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## RESIDENTS OF SAINT BONIFACE-SAINT VITAL ENDORSE SHOLA AGBOOLA

By N.Ugoh

Shola Agboola, the Conservative Party of Canada's candidate for the people of Saint Boniface – Saint Vital in the forthcoming election has been

endorsed by the good people of the riding.

The residents of Saint Boniface-Saint Vital are impressed by Shola's motivation to run for office due to his love for Canada, his deep obligation

to give back to a society that has given hope and opportunities to so many like him as well as his desire to ensure that new generations of Canadians have the same opportunities and quality of life that he has enjoyed.

# CHIKA ORIUWA | HONORED IN BARBIE TRIBUTE FOR ADVOCACY AGAINST SYSTEMIC RACISM

By Stanley Ugagbe

Dr. Chika Stacy Oriuwa, a psychiatry resident at the University of Toronto, Ontario, who has advocated against systemic racism in healthcare, which has been further highlighted by the pandemic has emerged one of the beneficiaries of Mattel's ThankYouHeroes program.

**T**HE programme was created in 2020 to honor individuals who have led the fight against COVID-19 as well as the everyday heroes who have kept communities up and running.

In a recent development, the brand spotlighted six women who are modern, real-life heroes of the pandemic and honored them with their own one-of-a-kind doll made in their likeness. Experts in their fields who have shown unprecedented courage during a challenging time, the six role models have made a positive impact in their communities, inspiring current and future generations.

Remarkably, Chika is among these heroes and has a Barbie made in her image. In a chat with newsmen, an elated Oriuwa recalls dressing up her Barbies as doctors, poets and performers when she was a young girl.

In her remarks, Oriuwa hopes

the creation of a one-of-a-kind doll celebrating her success will show kids there aren't any limits on their play or their potential.

She said "What is even more beautiful about this opportunity is that the Barbie is a Black female doctor that is made in my image"

"That really speaks to my core value and my core belief that you can truly become anything and you can truly occupy any space and thrive."

Oriuwa is one of six women who inspired Mattel's special collection of Barbies honouring health workers on the front lines of the COVID-19 crisis. According to the toymaker, Oriuwa is being recognized for her advocacy against systemic racism in health care.

The 27-year-old has spoken openly about the discrimination she faced as the only Black student in her class during her first year in medical school in

2016, and helped spearhead efforts to diversify the program.

Recall that NCNC reported how she became the first Black woman to be selected as sole valedictorian for University of Toronto's faculty of medicine upon graduation last year.

Other women celebrated are:

- Amy O'Sullivan, RN (U.S.) – emergency room nurse who treated the first COVID-19 patient in Brooklyn at the Wyckoff Heights Medical Center,

became ill and was intubated, then a few weeks later returned to work to continue taking care of others;

- Dr. Audery Cruz (U.S.) – a frontline worker from Las Vegas, who during the pandemic, joined forces with other Asian-American physicians to fight racial bias and discrimination;
- Professor Sarah Gilbert (U.K.) – a professor of vaccinology who led the development of the University of Oxford vaccine in the U.K.;
- Dr. Jaqueline Goes de Jesus (Brazil) – a biomedical researcher credited for leading the sequencing of the genome of a COVID-19 variant in Brazil; and

- Dr. Kirby White (Australia) – a general practitioner in who co-founded Gowns for Doctors, a gown that could be laundered and reused, allowing frontline workers in Victoria, AU to continue seeing patients during the pandemic.

A Mattel spokeswoman said only one doll was made for each of the real-life "role models" and will not be available for sale.



### Some Toxic Behaviors That Push People Away

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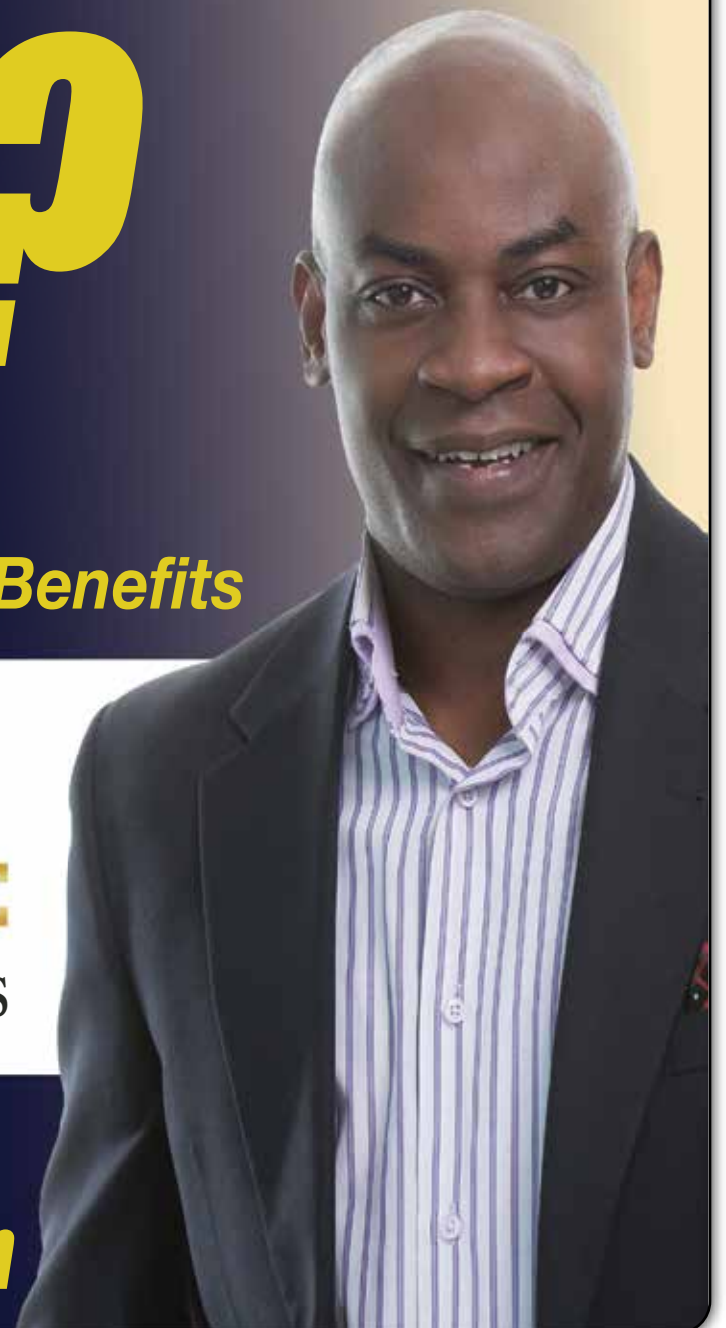


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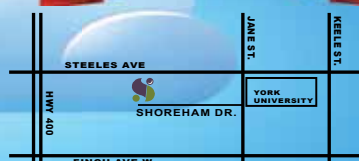
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*Editorial*

# On The Forthcoming Federal Election

The 2021 Canadian federal election will take place on September 20, 2021, to elect members of the House of Commons to the 44th Canadian Parliament. For emphasis and the benefits of those that may not be in the know, the writs of election were issued by Governor General Mary Simon on August 15, 2021, when Prime Minister Justin Trudeau requested the dissolution of Parliament for a snap election.

With plans perfected to hold this crucial election, it's imperative that certain things are put in perspective before the conduct of the poll. The recent cancellation of rally at Bolton, Ontario by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau after angry protesters ambushed the event is a clear indication that there is still more work to be done to ensure that lives are not at risk during the period that the election will last. That the PM admitted that the event was cancelled because organisers could not ensure people's safety is a red flag. "We all had a difficult year. Those folks out protesting, they had a difficult year too, and I know

and I hear the anger, the frustration, perhaps the fear," Trudeau said.

COVID-19, one of the greatest plagues of all time has claimed too many lives and must not be handled with levity during this period of the election. Human lives come first before anything and so, irrespective of how important the election is, no one should be put at risk – to paraphrase the words of Nigerian former President Goodluck Jonathan, the ambition of any politician is not worth the life of any Canadian.

On this basis, we are calling on the Federal and State governments to ensure that adequate measures are put in place to curtail the spread of the virus during this crowd gathering period of election. The war against the virus is far from being over and any negligence can cause a spark that could wreck draconic havoc in the society.

Again, we call on the electorates to adhere strictly to the measures put in place to curb the spread of the virus. We are also conscientizing every eligible voter to make informed decisions during the election. Po-

litical affiliations, religious and ethnic ties, family ties should not inform voting decisions, rather, electorates should look out for candidates who have people-oriented policies and can deliver on them. It's not about the interest of some group or persons but the interest of the nation – so voting decisions should be made with a view of electing people that will bring greater transformation to the nation.

In another development, that bandits successfully attacked the permanent site of the Nigerian Defence Academy in Kaduna State, killing two officers and abducting one other officer, is a clear indication of how porous the Nigerian security have become; and a clear demonstration by the bandits that they have the capacity to do what the Taliban have done in Afghanistan – we hope they don't succeed. To be clear on how porous the military has become, the Spokesman for the academy in the state Major Bashir Muhd Jajira who confirmed the outlandish attack, said "The security architecture of the Nigerian Defence Academy was compro-

mised".

For emphasis, the Nigerian Defence Academy is a military university based in Kaduna, Nigeria that trains officer cadets for commissioning into one of the three services of the Nigerian Armed Forces: the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force.

It is imperative to note that The Nigerian Defence Academy is located few metres away from the Federal College of Forestry Mechanization Afaka, in Igabi Local Government Area of Kaduna State, where 39 students were abducted by bandits in March.

We are perturbed because if the Nigerian Defence Academy which is one of the most sophisticated grounds could be successfully attacked, with casualties recorded, it denotes that the Nigerian people are no longer safe anywhere in the country. With the band-

its operating literally freely across the nation, particularly in the north, we are disturbed as to why President Muhamadu Buhari keeps making empty statements without taking decisive actions against the nation's arch enemies – more worrying is the fact that Buhari is treating the supposed repented ones to rich dinner and airlifting them in Presidential jets.

By the attack on the academy, the bandits have again, made their intentions clear; they have sent a clear message across the nation; they have shown how grown the monster is now; and more importantly, they have divulged how prepared they are for the coming days. We call on the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, President Muhammadu Buhari to rise to the occasion and save Nigeria from the incessant bloodbath.

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In the horror of the risen and the fallen.

The takeover of the space by adversary,  
The midnight rumbles and firebombs.  
The sore cries on the battlegrounds,  
Of the withdrawal and abandonment.

Life is on fire, men are dared,  
Toast as wanderers of the earth.  
When death has become a friend,  
Could surely visit at any day or night.

Kabul, a repeated history of Vietnam,  
Of wasted lives, fortune and future.  
Ruthlessness of years, though tried,  
The last vestiges brusquely departed.

Someplace men are baked in charcoal,  
Another long trail of twilight of brutality.  
The shadowy days continue in Kabul,  
Lost two decades of gory years' battle, Oh!

Endless resurgence of fanatics and radicals,  
The ripple effects, fear, to felt far and wide.  
The rights of women are certainly dead,  
While people are captured and nullified.



**Kolapo (Kola) Abdul**

My fear and anguish for a child and seniors,

To swallow the grills of their captors.  
Another jungle is created and fanned,  
The shame and torture of the desertion.

The collapse of an absconded government,  
Where security, trust and empathy are lost.

The cry and wails of the captives,  
Under the bloody command of the Taliban.

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## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

### Spasticity after stroke: Tips for improving recovery

(NC) A common side effect for almost a third of all stroke survivors is spasticity. This is when the muscles become tight, stiff and resist stretching.

Post-stroke spasticity (PSS) occurs when the portion of the brain that controls the movements of certain muscles becomes damaged because of a stroke. While the effects can be debilitating, early detection combined with appropriate treatment measures can improve strength and help prevent long-term disability.

Here are some tips for improving recovery after a stroke when affected by PSS:

#### AIM FOR INCREASED AND CONSISTENT MOVEMENT

Moving as much as



possible is crucial for PSS patients to ease the tightening of muscles and prevent them from shortening. Regular stretching using a wide range of motion is recommended, as is physical exercise for patients who can do so.

#### GET OUTFITTED FOR MUSCLE SUPPORT

Braces or splints are often used to combat muscle contractures

as they work to hold the muscles in place. Contractures are the chronic loss of joint mobility, making it difficult to do even the most menial of tasks like opening or closing your hand.

#### DEVELOP A REHABILITATION ROUTINE

Physical therapy is often recommended to regain function or move-

ment of the affected muscles. While some patients may be able to manage this therapy on their own, in certain cases a rehabilitation specialist may be required for optimal recovery.

#### EXPLORE ALL TREATMENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE

Along with the above measures, some patients may require further medical intervention to manage their symptoms or improve mobility. Fortunately, those living with PSS have a range of treatment options they can pursue to manage their condition and any symptoms they have.

*Learn more about post-stroke spasticity at [beyondstroke.ca](http://beyondstroke.ca).*

### Health Canada approves Moderna's COVID-19 vaccines for kids 12 to 17 years old

By N.Ugoh

Health Canada has eventually approved Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine to be used to inoculate kids as young as 12.

The initial approval for Moderna in December 2020 was only for people that are at least 18 years old.

Moderna applied for approval for youth in early June, citing a clinical trial of 3,700 youth in which all the teens who got two doses did not develop a COVID-19 infection.

Youth that are not younger than 12 years in Canada have been given the green light to receive the vaccine from Pfizer-BioNTech since May 5.

As at mid-August, 75 percent of kids in that age bracket had received a minimum of one dose while 59 per cent were fully vaccinated.

Also, Health Canada said the National Ad-

visory Committee on Immunization would meet very soon to talk about whether booster shots should be given to people with compromised immune systems.

Ontario has already started to offer boosters to transplant recipients, people with some blood cancers and long-term care home residents.

Health Canada approved Pfizer for youth in a few weeks and has not revealed why the Moderna review took over two months.

In a recent email, a spokesperson wrote: "After a thorough and independent scientific review of the evidence, Health Canada has determined that the vaccine is safe and effective at preventing COVID-19 in youth aged 12 to 17."

Europe authorized the Moderna vaccine for children over a month ago while the United States has not yet approved it for teenagers.

### 5 fun summer ideas for kids and parents

(NC) The warmer weather means it's time for exploring and adventures, especially after spending so much time cooped up indoors. Here are a few creative ways to do family favourites this summer:

#### 1. TAKE A NEIGHBOURHOOD TOUR

Try rediscovering an area in your city or town and experiencing it with new eyes. Look for self-guided walking tours online where you can learn about its history and neat facts. Or make a scavenger hunt game out of it, getting everyone to try to be the first to spot some graffiti art, a purple car or a special landmark. Whoever

wins can get an extra scoop of ice cream when you visit the local parlour at the end of the day.

#### 2. CHECK OUT A DRIVE-IN ATTRACTION

Who says drive-ins are old school? They're making a comeback as a safer way to enjoy activities that typically involve crowds in closed spaces. Look for a theatre near you screening the latest Hollywood release or an old classic. Other drive-in options now available include comedy shows and concerts. Pack some cozy blankets and your favourite snacks for a budget-friendly family evening.

#### 3. CAMP UNDER THE

#### STARS NEAR OR FAR

Camping is super popular this summer, but there should still be a few openings left at a national or provincial park that's a bit further afield or less in demand. Or save yourself the trip and camp out in your own backyard — the kids will have just as much fun and it'll be less work for parents. Plan fun activities, like camping charades, crafts with nature and glow-in-the-dark bowling.

#### 4. ENJOY THE JOURNEY ON A ROAD TRIP

See new places in a safer way with an in-province day trip that's all about the journey. Schedule stops at out-

door landmarks or attractions and plan to stop at fun local takeout spots that you pick together as a family. Save money by getting more out of your gas with a high-efficiency fuel like Synergy Supreme. Available at Esso stations, the premium fuel helps keep your engine three times cleaner for more kilometres per tank compared to gasoline meeting minimum Canadian government standards in port-fuel injected engines. Actual benefits are based on continuous use and may vary depending on vehicle type, driving style and gasoline previously used.

