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DRUG RECORDS: TINUBU MOVES TO BLOCK RELEASE OF US LAW-ENFORCEMENT FILES

By Ejikeme Augustine Eloka
Delta

ABUJA — President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has reportedly asked a United States court not to compel the release of records held by American law-enforcement agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ).

The development was highlighted by investigative commentator Von Batten, who said in a social media update that Tinubu had pleaded with the court to prevent the release of documents allegedly relating to him.

According to Von Batten, the Nigerian president is relying on privacy protections in opposing efforts to obtain the records under the U.S. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Von Batten further claimed that Tinubu argued that the records were being sought for the purpose of influencing politics in a foreign country, which he interpreted as an attempt to affect Nigeria's forthcoming presidential election.

The commentator also alleged that Tinubu's court position addresses the public interest surrounding his personal background and suitability for public office.

However, the claims concerning the alleged heroin-trafficking records remain allegations and should not be treated as proof that Tinubu engaged in heroin trafficking or any other criminal activity.

The reported dispute appears to centre on whether records held by U.S. law-enforcement agencies can legally be released under FOIA and whether privacy or other exemptions apply to the documents.



FOIA provides mechanisms for members of the public to request records from U.S. federal agencies, but it also contains exemptions that can restrict the disclosure of certain categories of information, including some law-enforcement and personal records.

The development has generated renewed interest in longstanding questions surrounding records relating to Tinubu in the United

States and their potential political implications in Nigeria.

As of the time of publication, Kwale Post has not independently verified all of Von Batten's claims or established that the documents in question prove any criminal conduct by President Tinubu.

Kwale Post will continue to monitor the court proceedings and provide updates as verified information becomes available.

ATIKU CHALLENGES FG TO PROBE HIM OVER ALLEGED \$16BN POWER EXPENDITURE

By Ejikeme Rachael
Delta

Former Vice President Atiku Abubakar has challenged the Federal Government to investigate and prosecute him if it has evidence linking him to the alleged \$16 billion expenditure on power projects during his time in government.

Atiku, the presidential candidate of the African Democratic Congress (ADC), also accused the administration of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu of reviving old allegations against him in an attempt to divert attention from questions surrounding the utilisation of revenues generated after the removal of the petrol subsidy.

In a statement issued on Wednesday by his Senior Special Assistant on Public Communication, Phrank Shaibu, Atiku said the renewed focus on power-sector projects, privatisation and public assets was designed to shift attention away from the economic difficulties confronting Nigerians.

He challenged the Federal Government to account for the resources saved or generated following the removal of the petrol subsidy, asking, “Where is the people’s money?”

According to Atiku, allegations concerning the power projects have been raised repeatedly over the years without leading to his prosecution, despite successive administrations having access to government investigative institutions.

He argued that the controversy was being revived because his calls for greater transparency over the proceeds of subsidy removal had become uncomfortable for the Tinubu administration.

Atiku maintained that Nigerians had accepted the hardship associated with subsidy removal based on assurances that the savings would be redirected towards development.

“They removed subsidy from the poor and promised that the sacrifice would free resources for development. Nigerians accepted extraordinary pain on that promise,” he said.

He added that the consequences of the policy had become increasingly difficult for citizens, with higher costs of petrol, transportation and food, alongside a decline in workers’ purchasing power.

“Today, petrol is more expensive, transportation is more expensive, food is more expensive and the purchasing power of the Nigerian worker has been devastated,” Atiku said.

The former vice president urged the government to focus on providing answers to Nigerians regarding the management of public resources rather than revisiting allegations he said had remained unresolved for years.

I’LL REOPEN NIGERIA’S BORDERS, DEVELOP SOUTHERN PORTS IF ELECTED — ATIKU

The presidential candidate of the African Democratic Congress (ADC), Atiku Abubakar, has promised to reopen Nigeria’s land borders and improve port infrastructure in the southern part of the country if elected president in 2027.

Atiku made the pledge while addressing supporters in a video shared online by ADC chieftain Dele Momodu on Friday.

The former Vice President argued that restrictions at Nigeria’s borders had negatively affected cross-border trade and contributed to unemployment, particularly among young Nigerians whose businesses depended on regional commerce.

Atiku noted that several northern states share borders with Cameroon, Chad, Niger Republic and Benin Republic, creating opportunities for legitimate transborder trade.

He said the closure of the borders had disrupted the businesses of young traders who previously operated with millions of naira in capital and employed other people.

“All the upcoming young men and women who used to have a capital of 10 million, 20 million, and they were employing two, three other people, and then all of them

went bankrupt and unemployed. How can there be security?” he asked.

The ADC candidate declared that he would reopen the borders if given the mandate.

“So I said I am going to reopen the borders and I will,” he said.

Atiku also promised to pursue the development of ports in the South and South-East to create a more balanced system for the importation and distribution of goods across the country.

He said he had previously engaged with shippers and port development companies in Europe to explore possible ways of improving southern ports.

“During the last campaign, I went across to Europe to discuss with shippers and ship development companies how we can together develop South and South-Eastern ports so that there is balance as far as importation of goods and transportation of goods are concerned,” he said.



