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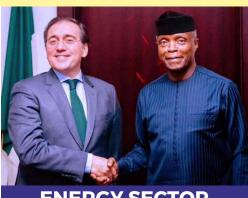
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# Ogun Traditional ruler, Chief Fadipe congratulates Chief Mustapha on his installation as Akinfiwatolu of Egbaland



he Royal Head of Mamu land, Oke Mosan, Abeokuta, Ogun State under Ijemo Council of Baales, Chief Fredrick Fadipe FIIP has rejoiced with Chief Mustapha Abdulakeem Owolabi popularly known as MAO on his installation as the Akinfiwatolu of Egbaland bestowed on him by the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Adedotun Aremu Gbadebo.

Chief Frederick Ayotokunbo Fadipe described chief Mustapha as an exemplary leader and proud son of Egbaland.

He added that the conferment of his title is a testimony to the good works he has done so far and his great contribution to betterment of Ijemo and Egbaland in general.

The Traditional ruler said "I join the

Ijemo chiefs, the indigenous people and Ogun State to felicitate with CHIEF MUSTAPHAABDUL-HAKEEM OWOLABI (MAO) the Asiwaju of Ijemoland.

Recently, the office of AKINFIWATOLU OF EGBALAND was bestowed on him by the ALAKE OF EGBALAND. He is a man of exemplary character, community leader and proud Egbá son.

"This is another feather added to your colourful cap and I know this is just the beginning of good things to come for you and your family.

"Congratulations! We're so very proud of you; my best wishes are always with you and your family."

"Congratulations Akinfiwatolu of Egbaland bestowed on him by the Alake of Egbaland"



## Gov. Abiodun Signs N472bn 2023 Budget Into Law

gun State governor, Dapo Abiodun, has signed the 2023 budget into law.

Signing the N472,250,694,447.57b Appropriations Bill as passed earlier by the State House of Assembly, on Thursday,30th December 2022, Abiodun said he would ensure full implementation of all the items on the bill to sustain the momentum of Building Our Future Together Agenda of his Administration.

"This budget is reflective of what the people of Ogun State want. I can assure you that on our part, we will ensure implementation of the budget.

"Through this budget, our people will enjoy the full dividends of democracy", he noted.

He thanked the Speaker and members of the House of Assembly for their diligence that culminated in the passage of the budget before the end of 2022.

Governor Abiodun had presented the N472,250,694,447.58bn Budget of 'Continued Development and Prosperity', consisting of N270.41bn for capital projects, while N201.84bn was earmarked for recurrent expenditure, barely a month ago.

The signed budget has adjustments in the recurrent and capital estimates and projected revenue in 31 different areas across 26 agencies.

The passage of the bill entitled: 'H.B. NO. 084/OG/2022-Year 2023 Appropriation Law-A Bill for a Law for the Appropriation of the sum of Four Hundred and Seventy-Two Billion, Two Hundred and Fifty Million, Six Hundred and Ninety Four Thousand, Four Hundred and Forty-Seven Naira, Fifty-Seven Kobo Only from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the Service of Ogun State Government, Nigeria for the Financial Year Ending Thirty-First Day December, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three', was consequent upon the presentation of the report of House on November 17.

Ogun State House of Assembly



passed the Bill as presented by the Committee on Finance and Appropriation led by its Chairman, Olakunle Sobunkanla, who also moved the motion for its adoption, seconded by his deputy, Ganiyu Oyedeji and subsequently supported by the Whole House through a unanimous voice vote.

The Bill was later read and adopted clause-by-clause by the Committee of Supply presided over by the Speaker, Olakunle Oluomo, during the plenary held at the Assembly Complex, Oke-Mosan, Abeokuta.

According to the report, the recurrent expenditures of 22 MDAs were reviewed, while the capital expenses of four others were also adjusted; thus the adjustments led to a reduction in the proposed capital expenditure contained in the budget from the initial N270, 411, 239,527 to N269,605,938,723.32, resulting in

N805.3m difference, while the recurrent expenditure was increased from N201.839bn to N202.644bn giving an increment of N805.3m.

Thereafter, the Majority Leader Yusuf Sheriff moved the motion for the third reading of the Bill, seconded by the Deputy Speaker, Hakeem Balogun and supported by the Whole House, while the Clerk/ Head of Legislative Service, Mr. 'Deji Adeyemo did the third reading of the bill before the members.

Responding on the floor of the House, Oluomo directed that the clean copy of the bill be transmitted to the governor for his assent.

A breakdown of the budget indicated that personnel expenses would gulp N79.47bn, while N21.12bn was meant for social contribution and social benefits, with N39.90bn earmarked for public debt charge and N61.35bn for overhead cost.





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JOY ANIGBOGU, CHIBUIKE CHUKWU

he All Progressives Congress (APC) during its presidential campaign rally held in Lagos recently promised to provide quality governance to Nigerians if elected into office in 2023.

The ruling party which brought the nation's commercial capital to a standstill appealed to Lagosians to support the party that has the capacity to deliver.

The event which took place at Teslim Balogun Stadium in Surulere area of Lagos attracted heavy weights in the ruling party...



## Ex- ABU VC, Bursar Arraigned for N1bn Fraud

rofessor Ibrahim Garba, and Ibrahim Shehu Usman, former Vice Chancellor and Bursar respectively of the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria were today arraigned before Justice A.A Bello of the Kaduna State High Court on an eight count charge bordering on theft and money laundering to the tune of over N1billion by the Kaduna Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

The arraignment followed months of discreet investigation triggered by a petition accusing the duo of diverting monies meant for the renovation of the popular Kongo Conference Hotel, Zaria.

The investigation established that



over one billion Naira was allegedly stolen from different accounts of the



institution by the defendants and diverted into their private accounts.



# ABIODUN COMMISSIONS 4.5KM MOLUSI COLLEGE ROAD, PROMISES SOLAR LIGHTS IN RURAL AREAS

### ...as PDP chieftain lauds, drums support for governor



he Ogun State governor, Dapo Abiodun, recently, commissioned the 4.5km Molusi College Road in Ijebu-Igbo, Ijebu-North Local Government Area of the state, with a pledge to provide solar light to rural areas that are not connected to the national grid.

The governor further stated that electric transformers would be distributed to boost power supply in the grassroots, while grading of rural roads would commence soon.

"There are areas and communities across the state that we call the underserved communities where there is no provision of electricity through the grid. We will be deployinh to these areas our scheme in partnership with the Rural Electrification Agency to provide electricity using solar, you will soon see us using solar to our areas that are underserved", he said.

Abiodun explained that the choice for the construction of Molusi College Road was a joint decision of the people due to its importance to the socio-economic well-being of the people in the area.

According to the governor, the road is historic as it leads to the prestigious Molusi College that has produced prominent sons and daughters of the state.

He informed the gathering that his administration had constructed a good number of roads in the Ogun East Senatorial District including; Ijebu-Ode-Epe, Ilisan-Ago-Iwoye, Oba Erinwole, Ejirin roads, among others, adding that his government would not rest until all major roads in the state are made motorable.

He, however, assured that affordable housing units would be constructed in liebu lgbo.

"On our affordable housing, we've so far built over 1300 houses in three and half years and we are still building, by the grace of God, between now and May, we will build probably another 700 houses, totalling over 2,000 houses in three and half years.

"I was just discussing with senior members of this community and I told them that I would like to build affordable housing units in Ijebu North. I am promising you today that we will come and do the ground breaking of affordable housing units in this town. We will ensure we locate it in such a way that it will be strategic so that it can serve Ijebu-Igbo and Ifelodun state constituencies.

