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By: SANALIYU, Zaria

The Peoples Redemption Party (PRP) has said that the euphoria by the finance minister that the 2024 appropriation proposal has a lower deficit estimate is laughable.

National Chairman of the party, Alhaji Falalu Bello who stated this in a statement made available to New Nigerian in Zaria yesterday, said, "it is lamentable that government removed

subsidies on petrol prices and also devalued the Naira, common sense will tell you that more money will accrue to the government".

The national chairman noted that, "It is thus a no-brainer that you record a lower deficit that, given the somewhat suspicious assumptions as stated earlier, may turn out to be worse than the estimated figures at the end of the period."

According to him, the 2024

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Southern Kaduna Professors Frown At Linking CDS To Tudun Biri Bombing

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By: AMOSTAUNA, Kaduna

Forum of Southern Kaduna Professors have supported the calls by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu and many others for a thorough investigation of the accidental bombing of Tudun Biri village in Igabi Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

They also applauded the decision of the Federal Government to make Tudun Biri the first beneficiary of the Pullako Initiative in Kaduna State.

A statement issued by its chairman, Prof. John Gambo Laah, said they are appalled by the allegations made by some elements accusing the Chief of Defence Staff,

General C.G Musa of "conniving with the Nigerian Army to cause havoc in

communities he perceived as against his ethnicity in Kaduna State".

According to the statement, "It is evidently clear that the bombing of Tudun Biri community was erroneously carried out as troops were on routine mission against terrorists."

The forum added, "We consider these allegations callous, indecorous and an exhibition of pathological hatred of the CDS on account of his ethnicity and or religion. We do not see this incident as a lack of professionalism on the part of the Nigerian Army, as been suggested. While we are tempted to forgive the ignorance of these groups, we are convinced that these accusations are part of a larger conspiracy to discredit the CDS. This is clearly a case of giving a

dog a bad name in order to hang it."

The forum commended the sobriety of the Nigerian Army led by the Chief of Army Staff, Lt Gen, Taoreed Lagbaja for accepting responsibility for the unfortunate incident and for confirming that the bombing was a mistake and agreed entirely that in situations as this, mistakes are bound to be made and this is not the first time that such a mistake has been made.

The statement explained that the group's experience with General CG Musa is that, not only is he having a good mind, he uses it well to the benefit of all and cannot understand the rationale behind singling out the CDS for crucifixion at this point in time, while admiring the humility and civility of the CDS in the

midst of these allegations.

The forum noted that in the struggle against terrorists and bandits, the Nigerian Military has recorded significant successes in the past few months to the admiration of Nigerians, saying that it must not be tired and must not give up in the fight against terrorism and banditry.

The statement acknowledged the efforts being made by the regime of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu in securing the lives and properties of Nigerians and Governor Uba Sani has shown in his speeches, actions and body language, a genuine desire to end insecurity in Kaduna State and are determined to support him all the wa

First Lady Lauds Senator Akpabio's Leadership Prowess

By: PATRICK TITUS, Uyo

Nigeria's First Lady, Senator Oluremi Tinubu has described the leadership prowess of the Senate President, Senator Godswill Akpabio as one that fosters unity and promotes national interest as well as brings joy to many Nigerians, especially the vulnerable.

Mrs. Tinubu stated this in her remarks on the occasion of the Grand Reception organised in honour of Senator Akpabio as the Senate President by government and people of Akwa Ibom State, held at Godswill Akpabio International Stadium in Uyo, the state capital on Saturday.

The First Lady, who also joined other citizens of the country in celebrating Senator Akpabio who turned 61 years on same date, Saturday December 9, 2023, described the event as a mix of excellence in leadership and God's love upon his life and family. According to her, the occasion was not only for celebration and merriment but to reflect on the immense contributions Akpabio had made as a former governor of Akwa Ibom through the time he served as a Minister and now as the Senate President.

Mrs. Tinubu noted that the Senate President has not only shown exemplary leadership which engenders principle of democracy and accountability but has gone ahead to promote the interest of many Nigerians especially the vulnerable in the society.

"This occasion is not only for celebration but to reflect on the immense contribution he has made to Akwa Ibom and Nigeria as a whole. Under his leadership, Akwa

Ibom witnessed remarkable infrastructural development, improved healthcare services and educational growth, poverty alleviation and human capital development as he transformed the lives of many vulnerable persons.

"Senator Akpabio has continued to serve our nation diligently in the Senate. As the senate president he has displayed exemplary leadership, fostered unity and promoted the interest of many Nigerians, he is committed to principle of democracy, accountability and good governance." Mrs. Tinubu stated.

She announced welfare scheme envisioned to give socour to the elderly in the country, and called for support by various state governors by not politizing the scheme to misdirection.

The welfare scheme, she explained would gather for 250 elderly persons per state who will be give 100 thousand Naira each monthly.

In his remarks also, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Hon Tajudeen Abbas described Senator Akpabio as an uncommon leader whose leadership prowess is worthy of emulation by all.

Hon. Abbas who noted the occasion of love exhibited by the people of Akwa Ibom and the cream of personalities in attendance as not only auspicious but massive, that has attested to Senator Akpabio's popularity and acceptability in the state and national levels

The Speaker said that within the periods of his working relationship in the National Assembly with Senator Akpabio as the Senate President, have proven Senator



Akpabio as a leader who set a bar high in governance in Nigeria.

He pledged that the House of Representatives would continue to partner the Senate for the growth of the Country and called on Nigerians to keep faith in Nigeria as better days around the corner under President Bola Tinubu led government.

Also speaking, the chairman on the occasion and governor of Cross River State, Senator Bassey Otu expressed satisfaction at the sustained peace between the people of Cross River and Akwa Ibom State being sister's state.

Governor Otu, who congratulated Senator Akpabio on his 61 birthday anniversary, also lauded his wife, Mrs Unoma Akpabio for her support, which he noted have contributed immensely to success stories said about Akpabio right from when he was the governor to present position as Senate President. On his part, the host governor, Pastor Umo Eno congratulated

Senator Akpabio on his birthday and pledged his support for his leadership irrespective of party lines or ethnicity as Akwa Ibom State is one indivisible entity.

The Governor therefore, enjoined all Akwa Ibom people and other stakeholders to learn how to support one another for the growth and development of the state.

He assured that Akwa Ibom state government under his leadership is poised to partner the federal government to attract meaningful development to the state, and create prosperity for all.

Responding to show love and gratitude showered on him, the Senate President, Akpabio, appreciated the people who turned up en mass to celebrate him and said their presence would encourage him to do more and speak more not just for Akwa Ibom People but Nigerians as a whole.

Akpabio therefore used the occasion to clear the misconceptions that he

created an office of the Senate President's wife saying that such never existed.

"There is no office called the Office of the Wife of the Senate President, all these things are lies. I have tried to be the voice to the voiceless, not just to my Senatorial District but to Akwa Ibom And Nigeria as a whole. He also commiserated with the families of those who lost their lives at the Kaduna Bomb blast and promised that he would lead other senators to their homes tomorrow for a condolence visit even as he promised to render all the necessary assistance.

The colourful ceremony attracted who's who in state and national politics, business community, traditional rulers and clerics among others.

Highlights of the event include Presentation of the Senate President, Senator Godswill Akpabio and wife, Unoma Akpabio and cutting of the 61 birthday cake.

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Appropriation Bill shows that the federal government plans to give more money to states and local government areas, but the government does not seem concerned about putting a functional machinery in place to ensure that such funds are properly utilized, especially as it is common knowledge across the country that the governors not only do not do enough to take development to the doorsteps of their people, they also strangle local government areas by not giving them access to the funds meant for them from federation accounts which crippled local government areas all over the country.

He added that without checking the state governors and ensuring proper local government autonomy, the federal government is only playing to the gallery on fiscal federalism.

"Also, the emphasis on having to rely on foreign investors without recourse to Nigerian investors is another way of being on illusion in our developmental drive.

"In his presentation speech at the National Assembly, Mr. President noted that his government will partner with foreign investors to drive the economy. What then will the role of Nigerian investors be? Mr. President should remember his experience as an employee of a multinational company".

"The company refused to build a headquarters in Nigeria, preferring to rent, until the now president of Nigeria insisted on their building a Head Office in

Nigeria". He said.

Alhaji Falalu Bello queried why should they be given preference above local investors.

"Nigerian investors should be promoted, protected, and empowered. In fact, they should be the ones who will invite foreign partners if need be.

"On the strategy for social investment whereby people will get a meager share of items for relief is largely flawed", he said.

The PRP chieftain warned that this will never solve any poverty challenges, instead of spending to make Nigerians beggars, the funds should be invested in critical infrastructure, empowering youth to become entrepreneurs, and strengthening the operation of social insurance policies for insurance companies.

This he said, will not only reduce the burden on government, it will also enhance the social sector and boost government revenue through taxes and royalties.

"As students' loan is targeted at making students complete their academic studies, the proposed 2024 budget is yet to address other salient areas of sustainably funding the university system. University autonomy is not negotiable, but it is not taken care of in the Appropriation Bill.

"The Governing Council of each university must be in charge of running them, while each department should commercialize their works and research outputs and they should also involve

students to work for and with them.

"Accordingly, this will bring income to the departments and students, reduce the propensity of hiking school fees as departments will earn much more than whatever they can realize from school fees, and provide substantial experience for the students.

"The 2024 Appropriation Bill provides that N8.25 trillion, a whopping 30% of expenditure projection, will be used for debt servicing.

"This is more than 15 times the value of proposed expenditure on social investment, which is put at N534 billion, which is 2% of the proposed total expenditure.

"The amount is for paying lip service to poverty alleviation in a country where 130 million out of 220 million of her population are living in poverty.

"This is a sign that the government is not interested in the welfare of its people, especially as the most significant portfolio of the government for budget deficit financing is to borrow more when it should show restraints in expenditure, block leakage and improve tax collection and administration".

"Indeed, with the removal, or reduction of subsidy on Petrol and the devaluation of our currency with a decree, the misery index has worsened.

"These policies was announced by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu without any consideration to the state of affairs of the common man while masses are dying

in droves arising from hunger, malnutrition, and diseases.

"The government appears helpless, tactless, and unconcerned! How terrible and wicked can one be just a few months after winning elections.

"The recent adjustment of the exchange rate announced by the Central Bank which further devalued the National Currency by about 27% has already derailed the 2024 Budget as it will increase amount required for debt servicing, increase borrowing and more important increase inflation with its dire consequence of increasing poverty in the land.

"The Bola Tinubu Administration must stop the continuous devaluation of the Naira, which it has done on a continuous basis since it came to power.

"The Peoples Redemption Party in ending this review, condemns the inadequate provision for social investment and poverty alleviation, lip service to resolving pending challenges of our university system, lack of concrete framework to address local government autonomy and lack of political will to create opportunities for Nigerian investors," he said.

The party also condemned the continuous devaluation of the Naira and very much, the incentive capital projects such as the renovation of the residence of the President and Vice President in Lagos, the budgetary provision to the office of the Chief of Personal Staff.

Ebonyi Shuts 5 Hospitals Over Quackery, Fake Drugs

By; MKPUMA ENYINNA, Abakaliki

In a committed effort to sanitize the health sector of Ebonyi State, the state government under the administration of Gov. Francis Nwifuru has shut down five hospitals due to quackery and other illicit activities.

The affected quack centres that have been closed down include, Eleri Hospital in Afikpo, Party Hospital in Ugbodo, Homeopathic Specialist Hospital in Igbeagu, St. Patrick Hospital in Iboko, and Alexander Hospital in Umuezeoka.