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According to him, improved port facilities in the southern region would reduce the time and cost of transporting goods to northern parts of the country.

Using the movement of containers from Lagos to Yola in Adamawa State as an example, Atiku said poor road infrastructure and the concentration of cargo traffic in Lagos had made transportation unnecessarily difficult.

He argued that moving containers through ports in Calabar, Uyo or Port Harcourt could significantly shorten the journey to the North-East.

“But right now, it takes me not less than two months to take my container from Lagos because you have to cross over from South-West, you go to North-East, and then there is even no road,” he said.

Atiku maintained that his proposal was aimed at addressing concerns over the movement of goods, promoting regional economic activity and developing infrastructure across the country.

Nigeria’s land borders were largely closed in August 2019 under the administration of former President Muhammadu

Buhari as part of efforts to tackle smuggling and boost domestic production.

The Federal Government at the time cited the smuggling of rice, poultry products, petroleum products and other goods, as well as the movement of weapons and drugs, among the reasons for the policy.

In December 2020, Buhari ordered the reopening of four major border posts, including Seme in Lagos State, Illela in Sokoto State, Maigatari in Jigawa State and Mfun in Cross River State.

The administration of President Bola Tinubu subsequently reopened the Tsamiya border with Benin Republic in Kebbi State and the Kamba corridor linking Nigeria with Niger Republic in February 2026.

The Nigeria Customs Service said the reopening would be accompanied by measures aimed at preventing smuggling and other illegal activities.

While several strategic border posts have since resumed operations, some land borders remain subject to restrictions and enhanced controls.

SPORTS NEWS

IKPEME, ABDULRAHAMAN ASSUME INTERIM ROLES AT NFF, NPFL

By Regina Egbele-Johnson
Delta

Dr Emmanuel Ikpeme and Dr Ayo Abdulrahaman have assumed new responsibilities at the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) and the Nigeria Premier Football League (NPFL), respectively, as authorities move to maintain continuity in football administration following the resignation of the federation’s top officials.

The National Sports Commission (NSC) approved Ikpeme, who previously served as Deputy General Secretary, to oversee the NFF Secretariat as Interim General Secretary. Dr Ademola Olajire, formerly the Director of Media and Communications, has also been appointed Interim Deputy General Secretary.

The appointments followed the resignation of NFF President Alhaji Ibrahim Gusau, General Secretary Dr Mohammed Sanusi and members of the federation’s Executive Committee on Thursday.

In a related development, the NFF on Friday appointed Abdulrahaman as Chief Operating Officer of the NPFL. His appointment coincided with the opening of the new league season, which began with a clash between CAF Confederation Cup representatives Shooting Stars and newly promoted Inter Lagos FC at the Adamasingba Stadium in Ibadan.



Abdulrahaman, who holds a doctorate in sports administration, is expected to bring extensive experience from across Nigeria’s various football leagues to the position.

Ikpeme explained that Abdulrahaman’s appointment was in line with a directive issued on Thursday requiring board members, appointed chief

executives and non-NFF-staff Chief Operating Officers of the various leagues to vacate their positions.

He confirmed that the new appointment took immediate effect.

As part of the restructuring, chairmen, appointed directors and chief executives of the NPFL, Nigeria National

League (NNL), Nigeria Women Football League (NWFL) and Nationwide League One (NLO) have been directed to hand over the administration of their respective competitions to NFF staff serving as Chief Operating Officers.

Where no such officer is currently in place, the federation is expected to deploy one to oversee the administration of the affected league.

Meanwhile, all activities related to the NFF Elective Congress, which had been scheduled for September 27, have been suspended.

A new electoral process will only commence after comprehensive reforms of the football administration system have been completed in consultation with FIFA and CAF.

The development follows President Bola Tinubu’s directive for a comprehensive overhaul of Nigerian football administration, following repeated failures by the country to qualify for major regional, continental and global competitions.

Tinubu said the reforms should address longstanding weaknesses in governance, administration, stakeholder representation, player development pathways, domestic competitions and accountability within Nigerian football.

The President noted that despite progress recorded in other sporting disciplines since the re-establishment of the NSC, football had continued to face challenges largely because of structural deficiencies.

He consequently directed the NSC Chairman to work with the NFF Secretariat and other stakeholders to ensure uninterrupted football administration while leading a broad-based reform process in consultation with FIFA and CAF.

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UNIVERSITY OF BENIN OPENS RECRUITMENT FOR TEACHING, NON-TEACHING STAFF POSITION



UNIVERSITY OF BENIN

BENIN CITY, NIGERIA

Knowledge for Service

The University of Benin (UNIBEN), Edo State, has announced vacancies for academic positions across several departments and faculties of the institution.

The recruitment exercise covers positions ranging from Graduate Assistant and Assistant Lecturer to Lecturer I, Lecturer II, Senior Lecturer, Associate Professor and Professor.

The available positions cut across Basic Medical Sciences, Dentistry, Medicine, Science Laboratory Technology and Social Sciences.

