

'Lionhearted' biker, Adeyanju arrives in Lagos from London

By **BENJAMIN OMOIKE**

Kunle Adeyanju, a Nigerian adventurer, has received a heroic welcome after completing his bike trip from London to Lagos.

He took off on his power bike from London on April 19, 2022 and arrived in Lagos, the commercial capital of Nigeria at the weekend.

According to him, the objective of the ride is to raise funds to fight polio.

Announcing on his Twitter handle before the trip, Adeyanju noted that trip will cover 12,000 kilometres and pass through 14 countries including France, Spain, Morocco, Mauritania, Senegal, Gambia, Mali,

Ghana, Togo, Benin and Nigeria.

At Nigeria's Embassy Consul in Benin Republic, Nigerians have followed Adeyanju on his trip via his regular updates on his

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Hope, long night ahead for Atiku

By **TUNDE JOSHUA** (Abuja), **ISAAC OLAMIKAN** (Benin CITY), **CHARLES ONYEKWERE** (Abakaliki)

For a second consecutive time, Alhaji Atiku Abubakar at the weekend picked the presidential ticket of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) at a keenly contested primary of the main opposition political grouping in Abuja.

He polled 371 votes to beat his closest rival, Nyesom Wike who scored 237 while Bukola Saraki came a distant third with 70 votes.

Emmanuel Udom polled 38 votes, Bala Mohammed 20, Anyim Pius Anyim 14 while both Sam Oluambua and Tariella Diana Olivier scored one vote each. Ayo Fayose and Dele Momodu got none.

Atiku's victory, no doubt, will give the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) an opportunity to explore options for fixing the debacle of its presidential ticket.

It is believed that APC's choices will now be narrowed to two. One is to search for a credible northern candidate out of its aspirants who can split area's votes with Atiku to prevent PDP from unseating the ruling party. This is where the consideration for Senate President Ahmad Lawan and Kogi Governor Yahaya Bello may come in.

Coming from the Northeast as Atiku and being a northerner with wide political connections by virtue of his parliamentary position and experience, Lawan may be a better choice for the party. Bello is from North Central.

On the other hand, APC leadership may be constrained to search for someone with a deep pocket and financial muscle who can match Atiku. This is where Asiwaju Bola Tinubu comes in. However, with federal financial support, Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi,

Vice President Yemi Osinbajo and Nigerian Governors Forum Chairman Dr. Kayode Fayemi can also successfully challenge Atiku.

Supporters of the former Lagos State governor and APC national leader responded positively to results of the PDP presidential primary. They said this gives them hope that the APC leadership has no choice than to allow a free contest which will throw up Tinubu.

They believe he is the only one out of APC's 28 aspirants that can match Atiku's influence and financial war chest for a keen contest.

Tinubu, himself expressed this belief in his congratulatory message to Atiku by welcoming the former Vice President to a contest for the nation's most exalted political office in 2023.

Tinubu commended Atiku for his patriotism and commitment to Nigeria's progress. He also congratulated the other contestants for the orderly and peaceful way they conducted themselves and for pledging to rally round the winner, in the true spirit of democratic sportsmanship.

The APC national leader said Atiku's victory didn't come as a surprise to Nigerians because of his vast experience as a statesman and veteran of many presidential contests from 1993.

A statement by Bayo Onanuga, Director, Media & Communication, Tinubu Campaign Organisation said the APC hopeful expected Atiku "to be his worthy opponent, by the Grace of God and the support of APC delegates, in the coming 2023 President election.

"I welcome the victory of Alhaji Atiku Abubakar as the candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party in the just concluded primary. I look forward to squaring up with him as a worthy opponent in the coming election. I have known the former Vice President as a formidable politician and a patriot



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who believes in the unity and progress of our dear country."

Tinubu added that the coming election should be about issues that will improve the quality of life of Nigerians; bring peace, progress, political stability and solve myriads of sociopolitical challenges and insecurity facing the country.

However, it is believed the the 2023 presidential race will be among candidates of APC, PDP, the Labour Party and the New Nigeria Peoples Party (NNPP).

It is expected that the Labour Party (LP) which is the arrowhead of the third force movement will field former governor of Anambra State, Peter Obi.

Obi who until last Wednesday was one of the PDP leading aspirants dumped the party to pitch his tent with LP under which parties like the SDP, ADC and labour unions are subsumed.

Also, a former governor of Kano State, Musa Rabiu Kwankwaso, will run on the platform of his New Nigeria People's Party (NNPP). It was learnt that Kwankwaso's strong presidential aspiration aborted the alliance talks the party had with Peter Obi immediately after the latter left PDP.

Obi was said to have rejected Kwankwaso's vice presidential offer, hence, his decision to join the Labour

Party on Friday. Meanwhile, Atiku in his acceptance speech said history was made by his victory because it laid the foundation that will bring about fundamental changes in governance and political process.

"It marks another milestone in the process to consolidate our democratic gains," he said. If elected president, Atiku promised to unify Nigerians and Nigeria, alleging that the APC government under President Muhammadu Buhari has disunited the country and her citizens completely.

He added that his administration will confront all economic challenges facing the country by reversing every anti-people economic policies and programmes of APC government.

Atiku called for support from other contestants in his campaign processes, urging them that the party's interest should be paramount at this time. He promised to give them sense of belonging in the PDP government to be formed in 2023.

He commended the party leadership, particularly, the National Convention Organizing Committee headed by Senator David Mark for a transparent election process.

But apex Igbo socio-political organization, Ohanaeze Ndigbo Worldwide, has said Atiku

will never become Nigeria's president.

Ohanaeze denounced the PDP primary that produced Atiku as an "erratic and corrupt process that was overseen by the unpatriotic Northerners against the Southern part of the country."

Ohanaeze Secretary-General, Mazi Okechukwu Isiguzoro, stressed that the Igbo would rise up against Atiku and his campaign rejected in the South-East. He noted that the PDP had been reduced to a Northern party.

In a statement, Isiguzoro lamented that the Igbo were schemed out of the PDP presidential primaries. He said: "It's amusing that PDP is now a political party for the Northern region, with Dr. Iyorchia Ayu as PDP Chairman, Walid Jubril as BOT Chairman and Atiku Abubakar as 2023 PDP Presidential candidate.

"PDP has fulfilled her threats to sideline the Igbo in 2023 and we will carefully answer them back. Another Northerner, Senator David Mark supervised the process that schemed out Igbo from PDP. The consequences of the 2022 PDP convention will be a discontinuity of milking of Igbo votes by a party that butchered the Igbo's dream.

"We are waiting for the APC presidential primary to take the final decision on whether or not Igbos will participate in the 2023 elections.

"Atiku Abubakar will be opposed in the South-East, and no Igbo is anticipated to champion or project Atiku Presidency in the East. Nobody is going to take the risk of campaigning for Atiku in the East since the PDP is now a regional northern political party. Atiku will not have Igbo support in 2023, he cannot be the President of Nigeria in 2023.

"Ndigbo will rise against PDP and Atiku Abubakar as a price for PDP's ingratitude and dishonesty against Igbo."

A brazen AFFRONT to southern Nigeria

Southern and Middle Belt Leaders Forum described Atiku's emergence as a brazen affront on the people of Southern Nigeria by the PDP.

It said: "SMBLF recalls that following the release of the guidelines for the 2023 general elections by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Elders and Leaders of Southern Nigeria and the Middle Belt, under the aegis of the Southern and Middle

Belt Leaders' Forum, made unequivocal proclamations on the need for the presidency to be devolved to Southern Nigeria in 2023, in respect of the time-honoured practice of the rotation and zoning of high political offices between the North and the South by political parties as a way of strengthening national unity, peace and harmony.

"SMBLF further recalls that several engagements were held with various stakeholders across the length and breadth of the country on the subject to foster understanding, mutual respect, and oneness. The 17 Southern Governors also in a declaration after their meeting in Asaba, Delta State, in May 2021, backed the rotation of the presidency to the South in 2023.

"Sadly, it appears the unity and peace of Nigeria mean little or nothing to a segment of the nation's political elite.

This was evidenced in the PDP special convention, which was held on Saturday, 28th May 2022, where certain candidates from the North were pressured, coerced, and even intimidated to step down for former Vice President, Alhaji Atiku Abubakar, who eventually emerged as the flag bearer of PDP, in utter derision of the established principle of zoning and rotation of power between the north and south.

"Undoubtedly, the singular motive is to perpetuate the hegemony of the North given that President Muhammadu Buhari, a Muslim from the North and of Fulani origin will be completing his full tenure of eight years by this time next year.

"SMBLF, therefore, totally REJECTS the candidacy of Alhaji Atiku Abubakar of the PDP and calls on our people of Southern Nigeria and the Middle Belt as well as all true lovers of peace and unity NOT TO VOTE for him or any other Northerner in the 2023 Presidential election, in the interest of posterity.

"SMBLF further urges all aspirants for the office of President from Southern Nigeria to shun the conceited attitude of individualism and self-confidence, and work collectively to achieve the shared objectives.

"Again, SMBLF calls on all politicians of Southern extraction to refuse the position of a running mate to any Northern Presidential candidate, which will equally be viewed as subjugating their people to political slavery."

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Twitter handle. He revealed the various treatments he received from different African countries, saying his experience in Mauritania was the worst.

However, he still admits that Africa is a beautiful continent and should be experienced by others. He tweeted: "I have decided to launch the hashtag #THINKAFRICA in my subsequent campaign. In your

next vacation, THINKAFRICA - the people are nice, they are warm, friendly, vibrant, diverse, and full of energy. There's so much to learn, discover and experience in Africa.

"Africa is not just about the safaris, the jungle as portrayed by media. Rather, the people, the culture and the diversity of the African continent tells a much more interesting story.

"I have also discovered that

Africa is a land of culture. It is rich in diversity, and every step you take, there is something positive to discover and learn," he said.

Adeyanju recalled that in spite of not being able to communicate in local dialects, some Citizens of some countries he stopped over in didn't make him feel unsafe. He said they warmly accepted and helped him. "To me, that is humanity in Africa!"

Adeyanju will auction his powerbike and donate part of the proceeds to charity

Some days ago while in Ghana, Adeyanju disclosed that the bike (which he refers to as 'Eagle') will be auctioned once he arrived Lagos. The starting price for the bike is \$25,000. Part of the proceeds according to him, will be donated to the Rotary Foundation toward ending polio.



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NDLEA nabs wanted drug kingpin in Ondo

By **PAUL MICHAEL**, Defence Editor, Abuja

National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) has arrested a drug lord that has been on a wanted list for five months.

A statement by the agency's Director of Media and Advocacy, Femi Babafemi, on Sunday said Henry Chukwuneku Okamaru was behind a 2000.6kg cannabis sativa seized in a concrete mixer truck in Adamawa State.

He said: "Wanted drug kingpin behind the 2000.6kg Cannabis Sativa seized in a concrete mixer truck in Adamawa State on 2nd December 2021, Henry Chukwuneku Okamaru (a.k.a. Lawrence Ik Okamaru), has been arrested in Ondo state after five months of manhunt by operatives of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency, NDLEA.

"Two suspects: Matthew Donuwe and Friday Nmborgwu were arrested in connection to the consignment last December. They had confessed that the

■ **Italy-based Nigerian excretes 95 pellets of Heroin at Abuja airport**
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concrete mixer truck with Lagos registration number SMK 890 XB was loaded with the illicit drug in Ogbese, Ondo state while they travelled for two months on the road before arriving Adamawa where they were eventually arrested by NDLEA operatives.

"Investigations reveal that Okamaru is one of the leaders of a cannabis cultivation cartel that operates in the Ondo-Ekiti axis, while he shuttles between Osun, Ondo, Ekiti, Edo and Delta State from where he coordinates supplies of illicit consignments to Northern parts of the country and Lagos State.

"The drug lord has also been identified as a member of an international drug trafficking ring, while he shuttles between Nigeria and South Africa where he settles his family. He has a strong control and stake in cannabis cultivation in Ondo, Edo, Ekiti, Osun and Oyo States with large storage facilities in Lagos and Abbi in Delta State

from where his consignments are distributed year round."

In another development, a 36-year-old Nigerian based in Italy, Nwakanma Michael Uche, has been arrested by NDLEA at Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport (NAIA) Abuja for ingesting pellets of heroin.

"Nwakanma who hails from, Arodizuogu Village, Ideato Local Government Area of Imo State was nabbed while trying to board Air France Airline enroute Abuja-Paris-Milan, Italy on Sunday 15th May 2022. He was thereafter kept under observation during which he excreted 95 pellets of the illicit drug.

"He claimed he came to see his parents in Nigeria after 12 years in Italy and to complete his fathers traditional marriage rites. He added that he was to be paid N1.5million after a successful delivery of the drugs in Milan," Babafemi started.

Meanwhile, across the five states of Edo, Kaduna, Kogi,

Akwa Ibom and Oyo, NDLEA operatives intensified their offensive action against drug cartels, the spokesperson added.

"In Edo, a pharmacy along Sapele Road, Benin, was raided on Friday 27th May following intelligence and prolonged surveillance. The owner of the store, Thaddeus Uliabafusi, 58, was arrested while a total of 130,670 tablets of different controlled drugs, 1,396 ampoules of pentazocine injection and 743 bottles of codeine were recovered from a secret location where the drugs are repackaged. This followed a similar raid of a drug joint operated by Mrs. Christianah Gabriel, 53, at Uromi, Esan North East LGA, Edo state, who was arrested with 25kg cannabis.

"While 15, 000 ampoules of pentazocine injection were seized by operatives in Kaduna along Abuja-Kaduna express road, 12,500 tablets of Diazepam were intercepted along Okene-

Abuja highway on Thursday 26th May. The drug exhibits were found inside a truck conveying motor spare parts from Onitsha, Anambra to Kaduna.

"In Akwa Ibom, a female drug dealer, Irene Emmanuel Bassey was arrested on Saturday 28th May, during a search of her house at Ikpa town, Esit Eket LGA where 30.5kg cannabis was recovered, while one Muideen Kasaki was nabbed with 90.8kg cannabis at Elere, Boluwaji area of Ibadan South-East LGA," he stated.

According to Babafemi, Chairman/Chief Executive of NDLEA, Brig Gen Mohamed Buba Marwa (Rtd), commended the officers and men of the Directorate of Intelligence, NAIA, Edo, Kaduna, Kogi, Akwa Ibom and Oyo State Commands of the Agency for the series of arrests and seizures in the past week.

The anti-narcotics boss charged all operatives of the Agency across the country not to relent in their offensive action against drug cartels and their kingpins.

Akwa Obom PDP guber aspirants call for cancellation of primaries
By **ISAAC JOB**, Uyo

Governorship aspirants on the platform of Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Akwa Ibom want its National Working Committee (NWC) to cancel results emanating from the primaries in the state.

In a statement in Uyo on Sunday, the aspirants alleged illegality in choice of delegates for the primaries as well as other irregularities that characterized conduct of the exercise. The aggrieved aspirants include Obong Idea Owodiong Idemeko, Mr James Iniama, Mr David Okpon and Hon. Idorenyin Umoh respectively.

The statement tagged "Impunity Upon Impunity" urged PDP National Working Committee and National Executive Committee (NEC) to disregard the exercise leading to the emergence of Governor Udom Emmanuel's preferred aspirant Pastor Umo Eno for 2023 general election.

They requested PDP leadership to take immediate action in view of suit number FHC/ABJ/CS/66/22 pending before an Abuja High Court in respect of the same matter. They alleged that the primaries conducted for the House of Assembly, House of Representatives and Senate positions using the three (3) ad-hoc delegates per ward in Akwa Ibom State be immediately invalidated on grounds of its illegality.

The statement reads in parts: "To say that the exercise of choosing a governorship candidate for the PDP in Akwa Ibom State was a charade is stating the obvious. The exercise was fraught with widespread irregularities, subterfuge, and intimidation. The impunity upon impunity was palpable and brazen. It was a mockery of civilized behaviour and opposite of what is right and decent."

The aspirants accused party leaders in the state of being lopsided instead of allowing a level playing field for all aspirants to convince the electoral college to choose their preferred aspirant based on a thorough and cursory analyses of the capacity, character and competence of individual aspirants, our know-all chieftains resorted to mundane considerations and subterfuge, and the resulting in the charade that came out of the Special State Congress held on May 25, 2022, for the purpose of nominating a gubernatorial candidate for the party.

"We reiterate that the complaints contained in our petitions did not in any form mean that we had withdrawn from the contest; and this informed our presence at the Special State Congress to enable us to observe at close range the conduct of the primaries as well as offer us the locus standi to further challenge the validity of the processes in law court, if need be."

The aspirants identified one of irregularities at the primaries as inability of delegates to pass through identification process before voting at the primaries.

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But a chieftain of PDP and a former governorship aspirant, Barrister Kenneth Imansuagbon, said Atiku's emergence reaffirmed his nationwide acceptability to rescue Nigeria.

Imansuagbon, who stated this in his congratulatory statement made available to newsmen in Benin City, appealed to Nigerians to queue behind the candidacy of Atiku to change the negative narrative of underdevelopment and economic woes.

Analyst welcomes Atiku's win

An observer, Mr. David Akata, an Urhobo from Delta State, remarked:

"It is difficult, if not impossible to see, let alone know the progressive agenda and ethos a man stands for when prejudice overrides objectivity.

The significant difference between Abubakar Atiku and several other Nigerians that were in public service is foresight and abiding faith

While others made money and couldn't identify opportunities of investment, Atiku who is a Fulani by birth but wired with Igbo business DNA was fortunate to identify opportunity at the formation of NICOTES when an Italian approached him with a business model to carry out logistics services for oil companies

"Fortune smiles on people when they take advantage of opportunities and Atiku is no exception As for the purported and

bogus tainted toga that exist only in the imagination of those who allude to the false narrative, including those who have been propagating the misleading falsehood, I am yet to read of any pending charges/case of malfeasance brought against the former Vice President either in Nigeria or elsewhere

"Atiku has no apology for being a billionaire just like Igbenidion, a former police man turned billionaire has none either Atiku's only apology is his inability to expand his chains of businesses to accommodate more Nigerians as employees and stakeholders, because of the current administration's hostile and anti-business policies

"Finally, there is no basis of comparison between a man whose motivation to rule was driven by ethnic and religious consideration/sentiments and a man whose progressive ideals made him to throw his hat into the presidential race ring in 1992, on the nudging of his political mentor

"Atiku is not perfect but he is a democrat, nationalist, strong believer of a multi religious society, cosmopolitan and has a knack in identifying talents irrespective of tribe and religion.

"Southern and Middle Forum? Is that a new political party? Where was the Southern and Middle Belt forum when President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, a Southerner and Christian subverted the power rotation arrangement in 2015 and stood for election when it

was the turn of the north?

"Were members of this body haters of national unity and peace when they nudged Goodluck Jonathan on to utterly deride the established zoning principle of zoning and power rotation by standing for election again in 2019?

Isn't this strange posturing ironic given their previous position or it is just human duplicity?

"As the saying goes, he who comes to equity must come with clean hands

The Southern PDP governors and delegates, as men and women of conscience fully appreciate and understand the enormity and gravity of Nigeria's current drift into abyss.

We shouldn't forget so soon that it was Jonathan and Buhari administration that inflicted the tragedy upon the nation

"The Southern PDP Governors were resolute not to be clouded by mundane ethno-religious considerations as driving factors in picking a viable and courageous leader They've seen the capacity of someone who can confront these challenges in the person of Abubakar Atiku

"Their decision to elect Atiku was neither driven by emotion, nor was Tambuwal timely and necessary decision to step down a product of coercion as presented in the false narrative Tambuwal and those Southern Governors decision was done for the sake of national interest

"The antics by this group

to further stoke division, instead of preaching national unity at this critical time speaks volume of their motives The last time I checked, Jonathan was President for six years but there was no sustainable project traceable to him in Urhobo and Isoko land as legacy. East-West road was uncompleted The ministry of Niger Delta suggested by Atiku to Yar'Adua became a conduit pipe for his kinsmen

Jonathan administration had over 10 Deltans of Igbo extraction in various capacities while Urhobo and Isoko people were abandoned after warehousing over 1million votes for him.

"He made lots of Igbo overnight billionaires while our people were consigned to keke and okada riding.

Warri port that could have spurred economic activities around the region was not given any attention. The 2nd Niger bridge that serves as linkage between Edo/Delta and the entire South East where our people travel frequently for commerce was commissioned on national television without corresponding milestone. It took the intervention of Buhari administration to see the bridge at near completion stage and even went further to construct a road to Jonathan village

"What then is the much trumpeted value of this Southern versus Northern President? Isn't the north poorer under Buhari than at anytime in our history?

It is shameful and hypocritical for some Southern leaders to be

How Joel-Onowakpo Thomas emerged as APC's candidate for Delta State South Senatorial District

• Accuses PDP of buying votes

By **KELVIN OHOROR**

Delta South Senatorial District candidate of the All Progressive Congress (APC), Hon. Joel-Onowakpo Thomas, has accused the People's Democratic Party (PDP) of using foreign currencies in buying votes during the latter's just concluded primary elections in the country.