Gov. Nwifuru disclosed this on the floor of the House, while presenting

the 2024 budget, tagged "Budget of Innovations and Success," to the Ebonyi State House of Assembly. He also noted that three major distributors of fake drugs in the state have been arrested in collaboration with NAFDAC, saying that a total of 107 medical quacks have signed an undertaking with the task force on medical quackery, committing not to

indulge in quackery in the state again. The governor further emphasized that the heart of his administration is within the health and education sectors. He emphasized, "Our ongoing efforts to upgrade all 13 general hospitals across the state are not just infrastructural enhancements. They are pathways to healing and hope."

Kano Guber Tussle: Tinubu, APC Using Judiciary To Destabilize Region's Commercial Center, Arewa Coalition

By: JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON

An Arewa movement known as Northern Coalition Youths Movement Initiative (NYMI) has accused President Bola Ahmed Tinubu-led administration and the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) of a hidden agenda to destabilize the Northern commercial nerve center in order to weaken the economy of the region.

This was expressed at an elaborate world press conference at Arewa House in Kaduna on Saturday.

The secretary general of the movement, Comrade Ibrahim Mohammed Inuwa, pointed to series of moves being made by the government to undermine the region, using judiciary to subvert the people's mandate in Kano, Plateau and Zamfara.

He said, in recent times, they have observed with dismay, how the much esteemed judiciary has become the lapdog to the executive arm of government which they said is expected to check as an independent entity.

"Gone are the days when judges dish out logical judgments that are acceptable to the litigants in any disputes. It is however sad that the administration of President Bola Tinubu and APC have resorted to using the judiciary to snatch what it has lost at the ballot.

"Under the APC, the votes of the people no longer count, this is because the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has become an extended part of the ruling party. In a bid to do the bidding of the APC,

"judiciary has now become the rubber stamp to the massive scale of electoral robbery in the country. Where the INEC fails to award victories to APC candidate, the same courts are the avenue where the victories of the opposition parties are now only arrested but also stolen and given to the APC.

"Nigerians are living witnesses to what is going on in the Court of Appeal with respect to the governorship poll in Kano, Plateau and Zamfara States where the opposition parties have won the state at the ballot box and the attempt by the Federal Government to snatch these states from the winning political parties.

"What is even more embarrassing is the case of Kano where the Court of Appeal is still finding it hard to defend its verdict on the election which many have come to see as very ignoble and horrible. The fact that the verdict is tainted was further shown as the NNPP try to secure the certified true copy of



the judgment revealed the underhand dealings that must have happened with the document revealing contradictory outcomes.

While some paragraphs upheld the election of Gov Abba Kabir Yusuf of the NNPP as duly elected.

"The embarrassment created by the nasty scenario is yet to abate as we address you as the action has further put the judiciary in the negative spot in the minds of right thinking Nigerians who have lost faith in that vital arm of the government.

"The most laughable verdict also is the issue of internal affairs of each political parties which is clearly enshrined in our electoral act and which the supreme court has long settled, yet that is the issue the same judiciary is using to upturn Kano's mandates which was freely given to NNPP",

The coalition accused the Tinubu's government of waging war against leading political lights from the region in a bid to destroy or whittle down their relevance before the poll.

He said the coalition has been monitoring the development for some time, he however urged leaders in the North to live up to their responsibility of protecting the interest of their region.

He added "We wish to draw the attention of the people of the North to an ongoing sinister plot by Pres. Tinubu and the ruling All Progressives Congress APC to politically decimate

the North and render it impotent ahead of the forthcoming 2027 general election.

The coalition lamented the fate of the immediate past Governor of Kaduna State, Mallam Nasir el-Rufa'i in the hands of the current government despite the support it gave to President Bola Tinubu during the electioneering campaign.

"One individual whose support and assistance to the emergence of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu is the former Governor of Kaduna State, Mallam Nasir el-Rufa'i who worked on his colleagues in the North to sway victory for President Tinubu.

"What did he get in return? The former governor was rubbished by the government when his nomination was rejected by the Senate during confirmation allegedly on spurious claims of not scaling security screening," the group wrote.

They also listed those who have been humiliated by the current government of include, Senators Danjuma Goje, Abdulazeez Yari.

The statement further reads that, "The former Zamfara State Governor was subsequently rubbished by the government when he tried to become the Senate President of the country. He was hounded and cowed to submission by the agents of the government and the state."

Not done, they added that, "Another

Northerner who has also been humiliated since coming into being of this government is Senator Ali Ndume who by right and qualification ought to be the Senate Leader but has since been relegated to be the deputy despite having served in that position in the past in the last 9th Assembly."

They also added that former Governor of Kano State, Senator Rabiu Musa Kwankwaso is being harassed on daily basis to give up the mandate that the people of the state have given to his party in the general election with the hope of taking over the state from him.

"Despite appeals from Nigerians to ensure that sanity prevails, the current government since assuming office are still working assiduously to snatch Kano with soul aim of destabilizing the commercial center of the north.

"Their well orchestrated decimation will spell doom for the region if care is not taken, it must however be noted that the current government in the country has continued to show its disdain to the region and its teeming masses. Let us recall the attempt that it made upon resumption of office to invade Niger Republic", the statement concluded.

The coalition warned President Tinubu and Justice Kayode Ariwoola not to allow judiciary to destabilize the region as both of them will be held responsible. The group said failure to act will spell doom for the country as they will take laws into their hands.

COP 28: Gombe Leverages Global Climate Conference To Showcase Environmental Initiatives, Attract Funding

By; JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON

Gombe State has seized the opportunity presented by the 28th UN Climate Change Conference (COP28) in Dubai, United Arab Emirates to spotlight its pioneering efforts in addressing local climate challenges while seeking partnerships from the international community.

A statement signed by the DG (Press Affairs) Government House Gombe, Ismaila Uba Misilli, yesterday, said that during the International conference, the Gombe delegation met with global stakeholders on the sidelines of the event.

The presentation made by Gombe at the Nigeria Pavilion centered on the theme

"Mobilizing Climate Finance for Innovative Adaptation Themes," where the State shared experiences, challenges, and sought for collaborations to address environmental concerns in the state as well as proposed solutions related to climate change.

The state also highlighted its steps towards innovative financing mechanisms and its plan to raise its first green bond at the sub-national level, which is a demonstration of a forward-thinking approach to financing climate-related projects.

Represented by key government officials, led by the Commissioner of Water, Environment and Forest Resources, Mohammed Saidu Mohammed Fawu, the delegation engaged with global

stakeholders to showcase the successes achieved under Governor Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya's leadership in environmental restoration and sustainability.

Emphasizing the potential of green bond as a sustainable financing mechanism, Saidu Mohammed Fawu, said Gombe aims to attract investors and build credibility for its green bond to pave the way for the realization of crucial projects focused on adaptation, resilience, and emissions reduction.

He noted that the initiative is in line with the state's commitment to mitigating climate change impacts, as evidenced by the conversion of street lights to solar power, which he described as a significant step towards

reducing carbon emissions.

He explained that Governor Inuwa Yahaya's administration has made environmental management a top priority, citing the state's flagship project, the Gombe Goes Green (3G).

He said, "through the 3G initiative, the government is planting approximately 1 million trees annually, reclaiming over 364 hectares of degraded land and actively combating gully erosion.

"Also, the Network-11-100 road revolution project has seen the construction of over 700km of roads, signifying a holistic approach to environmental restoration and infrastructure development", he added.

The Commissioner of Trade, Industry and Tourism, Nasiru Mohammed Aliyu and the

Director-General of Research and Documentation in the Government House, Dr. Muazu Shehu who also spoke, pointed out the commitment of Governor Inuwa Yahaya to sustainability and environmental restoration, particularly emphasizing the need for partnerships that will strengthen the state's environmental sustainability plan which is an integral part of its development agenda.

The Gombe State delegation, led by Commissioners Muhammad Sa'idu Fawu and Nasiru Aliyu mni, also had Alhaji Kabiru Tsoho, Director-General of the Debt Management Office (DMO), and Dr. Mu'azu Shehu from the Research and Documentation Directorate, among other officials.



Katsina Police Arrests 130 Crime Suspects

By; SULAIMAN AHMED MISAU, Katsina

Katsina State Police Command said from November 1st to 30th, 2023 it has arrested one hundred and thirty (130) suspected criminals in connection with major crime cases out of which sixty-three (63) were charged to court.

The Commissioner of Police, Aliyu Abubakar Musa disclosed this during a Press Conference in his office at the Command headquarters in Katsina metropolis, saying that, within the period under review a total of about 81 Crime Cases such as Armed Robbery, Kidnapping, culpable homicide and cattle rustling among others were reported.

The Katsina State Police Commissioner Abubakar Musa explained that, in the Major Crime Cases there were a total number of thirty-eight (38) suspected armed robbers, sixteen (16) murder suspects, Nineteen (19) suspected rapist and One (1) suspect in possession of illicit drugs.

Police Commissioner Musa who spoke through the Command Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), Abubakar Sadiq Aliyu however, said a total

number of forty-two (42) suspects were arrested for various offences such as Criminal force, intimidation, inciting disturbance and belonging to gang of brigands among others.

Similarly, the command he said has also succeeded in rescuing sixty-nine (69) kidnapped victims, neutralized three (3) suspected kidnappers, and recovered the following exhibits:- One hundred and eighty-five (185) rounds of 7.62 live ammunition and Ninety (90) rounds of 5.56mm live ammunition, (making a total of 275 live ammunition), Thirteen (13) AK47 magazines.

Other exhibits recovered according to CP Aliyu Abubakar Musa includes:- Fifty-seven (57) bags of maize.

Consequently, Commissioner of Police, Abubakar Musa, appreciated efforts of people of the state and further called on them to continue to support the command in the ongoing fight against all forms crimes and criminalities in the state by providing crucial and timely information on criminal activities so as to enable the command take swift and decisive action to deter any form of criminal activity in the state.



Thirteen AK- 47 magazines and Live ammunition recovered from the suspected criminals.

Apapa Customs Command Generates Over N11bn In November

By; RAYMOND TEDUNJAYE, Lagos

At least, a total sum N11.3 billion was generated as revenue in the month of November 2023 by the Apapa Command of Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), New Nigerian Newspapers has learnt.

Comptroller Babajide Jaiyeoba, Customs Area Controller (CAC) of the command, Comptroller Babajide Jaiyeoba, made the disclosure, described the collection as a fallout of teamwork, system audit, compliance and zero compromise.

He however, urged officers and men of the Command to sustain the tempo of hard work.

In a statement issued by CSC Abubakar Usman Customs Public Relations Officer, Apapa Command made available to newsmen, Comptroller Jaiyeoba said the Command has been more focused on its mandate and collected N135bn for the month of October, which presently is the highest monthly collection in its history.

According to the CAC, the recent daily and monthly revenue collection achievements should be a motivation for officers to do more to justify the confidence invested in the service by the Federal Government and meet the expectations of the Comptroller-General of Customs, Bashir Adewale Adeniyi, MFR, in the areas of maximum revenue collection, legitimate trade facilitation and suppression of smuggling. The CAC also urged members of the Apapa port community like importers, licensed customs agents,



Comptroller Babajide Jaiyeoba Apapa Customs Command

handlers, haulage operators, and freight forwarders to see compliance and obedience to laws as part of their civic responsibility as citizens.

He reiterated that his office is open for dialogue and suggestions on ways to improve customs service delivery and achieve federal government objectives.

Comptroller Jaiyeoba lauded the various federal government agencies for their cooperation while describing customs relationship with them as excellent all geared towards realizing government goals.

"We are very optimistic about meeting our target for the year. Even though, from the initial part of the year, it was not what was expected but from what we

have been recording in the last 2 months, I am very optimistic that we will be able to get there".

"I keep telling some of my subordinates, who want to be discouraged, that it is not over until it is over. I believe it is achievable. What we need is the willpower and the willpower is there. I know that by the end of the year, we will have cause to celebrate."

"My counsel to sister agencies is that they stick to their standard operating procedures, and I want to put on record that other security agencies have been cooperating with us."