Available Positions
Basic Medical Sciences
The university is recruiting for the following positions:

Science Laboratory Technology
The advertised positions include:

Social Sciences
UNIBEN is recruiting for:

Requirements for Senior Lecturers
Candidates applying for the Senior Lecturer positions are required to possess a PhD, alongside at least five years of teaching experience.

Applicants must also have a minimum of eight peer-reviewed publications.

Generally, the university requires candidates for teaching positions to have a first degree not below Second-Class Upper

Division, or a Second-Class Lower Division degree accompanied by a PhD.

Requirements for Professors and Associate Professors
Applicants for Professor and Associate Professor positions are expected to possess a PhD in the relevant field, with substantial teaching experience, research output and publications.

Requirements for Assistant Lecturers
Candidates seeking the Assistant Lecturer positions must possess a Master’s degree and have their PhD in progress.

They must also demonstrate evidence of teaching and research potential or relevant experience.

Requirement for Graduate Assistant
For the Graduate Assistant position, applicants must possess a first degree with at least a Second-Class Upper Division.

Candidates are expected to demonstrate adequate aptitude for teaching and/or research, while applicants with First-Class degrees are particularly encouraged to apply.

Requirements for Lecturer I and II
Applicants for the Lecturer I and II positions are expected to possess either a PhD or a Master’s degree with at least three years of teaching experience.

They must also have a minimum of three peer-reviewed publications.

How to Apply

Interested candidates are required to submit their applications through the university’s online application portal, to get full guide on application procedures.

Applicants are expected to upload their application letter, detailed curriculum vitae and passport photograph.

The CV for teaching positions should contain detailed personal, academic, professional, employment, teaching and research information.

Applicants are also required to provide their Google Scholar and ORCID IDs, where applicable, as well as details of publications, research in progress, professional memberships, community service and the names and addresses of three referees.

At least one of the referees must be from the applicant’s current or most recent place of employment.

Referees are required to submit their confidential reports directly to the Registrar no later than one week after the closing date of the application.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for further stages of the recruitment process.

Shortlisted applicants will be required to present the originals of their academic and professional certificates, NYSC certificate, birth certificate or age declaration, and evidence of state and local government of origin.

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HOW TO APPLY FOR COLLEGE OF HEALTH TECHNOLOGY, OVRODE

Applying to the **College of Health Technology, Ovrode, Delta State** is simple and can be completed through the College's official application portal.

Prospective applicants are advised to carefully review the available programmes and admission requirements before beginning their application.

Step 1: Choose Your Programme

Review the available **National Diploma (ND), Diploma, and Certificate programmes** and select a programme that matches your qualifications and career goals.

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Confirm that you meet the admission requirements for your preferred programme.

Applicants should possess the required O'Level qualifications and relevant subjects. Additional programme-specific requirements may apply.

Step 3: Visit the Application Portal

Visit the College's official application portal:

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New applicants can create an account, while existing applicants can log in to continue their applications.

Step 4: Create an Applicant Account

New applicants should:

1. Visit the application portal.
2. Select **New Applicant**.
3. Enter the required personal information.
4. Verify the email address using the OTP provided.

Log in to the applicant account.

Step 5: Complete the Application Form

Provide accurate personal and academic information, including:

- Full name
- Date of birth
- Phone number
- Email address
- Contact/residential information
- Preferred programme
- O'Level examination details

Other information requested by the College
Ensure that all information provided agrees with your official documents.

Step 6: Pay the Application Fee

The application fee is:

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The application fee is **non-refundable**.

Applicants should make payment only through the approved payment channel provided on the official application portal.

Step 7: Upload Required Documents



Applicants should upload the required documents, which may include:

- Recent passport photograph
- O'Level result or certificate
- Birth certificate or declaration of age
- Identification document

Other supporting documents required for the selected programme
Ensure that all uploaded documents are clear and readable.

Step 8: Review Your Application

Before submitting, carefully review all information provided, including:

- Personal details
- Programme choice
- O'Level results
- Examination details
- Contact information
- Uploaded documents

Payment details
Correct any errors before final submission.

Step 9: Submit Your Application

After confirming that all information is correct, submit the completed application through the portal.

Applicants should keep their application details, payment

receipt, and acknowledgement slip safely for future reference.

Step 10: Attend Screening or Entrance Examination

Applicants should regularly check the official College portal and announcements for information about screening, entrance examination dates, venue, and other admission instructions.

Applicants must follow the instructions provided by the College and arrive at the designated venue as required.

Important Information

- **Application Fee:** ₦15,500
- **Application Fee Status:** Non-refundable
- Use only the official College application portal.
- Provide correct and verifiable personal and academic information.
- Keep your payment receipt and application details safely.
- Confirm the latest admission requirements before applying.
- Programme availability, requirements, fees, and screening arrangements may change.

Applicants should follow the latest official admission instructions issued by the College.

