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Cults clash: Ondo gov declares dawn-to-dusk curfew in Owo

By Friday Omosola



After no fewer than four people were killed in a clash between two suspected cult groups in Owo, the headquarters of Owo Local Government Area in Ondo State, Governor Aiyedatiwa had imposed a dawn-to-dusk curfew on the town.

The announcement was made today in a statement by the governor's Chief Press Secretary, Ebenezer Adeniyani, stressing that the curfew will remain in effect until further notice.

The New Daily Prime gathered that one of the victims, 52-year-old Fisayo Oladipupo, a former youth leader of the APC in Owo LGA, was

shot dead in the early hours of today by suspected cultists.

Aiyedatiwa

Lucky Aiyedatiwa (PHOTO CREDIT: Facebook)

Sources confirmed that Oladipupo's body has been deposited at the Federal Medical Centre morgue in Owo.

The Spokesperson for the Ondo State Police Command, Funmilayo Odunlami-Omisanya, also confirmed the incident, stating that four people had been killed in the clash.

However, she added that the police had not yet established whether the APC chieftain was among the

victims.

She further noted that the intervention of a police team dispatched to the scene has restored normalcy to the area.

In response to the unrest, Governor Aiyedatiwa directed residents to remain indoors during the curfew.

According to him, only essential services, such as hospitals, emergency responders, and law enforcement agencies, are exempted from the curfew.

The governor also instructed security agencies in the state to enforce the curfew, safeguard lives and properties, arrest those responsible for the violence, and restore peace to the community.

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Groups want FG,others to tackle effects of oil spills in Ogoni By Helen Okechukwu



Ogoni advocacy groups have called on the Federal Government, Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria (SPDC) and the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP), to address this environmental damage caused by oil spills in the area.

The umbrella Ogoni body which includes Lekeh Development Foundation (LEDEF) and Yeraba Women Foundation (YWF), made this call at the weekend during a press conference held while marking the 2025 Ogoni Day 32nd anniversary.

They said the call was aimed at ensuring justice, equity, and environmental sustainability for Ogoni people and the Niger Delta region.

Speaking at the event, LEDEF urged SPDC to clean up the affected areas, compensate communities, and ensure total overhauling of the environment before divestment.

Addressing this concern, the advocacy group frowned at HYPREP's slow working pace

towards achieving its core goals despite the huge funding, warning against plans of carbon offset from companies.

While lauding HYPREP for its scholarship scheme for Ogoni postgraduate students, the group however lamented the health implications faced by Ogoni people due to the long exposure to the oil spillage.

Furthermore, the grassroots advocacy groups urged the Federal Government to impose fuel taxation, phase out fossil fuels, focus on renewable energy, and hold SHELL accountable for the pollution before divestment.

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Among their requests, they appealed for the establishment of the Federal University of Environment, political inclusion, and economic justice, with the aim to drive development and strengthen the communities at large.

“Our thematic areas include climate justice, energy justice, gender justice, and agricultural livelihood support.”

“To ensure a safe and healthy environment for our children and society at large.” The founder of LEDEF, Mr. Friday Nbani, recalled the damage in Ogoniland, which led to the death of many Ogonis and activists, including Ken Saro-Wiwa.

“This non-violent struggle tragically resulted in massacres and bloodshed. The Ogoni struggle for justice and against environmental degradation, political marginalisation, and economic strangulation can be traced to the early 1990s and to the establishment of the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (MOSOP),” Nbani noted.

Highlighting the magnitude of the effect, he said Ogoniland has been earmarked as one of the 10 most contaminated areas in the world, describing their water as unsafe for drinking, among other effects on the entire land and other Niger Delta region posing great danger to inhabitants.

18 injured in gas explosion in Rivers state

By Gbenga Oluranti Olaleye

The Rivers State Police Command has confirmed that 18 individuals sustained severe injuries following a gas explosion in the Oroazi community of Port Harcourt on Sunday evening.

The explosion, which occurred at a gas refilling shop, caused significant damage to surrounding buildings.

The incident is part of a troubling series of gas-related explosions and Improvised Explosive Device (IED) occurrences that have been reported in the state since the start of 2024.

Police spokesperson, SP Grace Iringe-Koko, confirmed the explosion during an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria on Monday.

According to Iringe-Koko, the explosion was triggered by a welder who was repairing a refrigerator at the time. The technician was reportedly using a gas cylinder for the welding job while simultaneously attempting to refill gas into the refrigerator, which led to the blast.



“The technician was using a gas cylinder to weld while simultaneously trying to refill gas into the refrigerator, which led to the explosion. No fewer than 18 persons, including the technician, sustained injuries, but fortunately, no lives were lost,” Iringe-Koko stated.

The injured victims, including the technician, suffered varying degrees of burns and were quickly transported to local hospitals for medical treatment. Despite the severity of the incident, there

were no fatalities reported.

Iringe-Koko assured the public that a full investigation has been launched by the police to determine the circumstances surrounding the explosion, with the findings to be made public in due course.

An eyewitness, identified as Tamuno, described the blast as devastating. He noted that the explosion caused a chain reaction, triggering other gas cylinders in the shop to detonate.

EFCC dismisses 27 officers over fraud, misconduct

By Friday Omosola

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) has dismissed twenty-seven officers from its workforce over allegations of fraud and misconduct.

The anti-graft agency in a statement signed by its Head of Media and Publicity today, said the dismissals were approved by its Chairman Ola Olukoyede, following recommendations from the Commission’s Staff Disciplinary Committee.

The EFCC reaffirmed its zero-tolerance policy for corruption within its ranks, stressing that the Commission boss said “no officer is above scrutiny—promised that all allegations would be thoroughly investigated.”

The anti-graft agency also addressed a trending \$400,000 allegation involving a supposed EFCC staff member and a Sectional Head, assuring the public that the matter would not be ignored.

EFCC

The Commission further warned the public about impersonators and blackmailers exploiting the name of the



Commission and its Chairman to extort money.

“Two suspects, Ojobo Joshua and Aliyu Hashim, were recently arraigned at the Federal Capital Territory High Court, Abuja, for allegedly attempting to extort \$1 million from a former Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority, Mohammed Bello-Kaka.

“The duo reportedly promised a “soft landing” on a non-existent EFCC investigation”, added the statement.

The Commission emphasised that

Olukoyede remains committed to integrity and is not susceptible to monetary influence.

EFCC urged the public to report any attempts at impersonation or extortion to the EFCC, noting that ongoing attempts by some individuals to blackmail EFCC officers, particularly suspects under investigation who have failed to compromise investigators.

The Commission advised the public to disregard such tactics, describing them as desperate measures by those seeking to undermine its operations.

Popular socialite, Princess Edionseri dies at 89; Gov Abiodun mourns

By Elizabeth Jenrola Oso



and that she always had cash that banks would send their cashier to come and pick at her store.

Meanwhile, Governor Dapo Abiodun of Ogun State, has expressed deep sorrow over the passing of the business mogul and socialite.

Abiodun described the deceased as a trailblazing entrepreneur whose remarkable legacy has left an indelible mark on society, inspiring generations since the 1970s.

In a statement issued on Monday by his Special Adviser on Media and Strategy, Kayode Akinmade, Abiodun lauded Edionseri's immense contributions to Ogun State, calling her a beacon of resilience, ambition, and success.

"On behalf of myself and the people of Ogun State, I extend our deepest condolences to the family of Alhaja (Chief) Adebisi Edionseri. Her passing is a tremendous loss, but her influence as a business pioneer and social figure will continue to resonate for years to come," Abiodun stated.

He praised Edionseri's pioneering spirit, noting her exceptional achievements at a young age and the inspiration she provided to aspiring entrepreneurs and social leaders across the region.

"Alhaja Adebisi's legacy transcends her lifetime. Her contributions to the business landscape and her vibrant social engagements will serve as enduring reference points. She touched countless lives and left an imprint that will guide future generations," Abiodun added.

A popular businesswoman and socialite, Princess Kadijat Adebisi Edionseri, widely known as Cash Madam, has died, aged 89.

Edionseri, who was the Iya Sunnah of Egbaland, Yewaland, and Ogun State died after a brief illness on Sunday, January 5, 2025, in Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital.