#### 5. VISIT A NEW COMMUNITY PARK

Spend an afternoon at a park you don't normally go to, pointing out any new trees, plants and birds to your kids. You'll be surprised how exciting a different playground or sport facility can feel. You can even bring activities for the kids and your laptop to get some work done on a weekday afternoon for a break in your usual routine.

### Transition out of lockdown with a summer of self-care

(NC) Many of us are anxious about what a return to normal could look like this fall, with schools going back to in-person learning and many offices reopening.

Prepare for this potentially stressful time by indulging this summer and taking care of your mind and body. By looking after yourself now, you'll be in much better shape to take on the world come September.

#### Be your own BFF

Becoming your own cheerleader is often one of the biggest hurdles when it comes to self-confidence and care. Before starting negative thoughts or self-talk, ask yourself, "would I say that to my best friend?" Of course not. So, treat your internal dialogue as a conversation between you and your friend and help cheer them on.

#### Schedule some me

**time** Take time to pamper yourself and do things that are good for you and make you happy. Try a bubble bath, face mask or going for a walk while listening to your favourite podcast. Although me-time will look different for everyone, it will have the same effect — improving your mood and self-confidence.

#### Check off your to-do list

Is there something you've been meaning to do forever but haven't gotten around to? Whether it's scheduling a massage or speaking to your doctor about a skin condition like acne, do it now. There have been great advancements made in the last 20 years, including a topical retinoid treatment that treats larger areas like the chest and back, so chances are there's something out there that can help solve a long-time issue.

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## How Nigerian student fled after seeing friend's corpse in anatomy class

By Stanley Ugagbe

In what has got tongues wagging across the nation, a 26-year-old Medical student, Enya Egbe has narrated how he fled his anatomy class crying after being troubled by the corpse he was asked to work on.

Reports had it that on that day, Egbe vividly recalled how seven years ago at Nigeria's University of Calabar, converged with fellow students around three tables with a cadaver laid out on each.

Minutes later, a troubled Egbe screamed and ran. That was because the body his group had been about to dissect was that of Divine, his friend of more than seven years.

In a chat with newsmen, Egbe said "We used to go clubbing together. There were two bullet holes on the right side of his chest."

It was gathered that Oyifo Ana was one of the many students who ran out after Egbe and found him weeping outside.

Speaking with newsmen, Ana said "Most of the cadavers we used in school had bullets in them. I felt so bad when I realised that



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some of the people may not be real criminals". Ana noted that early one morning she had seen a police van loaded with bloodied bodies at their medical school, which had a mortuary attached to it.

Reports said afterward, Egbe sent a message to Divine's family who, it turned out, had been going to different police stations in search of their relative after he and three friends were arrested by security agents on their way back from a night out. The family eventually managed to reclaim his body, reports said.

It was gathered that Divine's family managed to get some of the officers involved in his killing sacked - scant justice but still more than that experienced by many other Nigerians whose loved ones were the victims of police violence and may

also have ended up in medical schools around the country.

On his part, Egbe was so traumatised by seeing his friend's body that he abandoned his studies for weeks, imagining Divine standing by the door each time he tried to enter the anatomy room.

He ended up graduating a year after his classmates, and now works in a hospital lab in Delta state.

It should be noted that in Nigeria, a current law hands "unclaimed bodies" in government mortuaries to medical schools. The state can also appropriate bodies of executed criminals, though the last execution took place in 2007.

According to a 2011 research in the medical journal Clinical Anatomy, more than 90% of the cadavers used in Ni-

gerian medical schools are "criminals killed by shooting".

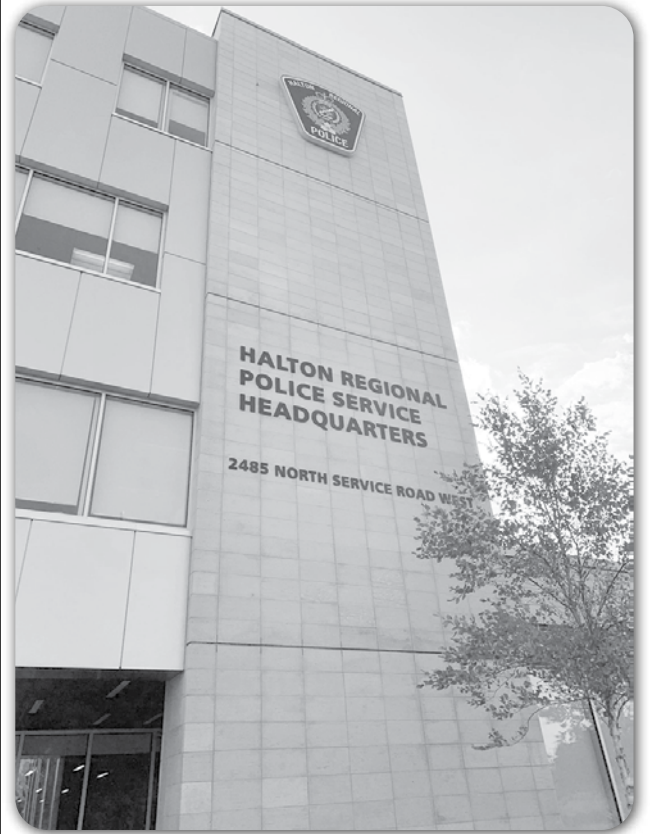
Analysts are of the view that in reality, this means they were suspects shot dead by security forces. Their estimated ages are between 20 and 40 years, 95% are male, and three out of four are from the lower socio-economic class. There are zero body donations.

Harping on the research, Emeka Anyanwu, a professor of anatomy at the University of Nigeria, who co-authored the study 'Ambulance duty,' said "Nothing has changed 10 years later".

According to reports, Nigeria's association of anatomists is now lobbying for a change in the law that will ensure mortuaries obtain full historical records of bodies donated to schools, and also family consent. It will also set out ways to encourage people to donate their bodies to medical science.

The association's head, Olugbenga Ayanuga, said "There will be a lot of education and a lot of advocacy so people can see that if I donate my body, it will be for the good of the society".

## History as HRPS becomes first police agency to announce electronic notes in Ontario



By N.Ugoh

History has been made as the Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS) has become the first police agency in Ontario to announce the use of electronic notes.

Official records have it that HRPS is also only the second in Canada to transition from paper-based notes to an electronic platform.

According to the Halton police, the new functions allow for heightened transparency and credibility, with time-stamped entries and increased legibility.

Speaking on the development, Deputy Chief Roger Wilkie said "Note-taking in the policing sector has not evolved in over 100 years, and we are proud to be adopting technology that the newest generation of officers expect and want".

He continued that "This is just one of the

latest ways the HRPS is striving to optimize effectiveness and efficiency by purposefully harnessing innovative technology."

It was clarified that the eNotes use the Smart Squad application on Service-issued cell-phones.

It was also noted that the development allows officers to access, add, and record notes on police databases from everywhere.

According to the police, eNotes also gives officers a secure way to get audio statements and take supplementary photos or recordings.

Harping further on the iconic development, HRPS stated that about one-third of its sworn members have received training and transitioned to eNotes.

NCNC gathered that all sworn members are expected to be fully trained by early 2022.

## Quebec becomes first province to introduce vaccine passport in Canada

By Stanley Ugagbe

The government of Quebec has disclosed that it will introduce a vaccine passport, the first in Canada, to counter a fourth wave of the coronavirus and the spread of the Delta variant.

In a press conference, provincial Prime Minister Francois Legault said "The principle behind the vaccine passport is that people who have made the effort to get their two doses should be able to live a semi-normal life".

According to him, the specific terms of the passport will be revealed

in the coming days, but mentioned access to non-essential activities such as going to a restaurant.

However, the PM did not specify what date the pass will go into force in the province, where 83 percent of people over age 12 have received at least one vaccine shot, and 67 percent both.

Earlier, New York became the first US city to announce it would require proof of vaccination for people attending indoor venues such as restaurants, gyms and shows.

Legault said "We will give certain privi-

leges to those who have agreed to make the effort to get their two shots".

While noting that this increase in covid-19 cases is "still much lower than what we see in the United States, in most of the countries in Europe," Legault said "it remains that we can already talk about the beginning of a fourth wave".

As of the time of filing this report, the PM ruled out the possibility of another lockdown in the province, however.

Reacting to the development, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau backed the

move, saying: "I fully support the initiative of Mr Legault and the Quebec government."

The Prime Minister added that he was considering the possibility of making vaccination mandatory for all federal employees.



## Reactions as McDonald announces plans to return as defence chief



Admiral Art McDonald

By Stanley Ugagbe

In what has formed a public debacle, Admiral Art McDonald has announced plans to return to his position as commander of the Canadian Armed Forces after military police opted not to charge him following an investigation into his conduct.

Reports, however, said the Liberal government does not appear ready to welcome him back so soon.

It would be recalled that McDonald stepped down in February as chief of the defence staff as a result of a Canadian Forces National Investigation Service investigation into an allegation of misconduct.

But, McDonald's legal team in a recent statement said the naval officer would be returning to the position after the nearly six-month investigation "exonerated" him.

The statement issued by his lawyers, Michael Edelson and Rory Fowler, said "Given that it was his decision to step aside, it is now his decision - indeed obligation - to return to his duties"

"Admiral McDonald, who has long been recognized as a proven leader of culture change in the Canadian Armed Forces, will now return to his duties as chief of defense staff."

As of the time of filing this report, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's office was yet to take a stand on the news of McDonald's plan to take back command of the military from acting defence chief Lt.-Gen. Wayne Eyre.

Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan said he expects McDonald to wait, which could set up a battle between the Liberal government and its hand-picked military commander ahead of a possible federal election.

He said "My expectation is that Admiral McDonald will remain on leave while we while we review this situation," adding he only learned about McDonald's plan a short time earlier.

"The position of chief of defence staff must always uphold the highest standard within the Canadian Armed Forces because of the responsibility of that position and the weight that it holds."

Sajjan continued that Canadians and the Canadian Armed Forces are being "very well served" by Eyre at a time when the military is helping battle wildfires in British Columbia, rescue interpreters from Afghanistan and other security challenges.

It is important to note that The Canadian Forces National Investigation Service an-

nounced the end of the probe into McDonald's conduct, saying they had decided there was not enough evidence to charge McDonald under either the Criminal Code or the military's disciplinary code.

In a swift reaction, McDonald's lawyers said in their statement that the fact military police couldn't find enough evidence to charge him even under the disciplinary code was evidence the allegation against their client was unfounded.

The lawyers said "The investigators, and the prosecutors who advise them, would have been conscious of the criticism that would arise if no charges were laid".

"They had a compelling motivation to pursue charges, even on weak evidence, in order to avoid the very criticism that has now been levelled against them. The absence of any charges - even under the Code of Service Discipline - is indicative of the absence of blameworthy conduct. As the investigation revealed, the complaint was groundless."

While the nature of the allegation against McDonald has not been publicly confirmed, CBC had reported that it related to an allegation of sexual misconduct dating back to his time commanding a Canadian warship in 2010.

According to Global News, navy Lt. Heather Macdonald, a navy combat systems engineer, came forward with the allegation against McDonald. Macdonald was quoted by Global as saying she was upset by the military police decision.

The Liberal government has faced calls not to reinstate McDonald, with some experts and victims' advocates questioning the decision to have military police, rather than civilian authorities, lead the investigation.

Reports have it that these experts and advocates have suggested this casts doubt on the veracity of the investigation, and that McDonald does not now have the moral authority to lead the military in changing its culture.

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## Health Canada suspends Eco-Med Pharmaceutical, warns public against the company's products

By N.Ugoh

As part of efforts to avert potential bacterial contamination, Health Canada has issued a safety alert for every single product manufactured by a Toronto-based company.

In a statement obtained by newsmen, the agency clarified that the development applies to Eco-Med Pharmaceutical in Etobicoke and in-

cludes ultrasound gels, transmission and massage lotions, first aid antiseptics, and hand sanitizers.

Delineating on the announcement, the national health agency noted that anyone who bought any products by Eco-Med should stop using them and throw them out.

According to the agency, this is due to potential bacterial contami-

nation with Burkholderia stabilis.

It also directed that those who already used the products are advised to consult a health care professional if they are feeling unwell.

In the statement, Health Canada also averred that it has suspended the company's licences to manufacture and sell health products based on the safety issues.

## Gumi criticises Nigerian politicians for the display of wealth at Buhari's son's wedding

By Dele Akintilo

Nigerian Islamic scholar, Sheikh Ahmad Gumi, has slammed politicians for their display of wealth amid persistent widespread poverty in the country during the wedding of President Muhammadu Buhari's son, Yusuf, in Kano State.

Gumi stated this during a recent sermon at the Sultan Bello Mosque in Kaduna and likened the politicians to bandits. He stated that both have milked Nigerians to live the life of opulence.

Also, the cleric won-

dered where they got all the money they flaunted during the wedding, if not from the public purse.

It should be recalled that Yusuf Buhari married Zarah Bayero, the daughter of Emir of Bichi, Nasiru Bayero, at a grand ceremony which took place in Bichi, Kano State.

Dignitaries that graced the event included Vice President Yemi Osinbajo, former President Goodluck Jonathan, former Vice President Atiku Abubakar, present and former governors, traditional rulers, as well as

important personalities from within and outside the country.

While preaching further, Gumi faulted Nigerian politicians for hiring private jets to attend the wedding.

He lamented: "Umar bn Khattab once took 16 dinar, which is equivalent of N2,040,000 today, from the treasury as estate to Hajj. After their return, Umar admitted to Abdallah that they wasted public funds. Somebody told me private jets in Nigeria were all hired for the wedding of Buhari's son."

"Some people are in captivity in the bushes and cities. Hunger is everywhere. People are facing all manner of problems, yet politicians spent public funds on private jets."

# YOU & the LAW

## At last, Shell agrees to pay Ogoni people N45.9b compensation for oil spills



By Stanley Ugagbe

After many years of litigation, Justice finally came the way of the Ogoni people of Rivers state recently at the federal high court in Abuja where a multi-national oil company, Shell Petroleum Company, agreed to pay a sum of N45.9B to the people for the losses suffered during oil spills that ravaged their communities in the 1970s.

Environmental NGOs, including the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni

People (Mosop), have accused Shell of more than 20 years of environmental degradation and negligence in Ogoni country, a region of the Niger Delta with mangroves devastated by oil pollution.

Shell's Nigerian subsidiary, the Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited (SPDC), in a statement, said "The order to pay 45.9 billion Naira (£94.9 million) to the plaintiffs is intended to fully and finally satisfy the judgment".

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## Trudeau kicks as China sentences Canadian businessman to 11 years in prison

By Stanley Ugagbe

A court in Dandong, China has sentenced a Canadian businessman to 11 years in Chinese prison after he was accused of spying.

It would be recalled that Michael Spavor was

arrested in 2018, just a few days after Huawei senior executive Meng Wanzhou was detained in Canada on a U.S. extradition warrant.

Multiple reports have it that Spavor's case, which has been deemed by Canada as a political

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## Abuja Court Dismisses Application by Northern Group to Stop Arrest, Extradition Of DCP Abba Kyari to US

By Marcel Chukwuka

An Abuja Federal High Court has rejected an ex-parte application for an order restraining the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) and the Attorney General of the Federation (AGF) from arresting and extraditing the suspended Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Abba Kyari.

In a recent ruling, Justice Ahmed Mohammed

said he was not inclined to approving the relief sought in the ex-parte motion.

The Incorporated Trustees of Northern Peace Foundation had through its team of lawyers chaired by Dr Olukayode Ajulo argued an ex-parte application before the judge praying that he should the temporary order of injunction against the two defendants pending the hearing and final

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## Separation and Divorce or Death of a Spouse:

### COMMON-LAW COUPLES

The rules for matrimonial homes do not apply to common-law spouses. A common-law spouse does not automatically have the right to stay in the family home if it is not in their name. If one common-law spouse owns the home, they can sell or mortgage it without the other spouse's permission.

