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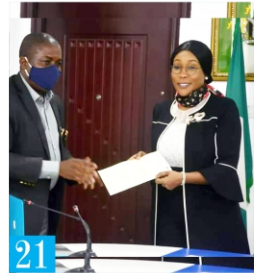
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Dear Readers,

I sincerely welcome you to the maiden edition of the *International Human Rights Investigative Magazine*.

I am convinced that, it is time to put Nigeria and African countries on the right pedestal of growth and as for me, there is no doubt that, the calamity that has befallen African continent today started from when our African leaders deviated from the tenant of democracy and rule of law and thereby jettison the rights of Africans particularly Nigerians.

Nigeria and African reputation in human right compliance has continued to drop and thereby depriving us of ensuing diplomatic rights in the committee of nations. The negative consequences can be seen from the last election in the International Criminal Court in 2019 where Nigerian candidate had the least votes. Prolonged injustice, lack of respect for human rights has now ended us as a people losing values and creating complicated security situations in Nigeria and African continent.

There is no doubt that our founding fathers did contribute their quota to the development of our human rights compliance counting from our continent being signatory to many conventions on human rights particularly the universal declaration on human rights by the United Nations in 1948 which ridiculous, corrupt, self-seeking state protocols have permanently disallowed its acceleration.

As a matter of urgency therefore, there is a clarion call for Nigeria and African continent to rise to the occasion. Rights

are not just given, they are actually taken but it must be a fight without violence, a war without bullets. To ensure the protection of rights of citizenry, there is an obligation on both the government and the people.

The people must show true nationalism and once it is assured, the government would be under compulsion to do the right thing but because the society would always determine the kind of leaders they have, our mindset and actions over the years have always stand against the acceleration of universal declaration on human rights in Nigeria and African continent and therefore call for a change.

The idea of this magazine therefore, is to expose compliance and violations of human rights by both the state actors, bodies and individuals who has deliberately disrespected human rights compliance in Nigeria and African continent. Similarly, this magazine would not hesitate to celebrate those who has sacrificed for humanity and played a germane role in our campaign for human rights compliance.

I employ all to give support to this all important magazine to succeed.

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TRIBUTE TO MAMA NGO ZIMI PAM

Mama Ngo Zimi Pam was born in 1925 which invariably explains that mama spent 97 years on this troubled earth until death came knocking on her door on 15th January, 2022 at the University of Jos Teaching Hospital, JUTH Jos, Plateau State after a protracted illness.

There is no doubt of the fact that mama lived a fulfilled life. This is because apart from her age of departure from the earth which tallies with

the bible injunction of the age of a believer to die, every Christian believer would pray fervently for a cross over night from December 31st to January 1st. mama's death on the 15th of January is a clear evidence of an answered prayer of the cross over.

Mama was born 1925 into the family of Gulu Davou Vwang in Tachei-Gyel Bukur, Jos South, Plateau state of Nigeria. During her lifetime and in the journey of marriage to Late Elder Pam, mama gave birth to four children among which is her glorious son Rev. Yakubu Pam, the Executive Secretary, Nigeria Christian Pilgrims Commission and Chairman, Advisory Board, International Human Rights Commission for Nigeria and West African Countries. Other children of mama are Davou, Gyang and Bukure Pam.

The fact that mama was born into a less privileged home did not deter from pursuing excellence for her children, she ventured into farming from the beginning even though she was unfortunate of being an early widow, she worked vigorously for the betterment of her children and other people's children in the

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munity as it is today evident in the person of Amb. Rev. Yakubu Pam among other excellent children of mama Ngo Zimi Pam.

The testimony of the living including family members and friends alike have testified that mama was a true Christian and a bridge builder who devoted all her life to Christ and service to humanity. Her exemplary lifestyle of honesty, sincerity and patriotism in every relationship she had attracted the resolution of Takei community members across party line to make her the women leader of Takei community who speaks for the rights of women in the community.

There is no doubt that mama was a highly influential woman in Takei village, Gyel, Bukuru in Plateau state. She was a member and leader of many Christian groups among which are: Member of the Women Fellowship, a fellowship which she used to expose her talent of good Christian songs personally composed by her during her youthful age. Mama also led the following Christian groups:

- a. Widows Group for Gyel Women
- b. Prayer Band Assemblies of God Church, Gyel
- c. Christian Association of Nigerian Women

Her major contributions in the struggle for the entrenchment of right of women and winning souls for Christ were evident during her lifetime. She stood as counselor to widows



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owing to the fact that she got her bitter pill in her early age in life.

Her honesty and sincerity in the community elevated her beyond a woman leader to a traditional ruler

where land disputes are being reported to her for settlements. An example of such unprecedented land dispute settlement was that of her community Takei, Tanchol and a neighboring community called Tahei over land. She also settled individual and family crisis.

Mama is well known to be a giver of the last food in her house and remain without food. She was also a friend of both the young and the old. She was a woman full of life and no wonder Amb. Rev. Pam is a replica of his honest mother who was dedicated to Christianity as a way of life. This is clearly seen in the current leadership of the Nigeria Christian Pilgrims Commission under his leadership.

The Giant Strides Of Rev. Dr. Yakubu Pam At Ncpc

Rev. Yakubu Pam was appointed the Executive Secretary of the Nigerian Christian Pilgrim Commission NCPC on 26th June, 2020, but assumed office formally on 7th July, 2020. By this appointment, he is the third substantive Executive Secretary of the Commission.

On assumption of office, he unveiled the blue print of his administration and articulated them in his six-point agenda. Chief among them is to fight and eradicate corruption, strategic engagement with the stakeholders, relationship building, reorientation of the mindset of people, creation of a

Peace Desk in the Commission, amongst others.

So far he has been able to achieve these laudable objectives through his purposeful and staff centered policies.

This one year and seven months in the saddle, the NCPC boss has been able to rekindle hope and trust in the commission and this has engendered stakeholders respect and confidence in the Commission.

Rev. Pam has endeared himself before the staff by virtue of his faultless welfare policies because he considers the welfare of staff a priority. Since assumption of

office, staff have been embarking on annual staff training and retreat unhindered allowances of staff are paid as at when due.

It is instructive to state that Rev. Pam assumed office at a most challenging time in the history of our pilgrimage experience, occasioned by the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic. In spite of this, his administration remained resolute and focused which saw to the opening of a new vista in our pilgrimage journey.

Obviously, Rev. Pam has been able to leave an indelible mark in the sands of time as far as Christian pilgrimage in Nigeria is concerned, just within one year

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and seven months in the saddle.

Despite all odds, he was able to venture into a new pilgrimage destination – the kingdom of Jordan for the first time in the history of Christian pilgrimage which was a child of necessity due to the prolonged closure of the Israel borders against international travels.

To this end, between 24th July to second week of September, 2021, the Commission successfully airlifted about 2,500 pilgrims to the kingdom of Jordan the first of its kind in the peak of global pandemic.

The Commission also recorded for the first time in ten years, zero abscondment of pilgrims in Jordan as well as zero mortality and zero morbidity.

In a nutshell, the NCPC under his leadership had successfully introduced a new pilgrimage destination in the pilgrimage calendar of the Commission – the Jordan pilgrimage.

The Jordan pilgrimage has come to stay as an integral part of our pilgrimage process. This explains that from March 2022, pilgrims will visit Israel and Jordan as pilgrimage destination. This indication has introduced a great positive disparity between the past leadership of Nigeria Christian Pilgrims Commission and the current leadership under Amb. Rev. Yakubu Pam.

It is also noteworthy to state that the Rev. Yakubu Pam successfully led a delegation of pilgrimage leaders to Israel and Jordan from 29th Jan to 6th Feb on the State of Readiness visit preparatory for the

2021 general pilgrimage exercise.

Recently, the NCPC boss determined to expand the scope of Christian pilgrimage, also visited Turkey where he inspected some of the holy sites in the country, bearing in mind that the NCPC enabling act empowers it to perform pilgrimages in the holy sites around the world.

Under his leadership, the construction of NCPC Pilgrim's heritage camp at the Central Business District of Abuja has received tremendous boost as the construction work has progressed greatly and will likely be completed in no distant time.

Indeed, Rev. Pam has been able to enthronate purposeful and visionary leadership in the year under review.



The Executive Secretary, Nigerian Christian Pilgrim Commission (NCPC), Rev Dr Yakubu Pam has said that mothers are sweet and very committed

Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development



The creation of the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development by President Muhammadu Buhari on August 21, 2019, and the appointment of Hajjiya Sadiya Umar Farouq as the minister were significant

“\$848 million and \$135 million to continue providing food, water, shelter and protection to the most vulnerable people in Nigeria and neighbouring Cameroon, Chad and Niger.”

developments for the country and among the best decisions made by the government. Given that the ministry was conceived and born at a time of severe humanitarian crises and complex threats by extreme climatic events, an appraisal of how it has fared in its first so far.

There are several reasons why the ministry meant so much to Nigerians. The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in its, 'Nigeria: 2019-2021 Humanitarian Response Strategy (January 2019 – December 2021)', estimated that 7.1 million Nigerians remained in need of humanitarian assistance in what is now known in the humanitarian parlance as BAY states i.e. Borno, Adamawa, and Yobe. OCHA equally indicated that the UN and partners, in support of the governments of Nigeria and of countries hosting Nigerian refugees simultaneously launched the HRP as well as the Regional Refugee Response Plan, respectively seeking “\$848 million and \$135 million to continue providing food, water, shelter and protection to the most vulnerable people in Nigeria and neighbouring Cameroon, Chad and Niger.” The conflict has generated large population movements with current displacement figure standing at almost two million individuals. This number does not include displacements and humanitarian crises resulting from herdsmen-

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Umar Farouq Unveils North East Stem Centre Project in Borno - Federal Ministry of Information and Culture

farmers' conflicts or banditry in certain parts of Nigeria, as well as another 800,000 people in areas that are inaccessible to international humanitarian actors in the North-East.

At the same time, Nigeria like some countries of the world is threatened by disaster from natural forces. For instance, the 2012 floods in the country caused nearly \$17bn in damage and losses. President Buhari declared a national disaster in the states affected by another flood in 2018. A combination of the humanitarian crises resulting from conflict, disaster and poverty affecting almost 90 million Nigerians made the new ministry a welcome development. It is not necessarily all bad news as the humanitarian community provided life-saving assistance to almost 5.6 million affected people in 2017, another 5.5 million in 2018, and four million as of October 2019 (UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, 2019). The crisis, which once affected six states, is now contained to the BAY states. An appreciable progress has been

made, but as the conflict continues, significant humanitarian needs remain.

The minister sent an important message on October 19 when she appeared at the scene of a truck fire disaster in Onitsha within 24 hours of the incident that caused loss costing millions of naira. This uncommon attitude is a good omen for a new Nigeria. Having a sitting minister appearing at a disaster scene without necessarily sending a representative shows a high sense of professionalism and concern for lives and property.

While it is not expected that the minister visits all disaster scenes to demonstrate that the government cares, her action sends an important message to all persons in position of authority in Nigeria especially those who deal with emergencies that it is not going to be business as usual.