He spoke immediately after he was affirmed as the consensus candidate by delegates of the APC in Delta South Senatorial District at Oleh Civic Centre, Isoko South Local Government Area of the state.

He was affirmed with 285 votes while 75 ballots were void as 360 delegates were accredited. The result was declared by Returning Officer, Mrs Nkechi Anukan.

According to him: "The former President Goodluck Jonathan said in a viral video that what is happening in the country today is that the delegates who are electing people

who will represent them are not well informed.

"Like I heard, what is happening in PDP, people are spending huge amount of money in dollars to get their names on the ballot. Once you collect money to vote who will represent you on the ballot they cannot really represent you well effectively.

"The consequences is that those who ought not to represent you will represent you in the ballot. And that is chaotic, you can't get any good thing out of it."

On his programme, Thomas said that as somebody with wide experience in private and public service, he will work assiduously with his colleagues in the National Assembly to ensure the primary healthcare situation in the country is addressed in a more dynamic way.

He noted that most of the health challenges in Nigeria killing people are not sicknesses that should take them out of the country. He noted that they are little sicknesses like



High Blood Pressure and Malaria, assuring that with his colleagues in the National Assembly they will find a sustainable way out.

He again affirmed that the APC in Delta State is well organized and more united

compared are to 2018 when he joined the party.

"Factions have come together to work for the victory of the party in Delta State come 2023 general elections," he stressed.

He again commended Deputy

Senate President Ovie Omo-Agege, the state party chairman Elder Sobotie Omene, delegates and leaders of Delta South Senatorial District for giving him the opportunity to be on the ballot for the 2023 general election.

Extend deadline for voter registration or face legal action, SERAP tells INEC

Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) should "immediately extend the deadline for voter registration to give more time for eligible Nigerians to exercise their right to participation the same way the electoral body has extended the deadline for party primaries."

This call is from SERAP to INEC chairman, Professor Mahmud.

Against its earlier stance, the INEC last week suddenly extended the deadline for the conduct of primaries by political parties by six days, from June 3 to June 9. Also, the online pre-registration ends by May 30 2022 while the ongoing Continuous Voter Registration (CVR) ends by 30 June 2022.

In the letter dated 28 May 2022 and signed by SERAP deputy director Kolawole Oluwadare, the organisation said: "Voters are also critical stakeholders in the electoral process. Treating all eligible Nigerian voters fairly would advance the people's right to vote and to participate in their own government.

"Extending the voter registration deadline would provide more time for eligible voters, including young people, the elderly, people living with disability, as well as those resident in states facing security challenges and living in IDP camps to participate in the 2023 elections.

"Extending the deadline for voter registration would be entirely consistent with constitutional and international standards, and the Electoral Act.

Any such extension would also not impact negatively on the INEC's election calendar and activities.

"INEC mandates ought to be exercised in a fair, just and non-discriminatory manner. If voting is as important as the INEC always claims it is, now is the time to show that Nigerian voters will be treated equally and fairly. The future of Nigeria's democracy depends on it.

"The INEC must not only be independent and impartial in the exercise of its constitutional and statutory responsibilities, but must also be seen to be independent and impartial.

"The public perception of the independence and impartiality of INEC is essential for building public confidence in the electoral process, and ensuring the cred-

ibility and legitimacy of the 2023 elections. Where Nigerians have doubts about the independence and impartiality of INEC, they are more likely to have less confidence in the electoral process thereby undermining democracy.

"Enforcing unrealistic voter registration deadline while extending the deadline for party primaries would deny and abridge the constitutional and international human rights of eligible voters including to equal treatment and equal protection, and non-discrimination.

"We would be grateful if the recommended measures are taken within 48 hours of the receipt and/or publication of this letter. If we have not heard from you by then, SERAP shall consider appropriate legal actions to compel INEC to comply with our request in the public interest.

"The recommended extension would also bolster voter confidence in the electoral process, and the ability of INEC to discharge its constitutional and statutory responsibilities independently and impartially.

"Extending the deadline for voter registration would also be justified, given reports of challenges in the voter registration exercise, especially for young people, the elderly, persons living with disabilities, and those resident in states facing security challenges and living in internally displaced persons (IDP) camps.

"One of the people's most sacred rights is the right to vote. The commission has a

constitutional and statutory responsibility to ensure the effective exercise of the right of all eligible voters to participate in their own government.

"Extending the deadline for party primaries without providing adequate time and opportunity for eligible voters to register and participate in the 2023 general elections would amount to an unfair and discriminatory treatment of Nigerian voters, and violate other human rights.

"The will of the people is expressed through democratic elections. This requires that people should be afforded adequate time and opportunity to register to vote. Extending the voter registration deadline is crucial for promoting the independence and impartiality of INEC and building public confidence in the electoral process.

"SERAP therefore urges you and the commission to take immediate measures to encourage greater political participation by extending voter registration deadlines, and improving voters' education and engagement throughout the country. This would show the commitment of the commission to the principles of equal protection and non-discrimination.

"The Nigerian Constitution 1999 (as amended) provides in Section 14(1)(c) that, 'the participation by the people in their government shall be ensured in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.'

"Section 9(6) of the Electoral Act 2022 provides that 'the

registration of voters, updating and revision of the Register of Voters under this section shall not stop not later than 90 days before any election covered by this Act.'

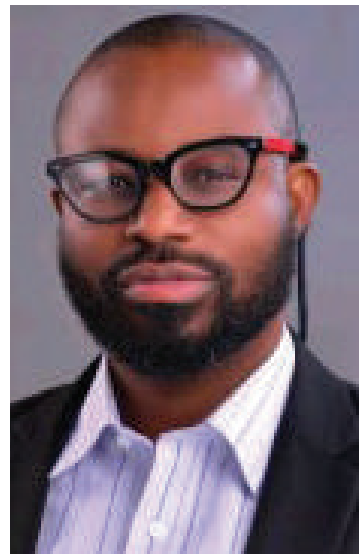
"Similarly, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, and the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance guarantee the right to political participation.

"These human rights treaties also require states parties including Nigeria to ensure the independence and impartiality of national electoral bodies responsible for the management of elections, as well as to promote the establishment of the necessary conditions to foster citizen participation."

"The right of people to participate in their government is a fundamental feature of any democratic society, and any undue restriction of the right would strike at the heart of representative government.

"According to our information, the INEC recently extended the deadline for political party primaries. The commission also plans to end the ongoing Continuous Voter Registration (CVR) by 30 June 2022. The commission is also set to suspend online pre-registration by May 30 2022.

"However, following the extension of the deadline for party primaries, and the fact that the INEC has declared 42 per cent of new voters' registration invalid, it is also fair and just for INEC to extend the deadlines for voter registration.



Kolawole Oluwadare

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DATE OF RETURNS: 30/05/2022

SOURCES OF FUNDS				
SN	SOURCE	DATE OF FUND PURCHASE	EXCHANGE RATE	AMOUNT
1	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	131.58
2	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	25-May-22	415.00	242.72
3	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	25-May-22	415.00	35.82
4	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	245.94
5	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	27-May-22	415.00	51.31
6	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	131.94
7	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	23-May-22	415.00	156.95
8	DOM CONVERSION	24-May-22	418.17	41,148.09
9	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	27-May-22	415.00	942.69
10	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	27-May-22	415.00	94.02
11	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	23-May-22	415.00	220.00
12	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	124.45
13	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	23-May-22	415.00	104.63
14	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	107.59
15	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	480.00
16	DOM CONVERSION	26-May-22	419.00	443.66
17	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	785.00
18	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	25-May-22	415.00	150.00
19	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	575.00
20	OWN SOURCES	25-May-22	418.00	21,818.40
21	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	103.46
22	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	27-May-22	415.00	50.11
23	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	1,300.00
24	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	23-May-22	415.00	38.96
25	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	3,040.93
26	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	745.14
27	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	120.77
28	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	1,053.10
29	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	25-May-22	415.00	93.67
30	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	1,225.58
31	DOM CONVERSION	23-May-22	415.00	6,000.00
32	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	27-May-22	415.00	143.12
33	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	163.79
34	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	25-May-22	415.00	241.00
35	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	1,766.55
36	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	157.97
37	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	25-May-22	415.00	2,342.28
38	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	112.85
39	OWN SOURCES	26-May-22	418.08	136,779.99
40	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	27-May-22	415.00	250.00
41	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	259.84
42	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	421.24
43	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	320.00
44	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	93.53
45	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	106.26
46	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	25-May-22	415.00	475.26
47	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	109.30
48	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	27-May-22	415.00	374.31
49	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	400.00
50	OWN SOURCES	27-May-22	418.77	14,368.26
51	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	25-May-22	415.00	99.20
52	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	10.00
53	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	27-May-22	415.00	190.00
54	OWN SOURCES	23-May-22	417.46	14,581.11
55	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	402.90
56	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	300.00
57	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	25-May-22	415.00	623.34
58	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	225.00
59	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	25-May-22	415.00	123.96
60	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	25-May-22	415.00	108.00
61	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	23-May-22	415.00	290.00
62	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	208.54
63	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	25-May-22	415.00	20.00
64	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	567.29
65	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	27-May-22	415.00	511.73
66	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	25-May-22	415.00	210.78
67	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	202.53
68	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	212.31
69	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	27-May-22	415.00	435.55
70	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	25-May-22	415.00	57.80
71	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	418.00	13.85
72	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	23-May-22	415.00	837.04
73	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	124.00
74	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	322.06
75	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	95.94
76	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	27-May-22	415.00	50.00
77	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	27-May-22	415.00	148.63
78	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	485.49
79	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	94.22
80	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	27-May-22	415.00	243.00
81	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	132.28
82	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	402.59
83	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	23-May-22	415.00	215.79
84	DOM CONVERSION	25-May-22	415.00	2,750.00
85	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	430.92
86	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	355.00
87	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	119.21
88	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	27-May-22	415.00	100.44
89	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	1,433.18
90	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	23-May-22	415.00	240.00
91	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	10.67

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SN	SOURCE	DATE OF FUND PURCHASE	EXCHANGE RATE	AMOUNT
92	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	25-May-22	415.00	200.37
93	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	27-May-22	415.00	209.11
94	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	118.16
95	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	50.00
96	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	23-May-22	415.00	171.22
97	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	103.17
98	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	205.72
99	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	25-May-22	415.00	2,711.45
100	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	101.55
101	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	1,000.00
102	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	23-May-22	415.00	3,000.00
103	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	101.18
104	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	23-May-22	415.00	62.78
105	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	25-May-22	415.00	843.12
106	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	27-May-22	415.00	1.05
107	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	27-May-22	415.00	40.71
108	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	3,000.00
109	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	115.03
110	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	800.00
111	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	72.26
112	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	128.19
113	CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA	23-May-22	417.00	3,650,000.00
114	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	94.98
115	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	25-May-22	415.00	150.00
116	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	25-May-22	415.00	220.00
117	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	745.14
118	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	174.36
119	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	2,500.00
120	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	931.43
121	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	200.00
122	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	23-May-22	415.00	465.00
123	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	23-May-22	415.00	183.65
124	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	105.78
125	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	25-May-22	415.00	3,267.09
126	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	394.62
127	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	66.00
128	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	101.89
129	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	174.00
130	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	200.00
131	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	23-May-22	415.00	6,277.80
132	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	25-May-22	415.00	96.96
133	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	25-May-22	415.00	460.00
134	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	27-May-22	415.00	231.13
135	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	107.49
136	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	186.42
137	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	91.93
138	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	132.99
139	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	109.52
140	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	23-May-22	415.00	201.22
141	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	23-May-22	417.46	10,060.10
142	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	27-May-22	415.00	632.29
143	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	23-May-22	415.00	3,822.00
144	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	440.93
145	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	890.64
146	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	27-May-22	415.00	72.85
147	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	317.34
148	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	27-May-22	415.00	135.00
149	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	200.00
150	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	100.00
151	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	27-May-22	415.00	145.00
152	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	27-May-22	415.00	75.00
153	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	23-May-22	415.00	995.40
154	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	207.86
155	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	25-May-22	415.00	179.40
156	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	27-May-22	415.00	153.56
157	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	115.99
158	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	1,057.80
159	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	27-May-22	415.00	212.30
160	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	25-May-22	415.00	94.45
161	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	1,622.00
162	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	472.00
163	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	1,268.55
164	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	23-May-22	415.00	120.22
165	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	76.92
166	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	23-May-22	415.00	40.00
167	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	40.00
168	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	532.50
169	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	10.58
170	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	25-May-22	415.00	300.00
171	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	25-May-22	415.00	1,023.43
172	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	25-May-22	415.00	100.00
173	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	26-May-22	415.00	722.19
174	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	27-May-22	415.00	212.00
175	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	1,288.93
176	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	114.10
177	HOMEWARD REMITTANCE	24-May-22	415.00	243.32
178	CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA	23-May-22	417.00	3,000,000.00

UTILIZATION OF FUNDS					
S/N	CUSTOMER	ITEM OF IMPORT	DATE OF SALE OF FUNDS	EXCHANGE RATE	AMOUNT
1	ABDULLAHI OLUWATOBIELESHIN	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	5,103.60
2	MUHAMMAD MUSA	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
3	SHERIFAT ADUKE YANDA	PTA	23-May-22	419.00	3,767.05
4	JIMOH MUDASHIRU OLAWALE	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	3,807.30
5	PASCHAL AMAOBI EZEJI	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
6	ARINZE SUNDAY OBIMMA	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	3,512.23
7	OYEYINKA OLANIRAN SOKEFUN	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	3,850.67
8	OLUWASEYI OLUWANIFEMI AKINREMI	LIVING EXPENSES	25-May-22	419.00	3,823.80
9	MERCY AANU SANNI	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	5,118.00
10	KEVIN INTERIORS LIMITED	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
11	CLASSIC TOKASON INNOVATION LTD	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
12	ADEWUNMI BOLUWATIFE ADEWALE	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	3,827.70
13	EBITEX AUTOS INVESTMENT LTD	SME	25-May-22	419.00	20,000.00

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S/N	CUSTOMER	ITEM OF IMPORT	DATE OF SALE OF FUNDS	EXCHANGE RATE	AMOUNT
14	DAMILOLA SAMUEL AWOSIKA	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	3,793.65
15	AJARE ADEDEJI H	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	9,867.38
16	TERRY OSAWONAMEN OBAYUWANA	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	5,098.40
17	ESSIEN EDNAITA	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	7,060.28
18	OLUWATOBISAMUEL OKUNOLA	LIVING EXPENSES	25-May-22	419.00	3,993.57
19	OYENIKE OLUWATOBILAMIDI	LIVING EXPENSES	25-May-22	419.00	3,827.70
20	RAMOTA BUKOLA AROWOROWON	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	30,000.00
21	EJICHRI AUTOLINKS LTD	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
22	ADEKAGUN OMOTAYO A	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	1,168.81
23	UCHECHUKWU FELT & ROOFING COMPANY	SME	25-May-22	419.00	20,000.00

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S/N	CUSTOMER	ITEM OF IMPORT	DATE OF SALE OF FUNDS	EXCHANGE RATE	AMOUNT
27	JAMILU MUHAMMAD GIADOO	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	3,823.80
28	ALYU	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
29	OLANREWAJU DAVID BAKARE	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	1,490.62
30	ONOME JENNIFER OYIBODE	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	18,424.80
31	KOREA	SME	25-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
32	CHIMNO CHINENYE	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
33	OBASH COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	15,149.00
34	AUGUSTINE INAMDI MEKWUNYE	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	418.00	5,500.00
35	EKOCHA UZOAMAKA LINDY	PTA	23-May-22	419.00	3,827.70
36	SHULAMMITE	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
37	EPEC G VENTURES	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
38	JOSEPH OLASUNKANMI ODOFALA	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	4,465.65
39	TAYO AFIS YUSUF	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
40	DONPLEX ENTERPRISE	SME	23-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
41	IDOWU THERESA OLA	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	2,942.85
42	OUR LINE LTD	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
43	adekeke obafemi adekojo	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	3,838.50
44	PINKY BERRY	SME	25-May-22	419.00	9,382.33
45	CALEB MFOINS O UMOREN	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	418.00	2,559.00
46	TOHEEB OLAMILEKAN GBADEYAN	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	3,838.50
47	PRAYER IS GOOD ENTER	SME	23-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
48	NONNY PONTUAL CONCEPTS	SME	23-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
49	UGOCHI MARYJANE OKONKWO	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
50	JOHN OGWOLABI ZAC CHAEUS	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
51	MACDONALD IGBOJOINU	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
52	OLUWADAMILOLA OLOLADE SANUOJU	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	3,861.53
53	AHMED TEMIDAYO ABDUL SALAM	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	1,791.30
54	LABARAN ALI	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
55	ADAMU IBRAHIM	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	3,807.30
56	DAMILOLA OPEYEMI OGUNDIMU	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
57	KIKELOMO VICTORIA KAYODE	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	3,698.52
58	OLUWOLE ADEHINI ADEESINA	LIVING EXPENSES	25-May-22	419.00	2,951.58
59	SOLO EVER CITY NIG COMPANY	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
60	USMAN	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
61	MUTARI	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
62	MUSLIM ONIMISI	SME	23-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
63	NDUBUISI GEORGE OGBUDIMKPA	PTA	26-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
64	MOSUNMOLA TEMITAYO ADEYEMI	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	2,676.66
65	IBRAHIM AKANNI	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	3,838.50
66	BOLAJI O AGBEDE	CREDIT CARD SETTLEMENT	27-May-22	419.00	3,000.00
67	BANKOLE OLUWAFEMI SUNICE	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	6,397.50
68	NAMOT ADEOLA ADEJOJU	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	3,189.75
69	AWOYEMI ADEBISI OLUWASEUN	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	3,838.50
70	TOMISIN BUKOLA AROWOLO	PTA	27-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
71	HADAR SALEH IBRAHIM	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
72	FIELLA TASTY CRAVINGS	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
73	SHERIF JAMILU	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
74	NENE O. IROAKASI	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
75	Onyedika Henry Nzeke	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	3,823.80
76	BANJO ADEGHUNGBE	SME	24-May-22	419.00	4,215.24
77	CHUKWUNARU JOE IYENYA	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	3,827.70
78	CHIMDIO GOCHUKWU ANOSIKE	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	3,827.70
79	DANMEZIC MULTI LINK	SME	23-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
80	ZULKIFILU ABUSUFYAN	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
81	MOGSON PRODUCTIONS LTD	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	0.92
82	OLUKEMI AINA AKINTONDE	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
83	LENGUSKA MULTIFUNCTIONAL SERVICES LTD	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
84	IBITAYO MOHAMMED OGIKISHAKIN	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	5,757.75
85	WORLDCLASS TECHNOLOGY ENTERPRISE	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
86	OBAFEMI OLUWASEUN OSHINDE	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
87	OGUNMOLA ADETUNJI OLA DIMIJI	LIVING EXPENSES	25-May-22	419.00	1,293.72
88	JOSEPH OLUWADAYO IDOWU	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	4,751.58
89	EBUBE CHEKWUBE OCHUKO-ADOGBEJI	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
90	ITUNU OLUWALA	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	28,015.00
91	MAUREEN IFEOMA ANEMELU	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	3,823.80
92	AUWAL ABUBAKAR	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
93	HENRY OLADISI AJAYI	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	2,358.52
94	OLUFUNOLA E. EJE	PTA	27-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
95	OPEYEMI CECILIA ADEKUNLE	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	1,000.00
96	OMOLOLU JOSEPH GBADEGA	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	3,827.70
97	ODUNLAMI OLANREWAJU JOSEPH	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	765.54
98	JENNIFER UCHECHUKWU NUBUAKU	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	5,118.00
99	EKE CHRISTOPHER OKONKWO	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	5,103.60
100	IFEOMA JUDITH ONYEBUCHI	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	4,478.25
101	OLUWATOBI RACHAEL OSO	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
102	BEN OKO	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	3,028.14
103	ADEDOTUN OLUWASEGUN OGUNDARE	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
104	ANGELA IFEOMA OREFO	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
105	UCHESON LUCRATIVE VENTURES NIG LTD	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
106	TOYESE JEREMIAH OLOYEDE	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	1,663.35
107	ADEBAYO OLATUNJI AKINBORO	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	3,827.70
108	SAYIDI ISA ABUBAKAR	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
109	OYEGBE OLADEKUN OLOYEDE	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	2,047.20
110	VISTATEC COLOURFILM HOUSEHOLD APP	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
111	CHINASA CONSTECE MBOCHU	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	3,070.00
112	THE ELECT CRECHE AND PRE SCHOOL	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	5,834.69
113	BENJAMIN MUYIWA BADEWOLE	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
114	VICTOR EJEMUTA UFUOMA	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	3,793.65
115	TIMOTHY PAUL FELDER	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	6,715.00
116	BLESSING OCHAGWUBA	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	9,852.15
117	ONYEKACHI HALOKWU	MORTGAGE	23-May-22	417.00	2,052.89
118	FRANCIS AKOME	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	1,368.00
119	MAYOWA ADEFUNKE ADENIRAN-OKENIYI	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	3,118.00
120	CHINYE AWUNOR	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
121	AMINU ABDULLAH	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
122	UZOMA OLIVER AKUTA	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	3,838.50
123	OKEH MULTIBIZ VENTURES	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
124	EMMANUEL OLUISOLA OLUWOLE	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	7,400.22
125	NELLCRIS ELECTRICS INTERNATIONAL	SME	25-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
126	CANDY ASJEN	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	3,823.80
127	JOSEPH DELE EZEOBA	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	3,793.65
128	ISRAEL OSEYADE EBOYEHI	SCHOOL FEES	27-May-22	419.00	3,848.10
129	YAHAYA YAKUBU	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
130	NNADOZIE G EZEUGU	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
131	WASIU ONIKEPE BABALOLA	PTA	27-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
132	EZEMA CHARLES CHUKWUEBUKA	LIVING EXPENSES	25-May-22	419.00	3,995.87
133	OLUWATOBI ESTHER ELUGBADEBO	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	1,535.40
134	CHINONS O GREGORY ANLIEFOH	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	3,998.44
135	OLABISI ASABI SOKUBI-SULLU	LIVING EXPENSES	25-May-22	419.00	3,823.80
136	OBICYNTHIA CHIDINMA	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	4,744.54
137	KIKKAKES AND CREAMINGS	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
138	J O NWOKWE UNIQUE ENTERPRISES	SME	26-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
139	SOMTO KIZITO IBENEME	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	5,700.11
140	LUCKY AUYI	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	3,955.29
141	BRAINFIELD COMMUNICATIONS	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
142	OKONKWO ODINAKHUKWU C	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
143	LISA AMARACHI ONYEBUCHI	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	5,118.00
144	OMOTAYO IFEOLUWA DARE	COURSE FEE	25-May-22	418.00	250.00
145	IDOWU ADEBOLA ASEUNGA	PTA	23-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
146	BLESSED JUDON LOGISTICS	SME	23-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
147	SAFURAT ADUNNI ADEKANYE	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	3,823.80
148	OKWUDILI VINCENT EDEH	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
149	SEGUN ADEDAYO OJO	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	3,807.30
150	ABIOKO INDUSTRIAL COMPANY NIG LTD	SME	23-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
151	SERAH NNEDOMA OKOLO	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	5,786.00
152	ONWOLABI KAYODE SAMUEL (MR)	PTA	23-May-22	419.00	3,827.70
153	ADEBUNKE MECHAK ABOLAJI	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
154	INOMA JABER DOUGLAS BRIGGS	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	5,173.75
155	AJIBOLA OLUWADAYO ODEDEJI	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
156	EBUBE NI IWEDI	MORTGAGE	24-May-22	418.00	1,765.42
157	ABISOLA SIMISOLA JOSHUA	PTA	23-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
158	MITCHELL RAWLINGS OGBEMUDIA	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	7,060.54
159	KALU MILOSE IKEOGU	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	15,000.00
160	JOAN ETINOSA NORDIARA	SME	23-May-22	419.00	2,900.00
161	EDURINE COMMUNICATIO	SME	25-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
162	OMANG NIGERIA ENTER	SME	23-May-22	419.00	3,696.34
163	OLOLADE MUYIBAT ONIBUJE	LIVING EXPENSES	25-May-22	419.00	30,000.00
164	YOMI BABATUNDE AFOLAYAN	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
165	JOSSE NWOKORO VENTURES	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
166	ABUBAK SMITH BENUNICE	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	3,823.80
167	ONAOPEMPO ANJOLAOLUWA SAMUEL IDOWU	PTA	23-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
168	EMMANUEL EJE OGAR	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	6,894.31
169	OC ONNA UCHECHUKWU ELODINMUO	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	3,838.50
170	ADEBUNKE DAMODU	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
171	BN231143 ICE REPAIR CONCEPTS	SME	23-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
172	OLUFEMI ISAAH ADEBAYO	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	1,127.90
173	TALATU GIMBA YUSUF	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
174	IBIRONKE HAWAUN YEKINNI	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	3,827.70
175	JOHN IRABOR EVOBODAGHE	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	2,350.00
176	GABISKY GLOBAL ENTERPRISES	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
177	ANCHIEZ INTERNATIONAL CONCEPT LTD	SME	25-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
178	AYANKUNLE ALAO	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
179	MERCY	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	11,072.55
180	SAMUEL ADEWUMI OWOADE	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	1,400.00
181	SARAH	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	6,397.50
182	ADAABI S NWACHUKWU	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	5,118.00
183	ALEX EMEKA AKALUISAH	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
184	HAMMED ADENIYI AGUNBIADE	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	2,551.80
185	OLUCHUKWU JOYCE OGGUGBU	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	4,005.00
186	ANGELA OBI VENTURES	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
187	YEWANDE OLUFUMILAYO AJILORE	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	7,037.25
188	MICHAEL ENIOLA OLUODIPE	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	5,799.34
189	CHIMA ONYEKA KELVIN	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	6,526.80
190	OLANREWAJU MAJASAN	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	7,606.00
191	OKPALA COSMAS KECHUKWU	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	3,838.50
192	JANET O ADESUBOKAN	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
193	ABUBAKAR ADAM	LIVING EXPENSES	25-May-22	419.00	3,827.70
194	Lawrence Olatoye Adeyemi	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	15,000.00
195	OPEYEMI ADETOKUNBO ANIFOWOSHE	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
196	PSB EVERGREEN LTD	SME	24-May-22	419.00	1,537.17
197	SYLVANUS	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	1,537.17

