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### -AS FINGERS STILL POINT AT HER HUSBAND HABEEB CHIDIAC

-By Kenneth Uwadi(Lagos)

More facts have emerged as to the likely identities of the masterminds behind the murder of popular Igbo Society Lady, Mrs. Patricia Obiageli Chidiac. The deceased was brutally gunned down inside the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Creek Road, Apapa, Lagos by two gun men who took off on a bike that was waiting outside the Church premises as soon as their evil mission was accomplished. When the news of the tragic death of this Top Igbo Society Lady broke within the Lagos society cycle where she was well known, it was with shock that many of her friends took the news, especially with the gory nature she was killed.

Madam Patricia on Sunday May 3rd, 2009, had gone to worship at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She had arrived at the Church in her bullet proof Jeep which she acquired not too long ago. While She, along with other worshippers were still trying to settle down for the morning service, two armed men drew out their guns inside the church, fired into the air and headed for Madam Obiageli and fired several bullets

into her stomach right before the large congregation, leading to a pandemonium before they made away with their waiting bike.

As if Mrs. Patricia had a premonition of threats to her life, family sources revealed to City Weekly News how she acquired two bullet proof SUVs about three months ago, perhaps to further fortify her personal security against possible attack on her. Mrs. Patricia Obiageli, born in 1963, hails from Umuigwe-Eziama in Ikeduru Local Government Area of Imo State, Nigeria but married to a Lebanese businessman based in Lagos, Mr Habeeb Chidiac. Mr. Habeeb runs a business conglomerate named Paache Group of companies. Our source confirmed that Mrs Patricia was having problems with her Lebanese husband Habeeb.

Many are alleging that Habeeb may be responsible for the assassination of the Imo state born Madam Obiageli with whom she has 4 children, two boys and two girls. Those posing this theory are of the opinion that it has to be him as her gory killing happened barely two days after he departed the shores of Nigeria with their kids. Our source revealed that the couple's marriage had been strained and divorce was on the way. The bickering between husband and wife, we gathered was centred on business related issue and abuse of trust. Some time ago, when a Vessel was declared missing at the Apapa Wharf, a certain Lebanese who is a relation of Habeeb was found culpable by the Nigerian Navy, he bolted away leaving his accomplice to rot in detention. This issue has been a source of worry in the Habeeb family. Mrs Patricia we gathered was fully aware of the threat to her life which prompted her to purchase the bullet proof Jeeps and employed the service of private body guards. She also according to our source, paid the police in Apapa to mount surveillance on her home.

Meanwhile Police authorities in Lagos, said they had begun investigation into the murder of this business woman who was shot dead in the premises of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, in Liverpool area of Apapa by unknown gunmen. The command described the death of the late Mrs Patricia Obigeli Chidiac as a clear case of murder and not that of robbery and assured that the unknown gunmen would at the end of the investigation be trailed and brought to book.

The victim was returned to mother earth in Lebanon on 14<sup>th</sup> may 2009. She was buried at about 330pm local time in Beirut. Our source confirmed that Patricia's corpse was flown to Lebanon aboard Middle East Airline at about 2pm on Wednesday. Archbishop Bechara Raaey of Virgin Mary Church in Meziara, Habeeb's home time in Lebanon held a short prayer session for the deceased before departure. A huge crowd of mourners led by Habeeb Chidiac received the body at Rafik Hariri International Airport in Beirut.

This is another murder case that Nigerians will really want the Nigerian Police to resolve.