### DEBTS

In both married and common-law relationships, each spouse is usually responsible for only their own debts, unless there is an agreement saying who is responsible for which debts.

But if both spouses signed a loan agreement, either spouse can be responsible for the entire debt. This means if one spouse does not pay back the loan, the other spouse has to pay it back even if they did not benefit from it. This is true for any 2 people who sign a loan together, whether or not they are spouses.

When married couples separate their debts are taken into account when calculating each spouse's NFP. See Equalization to learn how to calculate NFP.

### WRITTEN AGREEMENTS

If you and your spouse want to share your property differently if your relationship ends, you can make an agreement.

The agreement is called a "cohabitation agreement" if you are living common-law, or a "marriage contract" if you are legally married. These types of agreements are called domestic contracts or domestic agreements.

In the agreement, you can say how you want to arrange your finances during your relationship and how you want to deal with your property and debts if you separate.

Before signing a domestic contract, you and your spouse should each:

- understand the agreement
- review the agreement with your own lawyer
- make a complete and detailed list of all your assets and debts

You do not need a lawyer to make a domestic contract. But it is a good idea to get your own legal advice before signing one. You and your spouse cannot get advice from the same lawyer.

Usually the courts will not change or cancel a domestic contract just because one spouse wants to change it. But in some cases a court might do this if, for example, a spouse:

- did not tell the truth about their finances,
- was not able to understand the agreement, or
- was under a lot of pressure to sign the agreement.

### CANADA PENSION PLAN CREDITS

The Canada Pension Plan (CPP) is a pension plan that most workers and employers contribute to. You earn CPP credits based on what you and your employer contributed to the plan. When you retire or can't work because of a disability, you can apply to get your pension. The amount you get depends on your CPP credits or how much you contributed.

If married or common-law spouses lived together for at least one year, the CPP pension credits that they both earned while they were together can be added up and then divided evenly between them if they separate. This is sometimes called a credit split or a "Division of Unadjusted Pensionable Earnings" (DUPE). If you earned less than your spouse, this may help you qualify for a pension. Or, it might increase the amount of your pension if you already qualify.

Usually there is no time limit to apply for a DUPE if you were legally married. But if your spouse died after you separated and you did not get divorced, you must apply within 3 years of their death.

If you were in a common-law relationship, you must apply within 4 years of separating unless both of you agree in writing to remove this time limit. Also, you must wait until you have been separated for at least one year, unless your spouse died in that first year after you separated.

To apply, contact Service Canada at 1-800-277-9914. You can also apply online at [www.canada.ca](http://www.canada.ca).

### WHAT HAPPENS TO PROPERTY IF MY SPOUSE DIES?

What happens to your spouse's property after they die depends on whether they had a valid will. A will is a written legal document that says who gets a person's property after that person dies.

To be valid, your spouse must have followed certain rules when making their will. For example, the rules say that they must usually sign their will in front of 2 witnesses.

If your spouse has a legal responsibility to support a child, a former spouse, or other dependants, they must

leave enough to take care of them in their will. If they do not, their dependants can go to court and ask for the will to be changed to give them support. This is called making a dependant's support claim.

There are legal rules, called "intestacy" rules, that say who gets your spouse's property if they do not have a valid will. The rules are different for married and common-law couples.

### INHERITANCE: MARRIED SPOUSES

If you are married and your spouse dies leaving a valid will, you can choose to get either an equalization payment or what was left to you in their will. See section about Equalization for more information on how to calculate an equalization payment.

If your spouse dies without leaving a valid will, you can choose to get an equalization payment or your share according to the "intestacy" rules. These rules give married spouses and children the right to inherit property when there is no valid will.

In both situations, you must usually take legal steps within 6 months of your spouse's death if you want to claim the equalization payment.

### INHERITANCE: COMMON-LAW SPOUSES

Common-law spouses do not inherit any of their spouse's property unless it was left to them in a valid will. If your common-law spouse dies without leaving a valid will, the intestacy rules give their property to their children or other relatives, not to you. So if you are in a common-law relationship, each of you must make a will if you want each other to inherit your property when you die.

### JOINT PROPERTY

If your spouse dies, you usually become the sole owner of any money or property that you both owned jointly. This is true for both married and common-law couples.

For example, you usually have the right to all the money in any joint bank account and you become the sole owner of any real estate that the two of you held in "joint tenancy". This is not affected by a will or the intestacy rules.

In the same way, you would also inherit life insurance money and registered investments if those assets list you as a "beneficiary".

### OTHER BENEFITS

There are some government benefits that you may be able to get if your spouse dies.

### CPP SURVIVOR'S PENSION

If your spouse made enough contributions, you may be able to get a survivor's pension under the Canada Pension Plan (CPP). This is a monthly payment. You may qualify if, at the time of your spouse's death:

- you were legally married to them or you had been living with them for at least one year, and

- you were at least 35 years old, but you can be younger if you have a disability or have dependent children living with you.

There is no time limit to apply. CPP will give you benefits for the months dating back to your spouse's death, but they will not go back more than one year before the date you apply.

### CPP FUNERAL AND DEATH EXPENSES

If your spouse contributed to CPP, the plan also offers a one-time payment to help pay funeral and other costs related to your spouse's death. This is called a "death benefit". The payment goes to the person or people who pay those costs. This might be you, another relative, or the person who handles the estate.

To apply, contact Service Canada at 1-800-277-9914. You can also apply online at [www.canada.ca](http://www.canada.ca).

### COMPENSATION BENEFITS

Under Ontario law, you may be able to get other payments that depend on the cause of your spouse's death. If your spouse was killed while working, you can apply for workers' compensation benefits. If they died as a result of someone else's criminal act, you may be able to apply for criminal injuries compensation. Each type of compensation has different rules about who can qualify.

To find out more about workers' compensation benefits, contact the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) at 1-800-387-0750 or 416-344-1000 in the Toronto area. Or you can visit their website at [www.wsib.on.ca](http://www.wsib.on.ca).

To find out more about criminal injuries compensation, contact the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB) at 1-800-372-7463 or 416-326-2900 in the Toronto area. Or you can visit their website at [www.sjto.gov.on.ca/cicb](http://www.sjto.gov.on.ca/cicb).



## REFLECTIONS ON RELATIONSHIPS

### Some Toxic Behaviors that Push People Away

By NCNC Staff

Irrespective of who you are or what you mean to people, there are certain attitudes that can drive them away from you. Toxic behaviors can usually lead to damage in relationships, professional success, personal well-being, therefore it impacts almost every aspect of our existence. Studies have identified the following as some toxic behaviors that can make people run from you.

#### 1. NEGATIVITY

More often than not, people who always dwell on the negative aspect of every situation tend to make excuses for everything. And when this becomes a habit, people begin to avoid you without you knowing it. Society is inclined toward this kind of behavior, and while venting, complaining and whining are all normal actions, condoned and accepted as mechanisms of expression, excess will determine people to distance themselves from the source.

Truth is that being obsessed with negative thoughts brings people down, constant bitterness and sarcasm will make the environment unbearable, holding on to past traumas or building up negative emotions are sure paths toward being—and if you recognize it in someone else, either try to help them change their perspective or distance yourself from them, otherwise it will end up consuming you as well.

#### 2. NEED FOR CONSTANT VALIDATION

People who don't know who they are tend to seek constant validation and allow others to define their worth, instead of analyzing and dis-



covering it for themselves. Experts are of the view that trying to boost self-esteem through outside measures of success, accomplishments and the opinions of others is a bad idea that leads to low confidence and even depression – and continuously bugging others for validation can turn them off.

#### 3. VICTIMIZATION

It is funny how some persons tend to victimize themselves in every situation. They always have the notion for every ill thing that happens to them, someone is responsible. They have an endless number of complaints and apparently, there's nothing they can do about the bad luck that keeps landing on their heads, so they go on and on about it until others feel the need for space and put some distance between

them and the crybaby. While it is true there we cannot control many aspects of our lives, a negative and helpless attitude prevents our ability to take action and stops us from making progress.



#### 4. JEALOUSY AND ENVY

There is a common adage that says 'jealousy is the root of all evil'. Jealousy and envy make the person who feels them just as uncomfortable as those who notice them. While it is okay to admire or desire to have the same possessions, position, traits as someone else, if this inclination becomes all-consuming and determines you to make nasty comments, gossip, scheme and plot, it will poison your own mind and soul, as well as make others take distance.

#### 5. EXCESSIVE REACTIVITY

Even Psalms 78:38 says God is emotionally intelligent. The inability to manage your emotions makes everyone feel ill at ease. Truth is that being an emotional roller-

coaster puts people on their guard and makes them wary of getting too close to you — because they never know what will happen next and they eventually grow tired of walking on eggshells around you. Research has shown that everybody gets their patience spread thin sometimes, and we all fly off the handle once in a while, but if it becomes the norm, rather than the exception, you should try exhibiting some emotional intelligence and take control of your wild emotions.

#### 6. CRUELTY

Perhaps, this is one of the most ill-fated attitudes that could easily turn people off. Negative criticism, judging people, being superficial, not respecting other people's boundaries, these are all indicators telling those around that they can no longer pay the price for this relationship and would be better off without you. It is been proven that the inability or refusal to feel empathy, to exhibit compassion and to put yourself in someone else's shoes creates situations where people feel the need to walk away, so as to escape the source of their discomfort.

The good thing is that whether you detect them in yourself or someone else, these toxic behaviors can be changed. You have to be intentional about changing them. It takes willpower and discipline.

### How to deal with cyber bullying

By NCNC Staff

#### AVOID RETALIATING OR RESPONDING

The bully wants to gain power over you and that's why they send you a provocative message so that you can respond. Avoid retaliating; you don't want to empower the bully by responding because that's exactly what they want. Retaliating also turns you into a bully and thus causing a chain reaction. Remove yourself from the confrontation if you can. If you can't, maybe you should use humor to distract or disarm the bully.

Even if you decide to respond, take a break before responding, this will help reduce your anger and therefore you can avoid giving an answer that is fueled by emotion. You don't want to regret what you write on social media.

#### TELL THE PERSON TO STOP

It is important for the bully to know that you will not tolerate being treated badly. Demand for them to stop. This is a statement you can only make if you're completely comfortable with yourself.

#### PROTECT YOURSELF USING TECH TOOLS

Many apps like Twitter, Facebook and YouTube have options that allow you to block, mute or report social media bullies or people who don't follow the required guidelines. If you want to avoid the bully permanently, block the person whether he harassed you via comments, texting, an app or tagged photos.

By blocking, reporting or muting the bully you avoid the temptation of responding and you remove the nuisance away from your face. Call the local cops if the bully threatens to physically harm you.

#### TAKE SCREENSHOTS

The best way to record an incidence of cyber bullying is by taking screenshots. This ensures that you save

the evidence just in case the bully decides to delete the comment to avoid getting themselves in trouble. This captured image can be shown to the relevant authorities when you're seeking help or justice for being bullied. For instance, screenshots have been used as evidence when closing accounts of people who were found guilty of racially abusing some European footballers.

Note: if you're using Snapchat, the other person will receive a notification alerting them that you've snapped a screenshot.

#### REDUCE THE FREQUENCY AT WHICH YOU CHECK POSTS

It's common to feel like the bully is right next to you when you're engaged in a cyber-bullying attack. It feels like the person is choking the life out of you and shouting things at you. But you can avoid this situation by limiting the time you spend on social media. For instance, you can log into Instagram for a few hours a day and switch to another social media platform like twitter. When you do this then you will not feel like you're constantly being attacked. Also, you can focus on your personal life by taking a break from social media.

#### RESPOND WHEN YOU'RE CALMER

You are likely to feel calmer after you take a break of one hour. After an hour, you'll hopefully feel a little calmer. At this stage, you can come back online feeling less angry and more level-headed and therefore you're in a better position to contact the bully if you want to respond.

Don't let the person who was bullying you get to you, work out the situation using words that are neutral and calm. A calm conversation is the best way to go about it; you might even be surprised that they might not even know that they offended you. Who knows, you might even get an apology.

diplomat and was also arrested in late 2018.

He said "For Mr. Spavor, as well as for Michael Kovrig who has also been arbitrarily detained, our top priority remains securing their immediate release. We will continue working around the clock to bring them home as soon as possible."

Reports have it that though it is uncertain if the two Canadians will be released by China, their

detainment has caused tensions between Beijing and Ottawa.

Meanwhile, US President, Joe Biden had earlier pledged to help Trudeau to get Spavor and Kovrig home.

The White House had in a statement, said "The President condemned their arbitrary detention and reiterated his commitment to stand strong with Canada to secure their release".

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determination of the substantive suit.

The ex-parte application dated August 9 2021, was accomplished with a 21 paragraph affidavit of urgency.

The plaintiff is, in the substantive suit marked: FHC/ABJ/CS/854/2021, querying the propriety of the alleged threat to arrest and extradite Kyari in respect of his indictment by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in the United States.

It should be recalled that the Police Service Commission (PSC) has since suspended Abba Kyari from

office and as head of the Intelligence Response Team (IRT).

His suspension came after the recommendation of Inspector General of Police (IGP), Usman Baba, as a stop-gap measure while the police investigate Kyari's relationship with the suspected fraudster, Ramon Abbas, popularly known as Hushpuppi.

Kyari was indicted by a U.S. court as a conspirator in a \$1.1 million fraudulent deal against a Qatari businessman.

Hushpuppi had disclosed he used Abba Kyari to jail a fellow fraudster, Kelly Chibuzo Vincent after they were both were locked in a dispute over how to

share the \$1.1 million loot collected from a Qatari businessman.

US court document read that Vincent subsequently contacted the victim and informed them that they were being scammed by a syndicate involving him and Hushpuppi.

This infuriated Hushpuppi, who contacted Kyari to apprehend and jail his rival over the dispute. Abbas said Kyari forwarded pictures of Vincent in jail and later forwarded his bank account number where a wire transfer should be made to Hushpuppi.

In a statement, the US justice department said: "Court documents outline a dispute among members of

the conspiracy, which allegedly prompted Vincent to contact the victim and claim that Abbas and Juma were engaged in fraud. After this contact, Abbas allegedly arranged to have Vincent jailed in Nigeria by Abba Alhaji Kyari, 46, of Nigeria.

"According to the affidavit, Kyari is a highly decorated deputy commissioner of the Nigeria Police Force who is alleged to have arranged for Vincent to be arrested and jailed at Abbas' behest, and then sent Abbas photographs of Vincent after his arrest. Kyari also allegedly sent Abbas bank account details for an account into which Abbas could deposit payment for Vincent's arrest and imprisonment."

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hostage-taking, could be appealed, though it is rare that criminal cases in China are overturned.

In a statement made available to newsmen, the court noted that Spavor, who had done business in the country, had

been found guilty of providing state secrets to a foreign recipient and that he would be deported. No other details were included.

The court said "For the crime of providing state secrets, he was sentenced to 11 years in prison, confiscation of personal property of RMB 50,000, and deporta-

tion".

In a swift reaction, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau slammed the decision, stating that China failed to provide transparency in Spavor's case and that his sentencing had been "absolutely unacceptable and unjust."

In a statement, the PM said "The verdict for

Mr. Spavor comes after more than two and a half years of arbitrary detention, a lack of transparency in the legal process, and a trial that did not satisfy even the minimum standards required by international law".

Trudeau also pointed to the case of another Canadian, Michael Kovrig, who served as a former

## Nigerian Government to shut Channels TV and arrest journalists over Governor Ortom's 'Anti-Government' interview

By Dele Akinola

The Nigerian Government is on the verge of sanctioning Channels Television and order the arrest of some of its journalists over the recent interviews aired by the television station that has been considered to be anti-government.

As reported by SaharaReporters, the Buhari government is set to sanction the television station through the National Broadcasting Commission.