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S/N	CUSTOMER	ITEM OF IMPORT	DATE OF SALE OF FUNDS	EXCHANGE RATE	AMOUNT
198	CAS- CASTRO INTL LTD	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
199	JABIR BELLO	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	5,993.57
200	PATIENCE JAMES	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22		

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S/N	CUSTOMER	ITEM OF IMPORT	DATE OF SALE OF FUNDS	EXCHANGE RATE	AMOUNT
369	IDOKO MOTORS	SME	25-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
370	MOSESISIO OZUOKA	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	3,838.50
371	TUYO ADEBISI RHODA	PTA	23-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
372	BELKAYPHINE ACCESSORIES	SME	25-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
373	Damilola Ayodiji Olu-Ajayi	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	5,591.93
374	OYEYEMI PETER OYENIRAN	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	2,878.88
375	GOODNESS EOKA OYEWUCHI	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	6,000.00
376	TOLU TOPE AKINOLA LAGUNJU	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	5,700.11
377	VERONICA NAOMI ORINZE	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	2,559.00
378	MOTUNRAYO MARY FADAIRO	PTA	23-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
379	BARSEKS RECYCLING LIMITED	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
380	YETUNDE FALLAT KOLAPO	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	2,878.88
381	ADEKANMBI ABDULKABEER O	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	2,559.00
382	KOLADE MOSES AWOLOFE	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	3,993.57
383	KPEDEME GABRIEL UDOAKA	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	11,540.52
384	NKECHI ESTHER ADIGWE	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	3,800.93
385	OLUWATOSIN A OLATUNJI	CREDIT CARD SETTLEMENT	24-May-22	418.00	845.00
386	SHUKACH ENTERPRISE	SME	23-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
387	OGUNMOLA ADETUNJI OLADIMEJI	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	1,663.35
388	AMINA HAMZA AHMED	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
389	CHRISTOPHER OROKO EGBODO	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	3,000.00
390	TUGBOBO OLAWUMI ELIZABETH	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
391	HUSSAIN DIKKO	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
392	ADEKUNLE KUTI	LIVING EXPENSES	25-May-22	419.00	3,823.80
393	ARTHUR GEORGE EKENE EZULIKE	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	2,000.00
394	OMOLOLA OLUWATOSIN ABDUNRIN	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	11,483.10
395	MERCY YETUNDE AKINUNYOTU	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	5,700.11
396	JNC INTERNATIONAL LIMITED	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	5,000.00
397	OMOTAYO JOLA ADE MOGAJI	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	29,060.00
398	OLADIPUPO OLANIFEKUN	LIVING EXPENSES	25-May-22	419.00	3,793.65
399	ALAHAJI DANKWA VENTURES	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
400	IBRAHEEM ATIK OLORUNFUMI	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	3,823.80
401	MARTINA OGBEOR	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	3,833.50
402	TOMIDE ONAOLA AWELEWA	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	5,118.00
403	AJAYI OLUWASEUN TEMITOPE	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	5,807.30
404	TONYCHY SONS NIG	SME	25-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
405	OMOLARA AJOKE OGUNROUNBI	PTA	23-May-22	419.00	3,460.00
406	JEFFREY ERHOMOTOME ITAWANSA	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	3,838.50
407	BASHIR MARIAT ZUBAYR	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	4,900.00
408	KENNY E GLOBAL CONCE	SME	25-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
409	EKEMINI JONE S EKONG	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	14,500.00
410	AKINTONWA JEMIMA	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	3,198.75
411	OBIDRA EMENIKE OKAFOR	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	3,838.50
412	SAIDAT ADENIKE AMBALI	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	3,823.80
413	CHIDERA AMARA EZE	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	6,889.86
414	WHITNEY EZINNE OGBONNAYA	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	2,559.00
415	OGHENEAKPOBOR	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	1,919.25
416	ST ANN AND SOJAM CASHEW NUTS INDUST	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
417	GOLDEN MART MESSHIPPING AGENCY NIG	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
418	SIMEON UMEAYO AGUEDU	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	5,103.60
419	STANLEY OGBEOR	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
420	ADETOLO BABAJIDE OGUNLADE	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	7,596.00
421	QUADRI	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	7,037.25
422	ABIODUN ADEGOKE	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
423	ANYANWU UOMA THECLA	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	15,932.50
424	KOSILE OLAKUNLE	PTA	23-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
425	IKPONCHARA GLOBAL RE	SME	25-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
426	STANLEY CHIDOZIE EKEH	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	3,838.50
427	OKOYE FREDMANNGOZI	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	3,000.00
428	C & C CHUKWUMAEZIE GLOBAL ENTERPRISE	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
429	DAVID NNACHETAM AIGBO	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	5,993.57
430	SALIUA A GIWA BUSINESS ENTERPRISES	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
431	FAVOURD LEVO VENTURES LTD.	SME	25-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
432	ALUBAKAR	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
433	PRINCE ODINAKA AKANO	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
434	JEMIMAH OLUWASEUN AKINWANDE	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	2,559.00
435	ALABA FADEMI ALADE	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
436	FRANKLIN KELECHI NWOKEDI	LIVING EXPENSES	25-May-22	419.00	3,823.80
437	ARINZE LAGOO ENTERPRISES	SME	25-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
438	KINGZY PHARMACEUTICALS LTD	SME	25-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
439	MANNIRU MUSA	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
440	NURUDEEN OLATUNJI AIGORO	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	18,372.96
441	NIHINLOLA AYANDA	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	12,795.00
442	EZEORA EJIKE AMBROSE	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	3,698.52
443	REBECCA OLABISI OMOLOYE	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	9,212.40
444	TOLULUPE SEVI OGUNSARIN	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	3,937.23
445	ADKOLI STACY OZIN	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	4,335.60
446	ANCO MULTI-LINK ENT	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
447	GREA MMM GLOBAL RE	SME	23-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
448	TOLULUPE	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	3,198.75
449	ERINLE ROTIMI MORAKINYO	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
450	OLABISI OMOBOLAJI OLU SANAYA	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	2,000.00
451	JOGUNOSINMI OLANREWAJU ADEDEJI	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	6,397.50
452	ADEJOKE RAHMAT LAWAL	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	3,807.30
453	FINNYL	SME	23-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
454	JESUTIMI ABIGAIL ARQWOBUSOYE	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	5,777.75
455	ADAEEZ NNEKA NWANBIRI	PTA	26-May-22	419.00	6,000.00
456	ZAINAB OLUWASEUN LAWAL	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	7,040.42
457	DAVOE LINKS LIMITED	SME	26-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
458	DANIEL CHINEMEREM NJOKU	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	8,284.90
459	OZYTEX GLOBAL RESOUR	SME	25-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
460	KINGSCILL	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
461	AJAYI VALENTINE AYORINDE	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	3,823.80
462	BAGATUNDE MATHEW OGUNSAKIN	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	5,993.57
463	NOTION TECHNOLOGI LTD	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
464	TITILOLA	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
465	GLOBAL NAKAS VENTURE	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
466	SAMINU KUDAN MOHAMMED	PTA	23-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
467	OLANIKE BOLAJI JOJOLOLA	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	1,553.77
468	DORCAS ADELOLA OLUOGUN	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	5,917.69
469	BLESSED CHIMEZIE BUS	SME	23-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
470	ADERIKE SHONERAN	PTA	26-May-22	419.00	3,849.85
471	FATIMA IBRAHIM MOHAMMED	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
472	NORRA ABOGHENE NWOGHA	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
473	ABDULLATEEF OWODUNNI	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	6,315.12
474	DE DON	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
475	KHADIA ZUBAIRU	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	2,500.00
476	DAVID ONOME NANA	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	11,707.43
477	DNEEL MEGA COMPANY LTD	SME	25-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
478	MUTOLAD NIG ENT	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
479	BONAJU BADEJO AND CO	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	9,888.23
480	EKOH KELVIN OKHAFIO	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	5,103.60
481	THE ALFRED MANAGEMENT CONCEPT	SME	23-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
482	ADENIKE FEHINTOLA OJO	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	5,103.60
483	SAMUEL OLUFEMI AJIBOLA	PTA	23-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
484	ZITEK LEGEND CONCEPT	SME	25-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
485	OLUSOJI TAIWO OGUNTALA	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	4,250.50
486	JOHNTECH ELECTRICAL NIG ENT	SME	23-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
487	ABDULNASIR SIRAJU	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
488	OGECHE MARYJANE ELELE	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
489	CHIBOGU EMEHNIKE	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	4,478.25
490	BASIRAT	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	3,767.05
491	AISE AISEOSA UZEBU	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	5,735.70
492	AYOOLA OLUBUSOLA ABIONA	PTA	23-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
493	ISMAIL AND EDIDIONG HASSAN	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	3,823.80
494	EDOZIE RICHARD IZUCHUKWU	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	3,823.80
495	KWASARI ROBERT SAMUEL	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	2,716.78
496	BOLAJI O AGDEE	MORTGAGE	27-May-22	419.50	1,722.14
497	AYOKUNLE OLALAYE AGAGU	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	4,465.65
498	DORCAS EBELI NOTUSU	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	1,919.25
499	OLUWATOFARATI OLUWASEYI AWE	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	2,937.75
500	INNOSON GENERATORS RESOURCES	SME	25-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
501	CHINONYEREM PEACE UZOUKWU	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	5,537.00
502	CHINENYE VANESSA OKOLO	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	18,883.32
503	babasola oludolapo senbanjo	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	3,946.95
504	SAMSUDEEN OLADIPO YUSUF	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	4,167.09
505	TOSIN TEMITOPE IDOWU-KUNLERE	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
506	AITEZ OLAMILEKAN ADEBAYO	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	5,993.57
507	OBAFEMI SAHEED OSHO	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	30,000.00
508	SULEMAN SALE	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
509	REDMOND CHUKWUEMEKA CLEMENT	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	5,098.40
510	PAM DAUDA ISHAYA	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	1,767.33
511	MABEL ADIGUN OLUWAKEMI	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
512	MOHAMMED ODIWO	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
513	MOWANINJOLA FELI ADEFELU	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
514	XOVO MUSTANG LIMITED	SME	23-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
515	JEMIMA VICTOR	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
516	GEORGINA JEOMA OPARACHE-NNEBUE	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
517	WORLDSEC POLY PRODUCTS	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
518	EGUAVOEN OSAMA	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	1,076.30
519	DANIEL CHUKWUEMEKA IGBOJIMADU	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	6,526.80
520	AYODELE VICTOR ADEDEJI	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	3,838.50
521	JOHN OLU SOLA BAIYESHEA - CO	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	3,827.70
522	IFEANYI CHUKWU	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	4,606.20
523	AHMAD MUJALU ASHIRU	PTA	23-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
524	DYINASOLA AYOMIDE AYANDIRAN	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	5,741.55
525	ALUBAKAR	SME	23-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
526	ALETTOMORE BLESSING	SME	23-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
527	NKECHI MARIETIE OBODOZIE	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
528	AUWAL ABUBAKAR	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	11,040.00
529	OLUWAPELUMI OLUWATUNMISE OGUNMOLA	PTA	23-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
530	ESDAVIC PHARM CONCEPT	SME	25-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
531	OLUMUYIWA YEMI AWOBAMISE	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	3,823.80
532	FOLASHADE BOSE OYENIJI	LIVING EXPENSES	25-May-22	418.00	2,490.20
533	MATHEW FORTUNATE ADENIJI	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	3,827.70
534	ABIMBOLA OLANIYI OLASHORE	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	418.00	4,211.11
535	OLUKUNBI DUROTOYE OLAREWAJU	LIVING EXPENSES	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
536	KAREEM OLAYINKA ALIMAT	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
537	MUHIUDEEN YUNUS AHMAD	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
538	CAREFIELD MEDICAL AND STORES	SME	25-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
539	IDRIS OLAYINKA AKANDE	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	3,838.50

UTILIZATION OF FUNDS					
S/N	CUSTOMER	ITEM OF IMPORT	DATE OF SALE OF FUNDS	EXCHANGE RATE	AMOUNT
540	DANIEL SUNDAY ORJI	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
541	PIUS	LIVING EXPENSES			