"The issue is just with these non-governmental organizations, and we will continue to tell them let's play the game by the rules. Whether you are an agent or licensed chandler, there

is a condition for your license.

"The condition for every operator is spelt out. If we all play according to the rules of the game, there will be less friction, and we will be able to achieve a secured port environment."

"I keep telling people that we are working because the port is secured. The onus is not only on any of us, but all of us."

"We should all be able to do what we need to do to secure the port. An agent can discover that some of their counterparts are doing things that can undermine the security of the port."

"They should let us know so that we will address it right from the beginning before it causes a problem to everyone," the Comptroller said.

Benue Assembly Confirms LG Caretaker Committees

By; ARCHIBONG ESUENE, Makurdi

The Benue State House of Assembly on December 4, 2023, confirmed Governor Hyacinth Alia's nominees for the local government areas caretaker committees.

In the voice question put by the speaker, Honourable Aondona Dajoh, the house confirmed twenty-one (21) nominees while two failed.

Those nominated for Agatu and Oju local government areas, were dropped by the Assembly.

In a related development, four Honourable members of the 10th Benue Assembly, were suspended for three months for constituting a clog in the way of the smooth running of the legislative business of the House.

The suspended members according to the Chief Press Secretary to the Speaker, Mr Raphael Akume are, Solomon Gyila, representing Gwer West State Constituency, Douglass Akya, member representing Makurdi South, Dyako Ashwa, Member representing Konshisha State Constituency, and Honourable

Anthony Agom of Okpokwu State Constituency.

The motion for their suspension was moved by the Majority Leader of the House, Saater Tiseer, and seconded by Peter Ipusu of Katsina-Alaa West State constituency.

New Nigerian Newspapers correspondent in Makurdi in a bid to get the reactions of the suspended members was unsuccessful as most of them bluntly refused to comment on their suspension on the ground that it was still too early considering other variables.

CSO Urges FG To Grant Concessionary Exchange Rate For 2024 Hajj pilgrims



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

Independent Hajj Reporters (IHR), a faith-based Civil Society Organization (CSO) that monitors and reports Hajj and Umrah activities in Nigeria and Saudi Arabia, has called on the Federal Government of Nigeria to consider approving a concessionary foreign exchange rate for 2024 intending pilgrims from the country.

This IHR said, is because of multiple factors beyond the control of the pilgrims and even Hajj regulators.

The CSO which issued a statement in that regard on Wednesday, signed by its national coordinator Ibrahim Mohammed, said the call became necessary owing to the high exchange rate of the Naira to the US dollar which has been exchanged for N791 in the official window as against the N460 paid by Hajj 2023 pilgrims.

IHR also said the high exchange rate has negatively impacted the projected cost of the 2024 Hajj and has therefore "prevented most intending pilgrims from registering to perform the fifth pillar of Islam".

IHR said unless the federal government grants a concessionary exchange rate, the country stands the risk of being "embarrassed" because the country may not be able to utilise even 30% of its allocated slot of 95,000 pilgrims.

A situation the CSO said, "will be the first in the nation's history". "Nigeria has 95,000 Hajj slots which have been distributed in the ratio of 80:20 to state Muslim Pilgrims Welfare Boards and Private Hajj Operators. So far, less than 16,000 pilgrims have registered representing a mere 16 per cent of the 2024 hajj slots".

IHR said the dollar component of the 2023 Hajj fare template was about 6,650 USD— which is the equivalent of N5,247,000 if 2024 Hajj pilgrims are made to buy dollars at the rate of N791 to a dollar.

The CSO said about 65 to 70 per cent of Nigerian pilgrims are peasant farmers who have been saving for years to perform hajj.

"The current floating of forex has wiped out the value of their hard-earned savings – a challenge that

is beyond their control," IHR said.

IHR also said the new Saudi Arabian Hajj calendar stipulated that issuance of visas will be closed 50 days to Arafat while all hajj participating countries including Nigeria are expected to finalize all hajj service contracts by 25th February – meaning Nigeria has less than 60 days to draw the curtain on pre hajj preparations.

"It is scary that despite the new rule, the country is yet to register even 20,000 pilgrims.

"We appeal to the Federal Government to consider the plight of those farmers who are facing multiple challenges of low harvest due to insecurity and unfavourable weather conditions and wade in by granting concessions on forex rates to allow timely registration of intending pilgrims.

"Our findings reveal that most intending pilgrims are looking up to the announcement of final Hajj fare before deciding whether they could afford the cost of the next Hajj or not," the group said.

IHR also said it is aware of the efforts being made by the leadership of the

National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) and States Muslim Pilgrims boards and agencies towards reducing the associated cost of Hajj services within their control but insisted that such efforts cannot significantly reduce the cost of 2024 Hajj to a level closer to what Hajj 2023 pilgrims paid.

"It is noteworthy that most pilgrims are afraid of committing themselves to make deposits because they have tabulated the dollar component of the 2023 hajj and are afraid that the 2024 hajj fare may exceed N5 million.

"It should be noted that Nigerian pilgrims paid for all the services they enjoy both in Nigeria and in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. "More importantly, NAHCON has been shouldering the operational expenditure of Hajj since 2019 without recourse to the government at any level. Government should complement these efforts by granting a concessionary rate for 2024 Hajj," IHR concluded.

My Desire Is To See Better, New Nigeria - Ajadi

**Appointed Ogun FIBAN Special Adviser*

By; **BAYO AKAMO, Ibadan**

A Chieftain of New Nigeria People's Party, (NNPP), Ambassador Olufemi Ajadi Oguntoyinbo has declared that his desires is to see a better and new Nigeria where things are in other.

Ambassador Ajadi said this on Tuesday, while speaking at his appointment and investiture as Special Adviser by the Freelance and Independent Broadcasters Association of Nigeria (FIBAN), Ogun State chapter. The NNPP chieftain pointed out that in doing this, he will at all times, work with joy with media practitioners.

He stressed that the role of media practitioners in nation building and national development cannot be overemphasized "It has always been my joy to work with media practitioners as I am also part of them. The roles of the media in national development cannot be overemphasized", he said. The NNPP chieftain appreciated the association for choosing him as their special adviser and that this privilege will not be taken for granted.

FIBAN National General Secretary, Comrade Kikelomo Ogunsina while speaking, said that Ambassador Ajadi has been a great example of a good citizen of the country, with undiluted image and personality.

Leader of Ogun FIBAN delegates, Comrade Aderoju Adejare applauded Ambassador Ajadi for his philanthropic nature, which he said, "is second to none".

Comrade Adejare disclosed that the association chose Ajadi as Special Adviser, because of his wide experience, doggedness and services to humanity.

He stressed that his contribution towards the development of grassroots is second to none in the state.

The ceremony was graced by the National General Secretary of FIBAN, Comrade Kikelomo Ogunsina; Chairman, Ogun FIBAN, Comrade Aderoju Adejare; Ogun FIBAN Treasurer, Comrade Bolanle Aksapa; Comrade Remilekun Elegbede; Comrade Oluwatosin Amoote Adeyinka and Comrade Moses Okunlola among others.



Ajadi

Santa Claus Comes Early For Aged, PLWDs, Other Vulnerable In Lagos



Gov Sanwo-Olu and wife Ibijoke

By; JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON

Reasonable numbers of aged, people living with disabilities (PLWDs) and other less privileged in Lagos would be having sweet experience during Christmas/New Year celebration courtesy Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu Cares.

The Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu Cares makes Lagos First Lady the messenger Angel sent to put smile on less privileged faces with cash support and food items. The charity reach out coordinated by TeamNigeria4Change has enlisted 1,000 beneficiaries from recommendations from

community based organisations and other stakeholders at grassroots. Each beneficiary will be going home with N20,000 cash, 10kg of rice and vegetable oil to support them for yuletide period. According to TeamNigeria4Change President, Otunba Bestman Nze-Jumbo, Dr Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu our

first Lady is the messenger Angel sent to the less privileged this yuletide. The event will hold at Excellence Hotel Ogba on Monday, December 11, 2023 by 10am. Indeed the vulnerable Lagosians will be having yellow and merry Christmas courtesy Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu Cares!

Brain Surgery: NUJ Moves To Raise N5.5m For Mogaji

By; AYO OJEDOKUN Lagos

The Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Lagos Council has called on well-meaning Nigerians and philanthropists to support Mr. Olayinka Mogaji, financially for brain tumor surgery. Mogaji, who hails from the Badagry area of Lagos State, is also the spouse of

Oluwaseun Mogaji, a broadcast Journalist at Voice of Nigeria (VON). According to a medical report signed by Dr.Gbadebo-Alake O.E, of The Hopewell Hospital Limited, the patient was recently diagnosed with Meningioma (Tumor of the Brain) and he is scheduled for surgery. The five million and five hundred thousand Naira

is expected to cover for the surgery, theater, Anesthesia materials and maximum hospital stay for five days. "Against this backdrop, we call on Nigerians as well as Corporate Organisations to give Mr.Olayinka Mogaji, a chance to live and to be reunited with his family. "All donations should be

made to the account details below. "Name: Olayinka sulaimon mogaji, Bank: GTBank Account Number: 0009003531 "Olayinka Mogaji can be reached on 09130458437," NUJ said. For further enquires, please contact Dr. Alake on 08025054681.

EFCC Presents N76.586 billion Budget Proposal to House of Reps

By; BAYO AKAMO, Ibadan

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), on Tuesday presented a budget of N76.586billion (Seventy Six Billion, Five Hundred and Eighty Six Million Naira) as its budget proposal for 2024 to the House of Representatives' Committee on Financial Crimes.

The proposed budget represents a 53.48% increase over and above the Commission's 2023 appropriation of N49.901billion (Forty Nine Billion, Nine Hundred and One Million Naira). In the budget estimate, a total sum of N37.074 billion (Thirty Seven Billion, Seventy Four Million Naira) was proposed as personnel cost, N14.513billion (Fourteen Billion, Five Hundred and Thirteen Million Naira) as overhead cost and N25.000 (Twenty Five Billion Naira) as capital cost.

Presenting the budget to the House of Representatives Committee on Financial Crimes, Executive Chairman of the EFCC, Ola Olukoyede stated that the 2024 proposed estimate of N76.486 billion represented a significant increase over 2023's N49.901 billion budget owing to additional funds needed for overhead, personnel and capital costs.

"This increase is solely attributable to the increase in personnel cost from N36.834billion to N37.074billion in 2024, overhead cost from N10.535billion to 14.513billion in 2024 and capital cost from N2.531billion to N25.000billion in 2024," he said.

Olukoyede while commenting on the 2023 budget performance, said the sum of N36.835billion was appropriated as the Commission's personnel cost for the year, "out of this figure, the sum of N28.452 billion representing 77% has been released for the payment of salary and allowances of staff on the Commission's payroll between January

and November 2023.

The EFCC Chairman stressed that the "the sum of N7.024 billion representing 67% of the N10.535 billion appropriated for the Commission for its overhead cost in 2023 has so far been released."

He noted further that the Commission's request for additional funds for overhead is due to high cost of air travel ticket, motor vehicle fuel cost, diesel cost and high cost of maintenance of buildings, operational vehicles and office equipment in the headquarters and fourteen Zonal Commands.

He appreciated the Committee's support for the Commission in the discharge of its duties and the successes it is achieving in the fight against economic and financial crimes and other acts of corruption.

Chairman, House Committee on Financial crimes, Hon Ginger Obinna in his remarks said financial crimes pose a significant threat to the stability and progress of any economy.

"In recent years, our nation has witnessed a surge in sophisticated financial crimes that demand our immediate attention and robust defense mechanisms. From money laundering to cybercrimes, the challenges are multifaceted and ever-evolving. It is our duty to stay ahead of these threats, adapt our strategies and equip ourselves adequately to counteract the forces that seek to undermine our economic wellbeing and that of our nation," he said.