Also, SaharaReporters made it known that the information

was gotten from a top source which revealed: "Buhari attacks Section 39(1) of the constitution – the government plans to shut Channels TV and arrest pressmen. In a dangerous regression to Decree Number 4, the Buhari Government, using NBC, has ordered the closure of Channels TV and also ordered the arrest of the station's journalists for interviewing Governor Ortom who brought up the story of Buhari Fulanisation agenda, and a guest who revealed that people who are high up in the Buhari government are spon-

sors of Boko Haram.

"The government did not refute facts advanced by the guest, Commodore Kunle Olawunmi (retd.), that the government has the names of sponsors linked to the conviction of Boko Haram sponsors in the United Arab Emirates.

The source added: "Rather than provide a concrete refutation, the government is trying to gag the media by attacking the constitutional rights of the media and the journalist to practice their profession unfettered."

Another source

privy to the order stated that the Buhari government had directed NBC to sanction Channels TV for airing the two "unpleasant" interviews.

The source said: "Channels TV license is to be suspended by the Federal Government over the interview of Governor Ortom and retired naval personnel. There is also an order for the arrest of journalist Chamberlain and his colleagues, who are anchors of the program.

"They are to be brought to Abuja tomorrow."

## NAFDAC condemns rejection of Nigeria-made commodities by USA and EU



Professor Moji Adeyeye  
pic by von.gov.ng

The Director-General of the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC), Professor Moji Adeyeye has condemned the incessant rejection of food and agricultural commodities from Nigeria by the United States of America (USA) and the European Union (EU) member countries on grounds of poor quality.

Adeyeye slammed the actions of the US and EU on Nigerian products when she talked about Quality and Safety of Export Food Trade during a virtual technical roundtable meeting with the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development MARD, Foreign Portfolio Investments FPIS, Standard Organization of Nigeria SON, Nigeria Export Promotion Council NEPC, Institute of Public Analysts of Nigeria IPAN, and others recently.

According to a statement by NAFDAC Resident Media Consultant, Sayo Akintola, Adeyeye was not happy with the bad way in which the incessant rejection of commodities from Nigeria by the EU has projected the country.

She said the stakeholders' meeting was very apt considering the volume of food and agricultural commodities from Nigeria encountering challenges at entry

points in some European countries and the United States of America where they have been rejected repeatedly and which has become a great issue of concern.

She said Nigeria's products that are meant for the export market are faced with the prevalence of contaminants like pesticide residues, notoriously dichlorvos and other impurities that have exceeded the maximum permitted level and some with deficient packaging and labeling which had caused a lot of products' rejections in the global market.

She made it known that the international market is competitive and only permits products of high quality with relevant certifications and quality packaging that is environmentally friendly, to trade globally, and stressed the problem of quality, standard, certification, and appropriate packaging for made-in-Nigeria products meant for export has been an issue in the international market and there is an urgent need to tackle the issue of rejections.

Adeyeye revealed that over the years, NAFDAC has intervened to assist exporters in a bid to meet with international regulations, as a result, creating employment and earning foreign exchange for Nigeria.

## Border officers intercept Canada bound cocaine shipment

By N.Ugoh

United States customs officers at the Alberta-Montana border crossing have intercepted about 32 kilograms of Canada-bound cocaine kept in a shipment of watermelons and peppers.

According to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Office, the illegal cargo was discovered recently during the secondary inspection of a commercial truck driven by a Canadian female.

Some bags that were concealed within the fruit and vegetable shipment had a substance that tested positive for cocaine.

In a release, Jason Greene, CBP area direc-

tor at Sweetgrass said: "The ability to facilitate lawful trade and travel while sustaining a focus on enforcement is critical to our border security mission."

The file is currently with the U.S. Attorney's Office for prosecution but the driver's name was not released.

A Calgary trucker pleaded guilty in U.S. court in June after he was caught coveting 95 kilograms of cocaine in a load of bananas at the same border crossing in January.

39-year-old Gurpal Singh Gill is scheduled for sentencing in September and he faces a compulsory minimum sentence of five to 40 years and a \$5-million fine.

## GOODBYE

### Former Ontario Premier, Bill Davis dies



By N.Ugoh

Former Ontario Premier Bill Davis has died. He died at the age of 92.

His death was announced by his family in a statement which read: "After spending much family time in his favourite of all places, his cottage in Georgian Bay, he died of natural causes at home in Brampton, surrounded by members of his family.

"He was 92 years young."

Davis was the Premier of Ontario between 1971 and 1985.

His first election to the Ontario legislature was in 1959 and he served as Canada's Minister of Education and Minister of Universities before he became Premier.

His government was brought down by a non-confidence motion in 1985 by the Liberals and ND. The motion ended a 42-year period where the Progressive Conservatives led the province.

While condoling with the family of the deceased, Premier Doug Ford tweeted: "My deepest condolences to the family of @WilliamGDavisPC, Ontario's 18th premier. He served the people of Ontario with dignity and class. We will be lowering flags to half-mast across the province in his honour."

According to his family, a private funeral will be held and it would be followed by a "celebration of his life and many contributions to Ontario and Canada," at a later date.



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we all enter by  
the same door.

African Proverb



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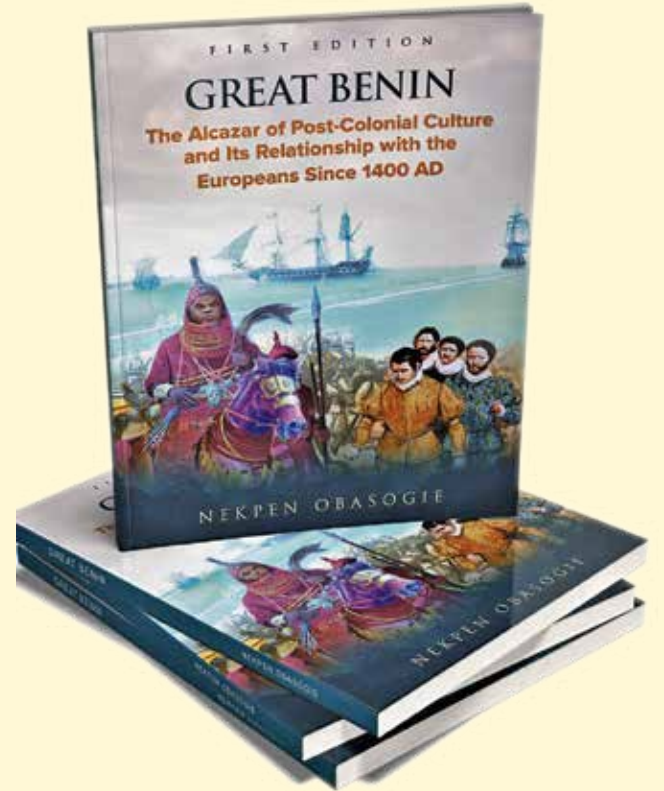
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The virtual book launching is coming up on Zoom meeting on September 25th, 2021

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# We all want to know more about COVID-19 vaccination

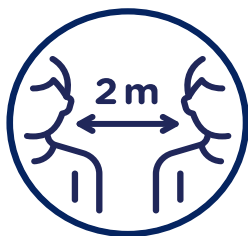


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It protects against COVID-19 and helps you to avoid becoming sick. Even if many people recover without being treated, some may die from COVID-19 or suffer heart or lung problems like pneumonia. The nervous system can also be affected.

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# YOUTH CORNER

..... Oluchi Ugoh .....

## INSERT THE MISSING NUMBER?

Example:

7	9	21	27
4	2	36	18
9	4	54	?

Solution:

In the first row,  $7 \times 3 = 21$ ,  $9 \times 3 = 27$   
 In the second row,  $4 \times 9 = 36$ ,  $2 \times 9 = 18$   
 In the third row,  $9 \times 6 = 54$   
 Missing number =  $4 \times 6 = 24$

Can you solve the ones below?

12	9	48	?
4	2	?	4
0	4	0	32
?	9	33	27
5	3	45	27
6	4	?	24

Answer on Page 24

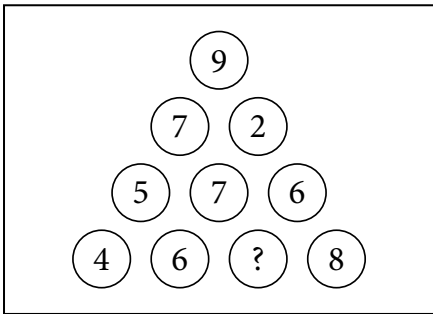
## POEM

Beauty they say is in the eye of the beholder  
 But pray what if the beholder is short sighted  
 or suffering from hyper myopia?  
 Would beauty still be in the eye of the beholder?  
 Your beauty can not be judged or determined by  
 another  
 Not by human eye with its many defects.....glaucoma,  
 cataract,  
 myopia, hypermyopia, racial prejudice, colour  
 blindness,  
 colour sensitivity or insensitivity as the case may be.....  
 not by tribal sentiments, nor worldly expectations,  
 or images portrayed by media and sold by beauty coys.  
 No no no, I dare say your beauty lies within you.....  
 Within your heart, within your soul  
 Your beauty is you, your smile, your compassion,  
 The light that shines from your soul that radiates  
 and bring joy to everyone around you..... That is beauty  
 And you're truly beautiful..... yes you are.

Olumuyiwa Nike

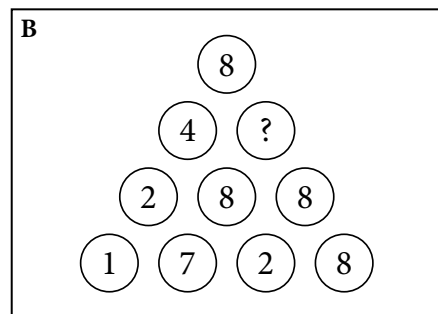
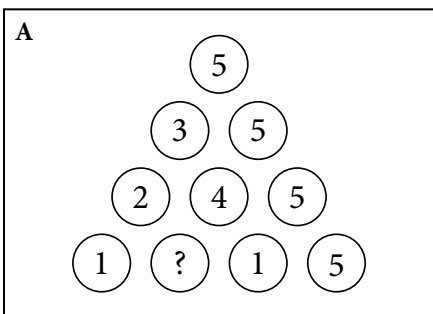
## What number replaces the question mark?

Hint: discover the multiplier and use it to find the missing number



Solution: the multiplier is number 8.

$9 \times 8 = 72$   
 $72 \times 8 = 576$   
 $578 \times 8 = 4608$ , the missing digit is 0



Answer on Page 24

## Word reasoning

(1) If my train journey takes 65 minutes and my taxi journey takes 19 minutes longer, what is my total travelling time in hours and minutes?

What word can be placed in the brackets so that it forms another word or phrase when tacked on to the end of the first word, and

another word or phrase when placed in front of the second word?

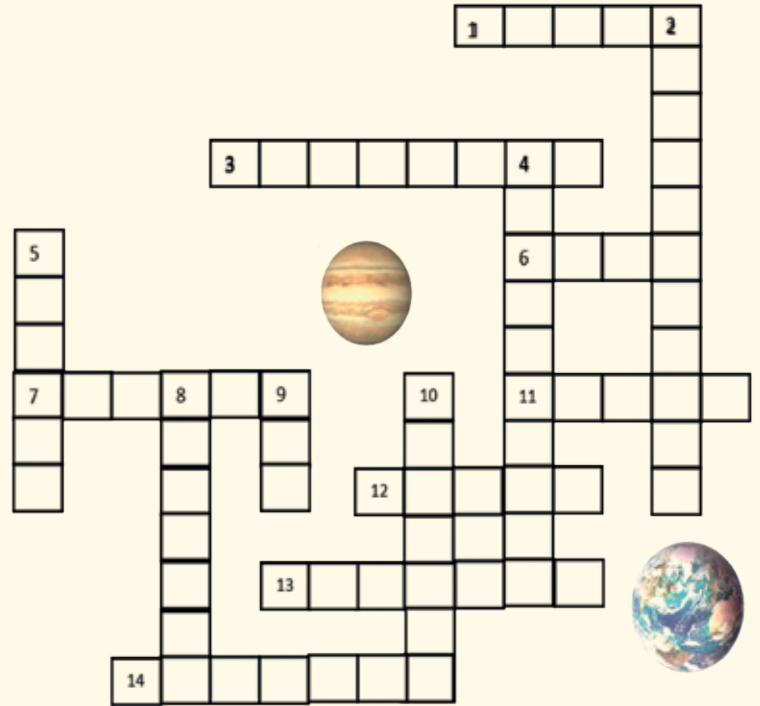
- (2) Man ( ) red  
 .....  
 (3) Gate ( ) bill  
 .....  
 (4) Jump ( ) case  
 .....

Answer on Page 24

*"Your Children Need your presence more than your present". - Jesse Jackson*  
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## Cross word puzzle

How well do you know our Solar system



ACROSS

- Planet named after the roman goddess of love and beauty
- Our solar system is part of this galaxy
- Nicked named "the red planet"
- Third largest planet in our solar system
- Now called a dwarf planet
- Covers 70% of the earth's surface
- Largest planet in our solar system
- Planet closest to the sun

DOWN

- A star and the planets orbiting around it
- Layer of gas that surrounds a planet
- Planet named after the roman god of agriculture
- Planet furthest from the sun
- Closest star to earth
- Force that keeps planet moving in orbit

Answer on Page 24

## THE FRENCH CORNER – BONJOUR

By Faridat Audu

### CIRCLE THE CORRECT FRENCH WORDS

Month	(Mois/Hier)
Day after tomorrow	(Après-demain/Matin)
Today	(Semaine/Aujourd'hui)
Biweekly	(Bihebdomadaire/Soir)
Week	(Semaine/Demain)
Weekend	(Fin de semaine/Avent-hier)
Tomorrow	(Matin/Demain)
Fortnightly	(Bimensuel/Trimestic)
Day before yesterday	(Après-midi/Avant-hier)
Year	(Demi-année/Année)

ANSWER ON PAGE 24



**"Believe you can and you're halfway there."**  
 Teddy Roosevelt

### FRENCH VOCABULARY

January is the first month of the year – Janvier est le premier mois de l'année.  
 Today is a beautiful day - Aujourd'hui est un beau jour.  
 Have a nice weekend – Passe un bon fin de semaine.  
 Tomorrow is another day – Demain est un autre jour.  
 My payment comes biweekly – Mon paiement est bihebdomadaire.

**Time le Temps**

Today	Aujourd'hui
Yesterday	Hier
Tomorrow	Demain
Morning	Matin
Afternoon	Après-midi
Evening	Soir
Day before yesterday	Avant-hier
Day after tomorrow	Après-demain
Week	Semaine
Month	Mois
Year	Année
Quarter	Trimestre
Half-Year	Demi-année
Weekly	Hebdomadaire
Weekend	Fin de semaine
Fortnightly	Bimensuel
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ENTERTAINMENT

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**ANITA DEMANDS N7.8M MONTHLY SUPPORT FROM PAUL OKOYE**

By N.Ugoh

Anita Okoye, the estranged wife of Nigerian recording artiste, Paul Okoye, also known as Rudeboy, has demanded he pays \$15,000 (N7.8 million) every month as spousal support.



**T**HIS is part of the requests she made in the petition she filed before an Abuja High Court.

Part of the document read: "Payment of a monthly maintenance sum of \$15,000.00 (N7.8million) for the general welfare, education and health of the three children of the union

who are presently in schools in the United States of America until they are of age."

It should be recalled that a divorce petition filed by Anita at the Federal High Court, Abuja surfaced on social media recently.

Anita first ignited divorce rumours in April when it was reported that she moved with their three children to the United States of America.

Anita and Paul who started dating during their university days got married in 2014 in a flamboyant wedding ceremony held in Port Harcourt.



**'He didn't recruit them, they were fans' – R. Kelly's lawyer reveals as the singer's sex abuse trial begins**

By N.Ugoh

The trial of 54-year-old R&B singer R. Kelly has commenced at a court in Brooklyn, New York.

At the commencement of the trial, opening statements were delivered to a jury of seven men and five women. As expected, Kelly's fate will be decided by the jury.