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S/N	CUSTOMER	ITEM OF IMPORT	DATE OF SALE OF FUNDS	EXCHANGE RATE	AMOUNT
711	THEODORA JUSTIN MEKWUNYE	PTA	23-May-22	419.00	3,100.00
712	BARBARA CHIAGOZIE NWABUEZE	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	1,706.85
713	OLUSEGUN RUFUS FIMUSANMI	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	4,478.25
714	OKWAH ABIVE	PTA	23-May-22	419.00	3,827.00
715	ISIONMAH PAMELA IROHA	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
716	BANJO ADEGBORHUNGBE	MORTGAGE	25-May-22	418.00	5,000.00
717	BELIVY GLOBAL VENTURES	SME	25-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
718	FESTUS AYODELE ADESIPE	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	3,993.07
719	GRACE AYOMIDE OBE	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	5,118.00
720	JOY ONIYE MAYAKI	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	3,858.50
721	HENRY	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
722	ACCESS BANK PLC	DEBIT CARD SETTLEMENT	27-May-22	418.00	1,960,000.00
723	ATIMUKE DEBORAH ABDULSALAMI	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	1,993.00
724	ADEBISI OLAYINKA SERIKI	LIVING EXPENSES	25-May-22	419.00	16,000.00
725	ONYEKACHI OYIGA MULTICONCEPT ENT.	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
726	MICHAEL IFEOLUWA ADENAIKE	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	3,856.55
727	CLIFFORD OSITA CHINWUBAH	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	2,686.95
728	EMMANUEL EGBOSCHE AGADA	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	2,736.24
729	UYIOGHOSA IDUBOR	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	3,518.63
730	JIMOH	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
731	OLADIPUO OLANIFEKUN	LIVING EXPENSES	25-May-22	419.00	3,823.80
732	TOLLUPOE CATHERINE AJAYI	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
733	AHAIZE HELEN NNEKA	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	10,025.00
734	EMUAKPEJE JOSEPH JARIKIRE	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	3,858.50
735	ALIYU	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
736	OMODUNBI OLUBUKOLA LAWRENCE	CREDIT CARD SETTLEMENT	27-May-22	419.50	885.36
737	ENDURANCE OYEGBE INEKHOMON	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	3,668.21
738	JINADU OLAIDE WASILAT	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	2,582.03
739	ANULI VERA EZEONNIM	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	3,807.30
740	AYEGBE MESHACH PETERS	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	3,807.30
741	MUKHTAR MAHMUD GWANI	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
742	DE GOZIK GLOBAL ENTERPRISE	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
743	BONDBROWNSON SERVICE	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
744	ADEOLA IBIKUNLE	SCHOOL FEES	26-May-22	418.50	7,661.40
745	JOHNSTANLEY MMADUABUROCHUKWU AJAGU	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	1,179.00
746	JENNIFER ONOME NNAJI	COURSE FEE	25-May-22	418.00	700.00
747	IJEOMA ESTHER UMEJI	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	3,827.70
748	MOSHOO ADEYINKA AJIBADE	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	4,945.45
749	OLUWADAMILARE AYOMIDE FAWOLE	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
750	BEN UNOZOR ENTERPRISES	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
751	OYEWOLE ABIODUN OYEBADE	LIVING EXPENSES	25-May-22	419.00	3,823.80
752	NNEKA JULIET NWANEKE	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	6,236.19
753	AKINSOLA MUSBAU AMUDAH	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	3,858.50
754	OLORUNFEMI LAWAL ANUOLUWAPO	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	5,118.00
755	JOSHUA	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	2,551.80
756	LAXXON ENERGIES LIMITED	SME	25-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
757	DEBORAH	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	10,207.20
758	CHIRILO	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	7,804.95
759	CHUKWU GOZIE UJAM	SCHOOL FEES	27-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
760	SALAMI MUTIU OLUWATOYIN	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	3,823.80
761	EXCELLENCE GRAPHICS	SME	25-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
762	SUNDAY YINUSA OBTULE	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	3,993.07
763	OLUWATOBI	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	4,478.25
764	EMMANUEL OSAYIMWEN OSADOLOR	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	2,559.00
765	EL MEZIE GLOBAL AGRO FARMS ENTERPRISE	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
766	GOODLUCK GOLDEN ENTERPRISES	SME	25-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
767	KUDIRAT ADEBIMPE ALUKO	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	5,129.07
768	GOODNESS MERCY MULTICONCEPT SERVICES	SME	23-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
769	JUMAK ENTERTAINMENT AND HOSPITALITY	SME	23-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
770	IFEANYI KINGSLEY ONWUBU	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	13,140.16
771	MIRABEL CHINEDU MADU	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	4,350.50
772	CHIDINMA LILIAN IGWE	LIVING EXPENSES	25-May-22	419.00	3,823.80
773	OMENA AND DAVID MULTI TRADE	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
774	CRISTALLO GLOBAL SER	SME	23-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
775	SKY BUSINESS RESOURCES	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
776	ACCESS BANK PLC	DEBIT CARD SETTLEMENT	27-May-22	419.00	30,000.00
777	AJIBOYE OLUWAFIYISOLA TOLLUWALASE	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	3,955.29
778	MALIZ INVESTMENT COMPANY NIG.LTD	SME	25-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
779	OLALEKAN QUADRI SALAUDEEN	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
780	ABISOLA JUSTINAH JOLAOSO	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	8,420.94
781	TEMITOPE	PTA	23-May-22	419.00	3,827.70
782	LA TOMMY COLLECTION ENTERPRISES	SME	23-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
783	ECOLE BILINGUE DE LEST COMPANY	SME	23-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
784	CHIKADINNA ANYAMELE	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	3,700.11
785	OLUROTIMI EBENEZER ADEIDUNMOYE	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
786	CHIOMA LINDA DICKSON	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	9,814.42
787	LYNDA NZUBECHUKWU OKEKE	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	7,070.70
788	HERIENTA OBARO-IGHE AGWA	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	1,919.25
789	BRENDAN EZEH ADIKE NIG LTD	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
790	TOBILOBA SAMSON ADESUJI	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	3,858.50
791	TAIWO PETER AJIBADE	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	6,379.50
792	ABUBAKAR YAU	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	3,807.30
793	OPEMPO ADEOLA OLADEINDE	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	7,680.00
794	OLUWADAMILOLA TEMITOPE ONAKADE	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	3,823.80
795	OLADIMEJI ABDULRAHMAN FAWORAJA	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
796	CHIKE	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
797	OLASUNKANMI MOSES AKINYEMI	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	8,050.93
798	SADIQ BELLO MUHAMMAD	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
799	WINNIE NGOZI ISHEKWENE	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	3,017.06
800	OLADIPUO RIDWAN AYINDE	PTA	23-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
801	LAWAN	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
802	STEPHEN CHUKS ASIKAWILI	LIVING EXPENSES	25-May-22	419.00	3,760.07
803	MOYOSORE DAVID ALALADE	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	1,529.07
804	ADUJEH EZZINNE CASSANDRA	PTA	27-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
805	OBI LIVINUS IREGBU	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	5,000.00
806	LIVE MUSIC STUDIOS PRODUCTION	SME	25-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
807	ABUBAKAR ALKALI MUSTAFA	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
808	PAUL C. ANANABA AND COMPANY	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	3,851.30
809	PADOVA CREATION INTERNATIONAL	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
810	EYITAYO OLAYINKA AREMU	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	7,262.39
811	JULIUS AND JULIUS NIGERIA LTD	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
812	TEMITOPE ADERONKE BALOGUN	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	11,738.99
813	SLENDER CONSULT	SME	25-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
814	IJ FAVOUR VENTURES	SME	25-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
815	CHIZOBA MAUREEN AKUBUDE	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	6,698.48
816	LUBNA ARDO ABDULLAHI	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
817	PATRICIA ONYEKA NWAOGU	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	789.39
818	JAMILA IDRIS HARBUNA	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	4,397.76
819	ZACK MALPASS	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	2,551.80
820	HABIBU AHMED	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
821	EMMANUELLA OKORIE	PTA	23-May-22	419.00	3,000.00
822	OLUWATOMISIN MOPELOLA ABIOLA	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	3,774.53
823	OLIGBO CELESTINA AWELE	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
824	INUWA SULAIMAN MUHAMMAD	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
825	ISRAEL OSEYAEDE EBOYEMI	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	5,118.00
826	Harmony ushiohlo abu	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	3,774.53
827	FASASI WABILLAHI TAOFEEQ	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
828	GRACE OLUWANISHOLA ADEBAYO	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	1,911.90
829	CHIRILO ANULIKA OMEATA	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
830	MARY OLUWASEUN POPOOLA	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	5,095.10
831	MAGAJI	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
832	CHRISTIANA OBIAGIEL EDOKWE	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	4,350.30
833	OLAJUWON CHRISTIAN ALABI	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
834	MR AND MRS UZOECHI ONWUBORO	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	5,118.00
835	joshua ayomide AFESOJAYE	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	5,735.70
836	SAMUEL ABIODUN MAKINDE	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
837	ABU-YAS GLOBAL CONCEPT	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	30,000.00
838	NALUM FAVOUR SEYE	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
839	BOSEDE OGUNDIRI ENTERPRISES	LIVING EXPENSES	25-May-22	419.00	3,827.10
840	ABDULLAHI AHMED	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
841	ADEMOLA OLAGOKE OLAGOKE	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	3,858.50
842	SULE AMOS HASSAN	PTA	23-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
843	TOLLUPOE O BALOGUN	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	12,154.59
844	VICTOR MICHAEL AIHAWU	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
845	ESTHER	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	8,276.59
846	MACKEN NEW DAWN	SME	23-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
847	CHRISTOPHER CHUKWUMA MBANEFO	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	703.29
848	OLUBURKONLA ELIZABETH DARAMOLA	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	5,757.25
849	PRINCEWILL CHUKWUEKA NWSOU	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	1,274.60
850	LUCIA OGOCHECHUKWU ABUAH	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
851	SAMUEL OLUWADAMILARE ADEKANLE	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	3,020.80
852	OBATOYINBO	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
853	FOLASHADE OPEYEMI OJELADE	PTA	23-May-22	419.00	3,840.46
854	OLUWASEUN ADEBUSUYI FADAORO	PTA	27-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
855	ANOCHEBEST	SME	25-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
856	TALJUDDEEN YARO ISMAIL	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	3,000.00
857	OSHONE IKAZOBOSH	CREDIT CARD SETTLEMENT	25-May-22	418.00	20,000.00
858	KOLAWOLE MALIK OLAOSUN	COURSE FEE	26-May-22	419.50	700.00
859	XAVIER FRANCIS OKOJE	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	14,569.00
860	AMIRU YAHAYA	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
861	THEOPHILUS EHSI OMIJE	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	1,275.90
862	IFEOLUWA TITILOPE SONAIKE	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	3,955.29
863	UMAR MUHAMMAD ABUBAKAR	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	6,000.00
864	CHINONYELUM PRUDENTIA BERNARD	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	5,103.60
865	GBEMISOLA ESTHER ADEBISI	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	6,397.50
866	SUNNIE OMEIZA MICHAEL	COURSE FEE	24-May-22	418.00	1,522.50
867	VICTOR OLUWASEUN OGUNBAJO	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	2,515.80
868	DE ALPHACE NIG. LTD.	SME	25-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
869	ZAINAB ADERONKE ALABI	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
870	JONATHAN JOSEPH MADUKA	PTA	23-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
871	EALBALEX METAL	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
872	OLUWASEUN AKINTUNDE AJAYI	LIVING EXPENSES	23-May-22	419.00	3,955.29
873	MANSUR JISAMBO ABLAS	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
874	ECO MOVIES SERVICES	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
875	OLUMIDE OLUWATOBI BALOGUN	SCHOOL FEES	25-May-22	419.00	5,098.40
876	AMINU MAIKWANO ALUWAL	PTA	25-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
877	LUCKY SESAN AJIBOLA	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	6,397.50
878	ARTU ENERGY LIMITED	BTA	24-May-22	419.00	5,000.00
879	CHIZOBA PRECIOUS OKOSA	SCHOOL FEES	24-May-22	419.00	7,677.00
880	TIMOTHY PAUL FELDER	LIVING EXPENSES	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
881	SURAJUDEEN ADEWALE LATEEF	PTA	23-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
882	AUMAK BUSINESS SOLUTION	SME	24-May-22	419.00	20,000.00
883	TAIWO AKINWUMI MOSHOOD	PTA	24-May-22	419.00	4,000.00
884	ZAINAB AJAKE ABDULSALAM	SCHOOL FEES	23-May-22	419.00	18,883.32

Sole proprietor to manage coconut refinery, says commissioner

By ISAAC JOB, Uyo

Information and Strategy commissioner, Comrade Ini Ememobong, has disclosed that the Akwa Ibom State-owned coconut facility, known as St Gabriel Refinery, built by Governor Udom Emmanuel, would be managed under private enterprise system for optimal result. Ememobong explained that the governor as a financial expert has adopted sole proprietorship model so that the companies established under the state industrialization policy can in turn give dividends to government.

Speaking after a project tour of government owned industries in the state, the Commissioner who admitted that government is not a good business manager noted that Ibom Air as well as the Ibom Icon Hotels are privately run and are bringing a lot of dividends to the state. He said the process has injected life into the economy of the state adding that such would be replicated in the newly commissioned coconut refinery.

The Commissioner, in disabusing the mind of the public to the effect that the refinery will fail, affirmed that the company will be well managed under the proposed arrangement.

"There is no fear of how to properly manage those businesses as the governor has shown great example with the way Ibom Airlines is being run. Though owned by the government, it is run like a private enterprise. Same thing is applicable to Ibom Icon Hotel. The management and the board are dominated by private business people and every six months they come to the executive council meeting to give an update on their activities. The state is getting dividend from them," he said.

The Commissioner said the governor in an attempt to create jobs for the teeming youths engaged humans to perform some task which machines can perform in some of the industries noting that the refinery crushes about



Comrade Ini Ememobong

one million nuts daily.

He said, "with mechanization introduced to industrialization, His Excellency consciously designed a human interface into it. Some things machines can handle, His Excellency employed the youths to be doing them so as to engage them. The principle of private sector is what we use in running all our endeavors. Level of equity in Ibom Air is purely government, fully owned by government but run privately, we don't have government interference unless where very necessary."

On Education, he noted that Governor Emmanuel in an attempt not to have distorted development in education declared an emergency in the sector where he convened

education summit that set up a think tank which came up with a ten year road map..He further noted that the state government made the road map non partisan such that members of the opposition party and other stakeholders in the education sectors were among the think tank that drew the ten year road map.

According to the commissioner, "In 2019 the government of the day convened an education summit and set up think tank whose duty was to draw up a ten year road map for education because the problem in Nigeria is policy inconsistency, every policy takes coloration and complexion of the person who makes it. We don't want to have distorted development in education.

"For us here we decided to have a ten year education road map. To make sure it is non partisan. We made sure that members of the opposition were there; Education stakeholders were there also. We later realized there were issues in education."

The Commissioner, who added that the governor has been consistent in the payment of WAEC fees which runs to the tune of over N800million, said the Akwa Ibom State University has full accreditation with a fully digitized studio for the Communications Department.

"All our schools of nursing and health technology before lost their accreditation but now have regained their accreditation, and are prepared to produce their graduate," he said.

Dafinone wins Delta Central APC senatorial primary poll

Chairman of Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN), Chief Ede Dafinone, has won the Delta Central senatorial primary election of the All Progressives Congress (APC) for the 2023 general polls.

Dafinone who was the sole aspirant for the election picked the ticket after polling a total of 383 valid votes cast. The election was conducted at the Ughelli Kingdom Hall in Ughelli North Local Government Area. A total of 425 delegates were accredited to vote but 387 did while four ballots were voided.

Declaring Dafinone the winner, national officials of the APC led by Prince Eke said, "We all witnessed the transparency of today's APC primaries in Ughelli North and having seen that he has no other contestants, and having scored the highest votes, I hereby declare Ede Dafinone as the winner of today's APC senatorial primary to represent the people of Delta Central Senatorial District."

Addressing the APC faithful after the election, Dafinone said, "Today marks the beginning of a journey, a journey towards the victory of our party in Delta State, for the governor, for the President, for the senate, for the House of Reps and for the House of Assembly.

"The process of the primary election is peaceful, free and fair and I want to assure all of you today that I will do my best to ensure that we return all APC candidates in the elections in 2023.

"The delegates voted their minds and I would want to appreciate the leaders for their resilience and consistence and I am grateful."



Daniel Omoyibo

Philanthropist pays fees for colleagues

Chief Executive Officer of Dantinojo Gold Resort Ltd, Oleh, Delta State, and Chairman, Danmotech Group, Engineer Daniel Omoyibo, has made yet another kind-hearted gesture towards humanity.

Members of the department of business administration of the Delta State University Science and Technology Ozoro, are the latest beneficiaries of Engr. Danmotech philanthropic activities.

"Engr Damotch", as he is fondly called has paid the tuition/acceptance fees for all his

course-mates of the department of business administration, new intake for 2022/2023 academic year.

The Daily Independent Newspaper Philanthropist of the Year (community development), recently matriculated after gaining admission to study Business Administration in Delta State University of Science and Technology Ozoro Delta State.

According to him, "I give as the spirit directs. I have been commissioned to empower as many people as my mentor, TB Joshua told me."



Ede Dafinone

Criminals want to enthrone idolatry over Christianity in Anambra, Soludo alleges

By **CHARLES ONYEKWERE**,
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Governor Chukwuma Soludo says criminals terrorizing Anambra State are fighting to enthrone idol worship over Christianity.

Professor Soludo stated this at the Second Session of the Sixth Synod of Anglican Diocese of Aguata, held at St James' Church, Nanka, Orumba North Local Government Area on Sunday.

He said it was time for Christians in the state to unite to defend their faith in the face of evil, and quest to intimidate the people back into idolatry.

He said: "The last institution those causing mayhem in the state want to exterminate is the church, but they will not succeed.

"Anambra is a Christian state, and will never succumb to idolatry."

There has been a resurgence of traditionalists in the state recently, with many youths resorting to fetish practices that have long been abandoned by their forefathers.

Soludo had earlier stated in a statewide broadcast that part of the strategy of the criminals was to instill fear in people, through traditional religious practices, which involve swearing people

to oaths, and human sacrifices.

Soludo addressing the church however stated that following his recent declaration of state of emergency on criminal elements operating in the state, security forces are already taking the war squarely to the hideouts of those terrorizing the state, and most have been arrested.

"The quest to secure Anambra State is a collective fight. I urge ndi Anambra to report activities of those who have seen criminality in the state as a lucrative enterprise.

"Despite scanty resources, we are determined to give ndi Anambra a state to be proud of," Soludo assured.



Gov Chukwuma Soludo

Iwuanyanwu harps on religious tolerance

By Athan Agbakwuru, Owerri

Elder statesman, Chief Emmanuel Iwuanyanwu, has advised Nigerians to always demonstrate the spirit of brotherhood and religious tolerance in order to safeguard the nation's unity and corporate existence.

He gave the advice while addressing the national leadership of Inter-Faith Youth Council of Nigeria (IFYCN). It was at the presentation of the 2022 Inter-Faith Youth Council of Nigeria Outstanding Peace Award to him as an "Icon of National and Societal Development" in his office in Owerri, Imo State capital.

The frontline industrialist and publisher of Daily Champion Newspapers enjoined Nigerian leaders to eschew religious bitterness, acrimony and hate in the conduct of their official and personal activities in whatever positions they find themselves in the society.

According to him, the founding fathers of the country built the foundation of Nigeria on love, peace, harmony and mutual

tolerance which led to the rapid development of the nation when the colonial masters left the country. Engr. Iwuanyanwu, who is the chairman of Ohanaeze Ndigbo Elders Council, urged the youths to emulate the spirit of the founding fathers of Nigeria which centred on peaceful co-existence, religious tolerance and love pointing out that "no nation or society develops in an atmosphere of suspicion and intolerance."

The Ohanaeze chieftain, who bemoaned the increasing spate of killing, kidnapping, and unrest in the country blamed the ugly trend on lack of positive orientation of the youths as well as lack of job opportunities among other socio-economic challenges.

Presenting the 2022 Inter-Faith Youth Council of Nigeria Award to Chief Iwuanyanwu, the President of the Association, Ambassador Tunde Adams, said the award was in recognition of Chief Iwuanyanwu's unalloyed commitment and unequal contribution to peace and human development as an outstanding distinguished personality in Nigeria. Mr Tunde Adams

described Chief Iwuanyanwu as a man of peace and excellence, an indisputable Nigerian flag weaver, a quintessence of good leadership who has given so much to the empowerment of the youths in Nigeria and beyond. He said that he is a man whose didactic personality is pedestal upon which the vision of Nigeria as a nation can be realized.

The IFYCN President said that at a time when Nigerian youth are facing deprivation and relegation from national scheme of affairs, Chief Iwuanyanwu has continued to exhibit youth friendly disposition, humane care to all who come to him as well as to display unmatched nationalistic leadership style that has given the youth a renewed hope as leaders of tomorrow. The youth leader maintained that Chief Iwuanyanwu symbolizes the apt saying of late Sardauna of Sokoto Ahmadu Bello of blessed memory in which he said that "if men of wisdom will refuse to write justice with black ink on white paper, ignorant men will lead and wrath injustice and anarchy in the land."



Bernard Odoh

Ebonyi ex-SSG emerges APGA guber candidate

By **CHARLES ONYEKWERE**,
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A former Secretary to Ebonyi State Government (SSG), Professor Bernard Odoh, has emerged as governorship candidate of the All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA) for the 2023 election.

The chairman of the electoral panel, Deacon Olalere Samson, declared Odoh winner having scored 513 votes. He said that all delegates voted for Odoh who was the sole aspirant for the party's ticket.

In his acceptance speech, Odo appealed to the people of the state to support APGA to promote

regional political economy for the South East zone.

Odoh said: "Exactly one year today, i will be sworn in as the next Governor of Ebonyi State. I'm deeply honoured to have been found fit to fly the flag of APGA in Ebonyi State. I hereby accept this offer and count myself to ensure that our party wins Ebonyi State.

"Let me say it very clear to Ebonyi people, APGA is our own party. It belongs to our region. The only way we can begin to make real progress is to support regional political economy. PDP is already in crisis. They are possibly going to have two candidates in Ebonyi. APC has two candidates too.



Prof Wole Soyinka

Why I cancelled engagement in Anambra school, by Soyinka

By **OROWO VICTORIA OJIEH**,
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Prof Wole Soyinka has said that he called off his appearance at a school in Anambra State in protest over the brutal killing of pregnant Mrs. Harira Jibril and her four children by unknown gunmen recently.

Harira hailed from Adamawa State. Her remains and those of her four children have been buried in Awka, Anambra State capital.

The Nobel Laureate at the weekend made his position known in a statement titled, "Drawing the Red Line on

Infanticide."

Soyinka said the tragedy must be condemned and the culprits exposed to prevent a recurrence because the killings violate the touted values of the black race which forbid people from murdering their guests.

"The cold-blooded murder of guests in our home is however not merely a national issue but a violation of the much touted values of the black race," Soyinka wrote.

"We must begin somewhere, "draw a line" – however individual and limited. I totally repudiate the killing of guests, of the unarmed, of innocents, the vulnerable, indeed, the murder of humanity."

Soyinka, who said he also thought of cancelling a similar engagement in Abuja last week after the gruesome murder of Deborah Samuel in Sokoto by Muslim fundamentalists but later changed his mind, said the decision was right this time, because the moment was compelling.

He added: "In empathy with those innocents whose scholastic careers have been so brutally annulled, I serve notice of cancellation of that engagement with the Anambra school, scheduled for August. The deaths of those innocents cannot be reversed, but we must begin, even yesterday, the process of reversing the mental trajectory that makes death from innocence the current norm of national existence."

The Nigerian military and many local wars

Since the return to democratic rule in 1999, Nigeria has witnessed different conflicts ranging from sectarian to ethno-religious crises, insurgency, hostage taking, arson, cattle rustlings, terrorism, large-scale kidnappings, pipeline vandalism, crude-oil theft, civil unrest, and ritual killings. In response to these challenges, the federal government, has continuously deployed the military on Internal Security Operations (ISOs). In effect, the Nigeria Army is fighting many local wars, thereby stretching the one hundred and fifty thousand army thin.

Section 217 of the 1999 Constitution states that the duties of the military will be to defend Nigeria from external aggression, maintain its territorial integrity, secure its borders on land, sea, air, suppress insurrection and act in aid of civil authorities to restore order when called upon to do so by the President, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by an Act of the National Assembly. It is this last provision that has created a loophole for government to deploy the military to every IS challenge. This has made the military assume the position of the first line in internal security.

The regular engagements of the military on ISOs, which most times disregard the Military Internal Security précis, a document that is supposed to guide military engagement in internal security situations, have exposed the shortcomings of the military. These include personnel, training, equipment and logistics deficit, human rights abuses, and corruption. This has demystified the military.

