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30 Boko Haram Terrorists killed in air strikes – NAF



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By Emmanuel Onani



At least 30 suspected Boko Haram Terrorists (BHTs) operating in the fringes of Sambisa Forest in Borno State, have been killed in air operations.

The operation by the Nigerian Air Force (NAF) component of Operation Lafiya Dole, was conducted on Wednesday.

Director of Public Relations and Information (DOPRI), Air Commodore Ibikunle Daramola, who made the disclosure in a statement Thursday, said the operation was occasioned by intelligence reports indicating the presence of the terrorist elements within the location. According to the DOPRI, the intelligence, surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) mission, had revealed the presence of some 30 enemies of state at the location.

He explained that, some of the suspects, who fled the location, after the targeted hit, were later neutralised.

“In continuation of the sustained offensive air operations against Boko Haram Terrorist (BHT) elements in Borno State, the Air Task Force (ATF) of Operation Lafiya Dole, yesterday, 27 November 2019, neutralized several terrorists at their hideout in Ngoske on the fringes of the Sambisa Forest,” Daramola said.

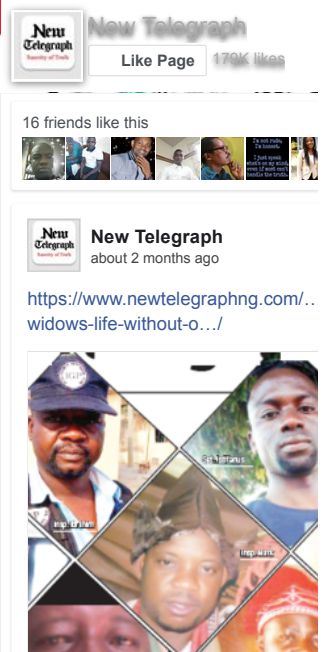
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UNICEF: More than 47 Nigerian children, adolescents die daily from AIDS-related causes



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By Appolonia Adeyemi

In Nigeria, more than 47 children and adolescents died every day from AIDS-related causes in 2018, according to a global snapshot on children, HIV and AIDS released by UNICEF in advance of World AIDS Day.

Low access to antiretroviral treatment and limited prevention efforts are the leading causes for these deaths, with only 54 per cent of children aged 0-14 living with HIV globally in 2018 – or 790,000 children – receiving lifesaving antiretroviral therapy (ART).

“Progress has been made in the battle against HIV and AIDS – but we must do more, especially when it comes to Nigerian children and adolescents,” said UNICEF Nigeria Country Representative Peter Hawkins.

“Testing and treating for children and adolescents is a matter of life and death – and we must

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Australia jails three men for Christmas terror plot



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Three men were jailed Friday for an IS-inspired terror plot to cause mass casualties in Australia's second largest city Melbourne during the 2016 Christmas period.

Hamza Abbas, 24, Ahmed Mohamed, 27 and Abdullah Chaarani, 29, were found guilty last year of plotting to use machetes and homemade bombs to target major sites — including a train station and a church — in a December attack.

In handing down the sentences judge Christopher Beale said the men had been accessing online material “supportive of Islamic State and violent jihad” in the lead-up to their arrest, reports Reuters.

Beale said the men came to believe their planned “mass slaughter of innocent civilians” would be a “glorious act”.

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Eight detained in Gabon anti-graft crackdown



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By **Online Editor** [Twitter](#)

Oil-rich Gabon has detained eight people for theft and money-laundering as the government intensifies a crackdown on corruption, the prosecutor for the capital Libreville said on Thursday.

The revived anti-graft drive has seen a string of top-level arrests in the central African country, as accusations that millions of euros have disappeared from state coffers swirl around top officials.

“Eight people have been placed in preventive detention,” said prosecutor Andre Patrick Roponat, adding that they were accused of “siphoning off public funds and money-laundering.”

The group appeared before a judge on Wednesday along with eight others who were released

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NSA: 7million weapons in illegal hands in Nigeria



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By Emmanuel Onani

...says military helping 'overstretched' police in internal security

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The Federal Government has raised the alarm of the possibility of an estimated seven million illegal weapons being in possession of non-state actors and criminal elements in the country.