Her death was announced in a statement on behalf of the family by one of her children, Dr Adebayo Adebowale.

The statement noted that the renowned businesswoman touched many lives in her family and community, as she was a "shining example of grace, dignity and unwavering faith."

"With deep gratitude to Allah for a life well-lived, we announce the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Princess Kadijat Abike Adebisi Edionseri (née Elegbede), who returned to her creator on January 5, 2025, at the age of 89, following a brief illness.

"Her life was a shining example of grace, dignity and unwavering faith. Princess Edionseri touched the lives of many through her wisdom, kindness and dedication to both her family and her community. She taught us the importance of love, resilience, and faith in Allah, leaving behind a legacy that will continue to inspire generations.

"As we grieve this monumental loss, we also celebrate the remarkable life she lived. Her laughter, warmth, and the values she instilled will forever remain in our hearts, guiding us as we navigate life without her physical presence," the statement partly read.

The stated added that that she will be buried on Monday (today) at 4pm at her home in Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital.

The late Edionseri, fondly called "Cash Madam," was widely admired for her philanthropy, business acumen, and steadfast commitment to the socio-economic development of Egbaland and Ogun State.

To sy how popular she was, Chief Ebenezer Obey, in one of his albums 'Board Members' sang her praises to the high heavens as the album sold multiple records. The part Obey dedicated to Princess Adebisi got her sobriquet of 'Cash Madam' which she is being referred to today by all sundry.

She was majorly into sales of fabric and her shops littered across the country are currently being managed by her children.

It was disclosed that her fabric business was thriving excellently

Rivers ex-commissioner criticises Wike over remarks about Odili

By Gbenga Oluranti Olaleye

A former Commissioner for Works and elder statesman in Rivers State, Chief David Briggs, has strongly criticised the Federal Capital Territory Minister, Nyesom Wike, for his recent comments about former Governor Peter Odili.

Briggs, who served under Odili, accused Wike of benefiting from crises and speaking recklessly, claiming that Wike's actions are only worsening the ongoing political tension in Rivers State.

In an interview with journalists in Port Harcourt on Saturday, January 4, Briggs condemned Wike's assertion that he had "revived" Odili politically, describing it as an insult not only to Odili but also to the people of Rivers State.

The rift between Wike and Odili has been intensifying since the political fallout involving Wike's estranged political ally, Governor Siminalayi Fubara, with Odili siding with Fubara against Wike.

Briggs, who also served as Commissioner for Water Resources under Odili, expressed his dismay at Wike's comments, emphasising his long-standing personal and political ties to Odili, whom he described as a "father figure" who had consistently offered guidance throughout his career.

"I served under Dr. Peter Odili as Commissioner for Works and Water Resources. I had a close father-son relationship with him when I was a local government chairman," Briggs explained.

"He has been and remains a father figure. It is shocking that Wike, who was not even our contemporary, is now insulting Odili. He claims to have resurrected Odili, but that is



not just an insult to Odili but to the entire Rivers people."

The ongoing dispute between Wike and Odili has been further exacerbated by Wike's comments regarding the political backing Odili has provided to Fubara.

Briggs accused Wike of undermining peace in Rivers State, suggesting that the former governor thrives on crisis and would go to any length to destabilise the region for his own gain.

Briggs pointed to the recent calm in the state following a court ruling on the release of federal allocations, alleging that Wike had deliberately stirred up conflict to maintain his political relevance.

"Wike cannot survive in a peaceful environment," he said.

"He has caused enough harm in Rivers State, and he will continue to create problems. How can he say he resurrected Peter Odili? If Odili was so irrelevant, why did he return like a prodigal son?"

The former Commissioner also reminded Wike of Odili's significant contributions to the state's political

landscape, citing instances such as Odili's support for Dame Patience Jonathan during her confirmation process. Briggs questioned whether Wike would have been welcomed into Odili's home during that time if Odili had truly been politically irrelevant.

"If Odili was dead, would Patience Jonathan have taken Wike to his house for that confirmation?" Briggs asked.

Briggs also expressed concern over President Bola Tinubu's apparent silence on the matter, accusing the President of tacitly endorsing political opportunism in Rivers State.

He called on Wike to apologise to the people of Rivers, threatening to expose further details about Wike's actions, including claims that he deceived Odili in 2007 and used money from Odili to fund political unrest in the state.

"What is most important is that Nigeria still has a future, but we must build a strong foundation today," Briggs warned.

"Wike must apologise to Rivers State, or we will reveal more about him."

1,000 Staff Retirement: Arewa Youths urge CBN to adhere to federal character principles

By Gbenga Oluranti Olaleye

Following the news of the ongoing retirement of 1,000 employees of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), the Arewa Youth Assembly has called for adherence to federal character principles in the handling of the process.

The group, in a statement issued on Sunday, January 5, in Kaduna, raised concerns over the perceived targeting of northern employees, describing the move as “anti-North” and a threat to national unity.

The group’s speaker, Mohammed Danlami, said non-adherence to federal character principles in the 1,000 staff retirement process would be termed “grossly unethical,” unfair, and could lead to socio-economic instability in the country. It also expressed worry that the exercise would worsen unemployment, mental health challenges, and insecurity in the country.

Danlami said, “Layoffs of this magnitude, especially in a fragile economy, have significant implications beyond numbers.

It heightens unemployment, exacerbates mental health challenges, and fuels insecurity as individuals struggle to make ends meet.”

‘CBN should publish the list of affected staff by state’

The northern youth group stressed that the employees from the northern region have often faced systemic marginalisation in the banking sector, warning that further discrimination could perpetuate the trend.

It urged the CBN to ensure equity, fairness, and transparency in the retirement process in line with the federal character principle and called for the publishing of the list of affected employees by state.

“This is not just about curiosity; it’s about accountability.

“The Federal Character Commission was established to promote fairness and



unity. Any deviation from this principle will face strong resistance from us,” the group stated.

CBN should explore alternatives to lay-offs

The Arewa Youth Assembly urged the CBN to explore alternative measures instead of laying off staff, stressing that the planned job cuts portend further pressure on the economy and the affected employees.

Pastor Enoch Adeboye honoured as ‘Distinguished Father of Faith’ by CAN, south west

By Gbenga Oluranti Olaleye

The Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), South West region, has conferred the title of Distinguished Father of Faith on Pastor Enoch Adeboye, the General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG).

The announcement was made via a post on the RCCG Open Heaven Daily Devotional Videos Facebook page on Monday, capturing the historic moment in a series of photographs.

The recognition ceremony took place in Pastor Adeboye’s office, where the South West CAN Chairman, Bishop Tunde Akinsanya, led the proceedings.

The Facebook post, accompanied by the images, celebrated the occasion with the following words: “TODAY, HISTORY IS MADE! The Christian Association of Nigeria, South West



decorated the General Overseer of Redeemed Christian Church of God, Pastor E. A Adeboye, as the distinguished Father of Faith today in his office by Bishop Tunde Akinsanya (South West CAN Chairman). To God be all the Glory. More wins, daddy.”

The award is a testament to Pastor

Adeboye’s unwavering commitment to the Christian faith and his profound impact on spiritual life in Nigeria and beyond.

This recognition comes at a time when the RCCG leader has been vocal in urging people to embrace faith and love, especially in the face of societal

Gombe gov reaffirms commitment to settling gratuity liabilities

By Gbenga Oluranti Olaleye



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Gombe State Governor, Muhammadu Yahaya, has reiterated his administration's commitment to addressing the long-standing gratuity liabilities for retirees in the state.

Speaking on Monday, December 6, during the presentation of cheques and the payment of backlog gratuities to state retirees, Yahaya revealed that his government has cleared ₦17.2 billion of the ₦21 billion inherited from previous administrations.

Yahaya, who assumed office in 2019, acknowledged the gravity of the responsibility his government faced when it inherited the substantial backlog of gratuities.

Despite significant progress in clearing these debts, the Governor noted that the obligations continue to rise as more civil servants retire.

"When we assumed office in 2019, we inherited a backlog of gratuities amounting to over ₦21 billion from previous administrations. Recognising the weight of this responsibility, our administration has made significant strides toward alleviating this burden," Yahaya explained.

