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From left: Former Director-General of Nigerian Maritime Administration Agency, NIMASA, Ferdinand Aga, Afenifere Leader, Pa Ayo Adebanjo and PDP presidential aspirant, Sen Anyim Pius Anyim, when Anyim visited Adebanjo’s Lagos home, at the weekend.

Emir of Daura, Alhaji Umar Farouk Umar, turbaning the Minister of Transportation, Rt. Hon. Rotimi Amaechi, as the Dan Amanar of Daura (Trusted Son of Daura), in Daura, yesterday. More photos on page 5.
HONOUR TO A PATRIOT

Amaechi AMINTACHE !!!

- The preferred,
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Signed:

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YORUBA DESCEND ON BENIN REPUBLIC:
They padlocked Igboho for seven months

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OIL TERMINAL EXPLOSION: 10 crew members still missing - Shebah Exploration Company

By Johnbosco Agbakwuru

The Management of Shebah Exploration & Production Company Ltd (SEPCOL), in RECEIVERSHIP since July 2011, today said it is in the process of investigating the explosion at its facilities which claims the lives of 10 crew members who were onboard of Foa Transportation Vessel Shebah 1

It also said there had not been any reported fatalities amongst the workers onshore, safety, and security of 10 crew members who were onboard of Foa Transportation Vessel Shebah 1

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...Emir prays for higher office for Minister

By Ogahlah Ibrahim,

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**2023 PRESIDENCY: Decision of South will shake Nigeria**

*By Davies Iheimnachor*

Governor Nyesom Wike of Rivers State says Nigeria will shake when southern stakeholders declare their decision on the 2023 presidency.

Wike also said the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) will not give up its presidential candidate to any candidate who will serve only the interest of the wealthy few in Nigeria, adding that desperate politicians who will do anything to clinch victory will not be allowed to continue in the party.

The governor spoke at a grand reception organised by the people of Kalabari communities in support of his special assistant, Abba Kyari.

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**Ugwuanyi has demystified governance, says Ohanaeze Ndigbo in Diaspora**

By Davies Iheimnachor

The leadership of Ohanaeze Ndigbo, United Kingdom (UK)/Ireland has lauded Governor Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi for his sacrifices and immovable contributions towards the progress of Enugu State and the entire South-East, stressing that the governor has demystified governance to the admiration of many, through his exemplary leadership and new administration.

The UK/Ireland Chapter of Ohanaeze Ndigbo, Enugu State Chapter, Prof. Fred Eze, the National Publicity Secretary of the Organization, Chief Alex Ogbouma, among others, the new President of the Igbo socio-cultural organization visited the governor at the Government House, Enugu, yesterday.

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Data Protection Bill is a fundamental law for Nigerians, Adeseyoju tells NASS

By Tunde Osu

Nigerians joined the rest of the world in observing Data Privacy Day on Friday, January 31. Ademikun Adeyesyoeju, Director, Data Protection & Privacy Compliance Department, NITDA, said the observed day is dedicated to individuals and organizations with the responsibility of protecting personal data and for related matters.

He also said quick passage of the Data Protection Bill is currently in the works.

"The Bill is expected to be passed by the National Assembly and signed into law by the President in order to provide a robust legal framework for the protection of personal data and for related matters. The Bill is in line with the relevant international standards, as enshrined in the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) of the European Union and other international guidelines. Complying with the provisions of the law, will advance the right to privacy of individuals and businesses in Nigeria. The Bill is also expected to provide a fair and balanced framework for businesses in Nigeria," he said.

Ademikun added that the Data Protection & Privacy Compliance Department is a multi-faceted unit of the agency, which had begun with a strong desire to protect and promote digital rights and freedom.

Data protection, he noted, is about education, advocacy and influencing policy change.

"While we do advocacy and)+'nfluence policy change, our primary objective is education. We believe that in order to ensure privacy is not an afterthought, we must begin to hide the value of privacy. We are therefore committed to educating people on the value of privacy," Adeyesyoeju said.

He said the Bill is expected to protect and promote digital rights and freedom in all its aspects, including data protection.

Adeyesyoeju

New executive officers inaugurated for APCC

By Sunday Nwabueze

NIGERIANS are in for a treat as the Association of Police Commanders and Commissioner, APC, at 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory, has inaugurated new executive officers to steer the affairs of the association for the next four years.

The take-over of the new executive officers was held in Lagos on Monday.

"We are in APC to serve, we are here to listen to our members and see what their problems are and how we can possible solve them in favour of our members. We are not here to profit. When we profit, it will be the profit of the NAIROBI, Kenya—The Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) says hundreds of people in Kenya could succumb to the COVID-19 disease if the country doesn’t act faster to prevent a resurgence of the virus.

"Kenya is at risk of experiencing a second COVID-19 wave if current containment measures are not strengthened. This is based on recent findings from household sentinel surveillance. In general, the country has recorded about 50,000 cases of COVID-19 and have recorded about 500 deaths," the institute said.

"The second wave is expected to be more serious than the first due to the effectiveness of the first wave in hardening the population’s immunity.

"Therefore, strong measures that have worked in the first wave need to be actioned in the second wave. This includes compliance to non-pharmaceutical interventions, self-reporting, social distancing and more," the institute said.

KEMRI said the country needs to up its efforts, as the current outbreak is taxing the healthcare system.

"The healthcare system is already at capacity and this needs to be addressed," the institute said.

"The pandemic is currently a balancing act of COVID-19 and the healthcare system capacity. Each time, we are near the tipping point towards healthcare system collapse which will lead to increased mortality and severe consequences of COVID-19. This is the time for the country to take strong action to prevent a resurgence of COVID-19," the institute said.

This comes as the country is currently recording about 200 cases of COVID-19 daily.

KEMRI said new measures may need to be implemented to prevent a second wave.

"We need to increase surveillance with specific focus to areas with emerging cases. Increased COVID-19 testing is needed to get a true picture of COVID-19 situation in the country. We also need to ensure all COVID-19 patients are managed to the full extent, including those who are in subclinical stage," the institute said.

"The new measures may also include better case management, protecting healthcare workers and upsurge in COVID-19 vaccination," the institute said.

KEMRI said the government needs to consider coming up with a national vaccination plan.

"A national vaccination plan will help address the immediate need for vaccination and also take into consideration the sustainability of vaccination. The plan will also align with WHO recommendations and guidelines. It will also help to align our COVID-19 vaccination plan with the global plan for 2021 and 2022," the institute said.

