

Dangote's presidency: Court grants NSE more time to appeal

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THE Court of Appeal, Lagos Division, on Thursday, gave its nod to the request of the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE) for more time within which to appeal against the ruling of Justice Lambo Akanbi of a Federal High Court in Lagos, which annulled the election of Alhaji Aliko Dangote, as NSE president.

The exchange had, in

a motion on notice, brought pursuant to Section 24(4) of the Court of Appeal Act, 2004 and under the inherent powers of the court, sought for an extension of time to appeal against the ruling delivered by Justice Lambo on August 4, 2010, which removed Alhaji Aliko Dangote as the NSE president.

The appellate court, presided over by Justice Ibrahim Saulawa, how-

ever, refused the second prayer asking the court to deem the notice of appeal as properly filed.

Counsel for NSE, Uwensuyi Edosomwan, had informed the court that the ruling of the

lower court had greatly hampered the operations of the board.

He also disclosed that the ruling had made it difficult for the board to take vital decisions, a reason the appeal could

PDP wins assembly rerun in Ebonyi

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THE Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has won the rerun

for Ezza South state assembly constituency in Ebonyi State, conducted by the Independent National Electoral Commis-

sion (INEC), on Wednesday.

Edosomwan revealed that by the time the appellant decided to appeal against the ruling, the time prescribed for filing of an interlocutory appeal had elapsed.

The rerun featured the participation of five political parties, namely the All Nigeria People's Party (ANPP); the Action Congress of Nigeria (ACN); the Progressive Peoples Alliance (PPA), the All Progressive Grand Alliance (APGA) and the PDP.

Declaring the result for the Ezza South constituency election, the INEC Returning Officer, Dr Emeka Nwakpu, announced that Mr Chris Osulor of the PDP polled a total of 19,488 votes to defeat the other four candidates that contested the election.

The INEC returning officer said the ANPP candidate, Mr Friday Agbom, who emerged the runner-up, garnered 2,108 votes.

In a related development, three persons sustained various degrees of injuries in Idemba community, Ezza South Local Government Area of the state, as rival supporters of the PDP and ANPP clashed during the rerun.

However, the security agents deployed in the area for the election were on the ground and subsequently restored normalcy and peace.

Briefly

Police warn against unclaimed vehicles in Oyo

THE Oyo State police command has called on the owner of one **Racer Daewoo** salon car, with registration number AAA 44 RUM, situated at Eleyele Police Division, to visit the division with proof of ownership to claim the said vehicle within 14 days of this publication.

The police command, in a statement by the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Olabisi Okuwobi, in Ibadan, on Thursday, warned that failure to do so, the vehicle would be auctioned as an abandoned and unclaimed vehicle by the division.

The statement, therefore, charged the owner to come with proof of ownership within the stipulated period to claim the vehicle.

By Adebayo Waheed

Briefs

Night of Wonders

THE Nigerian Baptist Convention will hold a vigil, tagged "Night of Wonders," with the theme: "The Blood that Speaks," at the convention ground, Idi-Ishin, Ibadan, Oyo State, today, March 16, by 10.00 p.m. Ministering are the General Secretary of the Nigerian Baptist Convention, Reverend (Dr) Supo Ayokunle, among others.



• Reverend (Dr) Ayokunle

Burial

THE final funeral rites for Mrs Comfort Olubusola Fasominu (a.k.a **Sisi Esso**), who died at the age of 86, will commence on Thursday, March 29, with a Christian wake at her residence, 1, College Road, (Esso) Ondo, by 5.00 p.m. Burial service will be held on Friday, March 30, by 10.00 a.m at St. Stephen's Cathedral Church, Oke Aluko, Ondo, while reception will take place at St. Monica Girls' Grammar School playground, Ife Road, Ondo.



• Mrs Fasominu



•Country Director, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Janthomas Hiemstra (left), exchanging pleasantries with the acting chairman, Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Mr Ekpo Nta, during a visit to the ICPC headquarters in Abuja, on Wednesday.

3 die, 13 soldiers injured in Ogun multiple accidents

Olayinka Olukoya, Abeokuta

A middle-aged man, simply identified as "Nasco," on Thursday afternoon, died in a multiple auto crashes on Kobape-Siun-Sagamu Expressway.

Thirteen soldiers were also injured in the accident.

Also, two persons were confirmed dead in a multiple accidents that occurred on the Sagamu-Ore-Benin Expressway, leaving many others injured.

The accident on the Kobape-Siun-Sagamu Expressway, **Nigerian**

Tribune learnt, occurred around 1.00 p.m, when a white **Toyota Hiace**, marked LAGOS CG 415 FKJ veered off its lane as a result of burst tyre and rammed into a truck with registration number OGUN XA 170 ABG and a **Prado** Jeep marked LAGOS EJ 57 LND.

The truck driver, who was conveying medical materials from Abeokuta to Ibiade in Ogun water-side area of the state, lost his life on the spot, while his body was still trapped in the vehicle.

Officials of the Traffic Compliance and Enforce-

ment Corps (TRACE) and the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) were at the scene of the incident to control traffic.

The injured soldiers were taken to the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Idi-Ada, Abeokuta, for

medical attention.

The accident on the Sagamu-Ore-Benin Expressway, it was gathered, happened in front of Astok Petroleum, Ijebu-Ode, some few kilometres to the Tai Solarin University of Education (TASUED).

ICPC boss advocates capacity building for LG officials

THE acting chairman of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Mr Ekpo Nta, on Wednesday, advocated capacity building for the purpose of budget monitoring for the local government officials.

He recalled that his deployment out of the command was a repeat of history, as it reminded him of how he was deployed out of the command in 1993 on transfer to a police training school as a superintendent of police, noting, however, that he was being transferred out this time as a commissioner.

He also said it was coincidental that he would be handing over the command to the same senior officer who took over from him when he was equally deployed out of the airport command in Lagos.

Welcoming the representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), who were on a visit to ICPC headquarters in Abuja, Nta said he was fascinated with the training programme for the various civil society organisations (CSOs) in the fight against corruption.

But Nta was quick to say that local government officials should not be left out of such training programmes.

"I am particularly interested in the capacity building aspect of the CSOs, but I have also noted the limitations that will arise if we dwell on the training of CSOs alone to the exclusion of the operators at the local government level," he said.

The ICPC boss said no matter how well intentioned training for the CSOs might be, "the people who will be operating and networking with

them should understand the philosophy of what they are doing and why they are asking certain questions and why they must provide answers."

He stressed that the involvement of the local government officials would be more meaningful to them when they "understand that whatever they are doing, they are not doing it for somebody in Abuja or in their state capital, but they are doing it for their own children and other generations and that they are partners and stakeholders in the development of their country."

In his remarks, the UNDP Deputy Country Director, Janthomas Hiemstra, said the UNDP was interested in the preventive aspect in fighting corruption, but quickly added that "it is not because the enforcement aspect is not as important to Nigeria's populace."

Oyo outgoing CP warns policemen

By Adebayo Waheed

THE outgoing Oyo State Commissioner of Police, Mr Moses Onireti, has warned policemen against abuse of power, saying that they should instead use their uniforms to serve humanity.

The police boss, in his farewell message to officers and men of the police command, in Ibadan, on Thursday, charged them never to allow their ranks or uniforms to get into their heads.

He stressed that the

ranks were for a period of service to humanity, as they would, one day, give account of their stewardship.

"The ranks are for a period of service to humanity, as you will be required to give a full account of your servitude after your retirement, which will determine your acceptability to the society," he said.

In a rare show of leadership quality, the outgoing police commissioner apologised to officers and men of the command who might have felt offended by his actions.