The multiple Grammy award-winning singer is facing charges which border on racketeering, sexual abuse and bribery. He has however denied the charges repeatedly.

Some of the allegations made against Kelly date back more than 20 years.

Kelly faces charges that he was the ringleader of a group for twenty years where women and underage girls were recruited by him for sex.

In her opening statement, Assistant US Attorney Maria Melendez said: "This case is about a predator.

"This case is not about a celebrity who likes to party a lot."

Melendez described Kelly as "a man who used lies, manipulation, threats and physical abuse to dominate his victims and to avoid accountability for years."

Kelly wore a grey suit, purple tie, and glasses. He sat silently with his head down at times as the prosecution opened its case.

He didn't recruit them. They were fans. They came to Mr. Kelly

While talking further, Melendez said Kelly's celebrity status meant he "had his pick of young fans" and that he hoarded his victims "like objects" and used "every trick in the predator handbook."

Melendez alleged Kelly used bodyguards, drivers, lawyers, and accountants to cover up a lot of his sexual crimes.

Also, she alleged that he was able to bribe his victims by photographing and filming them having sex and then threatening to release the tapes.

Kelly is accused of requiring victims to demonstrate "absolute commitment" and abide by strict rules, which include that they eat or go to the bathroom only with his permission, not look at other men, and call him "Daddy."

However, Kelly's lawyer, Nicole Blank Becker claimed the alleged victims are aggrieved groupies, who originally consented to sex before later becoming "spiteful".

While talking to The court, Nicole said: "He didn't recruit them. They were fans. They came to Mr. Kelly."

She added that some of the relationships were "beautiful" and "long-term".

Kelly has pleaded not guilty and strongly denies any wrongdoing. If he is convicted on every count, he could be sentenced to many decades in prison.



**GOODBYE**

**Legendary singer, Sir Victor Uwaifo dies**

By N. Ugoh

Iconic Nigerian singer, Sir Victor Uwaifo has died. He died at the age of 80.

According to reports, Uwaifo died in his house after a brief illness.

Uwaifo's son has also announced the sad news on Facebook. While making the announcement, his son wrote: "Daddy whyyyyyyyyyy. Did you leave us now. Prof sir Victor UWAIFO has gone to rest. Black Saturday for me noow. One week now after collaborating with me."

May his soul rest in peace.

**Beyoncé set to launch 'Ivy Park Rodeo' collection to pay homage to the Black cowboy**

By Stanley Ugagbe

American singer and actress, Beyonce, whose fans are yet to recover from the recent release of her orange hued swimwear capsule, is already teasing her next collection in conjunction with athleisure giant Adidas, a Western themed drop titled 'Ivy Park Rodeo'.

Reports have it that the new Ivy Park line will be going down the Wild West route for its upcoming collection.

It was gathered that the brand, once again collaborating with Adidas, began hinting at the cowboy theme through its Instagram, posting imagery of all-denim looks and the usual sportswear pieces. The campaign will centre specifically around Black cowboy and rodeo culture, with a collection including a mix of casual wear and sports attire.

Ivy Park Rodeo is a modern take on traditional western wear, including unique denim jackets and cow prints.

Beyoncé's mother Knowles-

Lawson said it reflects how much her daughters, including singer/songwriter Solange Knowles, loved RODEO Houston, which she said they went to every year as young girls.

"Growing up in Houston, you know how big the rodeo is to everyone there. They grew up going to the rodeo and eating all the great snacks and seeing all the animals. Of course, we had big-name entertainment, everybody from [Tejano superstar] Selena ... I mean it's been diverse. Mary J. Blige to Destiny's Child to everybody. So the rodeo, us dressing in full western regalia, and just really celebrating the cowboy culture."

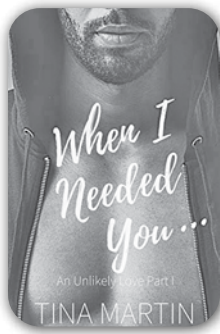
The new line is not just a fashion statement for those who love western wear; it's also a history lesson about Black cowboys.

Knowles-Lawson said one out of every four cowboys in the south after the Civil War was Black, and Beyoncé wants more people to know about the culture.

## BOOKS

*"Show me a family of readers, and I will show you the people who move the world." – Napoleon Bonaparte*

## When I Needed You: An Unlikely Love, Book 1



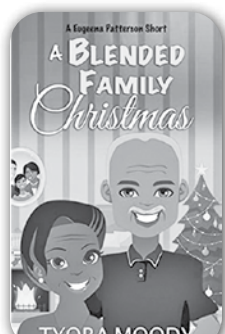
By Tina Martin

It is clear delineation of compassion that turns into passion. The main character never thought she'd spark a flame with Cain - a complete stranger.

Drama started when Ahmalee Hayes' world is interrupted when a homeless man

loiters around her shop - Ivy and Eden Candle Company. Remarkably, just when the business owner thinks she's run him away, he shows up at her door - not at the shop again - and this time, he's at her house! The question that easily comes to mind is can she see through the flames to lend a helping hand to a complete stranger or is the interaction too risky for the small-town candle maker? You sure need to explore this riveting read and more importantly, find out how things turned out for them.

## A Blended Family Christmas: A Short Story



By Tyora Moddy

Oftentimes, losing one's partner and starting a new life with a new person usually come with a lot of drama that one never bargained for. Eugenea Patterson is marrying her neighbor and companion Amos

Jones. Her family and friends are happy to finally see the couple walk down the aisle.

Meanwhile, since his wife's death, Amos has been estranged from his two daughters. Eugenea encourages Amos to reach out to his daughters by inviting them to spend Christmas with him.

The question that easily comes to mind is will Amos' family accept the invitation, and will they accept the pending nuptials? You need to unravel this!

## The Girl at the Back of the Bus



By Suzette D. Harrison

It is a heart-breaking and inspirational novel about redemption, family secrets, and the spirit of survival found at the hardest time.

Montgomery, Alabama, 1955

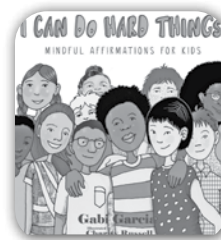
Drama started when on a cold December evening, Mattie Banks packs a suitcase and leaves her family home. Sadly, sixteen years old and pregnant, she has already made the mistake that will ruin her life and disgrace her widowed

mother. Boarding the 2857 bus, she sits with her case on her lap, hoping that the driver will take her away from disaster. Instead, Mattie witnesses an act of bravery by a woman named Rosa her to run are never far away. With a mandate to forge a new life in a harsh world at constant risk of exposure, Mattie will need to war to keep her baby safe. Will she be able to do so?

Atlanta, Georgia, present day

In another development, Ashlee Turner is going home. Her relationship in ruins, her career held back by prejudice, she is returning to the family who have always been her rock. But Ashlee's home is not the safe haven she remembers. Her beloved grandmother is dying and is determined to share

## I Can Do Hard Things: Mindful Affirmations for Kids



By Gabi Garcia

Confession who and what you want to be especially among children matters a lot. Little wonder Bible said 'as a man thinketh in his heart, so he is! Reality is that what kids tell themselves becomes

her story before she leaves....

Real trouble started when Ashlee finds a stack of yellowing letters hidden in her nana's closet, she can't help the curiosity that compels her to read, and she uncovers an old secret that could

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wreak havoc on her already grieving family. Now, as she tries to read meaning into what she has learned, Ashlee faces a devastating choice: to protect her loved ones from the revelations or honor. What will you have her do?

## TO THE RESCUE

SAY NO TO CORRUPTION

- By Pastor Dele Dada



CHAPTER TEN

"Kola please do not forget to pick up Jackson back from school. I will not be able to. I am going to court and that judge is something else, he has no family and does not believe anybody has and so he takes time to prolong matters. Any time I have a

matter in his court I am not able to get out and pick the children as I should, so do your best" Tosin said packing her lawyer's regalia in her special brief case.

"No problem, I will close early and pick him up, what time do they close again?" Kola asked.

"4:40 pm. And your favourite soup of efo riro (vegetable soup) is in the fridge. I guess you will be able to make amala for yourself" Tosin said as she closed the door and ran out.

"No problem,' but you cannot run away like that he shouted on top of his voice.

"Kola what is it again." Tosin using her shoulder to overcome a cough asked. Kola was pointing to his cheek, "I need a peck here before you go." Tosin rushed back smiling you men are never satisfied. With all you did in the middle of the night. Tosin said offering her cheek.

"Night meal is different from breakfast Kola said. If I have my way you will not work" Kola said. I am still a young woman please do not break my back bone." She revved her Lincoln Escalade and drove away.

Kola smiled to himself. It was a tug of war to get Tosin to marry him. Today they are happily married. Deeply in love with one another. After they finished their National Youth Service Corp, Tosin went back to read law. That was her dream and her wealthy parents were willing to finance it. God also helped Kola. He made a first class. So his department offered him a scholarship and admission to continue with his Master's degree in philosophy. He was also given an appointment as a Graduate As-

sistant. It was while he was combining these strides that Tosin eventually agreed to marry him. Tosin is very strict and principled. Kola wanted a loud and elaborate wedding but Tosin was the opposite. They spent many nights arguing over that. Tosin's parents wanted to show off their wealth if possible have it televised live on air. Tosin believed so much that you don't have to spend money ostentatiously. She told her parents "use your money to establish an orphanage and I will manage it. What is the point of enriching the rich in the name of a wedding by spending extravagantly?" One of Tosin's arguments against highly publicized wedding was that at the end you will invite those who will come to the wedding and harm you with their charms. Particularly they render you childless. At the end Tosin won and they had a small wedding and God answered her prayers. That month she got pregnant and gave birth later to a son. She prevailed on the husband to name him Jackson. Jesse Jackson has always been her hero as a black activist. Her prayer is that her son will one day be a human rights activist. That is what she had become. That is why she went back to study law. "Someone has to use the power of the law and the judiciary to correct the endemic corruption in this country" is one of her favorite quotations.

"How was your day Tosin" Kola asked as he was flipping the remote control.

"Fine, Thank God. Guess what, that case did not go on, the dreaded judge was sick. He asked for the day off. Tosin said as she was setting the table for supper. So what do we have for supper tonight?"

"Well you ate heavy food in the afternoon I am giving you a light meal tonight. But don't worry you will like it. The one that is getting married need not stretch his neck to see who the wife is. But please put the TV on channel nine on NTA let's listen to the national news." Tosin remarked.

"National news? What do you want to hear more than they have embezzled money, or misappropriated funds and one car tragedy. I am tired of these news channels; all they have is bad news." Kola also commented.

"Well, the bad news is your prayer point. Our country needs prayer. By the way how was the prayer meeting tonight?" Tosin asked.

"I did not go. The moment I brought Jackson home I went back to campus for Academic Staff Union of the Universities, (ASUU) meeting. We are planning to embark on major strike from next week." Kola replied.

"ASUU and strike, don't you lecturers have conscience. Kola your being the President of ASUU should give this nation a break and change things for better. My son cannot go to university in this country. What is it? A course of four years will waste the lives of these children and they will spend eight years battling it. All you people demand for is higher pay, increase in salary." Tosin was irritated.

"My dear! Education is the bedrock of civilization. Successive governments in this nation treat education like garbage. Education is the key to the development of any country, society or family. In a family, when all of it's members are educated it ensures smooth and successful functioning. Likewise, in a country where its citizens are educated, they will be able to solve their own and the nation's problems better with knowledge acquired through good education. Education also creates awareness against social issues such as corruption, child labor, racism, etc. Hence, with the tool of education, people will be able to plough away these social evils and help create a society based on honesty, equality and justice. Education also creates awareness against health and various dangerous diseases. When a nation's people are educated, it will not only be a boost for the development of the country, but also become a boost in it's people's lives. Look at Japan; they rule the world because of education. Their automobile industry rules the world. In a year alone they make over 80 billion US dollars in videogames. Darling, let me remind you about Nelson Mandela, his words 'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.' Kola was educating his wife.

He had gone for his PhD. Even though

he was a relatively young lecturer, he won the presidency of ASUU in his university. By the time he made a speech in their national convention everybody knew he would become the youngest ASUU President.

"Tosin you should not be naive like others. Most of the time ASUU strikes have absolutely nothing to do with salaries, the union is fighting for the future of Nigerian youth. These demands include elongation of retirement age of professors and associates from 65 to 70 years. Another critical issue is the funding and establishment of research and development units which should be tailored to develop the Nigerian economy. Also, there is the need to comply with the 26% UNESCO recommended budgetary allocation to education."

That reminds me I need you to help me correct the speech I am making tomorrow. I titled it—The Importance of Education in Nation Building" He gave a copy to Tosin. It was a paper formerly written by Abdulai Taylor-Kamara which I find very appropriate for that occasion.

"Education is normally the acquiring of knowledge as well as the skills that are accepted by a given society. On the other hand, nation-building is the implementation of processes that are geared towards recomposing the nation's institutions so that they can reflect the wishes, needs and aspirations of the wider society.

Since education is the pathway to any nation-building enterprise, it provides the following goodies to nation-building:

Firstly, education creates an enlightened society. This is a crucial prerequisite to nation-building because the more a people become enlightened the more they would refrain from doing practices that will endanger the nation-building efforts. For example, educated elites will always tend to be responsive and responsible citizens. By this I mean, they obey state laws and properties. Without this, no nation-building efforts will be set in earnest.

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# HOW DO I PLEASE MY WIFE IN THE BEDROOM?

Dear Agatha,

I read your powerful advise to S.Y in the Nov. 2016 edition of the Nigerian Canada Nigerian Newspaper and I must confess, your counsel was not only godly but very good.

You did not try to sell anything to S.Y. You just sold God to him. Thank you!

Now, kindly help me on this issue: My wife complains I'm a one or two minutes man; that I come too fast. In truth, this does not happen always. But she does complain. I want to take care of her complain so that the only thing she will have to say about our sex life is: "Waah... I enjoyed it".

Auntie Agatha, please advise me on how to last for longer time: 20-30 minutes before I come. I also love the length of the advice you gave S.Y.

Concerned Husband.

Dear Concerned Husband,

The length of your intimacy with your wife isn't the actual problem here but your combined senses of adventure. While you may have your limitations, she also hasn't been able to decode the mystery of your person. For every act of love making to be 'whao' as you put it, it has to be a consensus of efforts by the couple in question. Both of you have to pull at the same direction when it matters the most for that premium result she wants.

Achieving the perfect peak isn't the sole responsibility of one party. You and your wife must work towards a common theme for sex to be perfect between the two of you. The both of you must agree on how far you are willing to go in the process of achieving that perfection which appears missing in your love life.

The very first step is to get rid of the cobwebs of the past. Many a time, women are unwillingly to let go of their inhibi-

tions when it comes to sex for fear of being negatively tagged by their husbands. This is why most women pretend to be ignorant on what to do in the bedroom when in actual fact they know the right buttons to press. This is the bridge you have to untie to get her to cooperate with you. Encourage her to discuss her past experiences, if you didn't marry her, a virgin. If you did, still ask her for her ideas as it will give you an insight into how she wants to be made love to. This is because the knowledge of sex is wired into us right from the beginning. It is so natural that without anyone telling us what to do, we know instinctively how and what to do.

Not all women are like. What excites one woman may not sit well with another woman hence the need for you to strive to personalize your love life with her. You must as a matter of urgency familiarize yourself with all her erotic zones. To get it right, romance her from the



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crown of her head to the sole of her feet. To do a good job use your fingers and tongue at will. Take particular note of her responses whenever you touch a particular spot on her body. This way you will know where to touch to get her ready for your timing.

When it comes to pleasing certain kinds of women, a man's previous experiences may not really matter. In the case of your wife, she obviously isn't excited by the things you think you know about lovemaking. Unfortunately a lot of men think because they are experienced when it

comes to sex, they can please any woman. They fail to even consider the peculiar need of the woman they are with. Rather than take some time out to read the various pages that make the woman go weak at her knees, they just go into action on the basis of assumption. The attendant result is an unsatisfied woman.

