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Police Rescue Kidnap Victims, Arrest Suspects In Abia, Delta

By Okere Ugochinyere

The Abia State Police Command has rescued three kidnap victims and recovered ₦2 million ransom, following a tactical operation in Isuochi, Umunneochi Local Government Area.

The victims – Ifeanyi Nnabuife, Onyedikachi Peter Onyegisi, and Amara Nwaebubu – were abducted on April 12 at Afojide Market, prompting an intensive investigation led by the Intelligence Response Team (IRT) in conjunction with other tactical units.

On Saturday, July 12, the rescue mission culminated in a successful operation during which police recovered:

A red Lexus RX350 SUV
₦2 million in cash, believed to be part of the ransom
Three mobile phones

Two leg chain shackles used to restrain the victims

Multiple suspects linked to the abduction have been arrested and are undergoing interrogation, according to police sources.

Commissioner of Police, CP Danladi Isa, commended the swift coordination of the security teams and reassured residents of the Command's commitment to combating violent crime across the state.

"We remain resolute in our efforts to make Abia State safe for all. The fight against kidnapping and related crimes is non-negotiable," CP Isa stated.

The Police Command has appealed to the public for continued cooperation and urged residents to promptly report suspicious movements or criminal activities.

Meanwhile, operatives of the Delta State Police Command have neutralised six suspected

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Ex-President Buhari Laid to Rest in Daura Amid Tributes, Tears

By Chukwuemeka Egejuru
and Amarachi Uzoukwu

Former Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari, aged 82, has been buried in his hometown of Daura, Katsina State, following both state and Islamic funeral rites.

The solemn event began with military honours at Katsina Airport, where President Tinubu, Vice President Shettima, and

other dignitaries received the flag-draped casket. Earlier, gun salutes were fired as a mark of honour.

President Tinubu had declared a seven-day national mourning period, lowering flags to half-mast, and postponed a scheduled Federal Executive Council session in Buhari's honour. The state funeral, held after the Jana'iza prayers, fulfilled Buhari's wish to be buried at his residence rather than in a public

cemetery.

High-profile attendees included President Tinubu, Vice President Shettima, foreign leaders, governors, former heads of state, and international envoys. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, among others, paid tribute to Buhari's integrity and commitment to bilateral ties.

The Nigeria Governors' Forum honored him as "a

national icon" renowned for moral courage and humility.

Former military ruler Ibrahim Babangida acknowledged Buhari's "sincerity and patriotism," despite their past disagreements.

Civil society leaders remembered him for his modest lifestyle, anti-corruption stance, and disciplined character, even as critics noted economic

and security challenges during his tenure.

Meanwhile, the Governor of Abia State, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, OFR has expressed deep sadness over the death of the immediate past President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Alhaji Muhammadu Buhari.

In a statement issued by his Special Adviser on Media and Publicity, Ferdinand Ekeoma, Governor Otti

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■ The Funeral Procession Of The Late President Muhammadu Buhari During His State Burial In Daura, Katsina State, Recently.

Southeast: Governors Otti, Mba Synergize to Boost Security, Devt

By Amarachi Uzoukwu

Abia State Governor, Dr. Alex Otti, has reaffirmed his commitment to working closely with Enugu State Governor, His Excellency Mr. Peter Mba, and other South East governors to enhance regional security

and foster development.

The pledge came during a closed-door meeting at the Abia State Government House, where Governor Mba paid a courtesy visit to Governor Otti. The two leaders discussed strategic cooperation to tackle criminal activities along their shared borders,

emphasizing that security challenges in one state inevitably affect neighboring states.

Governor Otti stressed the importance of joint efforts, noting, "If criminals are driven out of Enugu, they may flee to Abia, so coordinated action is crucial to securing the

entire South East region."

Both governors also voiced support for the creation of State Police, highlighting it as a necessary step toward addressing security concerns at the local level. "Many South East states, including ours, back this move, and we hope the Federal Government will

act on it soon," Otti said.

In addition to security, Governor Otti expressed alignment with calls for creating an additional state in the South East, pointing out that the region currently has fewer states compared to other geopolitical zones.

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 conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Senator Bola Ahmed Tinubu, the Federal Government and the family of the late former president. Governor Otti described the passing of the former president as a huge loss to the nation, urging his family and loved ones to bear the loss with fortitude. The Governor, on behalf of his family and the people of Abia State, prayed for the peaceful repose of the former president's soul and called on Nigerians to remember the Buhari family in their prayers during this period of mourning. Locals in Daura described the day as one of deep sorrow, praising Buhari's humility and enduring impact on the community. Buhari's political journey spanned decades—from military head of state in the 1980s to the first opposition-affiliated president to peacefully win and transfer power in 2015 and 2019. Though celebrated for his

anti-corruption efforts, frugal leadership, and decisive military stance against Boko Haram, his presidency was also marred by persistent insecurity, economic recession, contentious social media bans, and lengthy medical absences abroad. International tributes underscored his diplomatic contributions—Indian PM Modi noted his "unwavering commitment to India-Nigeria friendship," while leaders from South Korea, Senegal, Ethiopia, Benin, and Sierra Leone lauded his statesmanship. Buhari's burial signals the close of a significant chapter in Nigeria's modern political history. As the nation pauses in remembrance, debates continue over his lasting influence on democratic governance, discipline-driven leadership, and national unity.

Police Rescue Kidnap Victims

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 kidnappers and arrested seven others in a series of coordinated operations across the state. Acting on intelligence, the Special Anti-Kidnapping and Cyber Crime Squad, led by CSP Godwin Osadolor, raided a hideout in Ogwashi-Ukwu, Oshimili North LGA, at about 6:30 am on July 12. One suspect, identified as Sanusi Abdulahi, was apprehended with ₦5 million in cash, allegedly part of a ransom paid by a recent victim. Following his arrest, Abdulahi led officers to two additional hideouts in Second Deputy and Oko, Asaba, where four other gang members were captured. Preliminary investigations linked the group to multiple abductions in Ibusa, Ogwashi-Ukwu, Obulu-Okiti, Isele-Ukwu, Isele-Asagba, and the recent kidnapping of a young woman in Ogwashi-Ukwu on July 9. In a separate operation, the CP's Special Assignment Team conducted a raid on July 9 along the Patani-Ughelli Expressway, near the Unenurhei axis. The

suspects—Solomon Danisco (alias Pico), Nelson Jacob, Oruma Saturday, Olise Jude, Precious Urhobowin, and Whisky Rufus (alias Asawana)—engaged officers in a fierce gun battle. Police Public Relations Officer SP Bright Edefe confirmed that six suspects died from gunshot injuries sustained during the shootout, while two others are receiving treatment under custody. Recovered items included: 4 locally made firearms and 19 rounds of live cartridges. "These coordinated efforts are part of ongoing strategies to rid Delta State of criminal elements. We commend the bravery and professionalism of our operatives," Edefe stated. The Command has urged the public to remain vigilant and continue supporting law enforcement efforts by providing timely and credible information.

Fmr President Jonathan Commends Tinubu, Applauds NDDC Leadership at 25th Anniversary



Fmr President Goodluck Jonathan

Former President Goodluck Jonathan has commended President Bola Ahmed Tinubu for maintaining stability in the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) leadership, a move he described as critical to the Commission's renewed progress.

Speaking during the NDDC's 25th Anniversary Plenary Session held at the Obi Wali International Conference Centre in Port Harcourt, Jonathan said the agency's frequent

leadership changes in the past had significantly stalled development in the Niger Delta.

"As sons and daughters of the Niger Delta, this Silver Jubilee presents an opportunity for deep reflection on the Commission's unique journey," Jonathan stated. "Frequent changes in leadership have hindered the region's progress. I thank President Tinubu for

allowing the current Board and Management to remain in place, giving them the time and stability to fulfil their mandate."

The former President praised the current NDDC leadership under Dr. Samuel Ogbuku for its focused approach, community engagement, and delivery of people-centered projects.

"I commend Dr. Ogbuku and his team for their purposeful governance and

inclusive development strategy. I urge them to sustain the momentum and deepen their commitment to the region's transformation," Jonathan added.

The NDDC's 25th anniversary, themed "Transaction to Transformation," marks a major milestone for the Commission as it reflects on its achievements and charts the way forward for sustainable development in the Niger Delta.

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Governor Mba, who commended Otti's achievements since assuming office, underscored the shared vision of both states to improve the quality of life for their citizens. "Coming from the private sector and the same geo-political zone, our policies and programmes must have a positive impact on our people," he said. The meeting was also attended by top Abia State officials including Speaker of the House of Assembly Rt. Hon. Emmanuel Emeruwa, Secretary to the State Government Professor Kenneth Kalu, and Chief of Staff Pastor Caleb Ajagba. In a related development, Gov. Otti, has assured residents of the State of continued and increased dividends of democracy as he intensifies efforts to build on the successes of his first two years in office.

Governor Otti made the pledge on Sunday, July 13, during a vibrant service at the Christian Pentecostal Mission International Church Headquarters in Aba. His presence energized the congregation, which warmly welcomed him and expressed gratitude for his leadership since 2015.

In his address, Governor Otti thanked the church community for their steadfast support and highlighted that the visible development across the State—including major road projects and improvements in health and education—represent just the beginning of greater progress yet to come.

He also commended the church leadership, led by Rev. F.N. Daniels, for their efforts in constructing a new church building,

promising continued government support to help complete the project.

The church, in their written welcome, described Governor Otti as "an extraordinary instrument sent by God to rewrite the State's history," noting key achievements such as the long-awaited reconstruction of Port Harcourt Road in Aba, as well as ongoing work on Obobia Road, Ohanku Road, and other critical infrastructure.

During the sermon titled "Living to Please God," Rev. Victor Duwem praised Governor Otti's developmental impact, recounting how the previously inaccessible road to Nvosi through Eketa in Isiala Ngwa was recently made passable thanks to government intervention. He encouraged the congregation to remain faithful and consistent in

serving God to enjoy divine protection and blessings.

The church offered prayers for Governor Otti, his family, and the State, pledging unwavering support beyond 2027 and praying for his elevation to higher public service roles.

Governor Otti was accompanied by prominent political and government figures including the Acting State Chairman of the Labour Party, Sir Emmanuel Nweze Oti, Aba North lawmaker Hon. Aaron Uzodike, Hon. Fyne Ahuama (Osisioma), Hon. Ucheonye Stephen (Aba Central), Chief of Staff Pastor Caleb Ajagba, and Mayors from Aba North, Aba South, and Osisioma Local Government Areas. The service underscored the strong partnership between Governor Otti's administration and faith communities in driving development and hope for Abia State's future.

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Cultural Display At NDCC 25th Anniversary held Recently in Port Harcourt, Rivers State

Abia Set To Rollout Electric Buses, Expands Road Projects

By Amarachi Uzoukwu

The Abia State Government has confirmed that 30 electric mass transit buses currently being fabricated in China will arrive in the State by November 2025, as part of Governor Alex Otti's plan to modernize public transportation. The Commissioner for Information, Prince Okey Kanu, made this known while briefing journalists on the outcome of the State Executive Council meeting held on Monday and presided over by Governor Otti.

According to Kanu, the government has completed payment for the buses and mapped out operational routes. He added that all necessary logistics are in place to ensure the smooth rollout of the scheme.

"The Abia State Mass Transit Transport Scheme involving electric vehicles is progressing well. The buses are expected to arrive in November, and we have mapped out routes and finalized logistics for their deployment," he said.

In addition to transport infrastructure, the Commissioner highlighted developments in the State's Arts, Culture, and Creative Economy sector. He announced a talent hunt program scheduled for July 25, which aims to discover and empower young creative talents across the 17 Local Government Areas.

"This initiative fosters youth inclusion and grassroots empowerment as part of our broader goal to build a vibrant creative economy. Abia is also taking steps to position Aba as a UNESCO Creative City, and a delegation is expected this week for an early-stage assessment," Kanu added.

On road infrastructure, the Commissioner revealed that despite ongoing heavy rains, construction activities remain active across the State. Out of 53 projects currently underway, eight have been completed, while six new roads have been added to the list.

Newly completed roads include Chief Nkoro Street in Abayi Aba, Amefu Road in Obingwa LGA, Afikpo Road in Aba (off Aguiyi Ironsi Layout), Ugba-Ibeku in Umuahia, and Eluama Road in Uzuakoli, among others.

The government reiterated its commitment to delivering quality infrastructure and innovative solutions to drive sustainable development across the State.

WDCs Lead HIV Prevention, At Grassroots

By Favour Okorie

Members of Ward Development Committees (WDCs) across Abia State have been called upon to take a frontline role in HIV prevention and grassroots community mobilization, as part of renewed efforts to combat the spread of HIV/AIDS.

The call was made during a sensitization workshop organized by the Abia State Agency for the Control of AIDS (ABSACA) on July 10, 2025, at Gado Hotels, Umuahia. The event brought together community leaders, civil society groups, and health professionals to explore strategies for strengthening the state's HIV response at the ward level.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr. Uloaku Emma-Ukaegbu, Director-General of ABSACA, described the WDCs as the "backbone" of community-based HIV interventions.

"WDCs must lead town hall meetings, market outreaches, and faith-based engagements to ensure our people are well-informed about HIV prevention, testing, and treatment," Dr. Emma-Ukaegbu stated.

She noted that Abia State has made significant progress in reducing HIV prevalence from 5.1% in 2018 to 2.1% in 2024, thanks to collaborative efforts involving four key ministries: Health, Education, Women Affairs, and Youth Development.

"Currently, 50,879 people in Abia are receiving HIV treatment. However, she expressed concern over persistently high infection rates in some LGAs, including Ukwua East (2.48%), Ikwoano (2.38%), and Obingwa (2.29%).

"At the national level, Nigeria recorded 75,000 new HIV infections and 45,000 AIDS-related deaths in 2023, according to the National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA). Approximately 1.9 million Nigerians are living with HIV, with about 1.6 million on treatment," she noted.

Speaking during the workshop, Mr. Chinedu Iroh, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer at ABSACA, emphasized prevention as the cornerstone of HIV control.

Mr. Chinedu emphasized that prevention remains our strongest weapon. We must continue to promote condom use, which not

only prevents HIV but also protects against other sexually transmitted infections.

He commended WDC members for their continued efforts and urged them to intensify awareness campaigns and encourage early testing.

Also addressing participants, an experienced facilitator in HIV matters, Mrs. Ekeoma Akidi, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Poverty Alleviation and Social Protection, also former Community Mobilization Officer in ABSACA, stressed the importance of involving traditional and religious leaders in HIV advocacy.

Mrs Akidi affirmed that when respected community voices speak openly about HIV, it reduces stigma and encourages people to get tested and seek treatment.

She identified stigma and

discrimination as major barriers to HIV control, stressing the need for open, judgment-free discussions.

"People should never be afraid to get tested or treated due to fear of judgment. We must show compassion and normalize conversations around HIV," she added.

The workshop concluded with WDC members reaffirming their commitment to ramping up sensitization across all wards. Key strategies outlined include:

Door-to-door awareness campaigns and interactive sessions

Free HIV testing in markets, schools, and worship centers

Promotion of the "ABC" strategy, Abstinence, Being faithful, and Condom use.

