoring smear campaigns against his immediate predecessor. due to their misunderstanding or political indifferences.

"Escalations of insecurity challenges in the state are too alarming that inadvertently affecting other states bordering Zamfara, especially Sokoto, Katsina, Niger, Kaduna, and Kebbi states;

whereas the two leaders are at a loggerhead with one another despite the opportunity for having a Minister of defense from the state.

"People are being killed, innocent women raped and children abducted in almost all the local governments of the state, yet Governor Dauda cannot stand for them. instead, he was allegedly accused of sponsoring campaigns against his fellow brother.

"Let the state secure the lives and property of residents of Zamfara State before embarking on this political fight.

"We also call on the Minister of State Defense, Bello Mohammed Matawalle to use his office to improve the security operation in the state to fight against insecurity.

"It is disheartening to hear a whole governor of the state going into the media speaking negatively and charging his predecessor on alleged crimes that are

not cleared because of political relevance that cannot be guaranteed.

"Even though they are from different political parties, they ought to unite and cooperate to build a formidable force that can successfully fight insecurity and bring political cohesion and progress to the state.

"We challenge other elders in the North especially those in the Northwest to stand up and bring an end to this unnecessary fight where outsiders are being sponsored or involved in rallies, and protests against an individual to achieve public sympathy.

"We call on our esteemed and highly respected Sultan of Sokoto, and other traditional and religious leaders from the region to intervene and bring an end to this needless campaign of calumny which is destroying our sense of responsibility and political unity," Dr Rumfa said.

Subsidy Removal: Makinde Has Spent Over N4bn On SAfER To Alleviate Suffering Of Poorest Of Poor In Oyo State - Oyelade

*Says he will out-perform his first term legacy



Prince Oyelade speaking during the courtesy visit.

By: BAYO AKAMO, Ibadan

Oyo State Commissioner for Information and Civic Orientation, Prince Dotun Oyelade yesterday said Gov Seyi Makinde has spent over N4 billion on the Strategic Action for Economic Recovery, (SAfER) program, to alleviate the suffering of the poorest of the poor in the state.

Prince Oyelade stated this when the management of the News Agency of Nigeria, (NAN), Ibadan zonal office paid him a courtesy call in his office.

The Commissioner pointed out that Gov Makinde is committed to the development of Oyo state and its people, saying every activity of the state government is a pointer to how serious Governor Seyi Makinde takes his second term mandate.

According to Prince Oyelade, the over N4 billion naira included the N1 billion released to the Oyo State Agricultural Credit Corporation for farmers across the state just last week.

He stressed further that in the first five months of Gov Makinde's second term, "1174 teachers have been promoted to level 17 because of the governor's policy not to tie teachers' promotions to availability of vacancies".

"Since the commencement of Omituntun 2.0, Governor Makinde's

administration has opened up roads including the commissioning of the 34km Oyo-Iseyin express road and the successful relocation of 1533 200level undergraduates from Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso, LAUTECH, to the newly established Faculty of Agriculture and Renewal Science at Iseyin", he said.

Prince Oyelade added, "Only yesterday, workers wage bill was increased by 2.2billion naira per month as a result of the new 25,000 naira wage award which the governor has given to the state workers and 15,000 naira for pensioners."

He maintained that Gov Makinde had warned members of his cabinet during a leadership retreat on October 4 that the people of Oyo state will neither take excuses or stories from his administration.

"All they want is performance and he gave a marching order at the time that each ministry, department and agency must submit its two year Work-Plan to his office within the month.

The NAN zonal manager, Mr Olawale Alabi while speaking said he was encouraged to approach the ministry for information collaboration because of the professional manner that activities of government are being disseminated.

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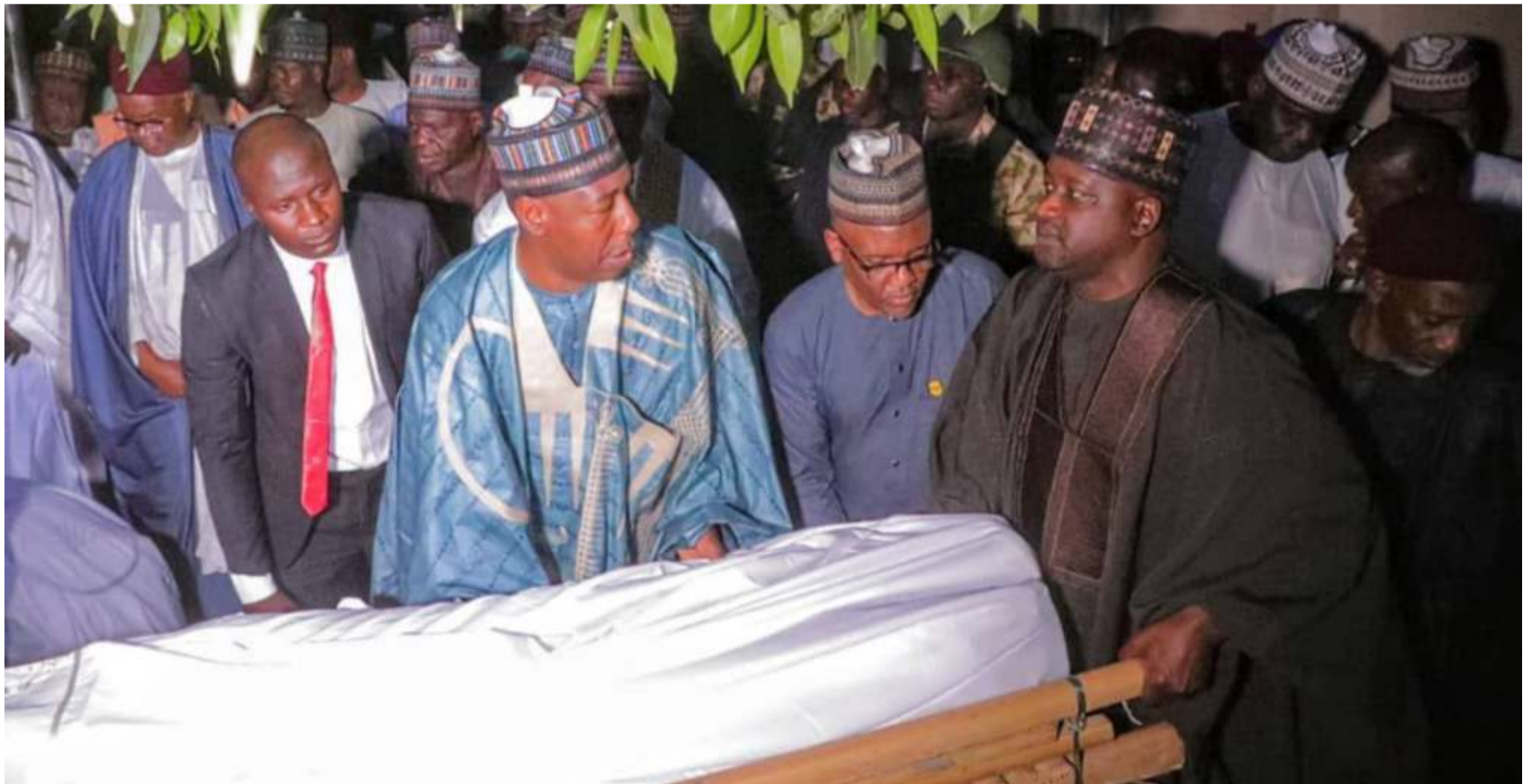


Maiduguri: VP Shettima Leads Mourners To Funeral Of Zulum's Mother-in-law

By; SADIQ ABUBAKAR, Maiduguri

Vice President, Kashim Shettima, Borno's Deputy Governor, Umar Usman Kadafur, Senators, House of Representatives members and other top Government officials on Monday afternoon, attended the 'Janaza' (funeral prayers) of late Hajiya Fatsuma Kyari, mother in-law to Governor of Borno State, Babagana Umara Zulum. Late Hajiya Fatsuma Kyari died Monday morning in Abuja, after a brief illness. She died at the age of 67. She was mother to Borno first lady, Dr Falmata Babagana Zulum. The Chief Imam of Borno, Imam Ibrahim Laisu, led the funeral prayers at the first

lady's family compound in Maiduguri on Monday afternoon. At the funeral were the Minister of Transport, Sa'idu Alkali, Managing Director of North East Development Commission (NEDC), Mohammed Goni Alkali, Secretary to the Borno State Government, Hon Bukat Tijjani, Vice Chancellor, Borno State University, Professor Umar Kyari Sandabe, amongst other academics. The Shehu of Borno, Abubakar Ibn Umar Garbai Elkanemi, led other Emirs, members of the Borno Emirate Council, and Islamic scholars. Late Hajiya Fatsuma Kyari is survived by seven children.



ABU Engages Firm To Promote Distance Learning Through TV Series

By: SANIALIYU, Zaria

The Distance Learning Centre, Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria, has engaged Dorayi Film and Distributing Company to promote the academic programmes run by the centre through film production and television series.

This followed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) jointly signed by the Distance Learning Centre, Ahmadu Bello University and Dorayi Film and Distributing Company at a brief ceremony held in Zaria on Monday, 6th November, 2023.

A statement from the Public Affairs Directorate, Office of the Vice-Chancellor, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, made available yesterday

November 7, 2023, said that both parties, according to the Memorandum of Understanding, agreed to come together to deepen the mutual media corporation in the area of film production, film starring, and sponsoring.

Under the MoU, the Distance Learning Centre, having established itself as a leading institution in modern open distance and e-learning deliveries, shall sponsor the production of a movie titled 'MISALI', retain the television right of the production, and own the intellectual property right.

On its own part, Dorayi Film and Distributing Company, a Kano-based television production firm, shall be responsible for script writing, casting, production, editing, completion,

marketing, and all other responsibilities in producing the television series.

Duration for the production of the TV series, according to the MoU, shall be for a period of four months effective from 13th November, 2023 to 13th March, 2024.

Equally, the parties shall for the purpose of understanding be responsible for encouraging mutual value in entertainment and advertising, as well as participating in any organised events.

Speaking at the brief event, the Director, Distance Learning Centre, Ahmadu Bello University, Prof. M.I. Sule, who signed the MoU on behalf of the Centre, stressed that under the agreement the Centre would be "well protected and promoted".

The Deputy Director, Administration,

ABU Distance Learning Centre, Dr. Salim B. Magashi, who gave an overview of the MoU, described the production as all-encompassing and that the project would begin in earnest.

Malam Nazir Adam Salihi, signed the MoU on behalf of Dorayi Film and Distributing Company with Malam Aminu Shehu, a staff of the film production firm, in attendance.

Those present at the event from the Distance Learning Centre included Deputy Director, Learning Support Service and IT, Prof. Suleiman Aliyu Shika; Deputy Director, Academic, Dr. Maryam Dewu; Finance Officer, Malam Hussaini Yahaya; and Administrative Secretary, Mrs. Aishat I. Baballe.



4,213 Unsafe Abortions Averted In Nasarawa Between 2021 To 2023 -SFH

By; AMOS TAUNA, Kaduna

About 4,213 unsafe abortions were averted between 2021 and 2023 through the use of modern contraceptives across the 13 local government areas of Nasarawa State.

Dr. Ibitoye Segun, the Senior Learning Advisor of the Society for Family Health (SFH), while making the realisation on Monday at a one-day Adolescents 360 Mid-project Dissemination Training in Lafia, the Nasarawa State capital, explained that 54 maternal deaths and 228 child deaths were averted in the state.