On November 6, 2019, there was a dialogue between the Federal Government and the humanitarian community in the North-East under the leadership of the minister in what is now known as the Civil-Security Cooperation in Humanitarian Interventions in the North-East Workshop. In his opening remark at the workshop, the UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Nigeria, Mr. Edward Kallon, noted, "It was the first time that civil authorities, the military, and humanitarian actors from national and international levels were meeting under one roof" to examine the humanitarian challenges in the Northeast, with a view to "prioritizing prevention always, development wherever possible and humanitarian action when necessary". That it has to



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take the creation of a new ministry and a minister to call such an important workshop involving all the relevant actors, speaks to the coordinating role of the ministry. This is an area where the minister deserves commendation given the fact that collaboration is crucial to finding a lasting solution to a conflict that has killed over 27,000 people, created thousands of widows, widowers, orphans, and abduction of thousands of women and girls, as well as over \$8bn worth of damage to infrastructure.

As the workshop was ending, an agency of the new ministry i.e. the National Emergency Management Agency on the November 2019 launched its National Emergency Management Policy document in response to the United Nations Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. It is unfortunate that many Nigerians do not appear to understand the significance of that important event. The framework adopted by member states about four years ago listed targets and priorities for action to prevent new and reduce existing disaster risks. There are 25 targets related to disaster risk reduction in 10 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, firmly establishing the role of disaster risk reduction as a core development strategy for the FMHSD and its minister. The overall essence of the document is to build safer and more resilient communities. Nigerians at all levels must begin to take steps towards preventing new and reducing existing disaster risks as echoed by the Director General of NEMA. On the international day for disaster risk reduction (October 13, 2019), the minister re-stated the commitment of her ministry to not

only support recovery from disaster, but equally committed to disaster risk reduction, while urging Nigerians to do the same. The minister's position aligns with the UN Secretary General, Mr. António Guterres' declaration that reducing disaster risk is a good investment, and the right thing to do. For every dollar invested, six dollars can be saved.

Umar-Farouq, by her action so far, has demonstrated the five practices of exemplary leadership by Kouzes and Posner (2003). She

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Modelled the Way, and Inspired a Shared Vision of a government that values the lives of its citizens. She Challenged the Process whereby disaster impacted victims were often being directed by their state governments to wait on NEMA. Unfortunately, many times, state governments have continued to shift their responsibilities to the Federal Government and its agencies. The minister's directive to relevant agencies to immediately swing into action while providing an enabling environment and resources demonstrated her commitment to Enabling Others to Act. Her presence to personally empathise

with the victims and remind them that they were not alone speaks to her understanding of what it takes to Encourage the Heart.

Overreliance of state governments on the Federal Government to intervene in times of disaster is not in the best interest of the country. It is a deviation from the strategic thinking behind the Sendai Framework. Headlines of wealthy Nigerians donating relief materials to disaster impacted citizens often abound, but gaps exist in the activities of state governments towards disaster risk reduction. While Lagos, the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, and a few states have done amazing job in this area, overreliance of Nigerians on the Federal Government especially NEMA and the FMHSD for help in times of disaster is not sustainable. NEMA has a well-developed capacity but alone it cannot address all the challenges associated with disaster in the 21st century. State governments must do their part without necessarily running to the agency at the smallest of disasters. With states not doing much, it is difficult to blame local government areas some of whose administrators are not sure of what to do before, during, and after a disaster. This is an area that the new minister needs to look into. That there are still many states without structures on the ground to address the four phases of emergency management (i.e. mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery) in the 21st century calls for concern.

Source: <https://punchng.com/the-first-100-days-of-ministry-of-humanitarian-affairs/>

Humanitarian Minister Bags IHRC Diplomatic Most Trusted Public Office Holder Awards in Abuja



The Hon. Minister of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, Hajia Sadiya Umar Farouq, on Thursday received the donation of the Most Trusted Public Office holder award as recognition done on her by the International Human Rights Commission (IHRC).

Speaking at the event on Thursday, the Country Head of the IHRC and Commissioner for West Africa, Amb Friday Sani, expatiated the mandate of the international body as the body's nose and eyes in Nigeria and the West Africa region.

While reminisced on the significant of the honour, Sani revealed that the choice of the Humanitarian Minister for the award donation was in line with IHRC's search for transparency, accountability and due diligence among public officials.

He added that the diplomatic body has conducted an extensive and thorough investigations into speculations of fund diversion by the ministry under the watch of the Hajia Farouq, and found such to be unfounded. He therefore tasks the Hon Minister on collaboration with the IHRC in Nigeria as he urged the ministry to tap into the voluntary work opportunity which he said IHRC under his leadership would be ready to offer.

According to Amb. Sani, he maintained that though he did not hold any brief for public office holders or any individuals in government offices on corruption, he said it is high time individuals begin to answer for crimes committed by them rather than holding the leadership of such offices responsible for crime they do not commits.

His full statements reads:
We are a regional intergovernmental, diplomatic and specialized organization with Headquarter in Czech Republic and Nigeria & West African

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coordinating office at No. 12, Oke Agbe Street, Off Ladoja Akintola Boulevard, Garki II, Abuja.

Our Mandate is to monitor violation and compliance of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights by the United Nations in 1948. We also intervene for the Refugees, Internally Displaced Persons, Victims of War, Promotion of Justice and Peace in the World amongst others.

We are equally a federation of Human Rights Arbitration Court



under which we mediate between bodies to bodies, government and the people to achieve peace without necessarily choosing the option of protests and demonstrations as a way of expressing grievances or making demands.

This new model of crisis resolution has been tested by our World class mediators which have worked in many countries in the World; eg – Ukraine, Lebanon and other countries around the world.

Our visit today without wasting your time is to disclose our 3years investigation over Human Rights Violations and Compliance in Nigeria. There are two most important disclosure we will want to make here which we are convinced will attract criticism especially by the opposition party in Nigeria. They are: The question of who is responsible for violations of Human Rights and non Compliance.

The question of judicious utilization of funds deployed by the Federal Government to the

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Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development.

Our findings on the above questions: Clearly indicated that individual persons with delegated powers are responsible for Violations of Human Rights and Non compliance and thereby exonerating Mr President as widely claimed by many Nigerians.

To solve this, we have since adopted a strategy which we call individual responsibility offense. Under this strategy, we no longer hold states responsible for human rights violations and non compliance but the individual who occupy such public office.

Our regional organization which have received several complains over financial irregularities, diversion of funds meant for the poor people of Nigeria by the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, prompted our close to 2years investigation with our world class security organization partner known as the International Police Corporation which is the highest International Police Security Network in the World, to investigate and track down these allegations.

The report we have received from our International Police Network has proven negative of any money diversion linked directly or indirectly to the Hon. Minister. And this has compelled the resolution of our Advisory Board to honour the Hon. Minister as First Nigeria Most Trusted Woman in Public Office.

The above decision of our

organization does not foreclose likely sharp practices of those driving the humanitarian project which our searchlight would soon disclose to the Hon. Minister. Similarly, we are not unaware of some of the senior staffs who have done very well in terms of display of high level of integrity in the management of the above exercise and very soon such hardworking officers of the ministry will also be presented with our medals of honour.

I wish to salute the courage of the Hon. Minister for approving this visit. This further explains your

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confidence in the transparent manner which you have utilized the money meant for the Nigerian people through your Ministry.

Furthermore, your approval of this visit also displays your readiness for a successful, peaceful new Nigeria. And this is why we cannot see this visit as a mere donation of a diplomatic award but instead for our International Organization to contribute in solving problems which has led to several deaths and disease in our dear country.

Our 5years of existence and studies in Nigeria has shown that

what look like religious crisis, ethnicity war, cultism, and political thugry among other social vices are all born out of youth unemployment and lack of skill for our young population from the secondary school education to tertiary institutions graduates. This defect, has yearly made our young people idle at the end of every graduation, and an idle man is often described as the devil's workshop.

Assuming that, Mr. President did not approve the creation of your Ministry which has cushion the effect of unemployment syndrome through the N-Power and The Covid-19 loan facility to young people, the situation would have been better imagined. That is why we wish to take this advantage to appeal to you on three critical areas: The Hon. Minister should consider an immediate action on the complains from our young people over the two months arrears of N-Power stipend.

In profiling solution to our youth unemployment problems in Nigeria, Our partner has carefully computed a proposal known as One Student, One Skill for both Secondary and Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria.

We urge the Hon. Minister to adopt this Proposal with a policy statement in this occasion and owning to complains we have received with claims that the chunk of expenditure of the Ministry is in Northern Nigeria, We have considered holding the summit to launch the project One Student, One Skill in the Niger Delta area.

If this is approved, it will go a long

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Disaster Management and Social Development.

If this is granted, The Hon. Minister will have a second eye to the sensitive responsibilities given to staffers or consultants and our organization will be ready to do this free of charge.

Once again, on behalf of the international Human Rights Commission World Headquarters, I congratulate our eminent First Nigerian Woman Most Trusted Public Office Holder and also urge all Nigerians to emulate this great woman.

Source:

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way to finally eradicate and change the mindset of the currently quiet militants in the Niger Delta and it will also prove that the government of Nigeria is not taking the quietism of the militants for granted.

International Humanitarian Rights Commission in Nigeria has about 50,000 volunteers currently in Nigeria with regional and zonal coordinators across Nigeria and for the purpose of feedback, we urge the Hon. Minister to admit our Volunteers as Volunteers of the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs,



International Day for Human Rights:

IHRC Tasks Police on Proper Documentation and Compensation for Officers and Men



It was pomp and pageantry in Abuja on December 10, 2021, as the International Human Rights Commission in Nigeria (IHRC) awards exemplary Nigerians in commemoration of the International Day for Human Rights 2021, on 10th December 2021.

While commends the awardees

In his goodwill message at the event, the Nigeria Country Head, and Commissioner for West African Countries, (IHRC), Amb Dr Friday Sani, extols the awardees as he calls on the Nigerian Police authority, in particular, to assist IHRC in Nigerian access to documentation vis-à-vis provide the body with a desk at the Force Headquarters.

This, he said will enhance access to vital information in the interest of both parties for proper monitoring of the men of the force, who according to him, have paid the supreme price with their lives in the cause of serving their fatherland.

On behalf of the global body under

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Chairman, IHRC - Nigeria Advisory Board, Amb. Rev. Yakubu Pam with Country Head for Nigeria and West African Countries Amb. at Large, Dr. Friday Sani exchanging pleasantries during the occasion



Diplomatic table of European Union Delegation to Nigeria, Japan Embassy to Nigeria, IHRC Country Head for Nigeria/West Africa and IHRC - Nigeria Chairman, Advisory Board



Awardees pose for a group photograph with IHRC Country Head for Nigeria/West Africa.



Donation of laptop computers specially configured with Law Pavilion to the National Agency for Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP).



Guest panelists led by Hon. Onofioke Luke doing justice to the day

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the leadership of the World Secretary-General and Chairman of IHRC, Prof Sir, Rafal Marcin Wasik, Amb Sani however directed the strong message at the AIG Hafiz Inuwa, the Nigerian Police Force Secretary, who also bagged the prestigious Police Hero Award 2021 at the event, thus:

“One of the areas the IHRC is interested in is for you to use your good office to create a desk for use at the Force Headquarters.