Education on PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis) and PEP (Post-Exposure Prophylaxis) for high-risk individuals.

Mr Isika Peter, a representative from Ibere 1 Ward in Ikwoano LGA, reiterated the role of WDCs in monitoring HIV services and mobilizing communities for better access.

In her closing remarks, Dr. Emma-Ukaegbu issued a strong call to action.

"If we are serious about achieving zero new infections by 2030, then every ward member, every leader, and every family must play a role in this fight."

She reaffirmed ABSACA's commitment to community-led initiatives and the integration of HIV response into broader development goals.

With targeted outreach, resilient peer support systems, and united action against stigma, Abia State is firmly on the path to ending HIV within the next few years," she concluded.

Imo Deputy Governor Lauds NDCC's Impact at 25th Anniversary Plenary

The Deputy Governor of Imo State, Her Excellency Chinyere Ekomaru, has lauded the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDCC) for its sustained efforts in transforming communities across the region.

Speaking at the Commission's 25th Anniversary Plenary Session held at the Obi Wali International Conference Centre in Port Harcourt, Ekomaru commended the NDCC for its community-focused projects and strategic commitment to development in the Niger Delta.

She described the anniversary as "a moment for stocktaking and renewed commitment," adding that the Commission's evolution from transactional engagements to transformative governance deserves commendation.

"The NDCC has made meaningful strides in improving infrastructure, empowering youths, and fostering regional development. As we celebrate this Silver Jubilee, I encourage the leadership to deepen its engagement with communities and maintain transparency in all its interventions," Ekomaru said.

The event brought together key stakeholders, including political leaders, traditional rulers, and development experts, all reflecting on NDCC's progress and charting a new path for inclusive and sustainable growth in the region.

Meanwhile, NDCC has distanced itself from a widely circulated claim accusing the agency of failing to compensate trainees in a purported skill acquisition programme allegedly held in Bayelsa and Rivers States.

In a statement issued by its Director of Corporate

Affairs, Seledi Thompson-Wakama, the Commission described the report as false and misleading, stating that the so-called training was neither approved nor sponsored by the NDCC.

The alleged programme, reportedly organised by a religious group known as Victorious Prayer Network, claimed the NDCC had promised to sponsor over 2,000 participants and provide them with starter packs—an assertion the Commission categorically denied.

"We wish to state unequivocally that the NDCC is not behind this particular skill acquisition training. Our programmes are always officially announced, properly structured, and open to public scrutiny," the statement read.

The Commission expressed concern over attempts by "mischievous individuals" to exploit the aspirations of youths eager for empowerment opportunities, warning the public to be wary of fraudulent actors posing as NDCC affiliates.

Thompson-Wakama reiterated the Commission's commitment to transparency and fairness, noting that genuine empowerment initiatives—such as the recently launched technical skills programme in Port Harcourt—are conducted through official channels.

The NDCC urged youths and stakeholders to verify any training offers through its official website www.ndcc.gov.ng and recognised social media platforms.

"All inquiries about our youth programmes should be made through our official communication channels," the Commission advised.

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Abia Assembly Committee Inspects Devastating Erosion Sites in Ohafia LG

By Chijioko Chukwuemeka

In a concerted effort to tackle the growing menace of erosion threatening communities in Ohafia Local Government Area, the Abia State House of Assembly Committee on Environment, Urban Renewal, and New-MAP, have carried out an extensive inspection of erosion-ravaged sites in Ebem and Amaekpu communities.

Led by the committee chairman, Hon. Nwoke Kalu Mba (Ohafia South), popularly known as Etiokwe, the lawmakers visited several erosion sites that have over the years posed significant threats to lives, homes, and public infrastructure.

The affected sites

inspected include, Ekeluogo erosion site, Ebem, Ndi Ukpolo erosion site, Ebem.

Ndi Inyima compound erosion site, Ebem, Ndi Nsi Eziukwu/Ndi Idika Awa erosion site, Ebem, Uzo Nkpogolo erosion site, leading to Federal Government College, Ohafia, Onyirimba Road erosion site, Amaekpu, Bakassi Avenue erosion site, Amaekpu.

The lawmakers were visibly shocked by the extent of damage, describing the sites as "death traps" and pledged to make urgent recommendations to draw the attention of the Abia State Government and the Federal Government for swift intervention.

During a meeting at the

Ohafia Local Government headquarters, Mayor of Ohafia, Chief Eleanya Ojuu Kalu, welcomed the committee and expressed appreciation for the visit, calling the oversight function "timely and commendable."

He lauded Hon. Mba and his team for taking practical steps to address environmental threats facing the people of Ohafia.

Speaking on behalf of the Ebem Ohafia Kingdom, the Traditional Ruler, HRH Eze Ukoha Kalu Ukoha, represented by his Traditional Prime Minister, Chief Kalu Okorie, praised Hon. Mba for his proactive leadership and consistent advocacy. He noted that

many family compounds have been partially or completely eroded, displacing residents and destroying properties.

Also lending his voice, Mr. Kalu Ogboso Nnoke, Second Assistant Secretary General of the Ebem Ohafia Development Union, revealed that various community age-grade groups have collectively spent over ₦400 million over the years on erosion control efforts – which he said are no longer sustainable. He appealed to Governor Alex Otti and the federal authorities to urgently intervene and applauded Hon. Mba for raising the issue at the floor of the Assembly.

Eme Iro Eme (Deputy

Mayor, Ohafia LGA)

Also in attendance were elected councillors, stakeholders, community youths, and the Eze-in-Council of Ebem Ohafia.

The committee assured the affected communities of their commitment to ensuring that appropriate legislative and executive actions are taken to mitigate the growing environmental disaster.

Present at the oversight visit were committee members including, Hon. Nnamdi Chimdi Ibekwe (Bende North), Hon. Lucky Nweke Johnson (Isuikwuato), Hon. Ume Matthias (Umunneochi), Mrs. Ukwu Amaka (Committee Secretary), Jennifer Chukwudi (Assistant Committee Secretary).

Chukwu Applauds Gov. Otti, Backs Launch of Abia State Security Trust Fund

By Charles Oghonnaya

The Senior Special Assistant (SSA) to the Governor of Abia State on Due Process, Dr. Oluebube Amarauche Chukwu, has commended Governor Alex Otti, OFR, for the successful launch of the Abia State Security Trust Fund, describing it as a strategic initiative aimed at strengthening security across the state.

Dr. Chukwu praised the fund as a crucial step in reinforcing the progress made in protecting lives and property since the inception of the Otti administration. He highlighted that the Trust Fund ushers in a new era for sustaining peace and security, which has contributed significantly to Abia State's rapid development.

Speaking during the launch event, Dr. Chukwu described the governor's approach to security as "sublime and workable," noting its effectiveness in tackling emerging security challenges. He emphasized that the fund would enhance the state's security architecture by facilitating the acquisition of logistics, surveillance technologies, and essential infrastructure for security agencies.

Additionally, Dr. Chukwu revealed plans for the establishment of an ultramodern command and control center designed for real-time monitoring and rapid emergency response, ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all Abians.

Also present at the event were key figures such as the Chairman of the Abia State Security Trust Fund Board of Trustees, Mr. Stanley Obiamarjie, represented by Vice Chairman Sir Johnson Chukwu, and Board Secretary Ms. Nkolika Cleopatra Uban, who outlined the fund's objectives and operational strategies as it moves toward full implementation.

The Oluebube A. Chukwu Foundation, a prominent nonprofit organization, demonstrated its support by donating to the fund through its Programme Manager, Mrs. Helen Mannic. The foundation reiterated its dedication to improving the welfare of Abia residents, particularly the underprivileged.

The launch event was well attended by notable dignitaries, including the Honourable Minister of State for Labour and Employment, Hon. Barr. Nkeiru Onyejeocha; Chancellor of Abia State University, Mrs. Uju Ifejika; Prince Arthur Eze; Dr. Uche Samson Ogah; Chief Innocent Chukwuma; senior bank executives and industry leaders; the Secretary to the State Government, Professor Ken Kalu; Chief of Staff Pastor Caleb Ajagba; commissioners, and other senior government officials.

Smart Schools: Government Deploys Security to Protect Against Vandalism

By Charles Oghonnaya

In a major stride toward educational transformation, the Abia State Government has announced that the newly constructed Smart Schools across the state will soon be open to students. To ensure the safety and longevity of these facilities, the government is deploying personnel from the Abia State Homeland Security to guard the schools against vandals and criminal elements.

Speaking during the official signing of a contract between the state and Blue Giraffe Ltd. on Saturday, the Commissioner for Basic and Secondary Education, Mr. Goodluck Chinedu Ubochi, revealed that 20 Smart Schools are currently under construction as part of the first phase of the project. Each of the 17 Local Government Areas in the state will host one Smart School, with three additional schools to be built—one in each of the state's three senatorial districts.

The Commissioner explained that the initiative is part of Governor Alex Otti's broader plan to raise the quality of education in Abia and equip students

to compete effectively with their counterparts globally.

He emphasized that the Smart Schools would be open to children from both wealthy and low-income backgrounds, assuring that no child would be discriminated against based on socioeconomic status.

Also speaking at the event, the Special Adviser to the Governor on Basic and Secondary Education, Mr. Kenchukwu Nwosu, issued a stern warning to potential vandals. "Any attempt to loot or destroy these schools will be met with arrests and prosecution," he stated, adding that CCTV cameras will be installed around all facilities to monitor activities and identify intruders.

Nwosu also highlighted the long-term benefits of the project, noting that the digitalization of Abia's school system will give students an edge in national and international examinations. He dismissed concerns that the initiative could become a white elephant project, stressing that it is designed to be sustainable.

Rear Admiral Harry Ngonadi (Rtd.) and Orijei

Okwara-Emele, representatives of Blue Giraffe Ltd., said that the new Smart Schools would gradually phase out outdated methods such as the use of chalkboards, replacing them with smartboards and other digital teaching tools.

"Yes, what we are trying to do is ensure that teachers will no longer need to use chalk. It will be smartboards in these twenty pilot schools, and others will follow," said Okwara-Emele.

The Smart Schools project marks a significant

leap forward in Abia State's educational development, combining digital infrastructure with security measures to create a safe and modern learning environment for every child.

ABSUTH, AHA Partner for 3-Day Emergency Response Training

Abia State University Teaching Hospital (ABSUTH), Aba, recently concluded a three-day intensive emergency response training in collaboration with the American Heart Association (AHA). The training, which ran from Friday, July 11 to Sunday, July 13, 2025, focused on enhancing critical care skills among healthcare professionals through Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) courses.

The programme brought together medical personnel from key hospital departments including Accident and Emergency (A&E), Intensive Care Unit (ICU), Pediatrics, and interested medical consultants. The initiative aims to strengthen emergency

response capabilities and improve patient survival outcomes during critical situations.

The AHA-certified training is globally recognized for upholding the highest standards in life-saving procedures. Its implementation at ABSUTH reflects the commitment of the Chief Medical Director, Prof. Ijeoma Nduka, to continuous professional development and aligning the hospital's emergency care practices with international standards.

Key areas covered during the training included:

Basic Life Support (BLS): Emphasizing high-quality cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and timely defibrillation.

Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS): Covering cardiac arrest

management, stroke and arrhythmia treatment, pharmacology, ECG interpretation, and team-based resuscitation strategies.

Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS): Focusing on recognizing and managing critically ill infants and children, handling respiratory emergencies, and coordinating pediatric resuscitation efforts.

The training concluded with an assessment to evaluate participants' mastery of the skills taught. In her closing remarks, Prof. Nduka expressed gratitude to the National Association of Resident Doctors (NARD) for organizing the workshop for healthcare workers in the South East region, reinforcing the importance of continuous education in saving lives.

Editorial

Reflecting on the Life and Times of Ex-President Muhammadu Buhari (1942–2025)

The passing of Muhammadu Buhari on Sunday 13th July 2025 marks the end of an era in Nigeria's complex and often turbulent political landscape. A figure of both admiration and controversy, Buhari's journey—from a military officer to a two-time President—reflects the challenges and aspirations of a nation still navigating its path towards democratic stability and socio-economic progress.

Born on December 17, 1942, in Daura, Katsina State, Muhammadu Buhari's early life was shaped by the Northern Nigerian context of post-colonial transition. His education and military training took him through the ranks of the Nigerian Army, where he quickly established a reputation for discipline, austerity, and an uncompromising stance on order.

Buhari's military career peaked when he became the Head of State from 1983 to 1985 after a coup d'état that ended the civilian government of Alhaji Shehu Shagari. His military regime was noted for its strict anti-corruption campaign and efforts to restore economic order amid the turmoil of oil price shocks and structural adjustment pressures. However, his rule was also criticized for human rights abuses and suppression of dissent.

After being overthrown in 1985, Buhari retreated from the political limelight, only to resurface decades later as a democratic politician. His persistence culminated in his electoral victory in 2015, when he defeated incumbent President Goodluck Jonathan, marking a historic peaceful transfer of power between civilian administrations in Nigeria.

Buhari's second tenure as president (2015–2023) was dominated by the promise to tackle corruption, insecurity, and economic stagnation. His administration launched aggressive anti-corruption drives, sought to diversify the economy beyond oil, and battled insurgencies, notably the Boko Haram

crisis in the northeast.

Muhammadu Buhari's legacy is a complex tapestry woven with achievements and shortcomings. His anti-corruption crusade energized national discourse on governance and accountability, although critics argue it was selectively enforced. His administration's economic policies received mixed reviews, with some praising efforts to stabilize the economy amid global shocks, while others lamented unemployment and inflation pressures.

Security remained a pressing concern throughout his Presidency. Despite some military successes against insurgents and bandits, the persistence of violent crimes underscored the structural challenges Nigeria faces in ensuring the safety of its citizens.

On the international stage, Buhari's tenure reinforced Nigeria's leadership role in West Africa, advocating for regional cooperation and peacekeeping efforts.

Beyond his political life, Buhari was known for his austere lifestyle and personal discipline. His adherence to a simple lifestyle, avoidance of ostentation, and strong religious convictions endeared him to many Nigerians who saw in him a figure of integrity and resilience.

His death in July 13, 2025 invites reflection not only on his contributions but also on the broader trajectory of Nigeria's democracy. Buhari's life mirrored the nation's struggles—between military rule and democracy, between wealth from natural resources and equitable development, and between unity and fragmentation.

As Nigeria bids farewell to Muhammadu Buhari, it is crucial to remember that his story is inseparable from the nation's own history. His leadership spanned moments of hope and hardship, and his influence will be debated for generations to come.

In commemorating Buhari's life, Nigerians are reminded of the continuous need for leaders who can blend integrity with empathy, vision with pragmatism, and discipline with democratic openness. The legacy of Muhammadu Buhari, therefore, is not just about a man or his Presidency, but about the ongoing quest for a Nigeria that fulfills its vast potential.

May his soul rest in peace, and may his story inspire future generations to build a stronger, more just Nigeria.