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MEND militants brandish weapons (File)Nigeria's main militant group says it has attacked major oil pipelines in the oil-rich Niger Delta, preventing five flow-stations from feeding...
- o [Berlusconi: My work is a burden free of gaffes](#) May 25, 2009  
By Paula Newton, CNN ROME, Italy (CNN) -- Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi has told CNN he has never committed a gaffe and that he doesn't like his job much these days. In an exclusive interview, Berlusconi laid the blame on newspapers. "I have never made any gaffes, not even one, every gaffe is invented by the newspapers," he sai [...]
- o [NATO disarms suspected pirates in Gulf of Aden](#) May 25, 2009  
BRUSSELS -- A NATO warship from Canada intercepted two boats carrying suspected pirates in the Gulf of Aden, seizing a large amount of firearms, rocket-propelled grenades and hook ladders. The Canadian frigate HMCS Winnipeg chased the boats and eventually boarded them, releasing the suspected pirates after confiscating the equipment, the alliance...
- o [Analysis: What is the real threat of North Korea's nuclear programme?](#) May 25, 2009  
WHAT IS NORTH KOREA'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAPABILITY? North Korea is thought to have produced enough plutonium for about six to eight weapons and has already produced one rudimentary nuclear device. It likely cannot miniaturise a nuclear weapon to mount on a missile and would need a significant amount of testing to master the technology, weapons expert [...]
- o [EU calls for Suu Kyi release](#) May 25, 2009  
The European Union has repeated calls for Myanmar's military government to free Aung San Suu Kyi, the country's opposition leader who is standing trial on charges of violating the terms of her house arrest. The call came on Monday at the start of two days of talks in Vietnam between foreign ministers from Asia and Europe. The Asia-Europe Meeti [...]
- o [Russian FM meets Lebanese leaders](#) May 25, 2009  
BEIRUT - Russia Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov met Lebanese President Michel Sleiman on Monday to discuss Moscow's ties with Beirut its plan to host an international conference on the Middle East. Lavrov, who made no statement following his meeting with Sleiman, later met Prime Minister Fuad Siniora and was also due to hold talks with parliament sp [...]
- o [NKorea nuke test brings condemnation](#) May 25, 2009  
TOKYO—Leaders around the world strongly condemned North Korea's announcement that it conducted a nuclear test on Monday, with President Barack Obama calling it a matter of grave concern to all nations and Japan demanding action by the U.N. Security Council. "North Korea is directly and recklessly challenging the international community, [...]"
- o [Second case of H1N1 in RP](#) May 25, 2009  
MANILA A second case of the Influenza A(H1N1) flu virus has been detected in the Philippines, according to health authorities. Although the patient had apparently recovered as of yesterday, the Department of Health (DOH) urged Filipinos not to let their guard down because the virus could mutate into a 'more virulent' type. The second case is [...]
- o [Kospi Falls on North Korea Nuclear Test](#) May 25, 2009

By ROSALIND MATHIESON and KIRSTY GREEN SINGAPORE -- Asian share markets were turning lower Monday with South Korean shares sliding 3.5% after North Korea said it conducted a nuclear test. There was also some caution in markets before a holiday in the U.S. and U.K. Japan's Nikkei 225 was shut for the midday break before the North Korean news came ou [...]

- o [Roh's Death Leaves South Korea Tense](#) May 25, 2009

By EVAN RAMSTAD and SUNGHA PARK The initial shock and sadness in South Korea over the suicide death of former president Roh Moo-hyun began to give way on Sunday to anger among his supporters and the prospect of political upheaval that will pose a new challenge for current president Lee Myung-bak. View Slideshow Associated Press A supporter of former Pre [...]

- o [North Korea leader Kim sends condolences to Roh family](#) May 25, 2009

SEOUL (Reuters) - North Korean leader Kim Jong-il sent a message of condolence to the family of former South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun, whom he met in Pyongyang in 2007 for a historic summit, the North's official media said on Monday. Roh, 62, and out of office for...

- o [Nazi film wins top Cannes prize](#) May 25, 2009

A film portraying the roots of Nazi violence in Germany has won the top prize at the world's biggest film festival. The Palme d'Or was awarded to Austrian director Michael Haneke for The White Ribbon at the Cannes film festival in France on Sunday. The White Ribbon is set in a small village in northern Germany just before World War I. In the b [...]

- o [NKorea's Kim expresses condolence over Roh's death](#) May 25, 2009

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) â North Korea's Kim Jong Il has expressed condolences to the family of ex-South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun, who leaped off a cliff to his death over the weekend, the North's state media said Monday. The North's Korean Central News Agency said in a brief dispatch that Kim expressed "profound condolences [...]