“This will enable us easy access to information, and to collate the report of your men who go out there to protect the citizens and in the process, some get injured and become incapacitated while some die, yet they are not properly documented or compensated.

“If the men that are protecting people do not have the assurances of their own rights protected, it becomes difficult for them to defend the right of others.

“On this note, it is the desire of the International Human Rights Commission, to seek your indulgence as the Administrative Officer of the Nigerian Police Force to help create a desk for the IHRC at the Force Headquarters.

This will enable us to collate genuine report of your men who have done well and deserve honour and merits along side with collation of definite data of men who sustained injuries or died in the course of duty.” IHRC demands.

Meanwhile, the IHRC's prestigious Human Rights Awards 2021, in its categories honoured 16 exemplary Nigerians, who have one way or the other championed the cause of justice in promoting human rights agenda in their various capacities.

Among them are the Most Pragmatic Chief Justice of Nigeria,

bagged by His Lordship, Hon. Justice Ibrahim Tanko Mohammed CFR GCON; also the Minister of Justice was awarded the Most Courageous Attorney General of the Federation, Abubakar Mallami. Best Human Rights Legislator of the Year 2021 awarded to Hon. Onofiok Luke.

Others are Best Chief Judge of the Year, given to the Hon Chief Judge of Lagos State High Court of Justice, received in person at the occasion by Hon. Justice Kazeem Alogba, Best Human Rights Television and Radio Presenter in Nigeria, received by Dr Amaechi Anakwe of AIT, Abuja, among other thriller awards.

PHOTOS of IHRC AWARDS:

Source:
<https://regentafriamedia.org/human-rights-day-awards-ihrctasks-police-on-proper-documentation-of-officers-in-battlefront-photos/>



Traditional Ruler graced the occasion



Cultural display the occasion

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Decoration/Presentation of diplomatic award to the IHRC - Nigeria Chairman of Advisory Board, Amb. Rev. Yakubu Pam



Decoration/Presentation of diplomatic award to the representative of Hon. Onofiok Luke



Diplomatic table of European Union Delegation to Nigeria, Japan Embassy to Nigeria, IHRC Country Head for Nigeria/West Africa and IHRC - Nigeria Chairman, Advisory Board



Decoration/Presentation of diplomatic award Hon. Justice Kazeem Alogba, Chief Judge of Lagos State High Court of Justice



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Decoration/Presentation of diplomatic award to Prof. Akinseye George, SAN



Presentation of a IHRC Medal to HRH Alh. Zubairu Bala Adams, the Gom Mama of Mama Kingdom Wamba, Nasarawa State



Decoration/Presentation of diplomatic award to the Conservator-General of the National Park Service Abuja, Dr. Ibrahim Musa Goni

Amb. Rev. Yakubu Pam, a True Example a Humanitarian



R-L: Amb. Rev. Yakubu Pam, IHRC - Nigeria/West Africa Chairman, Advisory Board with Ambassador at Large, Dr. Friday Sani

Amb. Rev. Yakubu Pam is a unifier of people which has been tested and affirmed by all in the project of Nigerian state. The National Interfaith Religion Organization for Peace (NIFROP), Conference of Nigerian Pastors, Christian association of Nigeria among other numerous Christian groups have attested to the peaceful character of the gentleman as a true bridge builder between Christian and Muslim faith in Nigeria.

Amb. Rev. Yakubu Pam is a man well respected in the government of President Muhammadu Buhari, and this is why the international Human Rights continue to be proud with the appointment of Amb. Rev. Yakubu Pam as its Chairman, Advisory Board in Nigeria and West African Countries.

The people of Plateau state, the state origin of Amb. Rev. Yakubu Pam cannot forget in a hurry various category of humanitarian intervention especially during various herdsmen

attack in plateau state.

In coming back to the primary assignment of Amb. Rev. Yakubu Pam in the leadership of the Nigeria Christian Pilgrims Commission, his name is equally written in gold in the area of transparency and accountability. He is a truly a motivation to the Christian faith just like recently and in the history of Nigeria, he deliberately decided a policy to raise the horizon of Christian faith by changing the number of

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participant of holy pilgrimage to Jerusalem from 3,000 to 10,000 pilgrims.

He disclosed that the Commission plans to raise about 10,000 pilgrims for the 2021 Pilgrimage exercise to Israel, Jordan and Greece scheduled for February, 2022.

Speaking in Lagos during an interactive session with the media, Rev. Pam stated that the Commission had already raised about 3000 of that expected figures from the states.

The NCPC boss observed with dismay

unfold a scheme that would enable intending Pilgrims to save money and sponsor themselves. Rev Pam stated that the Commission would ensure that the church takes over the sponsorship of Christian pilgrimage.

He said he had been to many states in the country to build relationships with Christian fathers, church groups and the Governors to sponsor pilgrims, he explained that such visit is a continuous one and very important for the Pilgrimage process.

Rev Pam further stated that he has been involved in different peace missions to

He disclosed further that Jordan has been added into the Christian pilgrimage package. He said the NCPC has put up a strategy to ensure there is zero abscondment of pilgrims. Rev Pam said part of the strategy is also to peg the age limit of intending pilgrims to 40. He said the sites approved based on NCPC Act include, Israel, Rome, Jordan and Greece. Rev Pam said Israel would be opened for pilgrimage in January 2022, while the commission is preparing for February to travel to the holy land.

On the issue of direct flight from Nigeria to Israel, the NCPC boss explained that the commission is working on getting the issue of direct sorted out, but explained that Israel came up with a proposal that their security personnel must be in any flight emanating from Nigeria to Israel for security reasons which the commission rejected. He said the agreed plan is for the Israeli security operatives to come to Nigeria to inspect the facilities and security at the Nigerian airports and give their approval.

Rev. Pam said the issue is not which airline operates direct flight to Israel but in sorting out the modalities that would make the direct flight possible. He intimated that the NCPC is currently building a 12 storey building in the Central Business District in Abuja which it started from ground zero , and when completed it would be beneficial to the Pilgrims and staff.

On why the commission is not considering including local religious sites in Nigeria on its package, or recognizing them for pilgrimage, Rev Pam pointed out that based on the NCPC Act, the body can only embark on pilgrimages to sites connected with Jesus Christ's missionary journey on earth and that of other notable prophets and patriarchs.

He said these sites can only be accommodated when the NCPC Act is amended and the sites are verified.



that the pilgrims spirit is dying in the South East. "The South East zone that is predominantly Christians scored the least on sponsorship of Christian pilgrims, followed by South West zone", he said.

Rev Pam said Enugu state Governor, RT Hon. Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi and his Lagos state counterpart, Mr Babajide Sanwoolu had done well in sponsorship of Christian pilgrims. He said Ebonyi state Governor had promised to sponsor about 300 pilgrims, Imo state 500 and Lagos 300. Rev Pam said NCPC would soon

the South East to intervene on the issue of IPOB and the End SARS Protest in Lagos.

The NCPC boss said he came on board with a 6 point agenda in fighting corruption in the commission, rebuilding relationships with the governors and Christian fathers. To fight corruption the commission, the NCPC boss explained that he had made the procurement process clean by ensuring things like returning travel allowances when he was supposed to travel but could not make it.

NIPOST Agency Banking, Debit Card and Logistics



NIPOST Debit Card, Agency Banking and logistics trucks

Unbundling of the Nigerian Postal Service (NIPOST), has commenced in essence as one of the oldest institutions in the country launched deeper into the Agency Banking system with the introduction of its platform on Thursday, January 27, 2022.

Performing the unveiling in Abuja, Prof. Isa Pantami, minister of Communications and Digital Economy, also introduced NIPOST Debit Card and Commissioned NIPOST/Speedaf trucks to enhance mail and cargo/e-commerce and logistics services across the nooks and crannies of the country.

In his speech on ‘The Role of



Financial Services and Logistics in Postal Services in the 4IR’, said the NIPOST Debit Card remains the first of its kind in the history of postal service in the country.

“It is a card embedded with unique features, such as the NIN or BVN, Biometrics, Address Verification and Geo fencing etc. It is designed to serve multiple purposes such as conditional cash transfer wallet, electronic money orders, e-Naira wallet, Micro Pension Agent wallet, Bank account, Bills payments etc.

“With the deployment of agency banking, NIPOST counters will handle more IFS transactions with more Universal Postal Union member countries, and also the payment services on REMITA. This increased capacity in financial services is not only a welcome boost in its corporate image, but also its income”.

The Minister said it was gratifying to note that the brand new trucks (27 in number) also launched, were acquired through Public Private Partnership (PPP) between NIPOST and Speedaf Nigeria Limited.

“There exists huge potential and excess capacity in the private courier ecosystem, which incidentally is under NIPOST regulation. Such private but excess asset and capacity could be collaboratively annexed to the service of Nigerians.

“There is no doubt, that these trucks will go a long way in assisting NIPOST in its drive towards efficient mail and cargo distribution and delivery.

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"It is worthy to note that NIPOST Management despite some obvious constraints has been unrelenting in its efforts to improve both its operations and quality of services through internally generated revenue. There, however, is still much work to be done especially in the area of service delivery.

"In the communications market, our efforts should be geared towards improving on the existing products and services and developing new ones aimed at meeting the demands of the customers. To achieve this, we must continue to incorporate new technologies into the Postal operations to reduce cost to the citizens and, at the same time improve on the service delivery and increase efficiency. There is no doubt, that Technology has revolutionized the Communications Industry and as a result offers a lot of challenges and opportunities to the Postal Sector.

Pantami also restated Government's full support for the growth and development of the Postal Services in Nigeria adding that Postal Service is a key institution in every country today.

"It plays a significant role in promoting the development of technologies and technological outputs such as the NIPOST Debit card we are launching today and reduces the socio-political and economic isolation of our peoples. It eases business struggle and connects small and medium scale enterprises in urban and remote areas with their customers within and across national borders.

"Today, as we remain resolute to bring about unprecedented changes into the postal services. It is my hope that Nigerians, especially rural dwellers, would leverage on the opportunities presented by this to improve their socio-economic wellbeing", the

Minister said.

In another development, International Human Rights Commission led by Ambassador at Lard, Dr. Friday Sani, Country Head for International Human Rights Commission paid a courtesy visit to the Office of The Hon. Minister on January 27, 2022.

Highlights of the visit includes presentation of a Diplomatic Award to the Minister as Human Rights Most Friendly Minister in this dispensation.

In a speech, Amb. Sani described



Prof. Isa Pantami as a man of honour with so much respect for human rights and no wonder his immediate approval for the visit of the International Human Rights Commission.

Sani disclosed that what look like boko haram, kidnaping, banditry religious crisis, uprising and other social vices in Nigeria are all born out of the embargo on employment by the then military government in 1990 without considering the Nigerian state each academic year, universities and polytechnics admit close to 2 million students and

produce about 600,000 graduates. This is why our 5 years investigation into what is responsible for violence enumerated above is simply traced to youth unemployment syndrome.