While ₦17.2 billion has been cleared,

the outstanding gratuity liabilities now stand at ₦19 billion for both state and local government retirees.

Governor Yahaya pledged that his government is determined to clear all outstanding gratuities before the end of his tenure in 2027.

"Today's event demonstrates our resolve to leave no liabilities behind. I am pleased to reaffirm that it is our solemn commitment to clear all gratuity obligations before the end of our tenure in 2027. By doing so, we aim to leave a legacy of accountability and compassion, ensuring no retiree is left without the benefits they so rightly deserve," he said.

In addition to addressing the issue of gratuities, Yahaya highlighted his administration's efforts to improve the welfare of state workers, including the recent implementation of a N70,000 minimum wage for state government employees.

This move, according to the Governor, reflects the government's determination to protect civil servants from economic hardships, particularly in the wake of the removal of the fuel subsidy.

Yahaya also took the opportunity to

commend the cooperation of labour unions, retiree associations, and other stakeholders in ensuring that civil servants' welfare remains a top priority.

"I commend the labour unions, retiree associations, and other stakeholders for their patience, cooperation, and constructive dialogue throughout this process. Your support has been instrumental in guiding our reforms and ensuring the welfare of civil servants remains a top priority for our administration," he added.

The Governor's remarks underscore his commitment to providing financial security for the state's retirees and civil servants while balancing the state's economic challenges.

With a focus on legacy and accountability, Yahaya's administration is poised to make significant strides in resolving longstanding financial obligations in the coming years.

Former CBN director urges FG to cut governance costs in 2025

By Gbenga Oluranti Olaleye



Dr Titus Okunroumu, a former Director of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), has called on the Federal Government to strategically reduce the cost of governance in 2025 in order to address rising recurrent expenditures.

In an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) on Monday, in Ota, Ogun State, Okunroumu emphasised that the current financial burden posed by high governance costs was placing a strain on the country's economy.

The ex-CBN Director of Research pointed out that the Federal Government's debt servicing had escalated sharply, from N9.8 trillion in 2023 to N12.1 trillion in 2024. He stressed that this alarming increase was due to the excessive costs tied to governance.

To mitigate the situation, Okunroumu recommended that the government borrow only for capital expenditure projects that could generate income, thereby facilitating repayment through the proceeds from these initiatives.

He also welcomed the recent revival of the Port-Harcourt refinery, which has now begun producing fuel and other refined products.

Okunroumu praised the resuscitation of the refinery, describing it as a significant step forward for Nigeria's economy.

He highlighted the potential for the refinery to curb the country's reliance on the importation of refined petroleum products, as well as its ability to generate revenue by exporting refined petrol to neighbouring West African countries.

In his advice to the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) Limited, Okunroumu emphasised the importance of maintaining the refinery to ensure that it operates at optimal capacity, thereby ensuring sustained productivity and service delivery.

The former CBN director's comments reflect growing concerns over Nigeria's fiscal management and its implications for economic growth.

As the government looks ahead to 2025, strategic reforms to reduce the cost of governance may become pivotal in fostering financial stability and economic progress.

Assailants kill Anambra herbalist's three sons, Police hunt for perps

By Elizabeth Jenrola Oso



The police have deployed operatives to find assailants who killed three children of a native doctor murdered at their home in Nise community in the Awka South Local Government Area of Anambra State, the spokesman for the state police command, SP Tochukwu Ikenga, has said.

Reports say the yet-to-be-identified killers scaled the fence of the building where they gained entry into the compound to carry out the act and subsequently left the compound unnoticed.

The report added that after killing the children, the perpetrators dumped the corpses in a Mercedes Benz car parked in the compound before leaving the vicinity.

The PPRO said the killing occurred late on Saturday and was reported to the command on Sunday night.

The reason for the killing could not be officially obtained immediately, but sources in the area claimed that the reason might not be unconnected to alleged disagreements between the father of the deceased and some yet-to-disclosed persons over a business deal.

One of the sources, who craved anonymity said, "The three young boys, aged between six and two years, were at their parents' residence at Nise when an unidentified persons scaled the fence of their compound and murdered them in cold blood.

"The children were murdered, with their mouths tied and their bodies found in pools of blood dumped inside their father's car parked within the compound. "Their father, a young man in his early 30s, is a native doctor and a businessman. He is fond of locking the children inside the compound while he goes for

business, accompanied by their mother. He would return home to serve them a meal before heading back to his business after locking them up.

"The father of the victims was reported to have been having issues with some unconfirmed individuals. However, it cannot be determined if these conflicts led to the deaths of the three children or not."

Efforts to speak with the father of the deceased proved abortive as he said he was not available for comment.

Ikenga, while reacting to the development, said police operatives have visited the scene of the incident and evacuated the corpses, adding that a manhunt has been launched for the suspects through the information gathered from residents around the area.

Ikenga said, "Yes, we got a report from the Divisional Police Officer of the area about the killing of three siblings who were killed by some assailants and their corpses dumped in a Mercedes Benz car parked in the compound.

"We have taken over the scene and we have also interacted with those around the scene and the father of the deceased and the information they have provided is helping us to launch a manhunt on the suspects.

"The assailants entered the compound, killed the victims and dumped their corpses inside a parked Mercedes Benz in the compound. The incident happened on Saturday, but we got the report late on Sunday.

"We are trying to unravel the circumstances behind the killing, whether it was due to the negligence of their father or the motive of the suspect and as soon as we conclude our investigation, the report will be made public."

FG budgets N41.49bn for rail projects in 2025

By Dave Oludare Oso



As The Federal Government pursues an aggressive development in the nation's transportation system, a mammoth N41.49 billion has been allocated specifically for rail infrastructure and modernization projects of the total N49.74 trillion proposed 2025 budget.

From the information obtained from the copy of the Federal Government's Final Budget Proposal for the 2025 fiscal year, which outlines plans for extensive infrastructure development, the Ministry of Transport will receive a total allocation of N256.73 billion to support its initiatives.

Of this amount, N223.80 billion is earmarked for capital expenditure, with N30,986,636,237 designated for personnel costs and N1,940,798,202 for overheads.

Also, key rail-related projects under this allocation include the completion of the Abuja-Kaduna railway project, the Lagos-Ibadan rail line, and associated additional works, with specific funding indicated for each.

The budget also provides for the rehabilitation of the Itakpe-Ajaokuta rail line, the construction of 12 station buildings, and track-laying works at railway ancillary facilities in Agbor.

Furthermore, funds have been

earmarked for the design, manufacture, supply, and installation of rolling stock, spare parts, and maintenance equipment for ongoing railway modernization projects.

Another significant component is the installation of a signal and telecommunication system on the Itakpe-Ajaokuta-Warri railway line, alongside the installation of an acoustic sensing security surveillance system for the Abuja (Idu)-Kaduna route and other security gadgets, with individual allocations for each.

The 2025 budget also prioritizes the completion of feasibility studies for new standard gauge rail lines, the engagement of transaction advisors for the concession of the Abuja-Baro-Itakpe segment and the Kano-Maradi line, and the provision for railway modernization projects, each with specific budget allocations.

These are the projects for which the N41.49 billion will be used, highlighting the FG's commitment to developing a robust rail network to enhance connectivity and economic growth.

With this allocation, the FG aims to address gaps in the country's rail infrastructure, boost economic activities, and improve the efficiency of transportation systems nationwide.

The Federal Government's rail projects have shown strong growth in passenger numbers and revenue generation.

The latest National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) report indicates a 25.05% increase in passenger numbers year-on-year for Q3 2024, with 743,205 passengers compared to 594,348 in Q3 2023. This growth was reflected in revenue, which reached N1.70 billion in Q3 2024, up 13.83% from N1.49 billion in the same period last year.

Earlier in the year, passenger numbers and revenue also increased, with Q1 2024 seeing 675,293 passengers and N1.42 billion in revenue, and Q2 2024 recording 689,263 passengers and N1.69 billion in revenue.

On the freight side, rail cargo volume grew by 39.7%, reaching 96,401 tons in Q3 2024, up from 69,003 tons in Q3 2023.

Revenue from cargo transport surged by 89.6%, totaling N412.57 million, though this was lower than the N607.31 million recorded in Q1 2024.