- o [PetroChina to Purchase Big Stake in Oil Refiner](#) May 25, 2009

By RICK CAREW HONG KONG -- PetroChina Co. agreed Sunday to buy a US\$1 billion stake in oil refiner Singapore Petroleum Co. in a move expected to lead to an offer for the entire company. The agreement signals China's continued interest in extending its reach into global natural resources at a time when many resources companies are desperate for cash [...]

- o [Unemployment in Russia Rises. Retail Sales Slide](#) May 25, 2009

By LIDIA KELLY MOSCOW -- Russian unemployment has reached its highest level this decade as thrift replaces a culture of consumer spending, official data released Friday showed. The number of unemployed in Russia rose to 7.7 million in April, or 10.2% of the total labor force of 75.2 million, data from the...

- o [Guru dies after Vienna temple shooting](#) May 25, 2009

A visiting Indian guru died early on Monday after being shot in a clash between rival religious communities at a Sikh temple in Vienna in which about 30 people were injured, police announced. The guru, Sant Rama Nand, 56, one of...

- o [Asian Countries Confirm More Cases of Swine Flu](#) May 25, 2009

| A WSJ NEWS ROUNDUP Confirmed cases of swine flu increased across the Asia-Pacific region at the weekend, with China, Hong Kong, the Philippines, South Korea and Australia reporting new infections. Chinese health officials confirmed the mainland's ninth case of swine flu on Sunday. According to China's official Xinhua news agency,...

- o [EU begins fisheries policy review](#) May 25, 2009

European Union fisheries ministers are in Brussels to review rules on how much fish can be caught in EU waters. The EU's executive, the European Commission, says more than 80% of Europe's fish stocks are now overfished. The global average is 28%. The current Common Fisheries Policy, which sets quotas, aims to ensure Europe has a sustainable fi [...]

- [Chargers win IPL final](#) May 25, 2009
- [Sri Lanka: child victims of the battle to end a bloody civil war](#) May 25, 2009  
President said Tamil Tigers were defeated without inflicting civilian casualties Lying howling on a torn mattress, in a cot by a window overlooking the Sri Lankan capital, Colombo, the wounded toddler was a pitiful sight. A female relative fretted, trying to calm the girl down as the medics worked around her. The 18-month-old had been shot in the stoma [...]

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- [Somali gunmen 'renounce piracy'](#) May 25, 2009  
Around 200 Somali pirates are reported to have renounced piracy at a meeting in northern Somalia.
- [Nigeria rebels 'destroy pipeline'](#) May 25, 2009  
Nigeria's main oil militant group says it has destroyed major pipelines in response to a military offensive.
- [Rebels claim Somali suicide bomb](#) May 25, 2009  
Somalia's militant group al-Shabab says it carried out Sunday's suicide bombing in the capital.
- [Deadly stampede at Rabat festival](#) May 24, 2009  
At least 11 people are crushed to death in the Moroccan capital during a stampede at a music festival.
- [Raiders 'seize Sudan army base'](#) May 24, 2009  
Suspected rebels seize a Sudanese army base in Darfur, near Chad's border, international peacekeepers say.
- [Party quits talks in Madagascar](#) May 23, 2009  
A political party in Madagascar pulls out of talks to end a crisis in the country, hours after a reported breakthrough.
- [AU calls for sanctions on Eritrea](#) May 23, 2009  
The African Union calls on the UN Security Council to impose sanctions against Eritrea for supporting insurgents in Somalia.
- [Kenyan flowers hit by recession](#) May 24, 2009  
Kenya's flower growers are suffering as demand for their crops, one of the country's flagship exports, has been hit by the global recession.
- [Malawi president is inaugurated](#) May 22, 2009  
Malawi's President Bingu wa Mutharika is sworn in for a second term after a landslide election victory.
- [Barca's Toure ready for 'decider'](#) May 25, 2009  
Ivorian Yaya Toure says the Champions League final between his Barca side and Man Utd will rubber-stamp who is the best team in the world.
- [Mokoena makes Pompey switch](#) May 24, 2009  
Blackburn midfielder Aaron Mokoena is to join Portsmouth after the South African agreed a three-year contract with the south coast club.
- [Al Ahly clinch league title](#) May 24, 2009  
Al Ahly win the Egyptian premier league title by beating Ismaili 1-0 in a play-off for the title in Cairo.
- [Booty call](#) May 24, 2009  
Chasing the Somali piracy evaporating money trail
- [Bowled over](#) May 22, 2009  
Indian cricket league flourishes in South Africa