Hon Obinna stated that the budget's defence and discussions on issues related to it was a reflection of the Committee's commitment to creating an environment where citizens can trust the financial institutions that drive the economy and which will empower the EFCC to carry out its vital duty. "It is a pledge to provide the necessary resources to empower the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission to carry out its vital mission effectively,"

Customs FOU Zone A Intercepts 9 Trailer Loads Of Foreign Rice, Arrests 11 Suspects

By; RAYMOND TEDUNJAYE, Lagos.

Operatives of the Federal Operations Unit (FOU) Zone "A" of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) has busted a syndicate of smugglers of contraband, arresting no fewer than 11 suspects.

Similarly, several items which include 5,459 bags of 50kg bags of foreign rice (equivalent to nine trailer loads) and other contraband goods worth ₦872,575,250 were intercepted by the unit within the month of November.

The acting Controller of the Unit, Deputy Comptroller Hussein Kehinde Ejibunu, who made the disclosure on Tuesday, attributed the successes to the resolve of the unit to continuously work hard to improve detection methods with the aid of intelligence.

He added that this led to interception of a vehicle with an ingenious concealment of foreign parboiled rice.

His words, "The strategic deployment of officers with intelligence-driven in anti-smuggling operations led to the arrest of a Toyota Highlander with an ingenious concealment of suspected bags of foreign

parboiled rice at Iju-Ojuore, Ogun State.

"These seizures reflect our commitment to the discharge of our functions; aimed at protecting the nation's economy and preventing the importation of prohibited and harmful products from entering our domestic markets".

According to Ejibunu, the unit in November alone, made seizure of no fewer than 5,459 bags of 50kg bags of foreign bags of rice (equivalent to 9 trailer loads) and other contraband goods worth ₦872,575,250 and arrested 11 suspects.

Other seized goods within the month of November, according to him include 18,100 litres of premium motor spirit; 376 bales of used clothes; 1,926 cartons of frozen poultry products; 337 pieces of used compressors; 3 X 40 ft containers found to contain ; 3,838 pieces of used tyres; 13 used vehicles (Tokunbo) and 396 cartons of frozen fish.

On revenue, Ejibunu said, the sum of ₦71,254,984.71 was generated through conscious and thorough documentary checks, followed by the issuance of demand notices on consignments that were found to have paid



Controller Ejibunu showing the recovered 9 Trailer Loads of imported Bags of Rice

lesser amounts than the appropriate Customs duty.

"Smuggling operations that employ ingenious concealment methods can have a chance of

successfully trafficking illegal goods across borders or checkpoints without being noticed.

"This calls for the collaborative

efforts of all citizens to support the Service by providing useful and timely information that would aid the anti-smuggling drive", he said.

National Youth Alliance Writes IBB, Says Nigeria Needs Credible Leader

By; JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON

A frontline group, National Youth Alliance has written to former military President, Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida (IBB), seeking his intervention in Nigeria's leadership ahead of the 2027 general elections.

The letter, dated December 7, 2023, sighted by our correspondent, sought IBB's intervention in guiding them on who to sell to Nigerians as the country's next president.

According to the letter signed by Ambassador Aliyu Bin Abbas, President, National Youth Alliance, Nigeria is in dire need of a leader to unite its people and propel it to lofty heights.

The letter reads: "In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

"I greet you with Love, Humility & Utmost Respect Your Excellency,

"Our Dear Truly Beloved Father of the Nation General Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida: will you allow God to use you to birth a purposeful, peaceful and prosperous new Nigeria of our dreams come 2027?"

"This is a covenant between Allah (SWA) & Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida to fish for a leader that Nigerians deserve come 2027.

"This kind of covenant had happened before in human history between Allah



Ambassador Aliyu Bin Abbas

and our father Prophet Ibrahim (AS) as it is Written in our Holy Books (Quran & Injil {Bible}). Allah refers to our Father Prophet Ibrahim (AS) as a 'nation'.

"So, a man is a nation and a nation is a revelation. What this means is that: A

Nation is an inspired vision from God to a man.

"Every nation has an ordained purpose that God has created them to fulfill on earth. And this purpose must be discovered and understood by all, especially the leaders.

"Nigeria: Who is she?

Nigeria is an entity of providence that must fulfill a peculiar purpose, not just for the black people, but for all humanity.

"Nigeria's Purpose: Allah's peculiar purpose for the creation of this great entity called Nigeria, is to establish a universal civilization for humanity.

"A civilization that will unify all of the

humankind, using Nigeria as an Archetype (Perfect Example).

This is the more reason God created our beautiful and unique diversities. This is so, in order for us to use divine wisdom and understanding, to use our inner superior knowledge to create harmony of our diversity for the universal good of all and to be an exemplary great nation that will be a blessing for the whole World, and for other nations to emulate.

"The great Madiba, Papa Nelson Mandela reminded us of this glorious call before he passed on. He said: "The world will never respect Africa until Nigeria earns that respect. The Black people of the world are looking up to Nigeria to be a source of pride and confidence. Every Nigeria Citizen should be made to understand this Truth".

"With all humility and profound respect Your Excellency, this is the Holy truth that a common boy like Amb Aliyu Bin Abbas is sharing with you.

"God is looking for that man with the pure heart that will understand this great and unparalleled destiny of Nigeria so that God can use the man to birth this glorious destiny to the glory of God and for the betterment of all mankind.

"Your Excellency, will you be the father of the new Nigeria?"

Kwara Gov Receives VP Kashim Shettima In Ilorin

*VP delivers Al-Hikmah convocation lecture, speaks on food security
*Hails peace, harmony in Kwara

By **BILIQIS ONAOLAPO
OLAJUMOKE, Ilorin**

Kwara State Governor and Chairman Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF) AbdulRazaq on Saturday, received Vice President Kashim Shettima (GCON) in Ilorin, the state capital, amid a rousing welcome by several All Progressives Congress (APC) leaders and people of the state. Vice President Shettima was received by the Governor at the Tunde Idiagbon Airport, joined by Deputy Governor, Kayode Alabi; Speaker Kwara House of Assembly, Rt Hon Yakubu Salihu Danladi; Sen Salihu Mustapha (Kwara Central); Sen. Sadiq Umar (North); some members of the state executive council; and CEO KAM Holdings Nigeria, Alhaji Kamaru Yusuf.

The Vice President touched down at the airport at exactly 3p.m., accompanied by his Special Assistant on Political Matters Dr. Hakeem Baba Ahmed; Senator Ibrahim Oloriegbe; and top APC chieftain Dr. Isia'q Modibbo Kawu; among others.

Shettima headed to the Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, where he commissioned the institution's Nursing Science Complex, which has been named after him.

The Vice President then delivered the university's 13th convocation lecture that was themed 'Addressing Nigeria's Food Security Challenges Through Hi-Tech Approach: The



L-R: Vice Chancellor Al-Hikmah University, Prof. Noah Yusuf; founder Al-Hikmah University, Alhaji Chief AbdulRaheem Oladimeji; Vice President Sen. Kashim Shettima; Governor Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq; and Deputy Governor Kwara State, Mr Kayode Alabi; during the 13th Convocation ceremony of Al-Hikmah University in Ilorin Kwara State, on Saturday.

Role of Nigerian Universities'. Other dignitaries at the occasion included the Inspector General of Police IGP Kayode Egbetokun, who has just received his doctoral degree from the institution; founder of the University Chief AbdulRaheem Oladimeji (OFR); and Vice Chancellor of the University Prof. Noah Yusuf. Shettima, in his lecture, said Nigeria's reliance on oil since the early 70s and the neglect of the agricultural sector are responsible for what has today become a national security

challenge in the form of food insecurity.

He said the challenge assumed a disturbing proportion as a result of policy inconsistencies, mismanagement of resources, corruption, climate change, insurgencies, and natural disasters, among others.

He said President Bola Ahmed Tinubu understands the nexus between food production and national security, and has declared a state of emergency on food security alongside a policy commitment to improve productivity by injecting more

funds in the sector.

Tertiary institutions are playing critical roles in assisting the Federal Government to promote food security in Nigeria through research and the integration of agricultural study in their curriculum, the vice president said.

He said no appreciable progress can be made in agricultural production without mechanization, calling for increased and efficient use of modern technology to maximise yield.

The Vice President described

Governor AbdulRazaq as a prudent leader and commended him foontinue to be tolerant and supportive of one another.

r various agricultural initiatives the administration has introduced to boost food production in the state.

Speaking about the cultural composition of Ilorin, which he said exemplifies a spirit of brotherhood, Shettima said Nigeria has a lot to learn from the ancient city, calling on all indigenes of Ilorin to c

Governor Uba Sani Appoints Salihu Abubakar Executive Chairman, Kaduna Pilgrims Welfare Agency

By **FUNMIADERINTO, Kaduna**

To ensure the success of the 2024 Hajj operations, the Governor of Kaduna State, His Excellency Senator Uba Sani has appointed Malam Salihu S. Abubakar as Executive Chairman of the Kaduna State Pilgrims

Welfare Agency, with all the powers vested in the Executive Secretary of the agency.

A statement signed by the Chief Press Secretary to the Kaduna State Governor, Muhammad Lawal Shehu on December 10, 2023, said the Secretary of

the Special Committee on 2024 Hajj will serve as the Administrative Secretary of the agency.

The rest of the committee members will perform the functions of Board Members of the agency.

The Executive Secretary, Kaduna State Pilgrims Welfare Agency, Dr Yusuf Yakubu Arrigasiyyu has been redeployed to Kaduna State Environmental Protection Authority (KEPA) as Managing Director.

Unlawful Detention: ECOWAS Court Orders Republic Of Benin To Pay Igboho 20m CFA

By; BAYO AKAMO,
Ibadan

The Community Court of Justice of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), sitting in Abuja on Tuesday, ordered the government of the Republic of Benin to pay, Yoruba nation agitator, Chief Sunday Adeyemo Igboho, a sum of 20 million CFA for unlawful detention and violation of his fundamental human rights.

Also, the court declared that the government of the Republic of Benin must ensure that the money is paid to Adeyemo within a space of three months starting from the day the judgment to that effect is delivered.

In an unanimous judgment, delivered by Justices Gberi-Bé Ouattara; Sengu M. Koroma and Ricardo Cláudio Monteiro GONÇALVES, in the matter marked: ECW/CCJ/APP/15/22 Chief Sunday Adeyemo (aka Sunday Igboho) Vs Republic of Benin, the court also ordered the Francophone country to comply with its order to pay 20 million CFA to Adeyemo within three months and also report back to the court with the evidence of payment.

Counsel for the applicant (Adeyemo), include Tosin Ojaomo, Aderemilekun Omojola Esq; Dr Janet Fashakin Esq, while Irene Aclombessi, represented the Republic of Benin.

The judgment followed the application brought before the court by Chief Sunday Adeyemo Igboho against the defendant (Benin Republic), challenging his arrest and detention in the French speaking country on July 21, 2021.

The application was filed

before the ECOWAS Court in Abuja, on February 10, 2022.

According to the court documents, "Orders sought wherefore Chief Adeyemo prays for the following from this Honourable Court: 1 "Pursuant to Article 59 of Rules of Procedure, an expedited procedure and hearing, regarding the imprisonment and release of Chief Adeyemo;

2) An Order for the immediate and unconditional release of Chief Adeyemo, along with his Nigerian passport, pending litigation and determination of damages, and (3) Such orders as this honourable court may deem fit."

It will be recalled that on July 2021, Igboho was arrested alongside his wife, Ropo, in Cotonou, Benin Republic, and detained at the request of the Nigerian government. The Yoruba Nation agitator had fled Nigeria after a combined team of the Nigeria Army and the Department of State Services (DSS) raided his residence, located around Soka area of Ibadan, Oyo State, capital on July 1, 2021.