Military orientation dictates that a potential threat is an enemy and as such should be eradicated. Having this type of mindset during internal operations could be dangerous. Defence against external aggression should be differentiated from operations against 'enemies' within. Some soldiers are of the opinion that they have a more-noble role than merely defusing tension. They think they have been called upon because of the incapacity and inefficiency of the Police in

maintaining law and order. The result is that the military usually take over operations from the Police instead of aiding the civil authorities as provided in the 1999 Constitution.

Since the primary function of the military is to defend the country in times of war, military training is usually based on inflicting maximum damage and destruction on their opponents and defeating them in the shortest possible time. Internal security operations only require restraint and the use of minimum force which contrasts with what is usually required of soldiers in conventional warfare. Minimum force is required because they are maintaining law and order among their own people.

The arbitrariness associated with the military while in internal security operations can be attributed to the kind of training undergone by

the soldiers. This fact was also acknowledged by the Former Chief of Army Staff, Lt-General Onyeabo Ihejirika acknowledged this fact when he said that the Nigerian Army must refocus its logistics training to cater for internal security operations in aid of civil authority.

The Nigerian military has been accused of excessive use of force in internal operations. Excessive force refers to a force that is above that which is reasonable, and a prudent law enforcement officer would use under normal circumstances. Then Borno State Governor Kashim Shettima, said in April 2013 that over 100 people were killed in Baga during a clash between officers of the Joint Task Force and insurgents. Residents of the village said they buried 185 people after the battle, while Red Cross said 187 people were killed (BBC News).

By convention, soldiers should not be seen all over the place. But there is a departure from this in situations where soldiers perform internal security operations. They extort citizens after intimidating them. It is common for civilians to be seen frog-jumping at check points. Women and girls are sometimes raped. Soldiers involved in internal security operations have also been accused of arbitrariness. For instance, in Jos, many young people were arrested and falsely accused of being masterminds of the death of some security personnel. The increasing role taken by the military in internal security operations has dire consequences on the national security architecture.

We recommend domestic legislation to regulate the military operations during internal operations. There should be a re-orientation of the soldiers involved in internal security operations. Soldiers should undergo training on internal security operations before engaging in same. Also, they need training to meet with the challenges of contemporary global threats.

The military is one of the most resilient national institutions. We must nourish it and ensure it does not imbibe the negative attributes of the Nigerian Police, which internal security operations expose them to.



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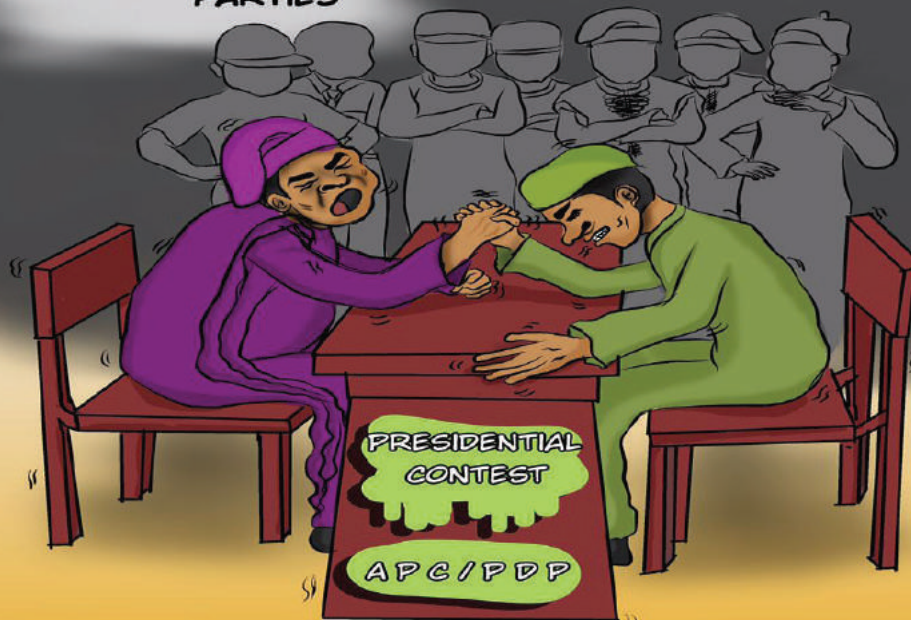
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Hon Francis Oborevwo: A new Sheriff coming to town

If the winning streak of PDP in Delta State elections from 1999 till date is summoned to predict the forthcoming general elections, Rt. Hon. Sheriff Francis Oborevwo is poised to succeed Senator (Dr) Ifeanyi Okowa as Governor of Delta State come May 2023. To those who know, for Sheriff Oborevwo, it has been a long, rough, busy, and tumultuous ride from the struggle for power as a union, 'street' boy to being a political heavy weight in the politics of Delta State. What else can we say about a man who became Speaker of the State House of Assembly with such a humble background?

Oborevwo has God to thank for His great benevolence and the incumbent governor for having faith in him when perhaps nobody gave him a chance. Sherrif? some have asked? As his ardent field workers would say 'The state has been Sherified! Poignantly, the spirit of Sheriff, the new would-be slogan in town has caught on. The slogan 'Have you been Sherified? caught on like wildfire in the PDP camp and spread in the State. Sheriff's humility is legendary. Social media pictures of Sheriff bending on one knee to thank Governor Okowa drew criticism from some. But it was an acknowledgement of the mobilizing role of his benefactor. No one should begrudge him for this!

For the Okpe people, easily the clan with the largest population in Urhoboland, the choice and emergence of Sheriff Oborevwo as PDP was the result of many years of asking that the Okpe be given their due in political reckoning. So, early in the race, after the DC 23 announcement of the final three

contestants, His Royal Majesty (Major General Mujakperuo, Orhue the 1st), the traditional ruler of Okpe people where Oborevwo is a chief, rolled out the pomp and pageantry of Okpe royalty, openly blessed and endorsed Oborevwo as a worthy representative of the Okpe people for the coveted seat of Governor of Delta State. Sheriff for Governor became a project of the Okpe people, 'our own Sheriff' as senior chiefs (I quote Chief Robert Onome) of the kingdom captured it.

But beyond this, Sheriff's victory is victory for Urhobo, victory for consensus-building and victory to the State. This ought to be a model to the country- how to manage cultural and ethnic diversity, how to manage a polity with fairness, equity, and justice. Very early in the race to winning the governorship slot, there were contestations on the status of rotation; that is, was rotation of the governorship slot among the three senatorial districts a convention, a gentleman's agreement; was it to be rotated among the ethnic group in the senatorial districts. Finally, reason prevailed and the received perception that it was the turn of the Urhobo to produce the governor won the day.

A congratulatory message to Chief Sheriff Francis Oborevwo is in order. From the rough and tumble of street life, he has managed himself well. To be able to manage the House of Assembly for six years without any form of rebellion showed that he enjoyed the confidence of his honourable colleagues and the State governor. Early in the year, some twenty-two honourable members of House endorsed him for governor. It is only a man who is wise in

the techniques of survival that can navigate the rough waters of politics at that level. Obviously, his choice is a popular one within the PDP in the State. With the number of votes which he garnered from delegates during the primaries, it is obvious that the party has made a popular choice. To be sure, money was spent on delegates. Indeed, all contestants splashed money on delegates to win them over. Naira and dollar rain fell on delegates in the days before the primaries. We have God to thank for the spirit of sportsmanship that permeated the exercise. The exercise was broadcast live on AIT for the entire world to see. True, some felt aggrieved asserting that the incumbent governor mobilized all the ground forces to support his favoured one. No one who is familiar with elections in Nigeria will fault the governor for sticking out his neck in support of his anointed one!

Now that the primaries are over, it is time to plan for the general elections. PDP is well established in Delta State, with men and women of timber and caterpillar planted in the twenty-five LGs in the State. In every unit, every ward, and every Local government, PDP has men and women who have held some position in the twenty-three-year reign of the Party in the state. The election therefore will see these stakeholders go to the trenches in a titanic battle with APC candidate, Senator Ovie Omo-Agege for the gubernatorial chair. It will not be a fight between Oborevwo and Omo-Agege. Oborevwo will be the symbol of the PDP. It will be a fight between all the PDP bigwigs and their passionate foot soldiers in the field. Party faithful know what

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it means for a change of occupant of Government House would be. So, all hands must be on deck to deliver Sheriff. For the Urhobo nation head or tail, they win. Two worthy Urhobo sons will slug it out come February 2023.

This therefore is a congratulatory message to Ukodo Okpe, Right Honourable (Chief) Sheriff Francis Oborevwo, the man who has electrified the state with 'Sherified' anecdotes. This is a tribute to a man who started in the streets but did not end there. He peered into the future and decided that formal higher education was the way to go. He therefore embraced education and took first and second degrees. He took a Bachelor of Science degree from Ambrose Alli University in 2004, and a Master of Science degree from Delta State University Abraka in 2010. As for the names issue in his certificates that came up before the primaries, he dismisses it with a wave of the hand. He affirms that he attended the schools which are indicated in the certificates and that there is no inconsistency in his records. The state certainly has not heard the last of this. As opponents are getting ready for the courts, his legal team is also prepared to puncture all the arguments of inconsistency in certification and identity.

The real test of the self-acclaimed 'Street Boy' when he becomes governor will be in the art of governance. He plans to run an all-inclusive government which will put a crack team together on education, human capital, industrialization, and political engineering. On a personal note, I thank him openly for the role he played during my kidnap ordeal in 2012, a role which made then Governor Emmanuel Uduaghan re-appoint him Senior Security Adviser. Mandated by the fatherly and concerned Orodje Okpe to ensure my safe return from the den of kidnapers, Sheriff Oborevwo, working with retired Admiral Kpokpogri and other security officials, made my official residence in Asaba his home for two long weeks, counselling my wife, tracking the kidnapers till I was released after sixteen days! I remain grateful!

Knowing that he is a product of political re-engineering as crafted by Governor Ifeanyi Okowa, Oborevwo is likely to rise to the occasion and silence critics with the Big Dreams of an Urbane Street Boy from Osubi. Then, the people of Delta State would know that indeed there is a New Sheriff in Town! Once again, Ukodo Okpe my 'omizu', I say congratulations!
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Running and ruining a state with medieval assabiyya

There are very few countries in the world that would qualify to be called nation-states. We have many nations in the world, but most of these are either balkanized among various states or they - many nations - are grouped together to form a state. Nigeria is one of such. It is indeed acclaimed to have over 250 ethnic nationalities within her geopolitical space. Truly, there is nothing wrong with this reality. But it becomes a disaster if her leadership fails to consciously build the State into nationhood. Everything in Nigeria seems to be heading in the opposite direction where ethnic affiliation is paramount in the affairs of the State.

Whether consciously or otherwise, President Mohammedu Buhari led government policies affiliate strongly with the political philosophy of Ibn Khaldun. He was born in Tunisia on May 27, 1332 AD. This 14th-century

medieval Islamic philosopher was a historian of repute, an economist, jurist, traveller, and statesman. He is acclaimed to also be the father of sociology. Ibn Khaldun developed a socio-political theory of asabiyyah. This term means 'to bind'. It was a concept deployed by Ibn Khaldun, who originally set out to promote the 'spirit of kinship' in a tribe, and family. The word 'asabah' refers to male relations in a patrimony.

Politically however asabiyyah is the philosophy that stands for *groupdom*. How did Ibn Khaldun use this concept? For him there exist two disparate groups of political setup or societies. On one hand, we have the urban people. On the other hand, we have the rural people, called *Bedouin*. These are sedentary and nomadic people. Khaldun avers that the Bedouin are more courageous and brave people with military prowess due to the lot put on them by their

sedentary and nomadic lifestyle. Most importantly, they have a high measure or sense of asabiyyah among them. This spirit makes them naturally have an instinct to protect and defend themselves, especially their blood relatives from being attacked or humiliated by 'outsiders'. Asabiyyah promotes unity among them; imbuing in them that one of theirs cannot be wrong and must be defended and protected against the interest of the 'outsider.'

Ibn Khaldun nevertheless believes that urban settlers have a sense of asabiyyah, but one that has been weakened by the reality of the pleasures and comfort of the city life they enjoy. It is therefore very easy for the Bedouin to overrun them and impose their will and governance over them. But cautioned that once this is achieved the leaders of the new *groupdom* must do everything to promote the spirit of asabiyyah among the new elite, other another group with a higher spirit of asabiyyah would upset them.

A great parallel can be drawn with what is happening in Nigeria today. We are daily reading of people saying we seem to have two laws for citizens. People are perceived as born into inferior ethnic groups. They are second-class Nigerians. What you may ask makes some traditional rulers first class and others of no class.

Why should the state use resources from the so-called classless ethnic nationalities to promote their own blood-stock? One fact is clear! The rest of us, are aliens in our State. We are under the control of a more dominant *asabiyyah*. While some were busy promoting and working assiduously towards a pan-Nigerian Nation, some were assiduously strengthening the spirit of kinship, and blood ties among themselves. Today, only a few own all the oil well; individuals - not Nigeria - control the oil business. The way the minority is now is no different from being in unpronounced captivity.

One obvious result that follows any society run on this medieval philosophy is ruin. This is a philosophy built upon the sociology of hate of "others" and advises its own to steal states and empires built by others. They build no empires where the people prosper. They believe prosperity is for their elite class and blood relation. Like the Lords in feudalism, others are seen as serfs and pauperized. Since they do not know the origin of the rise of kingdoms they find it difficult to know how to make the kingdoms they have 'stolen' grow, develop and prosper. Bad governance ruins a people. This is the lot of the Nigerian State.

When Chinua Achebe titled his book, *There was a Country*, he was clearly referring to the

fact of the loss of the Nigerian State. Today, many of our youth desire to relocate. Many of our elite have their families outside Nigeria. Nigeria is vault from where they loot ceaselessly in order to guarantee their family members abroad comfort and the common good that Nigeria under their watch cannot offer. Who steals his own property? That some people can steal this country to death shows that Nigeria does not belong to them. The time is nigh for us to seek Nigeria before it is late. Asabiyyah can only galvanize other ethnic nationalities into a new consciousness that will bleed Nigeria to death. Nigeria is not older than any ethnic nationality. These would remain. They are more permanent entities, they may choose to realign for a better existence as human beings. That we are becoming ethnicized daily is becoming worrisome. People are tactically relocating their businesses, families, and selves to areas they feel are their 'home' even within Nigeria. The State is carefree about the alienated. But the State forgets that freedom from alienation cannot be stopped and impeded. This State called Nigeria needs a renaissance!

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Fallouts from PDP presidential primary election

The presidential primary poll of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has been won and lost with Atiku Abubakar emerging its candidate for the 2023 election. Politics Editor **TUNDE JOSHUA** examines intrigues that played out during the exercise as well as frills and side attractions that characterised it. **Excerpts.**

Bookmakers were proved right as the 2019 standard bearer of the Peoples Democratic Party, Alhaji Atiku Abubakar, again picked its ticket for 2023.

His victory, however, did not come on a platter of gold and not without a price. The first runner-up in the contest, Nyesom Wike who scored 237 votes as against Atiku's 371 actually gave him a run for his money and fame as a veteran in the presidential race.

Opposition to his aspiration and those of other northern aspirants at the very beginning of the contest was spontaneous with a renewed calls that PDP should stick to an assumed power rotation or otherwise known as zoning.

Agitation for an Igbo President was strong on the pretext that the South East has never produced a president, hence the influx of politicians of Igbo extractions venturing into the race by picking PDP's N40 million express of interest and nomination forms.

Leaders of thought in the entire south and middle belt backed the call for South East president, PDP Governors Forum tested on both their Asaba and Lagos declaration to mount insistence on southern president in 2023 and even South East caucus of the PDP Governors Forum toed the line of Igbo presidency.

Aspirants from that South East who bought PDP presidential forms include; former Anambra State governor, Peter Obi, former Senate President, Anyim Pius Anyim, a renowned pharmacist, Mazi Sam Oluambuwala, American based medical doctor, Nwachukwu Anakwenze, former Speaker of Abia State Assembly, Rt. Hon. Chikwendu Kalu and Chief. Ugwu Charles Okwudili.

Infact, attempts were made by southeast aspirants to produce a consensus candidate but if failed. They all approached the race on individual strength.

A new twist to the call for southern presidency was introduced by Governor Nyesom Wike's aspiration, followed by Governor Udom Emmanuel, from the south south zone.

With the refusal by the party to zone the ticket, the contest became an all comers affairs as former Ekiti governor, Ayodele Fayose from the South West and publisher, Dele Momodu from Edo State joined.

Leading northern aspirants such as former Senate President, Bukola Saraki, Sokoto State governor, Aminu Tambuwal, Bauchi governor, Bala Mohammed and seasoned economist, Mohammed Hayatu - Deen joined forces to produce a northern consensus candidate with the exclusion of Atiku who refused to join the parley. Eventually, the consensus drive hit the rock.

Lessons to be learnt from the outcome of the PDP primaries include;

Ability of the North to speak with one voice

In stout defence of the reason why



the north should participate in the contest for PDP ticket, the north were united in their claims that the party's constitution was not specific on zoning as principle of power sharing.

Atiku was reminded of his previous stand on zoning but the north in unison reminded their antagonists that it is expected of the PDP to produce and field a northern candidate after former president Goodluck Jonathan, a southerner.

The northern conspiracy theory also include the excuse that PDP should rather focus on competence and not geopolitical leaning in choosing its flag bearer. Tambuwal, Bala Mohammed, Atiku, Saraki, Hayatu - Deen, all canvassed this position at different fora during their consultation tours across the country.

Few hours to the Saturday's convention, northern leaders of the party in a last minute horse trading settled for Atiku and implored others to support him. They believed that a combined strength of northern aspirants is what was needed to stave off threats by Wike.

Though Saraki and Bala Mohammed refused this position, Tambuwal stepped down for Atiku few minutes to commencement of voting and it yielded results as delegates from Sokoto and his North West support based cast their votes for Atiku.

The Southern Hypocrisy

Voting pattern at the primary clearly showed the hypocrisy of calls for Igbo

presidency.

Given the fact that Peter Obi left the PDP few days before the convention and Anakwenze's withdrawal on the morning of the primary, votes recorded by the south east aspirants who went into the contest does not show the readiness of Igbo for presidency.

The leading Igbo aspirant in the race, Pius Anyim scored just 14 votes in an election where Abia State has 17 delegates, Enugu 16 delegates, Anambra 21 delegates, though 20 voted, Imo 24 delegates and Ebonyi 13 delegates.

Another aspirant from the zone, Sam Oluambuwala scored just a vote while both Kalu and Okwudili recorded no vote at all.

Finding by The Trumpet revealed that south east delegates gave their votes to either Atiku or Wike. Governors of Abia and Enugu are die-hard followers of Atiku while delegates from states without PDP governor were influenced by the dollar power of Wike to deny fellow Ndigbo chances to win the primary.

It sound absurd that Fayose did not score a single vote in an election where Ekiti State has 16 delegates. All the 16 votes went to Wike who it was learnt sponsored the former governor in the race.

This put to question, the seriousness of the agitation for Igbo presidency.

Fluke agitation for Women Empower-

ment in politics

Women politicians, wife of political office holders and feminist activists have cried up to the high heavens on the need to accord women concession in political powers. But the voting pattern of the few women delegates at the convention showed that agitators still have a lot of enlightenment to do to change mindsets of women not to sell women opportunities for money.

The only female aspirant, Tariela Diana Olivier scored just a vote in an election that about 50 women delegates participated.

Others have voted according to the direction of the governors and leaders while others submitted to monetary gains.

Fake ethnic chauvinism

At the convention, it was discovered that ethnic agitation in some quarters is just fake campaign.

With the level of stigmatization of the Fulani tribe due to happenings in the country, one would expect that southern aspirants like Wike, Emmanuel, Anyim and the rest will carry the day but it goes to Atiku, a Fulani man from Adamawa State.

Atiku's vote cut across the Yorubaland, Igboland and the South South apart from the northern states while Saraki and Wike got votes outside their geopolitical zones.

This attest to the fact that Nigerian politics has gone beyond tribal, ethnic or religious sentiments.

Ex-Deputy Gov loses senate ticket in Edo APC primaries

By ISAAC OLAMIKAN, BENIN CITY

Ex-Deputy Governor Lucky Imasuen has lost the All Progressives Congress (APC) senatorial ticket for Edo South District in the 2023 polls to Valentine Asuen, a business mogul.

Asuen, who is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of DVD Oil, emerged the choice of majority of the party delegates after polling 216 votes in comparison to the 160 votes secured by Imasuen.

The peaceful senatorial primary election exercise took place at the Indoor Sports Hall of the University of Benin (Uniben), Ugbowo campus.

With the victory, Asuen will be flying the APC flag in the forthcoming general election slated for May, 2023.

In a chat after the exercise, Asuen, who in the run up to the primary was the choice of the youths, thanked God Almighty for the resounding victory and appreciated the youths for their encouragement and support.

According to him, "my victory is an attestation to the fact that the youths still believe in themselves, a sign that they can dictate the pace of Nigeria election by their unification to retire the old politicians."