- [Murky world](#) May 21, 2009  
Delving into the finances of Gabon's President Bongo
- [Harare diary](#) May 22, 2009  
Freedom at a price after 100 days of unity government
- [Delta exodus](#) May 21, 2009  
Civilian horror at military air strikes in Nigeria's oil region
- [In the dock](#) May 21, 2009  
Laws of the high seas being tested by pirate trials
- [Spain holds 'voodoo' traffickers](#) May 22, 2009  
Spain holds 23 people suspected of trafficking Nigerian women into the country and forcing them into prostitution using voodoo curses.
- [Rwandan guilty of 1994 atrocities](#) May 22, 2009  
Canada completes its first-ever war crimes trial, convicted a Rwandan of war crimes from the 1994 genocide.

## • [WORLD NEWS](#)

- [Outrage over N Korea nuclear test](#) May 25, 2009  
There is strong international condemnation after North Korea says it has staged a second successful nuclear test.
- [Punjab riots after Vienna killing](#) May 25, 2009  
Riots break out across the Indian state of Punjab after a Sikh guru is killed by a rival group in a temple in Austria.
- [Somali gunmen 'renounce piracy'](#) May 25, 2009  
Around 200 Somali pirates are reported to have renounced piracy at a meeting in northern Somalia.
- [Scientology goes on trial in France](#) May 25, 2009  
The Church of Scientology goes on trial for alleged fraud in France after a woman says she was pressured into paying large sums.
- ['Progress' against Swat Taliban](#) May 25, 2009  
The Pakistani army says it is making steady progress against Taliban fighters' strongholds in the Swat valley.
- [German firms see optimism ahead](#) May 25, 2009  
Firms in Germany are more confident now than they have been for six months, according to a key index.
- [Human skulls found in India pond](#) May 25, 2009  
Authorities in northern India are digging out a pond in which hundreds of human skulls have been discovered.
- [Blackmail fear over lost RAF data](#) May 25, 2009  
The UK government kept secret the loss of sensitive air force records, which one officer fears could be used for blackmail.
- [Middle age spread link to frailty](#) May 24, 2009  
People who are overweight or obese in middle-age run the risk of being frail in later life, say Finnish researchers.
- [Singer Boyle reaches Talent final after her first live TV performance](#) May 25, 2009  
Scottish singer Susan Boyle makes it through to the finals of Britain's Got Talent in her first live national performance.
- [Pedestrians take over in Times Square as New York bans cars](#) May 25, 2009  
New York's iconic Times Square gets a major makeover, with city officials banning cars from stretches of Broadway.

- [Live - French Open tennis](#) May 25, 2009  
Rafael Nadal is in action on day two of the French Open after Dinara Safina thrashes Britain's Anne Keothavong.
- [Barca's Toure ready for 'decider'](#) May 25, 2009  
Midfielder Yaya Toure tells BBC Sport that Wednesday's Champions League final between his Barca side and Manchester United will rubber-stamp who is the best team in the world.
- [Should the world be worried about North Korea?](#) May 25, 2009  
North Korea has staged a "successful" underground nuclear test. How should governments respond?
- [In pictures](#) May 25, 2009  
Riots erupt across Punjab after Vienna killing of Sikh guru
- [Dubious origins](#) May 25, 2009  
Italian art world debates sculpture by 'Michelangelo'
- [Booty call](#) May 24, 2009  
Chasing the Somali piracy evaporating money trail
- [Sticks and stones](#) May 24, 2009  
Hunting for Afghan emeralds in the Panjshir valley
- [Reshaping Poland](#) May 25, 2009  
Young Poles sing praises of EU single market
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Colonial attitudes linger 200 years after independence