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Letter to the Editor

Urgent Need To Tackle Food And Nutrition Insecurity In Nigeria

Dear Editor,

Permit me to use this space to highlight the need to tackle the twin monsters - Food and Nutrition insecurity, bedeviling our dear country, Nigeria.

Nigeria today is facing a silent but dangerous crisis that threatens the health, stability, and future of its people—food and nutrition insecurity. While insecurity, inflation, and political instability dominate headlines, a less visible yet equally devastating problem continues to fester: millions of Nigerians are going to bed hungry, and even more are malnourished.

According to various national and international reports, Nigeria ranks alarmingly high in global hunger and malnutrition indexes. Children are the worst affected—millions suffer from stunted growth, wasting, and impaired cognitive development due to chronic malnutrition. Adults, too, are not spared. Malnourished populations are more vulnerable to disease, less productive, and ultimately unable to contribute meaningfully to national development.

This is a national emergency that requires more than lip service and policy papers. We need sustained and genuine investment in the entire food value chain—from production to distribution, access, and nutrition education. Our farmers, who form the backbone of local food production, need access to affordable inputs, irrigation, storage facilities, credit, and market access. Government-backed programs must be expanded and efficiently managed to reduce post-harvest losses and improve yields.

However, availability alone does not equate to security. Nutritional quality is just as important as quantity. A growing number of Nigerian households rely on starchy staples with little to no protein, vitamins, or minerals. This 'hidden hunger' is often overlooked but has long-term consequences, especially for young children and pregnant women.

To tackle this, nutrition must be integrated into our national food security agenda. School feeding programs, maternal and child nutrition campaigns, and public awareness on healthy diets must be strengthened. Furthermore, vulnerable groups should be protected through targeted social protection policies that provide access to food in times of crisis.

Equally important is the role of climate change and insecurity in exacerbating the problem. Floods, droughts, and armed conflicts in farming regions have displaced communities and destroyed crops, pushing more people into food poverty. A resilient food system that can withstand environmental and security shocks is essential.

Food and nutrition insecurity are not just humanitarian issues—they are development challenges, economic threats, and national security concerns. If Nigeria is to truly achieve the goals of Vision 2030, the African Union Agenda 2063, or even the UN Sustainable Development Goals, we must treat this issue with the seriousness it deserves.

For the sake of our children and generations yet unborn, we cannot afford to ignore this reality. The longer we wait to act decisively, the more we mortgage our collective future.

Nigeria must rise to the occasion. Let us tackle food and nutrition insecurity now—boldly, strategically, and sustainably—for posterity's sake.

Yours sincerely,
Okenwa, Adaku Jane
Umuhia, Abia State.



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News

Dangote Seeks Approval To Build Nigeria's Largest And Deepest Seaport In Ogun

Aliko Dangote, has begun the process of securing regulatory approval to build what could become Nigeria's largest and deepest seaport, to be located in Oloko, Ogun State.

The proposed Atlantic seaport, which will complement Dangote Group's fertilizer, petrochemical, and planned liquefied natural gas (LNG) operations, is positioned to significantly boost Nigeria's logistics and export infrastructure.

According to a report by Bloomberg, Dangote confirmed that the group submitted official documentation in late June to begin the landmark project, which will be located about 100 kilometres from the company's Lekki-based facilities in Lagos.

"It's not that we want to do everything by ourselves," Dangote said, "but I believe this kind of

investment will inspire other entrepreneurs to get involved too."

Currently, Dangote exports fertilizer and urea through a private jetty near its massive refinery complex in Lagos. The planned deep-sea port is intended to centralize and expand the conglomerate's export capacity and logistics operations, rivaling the Lekki Deep Sea Port, backed by Chinese investors and inaugurated in 2023.

Boosting LNG and Gas Infrastructure

In addition to fertilizer exports, Dangote revealed plans to enter the LNG export market, necessitating the construction of pipelines to transport natural gas from the Niger Delta to the port site.

"We want to do a major project to bring in more gas than what NLNG is doing today," he stated, referencing Nigeria LNG Ltd, the country's leading LNG exporter.

Dangote's fertilizer plant already utilizes natural gas from the Niger Delta as feedstock to produce hydrogen for ammonia and

fertilizer production. The new port will help consolidate this operation while opening avenues for

broader gas-based exports.

He noted that this long-term infrastructure investment would not only

elevate Nigeria's industrial capabilities but also help reshape Africa's economic prospects.

Earlier this year, Dangote said his group was on track to generate \$30 billion in revenue by 2026, with plans

ADC Weighs Nigeria's Future Amid Opposition Coalition Debate

Political stakeholders and civil society actors in Kwara State say the African Democratic Congress (ADC) has the potential to rescue Nigeria from democratic erosion — if managed inclusively and transparently.

At a colloquium titled "Interrogating the Nigerian State, Its Democratic Institutions, and the Looming Threats of State Capture", Associate Professor Abdulmumin Ajia described the ADC as a timely launchpad for a stronger, independent opposition.

"It is only a strong opposition, free of direct and indirect influence from the ruling party, that can wrest Nigeria from what can be called an irony of a collapsing rich nation," he argued.

Ajia emphasised that beyond partisan politics, the ADC and its allied platforms should serve as "instruments of democratic restoration, vehicles of civic renewal, and tools to

return power to the people."

Calls for New Ideals, New Architecture

Akogun Iyiola Oyedepo, a leading voice in the anti-Sarakin 'O To Gb' movement, urged a re-envisioning of Nigeria's founding principles, warning that "26 years of democracy has not substantially taken us far from dictatorship in content, if not in form."

He called for "new founding fathers with new values, new structure and new national purpose," arguing that Nigeria's current democratic architecture has collapsed under elitist control.

Mixed Signals from ADC Rank-and-File

However, dissent is bubbling within the ADC's ranks. A faction led by Dr. Musa Isa Matara, the party's National Publicity Secretary, has rejected the adoption of the ADC by elite politicians as the official opposition platform — missing grassroots

consultation and normal constitutional process.

"The ADC is not a private coalition platform to be hijacked by any elite group or individuals," Matara said, accusing coalition backers of "imposition devoid of legitimacy and purely undemocratic."

Their challenge illustrates a broader tension: can the ADC maintain its grassroots momentum while accommodating high-profile opposition figures like Atiku Abubakar, Peter Obi, David Mark, and Rauf Aregbesola?

Pressure and Political Calculus

Supporters of the coalition — aligned with the Atiku-Peter Obi camp — view the ADC as a practical bulwark against APC dominance ahead of the pivotal 2027 elections. Former Senate President David Mark was appointed interim chair, and Rauf Aregbesola interim secretary, signaling a strategic top-down

move.

But critics warn elite capture could erode the ADC's authenticity. The Matara faction is pushing for constitutional clarity and recognition from INEC to uphold the party's legitimacy before embracing broader formations.

A Defining Moment for Nigeria's Democracy

The unfolding drama within the ADC mirrors a deeper national question: whether political transformation can come without reproach to democratic norms.

Stakeholders at the Ilorin forum urged citizens to engage actively in civic life. Antonio Oshinewe of a Gender-Based Violence CSO warned that judicial failures, not just party politics, undermine democracy, calling for systemic reforms.

As the ADC faces internal crossroads, its handling of power dynamics may shape not just its trajectory but the broader shape of Nigeria's opposition landscape.



Fed Lawmaker Hon. Obika To Commission Major Development Projects In AMAC/Bwari

The member representing AMAC/Bwari Federal Constituency in the House of Representatives, Hon. Joshua Chinedu Obika, is set to commission a series of strategic development projects across the constituency, marking a major step in his push for inclusive, community-focused representation.

The projects, which span across key sectors such as infrastructure, education, electrification, and digital empowerment, are designed to improve access to basic services and uplift underserved communities in Abuja's AMAC and Bwari areas.

Among the initiatives to be commissioned are:

Water boreholes to provide clean and safe drinking water in water-scarce communities;

Renovated primary and secondary schools to create more conducive learning environments;

Rural electrification projects, including the distribution of power transformers to boost electricity access; and

ICT laboratories in selected schools, aimed at enhancing digital literacy and equipping students with 21st-century skills.

"These interventions are not just symbolic," Hon. Obika stated. "They are strategic investments in the human capital and future of our constituency."

The ICT labs, in particular, form part of the lawmaker's broader educational agenda, which he says is focused on meeting learning needs "from primary school to university." He emphasized that access to digital tools is no longer a luxury but a necessity in today's knowledge-driven economy.

In addition to infrastructure projects, Hon. Obika—who was elected under the platform of the Labour Party (LP)—is preparing to unveil a major empowerment program, with a special focus on vulnerable populations, including Persons with Disabilities (PWDs).

A long-time advocate for disability inclusion, Hon. Obika recently appointed a PWD as one of his Special Assistants and has been vocal about the need for dedicated transportation and support services for PWDs in the FCT.

> "Disability is a thing of the mind. Those who refuse to contribute positively to society are the truly disabled," he remarked at a recent town hall meeting, reinforcing his belief in empowerment over pity.

Since assuming office, Hon. Obika has won praise for a leadership style defined by transparency, stakeholder engagement, and responsiveness to the grassroots. His efforts have bridged partisan divides and united local leaders, civil society actors, and residents around a common development vision.

Constituents are expected to attend the upcoming commissioning ceremonies, which his office confirms will be open to the public. These events will serve as both a milestone celebration and a reaffirmation of his open-door, people-first approach.

As more projects near completion, residents across AMAC and Bwari have described the wave of development as "unprecedented" in recent years, citing Hon. Obika's focus on tangible results and inclusive governance as a model for other representatives.



Hon Joshua Chinedu Obika



Mission Success Is Non-Negotiable – COAS Charges Commanders

The Chief of Army Staff (COAS), Lieutenant General Olufemi Oluyede, has charged Nigerian Army commanders to prioritize mission success above all else, describing it as the Army's foremost objective in achieving national security and operational effectiveness.

Speaking during a high-level briefing with senior officers, Gen. Oluyede emphasized the need for strategic thinking,

bold leadership, and unwavering discipline in the face of evolving threats.

"Every military operation must be geared toward one clear objective—mission success," he declared.

The COAS urged commanders to lead with courage and innovation, stating, "Be bold, be strong, be ingenious, and be audacious." He stressed the importance of balancing aggressive offense with effective defense, noting that

victory lies in relentless, well-coordinated action and solid force protection.

Gen. Oluyede reminded officers that real victories are earned through sacrifice, resilience, and a strong sense of duty. "True triumphs are forged in the furnace fires of sacrifice," he said, encouraging a culture of perseverance and excellence.

While acknowledging the uncertainties ahead, he expressed

confidence in the Army's growing strength and capabilities.

"We may not know what the future holds, but we are certain of our present capabilities—and we must use that as strength to prepare for tomorrow," he added.

The COAS concluded by urging commanders to remain driven by progress and instinctively committed to adding value to their commands and the nation at large.

FG Engages U.S., UAE Over Visa Policy Changes Affecting Nigerians

The Federal Government of Nigeria has responded to recent visa policy changes by the United States and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), assuring Nigerians that diplomatic engagements are underway to resolve the concerns raised by both countries.

In a press statement released by Bayo Onanuga, Special Adviser to President Bola Ahmed Tinubu on Information and Strategy, and available to newsmen, Federal Government reaffirmed its commitment to preserving strong diplomatic ties with both nations.

According to the statement, the U.S. Government has officially communicated that its decision to adjust visa issuance procedures for Nigerian nationals was based on two primary concerns: the high rate of visa overstays and the need for consistent access to Nigerian citizens' identity records. The

changes form part of America's routine global visa reciprocity reviews.

Tinubu Orders Compliance and Cooperation

President Tinubu has directed all federal agencies to ensure strict compliance with Nigeria's international obligations, particularly regarding identity verification processes for Nigerians seeking consular services abroad.

> "The President calls on all Nigerians to respect the immigration regulations of their host countries and to uphold the integrity of the permits and privileges granted to them," the statement read.

UAE Transit Visa Concerns Under Review

On the situation with the United Arab Emirates, the Federal Government clarified that it has yet to receive any official notification of a revised visa policy affecting Nigerian travelers. However, it acknowledged that visa

processing appears to be resuming gradually and in an orderly manner.

The statement emphasized President Tinubu's appreciation for the UAE's "constructive and cooperative" stance, noting that any emerging issues are being resolved through diplomatic channels in a spirit of mutual respect.

Commitment to Citizens Abroad

Reassuring Nigerians at home and abroad, President Tinubu reiterated his administration's commitment to ensuring Nigerians can travel, work, and reside globally with dignity. He cited the government's ongoing implementation of its "4-D Foreign Policy" strategy—focused on Democracy, Development, Demography, and Diaspora.

> "The administration will continue to pursue the best possible outcomes for citizens abroad," the statement concluded.

Religion

Exploring Biblical Laws Of Success!

By Bishop David Oyedepo

We discover from scriptures that Biblical laws are simply spiritual laws and are higher than natural laws. As it is written: For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord (Isaiah 55:8). Thus, by engaging spiritual laws, we can suspend and nullify the effects of all other laws. The Bible says: For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2).

There are quite a number of success theories all over town; but success delivers on laws, not admonitions or exaltations. It is also written: This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success (Joshua 1:8). This helps us to understand that no one will ever command success without embracing God's commandments. We have to do what the law says before we can command good success. Only when we obey will He set us up on high above the nations of the

earth. Buy bestselling books online

What is this foundational law?

The Law of Love: The law of love is the anchor law in the school of success as far as the Kingdom of God is concerned. As it is written: Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him (1 Corinthians 2:9). That implies that genuine lovers of God are candidates for path finding, pace-setting, trail-blazing order of accomplishments.

Just show me a true lover and I will show you another global giant in the making. For me, my heartbeat for God is my greatest asset. When we become genuine lovers of God, we become candidates for outstanding success. No genuine lover of God ends up a failure; he may be challenged but it is only temporary. He may be confronted and grievously hated, but he will emerge an enviable champion at the end. So, the love of God remains the unquestionable platform for outstanding success. Best gifts for your loved ones

The Law of Divine Ideas: Divine ideas are treasures of unusual values, which are far

above natural and intellectual ideas. They are not mere religious philosophies. As the saying goes 'Every empire is built on ideas.' However, if natural ideas built empires, then divine ideas will build super empires. A divine idea is eternally superior to every other form of idea. For instance, by divine ideas, Job built a business empire as he became the greatest of all men in the East. Also, by divine ideas, Joseph took over the most powerful nation in those days because he was able to discover a means of preserving food for 14 years without the use of chemicals. Furthermore, by divine idea, we are told that Isaac sowed in that land, he waxed great, went forward and became very great and the philistines envied him

(Job 29:4; Genesis 26:12-14).

Laws of Spiritual Empowerment: This simply means the law of the Anointing. The Anointing of the Holy Spirit is one of the vital instruments for commanding outstanding success. This is why every destiny is at a risk without it. We saw that picture very clearly in the life of the Apostles. Initially, they were frustrated and fearful individuals, until they receive the Holy Ghost, who first destroyed their fear, and gave them supernatural command. Concerning the Apostles, the Bible records: ... when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness (Acts 4:31).