The training targeted Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRH), programming in the state, was organised by the state Ministry of Health and Primary Health Care Development Agency (NSPHCDA) in conjunction with SFH.

He further explained that the contraceptives were used under the A360 Amplify Project, being implemented in the state.

He said, "The Matasa Matan Arewa programme, under the A360 project, was designed to provide an enabling environment for married adolescent girls, aged 15 to 19, and to have access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services."

Dr. Omokhodu Idogho, the Managing Director, SFH, represented by the Project Director,



Paediatrics and Adolescent Programme of SFH, Mrs. Aisha Dadi, narrated that the meeting served as a channel to share learnings, achievements, successes and insights from the A360 Amplify.

He said that the A360 was a five-year project with funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Children Investment Fund Foundation.

He stated that the project had in no small measure overcome barriers to access and use of modern contraceptives by married

adolescent girls, aged 15 to 19.

He said the A360 Amplify had made a significant impact on the lives of adolescent girls as a result of its collaboration with the state Ministry of Health and NSPHCDA.

Dr. Gaza Gomna, the state Commissioner for Health, represented by the Permanent Secretary of the ministry, Dr Damian Ali, had explained that the effort to adequately enlighten and mentor adolescents on their sexual reproductive health and general well-being was a way to safeguard their

future.

He assured the commitment of the state government to improve on the achievements already made so far under the A360 project.

The Executive Secretary, Nasarawa State Health Insurance Agency (NASHIA), Dr Simon Istifanus, on his part, advocated for collaboration of SFH to incorporate its Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health services into the state's health insurance scheme to ensure universal coverage.

Don't Drag JNI Into Plateau Politics - Publicity Secretary

By; BUHARI B. BELLO, Jos

The Jama'atu Nasril Islam (JNI), has disclosed that it remains apolitical, and has no interest in the affairs of any political party in Nigeria or at the sub national level.

The JNI Publicity Secretary, Plateau State chapter, Muhammad Sani Mudi, made the disclosure during a press conference on Saturday, held at the boardroom of the Jos Central Mosque, reacting to a viral writeup by a politician tagged: "Jama'atu Nasril Islam, beware of PDP antics."

He said the JNI, came across a statement with the above caption and circulated by one Shittu Bamaayi of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Plateau State.

"For the avoidance of doubt, the JNI in Plateau State or at the national level has not mandated anybody outside its appropriate officials to speak on its behalf on any issue that concerns it, either in Plateau State or at the national level.

"JNI as the umbrella body of the Muslim Ummah is apolitical, non partisan and has no interest in the affairs of any political party in Nigeria or at any sub

national level," Mudi stressed.

He said the JNI under the capable leadership of His Eminence, Sultan Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar III, has no problem whatsoever in its relationship with any Islamic group in Nigeria, such that it would warrant the interest or comment of external body(ies).

According to the JNI, Shittu Bamaayi, is entitled to his personal views, but as a politician, he should not delve into the issues that are faith based.

"There are Muslim members of the APC, and there are also Muslim members of the PDP.

"We as members of the JNI, as Nigerian citizens, we have the right to vote and hold our political feelings but that is personal to ourselves.

"While disassociating ourselves from the said statement and its contents, we wish to advise persons/groups with partisan interests to desist from dragging the good name of the JNI into their political wranglings and to state that such will not be tolerated in the future," it said.

The JNI Publicity Secretary, reiterated that the body always speaks for itself.

Iyaloja General: Direct Commissioner For Trade To Issue Certificate Of Recognition To Alhaja Konibaje, OOMS Coordinator Tasks Gov Makinde

By; BAYOAKAMO, Ibadan

The Oke-Ogun Market Stakeholders (OOMS) on Monday, called on Gov Seyi Makinde to direct the Oyo State Commissioner for Trade, Industry, Investment and Cooperatives, to issue certificate of recognition to Alhaja Saratu Aduke Konibaje.

OOMS in a statement signed by its Coordinator, Alhaja Asmau Adegoke also urged another contender for the position of Iyaloja-General, Princess Folashade Abeo to allow peace to reign on who leads the traders

in the state.

She attached copies of an Oyo State High Court judgment in a similar case of Babaloja-General of the State where court directed that no traditional ruler has the powers to appoint or install same, adding that the process was allowed to rest when Gov Makinde a democrat who believed in the rule of law asked the traders in the State to follow due process as ordered by the court.

Alhaja Adegoke stressed that this due process later produced Alhaji YK Abass and the same

process produced Alhaja Saratu Aduke Konibaje, as Babaloja-General and Iyaloja-General of Oyo State, respectively.

In the court papers with suit number I/868/2020 certified True Copy of which was produced by high court 11, the judge had stated, "...It is hereby declared that no traditional ruler in Oyo has the competence/right to select / appoint/install/confer/recognize anyone as with Babaloja-General of Oyo State, the recognized head of all traders/market men and women

in Oyo State.

"It is hereby declared that the right or competence to select, appoint, install or confer on or recognize anyone with the title of Babaloja-General of Oyo State is the exclusive right/preserve of traders in all markets in Oyo State acting through their (selected) recognized representatives comprised in the Oyo State Market Leaders' council set up by the third defendant,"

Tasking Oyo state Government to respect the process that threw

up Saratu Aduke Konibaje, Alhaja Adegoke enjoined Gov Makinde to beware of 'unsolicited advisers' bent on misleading him to go against the rule of law on one hand and the position of the larger percentage of traders on another hand.

"This matter has been allowed to fester for too long and it is already creating tension in the markets because our people have spoken loud and clear that Saratu Aduke Konibaje is their preferred Iyaloja-General of the State.

Subsidy Removal: Oyo Workers, Pensioners Will Get N25,000, N15,000 Cash Bonus For Six Months - Gov Makinde

By; BAYOAKAMO, Ibadan

Oyo State Governor, Engineer Seyi Makinde, on Monday, said workers and pensioners in the state would receive a monthly cash bonus of N25,000 and N15,000 respectively for the next six months.

The governor made this known while addressing workers in the state at the frontage of his office, Secretariat, Agodi, Ibadan, during a solidarity rally. Governor Makinde stressed that the wage bonus of N25,000 and N15,000 respectively for workers and pensioners, would be paid for the month of October and subsequently for another five months until an agreement is reached on a new minimum wage.

He pointed out that the workforce and the people of the state would have to work with the state government to develop the economy for the long term, saying, "once there is economic prosperity in the state, everyone would be touched".

Governor Makinde stated that though his administration would love to work on legacy projects for which it would be remembered decades after he leaves office, it would continue to look after the welfare of its workforce.

"So, what we agreed when we met was, I said yes, there is the



Gov Seyi Makinde addressing the workers

need to cushion the effect of the economic challenges on the workers. The Federal Government did N35,000 and I said what can we do in Oyo State and we have agreed that we would do cash award too", he said.

The governor added, "We agreed that pensioners will be given N15,000 cash award monthly, while workers will get N25,000 monthly. If you want to negotiate further, it is okay. But this cash

award will add N2.2 billion to the wage bill of Oyo State.

"We have been talking with your leaders but one or two things I have to point out first is we should ask ourselves how come Lagos that is only 120 kilometres away has an IGR of N60 billion monthly but we are struggling with N3.5 billion or N3.8 billion. It was N1.8 billion when we came in during our first tenure"

The governor stressed, "So, we must decide that we want to work

to lift the economy of Oyo State. If we provide economic prosperity in Oyo State, it will get to everyone. I am asking you that we have to partner to achieve that vision."

According to the governor, the cash bonus would result in an additional N2.2 billion on the state's monthly wage bill, stating that there are many gaps to be filled in the state cutting across the infrastructure, health and

education sectors, hence the need for understanding from the workers.

"We must know something, that we have the workers, and we have the generality of the people as well. Oyo State's population is between eight and nine million, how do we look after them? Everyone is going through this serious hardship."

The governor noted that the wage bonus is meant to make things go well for workers, and by extension, the teeming population of the state.

Speaking, Chairman of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC), Oyo State, Comrade Kayode Martins, disclosed that the declaration by the government has ended all grievances.

"We appreciate and are grateful to His Excellency on this development and I think that will take us to some level. All the stakeholders were there at the meeting and I can tell you that the agitation has ended. We are no longer aggrieved with the government. The governor spoke to the people and they reached a conclusion. So, what else do we have to do? The governor agreed to start the payment in full from October and we feel that it is a very good point to start from."

Odu'a Group Chairman honoured with CVL Excellence Award

By; BAYOAKAMO, Ibadan

The Group Chairman, Odu'a Investment Company Limited, Otunba Bimbo Ashiru was at the weekend, honoured with an award of Excellence by the Centre for Values in Leadership, (CVL)

The CVL initiated the Leader without title leadership award to honour outstanding sector leaders for their special contributions in their chosen field and is in recognition of Otunba Ashiru outstanding contributions to the private and Public sector of the Nigeria Economy

Ogun State Governor, Prince Dapo Abiodun while congratulating Otunba Ashiru on the honour by CVL, described it as well deserved by the Group Chairman of Odu'a Investment Company Limited, saying Otunba Bimbo Ashiru is committed to fostering interstate commerce and economic growth and that he is resonated with his government vision for a progressive and inclusive Ogun state.

"I extend my warmest



L-R: Mr Abdulrahman Yinusa, Odu'a Group Chief Financial Officer, Chief Dr (Mrs) Onikepo Akande, Asiwaju Dr Michael Olawale-Cole, President LCCI, Odu'a Group Chairman, Otunba Bimbo Ashiru, Otunba (Mrs) Adebola Osibogun and Mrs Folusho Olaniyan, OON, at Otunba Ashiru's CVL award recognition in Lagos recently.

congratulations on being recognized as a distinguished Honouree at the Leader Without Title, (LWT) Tribute Colloquium. Your exceptional contributions as a former Commissioner for Commerce and Industry in Ogun state and

your current role as Chairman of Odu'a Investment Company Limited, stands as testament to your unwavering commitment to excellence and leadership", he said.

Gov Abiodun added, "Your legacy, marked by selfless

service, hard work, integrity and gender inclusiveness serves as a guiding light for aspiring leaders and entrepreneurs.

The Odu'a Investment Company Limited Group Managing Director/ CEO, Mr Adewale Raji in a congratulatory message on

behalf of the conglomerate described the honor on Otunba Ashiru as a testament of his "tenacity, hard work, passion and remarkable contributions and commitment to the growth, profitability and sustainability of Odu'a Investment Company Limited (OICL) in particular and the socio - development of Nigeria in general".

"Your efficient leadership and drive with Odu'a Board towards attainment of shareholders mandate to make OICL "the engine room for the economic development of the South West has brought about positive changes in the repositioning of OICL on the trajectory of being a World class conglomerate", he said

The GMD added, "As a board room player, you maintained team spirit among your colleagues that has helped in no measure in the company's new business initiatives. Your oversight of the company has helped in upholding the principle of corporate governance and best practice in safeguarding the interest of stakeholders".

Mayere Community Holds Grand Reception For New Kaduna SSG

**Commend Gov Uba Sani*

By; ALEX UANGBAOJE, Kaduna

Mayere Community in Makarfi Local Government Area of Kaduna State last weekend, held a grand reception for their son, Dr. Abdulkadir Mu'azu Mayere, who was appointed recently as the Secretary to the Kaduna State Government (SSG) by Governor Uba Sani.