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- [Calcio Debate: Serie A Young Player Of The Year 2008-09](#) May 25, 2009  
With the league calendar in Italy almost complete, Goal.com offers its nominations - and choice - for Young Player Of The Year... by Carlo Garganese
- [Juventus To Announce Diego Signing Shortly - Report](#) May 25, 2009  
The Brazilian is in Turin as the final details of his contract look to be settled...by Adrian Del Monte
- [Shameful Scenes At San Siro, But We Will Honour Maldini - Abete](#) May 25, 2009  
The Italian football chief is not impressed by the Maldini fiasco as he promises a friendly farewell for the Italian...by Salvatore Landolina
- [Van der Sar Targets Legendary Status With Manchester United](#) May 25, 2009  
The Dutch goalkeeper wants to help the Red Devils do what Ajax failed to in the 1990s by winning back to back trophies with a victory against Barcelona in the final on Wednesday...by Ricky Brooks
- [Maradona, Romario & Hughes - Barcelona v Manchester United: The History](#) May 25, 2009  
This Wednesday Barcelona and Manchester United lock horns in the Champions League final at the Stadio Olimpico in Rome. Carlo Garganese looks back at the past meetings between these two glorious sides...by Carlo Garganese
- [Why Did Milan Ultras Insult Paolo Maldini?](#) May 25, 2009  
The Rossoneri legend's last game at San Siro was unexpectedly marred by a protest from a section of the Curva Sud. What was behind it?by Vince Masiello
- [English Angle: Surely, Manchester United Just Have Too Much For Barcelona](#) May 25, 2009  
From the kids up to the cronies, the Red Devils will have too many options for Barca to contain in Rome, writes Goal.com's Sulmaan Ahmad...by Sulmaan Ahmad
- [Mayor Of Rome Announces 31 Hour Alcohol Ban From Tuesday To Thursday](#) May 25, 2009  
Ahead of Wednesday's Champions League final between Barcelona & Manchester United in

the Italian capital, there will be no sale of alcohol in the city centre and surrounding areas between 11pm Tuesday & 6am Thursday...by Ricky Brooks

- [Goal.com World Player Of The Week: Juninho Pernambucano - Lyon & Brazil](#) May 25, 2009  
Goal.com's World Player of the Week is about to bid a fond farewell to the club where he is a hero...by Ewan Macdonald
- [Jose Mourinho Destroyed Chelsea - PSG's Claude Makelele](#) May 25, 2009  
The Frenchman has openly accused Mourinho of being Chelsea's ruin...by Salvatore Landolina
- [Milan Delay Decision On Carlo Ancelotti's Future Until End Of Season](#) May 25, 2009  
The Rossoneri were expected to announce on Monday whether their head coach would be staying at the San Siro or joining Chelsea...by Ricky Brooks
- [Rwanda And Algeria Bolster Their Ranks Ahead Of 2010 World Cup Qualifier Matches](#) May 25, 2009  
The World Cup Group C teams stepped up their training regime ahead of the decisive matches in a fortnight...by Peter Pedroncelli
- [Atmosphere For CL Final Builds As Fans Roam In Rome](#) May 25, 2009  
As fans begin to arrive, the buzz of the final is clear for all to see...by Salvatore Landolina
- [Chelsea Lead Race For FC Twente's Marko Arnautovic - Report](#) May 25, 2009  
The Tukkers have denied a deal has been agreed, but it seems the Blues are edging Inter to the 20-year-old Austria international forward's signature...by Ricky Brooks
- [The Daily Fail: Michael Owen Plots The Assassination Of Gary Neville](#) May 25, 2009  
Goal.com's weekday satire explains the strange and shameful goings on in the world of football. Whatever you do, don't take it too seriously...by Sulmaan Ahmad