The institute said its KEMRI-JRH-Access Centre for Research in Allergy, Respiratory and Infectious Diseases has initiated a study to better understand the COVID-19 transmission rate in Kenya.

"The study, which is expected to last one year, will help us understand the susceptibility of the Kenyan population to COVID-19. It will also help us determine the levels of COVID-19 virus transmission under different conditions," the institute said.

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Hi star out there?

I called you stars because I know that is who God put in the sky. A star can never be found anywhere else in the sky and it’s always a beauty to behold. Tell your kids to call you ‘star’ also. Good night!

Unfortunately, in this earth space, planet, so many things are contesting against it because of the world system filled with distractions. Distractions in terms of television, phone, games just to mention a few. All these gadgets have their own benefits but children are not always equal to maximizing the benefits of these parents or guardian. What you need is focus. Focus is the key needed to unlock the potential God has put inside of you. Do you know that when it comes to achievement in your academics, your ability to focus on your studies determines your results at the end of the term. What are your goals in this new term as you are back in school? Do you want to be the best in your class? To leave game time to during holidays? To outdo many of the distractions including playing of games from your friends? Whatever goal you have set for yourself is possible if you stay focused. Your future success depends on it. Focus on building a new you. Each day is a new opportunity for something good to happen. Focus and you will do well in your last result, just focus.

Focus on today’s goals you have set for yourself. Focus on what you can do to be better of you in the new term.

Enjoy your week but stay focused.

Aunty Funmi

SHORT STORY

Dream Big

Lily is a little girl, who is lovely and reserved. But she enjoys playing soccer. Her friends and classmates ridicule Lily for her interest in soccer. Nonetheless, she is determined to pursue her passion and become a successful soccer player.

Every day, after returning from school, Lily quickly finishes her homework and goes to the local field to play soccer. Her mother understands the importance of physical fitness and has for the sport and supports her in every way.

When the inter-school competitions are announced by the school, Lily decides to participate. She takes part in the selection tests and eventually makes it to the varsity. Her classmates mock her once again. But they are

NIGER ATTACKS: Villagers act as informants to bandits, Senator Musa raises the alarm

By Wole Mosadomi, Minna

The senator, in a telephone interview with this correspondent, yesterday, noted that untoward events in the state had shown that some villagers are being driven to become informants to bandits. He made it clear that security agencies need to overrule them.

Musa said this is not the right period to start playing politics with the crisis in hand but time for all stakeholders to come together to fight against the common enemy.

There had been war of words between youths in affected areas and government over attacks by bandits in the state in the past few days. The federal government has asked those in the affected areas to report to the appropriate authorities for action. Some villagers are seen as being instigators of the violence. Musa, however, pleaded that the government should also apply more proactive measures in establishing permanent military camps in the communities and should also apply more intensive techniques to confront and win the war against criminals.

Senator Musa, in a telephone interview with this correspondent, yesterday, praised the company for extending the gesture to the community in past Christmas celebrations. Mango as noted by him, has taken possession of the community headquarters in Eket, Ekpo and Itu to the delight of the base Manager, praised the company for the（edited due to the length）

OML 13: NOSL Christmas Gifts for Eastern Obolo, Onna, Mkpant Enin, Ibeno, Ikot Abasi

• Host communities’ welfare is our priority - Group Capt Etebo Ekpo (rtd)

“We shall constantly take the welfare of the residents of our host communities as foremost part in the scheme of things in the course of our operations here at OML13”. This assurance was given by Mr. Michael Liberty, Group Capt Etebo Ekpo (rtd), while delivering a concession speech to the people of Eastern Obolo, Onna, Mkpant Enin, Ibeno, and Ikot Abasi communities through members of the OML13 Management Committee.

The ceremony was represented by Honorable (El- der) Mrs. Nunu Nunu who took possession of the Christmas gift package.

The gift package is a token of appreciation to the communities for the cooperation enjoyed by the company from the community. According to the management, it has been a happy experience for the company to be with the community. The event started with the presentation of the gift package to the communities that came to receive it in that order. Mr. Michael Liberty, in his speech, thanked the communities for opening the gate to the company for the first time. He recalled efforts of the past to make life better for the people in past Christmas celebrations. Mango assured the communities of continued support to the people in other areas to enhance him in terms of training and social amenities.

Representative of the NPF, Mr. Barasie Richard, told the gathering that the participation of OML13 and NOSL has come to impact on the communities and will be sustained. He described the event as a milestone. President of Iko community, thanked the group for the kind gesture. He height pledging to the company to do more and establish a permanent community project like the present distribution of gifts. The citizens for youths, and scholarship for their children in higher institutions.

Eastern Obolo, Onna, Mkpant Enin, Ibeno, and Ikot Abasi communities that are affected by settlement farms are within the areas under OML13. The motivation for the event was to bring joy to the children, especially for the holidays. The documentation process of the event was handled by the NPF, after which the gift was given to the communities.

Group Captain Ekpo (rtd) handing over donated items to Hon Mango while others watch.

US-based foundation donates property to The Candlelight Foundation

A US-based non-profit organization, Liberty Family Foundation, has donated $31,700 USD to the Candlelight Foundation to secure a five-year lease of property in Surulere area of Lagos State.

The property is meant for The Candlelight Foundation’s soup kitchen, where meals are shared freely to the poor people in the community.

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A detoun Tade is an engineer turned movie producer. The first elected President of the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) at the United States Consulate, in this chat, talks about the mentoring programs she started in 2018, victims of rape and the ones suffering in silence and many more.

Excerpts...

What are you passionate about; what drives you as a person?
I am passionate about people. I love impacting people’s lives, no matter how small or big, and that gives me joy every day I have such privilege.

Can you share a little of the challenges you have encountered giving a helping hand?
Challenges faced by women are multi-faceted. It takes a woman to double or triple her efforts to be heard and taken seriously.

What inspired ‘Achieving a Rape, Child Molestation and Domestic Violence Free Community’ project?
One of the major programs the United States Consulate supports us to do is the mentorship program for senior secondary students in public schools where students talk leadership, social skills, decision-making processes, circle of influence and lots more. It is in the course of this program that we realized that child molestation, rape and domestic violence has eaten deep into the fabric of our society than we imagined. And most of the victims, especially children, are afraid to go to the police. Some are of the opinion that the police will mock them. We also realized that most of these children and parents don’t know where to get help to deal with the trauma. This is why we organized sensitization programs across local governments/LCDAs in Lagos and other help to those affected.