Ondo governor's wife quits Imo East race

By FRIDAY OMOSOLA, AKURE

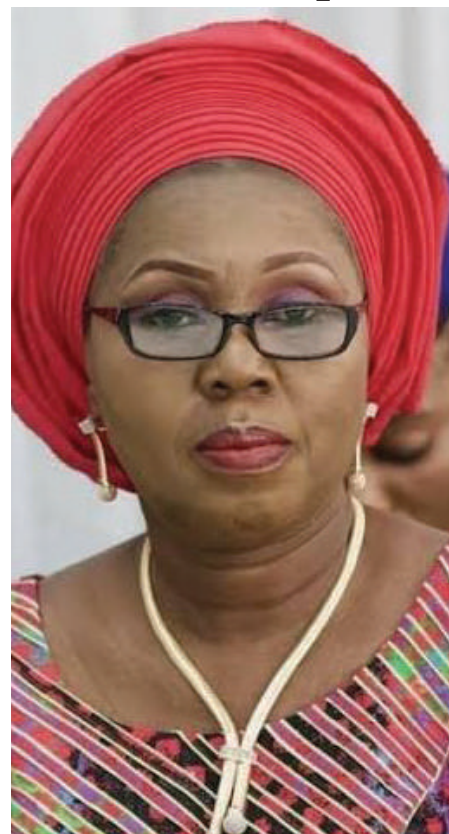
Wife of Ondo State Governor and All Progressives Congress (APC) senatorial aspirant for Imo East, Betty Akeredolu, has withdrawn from the race.

Betty Akeredolu in a statement she signed, disclosed that the decision became necessary following brazen irregularities, use of force and intimidation meted on her and her supporters.

Recall that Betty Anyanwu Akeredolu has accused the Imo State Governor, Hope Uzodimma, of hijacking the primary. The first lady, who stormed the secretariat with her security aides and supporters, said the governor was imposing somebody on other candidates on the pretence of a consensus candidate, adding that the delegates' lists which were supposed to be used for the election were hidden from her and the other aspirants.

She said: "I have received reliable information that arrangements have been concluded by some high authorities within the party to scheme the whole process in favour of a particular candidate."

Akeredolu's wife alleged that delegates at the primary election were being harassed and intimidated to



Betty Akeredolu

comply with the directive by the high authorities. She further stated that she believes in free and fair elections, equity and level playing ground, adding that the circumstances that have shrouded the events preceding

the primaries have proven the election to be far from free and fair.

"It is expedient therefore for me to withdraw from this race which I believe was also in the interest of the party in the state. I must, at this juncture, appreciate Ada Owere team, all my friends and supporters who stood by me during this period. Special thanks to the delegates who believed in me but were denied the opportunity to express their support.

"I sincerely apologize to all those who would be disappointed by this decision. Rest assured that your belief in me was greatly appreciated.

"Finally, let me affirm that I would continue to serve the good people of Imo East Senatorial zone and Imo state at large, contributing my quota to development and a fair and just society."

Mrs Akeredolu noted that politics should not be a do or die affair, revealing that she had earlier stated that if she doesn't emerge as a flag-bearer in a free and fair primary, she would throw her weight behind anyone who emerged.

According to her, "All I asked for was a level playing ground where delegates would be allowed to express themselves without fear and intimidation. I sincerely hope that one day, we will get it right."

Omo - Agege congratulates APC candidates

● Expresses confidence that PDP will be dislodged in Del

By TUNDE JOSHUA, ABUJA

Deputy Senate President and governorship candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC) for the 2023 election in Delta State, Senator Ovie Omo-Agege, has felicitated with those that emerged victorious in the party's primaries.

He expressed confidence that the standard bearers would defeat the PDP in Delta State and emerge victorious in the various elections next year.

Omo - Agege's congratulatory

message was contained in a statement in Abuja by Ima Niboro, Director, Communications and Media Strategy, Ovie Omo-Agege Campaign Organisation.

APC had adopted Senator Peter Nwaoboshi unopposed as its Delta North Senatorial District candidate for the 2023 senatorial elections.

Other senatorial aspirants returned as candidates unopposed by the party are Chief Ede Dafinone and Chief Joel-Onowakpo Thomas for Delta Central and Delta South senatorial districts respectively. Rt. Hon. Francis Ejirghene Waive was

elected the party's candidate for Ughelli North, Ughelli South and Udu Federal Constituency.

Omo-Agege equally congratulated other APC candidates in other federal constituencies and state assembly seats in the state.

He described the APC primaries as a sign of good things to come in the state. According to him, the outcome of the elections is a victory for the Delta APC family, as it has demonstrated the capacity to work together for the good of the party and the state as a whole.

Their mandates, he noted, should

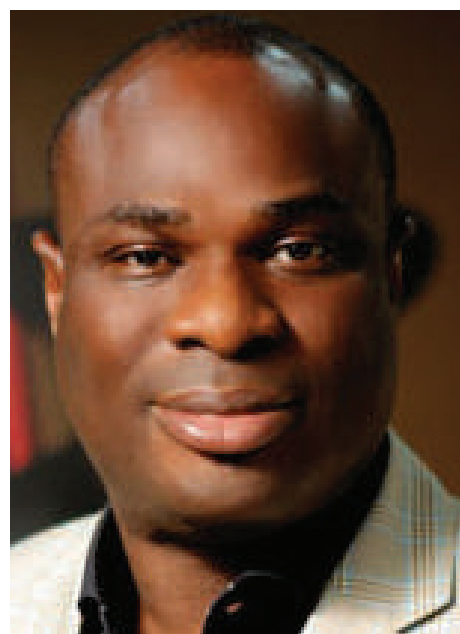
be seen as a collective, and they will bring APC members together in the overall success of the party in the 2023 general elections.

"The outcome of the primaries will best be described as no victor no vanquished, as all the aspirants gave a good account of themselves and congratulated each other for a good contest" he said.

He lauded the leadership of the party for ensuring the success of the primary election and for effectively mobilizing its members to participate fully in the electoral process.



Omo - Agege



Chief Joel-Onowakpo Thomas



Chief Ede Dafinone



Senator Peter Nwaoboshi

Tech Mahindra launches 5G Innovation Lab in Bellevue, WA

By SHARON O. ISAALAH, Head, Science, Technology and Health Desk

Tech Mahindra, a leading provider of digital transformation, consulting, and business re-engineering services and solutions, has inaugurated a 5G Lab. It is an innovation centre to help customers co-create and co-innovate

5G-powered solutions. The innovation lab in Bellevue, WA will curate vertical solutions in the telco space to help customers achieve their future business ambitions through 5G and related technology. The lab will combine an ecosystem of partners (both telecom and cloud) and help build end-to-end solutions for enterprises.

The innovation lab will witness software and hardware developers, operators, and cloud service providers coming together to co-create solutions that will define a new era of customer experience powered by 5G. Tech Mahindra's 5G innovation lab draws on the company's global leading experience in digital transformation. Tech Mahindra will harness the power of data to foster innovation, make new and differentiated 'smart' products, improve supply chains, create new customer experiences, and deliver new sources of value. This will be achieved by focussing on network technology innovation through the industry-focused transformative solutions within the lab ecosystem in the UK, Malaysia, and India.

Manish Vyas, President, Communications, Media and Entertainment Business, and CEO, Network Services, Tech Mahindra, said, "As digital transformation becomes the norm for enterprises across the globe, 5G-powered abilities, use cases, and market opportunities will revamp the way we work, live, and play – now and in the future. The West Coast and particularly the Greater Seattle area is a very prominent innovation hub; and the newly launched 5G lab is one such deep investment to help customers in the region and across the globe to accelerate their innovation journey and more importantly leverage Tech

Mahindra's deep expertise to make this technology both real and impactful."

Tech Mahindra's 5G offerings will help communication service providers to move to a more open, intelligent, virtualized and fully interoperable 5G mobile network and provide an enhanced experience to end-users. The lab has a fully integrated offering of infrastructure, testing and network set up including a dedicated team of 5G engineers at site to help customers take innovation to consumption. 5G, the fifth generation of cellular technology, promises to offer tremendous opportunities for both enterprises and society at large. According to an industry research, the cumulative consumer revenues flowing over the 5G networks over the coming decade will amount to USD 31 trillion by 2030.

5G will form the core building block of massive connectivity and customer engagement in this digitally connected and integrated world. Digital technologies catalyze the transformations – they humanize businesses by helping them think, sense, connect, communicate, secure, and act better than before. As part of NXT.NOW™ framework, which aims to enhance 'Human Centric Experience', Tech Mahindra focuses on investing in emerging technologies and solutions that enable digital transformation and meet the evolving needs of the customer.



Manish Vyas

Laiye, Accenture partner to power intelligent automation, innovation

By SHARON O. ISAALAH

Laiye, a leading Intelligent Automation (IA) provider, has announced a partnership with Accenture (NYSE: ACN), a global professional services company with leading capabilities in digital, cloud, and security. It is its global partner and System Integrator (SI) under Laiye's Global Partner Program. Laiye and Accenture will share their knowledge, expertise, and experience to help companies in their digital transformation journey through the scaling up of AI-powered Intelligent Automation.

This strategic partnership accelerates Laiye's business growth and comes on the back of its recently completed \$160 million Series C funding round.

"Laiye has made great strides in expanding its success around the world and enhancing its capabilities. This partnership in the Americas will allow Laiye's customers to implement our suite of IA tools and Accenture's cloud expertise and solutions, reflecting our continued and mutual commitment to delivering business excellence for our clients," said Alejandro Arboleda, Vice President at Laiye North America.

"Enterprises all around the world are seeking digital transformation through automation and IT innovation, and all of these solutions rely on the cloud, data, and artificial intelligence. We are excited to partner with Laiye and leverage our system integration and cloud capabilities along with Laiye's integrated IA platform, to help organizations address their automation challenges," said Peter Duncan,



Igor Kirillov

Managing Director at Accenture.

Also Read: Laiye Secures Series C at \$160 Million to Rapidly Rollout Intelligent Automation

According to an Accenture report

which analyzed five LATAM economies and several other markets around the world, artificial intelligence (AI) has the potential to add up to an entire percentage point to the region's an-

nual economic growth rates by 2035. Countries in the region are already piloting AI solutions to drive further growth, productivity, and economic progress.

"Americas is a region rich in opportunities for growth. This alliance with Accenture will help us serve and further grow this dynamic market by leveraging AI and Laiye's suite of end-to-end IA tools," said Petter Dalén, General Manager at Laiye.

"This strategic partnership between Laiye and Accenture brings together the best of IA and AI. Accenture's Center of Excellence will add a layer of structure to help clients identify, prioritize, and deploy automation at scale across the entire enterprise. Paired together with Laiye's end-to-end IA solutions, customers will see tangible value in enterprise productivity, efficiency, and growth," said Tomas Rey, Director at Accenture Latin America.

Russia urges WHO to probe US-funded Nigerian labs

By SHARON O. ISAALAH

Chief of Russian Radiation, Chemical and Biological Protection Force Igor Kirillov made the call at the weekend.

"Against the background of numerous cases of US violations of biosafety requirements and facts of negligent storage of pathogenic biomaterials, we call on the leadership of the World Health Organization to investigate the activities of US-funded Nigerian laboratories in Abuja, Zaria, Lagos and inform the world community about its results," Kirillov said.

He recalled that according to the WHO report, the West African strain of the monkeypox pathogen came from Nigeria, another state in which the US has deployed its biological infrastructure. "According to available information, there are at least four Washington-controlled biolaboratories operating in Nigeria," the official stressed.

According to the Defense Ministry's briefing slides, two US-controlled biolaboratories operate in the city of Abuja, one in the city of Zaria, and another one in Lagos.



Igor Kirillov

'Why EFCC stormed venue of PDP presidential primary poll'

BY PAUL MICHAEL, ABUJA

Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) has said its operatives stormed the presidential primary election of the major opposition Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) at Moshood Kashimawo Abiola National Stadium in Abuja to monitor alleged delegates inducement and financial malpractices.

The agency's Public Relations Officer, Wilson Uwujaren, disclosed this to newsmen at the weekend, stressing that the anti-graft agency was determined to curb corruption.

He said: "Our operatives are at the ongoing PDP presidential primary elections at the MKO Abiola Stadium to monitor the exercise, and most especially, to check delegates inducement and other financial malpractice."

Operatives of the EFCC had stormed the venue of the PDP's presidential primary election held on Friday and Saturday in Abuja following reports of alleged vote buying and bribing of delegates at the event.

Some of the officers were seen searching

'Ghana must go' bags at the venue in a bid to find cash arranged by politicians to buy votes and induce delegates during the exercise.

Meanwhile, some delegates have said anti-graft agencies lack evidence to prosecute them despite being induced with huge amounts of money.

In Kano, an anonymous delegate insisted that there was nothing wrong in collecting cash from aspirants, describing the money as "chicken change" that will not last.

"It is just our time to smile after a very long period. Whoever is asking for our prosecution is certainly not privileged to be in our shoes because I doubt if there's one person in Nigeria that will not collect," he said.

He added that contrary to what people believe, many delegates don't receive the huge amount of money being called out in the media because of middlemen, except in situations where they are lucky enough to receive the money directly from the aspirant.

An APC delegate who spoke anonymously, described the largesse as their 'share', which had been budgeted for

by all the aspirants.

They both said the EFCC and the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC) had no proof that they were bribed and so could not prosecute them.

Another delegate of the APC in another state said it was to evade prosecution that campaign funds were not paid into bank accounts, which he said could be traceable.

"Who can prove that they gave us money?" he asked, adding that the EFCC or ICPC would have a hard time proving that delegates collected money from aspirants.

A PDP delegate in Borno State said the process of sharing money might not be easy to be tracked by anti-graft agencies.

He said, "I don't have any fear of being tracked down because I did not receive any document or evidence of payment from the aspirants. I am not afraid of anything because delegates' election is just like business, the highest bidder gets the result. And I will vote for the one who gives me the highest amount, or the aspirant of my political mentor."



Wilson Uwujaren

ICPC, FRSC hold capacity building for operatives on joint operations

BY PAUL MICHAEL, ABUJA

In a continued bid to deepen their collaboration, the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), and the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) recently held a capacity training for their operatives.

Speaking at the event themed "Improving the Capacity and Competence of ICPC and FRSC Operatives in carrying out Effective and Result-Oriented Joint Operations" at the ICPC Headquarters, the Corps Marshal, Dr Boboye Oyeyemi, dwelt on the need for continuous synergy between the two agencies while revealing that as a result of the joint operations tagged "Operation Tranquility", 127 of its officers were arrested for their involvement in corrupt practices.

He further stated that those indicted for corruption by ICPC through Operation Tranquility have been disengaged.

Oyeyemi further said that the Corps had sustained its fight against corruption and corrupt practices right from inception, with appropriate punishment being meted out to officers found wanting over time.

He commended ICPC for its initiative, the Anti-Corruption and Transparency Units (ACTUs) in Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) which according to him, has made workers in government offices to be aware of the consequences of corruption.



Dr Boboye Oyeyemi

The Corps Marshal assured participants that the training would offer a great opportunity for the improvement of existing strategies as well as create new approaches to meet domestic and international expectations on joint operations.

He expressed hope that the outcome of the training would contribute to the building of sustainable foundations for the reduction in corruption, safe road usage, peace and tranquility in Nigeria.

Earlier, the ICPC Chairman, Prof Bolaji

Owasanoye SAN, who declared the training open, charged law enforcement agencies to ensure that bad eggs were removed from the system to stop them from corrupting others and damaging the reputation of the leadership.

Owasanoye expressed concern over the continued poor rating of the country as a result of the level of retail corruption happening on daily basis which affect the lives of ordinary people.

He further stated that the Commission was willing to partner with agencies to enable them succeed in the fight against corruption in Nigeria.

On her part, the Head of Special Duties Division of ICPC, Mrs Vera Esidene, said the training was born out of the collaborative effort and synergy between the two agencies following successful operations carried out in the past.

She expressed belief that operatives would be better placed to perform effectively in future joint operations after the training.

The training, which was conducted both physically and virtually, featured topics bordering on surveillance, investigation, casing of operational environment, court trial, effective and professional method of conducting body search and seizures, were delivered by facilitators drawn from ICPC, FRSC and Department for State Services (DSS).

Adamawa JSC sacks 11, demotes judge, 20 others over fake certificates

BY PAUL MICHAEL, ABUJA

Adamawa State Judicial Service Commission (JSC) has dismissed 11 staffers for securing their employment with forged certificates.

A Magistrate was also demoted to the position of a Registrar as well as 20 other staff for using fake certificates to gain promotions in the Service.

The Commission, however, has approved the appointment of Victoria Jonah Polycarp and Yahya Abdullahi as Deputy Chief Registrars for the High Court in the state.

According to a press release signed by the Secretary of the Commission, Hindatu W. Lamorde, the JSC explained that the Service approved the appointment of a Director and a Deputy Director respectively.

The release added that Abubakar Ishaku has been appointed as Acting Deputy Chief Registrar Sharia Court of Appeal.

According to Lamorde, the JSC at its 177th meeting held on the 25th May 2022, equally approved the appointment of Adabala Nicholas as Acting Chief Customary Court of Appeal and Elishama Gwama Dimas as Deputy Chief Registrar Customary Court of Appeal respectively.

Chidoka accuses academics of fostering electoral process graft

● Says he was denied chance of emerging PDP national delegate

BY PAUL MICHAEL, ABUJA

A former Corps Marshal of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC), Osita Chidoka, has expressed concerns on the role of academics in Nigeria's electoral process, saying that corruption was being promoted.

Chidoka, who is a member of the electoral sub-committee for the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) 2022 convention, accused an academician (name withheld) of scheming him out as a national delegate of the party.

The former Corps Marshal said that he watched the PDP convention which was held on Friday and Saturday from his house, for the first time in many years due to corruption in the process of selecting the delegates.

He said: "On May 10th, a National Delegate Congress Committee.. to conduct the congress, but did not conduct any congress in Idemili North LGA, where I had bought form to contest as a national delegate.

"Strangely, the committee submitted a report and a fake result for Idemili North

LGA with the name of someone that did not purchase the form for the congress."

Chidoka said INEC's report on the matter stated its officials did not observe any election in Idemili North LGA as they were at the venue till 7pm.

According to him, a petition was submitted to the party with a certified copy of the INEC report by him, and then requested the party to reschedule and conduct the congress in line with the party's rules and Electoral Act. "I waited till Friday 27th May for the

party NWC to sit on the petition, to no avail. Instead, the party went ahead and published the name from the fake result as the National Delegate.

"As a loyal party member who have remained a dedicated and prominent voice of the party since the party went into opposition, I have elected to stay away from the convention and will not pursue a legal redress against the party that I have given so much at grave personal risk and cost," he said.



AfDB tasks Africa on agric transformation

Stories by **JOHNMARK UKOKO**

Director of Agriculture and Agro-industry at the Africa Development Bank (AfDB), Dr. Martin Fregene, has tasked governments of African countries on agricultural, structural transformation and increased financing to mitigate food challenges on the continent.

Fregene stated this at a virtual forum of Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation (TAAT), the second edition of the AfDB's flagship programme, which held at the weekend.

He said Africa had received some incredible impacts from external shocks for its good supply from the COVID-19 pandemic and the Russia and

Ukraine crisis.

He said: "Africa is having a shortfall of 30 million tons of cereal, mostly wheat and maize due to the war in Ukraine.

"Why don't we do the structural transformation required to make our agriculture market-led in the sense that it's the market that provided farmers inputs, often taken from the farmers and ensures they get extension services where they use the best technologies needed for production like the rest of the world.

"There is a huge market in Africa for cereals for food. The market can handle everything about mechanisation, production and finance," he said.

The AfDB senior official stated that to get the private

sector involved, four things should be put in place, including changes in certified seeds required regulation, increased finance, improved infrastructure and faster method of registering new varieties, inputs and technologies.

"We must have a seed council that would test certified seeds for purity and germination. So, we need to strengthen the seeds system and national regulatory agencies. We don't only need the relevant laws, but also strong enforcement to ensure that only certified seeds are sold and this will encourage the private sector to key in.

"Also, on fertilisers, of six brands sampled in Nigeria, only one had the required nutrients, which is the NPIC 12: 12: 17 quality and as such control has

to be enforced," he stressed.

Speaking further, Fregene said: "Not just that we must ensure that fertiliser becomes a strategic commodity, but the demurrage for rice and wheat that are given priority at the ports should be reduced before they are offloaded."

In his presentation, Head, TAAT Clearing House, Dr. Innocent Musabyimana, explained that TAAT programme connects innovative agricultural technologies from research institutes to private sector partners for adoption and scaling.

"This is one of the mechanisms we are using to transform agriculture across the continent. We are bringing all the technologies that are proven, ready to be used into the hands of millions of farmers for deploying," he stated.

Musabyimana noted that TAAT has been implemented in 28 countries of the continent with 160 proven, high-performing technologies by partnering governments, private sector and farmers.



Dr. Martin Fregene

Food prices increased by 44.3% in last 12 months- NBS

•Prices of essential items surged higher in S'East, S'South

The National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) has declared that the prices of selected food items have increased in the last 12 months.

This is according to the NBS selected food price watch report for April 2022 released in Abuja at the weekend.