The SSG, who was received by his friends, well wishers and family members from both Mayere and the neighbouring communities on his first visit back home after his assumption of office assured them of doing his best to deliver as the SSG.

Addressing the crowd, an elder statesman who is also the chairman, Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF) Kaduna State Chapter, Alhaji Lawal Umar, noted that Governor Sani made a good choice by selecting Dr. Abdulkadir as SSG considering his track records and experience in the Federal civil service.

Also, the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Kaduna State University (KASU) Professor Yusha'u Anjo, believed that with the appointment of Dr. Abdulkadir, the present administration has taken a bold step towards repositioning the



state for the benefit of all.

In a remark, the SSG thanked the Governor for giving him the opportunity to serve in his administration, promising to live up to expectation and work tirelessly to justify the confidence reposed in him. He gave an assurance of doing

everything possible to ensure the implementation of policies and programmes that will meet the yearning of the people of the state.

Those are in attendance included, the district head of Makarfi, Alhaji Adamu Abdullahi Sulukin Zazzau, the

district head of Gubuchi, Dr. Bello Lawal Durumin Zazzau, Alhaji Suleiman Abdulkadir Garkuwa Zazzau, Alhaji Belle Umar Barayan Zazzau, village head of Ikara, Dr. Suleiman Aliyu among other traditional title holders.

Others are politicians, educationists, farmers and business groups. Highlights of the occasion was physical demonstration of traditional songs by different Hausa musicians.

2023 WAD: Stakeholders Renew Calls For Assent To A'lbom Anti-Stigma Bill

By; PATRICK TITUS, Uyo

Ahead of 2023 World AIDS Day commemoration, stakeholders in Akwa Ibom State have rekindled the calls for the State's Anti-stigmatization and Discrimination and other related matters Bill to be signed into law to address the challenges.

It would be recalled that the bill, which was passed over a year ago by the immediate past State House of Assembly, has not been signed into law by the governor in spite of the repeated calls by relevant stakeholders in the state. During an advocacy visit on Tuesday to Prof Augustine Umoh, the Commissioner for Health in the State, the visiting team raised concern of cutting back on the infection rate as imperative, given the national

index of HIV response in the state.

Led by the Project Manager of Akwa Ibom State Agency for the Control of AIDS (AKSACA), Dr Enobong Akpan, the team comprised AKSACA staff members, representatives from the Ministry of Health, Implementing partners, PLHIVs and the media.

Dr Akpan said that the visit to acquaint the Commissioner with plans made by the AIDS Agency in the state to mark the global awareness creation event.

According to the Project Manager, it was fundamental to kick start the advocacy visits ahead of the commemoration of this year's World's AIDS DAY from the ministry of Health which plays a vital and strategic role in the state HIV response.

He said that with AKSACA's continued collaboration with Development Partners as well as key stakeholders in the state, it was committed to improved work in the prevention, treatment and care, including support services for KPs, AGYW, AYP, Pediatrics, the Eederly and women in the reproductive age group.

The AKSACA PM projected the need for the Anti Stigma and Discrimination law in the state to be emplaced, a development he highlighted, would help check stigmatization of persons living with the virus and boost the achievements recorded by the agency and implementing partners.

Responding, Prof. Augustine Umoh AUGUSTINE UMOH expressed delight with the

enthusiasm the AKSACA PM had commenced work at the agency, insisting that if he follows through with such vigour, there would be significant gains recorded.

The Health Commissioner was particular about the assessment of the past WORLD AIDS DAY Commemoration, noting that identifying the accomplishment made as a resulting of marking the event every year was critical to re-strategizing for better outcomes of the HIV response.

Prof. Umoh specifically commented on the HIV infection rate in the state which he insisted must be reduced significantly through collaborative efforts.

According to him, from the 2018 NAIIS report which reflected Akwa Ibom having the highest prevalence of 5.5%, a new

survey should show if progress is being made, emphasizing that cutting back on the infection rate is imperative.

He lauded the contributions and interventions by Implementing partners in Akwa Ibom which he said has helped the state achieve progress with its HIV response, while also pledging government support towards the HIV infection control in the state.

Meanwhile, activities to mark the WAD 2023 in the state include thanksgiving service, visit to Corp Members and candle light procession, community led awareness creation/sensitization meeting for women on HIV prevention, ANC and GBV, condom promotion and distribution among others.



COMMUNITY FOCUS

Community Dialogue: Participants Harp On improved Security, Sustainable Reintegration Of Repentant Insurgents

By; Sadiq Abubakar Maiduguri

Participants at a community dialogue forum for reconciliation, reintegration and sustainable peace on Monday urged governments, non-governmental organisations and other stakeholders to improve on security in all communities across the state.

Participants at the peace interface organized by Allamin Foundation for Peace and Development held at Community Development Center, Shehuri North of Maiduguri Metropolitan Council also called for the adoption and implementation of transitional justice for the boko Haram repentants reconciliation and reintegration to strengthen peace, reconciliation and sustainability. The participants recommended monitoring of conduct and behavioral patterns of returnees by government and security agencies as well as community and religious leaders back into the communities for sustainable peace and effective integration. They were also of the opinion that stigmatization against the returnee repentants should be stopped by the residents rather, love should be shown to the returnees to give them sense of belonging and affection. Majority of the participants suggested proper channels and procedures for their reintegration and reconciliation under strict measures to ensure nothing contrary happens while others appealed to government and other stakeholders to empower the returnees to make them self reliant and productive. The participants also recommended the engagement of women into trading and marriage while the men should be engaged in farming and other commercial activities to earn a living while calling on the repentants not to take the law into their hands by being law abiding and obey leaders of the community as well as constituted authorities including rules and regulations spelt out by the security agencies in the community including vigilante hunters and CJTF. Others suggested that the girls should be encouraged and enrolled in schools to continue their

education or marry instead of living them doing nothing and without marriage while cautioning the repentants to desist from communicating with their former colleagues in the forest which they described as betrayal and sabotage. Some of the participants said forgiveness and accepting the repentants genuinely is necessary and important for peaceful coexistence, sustainable development and peace as human beings even though others would not forget what was done to them in the past. The participants further advised that sustainable and regular capacity building and orientation by NGOs and government should be emphasized and maintained, especially among the youths who are jobless. They suggested that a formidable machinery comprising of the community and religious leaders as well as ethnic groups should be participatory in the process and procedure of returning the returnees' reintegration process for overall acceptability and sustainability of peace and development in the community. The Village Head of Shehuri North, Zanna Zubairu Dima commended the efforts and support of Allamin Foundation for starting the project in Shehuri North community. Project Manager Allamin Foundation, Mr. O Samuel said the community dialogue was aimed at gathering opinions and views as feedback for peace building, reconciliation and reintegration of the repentant insurgents back to their communities for a way forward in communities. He added that the forum was targeted at encouraging communication and interactions among people and communities for peace, progress and development as well find out what the problems and challenges are from the people on the reintegration of the returnees. Samurl said the dialogue was to ascertain areas of reconciliation and interventions by organisations and governments towards sustaining and establishing formidable peaceful framework inclusive of community leaders,



Jigawa AFAN Describes Death Of Magajin Rafi As Great Loss To State, Traditional Institutions

By; JABIRU A HASSAN, Dutse

The Jigawa State Chapter of the All Farmers Association, (AFAN) has issued a condolence message to the government, Hadejia Emirate and the family of late Magajin Rafi of Hadejia, Alhaji Muhammad Babandede who died recently.

In a statement signed and issued to our correspondent by the state chairman of the association, Alhaji Idris Yau Mai Unguwa Jaga, the association described the death of the Magajin Rafi as a great loss not only to the Hadejia Emirate, but

to the entire people of Jigawa State.

The statement said, "Jigawa State Chapter of the All Farmers Association of Nigeria (AFAN), wishes to express shock over the death of a prominent leader, late Magajin Rafin Hadejia, Alhaji Muhammad Babandede, who contributed immensely towards the development of Hadejia Emirate, the Jigawa State and the nation in different means".

Idris Yau Mai Unguwa prayed for the late Magajin Rafi and the entire Muslim umma that have answered the call of the Almighty across the globe.



Late Magajin Rafin Hadejia

Nigerian Ambassadors Reject Eviction Notice Over Non Payment of Entitlement

By; M K P U M A ENYINNA, Abakaliki

Following the lingering crisis between Nigerian Ambassadors and Foreign Affairs Minister, the Nigerian envoys have resisted the eviction notice issued by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Tuggar Yusuf over non payment of their entitlement and passages to the outgoing Ambassadors and consequent replacement with junior diplomats.

A statement issued by the Special Assistant to the Dean None Career Ambassadors, Mr. Iduma Chris Mayor said that, in a collective show of defiance, the ambassadors and high commissioners have pledged to resist any attempts by the Minister of Foreign Affairs to embarrass them through the deployment of junior officers, potentially compromising the reputation of Nigeria on the international stage.

"In a startling turn of events, Nigeria's ambassadors and high commissioners currently stationed abroad are facing eviction from their residences and offices following a directive issued by the Minister of Foreign Affairs. The

directive, encapsulated in Circular No. S. 124, dated 03/11/2023, and signed by the Permanent Secretary, Ambassador Adamu I. Lamuwa, has sent shockwaves through the diplomatic community.

"What's more, the disconcerting aspect of this order is that the Ministry is yet to reimburse the diplomats for their return passages, a critical element of the ongoing dispute.

"The diplomats have wasted no time in responding to this perceived affront to their rights and professional dignity. In a collective show of defiance, the ambassadors and high commissioners have pledged to resist any attempts by the Minister of Foreign Affairs to embarrass them through the deployment of junior officers, potentially compromising the reputation of Nigeria on the international stage.

Mr. Iduma further explained that based on the standard practice, until the Ministry's headquarters financially backs the return passages for foreign service officers whose tours of duty have concluded, these officers



are entitled to continue enjoying the privileges associated with their diplomatic posts, saying that this practice is not unique to Nigeria, but it is a globally recognized norm. He also added that the crisis underscores concerns not only regarding the treatment of Nigeria's dedicated diplomats but also the potential breach of

established regulations governing their assignments. He revealed that for five consecutive months, they envoys have not received their allocations for missions which has left the diplomats in the challenging position of having to use their personal savings to manage their respective missions and embassies.

Group Backs NNPC, Rejects Negative Campaign Against Kyari *Calls on critics to join hands

By; ISAAC ODEH, Kaduna

A group under the auspices of Nigeria Oil & Gas Progress Report has condemned the media attack on the NNPC management led by Malam Mele Kyari, saying it was the handiwork of oil thieves and their collaborators.

A statement signed by the group's National Coordinator, Tirmizi Imam on Monday, said the NNPC media attackers have "deliberately turned their eyes away from the successes recorded by the Kyari-led management, in a desperate move to divert public attention". The group recalled that the

Kyari-led management was the first NNPC leadership to demonstrate transparency by letting Nigerians know how much the oil giant is making in terms of profit and how much is being spent each month in the media.

"Secondly, the Kyari-led NNPC management launched a relentless war against unpatriotic elements operating illegal Refineries and giving full statistics of those uncovered, at regular intervals. Beyond policing the refineries, the NNPC management was repeatedly forthcoming with prompt solutions to artificial fuel scarcity, usually blamed on

independent marketers", Tirmizi noted in the statement.