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Comments & Analysis

POLICE PARADE TWO DOCTORS, TWO OTHERS OVER ALLEGED KIDNEY HARVESTING IN NASARAWA

This is a deeply disturbing development because it sits at the intersection of **human trafficking, medical ethics, exploitation of vulnerable people and the abuse of trust within the healthcare system.**

However, the allegations should be treated as allegations until they are established through proper investigation and, ultimately, the courts. A police parade and statements from investigators are serious, but they do not by themselves constitute proof of guilt. The reported involvement of two medical doctors makes the case particularly alarming. If the allegations are proven, the alleged use of medical expertise and healthcare facilities to facilitate the removal of human organs would represent a profound betrayal of the trust society places in medical professionals. Doctors are expected to protect patients and uphold the principle of doing no harm. Any deliberate involvement in organ trafficking would be a grave violation of that responsibility. The alleged recruitment of victims under false pretences is equally troubling. People facing financial hardship can be particularly vulnerable to individuals who promise them money or opportunities. The reported payments of \$1,250 and ₦7 million therefore deserve careful examination. Investigators must establish whether the victims gave genuine, informed and legally valid consent, or whether they were deceived, manipulated or exploited. One of the most significant details is the allegation that another victim was recruited as far back as 2022. If that allegation is corroborated, it could indicate that the suspected operation may have existed for several years rather than being a recent development. That raises important questions about how many other people may have been affected and whether additional individuals or institutions were involved. The investigation should therefore go beyond the four suspects already arrest-

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ed. Authorities need to establish how victims were identified and recruited, who transported them, who arranged the medical procedures, who authorised or carried them out, who paid the victims and, most importantly, who ultimately received or financially benefited from the organs. The reported connection to a hospital also requires careful and independent scrutiny. The involvement of individuals associated with a hospital should not automatically mean that the entire institution is guilty. At the same time, investigators must determine whether other employees, medical personnel, administrators or records were knowingly used to facilitate any unlawful activity. Another important issue is the welfare of the alleged victims. The focus of such investigations often falls entirely on the suspects, while victims are left in the background. Anyone who may have lost an organ through deception or exploitation could require medical monitoring, psychological support, legal assistance and protection from intimidation or retaliation. This case should also trigger a wider conversation about the regulation and monitoring of organ transplantation in Nigeria. There must be effective systems for verifying donors, confirming genuine informed consent, preventing financial coercion, maintaining accu-

rate medical records and ensuring that organs used for transplantation have been obtained through lawful and ethical processes. Financial investigation will also be critical. If the allegations are substantiated, authorities should follow the money. Bank transactions, cash payments, communications, hospital bills, medical records and other financial records could help reveal whether the four suspects were acting alone or whether a wider network of recruiters, medical professionals, intermediaries and beneficiaries existed. At the same time, the public should resist the temptation to convict people on social media. The allegations are extremely serious, but due process remains important. Investigations should be thorough, evidence-based and transparent, while anyone accused should have the opportunity to defend themselves in court. Ultimately, the real significance of this case will depend on what the investigation uncovers. If the allegations are proven, Nigeria may be looking at more than an isolated criminal incident—it could reveal a structured network exploiting vulnerable people for financial gain. The most important questions now are: **How many victims are involved? How long has the alleged operation been running? Who else is connected to it? Who received the organs? And were legitimate healthcare facilities knowingly exploited to facilitate the alleged crimes?** The answers to those questions will determine whether this case is an isolated incident or evidence of a much larger organ-trafficking problem that requires urgent national attention.

IN THE NEWS

The Nigeria Police Force has paraded four suspects allegedly linked to an organ harvesting and human trafficking syndicate operating in Nasarawa State.

The suspects were identified as 23-year-old Emmanuel Ode; Dr Benjamin Oyime, 48, a nephrologist and consultant with Wellington Hospital, Life Camp, Abuja; Dr Daniel Otukpa, 53, also a nephrologist and Acting Director of Clinical Services at the hospital; and 25-year-old David Idoko.

According to the police, the suspects were apprehended by operatives of the Special Tactical Squad during a sting operation conducted on August 19, 2026, at Auta Balifi in the Karu Local Government Area of Nasarawa State.

The Force Public Relations Officer, CSP Ani Iniedu, disclosed the arrests in a statement issued on Friday.

Iniedu said preliminary investigations indicated that Ode allegedly acted as a recruiter, luring victims under false pretences before they were taken to hospitals for alleged kidney harvesting.

The police spokesperson said Ode reportedly confessed during interrogation that he recruited a 22-year-old man, identified as Samuel Ezekiel, on April 24, 2026.

According to the statement, Ezekiel was allegedly taken to Wellington Hospital in Life Camp, Abuja, where one of his kidneys was reportedly harvested. The suspect allegedly told investigators that he received \$1,250, equivalent to about ₦1.7 million, in connection with the transaction.

The police further disclosed that another alleged victim claimed he was recruited by the same agent in 2022 and taken to a hospital where his kidney was allegedly harvested.

The victim reportedly received ₦7 million as payment following the alleged procedure.

The Nigeria Police Force said investigations into the alleged syndicate are ongoing as authorities work to establish the full extent of the operation and identify other individuals who may be connected to it.