However, pipeline transport saw a decline, with volumes falling by 43.5% to 7,320 tons, and revenue from pipeline operations dropping to N51.85 million.

Badenoch, Adeboye, 8 other Nigerians named among '100 most reputable Africans'

By Dave Oludare Oso



Nigerian-born British politician and leader of the UK Conservative Party, Kemi Badenoch and the General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG), Pastor Enoch Adeboye, and eight other Nigerians, have been listed among the 100 Most Reputable Africans for 2025.

According to NAN, the National Security Adviser (NSA), Nuhu Ribadu was also named in the list, which was released on Sunday by Reputation Poll International (RPI), in partnership with the Global Reputation Forum.

Featuring men and women from diverse sectors that had excelled in technology, creative industries, sports, public service, academia and environmental advocacy spanning the whole continent, the list comprised other distinguished Nigerians and African leaders.

Badenoch, who is serving as the leader of the opposition and the Conservative Party since November

2024 was listed for breaking the ceiling glass as the first African to reach that lofty heights.

The organisers said on its website that Ribadu's nomination stemmed from his leadership of the nation's security apparatus leading to enhanced synergy between the military, other security and intelligence agencies in the country.

The NSA, according to the statement has coordinated a series of successful rescues of kidnapped victims in the northern part of the country in recent times.

According to a statement released on the organisation's website on Sunday, "This is a celebration of African excellence and a call to recognise those shaping the future of the continent with their unwavering commitment to progress and innovation.

"Honourees were chosen for their significant local and global influence as well as their ability to create meaningful change.

"The 2025 honourees were selected through a rigorous methodology based on integrity, ethical leadership and

commitment to societal well-being. "They were also selected through the impact of contributions to transformative projects and initiatives as well as the recognition and influence within their respective fields."

The roll of honour also had the names of Dr Paul Enenche, founder, Dunamis International Gospel Church; Mr Cosmos Maduka, Chairman of Coscharis Motors; and Senator Gbemisola Saraki.

While Enenche and Adeboye have appeared on the list in the past, Dr Daniel Olukoya, founder of Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries is appearing for the first time.

Others are Bala Wunti, the Group General Manager of National Petroleum Investment Management Services (NAPIMS), Mr Tony Elumelu, Chairman, United Bank for Africa (UBA), as well as songwriter and worship singer, Osinachi Egbu, popularly known as "Sinach."

Data reveals banks borrowed N131.42 trillion from CBN in 2024 to meet business obligations

By Gbenga Oluranti Olaleye



Data released by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) shows that deposit money banks (DMBs) and merchant banks borrowed N131.42 trillion from the apex bank in 2024 to meet their daily business obligations.

According to the data, the amount borrowed in 2024 is 636.6 per cent higher than the N17.84 trillion borrowed by Nigerian banks in 2023.

The data also showed that DMBs and merchant banks borrowed the highest amount of N21.74 trillion in March 2024 and the lowest amount of N2.9 trillion in January 2024.

The borrowing is due to the tight monetary stance of the CBN, which led to liquidity challenges for banks in the year, and low cash deposit by bank customers, leaving banks to battle with cash scarcity.

Banks borrowed from CBN using the Standing Lending Facility

To access lending from the CBN, DMBs and merchant banks make use of the Standing Lending Facility (SLF) window and deposit excess liquidity with the apex bank using the Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) window.

The SLF window is a short-term lending window provided by the CBN for banks and merchant banks to

access liquidity to run their day-to-day business operations.

Following the CBN's increase of the Monetary Policy Rate (MPR) six times in 2024 to 27.50 per cent, banks borrowed from the CBN at an interest rate of 32.50 per cent as the asymmetric corridor around the MPR is at +500/-100 basis points.

With the hike in the MPR to 18.75 per cent in June 2023, the applicable rates for the SDF and SLF in 2023 increased by 50 basis points to 11.50 and 19.50 per cent, respectively.

The CBN's sustained increase of the MPR in 2024 changed the rates at which banks and merchant banks borrowed from CBN with each increase.

The apex bank allowed banks to borrow at a rate of 31.75 per cent in July 2024 when the MPR was at 26.75 per cent.

Banks deposited N38.12 trillion with CBN in 2024

The data also revealed that banks and merchant banks deposited N38.12 trillion with the CBN in 2024, a 210.15 per cent increase when compared to N12.29 trillion in 2023.

According to the data, the highest deposit from banks was N8.12 trillion recorded in August 2024.

The increase in banks' deposits with the

CBN was facilitated by the CBN's lifting of suspension on the daily remunerable policy, which should not exceed N2 billion.

The apex bank also stated that the SDF deposit of N2 billion shall be remunerated at the interest rate prescribed by the Monetary Policy Committee from time to time and that any deposit by a bank above N2 billion shall not be remunerated.

Analysts say increased banks' borrowing negative

Analysts have decried the increase in borrowing from the CBN by Nigerian banks to meet their daily business obligations, stressing that the situation signals the liquidity pressure confronting banks.

They said the situation has a negative colouration and urged the CBN to halt further hikes of the interest rate.

Vice President of Highcap Securities, Mr David Adnori, said, "The development points to lack of liquidity on the part of banks. Monetary policy has been tightening and this has led to low liquidity.

"It is cheaper for banks to borrow from the CBN. This development is not positive but negative. We cannot continue to tighten because it will reflect on economic growth."

The Chief Executive Officer of the Centre for Promotion of Private Enterprises (CPPE), Dr Muda Yusuf, said the situation shows that banks are faced with liquidity challenges.

He said, "This is a reflection of liquidity pressure some of the banks are going through. The facility is typically short-term. This may not necessarily indicate that the banks are stressed or unstable."

Borno gov signs N615.8bn 2025 budget into law

By Friday Omosola

Governor Babagana Zulum of Borno State has signed the state's 2025 budget, valued at N615.86 billion, into law.

The brief signing ceremony took place on Monday at the Council Chamber of the Government House in Maiduguri.

Dubbed the "Budget of Recovery and Continuity," the appropriation bill emphasises completing ongoing projects and fulfilling campaign promises made in 2023.

Zulum had initially presented a budget estimate of N584.76 billion to the State House of Assembly on December 9, 2024. After thorough deliberations, the House increased the figure by N31 billion before passing it on December 24, 2024.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Zulum expressed his commitment to completing all projects tied to his election pledges.



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The governor also called on heads of Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs), as well as members of the state executive council, to adhere strictly to the budget's provisions when seeking approvals for projects.

He lauded the State House of Assembly for its expeditious review and passage of the budget.

He said his administration's

achievements in developmental strides would not have been possible without the support and cooperation of the legislature.

In his response, Speaker Abdulkarim Lawan commended Zulum for his dedication and impactful projects across Borno State over the last six years.

He noted that the upward adjustment to the budget was necessary to include critical, people-oriented initiatives

Largest food logistics hall in Sub-Saharan Africa to open in Lagos – Sanwo-Olu

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Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu of Lagos State has announced that the largest food logistics hall in sub-Saharan Africa will commence operations in Lagos by 2025.

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Lagos to focus on funding major projects, says Sanwo-Olu

By Friday Omosola

Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu of Lagos State has disclosed that his administration will focus on securing funds for many projects, including the construction of new international airport and the expansion of the municipal rail system.

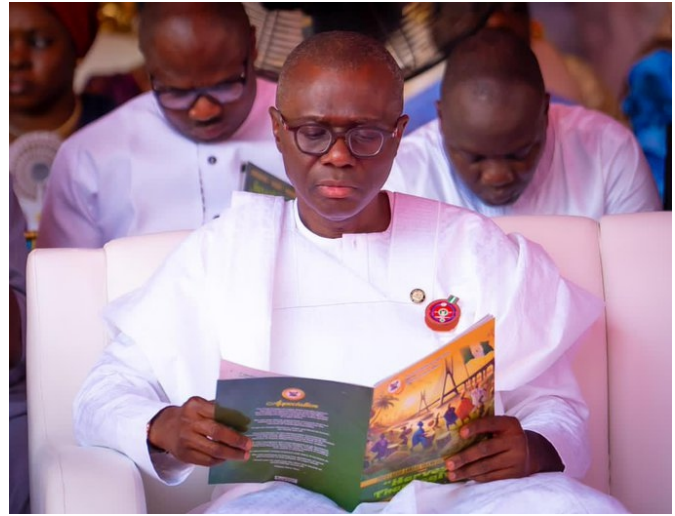
Speaking yesterday at the 25th Lagos New Year Thanksgiving Service held at Tafawa Balewa Square, a yearly tradition initiated by President Bola Tinubu during his tenure as governor, Sanwo-Olu outlined his administration's priorities for the year.