"By the grace of God, this state will become oil producing, we have Tongeji Island, we have Olokola and we are working assiduously to ensure that we become oil producing. We will also have a seaport which fits into our multi modal transportation master plan.

We have a rail line going from Lagos to Ibadan, before I leave, ships will berth in our seaport", the governor stated.

The Commissioner for Works and Infrastructure, Ade Akinsanya, in his welcome address, said the road despite its strategic importance was in a terrible state for a long time, with motorists going through a bitter experience.

He said the construction included the adjoining roads in the town to complement the newly constructed Ilisan-Ago-Iwoye and revive economic activities in the areas, assuring that roads with economic importance across the state would be rehabilitated.

In his goodwill message, the Awujale of Ijebuland Oba Sikiru Adetona, represented by the Dagburewe of Idowa, Oba Yinusa Adekoya, said the construction of the Molusi College Road is a plus to the administration of Governor Abiodun, expressing the hope that he would perform better in his second term starting from next year.

The senator representing Ogun East Senatorial District, Lekan Mustapha, applauded the governor for even distribution of developmental projects across the state and for constructing the road which would improve the economy of the area.

He called for the reconstruction of more deplorable roads in ljebu lgbo and its environs.

Meanwhile, a former chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Ogun State and Chairman, Ijebu North Council of Elders, Bayo Dayo, speaking at the event, called on the

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#### ABIODUN COMMISSIONS 4.5KM MOLUSI COLLEGE ROAD, ...

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integrity in the next year's election.

He pointed out that the forthcoming election shouldn't be about party politics, but character, experience and competence

Dayo noted that though he is a member of the People's Democratic Party (PDP), he would always support a good product that the country is in need of.

"This is about development and not about political parties, Governor Dapo Abiodun has done well and I think he deserves to continue in office.

"The forthcoming general election isn't about the party, it is about character, experience, antecedent and competence. And we should leave party politics behind and follow a candidate who has a vision and the mission

Like I said before, I am a card carrying member of the PDP, but the forthcoming election shouldn't be about parties, but about antecedent and passion for a better Nigeria.

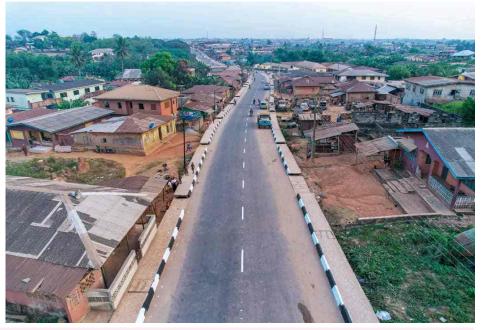
"Our people have been saying that they will follow us if we give them a good product, I am a member of the People's Democratic Party (PDP), but I stand with a good product, a product that can deliver," he stated.

While commending the governor for electorate to vote for character and his massive infrastructural development across the state, the PDP chieftain said that despite the difference in party ideology between himself and the governor, he wishes the governor all the best during the forthcoming general election.

> "Governor Dapo Abiodun is doing very well, he is a good product and he is delivering good governance across the state. He is a good man, he has done

very well. I wish him all the best in the forthcoming general election, he has done well," Dayo concluded.

The Orimolusi of Ijebu-Igbo, Oba Lawrence Adebajo while commending Governor Abiodun for solving the interregnum involving the Orimolusi stool of over twenty-seven years, acknowledged him for embarking on the rehabilitation of the 4.5 km Orimolusi road, a road which according to him was in a bad state before his intervention.



## POLICE CYBERCRIME UNIT WARNS OF POSSIBLE PHISHING, CYBER ATTACKS

#### ...Asks Public to Disregard Trending Messages on 5G Migration

he Nigeria Police Force National Cybercrime Centre (NPF-NCCC) hereby warns members of the public and strategic stakeholders in national security matters to be wary of a suspected ploy by subversive elements to prepare the ground for likely phishing and cyberattacks through the deliberate publication and dissemination of a WhatsApp message, currently in circulation, purportedly from the Cybercrime Department of the Nigeria Police Force informing the general public of the commencement and warning of possible breaches in the migration protocols to the 5G network services.

The Director in charge of the NPF-NCCC, DCP Uche Ifeanyi Henry, has noted that the message did not emanate from the Nigeria Police Force National Cybercrime Centre and therefore warns the general public to be wary as it is likely the handiwork of cyber criminals setting the grounds to



fleece innocent and unsuspecting members of the public of their monies or to steal their identities.

The general public is hereby advised to discountenance the broadcast message and cease sharing such, as it is deceptive and misleading. Genuine guidelines on the roll-out and migration to the 5G network will be available in due time on authorized websites and verified social media handles of the NPF-NCCC, Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC), Telecom Companies, and other communication service providers.

CSP OLUMUYIWA ADEJOBI, mnipr,

FORCE PUBLIC RELATIONS **OFFICER** FORCE HEADQUARTERS

**ABUJA** 

# HEALTH TIPS: CANCER

## SUMMARY OF THE MEDICAL CONFERENCE ON MALIGNANT DISEASES IN BERLIN - GERMANY



- 1. No to reusing oil
- 2. No powdered milk
- 3. No Maggie Cubes
- 4. No carbonated juice (32 sugar cubes per liter)
- 5. No processed sugars
- 6. No microwave
- 7. No prenatal mammogram, but echomamar can be used
- 8. Don't wear bras that are too tight or wear them after work
- 9. No to alcohol
- 10. No to reheating frozen meals
- 11. Do not store water in the refrigerator in plastic bottles.
- 12. Not all birth control pills are good because they alter a woman's hormonal system and cause cancer.
- Deodorants are dangerous, especially when used after shaving.
- 14. Breastfeeding is less likely to cause cancer than formula.
- 15. Cancer cells eat mostly sugar and all artificial sugar, even brown.
- 16. A cancer patient who abstains from sugar in his diet finds that his disease has receded and he can live a long life. Sugar = the mortal enemy.
- 17. A cup of beer stays in the body for

5 hours, and during this time the organs of the system work in slow motion because of this cup

#### YES 10

- Vegetables
- Honey in reasonable quantity instead of sugar.
- Vegetable proteins like beans instead of meat.
- Two glasses of water on an empty stomach before brushing your teeth and upon waking by drinking water kept in the room at the same room temperature

- Unheated meals

#### **ANTI-CANCER JUICE:**

- Aloe vera + ginger + parsley + celery
   + bromelain (pineapple middle). Mix and drink on an empty stomach.
- Other anti-cancer juices: Corosol (seedless) + Bromalain.
- Eat raw or cooked carrots or their juice every day.

## The American Physicians Association gave answers to the cause of cancer:

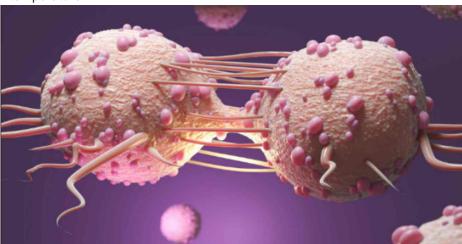
- Don't drink tea from a plastic cup
- Do not eat anything hot in a paper or plastic bag. Example: potatoes (fries).
- Do not use plastic in the microwave

#### **RECALL:**

- When plastic comes in contact with heat, it creates chemicals that can cause 52 types of cancer.
- This message is worth more than 100 useless short messages.
- Inform your loved ones in order to be far from these bad things.
- Avoid drinking Coca-Cola over pineapple or after eating pineapple for dessert.
- Do not mix pineapple juice with Coke.
- This mix is killer!
- People are dying and mistakenly believe that they have been poisoned...they have been victims of their ignorance of this deadly cocktail!