Dr. Sani further stated that the digital economy space under the purview of the Hon. Minister is capable of employing 10 million Nigerian youths yearly if properly implemented, saying he has no doubt in the strong character of the person of the Hon. Minister.

He however requested the Hon. Minister to use the global platform of IHRC to educate youth and women

to take advantage of the digital space.

Responding: the Hon. Minister thanked the leadership of IHRC for an unbiased investigation about Nigerian state particularly the report about President Mohammed Buhari. He promised to work closely with IHRC leadership to achieve a total eradication of unemployment in Nigeria using the digital space.

He also outlined different programmes of agencies under his Ministry which are all geared towards skill acquisition for young people.

IHRC Signs MoU With NAPTIP

The International Human Rights Commission IHRC, has again achieved another mile stone as the organization executed an MOU with the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons NAPTIP September 2, 2020.

Speaking during the occasion, Ambassador Dr. Friday Sani who is the country head and official representative of IHRC to Nigeria, said the job of fighting attempt by enemies of the state to return Nigeria back to second slavery was enormous, and only the Director General of NAPTIP (Dame Judie Okah) cannot succeed alone in the fight to protect the girl child. He assured the DG of activating volunteers of IHRC in the world to rise to the occasion of reporting plans to traffic any persons, or violence against persons to IHRC



Central office in Nigeria for immediate rescue of victims. Already IHRC Nigeria Central Office has appointed a desk officer to receive all cases of violence against persons and present same

to NAPTIP for immediate actions. Also speaking during the meeting via zoom; the World Secretary General of IHRC Prof. Raf Marsin Wasik, applauded the DG of NAPTIP for standing tall in Nigeria Government. He expressed reediness of the World Head Quarters and international communities to come to the aid of NAPTIP in order to rid Nigeria of the deadly crime of trafficking in persons, including violence against persons in Nigeria. In her welcome address, the Director General of NAPTIP Dame Julie Okah; appreciated The International Human Rights Commission for indicating interest to join her and her team in the fight against violence against persons, and trafficking in persons. She assured IHRC leadership in Nigeria and the



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world, that NAPTIP under her watch will do everything humanly possible to stop Human Trafficking and violence against persons.

Highlight of the occasion was a presentation of a fresh nomination of the DG. Dame Julie Okah as a federal Judge of Federation Court by the country head IHRC Nigeria, AMB. Dr. Friday Sani. Ambassador Sani who disclosed this during the occasion said, if the nomination is rectified by the world Headquarters, the DG NAPTIP, Dame Julie Okah, becomes the first black woman to make the list in to the federation of Human Rights Arbitration Court, Federal Courts of the EU.

By this Memorandum of Understanding, IHRC come into full partnership with NAPTIP by reason which IHRC is empowered to gather intelligence reports and transmit to NAPTIP and jointly too ensure that perpetrators are



The Director of Legal Department, National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) on Friday 26, November 2021 introducing Ambassador Dr. Friday Sani, Country Head for International Human Rights Commission and Commissioner for West African Countries to the new Director General of NAPTIP, Dr. Fatima Waziri - Azi during the 16days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence in Nigeria where she whole heartedly expressed her readiness to work with IHRC to achieve the desired goal.

brought to book. We therefore urge our volunteers worldwide to avail us with information regarding to

violence against persons and trafficking in persons.



Donation of laptop computers specially configured with Law Pavilion to the National Agency for Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) at the occasion of International Day for Human Rights Celebration in Sheraton Abuja Hotels. Held on December 10, 2021

IHRC Accredit Rev. Uche Innocent and Approved MoU with Scefund Token



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The International Human Rights Commission Nigeria central office and West Africa coordinating office have signed a MOU of understanding with the SCEFUND TOKEN shared by Rev. Uche Innocent.

The approval of this MoU is targeted at creating an atmosphere of job creation for the young people of Nigeria.

During the occasion Ambassador at large Dr. Friday Sani country head for Nigeria and commissioner for West Africa Country explain that the digital space is capable of employing Ten Million Nigeria Youths within two years if properly put to use. And a global organization which search light is always targeted at opportunity, our investigation about SCEFUND TOKEN as

shown a strong feature for the company and for Nigeria people. The token is one of the faster growing Token in the digital space (crypto currency).

Recall that the idea of SCEFUND came through Late Very Rev. Msg. Prof John Bosco Akam who officially unveiled this project. support children education fund (SCEFUND) is a man of

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irrepressible talents who has made invaluable contributions to the history of humanity; a quintessential educationist, philanthropist, philosopher, theologian and industrialist; a strong and reliable think-tank who has leveraged the collective intelligence of forward-thinking educators, literacy leaders, technology developers and authors of this new age. He is a distinguished Professor of Philosophy and a Catholic Priest. For all who know Prof. Msgr. Akam, he is an academic guru and

acolossus, yet coming from a humble cradle.

John Bosco Uchekukwu Ndubeze Nwachinaemere Ugirijeimeaku Akam was born on 15th August 1947 to the family of late Mazi Pius Ogbuagu and Monica Ugodiya Akam of Oka Village, Uga in Aguata Local Government Area of Anambra State. He had his nursery and primary education at St. Vincent's School, Uga from 1956 - 1963. He started his journey to the priesthood on 20th January 1964

at All Hallows Seminary Onitsha. There, John Bosco proved himself a young boy of rare intelligence with multiple gifts.

Ambassador who express optimize and appreciation for late Prof. Rev. John Akam also express confidence in the new chairman Rev. Uche Innocent describing him as a strong, honest dedicated to duties, I therefore urge Nigeria and Nigerian Government to endorse the SCEFUND TOKEN in other to create economic boom for Nigeria young populations.

IHRC Meets with the Chief Judge of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Honorable Justice Ishaq Usman Bello; In Abuja Nigeria; Endorses Him For International Criminal Court Nomination



that IHRC was formed to protect, monitor and ensure compliance of universal declaration on Human Rights as declared by United Nation in 1948. Amb. Sani further disclosed that the chief Judge of FCT Hon. Justice Ishaq Usman Bello has an incomparable antecedents in Nigeria Judiciary and a jurists per excellent, saying his nomination by Nigerian president Muhammadu Buhari into the International Criminal Court remain the best decision the Government has taken so far.

He further prayed the Honorable Chief Judge to consider three items which include;

1. I pray my Lord to create legal history on ground by assigning Specific Judge to deal with rising cases of rape and maltreatment of children that has become rampant

The secretary general of the International Human Rights Commission Sir. Prof. Rafal Marcin Wasik gave his opening remark via a zoom video conference. He expressed His delight to be part of the epoch meeting. He further stated that the occasion is the first time his officially addressing African countries particularly Nigeria ever since he become world secretary general of IHRC. "This is not out of neglect but I was only waiting for a day like this". He said.

Intergovernmental Organization that mediate between Government and the people to bring about a society of just and peace globally. He further stated

Presenting the Speech of the secretary General during the occasion; Amb. Dr. Friday Sani who is also the Country Head/ Coordinator Volunteers for West Africa Countries disclosed that IHRC is a specialized



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in Nigeria. I believe you can make this example for other states in Nigeria to emulate.

2. Because of the mark we have made in arbitration in the world; I pray my Lord do involve International Human Rights Commission of Nigeria in arbitrations to assist in reducing the work load on judiciary and also decongest the prison since it is no longer news that majority of those in prison are those who are awaiting trials.

3. My Lord must continue to insist on the criminal justice system in Nigeria which disallowed an accuse persons from being detained beyond 24hours without trial before a court of competent jurisdiction. Through this police brutality and other security agencies involved in Human brutality can be checked.

To The Nigerian government; I wish to express our readiness to work with all levels of Government in Nigeria. However we call on the government of Nigeria to ensure a new strategy is introduced to end violence and killings in the country. As the leader of the International Human Rights Commission; I am prepared to



deploy expertise resources to assist in a peaceful resolution of this ongoing mistrust between the citizens and the Political class of Nigeria towards a more peaceful and prosperous Nation. Once again I thank my Lord for this opportunity and also salute my Ambassador at Large ambassador Dr. Friday Sani and His team for this unprecedented efforts. I also thank gentlemen of the press present in this occasion."

Reacting to the visit, The Chief Judge; Hon. Justice Ishaq Usman Bello appreciated the International Human Rights

Commission and the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Muhammodu Buhari) for finding Him worthy to be nominated to serve in the International Criminal Court as one of the Judges. The Chief Judge equally approved prayer one to three presented by IHRC and assured IHRC of a robust partnership that will bring about the defense and protection of Human Rights in Nigeria through several strategy to include the establishment of Children and young person's court and Family court, to ensure the protection of children and women in Nigeria.



IHRC awards the Chief Judge Federal High Court and Present Protective Gears and Face Masks Appreciation of the Chief Judge's Efforts in the Fight Against Covid-19.



The International Human Rights Commission Nigeria today presents a plaque (certificate of Appreciation) to the Chief Judge of the federal High Court Headquarters in Abuja, for his contribution to the fight and management of Covid - 19 pandemic in the country.

Presenting a speech in the occasion, the country head IHRC Amb. Dr. Friday Sani describe the chief Judge; Honorable Justice J.T. Tsoho as an exemplary judicial officer who sacrifice his life and that of other judges of the federal high court in Nigeria, in other to safe guard Human Rights and protect human dignity. While explaining further on the contributions of the Federal High Court Leadership under

Honorable Justices J.T. Tsoho, the Federal High Court provided a skeletal court seating for Nigerians to take care of matters of urgent importance, particularly matters

of fundamental Human Rights Enforcements proceedings to disallow untold hardship or deprivation of the rights of accused persons during the lockdown of Nigeria to fight Covid - 19 Pandemics. This sacrifices actually attracted the World headquarters of International Human Rights Commission and hence the directive of the presentation of awards in honor of this great achievements.

Ambassador Sani who prayed the Chief Judge to intervene in the ongoing trial of Ukrainian Citizens and other foreign Nationals, who have spent almost three years awaiting trials in Porthacourt prison in a matter pending before Federal High Court 5 Porthacourt, He described the long detention as unfair to the law of Natural Justice and urged the Chief Judge to



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intervene.

Ambassador Sani also prayed the Chief Judge to stamp His authority against the invasion of court premises by security agencies in the name of trying to arrest or rearrests suspects who are already before the court and maintained that this development will not only reduce the reputation of the

Nigeria Judiciary but will also devalue the Nigeria Legal System. He made a specific reference to the rearrests of the Human Rights Activist; Comrade Omoyele Showore by the State Security Service.

Reacting to the prayers of the IHRC Head in Nigeria, The Honorable Chief Judge of the

Federal High Court was full of praises to the international Human Rights Commission and promised to partner with IHRC. He therefore promised to intervene in the matter of the Ukrainian Citizens in the Porthacourt Prison within the powers of the court, but however urged the executive arm particularly the security agencies to do diligent prosecution to disallow unnecessary delay in prosecution of offenders.

On the area of security of the Federal High Court invasion, The Chief Judge said the Police leadership must do everything within their power to disallow such invasion, He described an invasion of court of law as more sinful than an attack against the embassy of a country and concluded saying no civilized country in the world will see the invasion of a court as civilized instead condemnable.