Igboho had planned a "Yoruba nation rally" in Lagos two days before the raid. The raid led to the death of two people while 12 of his aides were arrested.

The DSS had alleged that Igboho was stockpiling weapons, and subsequently declared him wanted.

Attempts by the Nigerian government to repatriate him to Nigeria after his arrest were unsuccessful. He was recently released from from protective custody in Cotonou, having fulfilled all the conditions attached to his bail after his arraignment in court more than a year ago.

Stakeholders advocate special Court For SGBV Cases

By ; A L E X
UANGBAOJE, Kaduna

Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV), stakeholders in Kaduna, have called on the Nigeria government to establish special court to handle cases of SGBV.

A panel of discussants at an event to mark the 16 days of activism against SGBV, organized by the Kaduna State Civil Society Coalition Against SGBV, unanimously agreed that the only solution to the unending litigations and injustice melted on victims of SGBV, is to establish a court where the judges will be trained specially to

take care of the cases.

They emphasized that setting time frame for SGBV cases will go along way in dispensing justice for victims and will also give others hope and confidence to speak up.

They noted that until some of the fundamental issues are addressed perpetrators of SGBV will continue without fears.

They said one of the things that has helped in the fight; is collaboration amongst stakeholders and that there's need to sustain it by doing more engagements, social mobilizations and sensitization.

Earlier in her opening speech, Coordinator of the Coalition, Bar. Bukola

Ajao, expressed happiness over CSOs participation in the fight against SGBV.

She said it is important for members to be united in the fight against SGBV, adding that unity can go a long way in bringing the required change.

"Everyone needs to play their role by using their platforms, we all have to invest, develop the skills of those in the community, community engagement is key in getting the pause of what is happening to people in the communities." She added.

On his part, State Coordinator of National Human Rights Commission, Dr. Terngu Gwar, lamented that

despite efforts being made in fight against SGBV, not much progress has been made.

He said it is important that people know that the issue of SGBV is not just an issue human rights violation, but also a development problem and that until it is dealt with, the nation can not move forward.

"As at today, the level of women participation in the economic activities and decision making is zero." He noted.

Dr. Terngu, therefore, called on all stakeholders not to relent in their efforts at reducing or eliminating SGBV in the country.



Katsina Governor Approves N200m To Curb Malnutrition

By ; S U L A I M A N
A H M E D M I S A U,
Katsina

Governor Dikko Umaru Radda of Katsina State has approved the release of two hundred million Naira for the prevention and treatment of women and children afflicted with malnutrition.

A statement by the Chief Press Secretary to the governor, Ibrahim Mohammed Kaula said the state Commissioner of

Health, Dr. Bishir Gambo Saulawa, explained that, the money was part of the counterpart fund to be provided by Katsina government and UNICEF for the procurement of nutrition commodities for the prevention and treatment of malnutrition among children and pregnant women, aimed at reducing maternal, infant and child illnesses and deaths.

"This is in fulfilment of Governor Dikko Radda's

commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of the people of Katsina State, through health promotion and disease prevention activities as encapsulated in His Excellency's 'Building Your Future' (BY) strategic blueprint," the statement said.

However, the statement said Governor Dikko Radda has also approved for the commencement of Postgraduate Medical (Residency) Training

Program for Doctors at two select Katsina Specialist Hospitals, in collaboration with the National and West African postgraduate Medical Colleges.

This the statement said was aimed at producing medical consultants at state-level, thereby addressing the shortage of medical specialists and encouraging the retention of medical doctors in the state.

A'ibom Happy Hour As Gov Eno Declares Open 32-Day Yuletide Celebration

By; PATRICK TITUS, Uyo

A new dimension has been added to Christmas Celebration in Akwa Ibom State with "Christmas Unplugged", a 32 day happy moments aim to redefine culture and entertainment experience in the state.

The 32 days Yuletide festivities, which was declared open by the state governor, Pastor Umo Eno for the 2023 Christmas season, aligning with his commitment to developing the culture and tourism industry.

At a vibrant ceremony held at the Christmas Park on Udo Udoma Avenue, Uyo, the state capital, Governor Eno, emphasized that this year's Christmas events would be unlike any previous editions.

Represented by his wife, Patience Eno, the Governor said the park will be opened for 32 days, with each of the 31 local government areas in the state showcasing their unique culture and talents on designated days.

He emphasized that the event is aimed to promote and support indigenous artists while fostering commerce and other activities that will benefit the state in the short and long term.

Expressing his pride in the upcoming celebration, Governor Eno commended Commissioner for Culture and Tourism, Sir Charles Udoh, and his team for their diligent efforts in bringing the event to life and translating the vision into reality.

"I am thrilled to be here. Our state is about to make history once again. Over the course of 32 days, there will be a multitude of exciting activities, ensuring the finest entertainment and celebration," Governor Eno stated.

In his remarks, Commissioner for Culture and Tourism, Sir Charles Udoh, lauded the Governor for providing a significant platform to showcase, promote, and support indigenous artists.

He assured that the event is meticulously organized to cater to everyone's satisfaction, offering a diverse range of cuisine, cultural displays, comedy shows, musical performances, and much more.

Udoh, at the event, extended invitation to both Akwa Ibomites and visitors from around the world to experience the Christmas Park and explore the state's other captivating tourist sites.

Our correspondent reports that the ceremony which started from December 1, 2023 will continue to 31st. The usual State Christmas Carol is billed for December 15.



Backdoor Petition Filing: Over 400 Lawyers Raise Alarm Over Threats To Whistleblower's Life

*Ask SDP to produce valid proofs of petition filing within 21-day window

*Say Tribunal Secretary's claims of attack suspicious, must be investigated

*Call on President Tinubu, security chiefs to protect colleague, nab sponsors of violence

By: ADEBOYE ADO, Akure

Over 400 lawyers on Friday, raised the alarm over persistent threats to the life of one of their colleagues, Barr. Yetunde Olubunmi Shaibu, Convener of the United Front for Democracy (UFD), by certain interests loyal to the Social Democratic Party (SDP) and its Governorship candidate.

The lawyers, from across the six geopolitical zones of the county, under the aegis of the Committee for the Defence of Democracy, said this followed UFD's whistleblowing on an alleged clandestine move by the Social Democratic Party and its Governorship candidate to file their petition against the outcome of the November 11 election through the backdoor and backdate same to circumvent the provisions of the Electoral Act, having failed to do so within the 21-day window prescribed by law.

The lawyers, who spoke at an emergency press conference in Abuja, attended by 20 representatives of the organisation representing their zones, said the claim by the Secretary of the Tribunal that he was attacked and petitions stolen, shortly after the whistleblowing, was suspicious.

They noted that ever since Shaibu's organisation raised the alarm on Monday, this week, she had received series of threat messages, while her family members had also been harassed endlessly for no crime other than the fact that she engaged in a patriotic act in defence of democracy and called for investigation into a crucial matter after diligent findings.

The lawyers called on President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, security chiefs and all relevant authorities to leave no stone unturned in protecting their colleague, saying "an injury to one is an injury to all of us."

"With the insecurity challenge in Nigeria today, and the lawlessness being displayed, especially by desperate politicians in Kogi State in particular, and beyond, threats of this nature must not be glossed over, especially when the daredevil politicians have made their evil intentions known even on public platforms," they stressed.

The Convener of CDD, Barr. Ambrose Ajoyo Omoleapen, Esq, who briefed the press on behalf of others, said, "All threats to her life must not be taken for granted but thoroughly investigated and the culprits

and their sponsors nabbed before they carry out their nefarious criminality."

According to him, the latest twist, which has involved the threat to the life of their colleague called for a closer look at the issues surrounding the issue at hand - petition filing by the political parties concerned in Kogi State.

On this, the lawyers said, "It is instructive to note that suddenly after the whistleblowing, as if to lend credence to UFD's allegations, the Secretary of the Tribunal raised the alarm, in a manner that seemed an effort to cover up something, that he had been attacked by armed hoodlums and all documents related to the petition had been taken away at gunpoint while on his way to the office from his hotel room.

"As lawyers, we deal with tangible evidence and facts, not speculations. It is on the basis of this that we have decided, without prejudice to whatever processes that are currently ongoing, to unveil the facts, to interrogate a few critical variables surrounding the whole incident as a way of furthering the cause of democracy and justice, which is a collective responsibility of all citizens.

"In the first instance, election petition documents are voluminous by nature, moreso when you are talking about petitions purportedly submitted by four (4) Political Parties. One wonders what all of those documents were doing in the custody of the Tribunal's Secretary when they should have been safely kept in an office.

"You can't be driving around town with such voluminous and sensitive documents that determine the very life of a petition.

"Secondly, a whole week after the purported filing and allegations raised publicly that no petition was filed, especially by the Social Democratic Party, the latter has not deemed it fit to put in the public domain valid evidence that it submitted any petition to the tribunal. At least there must have been acknowledgement documents or receipts or what is called counterpart copies given to the petitioners by the Election Petition Tribunal.

"We are of the opinion that, if the SDP had any of such documents, it would have displayed it publicly within minutes or hours of the allegations made against it by



Barr. Yetunde Olubunmi Shaibu

the whistle blower. Not doing that within reasonable time span, which should not be more than 12 hours after such serious allegations were raised against it, further raises credible suspicions as to question the veracity of any petition submitted within the constitutionally stipulated 21-day limit by SDP or any other Party for that matter on the Kogi State governorship election.

"To the best of our knowledge, in all of its public statements till date, the SDP has not shown any documentary evidence or proof of filing any petition within the window allowed by law. All it has been doing is to make counter allegations. We should ask whether the legal team of the SDP was also attacked by the armed hoodlums and their own copies or receipts relating to the petition were also stolen.

"Furthermore, it is somehow interesting to note that the three other political parties mentioned as having filed their own petitions, too, have remained noticeably silent on the incident whilst the SDP has been so vociferous, even assuming the position of spokesman for the tribunal's secretary whom they claimed was allegedly 'working' on their petition when he was attacked.

"It is suspicious that it was after allegations of non filing of petition by the Parties that the alleged stealing of the petitions was reported. That would be a

hard sell anywhere."

The lawyers, however, threw up key questions:

"When did the SDP Governorship candidate pay for the filing of his petition? Where did he file it? At the secretariat of the Tribunal or the hotel room of the Tribunal Secretary?

"How come there was no display at the tribunal secretariat on the number of petitions filed before it was moved to Abuja?

"Is it procedurally permissible for the Tribunal's Secretary to receive election petitions in his hotel room? How come only the SDP was aware of the alleged attack on the secretary and the one issuing statements in his defence?

"Where exactly did the Witnesses sign their statements on oath? Did they all physically sign before him and when?"

The lawyers challenged the Tribunal Secretary to show the whole world the receipt of the three other parties he claimed filed petitions.

"It does not serve the purpose of democracy or rule of law to try to supplant the fundamental tenets of justice by compromising set rules of engagement in an election.

"We wish to call on all relevant security agencies to leave no stone unturned in investigating and getting to the root of this laughable but serious incident," they said.

Kano: Islamic Leaders Warn Against Subverting People's Will

**Foresee crisis in Kano if injustice is meted against popular mandate*



By; JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON

A group of Islamic leaders from Tijjaniyya, Kadiriyya, and Izala Islamic sects have called on the stakeholders not to subvert the will of the people of Kano State who came out massively to vote for Governor Abba Kabir Yusuf (Abba Gida Gida) of Kano state. The leaders said doing so, may cause unnecessary anger among the general populace of the state who

have shown so much love for the governor. And this anger can generate crisis in the state.

The leaders along with other scholars of the Holy Quran at a press conference in Kano, said Governor Abba Yusuf should be allowed to continue the good works he has started since he was sworn in on May 29.

Speaking further, Shiekh Nasiru Jibrin said "We have all our children in the state and we will not want any thing that will

generate violence.