In all of these, knowing that funds and ethnic issues may become hindrances to your work, how do you get help?
We have to thank the United States Consulate, CeeYa Foundation and Dr. Maymunar Kadir of Pinnacle Medical Service. We also thank Chairmen of local governments/LCDAs who opened their doors to us without reservation. We also thank Chairmen of local governments/LCDAs who opened their doors to us without reservation. We also thank Chairmen of local governments/LCDAs who opened their doors to us without reservation.

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81 full years of living
Taiwo Ajai-Lycett celebrates

Legendary actress, television presenter and matron of the arts, Taiwo Ajai-Lycett appears to be waxing stronger even as she turned 81 years old a few days ago. Although neither a Muslim nor a Christian, the veteran actress of global acclaim was effusive in her gratitude for the gift of life as she stated on her Instagram page:

"Hear her, "Today, on my 81st birthday, I say a lovely prayer for myself: that my life be jam-packed with activities, impactful -- loving myself and loving the people around me. I'm so thankful still at 81, thank you for showing me love, thank you for being a source of joy and happiness in my life.

"I feel full of gratitude because I'm privileged to see this day," she concluded.

In a past interview the consummate thespian had explained why she doesn't believe in religion, adding that her belief in God is the universal tongue of life.

"Against organised religion, the kind of religion that is lobotomizing people; that is creating fear in their minds. They are making everyday things become religious, things we can think straight. Everybody else is going to mars and the moon and everything, we are crying 'Jesus Jesus.' It's bankrupt.

"Religion, that's idleness. All the things we are crying about, religion is nothing to do with that. It's a waste of time, nothing to do with the world at all."

However, the actress said she believes she has a spiritual force behind creation not because she was told about it but because she had experienced the universal intelligence that turned her life around.

Onwenu's marriage would have killed me
—Onyeka Onwenu

Music legend, Onyeka Onwenu has opened up on the many difficulties she dealt in with her failed marriage.

In an interview with media personality, Kikilomo Atanda-Owo on "Real Talk with Kike", the 70-Year-old actress spoke about how she tried so hard to ensure her marriage didn't fall until she realised she could die if she remained in it.

Onwenu said: "I went through it. It was difficult because I really didn't want my marriage to end but I could not take it anymore. It would have killed me. I always say it and that is the truth.

"And it was not only for the children I love, it's for the children I don't love."

It would be recalled just some months back, the veteran actress was rocked by a serious marital scandal that nearly ended her marriage.

Onyeka Onwenu, a famous Nigerian Social media influencer and Instagram model who has been in the spotlight for posting dance videos, has amassed over 1.4 million followers on Instagram as she declared on her Instagram page:

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US-based Nollywood actress, Christiana Boluwade, to premiere new movie ‘Alantakun’

Christiana Boluwade, by far the best-recognized film-maker, has already made films as movie to teach and communicate wisdom about life’s issues. ‘Alantakun’ is not any different. The movie ‘Alantakun’ features actors like Christiana Boluwade, Allwell Ademola, Damola Oduwale, Daddy Awolowo, Toyin Salami and Ifowol Akinseide and written by Christiana Boluwade herself.

My dedication, passion, my selling point
—Aramide Ottun

Aramide Ottun is a budding Yoruba actress, blessed with both brains and beauty. She holds a Bachelor’s degree in Public Administration from the University of Lagos. She’s a producer of two films, namely: Public Toilet and 1 O’Clock. She has also featured in many films, among which are Legal Wife, Igbese Kan, Corper’s Lodge, Bangles and many others.

On her selling point, Aramide stated in an interview with Vanguard, “My dedication, passion and determination are my selling points. Understanding scripts, interpreting them so well that the make-believe industry for the first time in 20 years was not alone. Evidence they are even friends. ‘Okun-ebi’, ‘Alantaku’, ‘Taloloko’, ‘The Fight’ are Legal Wife, Igbese Kan, Corpers’ Lodge, Bangles and many more. In various interviews they have revealed their selling points and what makes them tick.

“Aramide Ottun is dedicated, loyal, respectful, gives you 100% attention on set and yes, she interprets her roles which has been my unique selling point and garnering more roles from directors and producers. I am not in competition with anyone whatsoever. I have my personal brand and it is different from anyone. I am not relying on my name because I still have a long way to go,” she says.

I love modesty
—Omotola Odunsi

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Women should flaunt their endowments in a modest way —Opeyemi Adeyeye

Opeyemi Adeyeye, born Opeyemi Adelemo and known in the industry as ‘Slay Queen’ is a mass communications graduate of Adekunle Ajasin University. She has produced one movie, titled ‘Slay Queen’ featuring fantastic actors like Fathia Balogun, Kainj Pato, Toyin Abraham, Ademiy Johnson, Soyi Edun, and other amazing actors. Beautiful Opeyemi feels women should flaunt their beauty in a decent way, adding that a woman can be decently sexy. “I feel being sexy is a way to express oneself’s inner and outer beauty which is natural but at the same time a woman can be decently sexy. Women should flaunt their beauty in a modest way with confidence then get treated with respect because men love ‘covered food’ not naked one that has been exposed to the sun,” she says.

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5 look-alike Yoruba actresses on the rise

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Fear God, not man

Brethren, let us continue to thank the Lord all the time. We should not receive anything for the sake of this world.

It is we who can describe as selves could never be described as elsewhere.

He is worthy of our praise all the time. As Christians, we have been taught in the course of all situations, we should give thanks to the Lord.

1st Chronicles 16.8, 4 KJV: “Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name; make known his deeds among the people.

Brethren, the truth is that we know very little of what God has done for us. Indeed, we do not know the plans of the LORD for us.

The year is like a pregnant woman, God knows what it carries.

As human beings we have no idea about what God has done for us or what would happen to it, but not because of God yet the blessings that we receive from the Lord are beyond our imagination.

Are you a wise, waiting on the Lord for his blessings, not just for you, fear God.

You may be, in the civilization of laws that have written you off, continue to thank God for the life.

The Lord that has kept you alive is able to give you children.

With eyes sometimes, the path to great miracles.

How do we fear the Lord?

Shun any person who is in contradiction to the word of God.

Lead you away from those relationships that may lead you to act against the word of God.

And there was a certain man named Zacharias, of the tribe of Levi, his wife was of the same tribe, but she bare not.

And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold, thou shalt be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and shalt call his name John. 9 Then shall he begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

You need to prepare your body and spirit to receive from the Lord, you shall not live or die if you care for the body and spirit.