Foreign Affairs Minister Geoffrey Onyeama Commends IHRC Nigeria

The Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Geoffrey Onyeama has commended the International Human Rights Commission (IHRC) of Nigeria for its commitment to the ideals of good governance, justice and peace around the world.

Receiving a delegation of the Commission led by the Country Head of the Organization in Nigeria and West Africa, Ambassador (Dr.) Friday Sani in his office Tuesday, the Honourable Minister noted that the IHRC has demonstrated sufficient goodwill with the people of Nigeria in these trying times of COVID-19 by providing and distributing face masks and assisting in the protection of human rights during the period of the lockdown.

The Honourable Minister who expressed gratitude for the Award given to him by the Commission noted that the honor goes to President Muhammadu Buhari who provided the necessary response and sufficient will to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic in Nigeria.

The Minister said the setting up of the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19 by the President was a milestone in Nigeria's commendable efforts in combating COVID-19 pandemic.

Earlier, the leader of the delegation and Country Head of



the IHRC in Nigeria, Ambassador (Dr.) Friday Sani extolled the performance of the Ministry under the leadership of the Honourable Minister.

He noted that the world today respects Nigeria especially the way it handled the interest of her citizens during this period of COVID-19.



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The Country Head of IHRC called for the fair treatment of Non-Nigerians in conflict with the law adding that such treatment will also elicit reciprocal response from other countries. He particularly referred to some Ukrainian Citizens who have been in

detention in Nigeria for Three (3) years now awaiting trial, calling on the Minister to work with relevant authorities to fast track their release.

Ambassador (Dr.) Friday Sani called for the signing of a

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the IHRC and the Ministry to signify Nigeria's commitment to the ideal of IHRC which includes peace, justice and human rights.



Guinea Bissau Attempted Military Coup Uncivilized and Undemocratic



President Muhammadu Buhari and the new President of Guinea Bissau, H.E. Umaro Sissoco Embaló

The world body of the International Human Rights Commission led by Prof. Rafal Marcin Wasik, Secretary General/World Chairman has condemned in strong terms the attempted coup in Guinea Bissau saying, "The world has gone beyond dictatorship as a style of leadership".

The Secretary General made this assertion following the reported coup attempt in Guinea Bissau. He therefore directed all offices of IHRC across the globe to reject any form of cooperation with those traced to the undemocratic behavior, urging the European Union, British High Commission, American Embassy among other missions to lay permanent visa ban on those found culpable.

In a related development, The president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has congratulated the President of Guinea Bissau for surviving an attempted coup. Also speaking in the Nigeria Central Office regarding the directive of the world headquarters, Amb. at Large Dr. Friday Sani directed the multimillion volunteers in Nigeria and West African

Countries to comply with the directive, urging them to further investigate possible hideout of criminals who are responsible for the rascality in Guinea.

Recall that President Umaro Sissoco Embaló said the attempted military coup to overthrow him had failed on February 2, 2022, and called for calm across the country during a national address broadcast on Radio TV Bantaba.

"I have never imagined that we would arrive to this type of situation," Embaló said. "I never thought that Bissau-Guineans could practice another act of violence."

Defense forces engaged in crossfire with the alleged perpetrators for five hours before averting the coup, Embaló said.

He added that "many" members of security forces were killed in the failed attempt, but did not confirm the number of casualties. Several arrests have also been made, the president said.

Embaló also said that he believes the perpetrators of the coup intended to kill him and members of his cabinet, who were gathered for a weekly meeting in the palace. He added that

drug traffickers and corrupt agents were also involved in the "very well planned" coup attempt.

"Power is something you get from the people -- through ballots," Embaló said, adding: "Guinea-Bissau is mourning today."

Earlier in the day, the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) called for peace in Guinea-Bissau, as gunfire was heard around the government palace in the capital Bissau.

The unrest in Guinea-Bissau came after a military coup rocked Burkina Faso on January 24.

Prior to Embaló's address, Mamadou Jao, an academic in Guinea Bissau, said that the streets were quiet across the capital, as worried residents stayed inside awaiting more information.

"Bissau is quiet but we don't know what is happening near the government place... We are waiting to know more about what is happening," Jao said earlier on Tuesday. Jao added that the power was off in homes saying: "The place is in darkness for about three or four hours. It is not something that happens normally."

David Glovsky, assistant professor in Africana Studies at the University of Albany, told newsmen that since taking office in early 2020, Embaló "has faced many challenges to his legitimacy, including disputes over his election itself."

"I doubt many Guineans are surprised by another coup attempt, and yet this is still so disappointing," Glovsky said, adding: "Regardless of anyone's feelings on President Embaló -- and there is a real range -- Guineans have too often been at the mercy of the military, and elite conflicts that do not necessarily focus on the concerns of Guineans across the country."

Guinea-Bissau's history has been marked by several military coups since the country gained independence from Portugal in 1974.

These conflicts have ravaged the country's infrastructure and economy, leaving it among the poorest in the world.



Paul Biya, President of Cameroon

The Nigeria/West African central office of International Human Rights Commission (IHRC) has advised the government of the Republic of Cameroon against the use of military to settle civil unrest because of its negative consequences bearing in mind that the use of military in a democratic governance to resolve civil uprising can be counter productive.

Amb. at Large, Dr. Friday Sani made this statement today in his West African coordinating office having received reports from volunteers in the West African sub-region of the situation in the Republic of Cameroon particularly as it relates to killings and burning down of houses allegedly by the military.

Cameroonian soldiers killed at least eight people and burned down dozens of homes and shops during three separate military operations in the North-West English-speaking region in December 2021, Human Rights Watch said today. The dead included three children, two women, and an older man.

"Cameroon's security forces

have again shown disregard for human life during their recent operations in the North-West region," said Ilaria Allegrozzi, senior Africa researcher at Human Rights Watch. "The killings of civilians, including children, are serious crimes that should be credibly and independently investigated, and those responsible held to account."

On December 8, 2021, in response to an attack on a military convoy by armed separatist fighters, soldiers killed two teenage boys, ages 16 and 17, and a 70-year-old man, and burned at least 35 private homes and shops along Mbengwi Road in Bamenda, the capital city of the North-West region.

On December 10, soldiers from the elite Rapid Intervention Battalion (Bataillon d'intervention rapide, BIR) searched door-to-door in Chomba village, about 10 kilometers from Bamenda in a separatist-held area. The soldiers gathered about 80 residents in the village square, accused them of harboring separatist fighters, and threatened them with death. The soldiers forcibly disappeared four villagers, two of

them women, during the raid. They were found dead on December 29, with apparent gunshot wounds to their heads.

On December 22, soldiers shot and killed a 3-year-old girl and injured a 17-year-old girl in Bamenda's Ngomgham neighborhood, following an alleged attack earlier that day by armed separatist fighters.

Between December 19 and January 12, 2022, Human Rights Watch interviewed by telephone 19 people, including seven witnesses to the arson attack on Mbengwi Road, who also lost their property; four witnesses to the military operation in Chomba, and two medical workers at Bamenda's regional hospital where the bodies of the two teenage boys were deposited and where the 70-year-old man was treated and died. Human Rights Watch also interviewed two relatives of the girl killed and the 17-year-old girl injured in Ngomgham neighborhood, a local journalist who investigated that attack, and three residents of the North-West region with knowledge of the three incidents.

Human Rights Watch also reviewed satellite imagery showing over 35 buildings affected by fire along Mbengwi Road and 19 videos shared directly with Human Rights Watch researchers and posted on social media platforms indicating extensive destruction of property there. Human Rights Watch reviewed hospital bills and two photographs of the 17-year-old girl and a video showing the bodies of the four people found in Chomba and three photographs of their burial.

Amb. Sani further disclosed that the use of military during civil unrest is outdated, urging the government to embrace the new model of crisis resolution mechanism by the International Human Rights Commission which is purely diplomatic based. This new model of crisis resolution have been tested in many countries of the world. Our organisation continue to enjoy the capacity of being described a world class mediator in the world.

Mali: Senior UN official calls for holistic approach to tackle security and human rights crisis



UN Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights Ilze Brands Kehris

The deteriorating security situation in Mali needs to be urgently addressed with a holistic approach that addresses impunity, puts human rights at the centre of the security response, and that goes beyond the sole military response, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights Ilze Brands Kehris said at the end of a six-day visit to the country.

Brands Kehris visited Mali between 1 and 6 November to engage with a wide range of interlocutors on the human rights situation and priorities in Mali and the broader Sahel region. She focused, in particular, on the protection of civilians and the fight against impunity including in southern regions of Mali, as well as on support to the G5-Sahel Joint Force to implement its Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Compliance Framework.

During her visit, Brands Kehris met the Malian Prime Minister, Dr. Choguel Kokalla Maïga, and several Government officials, including the

Minister of Justice and Human Rights and the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs. She also met with the President of the Commission Nationale des Droits de l'Homme and held discussions with the Executive Secretary of the G5-Sahel as well as the Force Commander of the G5-Sahel Joint Force. She also met the diplomatic community as well as civil society representatives.

Her visit took place in the context of the ongoing political transition in Mali, a country facing a multi-layered crisis resulting from overlapping security, political, human rights, humanitarian and socio-economic development challenges, exacerbated by the very diverse local contexts between and within regions.

The recent worsening of the security situation in Mali is demonstrated by the expansion of insecurity and the active movement of violent extremist groups from northern and central towards southern parts of the country, the increase in the number of Internally

Displaced Persons (IDPs), which has almost quadrupled in two years; and the upward trend of school closures from 1,344 in January 2021 to 1,595 schools in June, affecting some 478,500 students. These developments have happened amid a further withdrawal of state authorities' presence and control in these areas.

While expressing grave concern about the marked expansion of violence, the Assistant Secretary-General also voiced her admiration for innovative local-level approaches to prevent violence.

"Community-led peace and reconciliation initiatives demonstrate that it is possible to defuse tensions and reduce violence by dialogue and through dispute-resolution mechanisms to address factors that contribute to inter-communal violence, such as competition over scarce resources," she said.

While urging support - including financial - for community-led initiatives and local peace agreements that populations freely sign, she contrasted these with the so-called "agreements" imposed by violent extremist groups on several communities living in areas lacking a State presence. Many of these agreements are inconsistent with human rights norms and standards, particularly in relation to the human rights of women and girls.

Source:

<https://reliefweb.int/report/mali/mali-senior-un-official-calls-holistic-approach-tackle-security-and-human-rights-crisis>



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Donation of Church Building to the People of Abakaliki by Amb. Hezekiah Duru.

Amb. Hezekiah Duru is a philanthropist and a child of destiny miraculously brought up by the great Professor Daddy Hezekiah, whose biological name is Victor Obi

Onukogu. Duru is adjudged by all to be a man who is touched by humanity and his kindness towards the poor, the widows and orphan has no bound as recently displayed when he donated over

300 capacity church building to the people of Abakaliki, Ebony state.

This is why the International Human Rights Commission will

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continue to be proud of the appointment of Amb. Dr. Hexekiah Duru as the Secretary, Advisory Board for International Human Rights Commission Nigeria and West Africa.