The group said the efforts by Kyari-led management to revamp Nigeria's four refineries, ahead of planned export of refined crude oil, next year - 2024 will "magically boost the nation's economy in a big way, in addition to the massive training and retraining of management and staff of the company". The statement also noted that the NNPC management has been able to conduct regular staff structure overhauls to "pave the way for more professionalism and result-oriented services for the good of this country".

Recalling that the Kyari-led management has demonstrated enough commitment to turning around the fortunes of the oil giant, the group called on critics to be patriotic enough to join hands in the ongoing reforms of the oil and gas sector in Nigeria. "We are not saying it is wrong to criticise leaders, but we are only in support of constructive criticism. We are not for criticisms meant to distract public officials from doing what is right; or being decidedly partisan on a matter of national economic development and stability", Tirmizi pointed out in the statement.

NEDC Reconstructs Eye Hospital, Commission's State Office In Maiduguri

By; SADIQ ABUBAKAR, Maiduguri

The Managing Director/CEO, North East Development Commission, (NEDC), Ambassador Mohammed Goni Alkali has said that the commission is embarking on reconstruction of the famous Eye and Dental Hospital Maiduguri to expand on facilities and equipments of the hospital in order accommodate more patients especially the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in the state and region. Alkali who stated this during an

inspection tour of the NEDC's capital projects being executed by the commission within the state capital Maiduguri metropolis on Monday, added that the major reason of carrying general over hauling and rehabilitation of the hospital is to decongest the hospital so that the victims of the Boko Haram insurgency from the remote areas will have access to eye and dental care services.

"The commission will provide medical equipments needed at the hospital, in addition to sponsoring staff training programmes to enhance better

services and treatment of patients with serious cases using sophisticated kits and tools.

"For the eye and dental hospital, we have told you that, we are going to renovate the whole place and provide some facilities As you can see now some of the facilities have started coming up like the staff quarters and so on and so forth. We were in the warehouse and you have seen that most of the equipment from which we're giving them has been delivered.

"By the grace of God, during the first quarter of next year, we hope to finish the renovation and

give them all the equipment they needed, so that the hospital would be a centre of excellence," Alali said.

The MD however, expressed satisfaction with the level of work that us in progress at the sites of the ongoing reconstruction/rehabilitation projects at the Maiduguri eye and dental hospital and the NEDC new headquarters edifice located at the post office area of Maiduguri metropolis.

He further explained that the commission plans to separate the state headquarters of the

commission from the main office and some other facilities to serve the community more effectively, while assuring that the commission is working assiduously to improve the living conditions of the people of the North-East region in terms of basic infrastructures, education, empowerment, poverty alleviation, training roads, health, and agriculture among other interventions, particularly, for the victims of Boko Haram insurgency to cushion their sufferings.



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Lagos First Lady Launches 2023 Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health Week

By ; RAYMOND TEDUNJAYE, Lagos

First Lady of Lagos State, Dr. (Mrs.) Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu on Monday, flag-off the 2023 Maternal, Newborn, Child & Adolescent Health Plus Nutrition (MNCAH+N) Week at the Badagry Local Government Secretariat of Lagos State.

The MNCAH+N Week is a vital health event in Lagos State that emphasizes the importance of practising good health-seeking behaviours for the well-being of mothers, children, adolescents, and the whole family. Lagos State has been a pioneer in this initiative, commencing the program in 2012 to provide essential healthcare services to under-five children, mothers, women of childbearing age, and men.

Speaking at the event, Dr. Sanwo-Olu, who addressed health stakeholders, community and religious leaders, women, youths and adolescents highlighted the importance of addressing key health challenges in Lagos, such as the under-five mortality rate of 59 per 1000 live births and the Exclusive Breastfeeding rate of 58%.

According to a statement by Tunbosun Ogunbanwo Director, Public Affairs Lagos State Ministry of Health, Dr. Sanwo-Olu noted that during the MNCAH+N Week, healthcare providers will offer services including routine immunization, vitamin A supplementation, deworming, growth monitoring, malnutrition screening, and managing malnourished children, among other health services.

She said: "To implement this year's MNCAH+N Week, a multipronged approach will be taken, with all stakeholders expected to support the initiative. The program will run from November 6th to November 10th, 2023, across primary healthcare centers and designated sites, offering services like routine immunization, vitamin A supplementation, de-worming, malnutrition screening, counseling on infant and young child feeding, family planning services, and more.

"This program is designed to ensure that all children receive necessary healthcare, particularly those who have defaulted on immunization or have never been immunized.

Dr. Sanwo-Olu who was represented at the event by the Wife of the Chairman of Ojo LGA, Mrs. Abimbola Idowu advised pregnant women against patronizing quacks for antenatal,

delivery, and post-natal health service needs stressing that continued patronage of quacks under any guise poses danger to the health and well-being of pregnant women and their unborn children.

"We also need to discourage pregnant women from patronizing quacks who hide under the guise of Traditional Medicine while practising orthodox medicine illegally. These quacks further endanger the lives of victims who patronize them. I commend the efforts of the Traditional Medicine Board and appeal to them to intensify efforts in monitoring and exposing these quacks operating in our communities", She said.

While appreciating and commending the Governor of Lagos State, Mr Babajide Sanwo-Olu for his relentless efforts towards improving the health sector and continually put measures in place to ensure inclusive, prompt and effective healthcare services are provided for all residents, the First Lady disclosed that Governor Sanwo-Olu in response to the fuel subsidy removal declared free ante-natal delivery and post-natal services for all pregnant women in State Public Hospitals.

Dr. Sanwo-Olu emphasized the government's zero tolerance for sexual and domestic violence, urging the community to work together to eradicate such crimes.

She appealed to the Chairmen of the 57 LGAs and LCDAs in Lagos State to support the MNCAH+N week and give it the publicity it deserves in their respective areas. She also expressed gratitude to the health family, development partners, line ministries, local government chairmen, and the Chairman of Badagry Local Government for their support.

Dr. Sanwo-Olu thanked traditional, community, and religious leaders and the media for their continuous support and encouraged the press to provide extensive coverage of the initiative.

Earlier in his remarks, the Commissioner for Health, Prof. Akin Abayomi outlined the objectives of the program,



Dignitaries including the Commissioner for Health Prof. Akin Abayomi flanks representative of Dr. Sanwo-Olu during the flag-off.

explaining that the MNCAH+N week which occurs twice a year across the State, focuses on ensuring the well-being and health of mothers, expectant mothers, newborn babies, children up to the age of five, and teenagers.

"Its core purpose is to promote healthy lives, thereby contributing to the growth of Lagos State and Nigeria as a whole", He said.

Prof. Abayomi emphasized the importance of well-nourished mothers during pregnancy, noting that the nutrition of the mother directly affects the child's development in the womb.

According to him, the Lagos State Government has established various programs, infrastructure, and manpower development to support healthy pregnancies and ensure that mothers and babies remain healthy.

"Access to antenatal care in primary health care centres across Lagos is encouraged to monitor and identify potential issues during pregnancy and delivery," He said.

The Commissioner stressed the significance of child spacing and responsible family planning to provide adequate resources and care for children. With a considerable portion of Lagosians being under the age of 30 to 35, he urged young adults to practice safe sex and responsible social interactions to

avoid unwanted pregnancies and neglected children.

Abayomi also highlighted the government's shift towards prevention rather than treatment and the deployment of experienced staff to strengthen community-level healthcare services, aiming to keep residents healthy and happy, thus contributing to society's well-being.

The Commissioner expressed the State government's desire to see fewer individuals in hospitals with sickness and disease, focusing instead on maintaining a healthy community.

"This initiative aligns with Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu's goal of shifting from treatment to prevention to ensure the overall well-being of Lagos State residents", he concluded.

Speaking in the same vein, the Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Ministry of Health, Dr. Olusegun Ogboye disclosed that nutrition programs are being implemented in Lagos State health facilities to ensure mothers are well-nourished during pregnancy and encouraged on exclusive breastfeeding in order to provide a balanced diet for growing children.

He said: "Another concern we addressing is the issue of child stunting, which affects physical and cognitive development. To combat this issue, nutrition programs have been

implemented to ensure mothers are well-nourished during pregnancy, encourage exclusive breastfeeding, and provide a balanced diet for growing children"

Dr. Ogboye reminded all about the Lagos State Health Insurance Scheme tagged Ilera Eko health scheme, mandated by federal law, and urged everyone to have it for themselves and their families.

"This insurance covers various healthcare needs and is essential for accessing antenatal care, immunizations, and birth control," he said.

In her remarks, the Chief of Lagos Field Office, UNICEF, Celine Lafouciere commended the Lagos State Government's unwavering commitment to children's health and well-being, applauding the State government for prioritizing children's health and consistently organizing the biannual MNCAH week.

"The Lagos State Government, led by Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, has demonstrated its commitment to the well-being of its residents, particularly mothers and children, through initiatives like the MNCH week. This dedication aligns with the broader goal of providing quality healthcare services to all Lagos State residents," she said.

She reaffirmed UNICEF's commitment to support the Lagos State government in achieving universal health coverage, particularly for children and mothers.

Plateau Govt Disburses Palliative Donated By First Lady To 110 Beneficiaries In Riyom LGA



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

Plateau State Government has disbursed bank drafts to 110 beneficiaries being the cash palliatives donated by Nigeria's First Lady, Sen. Oluremi Tinubu, to victims of attacks in Riyom Local Government Area. It would be recalled that Sen. Tinubu had donated the sum of N500 million to 500 displaced families affected by violent attacks in some local government areas in the state. Barr. Caleb Mutfwang while handing over bank

drafts to the beneficiaries, appreciated the First Lady for the gesture, stating that the palliative would go a long way in returning the displaced people back to their communities and rebuild their lives. "Plateau State is happy with this kind gesture, the wife of the president has done something that has never been done in the history of Plateau, through her Renewed Hope Initiative, she has truly renewed the hope of 500 households in Plateau. "She has exhibited love and has shown to be a true mother who loves

everyone, in-spite of political, tribal or religious affiliations, our state will continue to extend our profound gratitude to the First Lady and the President. Mutfwang, represented by the Deputy Governor, Mrs Josephine Piyo, urged the people of Riyom to remain peaceful and support the state government's effort toward bringing lasting peace in the state. He insisted his administration was working assiduously to end the cycle of killings in all parts of the state. He prayed that future donations made to the

state should be for development purposes and not to resettle crisis victims. The Transition Committee Chairman, Riyom Local Government Area, Mr Sati Shuwa, while appreciating the kind gesture charged the beneficiaries to use the money wisely to rebuild their lives. On behalf of the beneficiaries, Mr Gracious Victor, appreciated the First Lady for coming to their aid, stating that the money would be used judiciously to rebuild their lives back.

Kaduna Govt Cautions Public Against Misleading Reports Of Women Affairs Minister On Alleged Crisis In Kagarko LGA

By ; **F U N M I ADERINTO, Kaduna**

The Kaduna State Government has said that its attention has been drawn to an erroneous and misleading media report, claiming a breakthrough by Barrister Uju Kennedy-Ohanenye, the Minister of Women Affairs in brokering peace among three alleged warring factions of Koro, Hausa and Fulani in Kagarko Local Government to end a "20 year old crisis. According to a statement from the Chief Press Secretary to the Kaduna State Governor, Muhammad Lawal Shehu, dated

November 6, 2023, it should be noted by the public that there is no crisis in Kagarko Local Government Area. "In fact, Kagarko Local Government Area has enjoyed peace and harmony over the years and remains one of the most peaceful LGAs in the state," it said. The statement explained that the Kaduna State Government urged the people of the state and Nigerians to disregard the erroneous and dangerous rhetoric unfortunately reported by some media stations, without verifying the facts.