Carry out a self-assessment.

Do you fear God? if you do, be confident that it is a matter of your winning glory in the kingdom of God.

The angel’s words of no-go areas for Manoah’s wife and child he has mentioned in verse 17: “And the Lord will give you fullness of days, and of prosperity in your days, and in the days of your son, and in the days of his son the days of the太平圣餐 will be blessed.”

You have the assurance of God.

Carry an account of God’s ways with you.

You will see that the woman was with child for a year and nine months, and they were about to give birth.

Verse 9 tells us how God responded. And God said to Manoah: “The angel of the Lord appeared to the woman, and the angel of the Lord spoke to her, and she knew that it was the angel of the Lord who spoke to her.

If you read the full chapter, you will see that the angel had a conversation with her husband and then announced that the child would be born.

Another lesson from this story is that Manoah’s wife and child were blessed.

Perhaps your situation is like that of Manoah’s wife. You should take note of it, you should call your all sorts of names. You should call your all sorts of names, even as you pray to God, the Lord will bless you, and you will receive a child and a son, and your relationship will be prosperous.

Fear, God, beware of evil and your testimony is sure.

February is your month of Grace in Jesus name.

You need to prepare your body and spirit to receive from the Lord and this cannot be done if you live a carefree life. Give thanks to God, you shall not do evil, but you shall do good. The Lord will bless you, and you shall live to be a hundred years old.

The Peace of the Lord be with us all in Jesus name.
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By Kennedy Mbele

Advertising Practitioners Council of Nigeria (APCON) recently conferred fellowship on 63 members at Radisson Blu Hotel, GRA, Ikeja. I was among the other categories of the recipients. Professor Jonathan A. Alieide, of the Department of Marketing, Pan Atlantic University, Nigeria, Abuja, in this interview conducted on the sideline of the event, describes advertising as a major tool that can be employed to develop and revitalize the country. Excerpts.

Can you share with us your journey so far that led you to be conferred fellowship by APCON?

As we may all know, APCON is an umbrella body for body for communication practitioners. As an avid advertising professional in Nigeria, I have been part of the development of the industry for many years. Through my membership of APCON, I know that I have been given the highest position in the field. It is all for service because I have been further equipped and energized to do more for the industry and our country. That is why it is elation for the privilege. Reaching the level of such honor is a great opportunity to contribute to the growth of the profession.

Can you mention some of the contributions you have made?

I have been contributing to the membership of APCON since I joined the organization. I was among the first group of members who have been using it as a platform to make my modest but strategic contributions to the growth and development of the advertising profession and industry in the country. This was made possible because I am in the academia and have worked with many universities and other higher institutions both on full time and part time basis, including the Institute of Advertising Management Technology (INT), Enugu, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, and Obafemi Awolowo University of Nigeria, NOUN, among others. I was a part of the interesting journey and I am happy it enabled me make many great contributions to the growth of the organization.

What about the current state of the advertising sector?

As a major player in the advertising world today, what do you consider as major challenges in the sector and how can these be surmounted?

The greatest challenge facing the industry is the current state of our economy. The time advertising made the greatest impact in this country was during the oil boom, because there was enough money for the investment in the industry and businesses across the country. The current downturn of the economy is a terrible situation for the advertising industry.

The second biggest problem is the lack of regulation. There is no law that can guide the advertising industry, which is the problem of high levels of illiteracy. A well educated citizen is a must for advertising to thrive in any environment. Furthermore, the business community is also not caring about advertising because of quick-profit orientation; as such they do not want to invest in advertising. Others are not well equipped to make it work, with no internet services and the various activities of quacks. All these are major threats undermining smooth and effective advertising practice in the country.

How advertising can help Nigeria attain national goals?

Advertising can help Nigeria attain national goals in many ways. First, it will advocate that we put advertising in a more responsible position for attainment of national ideals. This is because, in the past, that was so rosy in the 70s, when it was so easy to understand that the problem of the country was not poverty but what to do with money. Today, it is in a quagmire and crossroad with high level of poverty, illiteracy, diseases, among others. There is a need for more prominent and prominent leaders to advertise certain values to all Nigerians.

Many still view advertising as waste of funds, advocating that good products advertise themselves. What is your take?

That is why I earlier talked about the demerits of high levels of illiteracy in a country. Only an illiterate can make such a judgment, which you can see is based on ignorance. The issue is that advertising brings down the cost of production. For instance, if Dangote has been producing 100 tons of cement weekly and now increased to 200, the price of the product will drop. The magic? I think the executives of professional bodies in the country should apply to the government for a tax rebate to encourage more production of our products.

Professor Alieide

What advice do you have for those members who have not been sufficiently equipped and energized to do more for the profession?

Do you belong to other professional bodies apart from APCON? If yes, can you share with us some of these bodies?

Yes, apart from APCON, I am a member of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR) where I served up to the level of membership of their Governing Council. I am also a member of the Africa Council for Communication Education, an umbrella body for communication professionals, including practitioners and the academia in Africa. I was their National Treasure among other professional groups that work for communication synergy and collaboration.

From your experiences, what do you think can be done to increase the efficiency of professional bodies in the country?

I think the executives of professional bodies should come out with decisive blueprint that will produce regulatory enforcement in their professional bodies. This may help by ensuring that nobody practices without registering with the appropriate regulatory agencies after acquiring the requisite qualification and knowledge to enforce ethical codes on independent practitioners. People will be better controlled as members. When a held fast to code of conduct, Black and Harry is practicing unregistered, in turn, means continue to arise. Only members of professional bodies can be successfully compelled to adhere to the ethics of their profession. Therefore, there is a need for membership regulation. Such will also enhance training and retention of members.

Look at regulating bodies in countries like, Engineering and Legal profession to understand what they don't allow anybody to do whatever they want to. Top legislators in the country who fail or refuse to conform to the rules and regulations are not all the way out, but also sanctioned accordingly. This should apply to all sectors.

You are a professor, a stakeholder in the education sector. Can you provide some of the missing links in the sector and how can this be addressed to ensure a quality education in the country?

The main problem facing the education sector is money. Ironically, more universities are being established at the federal level even as the existing ones are not adequately funded. So, there is no way one can compare their output with what is obtainable in other countries where education is adequately funded. It is the inadequacy of funding that makes us often hear about ASUU going on strike. And, these strikes have completely impaired the academic calendar. If our universities are well funded and the teachers are already doing their best, we can't afford to compromise on the level of integrity expected of any actor in that sector.