"Changing the will of the people who came out to vote massively for the governor could result to anarchy in the state. The judiciary must not allow itself to be used to put Kano on a bad spotlight."

Another speaker at the press conference, Sheikh Sani Maharazu called on President Bola Tinubu to be fair and act honestly ahead of the state Supreme Court judgement.

The Islamic leaders also commended the role of the

state governor in addressing insecurity and making amnesty achievable for repentant thugs in the state.

They said, "the governor has really work together with the police to safeguard the state making it free from phone snatchers and other crimes.

The leaders also appreciate the kind gesture of the governor in paying tuition fees for some students of Bayero University Kano

Kogi Police Confirms Attack On EPT Secretary

By; ADAMA JOHN, Lokoja

The Kogi State Police Command has confirmed an attack on the Secretary of the State Governorship Election Petition Tribunal, Mr. David Mike last Monday by yet to be identified gunmen.

A statement issued in Lokoja by the command's Public Relations Officer, SP Williams Ovyé-Aya, said the secretary was attacked along two other persons on the said day.

Ovyé-Aya, however, warned the public from making inflammatory statements on the incident which he said, was under investigation.

"On Monday, Dec. 4, at about 18:20hrs, one Mr David Mike (M) Secretary to Kogi governorship election petition tribunal, along with Labode Apreala (F) Confidential Secretary and Hassimu Adamu Assistant Secretary, came to State Criminal Investigation Department, Kogi State Police Headquarters and reported that they were attacked by gunmen.

"On the date (Dec. 4) three of them left their hotel rooms in Lokoja about 1300hrs, heading to their office at the High Court Complex, driving in his (David's) Peugeot 406 car, but that just before the CBN at about 1320hrs, one SUV vehicle which had earlier overtaken him, blocked his car with two other SUVs following behind.

"All of them (attackers) surrounded and blocked him as he attempted to reverse.

"That he (Mike) saw about seven hooded men all heavily armed and dressed in black attire, who shot severally into the air and dragged him and his two other colleagues out of

their car, ransacked the car and made away with all the documents, including petitions filed by four parties.

"The names of the parties are Action Alliance (AA), Action People's Party (APP), Peoples Redemption Party (PRP) and Social Democratic Party (SDP).

"The items also included two record books and a bag containing his personal items and claimed also to have reported to the DSS Office," Ovyé-Aya said.

He said the Police Commissioner, Bethrand Onuoha, had ordered for a thorough and diligent investigation into the incident.

He explained that the statement on the attack became imperative following series of distorted information on the incident, hence the need to set the records straight.

"The command hereby advises the general public to avoid making statements that might prejudice ongoing investigation into the matter.

"The command also appealed to anyone with useful information on the alleged incident to provide same to the Command," Ovyé-Aya said.

He however, pledged to update the public as investigation progressed.

Nevertheless, APC had earlier said that the Social Democratic Party (SDP) should be investigated over the alleged attack to save the nation's democracy.

Mr Fanwo, Director of Media and Publicity, APC Governorship Campaign Council, had made the call in Lokoja on Tuesday.

But the Kogi SDP, through its Counsel, J.S. Okutepa (SAN), had also raised the alarm over the attack and accused the APC of using hired thugs in Lokoja.



Kaduna: ITF Equips 2,000 Youths With Skills On Cyber Security, Electrical, Solar Installations



By: ISAAC ODEH, Kaduna

Industrial Training Fund (ITF) has equipped two thousand youth with skills in eleven areas, including cyber security, electrical and solar installations.

Others are tailoring, carpentry, web design, leather work, welding and fabrication design and photography.

The Area Manager of Industrial Training Fund (ITF), Kaduna Area Office, Engineer Garba Hassan stated this at the closing ceremony of T-Max programme held in Kaduna.

Hassan announced that the Federal Government has approved the implementation of project T- Max, a Technical and Vocational Education and

Training Programme to train fifteen thousand Nigerians in some states in the country.

He said the programme T-Max commenced in 2022 and trained several Nigerian youth in different trades areas and it lasted for only six months.

"Our commitment to skills acquisition remains the only solution to rising unemployment and poverty that have continued to defy the best efforts of governmental and non-governmental approaches. There are countless reasons for us to worry as government vested with the arduous task of equipping Nigerians with the skills for employability and entrepreneurship". He said.

He appealed to other state

governments, the organized private sector, non governmental organizations and politicians to collaborate with the ITF in the area of training for various skills programmes or buying start up packs for beneficiaries of the programme.

He commended Kaduna State Government under Senator Uba Sani for contributing immensely to the training programme and his readiness to partner with ITF. In his address, the Director General of ITF, Dr. Afiz Oluwatoyin Ogun explained that the training was done in seven states, including Lagos, Enugu, Gombe, Edo, Nasarawa, Ogun and Kaduna.

Represented by the Deputy Director Training, Research and

Development Department, Jos, Mrs Mercy Oguntimeyi, the DG lamented how youth roam the streets without any form of gainful employment, giving rise to crime and other social vices that bedevil the nation.

He urged the graduands to use the opportunity to make decent living and be good ambassadors of the ITF and also warned them not to sell their start-up packs because it's their tickets to contribute meaningfully to Nigeria's economy.

In her goodwill message, the Commissioner for Ministry for Business Innovation and Technology, Mrs. Patience Fakai said the state government has realized the pivotal role Human Capital Development plays in

the socio-economic development of any society, leading to sustainable economic growth, increasing productivity, wealth creation and poverty reduction.

The Commissioner who was represented by Director, Innovation and Skills Development, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Technology, Kaduna State, Engr Noel Bali, also said that the state government is committed to working with critical stakeholders, like ITF, NBTE and training providers in the promotion of skills development in the state.

All the 2,000 graduands received their start-up packs during the occasion.

Katsina CP Presents Cheques Worth Over N42m To Families Of Deceased Police Officers

By; SULAIMAN AHMED MISAU, Katsina

Katsina State Commissioner of Police, Aliyu Abubakar Musa has presented cheques amounting to the sum of forty-two million, nine hundred and thirty-nine thousand, seven hundred and four Naira, forty-two Kobo (N 42,939,704.42k) under the Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kayode Adeolu Egbetokun Group life Assurance Welfare Scheme to Seventeen (17) next of kin of the departed

Police officers who lost their lives in active service to the nation while serving in the command.

In his brief remarks while Presenting the cheques, CP Aliyu Abubakar Musa advised the beneficiaries to consider it as a helping hand that can alleviate their suffering when judiciously used and prayed for the repose of the departed souls.

Responding, the beneficiaries thank the Inspector General of Police for the kind gesture and promised to make good use of the money judiciously.

8th Coronation Anniversary: Remember There's A God Of Second Chance, Ooni Tells Inmates

*Visits Kuje Correctional Centre

By; BAYO AKAMO, Ibadan

The Ooni of Ife and Co-Chairman of the National Council of Traditional Rulers of Nigeria, Ooni Adeyeye Enitan Ogunwusi has declared that the best part of human life is the one spent to serve others, particularly the poor and vulnerable individuals.

Kickstarting his annual coronation anniversary with a humanitarian visit to the Kuje Correctional facility in Abuja on Tuesday, where he visited inmates at the facility for a programme organized by Hopes Alive Initiative (HAI) under his

Chairmanship to motivate those who are often ignored by the society.

Addressing the gathering after being welcomed into the facility by officers of the Nigeria Correctional Service, Ooni Ogunwusi said the inmates should not write themselves off about life.

Ooni Ogunwusi who was flanked by his Queen, Olori Temitope Enitan-Ogunwusi, stressed, "we should always remember that God created all of us and that is the God of second chance.

"We have seen in this country from prison to presidency, right from prison all the way to become the president of

this country. So please do not write off yourselves, whatever the situation you might have found yourselves here, remember that their is a God of second chance", he said.

Ooni Ogunwusi added, "I am here to tell you that there is life after here, it does not end here and that is why you all must see this current phase of your life as a learning stage for the lessons with which you will live for life after here.

"I have not come here to tell you that it is not difficult but I am here to tell you that it is possible for you all to be better and be amongst the best members of the larger

Nigerian society."

Peak of the event was when five (5) inmates were freed after fulfilling all requirements including payment of bail/fines through the assistance of the Ooni, with a promise to keep an eye on them and also empowering them in the trade they learned while in the facility.

Another event earmarked for the Ooni Ogunwusi's coronation anniversary is the Staff Appreciation Night, during which all staff members (Traditional and Official) working with His Imperial Majesty, will be honoured and gifted series of items, including cars for the best performing ones.

State Minister Police Affairs Set For Community Policing Security Town Hall Meeting In Lagos

By; RAYMOND TEDUNJAYE, Lagos

The Minister of State, Police Affairs, Hon. Imaam Sulaiman-Ibrahim is set to host a town hall security meeting aimed at strengthening the community policing strategy and capacity in the country in Lagos.

This is geared towards the upliftment of the Renewed Hope Agenda of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, especially in the area of security.

In a statement by the Ministry, the crucial Townhall Security Meeting which will hold on Monday December 11, 2023 at the Lagos Continental Hotel, 52A Kofo Abayomi, Victoria Island, Lagos by 11am prompt, is themed: "Community Policing: Building a Safer Nigeria Together."

According to the statement, the meeting will yield several significant outcomes, including enhanced collaboration among stakeholders, actionable policy insights, strengthen public trust in policing efforts, and the development of concrete strategies for community policing, which are all in alignment with the President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's Renewed Hope Police Transformation Agenda.

"The Honorable Minister, Hon. Imaam Sulaiman-Ibrahim has hit the ground running since her appointment in the Police Affairs ministry with innovative ideas and winning solutions.

"Her most recent approach to policing is the forum which 'aims to foster an



Minister of State Police Affairs (left) & IGP Egbetokun

environment of collaboration and commitment to achieving a safer Nigeria through effective policing and community engagement.

"The Townhall Security Meeting is envisioned as a dynamic and inclusive platform that seeks to encourage open

dialogue and collaboration among government agencies, law enforcement bodies, and the community.", it stated.

The statement personally signed by the Minister added: "The key themes to be discussed during the event include exploring community-driven policing

models, fostering partnership between law enforcement agencies and local communities and highlighting strategies for continual development of the Nigeria Police ecosystem to ensure professionalism and adherence to human rights standards.'

In the light of this, the Board Member of the Lagos State Security Trust Fund (LSSTF), Dr. Ayo Ogunsan who is renown for his thorough commitment to supporting security agencies in the country alongside Remilekun Banigbe have been saddled with the task of contact and mobilization of policy stakeholders across all sectors to attend the Townhall Meeting.

The Minister Imaam Sulaiman-Ibrahim thus called on all policy stakeholders to take the Townhall meeting of priority attendance.

"I will appreciate your presence at the Townhall, as we engage with cross sectional members of the Lagos community. Your insights will contribute significantly to the shared vision for community policing and identification of actionable strategies to further strengthen public trust.

"I look forward to your esteemed presence and participation in this gathering will be invaluable in charting a course toward achieving our shared goals of a safer and more secure Nigeria", the statement added.

Electoral Injustice: Nigeria's Masses May Be Running Out Of Patience

By: AMBALIYU BINABBAS

“A nation can thrive under disbelief, but not injustice” - Sheikh Usman dan Fodio.

"War they say isn't about who is Right but who is Left".

"Peace is not the absence of war but the presence of Justice".

"Bad Judgement is A Threat To National Peace" says Justice Olukayode Ariwoola, Chief Justice of Nigeria.

All these maxims explain the Necessity of Justice in any society. Where there is justice, certainly, there will be peace. A society, where people beg the ruling class for justice, should not be seen as a democratic society, justice is divine, a divine order from the Almighty God, The Creator of the Heaven and the Earth, He is God of Justice, He wants us to be fair, to be equitable, to be just as He is to all mortals.