"These reports are capable of creating confusion and igniting crisis in Kagarko Local Government Area," it added. Additionally, the Kaduna State Government said that it has received credible reports indicating that the ill-conceived plot was the handiwork of members of a

leading opposition party with the aim to fraudulently extorting the Federal Government. "They approached the Minister of Women Affairs and created a false impression of disharmony and crisis in Kagarko LGA. "The minister, without verifying their bogus claims and in the absence of officials from Kagarko Local Government and the Kaduna State Government, made official pronouncements, and went to the ridiculous extent of promising parcels of land and even seedlings to the conspirators. "The Kaduna State Government is disappointed and shocked by the ill-advised actions of the Minister of Women Affairs, Uju Kennedy-Ohanenye, who with her experience as a public servant and knowledge as an Attorney at Law, should have applied caution and professionalism by contacting the Kaduna State Government to get the accurate information on the situation in those communities," it said. It added that in line with the strategic vision of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, the Kaduna State Government, led by Governor Uba Sani is assiduously working in partnership with Federal security agencies and other Federal Government ministries to promote peace, stability and socio-economic development of Kaduna State and will not allow any ill-conceived actions by external influences to jeopardize these efforts.



Gov Uba Sani

Why Kano Tribunal Judgment Cannot Stand

Continued from Monday

Without having the name, signature and date of exception on Exhibits P5, P6-P16c, P18-P34a, how can the tribunal know that it was made contemporaneously with the date the results were declared? It may be of probative value if the maker gives parole evidence of date it was executed. Having not offered further explanation, this honorable Tribunal cannot engage on a voyage of discovery, to know why those ballot papers in respect of the local governments aforementioned, which did not bear the official mark, were counted or not".

We submit, most respectfully, that the Tribunal completely went off the radar and misplaced the burden of proof by supposing that the INEC and other respondents in whose favour the legal presumption enures are to disprove the legal presumption. This is because the law on he who asserts must prove has not changed. Therefore, by misplacing the burden of proof, the judgment of the tribunal is perverse and unjust. See *Atolagbe V Shorun* (1985) 1 NWLR (Pt.2) pg. 360 at 375.

Stretched further, section 135 (3) of the Electoral Act, states that, "no election shall be questioned or cancelled by reason that there is a mistake, conflict or inconsistency in the date contained in the result of such election signed by a returning officer or any other officer of the commission."

We submit that this provision says it all. This is because, it is safe to argue that the law itself knows that there is no way an election may be conducted without any mistake or shortcoming at all. Thus, the word "mistake" has been judicially defined in *Bello v. State* (2016) LPELR-45601 (CA) as follows "I have consulted the Black's Law Dictionary for the definition of mistake.

Black's Law Dictionary (supra) defines mistake on page 1001 as: "some unintentional act omission or error arising from ignorance, surprise, imposition or misplaced confidence".

Therefore, omission of dates, even official marks or step, cannot make an election to be invalid more so, that the court can take judicial notice of the date of election.

Furthermore, it is surprising that the tribunal that held that it cannot go on a voyage of discovery to know why the ballot papers which did not bear official mark were credited or not, somersaulted 360 degrees and held that it had no choice than to look at the results tendered and make use of them.

We submit that the tribunal was also wrong to have held that the hallowed principle of dumping of documents did not arise in the case based on section 137 of Electoral Act. This is because section 137 of the Evidence Act cannot override the provision of section 128-133 of the Evidence Act on burden of proof.

More interestingly, is the fact that this section was recently interpreted to be of no moment if a party fails to lead evidence on the documents tendered in court. We rely on the unreported decision of the presidential election delivered by the Court of Appeal on 6th September 2023.

Therefore, section 137 of the Electoral Act, even though an innovation, according to the tribunal, we submit that documents tendered before the tribunal or court must be spoken to and linked with the case of parties. Assuming without conceding that the findings of the tribunal that those results that bear no official mark are invalid and properly voided is correct, it is our submission that the tribunal cannot make a return of the APC candidate as the winner for the simple reason that the complaint

against non affixing of official mark, non dating, non signing and non stamping of election results and/or ballot papers raised in the petition and decided by the court are grounds of non-compliance with the provision of the Electoral Act.

What is more? This was confirmed by the tribunal at page 206 where the tribunal held that "By way of conclusion, this issue, may we point out for the umpteenth time that section 137 of the Electoral Act and paragraph 46(4) of the first schedule to the Electoral Act, 2022, have changed the law on the hallowed doctrine of dumping in election petition litigation, so much so, that in a narrow sphere of proof of non-compliance, can now be proved by documents alone."

It is submitted that by admitting expressly that the allegation of non- signing, non-dating non-use of official mark belong to the realm of non- compliance, the tribunal missed the point by declaring APC candidate as the elected governor of Kano State. This is because under our electoral jurisprudence, once a party based his petition on non-compliance with the provision of Electoral Act, the only order the tribunal or court can make is nullification of the election and not an outright return.

This means the tribunal should have cancelled the results and order for fresh election in the affected areas. See section 136 of the Electoral Act, 2022, which provides:

(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), if the tribunal or the court as the case may be, determines that a candidate who was returned as elected was not validly elected on any ground, the tribunal or court shall nullify the election and order the commission to conduct a fresh election not later than 90 days after the-

(a) Decision if an appeal is not filed against the decision; or

(b) Nullification of the election by the court having final appellant jurisdiction in respect of the said election.

Before dilating on the above provision, we reproduce section 136(2) and (3) which states thus;

(2) Where an election Tribunal or Court nullifies an election on the fund that the person who obtained the highest votes at the election was not qualified to contest the election, the election tribunal or court shall declare the person with the second highest number of valid votes cast at the election who satisfies the requirements of the constitution and this Act duly elected.

Provided that the person with the second highest number of valid votes cast at the election remains a member of the political party on which platform he contested the election otherwise, the candidate with the next highest number of vote in the election and who satisfies the same conditions shall be declared the winner of the election.

(3) If the Tribunal or the Court determines that a candidate who was returned as elected was not validly elected on the found that he did not score the majority of lawful votes cast at the election, the election tribunal or the court, as the case may be, shall declare as elected the candidate who scored the highest number of valid votes cast at the election and satisfied the requirements of the constitution and this Act.

Looking at the above provision of the law in section 136 (1) (2) and (3), it is crystal clear that the tribunal will only have power to declare anyone the winner of an election where the petition succeeds on section 134 (1) (a) and (c) which deal with non-

qualification of candidate and failure to obtain majority of lawful votes cast at the election respectively.

Therefore, section 136(1) of the Electoral Act, 2022 has pinned down the specific order a tribunal can make where the petition succeeds on any ground other than the two grounds mentioned in section 134 (a) and (c) of the Electoral Act, 2022.

To do otherwise therefore, is an offshoot of the law. Put differently, the petitioners on one hand wanted the election to be nullified on the ground of corrupt practices or non-compliance, while on the other hand they want the tribunal to declare the 1st Petitioner as the winner of the election having allegedly scored majority of lawful votes cast at the election.

Considering the reliefs sought at the tribunal here, it can be concluded that the reliefs sought are mutually exclusive or inconsistent and incongruous.

In *OBIEKWE & ANOR V. AYINLA & ORS* (2019) LPELRN-50785 the court held that, "The complaint of the appellants under this issue centered on the reliefs sought by the Appellant as petitioner for the mollification of the election of the grounds that same was marked by substantial irregularities non-compliance with the provision of the Electoral Act 2010 (As Amended) and the reliefs seeking for declaration of the 1st Appellant as duly elected by majority of lawful votes cast are mutually exclusive, and cannot be granted.

I agree with the learned Judges of the Tribunal that in law the Appellants are entitled to make alternative claims in the petition but the Appellants have to make a choice which of the claims to pursue. The 1st Appellant cannot claim that he won the election by scoring majority of valid votes cast and at the same time seek for the nullification of the election. The reliefs are clearly incongruous and rightly, in my view, discontenanced by the Tribunal. See also, *AMOSUN V. INEC* (2010) LPELR 4943 (CA).

It is submitted that in a petition alleging and founded on substantial non-compliance with the Electoral Act or corrupt practices, no winner ought to emerge. In other words, the consequences of proof of such allegation, which is the only relief available to a Petitioner relying on such grounds, is the nullification of the election and order for fresh election. No more, no less. Meaning that a petitioner cannot pray to be returned as the winner of the election he alleged to have been flawed by substantial non compliance as it is not only incongruous but also sign post his insincerity in the claim he is making before the Tribunal.



CONCLUSION

From the foregoing, it is undoubtedly clear that the judgment of the Tribunal is a total miscarriage of justice.

In the analysis of the facts of the case and interpretation of the law, the Tribunal took over the case of the Petitioners in arriving at its indefensible conclusion. In as much as the Tribunal tried to hide its unbelievable bias, one of the members employed such foul and vulgar language in attacking the 1st Respondent and members of the New Nigeria Political Party. In arriving at a predetermined position the Tribunal cancelled 165,000 votes because of the mistake of INEC officials who failed to mark and stamp the ballot papers.

Thus, in an undisguised manner, the Tribunal clearly showed sentiment and emotion in support of the APC in the language used in the judgment. A member of the Tribunal, Justice Benson Anya let the cat out of the bag when he said, "I use this opportunity to condemn the gang of Red Cap wearers who like a violent and terrorist cult chased us out of Kano and put us in the fear of our lives.

We believe that only Allah is the giver of power. Those who believe in Allah must bow to his will and submit to the authority of Governmental power. Resort to anarchy, violence and killing can never be a source of lawful power. Threatening to put Honourable Judges in the danger of their life as done in Kano by some disgruntled bandits parading as politicians is hereby condemned."

In descending to the arena and subjecting the entire members of the NNPP to collective punishment the Tribunal did not deem it fit to give them fair hearing before condemning them. However, we agree with the Tribunal that "only Allah is the giver of power." But since Allah has through the electorate of Kano State given power to Governor Abba Yusuf, we are confident that the Court of Appeal will dismiss the unjust judgment of the Tribunal and restore the confidence of Nigerian people in the judiciary.

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Troops Of Operation Safe Haven Neutralise Bandits, Arrest Armed Robbers, Suspected Kidnappers, *Rescue kidnapped victims, recover arms/ammunition

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Troops of Operation SAFE HAVEN (OPSH) on Operation HAKORIN DAMISA IV from October 29 to November 5, 2023, neutralised suspected bandits and arrested 19 suspects in connection with kidnapping, criminal attacks, cattle rustling, armed robbery, farm destruction, theft as well as recovered arms/ammunition and illicit drugs.

On October 29, 2023, based on credible information, troops arrested two suspected drug dealers, Mr Obinna Nwafor and Fatai Lawal at Kujiya Market Bukuru in Jos South LGA, Plateau State.

During the arrest, troops recovered 1 locally fabricated rifle. Suspects are being profiled for further action.

Similarly, on 30 October 2023, troops of Sector 7 OPSH arrested a suspected kidnapper, Bawa Ahmad at Kamuru village in Zango Kataf LGA of Kaduna State and recovered one locally fabricated rifle with cartridges in his possession.

In a related development, on 1 November 2023, troops arrested two motorcycle snatchers, Samaila Nasiru, Bashir Sani at Riyom general area, Plateau State.