The effect of this was that the Church began to experience several dimensions of outstanding success as almost the whole city was added to the church (Acts 2:38-40). So, every child of God needs the Anointing to fulfil his/her destiny in grand style.

Even Jesus, the son of the Most High needed to be empowered, in order to fulfil His mission on earth. Remember, for 30 years, people could not distinguish Him from a carpenter's son. But after He was anointed, His fame went through the entire region (Luke 4:14; 18-20). So, the Anointing is what empowers us for change of levels. Unfortunately, many destinies have been manoeuvred, manipulated, molested and harassed by the enemies because the Anointing to subdue them is absent. Undoubtedly, the enemy will not bow to our religion or the number of scriptures we quote; he will only bow to the power of God at work in us. It takes power to tread upon serpents and scorpions unhurt. This is why Christianity without power is a frustrated religion (Psalm 66:3; Acts 10:38).

Also, it is important to recognise that empowerment is at a cost; we can't wish our way into it (Luke 14:28).

Interestingly, fasting is one of the capital prices paid for empowerment. Thus, we must give our fasting time maximum value by engaging it in for empowerment. As we do so, I see us experiencing outstanding and enviable success, after the order of Christ.

Nevertheless, one step to successful living is being born-again. If you are not born-again, you are not entitled to it. Are you born again? If you are not, this is an opportunity to do so. Simply say the following prayer: Lord Jesus, I come to You today. I am a sinner. Forgive me my sins. Cleanse me with Your precious Blood. Today, I accept You as my Lord and personal Saviour. Thank You Jesus for saving me! Now I know I am born again!"

For further reading, please get my books: Success Strategies, Success Systems, Maximising Destiny, Exploring the Secrets of Success. I invite you to come and fellowship with us at the Faith Tabernacle, Canaanland, Ota, the covenant home of Winners. We have five services on Sundays, holding at 6:00 a.m., 7:50 a.m., 9:40 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1:20 p.m. respectively. Buy bestselling books online

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Family Matters

By Pastor Faith Oyedepo

We shall be looking into the topic, Keys To A Lasting Marriage. It is my prayer that as you open up your heart to God's Word, your home will experience the glory of a lasting marriage, in Jesus' name.

I shall be teaching on what marriage is all about. I will like to start by asking you this question: What is marriage to you? Is it a thing of joy and pleasure, or a 'necessary evil', as many would say? Is it a bed of roses or one that is full of thorns and thistles? Is it a thing that you are glad you are in or one that hurts you day by day, and you are trying to get out of? Well, I have good news for you!

What then is marriage? Marriage is the legal union of a man and a woman coming together as husband and wife. It is the

foundation for the family, because until it is in place, there can be no family. A family is a social group in the society, consisting of a man, his wife, and their offspring.

Marriage is a covenant relationship. It is not just the coming together of a man and a woman for the purpose of procreation. Although having children is one of the blessings of marriage, it means much more than that. Some people think marriage is merely co-habiting with someone of the opposite sex, but, this perception is wrong, as it goes beyond that. Marriage is a covenant.

When a man and a woman come together as husband and wife, they are expected to have entered a better way of living. Ecclesiastes 4:9 says: Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.

Marriage is meant to be exciting, but when it is not founded upon God, the joy,

excitement and satisfaction the couple had at the onset is short-lived. It's like owning a car. With time, new models come out, and what was once new begins to age; the car owner now desires to change the once new car for the latest one. Why? Because the old one does not excite him anymore.

However, when God is at the centre of your marriage, you find that instead of

getting tired of each other, your excitement and satisfaction increase as the years go by, making the relationship go from good to better and from better to best!

Marriage is good! Don't think that marriage is for shame and reproach. No, my friend! You don't have to settle for an average home, you don't have to put up with continuous quarrelling and fighting; you can make that

marriage work! You can have a marriage free of hurt and wounds; you can enjoy fulfilment and God's goodness, and His lasting peace

Marriage can be likened to a house. The Architect who drew the master plan is God, while the husband and the wife are the builders, who must diligently follow the design of the Architect, so as to experience success in their marriage and family. This is why the scripture expressly says in Hebrews 3:4: For every house is built by some man; but he that built all things is God. Also the Bible says in Proverbs 24:3: Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established.

The realm of marriage that God wants you to enter is such that you would get to a point where men and even devils are compelled to acknowledge God's glory that is all over your family. This is your heritage as a child of God!

I command an end to whatever is bringing unrest in your marriage today. If there is any tumult in your life and family, I command the peace of God to replace it now, in Jesus' name.

Nevertheless, all hope is not lost. If you make a decision today to become committed to your marriage and family, God's grace will be available to you to establish your desire.

Grace is only available to the redeemed of the Lord. So, if you are not born again, there is no way you can be committed to God or your marriage. You need to give your life to Christ. You do this by confessing your sins and accepting Jesus your Lord and Saviour. Are you set for it? Why not say this prayer of faith from your heart: Dear Lord, I come to You today. I am a sinner. Forgive me my sins. Cleanse me with Your precious Blood. I accept You as my Lord and Saviour. Now I know I am born again!



Photos Speak



L-R: The Gov of Abia State, Dr. Alex Otti, Hon. Minister of Works, Senator Dave Umahi and Sen. Godswill Akpabio at the wedding ceremony of Abia Gov's little cousin, Sharon Chidera at PH, Rivers State



L-R: Senate President, Sen. Godswill Akpabio and SSG, Abia State, Prof. Kenneth Kalu, during the wedding ceremony of Abia Gov's little cousin, Sharon Chidera, who is also a niece of the Hon. Minister of Works, Senator Dave Umahi at PH, Rivers State



Former Head of State Gen. Abdulsalami Abubakar (Left) and Vice President Kashim Shetima (Right) during their condolence visit to Late Buhari's Family



Gov. Peter Mba of Enugu State (Left) and Gov. Alex Otti of Abia State (Right) during a meeting at Umuehim Nvosi, Isiala-Ngwa South LGA, Abia State recently



Speaker Abia State House of Assembly Rt. Hon. Emmanuel Emeruwa, Enugu State Gov, Mr. Peter Mba, Gov Alex Otti of Abia State, Abia SSG, Prof. Kenneth Kalu and others, during Gov Peter Mba's visit to Gov Otti's office, in Abia State.



Cross section of dignitaries at the launching of the Abia State Integrated Infrastructure Development (ABSIID) project at the JAAC Building, Ogurube Layout, Umuahia



Representative of Minister of Finance and Coordinating Minister of Economy, Wale Edun, Dr. Oyadele Akonde (8th L), Gov Alex Otti of Abia (c), Abia SSG, Prof Kenneth Kalu and others, during the launching of the Abia State Integrated Infrastructure Development (ABSIID) project at the JAAC Building, Ogurube Layout, Umuahia

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The arrival of body of Ex-president Muhammadu Buhari Umar Musa Int'l Airport, Kastina.



The body of Former President Muhammadu Buhari's body, respectfully lowered from the aircraft upon arrival in Kastina State from London recently.



President of Bola Ahmed Tinubu receiving the remains of Ex-president Buhari recently in Kastina



Former President Goodluck Ebele Jonathans GCFR



President Tinubu (Right) in a warm handshake with Alhaji Aliko Dangote (left) at late president Buhari's funeral recently in Kastina



President Tinubu (1st left), Ex Vice President Yemi Osinbajo SAN (GCON) (1st Right) during the funeral of Late president Muhammadu Buhari at Daura Katsina recently



President Tinubu (1st left) exchanging pleasantly with Late president Buhari wives recently at Daura Kastina State.



Vice President, Kashim Shettima (1st left) commiserating with the wives of Late Daura, Kastina State.

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STAFF VACANCY ADVERTISEMENT (INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL)

Federal Polytechnic Ngodo-Isuochi invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for the following positions:

TEACHING POSITIONS:

1.0 LECTURER CADRE:

1.1 Assistant Lecturer (CONPCASS 2)

Specialties: Civil Engineering Technology, Electrical/Electronic Engineering Technology, Animal Production and Veterinary Science, Computer Science, Building Technology, Office Technology and Management, Public Health, Science Laboratory Technology, Psychology, French.

Eligibility Criteria: The prospective candidate must possess a good Bachelor's Degree (minimum of Second-Class Lower Division) in relevant discipline plus NYSC discharge/exemption certificate.

1.2 Lecturer III (CONPCASS 3)

Specialties: Civil Engineering Technology, Mechanical Engineering Technology, Computer Engineering Technology, Computer Science, Building Technology, Office Technology and Management, English Language, Law, Psychology, Public Administration, Business Administration Management, Public Health.

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 1.1 above, prospective candidates must have at least two conferences/seminar papers and one journal article published/accepted for publication with at least two years teaching/research experience or Master's Degree plus at least one conference/seminar paper.

1.3 Lecturer II (CONPCASS 5)

Specialties: Civil Engineering Technology, Computer Engineering Technology, Electrical/Electronic Engineering Technology, Statistics, Animal Production and Veterinary Science, Building Technology, English Language, Office Technology and Management, Public Administration, Public Health.

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 1.2 above, prospective candidates must have at least one more journal article published/accepted for publication and two conference/seminar papers with at least five years teaching/research experience or Master's Degree plus at least two years' teaching/research or industrial work experience or a doctorate Degree in relevant discipline plus three journal publications and three conference/seminar papers.

1.4 Lecturer I (CONPCASS 6)

Specialties: Computer Engineering Technology, Statistics, Mathematics, Animal Production and Veterinary Science, Computer Science, Accountancy, Building Technology, Office Technology and Management.

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 1.3 above, prospective candidates must have at least eight years' teaching/research experience and two additional journals published/accepted for publication plus two conference/seminar papers or Master's Degree plus at least five years' teaching/research or industrial work experience or a Doctorate Degree in relevant discipline plus three years teaching/research experience plus two additional journal publications and five conference/seminar papers. Membership of relevant professional body is mandatory.

1.5 Senior Lecturer (CONPCASS 7)

Specialties: Civil Engineering Technology, Mechanical Engineering Technology, Mathematics, Animal Production and Veterinary Science, Computer Science, Building Technology, Public Health.

Eligibility Criteria: The candidate must possess a relevant Master's Degree with at least nine years' teaching/research experience. Such a candidate must have published a total of three additional conference/seminar papers, three journal articles published/accepted for publication, or contribution of two chapters in a standard text book(s). Membership of relevant professional body is mandatory.

1.6 Principal Lecturer (CONPCASS 8)

Specialties: Civil Engineering Technology, Electrical/Electronic Engineering Technology, Statistics, Animal Production and Veterinary Science, Business Administration and Management, Public Administration.

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 1.5 above, prospective candidates must have at least twelve years teaching/research experience. Such a candidate must have published a total of five additional conference/seminar papers, four journal articles published/accepted for publication or contribution of four additional chapters in a standard textbook. In addition to these, candidate must have:

- (i) Evidence of ability to initiate and supervise research work.
- (ii) Must be registered with relevant professional body.

1.7 Chief Lecturer (CONPCASS 9)

Specialties: Electrical/Electronic Engineering Technology, Statistics, Building Technology, Public Administration.

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 1.6 above, prospective candidates must have at least sixteen years post qualification cognate experience. In addition, the candidate should have additional

- (i) Five papers read at national/international conference/seminar
- (ii) Four additional papers/articles published in reputable journal.
- (iii) Five meaningful chapter contributions in standard textbook(s) or two standard text books
- (iv) Registration with relevant Professional body
- (v) Evidence of community service.

2.0 INSTRUCTOR CADRE

2.1 Higher Instructor (CONPCASS 2)

Specialties: Civil Engineering Technology, Electrical/Electronic Engineering Technology, Animal Production and Veterinary Science, Building Technology, Office Technology and Management, Public Administration, Public Health.

Eligibility Criteria: The candidate must possess a Higher National Diploma at a minimum of Credit level or equivalent qualification from recognized Institutions plus NYSC discharge/exemption certificate.

2.2 Senior Instructor (CONPCASS 3)

Specialties: Civil Engineering Technology, Mechanical Engineering Technology, Building Technology.

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 2.1 above, prospective candidates must have a minimum of three years post qualification cognate experience in teaching or industry.

2.3 Principal Instructor II (CONPCASS 5)

Specialties: Computer Engineering Technology, Electrical/Electronic Engineering Technology, Statistics, Animal Production and Veterinary Science.

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 2.2 above, prospective candidates must have a minimum of six years post qualification cognate experience in teaching or industry and evidence of at least one (1) independent practical project.

2.4 Principal Instructor I (CONPCASS 6)

Specialties: Statistics, Computer Science, Public Health, Business Administration and Management, Public Administration, Office Technology and Management.

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 2.3 above, prospective candidates must have a minimum of nine years post qualification cognate experience in teaching or industry. Membership of relevant recognized professional body is mandatory and evidence of at least two (2) independent practical projects.

2.5 Assistant Chief Instructor (CONPCASS 7)

Specialties: Civil Engineering Technology, Mechanical Engineering Technology.

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 2.4 above, prospective candidates must have a minimum of twelve years post qualification cognate experience in teaching or industry and evidence of at least three (3) practical projects.

2.6 Chief Instructor (CONPCASS 8)

Specialties: Building Technology.

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 2.5 above, prospective candidates must have a minimum of sixteen years post qualification cognate experience in teaching or industry and evidence of at least five (5) independent practical projects

3.0 LABORATORY TECHNOLOGIST CADRE:

3.1 Technologist II (CONPCASS 2)

Specialties: Science Laboratory Technology [Chemistry, Instrumentalist, Physics Lab.], Building Technology, Computer Engineering Technology, Mechanical Engineering Technology, Computer Engineering Technology, Animal Production and Veterinary Science, Computer Science, Public Health.

Eligibility Criteria: The candidate must possess a Higher National Diploma at credit level in relevant discipline, plus NYSC discharge/exemption certificate.

3.2 Technologist I (CONPCASS 3)

Specialties: Science Laboratory Technology [Physical Lab., Biology Lab.], Building Technology, Computer Engineering Technology, Civil Engineering Technology, Mechanical Engineering Technology, Computer Engineering Technology, Animal Production and Veterinary Science, Computer Science, Statistics

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 3.1 above, prospective candidates must have at least three years' post qualification cognate experience.

3.3 Senior Technologist (CONPCASS 5)

Specialties: Civil Engineering Technology, Computer Engineering Technology, Building Technology, Public Health.

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 3.2 above, prospective candidates must have at least six years' post qualification cognate experience and evidence of at least one (1) independent practical project.

3.4 Principal Technologist (CONPCASS 6)

Specialties: Science Laboratory Technology [Glass Blowing], Building Technology, Computer Engineering Technology.

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 3.3 above, prospective candidates must have at least nine years post-qualification cognate experience. There should be evidence of production or fabrication of two functional projects in the relevant discipline in both cases above. Membership of relevant professional body is mandatory and evidence of at least two (2) independent practical projects.

3.5 Assistant Chief Technologist (CONPCASS 7)

Specialties: Civil Engineering Technology, Animal Production and Veterinary Science, Mechanical Engineering Technology.