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Dangote honours, rewards 160 staff for long service, commitment



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By Correspondents 

Dangote Industries Limited, yesterday, honoured 160 staff for their long service, loyalty, commitment and vital contributions to the growth of the Pan-African conglomerate.

At a gala dinner held in Lekki, Lagos, elated staffs, ranging from the Group Managing Director, Mr. Olakunle Alake, to drivers and security personnel were feted like royalty for their loyalty to an organisation, which was recently ranked as the best indigenous company to work in Nigeria, according to the Jobberman 2019 Report.

The celebrated staff, who had dedicated their time, energy, loyalty and skills to one of Nigeria's largest indigenous companies, were each given a certificate of recognition, an award plaque, a financial reward, and a thunderous round applause from the staff, family members and friends of the awardees.

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Senate rejects Interim Management Team of NDDC



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By **Chukwu David**

...orders C'ttee to relate with confirmed Board

The Senate, yesterday, rejected outright, the continued existence and operation of the Interim Management Committee (IMC) of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), headed by Dr. Joy Yimebe Nunieh.

Consequently, the apex legislative chamber said that it would henceforth, have nothing to do with the IMC of the Commission, thereby, directing its Committee on NDDC to relate with the Board it confirmed recently.

The Senate insisted that the 15-member Governing Board, whose nominations by President

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Discontinue Hate Speech Bill, CAN tells NASS



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By Regina Otokpa [Twitter](#)

The Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) has called on the leadership of the National Assembly to discontinue the proposed social media restrictions and hate speech bills presently before it for consideration to become part of the extant laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

A statement signed by CAN's National Director, Legal and Public Affairs, Barr. Kwamkur Vondip and made available to newsmen yesterday in Abuja, expressed concerns that such bills were geared towards gagging the citizens from freely expressing their views on burning issues that affects them.

CAN noted that although many individuals, organizations and political parties have taken advantage of the Social Media to perpetrate evil and cause tremendous damage, there were adequate existing laws that could be used to check the excesses of individuals or groups

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Buhari: How Saraki, Senators slowed me down



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By Chukwu David

President Muhammadu Buhari yesterday recounted how he was frustrated by the 8th session of the National Assembly over his plans to borrow money for some developmental projects.

The president re-forwarded the Federal Government's 2016 – 2018 borrowing plan to the Senate for approval.

President Buhari revealed these in a letter, which was dated November 26, 2019, and read on the floor of the apex legislative chamber by the President of the Senate, Ahmad Lawan.

He noted that the Eighth National Assembly approved only a part of the external borrowing request forwarded to it in September 2016.

The President regretted that the action of the National Assembly stalled the Federal

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Pension Scheme: Contributors now 8.85m as assets hit N9. 58trn



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The success rate of the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS) has continued to manifest with the number of contributors hitting 8.85 million and asset peaking at N9.58 trillion as at September 2019.

Disclosing this in Benin yesterday during a workshop, the Acting Director General, National Pension Commission (PenCom), Hajia Aisha Dahir-Umar, said the growth indeed justified the commission's emphasis on the safety of pension funds.

Speaking on the theme, "Expanding Coverage of the Pension Industry," Dahir-Umar, represented by Mr. Kunle Odebiyi, Head, Micro Pensions Department, PenCom, also put the pension assets at N9.58 trillion.

While assuring stakeholders that the pension reform remained steadily on course, she said:

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Early menopause could raise risk of heart disease



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By Appolonia Adeyemi 



Researchers in the United States (U.S.) and the United Kingdom (UK) have found that women, who experienced early menopause before attaining 40 years, may face increased risk for cardiovascular disease.

According to the findings of their new study published in the ‘Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) while premature menopause significantly increased the risk for coronary artery disease, heart failure, blood clots and heart valve problems, the research team found no increased risk for stroke or peripheral artery disease, which is a circulatory condition in which narrowed blood vessels reduce blood flow to the limbs.

To this end, senior study author, Dr. Pradeep Natarajan who is an assistant professor of

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