In the same vein, on 3 November 2023, troops arrested Mr Suleimanu Audu at Gidan Auta village in connection with kidnapping and raping of 2 victims on 24 September 2023.

Additionally, on 3 November 2023, based on credible information, troops of Sector 4 OPSH arrested Sarajo Adam, a notorious armed robber, at Kwog village in Barkin Ladi LGA. The arrested robber has been on the wanted list of security agencies for several robbery activities in Barkin Ladi general area and environs.

On 30 October 2023, based on credible information, troops arrested three suspects, Ibrahim Mohammed, Salisu Abdullahi and Idris Abdullahi in connection with the attack on farmers at Mai Hakorin Gold village in Bokokos LGA, Plateau State. Similarly, troops arrested three suspects, David Emmanuel, Moses Dalyop and Gabriel Davou in connection with the murder of a commercial motorcyclist, Abdulkarim Saidu, at Shonong village in Riyom



LGA, Plateau State

. The suspects were arrested at Fang village in Riyom LGA on 30 October 2023.

Suspects led troops to recover the corpse of the murdered motorcyclist. On 4 November 2023, troops arrested Mr Abdullahi Abubakar Lawyer at Rimin Zayam village in Toro LGA of Bauchi State in connection to the killing of own Mobile Police personnel on 2 November 2023 at Kuba village in Bokokos LGA.

The suspect equally admitted to being involved in kidnapping activities and other sundry crimes with other gang members.

Based on his confessional statement, on 5 November 2023, troops conducted raid operations

at Kambal and Hurti villages in Bokokos LGA and arrested Yakubu Saidu and Nasiru Mohammed in connection with the crime.

Items recovered include 233 rounds of 7.62mm special, one Techno mobile phone, one ITEL mobile phone and one motorcycle.

On 30 October 2023, troops rescued one Ms Abigail Felix earlier kidnapped on 28 October 2023, at Angwan Malam village in Sanga LGA of Kaduna State. The victim has since been reunited with her family.

Also, on 1 November 2023, troops in conjunction with Civilian Joint Task Force rescued two kidnapped victims at Zobolo general area in Jos North LGA of

Plateau State.

Similarly, on 4 November 2023, following the kidnap of Reverend Father Andrew Anana in his residence at Saint Francis Catholic Church Godo Godo district in Jema'a LGA of Kaduna State, troops conducted a search operation and rescued the victim unhurt.

Two suspects in connection with the kidnap, Isia Etopia and Musa Opisa confessed to the crime.

On 30 October 2023, troops of Sector 7 OPSH arrested one Alhaji Ya'u Baba for deliberate destruction of farmlands at Jagindi Tasha village in Jema'a LGA of Kaduna State. Also, on 2 November 2023, troops arrested two suspects, Edward Dauda and Pam John for attack on a herd of

cattle leading to the killing of a cow at Sot Gyel community in Jos South LGA.

Additionally, on 2 November 2023, troops apprehended 50 cows for grazing on farmlands at Kwi village in Riyom LGA of Plateau State. Furthermore, on 4 November 2023, troops recovered 5 cows earlier rustled at Shemlang village in Mangu LGA. The said cows were recovered at Sabon-Gari general area of Mangu LGA.

On 1 November 2023, troops neutralised two bandits at Dutse village in Zangon Kataf LGA of Kaduna State. Similarly, on 2 November 2023, two terrorists, Buwa Tafawa and Gyang Yusuf, were neutralized around Tafawa village in Barkin Ladi LGA of Plateau State.

Also, on 3 November 2023, troops in conjunction with vigilante members foiled an attempted attack on Kuba village in Bokokos LGA of Plateau State by unidentified gunmen, and neutralised one of the attackers in the process, while others fled with gunshot wounds.

Within the week, Operation SAFE HAVEN secured the conviction of two suspects, Mr Azi Ashom Abubakar also known as Danladi Irimiya and John Itse, who were charged with unlawful possession of firearms.

The suspects pleaded guilty and were sentenced to 2 years imprisonment each with an option of fine.

A total of 19 suspects were arrested in connection with various crimes. Three were arrested for kidnapping while 4 were arrested for murder.

Four suspects were arrested in connection with attacks on villages and 2 for illicit drug peddling while 4 bandits were neutralised. Also, 4 victims were rescued from kidnappers, while 6 attacks on vulnerable communities were deterred and 13 distress calls responded to.

The Commander Operation SAFE HAVEN, Major General AE Abubakar, reiterates the resilience of OPSH while encouraging the populace in Plateau, Southern Kaduna and Bauchi States for the continued support to troops.

All arrested suspects in custody would be charged to court accordingly once investigations are duly concluded.

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QUARTER PAGE	164,670.00	12,350.25	177,020.25	94,724.44	7,104.33	101,828.77
10" x 6 Col	364,320.00	27,324.00	391,644.00	245,005.20	18,375.39	263,380.59
10" x 5 Col	333,960.00	25,047.00	359,007.00	224,588.11	16,844.11	241,432.22
10" x 4 Col	242,880.00	18,216.00	261,096.00	163,336.80	12,250.26	175,587.06
10" x 3 Col	182,160.00	13,662.00	195,822.00	122,502.60	9,187.70	131,690.30
9" x 6 Col	327,888.00	24,591.60	352,479.60	220,504.68	16,537.85	237,042.53
9" x 5 Col	273,240.00	20,493.00	293,733.00	183,753.90	13,781.54	197,535.44
9" x 4 Col	218,592.00	16,394.40	234,986.40	147,003.12	11,025.23	158,028.35
9" x 3 Col	163,944.00	12,295.80	176,239.80	110,252.34	8,268.93	118,521.27
8" x 6 Col	291,456.00	21,859.20	313,315.20	196,004.16	14,700.31	210,704.47
8" x 5 Col	242,880.00	18,216.00	261,096.00	163,336.80	12,250.26	175,587.06
8" x 4 Col	194,304.00	14,572.80	208,876.80	130,669.44	9,800.21	140,469.65
8" x 3 Col	145,728.00	10,929.60	156,657.60	98,002.08	7,350.16	105,352.24
7" x 6 Col	255,024.00	19,126.80	274,150.80	171,503.64	12,862.77	184,366.41
7" x 5 Col	212,520.00	15,939.00	228,459.00	142,919.70	10,718.98	153,638.68
7" x 4 Col	170,016.00	12,751.20	182,767.20	114,335.76	8,575.18	122,910.94
6" x 6 Col	218,592.00	16,394.40	234,986.40	147,003.12	11,025.23	158,028.35
6" x 5 Col	182,160.00	13,662.00	195,822.00	122,502.60	9,187.70	131,690.30
6" x 4 Col	145,728.00	10,929.60	156,657.60	98,002.08	7,350.16	105,352.24
6" x 3 Col	109,296.00	8,197.20	117,493.20	73,501.56	5,512.62	79,014.18
6" x 2 Col	72,864.00	5,464.80	78,328.80	49,001.04	3,675.08	52,676.12
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5" x 4 Col	121,440.00	9,108.00	130,548.00	81,668.40	6,125.13	87,793.53
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5" x 2 Col	60,720.00	4,554.00	65,274.00	40,834.20	3,062.57	43,896.77
4" x 6 Col	145,728.00	10,929.60	156,657.60	98,002.08	7,350.16	105,352.24
4" x 5 Col	121,440.00	9,108.00	130,548.00	81,668.40	6,125.13	87,793.53
4" x 4 Col	97,152.00	7,286.40	104,438.40	65,334.72	4,900.10	70,234.82
4" x 3 Col	72,864.00	5,464.80	78,328.80	49,001.04	3,675.08	52,676.12
4" x 2 Col	48,576.00	3,643.20	52,219.20	32,667.36	2,450.05	35,117.41
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3" x 2 Col	36,432.00	2,732.40	39,164.40	24,500.52	1,837.54	26,338.06
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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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X-Raying President Tinubu's Governance Results Delivery Unit And The Six Low-Hanging Fruits

By: MURTALA ADOGI MOHAMMED PhD

“The Delivery Unit is the leader's weapon to make his government effective across the civil service and country.” – Tony Blair

Governments exist to deliver results for their citizens. This is true even in the most challenging contexts, where states strive to provide security and order for their people. And it is especially true in democracies, where the ability to govern rests on explicit promises made to citizens in each election. No matter where one lives, making government deliver effectively for its citizens is one of the great moral issues of our time. But when most political leaders arrive in office, they find that delivering results is the hardest part of the job. Formally speaking, they have the authority to direct what government does. But they sit on top of a large and complicated bureaucracy, and it's not immediately evident how to work through it to get things done. At the same time, political leaders must of course manage politics - the inevitable day-to-day distractions of events that public figures must deal with.

By reactivating the Presidential results delivery unit, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has demonstrated his willingness to be accountable to Nigerians and his commitment to fulfilling campaign promises. By tracking governance results, Mr. President can ensure that public services meet quality standards, leading to improved services for citizens. One of the reasons why leaders use results trackers is to identify and mitigate risks that could impact governance initiatives. Early detection of issues allows for proactive problem-solving. Governance Results Tracker is a valuable tool for leaders to improve government performance, ensure accountability, and make data-driven decisions. It benefits both the government and the citizens by promoting transparency and effective governance. Many nations have international commitments, such as Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), that require them to track progress. Leaders use trackers to meet these obligations and showcase their commitment to international partners.

For instance, Tony Blair former UK Prime Minister and the 'Father of Deliverology' in his second term as prime minister, he prioritized 20 public service targets. They covered a range of outcomes - literacy for 11-year-olds, reduced road traffic congestion, and lower street crime rates, for example - that captured citizens' expectations of what effective government should

accomplish for them. He set up a new entity, the Prime Minister's Delivery Unit, headed by Sir Michael Barber, which reported directly to him and was responsible for ensuring the delivery of these targets.

Within four years, the unit had helped the government to achieve over 80% of these targets and had made significant progress on the others. This attracted attention and interest in the work of the delivery unit, especially after a book detailing the original experience was published. Without realizing it at the time, Sir Michael and his team had discovered a repeatable methodology for achieving real impact in government. They had invented a missing discipline: 'deliverology', the science of delivering results.

President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, the Ministers, and the Manager of the Delivery Unit Hadiza Bala Usman and her team must collectively and collaboratively answer these five simple questions:

1. What are you trying to do? 2. How are we planning to do it? 3. How, at any given moment, will we know whether we are on track? 4. If we are not on track, what are we going to do about it? 5. How can we get support and from where? Delivery Unit is about building systems that allow a government leader to ask and answer these questions consistently and rigorously.

At the end of the just concluded retreat for the Ministers, President Tinubu has redefined the priority areas of his administration into eight Key Results Areas KRA: 1. Reform the economy to deliver sustained inclusive growth; 2. Strengthen national security for peace and prosperity; 3. Boost agriculture to achieve food security; 4. Unlock energy and natural resources for sustainable development; 5. Enhance infrastructure and transportation as enablers of growth; 6. Focus on education, health, and social investment as essential pillars of development; 7. Accelerate diversification through industrialization, digitization, creative arts, manufacturing & innovation; 8. Improve governance for effective service delivery.

This is a good starting point because one of the cardinal principles of the Governance Delivery Unit GDU is the prioritization of the key areas the President or the Governor wants to focus on to deliver quick wins and huge impact results.

The Six Low-Hanging Fruits.