It is sad to see justice fast becoming something very difficult to achieve in our society. Justice is now a sin.

The rulling class, the elite can no longer tolerate justice, they use the commonwealth of the people to suppress justice, they threaten The judicial officers who would have ordinarily upheld Justice. They use the security apparatus to suppress and oppress justice with impunity.

To them, they have largely achieved this and to them, there is absolutely nothing the masses can do, as long as they have the Army, the DSS, the Police on their side.

They have forgotten that everything under the heaven has an expiry date and there is a limit to how long masses can tolerate this.

The prevalence of socioeconomic and political injustice is becoming more obvious in Nigeria. The ruling party has bought over the Independence of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) as well as the judiciary, making these critical stakeholders in the nation building more subservient to their dictates.

The tenure system we operate in our democratic system has been largely abused due to electoral injustice.

We need nobody to tell us that the masses are running out of patience, the repercussion of prevalence of Injustice is looming and this is audible to the deaf.

I am using this medium to call on critical stakeholders in Nigeria home



Ambassador Aliyu Bin Abbas

and abroad to stand up for the rescue of our great nation Nigeria.

The Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger situation is here, something must be done very fast.

The only way out is justice, the Judiciary, The Independent National Electoral Commission INEC as well as other Institutions of Government must be allowed to work naturally without

coercion from the ruling party, they must uphold Justice at all levels.

The patience of the people must not be taken for granted, the wishes of the people, socioeconomic and electoral wishes must be respected and strictly observed without any intrusion.

We are not just talking, we are concerned about the decadence in our

system, we are passionate about our country, we want justice, peace and harmony as well as progress in Nigeria and the only way to get this is through unhindered administration of justice. He that has ear, let him listen to the words of Wisdom!!!

Amb Aliyu Bin Abbas is the President, National Youth Alliance

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6 X 2	45,428.57	3,407.14	48,835.71	32,285.71	2,421.43	34,707.14
5 X 3	53,428.57	4,007.14	57,435.71	37,428.57	2,807.14	40,235.71
5 X 2	42,571.43	3,192.86	45,764.29	24,857.14	1,864.29	26,721.43
4 X 3	47,714.29	3,578.57	51,292.86	30,571.43	2,292.86	32,864.29
4 X 2	33,142.86	2,485.71	35,628.57	21,714.29	1,628.57	23,342.86
3 X 3	34,571.43	2,592.86	37,164.29	23,142.86	1,735.71	24,878.57
3 X 2	22,857.14	1,714.29	24,571.43	14,285.71	1,071.43	15,357.14
2 X 2	16,000.00	1,200.00	17,200.00	9,142.86	685.71	9,828.57
2 X 1	7,714.28	578.57	8,292.85	4,975.71	373.18	5,348.89

NLC Women Seeks End To Violence Against Women, Girls In Kaduna

By: EMMANUEL AGBO,
Kaduna

Nigeria Labour Congress Women Committee, (NLCWC) Kaduna State Council, has advocated that adequate measures be put in place to curb the menace of sexual and gender based violence against women and girls in Kaduna State.

The women committee made the call in Kaduna on Friday, while commemorating the 2023 16-days of activism on gender based violence and harassment against their female counterparts, saying that women are needed and therefore, must be allowed to live and grow for the good of the common society.

The Chairperson, NLC Women Committee, Kaduna State Council, Comrade Martha Banki in a speech during the programme in Kaduna on Friday, said that continuing the struggle will help proffer lasting solution to the issues of SGBV, while lamenting that the rate of rape, child battering, domestic violence is on the high side in recent times.

"The rate of rape, child battering, domestic violence is on the high side. We cannot rule out poverty playing a vital role in this menace in our society runs through with poor enlightenment on the need to see the value of women in the

society.

"The workplace lacks credence in sexual harassment as received by homes or when in search for means of livelihood. More action is needed to end violence and psychosocial health, violence women's equality and access to decent work." She said.

In his remarks, the the State Chairperson, Nigeria Labour Congress, (NLC) Kaduna State, Comrade Ayuba Suleiman said until the society act together, ending violence against women will be very difficult.

Suleiman reiterated that the campaign shows how NLC cares so much about ending violence against women and girls all over the globe, particularly in workplaces and in all employment and jobs in solidarity with international labour standards to provide a common framework to prevent, remedy, eliminate violence and harassment in the world of work, including gender based violence and harassments.

"In Nigeria, Labour Act section 54 maternity protection, 55 night work, are some instances. We in NLC Kaduna State Council invests in the prevention of violence and harassments against women child by taking bold step to end this menace for the sanity of our dear society.

"We are joining the world



activist in ensuring women and girls are free from violence and harassments in all its ramifications. Convention No. 190 and recommendation No. 206 are the first international labour standards to provide a common framework to prevent, remedy, eliminate violence and harassment in the world of work, including gender based violence and harassments." He said.

Also speaking, the guest speaker at the event, Aishatu Gusau, spoke on the need to uphold the sanctity of every woman as critical stakeholders in every society for nation building.

Gusau who outlined some of the challenges associated with violence against women, said end to SGBV will improve the health of the nation, enable educational attainment, and

empower the next generation to bring about sustainable growth and development, among other benefits.

She remarked also that both men and women contributes immensely to the betterment of the home and society in the absence of violence, meanwhile women perform better and as such should be respected, appreciated for better results.



IPPIS Not Cause Of 'Japa' in Nigerian Tertiary Institutions, GIFMIS Much Worse

By: AUWAL AHMED IBRAHIM GORONYO

Since the introduction of the Integrated Payroll and Personnel Information System (IPPIS) in 2019, different forces from the tertiary institutions emerged to challenge the system.

To university staff, it caged them, limited their opportunities in impacting knowledge and makes them poor, because visiting is limited, looking at the meager salary of academicians in Nigeria.

The oppositions of IPPIS from other institutions either blindly join university staff to fight the system, or because they are the people at the top that control the account of the institutions and now they are rendered idle.

Because of the disparity between university and other institutions, the university staff have better chances to criticize the monotony of IPPIS, and what other institutions lose in this effort to tackle and manage corruption as said by the Buhari's government on the reason for the financial platform?

Government Integrated Financial Management System (GIFMIS) is identified with lapses of corruption related offences ranging from staff salary deduction, recruitment of ghost staff and budget inflation by heads of tertiary institutions. And, while the Federal Government paid salary before 25th of every month, mostly some schools pay beyond the months to generate interest.

Many rectors and vice chancellors of Nigeria's tertiary institutions were caught in the act of diverting and siphoning staff salary. In 2016 Federal Poly Oko was accused of diverting staff salary. Federal Polytechnic, Ukana staff in 2018 petitioned the bursar of the school for alleged mismanagement of funds and other irregularities of financial misconduct because he was at the control of the school fund, the tsunami of GIFMIS was characterized with the exodus of sacking rectors because they had access to control the money and can easily sack any staff they wished and stop his salary instantly. On this, there are more than hundred evidences because there are more feud during GIFMIS with head of tertiary institutions than now of IPPIS that the upper government is in control. There were so much bribe allegations of rectors and VCs wanted to remain in power at that time.

The issue of corruption before the introduction of IPPIS swept all through tertiary institutions, now that salaries are paid by IPPIS, only the Internal Generated Revenue (IGR) is tempered. What remain for the government is to come out with a reform to protect the IGR.

The only thing for government to do is to create a chance for all the academic staff of tertiary schools to get opportunity of sabbatical and provide the chance in the IPPIS because GIFMIS has been tasted and going back to is a waste of time and resources as IPPIS is an enemy of corruption and corruption can be easily identified.0p



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Dr. Abbas Tajudeen, Speaker House of Representatives promised to remove tertiary institutions from IPPIS, but should not be in a haste to act, there should be indices to consider because IPPIS is more safer than GIFMIS when it comes to control of public fund. What is most needed is to provide a way for sabbatical because Nigerian tertiary institutions lack enough staff and only few want teaching job.

The Speaker who was in Zaria at the 3rd international conference of the Gender Policy Unit, Ahmadu Bello University,

ABU, Zaria reiterated the commitment of the representative members to remove tertiary schools on IPPIS pay roll on the basic of 'empathy' to work. What 'empathy'? When salaries are paid to those that work.

The Government of Bola Ahmad Tinibu should look into the problems of IPPIS and GIFMIS and provide solutions to the issues bothering financial crisis in Nigerian tertiary institutions before jumping the gun as meager salary is the problem that affects Nigerian academicians when compared to other

agencies. However, There is need to create opportunity of sabbatical in IPPIS platform to fill the empty gap of lecturers in other institutions, and or accept the University Transparency and Accountability Solution (UTAS) for universities in Nigeria if negotiable. These are the only solutions to 'japa' in Nigerian tertiary schools.

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P&A Foundation Donates Sports Wears To Kaduna Pupils

By: JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON

As part of its humanitarian gestures, Patrick & Ayobamidele (P & A) Youth and Women Foundation has donated sports wears to children and youth in Kaduna State. One of the beneficiaries are, Nicowa School Kaduna Open Custodial Centre, where items were presented to the excited children.

Speaking during the exercise, Patrick Adeolu Awo explained that the importance of sports cannot be overemphasized, hence their decision to present sports wears to the beneficiaries.

"You know, the importance of sports to the overall development of humans cannot be overemphasized. Sports contributes immensely to the mental, physical and health of all humans,

especially children, who perform better academically when they engage in sporting activities," he said.

He added that the foundation which focused mainly on youth and women, has been at the forefront of touching the lives of many, especially the less privileged in the society

Awo who is the founder of the foundation, assured that the noble gesture would be sustained, as long as they have the financial resources to do same.

Responding, Headmistress, Nicowa School, Sakcit Bitrus thanked P & A for the gesture, while praying to God to always provide resources for them to keep up the good work.

She also urged other non governmental organisations and public spirited individuals to emulate P&A Foundation.



Dancesport Federation Holds Zonal Championship

By: JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON

Nigeria Dancesport Federation held its zonal championship for teams and individuals over the weekend, in preparation for its national championship next year. According to Secretary General, Osebeyo Emmanuel, winners across geopolitical zones

emerged with amazing prizes and the federation intends to make it happen twice annually apart from other various state's competitions.

"We started since 2021, we have had several exhibitions before now.

"The South West championship took place in Lagos at Rowe Park, South South was at Sapele

Stadium, South East used Nnamdi Azikwe Stadium Enugu, North East ATBU Bauchi and North West Murtala Mohammed Square Kaduna.

"Since it is a new federation, we will be having lots of competitions next year, aside the national championship to make the sport more popular and

engage more youth," he said.

The president of the federation, Barr Abubakar Umar added that dancesport is meant to engage the youth and take them away from the streets, help them psychologically and health wise. "We had an event early this year in Abuja and we hope to continue looking for talents to take the sport to the next level towards

attending series of international events at the world level, like the world dancesport championships.

"Dance is a culture, with the abundant talent with dancing skills in Nigeria, we need to harness them and make Nigeria best in the African dancesport," he said



Crack In Nasarawa PDP As Ewuga Throws Weight Behind Governor Sule

**Says governor was reelected*

By: SAMSON YAKI, Lafia

Ahead of the Supreme Court judgement in the Nasarawa State governorship tussle, a crack has appeared in the opposition Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), with former deputy governor of the state and former minister, Senator Solomon Ewuga, throwing his support behind Governor Abdullahi Sule.

Senator Ewuga, while speaking to journalists shortly after visiting the Government House in Lafia, he said Governor Sule was reelected by the people of Nasarawa State.

He explained that Governor Sule has what it takes to add value to governance in the state, stressing that, he is coming out of his political hiatus because of the need for him to do the right thing.

"I have been out of circulation for a reason. But by any definition, man is a political animal. And so you never get removed totally from the process that engages people in politics. That is the scenario in Nasarawa

State.