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 3.4 above, prospective candidates must have at least fifteen years' post-qualification cognate experience. There should be evidence of production or fabrication of two functional projects in the relevant discipline. Membership of relevant professional body is mandatory and evidence of at least three (3) independent practical projects.

3.6 Chief Technologist (CONPCASS 8)

Specialties: Science Laboratory Technology - Instrumental Lab.

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 3.5 above, prospective candidates must have at least 12 years' post-qualification cognate experience. There should be evidence of production or fabrication of five functional projects in the relevant discipline. Membership of relevant professional body is mandatory. Evidence of Community Service is an added advantage.

4.0 LIBRARIAN DIVISION:

4.1 Library Assistant (CONTEISS 4)

Eligibility Criteria: SSCE O'Level with five credit level passes in English Language and Mathematics.

4.2 Senior Library Assistant (CONTEISS 5)

Eligibility Criteria: Same as in 4.1 with three years cognate experience.

4.3 Library Officer (CONTEISS 7)

Eligibility Criteria: HND in Library and Information Science plus NYSC discharge/exemption certificate.

4.4 Librarian II (CONPCASS 3)

Eligibility Criteria: The candidate must possess a good Bachelor's Degree (minimum of Second-Class Lower Division) in Library Science (B.LS) plus NYSC discharge/exemption certificate and three years cognate experience.

4.5 Librarian I (CONPCASS 5)

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 4.4 above plus six years' post-qualification cognate experience.

4.6 Senior Librarian (CONPCASS 6)

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 4.5 above plus at least two conference papers with at least six years' post-qualification cognate experience.

NON-TEACHING POSITIONS:

Federal Polytechnic Ngodo-Isouchi invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for the following non-academic positions:

5.0 REGISTRAR CADRE:

5.1 Administrative Officer II (CONTEISS 08)

Eligibility Criteria: The candidate must possess a good Bachelor's Degree (minimum of Second-Class Lower Division) preferably in Arts, Social Science or Humanities plus NYSC discharge/exemption certificate.

5.2 Administrative Officer I (CONTEISS 09)

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 5.1 above, prospective candidates must have at least three years' post-qualification relevant experience or a candidate possessing a Master's Degree in the relevant discipline.

5.3 Assistant Registrar (CONTEISS 11)

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 5.2 above, prospective candidates must have additional three years cognate experience or holder of a Doctoral Degree in the relevant discipline.

5.4 Senior Assistant Registrar (CONTEISS 12)

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 5.3 above, prospective candidates must have additional three years cognate experience. Membership of a recognised professional body is mandatory.

5.5 Principal Assistant Registrar (CONTEISS 13)

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 5.4 above, prospective candidates must have additional three years cognate experience. Membership of a recognised professional body is mandatory.

5.6 Deputy Registrar (CONTEISS 14)

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirement in 5.5 above, prospective candidates must have additional three years cognate experience. Membership of a recognised professional body is mandatory.

6.0 ACCOUNTANT/AUDITOR CADRE:

6.1 Assistant Executive Officers (Accounts) (CONTEISS 06)

Eligibility Criteria: The candidate must possess a recognized National Diploma at Credit level in Accountancy or Finance.

6.2 Higher Executive Office (Accounts) (CONTEISS 08)

Eligibility Criteria: The candidate must possess a recognized Higher National Diploma (HND) at Credit level in Accountancy or Finance plus NYSC discharge/exemption certificate.

6.3 Accountant II/Auditor II (CONTEISS 08)

Eligibility Criteria: The candidate must possess a good Bachelor's Degree (minimum of Second-Class Lower Division) in Accountancy or Finance plus NYSC discharge/exemption certificate.

6.4 Accountant I (CONTEISS 09)

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 6.3 above, prospective candidates must have three years' post-qualification cognate experience or the Professional qualification such as: Association of National Accountants of Nigeria (ANAN) or ICAN.

6.5 Senior Accountant (CONTEISS 11)

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 6.4 above, prospective candidates must have additional three years cognate experience.

6.6 Principal Accountant (CONTEISS 12)

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 6.5 above, prospective candidates must have additional three years cognate experience and membership of relevant professions body.

6.7 Assistant Chief Accountant (CONTEISS 13)

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 6.6 above, prospective candidates must have additional three years cognate experience.

6.8 Chief Accountant (CONTEISS 14)

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 6.7 above, prospective candidates must

have additional three years cognate experience.

7.0 SCIENTIFIC OFFICER CADRE:

7.1 Scientific Officer (CONTEISS 09)

Eligibility Criteria: The Candidate should possess a Master's Degree in relevant discipline plus NYSC discharge/exemption certificate.

8.0 LABORATORY TECHNICIAN CADRE:

8.1 Laboratory Assistants/Attendants (CONTEISS 05)

Eligibility Criteria: The candidate must possess a recognized National Diploma at Credit level or its equivalent in relevant discipline.

8.2 Assistant Technical Officers (LAB) (CONTEISS 06)

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 8.1 above, prospective candidates must have at least three years post qualification cognate experience.

8.3 Higher Technical Officer II (LAB) (CONTEISS 08)

Eligibility Criteria: The candidate must possess a recognized HND at Credit level in relevant discipline or equivalent qualification plus NYSC discharge/exemption certificate or other equivalent technical certificates.

8.4 Senior Technical Officer (LAB) I (CONTEISS 09)

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 8.3 above, prospective candidates must have at least three years cognate experience.

8.5 Principal Technical Officer II (LAB) (CONTEISS 11)

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 8.4 above, prospective candidates must have additional three years cognate experience. There should be evidence of production or fabrication of one functional project in the relevant discipline.

8.6 Principal Technical Officer I (LAB) (CONTEISS 12)

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 8.5 above, prospective candidates must have additional three years cognate experience. Membership of a recognized relevant professional body is mandatory. There should be evidence of production or fabrication of one additional functional project in the relevant discipline.

8.7 Assistant Chief Technical Officer (LAB) (CONTEISS 13)

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 8.6 above, prospective candidates must have additional three years cognate experience. Membership of a recognized relevant professional body is mandatory. There should be evidence of production or fabrication of one additional functional project in the relevant discipline.

8.8 Chief Technical Officer (LAB) (CONTEISS 14)

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 8.7 above, the candidate must have additional three years cognate experience. Membership of relevant professional body is mandatory. There should be evidence of production or fabrication of two additional functional projects in the relevant discipline.

9.0 ENGINEER/ARCHITECT CADRE:

9.1 Engineer II/Architect II (CONTEISS 08)

Eligibility Criteria: The candidate must possess Bachelor's Degree (minimum of Second-Class Lower Division) in relevant discipline plus NYSC discharge/exemption certificate.

9.2 Engineer I/Architect I (CONTEISS 09)

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 9.1 above, prospective candidates must have at least three years cognate/working experience or a Master's Degree.

9.3 Senior Engineer/Architect (CONTEISS 11)

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 9.2 above, prospective candidates must have additional three years cognate working experience.

9.4 Principal Engineer (CONTEISS 12)

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 9.3 above, prospective candidates must have additional three years cognate experience and registration with COREN and NSE.

9.5 Assistant Chief Engineer (CONTEISS 13)

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 9.4 above, prospective candidates must have additional three years cognate working experience.

9.6 Chief Engineer (CONTEISS 14)

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 9.5 above, the right candidate must have additional three years cognate working experience.

10.0 STAFF NURSE/STAFF MIDWIFE CADRE:

10.1 Staff Nurse (CONHESS 07)

Eligibility Criteria: The candidate must possess a Nigerian Registered Nurse (N.R.N)/Nigerian Registered Midwife (N.R.M.) certificate.

10.2 Health Attendant (CONHESS 03)

Eligibility Criteria: The candidate must possess a Senior Secondary School Certificate with four passes at a sitting or five passes at two sittings in relevant subjects.

11.0 PHARMACIST CADRE:

11.1 Pharmacist (CONHESS 08)

Eligibility Criteria: The candidate must possess a good Bachelor's Degree (minimum of Second-Class Lower Division) in Pharmacy with full registration with the Pharmacists Registration Board of Nigeria plus NYSC discharge/exemption certificate.

12.0 DATA PROCESSING OFFICER / SYSTEM ANALYST CADRE:

12.1 Assistant Data Processing Officer (CONTEISS 06)

Eligibility Criteria: The candidate must possess a National Diploma (ND) lower credit in Computer Science/Statistics/Office Management Technology.

12.2 Data Processing Officer/System Analyst (CONTEISS 08)

Eligibility Criteria: The candidate must possess a good Bachelor's Degree (minimum of Second-Class Lower Division) in Computer Science/Statistics or HND in Office Management Technology with credit level pass, plus NYSC discharge/exemption certificate.

13.0 CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY CADRE:

13.1 Confidential Secretary III (CONTEISS 06)

Eligibility Criteria: The candidate must possess a National Diploma at Credit level in Office Technology and Management.

13.2 Confidential Secretary II (CONTEISS 07)

Eligibility Criteria: The candidate must possess a National Diploma at Credit level in Office Technology and Management or equivalent with at least 3 years cognate experience.

13.3 Confidential Secretary I (CONTEISS 08)

Eligibility Criteria: The candidate must possess a Higher National Diploma at Credit level in Office Technology and Management or its equivalent plus NYSC discharge / exemption certificate.

14 PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER CADRE:

14.1 Public Relations Officer (CONTEISS 09)

Eligibility Criteria: The candidate must possess a good Bachelor's Degree (minimum of Second-Class Lower Division) in Public Relations with at least three years post qualification cognate work experience or a Master's Degree in Public Relations. The candidate must be proficient in the art of mastering ceremonies.

15 SPORTS COACHING CADRE:

15.1 Coach (CONTEISS 08)

Eligibility Criteria: The candidate must possess a good Bachelor's Degree (minimum of Second-Class Lower Division) in Physical and Health Education/Nigeria Certificate in Education (Physical and Health Education) plus three years cognate experience/National Institute for Sports Grade II Coaching Certificate with at least three years coaching experience/National Institute for Sports Grade I Coaching Certificate with at least one year coaching experience.

16.D STORE OFFICER CADRE:

16.1 Assistant Store Officer (CONTEISS 06)

Eligibility Criteria: The candidate must possess a National Diploma at Credit level in Business Studies, Marketing or Purchasing and Supply.

17.D PROCUREMENT OFFICER CADRE:

17.1 Senior Procurement Officer (CONTEISS 11)

Eligibility Criteria: The candidate must possess a Master's Degree in any professional discipline. The candidate must be registered with relevant professional body. Bureau for Public Procurement (BPP) Certifications is mandatory.

18.D LEGAL OFFICER CADRE:

18.1 Legal Officer (CONTEISS 08)

Eligibility Criteria: The candidate must possess an LL. B Degree (minimum of Second-Class Lower Division) in Law and have attended the Law school.

18.2 Senior Legal Officer (CONTEISS 09)

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 18.1 above, prospective candidates must have at least three years cognate work experience.

19.D CLERICAL OFFICER CADRE:

19.1 Clerical Assistant (CONTEISS 03)

Eligibility Criteria: The candidate must possess the Senior Secondary School Certificate with four Credit level passes including English Language and obtained in one sitting or five Credits in two sittings.

19.2 Senior Clerical Officer (CONTEISS 04)

Eligibility Criteria: In addition to requirements in 19.1 above, prospective candidates must have at least two years cognate experience

20.0 PORTER CADRE:

20.1 Porter (CONTEISS 05)

Eligibility Criteria: The candidate must possess the Senior Secondary School Certificate or equivalent qualification with credit level passes in English Language.

21.0 MOTOR DRIVER/MECHANIC CADRE

21.1 Motor Mechanic/Driver (CONTEISS 05)

Eligibility Criteria: The candidate must possess Senior Secondary School Certificate or its equivalent with relevant Class 'E' Driving License plus Trade Test Grade I for Motor - Driver/Mechanic plus at least six years satisfactory post qualification cognate experience.

22.0 ARTISAN/CRAFTSMAN CADRE

22.1 Fabrication/ Fitting/Welding/Auto Mechanic/Pannel Betting crafts men (CONTEISS 04)

Eligibility Criteria: The candidate must possess either: National Technical Certificate or its equivalent with a minimum of two years' experience or Government Trade Test Certificate Grade III, plus a minimum of two years' satisfactory service on that grade.

22.2 Foundry Technician (CONTEISS 04)

Eligibility Criteria: The candidate must possess either: National Technical Certificate or its equivalent with a minimum of two years' experience or Government Trade Test Certificate Grade III, plus a minimum of two years' satisfactory service on that grade.

22.3 Plant Operator/Machine Technician (CONTEISS 04)

Eligibility Criteria: The same as in 22.2 above

22.4 Refrigeration/Air Conditioning/Electrical/Electronics/Tv/Radio Technician (CONTEISS 04)

Eligibility Criteria: The same as in 22.2 above

22.5 Block Laying and Concrete Technician (CONTEISS 04)

Eligibility Criteria: The same as in 22.2 above

22.6 Carpentry/Furniture and Wood making Technician (CONTEISS 04)

Eligibility Criteria: The same as in 22.2 above

22.7 Plumbing Technician (CONTEISS 04)

Eligibility Criteria: The same as in 22.2 above

Method of Application

Interested and qualified candidates should upload their application letter, Curriculum Vitae (CV), relevant credentials and the first pages of all publications to the Polytechnic website @ [www.https://fedpis.edu.ng](https://fedpis.edu.ng). The portal opens on Wednesday 16th July 2025 and closes at 12 midnight on Wednesday 6th August 2025.

Application Deadline - Three (3) weeks.

Note: Only candidates who met the criteria would be invited for interview. Candidates are advised to apply for only one position as multiple applications will be disqualified.

Signed

Ezenuruihe, Ifeyinwa. O (Mrs.)

Registrar

Joseph Jacob
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Creative Writers Hangout

Uche and the Sword (2)

Later at night, the family watch movie as they took their dinner, Uche was eating his own in the kitchen.

"Where is Uche?" Asonye asked.

"Darling I don't know what is wrong with him. I've pleaded with him to come to the parlor, but he refused." Kate lied. She had earlier warned him not to come into the parlor.

"May be he's shy" Asonye said.

"I think so too", Kate said and pouted her mouth.

At bedtime Kate and Asonye started quarreling over where Uche should sleep. Asonye wanted Uche to share Ifeanyi's bed, but Kate would not take any of that. She insisted that Uche would be sleeping in the parlor. Finally, Asonye yielded. Uche's belongings would be kept in Ifeanyi's room while he sleeps in the parlor.

At exactly 5 am Kate woke Uche up. Uche swept the surroundings and other rooms and went to fetch water.

Uche could not carry the 25-liter container. The weight was too much for him. He moved with difficulty shuffling his feet. When he attempted to jump over the gutter in front of their house, he missed his step and fell into the gutter. The

container smashed on the ground while Uche bruised his arms and legs.

Kate heard the sound and came out. Uche looked up and met her vicious eyes staring at him. She shrugged and went into the house. Uche picked up the battered container and followed her.

It was when Asonye left for work that Kate gave Uche the beating of his life. Kate made sure she flogged him on his back, buttocks, and thighs so that Asonye would not easily see the marks on Uche's body.