He pledged to implement the newly enacted Electricity Law to ensure reliable power supply across the state. The governor also reiterated his commitment to delivering on key

areas such as housing, infrastructure, healthcare, and security, with a focus on making Lagos safer and more prosperous than ever.

Sanwo-Olu said, "We used the opportunity to reflect on the significant achievements in our state over the past year. Last year, we successfully launched the first phase of the Red Line, began the second phase of the Blue Line, and advanced major projects such as our food and logistics park and a new children's hospital.

"The recent influx of the diaspora to Lagos highlights our potential as a leading travel and tourism destination.



Fellow Lagosians, 2025 is here, and we'll prosper both individually and as a collective. Let us embrace our resilience and hard work as we continue to build a vibrant, welcoming city where everyone can pursue their dreams."

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Obese patients, smokers face surgery delays in the UK

By Dr. Olaoluwa Vincent Ajayi

Obese patients and smokers face delays for NHS surgeries under new reforms requiring them to be assessed as “fit to proceed.”

Obese patients and smokers could see their surgeries delayed under reforms announced by Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer. The new plan requires patients to be assessed as “fit to proceed” before receiving a surgery date. The measures aim to boost NHS productivity and tackle extensive waiting lists.

Patients waiting for procedures like hip and knee surgeries will first be encouraged to complete a 12-week weight-loss program or quit smoking. The government argues that “prehabilitation” can improve surgical outcomes by reducing complications and cancellations, while increasing the number of procedures performed as day surgeries rather than requiring extended hospital stays.

Under the new system, patients deemed unfit to proceed will remain on waiting lists, while fitter patients will receive priority for treatment. Sir Keir Starmer described the reforms as part of a broader effort to rebuild the NHS, which he said would be “reformed from top to bottom.” The Prime Minister acknowledged the controversial nature of the plan but emphasized its necessity to improve healthcare access and efficiency.

NHS National Medical Director Prof Sir Stephen Powis supported the move, citing clinical evidence that fitter patients experience better outcomes and fewer complications. “The NHS will provide support like weight management and smoking cessation programs to help patients prepare for surgery,” he said, stressing that empowering patients to take control of their health is critical for the NHS’s future sustainability.

The reforms, outlined in the Elective Reform Plan by the Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England, are part of a larger strategy to reduce backlogs and increase productivity. The plan includes a 20%



increase in annual NHS appointments, offering up to one million extra consultations. It will also expand partnerships with the private sector, targeting long-wait specialties like gynaecology and orthopaedics. Additionally, the government aims to enhance access to diagnostic centers and surgical hubs to minimize cancellations and delays caused by emergency cases.

To accelerate treatment, GPs will have the authority to refer patients directly for diagnostic tests, bypassing the need for consultant referrals. Family doctors will also receive incentives for seeking specialist advice without making formal referrals. This strategy is expected to cut waiting times, especially in areas where delays are most severe.

Critics of the plan have expressed concerns. The Conservative opposition accused the Labour government of repackaging old policies, citing expanded private-sector use as a continuation of previous strategies. However, the government defended its approach, arguing that the partnership with private providers is necessary to meet urgent healthcare needs. Health Secretary Wes Streeting emphasized the importance of timely treatment, stating, “If the wealthy can access care on time, then so should NHS patients.”

The plan aims to halve the number of patients waiting more than 18 months for treatment by March 2026, addressing a significant backlog that has left millions waiting for care. Particular attention will be given to specialties with severe

delays, such as gynaecology, where over 260,000 women are waiting longer than the 18-week target, and orthopaedics, where 40% of patients exceed the waiting threshold.

Efforts will also focus on empowering patients with more control over their care. Around one million appointments will be freed up by eliminating unnecessary follow-ups and enabling patients to decide when checkups are needed. The expansion of standalone surgical hubs and diagnostic centers will further enhance efficiency and reduce delays.

While the reforms represent a significant shift in NHS strategy, they come amidst rising criticism over long waiting times and perceived neglect of the healthcare system in recent years. The government faces the challenge of balancing public concerns about fairness and accessibility while addressing the pressing need for healthcare reform.

The ambitious plan reflects the government’s commitment to reshaping the NHS and ensuring that patients receive timely and effective care. Whether the changes will deliver the desired outcomes remains to be seen, but the focus on improving patient readiness and streamlining processes marks a pivotal moment in the future of UK healthcare.

Patrick Doyle slams 'transactional gospel,' calls it misguided

By Ifedamola Joseph Fayomi

Veteran actor Patrick Doyle critiques the "transactional gospel," condemning the focus on material wealth and urging believers to emphasize trust in God.

In a recent social media post, Doyle passionately criticized the practice of equating financial contributions with spiritual faith.

He urged believers to shift their focus from worldly transactions to building a genuine relationship with God.

Criticism of money-centered teachings

Doyle highlighted the overemphasis on money and material possessions in certain religious circles, describing these teachings as irrelevant to spiritual growth.

He argued that financial contributions, while significant in a physical context, hold no weight in matters of the spirit.

Instead, he called out religious leaders who prioritize monetary donations, labeling such practices as "misguided" and "shameful."

The actor expressed frustration with religious leaders who elevate money as the principal measure of devotion.

He pointed out that these practices undermine the core message of faith and trust in God. According to Doyle, spirituality should not be reduced to financial transactions but should revolve around a deeper connection with the divine.

Trust: The true spiritual currency

Doyle presented an alternative perspective, emphasizing that the true transaction in spirituality is based on trust in God.

He explained that trust, not money, is the currency that matters in the divine economy. To cultivate this trust, believers must invest time in understanding and connecting with God.

"God's preferred currency is trust," Doyle stated. He likened the process to building a "trust savings account," where consistent engagement with God's word leads to spiritual growth and rewards.

The actor encouraged individuals to dedicate time to reading scripture and meditating on its teachings, as this deepens intimacy with God and strengthens faith.

Call to reevaluate priorities

Doyle's comments serve as a wake-up call for believers to reassess their spiritual priorities. He urged people to place trust at the center of their faith journey, rather than focusing on material possessions or monetary offerings.

His message challenges the notion that financial contributions are a necessary component of worship, emphasizing that true faith is rooted in a personal relationship with God.

He wrote on Facebook: "The debate about the 'transactional gospel' needs to be properly addressed. Too much emphasis has been placed on the currency of transactions. Cash is the currency of transactions in the physical world and is of absolutely no relevance in spiritual matters. The 'Men of God' who elevated money to the principal mode of kingdom transaction ought to be ashamed of themselves."

This thought-provoking statement calls out the misrepresentation of spiritual teachings and invites believers to reflect on their own practices.

Doyle's words resonate with those who feel disillusioned by the commercial aspects of modern religious practices.

Practical steps for building trust

In addition to his critique, Doyle offered practical advice for those seeking a more authentic spiritual experience. He stressed the importance of spending time with God through prayer, reflection, and engagement with scripture.

By doing so, believers can cultivate a deeper sense of trust and reliance on God. "You can't trust what or who you haven't spent time with," Doyle explained. This simple yet profound statement underscores the necessity of an intentional relationship with God.

He urged believers to prioritize their



spiritual growth over material concerns, emphasizing that trust is the foundation of a meaningful faith journey.

Message for modern believers

Doyle's perspective highlights a critical issue in contemporary religious discourse. His critique of the "transactional gospel" challenges widespread practices that prioritize wealth over spiritual depth.

At the same time, his emphasis on trust and intimacy with God offers a constructive alternative for those seeking a more genuine connection with their faith.

Doyle's message serves as a reminder of the true essence of spirituality.

By placing trust and intimacy with God at the forefront, believers can experience a richer and more fulfilling spiritual journey.