The Country Head for Nigeria and Commissioner for West African Countries of IHRC, Amb. At Large, Dr Friday Sani assures of his readiness to continue to work with Amb. Hexekiah Duru to emancipate the poor people in

Ebonyi state.

He used the occasion of the dedication of the temple to celebrate the two daughters of Prof. Daddy Hezekiah, Queen Favour and Queen Grace.



IHRC Investigates Killings in Imo



The International Human Rights Commission Nigeria central office since embark on a mission to the state of Imo on June 7, 2021 over allegations of extra judicial killings in Imo State, Nigeria.

This mission came upon the directives of the Secretary General of International Human Rights Commission Headquarters (Prof. Raf Marcin Wasik) who has received several petitions from different quotas, directed Nigeria Country Head, Ambassador Dr. Friday Sani who is also Commissioner for West African Countries of IHRC proceeded to the state of Imo in Nigeria to conduct investigation into the allegations of killings of the innocents, illegal detentions, illegal arrest and Intimidations.

Ambassador at Large, Dr Friday Sani proceeded to Imo state and meet with the Commissioner of Police, Commander Army Records

and the Nigeria Union of Journalist in Imo state in an interactive session organised by the Commissioner of Police, CP Abutu.

Ambassador Dr Friday Sani in the event asked all victims to submit their petition than resulting to self help.

He further requested the Commissioner of Police, CP Abutu

to furnish the Commission with names and evidence of Police officers killed by unknown gun men including security report of those suspected to be behind the unknown gun men in Imo State.

Responding, CP Abutu expressed the readiness of the Nigerian Police under his supervision in Imo State to provide every necessary documentary and pictorial evidence to assist the commission in it's investigation.

Amb. Sani who coincidentally met a high representative of Journalists in Imo state in the course of the said meeting had the opportunity of hearing different versions of those responsible for both killings, illegal detentions and intimidations in Imo State. The Chairman of Nigeria Union of Journalists on his own part also assured Amb. Friday Sani of providing enough evidence to unravel those behind the situation.



IHRC Signs MoU with Chad Republic

Ambassador at large Dr Friday sani country Head for international human rights commission and commissioner for west african countries lead a mission to the republic of Chad to sign an MOU with the govt of Chad in the year 2021.



Amb. Friday Visits Benin, Togo

Ambassador Dr FRIDAY SANI Country Head for Nigeria IHRC and Coordinator IHRC Volunteers for West African Countries; in his relentless efforts to campaign for compliance with WHO protocol on COVID-19 which is also interm with IHRC objective to save lives,

visited some West African Countries over the weekend. While in Benin Republic he distributed face masks to the poor and urge them to come to reality of the existence of COVID-19. Insisting that face mask stands one of the major styles of prevention.

Ambassador Dr Friday Sani who was in company of a Senior officer of Nigeria Secretariat of IHRC proceeded to Togo and others in continuation of his campaign to prevent further spread of the deadly disease.



The Role of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act in the Speedy Dispensation of Justice in Nigeria

- The Origin of ACJA 2016 in Nigeria
- Why Prof. Akinseye George, SAN is the Hero of Human Rights



The Administration of Criminal Justice Act (ACJA) was signed into law in 2015 in a bid to revolutionize the administration of criminal justice in Nigeria. It repealed the Criminal Procedure Act (CPA) and Criminal Procedure Code (CPC) of Southern and Northern Nigeria respectively.

The purpose of the Act is to ensure that the system of Administration of Criminal Justice in Nigeria promotes efficient management of criminal justice institutions, speedy dispensation of justice, protection of society from crime and protection of the rights and interests of the suspect, defendant, and victim.

As noted above, one of the purposes

of the Act is the enhancement of speedy administration of criminal justice. According to the Chief Justice of Nigeria Hon. Justice Walter Onnoghen, delay in the administration of justice is a major challenge facing the Nigerian Judiciary (Vanguard Newspaper 24th July, 2017). Delay has over the years no doubt been a major impediment to effective and speedy dispensation of criminal justice in Nigeria. The Act was therefore enacted to address this concern amongst others.

One major resultant effect of these delays is the overcrowding of prisons across the country. A report of the National Bureau of Statistics states that Awaiting Trial Persons

(ATPs) account for a staggering 73% of the total prison population in the country.

The ACJA made some innovative provisions aimed at solving the problem of delays in criminal trials. These provisions have been put in place to ensure amongst others, speedy trial and quick disposal of criminal cases in the interest and as a right of a suspect, the defendant, the victim and in fact the society at large.

A PEEP INTO SOME OF THE INNOVATIVE SECTIONS AIMED AT ENSURING SPEEDY DISPENSATION OF CRIMINAL CASES IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT, 2015
In total, The ACJ Act has 495 Sections through which its tentacles spread across every major aspect of criminal justice system.

Section 110 ACJA provides for a timeline in which criminal trials must be commenced and concluded in Magistrates' Courts. The Act requires that trial must commence within thirty days of filing and concluded within a reasonable time.

It further provides that where trial is not commenced within stipulated

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time (30 days) and concluded within a hundred and eighty days of arraignment, the particulars of the charge shall be forwarded to the Chief Judge with reasons for failure to commence or conclude the trial. It therefore follows that according to the Act, reasonable time means not more than one hundred and eighty days of arraignment.

Section 396 (4), provided that the interval between each adjournment shall not exceed 14 working days. Where it becomes impracticable to conclude the trial after both parties have exhausted five adjournments each, section 396 (5) is to the effect that the interval between further adjournments shall not exceed seven days inclusive of weekends. The court is also mandated to award reasonable costs pursuant to section 396 (6), this is aimed at discouraging frivolous adjournments.

Another important factor that has also hindered the speedy conclusion of criminal trials over the years is the situation where cases have to be tried *de novo* because the presiding judge has been elevated to a superior court. Such circumstances have received consideration under the ACJA. Section 396 (7) allows a Judge of the High Court who has been elevated to the Court of Appeal to preside as a High Court judge for the purpose of concluding a criminal case pending before the judge at the time of the elevation. The case shall however be concluded within a reasonable time.

However as regards the above, there have been arguments that the section is ultra-varies the Constitution of the Federal

Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended), as the Constitution does not make provision for such instances. Section 1(1) and (3) of the Constitution provides thus; 1(1) The Constitution is Supreme and its provisions shall have binding force on all authorities and persons throughout the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

(3) If any other law is inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution, this Constitution shall prevail and that other law shall to the extent of the inconsistency be void”

Another novel provision in the ACJA

“...the system of Administration of Criminal Justice in Nigeria promotes efficient management of criminal justice institutions, speedy dispensation of justice, protection of society from crime and protection of the rights and interests of the suspect, defendant, and victim”

aimed at speeding up criminal trials is section 111 which makes it mandatory for the Controller-General of Prisons to make returns (every 90 days) of all persons held in prison custody for more than 180 days after the date of arraignment. The contents of the returns include the name of the suspect, passport photograph, date of arraignment or remand, date of admission to custody, particulars of the offence charged, court of arraignment, name of prosecuting agency and any other relevant information. These returns shall be made to the following persons:

- The Chief Judge of the Federal High Court;
- Chief Judge of the Federal Capital Territory;
- President of the National Industrial Court;
- Chief Judge of the State in which the prison is situated and;
- The Attorney-General of the Federation.

CONCLUSION

The biggest criticism of the criminal justice system in Nigeria is the snail pace with which criminal justice is dispensed.

Following the introduction of the Act, a number of innovations emerged which not only improved the human rights in Nigeria by virtue of its laws, but also served as major breakthroughs to the problems of prolonged trials in federal courts.

The ACJA 2015, most especially the provisions discussed above are deliberate measures aimed at addressing this problem of unnecessarily prolonged criminal trials. Consequently, if implemented properly, the Act will no doubt restore the confidence of people in the criminal justice system.

18 out of the states in the country have adopted the Act as the Administration of Criminal Justice Law (ACJL). It is important for other states to follow in that direction to ensure speedy and efficient criminal justice delivery and uniformity in criminal justice administration across the board.

THE VICE CHANCELLOR UNIVERSITY OF ABUJA

Abdul-rasheed na'allah



Having served as the vice-chancellor of Kwara State University from 2009 to 2019, he became the Vice Chancellor of the university of Abuja on the 1st of July 2019. A man of dignity, integrity and accountability, professor Abdul-rasheed na'allah began his work in Ernest in this great citadel of learning. A man who has more than a decade of experience as the administrative officer of a university, he was willing to put his

best to service not only to The university community but to the nation as a whole.

In the midst of great men, there are great men. Alongside His reputation as a vice-chancellor, professor Na'allah is renown as an outstanding academic, poet, author and coauthor of scores of books, dialectician, tenacious leader and an enthusiast to scholarship and intellectualism. Over the last two

decades, he has won and has been designated with series of awards, honors and recognitions both in Nigeria and abroad. These recognitions were not just by chance but a result of his doggedness and sternness to a pursuit of academic excellence.

Since his ascension as the chief administrator of the university, the great citadel of learning; the university of

Abuja, has been basking in the glow of Na'allah's touch of leadership. Within barely three years the university has undergone a lot of developments which can be attested by every student and well-wishers of the academia. Arguably there is a great difference between the satellite imagery of the school in 2019 and that of 2021. The achievements of this beloved father, model, mentor, visionary and vice-chancellor cannot be overemphasized, and looking introspectively, this is just a tip of the iceberg of professor Na'allah's administration.

In the course of his administration, the vice-chancellor is carrying out many programs and projects within the School, each of which are of tremendous benefit to the students and staffs of the university. For example, he has

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revamped the school security; setting up protocols such as lanyard and id card check to scrutinize people coming into the school -for security is a major challenge in the country today; he started and has sustained the building of a fence around the school; upgrading the school portal giving student direct access to payment of Fees, result checking and grade point calculation; introduction of foreign courses into the school curriculum, bringing in oriental cultures such as Japanese fostering bilateral relationships; construction of structures for Faculties and departments and the relocation of the faculty of social sciences and some departments to the Main campus. Having observed the rate of unemployment in the country especially as it affects fresh Graduates, he also established the student employment scheme (SES), a program which employs and trains Students in work experience, and the student mentoring scheme (SMS).



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University of Abuja being the first educational institution without a catchment area is not just a citadel of learning but an institution where culture and self-belief are integrated as tools to promoting unity.

There is no iota of doubt that our active vice-chancellor would make the great university of Abuja even greater.

In spite of his very busy schedules, he continues to work relentlessly creating value and giving this great Institution prestige. Just recently he was nominated and massively voted to emerge as the winner 2021 Stardom global awards of vice-chancellor of the year. He had won same award in the year 2020. His act of service and doggedness speaks volumes. The university of Abuja is blessed to have this visionary at this epoch in time.



Eradication of Pension Nightmare in FCT Area Councils Under the Leadership of Dr. Nanzing N. Nden



Dr. Nanzing N. Nden a professional accountant by training started public service career as a finance officer II with the plateau state government before the transfer of service to FCT Administration. He served as director of account in the FCT Area council service

commission before appointment as director/chief executive FCT Area council staff pension board on 1st September, 2016.