Governors Reject Claims Over Lack Of Accountability For Fuel Subsidy Funds

By Ejikeme Rachael
Delta

The 36 state governors under the umbrella of the Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF) have rejected allegations that state governments have failed to properly account for funds received following the removal of fuel subsidy.

The governors maintained that accusations suggesting that sub-national governments had mismanaged or failed to account for subsidy-removal proceeds were unfounded.

The position was disclosed after the governors held their third meeting at the NGF Secretariat in Abuja, which extended from Wednesday night into the early hours of Thursday.

Speaking after the meeting, Bayelsa State Governor Douye Diri, who presented the communique on behalf of NGF Chairman and Kwara State Governor AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, dismissed the suggestion that state governments should be held responsible for a lack of accountability over the funds.

When asked whether the Forum accepted responsibility for

alleged poor accountability by sub-national governments, Diri said, "That cannot be true. That cannot be true. But we'll leave that debate for another day."

The governors also expressed support for the proposed National Affordable CNG Transit Programme (NACTP), saying the initiative could significantly reduce transportation costs for Nigerians.

According to the NGF, the programme is designed to support the conversion of vehicles to compressed natural gas (CNG), expand CNG-powered fleets and provide other infrastructure needed to lower passenger fares.

Diri said the governors recognised the potential of the initiative to ease transportation costs, noting that rising transport expenses had contributed significantly to inflation in the country.

He said the governors had agreed on the need to further examine the financing and implementation framework of the programme.

The Bayelsa governor also disclosed that the states would collaborate with the private sector to increase the number of CNG-powered vehicles operating across the country.

He explained that the relatively lower cost of gas compared with petrol could help bring down transportation expenses and create a positive impact across other sectors of the economy.

"The impact is expected to be on our people, the common man," Diri said.

The governors further received a briefing from the Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Dr Jumoke Oduwole, on opportunities for states to participate in CANEX Weekend 2026 and the Intra-African Trade Fair (IATF) 2027, both scheduled to take place in Lagos.

Diri said the governors expressed their collective commitment to participating in the events, describing them as platforms capable of showcasing investment-ready projects, promoting local exports and tourism, and connecting state-based micro, small and medium enterprises with investors and buyers from Africa and beyond.

The NGF subsequently assured the minister of its support toward achieving the objectives of the trade and investment initiatives.

NFF President Gusau, Other Board Members Resign Amid Mounting Pressure

By Egbele-Johnson
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The President of the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF), Ibrahim Gusau, and several other members of the federation's executive committee have reportedly resigned from their positions amid growing pressure over the administration of Nigerian football.

The NFF board has faced intense scrutiny following a series of disappointing performances and administrative challenges involving the country's national teams.

The latest setback was the Super Falcons' failure to qualify for the FIFA Women's World Cup for the first time in the history of the competition.

Vanguard reports that NFF officials had come under pressure from security agencies as investigations intensified into the management and utilisation of funds released by the Federal Government for the national teams.

DSS Probes N17bn Intervention Fund. The Department of State Services (DSS) has

reportedly joined other security agencies in investigating the NFF over the utilisation of a N17 billion Federal Government intervention fund released to the federation for players' wages and bonuses.

The fund was approved by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu in 2024 to settle outstanding payments owed to members of Nigeria's national football teams.

A source familiar with the matter told Vanguard that the DSS had requested documentation and explanations from NFF officials regarding how the funds were utilised.

"It's a normal thing for DSS to go through all documents relating to the funds released to them," the source said, dismissing suggestions that the investigation amounted to a witch hunt.

The investigation comes amid increasing public concerns over the management of Nigerian football, particularly following a

string of failures by the country's national teams.

The Super Eagles have missed consecutive FIFA World Cup tournaments, while the Super Falcons recently suffered the unprecedented setback of failing to secure qualification for the 2027 FIFA Women's World Cup in Brazil.

The Falcons' World Cup hopes were dealt a major blow after they lost 1-0 to Cameroon in the quarter-finals of the 2026 Women's Africa Cup of Nations (WAFCON), ending their title defence and forcing them into the qualification playoff route.

Nigeria subsequently faced South Africa's Banyana Banyana in the playoff, losing 2-1 and missing out on qualification for the World Cup.

The result ended Nigeria's remarkable record of appearing at every FIFA Women's World Cup since the inaugural tournament in 1991.

Pressure Mounts On NFF Leadership. The executive committee led by Gusau had reportedly faced mounting pressure to resign following the series of setbacks affecting Nigerian football.

The pressure intensified after more than half of the board members allegedly resigned from their positions.

According to reports, eight of the 13 members of the NFF board have now quit, further weakening the federation's leadership.

The mass resignation could also have implications for the NFF's scheduled elective congress and elections, which were expected to hold on September 27 in Lafia, Nasarawa State.

The latest development leaves the future of the NFF leadership and the planned elections uncertain as scrutiny of the federation's administration continues.

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EDITORIAL

2027 ELECTION: WHY NIGERIANS MUST VOTE LEADERS WITH VISION AND CHARACTER, NOT DECEIT

Editorial Board - As Nigeria gradually approaches the 2027 general elections, citizens must begin to ask themselves a critical question: What kind of leaders do we truly want for our future?

