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Rainstorm kills one, destroys houses

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From Judex Okor, Calabar

Rainstorm, at the weekend, in Cross River State killed one person and destroyed about 300 houses in Bansan and Irruan communities in Boki Local Government Area of the state.

According to an eyewitness, the rainstorm which started at about 3:00pm, was due

to a downpour that lasted four hours.

The storm pulled down trees and houses, while a 19-year-old girl said to be sitting outside her parents' house in Irruan community was killed. Speaking on the development, Director General of the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), Mr. John Inaku, told newsmen in Calabar yesterday that the rainstorm destroyed no fewer than 72 houses in Bansan community and killed a 19-year-old girl, while 228 houses were equally affected in Irruan community.

He said: "I have been to both communities. A 19-year-old girl died while over 300 houses were affected in both communities. This administration is a listening one and efforts are being put in place to assist the affected communities with relief materials to alleviate their plight."

Reacting, Hilary Bisong, member representing Boki II State Constituency in the House of Assembly, described the incident as "unprecedented and terrible."

Bisong, who also visited the communities to console the victims, said he would work closely with SEMA to ensure that the affected communities were given relief materials.

The lawmaker urged the communities to be their brothers' keepers by accommodating victims and to render other necessary assistance pending when help will come from the government.

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Another Chibok girl rescued

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More girls have fled Boko Haram captivity after military operations, the army said on Thursday night. In a statement circulated on Facebook, Nigerian Army spokesman Colonel Sani Usman confirmed the development. He gave the name of the Chibok schoolgirl now with the Nigerian army as Serah Luka, explaining that she was quoted as saying that...



The Nimbo attack and efficacy of cautious leadership

By Uwakwe Abugu IN the wake of the mindless killings at Nimbo in Uzo-Uwani council area of Enugu State last month, Governor Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi literally put on the apparels of a stoic philosopher. And he capped that stance with his usual steadfast clinging to invocation of God when grisly circumstances tend to violate the sanctity...



PDP: One party, many interests

By Ndubuisi Orji and Mark Pippah Barring unforeseen circumstances, tomorrow, members of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) will assemble for its national convention. The expectation is that at the event, the party would elect its substantive national chairman and other principal officers. But recent events indicate that the convention will likely hold simultaneously in Port...



How PDP can stop Buhari in 2019-Waziri

By Iheanacho Nwosu Alhaji Adamu Maina Waziri served as Minister of State for Agriculture and later Minister of Police Affairs. He was the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) governorship candidate in Yobe State in 2007. In this interview the erstwhile Executive Secretary of Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF) who is currently a member of the Board of...

Reps settle for Peugeot cars



From Kemi Yesufu, Abuja In deference to the buy made-in-Nigeria campaign, the House of Representatives has resolved to procure locally assembled cars for its members. Chairman, House Committee on Media and Public Affairs, Abdulrazak Nandas who confirmed this yesterday at a media briefing, said plans to purchase 360 units of Peugeot 508 (2015 model) has...



I'll utilise tax payers' money judiciously –Ambode

... Commissions classrooms, health centres, roads, others By Moshood Adebayo, Lagos State Governor Akinwunmi Ambode yesterday said his administration would continue to utilise tax payers' money to the benefit of residents of the state, irrespective of tribe or religion. Ambode said this when he commissioned several local and state government projects in Epe, Ibeju Lekki,...



Banking: NPLs rise to N650bn – CBN

By Blaise Udunze The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has disclosed that the non-performing loan (NPL) ratio of the banking industry rose to N649.63 billion as the capital adequacy ratio has weakened. This was contained in the apex bank's financial stability report for the period ended December 2015. The apex bank in the report released yesterday...



How swap deal depleted Nigeria's Federation Account –Minister

From Romanus Ugwu, Abuja Minister of Information, Alhaji Lai Mohammed, has said that Federal Government's continued exchange of 445,000 barrels of crude daily for local refining will affect the federation account allocation to the three tiers of government. Speaking during a stakeholders meeting with the leadership of the All Progressives Congress in Abuja, the government's...



Lagos tops active voice subscribers' chart with 19.04m, says NBS

From Isaac Anumih, Abuja THE National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) yesterday, said that Lagos State accounted for the largest share of active voice subscribers with 19.04 million or 12.8 per cent, out of the total number of active subscriptions of 148.74 million at the end of the first quarter of 2016, followed by Ogun State...



Intels spends N3bn on community devt

From Uche Usim, Onne, Rivers State Intels Nigeria Limited, one of the operators of the Onne Free Trade Zone in Rivers State, says it has spent over N3 billion to develop about 28 communities within the Niger-Delta region where it operates. Speaking Thursday during a media tour of its facilities, the Head of Administration of...

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By BOLATITO ADEBAYO ASO EBI has come to stay. It has been fashionable for decades and from one generation to the other. It's obvious that it won't leave the Nigerian scene any time soon. You can't just get enough of it. Aso ebi is usually made with ankara and lace fabrics. The good thing about...

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□ Tough way to earn living, but rewarding, say illegal quarry operators By Amaka Agu For most of them, paper qualification has neither meaning nor worth. At least, not as long as they are involved in their present vocation. Not for them also, the dress code of white collar office workers. All that one needs...