Engaging her in this kind of discussion will not only give the man an idea of what to do but also a deeper understanding into her sexual personality. As the man and leader of the team, you must admit your helplessness in this matter hence the need for you to solicit for her assistance in your quest to please her.

Also, some men do have the inability to last for more than two minutes. But it can be remedied if the couple is willing to explore other methods of preliminary kick starting their intimacy before doing the actual thing. One of such ways is to get over the inhibition of oral sex.

Your wife's support is really needed here. She must have a deep sense of adventure to help you last longer. At the end of it, both of you benefit from the whole experience because by the time you are ready to peak, she would also be at her most vulnerable so the length of time would not matter as much as getting her to plateau.

You also need the aid of books written on the subject of achieving the perfect sexual harmony. Some of these books come with detailed graphic illustrations on what position to adopt and other hints to help a couple remain happy in their union. Adult films too can help you and your wife become better in the bedroom. All you have to do as a couple is to select the positions that are most comfortable for your pleasure.

The idea behind these books and films is to equip adults on how to achieve optimum satisfaction in this very important department of marriage.



## PASSION

### With this Ring

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Ibiede opened the refrigerator and took a bottle of soft drink. She opened it, and leaning against the kitchen counter, she looked at what Grace was doing. There were two pots boiling on the gas cooker. On the counter were several ingredients and a tray that contained some pieces of roasted turkey.

Ibiede drank from the bottle, and then asked, "Is there anything I can help you with?"

"Not really. I'm fine."

As Grace continued with what she was doing, they talked. Grace told her she would be going for antenatal during the week.

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When Albert phoned Grace on Monday evening, he wanted to know if she had a date for the antenatal. When she

told him Wednesday afternoon, he asked, "What time?"

"Three."

He told her he would be going out on official assignment but would join her at the hospital if he finished on time.

That Wednesday afternoon, Grace left the office and headed for the hospital.

Albert called to let her know he would soon be through where he was and would come over.

At the hospital, she went to the desk and filled out a form and a registration card before she had her weight and blood pressure taken. She was asked to go to a bathroom for a urine sample which she did.

Afterward, she went to the waiting area to sit. Ten adults were there: three couples and four women. The women who were with their husbands were obviously pregnant. One of the four women had a toddler with her who was running around, playing.

Grace reached out and took one of the outdated Ebony magazines on a table. She was going through it, awaiting her turn to see

the doctor when Albert came in. He saw her immediately and walked over. He touched her shoulder briefly as they greeted.

He sat on the empty chair beside her and as they began to talk, he took her hand in his.

She was glad to see him and she felt as if they were a married couple.

Eventually a nurse appeared at the doorway and called her name.

Grace stood and told Albert, "I'll be back."

"Your husband can come in with you." The light-complexioned nurse suggested.

"He's -" Grace began and stopped. How could she announce publicly that he was not her husband? She didn't have to, she reasoned.

"He prefers to wait for me." She said.

I don't prefer to wait for you, Albert thought. He picked the magazine that Grace put on her seat.

Grace followed the nurse into a room to wait for the doctor. Soon, the door was opened and a woman who appeared to be in her mid-fifties entered.

She offered Grace a smile. "Hello. How are you?" She sat down and looked through her file. "When was your last menstrual period?"

As she chatted with Grace in a friendly way, she took notes. When she was through, she asked Grace to lie on the examination table which was on a side of the room.

"I need to check your tummy."

Grace stood, removed her shoes and got on the table, exposing her tummy.

As the doctor walked over, she told Grace, "I'm not sure you're eating as well as you should. You need to put on a little weight."

Grace smiled.

Grace eventually came out and returned to her seat beside Albert.

"How did it go? Is everything alright?" He asked.

"Yes. I'm waiting for my drugs."

Lowering his voice, he said, "Why did you tell the nurse that I preferred to stay here? I didn't want to stay here. You forced me to."

Grace chuckled.

"If it's marriage that will give me the right to go in with you next time, then we'd better get married."

"Albert!" She laughed.

Her name was called and she went to the counter. When she was through,



Pastor Taiwo Odubiyi

she signaled at Albert. He got up and came to meet her. He pulled the door for her and with a hand touching her back lightly, he followed her out. Outside, they walked side by side to her car.

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When Femi brought his children, Abbey and Bola home on Friday evening, he knew there would be no quietness in the house that weekend. They liked to watch TV with the volume loud. Bola could be playing music to practice choreography, and sometimes, their friends visited.

He wasn't complaining though. They were lovely children who loved the Lord.

He had discussed twice with them about his plan to remarry, and those two times, Abbey accepted the idea but Bola frowned. Why did he want to remarry? She had asked him.

He'd had to explain. They were in school and with time, would get married and leave home. He needed a companion.

In bed in the night, he thought about talking to them again in the morning, and he prayed that Bola would accept his decision and support him.

After breakfast the next day, he sat with them in the living room and began by asking questions about their school and well-being.

Then he said, "I told you that I'd like to remarry. I've started praying about it and trusting God to lead me."

As he talked, he looked at them closely. "I want to assure you that whoever I choose to marry will not take your place in my heart. Rather, she will love you like her own." He assured them.

He went on. "She will definitely be a Christian. If she's a Christian, she will not come in between us."

Abbey spoke. "Dad, the fact that she's a Christian does not mean she can't cause trouble. There are some so called Christians who do all sorts of things to fight for their rights. One of my friends in school is living with her aunt because her stepmother didn't want her around. And the woman is a

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## Nigerian delivery driver shot dead in America

By N.Ugoh

A Nigerian man who worked as a delivery driver was shot dead on the job in Mitchellville, Maryland, recently, police said.

Prince George's County police said Noel Njoku, of Springdale, was the victim. He died at the age of 48 and is survived by his wife and four children.

His wife and brother cried and pleaded for answers in the hours after his death.

While talking to reporters amid tears, Chidi Njoku, Noel's brother said: "Please, anybody who has any information, please, please, please — anybody who has any information should come and help us out, please."

Njoku was a happy, "peace-loving person" who moved to the U.S. from Nigeria decades ago, Noel said. He had only recently started working for DoorDash.

"I want to know who killed my husband," Noel's wife said.

After Noel failed to answer her calls, she



Prince George's County

went from hospital to hospital looking for him. Eventually, an officer at the University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center disclosed the sad news.

Njoku was the father of a 15-year-old daughter, a 13-year-old daughter and 11-year-old twin boys.

Police said Njoku was seen suffering from gunshot wounds at about 12:20 a.m. in a vehicle in the 3700 block of Lottsford Vista Road.

In a statement, the police said: "The preliminary investigation revealed Njoku was delivering food to a home in the area when he was shot."

Njoku was later

taken to a hospital, where he died.

It wasn't immediately clear who shot Njoku and why.

While talking about the effort of the police, Pfc. Antonia Washington said: "Detectives are currently right now at the scene, collecting evidence, speaking to witnesses, trying to piece everything together."

Njoku's brother pleaded with someone to contact the police.

He said: "Please let the person come forward and know the kind of hurt he has put on this family."

A statement released by DoorDash read: "We are deeply saddened by this senseless act of violence and our hearts go out to the Dasher's loved ones at this incredibly difficult time. The safety of our community is paramount and we immediately reached out to law enforcement to offer our assistance in any way we can. We are actively working to get in touch with this Dasher's family to extend our full support."

## African Presidents wish Angela Merkel farewell

By N.Ugoh

It was a moment of goodbye at the conclusion of the Compact for Africa (CwA) conference recently as a lot of African heads of state seized the opportunity to wish German Chancellor, Angela Merkel farewell before she leaves office after the Bundestag elections in September ending.

During Merkel's tenure, she had been involved personally in economic and social development in sub-Saharan Africa. She often puts economy, health and education issues on the agenda along with development opportunities for women and girls.

When asked to take stock of Merkel's Africa policy, Guinean President, Alpha Conde said:

"Africa has gained leadership [with her help], and Germany has taken the lead in supporting Africa.

"Not only with the Compact but also with the African Renewable Energy Initiative, Germany has made a very big contribution."

The chairman of the African Union Commission, Moussa Faki, thanked Merkel and her Compact with Africa initiative. Faki said: "It is an important initiative. Africa needs investment for its development, but Africa also needs investment in peace and security. This is a prerequisite for the fate of the African continent today."

He continued by saying Angela Merkel was successful in giving "an important impetus to Germany's presence in

Africa."

He said: "I welcome that! You have to strengthen this partnership between Africa and Europe, between Africa and Germany."

The President of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa also thanked Merkel during the summit. He said: "We will greatly miss you."

According to Ramaphosa, Merkel's contribution had led to many things developing in favor of Africa.

CwA was established in 2017 under Germany's G20 Presidency to improve investment conditions in African countries and boost the economy. It includes Tunisia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Guinea, Morocco, Rwanda, Senegal, and Togo.

## 10 African Heads of State, Government to attend Hakainde Hichilema's inauguration

By Stanley Ugabge

No fewer than ten Heads of State and Government from different African countries have confirmed that they will attend President-elect Hakainde Hichilema's inauguration ceremony in Lusaka.

Secretary to the Cabinet, Simon Miti, revealed that Heads of State and Government from Botswana, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Kingdom of Eswatini, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania and Zimbabwe will attend the inauguration ceremony.

In a statement to the media, Dr Miti said Angola would be represented by its Vice President while Ethiopia and Rwanda will have their Parliament

Speakers at the swearing-in ceremony.

He said: "The former Heads of State of the Republics of Botswana, Tanzania, and Nigeria, as well as the former Prime Minister of Kenya, will attend the ceremony."

Miti revealed that dignitaries from the United Kingdom, United States of America, Saudi Arabia, Ghana and high-level representatives from the African Union Commission, the Commonwealth Secretariat, COMESA Secretariat, SADC Secretariat and the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region Secretariat will also be part of those in attendance at Heroes Stadium in Lusaka.

While explaining further, he said: "The at-

tendance of the high-level dignitaries is a testament of Zambia's continued growing bonds of cordial relations with other countries and its effective participation in regional, sub-regional, continental and international organisations."

He made it known that the response to attend the inauguration ceremony by these dignitaries was in recognition of Zambia's stature on the global stage and its conduct of foreign relations.

He said: "The Government of the Republic of Zambia remains committed to the principles that underpin its foreign policy in furtherance of strong relations with other countries and international organizations."

## Taliban bans music, makes chaperones compulsory for travelling women

By N.Ugoh

The Taliban has stated clearly that it would ensure a ban on music because it is "Un-Islamic."

This statement was contained in an interview with the New York Times by the spokesperson of the Taliban, Zabiullah Mujahid, recently.

He however noted that they planned to persuade people to abide by the new rule, rather than enforce it on them.

The ban would trigger a return to one of the very strict rules of the Taliban's 1990s emirate, when most varieties of music were banned, except religious chants.

The chief spokesman of the movement announced the new ban during an interview where he attempted to stress that the movement had changed since its first government.

Mujahid said: "Music is forbidden in Islam but we're hoping that we can persuade people not to do such things, instead of pressuring them."

The Taliban allowed religious singing during



their former government but labelled other forms of music as a distraction that could trigger impure thoughts. The sight of clumps of tape gotten from confiscated music cassettes and hung on trees became one of the abiding images of their regime in the 90s.

Afghanistan Radio and TV stations have stopped broadcasting music recently except for Islamic songs, but it remains unclear if this was because of Taliban orders, or self-censorship to prevent potential problems with the insurgents.

The restriction on music came despite the movement saying it has moved on in the past 20 years and is intent on rebuilding Afghanistan.

Mujahid said: "We

want to build the future, and forget what happened in the past."

A lot of the group's most notorious former restrictions involved women, that were unable to leave their houses without a male chaperone, and were unable to work. Also, girls were banned from education.

Recently, Mujahid said female government workers should stay at home until the Taliban had reimposed security.

He said fears that the Taliban would force women to stay at home were baseless and that the requirement for a male chaperone was grossly misunderstood.

He said: "If they go to school, the office, university, or the hospital, they don't need a [male guardian]."

# Lebanon Boils as Central Bank Ends Fuel Subsidies

By Stanley Ugagbe

The announcement by the Central Bank that it has reached a decision to end subsidies for fuel products has sparked uproars across Lebanon, with protesters blocking roads across the nation.

The nation's caretaker prime minister called the decision "illegal," and called for an emergency Cabinet meeting to discuss the move.

Analysts are of the view that the development by the central bank is likely to send prices soaring in

a country already in the throes of an unprecedented economic crisis.

Reports have it that the move had been anticipated for months as the bank's reserves dry up, but following the announcement, politicians distanced themselves and blamed central bank governor Riad Salameh.

It was disclosed that outgoing Prime Minister Hassan Diab, whose government has rarely held meetings since its resignation a year ago, called for an emergency meeting. He

called on the finance minister to inform Salameh that his decision is "illegal."

Despite the uproar, the central bank later issued another statement, standing by its decision. It said that subsidies over the past weeks have only helped businessmen, not people in need. Despite subsidies worth \$800 million in July alone, fuel products remained scarce in the market, it added.

The shortages are blamed on smuggling, hoarding and the cash-strapped government's in-

ability to secure deliveries of imported fuel.

It should be recalled that in June, parliament approved a ration card system that would give some 500,000 poor families an amount of money in US dollars for a period of one year. It is not yet clear how the estimated \$556 million project, which aims to replace the subsidy system, will be financed.

Diab's office said work on the mechanism of the ration card is almost done and it will be implemented soon.

# Abuse of Nigerian diplomats escalates in Congo DRC

By N.Ugoh

Few weeks after the abuse of a Nigerian diplomat in Indonesia ignited a diplomatic row between the countries, Nigerians are facing yet another abuse, this time in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Apart from harassment of Nigerian diplomats in the Central African country, the Nigerian embassy in the country's capital city, Kinshasa, was burgled by a diplomatic police officer that was deployed to the Mission.

Also, a Nigerian diplomatic property in the choice area of Gombe, Kinshasa DR Congo was illegally seized.

The burgling of the embassy and the illegitimate seizure of the diplomatic property were perpetrated by officials of DR Congo, even as the host government seem unbothered by the atrocities.

According to a source in the embassy, every attempt by the Nigerian Ambassador to DR Congo, Ambassador (Engr) Omar Suleiman, to reach out to authorities of the host country so they could investigate the vandalization of the embassy and return the seized property have been ignored by the government of that country.

The source said: "In March 2020, there was an attempt to set the Ambassador's residence ablaze in the middle of the night. The culprit was apprehended and handed over to the police, but to date, nothing has come out from the police concerning the young man that was arrested or the event.

"On 17th August 2020, the embassy was burgled by one Ilunga Ndaye, a policeman deployed to guard the chancery. He was apprehended and handed over to the police; on his arrival at the police station, he was freed by the police. The authorities claimed that he escaped and to date, nothing has been said about him or the incident.

"On 24th August 2020, one Congolese named Kadija Bakaja, accompanied by armed policemen, invaded 38/40 Avenue Lemera in Gombe, Kinshasa DR Congo. With

the active connivance of the government of DR Congo, she illegally took over the property which is duly owned by Nigeria till this moment—one year after the invasion of the Nigerian property and the denigration of our sovereign integrity without any form of a legal right of occupation.

"Until date, the DR Congo government has neither returned the property they took over illegally nor taken steps to assure the Mission that its properties in the country are safe from any future harassments and invasions. It is important to note that if immediate action is therefore not taken at this time, the Nigerian government stands to lose another of its property to another Congolese.

"We have been facing a lot of harassment and difficulties in performing our tasks here. It is exactly one year since the embassy was burgled on 17th August 2021 by officials of DR Congo. It is also one year since some land grabbers who have the official backing of the government of the host country invaded one of our diplomatic facilities in Gombe, Kinshasa DR Congo.