Through his thoughtful reflections, Patrick Doyle invites believers to shift their focus from external displays of faith to the internal cultivation of trust. His words encourage a return to the core values of spirituality, where trust in God takes precedence over material wealth.

Speed Darlington sues IGP for N300M, hearing set for January 13

By Ifedamola Joseph Fayomi



Nigerian singer Speed Darlington has filed a fundamental rights suit seeking N300M damages against Police IG Kayode Egbetokun for alleged unlawful detention.

The Federal High Court in Abuja has scheduled the hearing for January 13 following a request from Darlington's lawyer, Abubakar Marshal, for an adjournment. This decision allows the police's counsel, Garba Audu, time to review and respond to the served documents, according to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN).

Case origin and court order

The case originates from a December 23, 2024, court order, which mandated that the police either charge Darlington or release him within 48 hours.

Previously, New Daily Prime reported that the Federal High Court instructed the Nigerian police to comply with this order by

releasing Darlington immediately pending the hearing of the substantive matter. The court further directed Abubakar Marshal, Esq., to act as surety for Darlington.

Lawyer's confirmation and arrest details

Deji Adeyanju, Speed Darlington's lawyer, confirmed this development in an X post on Monday, emphasizing the importance of the court's decision. Darlington, aged 39, was arrested in Lagos on charges of defamation and cyberstalking, allegedly linked to his comments about Burna Boy. He was granted bail on October 8, 2024.

Hearing and legal arguments

At the resumed hearing, Abubakar Marshal informed the court that the case was set for a hearing concerning the motion to enforce Darlington's rights. Garba Audu, representing the police, claimed he had not received the relevant documents, though the court confirmed their service. Marshal also requested the court direct the police to release Speed Darlington on bail, a request that

Audu opposed, citing an ongoing criminal charge against the singer.

Audu explained that Darlington had allegedly jumped bail, though he noted the police had not openly defied the court's earlier order, attributing the delay to the Christmas holiday season.

Speed Darlington's trial is now scheduled for January 15, 2025, but Justice Liman advised the police to release Darlington to his lawyer in the meantime.

Darlington's legal suit and alleged torture

Speed Darlington's suit seeks damages for his alleged unlawful detention and an order for his immediate release or production before the court. His legal team claims that he endured torture and inhumane treatment during his detention.

Actor Patrick Doyle: “Davido least arrogant among peers”

By Ifedamola Joseph Fayomi

Actor Patrick Doyle praises Afrobeat star Davido for staying composed under public criticism, highlighting his resilience and growing global acclaim.

Despite facing relentless attacks on his character, Davido’s global reputation continues to grow stronger.

In a heartfelt Facebook post on Sunday, Doyle compared Davido’s resilience to a life philosophy once championed by the late Nigerian political icon, Obafemi Awolowo.

The philosophy of “Eebudola” Reflecting on a personal experience, Doyle shared an inspiring story about attending a birthday celebration for Segun Awolowo at the stately home of his grandfather, Obafemi Awolowo, in Ikene. He noticed an inscription, “Eebudola,” under a zodiac drawing in a hall adjacent to the main house. Years later, Doyle discovered its profound meaning during an interview with the late leader.

Awolowo explained that “Eebudola,” meaning “adversity turned to blessing,” described a recurring theme in his life. Attempts to discredit him often resulted in unforeseen advantages, propelling him to greater heights. Doyle admitted that this philosophy deeply influenced him and strengthened his admiration for Awolowo’s outlook.

Davido as a modern “Eebudola” Drawing parallels between Awolowo’s philosophy and Davido’s career, Doyle remarked that the Afrobeat sensation embodies the “Eebudola” concept. Despite being a target of criticism from peers and detractors, Davido’s refusal to engage in conflicts has enhanced his global appeal. Doyle noted, “The more they attack him and he ignores them, the more his stature as a global star shines.”



Humble star in a competitive industry Doyle highlighted Davido’s humility, which stands out in an industry marked by egos and competition. He contrasted Davido’s grounded nature with his impressive background and achievements. While many of his peers come from humble beginnings, Davido, born into a wealthy and influential family, has shown remarkable modesty.

“He is perhaps the least arrogant of his peers, even though he has every reason to be the most arrogant,” Doyle observed. This humility, Doyle suggested, is a testament to the values instilled by his father, Adedeji Adeleke, a billionaire businessman known for his self-effacing demeanor.

Davido’s flashy persona: A career strategy

While acknowledging Davido’s flashy and confident public image, Doyle explained that it aligns with the demands of his entertainment career. Beneath the vibrant exterior, Davido remains respectful and receptive to feedback. Doyle cited instances where the singer humbly accepted corrections from elders and adjusted his behavior without defensiveness or disrespect.

“On a few occasions, when he has erred and been corrected by elders, he has humbly redirected his steps and never once retorted rudely to correction,” Doyle remarked, emphasizing the artist’s maturity.

Actor Patrick Doyle [Photo Credit : Google]

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Rising above criticism With grace Doyle also praised Davido’s approach to handling criticism, describing his calm demeanor as a mark of strength and focus. Rather than engaging in public spats or retaliating against his detractors, Davido channels his energy into his craft, allowing his success to speak for itself.

“Truly, the Awolowo ‘Eebudola’ concept is working in the life of young David Adeleke,” he declared, dubbing Davido the “Eebudola of the entertainment industry.”

An inspiration for generations Davido’s ability to rise above challenges and maintain grace under pressure serves as an inspiration to fans and peers alike. His journey reinforces a powerful message: adversity, when met with resilience and dignity, can transform into opportunities for growth and success.

As Davido’s star continues to shine on the global stage, his story exemplifies the rewards of perseverance, humility, and hard work.

Woli Arole loses father By Ifedamola Joseph Fayomi

Renowned Nigerian comedian, actor, and preacher Oluwatoyin Bayegun, widely known as Woli Arole, has announced the passing of his father.

The heartfelt announcement came late Sunday evening through his official Instagram page, where he shared an emotional tribute and a touching photo of himself and his late father.

In a deeply moving post, Woli Arole expressed his profound sadness while also celebrating his father's life. His words resonated with his followers, many of whom flooded the comments section with condolences and messages of support.

The comedian wrote, "It has pleased the LORD to receive my FATHER in GLORY. It's in total submission to the will of GOD to announce the demise of my Father, my HERO, and my ROLE MODEL."

He continued by reminiscing about the precious moments he shared with his father before his passing. "I am happy I spent your last moments with you in JOY, PRAYERS, and FUN. Rest well Baba Jimmy. Happy you left a LEGACY and that LEGACY is ME!!!!!! I would miss you so MUCH!!!!!!"

Legacy of love and faith

Woli Arole's post highlighted the deep bond he shared with his father, describing him as a hero and a role model. The comedian emphasized how his father's life and values have left a lasting legacy, one that he feels proud to carry forward. His touching words not only reflected his grief but also his gratitude for the time they spent together.

This announcement has brought a wave of sympathy and prayers from fans, colleagues, and well-wishers. Many expressed their admiration for Woli Arole's courage and faith in this difficult time.

Woli Arole's rise to fame

Oluwatoyin Bayegun, better known by his stage name Woli Arole, is one of Nigeria's most celebrated comedians. Known for his unique



blend of humor and cultural commentary, he has built a loyal fanbase over the years. Beyond comedy, Woli Arole has ventured into acting and, more recently, preaching.

His journey from being a stand-up comedian to a preacher has inspired many, as he seamlessly blends humour with messages of faith. Through his social media platforms, he continues to share his insights, often laced with a mix of humour and spirituality.

Fans rally around the comedian

The loss of a parent is a profound experience, and Woli Arole's followers have shown immense support during this time. Comments on his Instagram post ranged from heartfelt condolences to prayers for strength and comfort.

One fan wrote, "Your father must have been so proud of the man you've become. May his soul rest in perfect peace." Another commented, "Take heart, Woli. Your father's legacy lives on in you."

Fellow comedians and actors also joined in mourning the loss. Popular comedian Ali Baba sent his prayers, saying, "May God give you and your family the strength to bear this loss."

Embracing faith in times of grief

Throughout his message, Woli Arole emphasized his faith in God's plan, even in moments of pain. His words reflected a deep sense of trust in divine timing, a sentiment that resonates with his fans and followers.