"You will not eat this morning for breaking that container, and you must fill those two drums outside before you'll eat today."

Uche started filling the drums with a smaller bucket. It was around 2pm that he finished. The food Kate gave him was the burnt rice in the bottom of the pot.

Those were exactly the type of excruciating torture Uche went through the first week he stayed with his uncle.

On Sunday evening, Asonye and Kate discussed which school to register Uche.

"Ichie Uwakwe my in-law wanted to register Uche at Okuoma Junior High School, the best school in the village. Since my sister entrusted him to

me I'll register him with my children at Royal Primary and Junior Secondary School," Asonye said.

Kate, who have been shaking her head in disagreement said, "I don't buy that idea. Uche should not attend the same school with our children."

"Why?"

"Are you asking me why? Don't you know that it will amount to wasting money?"

"But your children attend the school and you did not see it as waste of money."

"ey."

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"Be a life long student, Read as many books as possible"

- Nelson Mandela, former President of South Africa

"Our children not my children." Kate quickly corrected.

Resting her head on Asonye's shoulder and caressing his hand she started, "Darling please try to understand me. It will be better to put Uche in a nearby school that is not too expensive. He may find it difficult to cope with the high standard at Royal Primary and Junior Secondary School. But, if he does well in a cheaper

school we will then enroll him in the Royal Primary and Junior Secondary School."

Her argument this time was cogent or rather her caressing got into Asonye's medullary oblongata. He accepted the idea.

That was how Uche failed to attend the same school with Asonye's children.

Uche's first day at Willington Junior High School was memorable. Everybody spoke in English. He did not understand most of the

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ngs they said so he respected himself by keeping his mouth shut. It was the huge dark complexioned principal that impressed Uche most. He was full of admiration as the principal donning a neatly ironed, white long-sleeved shirt, pinstripe trousers with black bow tie and a black lace up shoes, walked up to the podium.

"I am glad to see all of you once again after the long vacation. Let me seize

this opportunity to congratulate the new students and to warn them that they must be serious.

"This school does not condone complacency. Our motto is 'Soar to the Top', and it's only those that are capable of soaring to the top shall be retained. Therefore if you fail three terms consecutively, you'll be expelled.

"Thank you once more. So-a-r!"

"To the top!" the students chorused.

The principal walked briskly to his office.

In the class Uche sat quietly. The first lesson was Mathematics the lesson was Lowest Common Multiple. The smart young teacher, wearing a white short-sleeved shirt, black trousers and red tie, made the lesson as interesting as possible. But, Uche did not understand anything.

Uche could not still understand English, C.R.K., Agricultural and Integrated Science which they had before break. Uche's problem was not paying attention; rather he could not understand English Language. In his primary school in the village, teachers explain things in Igbo Language, but that was not obtainable in the town.

Can Uche cope with his studies or will he be expelled?

AUTHOR OF THE WEEK



Astrid Lindgren

Astrid Lindgren was born on 14 November 1907. She grew up in Näs, near Vimmerby Smaland, Sweden. She was the daughter of Samuel August Ericsson and Johanna (Hanna) Sofia Jonsson

Upon finishing school, Lindgren took a job with the local newspaper, *Vimmerby Tidning*, in Vimmerby. She had a relationship with the chief editor and became pregnant, causing a local scandal. She moved to the capital city of Stockholm and learnt the skills of a secretary.

Lindgren worked as a journalist and secretary before becoming a full-time author. She served as a secretary for the 1933 Swedish Summer Grand Prix. In the early 1940s, she worked as a secretary for criminalist Harry Soderman; the *Norsk biografisk* cites this experience as an inspiration for her fictional detective Bill Bergson.

In 1945 she won first prize in the a competition held by the book publishing company Raben & Sjogren with the chapter book *Pippi Långstrump* which had been rejected by the book publishing company Bonnier.

Since then it has become one of the most beloved children's books in the world and has been translated into at least 100 languages. Lindgren died in her home in central Stockholm on 28 January 2002 at the age of 94.

Opinion

Reactions Trail UNICAL's Dentistry Accreditation Withdrawal: 5 Years of Study, No Degree

The University of Calabar (UNICAL) is in turmoil after the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) reportedly revoked accreditation for its Faculty of Dentistry and Dental Surgery. In response, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Florence Obi instructed over 300 students—many of whom have spent up to five years in the programme—to vacate campus pending resolution of the crisis.

UNICAL admitted significantly more students than the MDCN-approved quota of just 10 per academic session, triggering a regulatory breach. A memo dated July 7, 2025, from the office of the Provost invited parents and students—including those from 200 to 600 levels—to a meeting where they were informed to leave campus until the over-admission issue is rectified.

The Nigerian Association of Dental Students (NADS) condemned the action as "inhuman" and called for an immediate reversal. They stressed that students—some nearing graduation—should not be penalised for administrative lapses. On social media, students voiced profound frustration and disappointment:

> "I'm a 5th year dental student...hopeful of graduating in less than two years... now told to take transfers... after seven years of struggle".

In a meeting with affected students, VC Prof. Obi explained that over-admission was intended to allow for expected student dropouts, but unexpectedly high retention combined with limited resources precipitated the crisis. She cited critical deficiencies in faculty numbers, equipment, and facilities. Although the National Universities Commission (NUC) had fully accredited the programme in May 2025, funding constraints prevented the timely re-inspection planting further complications.

The UNICAL Students' Union Government (SUG) offered five emergency proposals to limit the impact on students: retain at least 20 students per cohort in Dentistry, merge others into Medicine & Surgery, implement catch-up schemes for clinical years, and not force transfers to other institutions.

With no clear timeline from regulatory authorities or UNICAL's administration, students are left in limbo. Some may consider transferring, while others face the financial, academic, and emotional burden of restarting their studies. Both NADS and the SUG have urged intervention from the MDCN, NUC, Nigerian Dental Association (NDA), and relevant federal ministries to forestall a disastrous outcome for those affected.

Regulators (MDCN and NUC) and university officials must convene to clarify accreditation status and reach consensus on a remedial pathway.

A formal "teach-out" plan is essential for students who have already invested years into the programme.

At minimum, provisional accommodation—such as conditional integration into Medicine or retention of a core Dentistry class—should be explored.

Parents, students, and stakeholders await a swift and compassionate resolution to avoid forever compromising the futures of hundreds of aspiring dental surgeons.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Calabar (UNICAL), Professor Florence Obi, has assured stakeholders that the institution is working tirelessly to resolve the crisis in its Faculty of Dentistry, which has affected over 300 students.

Speaking at a press briefing on Monday, Professor Obi acknowledged long-standing issues in the department, including the

admission of students beyond the quota approved by the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN). However, she dismissed widespread claims that the Dentistry programme had lost its accreditation, describing such reports as "misinformation and distortion of facts."

> "At no point did the University ask Dentistry students to transfer to other institutions, nor were they advised to 'go and learn a trade' as falsely alleged on social media," she said.

Professor Obi clarified that the Dentistry programme remains fully accredited and that no directive has been issued for students to leave or transfer.

The Vice Chancellor disclosed that the University is currently engaging with 13 other universities offering Dentistry programmes and consulting the Nigerian Dental Association to explore temporary placement options for affected students. However, she noted that many students have rejected the idea of transfers, instead requesting to be absorbed into the Department of Medicine and Surgery—an option she described as impractical for students already in advanced clinical stages (400 to 600 level).

> "All we are asking for is time—to engage with other institutions, update the MDCN, and follow due process. Our goal is to ensure that all affected students graduate and are duly licensed as dental surgeons," she stated.

Professor Obi emphasized that the current administration inherited the issue, which began in previous years due to consistent over-admission beyond the MDCN's annual quota of 10 students. She pledged to resolve the matter before her tenure ends in a few months.

She explained that the Dentistry programme was initiated during the 2013/2014 academic session and received pre-clinical accreditation from the MDCN in November 2019, followed by full clinical accreditation in December 2022. The next MDCN review is not due until 2027.

Similarly, the programme was granted full accreditation by the National Universities Commission (NUC) in November 2022, with the next review scheduled for 2029.

> "Our current challenge has nothing to do with loss of accreditation," she reiterated. "The problem lies in exceeding the MDCN quota, and we are taking steps to address that."

To resolve the issue sustainably, the University has begun upgrading its infrastructure and human resources. According to Professor Obi, four additional dental chairs have been procured—bringing the total to 36—and 16 more are expected through the Special Presidential Intervention on Medical Colleges.

She also revealed that the University has secured a federal waiver to recruit more academic staff for the Faculty of Dentistry and is awaiting final clearance from the Budget Office in Abuja.

> "Once these gaps in infrastructure and staffing are closed, we will formally invite the MDCN for a verification visit to consider increasing our admission quota," she added.

Professor Obi concluded by assuring students, parents, and stakeholders that she is fully committed to resolving the crisis before the end of her tenure.

"I will not leave these problems behind for my successor. We are determined to restore normalcy, protect the interests of our students, and uphold the reputation of the University of Calabar."

News

Tenacity, Humility, And Legacy: What We Learn't From Late General Muhammadu Buhari

By Okechukwu Ubani

What can we learn from the life of General Muhammadu Buhari? For me, one word stands out: **tenacity—the ability to keep going, no matter what.**

In his famous song Love TKO, singer Teddy Pendergrass said "It takes a fool to lose twice and start all over again."

But General Buhari proved that starting over after failure does not make you a fool. He ran for president in 2003, 2007, and 2011 and lost all three times. He faced tough criticism, deep disappointment, and long odds. Yet he didn't give up.

What shocked many people was not the losses, but his reaction in 2011. After his third defeat, the tough former soldier—known for his strict and serious ways—cried in public. It surprised Nigerians. Some saw it as weakness. Others saw something more: a man who truly cared.

At that point, Buhari said he was done with politics. Who could blame him? Losing three times would discourage anyone. But something stronger pulled him back his

love for Nigeria. He believed he still had something to give. So in 2015, he ran again. And this time, he won. He became the President of Nigeria.

But one of the mistakes he made concerning the Igbo nation was his refusal to release Nnamdi Kanu, even after respected Igbo leaders visited the State House to request his unconditional release.

His years in office are open to interpretation. Some people praise him; others do not. But one decision he made stands out as truly historic. On June 6, 2018, he declared June 12 as Nigeria's new Democracy Day, in honour of the late Chief M.K.O. Abiola and the cancelled 1993 election.

This wasn't just politics. It was a national recognition of a painful part of our history. That simple act helped bring healing and a sense of justice. Even people who disagreed with him respected that move.

The Lesson in His Death
Now that he has passed away, we are reminded of something we often forget: life doesn't last forever. Neither does power.

In today's world, it's easy to look down

on others because of money or position. But as the saying goes, Never look down on anyone unless it's to admire their shoes. And never look up to anyone unless they are truly taller than you.

In the end, we are all equal in death. The grave doesn't care about how much money you had or what title you held. It accepts only who you truly were.

General Buhari seemed to understand that. Despite being a former head of state, he lived simply. He dressed plainly, spoke directly, and connected easily with ordinary Nigerians. He didn't try to act more important than others. He believed leadership was about service—not status.

Perhaps that humility is part of why he rose so high.

What Really Matters
When we leave this world, we don't take our wealth, houses, or fame. The only thing we take with us is our character. That's the real legacy we leave behind—for our families, our nation, and future generations.

So the best way to use our time on earth is not to chase after material things, but to work on ourselves. Start with self-awareness. Learn to manage yourself.

Develop self-control. Aim for self-mastery.

Don't let what others say about you define who you are. What matters is what you know about yourself. If you are a better person today than you were yesterday, then you're doing something right. That pleases God—and it should give you peace.

The Final Turn
Today, it is General Muhammadu Buhari who has taken his final bow. Tomorrow, it could be your turn—or mine. We don't know how much time we have left. That's why we should live every day like it might be our last.

We pray that God, in His mercy, forgives his sins and grants him eternal rest. He had strengths and weaknesses, victories and struggles. But in the end, he never gave up. He stood firm when others would have quit. He answered the call one last time—and made history.

His life teaches us not only how to lead, but how to endure.

In a world where people quickly judge and just as we quickly forget, perhaps the greatest lesson from General Buhari's life is this: never give up.



ABIA STATE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL)

P.M.B. 1000, AROCHUKWU, ABIA STATE, NIGERIA

ADVERTISEMENT OF STAFF VACANCIES

The Abia State College of Education (Technical), Arochukwu, hereby invites applications from suitably qualified candidates to fill the following Academic and Non-academic Staff Positions in the College

A. SENIOR MANAGEMENT POSITIONS:

1. College Librarian

Responsibilities: Administering the College Library and providing Library services to the entire College community, reporting to the Provost on the day-to-day administration of the library department.

Qualifications and Experience:

- Must possess a good Bachelors Degree with a Master in Library Science (MLS) from a recognised Institution of Higher Learning with at least 15 years of Cognate experience and registration with a Professional Library body. OR
- A Ph.D in Library and Information Science with at least 12 years cognate (work) experience and evidence of registration with a professional library body.
- Must possess proficiency in Information and Communication Technology (ICT).
- Must present evidence of sound human relations, professional competence, industrial integrity, and efficient material resources management.
- Must have been a Chief Librarian or Deputy College Librarian for a period of not less than five (5) years in a College of Education system.
- Must show evidence of substantial contribution to knowledge through research and scholarly publications in reputable journals equivalent to that of a Chief Lecturer.
- Other Requirements: Candidates must not be more than 59 years old at the time of taking up the appointment.
- Remuneration and Conditions of Service: Same as those obtainable in the State Colleges of Education system in Nigeria, with salary and fringe benefits applicable to Principal Officers.
- Tenure: A single term of five (5) years only.

2. College Bursar

Responsibilities: Chief financial officer of the College, responsible to the Provost for the day-to-day administration and control of the financial affairs. Expected to plan, organise, direct and coordinate the operations of the financial system.

Qualifications:

- A good honours degree or HND in Accountancy or Finance from a recognised institution of higher learning with at least 20 years of cognate experience plus full registration with a recognised Professional body.
- Must possess a relevant Masters Degree from a recognised Institution of higher learning; possession of a Doctorate Degree is an added advantage.
- Evidence of attendance of a continuous mandatory Professional development course is required.
- Proficiency in Information and Communication Technology (ICT).
- Must have been a Deputy Bursar in any Tertiary Institution for at least five (5) years.
- Candidates must come from a Tertiary Institution (especially a College of Education/Polytechnic).
- Other Requirements: Candidates must not be more than 59 years as at the time of assumption of duty.
- Remuneration and Conditions of Service: Specified in the terms and conditions of service for staff of State Colleges of Education in Nigeria and accorded other conditions approved by the Governing Council in consultation with the National Commission for Colleges of Education.
- Tenure: A single term of five (5) years only.

3. College Director of Works

Responsibilities: Chief Engineer and Works supervisor, controlling the entire works department and responsible to the Provost. Expected to keep inventory of Assets and advise the Provost on works issues.