"I think the main issue is the case at the Supreme Court. As long as anybody is open to questions arising to the legitimacy of his power, it creates anxiety. I think that is the situation we have in Nasarawa State today.

"In the first place, having public service experience, and exposure, I am always in a situation where I would say he was reelected. The only thing is it's being challenged. The fact that that comes into play means that he is the Governor. The implication is the fact that he is a desired quantity in the administration of the state. The judgement of the people has already stated what I will say. And I think that is what it is," he added.

Ewuga pointed out that coming from his background and experience from the organized private sector, Governor Sule would continue to add value to governance in the state.

"Deal with the person you have in front of you and the person I am dealing with is Engineer

Abdullahi Sule. I didn't know him that much. It's his father that we knew because he used to visit my father. I got to know him later on. He has had varied experience, private sector experience. He was in the Jos Steel Rolling Mills, he worked in the US and then he came back to work with an oil company before joining Dangote.

"These experience impacts on the way he conducts himself. And you see it. My own wish all the time is for him to be successful. There is nothing as good as one ending your service to the acclaim of people and your yourself feeling that the acclaim is deserved. Once you live with those objectives in your mind you are happy with yourself. You have succeeded.

"A few days ago, we witnessed the matriculation of students at the faculty of engineering in Gudi as part of the Nasarawa State University Keffi complex. Nasarawa State will keep expanding in that value judgement and that is what you will see how

successful the government will be. It's our wish continuously we will have a value addition in the way our state is orienting itself towards having a desirable stability for the people of Nasarawa State," he stated.

On his planned return to the APC alongside his teeming supporters, Senator Ewuga said even though he is no longer nursing any political ambition, he is returning to the foundation (APC) he laid in order to complete the building.

"I am coming to the foundation we laid. If you are coming back to your foundation we laid wouldn't you desire the building to be completed? I think it's only proper to do the right thing.

"But you know that my wish for a political office has narrowed because of the increased value of younger people. I am becoming less and less gladiatorial in my political posture," he said.

He confirmed that plans are underway for his return to the APC with his supporters.

Under 16 National Sports Fiesta: Foreign, Local Sporting Gurus, Others Expresses Worries On Slow Pace Of Olorunsogo - Akanran Road

By; BAYO AKAMO, Ibadan

Foreign and local sporting gurus have called for timely completion of the dualised ongoing Olorunsogo-Akanran road leading to the Ilaji Hotels and Sports Resort in Ibadan.

The sporting gurus who were in Ibadan for the Ilaji Under-16 National Football Tournament put together by the Youth Sports Federation Of Nigeria (YSFON) and sponsored by the Ilaji Hotels and Sports Resort lamented the slow pace of the dualised road.

It was gathered that participants in the just concluded month-long tournament sponsored by Ibadan-born sports enthusiast, business mogul and owner of globally-renowned Ilaji Hotel and Sports Resort, Engr Dotun Sanusi faced harrowing experience connecting Ilaji Hotels and Sports Resort from the Olorunsogo end of the Lagos-Ibadan expressway.

A foreigner, Coach Benson Carlton who was at the venue to scout for talented footballers, while praising organisers of the tournament lamented the terrible experience he and his team faced while connecting the widely-acclaimed best sporting resort in Nigeria.

The foreign sporting gurus who graced the grand finale of the

under 16 tournament stressed that the road from the expressway though under construction, ought to have been in place long before now.

"We have seen great soccer artistry and talents are indeed abound in Nigeria. The owner of this resort, Engr Dotun Sanusi has done a great job for Nigeria, reputed as the most populous black nation of the world", he said.

Carlton added, "Both the Federal and state governments need to site more institutions around here for the people to utilize this multibillion Naira facility.

"I was told the state governor, Mr. Seyi Makinde awarded the road and planned extension of same carriage way to this resort. That's commendable but the contractor should fastrack the road for ease of movement of tourists like me and others who would always come visiting to have a feel of this gangatuan sports complex".

Speaking, a Nigerian Coach, Moses Adamu appreciated the competing States and the youths that participated for their spirit of sportsmanship in virtually all the competitions, saying Nigerian young lads have come of age.

Coach Adamu tasked the Federal Government through the



Minister of Sports to ensure regular patronage of Ilaji Hotel and Sports Resort for the investment by this great

Nigerian, Chief Dotun Sanusi to be utilized for the promotion and development of our grassroots sports.

A community leader in Ona Ara, Chief Abolade Ogunsina on his part lauded Gov Makinde for taking action to reconstruct, dualise and expand the length of the road to Ilaji Hotel and Sports Resort.

Also, One of the residents of Olorunsogo who spoke on the sideline to sports writers, Gbenga Olayiwola said the people living on the road are the worst hit by the slow pace of works by the contractor.

According to Ogunsina, "our experience on this road everyday is unpalatable. Works are ongoing but very slow because we have a number of construction workers who are very experienced as residents and they have at various times condemned the situation we are in.

"Each time His Excellency pays visit to the site, we always notice that the contractor usually speed up the construction works but as soon as the Governor leaves, what we usually observe is slow pace almost at a very low ebb," Ogunsina alleged the contractor of not doing enough to deliver the road on schedule.

Para Games: Bring Back Gold, Get Rewarded, Uba Sani Tells Kaduna Athletes

*Team Kaduna claims 4 medals on Saturday

By; JACOB ONJEWU DICKSON

Athletes representing Kaduna State have been assured of pleasant surprises if they excel at the ongoing 2023 National Para Games, which opened on Friday.

Addressing the athletes before their departure from Kaduna for the Games holding in Abuja from December 8 to 14, Governor Uba Sani said that development of youth through

competitive sports is one key area his administration is focused on.

Represented by the Commissioner Sports Development, Professor Ben Gugong, Governor Sani urged the state's, contingent to do them proud.

"His Excellency, our sports loving governor, Senator Uba Sani said I should tell you that if you win gold medals, you will be adequately rewarded when you return," the commissioner said.

Speaking further, he charged the athletes to be good ambassadors of Kaduna State throughout their stay at the games, noting that the state has an unblemished record of disciplined athletes.

"Our state has a record of discipline at such games and I am optimistic you will maintain same," he said.

Also speaking, SA Sports to Governor Sani, Sa'id Dibis assured the athletes that on their return, they would be hosted by

the governor at a befitting reception.

He therefore, charged the athletes to make the state proud through the haul of medals. Meanwhile, on Saturday, Team Kaduna put up an impressive performance and hauled four medals.

The feat was achieved in the game of badminton, where two gold and two silver medals were garnered.

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Governor Bago Unveils Vision For Niger State

By; AMOS EBUTE MATHEW, Kaduna Niger State Governor, Mohammed Umaru Bago has revealed his vision for Niger State to the global community.

interview to Aljazeera Media Network in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, discussed several of the key policies he has set out to reposition Niger State in line with his vision of a

disclosed and recommended how Africans can harness their natural and human resource potentials to attract investment and improve the livelihoods of

advantage of the state's arable land and turn the State into an agricultural hub that will equally provide avenues for job creation among women and youths



Governor Bago during the interview

Bandits Allegedly Chase Locals Out Of Ancestral Homes For Not Paying Tax In Kaduna Community

By; AMOS TAUNA, Kaduna

Following a raid by a group of bandits in Kidandan Community in Giwa Local Government Area of Kaduna State, locals in their numbers have allegedly moved out of their ancestral community when the bandits spent hours shooting sporadically,

killing and abducting them.

The bandits, according to a source, became so aggressive when the farmers failed to pay levies earlier imposed on them by the hoodlums who have been terrorising the community for sometime.

He explained that the Kidandan attack comes a

few days after the error bombing of locals by an Army Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) in Tudun Biri village of Igabi Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

According to him, "For the past six days, the bandits have been coming to Kidandan, but this attack was devastating. They came and terrified us, stole and

abducted our people. Every resident in Kidandan lives in extreme fear."

He further explained that the women and children are leaving in droves, saying that a large number of those who embarked on the exodus are moving for safety.

The Kaduna State Police Command is yet to react to the incident.

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JIBWIS Daura Sponsors Surgery Of 100 Patients

By; SULAIMAN AHMED MISAU, Katsina

Daura Local Government Branch of Jama'atul Izalatul Bidi'a, Wa'ikamatus Sunna (JIBWIS) has sponsored 100 Patients with Hernia and Hypomae problems to undergo surgery free of charge in the area.

The Operation exercise is to be conducted at Comprehensive Health Centre in Daura metropolis.

Addressing the beneficiaries, the Chairman of JIBWIS in Daura

Local Government Area, Engineer Abba Mato said they Initiated the exercise to assist the less privileged people of the area.

Engineer Mato who was a former Chairman of Daura Local Government Council said they sponsored the operation exercise from the sales of drugs in Sunna Chemist owned by JIBWIS.

He prayed to Almighty Allah to give them the courage in assisting less privileged people.

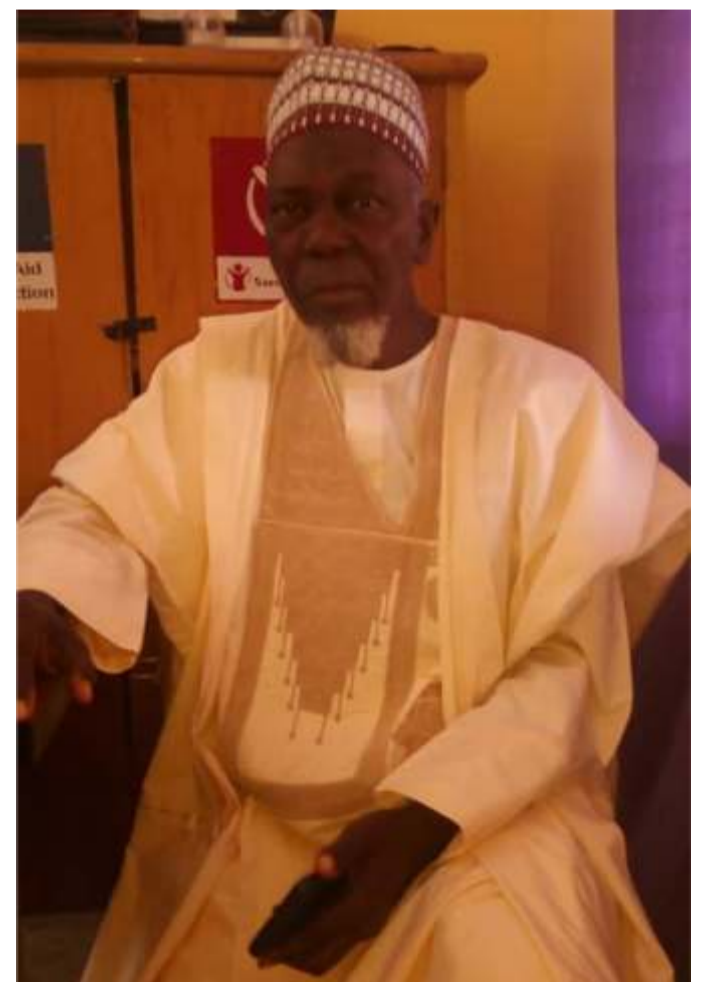
Shedding more light on the exercise, one of the Doctors, Alhaji Ali Maibara spoke on the way and manner the exercise would be carried out.

In a remark, the Chairman of Daura Local Government Area, Alhaji Bala Musa Commended the JIBWIS for the gesture. Alhaji Musa said the exercise would no doubt assist people of the who are suffering from the disease.

He pledged to assist the organizers for the success of the exercise.

The occasion was attended by the state officials of JIbwis, under the leadership of the National Auditor, Sheik Bature Dandume.

Sheik Bature Dandume called on other branches of JIBWIS in the state and the country to emulate Daura local government of the association.



Chairman JIBWIS Daura Local Government Area, Engineer Abba Mato.