For decades, Nigerians have listened to beautiful promises during campaigns only to wake up after elections to disappointment, hardship, insecurity, unemployment, and failed governance. Roads remain abandoned, schools decay, hospitals struggle, businesses collapse under harsh economic realities, and millions of youths continue searching for opportunities that never come.

The truth is painful but simple: Nigeria cannot move forward if voters continue to reward deception over vision and character.

Leadership is not about loud speeches, political propaganda, ethnic sentiment, or sharing money during campaigns. Leadership is about competence, integrity, compassion, accountability, and the courage to make difficult decisions for national progress. A nation of over 200 million people cannot survive on empty slogans.

The 2027 election must become a turning point where Nigerians deliberately reject politics built on lies, manipulation, religious division, tribal sentiment, and vote-buying. Citizens must look beyond party colours and ask practical questions:

- * Does this candidate have a clear vision for economic growth?
- * What is their track record in public service or leadership?
- * Can they be trusted with public resources?
- * Do they unite people or divide them?
- * Are they surrounded by credible individuals or political opportunists?
- * Do they understand the suffering of ordinary Nigerians?

Nigeria’s greatest challenge today is not merely lack of resources. The country is blessed with oil, gas, agriculture, intelligent youths, fertile land, and enormous human potential. The real problem has often been leadership without vision and power without character.

A leader without character may speak well but govern poorly. A leader without vision may occupy office but leave no meaningful legacy. Deceitful leadership creates corruption, insecurity, poverty, and hopelessness because such leaders prioritize personal ambition above national development.

The future of Nigeria also depends on the attitude of voters. Citizens must stop selling their votes for temporary gifts. A bag of rice cannot replace good governance. Small cash collected during elections cannot solve four years of suffering. When voters exchange their conscience for money, they indirectly mortgage their future.

The media, civil society groups, religious institutions, and traditional rulers also have responsibilities to promote issue-based politics rather than personality worship. Young people especially must become more politically conscious, participate actively, and demand accountability from those seeking power.

Nigeria does not need perfect leaders because no human being is perfect. But Nigeria urgently needs leaders with honesty, competence, discipline, empathy, and a genuine vision for national transformation.

As 2027 approaches, Nigerians must remember that elections are not merely political events; they are decisions about the future of families, businesses, education, security, and national survival.

The country cannot continue repeating the same mistakes while expecting different results.

2027 must not be another season of deceit.

It must become the year Nigerians choose vision over propaganda, character over corruption, competence over manipulation, and national progress over selfish politics.

Only then can the nation begin to move toward the Nigeria its citizens truly deserve.



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REPLACEMENT OF SECRETARY
OZOCHI CHIDIMMA ELIZABETH IS RELIEVED OF HER POSITION AS SECRETARY AND APPOINTED AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW SECRETARY & NEW TRUSTEE
ADAMS-EZURUKAM EMMANUEL CHUKWUEMEKA IS APPOINTED AS THE NEW SECRETARY AND A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

RECONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THE NEWLY CONSTITUTED BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE:

1. EZURUKAM IBUCHUKWU GAD — CHAIRMAN
2. OZOCHI CHIDIMMA ELIZABETH — TRUSTEE MEMBER
3. ADAMS-EZURUKAM EMMANUEL CHUKWUEMEKA — TRUSTEE MEMBER / SECRETARY

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES
THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE INITIATIVE REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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SIGNED: SECRETARY

The Mining Marshals have defended the continued closure of the Stone Rockers Nigeria Limited quarry in Abuja, insisting that the facility remains a crime scene in an ongoing criminal case before the Federal High Court.

The clarification follows a petition by Stone Rockers Nigeria Limited to President Bola Tinubu and other government officials over the 13-month shutdown of its operations. The company had alleged that its closure was unlawful and not backed by any court order.

However, the Commander of the Mining Marshals said the quarry was not sealed as an administrative sanction but because it constitutes the locus criminis in a criminal matter currently before the court.

According to the Commander, Stone Rockers Nigeria Limited and its director, Kolawole Olaiya, are facing trial in Charge No. FHC/ABM/VR/338/2026 over alleged illegal mining activities within a mineral title reportedly belonging to Lord's Career Ventures Nigeria Limited.

He explained that the prosecution followed extensive investigations launched after several petitions were submitted by the complainant company over more than a year.

The petitions, he said, were referred by the Minister of Solid Minerals Development and the Minister of Interior to the Mining Marshals through the Commandant General of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps for investigation and prosecution.

The Commander disclosed that investigators arrested the defendants at coordinates identified as longitude 7°17'24"E and latitude 8°52'11"N.

He said investigations established that the coordinates fall within Mining Lease No. 000395 ML, which belongs to Lord's Career Ventures Nigeria Limited.