Qualifications:

- A good Honours Degree in Engineering, B. Eng. or HND from a reputable Institution of Higher learning with 21 years of cognate experience plus full registration with COREN/NSE or other professional bodies.
- Must possess a relevant Masters Degree from a recognised Institution of higher learning; possession of a Doctorate Degree is an added advantage.
- Evidence of attendance of a continuous mandatory professional engineering course is required.
- Proficiency in Information and Communication Technology (ICT).
- Must have been a Deputy Director of Works in any Tertiary Institution for at least five (5) years.
- Candidates must come from a Tertiary Institution.
- Other Requirements: Candidates must not be more than 59 years as of the time of assumption of duty.
- Remuneration and Conditions of Service: Specified in the terms and conditions of service for staff of Abia State College of Education, and according to other conditions approved by the Governing Council in consultation with the National Commission for Colleges of Education.
- Tenure: A single term of five years.

4. Director of Medical Services

Responsibilities: Takes sole charge of the Medical Clinic in the college and advises the Provost on medical issues.

Requirements:

- By direct appointment of a holder of M.B.B.S./M.B.C.H.B or equivalent qualification registered with the Nigerian Medical Council, plus at least 15 years of cognate experience. OR
- A holder of a post-graduate qualification in Medicine, plus at least 12 years of cognate experience in that post.
- Other Requirements: Candidates must not be more than 59 years as of the time of assumption of duty.
- Remuneration and Conditions of Service: Specified in the terms and conditions of service for staff of Abia State College of Education, and according to other conditions approved by the Governing Council in consultation with the National Commission for Colleges of Education.
- Tenure: A single term of five years.

5. Director of Physical Planning

Responsibilities: Responsible for the production of the design of College building projects and the overall physical development of the College.

Requirements:

- Must possess at least a first degree with a minimum of second class lower division in civil engineering or Architecture.
- Must have at least five years of working experience in the building construction industry.
- Remuneration and Conditions of Service: Specified in the terms and conditions of service for staff of Abia State College of Education, and according to other conditions approved by the Governing Council in consultation with the National Commission for Colleges of Education.
- Tenure: A single term of five years.

B. ACADEMIC POSITIONS

School	Department	Positions Recruiting
SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES	Christian Religious Studies	Lecturer I, Lecturer II, Lecturer III
	Economics	Lecturer II
	English Language	Lecturer I, Lecturer II, Lecturer III
	Igbo Language	Lecturer II, Lecturer III
	Music	Lecturer I
	Political Sciences	Lecturer I
	Social Studies	Lecturer I
School of Business Studies	Accounting	Lecturer I
	Entrepreneurship	Lecturer I, Lecturer II, Lecturer III
	Marketing	Lecturer I, Lecturer II
School of Education	Office Technology & Management	Lecturer I
	Early Childhood Education and Primary Education	Lecturer II, Lecturer III
	Curriculum Studies and Educational Technology	Lecturer II, Lecturer III
	Psychology and Guidance/Counselling	Lecturer II, Lecturer III
School of Science Education	Biology	Lecturer I, Lecturer II, Lecturer III
	Chemistry	Lecturer I, Lecturer II, Lecturer III
	Computer Science	Lecturer I, Lecturer II, Lecturer III
	Mathematics	Lecturer I, Lecturer II, Lecturer III
	Physical and Health Education	Lecturer I, Lecturer II, Lecturer III
School of Technical Education	Physics	Lecturer I, Lecturer II, Lecturer III
	Automobile Technology	Lecturer II, Lecturer III
	Building Technology	Lecturer II
	Electrical & Electronic Technology	Lecturer II
	Metalwork Technology	Lecturer II, Lecturer III
	Woodwork Technology	Lecturer II, Lecturer III
	School of Vocational Education	Lecturer II, Lecturer III
School of Vocational Education	Agric Education	Lecturer II, Lecturer III
	Fine & Applied Arts	Lecturer I, Lecturer II, Lecturer III
School of Vocational Education	Home Economics	Lecturer I, Lecturer II, Lecturer III

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Lecturer I:

- **Academic Qualification:** Candidates must possess a master's degree in the specific subject field of education. Alternatively, a master's degree in the relevant subject area plus a Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE), Nigeria Certificate in Education (NCE), or its equivalent is acceptable.
- **Teaching Experience:** Candidates must have taught courses at the tertiary education level for at least 5 years in the relevant subject area.
- **Publications:** Candidates must have at least 3 publications, with two (2) of these in learned journals.
- **Salary Structure:** The salary structure for Lecturer I is COMPCASS/CET-5.

Lecturer II Requirements:

- **Academic Qualification:** Candidates must possess a master's degree in the specific subject field of education. Alternatively, a master's degree in the relevant subject area plus a Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE), Nigeria Certificate in Education (NCE), or its equivalent is acceptable.
- **Teaching Experience:** Candidates must have taught courses at the tertiary education level for at least 3 years in the relevant subject area.
- **Publications:** Candidates must have at least 2 publications, with one (1) of these in a learned journal.
- **Salary Structure:** The salary structure for Lecturer II is COMPCASS/CET-4.

Lecturer III Requirements:

- **Academic Qualification:** Candidates must possess a first degree with a minimum of Second Class Lower in the specific subject field of education. Alternatively, a master's degree in the relevant subject area plus a Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE), Nigeria Certificate in Education (NCE), or its equivalent is acceptable.
- **Teaching Experience:** Candidates must have taught courses at the tertiary education level for at least 2 years in the relevant subject area.
- **Publications:** Candidates must have at least 1 publication.

- **Salary Structure:** The salary structure for Lecturer III is COMPCASS/CET-3.

These requirements are consistently listed for the respective lecturer levels across the various academic departments in the source.

LIBRARY CADRE

1. Librarian I

2. Librarian II

ENTRY REQUIREMENT

1. Librarian I

Qualification:

- Candidates must possess at least a First Degree in Library Science (BLS) with a minimum of Second Class lower division. OR

- Possess an H.N.D. in Library Sciences with a minimum of Credit Division.

- Having a Masters Degree in Library Science (MLS) will be an added advantage.

- **Working Experience:** Candidate must have worked for at least 4 years in a public or private organisation.

- **Remuneration:** CONTEDISS - 7.

2. Librarian II

Qualification:

- Candidates must possess at least a First Degree in Library Science (BLS) with a minimum of Second Class lower division. OR

- Possess an H.N.D. in Library Sciences with a minimum of Credit Division.

- Having a Masters Degree in Library Science (MLS) will be an added advantage.

- **Working Experience:** Candidate must have worked for at least 3 years in a public or private organisation.

- **Remuneration:** CONTEDISS - 6.

3. OTHER POSITIONS

Position	Qualification and Working Experience	Remuneration
Public Relations Officer (PRO)	The Candidate must possess at least a First Degree in Social Sciences with a minimum of Second Class Lower Division or HND in Social Sciences with a minimum of Credit Division . Having a Masters Degree will be an added advantage. Candidate must have worked for at least 3 years in a public or private organisation.	CONTEDISS 12
Administrative Officer	The Candidate must possess at least a First Degree in Social Sciences with a minimum of Second Class Lower Division or HND in Social Sciences with a minimum of Credit Division . Having a Masters Degree will be an added advantage. Candidate must have worked for at least 3 years in a public or private organisation.	CONTEDISS 12
Confidential Secretary	The Candidate must possess at least a First Degree in Secretarial Studies or related fields with a minimum of Second Class Lower Division or HND in Secretarial Studies or related fields with a minimum of Credit Division . Having a Masters Degree will be an added advantage. Candidate must have worked for at least 3 years in a public or private organisation.	CONTEDISS 12
Computer Operator/Clerk/Clerical Officer	The Candidate must possess at least an OND (Ordinary National Diploma) in Computer Science with a minimum of Credit Division or NCE (Nigerian Certificate in Education) in Computer Science with a minimum of Credit Division . Having a First Degree in Computer Science will be an added advantage. Candidate must have worked for at least 3 years in a public or private organisation.	CONTEDISS - 6
Technologists/Technicians (for schools of Arts and Social Sciences, Business Education, Science Education, Education, Technical Education and Vocational Education)	The Candidate must possess a First Degree in Engineering (Electrical, Mechanical, Agricultural) with a minimum of Second Class Lower Division or H.N.D. in relevant fields with a minimum of Credit Division . Having a Masters Degree will be an added advantage. Candidate must have worked for at least 3 years in a public or private organisation.	CONTEDISS - 7
Students Affairs Officer	The Candidate must possess at least a First Degree with a minimum of Second Class Lower Division or HND (Higher National Diploma) in a relevant field with a minimum of Credit Division . Having a Masters Degree in the relevant field will be an added advantage. Candidate must have worked for at least 3 years in a public or private organisation.	CONTEDISS - 12
Porters/ Portresses	Candidates must possess at least an O.N.D. (Ordinary National Diploma) in a relevant field with a minimum of Credit Division or NCE (Nigerian Certificate in Education) with a minimum of Credit Division . Having a First Degree will be an added advantage. Candidate must have worked for at least 3 years in a public or private organisation.	CONTEDISS - 5
Nursing Officer	The Candidate must possess at least a First Degree in nursing and must be a registered member with the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria . Having a Masters Degree in nursing and registered member with nursing -related organisations will be an added advantage. Candidate must have worked for at least 3 years in a public or private organisation.	CONTEDISS 7
Physical Planning Officer	The Candidate must possess at least a First Degree in Town Planning with a minimum of Second Class Lower Division or HND in Town Planning with a minimum of Credit Division . However, a First Degree in Civil Engineering or a First Degree in Architecture with a minimum of Second Class Lower Division is acceptable. Having a Masters Degree in the fields mentioned above will be an added advantage. Candidate must have worked for at least 5 years in a public or private organisation.	CONTEDISS - 10
Carpenter	The Candidate must possess a Trade Test in Carpentry . Having an advanced Certificate in Carpentry will be an added advantage. Candidate must have worked for at least 3 years in a public or private organisation.	CONTEDISS - 4
Plumber	The Candidate must possess a Trade Test in Plumbing . Having an advanced Certificate in Plumbing will be an added advantage. Candidate must have worked for at least 3 years in a public or private organisation.	CONTEDISS - 4
Mechanic	The Candidate must possess a Trade Test in Mechanics . Having an advanced Certificate in Mechanics will be an added advantage. Candidate must have worked for at least 3 years in a public or private organisation.	CONTEDISS - 4
Electrician	The Candidates must possess the SSCE (Senior Secondary Certificate Examination) and Trade Test in Electricity . Candidate must have worked for at least 3 years in a public or private organisation in the relevant field.	CONTEDISS - 4
Patrolmen (Security Men)	The Candidates must possess at least SSCE (Senior Secondary Certificate Examination) . Candidate must have worked for at least 3 years in a public or private organisation in the relevant field.	CONTEDISS - 4
Messengers/ Cleaners	Candidates must possess SSCE (Senior Secondary Certificate Examination) with Credit in English and Mathematics . Holders of OND and NCE will be an added advantage. Candidate must have worked for at least 3 years in a public or private organisation.	CONTEDISS - 2

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Conditions of Service:** All appointments are as applicable in the College Conditions and Schemes of Service and the Abia State Public Service.
 - **Method of Application:**
Interested candidates should apply using the link recruitment.asceta.edu.ng. Provide all required details and documents, including **credentials and other relevant documents**.
 - Candidates will also be requested to provide three referees with referral letters on the recruitment portal.
- Closing Date:**
Applications must be received not later than the 31st of July 2025. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.

Signed By:
Dr. Ndidi Anyatonwu
Acting Registrar.

Feature

What Can Nigeria Learn From China's Electricity

By *Dakuku Peterside*

The moment of revelation came unexpectedly on a high-speed train leaving Beijing, where a screen showed that 36% of the train's traction power came from wind energy. Outside, rows of wind turbines turned gracefully under the sun. For someone familiar with Nigeria's unreliable grid—where diesel generators hum through the night and candles are often the only light—this was astonishing. By nightfall, Shenzhen's LED-lit skyline shone brighter than Nigeria's entire grid on its brightest day.

After ten days engaging with institutions and professionals in Singapore, Qatar, and China, I am convinced Nigeria's energy independence is achievable. The raw materials and technology to power Nigeria exist; what is missing is an unwavering commitment to unite our resources under a common vision. If China's electricity generation can soar from just over 1,300 TWh in 2000 to over 10,000 TWh by 2024 and if Uruguay, a small country with no fossil fuels reserves, can leap to 90% renewable electricity in a decade, then Nigeria, blessed with abundant sunlight, deep gas reserves, and hydropower potential, can close its electricity gap in five years.

Electricity is more than illumination—it is the backbone of modern life. It is the force that powers cocoa presses in Ondo, preserves fish catches for the market in the Niger Delta, drives vaccine cold-chain trucks delivering vaccines to remote clinics, fuels data centres, and charges batteries for homes in bustling cities. In Lagos, factories lose up to 40% of their profits due to reliance on diesel generators during outages. In a world where the cost of backup power can turn a manufacturer from profit to loss, a reliable grid power is nothing less than an economic lifeline. The potential economic benefits of dependable electricity demand decisive action.

Reliable electricity is not just about balance sheets and national budget narratives; it is about social stability and well-being. The International Energy Agency notes that each additional gigawatt of dependable power can support between 40,000 and 50,000 jobs in construction, manufacturing, and services. This potential for job creation is a beacon of hope for Nigeria's youth, comprising approximately 70% of the population. More jobs mean fewer vulnerable youths susceptible to insurgency or crime; electricity thus becomes a preventive measure for security. Its social benefits underscore its importance and the gravity of the situation, motivating us to work towards it.

At the same time, scarcity also means lost opportunity. For example, Bitcoin mining consumes approximately 33 TWh annually, comparable to Denmark's annual electricity production. Where power is cheap and abundant, tech firms thrive; where it is rationed and generator-dependent, capital and high-skilled jobs flee, along with tax revenues and tech cluster growth.

Most importantly, universal electricity saves lives. Clinics with reliable refrigeration reduce maternal and infant mortality. Schools with dependable power extend learning hours and offer digital curricula to children in rural areas, providing them with access to educational resources. Streetlights deter crime and help women feel safe. Access to electricity correlates strongly with literacy, life expectancy, and income. These social benefits underscore the urgency and importance of ensuring reliable electricity for all Nigerians, emphasising the need for immediate action.

China's story demonstrates how quickly a nation can pivot when policy is clear and capital is welcome. In 2000, China's grid produced just over 1,300 TWh,

approximately one-third of the U.S. output. By 2006, it had surpassed the U.S., and by 2024, it had generated over 10,000 TWh, nearly twice the U.S. output. How? This was driven by legally binding Five-Year Plan targets for capacity, efficiency, and emissions, which provincial governments and state enterprises implemented consistently. The annual investment in generation, transmission, and distribution peaked at approximately 5% of GDP, significantly higher than Nigeria's rate of under 1%.