#### **IMPORTANT HEALTH TIPS:**

- Answer calls with the left ear.
- Do not take the medicine with cold water
- Do not eat heavy meals after 5 p.m.
- Drink more water in the morning and less in the evening.
- Do not lie down immediately after taking the medicine or after meals.
- When the phone battery gets low, do not answer the phone because the radiation is 1000 times stronger.





## 2022 OKO ILU DAY:

## **ABIODUN TO BAALES:**

## **REGISTER WITH US OR RISK BEING DECLARED ILLEGITIMATE**





he Ogun State governor, Dapo Abiodun, recently, warned Baales who are yet to register with the state government to desist from parading themselves as legitimate or face the consequences. Governor Abiodun who made this known during the 5th Oko Ilu Day Celebration of the Ogun State Council of Baales, held in Abeokuta, noted that his administration would continue to see those who are yet to register as illegitimate Baales.

"I heard there are 1,700 Baales that are registered in the state. I also heard that there are still over 1,700 yet to be registered. I want to implore those who are yet to register to do so,

as our administration will see them as illegitimate Baales, let them go and meet their prescribed authorities so they can also become legitimate Baales," he said.

Abiodun who disclosed that his administration would discuss with the Council of Traditional Rulers in the state on the need to have a payment structure for Baales in the state, added that his administration would also look at a way of funding the traditional council and ensure that a particular percentage of the funding is appropriated towards Baales in the state.

He, however, charged the Council of Baales to educate their subjects on

the need to collect their Permanent Voter's Card.

He further urged them not to allow any form of thuggery within their environments.

"We are preparing for the 2023 general election, you are the closest to the grassroot, help us to urge our people to get their permanent voter's cards, most of our permanent voter's card are still with the Independent National Electoral Commission.

"If you don't have your permanent voter's cards, you can't vote, if you are happy with what we are doing, it is with your permanent voter's card you can tell us you appreciate us,

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## **PETER OBI Versus BOLA TINUBU:**

## A Comparison of a Legacy of Political Leadership



BY EBUKA ONYEKWELU

ith the 2023 Presidential Election now counting in days, it might be necessary to observe that whoever wins, will win for political reasons. Those who will lose, will also lose for political reasons. No matter how admirable social change may be, whatever direction it goes within political context is determined by political considerations. Apparently, these considerations are the things that are going to be shaping the outcome of the 2023 Presidential Election.

Giving clear presumptions based on Nigeria's identity realities that it would be unthinkable to have PDP's candidate, Alhaji Atiku Abubakar, takeover from President Buhari, the contest can be safely narrowed down to Peter Obi of Labour Party - LP, and Bola Tinubu of the All Progressives Congress- APC. At least, more or less, Tinubu and Obi represent equity in power acquisition and sharing. Now, the argument really is if Peter Obi has more going for him than Bola Tinubu ahead of the polls. Of particular interest is that both were once governors in their respective states. Then again, both governed states that are on a distinctive regional pedestal. Lagos is distinguished in Southwest and Nigeria as a whole. Anambra is distinguished in Southeast and Nigeria, as a whole, although clearly not as much as Lagos.

But beyond all these, both men also have several acclaimed achievements credited to them during that time as Governor. However, by the nature of politics, political power is contracted on the altar of politics, and not on the altar of activism. So what legacy of political leadership has both men left?

John Maxwell, a leadership expert is measured by succession". Truth is, more than a hazy succession plan. Every political system has within itself the exact materials needed to move it to its next desirable place. This is so critical that whoever wins the 2023 Presidential Election, will at the end of the day, still work with those that have passed through the system. They will not manufacture new human beings. This has been demonstrated by people like Doyin Okupe, Benchuks Nwosu governor between 1999 and 2007. and others in Peter Obi's campaign with relevant political experience, having gone through the system. So, for Peter Obi, as a two term governor of Anambra State, what political legacy did he leave

Obi became governor at forty five vears old. But for reasons that are hard to explain, all his key appointees were older men and women, who, by nature's design, would retire from public life before him. And true, nearly all key appointees of Peter Obi as governor, have retired or are about to

retire. Someone like Oseloka Obaze who served as SSG in Obi's government despite being from Anambra North, Obi's preferred zone of possible successor, could not succeed him. Instead, Obi somehow brought Obiano, a 59 years old retiree who was his senior in secondary school, to succeed him. Yet, today, Obi and Obiano are sworn political enemies. Basically, even Obiano that ought to be Obi's political legacy, Obi cannot count on his support. The irony is that people like Okupe, Utomi and Nwosu whom the Obi campaign is tapping from their reservoir, are still relevant because they gained their entry into the political sphere in their 30s and early 40s. It is therefore not rocket science seeing why no former Obi's commissioner or appointee is following him around, except Obaze and Valentine Obienyem, his media aide. Most of those appointees are now indisposed as a result of old age, or aging, among other reasons. This is also why one can hardly see any Obi's former aide or appointee making any contribution to nation-building. Out of all Peter Obi's appointees, not one of them later became anything else worthy of reckoning in public management. Till date, the only person that served under Peter Obi who later aspired to political once said that "a leader's lasting value office was Oseloka Obaze; a decent and urbane man. But had no further nothing cuts visionary leadership short opportunity to serve despite having the confidence of Peter Obi who was the governor and could have placed him, but did not. As I write this, I am hoping that I will be challenged by a more accurate fact. But unfortunately, there is none. With this, Peter Obi is going into the 2023 Presidential Election counting on activism and not on his political legacy.

> Tinubu on the other hand was From 2007 till date, no 1999 league of governors in Nigeria is still relevant in national discourse, aside those successfully resting in the senate. Tinubu's case, by far, is not an accident. Bola Tinubu's relevance in national politics can be traced to his political legacy in Lagos state when he was governor. What Tinubu did was to use Lagos to launch an iconic template, with younger and ambitious aides, most of whom have risen to national prominence from their stint in Lagos

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#### PETER OBI Versus Bola TINUBU: A Comparison of a Legacy of Political Leadership

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state. The Director General of Budget Office of the Federation, Mr. Ben Akabueze, was Commissioner for Economic Planning to Tinubu. He is from Dunukofia LGA in Anambra state. The Vice President, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo was Commissioner for Justice in Tinubu's government. Others like Rauf Aregbesola, Fashola, have served as governors for eight years and now serve as members of the Federal Executive Council. This list is long and likely inexhaustible. Interestingly, all these people were drawn from different parts and states of Nigeria. Fifteen years on, they are now calling the

shots in their rights. The system will always find use for those it has produced, given the right political covering and mentorship. Essentially, Tinubu is going into the 2023 Presidential Election with enormous political capital he painstakingly built from scratch.

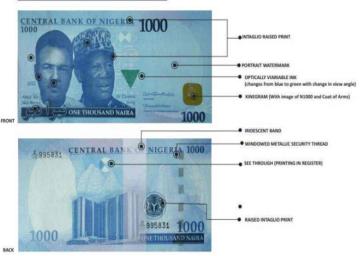
Politics is not activism. A politically empowered participant is many times better than hundreds of activists, in shaping and determining political outcome. In perspective, definite advantage accrues in political contests, to contenders with large political capital and reach. Whether we like it or not, the next generation of political leaders in Nigeria are now

undergoing some kind of tutelage within. Eventually, they will be launched into bigger responsibilities, which is largely dependent on their political covering. For instance, Prof. Osinbajo might not have ever become the Vice President if not for Bola Tinubu's covering. Tomorrow's Nigerian political system will use those that have been plugged-in today, just like it is now using those plugged-in before. How relevant and useful the future looks to a political player depends upon his political legacy. In other words, the manpower he has given the system, which naturally returns back in form of support. This is what Tinubu stands to gain in 2023.