Dr. Nanzing N Nden holds a doctorate degree in financial reporting & entrepreneurial finance, a fellow of the chartered

institute of taxation of Nigeria, fellow of the institute of public accountants of Australia, fellow of the institute of financial accountants of united kingdom, fellow of the association of national accountants of Nigeria, fellow of the institute of management AFRICA, among other qualifications.

Dr. Nanzing Nden is a seasoned administrator whose proactive decisions have greatly impacted on: prudent management of pension fund through timely payment of retirees' accrued right benefit and monthly pension of retirees under the defined benefit scheme, provision of conducive working environment without compromising standard, training of staff across cadre without discrimination, prompt payment of staff entitlements, inauguration of SERVICOM unit, anti-corruption transparency unit, promotion of ethical behavior among peers and other stake holders through production of service charter and code of ethics, ensuring empathy in delivery of pension services and stakeholders engagements for sustainable fund of pension services.

PERSONALITY PROFILE

On assumption of office at the area council staff pension board Dr. Nanzing Nden inherited a backlog of N3.8 billion accrued right benefit owed to 462 retired officers of the area councils and local education authorities. Through strategic planning and stakeholder's engagement paid the backlog and retirement benefit up to October, 2021 and ensured implementation of the health insurance scheme for retirees of the areas council and local education authority. A man of integrity and excellence Dr. Nden ensured that the board is listed as a complaint organization under the 2021 ethics and integrity compliance score card of the independent corrupt practices and other related offences commission (ICPC).

A doyen of the accounting profession, an all-rounder and designer of the state of art office complex befitting of an agency like the pension board Dr. Nanzing Nden is truly a pragmatic leader and a humanitarian par excellence who deserves a prestigious award of this uncommon class.

Dr. Nanzing Nden is a family man, sports lover and community leader, holder of the title of Dan Madami Lantang, Garkuwan Matasan arewa, chairman Timsur club Abuja, chairman Tarok professionals forum, patron of the Nigeria eagles supporters club, member of IBBGolf and country club and national president of the plateau state polytechnic Alumni association among others.



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AIG HAFIZ MOHAMMED INUWA

Assistant Inspector General of Police



AIG Hafiz Mohammed is a hardworking & proactive fellow, with all his working experience, he is able to transmute the police force & lots more. here are some of his profile.

INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED WITH DATES:
N.I.P.S.S Kuru, Jos
8/2/2019 – 23/11/2019
Bayero University Kano
2004 – 2006
Bayero University Kano
1984 – 1987

School of Preliminary Studies
Kano - 1982 – 1984
Government Secondary School
Ringim - 1977 – 1982
Katutu Primary School Ringim
1971 – 1977

CERTIFICATES OBTAINED WITH DATES:
. National institute for police and strategic studies (NIPSS) Certificate 2019
. Masters degree in public and administration (MPPA) 2006
. Bachelor of arts degree in mass communications 1987

. I.J.M.B ('A' level) result 1984
. General certificates of education (GCE 'O' Level) 1982
. First school leaving certificate 1977

DATES OF PROMOTIONS:
. Assistant inspector general of police (AIG) 31/12/2020
. Commissioner of police (CP) 31/10/2017

. Ag. Commissioner of police (Ag.CP) 14/12/2016
. Deputy commissioner of police (DCP) 19/09/214
. Assistant commissioner of police (ACP) 15/12/2006
. Chief superintendent of police (CSP) 03/02/2003
. Superintendent of police (SP) 1997
. Deputy superintendent of police (DSP) 1995
. Assistant superintendent of police (ASP) Course 16 03/03/1990

PERSONAL COURSES

ATTENDED:
. Senior management course at NIPSS, Kuru (Sec14, 2019)
. Strategic leadership and command course 01/2014
. Intermediate command course 46/2003
. Advance detective course 34/1997

WORKING EXPERIENCE/POSITIONS HELD SINCE ENLITMENT

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INTO POLICE FORCE

. Assistant inspector general of police and force secretary, Nigeria police force 09/04/2021 to date.

. Assistant inspector general of police, zone 13, Ukpodunukofita Anambra state 31/13/202.

. Commissioner of police, Delta state police command 23/12/2019 – 31/12/2020

. Management course at national institute for policy and strategic studies (NIPSS) Kuru, Jos. 04/02/2019-23/11/2019

. Commissioner of police, Cross River police command 31/10/2017 – 04/02/2019

. Ag. Commissioner of police, Cross River police command 04/02/2017 – 31/10/2017

. Principal staff officer to the IGP (PSO), Nigeria police force, force headquarters, Abuja 23/06/2016 – 31/01/2017

. Deputy commissioner of police in charge operations of criminal investigation and intelligence, Imo state command, Owerri 13/03/2016 – 23/06/2016

. Deputy commissioner of police in charge operations department, zone 4 headquarters, Makurdi Benue state 13/10/2015 – 10/03/2016

. Deputy commissioner of police in charge of criminal investigation and intelligence, Delta state police command. Feb 2015 – 12/10/2015

. Assistant commissioner of police operations, Delta state police command 2011 – 2014

. Assistant commissioner of police operations, Kano state police command 2009 – 2011

. Assistant commissioner of police operations, Gombe state police command 2008 – 2009

. Assistant commissioner of police administrations, Kano state police

command 2007 – 2008

. Divisional police officer Bompai division Kano 2006 – 2007

. Divisional police officer Zaria road division Kano 2006

. Divisional police officer Tudun Wada L.G.A Kano state 2003 – 2004

. Force criminal investigation department, Lagos 2003

. Divisional police officer Hajj camp, Lagos 1999 – 2000

. United Nations mission in Angola (Monua) 1998 – 1999

. Command crime officer M.M.I.A Lagos 1997- 1998

. Divisional crime officer M.M.I.A Lagos 1996 – 1997

. Area crime officer, Kano metropolitan area command 1994 – 1996

. Personal assistant to commissioner of police and PO/C Secret registry, Borno state police command 1992 – 1993

. Posting on attachment to Borno state police command 1991 – 1993

. Cadet ASP Course 16/1990 at police academy Annex Kaduna state 1990 – 1991

MEDAL/AWARD/COMMENDATIONS

1. United nations peacekeeping medal (Monua), Angola.
2. UN (Monua) commissioner of police commendation for excellence.
3. Associate member institute of chartered economists of Nigeria (ICEN)

OTHER CERTIFICATES OBTAINED WITH DATES:

1. Senior management certificate course, national institute for policy and strategic studies, Kuru Jos. 2019
2. Strategic leadership and command course certificate

(police staff college, Jos) 2014

3. Certificate on “strengthening respect for human life using corner procedures” organized by access to justice and kano state ministry of justice 2005
4. Certificate on “prevention of violation of human rights in Nigeria” organized by Kano state police command 2005
5. Intermediate command course certificate (police staff college, Jos) 2003
6. Management workshop certificate organized by industrial training fund (ITF) 2003
7. National youth service corps (NYSC) Certificate 1987
8. Advanced detective course (ADC) Certificate (police staff college, Jos) 1997
9. Citizenship and leadership training certificate (SH.311) 1990

SPECTACULAR ACHIEVEMENT(S):

The arrest, search and detention of former Sierra Leonean warlord/rebel leader CPL. Saybana Sankoh (now late) when he illegally came into Nigeria through Murtala Muhammed international airport, Lagos before his transfer to special investigation unit Aso Rock in 1997 on the instruction of the then head of state General Sani Abacha. His arrest/incarceration in Nigeria was instrumental to the beginning of peace in that country.

HOBBIES:

1. Travelling
2. Table tennis
3. Squash
4. Badminton.

REV. YAKUBU PAM

Executive Secretary, Nigeria Christian Pilgrim Commission (NCPC)



The vibrant Rev. Yakubu Pam was born on February 20, 1960 at Gyle, Jos south LGA of plateau state. He is one of the majority Berom extractions of the state. He attended his primary school education at Gyle local school board (LSB) between 1972 to 1979 and thereafter proceeded to government teachers college, zawan, plateau state from 1981 to 1986.

Desirous to preach the good news to all the nations, Pam later attended the northern Nigeria bible school, samnaka, Kaduna

state for his diploma in theology between 1988 to 1991. In 2002, Rev. Pam enrolled into the evangel theological seminary, Jos for his degree in Christian education which he obtained in 2004.

Over the years, Rev. Pam has held several responsibilities both in the church and the public sector. In 2003, he was elected the chairman, Christian association of Nigeria (CAN) Plateau state chapter, a position he held until 2006. From 2008 -2015, Rev. Pam was the chairman of the Christian association of Nigeria (CAN) in the

north central zone which comprise plateau, nasarawa, Benue, Niger, Kogi, Kwara states and the FCT.

In 2018, the plateau state government appointed Rev. Pam as the chairman, plateau state Christian pilgrims' welfare board. This was after he had served as a member, internally, displaced persons (IDPs) council, member plateau state education board from 2004 to 2006 as well as a member, plateau state Tsunami fund raising committee from 2004 to 2005.

Prior to his appointment as the third substantive executive secretary of the NCPC, the fire brand preacher, Rev. Pam was the district superintendent Jos mainland assemblies of God church Nigeria, he also held sway as the chairman, Christian association of Nigeria (CAN) for the entire 19 northern states and Abuja, having been elected into the position since 2016.

Rev. Pam as the NCPC boss has brought to the table his wealth of experience in promoting inter-religious harmony and conflict resolution, especially in the northern parts of the country. He has reorganized and repositioned the NCPC as the most organized and efficient pilgrimage body in the world, recognized for

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excellence in faultless services. This, he has achieved through fairness, equity and justice in synergy with all stakeholders in Christendom in the country.

The NCPC under his watch has also added the kingdom of Jordan to the list of countries to be visited by Nigerian pilgrims because of its historic sites of religious significance to Christian faithfuls.

He has been at the forefront of the vigorous pursuit of peace building among religious sects in the country. His intervention in the perennial southern Kaduna crises between Christian and Muslims is worthy of mention, as it has

assisted in brokering peace to warring factions. A three day peace summit was put together in the religion, where the agenda for de-escalation of the crises was extensively discussed and a report, containing recommendations on enduring peace was forwarded to Governor Nasir El-Rufai for necessary action.

Nigerians have attested that though, Rev. Pam has been in office for barely a year, his policies so far have shown that he has what it takes to unite the nation as an apostle of peaceful co-existence.

He is the president/founder and CEO of the young Ambassadors for

community peace and inter-faith foundation; a member of the united nations youth Assembly New York, USA from 2007 to date as well as a member of the Arewa Elders Forum and Zumunta international, USA.

Rev. Yakubu Pam also has a special predilection for travelling. He has visited the states of Israel, united states of America, South Africa, Ghana, Kenya and Netherlands to mention but a few.

He is a preacher of the gospel and teacher by training. He is equally a writer, having co-authored a book, "fighters of peace". He has been an ordained minister of God for over three decades.