"It's never easy to lose someone so dear," said a close friend of the comedian. "But Woli's strength comes from his unwavering faith, and it's inspiring to see him honour his father's memory with such grace."

Woli Arole and his late father
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Looking ahead

As Woli Arole navigates this challenging period, his fans continue to stand by him, offering their prayers and unwavering support. The comedian has always been known for his ability to bring joy and laughter to others, even during tough times.

Though deeply personal, this loss has shown his resilience and faith, qualities that have endeared him to many. As he proudly stated, his father's legacy lives on in him.

Trudeau quits: What's next for Canada's Liberal Party and Politics?

By Dr. Olaoluwa Vincent Ajayi



Canadian PM Justin Trudeau resigns after nearly a decade, citing internal party divisions and plummeting polls. His decision follows mounting opposition, economic woes, and calls for change within his party.

Ottawa, Canada – Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has announced his resignation after nearly a decade in office, citing internal divisions within his Liberal Party and a desire to provide voters with a clear choice in the next election. The announcement, made Monday, follows weeks of speculation regarding Trudeau's political future amid plummeting poll ratings and mounting opposition.

Trudeau confirmed he will step down as both party leader and prime minister once the Liberals select a new leader. He also prorogued parliament until March 24, allowing his party time to regroup and prepare for leadership changes. "Parliament has been paralyzed for months," Trudeau said. "This country deserves a real choice in the next election, and if I'm fighting internal battles, I

cannot be the best option."

Once a charismatic and progressive leader, the 53-year-old Trudeau has faced increasing criticism from voters and party members. His approval ratings have plummeted to historic lows, with a December Angus Reid poll showing his party at just 16% support—the worst since he assumed leadership. Meanwhile, Trudeau's personal disapproval rating soared to 74%, according to the pollster's "Trudeau Tracker."

Economic challenges, including soaring living costs, a housing affordability crisis, and backlash against record immigration levels intended to boost Canada's post-

pandemic economy, have eroded his support. The sudden resignation of Chrystia Freeland, a former finance minister and one-time close ally, in December further highlighted divisions within the Liberal Party. Freeland cited disputes over government spending as a factor in her decision, sparking renewed calls for Trudeau to step aside.

Trudeau's decision to suspend parliament has drawn sharp criticism from opposition leaders. Pierre Poilievre, leader of the Conservative Party—which currently holds a 25-point lead over the Liberals in polls—accused Trudeau of attempting to "trick voters by swapping in another Liberal face to keep ripping off Canadians." Poilievre said the resignation was motivated not by principle but by a desire among Liberal members to salvage their political careers.

NDP leader Jagmeet Singh, whose party recently withdrew its support for the minority Liberal government, echoed this sentiment. Singh called Trudeau's tenure a period of repeated disappointment for Canadians and stated that a change in Liberal leadership would

not resolve the party's failures. "They don't deserve another chance," Singh said.

Trudeau's announcement had immediate financial implications. The Canadian dollar softened slightly to C\$1.436 against the US dollar, near a five-year low, though it remained stronger overall due to a broader sell-off of the US dollar. The S&P/TSX Composite Index in Toronto recovered from early losses, climbing 0.3% by midday.

Trudeau, the son of former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, came to power in 2015 as a fresh, progressive force, promising gender equality, climate action, and reconciliation with First Nations. Notable achievements included legalizing cannabis, welcoming Syrian refugees, and advancing social policies.

However, his tenure has been marred in recent years by economic difficulties, ethics controversies, and challenges navigating Canada's relationship with its southern neighbor, particularly during Donald Trump's presidency. Trump, who has been critical of Trudeau in recent weeks, mocked his resignation on Truth Social, suggesting Canada could merge with the US to eliminate trade deficits and enhance security.

As Trudeau prepares to exit the political stage, the Liberal Party faces significant challenges in regaining public trust and positioning itself for the next election. For now, Canadians await the selection of a new Liberal leader who will likely contend with an emboldened opposition and widespread public dissatisfaction.

Trudeau expressed gratitude to Canadians and his colleagues for their support during his tenure. "It has been the honor of my life to serve as your prime minister," he said.

Love behind bars: Guard accused of sexual relationship with prisoner

By Dr. Olaoluwa Vincent Ajayi

A UK prison officer was charged with misconduct after allegedly engaging in a sexual relationship with an inmate at HMP Wandsworth. The incident, caught on camera, highlights systemic issues in prisons.

A 30-year-old prison officer has been charged with misconduct in public office following allegations of engaging in sexual acts with an inmate at HMP Wandsworth, south London. The incident, reportedly captured on a body-worn camera, has raised concerns about systemic vulnerabilities within the UK's prison system.

Linda De Sousa Abreu, of Fulham, south-west London, appeared at Uxbridge Magistrates' Court on Monday for a preliminary hearing. The court was informed that the alleged misconduct took place between June 26 and 28. Prosecutors allege that, during her tenure as a public officer, Ms. De Sousa Abreu "wilfully and without reasonable excuse or justification" engaged in a sexual act with a prisoner, breaching the public's trust in her position.

The allegations came to light after a video, allegedly filmed inside a prison cell, was shared on social media. Police launched an investigation on Friday, leading to Ms. De Sousa Abreu's arrest later that day. She was formally charged on Saturday.

During the court hearing, Niamh McDonagh, prosecuting, requested that Ms. De Sousa Abreu's Portuguese passport remain in police custody, preventing her from applying for international travel documents. Magistrate Julie Cook granted conditional bail, barring Ms. De Sousa Abreu from entering UK travel ports and imposing an electronically monitored curfew.

"This matter is indictable only and must be heard at the Crown Court,"



Magistrate Cook stated. Ms. De Sousa Abreu, described by her lawyer as a "young mother" and "a person of good character," is set to appear at Isleworth Crown Court on July 29 for plea and trial preparations.

This case is the latest in a series of incidents involving inappropriate relationships between prison officers and inmates, highlighting systemic challenges in the UK's prison system. Between October 2022 and October 2023, at least 31 female prison staff were dismissed for engaging in illicit relationships with inmates. Notable cases include a prison supervisor who became pregnant by an inmate and another officer who had an inmate's cell number tattooed on her thigh.

Experts point to several systemic issues contributing to such misconduct. Many prison officers, some as young as 18, receive just six weeks of training, leaving them ill-prepared to navigate the complexities of prison dynamics. Former prison governor Professor Ian Acheson has described young, undertrained officers as vulnerable to manipulation by inmates.

Chronic overcrowding in UK prisons has exacerbated the strain on resources and oversight. Justice Secretary Shabana Mahmood recently warned of a potential "total collapse" of the prison system, suggesting early release for over 5,000 inmates to ease pressure. Corruption within the system, including the smuggling of contraband by staff, has further undermined prison integrity. A culture of leniency toward these issues has allowed them to persist.

The allegations against Ms. De Sousa Abreu have reignited calls for reform in the prison system. Critics argue that the incidents of misconduct reflect deeper systemic failings, including insufficient staff training, poor working conditions, and lax oversight.

"This incident is not an isolated one; it's symptomatic of a broken system," noted one former prison official. "Without serious reforms, these issues will continue to undermine public confidence in the criminal justice system."

Why Trudeau stepped down, in five charts

By New Daily Prime

Falling approval ratings, Canada's housing crisis and the Conservatives racing ahead in the polls leads to PM's resignation.



Justin Trudeau announced his resignation on Monday after nearly 10 years as Canada's prime minister.

Here are five charts that explain his downfall:

Mr Trudeau's political honeymoon lasted until March 2018, when he faced several controversies, including allegations – which he denied – that he groped a reporter in 2000.

The following year, pictures emerged of him wearing blackface to a party despite positioning himself as a champion of social justice.

In 2021, his decision to call a snap election during the Covid pandemic backfired. His liberal reputation was



undermined when he used emergency powers to crush a strike by truckers in 2022, and his popularity worsened as the Canadian economy faltered.

When Mr Trudeau became prime minister, Canadian unemployment stood at 7.1 per cent, but by mid-2019 it had fallen to 5.6 per cent.