## • [Sports 2](#)

- [Dinara Safina quickly moves into second round at French Open](#) May 25, 2009  
Dinara Safina quickly worked her way into the second round of the French Open on Monday, routing Anne Keothavong of Britain 6-0, 6-0.  
*Associated Press*
- [Magic hold off Cavs in foul-plagued Game 3 win](#) May 25, 2009  
Dwight Howard scored 24 points s -- 14 on free throws -- and Rafer Alston added 18 as the Orlando Magic downed the Cleveland Cavaliers 99-89 on Sunday night to take a 2-1 lead in an Eastern Conference finals  
*Associated Press*
- [Rachel Alexandra uncertain for Belmont Stakes, owner Jess Jackson says](#) May 25, 2009  
Rachel Alexandra owner Jess Jackson was uncertain Monday morning of the Preakness champion's status for next month's Belmont Stakes after the filly worked out at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky.  
*ESPN.com news services*
- [Helio Castroneves caps great month with third Indy 500 win](#) May 24, 2009  
Helio Castroneves has won his third Indianapolis 500, beating 2005 winner Dan Wheldon by more than 2 seconds. Danica Patrick was third, the best finish by a woman at Indianapolis.  
*Associated Press*
- [Wings don't need stars to press Hawks to brink](#) May 25, 2009  
Marian Hossa and Henrik Zetterberg scored two goals each Sunday, and the Detroit Red Wings overcame the absences of Nicklas Lidstrom and Pavel Datsyuk to rout the Chicago Blackhawks 6-1 and take a 3-1 lead in the Western Conference finals.  
*Associated Press*

- [Rain postpones Coca-Cola 600 to Memorial Day](#) May 25, 2009  
NASCAR's longest race of the season has been postponed by rain for the first time in 50 years.  
*Associated Press*
- [New Orleans Saints' Jeremy Shockey treated, released from hospital](#) May 25, 2009  
A Saints spokesman said Jeremy Shockey was treated and released from a hospital on Sunday.  
*Chris Mortensen*
- [Phillies overcome Lidge's blown save vs. Yanks](#) May 24, 2009  
Carlos Ruiz hit a two-out RBI double in the 11th inning and the Phillies overcame another blown save by Brad Lidge to beat the Yankees 4-3 on Sunday.  
*Associated Press*
- [Report: Dallas Cowboys practice facility consultant was ex-convict](#) May 24, 2009  
A consultant who helped the Dallas Cowboys with upgrades last year to their collapsed practice facility served time in a federal prison for his actions while connected to a violent drug-trafficking ring, The Dallas Morning News has reported.  
*ESPN.com news services*
- [Cleveland Cavaliers sign deal to sell significant stake to Chinese investment group](#) May 25, 2009  
The Cavaliers have reached an agreement with a group of Chinese businessmen for a significant stake in the company that owns and operates the Cavs and Quicken Loans Arena.  
*Associated Press*
- [NCAA announces baseball tournament's regional sites](#) May 25, 2009  
Four Atlantic Coast Conference schools were selected Sunday as regional hosts for the 2009 NCAA baseball tournament.  
*ESPN.com news services*
- [K-Rod Francisco Rodriguez returns to New York Mets after hospital stay](#) May 25, 2009  
New York Mets closer Francisco Rodriguez is back with the club and feeling better after being hospitalized for back spasms.  
*Associated Press*
- [Jim Leyritz tells Miami Herald fatal crash wasn't his fault](#) May 24, 2009  
Former major leaguer Jim Leyritz says he has sold off memorabilia because he's broke, halted charity work because he's become a social pariah and scattered case files throughout his house, intent on defeating a DUI manslaughter charge.  
*Associated Press*
- [John Daly wears pink slacks in honor of Amy Mickelson](#) May 24, 2009  
John Daly wore bright pink trousers during Sunday's final round of the BMW PGA Championship in a gesture of support for Phil Mickelson's wife after she was diagnosed with breast cancer.  
*Associated Press*
- [Rory Sabbatini wins Byron Nelson Championship by 2 shots](#) May 25, 2009  
Rory Sabbatini has won the Byron Nelson Championship, finishing with a two-stroke victory over late-charging Brian Davis.  
*Associated Press*

## • [Sports 3](#)

- [Black Cats opt against Cisse](#) May 25, 2009  
Sunderland will not be taking up the option to sign Djibril Cisse on a permanent deal this summer.