The Mining Marshals cited a letter dated January 23, 2026, from the Mining Cadastre Office as further evidence, saying the document confirmed that the disputed coordinates were located within

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MINING MARSHALS DEFEND STONE ROCKERS QUARRY
SHUTDOWN, SAY SITE REMAINS CRIME SCENE



MINING MARSHALS DEFEND STONE ROCKERS QUARRY SHUTDOWN, SAY SITE REMAINS CRIME SCENE

By Ejikeme Rachael
Delta

the complainant's licensed mining area.

The agency also said its evidence before the court would include correspondence allegedly written by a member of the defence team, Mohammed Olanrewaju Jibril, during the investigation.

According to the Commander, the August 12, 2025 letter, allegedly written on the instructions of the defendants, contains admissions that are relevant to the allegations before the court.

He maintained that the prosecution's case goes beyond the disputed coordinates and the correspondence, noting that investigators had assembled substantial documentary evidence in support of the allegations.

The Mining Marshals also questioned attempts by the defendants to seek administrative intervention while criminal and civil proceedings concerning the dispute are still pending before the courts.

"The issues raised by the defendants are already the subject of judicial proceedings," the Commander said, warning against actions that could undermine or prejudice the cases.

He further accused the defendants of employing what he described as "every extrajudicial means" to frustrate the criminal proceedings, arguing that their petition to the President did not warrant official consideration.

The Commander also alleged that the petition was part of a wider attempt to influence public opinion following what he described as unsuccessful efforts to harass him through petitions to the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission.

He insisted that public campaigns or institutional pressure would not stop the Mining Marshals from pursuing the case.

"No matter the level of blackmail and harassment deployed by illegal mining and erring industry players, the Mining Marshals will not be deterred from ensuring that the full weight of the law is pressed very tightly against everyone who breaks the laws in the Nigerian mining sector," he said.

The Commander urged media organisations to strengthen their editorial verification processes, particularly when reporting claims concerning ongoing legal disputes.

He said the media remained an important stakeholder in the Federal Government's reforms of the solid minerals sector and had a responsibility to promote lawful and responsible mining practices.

Workers' Prosecution Reviewed

On workers who were initially arrested during the enforcement operation, the Mining Marshals said prosecutors had earlier amended the charge to remove them from the case.

The agency explained that the workers were considered employees acting on behalf of a disclosed principal and might therefore lack the criminal intent required for prosecution.

However, the Mining Marshals said the decision was now under review following recent developments, including the participation of some of the workers in protests over the continued closure of the quarry.

The Commander disclosed that prosecutors had been directed to consider relisting the affected workers if further evidence establishes that they played a greater role in the alleged illegal mining activities.

The agency also rejected allegations that the enforcement operation was influenced by financial inducement.

According to the Commander, although the complainant company had repeatedly reported financial losses resulting from its inability to commence operations due to the alleged encroachment, it did not provide financial assistance or logistics to the Mining Marshals for the operation that led to the arrests.

He stressed that enforcement decisions were based solely on evidence obtained during the investigation and were not influenced by the financial position of either party.

The Mining Marshals reaffirmed their commitment to combating illegal mining and protecting legitimate mineral title holders, insisting that publicity, pressure or alleged blackmail would not deter them from enforcing Nigeria's mining laws.

The dispute between Stone Rockers Nigeria Limited and Lord's Career Ventures Nigeria Limited has resulted in multiple legal proceedings and competing claims, with Stone Rockers maintaining that its shutdown was unlawful while the Mining Marshals insist that the matter is now before the courts for determination.

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PLATEAU ORDERS CRACKDOWN ON UNAUTHORISED HISBAH GROUP, DIRECTS ARRESTS

By Ejikeme Augustine Eloka

Delta

Plateau State Governor Caleb Mutfwang has ordered an immediate end to the activities of a group allegedly operating as Hisbah in parts of Jos North Local Government Area, declaring the organisation illegal and unauthorised.

The governor also directed security agencies in the state to identify, investigate, arrest and prosecute individuals found to be involved in activities that violate the law.

Mutfwang's directive followed reports that the group had allegedly engaged in intimidation, harassment, extortion and the enforcement of rules and restrictions not recognised under the state's legal framework.

In a statement issued on Sunday by his Director of Press and Public Affairs, Dr Gyang Bere, the governor warned members of the group to immediately stop their activities or face arrest and prosecution.

He stressed that no individual or organisation had the constitutional authority to assume powers that had not been legally conferred on it.

According to the governor, Plateau State operates under a single Constitution, legal system and legitimate government, adding that his administration would not tolerate the emergence of parallel authorities or self-appointed enforcement bodies.

"No individual or group has the authority to appoint itself the government of Plateau State.

"The responsibility for enforcing the law belongs to duly constituted authorities acting within the law," Mutfwang said.

The governor said his administration would



not permit any group to impose rules, restrictions or punishments on residents outside the established legal system.

He consequently directed security agencies to intensify intelligence gathering and other lawful operations to determine the identities of those involved and establish the full scope of their activities.

Mutfwang said anyone found to be promoting, sponsoring, aiding or facilitating the alleged unlawful operations would face investigation and prosecution where sufficient evidence established a breach of the law.