Unemployment soared during the Covid pandemic, hitting 13 per cent. Although it recovered, the number of jobs created failed to keep up with population growth. The average house price in Canada when Mr Trudeau took over as prime minister in November 2015 was \$446,000

Canadian. Nine years later, the average cost of a house soared to \$732,000 Canadian after peaking at \$834,000 in March 2022. Prices rose for reasons including supply failing to keep up with the growing population, partly attributed to immigration.

Cheap credit, speculative investment and tax incentives to encourage homeownership have also pushed the cost of housing up.

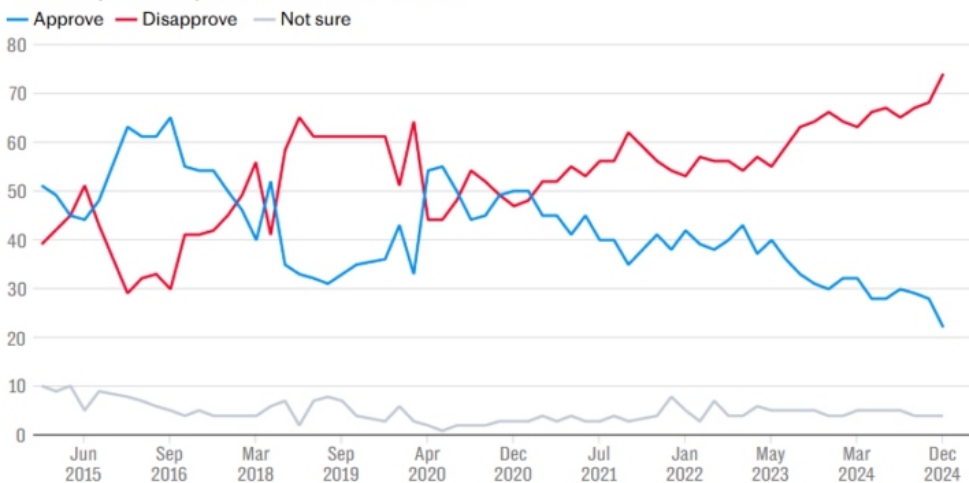
According to the latest polling, the Conservatives, led by Pierre Poilievre are on course for a landslide with 227 seats at the next election. As things stand Mr Trudeau's Liberals are projected to win just 44 seats, three ahead of the Bloc Quebecois.

Canadian voters had little faith in Mr Trudeau's ability to handle Donald Trump who, since his election, has been taunting the Canadian prime minister by suggesting the country could become America's 51st state.

Mr Poilievre has the confidence of 44 per cent of voters when it comes to taking on Mr Trump, compared with Mr Trudeau's 14 per cent.

Justin Trudeau's approval ratings

Approval ratings peaked at 65 per cent in September 2016, the year after he became prime minister. This slumped to 22 per cent in December 2024



Source: Angus Reid Institute

“Guardiola challenges Grealish to recapture treble-winning form”

By Timi-Zacchaeus Oluwaferanmi

Pep Guardiola has issued a clear challenge to Jack Grealish, urging the Manchester City forward to rediscover the form that made him indispensable during the club’s historic Treble-winning campaign in 2023.

Grealish, 29, has struggled to cement his place in the starting XI this season, with just six starts in City’s 20 Premier League matches. The England international was limited to a late substitute appearance in Sunday’s 4-1 victory over West Ham United, replaced by standout Brazilian Savinho, who contributed two assists in a dominant performance.

Addressing Grealish’s current form, Guardiola said, “Do I want the Jack that won the Treble? Absolutely. But he has to prove he deserves that spot. He needs to fight every day and every week to earn his

place back.”

Guardiola acknowledged Grealish’s quality but emphasized the need for consistency. “I fought hard for him to join us, and I know his level. He can do it because I’ve seen it. But he needs rhythm, training, and the right mindset to get there.”

Grealish, who joined City from Aston Villa for a record £100m in 2021, has been instrumental in the club’s recent success, contributing to three Premier League titles, an FA Cup, and a Champions League triumph. However, City’s turbulent season—marked by nine losses in 13 games before Christmas—has



amplified scrutiny on the squad’s performances.

With City now regaining momentum, Guardiola expressed confidence in Grealish’s ability to bounce back, adding, “I have no doubt about Jack’s talent. It’s about showing it again, every single session and match.”

“Djokovic reflects on Melbourne trauma ahead of Australian open”

By Timi-Zacchaeus Oluwaferanmi

Novak Djokovic, the 37-year-old Serbian tennis legend, has revealed lingering feelings of “trauma” when visiting Melbourne, three years after being deported under Australia’s strict Covid-19 regulations.

In 2022, Djokovic’s visa was canceled on “health and good order” grounds due to his unvaccinated status, forcing him to miss the Australian Open. The ordeal included a five-day stay in an immigration hotel and a high-profile legal battle that ended with his deportation.

Speaking to Melbourne’s Herald Sun, Djokovic admitted, “The last couple of times I landed in Australia, going through passport control brought back trauma from three years ago. Some traces of that feeling still remain.”

Despite the ordeal, Djokovic returned triumphantly in 2023, winning his 10th

Australian Open title in an emotional victory he described as one of his most meaningful. “I don’t hold a grudge,” he said. “I came back and won — it was incredibly emotional for me and my team.”

Victorian Premier Jacinta Allan emphasized the broader challenges of the pandemic. “Covid was tough for everyone. It didn’t matter who you were; it affected all of us,” she said, redirecting focus to this year’s tournament.

Australia’s Prime Minister Anthony Albanese criticized the previous government’s handling of Djokovic’s case, specifically their



refusal to allow him access to an Orthodox priest during the Christmas season, calling it “hard to justify.”

Djokovic is now back in Melbourne, preparing to extend his record to 11 Australian Open titles and pursue a historic 25th Grand Slam victory. The tournament begins this Sunday at Melbourne Park, where all eyes will be on the former world number one as he seeks to add yet another chapter to his illustrious career.

Eguma hails Enyimba's dominant CAF confederation cup win

By Timi-Zacchaeus Oluwaferanmi

Enyimba head coach Stanley Eguma has praised his team's emphatic 4-1 victory over Mozambique's Black Bulls in the CAF Confederation Cup, describing the performance as a morale booster and a gift to Nigerian football fans.

The two-time African champions dominated the match at the Godswill Akpabio International Stadium in Uyo on Sunday, revitalizing their hopes in Group D.

Speaking after the match, Eguma, who recently assumed the managerial role, reflected on the progress made in a short time. "This result is like a New Year gift to Nigerians because they've been yearning for this kind of performance in continental football," he said.

The coach admitted facing initial

challenges but emphasized the importance of instilling a winning mentality. "When I joined, I wasn't comfortable with what I met on the ground. Key players were injured, but I worked with those available and improvised where necessary," he said.

Eguma highlighted Brown Ideye's contributions despite the striker not being at peak fitness. "Ideye is a household name, and his presence is a big plus. He's still getting match-fit, but he'll add more to the team soon."

The coach also commended



Innocent Gabriel, a center-back, for stepping up in the holding midfield role in the absence of Daniel Daga, who is heading to Europe.

The win propels Enyimba into contention in Group D as they prepare for a rescheduled NPFL match against Nasarawa United in Aba on Wednesday, followed by a must-win clash against Egypt's Al Masry in Uyo on Sunday.

Omeruo delighted to return from injury layoff

By Timi-Zacchaeus Oluwaferanmi

Kenneth Omeruo has expressed his excitement after returning to full training with Turkish Super Lig side Kasimpasa, following a lengthy injury layoff.

The 31-year-old defender sustained an injury during Kasimpasa's 3-3 draw against Galatasaray in October, sidelining him for nine matches. Now fit again, Omeruo is eager to rejoin his teammates and make an impact on the pitch.

The Nigeria international shared his joy on social media, writing: "It's been a difficult few months. Glad to be running again... can't wait to start helping my team again. I have missed it. #UncleK #OffThePitch."

Omeruo has made five league



appearances for Kasimpasa this season and remains a key figure for the club. His return is expected to bolster the team's defensive line as they aim to climb the Super Lig

standings.

The former Leganes centre-back will look to build on his experience and leadership as he prepares to return to action in the coming fixtures.