What advice do you have for those in the academia?

I advise that they should always adhere to the codes of conduct of their profession. This means honesty, objectivity, truthfulness, credibility and integrity. They should apply to the government to be able to put all the information they give out about advertising in their teaching. This is not to be taken as a fine...
By Chinonso Alozie

Why wedragged IGP, Police Service Commission to Court

...Say Contributory Pension Scheme fraude

by Chimson Alozie

Retired Police Officers Forum, Imo State chapter, has dragged the Inspector General of Police, IGP, and Police Service Commission to court over the contributory pension scheme.

The industrial court in Owerri alleged failure to pay them their pension under the contributory Pension Scheme, thereby making them lose others.

Chapter, S. P. Nwakwe, President of the forum, Lawrence Nwakweta, Secretary, and Mr. Omeji, the forum’s member, approached the court on behalf of the forum, for a suit to be set for hearing.

They added: “Those who are party to the contributory Pension Scheme are to be paid the pension which is constitutionally guaranteed to them by virtue of the law they made. We are UKing to make them stop taking what does not belong to them.”

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5G Spectrum auction good start, but...

By Udo Ihuot

Adesuwa Onyia, CEO of Softcity Group and Chartered Information Technology Professional, has described the 5G spectrum auction in Nigeria, and the larger Sub-Saharan African region, as a progressive step. He also said that the auction “helped to kick-off a tool in the hands of people.”

He was speaking in an interview with SUNDAY VANGUARD, via a phone call.

Onyia said that with the auction of the 5G spectrum, “public and private players, who have long been looking forward to the emergence of a new generation of wireless technology, can be assured of the ramp-up of digital transformation in the country and other issues. Espects.

5G spectrum auction good start, but...
The rate at which human organs are being harvested has become a source of worry to relevant government bodies, non-governmental organizations and well-meaning individuals across the globe. In this interview, the Director General of the National Agency for Prohibition of the Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP), Fatima Waziri-Azi, discloses that there’s a huge global market for human and organ trafficking because it yields high profits with little risk of getting caught.

“The situation has reached a crisis stage and, as such, requiresconcerted efforts to end the practice,” she says. 

And this issue of organ harvesting is a growing trend because there is a global shortage of organs to be used for ethical transplants.

Media Presence

We are consistently engaging in campaigns and sensitization across the country but I also recommend that we need to put into practice what we have been consistently exploring different ways to enhance the visibility of our work. So, we are engaging schools, and are reviving the ‘NAPTIP on the Move’.

We also develop referrals, terms of policy, we develop different standards and procedures. We also develop mechanisms and we are currently working on the national action plan on trafficking in persons in Nigeria that will guide our enforcement agency to carry out intervention for the next five years. On prevention, we use strategic tools such as workshops, mass media campaigns, grassroots sensitization, capacity building and research. In terms of protection, we provide sheltering, psychosocial support, family tracing, fast tracking, empowerment, rehabilitation and reintegration programs for victims of trafficking and violence against persons.

In terms of prosecution, we prosecute all cases of trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants and violence against persons. Based on your experience over the years, what would you say are the reasons people fall prey to human trafficking?

Lack of economic opportunities for young people because of other circumstances, we shelter people for up to six weeks but then we found out that someone for as long as they need to be sheltered, we also assist in tracing and reuniting them with their families and provide counseling and psychosocial support for as long as they need such support. We also empower them through various skill-based training based on their own choices. So, we don’t just find faults on them, but we support them based on what they want to do and what they are interested in doing. We also improve their employability by sponsoring them to school. Since the inception of NAPTIP, we have sponsored 13 victims of trafficking to the university level. Two graduated last year. Out of the 13, NAPTIP has employed three and also looking forward to employing more of them to work with the agency.

Sting operation toppled Mama Bobi kingpin, taking young girls to Spain for N100,000

by Fatima Waziri-Azi, NAPTIP boss

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“Again, the poor economic situation of victims makes it easy for people to be manipulated or forced by traffickers into an exploitative situation. Human trafficking is a crime in which potential victims are completely victimless. It is also portrayed by the traffickers as the best choice to end the cycle of poverty in the family because you get to hear over and over again victims saying they were promised jobs or schooling but these are false lies the traffickers tell and victims fall for it.”

Lack of economic opportunities for young people especially in poor rural and urban communities also fuels the menace. Other drivers are inaccessible of
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Modus Operandi

You are currently prosecuting a Spanish based Nigerian called Patricia Igbionia and also known as Mama Bobby. She's allegedly very notorious for trafficking young girls to Spain. We have our offices are rented

We have two categories of people – those who are trafficked for their organs to be removed and transplanted. So, there's a market for it. We have unfortunate victims who get trafficked and we are targeting the high profile traffickers. This is an area that we are trying to tackle. We need to do more research on it. We need to rely on the support of sister agencies to carry out our work. This is the first time it's happening and, for me, it is huge.

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Giving credit to whom it is due, and other matters (3)

T he founding fathers of the University of Lagos (UNILAG) put a lot of effort and work into establishing the citadel of learning they envisioned as the cornerstone of their vision for the betterment of humanity. They expected the University to be an important institution capable of catalyzing development in Nigeria and of Africa as a whole. This vision set the stage for a future in which the University of Lagos (UNILAG) would stand as a beacon of hope and progress, serving as a source of inspiration and a model for similar institutions across the continent. In this spirit, the University has always been committed to upholding the highest standards of academic excellence, integrity, and social responsibility. The University exemplifies this ethos in its commitment to providing a conducive environment for learning and research, fostering the development of talented students and scholars, and contributing to the advancement of knowledge and understanding.

The University of Lagos (UNILAG) is a living testament to the commitment of its founding fathers, who envisaged it as a place where young minds could flourish and achieve their full potential. The University has played a pivotal role in shaping the intellectual, cultural, and social landscape of Nigeria, and its impact has extended far beyond its borders, contributing to the global community through its contributions to scientific discovery, technological innovation, and the development of leaders who will drive positive change in their respective fields. The University’s achievements reflect the combined efforts of generations of faculty, students, and administrators who have worked tirelessly to ensure its continued growth and success.

In this context, it is essential to recognize and highlight the contributions of those who have supported the University, whether through financial contributions, volunteer work, or by providing leadership and guidance. It is also crucial to acknowledge the challenges faced by the University and the strategies implemented to overcome them. This recognition serves as a reminder that the success of the University is a collective effort, and it underscores the importance of maintaining a strong sense of community and commitment to the University’s mission.