He assured residents that the government would continue to protect them against intimidation, harassment, extortion and other forms of unlaw-

ful coercion.

The governor also clarified that the directive was not aimed at any particular religion, ethnic group or community.

He noted that Plateau State is home to people from diverse religious and ethnic backgrounds and that every resident is entitled to equal protection under the law.

"The issue before the Government is solely one of lawful conduct and legitimate authority. Every resident of Plateau State has the right to live, worship, work, conduct lawful business and go about their daily activities without intimidation or interference from any self-appointed authority," he said.

Mutfwang commended residents who alerted the authorities to the alleged activities and assured them that the government would continue to treat credible security concerns with seriousness.

He reaffirmed that protecting the lives, rights, dignity and lawful freedoms of residents remained a fundamental responsibility of government.

The governor further pledged that his administration would continue to promote Plateau State's tradition of peaceful coexistence while ensuring that peace was protected, citizens were treated equally and the rule of law remained paramount.

OSUN LG ALLOCATIONS: CALLS MOUNT FOR RELEASE OF WITHHELD FUNDS



By Oreva Joy

Delta

Calls have intensified for the Federal Government to release the statutory allocations withheld from the 30 local government areas in Osun State following the recently concluded governorship election.

The development comes after Governor Ademola Adeleke defeated the All Progressives Congress (APC) candidate, Munirudeen Oyebamiji, in the election, with renewed appeals for the councils to receive funds that have reportedly accumulated to more than N250 billion, according to recent Federal Accounts Allocation Committee (FAAC) figures.

The Federal Government withheld the allocations following the February 2025 local government elections in Osun State, which were challenged by the APC.

The state government subsequently approached the court to contest the withholding of the funds.

In its judgment, the Supreme Court faulted the Federal Government's decision to withhold the allocations, describing the action as a grave breach of the 1999 Constitution.

Justice Mohammed Idris, who delivered the lead judgment, held that the Federal Government's decision was unconstitutional and directed that the funds be channelled directly to the accounts of the affected local governments.

The Supreme Court, however, dismissed the suit after ruling that the Osun State Government lacked the legal standing to institute the case on behalf of the local governments.

Despite the dismissal, the court's pronouncement on the withholding of the councils' allocations raised questions over the continued retention of the funds.

Critics of the Federal Government's position have argued that the withholding of the allocations was politically motivated and intended to weaken the Adeleke administration following the disputed local government elections.

They are now urging the

Federal Government and the Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Lateef Fagbemi (SAN), to comply with the Supreme Court's position and release the funds to the affected councils.

Supporters of the call argue that the money is urgently needed to sustain essential services and meet financial obligations across the state.

They said the funds would help pay the salaries of primary school teachers, nurses and other healthcare workers operating across the state's 332 primary healthcare centres, as well as local government employees, members of traditional councils and retirees.

The allocations could also be used to address infrastructure needs and improve the delivery of basic services across the 30 local government areas.

With the governorship election now concluded, proponents of the release of the funds contend that continued withholding of the allocations would only affect residents who depend on local government services.

They therefore urged the Federal Government to resolve the legal and administrative issues surrounding the funds and ensure that the affected councils receive their statutory allocations.

BANDITS KIDNAP KANO APC CHAIRMAN, KILL RESIDENT IN FRESH ATTACK



Suspected bandits have reportedly attacked communities in Kano State for the third consecutive day, killing at least one person and abducting the chairman of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Rogo Local Government Area.

The latest incident occurred in Beli village, Rogo LGA, at about 1 a.m. on Tuesday, according to a source familiar with the development.

The source said the gunmen invaded the community, shooting sporadically before heading to the residence of the local APC chairman, Alhaji Audu Fanka Salisu Yahaya.

The attackers reportedly forced their way into the house, brought Yahaya out and abducted him.

A young man, said to be under 25 years old, was also reportedly shot and killed during the attack, while some residents sustained gunshot injuries.

"They came in, firing sporadically, and went straight to the chairman's house. They broke down the door, brought him out and took him away. On their way, they shot a young man, who was not more than 25 years old, and he died instantly," the source said.

Yahaya is reportedly a close associate of the Speaker of the Kano State House of Assembly, Jibril Ismail Fagore, who hails from Rogo Local Government Area.

Several posts by residents on Facebook also reportedly raised alarm over the incident, with appeals to security agencies and relevant authorities to intervene and protect communities in the area.

Series Of Attacks. The Beli attack is the latest in a series of suspected bandit attacks reported in parts of Kano State since Sunday.

On Sunday, suspected bandits reportedly invaded Chiromawa community in Garin Malam Local Government Area, where three people were allegedly killed and an elderly man abducted.

The elderly victim was later reported to have escaped from his captors.

On Monday night, the attackers reportedly struck Rantan community in neighbouring Bebeji Local Government Area, where two people were allegedly killed.

The latest incident in Beli has heightened concerns over the worsening security situation in some communities across the state.

As of the time of filing this report, security agencies had yet to issue an official statement confirming the attack, the reported abduction of the APC chairman or the casualties.