The Nigerian news has followed the trailblazing achievements of Rev. Yakubu Pam since he was appointed head of the commission in 2020. Pam has consistently used his office to preach peace, emphasizing that the nation's unity is non-negotiable.

At a time the country's corporate existence is being seriously threatened by insurgencies, insurrections and other criminal vices, it takes men of courage like Rev. Pam to speak out in support of one united and indivisible Nigeria.

Therefore, the Nigerian news has found Rev. Yakubu Pam worthy of special recognition as a quintessential Christian leader, promoter of peace, cerebral evangelist and pacesetter in the unification of people of diverse religious faths. He is today honored with the historic award of "icon of peaceful existence" in Nigeria for his focused, purposeful and people centered leadership.



The Turn Around Story of Nigeria National Park Service Under Dr. Ibrahim Goni and Why He Became the Champion of Environmental Rights in Nigeria



Alhaji Ibrahim Goni.

The Nigeria National Park Service (NNPS) is responsible for preserving, enhancing, protecting and managing vegetation and wild animals in the national parks of Nigeria. The NNPS is a parastatal under the Federal Ministry of the Environment, and is headed by the Conservator-General of Nigeria National Park Service (NNPS),

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PROMOTE SEVEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINE (799) OFFICERS

Seven hundred and ninety-nine (799) officers of the National Park Service have been promoted to various ranks in the service.

Officers, across the seven-unit Parks, in the country are beneficiaries of the promotion, geared towards springing their commitment to park duties nationwide, a statement signed by CP Emmanuel Ntuyang, Service Public Relations Officer stated.

Some of the newly promoted officers are CPs Martin Paul Omole, Inwong Fingsi and Cornelius Oladikpo who were decorated with their new ranks of Assistant Conservator -General (ACG) Abuja

At the decoration ceremony which took place at National Park Service, the Conservator-General, Dr Ibrahim Goni congratulated the officers and charged them to employ professionalism, dedication and loyalty in the discharge of their duties.

The CG with the newly decorated ACGs their spouses and other ACGs.

<https://tribuneonline.ng.com/national-park-service-promotes-799-officers/>

NINE ARRESTED FOR 'ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES' AT OKOMU NATIONAL PARK



The National Park Service (NPS) said it has arrested nine suspects for illegal activities at the Okomu National Park, Udo, Ovia South West Local Government Area of Edo State.

A statement issued by the Conservator, Park Service Public Relations Officer, Emmanuel Ntuyang, on Friday, in Abuja, said the arrest was carried out by the ranger corps of the park.

Mr Ntuyang said the arrest was made when Abraham Goni, Conservator-General of the National Park Service, was on a four-day patrol activity in the park recently.

The statement quoted the Conservator Park, Head of the Okomu Park, Augustine Obekpa, as saying that the park had embarked on aggressive park patrol activities.

"In a renewed effort to rid the park of all illegal activities and save one of the last remains of the tropical rainforest in Nigeria, Okomu National Park has stepped up aggressive and sustained park patrol activities," he said.

Mr Obekpa reiterated the commitment of the park management to rid it of all forms of illegal activities, warning that all

timber loggers, hunters and farmers, among others, should stay away from the park. He said the suspects would be made to face the full wrath of the law.

The items seized during the raid, to serve as exhibits, included three power chain saws, one motorcycle, traps and cans of fuel.

He used the opportunity to commend the Edo State Government for the moratorium it placed on logging activities in the state.

Hon. Justice Kazeem Olarenwaju Alogba

AG, Chief Judge of Lagos State



Justice Alogba was born at the Lagos Island Maternity Hospital, Lagos on April 23, 1960 into the Alogba family of Ikorodu, Lagos State to Alhaji Chief Jimoh F Alogba and Mrs. Risikat Alogba (of blessed memory).

He attended the Holy Trinity Primary School, Ebute-Ero, Lagos from 1966 to 1970. He also attended Ikorodu High School,

Ikorodu from 1971 to 1975 for his Secondary education, where he obtained his West African School Certificate. He later proceeded to Baptist Academy Shepherdhill, Obanikoro from 1975 to 1977 for his Higher School Certificate (Hsc).

He proceeded to the University of Lagos (UNILAG), Akoka, Lagos in 1977 and obtained a Second Class (Upper Division) Bachelor

of Law in June, 1980. He attended the Nigerian Law School from October 1980 to July, 1981 and was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1981. He also attended the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies UNILAG Akoka, where he obtained a Certificate in Advanced Practice and Procedure in 1989.

To date, he is a member of Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association.

The Acting CJ's hobbies include reading, football and tennis ball.

Justice Alogba is married and has children.

He was appointed by HE, Mr Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu, Governor of Lagos State on 10th June, 2019 as the Chief Judge of Lagos State following the confirmation of the Lagos State House of assembly.

Judiciary career Justice Alogba was appointed a Judge of the High Court of Lagos State in July 1996. Before his new appointment, he has served the Lagos State Judiciary in various capacities in various Divisions of the High Court of Lagos State.

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Until his appointment, Justice Alogba was the Administrative Judge (Lagos Judicial Division) for the period, last October to June, this year. Before moving to Lagos Division of the state Judiciary, he was the Administrative Judge (Ikeja Judicial Division) between October 2014 till October 2017. He served as Chairman, High Court procedure Rules Review Committee last year.

In 2016, Justice Alogba was appointed Chairman, Bayelsa State Governorship Election Petition Tribunal. The acting CJ was Chairman, Kebbi State Governorship Election Petition Tribunal in 2016. He was also Chairman, Rivers State House of Assembly Election Petition Tribunal (Panel IV).

Also in 2015, he was appointed Chairman, Lagos Settlement Week, a position he holds to date. His other appointments include member, High Court of Lagos State Civil Procedure Rules Review Committee in 2012.

He was Chairman, Judicial Commission of Inquiry for Kwande/Ukum Local Government Areas political disturbances, Benue State which sat between May and October, 2004.

For the period between 2005 and 2014, he was Chairman, Lagos State Hajj Tribunal and member, Lagos State Local government Election Petitions (Appeal Tribunal) in 2009.

Others

Justice Alogba began his working career as a tutor at Ikorodu High School, Ikorodu, from August 1977 to November 1977. He also taught Law at the Federal Polytechnic Idah, Benue State as a part time lecturer from November, 1981 to August, 1982.

He served as a State Counsel at the Federal Ministry of Justice, Marina, Lagos in the Mercantile and Industrial Law Division from November, 1981 to March, 1983. He joined the Law Firm of Tayo Adesanya & Co (Solicitors) as a Junior Counsel from April 1983 to May 1984. His Principal was Dr. Michael O. A. Adesanya of blessed memory.

His Lordship also taught Law courses at the Lagos State College of Science and Technology, Isolo (now Lagos State Polytechnic) from September 1983 to September 1984.

He joined the law firm of Babatunde Olushola Benson Law Office, Surulere, Lagos from June 1984 to December 1991 as an Associate Counsel, his Principal was Chief Benson (SAN).

Thereafter he established his Law firm, Lanre Alogba & Co, a firm of Legal Practitioners and Consultants in February, 1992.

Courses attended

The CJ has attended many local and international professional courses prior to his becoming the Chief Judge and they include: All

Nigeria Judges Conferences 2001, 2005; Judicial Exchange Programme, London 2007; National Seminar on Banking and Allied Matters for Judges (NJI/CIBN) 2003; Workshop Organised by National Centre for State Courts International Programmes on Case Management and Court Administration June 2001; Arbitration and Disputes Resolution Workshop by Lagos Multidoor Courthouse/ Negotiation and Conflict Management Group March 2003; Lagos State Government Computer Basics and Microsoft Office 2003.

Others are Workshop on Administration of Criminal Justice Law-Lagos State 2008 – 2009; Fast Track Courts Workshop 2008 – 2009; Workshop for Judges on Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanisms – at the Lagos Multidoor Court House 2009 – 2010; National Conference on Election Petition Tribunals and Appeals – at the Court of Appeal and International Foundation for Electoral System – March, 2016; Justice Indicator Workshop – Munk School of Global Studies, University of Toronto, Canada – October, 2017; Transforming Governance Towards Sustaining A Unified Public Service – Dubai July, 2018 and World Jurists Association XXVI Congress (Constitutional Democracy, Freedom & Rule of Law) – Spain February 2019.

Selfless Conceptualizations of the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies



Centre for Socio-Legal Studies was Established in 2006, the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies (CSLS) promotes a multi-disciplinary approach to the study and practice of law. It proceeds on the premise that law cannot exist in isolation from other social phenomena. It must therefore be approached and applied in context.

The CSLS seeks to mainstream the understanding and application of law with reference to its social, economic, cultural and political environment.

We believe that the challenge of

underdevelopment and the various social vices that dog our nation's attempts at development are traceable to failure to create innovative solutions or responses or to adapt the received laws and procedures in a manner consistent with our needs, culture and experience.

The Centre played a leading role in developing the Administration of Criminal Justice Act 2015 and the Evidence Act 2011. It collaborated with the Federal Ministry of Justice and the National Assembly in modernising the Nigerian Evidence Act. The innovations in the Evidence Act 2011 were

mostly drafted and recommended by the Centre for inclusion in the Evidence Act 2011.

Our Projects

- Deepening Criminal Justice Reform and Fast Tracking High Profile Corruption Cases (HPCCs) in Nigeria
- Building capacity of Investigators and Prosecutors
- Promoting Modernization of Substantive Criminal Laws: Criminal
 - Code, Penal Code, Code of Conduct Laws
 - Digitalization of Courts
 - Legislative drafting and advocacy
- Building capacity of lawyers as agents of change
- Promoting National Minimum Standards of Criminal Justice Reform
- Building the capacity of Trial and Appellate Justices for
 - effective implementation of Criminal Justice Reform
 - Legislative Advocacy
- Building capacity of lawyers as agents of change
- Effective implementation of Criminal Justice Reform
- Promoting Research for Electoral Reform and Accountability for election-related offences

Tayo Folorunsho

- Founder, One Student, One Skill International



assist them establish their own business which simply leads to self employment.

He also pioneered the famous University of Abuja carnival among other sensational programmes for the students which contributed to zero crisis within the student community during his time.

Tayo remain unrepentant in his quest to develop practical theories which could lead to self employment and self empowerment of young Nigerians and no wonder IHRC has positioned him with an appointment as Education consultant and Editorial Board Member in charge of Strategy, Planning and Circulation for the International Human Human Rights Investigative Magazine.

For much that is given, much is expected in return as IHRC honours Diplomat Tayo Folorunsho for his Giant Contributions in building a skill base knowledge for Student of Tertiary Institution. His new model of idea for Nigerian Student on One Student One Skill has attracted our International Organisation.

CEO Competition where 100 students were empowered with startup grants and equipment to

You may recall that Tayo during his younger days in the University of Abuja was a Student Union Leader, a position which the young man used Judiciously & Judicially to the admiration of all. He organize the first ever Campus



L - R: Consul Emmanuel Akpakwu, Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Philippines, Amb. at Large, Dr Friday Sani, IHRC Country Head Nigeria/West Africa and Diplomat Tayo Folorunsho at the occasion of Award presentation and Appointment on January 27, 2022



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