ORIENTAL NEWS



Ekweremadu in surprise birthday package

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...As Ikeoha Foundation gives laptops to 45 Enugu rural schools From Chidi Nnadi, Enugu In the Enugu East Senatorial District, Senator Ike Ekweremadu, the deputy senate president, is their son in whom they are well pleased. For the people of the zone, they wouldn't mind if Ekweremadu is the only one going to Abuja to...

pioneer principal

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By AHMED ADAMU As our all-time role model and father, Pa Amos Bolanle Olaniyan, marks his 81st birthday, I give God the glory for his life. He touched our lives positively and his legacies shall continue to be remembered by all of us who are the direct beneficiaries of his fatherliness and selfless dedication to...

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...Finally, Radio Nigeria newscaster finds a wife -I'm the best man a lady could pray to marry, he says By Job Osazuwa Whoever finds a wife, finds a good thing, and obtains favour of the Lord, so says the Holy Bible in Proverbs 18: 22. For 45-year-old Abiodun Solomon Elugbaju, a visually impaired newscaster with...

EDUCATION REVIEW



Publisher calls for complete overhaul of education sector

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Chairman, Safari Books Limited, Chief Joop Berkhout, has lamented the decadence in the nation's education sector, calling for a complete overhaul of the system. Berkhout who stated this in Lagos during the presentation of a biography "I Remember" written by Professor Ladipo Adamolekun said: "The quality of education in Nigeria bears no comparison with the...

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Economic crisis: ADVAN, experts advocate consumer engagement as strategy for brands survival

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Marketing Matters with Neta Nwosu 08023051444 • netanwosu@yahoo.com Recent analysis of Nigeria's key economic indicators, experts say, raises cause for concern, as it reveals a looming economic recession. They argue that government's failure to have proper plans in place to tackle issues, such as the crude oil price drop, fall of the Naira and struggles...

TSWEEKEND



Crazy male fan spanked my butt at movie premiere

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—Ufedo Sunshine, actress By Christian Agadibe Sexy and talented actress, Ufedo Sunshine could be described as your girl next door. Blessed with an awesome acting talent, she broke into Nollywood a couple of years ago with movies like The Grave Dust, Nollywood Scandal, School Pool Party, and Undercover Lover among others. In this chat with...

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The afflictions of Buhari and APC

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The one-year-old federal government of the All Progressives Congress (APC) led by President Muhammadu Buhari is headed for failure. And its failure if it happens (and it is looking more like when it happens, that is, if it has not happened already) will be catastrophic because it will threaten the very foundation of the Nigerian...



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Fuel price: See what politics, hypocrisy have caused

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Last week Wednesday, when the Federal Government announced the increase in the price of petrol, from N86.50 to N145 per litre, I went to a filling station to buy fuel. The time was 11.15pm. On the queue before me was this commercial tricycle operator, who was, surprisingly, excited that he was paying N145 for...



Fuel deregulation or not, so be it

— 20th May 2016

It seemed government panicked at the response of trade union leaders to call out workers on strike in reaction to the decision to deregulate the oil imports sector, as a lasting solution to the intermittent fuel scarcity, which destabilises the economy. Otherwise, it was not necessary for the government to obtain an injunction at the...



Fuel price and the high-sounding nonsense

— 18th May 2016

We are definitely in a season of 'big grammar'. A few days after Governor Adams Oshiomhole sent out his 'iconoclastic' condolence letter, British Prime Minister, David Cameron, dropped his 'fantastically corrupt' bombshell. And just as we were dissecting the connotations and denotations of that grammatical construct, Ibe Kachikwu sneaked his 'modulation' into the fray. None...



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APC, Fashola and the Peter principle

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BABATUNDE Raji Fashola used to be the 'official' boy wonder of governance in Nigeria, especially for states. Whenever his promoters spoke of good governance, they pointed his way. And Fashola was media-manufactured, as the new face of emergent Africa. Apparently, if Africa is to have a future, it must be made in the image of...



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WITH LEVI OBJIOFOR
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Kidnappers: To die or not to die

— 18th May 2016

The decision by the Senate nearly two weeks ago to start the process of making a law that would stipulate the death penalty as punishment for kidnapping has sparked debate across the country. How effective would the death penalty be as a disincentive against growing commercialisation of hostage taking? This is the key question. Opinions...



Change has come

— 19th May 2016

IT will not be out of place to conclude that the change mantra of the All Progressives Congress (APC) has run its full course even though its offspring – the government of President Muhammadu Buhari – has hardly spent a year in office. President Buhari, within the intervening period, has proved to be a mere...



PMB, please sir, reverse this anti-people fuel increase immediately

— 18th May 2016

The recent increase in the price of fuel from N86 to N145 is the most incensate, unsympathetic and anti-people decision the PMB government has yet taken in its flip-flop one year of clueless and directionless govt. At a time Nigerians are already groaning under a grotesque over 500% increase in prices of ordinary consumables with...



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Revisiting hopes and dreams deferred in self-exile

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WHAT is happening to some Nigerians, particularly the Igbo in the Diaspora? Why are many of them very intolerant and highly irritable? Why are some of their actions toward one another highly contemptible and disparaging in some cases? Why do they have a penchant for violating one another's family? The answers to these questions are...



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Kachikwu: The state of exigency

— 18th May 2016

"The capture of Bonny and Port Harcourt by the Nigerian Third Marine Commandos led by Brig. Adekunle was a terrible blow to Biafra, because it meant the capture of Biafra's Oil Refinery at Eleme-Eleshi. Before the Biafran Armed Forces moved out of Port Harcourt, they succeeded in dismantling the refinery columns which were transferred to...

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