#### Details of Security features in new Naira Notes as released by CBN

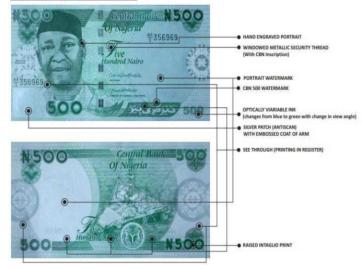
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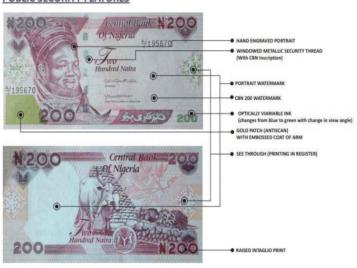
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## ENERGY SECTOR OFFERS MORE ROBUST RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NIGERIA, SPAIN - OSINBAJO

#### **Spanish Foreign Affairs Minister commends FG's stabilizing role in West Africa**

xploring the opportunities in the energy sector offer possibilities for a more robust relationship between Nigeria and Spain, according to Vice President Yemi Osinbajo, SAN.

Prof. Osinbajo stated this today at the Presidential Villa when he received the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Spain, Mr. José Manuel Albares, on a courtesy visit.

According to the Vice President, "Spain has been a very good friend of Nigeria. Aside from the economic connections, it has been the largest importer of our gas and the third-largest importer of crude oil.

"There is every good reason why we should consider that in good times and bad, Spain has remained a good friend. This is a relationship that is not just based on talk, but there is a lot of action.

"I am extremely optimistic that our relationship will become more robust in the months and years to come. Nigeria definitely feels that it has a strong partner and brother in Spain. And I hope that it stays this way and even better."

Continuing, the VP said "the future, obviously is going to be interesting. For the next few years, we are going to be confronted with a challenging world. One of the issues will be energy. Both energy security and energy transition. These are two critical issues.

"There is no question at all that we must make alternative arrangements to assure energy security. And in our case, with the Climate Change agreement, we want to make sure that the transition from fossil fuels and other pollutants is as smooth as much as possible in the interest and development of our people."

Speaking further, Prof. Osinbajo noted the possibilities for cooperation between Nigeria and Spain, noting that "there are companies in the



power sector that are interested in doing business in Nigeria. In our Energy Transition Plan, we have a whole menu of projects in the power sector to show companies that are interested in investing.

"We hope this would interest private companies coming from Spain. I hope that this visit will be one where they will take a look at our energy plan and some of what we are trying to do, not just the short-term but the long-term issues that we are trying to resolve."

Earlier in his remarks, Mr Albares thanked the VP for his support for Spanish business interests in Nigeria. He also restated his country's commitment to strengthening relations with Nigeria, stating that "Nigeria's partnership with Spain in the energy sector is important.

"The relationship between our countries is mutually beneficial and we will continue to try our best," pledging his country's support for Nigeria's Energy Transition Plan

especially sharing notes on best practices and implementing (renewable energy) projects in Nigeria.

The Minister commended the role of Nigeria in maintaining stability in the West African sub-region, noting that "I must commend your efforts in ensuring democracy and everything concerning good governance in the region," and pledged Spain's support to the fight against terrorism and piracy in the Gulf of Guinea.

The Spanish minister was accompanied by the country's Ambassador to Nigeria, Juan Sell; Director of Spanish Cooperation Agency, Mr Anton Leis, and the Director General for Africa, Mrs Alicia Rico.

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therefore, tell your people to get their to be used as thugs during the PVCs.

temperature, we have been very tolerant of everyone and every political party, because that is who we are in Ogun State. Don't give any room to thugs in your various communities, don't allow your children has nothing to offer.

election, because anyone that is "We have lowered the political involved in thuggery will be dealt with," the governor submitted.

> Abiodun, while calling on the Council of Baale's to support his second term ambition, said that they shouldn't hand the state over to anyone who

The Commissioner for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, Ganiyu Hamzat, while speaking on the issue of multiple Baales in the state, noted that the issue which had led to pocket of tension, thereby making life unbearable for the law abiding citizens of the state, had led to

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the placing on hold of installation of Baales in the state.

Hamzat while noting that the status and image of Baales should be sacred, disclosed that the report often received by the state government on the nefarious activities of some Baales has become a blemish in the garment of many other Baales who are diligently serving the people.

The Commissioner urged the Baales

to continue to play their part by sensitizing the people at the grassroot about their civic responsibilities of communal vigilance, political participation and social safety.

In his remarks, the I president of Ogun State Council of Baales, Tunji Falola while noting that the administration of Governor Abiodun in the last three and half years has been of good governance, pointing out that that administration pays apt attention to the yearnings of it's citizens.

Falola while assuring the governor of the council's loyalty and commitment towards the actualisation of his second term bid, declared that that they are happy with his administration.

He described the relationship that exists between the Baales and the traditional rulers in the state as strong, noting that the insinuations that they were rubbing shoulders with traditional rulers in some communities in the state were unfounded rumours.



## Nigerian Men Killing Their Nurse Wives In The US



BY BOLA BOLAWOLE

must have read a story with the same or similar heading above sometime in the past but reading it or something similar again this week, I took more interest in it in view of the ongoing "japa" phenomenon that is emptying Nigeria not only of its vibrant youths but also of its professionals, especially those in the medical field. Titled "An Epidemic: Nigerian Men Killing Their Nurse Wives in the US" and written by Abiodun Ladepo, a resident of Los Angeles, California, USA, the stories are as chilling as they are unfortunate. Please read: "Yes, I have killed the woman that messed up my life; the woman that has destroyed me. I am at Shalom West. My name is David and I am all yours'. Those were David Ochola's words during his 911 (U.S. Emergency Number) call to authorities after shooting dead his 28-year-old wife, Priscilla Ochola, in Hennepin, Minnesota. The 50-years old husband was tired of being 'disrespected' by his wife, a Registered Nurse (RN) whom he had brought from Nigeria and sponsored through nursing school only to have her make much more than him in salary – a situation which led to Mrs. Ochola 'coming and going as she chose without regard for her husband'. The couple had two children – a four-year-old

boy and a three-year-old girl.
In Texas, Babajide Okeowo had been separated from his wife, Funke Okeowo, with whom he resided at their Dallas home. Upon the divorce, the husband lost the house to his wife, along with most of the contents therein, as is usually the tradition in U.S. divorces where the couple still have underage children. Mr. Okeowo, 48, divorced his wife because not long after she became a RN and made more money than him, she 'took control' of the family finances and 'controlled' her husband's expenditure and movement. The husband could no longer make any meaningful contribution to his family back in Nigeria unless the wife approved it. He could not go out without her permission. Frustrated that his formerly malleable wife had suddenly become such a 'terror' to him to the point of asking for in court and getting virtually everything for which he had worked since coming to the US 30 years prior, the husband got in his vehicle and drove a few hundred miles to Dallas to settle scores. He found her in her SUV, adorned in full Nigerian attire and on her way to the birthday bash organized in her honour. She had turned 46 on that day. Mr. Okeowo fired several rounds into his wife's torso while she sat at the steering wheel, mercilessly killing her.