1. Focusing on outcomes President Tinubu's GDU should focus on measurable and verifiable outcomes such as the number of women and youth



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lifted out of poverty, the level reduction in maternal mortality, and the level reduction in number of out-of-school children. The level of reduction in Nigerian children suffering from learning poverty, The Unit should not only target inputs (projects, activities, even strategies). The government needs to strive for big, ambitious outcomes that the electorates will feel the impact. The best GDU keeps this question front and center: how will what we do make a difference for citizens, as soon as possible? And how will we know?

2. Data and Technology Infrastructure

There is a need to invest in modern data collection, analysis, and reporting tools to support data-driven decision-making. MDAs should embrace technology for efficient data management. All the Ministries, Departments, and Agencies MDAs that are expected to be sending data to the GDU must have all the necessary tools to work with. Also train the MDAs level Results Reporting Officers RRO in data analysis, project management, and governance issues. A knowledgeable team is crucial for effective results delivery.

3. Rapid Response Unit and Quality Assurance

There is a need to establish a rapid response unit within the GDU to address emerging issues promptly and mitigate risks that could

hinder results delivery. There is a need also to develop quality assurance mechanisms to ensure that government projects and services meet set standards and deliver the expected results. Nigerians are hungry for results.

4. Crisis Management Plan

With lessons learned from COVID-19, there is a need to develop a crisis management plan and governance business continuity plan that outlines procedures for addressing unexpected challenges or crises that could disrupt results delivery. There is need also to foster a culture of continuous improvement within the GDU. Regularly review and adapt strategies to enhance effectiveness. To prevent tech-based crises, ensure responsible handling of sensitive data and maintain strong data security and privacy measures. This is very important.

5. Measuring The Unmeasurable

The Unit might know how to monitor many of the fundamental outcomes that governments deliver, but there is a need to monitor some indicators such as; the level of social cohesion, changing citizen attitudes due to fuel subsidy removal, what citizens think about palliatives and the level of citizens' happiness, something like the Nigeria Happiness Index. GDUs are tapping into new sources of

data to make real-time information available - for example, by using social media to crowd-source information on results or attitudes, or both.

6. Communicate Results Not Activities

What MDAs communicate mostly are activities, not results. Success should be measured not by how much activity you generate, but by the impact of that activity on the electorates. For instance, it's not by the number of MoUs signed, but by what has that led to. Building of new hospitals - How does that translate into a reduction in maternal and child mortality? Training of 10,000 teachers - How does that translate into a reduction in the number of Nigerian Children suffering from learning poverty? There is a need to train the MDA's Results Reporting Officers on communicating results so that they would be able to communicate results and impact not just activities.

“Most successful leaders think and communicate in the language of achievement rather than activity. Great leaders bring an 'outcomes-mindset' to everything they do and focus on instilling that mindset in their people” - Mark Fritz

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Zamfara Banditry: Governor Dauda Lawal's Commissioner Gajam Throwing Stones At Glass House

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Let me go down historic memory lane of how Banditry activities began in the North-West bandits ridden Nigerian state of Zamfara.

A popular Hausa Proverb once said, "MAI DOKAR KWANA BAYA ANGAJE" literally meaning, He who says others should not sleep, should not be found dozing.

In fact, my heart bleeds when I heard Abdulmalik Gajam, one of Governor Dauda Lawal's cabinet members that decides the fate of innocent, vulnerable and good people of Zamfara State, alleging that the immediate past Governor of Zamfara State, Hon (Dr) Bello Muhammad, Matawllen Maradun, MFR, has once purchased and distributed Hilux cars to Bandits. He went on to say that the former Governor also gave asylum to bandits.

My heart bleeds, particularly, when it goes down memory lane of the genesis of the mayhem and the sorrow that banditry has brought to innocent lives across north western Nigeria.

People may not have forgotten in a hurry, the case of the first person that was arrested when banditry started in 2011/2012 in Zamfara State, when His Excellency, Ambassador Gajam was the state Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice.

Commissioner Abdulmalik Gajam was a young boy then, so he might not have been in the picture of this story, otherwise he would have regretted raising the issue of the fight against banditry in Zamfara State.

I, therefore, simply want the Hon Commissioner for budget and planning, Abdulmalik Gajam, to find out who that person that was first arrested with AK 47 rifles was.

Again, I would like to ask Hon Abdulmalik Gajam, the assumed Governor Dauda Lawal's administration spokesperson to tell the world who Buharin Daji is to the Gajam's family?

If I may help out, Buharin Daji and Ambassador Gajam, who is a father to Hon Abdulmalik Gajam are of the same parents.

If not for the Buharin Daji, who is a biological uncle to Dauda Lawal's spokesperson, (Hon Gajam) the people of Zamfara in particular, and Northern Nigeria in general, would not have known what banditry and bandits are.



Buharin Daji



Gajam

The sadness and sorrow, the pains and agony that bandits have brought upon millions of people across north western Nigeria emanated from the Gajam family.

Not until recently, when former Gov Matawalle took the bold actions resulting from his wisdom to strategically planned, prepared and executed far

reaching decisions to tackle insecurity in the state, which His Excellency, Gov Dauda Lawal is now copying without wisdom, culminating into huge failure of his government to fight the escalating security challenges in the state, bandits would have completely taken over the whole of Northern Nigerian.

Zamfara, Sokoto, Katsina and

Kebbi States would never forget so soon, the atrocities committed by Buharin Daji, whose name spreads like wildfire, especially, for killing, kidnapping, raping, cattle rustling and collection of ransom from innocent villagers, initiated, organized and executed by Hon. Gajam's uncle before he was killed on Wednesday, March 7, 2018, by

one of his former boys, Dogo Gide and his decomposed body brought to Gusau, the state capital on March 9.

Abdulmalik Gajam's uncle promised to commit the most deadliest horror to the entire north western Nigeria before he was gunned down by one of his rival bandits Dogo Gide, following disagreement on sharing rustled cows.

Gajam, being a young man without prerequisite knowledge and experience in governance, just like his Principal, should desist from fighting former Gov Bello Matawalle, abandoning the basic responsibility of government which has caused further damage to the lives and property of innocent people across villages and towns in Zamfara State.

I, therefore, urge Gov Dauda Lawal to focus on the fight against banditry in Zamfara State rather than concentrating on a battle he cannot win.

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John Shinkaiye: An African Great Straddles World Stage

By Owei Lakemfa

THE BRIGHT stars of Nigeria shone again when two famous African-Americans and two illustrious Africans last Saturday received the Medal of Glory Award (MOGA) in Miami, United States. It is a prestigious award by the Foundation for Democracy in Africa. Past recipients include former Presidents Olusegun Obasanjo of Nigeria, Bingu Wa Mutharika of Malawi, Abdou Diouf of Senegal and Alpha Omar Konare of Mali.

The new recipients included Reverend Jesse Jackson, the protégé of Martin Luther King, who in 1984 came third in the Democratic Party Presidential nomination and second, four years later, behind Michael Dukakis.

Shinkaiye said the award is not just a personal one, but also a testament to the collective efforts of people, including diplomats, statesmen, activists and ordinary citizens “who have strived to build a bright future for our continent”. He said recent reversals of the democratic process in some countries like Gabon indicate that democracy is not yet a given in the continent and that there is still a lot of work to be done.

The second was Dr Condoleezza Rice, the first African-American to serve as the US Secretary of State. She had previously been American Security Adviser.

The third recipient was His Excellency Kingsley Jeremiah Nyamane Mamabolo, the United Nations and African Union (AU) Joint Representative to Darfur. He had been the South African High Commissioner to Nigeria and, now, to the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland.

The fourth recipient was Ambassador John Kayode Shinkaiye, a giant in African diplomacy. He had been Nigeria's Ambassador to Equatorial Guinea from 1989, to Ethiopia and Djibouti from 2000 and Permanent Representative to the OAU/AU and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa.

As Nigeria's Ambassador in Addis Ababa, he was intimately involved in the transformation of the Organisation of African Union (OAU) to the AU between 2000 and 2003. This was aimed at transforming the OAU from what the Pan Africanist and former Vice President of Kenya, Jaramogi Oginga Odinga, used to call a “Trade Union of African Heads of State” into a peoples union.

Given his role in this transition, the new African Union snatched Shinkaiye and he became a sort of legend in the continental body. He served as the Chief of Staff of two AU Chairpersons: President Alpha Omar Konare of Mali, from January 2006 to April 2008; and Dr Jean Ping of Gabon, from May 2008 to October 2012.

As Chief of Staff, among other duties, Shinkaiye had the responsibility for coordinating the various partnerships between Africa and several countries and organisations. These included those with

the European Union, the US, India, Turkey, China, South America and the Republic of Korea.

The new awardees on Saturday, October 27, 2023, received the awards for “their extraordinary contributions to democracy, good governance, and advancing trade, investment, and cultural ties between the United States and Africa.”

In the specific case of Shinkaiye, who is also the National President of the Association of Retired Career Ambassadors of Nigeria (ARCAN), his plaque was for: “Extraordinary leadership

and a lifetime commitment to Democracy, the Advancement of Peace, Security, Stability, Economic Integration and Diaspora Engagement in Africa.”

A man of immense foresight, nine days before this latest award, Shinkaiye was the Distinguished Guest of Honour at the Society for International Relations Awareness (SIRA) lecture on: “Africa in the Turbulence of a World in Search of Direction”. At that occasion, he told the audience which included ambassadors and diplomats from 41 countries thus: “As we gather here, the world is marked by unprecedented change and uncertainty, and the quest for direction and stability is a challenge that transcends borders and continents. Africa, a continent of immense diversity and potentials, finds itself at the crossroads of this global turbulence.”

In his acceptance speech, he paid tribute to Reverend Jackson and Dr Rice for helping “to uplift the profile and status of the Black Race in the United States and all over the world.” He also described Ambassador Mamabolo as a “worthy son of Africa”.

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Shinkaiye posited that: “There is need to safeguard the principles of good governance, human rights, and the rule of law.”

The Ambassador had, in recognition of his contributions in strengthening relations between Nigeria and Britain, been awarded the Lieutenant of the Royal Victoria Order (LVO), by Queen Elizabeth II and was also awarded in December 1993, Equatorial Guinea's



highest National honour: the Medal of the Grand Cross of the Order of Independence (GCOI) by President Obiang Nguema Mbasogo. At home, he was awarded the Officer of the Order of the Federal Republic (OFR) in 2001.

A delegate to the 2014 National Conference, the country continues to tap into the rich reservoir of Shinkaiye. In February 2017, Nigeria suffered a humiliating defeat when it ran for the headship of the Peace and Security Commission (PSC), the most influential commission in the AU. Despite its campaign team being made up of heavy weights like former President Olusegun Obasanjo and Africa's richest man, Aliko Dangote, Nigeria's candidate, Ms. Fatima Kyari Mohammed, was easily defeated by the Algerian candidate, Ambassador Smail Chergui.

Shinkaiye concluded his submission by telling the distinguished audience: “Let me say that the turbulence in a world in search of direction is a challenge that we all face. Africa, with its unique set of opportunities and challenges, can play a vital role in the quest for the right direction. For this to happen, African leaders, policy makers and the citizens must harness the continent's potentials, promote unity, and engage with the global community to find shared solutions.”

Then President Muhammadu Buhari reached out to Ambassador Shinkaiye and four other special envoys to restore the country's honour. So, Nigeria re-contested the post in February 2021 with Ambassador Bankole Adeoye as candidate. This time, the Nigerian candidate got 55 votes out of 55; a first in the history of the OAU/AU.