In order to foster this sense of community and to ensure that the University remains a beacon of hope and progress, it is necessary to continue to invest in its infrastructure, support its academic programs, and provide a safe and stimulating environment for learning and research. This will require the involvement and support of all members of the University community, including students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends. By working together, we can ensure that the University of Lagos (UNILAG) continues to be a vital institution that contributes to the development of Nigeria and the continent as a whole.
It the position of some critical northern leaders is anything to go by, the tension surrounding the emergence of a southern presidential candidate in Northern Nigeria may soon be a thing of the past.

The matter which has been the subject of discussion in the political space and has caused a stir in the political space, is the matter of zoning. The issue of who a presidential candidate will be from the South has been a matter of discussion for some time now.

However, analysts believe that if not properly handled, the issue of zoning now would experience an implosion that could lead to a third force. “The confusion created by the two dominant political parties is a deliberate ploy. It is because they are not being challenged by other parties. There is no reason this should be the case,” said Elder statesman and former Head of Service of Nigeria, Isiaka Mogaji, who a presidential ticket.

Regional leaders

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APC (North)
There are several aspirants in the APC from the North, even though many believe there should be power rotation to the South after North’s eight years of President Muhammadu Buhari by 2023.

Yahaya Bello
Those who believe the young generation of politicians should occupy the driver’s seat have found a choice in Kogi State Governor Yahaya Bello. Regarded as a beneficiary of the not-so-young-to-run agitation, Bello has emerged from the first runners-up in the party’s 2014 governorship primary in Kogi to become a Governor and later Senate President, Bukola Saraki

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FROM being a professor of law at University of Lagos to becoming the Commissioner for Justice under Tinubu’s governorship in Lagos, Vice President Yemi Osinbajo has attained the zenith in his chosen endeavors except in one-politics. And this he seems determined to conquer as he has done in other areas.

As a lawyer, he reached the peak of the profession by becoming a Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN). He is a past president of the Redeemers Christian Church of God (RCCG), and, now, he wants to conquer the political turf by taking over from his boss as President.

South-East
Orji Uzor Kalu
CHIEF Orji Uzor Kalu had eyed the presidency before, and many associates look forward to the Ania State senator and two-time governor to match his words with actions and go beyond the condition of joining the race only if his party zones the position to his South-East.

Dave Umahi
EBONYI State Governor Dave Umahi had, since the beginning of his second term in office, had an eye on the presidency. And he gave enough indication of that when he defected from the PDP to the APC, citing the former’s reluctance to zone the position to the South-East as his main reason. He appears to have taken the bold step towards realisation of that dream, zoning or not, by publicly declaring interest to succeed Buhari.

South-South
Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi
MINISTER of Transportation, Hon. Rotimi Amaechi, is also rumoured to be having his eyes on the top job. Though the former Rivers State governor is yet to make his ambition formally known, some of his supporters are already wetting the ground for him and urging him on, and his turbaning by the Emir of Dura, Buhari’s hometown, has further fueled speculation that he indeed might be the President’s joker.

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In this article, we will examine the political aspirations and contributions of Omimi Daniel Esquire in Delta State. We will explore his background, political career, and the impact he has had on the APC and Delta State politics.

Omimi Daniel Esquire is a seasoned politician who has been involved in politics for many years. He has a strong understanding of the political dynamics in Delta State and is well-versed in the workings of the APC. His experience has equipped him with the necessary skills to lead the party effectively.

Omimi Daniel Esquire is a chieftain of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) in Delta State, a political party that has been in power in the state for many years. He has been involved in the party for many years and has held several positions in the party hierarchy.

Omimi Daniel Esquire joined the APC in the year 2000 and has been an active member of the party since then. He has contributed significantly to the growth and development of the APC in Delta State. His role in the party has been instrumental in shaping its policies and strategies.

Omimi Daniel Esquire is known for his commitment to the party and his dedication to the cause of the APC. He has worked tirelessly to promote the interests of the party and ensure its success in Delta State. His contributions have been acknowledged, and he has received several awards and recognition for his work in the APC.

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Would you confess to your friend you slept with his wife?

I’ve often warned against tempting fate.
When you have a relationship and you’re getting on fairly comfortably with your partner, it’s almost as if you’ve reached a relationship to bring in a third party to live with you under any guise. It’s only a matter of time before you’re having no other way to repulse who we find it, make domestic changes to stop into the same pots of their mates and make their partners throw caution to the wind and past and part the marital. When you’re in such a situation, I can’t recall from the US years back, the first incident of such was with Choye, my friend of several years. I knew them together even before they travelled abroad and when Musibau called that Choye was throwing a welcome party for him, I gladly attended. Choye’s wife, Rita, and the mother of their three children, was the perfect hostess, she seemed to get on with Musibau, who she hadn’t met until his return.

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Among the people of God are also found workers of iniquity. They thought he would establish a baseless and practically useless society on earth. They believed the Lord had in mind for Abraham the poverty capital of the world. The rate of failure, the rate of divorce, the rate of suicide, the rate of alcoholism has climbed in general respects. With abundant natural, human, and material resources; arguably, Nige- ria is a country to beat, even by the developed world. Strong prophetic words have gone out since the early seventies on how the Lord is going to use Nigeria in His last gospel mission work.

Blessing of forgiveness

The greatest work God has ever done for us is to forgive our sins.

God's greatest work

God spoke creation into existence. Within seven days, he created the heavens and earth, and all living beings. But salvation was entirely different. Salvation could not be established by merely saying: "Let there be salvation."

God had to wait for over four thousand years. And even then, it was not by forcing men, but by making men sinners. Thus: "When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, 'I am Almighty God; walk before me and be blameless.' (Genesis 17:1)."

Salvation from sin

Many of the Old Testament Jews had their own concept of blessing. They were convinced the Messiah would act as to establish an opulent society on earth. They believed when the Messiah comes, he would shower them with wealth, prosperity, and unending happiness. They thought he would give them all the world's resources and positions of power. Many Christians are also schooled in these misconceptions.

However, Jesus confounded all vain expectations of what God is concerned, the greatest blessing he can give is man is deliverance from the grip of sin through the ministry of Jesus Christ. Therefore, Jesus said to Joseph: "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:20).

So let me repeat my earlier submission here. What is the greatest thing God has ever done for and will ever do for man? The greatest thing God has ever done for us is to forgive our sins.

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Gold promised work to Abraham, in effect, the greatest thing God has ever done for us is to forgive our sins. And the reason is clear: If the greatest thing God does for us is to forgive our sins, it makes it possible for man to inherit eternal life.