"There was also threat to the life of our then Head of Mission Amb. Charles Nkem Ibim and the Consular Officer, Mr Kareem, by the land grabbers for daring to stop them. Interestingly, the government of DR Congo has not deemed it fit to investigate any of these atrocities. Maybe they are waiting for another Jakarta episode in the DRC?" another official, who does not want his name in print for fear of reprisal by the host country.

"This disrespect and lack of courtesy has also been extended to Nigerians and Nigerian businesses in the DRC, where many innocent Nigerians are facing similar embarrassments from some government agencies.

"Furthermore, the Nigerian ambassador to the DR Congo has done all within his diplomatic powers to recover the seized property and have the culprits prosecuted, yet all efforts so far, have proven abortive. The Federal Government will need to come to our aid immediatel."

# Hameed Ali: Nigeria's subsidised petrol smuggled to Mali, Benin, others

By Dele Akintilo

The Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) has revealed that the Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) also called petrol, which is subsidised by the Federal Government, is being smuggled out of the country in large quantities.

The Controller-General of the NCS, Col. Hameed Ali (retired) made this revelation and added that the development was responsible for the increasing volume of fuel being released by the NNPC as daily consumption.

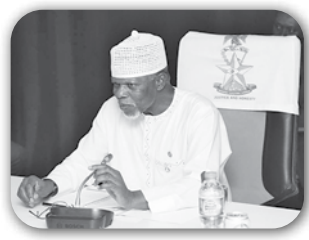
While speaking at a public hearing organised by the House of Representatives Committee on Finance on the 2022-2024 Medium Term Expenditure Framework and Fiscal Strategy Paper, in Abuja recently, the NCS boss slammed the ap-

proval given by the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) to locate filling stations along the land borders.

Ali also said the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) has carried on in supplying PMS to the filling stations against Customs' advice, and noted that most of the petroleum product was being diverted and smuggled to Benin, Niger or Chad, and Mali.

Meanwhile, the Chairman of the Committee, James Faleke, asked the Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning, Zainab Ahmed, why the Federal Government had forecasted crude oil price per barrel to be \$57 for the 2022 budget when the global market prices were now around \$70.

While responding, Ahmed said the govern-



Hameed Ali

ment was using the differentials to offset petrol subsidies, noting that the nation was suffering a great level of under-recovery as a result of fuel subsidies.

She said: "The crude oil price that we propose in the budget is a result of consultations with the NNPC and a review of the research that is done by EIA as well as the World Bank and other institutions. And we normally just take a middle road. We don't look at the price today; we look at the projections for the price, for 2022, 2023, and 2024.

"Also, fortunately for us, right now, the increase in the price of crude oil should have resulted in more revenue to the federation. But because we are suffering a significant level of under-recovery as a result of fuel subsidies, the impact is not seen."

However, Ali insisted that besides spending on subsidies, the subsidised petrol was being smuggled to other West African countries where pump prices were higher.

He said: "The issue of smuggling of fuel from Nigeria to the neighbouring countries is simply because of the price differential. The prices outside our shores and borders are higher, and that is what attracts people to move this product outside. And this product is not only limited to Benin, Niger, or Chad, it goes up to Mali."

# Biden urges New York Governor to resign after sexual misconduct allegation

By N.Ugoh

United States President Joe Biden has urged New York Governor, Andrew Cuomo, to resign, after an official report revealed Cuomo sexually harassed 11 women.

While talking to reporters at the White House, Biden said: "He should resign."

When asked whether Cuomo should be removed from office if he does not resign, Biden said: "I understand the state legislature may decide to impeach, I do not know that for a fact."



Joe Biden

After the President's response, New York State House Speaker, Carl Heastie, who is a Democrat, announced that the chamber would seek to conclude its impeachment inquiry into the governor.

The bombshell report which was released by New York Attorney General Letitia James's office offered corroborated accounts of alleged harassment by Cuomo that included unwanted groping, kissing, hugging, and comments that are inappropriate, like claims from an Executive Assistant who reveals Cuomo reached under her blouse and grabbed her breast.

The Attorney General disclosed that Cuomo allegedly targeted 11 current and former employees of the state government.

James said the probe unveiled a "climate of fear" created by Cuomo's alleged behaviour, which included unwanted kisses, groping, hugging, and making unacceptable remarks.

She revealed the investigation also discovered that the Democratic governor had retaliated against no fewer than one former employee for complaining about his actions.

During a news conference in Albany, Cuomo denied any wrongdoing and declared: "I never touched anyone inappropriately."

"That is just not who I am, and that's not who I have ever been."

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**2021 Canadian Federal Election  
September 20th, 2021**

## SPORTS

# TYSON FURY VS DEONTAY WILDER FIGHT RESCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 9



## TOKYO2020: CANADA WOMEN UPSET US WOMEN IN FOOTBALL SEMIFINALS

By N.Ugoh

Canada women's national team defeated Number 1-ranked USA in the semi-finals of the Olympic football with a penalty kick goal to advance to the final match against Sweden.

The winning goal came through a penalty kick scored by Jessie Fleming in the 75th minute after the referee consulted the Video Assistant Referee to ascertain a foul committed in the penalty area by U.S. defender Tierna Davidson on Canada's Deanne Rose. The defense of the Canadians was solid and Canada used the defense to see out the result.

It's the very first time in 20 years that Canada has beaten the USA.

While talking after the match, Megan Rapinoe of United States said: "Not our best game, not our best tournament. We just didn't have it today. Just too many errors from us, again."

"That's football. They got one shot on goal on the PK [penalty kick] and from what it sounds like, it was a PK. So, yeah. It was a bitter one to swallow. Obviously, we never want to lose to Canada. I don't think I've ever lost to Canada. So it's a bitter one. But still a lot to compete for. It's not the color we want, but there's still a medal on the line and we want to win that game. But this sucks."



By Marcel Chukwuka

The heavyweight battle between Tyson Fury and Deontay Wilder's has been postponed after Fury contracted COVID-19.

**F**URY and Wilder were set to fight for the third time in Las Vegas on 24 July 2021, with the first fight ending as a split draw in December 2018 when Fury defeated Wilder in the seventh round in February 2020. Fury had initially agreed on a deal to take on Anthony Joshua this summer, but an

arbitrator ruled in May that Fury has contractual obligation to face Wilder once more by September.

The third fight of Fury against his American rival will now take place on October 9.

While talking about the postponed fight, Fury said: "I want nothing more than to smash the 'Big Dosser' on 24 July, but I guess the beating

will have to wait. Make no mistake, I will be back and better than ever. We will fight 9 October and I will knock him spark out."

The manager of Wilder, Shelly Finkel said: "This is what we went to arbitration for. He just wanted what was owed to him. He remains ready to reclaim his world title on 9 October."

## *PUMA to file a lawsuit against Nigeria over breach of contract after terminating over N1 billion deal*

By Dele Akintilo

German sportswear manufacturing titan, PUMA, wants to sue the Athletics Federation of Nigeria (AFN) and the Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports.

The development happens as the sportswear manufacturer cancelled a four-year contract it had with Nigeria in a letter dated Wednesday, August 4, 2021, and signed by Puma's director, Manuel Edlheimb.

Reports have it that the AFN under Ibrahim Gusau's leadership entered into a controversial \$2.76 million deal with PUMA on July 24, 2019, in Doha, Qatar.

The deal brewed a major crisis that divided the athletics body into two factions, with Gusau and the first Vice President of AFN, Sunday Adeleye who was accused of sidelining other board members during the signing of the deal.

The deal was signed by the Gusau-led AFN and was due to expire in 2022. However, part of the contract is that PUMA will supply apparel to every age category to Nigeria's Athletics team for four years free of charge.

Also, gold medalists at the Olympic Games would earn \$15,000 (N6 million), silver medalists would receive \$5,000 (N2 million) while bronze medalists that wear PUMA apparel at the games will receive \$3,000 (N1.2 million).

In the recent development, PUMA officials have contacted officials of Gusau-led AFN and informed them of an intention to sue.

According to a source that Punch quoted, the Ministry of Sports would be made a party to the suit "because they issued a memo granting AFN permission to seek sponsorship. PUMA sees AFN as a representative of Nigeria with that memo. It gave them confidence that AFN had approval. They also claimed that as of the time of signing the contract, the parties involved are recognised by law and FG, and there was no faction to warrant suspicion. They believe an administration is a continuum and the agreement has government backing."

Adeleye confirmed this while appearing on Arise TV as a guest recently.

While showing evidence and documents revealing the FG's approval for the AFN to seek a sponsor, Adeleye said: "The contract is a non-disclosure one. It is between PUMA and AFN with FMYS's permission. We warned that this may lead to litigation and wrote to all parties involved, including finance and justice ministries."

"We are sure that PUMA will go to court on this matter. Their officials have called that they are sending documents from their legal department. We wrote the minister on the implications for Nigeria.

This won't make other companies deal with Nigeria."

Also, he argued that Gusau-led AFN did all that was possible to make sure that Nigeria's image is protected.

While talking about why the kits were kept in a store, he said: "Our AFN has been barred from using the facility in the stadium and we needed to run the activities of the association. We have a store and office that we run. The constitution didn't say our office should be in the stadium."

When asked if he would take responsibility for the termination of the contract, Adeleye said: "We should be awarded because we are patriotic. The Federal Government asked federations to look for sponsors (before Sunday Dare). This contract precedes him. They are aware of the contract."

"We worked with instruction. We looked for a sponsor so that the burden can be taken off the Federal Government. The sports ministry should be sanctioned. We need a shake-up in the sports ministry."

"The problem is the minister and sports ministry under his administration. Our problems have never been this worse. Federations have issues but not to this extend. Despite a court order, the minister is resolute in destroying some people. We gave the kits out, the ministry said they were not going to use the kits."

SPORTS

**Paralympics: Bose Omolayo wins Nigeria's second gold medal**

By N.Ugoh

Bose Omolayo has won Nigeria's second gold medal in powerlifting at the Paralympic Games in Tokyo, Japan. Omotayo came first in the women's 79kg category. Also, she set a new world record after she lifted 141kg. Nataliia Oliinyk and Russia's Vera Muratova won silver and bronze respectively. Nigeria's first gold at the ongoing event in Tokyo was won by Latifat Tijani. As things stand, Nigeria occupies the 24th position on the medals table with two gold and two bronze.



**Ronaldo makes sensational return to Manchester United**

By Tunde Ajibode

Manchester United Football Club have announced the mutual agreement with Cristiano Ronaldo to bring him back to the club. According to Manchester United, the five-time Balon d'Or winner, who leaves Juventus after three years will join the club after agreement on personal terms. A club statement read: "Manchester United is delighted to confirm that the club has reached agreement with Juventus for the transfer of Cristiano Ronaldo, subject to agreement of personal terms, visa and medical. "Ronaldo, a five-time Ballon d'Or winner, has so far won over 30 major trophies during his career, including five Uefa Champions League titles, four Fifa Club World Cups, seven league titles in England, Spain and Italy, and the European Championship for his native Portugal. "In his first spell for Manchester United, he scored 118 goals in 292 games. "Everyone at the club looks forward to welcoming Cristiano back to Manchester."

**MEET THE FIVE 'NIGERIANS' WHO WON MEDALS FOR OTHER COUNTRIES AT TOKYO OLYMPICS**

By Stanley Ugagbe

The recently concluded 2020 Tokyo Olympics which was held in Japan, again, showed how people of Nigerian descent have continued to win big for other nations.

**W**HILE Nigeria only returned with two medals courtesy of Blessing Oborodudu and Ese Brume, there were five other Nigerians who won medals for other countries at the Olympics.

Below is a shortlist of athletes who have Nigerian heritage but competed for other countries in Tokyo and also won medals.

**Desalu Eseosa**

Though he is of Nigerian origin, he was born and raised in Italy and acquired full Italian citizenship in 2012. The 27-year old was part of the all-conquering Italian Men's 4x100m quartet that stormed to gold in Tokyo.

In a chat with newsmen, he said "I have never been to Nigeria and, right now [2019], I don't feel the need to go. I don't even know the national anthem of Nigeria. My roots are in Africa and I don't ignore them but I consider myself deeply Italian".

**Ujah Chindu**

In what was his second Olympic Games for Great

Britain after his debut in Rio, Ujah narrowly missed out on the 4x100m gold but would be pleased with the silver nonetheless.

It was gathered that Ujah's father was an engineer who moved from Nigeria to England as a boy. The sprinter admits it was difficult convincing his father that a career in athletics was the right choice for him.

Speaking with Daily Mail, he said "I used to play football for my local club and was pretty good. Dad was not too impressed about football and he didn't like the idea of me going pro. When I was doing athletics he thought it was just a hobby, and I set my heart on showing him that it wasn't just a little thing on the side.

"He got a letter in the post when I was 17 saying I'd been selected for the world youth championships, then it was world juniors the next year, and European juniors after that. Basically, I've been on every national team since 2011 so he's come round to the idea. But my family are very focused on education and not sport".

**Ajomale Bolad**

The 25-year-old sprinter represented Canada in the 4x100m men's event at the Tokyo Olympics and won a bronze medal. He was born in London, England, and moved to his parent's home country of Nigeria

at age three. His family relocated to Canada when he was 11.

**Bam Adebayo**

Adebayo, who was born in Newark, New Jersey to a Nigerian father and an African-American mother, started all six Basketball Olympic Games for Team USA and helped lead the team to win the Gold Medal despite their shaky start which saw them lose their first game at the Olympics.

**Akinradewo Foluke**

Akinradewo helped the USA women's volleyball team win gold on the final day of action when they beat Brazil in Tokyo.

Speaking with newsmen, Foluke said "My routine has been quite different. The biggest thing for me is having less downtime. I have a fantastic support system with my husband, who's really stepping in, and my mother, and I couldn't do what I'm doing without them.

"It makes it even more difficult to be away from home and it's not easy having to be a mum after a hard practice, but it's so worth it. And my son is a big motivation for me. I hope one day when he gets older he can be proud of what I've been able to accomplish with my team."

It's important to note that apart from those that won medals, there were a handful of other 'Nigerians' that featured for other countries in Tokyo.

*Lionel Messi will leave Barcelona officially after changing his mind about contract renewal*

By Tunde Ajibode

Barcelona Football Club has officially announced that club legend Lionel Messi will not be starting the next season with the club. This came Lionel Messi changed his mind about renewing his contract due to the financial situation at the club.

Messi became a free agent in July after his original contract with Barcelona expired, though he had made up his mind to take a 50 percent pay cut from his previous deal, which was valued at over £425 million over four years, for him to re-sign and for Barcelona to be able to re-register him with La Liga.

This would have implied that Messi's earnings would have been reduced by £250,000 every week on the proposed new five-year



contract.

While issuing a shocking statement about the development, Barcelona said: "Despite having reached an agreement between FC Barcelona and Leo Messi and with the clear intention of both parties to sign a new contract today, it cannot be formalized due to economic and structural obstacles (Spanish LaLiga regulations).

"Given this situation, Lionel Messi will not continue linked to FC Barcelona. Both parties deeply regret that the wishes of both the player and the Club cannot finally be fulfilled.

"Barca would like to thank with all its heart the player's contribution to the enhancement of the institution and wishes him the best in his personal and professional life."

# Trudeau: I won't back down to protesters at rallies, despite safety concerns

By N.Ugoh

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau does not have the intention of backing down to protestors, though he had to cancel a rally last week owing to safety concerns.

The recent event was delayed for over one hour as people blocked the entrance to the local sheet metal business where Trudeau made the first major climate announcement of his re-election effort.

While speaking to reporters, Trudeau said he would continue with public cam-

paign throughout the election and was "resolute" in his conviction to "move Canada forward."

He said: "I'm not going to back down on a message that Canadians know is the right path forward."

"Do we fall into division and hatred and racism and violence? Or do we say 'no, you know what, that doesn't work to get us to back down, that won't scare Canadians from standing up for what's right?"

"We double down and we move forward into the future we know our kids and

grandkids deserve."

Trudeau has been dogged by some violent protesters recently, often requesting freedom from mask mandates and COVID-19 vaccine passports.