- [Duff vows to stay put](#) May 25, 2009  
Damien Duff has pledged his allegiance to Newcastle despite seeing the club relegated to the Championship.
- [Cantona eyes United return](#) May 25, 2009  
Eric Cantona has admitted to holding out hope that he will one day become manager of Manchester United.
- [Mascherano eyes Tevez reunion](#) May 25, 2009  
Liverpool's Javier Mascherano has revealed he would relish a reunion with compatriot Carlos Tevez.
- [Magpies look to the future](#) May 25, 2009  
Mike Ashley is to sit down with Alan Shearer this week to plan Newcastle's bid to return to the Premier League.
- [Redknapp must find own funds](#) May 25, 2009  
Tottenham boss Harry Redknapp has admitted that he must sell before he can buy this summer.
- [Learning curve for Walcott](#) May 25, 2009  
Theo Walcott believes Arsenal will be title challengers next season after addressing their failings.
- [Sbragia reveals Cats 'nightmare'](#) May 25, 2009  
Ricky Sbragia has admitted that his final weeks in charge of Sunderland were a 'nightmare'.
- [Valenica exit will sadden Bruce](#) May 25, 2009  
Steve Bruce admits he will be 'devastated' when the time comes to part with Antonio Valencia.
- ['Hurt' Shearer calls for change](#) May 24, 2009  
Alan Shearer could not hide his anguish after he was unable to save Newcastle from relegation.
- [Barca duo ready for final](#) May 25, 2009  
Thierry Henry and Andres Iniesta have resumed full training ahead of the UEFA Champions League final.
- [Alonso Reds' future unclear](#) May 25, 2009  
Liverpool fans seem set for another summer of uncertainty surrounding Xabi Alonso.
- [Sheff Utd v Burnley preview](#) May 25, 2009  
Sheff Utd and Burnley do battle on Monday in the richest game in world football, the Championship play-off final.
- [Loovens - players lost title](#) May 25, 2009  
Celtic defender Glenn Loovens has urged Gordon Strachan to continue as manager.
- [Mendes hails Gers character](#) May 25, 2009  
Pedro Mendes believes adversity galvanised Rangers this season and moulded the side into title winners.
- [Mourinho could leave Inter](#) May 25, 2009  
Inter Milan boss Jose Mourinho has refused to rule out the possibility of joining Real Madrid this summer.
- [Howard hoping to make amends](#) May 25, 2009  
Sheffield United midfielder Brian Howard is desperate to avoid Wembley heartache for a second time.
- [Sylvinho vows to stop Ron](#) May 25, 2009  
Barcelona full-back Sylvinho insists he is up to the challenge of facing Cristiano Ronaldo on Wednesday.
- [Premier League round-up](#) May 24, 2009  
Newcastle and Middlesbrough were relegated from the Premier League as Hull City and Sunderland beat the drop on 'Survival Sunday'.

- [History beckons for Carrick](#) May 25, 2009  
Michael Carrick has found it difficult not to think about what Champions League victory would mean.