Also in Dallas (they sure need anger management classes in Dallas!), Moses Egharevba, 45, did not even bother to get a gun. The husband of

Grace Egharevba, 35, bludgeoned her to death with a sledge hammer while their seven-year-old daughter watched and screamed for peace. Mrs. Egharevba's 'sin' was that she became a RN and started to make more money than her husband. This led to her "financial liberation" from a supposedly tight-fisted husband who had not only brought her from Nigeria but had

also funded her nursing school education. Like Moses Egharevba, Christopher Ndubuisi of Garland, Texas, (these Texas people!) did not bother to get a gun. He crept into the bedroom where his wife, Christiana, was sleeping and, with several blows of the sledge hammer, crushed her head. Two years before Christiana was killed, her mother, who had been visiting from Nigeria, was found dead in the bathtub under circumstances believed to be suspicious. Of course, Christiana was a RN whose income dwarfed that of her husband as soon as she graduated from nursing school. The husband believed that his role as a husband and head of the household had been usurped by his wife. Mr. Ndubuisi's several entreaties to his wife's family to intercede and bring Christiana back under his control had all failed.

If the circumstances surrounding the death of Christiana's mother were suspicious, those surrounding the death of a Tennessee woman's mother were not. Agnes Nwodo, a RN, lived in squalor before her husband, Godfrey Nwodo, rescued her and brought her to the US. He enrolled her in nursing school right away. Upon qualifying as a RN, Mrs. Nwodo assumed 'full control' of the household. She brought her mother to live with them against her husband's wishes. Mrs. Nwodo quickly familiarized herself with US Family Laws and took full advantage of them. Each time the couple argued, the police forced the husband to leave the house whether he had a place to sleep or not. On many occasions, Mr. Nwodo spent days in police cells. Upon divorcing his wife, Mr. Nwodo lost to his wife the house he had owned for almost 20 years before he married her. He also lost custody of their three children to her, with the court awarding him only periodic visitation rights. Even seeing the children during visitation was always a hassle as the wife would 'arrive late to the neutral meeting place and leave early with impunity'. Mr. Nwodo endured so many embarrassing moments from his wife and her mother until he could take it no more. One day, he bought himself a shotgun and killed both his wife and her

Onwudike's wife, Chinyere Caleb Onwudike, 36, became a RN and no longer saw the need to be controlled by husband. Mr. Onwudike, 41, worked two jobs to send his wife to her dream school upon bringing her to the US from Nigeria. After four years, she qualified as RN. Once she started to make more money than her husband, she began to 'call the shots' at home. She 'overruled' her husband on the size and cost of the house they purchased in Burtonsville, Maryland. She began to build a house solely in her name in their native Umuahia town of Abia State, Nigeria, without her husband's input whatsoever. Onwudike came and went 'as she liked' within the US and outside the US. In fact, she once travelled to Nigeria for three weeks "without her husband's permission" to lavishly bury her father despite her husband's protestations that they had better things to do with the money. Mrs. Onwudike let her husband know that this

was mostly her money and she would spend it however she wanted. Through her hard work, she had risen to a managerial position at the medical centre where she worked. Upon her return from burying her father, her husband got one of her kitchen knives and carved her up like a Thanksgiving turkey inside their home on New Year's Day.

Death is death, no matter how it comes, but the goriest of these maniacal killings is probably the one that happened here in Los Angeles, California. Joseph Mbu, 50, was tired of his RN wife's 'serial disrespect' of him. The disrespect began as soon as she became a RN. Gloria Mbu, 40, had once told her husband he must be 'smoking crack cocaine' if he thought he could tell her what to do with her money now that she made more money than him. Before she became a RN, Mr. Mbu had been very strict with family finances and was borderline dictatorial in his dealings with Mrs. Mbu. However, Mrs. Mbu learned the American system and would no longer allow any man to 'put her down' When Joseph Mbu could not take it anymore, he subdued his wife one day, tied her to his vehicle and dragged her on paved roads all around Los Angeles until her head split in many pieces!

split in many pieces!

All of the killer-husbands noted in these stories were found guilty. Most of them received the death sentence. Only the California and Maryland culprits received life sentences without the possibility of parole. It often comes to Nigerian men living in the US as a rude shock when their wives become the household's bread winner. Having been accustomed to the docility, domestication, subjugation and outright terrorization of women back home in Nigeria; many Nigerian men are astounded when their wife assert their financial, behavioural and social independence...This cruel and phenomenal hostage-taking...is what Nigerian women in America are trying to stop. And they figured out the easiest way to begin curtailing these bullish husbands' wings is to improve their own potential to earn more. A good way to earn a decent pay in the US (unlike in Nigeria) is to become a Registered Nurse...If the RN wife decides to take a second or third job, she can easily triple or quadruple the gap between her earnings and those of her menial job husband's. (But) what is the big deal if a RN wife makes more money than her husband? There are several other professions in which wives make more money than their husbands... Yet, nobody is killing or divorcing anybody. Is this strictly a RN thing?"

Is this phenomenon also limited to Nigerians? What of other ethnic nationalities like the Indians (who dominate Hi-tech and earn far more than Nigerian nurses) or the Hispanics? Why is it difficult for the Nigerian men in question to improve themselves as well? With the "japa" phenomenon, what should we expect in the years to come? The writer did not forget to mention, however, that there are thousands of RN wives living amicably with their husband in the same US. So, then, what lessons did the "failures" fail to stem this very unfortunate tide?

## NGL Enternational

### Nigerian Army directs over 120 major-generals, brigadiers, colonels, lieutenants, captains to proceed on compulsory Retirement

mid the security crises confronting the country, the high command of the Nigerian Army has directed over 120 major-generals, brigadiers, colonels, lieutenants, captains and others to proceed on compulsory retirement.

The affected officers, who include those who failed their Senior Staff Course Examinations, were ordered to submit their letters of voluntary retirement or face summary retrenchment.

There are reports that the exercise was in accordance with the Public Service Rules and the Armed Forces of Nigeria Harmonised Terms and Conditions of Service, 2017 (Revised).

It was gathered that the number of senior and middle level personnel that would be required to leave the service might be higher than 120 as those concerned were being given their letters of compulsory retirement in batches

Our correspondent learnt that the first batch was given a deadline of December 24, 2022, to tender their retirement letters.

It was further gathered that the affected personnel would proceed on the mandatory three-month pre-retirement leave from January.

Sources informed our correspondent that the majority of the concerned officers had complied with the directive to avoid hostile actions from the authorities.

The development has, however, generated consternation in the Army with many querying the rationale behind the mass retrenchment.

An officer accused the military authorities of disobeying a directive from the Attorney-General of the Federation, Abubakar Malami, SAN, that the exercise should be suspended till after the 2023 elections.

The source stated, "Over 120 top officers were served letters of mandatory retirement by the Army authorities. The affected officers include major-generals, brigadier-generals, brigadiers, colonels, captains and other middle-level officers, who were unable to pass their promotion examinations after three attempts.

"But there are two rules guiding this issue: if one fails to pass his promotion exams after three attempts, he could be considered on the basis of the years he has spent on the rank.

"Though the authorities informed us that those who failed to pass their exams would be considered on the basis of age on rank, they reneged on



this and instead directed us to put in our voluntary retirement letters. This is not fair"

Despite protesting the failure of the Army high command to comply with the rules, it was learnt that the personnel were compelled to tender their notices of voluntary retirement with the option to complain or appeal later.

Another source, who confirmed the development, said the letters issued to the affected officers were signed by the Military Secretary, Army, Major General J. Abdussalam.

Apart from those who failed their promotion examinations, the source said those who had disciplinary cases and those who had spent the mandatory 35 years in service were equally affected.

He said, "The officers who were asked to submit letters of voluntary retirement were more than 100. The military directive was contained in a letter dated October 24, 2022 but it was served on them sometime in November.