The report showed that the average price of 1kg of beans rose on a year-on-year basis by 44.32 per cent from N359.64 in April 2021 to N519.05 in April 2022.

Also, the prices increased on a month-on-basis by 2.59 per cent to N505.94 in March 2022.

The report revealed that the average price of a 500kg sliced bread increased on a year-on-year basis by 35.31 per cent from N332.95 in April 2021 to N405.51 in April 2022.

"On a month-on-month basis, the average price of the items increased by 0.61 per cent in April 2022," the statement added.

Similarly, it said the average price of 1kg tuber of yam on a year-on-year basis rose by 42.88 per cent from the value recorded in April 2021 at N252.80 to N361.20 in April this year.

It said month-on-month basis, it increased from N353.56 in March 2022 indicating 2.6 per cent growth.

In the same vein, the report

revealed that the average price of a bottle of palm oil increased by 45.59 per cent from N578.86 in April 2022, rising by 0.06 per cent on a month-on-month basis.

The report indicated that the average price 1kg unripe plantain rose by 38.66 per cent on a year-on-year basis from N243.37 in April 2021 to N337.37 in April 2022.

It added that the average price of a bottle of vegetable oil stood at N1,007.68 in April 2022, an increase of 46.21 per cent from N689.19 in April last year.

On a month-on-month basis, it rose by 1.31 per cent from N994.62 in March 2022.

The report also disclosed that at the state level, Ebonyi recorded the highest average increase in the price of beans, as a module was sold for N8,757, while Borno State reported the least price adjustment in beans at N565.67.

It said the highest average price of 500kg sliced bread was recorded in Ebonyi at N650.0, while the lowest was recorded in Borno at N262.38.

The report showed that Akwa-Ibom recorded the highest price increase of 1kg tuber of yam at N695.93, while Bauchi recorded the lowest at N133.28.

Analysis by zone showed that the South East recorded the highest average price of beans, as it was sold for N831.09 followed by the South-South at N676.13, while the North East recorded the least at N307.21.

Similarly, the South East recorded the highest average price increment of sliced bread at N500 and N601.09 followed by the South-South at N550.21, while the lowest was recorded in the North East at N279.51.

The report also showed that the average price of 1kg of yam was higher in the South West and the South-South at N528.78 and N495.02, while the North East recorded the lowest at N142.79.

UBA rewards loyal customers with millions in super savers draw

By **EDU ABADE**, Business Editor

To further encourage a robust savings culture and reward its loyal customers, the United Bank for Africa (UBA), at the weekend, announced winners in its May edition of the Super Savers Draw at its Corporate Head Office in Marina, Lagos.

At the draw, which was anchored by Yvonne Anoruo and Nnenna Okarie, five winners emerged among Next Generation customers comprising mainly students and youth corps members, who saved a minimum of N5,000 in their accounts and were rewarded with N15,000 monthly for a full year.

The winners were announced as Ramotu Momodu; Oluwatiwa Ogunsanwo; Ilyasu Abdullahi Ibrahim; Emediong Ime Asuquo and Esther Benjamin, some of who were contacted on telephone to be informed about their winnings.

The second category of winners were 10 customers, who saved N10,000 in the savings account for three months and won N1 million each. They are: Thecular Uchechi Ibekwere; Gabriel Okeke; Yemisi Adeniran; Adeniran Rauf Akinde; Samuel Mercy; Isah Shuaibu; Adewale M. Olayiwola; Kingsley C. Nnaka; Anene Dubem and Ughegbe Martins.

Also, in the UBA Bumper Account category, 20 customers won N100,000 each. The winners include: Oluchi Philomena; Ojemu Stella Chinyere; Shola Friday Bamidele; Safarudeen E. Sukanmi; Jamila Usman; Rafiu Ibrahim Mohammed; Fine Ughelli; Anietie Sunday A; Gloria Folake and Rabi Ahmed Imam.

Others in this category are: Prestige Chukwuemeka; Ifeanyi Okechukwu; Titilayo Mufutau; Aminat Abisola; Nasir Umar Ishak; Musa Salisu, Chibueze Emeka; Ali Isla; Onireti Babatunde and Ayoola Daniel.

Other winners at the draw are: Veronica Bisimau Ologho, who was rewarded with N500,000 shopping allowance; Naomi Ogoma Abah, who won N1.2 million for a year's rent, while the grand award of N2 million went to Elisha Zani Yusuf.

Responding when contacted on the telephone, Naomi expressed delight at the reward, while Yusuf was elated at the thought of being rewarded with N2 million and commended the bank for what he described as 'a pleasant surprise.'

The bank urged those who have not opened accounts to do so in order to benefit from future rewards.

It also encouraged its loyal customers to continue saving with a view to winning the various sums in the future and assured that it would continue to offer its customers quality service through all its channels and areas of operation.

Manufacturing sector grew in second half of 2021, says MAN

• Production value hit N7tr in 2021 as against previous year's N4.4tr

The Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN) has declared that the country's manufacturing sector grew in several indices during the second half of 2021 compared to the preceding year.

It made this known in a statement issued at the weekend by President of the association, Mansur Ahmed, and available to The Trumpet in Lagos.

A MAN report revealed that the manufacturing sector production increased to N3.73 trillion in the second half of 2021 from N2.36 trillion in the corresponding half of 2020 indicating an increase of N1.37 trillion or 58.1 per cent rise.

It also showed that the sector increased by N0.07 trillion or 1.9 per cent, when compared with N3.66 trillion recorded in the preceding half, while production value in the sector amounted to

N7.03 trillion in 2021 compared to N4.42 trillion in 2020.

"The increase in the manufacturing production value in the second half of 2021 was associated with increased cement production due to the new BUA Cement Factory in Sokoto, the new factory of African Glass and activities of the five new paper mills.

"This is also highlighted by the increased production value in the non-metallic mineral production sector to N374.41 billion in the second half of 2021 from N74.18 billion and N249.79 billion recorded in the corresponding half of 2020 and the preceding half," the statement reads.

The report further showed that capacity utilisation in the manufacturing sector increased to 59 per cent in the second half of 2021 from 53.7 per cent recorded

in the corresponding half of 2020, indicating 5.3 per cent increase over the period.

It added that investments in the manufacturing sector increased to N73.18 billion from N56.44 billion recorded in the corresponding half of 2020, indicating N16.74 billion or 29.7 per cent increase over the period.

The statement noted that activities of the sector increased by N70.96 billion or 49.3 per cent when compared with N144.14 billion recorded in the preceding half with manufacturing investments amounting to N217.22 billion in 2021 as against N118.52 billion in 2020.

"Investments in manufacturing have been gradually recovering following the return of economic activities, as issues of COVID-19 pandemic were continuously resolved.



Simon Harry

First Bank regains leadership position, grows profit by 65% to N151b

First Bank of Nigeria (FBN) Holding Plc has reported a 65.4 per cent growth in its Profit After Tax (PAT) from N75.6 billion to N151.079 billion, while Profit Before Tax (PBT) doubled by 99.1 per cent to N166.66 billion in 2021 as against N83.7 billion in 2020.

The group's audited report indicated an impressive double-digit growth as top and bottom line gross earnings rose from N590.66 billion in 2020 to N757.30 billion in 2021.

Investors commended FBN's performance when the bank released its 2021 financial statements, especially of its banking subsidiary, First Bank of Nigeria Limited, said to be indicative of its strong recovery from its dwindling financial position.

Reacting to the report, banking and capital market analysts said the impressive results signposted a regime of strong fundamentals after a period of restructuring by the board and management.

To mitigate the effects of low interest rate on investment securities and revenue generation, the bank intensified deposits mobilisation and funding strategy to support and enhance loan growth at optimised rates leading to a 5.7 per cent increase in interest expenses to N140.8 billion as against N133.2 billion in December 2020.

During the period, non-interest revenue grew by 96.1 per cent to N364.6 billion as



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against N185.9 billion in the preceding year, on the back of increased fees and commissions on income, treasury activities and other operating income.

The FBN report showed that in its bid to further enhance its revenue generation capacity, First Pension Custodian Limited, a subsidiary of First Bank of Nigeria Limited entered into an agreement with Access Bank Plc for a planned acquisition of the share capital of Access Pension Fund Custodian Limited held by Access Bank Plc.

Management of the bank maintained that the move would further boost its market share in the industry, aid revenue

diversification and support annuity income.

"Our investment in agent banking, digitisation platforms, which our customers have adopted for improved customer penetration and deepened our solid retail franchise.

"This continues to provide us access to stable funding, reducing our cost of funds ratio to 2.1 per cent as of December 2020, while supporting the interest of our current and savings account at 91.2 per cent," a statement issued by the bank read.

Also, total assets grew by 16.2 per cent year-on-year to N8.9 trillion in 2020 driven

by 30.0 per cent year-on-year investment securities.

Cash and balance with the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), loans to banks, customers and investment securities constitute 87.2 per cent of total assets as of December 2020.

"With a cleaner balance sheet and resilient earning-generating

capacity, First Bank Nigeria Limited was able accelerate capital buffers from organic earnings, hence despite the increase in loans and advances, Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) remained steady marginally and increasing to 17.4 per cent in December 2021," the report added.

FG approves Elon Musk's Starlink in Nigeria

By BEN OREVA

World's richest man, Elon Musk, at the weekend, announced on Tweeter that Nigeria and Mozambique have approved Starlink, the satellite Internet service launched by SpaceX, his space exploration company.

This is coming three days after Musk responded to a tweet on the service launch in Africa.

"Yes, the first countries in Africa will be announced soon. Starlink will serve everywhere on earth where we are legally allowed to serve," he tweeted.

Starlink operates in over 30 countries where it is legally approved, in essence, where it has required licences to provide Internet services.

Its launch in Africa, particularly in Nigeria, has been in the works since 2021. In May last year, SpaceX sent some representatives to the Nigeria Communications Commission (NCC), the country's telecommunications regulator, to discuss the possibility of obtaining a license to operate Starlink in Nigeria.

Reports from the NCC indicated that the telecom-

munications industry regulator approved the license, which corroborated Musk's confirmation on Tweeter.

The publication also said the license for Starlink Internet Services Nigeria Limited, its trading name, was obtained under the Internet Service Provider (ISP) category, while other service providers such as telcos and private operators fall within the category too and will last for a decade starting from May 2022.

Starlink will bring competitiveness to the Nigerian telecommunication operators such as MTN and Airtel, which have had to compete against each other without improving their Internet quality and other services.

However, one argument against Starlink is that its services are expensive at \$110 (N60,500) for preorder, while its monthly price at \$599 (N330,000) for a full kit, including a terminal, mounting tripod and Wi-Fi router, are costly for the average Nigerian and Mozambique user.

Also, its premium service costs about \$2,500, an equivalent of N1.375 million for the full kit and \$500 or N275,000 monthly.

NCS removes imported goods from export prohibition list

The Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) has said that all imported goods have been excluded from the export prohibition list and that all previously imported goods can now be re-exported upon payment of 2.5 per cent export surcharge of the present value, subject to approval of the Federal Ministry of Finance.

This is contained in circular dated April 25, 2022, signed by the Acting Assistant Comptroller General of Customs (ACG)

Nasir Ahmed.

According to the management of the NCS, President Muhammadu Buhari recently approved the 2022 Fiscal policy measures for implementation with effect from April 25, 2022.

The circular, which was addressed to all Area Comptrollers of Federal Operations Units (FOUs) and all unit heads, reads in part: "I am directed to forward the Federal Ministry of Finance circular conveying

the President's approval for the implementation of 2022 Fiscal Policy measures with effect from April 25, 2022.

The Fiscal Policy comprises supplementary protection measures for the implementation of the Economic Community of West African States' (ECOWAS) Common External Tariff (CET) 2022-2026 and Excise duties on non-alcoholic, alcoholic beverages, cigarettes and other tobacco products, as well as telecommunication services.

The policy also removed all imported goods from the export prohibition list and as such, all previously imported goods can now be exported upon payment of 2.5 per cent export surcharge of the present value subject to approval of the ministry.

"Note that a 90-day grace period commencing from the implementation of this circular has been granted to all importers, who had opened Forms 'M' and entered into irrevocable trade agreement.

"They shall be allowed to process and clear their goods at the prevailing duty rates until June 30, 2022," the circular stated.



President Muhammadu Buhari



Elon Musk

MMPN flays murder of woman, kids

By PAUL MICHAEL, DEFENCE EDITOR, ABUJA

Muslim Media Practitioners of Nigeria (MMPN) has condemned the recent killing of a pregnant woman identified as Harira Jubril and her four children, Fatima, Aisha, Hadiza, and Zaituna in Anambra State.

The victims, who are of northern extraction, were reportedly killed at Isulo, Orumba North Local Government Area.

MMPN in a statement by the National President, Alhaji Abdur-Rahman Balogun, described the killing as barbaric, brutish and capable of inciting ethnic and

religious violence across the country.

The association, therefore, called on security agencies to fish out, arrest and prosecute perpetrators of the heinous act in the interest of justice.

MMPN tasked all men of conscience, human and women rights activists and in particular the British Government and United Nations to condemn the ugly incident with the same energy they condemned other killings in Nigeria, especially in the North.

According to the group, Allah says in Qur'an 4 verse 93: "Whoever kills a believer deliberately, the penalty for him

is Hell, where he will remain forever. And God will be angry with him and will curse him, and will prepare for him a terrible punishment."

The remains of Harira alongside her four children were buried in Awka on Wednesday.

The husband of the deceased, Jibril, earlier said his wife and four kids were murdered because they were wearing hijabs.

"They were coming back home after she visited her sister who was living in the nearby town. She and the four children were all wearing hijabs; that was why the gunmen targeted them," he said.



Alhaji Abdur-Rahman Balogun

Traffic robbers arrested in Lagos

By PAUL MICHAEL

Lagos Police Command has arrested two suspects in connection to traffic robbery in the state.

The Command's Public Relations Officer, Benjamin Hundeyin, a Superintendent of Police, disclosed this on Saturday, adding that the suspects were arrested in separate incidents between Magodo Estate and Otedola bridge, Lagos State.

SP Hundeyin gave the name of the suspects as Korede Saheed and Yahaya Faisal. He stated that luck ran against the suspects when their victims quickly reached out to the Rapid Response Squad (RRS) officers on patrol in the area.

The PRO further disclosed that a Samsung Galaxy S8 and iPhone 12 were recovered from the suspects.

He said, "Officers of the Rapid Response Squad (RRS) have arrested two suspected traffic robbers in separate incidents between Magodo Estate and Otedola bridge,

Lagos State.

"One suspect, Korede Saheed (29) was arrested on Thursday night, while the other suspect, Yahaya Faisal (22), was arrested on Friday night.

"Luck ran out on the suspects when their victims quickly reached out to RRS officers on patrol in the area.

"The officers immediately arrested them and recovered one Samsung Galaxy S8 and one iPhone 12 from the suspects.

"Yahaya who was also found with different ATM cards confessed to the police that his gang robbed in traffic between Ojodu-Berger and Otedola Bridge."

According to him, the Lagos State Commissioner of Police, CP Abiodun Alabi, has directed the Commander RRS, CSP Olayinka Egbeyemi, to transfer the suspects and exhibit to the CP's Special squad for further investigation that would lead to the arrest of other fleeing gang members and their eventual prosecution.



CP Abiodun Alabi

Police confirm 31 dead in Port Harcourt stampede

By PAUL MICHAEL

Rivers State Police Command has confirmed the death of about 31 persons in a stampede during an outreach programme organised by a new generation church, Kings Assembly, on Saturday in Port Harcourt.

It was gathered that at the programme tagged, "Shop for Free", which was scheduled to begin on Saturday morning, the church expected to offer free food items to attendees, the less privileged.

However, there was a crowd at the venue of the event. The movement of the crowd resulted in a stampede, which led to the death of the 31 victims.

Confirming the incident, the acting Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of the command, Grace Iringe-Koko said the church, located in GRA in the state capital, had invited members of the public to an event where it would share some gift items to its members, including food stuffs.

She said that the event was held at the Port Harcourt Polo Club, a bigger facility to accommodate the anticipated crowd, including the underprivileged.

The PPRO further disclosed that the stampede occurred when the people who had gathered struggled to force their way into the arena, resulting in the death of the 31 persons.

She said, "There was a stampede in the said church and 31 persons were confirmed dead at the military hospital.

"Everywhere is calm for now and there is peace. Investigation is ongoing."

Meanwhile, the church programme is an annual event to provide for the vulnerable in the society.

It was, however, not clear if the church made provisions or arrangements for crowd control measures or for medical emergencies.

According to a message announcing the programme on the church's website, household items, furniture,

shoes, food items, among others, were available for distribution to attendees.

"For many, it is tough to get through each day. The economy and the state of the nation has kept many out of job and left others with little or nothing to cater for themselves or their loved ones. Hope seems like a fluke and living a struggle.

"It is to this end that we host our annual event - 'Shop for Free', where we put God's love into action and reach out to those in our immediate community with encouragement to keep hope alive.

"From foodstuff to household items, furniture and supplies, clothes, shoes and sundry items for adults and kids, there is no limit to the gift items that are given out during this event.

"You can be a part of this by dropping your gift items at any of our locations on Service days or use the button below to either get gift basket(s) for a home or make a cash gift to keep someone's hope alive," the message stated.

Suspects held for cybercrime in Bauchi

By PAUL MICHAEL

Bauchi State Police Command has arrested five suspects for alleged cybercrime popularly known as 'Yahoo Yahoo.' They were said to be undergoing training.

According to a statement signed by the Police Public Relations Officer of the Command, SP Mohammed Ahmed Wakil, the suspects were arrested after the police acted on verified intelligence.

Wakil gave the names of the suspects as Emmanuel Saleh (ringleader), Matthias Akronyi, Patience Nuhu, Bulus Haruna, and Kingsley Simon.

He said, "The Operatives of the State Intelligence Bureau (SIB), Bauchi Command acted on a verified intelligence on 20th May 2022, burst into an apartment located at Kirfi Road, GRA, Bauchi, where a training centre was established for youths who want to venture into internet crime (yahoo-yahoo) by one Emmanuel Saleh alias Wizblaq, 22 yrs old 'm' of Rafin-Zurfi, Bauchi."

The Police Spokesman also dis-

closed that findings revealed that the principal suspect, Emmanuel Saleh and members of the syndicate targeted foreign women under a proxy server, hacked by spoofing the victim's email account/website which makes it possible to carry out variations in the legitimate email of the victims to fool the victim and gain access to the accounts, calendar and data.

Wakil said during the investigation, the suspects confessed to the crime.

"The suspects arrested in the exotic apartment are Emmanuel Saleh alias Wizblaq (the ringleader), Matthias Akronyi alias Mad Kid, 20 yrs 'm' of Block 24, 82 Division's Army Barracks, Enugu, Patience Nuhu, 21yrs (female) of Rafin-Zurfi, Bauchi, Bulus Haruna, 18 yrs old 'm' of Rafin-Zurfi, Bauchi and Kingsley Simon, 19 yrs old 'm' of Rafin-Zurfi, Bauchi," he said.

Wakil said that that the proceeds of crime items recovered from the residential apartment turned training centre as exhibits include four laptops, one television set, four sound systems,

brand new power generator, seven plastic chairs, one office chair, musical keyboard and fridge.

"The Commissioner of Police directed that the suspects be charged to court as soon as the investigation is concluded.

"He advised the citizens of Bauchi State to take note of the precautions to mitigate against cybercrime to include, being careful of the information shared online (e.g pet names, date of birth, etc).

"Don't click on anything in an unsolicited email/SMS asking to update or verify your account information, carefully examine the email address, URL, and spelling used in any correspondence, Set up two factors (or multi-factor) authentication on any account that allows it and be careful what you download.

"Never open an email attachment from someone you don't know and to verify payment and purchase requests in person, if possible; or by calling the person to make sure it is legitimate," he added.



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Mexico-Nigeria: Peseiro loses first match to Ekong's own-goal

By **OVIRI KELVIN**, Sports Editor, Abuja

In what was the first match of Coach José Peseiro as Head Coach of the Super Eagles, a largely under-strength squad fought courageously and commendably against CONCACAF's perennial champions Mexico in an entertaining game that ended 2-1 at the iconic AT&T Stadium in Dallas on Saturday night.

Missing so many first-team players including Captain Ahmed Musa and being the first time they were coming together for any session since the disappointment of the 2022 FIFA World Cup ticket miss, the three-time African champions were projected to be sitting ducks for the Mexicans to roast in the State of Texas – a jurisdiction that shares a border with Mexico and where Mexico's lingua franca, Spanish is taught in schools as a second language.

The El Tri, dainty, cohesive, coherent and egged on by over 52,000 roaring spectators in the largest covered arena in the world, bossed the opening minutes with their crisp passes, awesome positional play and nonchalant telepathy. In this pulsating period, they were able to



shoot ahead after 13 minutes when Santiago Gimenez found himself all alone with goalkeeper Francis Uzoho and steered home despite Uzoho's valiant efforts to keep the ball away.

The arena, which also has the world's largest hung scoreboard (said to be bigger than a basketball court), rocked to its foundation after this, and the Eagles had to summon courage, a sense of mission and ambition not to collapse entirely under pressure. Onslaught after onslaught led to several opportunities for the El Tri, but Uzoho and the Nigeria rearguard, with Semi Ajayi, William Ekong and Chidozie Awaziem kept the wolves off the door.