## • [Nollywood](#)

- [Ribadu Testifies before the U.S Financial Services Committee - Prepared by Sahara Reporters](#) May 24, 2009  
From to Nuhu Ribadu was Chairman of Nigerias Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Over the course of his career he charged many of Nigerias bankers politicians and former ministers of corruption and money laundering As a result he was eventually fired and exiled from Nigeria for exposing corruption within the Nigerian governme ...
- [MKO told me not to be a local champion - Dele Momodu](#) May 24, 2009  
Dele Momodu is a journalists journalist One of the close aides of the late Chief MKO Abiola Momodu is the publisher of Ovation a popular softsell magazine The news writer became a news item recently when it was published that he was having problems with his Ghanaian hosts In this interview with Hazeer Balogun the celebrated columnist ...
- [My Taste In Women Is Rich- Ali Baba](#) May 24, 2009  
After years of entertaining people Alleluyah Akpobome has earned himself the title of Doyen of Comedy Thirsty for novelty in the comedy business and expecting himself to join the league of some of the worlds most respected and influential comedians of all times the man from Warri has his eyes on higher levels of fame and prestige even in r ...
- [Why I shot film on Moremi-----Mrs. Duro Ladipo](#) May 24, 2009  
Many people call her Moremi or Oya following her historic roles in her late husbands popular plays entitled Moremi and Oba Koso Chief Biodun Duro Ladipo wife of the late dramatist and theatre icon Duro Ladipo is still very much around Just recently in Ibadan she concluded work on Moremi a movie based on the original story of same title writ ...
- [Im not a polygamist, I only have one wife at a time Adebayo Faleti](#) May 24, 2009  
Many people believe you must have studied Yoruba very deeply to be so versed in it How true is this Well at the high school level Yoruba was not part of my Cambridge certificate I did French instead of Yoruba At the university level I didnt study Yoruba at all So how did you gain your mastery of the language We have traditions L ...
- [Gbenga Adeyinka Loses Mom](#) May 24, 2009  
Ace comedian Gbenga Adeyinka the st on Wednesday lost his mom Mrs Adunni Giwa Bello to the cold hands of death The selfacclaimed Comedian of the Federal Republic CFR speaking with <http://nigeriafilms.com> said though his mother was sick he guessed it was her time to go Adeyinka who had lost his father long ago jokingly said he is n ...
- [Jim Iyke most romantic man Keturah](#) May 24, 2009  
The Jamaican born bombshell that stole the heart of Nollywoods playboy Jim Iyke is an interviewers delight If she trusted you enough to grant you an interview you are guaranteed a noholdsbarred explication on virtually every aspect of her life that you may wish to explore She is fresh intelligent beautiful sexy and supremely motivated ...
- [Only short men shows interest in me says Unlucky 6.4ft Queen----Rita Amaka Echendu](#) May 24, 2009  
Reigning Miss Delta Soap Rita Amaka Echendu was Showtime Celebrity guest during the week and in this interview with Bridget Amaraegbu she opened up on the challenges she faces daily as Queen She also spoke about her relationship with men and how being tall has affected her personality Enjoy How does it feel to be a queen I still fee ...
- [Jim Iyke prepares for the altar](#) May 24, 2009  
In love with a Jamaican actress His grouse with Nigerian women He has been variously

described as Nollywoods playboy a serial heartbreaker one whose motto visavis relationships with women appears to be use them and leave them Tabloid stories about his sexual escapades are in volumes leaving many to wonder what he is lookin ...

- [DBANJ AND HIS KOKOLETTE SEARCH!](#) May 24, 2009  
Borrowing a line from Koko Master DBanj Ladies if youre still sitting down youre on a long thing Thats because from the month of June twelve beautiful ladies will be contending to be his number one Kokolette in a reality TV show tagged the Koko Mansion What is expected of the Kokolettes Well for one they will be selected through a ...
- [if God says yes no one can say no-----Daniel Kalu](#) May 23, 2009  
Daniel Kalu is a Nigerian who has been living in China for so many years now He was once into business ventures but had to succumb to his desire and long time yearning of going into music He got into music professionally in but has been singing since he was eight years old In this revealing and very interesting interview DANHANSOM that ...
- ['The Problem With Nigeria's Upcoming Artistes'-----Hillary Uchenna, a.k.a Mistikal](#) May 22, 2009  
Hillary Uchenna aka Mistikal is an upcoming music artiste that believes that anyone with good talent can become big in the entertainment industry if given a chance to prove himherself In a chat with Reporter Ifeoma Meze Mistikal an indigene of Eza Ebonyi State explains the challenges of upcoming artistes and why they should be given a cha ...
- [Mode 9: My Life, My Music, My Dream Girl](#) May 22, 2009  
Call him a lone ranger and you will not be wrong Rapper Mode for many has refused to Nigerianise his style of rapping The artiste who has won back to back the Hiphop award for Lyricist on the Roll simply has no apologies for making music the best way he understands Correspondent Kemi Yesufu met with him for this engaging interview Excer ...
- [Do Clothes Make A Woman?](#) May 22, 2009  
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