Trudeau even received death threats from the crowd that included a photo of him on the verge of being hanged.

During the campaign stop, Trudeau promised to regulate total emissions cuts in the oil and gas sector for the first time and pledged to offer \$2 billion in funds for workers and communities

in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Newfoundland and Labrador. Also, he promised that every new vehicle sold in Canada will be zero-emission by 2035 and pledged to update Canadians on oil and gas emission reductions with major milestones every five years from now till Canada reaches "net-zero" in 2050.

Recently, angry crowds compelled Trudeau to call off a rally at an election campaign stop in Bolton, Ontario over unspecified safety concerns.

Leaders from the

Conservative party and NDP parties have condemned the demonstrations.

Conservative Leader Erin O'Toole said he "strongly" condemned the protestors during a campaign stop in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

He said: "We're a democracy, we should be having a healthy and respectful debate of ideas and we have no time for people who bring in negativity to campaigning," he said.

However, NDP

Leader Jagmeet Singh called the protests "wrong."

During a campaign stop in Sudbury, Ontario, Singh said: "No one should have to cancel their events where we have students, we have young people, we have volunteers, we have organizers, no one should have to cancel an event because they're worried about a danger to the safety of people coming out to a political event."

"That should never have happened."

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## WORD REASONING

(1) If my train journey takes 65 minutes and my taxi journey takes 19 minutes longer, what is my total travelling time in hours and minutes?

**Solution:**

my train journey takes 65 minutes

My taxi journey takes (65 + 19)minutes

My total travelling time = 65 + (65 + 19) minutes

= 149minutes

= 2hours 29minutes.

What word can be placed in the brackets so that it forms another word or phrase when tacked on to the end of the first word, and another word or phrase when placed in front of the second word?

(2) Man ( ) red

Answer: Kind; Mankind and Kindred

(3) Gate ( ) bill

Answer: way; Gateway and Waybill

(4) Jump ( ) case

Answer: suit, Jumpsuit and Suitcase

answers from p(16)

## CAN YOU SOLVE THE ONES BELOW?

(A)

12	9	48	?
4	2	?	4
0	4	0	32

Answer (A):

1st row 12 x 4 = 48, 9 x 4 = 36

2nd row 4 x 2=8, 2 x 2 = 4

3rd row 0 x 8 = 0, 4 x 8 = 32

(B)

?	9	33	27
5	3	45	27
6	4	?	24

Answer (B):

1st row: 11 x 3 = 33, 9 x 3 = 27

2nd row: 5 x 9 = 45, 3 x 9 = 27

3rd row: 6 x 6= 36, 4 x 6 = 24

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## THE FRENCH CORNER

CIRCLE THE CORRECT FRENCH WORDS

**Month** – Mois, **Day after tomorrow** – Après-demain, **Today** – Aujourd'hui, **Biweekly** – Bihebdomadaire, **Week** – Semaine, **Weekend** – Fin de semaine, **Tomorrow** – Demain, **Fortnightly** – Bimensuel, **Day before yesterday** – Avant-hier, **Year** – Année

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## CROSS WORD PUZZLE

How well do you know our Solar system

**ACROSS**

- Venus
- Milky way
- Mars
- Uranus
- Pluto
- Water
- Jupiter
- Mercury

**DOWN**

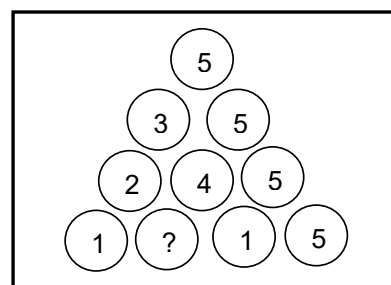
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- Neptune
- Sun
- Gravity

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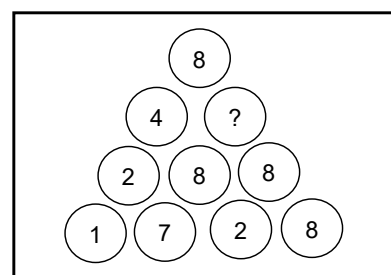
## WHAT NUMBER REPLACES...

What number replaces the question mark?

Hint: discover the multiplier and use it to find the missing number



The missing digit is 7



The missing digit is 8

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## WITH THIS RING

Christian, a deaconess or so, in her church."

"That might be true but that won't happen in this family, trust me." Femi responded. "I won't allow it to happen."

Bola didn't talk.

"What do you have to say?" He asked her.

She shrugged. "I don't have anything to say."

As he looked at her, he prayed for the right words. Then he said, "Do you love me?"

"Of course, yes. Why?"

"If you do, then you should care about my happiness."

"I do, Dad. I just don't see why you want to remarry, I mean ... this is going to affect a lot of things."

"Positively, Bola." He assured her.

"I hope so." She said through tight lips.

Abbey spoke again. "I think it's okay, Dad. You have your own life to live. We shouldn't expect you to

remain alone for the rest of your life. Do you have a particular person in mind?"

Femi looked from Abbey to Bola and noticed the expression on her face and the way she pressed her lips together.

Taking a deep breath, he answered, "Well, yes. I haven't said anything to her though."

"Who is she? Is she someone we know?" Abbey asked.

"Yes. It's Pastor Ibie."

Bola's expression changed to a frown as her eyes and mouth opened wide.

Abbey chuckled. "Pastor Ibie? Wow!"

"What do you think?" He asked.

Abbey shrugged. "I don't know her very well. I guess she's okay ... from the little I know about her."

"Pastor Ibie ... and her daughter?!" Bola exclaimed.

"You have any problem with them?" Femi asked.

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## AT LAST, SHELL AGREES...

It would be recalled that Shell was first convicted in 2010, but the company had repeatedly challenged the ruling, but didn't succeed. The company finally reached a settlement in the Abuja High Court with the community recently.

The lawyer representing the Ejama-Ebubu communities in Rivers State, Lucius Nwosu, confirmed the recent decision of Shell to newsmen.

Nwosu said "They had come to the end of their shenanigans and they have resolved to accept the offer".

"This decision follows the determination of this community to get justice," he added.

However, while the Anglo-Dutch company Shell has agreed to pay compensation to the community, it has maintained that the oil

spills were caused by third parties during Nigeria's 1967-1970 civil war, during which many pipelines and infrastructure were damaged.

The Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (MOSOP) welcomed the recent ruling in a statement.

"We hope that this judgment will provide the foundations to address the long and lasting injustice suffered by the Ogoni people."

It should be noted that in 2015, Shell agreed to pay \$70 million (€63 million) in compensation to some 15,500 residents in Ogoniland and agreed to begin cleaning up an oil spill in 2008, even though the company has always claimed that artisanal sabotage of pipelines by locals was the primary cause of pollution.

RELIGION

# What are you doing with your seed? Part 2

**Pastor Amos Dele Dada PhD;  
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Jesus spoke about the third category of seed receivers: "The seed that fell among the thorns represents others who hear God's word 19 but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things, so no fruit is produced." Mk 4:18-19

Ask yourself how have you allowed worries to destroy you. How have you allowed the pursuit of wealth to destroy your faith in God. How have your desires of material things destroyed your heavenly goals. Some in the pursuit of wealth and power have sold their souls to the devil.

Some have used their wives and children for rituals just to get wealth and power. I watched a video clip recently how a man confessed about how he has tied his children and wife down for many years and have joined a cult for 18 years with nothing to show for it until he ran to Jesus for deliverance!

Where did you get money for that political campaign, to build/buy those houses and mansions, those exotic cars, expensive yachts, at the expense of your soul? Every Sunday you hear the word - the precious seed of God and you fail to allow it to shape your char-



**Pastor Amos Dele Dada**

acter. Did you not read the scriptures that says be a doer of the word and not hearers only?

Like Jonah the pursuit of the worldly riches have made you to buy ticket to Tarshih not caring whether the people of Nineveh are saved? You are always busy, no time to serve God, no time to pray, no time to study the word, no time to even take care of your family.

My friend time is a seed, use it well. Do you know you cannot waste time, time is infinite. You can only waste yourself by misusing and abusing time. Don't use time to pursue vanity, what Solomon Calls vanity

upon vanity all is vanity. Even wealth is a seed, how are you using the genuine wealth God has given you. Do you deprive your family of your wealth and lavish it on prostitutes, sidechics, concubines? There is a celebrated case of a student of 21 years old that connived with others to kill a billionaire of 50 years of age over extramarital affairs. Let the word of God you are hearing change you. The word is a seed. What are you doing with your seed?

Jesus spoke about the right use of our seed in the fourth and last category-"And the seed that fell on good soil represents

those who hear and accept God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted" Mk 4:20

Jesus was talking about people who used the seeds given to them well, their talent, creative ability, power, opportunities, position, wife, children, pulpit, political power and many more. No matter how good a seed is if it is planted on a bad soil it may never germinate or it may never bring fruits to its best potential.

On the other hand when you plant a seed on good soil and you water it and create the enabling environment it will germinate and bear fruits. Are you a Minister of the gospel preach a godly balanced message to a congregation, they will abandon their sins and follow God and walk in righteousness.

"That the leaders took the lead in Israel, that then the people offered themselves willingly bless the Lord!" Judges 5:2.

Give a people proper leadership and they are likely to develop their full potentials. Space will not permit me to share about the study carried out on details of outcome of Jonathan and Sarah Edwards the revivalist of 17th century godly marriage without divorce

how it produced Senators, Presidents of universities, congressmen after about 3 centuries compared with those of Jude Max who divorced his wife and produced at the same time space men and women of shady characters. Your marriage is a seed nurture it let it produce great fruits when you are long gone.

When you see a nation that is developing in the right direction like Canada it is because they value their seed, the citizens. Africa need to value their seed. Nigeria can still bring forth great fruits if we allow the seed of Human Resources God gas given us to germinate and bear godly fruits. If we allow the crude oil, the vast land God has given us to be used for agricultural purposes and not battle ground for herdsmen.

Conclusion: An online Pastor shared this illustration. "In my first pastorate in Alabama, we had a Sunday night watermelon fellowship. We fellowshiped together eating watermelon. During our time, we began a watermelon seed-spitting contest. Unknown to us, a few seed made their way into the soil between a brick wall and the driveway. A few weeks later we had watermelon plants growing in the drive. A few months later we were eating watermelons harvested from those plants.

You will never har-

vest cantaloupes or tomatoes from a watermelon plant. It will always be a watermelon. In the same way, God's Word always produces spiritual results. Many will imitate the spiritual but their "fruit" will not be godly."

In Africa let us not only embrace the personality of Jesus let us put to use the principles of his words, integrity, love, prudent use of resources and watch us bear fruits in 30s, 60s and 100s.

In many places we have a similar parable like the parable of the seed, parable of the talent, parable of the kingdom, they all have one thing in common, every one in life is given seed(s), what you get out of it depends on how you treat the seed. Don't abuse, misuse, underuse, overuse, kill your seed. Rather nurture it, value it, plant it on the right soil and its a matter of time, you will be glad you did. I see you bearing fruits because you allow the word of God to fall into good place in your heart.

Shalom

O taste and see that the Lord is good.(Psalm 34:8). I have tasted and found that the Lord is good. I do testify that the Lord is good. Join me to taste him.

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# A homily of St Basil the Great Sow for the sake of your own righteousness

**By Rev. Stan Chu Ilo**

O man, be like the earth. Bear fruit like her and do not fall short of what mere inanimate matter can achieve. The earth bears crops not for her own benefit but for yours. You, on the other hand, when you give to the poor, are bearing fruit which you will gather in for yourself, since the reward for good deeds goes to those who perform them. Give to a hungry man, and what you give becomes yours, and indeed it returns to you with interest. Just as the wheat that falls on the ground falls there to the great profit of the one who sowed it, so the bread given to a hungry man will bring you great profit in the world to come. Let your husbandry be aimed at sowing this heavenly seed: as scrip-



**Stan Chu Ilo**

ture says, Sow integrity for yourselves.

You are going to leave your money behind you here whether you want to or not. As for whatever share of glory you have received through your good works, that you can take with you to the Lord. All the people will stand round you in the presence of him who judges you all: they will acclaim you as one who feeds the hungry and gives to the poor, they will name you as a merciful

benefactor.

Do you not see how people throw away their wealth for a moment's glory, for the shouts and praise of the crowds in the theatre, at sporting events, at fights with wild beasts in the arena? Where can you get that sort of glory for yourself if you hold on to your money or spend it meanly? God will give his approbation; the angels will praise you; all people who have existed since the beginning of the world will call you blessed. You will receive eternal glory and the crown of righteousness as a prize for rightly disposing of your wealth - wealth that in any case cannot last and must decay.

Why do you think nothing of the future hopes that are stored up by those who despise the cares of the present time?

Come, spread your wealth around, be generous, give splendidly to those who are in need. Then it will be said of you as it is in the psalms: He gave alms and helped the poor: his righteousness will endure for ever.

How grateful you should be to your own benefactor; how cheerful you should be at the honour he has conferred on you, that you do not have to make a nuisance of yourself at other people's doors, but other people come and bother you at your own! But at the moment you are grumpy and no-one can get to you. You avoid meeting people in case you might be obliged to part with even a little of what you have. You can say only one thing: "I have nothing to give you. I am only a poor man." Indeed

you are poor and utterly destitute. Poor in love, poor in humanity, poor in faith in God, and destitute of any hope of eternal happiness.

**RESPONSORY**

Share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house.\* Then shall your light break forth like dawn and your good work go before you.

- Clothe the man you see to be naked and do not turn from your own kin.\* Then shall your light break forth like dawn and your good work go before you.

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## Stylish outdoor living ideas



(NC) The pandemic really showed what a difference outdoor space can make for your own well-being, whether it's a backyard, balcony, patio or porch. Now that we're able to entertain a little more, here are a few tips to transform outside space into your favourite spot in the home.

### THINK COMFORT

Make sure to consider your outdoor furniture carefully. So much has improved in recent years that you can easily find pieces as stylish and comfy as what you use in your living room that are also built to last through the elements.

### THINK LIGHTING

Don't forget modern and stylish lighting for your outdoor hideaway. Make use of the space into the evening even as the days get shorter by using a mixture of solar-powered lanterns and torches, plus flickering candles for a warm glow. For an effortless way to light, you can try BIC's new EZ Reach Lighter, which has an extended wand that makes it easier to light candles or your barbecue from any angle.

### THINK GREEN

From local native plants in your garden to cushions made from recyclable materials, there are many easy ways to get more environmentally friendly outside. Try a timed sprinkler that won't turn on in the rain for a set-it-and-forget-it eco-friendly setting.

### THINK TEMPERATURE

Even as restrictions lessen, there's no reason to stop enjoying the outdoor space that's become so essential to your home during the pandemic. Add an outdoor fan to give movement to hot, humid air in the summer, and invest in a heat lamp, fireplace or cozy blankets early so you can enjoy your space into the fall.

### THINK CONVENIENCE

Any major upgrades should make your life easier and fit with how you use the space. Whether that means an outdoor kitchen setup complete with fridge, sink and grill, or an entertainment zone with Wi-Fi and a projector, go with what makes your everyday life better.

## Avoid the #1 mistake in pool installation



(NC) Installing a pool seems straightforward in theory — hire an installer, dig the ground and install it. Easy. But there's a lot more to it than meets the eye.

One of the biggest mistakes homeowners make is not hiring a professional to do the wiring. So, before the work begins, ask your installer if they have hired a licensed electrical contractor. Ontario law says only a licensed electrical contracting business can be hired to do electrical work in your home.

A licensed professional has the expertise, equipment and training to do the job safely. You won't have to worry about any issues that could put a dent in your wallet or compromise your safety.

They would have an ECRA/ESA licence number, proving they are allowed to operate their business. General handypersons or certified electricians are not permitted to do any electrical work on your property unless working for a licensed provider or if their business holds an electrical contractor licence number.

You may know someone who can do the job for cheap, but don't take a chance. Shoddy work could lead to something fatal. Pools pose a higher risk because there's water involved.

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