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He pointed out that: “Africa's diversity is one of its greatest strengths but paradoxically, that diversity creates challenges in achieving unity and common purpose. However, in a world where cooperation is increasingly essential, the turbulence in the world driven by economic, political, and environmental factors, affects Africa profoundly.”

In suggesting solutions, he submitted that: “In pursuit of direction, Africa should, therefore, not only focus on external factors but also on internal dynamics. Inclusivity, justice, and the empowerment of all segments of society, are essential components of a thriving Africa. As the world seeks direction, Africa can also lead in shaping global discourse. It has valuable insights into sustainable development, and in conflict resolution that can influence international policies and cooperation.”

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I have no doubt that Ambassador Shinkaiye has a lot more to offer Africa and the international community; all that might be required is to ask.

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Suleiman: A Good Man In The Journey To Stardom As Tambarin Mubi

By: TOM GARBA, Yola

According to American popular Neuro surgeon and author of the world best selling books, "Gifted Hands, You Have a Brain, Ben Carson's Story and Think Big," Dr. Ben Carson asserted that good people are a product of good leadership. A good man can birth out good leadership wherever he finds himself.

Mallam Abubakar Suleiman Tela is a man decked with virtues of goodness, he has placed his hand in the plow of integrity and barked on a journey to stardom. Leadership they said is about bringing the future to the present.

The ability to solve problems and the person who initiates and proffer solutions to problems is called a leader. These are the qualities Bears and the world knows him with the emblem of releasing what is good for humanity.

Suleiman is a considerate ordinary citizen, a mere civil servant who is a professional accountant with the Upper Benue River Basin Development Authority (UBRBDA) has written his name in gold, he always gives portends of newer versions of concrete developments in the organization where he finds himself to work for our Dear Country. Haven supports the introduction of a ladder that is set in focal of people-oriented policy culminating in real infrastructural growth noticed in Yola UBRBDA. Suleiman has become a radiant Star who is always trusting in the power of God to do what will benefit humanity with a renewed hope of a better tomorrow.

What he does and his performances of work in the lengths and widths of the Yola UBRBDA have given him superficial confidence and respect. The joy of many in the state will last if only Suleiman will be seen as a coming leader who has a dream for a new Adamawa.

His love for humanity is bringing a lot of agitations to be in a strategic place of leadership to do more for people, as the norms he is known for in helping the generality of people irrespective of tribe, religion, and even place of origin.

Rating his credibility and confidence one will be convinced to say that Nigeria still has a future, it's no longer a bleak moment, and the generation of future credible leaders is bigger in the country



against the backdrop of the present situation that the country's economy is in the state of mockery and a long chain of retrogression.

Suleiman is one such symbol of hope, in him are threads of leadership, an individual with the right influence, inspiration, determination, and self-discipline to become a great leader.

Suleiman's lifestyle of humility and giving back to society all he has, he has successfully laced his life with classical philanthropic,

less political tendencies reaching out to people, and giving comfort to the less privileged. It was therefore not surprising when the Emir of Mubi, His Royal Highness, the Lamido, Alhaji Abubakar Isah Ahmadu recognized his greatness and decided to crown him with the special traditional title of TAMBARIN MUBI. Meaning a Star from the Horizon, shining bright for the interest of the entire Mubi Emirate with his selfless service to the people of Adamawa and beyond.

Like the proverbial lion that's not afraid to face the impossible and take the maximum risk. Suleiman believes that no matter which ethnic group, race, or religion we may belong to, our needs for help, acceptance, and motivation remain the same across the globe. It is this belief that pushes him to continuously support and sponsor youths in education and all human endeavors across the state.

With his steady humanitarian gesture, honesty, doggedness, hard work, and career focus,

many in Adamawa have seen him have a fast-growing reputation as a selfless leader. They are of the view that in an age characterized by an obvious dearth of selfless leaders, Suleiman carved a niche for himself as a man of the people, a leader who has the best interest of his people at heart.

The TAMBARIN Mubi is an inspiration to many, and has left his footprints in the sand of time, his achievement speaks volumes. For him, a good political or civil servant life is not measured in the number of years but in its quality, it is not how far but how well.

Many are looking and counting on him to be one of the major decision-makers in UBRBDA and to have the power to inspire people from all walks of life. Great orators can and do change the world. They can speak simple and fundamental truths for all people and for all time. But it is not enough to simply convey a vision; you have to make firm political decisions and get things done to realize that vision. This is exactly what TAMBARIN Mubi has done all his life in civil service.

A good leader is not made overnight and TAMBARIN

Mubi is sure a good example of charity begins at home. He is a story of how a man was groomed to be a selfless leader with an innate ability and concerted effort to reach that height.

I have no doubt in my mind that Abubakar Suleiman Tela, the TAMBARIN Mubi is redefining leadership and making history in Adamawa state and Nigeria as a whole.

I am not trying to paint TAMBARIN Mubi as a saint without any flaws. He had his shortcomings too, after all, to err is only human. There are a few things he did that could have been done in a better way. But if you are looking for a person close to perfection in life and humanity, look no further than Mallam Abubakar Suleiman Tela Tom Garba, FICM, FBMC, SPSP

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Sports Minister Inaugurates Main Organizing Committee Of 2024 National Sports Festival

*Charges the committee to deliver a successful games

By; JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON

Minister of Sports Development, Senator John Owan Enoh yesterday, inaugurated the Main Organising Committee (MOC) of the 22nd National Sports Festival slated to take place in Ogun State next year.

Inaugurating the committee at the media center inside the MKO Abiola Stadium, National Stadium Complex Abuja, the minister charged members of the committee to work hard to deliver a seamless and successful games next year.

The minister who noted that delivering a successful games

requires hard work however noted that with the commitment of Ogun state government and the caliber of members of the committee, he was optimistic that the committee would surmount all the challenges to deliver a successful games.

Senator John Owan Enoh observed that the normal practice was for the funding of the games to be shared between the Ministry of Sports and the state hosting the games. He stated that with the National Sports Industry Policy kicking in, sports should be seen as not only recreation but business.

He observed that after 22 years, the National Sports Games has

become a brand capable of attracting corporate sponsorship. The minister therefore encouraged the committee to package the games in such a way to make it attractive for the private sector to sponsor. He described sports as a multi billion business adding that if private sector driven sports industry could work in other climes, there is no reason it should not work in Nigeria.

Senator Owan Enoh appealed to the private sector and corporate organizations to support sports development in the country.

Responding on behalf of the newly inaugurated committee,

Ismaila Abubakar, the Permanent Secretary of the ministry and Chairman of the Organizing Committee informed the Minister that members of the committee were fully aware that the responsibility of organizing successful games rest on them.

He assured him that the committee would mobilise both human and material resources to ensure that the games is hosted without hitches.

Earlier, Wasiu Isiaka, the Ogun State Commissioner of Sports assured the Minister that the state was fully prepared to deliver a successful games.

The Main Organising

Committee (MOC) of the National Sports Festival comprises Ismaila Abubakar, Permanent Secretary of Sports Development as Chairman and Bukola Olapade, (Chairman LOC) as Vice Chairman. Other members of the committee are Dr. Paul Onyeudo, Olufehinti Olusegun, Mohammed Manga, Gregory Zi, Ms Fadeke Fadeyibi, Engr. Abolore Alanamu, Patrick Okeke, Mrs. Amaka Ashiofu, Prof. Olawale Moronkola, Engr. Habu Gumel, Sunday Odebode, Emmanuel Utobo, Bamiduro Olumide and Brendan Ndifon.



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Zazzau Emirate Dismisses Village Head Of Awai In Maigana District

By; SANIALIYU, Zaria
Zazzau Emirate Council has dismissed the Malam Iiyasu Abdullahi Village Head of Awai in Soba Local Government Area for with immediate effect. The dismissal notice was contained in a Press Release dated November

7, 2023 signed by Media and Publicity Officer Zazzau emirate Abdullahi Aliyu Kwarbai. His Highness Malam Ahmed Nuhu Bamalli presided over the Council meeting yesterday after deliberations on complained brought against the Village head before the emirate Council

for action to be taken. After intensive deliberations with all stakeholders and upon accepting all complaints leveled against him, the Emirate Council has approved the immediate dismissal and Termination of appointment of the Village Head, for disregarding

laid down Administrative Procedures and Gross Insubordination. The Emirate Council, further directed the District Head of Maigana, Dan Darman Zazzau Alhaji Lawal Zailani to immediately start the process of selecting a new Village Head of Awai without further delay.



Police Central Motor Registry Comes Alive In Delta

By; RAYMOND TEDUNJAYE, Lagos.

The Delta State Police Command has informed members of the public particularly residents in the state that the revitalized and digitalized CENTRAL MOTOR REGISTRY (CMR) of the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) is active and operational in Delta State.



CP Wale Abass

This is in line with the Inspector General of Police IGP Kayode Egbetokun, Ph.D. NPM, mandate of advancing more proactive measures in crime prevention, and strengthening our national security, Spokesperson of the Command DSP Bright Edafe made the disclosure in a release made available to journalists on Tuesday. To ensure that vehicles to be registered by the CMR are not stolen and to support investigations into stolen vehicles and incidents involving vehicles, Edafe explained that the digitalized CMRIS will effectively serve the purpose of gathering additional information from members of the public about stolen vehicles and populating the stolen vehicles database.

He added that the digitalization of the Central Motor Registry Information System (CMRIS) will help the police conform to the realities of this digital age through a seamless management of information on every motor vehicle and ownership.

"In the same vein, owners of motor vehicles operating on Nigeria roads and members of the public are thus informed that the new process for requesting the Nigeria Police Force Central Motor Registry services such as Motor

Vehicle Information, Change of Ownership, Change of Engine/Chassis/Body, Change of Colour, International Motor Vehicle Certificate, International Drivers' Permit, etc. is to create a profile on the CMRIS portal and apply for the desired service via <https://cmris.npf.gov.ng>. " Also, the newly digitalized Central Motor Registry Command Centre will make it possible for members of the public to report stolen vehicles, especially those that are yet to be recovered from as far back as 1st January 2018.

" The details of such vehicles are to be inputted on the online platform via <https://reportcmr.npf.gov.ng> as this will serve as a reliable data point for the possible recovery of the vehicle", the police image maker stressed.

Meanwhile, the Delta State Police Commissioner, CP Wale Abass, admonishes the good people of Delta and other residents in the State to take advantage of this opportunity to enroll their vehicles in the digitalized CMR platform.

He further assures that cooperative compliance with the directive will go a long way in curbing all vehicle-related offenses and will further intensify the security framework across the State.

Ondo: We Have Commenced Admission For 2023/2024 Session — Sam Maris University

By; ADEBOYE ADO, Akure

The Management of Sam Maris University, SMU, Supare-Akoko, Ondo State, has announced its maiden admission plan for 2023/2024 academic session.

The university's Registrar, Mr. David Daramola made this known in a statement issued to newsmen on yesterday, November 7, 2023 in Akure, the state capital.

He said, "Sam Maris University, Supare-Akoko is delighted to announce the commencement of admission of candidates for the 2023/2024

academic session." "We have now opened our doors to the next generation of scholars, to whom we take pride in providing high academic standard, excellent academic facilities and a

highly conducive learning environment." "We offer several courses in the Faculty of Social and Management Sciences and the Faculty of Computing and Environmental Sciences."

"Our campus features modern classrooms and well-equipped laboratories, plus a well-stocked library and extensive recreational space, to ensure that our students have access to an