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The Bible reveals that God is love. But what does this mean in practical terms? For God so loved that he gave. (John 3:16). The first thing he gave was Jesus. The second thing he gave was forgiveness. The third thing he gave was eternal life.

Forgive to live

If the greatest thing God does for us is to forgive us our sins through Christ Jesus, then the greatest thing we can do for is to forgive them their sins. It is no easier to forgive than to give. It is so much easier to give money than it is to forgive others. We can give un-endlessly, we can give even though we don't want to. But we cannot forgive by force. We cannot forgive from the heart. And we cannot truly forgive unless we forgive Jesus.

Jesus, of course, is the prototype of God in a function of our appreciation of the forgiveness of our sins. Indeed, the extent of our understanding of the centrality of the forgiveness of sins is determined by our understanding of the centrality of the forgiveness of sins in our own total experience.

Jesus said to him: "Her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." And he said to her: "Your sins are forgiven. (Luke 7:47-48)."


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The life of the wicked after death!

AFTER death, there is life, hereafter, either in heaven or in hell. The wicked, and all the nations that forget God, as well as the nations that remember God, by whom all things in heaven and in earth were created, shall be turned into perdition and everlasting fire and brimstone. And the righteous shall inherit the kingdom of heaven, and the beasts that were on the earth, and under the earth, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death. (Revelation 20:13, 14).

Among the people of God are also found adulterers and adulteresses and idolaters. (James 4:4,1 Corinthians 10:7).

Hell has enlarged herself to receive them, as written in Isaiah 5:12-14: "And he, the Lord, will wipe away the tears of all his people; and the ashes of their feet; but they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the consideration of His hands. Therefore your people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge of God. Their works are vain, and their multitudes are dried up with thirst. Therefore, hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoice-th them, shall be destroyed."

The rich man, in Luke 16:10, found himself in hell after death because of his worldly lifestyle of banquetting, revelling, sur-leitig, and abominable idolatries, which is the lifestyle of the Gentiles. (1 Peter 4:3).

May the Lord God, give repentance to the wicked, to acknowledge the truth about their spiritual condition, that they may re-cover themselves from the trap of the devil, evil, and the captive at his will. (2 Timothy 2:25).

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The irony of wealth

That: John 2:16, 17 “For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust thereof, but he who does the will of God abides forever.”

Often times, when we have opportunities of visiting big cities and see ‘big’ houses and high rising buildings, we tend to feel the owners are some sort of special people different from the rest. But all men are equal before God, though the measure of one’s blessing may differ entirely from the other. Wealth is good and can make one happy, and at times, answers to so many needs of wants. But the irony of wealth is that, people who are not satisfied with it, the more they seek and have, the more they need it. Ask Solomon who in spite of all his wealth concluded— “All is vanity.” Pursuing wealth is like pursuing certain things that never satisfy (Prov. 30:15,16).

Three things are very important: when, how and why you make your wealth. For instance, when we say “the land belongs to the king,” it is not oppression! Wealth, if care is not taken, connects the owner to ingenious people and unrighteous places. As believers and Ministers of the gospel, hope God’s blessings upon you has not turned you to another thing; dining with the devil! Today’s youth and preachers want to ‘belong’, with lay titles not found, both in Jesus’ days and those of Apostles. Imagine what a man who had sleeplessness might acquire if being spent by those who slept well? Do you know that no matter the riches, if it is ill-gotten, can fly away overnight, and the possessor may be back to square one!”

In this wise, believers must be contented, looking side to have to satisfy needs and not wants. Jesus taught us to ask for our daily bread (Matt 6:11, 13). Let us learn to keep our treasures in heaven in whatever nothing can destroy it (Matt. 6:19 - 20). That is when we truly are wealthy “We lose whatever on ourselves we spend, but have as treasure without end what ever to the Lord we spent”.

RCCG visits prisons with Adeboye’s birthday cake

By Sam Eyobuka

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By Adesina Wahab

The Publicity of the Lagos PDP Caretaker Committee, Gbemisa Oyedele, said: “We read with dismay, a report credited to Lagos APC spokesperson, Yinka Ayefele, who recently addressed a letter to us by former public secretary of PDP, Olakunrin Sokoh, calling on him to jump on him being the SDP.”

The PDP Ecumenical Forum, PDP in Lagos State, has accused the All Progressives Congress, APC, of alleged plans to destabilize the party ahead of the 2023 general elections saying their old ways of partnering with traditional rulers are no longer possible. The party’s chances at the polls is bleak.

For the PDP to reiterate here that PDP is a structured political party and not a propitious association.

One would wonder the response of APC spokesperson as a reflection of a party that is totally in disarray; if not who takes an opinion of a party member as that of the party?

Tani Series unveils “I am a Nigerian In…” book collection

By Nnadi Ojiegbo

A agitation by the Ijaw ethnic nationality to produce the next governor of Delta State gathered steam, the Delta North Senatorial, Bori- gom, who served as Chairman of the Delta State Traditional Rulers Forums has told their counterparts from other ethnic groups to come forward and support his candidacy for the post of Delta State governor.

He called for greater syn- ergy among the traditional rulers to strengthen bonds of unity amongst Nigerians.

“We want a governor who will respect and support tradi- tional rulers and the insti- tution. So, if we find a politi-

can who is like Governor Okowa and credible in law, we will look in that direction”, Efeizomor stated.

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Only quality education can solve Nigeria’s problems

By Nnadi Ojiegbo

The Co-founder/CEO, Afrilearn, a technology startup, Isaac Oludipu- po, has stressed that without quality education and opportu- nities, the next generation of Nigerians would not rise beyond prejudices.

According to him, this was the reason why Afrilearn, a technology startup, decided to make educational application freely accessible to primary and secondary schools across Nigeria and beyond.

By the operation of the Holy Spirit, Nigerians shall be delivered.

“Where there is any area in power, there will be an area of sorrow and you have presented it to God but have yet not received answer, I want to as- sure you that comes this spe- cial Program, you shall have joy.”

He pointed out that it was

imagination and accompanied by beautiful illustrations, the books contain additional in- formation about about places, his- tory, and other things relat- ed to Nigerian culture.

Speaking about why she was interested in the project, Foluke Oyeleye, said: “The idea for Tani Series was born a few years ago, when I was looking to write a book in honour of my 80th birthday celebration in Ijebu Ode where nothing can in heaven where nothing can

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**AMAECHI: Dan Amaran Daura steps in**

Many analysts have x-rayed the coming event and have attributed it to many elements vis-a-vis the political climate in the country.