Luis Francisco Romo,

Captain Andres Guardado, Rodolfo Pizarro, Jesus Gallardo, Roberto Alvarado and Gimenez sought to frisk the Nigeria defence now and again, but they could not breach the wall again.

Peseiro opted for a flexible and interesting 3-5-2 formation, with Moses Simon and Calvin Bassey deployed as wing-backs, and Joe Aribo, Alex Iwobi and Innocent Bonke serving in midfield. Cyriel Dessers and Terem Moffi searched for the goals.

It was to the consternation of the overwhelming Mexican support and bench, led by Coach Gerardo Martino, when Nigeria equalized in the 54th minute, after Calvin Bassey's superb in-swinging was nodded home by Dessers,

with goalkeeper Rodolfo Cota scrambling in vain.

However, the Eagles, while searching for a winner, conceded an unforfeited own goal in the 56th minute, as Ekong swept into his own while trying to clear the ball from danger.

Home-based professionals Sani Faisal, Victor Mbaoma, Chiamaka Madu and Ishaq Kayode who came in after the first 45 minutes, also gave a good account of themselves.

"I am happy with what we put up out there. It was the first time after the disappointment of the World Cup playoff and you can say this is a makeshift team, while Mexico had their full-strength squad out there. I like what I saw today and I have confidence that we have appointed the right coach that can restore the glory of the Super Eagles and make them start winning once more," President of the NFF and FIFA Council Member, Amaju Pinnick, said after the game.

Nigeria had eight shots on goal compared to Mexico's 12, while Uzoho made four saves as against Cota's one.

The Eagles are scheduled to fly to New Jersey on Sunday morning, ahead of Thursday's clash with Ecuador at the Red Bull Arena in Harrison.

Disallowed Benzema's goal: John Terry faults VAR's call

Benzema's disallowed goal in the UEFA Champions League final, on Saturday, has continued to stir up controversies among the football community with former Chelsea captain John Terry faulting the VAR's decision.

The incident which would have resulted in Real Madrid taking the lead in the nick of time before referee Clement Turpin drew the curtain on first-half, prompted the former Three Lions' defender to carp the rule as senseless.

Terry, who was allegedly highly infuriated with the outcome relatively to his tweet, claimed the fact that the ball came off a Liverpool player's touch proves that it was supposedly a goal.

"How is that not a goal?" Terry tweeted to express his displeasure over the decision.

Terry in his comment also mocked Peter Walton who analysed the incident after the first half and concluded Benzema was offside.

"I'm glad Peter Walton cleared it up for us," Terry mocked the English former professional football referee.

He added: "The rule clearly doesn't make sense because when would a Liverpool player ever intentionally play Benzema the ball?"

"The fact it's come off a Liverpool player surely means it's a goal," Terry claimed.

Meanwhile, Peter Walton says the Real Madrid striker was offside when he scored

against Liverpool just before the close of first half.

Walton, who retired in 2012 after spending nine years as a centre referee in the English Premier League, supported VAR's decision as rightly done.

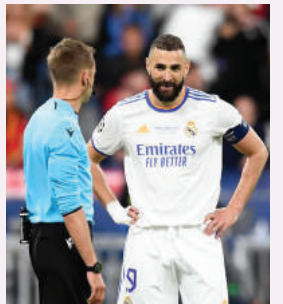
He explained that the ball got to Benzema, who was already in an offside position, through an indeliberately deflected pass from Fabinho.

He added that if the ball was deliberately passed by Fabinho to Benzema, then the French striker would have been played outside.

"It's actually an easy one. Benzema is in an offside position - the offence is committed if the ball comes back to him," Walton said on BT Sport Studio.

"The ball deflects off Fabinho. Because of that, Benzema is offside. If Fabinho deliberately played the ball, he is onside. However, it is a deflection, so he is offside," he added.

The Trumpet reports that John Terry, who retired from Aston Villa in 2018, after having a great spell at Chelsea where he grew through the youth rank, scored a total of 42 career goals in 530 professional appearances.



Gervonta Davis retains lightweight belt

Gervonta Davis knocked out Rolando Romero in a bout staged in Brooklyn, New York, to retain the lightweight belt.

Romero, who has been all over the space in the build-up to the match, boasting to defeat Davis in the first round, fell in the sixth round after the defending champion threw a deadly left-hand punch.

However, the duel between the fighters could have happened earlier than yesterday night's but Romero, who was accused of sexual assault, had to clear his name.

Following the accusation,

Romero was immediately replaced with Isaac Cruz who lost to Davis on a unanimous decision.

Consequently, Romero, after being cleared of his innocence, rooted for a reschedule to challenge the three-time division champion, Davis.

During the fight, Romero showed grit, forcing Davis, who since 2015 had always recorded knockouts before Cruz forced him into a unanimously decided fight, in the fourth round to almost an equally shared performance.

Incorporated Davis came



all out for Romero in the fifth round and dominated the fight but grimaced later on after he probably hurt his arm.

Davis returned in the sixth and knockout round with more tenacious punches which

sent Romero crashing on the canvas.

The Trumpet reports that Davis has never lost a fight since he began his professional boxing career. He has a record of 27 wins and 25 knockouts.

'Zaniolo a perfect Milan fit but..'

Former AC Milan striker, Hernan Crespo, says Roma midfielder Nicolo Zaniolo will be perfect fit for AC Milan but must be ready to adapt to the club's mentality.

Zaniolo was very impressive for Roma this season after he burst into the limelight in 2018 at the age of 19, scoring the winner in the UEFA Europa Conference League against Dutch side Feyenoord.

Milan have pencilled the youngster, who scored his 12th goal in all competitions for Lu Lapa in the UEFA final to

compliment his 81 appearances for Jose Mourinho's side.

However, Crespo advised that Zaniolo will have to improve at Milan whose players have always covered up the slack from their flaws.

The former Argentine international and head coach of Qatari club, Al-Duhail, pointed out that Milan winning the Italian Scudetto can be attributed to the attitude of the players towards complimenting each other's effort.

Furthermore, He stressed that Zaniolo will fit into the club's

squad on the right-wing.

"Really well. On the right-wing, he would be like the cherry on top," Crespo told Italian media.

"However, Pioli's Milan won the Scudetto because they had a fantastic team spirit because everyone helped each other out and that is how they overcame difficulties.

"Zaniolo, if he really does get to Milan, would need to adapt to this spirit. It is he would need to adapt to Milan, not the other way around.

"He will need to prove

himself ready to track down opponents, ready to win back the ball, aggressive in the pressing. For him, it would be a jump in quality which would help him reach his level," Crespo added.

The Trumpet reports that Hernan Crespo played one season for Milan in 2004-2005 and scored a brace in the UEFA Champions League final against Liverpool before they were submerged in penalties to lose the trophy despite a recording 3-0 lead.

Rivers United, Plateau United, others record wins

Rivers United, in a sensational comeback, defeated Dakkada FC on matchday30 at the Godswill Akpabio International Stadium, Uyo, to maintain their 7 points lead over fellow Nigeria Professional Football League (NPFL) contenders Plateau United.

Rivers United, who disvirgined the chastity of the barren scoreline in the 20th minute through Chijioko Akuneto, started battling to render the game to parity after Edidiong Ezekiel scored a brace for the home side.

The visitors kept on pushing and never relented or drop their guards down until a late minute equaliser and a 90th-minute winner by Malachi Ohamuwe to seal the victory for the league leaders, who now soars on 64 points.

Meanwhile, Plateau United won in Jos after trouncing Enugu Rangers to an unresponded 4-0 defeat.

Plateau United, who are on the trail of Rivers United

on the NPFL league table, bombarded the Flying Antelopes with two goals in the first half, thanks to Mohammed Zulkifilu's brace.

The home side maintained the pressure against the visitors while curtailing any threatening attacks posed by them.

Plateau did not relent or retract into their half as they dominated the play which finally paid off in the 63rd and 76th minutes when Chimezie Izuchukwu and Sunday Anthony struck for the home side to quadruple the scoreline.

Other results from matches played across the country saw MFM defeat Gombe United 3-1, Sunshine Stars and Katsina United ended 2-0, Kwara United defeated Akwa United 1-0, Heartland Owerri won Shooting Stars Club 3-1, Remo Stars lost at home to Kano Pillars 1-3, Enyimba edged Nasarawa United in a 3-2 win while Wikki Tourists won Abia Warriors 1-0.

Liverpool met a top goalkeeper and defence

By **OVIRI KELVIN**, Sports Editor, Abuja

Aston Villa boss Steven Gerrard said Liverpool performed well to deserve a win in the final but were stopped by a top goalkeeper and a defence that were extremely great.

Gerrard, who played for Liverpool and won the Champions League final against AC Milan in a dramatic duel to extend the Reds' UEFA title win to five then, noted that the Real Madrid goalie was the best player on the pitch.

The Aston Villa boss whose last Premier League fixture performance almost altered Manchester City's dream of winning the Premier League 2021-22 title in favour of contending Liverpool, added that Courtois will deserve the respect due to his name.

"If there wasn't respect on his name, there will be now," Gerrard to BT Sport.

"He was the best player on the pitch. Liverpool didn't do a lot wrong. They just came

up against a top goalkeeper and defence," he added.

Meanwhile, Belgium international and Real Madrid top-stopper Thibaut Courtois revealed that over time he has been underrated which spurred him to prove himself in the final.

Courtois, who starred for Chelsea before he joined Los Blancos in 2018, won two Premier League titles, an FA Cup and Carabao Cup.

He has, however, continued his fine form since joining Real Madrid to win two Spanish La Liga titles, two Spain's Supercopa Cups, a FIFA World Club Cup and a UEFA Champions League.

Notwithstanding, the 30-year-old also won trophies with Atletico Madrid with Copa del Rey, UEFA Super Cup, UEFA Europa League and La Liga all added to his cabinets.

Although Courtois has won these trophies to prove his worth, the Real Madrid stopper is being underrated until the final with Liverpool which he has proven to be the



man of the moment.

"I saw a lot of tweets coming my way that I would get humbled today - it was the other way round," Courtois disclosed.

"Today I needed to win a final for my career, for all the hard work to put respect on my name as I don't think I get enough respect, especially in England.

"I saw a lot of criticism even after a great season.

"I am really proud of the team. We stuck to it and when I needed to be there I was there for the team."

"We beat some of the best clubs of the world. City and Liverpool were unbelievable this season.

"They fought to the end in the Premier League, Liverpool won two cups and they were really strong.

"We played a great game today. We had one chance and scored it," he added.

The Trumpet reports that Courtois during his stead at Chelsea before he moved to Los Blancos in 2018, kept 48 clean sheets while featuring in 128 Premier League appearances.

Bello, Quadri fall in ITTF African Cup finals



Promising Nigerian tennis star, Fatimo Bello, lost to Egypt's Hana Gona in the final of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) African Cup championship in Teslim Balogun Stadium, Surulere.

Bello had started well and sustained a blistering form which enabled her to defeat fellow compatriot Offiong Edem in the quarter-finals and proceeded in a stunning comeback win to humble Egypt's Mariam Alhodaby.

The semi-final between the Nigerian youngster and the 2021 champion was sensational as Bello came from a 3-1 slack to record a 4-3 win over Alhodaby in the women's singles.

However, Egyptian teenager, Hana Gona, who defeated Nigeria's top-rated player and seven-time Olympian, Funke Oshonaike, 11-13, 6-11, 8-11, 6-1 at the Molade Okoya-Thomas Hall at the stadium, did not spare Bello in a flawless four-set victory in the women's singles final.

Bello, who dreams to pursue her career in the international clime, attributed her success in the championship to hard work and effective training.

Meanwhile, Nigeria's top star and 2020 champion, Aruna Quadri has been defeated by Egyptian Omar Assar in the final.

Assar, who is the defending champion retained his diadem after he recorded a second win in the final against Quadri.

The defending champion, who has a history with Quadri, altered the outcome of their 19th meeting with a win to extend the head-to-head record to 11-8.

However, the game between the two champions was evenly contested as both had a tie in the 6th set (3-3) before Assar conquered Quadri in the deciding set to win 4-3 in the men's singles final.

Conte in situ at Tottenham for next season



Antonio Conte has allayed fears he will be leaving Tottenham despite qualifying the North London club for next season's Champions League.

The Tottenham manager, who was reported to be on the radar of Paris Saint-Germain as a possible replacement for Mauricio Pochettino, met with the club's director of football, Fabio Paratici, in Italy, to reaffirm his commitment to the club.

Conte joined Tottenham in November 2022 and guided the club to a fourth-place finish ahead of rival North Londoners Arsenal but has never hidden his dislike over certain actions of the club which he feels are wrong.

In February, after the club

lost to Burnley, Conte, who guided Chelsea to a successive Premier League and FA Cup victories, complained over the depth of the squad he inherited.

The Italian pointed out that if the coach was the problem of Tottenham's inconsistent performances, he was ready to quit the job.

According to a report by Sky Italia, the 52-years-old Italian faulted the transfer strategy of the club in an interview but denied the allegation saying he was quoted out of context.

However, to build the squad and make them a more formidable contender ahead of next season's Champion League final, Tottenham owners, ENIC, in midweek have released the sum of £150million to partake

in the summer transfer deals.

The £150m released by ENIC has boosted the Lilywhites whose Champions League qualification is an added advantage to lure potential transfer targets to Tottenham Stadium.

A British media recently reported that free agents in the summer such as Fraser Forster, Christian Eriksen and Ivan Perisic have all been linked, with the former's deal seemingly close.

The report added that with Tottenham's £150million investment from ENIC, there will also be some players the club will spend money on, with the likes of Alessandro Bastoni and Filip Kostic already heavily linked.

French Open: Nadal, Djokovic's quarter-final clash looms

World number five Rafael Nadal has proceeded to the round of 16 after mulling up Botic van de Zandschulp in a straight-sets win, yesterday, May 27, 2022.

Nadal, 35, had scheduled the third-round tie with the Dutch after he defeated French Corentin Moutet 6-3 6-1 6-4 in the second round of the Grand slam event at Philippe-Chatrier.

Following the above, the 13 times French Open champion replicated the same feat against Botic van de Zandschulp at Court Suzanne Lenglen to cart home a 6-3 6-2 6-4 victory, which propels him closer to a quarter-final clash with the top seed and defending champion, Novak Djokovic.

Meanwhile, Italian Open champion, Novak Djokovic saw off Aljox Bedene to a stunning defeat in the third round to book a round of 16 clash with world number 16 Diego Sebastián Schwartzman.

The 34-year-old Serbian whose first championship victory in his turbulent 2022 tennis campaign was at the Italian Open, won straight sets 6-3 6-3 6-2 at Philippe-Chatrier to displace the world number 195 Slovenian.

Both Nadal and Djokovic have been in perfect form at the French Open and edge closer to their unavoidable quarter-final showdown in Roland Garros.

The Spaniard, in the round of 16, is scheduled to face Canadian Felix Auger Aliassime who is ranked 150 in the world. A win for Nadal sets him up with the defending champion and world number one, Novak Djokovic, who defeated him at the 2021 French Open championship in the semi-final.

However, the duel

between Nadal and Aliassime will somewhat have a similar tactical approach because Toni Nadal, who happens to be Rafael's uncle and his former trainer during his teenage age is part of his opponent's coaching crew.

Reacting to the development, the unperturbed Nadal, who revealed that he spoke with his uncle immediately after his victory over Botic van de Zandschulp, added that his least of worries.

"He's my uncle. I don't think he will be able to want me to lose, without a doubt, but he's a professional and he's with another player," Nadal said.

"I don't know what's going to happen, if he's going to stay in the box or not, but I don't care. I have zero problems with that. So it's not a story at all for me. I know what's the feeling that we have for each other.

"I know he wants the best for me," Sky Sports reported.

In a bid to dazzle down the erupting tension, Aliassime stated that Toni will have to watch from the sidelines on neutrality.

He noted that right from the time he started working with Nadal's uncle, he knew this would occur someday.

Alias some said, "I think Toni will watch from a neutral place and enjoy the match.

"It was black and white from the first time we started working together, we knew it was a possibility that eventually I would play Rafa when I'm working with Toni," he added.

Consequently, if Nadal wins Aliassime, the Spaniard will have to play the winner of the duel between Novak Djokovic and Diego Sebastián Schwartzman.





Zamfara ex-governor arrested by EFCC over Accountant-General's N80b probe

By **BENJAMIN OMOIKE**

A former Governor of Zamfara State (names withheld) has been arrested by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) in connection with the anti-graft body's ongoing investigation of the suspended Accountant-General of the Federation, Ahmed Idris.

The former governor was arrested on Sunday at his residence in Abuja.

Idris has been in the EFCC custody since May 16 facing investigators

over allegations of N80 billion fraud.

Investigators are working with the lead that he allegedly conspired with others to steal public funds which he was meant to safeguard.

One of his suspected accomplices is the former governor, EFCC sources revealed, saying that suspicious transactions between both men were "in the area of N20 billion."

The erstwhile governor is not new to anti-graft law enforcement actions. Last year, he was repeatedly held and questioned by the EFCC

over allegations that he criminally diverted billions in Zamfara's funds kept in a bank.

On his watch as governor of the impoverished northwestern state of Nigeria, terrorist outlaws, commonly called bandits, started ravaging communities.

A state report commissioned by his successor indicted him for allegedly mismanaging the ethnic conflict between Hausa and Fulani communities, leading to the armed banditry that is ravaging Nigeria's north-west geopolitical zone and beyond.



EFCC Chairman, Bawa

Ghosts stalking me after I celebrated my birthday at cemetery, says actor

A Ghanaian actor and film director has screamed out, claiming that ghosts are now haunting him after he spent his birthday in a cemetery.

The celebrator, Nkrumah Samuel, also known as Remes Kay, and his companions dressed in all-white for the occasion, which took place at a graveyard.

As he made merry with guests, a high table decorated with drinks and a cake was set between gravestones.

Guests were not provided with chairs, so some chose to relax on gravestones during the party.

The celebrator now claims that his life has changed drastically after the party.

Speaking in an interview with Abena Gold, the actor said ghosts have been haunting him since his party.

Remes Kay told the interviewer that his motive for celebrating in a cemetery was to pass the message that one's birthday isn't just the addition of a year but it also means the subtraction of a year from the years they have to live.

In the interview conducted in his local language, Kay explained that since his birthday party, he has been seeing scary things and he believes ghosts are now after his life.



Missing plane with 22 persons causes anxiety

By **ADAKU WALTER**, with agency reports

A passenger plane with 22 passengers on board went missing in Nepal, weekend as poor weather hampered a search operation, the airline and its officials said.

The Twin Otter Aircraft operated by Tara Air took off from the western town of Pokhara for Jomsom at 9:55a.m., but air traffic control lost contact after 15 minutes after take-off.

Spokesman for Tara Air, Sudarshan Bartaula, told AFP that: "We are trying to locate the possible area where the aircraft might be. Search and rescue teams from the police and army are heading towards the direction of the crash."

He said there were 19 passengers on board and

three crew members. The passengers included two Germans and four Indians, with the remainder Nepali.

Jomsom, a popular trekking destination in the Himalayas, takes about 20 minutes by plane from Pokhara, which lies 200 kilometres (120 miles) west of the capital, Kathmandu.

Spokesman at the Ministry of Home Affairs, Phanindra Mani Pokharel, said two helicopters had been deployed for search operations, noting that visibility was low.

"The bad weather is likely to hamper the search operation. The visibility is so poor that nothing can be seen," Pokharel said.

Nepal's aviation industry has boomed in recent years, carrying goods and people

between difficult terrains, foreign trekkers and climbers. The industry has poor safety records due to insufficient training and maintenance.

The European Union (EU) had banned all Nepali airlines from its airspace over safety concerns, as the Himalayan country has been known for some of the world's most remote and tricky runways, surrounded by snow-capped peaks with approaches that pose a challenge for even accomplished pilots.

The weather can also change quickly in the mountains, creating treacherous flying conditions.

In March 2018, a United States-Bangla Airlines plane crashed near Kathmandu's notoriously difficult-to-

approach international airport, killing 51 people.

The flight from the Bangladeshi capital, Dhaka crash-landed and skidded into a football field where it burst into flames, as 20 passengers miraculously escaped the burning wreckage, but sustained various degrees of injuries.

An investigation found that the captain suffered an emotional breakdown during the flight, distracting the freshly qualified co-pilot who was at the controls when it crashed.

The report said air traffic control also confused the two ends of the runway, but concluded this had no impact on the flight.

In 2019 three people died when a plane veered off the runway and hit two helicopters while taking off near

Mount Everest.

The accident happened at Lukla airport, which is the main gateway to the Everest region and is reputed to be one of the most difficult in the world for landing and take-off.

Also in 2019, Nepal's Minister of Tourism, Rabindra Adhikari, was among seven people killed, when a chopper crashed in the country's hilly east.

This month Nepal's second international airport opened at Bhairahawa, aiming to give Buddhist pilgrims from across Asia access to the Buddha's birthplace in nearby Lumbini.

The \$76 million project will ease pressure on the overburdened Kathmandu International Airport.