"They were given a deadline of December 24, 2022 to tender their letters otherwise the Nigerian Army would compel them to go on compulsory retirement. They are to commence their terminal leave from either February or March 2023.

"The reasons for the disengagement are varied. Some had to do with age on rank or cases of indiscipline and other reasons known to the Chief of Army Staff and the Military Secretary (Army).

"Some failed promotion examinations three times. For example, some brigadier-generals failed their promotion exams to major-general during their third and last attempt this year."

Findings indicate that some of the officers had been lobbying top retired military officers, including a former Chief of Staff, for assistance.

However, there are indications that the aggrieved officers might have appealed to the CoAS, Lt Gen Farouk Yahaya, and the President, Major General

Muhammadu Buhari (retd.), for extension of service in line with Chapter 11, Section 2(e) of the HTACOS.

The section states, "An officer called upon to retire, resign or to relinquish his commission shall, if he so desires, appeal to Mr President, the C-in-C (Commander-In-Chief) through the CDS (Chief of Defence Staff) within 30 days to have his case reconsidered."

But some of the affected officers, who spoke to our correspondent on condition of anonymity, explained that they did not file any appeal because they were given assurances that the exercise might be reviewed.

Speaking in confidence to Saturday PUNCH, a Major disclosed that he did not take advantage of the 30-day appeal window provided by the HTACOS because there were signs that the authorities might withdraw the directive following the discontent and anger it had generated in the Army among those who had not attained the mandatory retirement age or service years.

"We have submitted our letters of voluntary retirement as directed by the high command, but there are positive indications that we may be considered for reprieve, particularly those of us who have not spent up to 35 years in service," he said optimistically.

The Director of Information, Nigerian Army, Brig Gen Onyema Nwachukwu, did not respond to requests for comments on Friday, but a retired military officer and security expert, Col Hassan Stan-Labo, pointed out that retirement was routine in the military.

"The army has a well laid out HATCOS regime, which applies to its personnel. So, it (retirement) is very normal; it is an annual thing; retirement, promotion and discipline are annual events in the Army calendar," he stated.

Asked if the annual retirement of personnel without commensurate recruitment would not affect the Army's operational capability, Stan-Labo said, "The Army cannot sacrifice anything for discipline. That you are holding an important position in relation to the ongoing war does not make you indispensable. There is a saying in the Army that nobody is indispensable.

"So, if at any point you think you are too much; you can be laid aside and another person will do it. Thank God Nigeria has a population of over 250 million, so we don't lack manpower except that they are not recruiting as much as we expect in relation to the ongoing campaign. We expect that turnover will be high, so recruitment should be high."



## ARREST OF A SUSPECTED MEMBER OF ARMED ROBBERY...

## Suspected Killers Of US Based Ogbomoso Born Hotelier, LAUTECH Student Paraded In Ibadan

Suspected killers of the US based Ogbomoso born hotelier, Mr. Gbenga Owolabi have been paraded at the Oyo State Police Command Headquaters Eleyele Ibadan.

The suspects were paraded along some other suspected criminals for their alleged involvements in various crime cases such as kidnapping for ransom, armed robbery, among others within the state.

He also stressed that the suspects namely Namaru Abubakar aged 25, Saliu Abubakar, 30, and Usman Abubakar aged 23 were arrested based on credible informations provided by one of their victims.

Recall that the late hotelier, Mr. Gbenga Owolabi was abducted on July 28th, 2022 and was killed on Tuesday 2nd August, 2022 after a ransom of N5m was paid.

CP. Adebowale Williams said, "On 16th September, 2021 at about 0715hrs, one Alhaji Waheed Hammed, a cattle dealer in Ogbomoso town while returning from his cattle ranch located at Adafila Village, via Ogbomoso was intercepted at a desolate spot by some notorious kidnapping syndicate that have been terrorizing members of the public in Ogbomoso and its neighboring towns.

Adebowale stressed further that the members of this dreaded kidnapping syndicate who were reportedly armed with AK-47 Riffles, Cutlasses and some other dangerous weapons attacked the said Alhaji Waheed Hammed and later whisked him away into a thick forest where they contacted his relative and demanded for One Hundred Million Naira (N100, 000, 000. 00k) ransom before he would be released.

He noted that as soon as the Commissioner of Police, Oyo State got wind of the incident through a duly written petition, He directed that all available resources be deployed in rescuing the victim unhurt with his abductors arrested, hence the transfer to the Command's Monitoring Unit.

Sequel to this directive, operatives attached to the Monitoring Unit swung into action and in the process of combing the thick forest alongside



local hunters and Vigilantes, they stumbled upon where the victim was held captive and rescued him unhurt.

The victim during debrief narrated his ordeal in the hands of his abductors and explained that while the kidnappers were negotiating his ransom, they claimed responsibility for the death of an Ogbomosho hotelier, Mr Gbenga Owolabi (Now Deceased) and that he,(the abductee) would suffer a similar fate should his ransom payment process get thwarted by involving the Police.

The victim also gave other useful information to the Police operatives and this led to the arrest of three members of the kidnapping syndicate who identified themselves as NAMARU ABUBAKAR 'M' and USMAN ABUBAKAR 'M'.

Upon detailed interrogations, the suspects explained in detail how one Mohammadu (now at large) who happened to be a former employee (cattle herder) of the victim invited them and some other Fulani cattle herders from Kebbi State to carry out the criminal activity. Investigation is still in progress to track down other members of the criminal syndicate. Adebowale said.

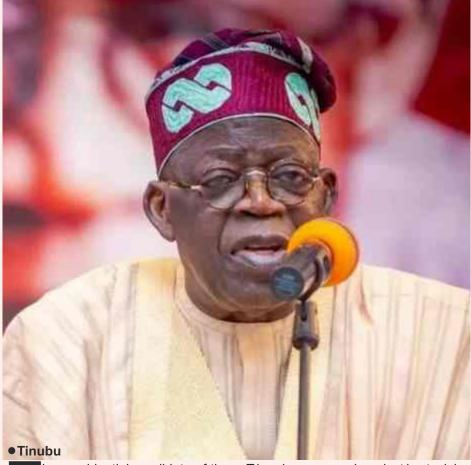
In his words, the victim Alhaji Waheed Hammed said, "these set of guys here abducted me while going to my farm and demanded for a ransom of one hundred million naira, and they started beating me with heavy rods and cutlasses telling me to pay ransom on time or they will kill me like the way have killed late Gbenga Owolabi the US based Ogbomoso born hotelier and that LAUTECH student.

"They were speaking in Hausa and Yoruba languages so I heard them very clearly because I can speak Hausa and Yoruba fluently, they told me to pay, else they will kill me, they were on call although while we walked through the thick forest but when we got to an open place inside the thick forest they called that person again and the man picked up his call and they informed him that they've succeeded in kidnapping me and he also told me on phone that I need to contact my family and pay ransom demanded by his boys."

"I really appreciate the efforts of our policemen on this job, they did well by apprehending those guys. Those people are brothers, they are from the same family, police can still get the rest of them that are currently at large, they just need to put more effort on their investigation." He said.



## Fuel scarcity, naira redesign, ploy to sabotage my chances - Tinubu



he presidential candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Bola Ahmed Tinubu, on Wednesday, alleged that the current fuel scarcity and naira redesign were parts of the plan by some powers-thatbe to sabotage the 2023 general elections.

Tinubu spoke during the APC presidential campaign at the MKO Abiola International Stadium, Kuto, Abeokuta.

Tinubu declared that the fuel crisis and the scarcity of the newly redesigned Naira notes were artificially created to discourage Nigerians from voting for the APC.