Amache is proving to be the colossus that he is and he is leaving no one behind.

**Lagos:** Why Hakeem Muri-Okunola has to wait for his time

It is politically incorrect to disrupt the administration of Sanwo-Olu who has been one of the pointer boys of the APC administration.

I respectfully say that Ogboru’s candidacy in 2023 is a win-win situation for the APC and Delta in general.

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I have the experience and the capacity to serve the people of my state in the coming period.

By Olusegun O. Adebayo

**Delta:** Ogboru’s last chance

Delta is a very rich state with a rich heritage and history.

The argument may be made that this same anomalous fact of the leadership of APC in Lagos was used to cut short Amosun’s tenure and replaced with Sanwo-Olu’s. Yes, this is true. But in essence, it was not wrong. The APC and the entire country needed a change.

Sanwo-Olu remains the best choice for Lagos.

I have nothing to lose and nothing to gain.

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Globacom …using dance to fulfill brand promise

DAVID EDEBIE: Simply the best to succeed Okowa

H EN Rotimi Amaechi, Minister of Transportation, has been identified as the man Governor Ifeanyi Okowa of Delta State will hand over to in 2023. Governor Amaechi has been tipped to be the replacement of Amaechi who left the gubernatorial office to head the Federal Ministry of Transportation, a position he got in 2019.

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CAF President visits families of victims of Olembe stadium crush

CAF President, Dr Patrice Motsepe, visited the homes of the families of the victims of the tragic stampede that occurred during the Africa Cup of Nations match between hosts Cameroon and Comoros on Monday 24 Jan.

Dr Motsepe, who was accompanied by CAF Vice-Presidents, members of the CAF Media, and Comoros players, visited 18 locals.

During his visits, the CAF President told the families:

“We cannot feel the same pain as you but we have come to offer you the condolences and solidarity of the entire African football family and CAF. In our Banu tradition, which is part of the tradition of many African countries, we are going with the government to see how we can stand by you in this difficult ordeal because you must not be alone.”

Dr Motsepe was also joined by CAF Vice-President Ahmed Yahi, Seidou Mbom for Yaoundé, Kombi, Dr. Khadijah Toyin Musah, and as Secretary General Jean-Marc Osaga.

A day after the tragedy, the Secretary General, Dr. Khadijah Toyin Musah, previously President Motsepe visited the injured in hospitals of Yaounde.

In about 14 hours time, the grand finale of the 2021 AFCON will commence. And the battle for the coveted trophy is between two strong forces in African football, the Pharaohs of Egypt and the Teranga Lions of Senegal.

Incidentally, both teams parade two of the best players Africa has gifted to Europe and the English Premier League, particularly Liverpool FC, Mohammed Salah for Egypt and Sadio Mane for Senegal.

Ironically the manager of Liverpool FC, Jurgen Klopp, apparently unhappy that he would be losing two of his most reliable players to the AFCON in Cameroon, described the competition as being of little importance. He has however, denied bolstering the competition after he received a barrage of attacks from Africans who labelled him a racist for the comment.

While Egypt have a better pedigree in the competition, haven won it more than any other country on the continent, Senegal have never won the trophy even though they have reached the final thrice. Egypt have not been too impressive in the competition of late. Infant they were knocked out at the round of 16 at the last edition which they hosted in 2019.

Senegal were close to winning their first trophy in Egypt but lost to Algeria in the final. Will they allow the trophy slip away from them again? If Cameroon will not be available to guide them.

Majority of Nigerians I have listened to are rooting for Senegal to beat Egypt. Not for any reason other than they want a new winner outside the traditional 13 former champions.

However, two major lessons from the Egyptian and Senegalese sides for our football administrators could be drawn from their approaches to the game.

Since those in-charge of our football have love for foreign coaches, they should look for ones that are tactically and technically sound like Egypt’s Queiroz and not the ones whose approach to games is capable of causing hypertension to the ordinary fans.

They could also learn from Senegal to believe in our local coaches. The Senegalese FA believes and trust Ali Cisse and have left him in the saddle for close to seven years. Though they supported him with a foreign hand, they kept him in-charge at the head coach.

That is why the NFF who are being roundabout, want to make a change. They also want to seek a foreign coach they think can make the Super Eagles better. But in these situations, the selection must be done practically and efficiently.

Man United’s Elanga suffers racial abuse after penalty miss

Manchester United forward Anthony Elanga was racially abused on social media after his penalty shootout miss against Middlesbrough on Friday night.

Elanga struggled with his spot-kick as he failed to score an equalising goal in the FA Cup fourth round clash with the League One side.

The Swedish forward, who represented his country at Under-17 level, joined United from Malmo this summer and was given his debut by Ole Gunnar Solskjaer.

Elanga’s missed spot-kick against Middlesbrough led to racial abuse on social media.

The 19-year-old star, who has played nine first-team matches for the Red Devils, has been targeted on social media several times since his arrival at Old Trafford.

Elanga became the latest player to fall victim to online racism on social media.

The issue has been highlighted in recent times.

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Remembering
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My Leader,

Evil minds plotted and executed you in cold blood on your way to Asaba on this day 18 years ago. The welfare of the people of Niger Delta was the reason for your mission. Our people lost a champion; Nigeria lost a courageous politician.

The assassins think they have covered their tracks. No, they can’t hide the truth for too long because the eyes of the Almighty God are everywhere and time does not run out on Him.

Dede Uku, your life continues to inspire us to seek a better world for our people. Your memory and legacies will never die.

Your vision endures.

May you continue to rest in the Bosom of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

James Onanefe Ibori
Governor, Delta State 1999 - 2007

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Sports

AFCON 2021: Senegal v Egypt: Fireworks in Yaounde as Mane, Salah seek Nations Cup glory

The final for yet another year. They’ll be looking locking horns with Senegal, who will be looking to make up for their defeat in the 2010 final by finally bagging their first Afcon trophy. Head-to-Head

Senegal and Egypt have met twice in the last 10 years with Egypt winning both matches. However, Senegal have never won the tournament before.

Egypt also have the upper hand when it comes to the Afcon trophy, having won the tournament on record seven times. Mo Salah and team will be aiming for yet another win, although they’ll have to make do without their star man.

The game kicks off at 8pm on Saturday, with Senegal looking to continue their excellent run of form.

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As Klop says either of them is still available.

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