China then diversified its energy mix: coal remained the backbone, but hydroelectric dams, solar farms, wind parks, and nuclear reactors grew rapidly. By 2024, non-fossil sources accounted for over 38% of generation. Transparent auctions and two-part tariffs—fixed network charges plus variable consumption charges—aligned incentives for consumers, utilities, and investors. Oversight by a Supra-ministerial National Energy Commission, chaired by the Premier, ensured sector accountability and minimised bureaucratic conflicts. Programmes like Made in China 2025 have invested billions in solar chemistry, grid batteries, and power electronics, driving down costs and increasing capacity.

China is not a perfect analogue for Nigeria, with different political and fiscal realities. However, its trajectory reveals a key truth: a country can add the equivalent of America's entire grid in one generation when policy is clear and capital is welcome.

Uruguay offers another lesson. In the early 2000s, it faced drought-prone hydropower, oil imports for thermal plants, rolling blackouts, and tariff spikes. In 2005, all political parties agreed on a 25-year energy policy ensuring bipartisanship and stability. Transparent auctions attracted global wind and solar developers. Within eight years, Uruguay installed 1.3 GW of wind capacity—the highest per capita worldwide—plus solar and biomass projects. By 2016, renewables generated over 90% of electricity, tariffs had stabilised, and Uruguay exported a surplus of power to Argentina. The secret was not sheer size or resource advantage, but a credible, long-term plan backed by market discipline.

It's heartening to see the federal government take such decisive action to reshape Nigeria's electricity landscape. The repeal of the Electric Power Sector Reform Act of 2005 and its replacement with the Electricity Act 2023 is more than a legal adjustment—it feels like the opening of a new chapter. Beyond simply rewriting the rules, we have witnessed the very architecture of our power sector undergo a transformation. By dividing the Transmission Company of Nigeria into two distinct bodies—the Transmission Service Provider, which maintains towers, lines, and substations, and the Independent System Operator, which coordinates the flow of power—there is hope. There is something fundamentally reassuring about having a dedicated steward for our physical network and a separate, impartial referee for load allocation among generators, distributors, and consumers.

And yet, as promising as these reforms are, I cannot help but pause and wonder: Will structural change alone bridge the yawning gap between the electricity we have and the electricity we need? True transformation will demand more than new acronyms and fresh mandates. We will need a power regime that ignites investment, drives innovation, and sustains long-term growth—one that reaches into every corner of this country and lights up the lives of all Nigerians. In this moment of transition, I am reminded that reform is always a beginning, never an end. The Electricity Act

2023, along with the creation of ISO and TSP, marks a bold step forward. But the journey toward an abundant, reliable power—one that can fuel homes, industries, and imaginations—remains ahead of us.

Mapping Nigeria onto those blueprints reveals the scale of our challenge, but also the path out. We have 13 GW of nameplate capacity but less than 5 GW reliably available; combined technical and commercial losses exceed 40%; a generation mix skewed to gas and hydro; fourteen primary policy documents since 2001; a single-buyer market struggling to pay gas plants; retail tariffs below cost; and almost no R&D investment for home-grown solutions. China and Uruguay faced similar gaps at the start of reform; the difference lies in governance, investment discipline, and market design.

None of these gaps is immutable. Nigeria needs a five-year Power Sufficiency Roadmap, enshrined in law, to ensure stability during periods of political transition. This roadmap should be overseen by a presidential Energy Council with a real-time dashboard tracking capacity, dispatch, losses, finance, and service quality. The Transmission Company of Nigeria should be ring-fenced and spun into an independent system operator, funded by sovereign guarantees, green climate funds, and pension bonds. New generation projects should leverage Nigeria's advantages, including utility-scale solar in the north with domestic panel assembly, run-of-river hydro in the Middle Belt, gas peaking plants in Lagos, and gas plus near-shore wind farms along the coast. Tariffs must be cost-reflective, offering a subsidised lifeline block of approximately 50 kWh per month. Digital meters and mobile money will target subsidies precisely to the poorest households.

Ten per cent of the Rural Electrification Fund should seed university-industry consortia developing battery recycling, smart meter firmware, and modular inverters tailored to local conditions. Heavy-load offenders—such as illegal crypto mines and inefficient data centres—should face time-of-use penalties or bans, thereby freeing a few terawatt-hours for factories and clinics. If executed faithfully, Nigeria could achieve 20 GW of dependable capacity within five years, with unserved energy below 5%, grid losses cut by two-thirds, and reliable power in every urban centre. Manufacturing output would rise, household bills would fall by up to 30%, and over three million jobs would emerge in generation, contracting, assembly, and services. Clinics and schools would run uninterrupted; entrepreneurs would no longer budget for diesel; foreign direct investment would flow into tech parks and export zones.

Nigeria has richer sunlight than Spain, deeper gas reserves than Norway, and hydropower potential rivaling that of Ethiopia. Our entrepreneurial spirit, mobile money networks, and growing digital workforce equip us to leapfrog legacy barriers. What remains is the decision to marshal policy, capital, and markets toward power sufficiency for all.

China demonstrates that a nation can turbocharge its grid with single-minded policy, and capital feels secure. Uruguay indicates that even a small, import-dependent country can become a net power exporter within a decade. Nigeria has the resources and technology; what it lacks is coordinated conviction. Progress is a choice. If Nigeria adopts coherent policy, disciplined investment, and market incentives, five years from now, 2024 will be remembered not as a year of darkness but as the turning point toward reliable, affordable electricity for all. The switch is within reach. Let's flip it.

Sporting Ambassador

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With Jacob Joseph

COUNTDOWN TO 2024 CHAN: Focus on Group A

Sporting Ambassador's countdown to next month's African Nations Championship focuses on Group A, which comprises of Kenya, Morocco, Angola, DR Congo and Zambia. This is arguably the toughest group of the tournament, featuring three continental heavyweights.

HARAMBEE STARS OF KENYA
Hosts Kenya will have to be at their absolute best to compete with former champions Morocco and DR Congo, who have lifted the title twice.

Kenya secured their place in the CHAN 2024 tournament as one of the three co-hosting nations. This historic opportunity offers the Harambee Stars a chance to showcase their talent on one of Africa's biggest stages. Playing in this group will be very challenging for them. But their captain Aboud Omar has a different view, "Playing at home is a huge advantage for us and not really

competition after he led Chipolopolo to the quarter-final of the Morocco 2018 edition. They were edged 1-0 by Sudan in the quarter-final.

THE SABLE ANTELOPES OF ANGOLA

The 2024 CHAN will see Angola making their fifth appearance from the seven in total that have been played since 2009.

After missing out on the first edition in 2009, the Sable Antelopes made their debut two years later at the Sudan finals where they put up a strong performance that saw them finish fourth after being edged by the

month.

THE LEOPARDS OF DR CONGO

The Leopards, led by head coach Otis N'Goma, aim to consolidate their status as one of the tournament's most decorated teams and are determined to add a third title to their impressive record. The Leopards demonstrated their resilience during qualification. After being held to a 1-1 draw by Chad in the first leg, they turned the tables with a convincing 3-1 home victory to secure their spot in the tournament.

TP Mazembe forward **Oscar Kabwit** is a key figure in DR Congo's attack. Kabwit's physical strength, agility, and clinical finishing make him a constant threat. Whether playing as a central striker or drifting to the wings, Kabwit's versatility and knack for creating chances will be pivotal to the Leopards' success.

Their coach, Otis N'Goma brings a modern tactical approach to DR Congo, emphasizing disciplined defense and swift counter-attacks. His preference for ball possession, quick transitions, and adaptability ensures his team remains competitive against the toughest opponents.

With two CHAN titles to their name, the Leopards remain one of the most feared teams in Africa. However, their performances have fluctuated since their 2016 triumph. DR Congo will seek consistency and capitalize on emerging talents and experienced players to recapture their former glory.

If DR Congo wins this edition of CHAN, they will become the most successful team in the tournament's history with three titles, surpassing any other nation.

ATLAS LIONS OF MOROCCO

Morocco's journey in CHAN has been particularly impressive in recent years. After their first appearance in



KENYA'S STAR MAN:
Ryan Ogam

2014, they participated in three consecutive tournaments 2016, 2018, and 2020, culminating in back-to-back victories in their last two appearances. Their absence from the 2022 edition has only heightened their determination to reclaim the trophy.

Morocco became the first host nation to win the CHAN tournament in 2018 and the first country to win back-to-back titles (2018, 2020).

The Atlas Lions qualified automatically for CHAN 2024 as the only representative so far from the North African Football Union zone. They enter the tournament sharing the record for most titles (2) with DR Congo, making their fifth appearance in the competition since their debut in South Africa 2014. The Atlas Lions will be eager to demonstrate why they are

considered among the favorites for the title, as they aim to become the first nation to win three CHAN tournaments and establish themselves as the most successful team in the competition's history.

Former international Tarik Sektioui brings considerable experience to his role as head coach of the Atlas Lions. His playing career saw him don the colors of several European clubs, including FC Porto and AJ Auxerre, before transitioning into coaching where he has enjoyed success with various Moroccan clubs including FUS Rabat, RS Berkane, and AS FAR. His appointment marks a new chapter as Morocco seeks unprecedented success in the competition.



DR Congo coach, Wedson Nyirenda

re," he said.

"Of course, there is huge expectation from everyone that we will do well, but we are turning that into motivation. We have some experienced players in the team, and we have played under immense pressure before, so this will not be tough on us."

Watch out for Ryan Ogam, who emerged the top scorer in the Kenyan Premier League with 13 goals in just eight appearances, Ogam is expected to be a key figure in Kenya's attack.

CHIPOLOPOLO OF ZAMBIA

Zambia have been regular features in the African Nations Championship, qualifying for the finals an impressive four times out of the previous seven editions. Zambia are known for their attacking flair, and it will be on display once more as they navigate through this difficult group. They will be making their fifth appearance at CHAN. Their debut was in Cote d'Ivoire 2009 where they achieved their best CHAN performance by finishing third after coming from behind to beat Senegal 2-1 in the third-place play-off.

Following their third-place finish in 2009, Zambia have since advanced from the group stages in all their appearances but failed to advance further than the quarter-final.

They will be hoping to change that record this year.

Coach Wedson Nyirenda will be coaching at his second CHAN

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hosts in the third-place play-off.

Under the guidance of coach Pedro Gonçalves, Angola are amongst the strongest teams from the Southern African region and will be looking at going all the way in their fifth attempt.

The Sable Antelopes advanced to the finals after overcoming Lesotho over two legs to secure their fifth CHAN appearance.

Angola will be under the tutelage of Pedro Gonçalves, a man who has grown in leaps and bounds over the years with Angolan national team.

Upon his 2018 arrival, Gonçalves was appointed the Angola U-17 national team coach where he hit the ground running with a COSAFA Cup U-17 gold medal which was followed by a third-place finish at the U-17 AFCON, as well as guiding his side to their first ever FIFA U-17 World Cup, where their journey ended in the Round of 16.

The 48-year-old caused a number of upsets in Cote d'Ivoire where he guided the Angola to an impressive Quarter-Final finish at the CAF Africa Cup of Nations.

In their four previous appearances, Angola's best run came in their debut at the Sudan finals where they finished fourth behind the hosts.

Angola's recent COSAFA Cup triumph marked their fourth regional title and was dominated mostly by players playing their trade in Angola. They will be looking at continuing their fine form at the CHAN finals next



Oscar Kabwit in action for DR Congo

2025 AFROBASKET: D'Tigress Set For Title Defense

D'Tigress of Nigeria will be making their 15th appearance at the 2025 Women's AfroBasket slated for Cote d'Ivoire capital Abidjan from July 25 to August. Recall that the Rena Wakama coached side defeated Senegal 84-74 in the final of the last edition in Kigali, Rwanda.

The Nigerian ladies have been drawn in Group D, where they will battle Mozambique and Rwanda. They commence their title defense against Rwanda on July 26 before they confront Mozambique in their last group match two days later.

With several players who helped Nigeria become the most dominant team in Africa returning for Abidjan 2025 and coach Rena Wakama continuing on, D'Tigress are the team to beat in the competition.

D'Tigress have won four consecutive AfroBasket titles and enter the 2025 edition as undisputed favorites to retain their highly sought after crown.

In Group A, host Cote d'Ivoire, whose best performance in this competition is a fourth place finish achieved in 1977 and 2009 will take on 2011 and 2013 champions, Angola and Egypt, who were champions in 1966 and 1968.

Group B will see 2007 champions Mali, 2015 runners-up Cameroon and debutants South Sudan will battle for supremacy.

The most successful team of the competition, with 11 titles, Senegal, Uganda, who are ranked 55 and Guinea, who were runners-up in 1966 will fight to finish in Group C.

Nigeria's 20-player star-studded provisional squad is very intimidating. Leading the roster is Amy Okonkwo, who starred in the 2024-2025 FIBA EuroLeague Women for French club Tango



D'Tigress of Nigeria

Bourges Basket. Okonkwo averaged 15.3 points, 4.7 rebounds and 16.8 efficiency, guiding Bourges to a EuroLeague quarterfinal finish in her debut season.

She led the EuroLeague in free throw percentage at 91.8% and ranked fourth in three-point shooting at 43.9%. Her season earned a EuroLeague MVP nomination and a WNBA training camp deal with the Connecticut Sun this past spring. Last year, during Nigeria's 2024 Olympic campaign in Paris, Okonkwo also posted 11 points, 4.8 rebounds and 1.3 per game.

Ezinne Kalu returns after a dominant 2024-2025 season with

Zhejiang Golden Bulls in China's WCBA, where she averaged 21.5 points. Kalu added 4.2 rebounds and 3.5 assists per game during the season. Last year, the point joined historic ranks when she became the first HBCU alumna in the WNBA in over 15 years while playing for the Atlanta Dream. During last year's 2024 Women's Olympic Basketball Tournament, Kalu contributed 18.5 points, three rebounds and four assists.

Also back is Promise Amukamara, who averaged 12.5 points, 2.3 rebounds and 5.5 assists at the Paris 2024 Olympic tournament. Nicole Enabosi had a standout season in France's La Boulangerie Wonderligue, posting 14 points, 6.3 rebounds and 1.6 assists per game. Enabosi also connected on 38.5% of her attempts from three-point range, giving D'Tigress a stretch-forward weapon.

The roster includes returnees Victoria Macaulay, Christabel Ezumah and Lauren Ebo, all vital contributors in Nigeria's frontcourt rotation. New call-ups for Grace Efosa, who this past year in the NCAA averaged 13.4 points 4.3 rebounds and 1.7 assists for the Providence Friars and Solape Amusan, a 6'1" forward who most

recently played at Maristas Coruna in Spain's LF2, where she posted 10.9 points, 5.3 rebounds whilst shooting 39% from long range. Both of who will compete for final roster spots as Nigeria eyes a fifth straight AfroBasket title.

the 20-player roster gives

D'Tigress one of the deepest squads heading into this year's continental tournament. Nigeria's goal remains clear—defend the AfroBasket crown and continue their dominance as the continent's premier women's basketball force.

There is still no word that head coach Rena Wakama, who the Chicago Sky recently hired, will lead D'Tigress' title defense in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. Nonetheless, the squad will be trimmed down to 12 players in the coming days.

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Puzzle By: Prince Blessing Lazarus

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Rena Wakama shouting instructions to her girls