The APC presidential candidate called on the people to remain resolute and resist any attempt by anyone to stop the election from holding.

Tinubu promised that his administration would also introduce a student loan programme that would ensure that no Nigerian student is unable to complete his or her education because of school fees.

"There will be a student loan, nobody will drop out of university because of school fees, I quarantee you that.

"Nobody will have to repeat one class for eight years and not graduate.

"We are too smart, we are brilliant, we are courageous, we will make a four-year course be a four-year course," he said.

While saying that the forthcoming general election is a revolution that would reshape the country, he noted that his administration would do all it can to ensure that the price of fuel is bearable for all Nigerians.

He alleged that the fuel scarcity was

artificially created to sabotage his presidential ambition

He also alleged that there were thick plots against him and clandestine moves to scuttle the 2023 election, stressing that nothing would stop him from emerging victorious on February

He said: "Even if they said there is no fuel, we will trek to vote. They have a lot of mischiefs, they could say there is no

"They have been scheming to create a fuel crisis, but forget about it. Relax, I, Asiwaju have told you that the issue of fuel supply will be permanently addressed.

"Whoever wants to eat the honey embedded in a mountain won't worry about the axe. Is that not so?

"And if you want to eat palm kernel, you would bring stone and use it to break it, then the kernel will come out.

"Let them increase the price of fuel, only they know where they have hoarded the fuel.

"They hoarded money, they hoarded naira; we will go and vote and we will win. Even if they changed the ink on Naira notes, whatever their plans, it will come to naught.

"We are going to win. Those in the PDP will lose (won ma lule)," he declared.

He noted that as a homeboy, he had come to Ogun not to put the people to shame, but to win and take over the government.

"I am a homeboy, I have come here, you will not be put to shame, we will take over the government from them, the traitors who wanted to contest with us, they had no experience", Tinubu said.

"This election is a revolution. They are plotting, but they will fail. They said fuel price will increase and reach N200 per litre. Go and relax.

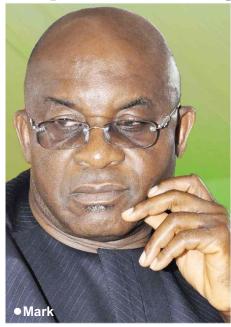
The APC presidential candidate was accompanied on the campaign by the Speaker, House of Representatives, Femi Gbajabiamila; Minister of State for Labour and Productivity and the spokesperson, APC Presidential Campaign Council, Festus Keyamo; and vice presidential candidate, Senator Kashim Shettima.

Others were Lagos State governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu; Ekiti State governor, Abiodun Oyebanji; his Kwara State counterpart, Abdul Rahman Abdul Razaq; former governor of Ekiti State, Kayode Fayemi; deputy governor of Ondo State, Lucky Avedatiwa.

Former governor of Osun State, Adegboyega Oyetola; national leaders of the party, Aremo Olusegun Osoba and Chief Bisi Akande, were also there.



## **Court Orders Remanded Of Drug Baron Impersonating David Mark For Illict Business**



Federal High Court sitting in Ikoyi, Lagos, presided over by Justice Ambrose Lewis-Allagoa, recently ordered the remand of an alleged drug baron, Omeje Oliver, who has been using the name 'David Mark,' to carry out the illicit business, in the custody of the Nigerian Correctional Services (NCoS).

The judge arrived at the decision after the suspected drug peddler pleaded not guilty to two counts of unlawful dealing in 950 grams of the banned substance, heroin.

While the defendant was being arraigned, the prosecutor, Abu Ibrahim, told the judge that Oliver had sometime on April 13, 2022, procured one Idokoja Solomon Chukwurah to export 950 grams of heroin.

The lawyer equally informed the court that Oliver was unlawfully in possession of the banned substance.

According to the prosecutor, the alleged offence contravenes Sections 21 (2)(d) and 11(b) and is punishable under Section 11(b) of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency Cap. N30, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria,



## Sunday Adeyemo Igboho **bags Doctorate Degree**

opular Nigerian Yoruba selfdetermination activist and philanthropist, Chief Sunday Adeniyi Adeyemo, aka Sunday Igboho has been honored with a Doctorate in Peace and Security

Management/International Relations in the United States.

The honorary award was given to him by Triune Biblical University, Brooklyn, New York.

Sunday Igboho has been having a

running battle with Nigerian security forces and was arrested at the behest of Nigerian government in Cotonou, Benin Republic, in July last year, for the allegedly carrying a fake passport.

Before he surfaced in Cotonou and subsequently arrested, recall that he had been declared wanted by the Nigerian secret police, the Department of State Services (DSS) for allegedly stockpiling of arms in his home.

The Yoruba nation agitator was detained in Benin Republic and after several court appearances, he regained his freedom in March 2022.

He wrote on his Instagram page, "Congratulations to me as I was conferred Doctor of peace and security management/international relations with specialization in war/conflict and peace studies from Truine Biblical University, USA," he wrote.

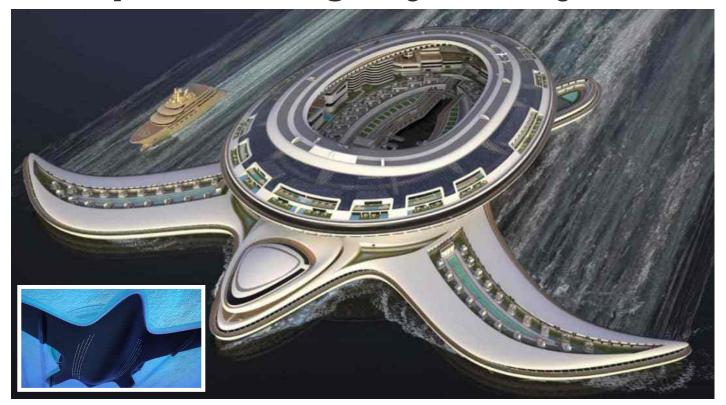
"It's such an honor to know that

Yoruba nation's efforts are not in vain."

Some of those present to witness the award ceremony include Banji Akintoye, leader of the Yoruba selfdetermination movement; Banji Ayiloge, vice chairman of the Yoruba self-determination movement; Wale Adeniran, vice chairman of Ilana Omo Odua, and Titi Aboyade Cole, the publicity director of YSDM.



## **World Largest Boat: Saudia Arabia** is building an \$8 billion turtleshaped floating city - "terayacht"



audi Arabia has been proposed as a location for the construction of a massive turtle-shaped yacht, dubbed Pangeos. If the project is constructed, it will become the biggest sea vessel ever built, essentially a massive floating city.

Pangeos is named after Pangaea, a supercontinent that existed roughly two hundred million years ago.

It'll be able to hold 60,000 people, comprised of 9 different bows subdivided into different blocks with 19 villas, 64 apartments, & shopping malls.

Zero emissions and powered by waves & solar. The project has been designed and proposed by Lazzarini Design Studio. The Rome-based company utilizes 3D technology to visualize designs and ideas. Shaped like a turtle, a terayatch is set to become the world's biggest floating structure.

Lazzarini, the designer of this terayatch, Pangeos has estimated the cost of building it to be \$8 billion (About ₹65,000 crore approx.

The makers plan on building it like a "floating city". It is set to be 1,800 feet long and 2,000 feet wide. Of course, to build a structure that big, the designers would need a special place too. The designers have proposed Saudi Arabia as a location for construction. It will require about one square kilometre of the sea to be dug out and a circular dam to be constructed before the building process can begin. The makers of the terayatch have selected space at King Abdullah Port as the ideal location.

Social media users took to the comment section to

express their curiosity about the terayatch. Many wondered how it would handle the waves. It certainly looked like an interesting design to them. A social media user wrote, "It would be interesting to see how this vessel behaves in the middle of a big sea storm, even because it won't have the speed to run away from it."

"Projects like this are hard for me to even wrap my head around the amount of time labour materials and money something like this takes," read another comment.

A third user commented, "Doable concept and not necessarily much forward-facing resistance if the whole light materials structure is made to float on multihulls parallel to each other and cutting through the navigation direction. A kind of a bunch of catamarans all bound together."

The term terayacht is designated to vessels that are larger than super, mega and Giga yachts. While it might not sound like the real world, the term exists. And this terayacht will also double as a floating city.

Unlike a traditional cruise ship or yacht, the Pangeos itself would be the star destination. Powered by nine 16,800 horsepower HTS engines, the Pangeos is expected to have a top speed of just five knots (5.7 miles per hour/9.2 kilometers per hour).

The vessel's slow and steady speed is unsurprising given its great heft. Guests wishing to travel between the Pangeos and other locations will have the option to use either another sea vessel or aircraft. A port will be constructed on board for other boats and an "upper shell area" will grant access to flying vehicles.



## Wizkid is running to avoid being served over song theft' - Blackface

igerian artist and songwriter, Blackface has alleged that artist Wizkid is running away from a lawsuit over song theft.

Blackface has accused Grammy award-winning artist Wizkid and music executive Banky W of theft of intellectual property.

In 2016, Blackface accused Banky W and Wizkid of stealing his song titled 'I Like The Way' in making 'Slow Whine' and also accused them of sampling his song titled 'Twist and Turn' for 'Ginger', one of the tracks from Wizkid's popular album 'Made In Lagos'.

Speaking in an interview with The Whistlers on Wednesday, Blackface disclosed he is yet to hear from Banky W and Wizkid since the issue popped up in 2016. He further added that Wizkid has been avoiding Nigeria in order not to get served with a lawsuit.

He said: "I called them (Wizkid and Banky W) out for sampling my song 'I Like The way' which they changed to Slow Whine without my permission.

reached out to me till today, in fact, I down from Ghana to Benin Republic to

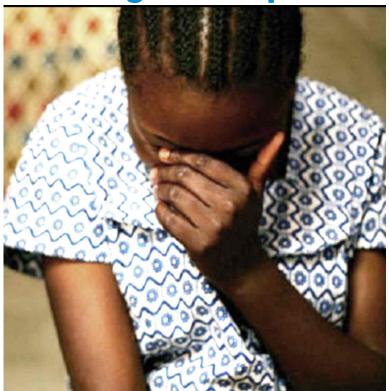


think that is the reason why Wizkid is not staying in Nigeria, he knows he will "From that time, they have not get served, so they are running up and



Togo, nobody can find them yet, but once we see them and find out where we can reach them, we will serve

## Man Kills Eye Witness, Mother In-law After **Catching Him Rape Wife's 14 Years Old Sister**



he Lagos State Police command says it has arrested a 38-year-old man for allegedly killing his mother-in-law and one other person after raping his wife's teenage sister in the Ibeju-Lekki area of the state.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Benjamin Hundeyin, confirmed the arrest on his verified Twitter handle monitored by the News Agency of Nigeria.

He said that the suspect, who killed his mother-inlaw, killed the person who saw him perpetrating the act "The suspect killed his mother-in-law, only to discover someone saw him committing the crime.

"He quickly killed the man that saw him. "Preliminary investigation shows that he killed his mother-in-law because she discovered he was having carnal knowledge of his wife's 14-year-old younger sister (mother-in-law's daughter) and vowed to take it up," he said.

According to Hundeyin, the case has been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) for the conclusion of the investigation and arraignment.



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## **Adams Oshiomhole** Was Never Our Problem - Edo Residents Open Up As Obaseki Fails Expectations

here is an Ethiopian proverb that says praise and truth are revealed slowly, and in Germany, truth is the daughter of time.

Truth is open, truth is universal, truth is eternal, truth is one, it is extremely difficult to conceal the truth, no matter how hard you try, and thus being true is

second only to godliness.

For any secret to be revealed, there must be disagreement among the Keepers of the Secret. The Governor of Rivers State recently expressed his gratitude to Buhari for paying the Niger Delta Governors' arrears of billions of Naira since the emergence of the current republic in 1999.

It was a windfall, and at the same time. Buhari reimbursed these states for their claims for road rehabilitation over the years, gave them bailouts to pay salaries, and so much more.

Then there are the Covid-19 grants, which are pouring in from all directions like blood money. International organizations, federal government agencies, local agencies individual billionaires have all made significant contributions to these same states.

How wicked and callous can these state governors be? They remained silent while giving the impression that Buhari has destroyed the economy and there is starvation everywhere, which is typical of a fraudster. Meanwhile, Wike was busy using his power to construct flyovers and help other states during natural disasters.

If Buhari destroyed the economy where did he see money to give them?

They must explain.

Adams Oshiomhole revealed yesterday that Obaseki received more than a Hundred Billion and remained silent like glue had been applied to his lips. These Governors are our problems; it is no longer a secret that the majority of these Governors take a hefty allocation intended for the Local govt for themselves.

According to a statement made by Buhari on ARISE TV last year, each local government receives at least N300 million of which the governor keeps N200 million and the local government chairman receives the remaining 100 million naira to pay salaries.

Now its even worse, according to what we have heard, these governors will only give these chairmen five million naira and they will pay the salaries for local officials (the



governors). This explains why even the local government councils finds it difficult to weed grass from inside their secretariat.

While Obaseki has refused to hold an LGA election, his stooges continue to print posters and spend their pitiful money on a Phantom campaign that is not expected to yield any results but still gives the public the impression that a contest is about to take place.

Lecturers at Ambrose Ali State University want to die of hunger, claiming that Obaseki has ruined the state university and that workers are not being paid; they claim that the college of Education in Igueben is closed, as is the one in Owan.

Residents accuse Obaseki of leaving his major construction projects unfinished and then dragging them out for years because they say he uses them for political campaigns. The Ekehuan road, for example, has become a recurring decimal in road construction since the advent of

Now that we are in the Japa season, the majority of his boys have fled to Europe and have begun to admit that Oshiomhole was never the problem; rather, the problem was a governor (Obaseki) who appeared to be insatiable when it came to retaliatory action and perhaps financial greed.

Enanuna Ibude, a strong foot soldier of Obaseki who left his political mentor Adams Oshiomhole, made a live video in faraway Sweden saying Obaseki is the problem, he said Obaseki fought Oshiomhole, came to PDP and divided



the party into two divisions with hatred from both sides like say tomorrow no

He went on to say that now everyone in Edo State is hungry, with no job, no empowerment, and the governor appears to be unconcerned. Another video is making the rounds of another Obaseki boy accusing the Governor of wickedness and demanding that he comes out and explain what he's done with the 13% oil refund since 1999.

He compared him to Wike, whom Obaseki is fighting as if he stole his kidney or liver; the Rivers State Governor has built over 12 solid flyovers this year alone, but Obaseki is still signing memorandums of understanding as if the state depends on it for life support.

Truth my people say no dey break teeth. Let us now open our Bible

verses to 2 Timothy 2:15.

15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

Adam's Oshiomhole has been vindicated, and the truth now stands tall. With the modest funding he received—which he was open about—Oshiomhole demonstrated with clear distinction what his government accomplished by undertaking a number of breathtaking projects that were admired by all.

My brothers and sisters, I would like to conclude this by reading from the book of John 8:32, which states, "Then you will know the truth, and the truth

will set you free."

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