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A MODEL LIFE: THE EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH

ANGEL VIDEYRA

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A-CHOICES -The African Lifestyle Magazine

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EDITOR'S LETTER



elcome to the February edition of A-CHOICES Magazine where we celebrate all that we love about being Africans.

On the cover of this edition is Angel Videyra, a Programme Manager for Divert - Metropolitan Police custody intervention programme in London, UK. He began working with young people in 2017 where he was first invited to become a volunteer for the programme.

Over the years, Angel has supported and mentored numerous young people and has proven himself as a positive and influential role model within the community of Lambeth. Angel is confident and believes his background is unique. "I believe my background and ethnicity are very unique. There aren't many Afro-Russians out there. I have a unique look and presence. I feel comfortable in front of the camera". It's sure an interesting read.

Also, Valentine's Day is touted as a celebration of romance. It is also known as "Singles Awareness Day" due to the emphasis on romantic relationships and a seeming exclusion of anyone not in a romantic relationship. No matter what our romantic status is, we should strive to avoid a "couples vs singles" mentality.

I would challenge everyone to find a way to enjoy Valentine's day this month. Let the people you care about know that they mean something to you, even if it's just a greeting in passing on the way to class or work. Make Valentine's Day a day everyone can enjoy, no matter what his or her love life is like.

Happy Valentine's Day, readers, I hope it's a good one.

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A MODEL LIFE:THE INTERVIEW ANGEL VIDEYRA





By:Gbenga Teejay Okunlola London, UK

ngel is a Programme Manager for Divert - Metropolitan Police custody intervention programme. He began working with young people in 2017, where he was first invited to become a volunteer for the programme. Over the years, Angel has supported, and mentored numerous young people and has proven himself as a positive and influential role model within the community of Lambeth.

Angel takes a very keen interest in sports, he has participated in the Met Police Boxing Championships—Lafone Cup. An up and coming fashion and fitness model.

Angel also runs his own mentoring programme for men, supporting men into a healthier lifestyle and awakening their true purpose and spirituality.

A-CHOICES: Tell us a little bit about yourself and educational background?

ANGEL: I am originally from Russia/Ukraine, I was born in the USSR in the city of Kharkov. 5 months after I was born Soviet Union collapsed in August 1991. My mother is Russian and my dad is from Angola. For the first part of my life, I lived with my grandmother in a small Russian village located in Belgorodskaya Oblast and at the age of 10 I moved to Moscow. I look at my life in Russia as an interesting experience as well as a very challenging one due my skin colour. As back in the 90s and early 00s, racism was at alltime high in Russia and attacks based on the racial discrimination were very common at the peak of skinhead culture that was thriving back in those days. At the age of 15, my mum and I moved to London, where I have been living ever since, moving to this country was a massive commitment for me as a young person as well as for my mum. In the early days I experienced a severe culture shock while I was looking at things through my Russian mentality. Eventually, I embraced the British culture, made adjustments and at this point consider myself to be an Afro-Russian-British. I know that may sounds like quite a title but that is exactly who I am. Growing up in London and prior to university I have attended a number of colleges including St. Charles Catholic 6th form, Richmond College, Hammersmith and West London College. In 2011 I enrolled to study Business and Economics along with German language at University of Westminster with a year abroad at University of Wisconsin Stout. I graduated with a Bachelor's degree in 2015.

A-CHOICES: How did you first get into modelling?

ANGEL: It is interesting as I am still trying to break through into the modelling industry. In the past I had created a portfolio and approached a couple of agencies but was denied an opportunity as I was told I was too tall for modelling when in fact there are many models of my height and taller. I am 6f5, I have a good height on me as well as a well around fit lean physique that a lot of brands are looking for, I just haven't had any exposure to get noticed. Recently, I have decided to give modelling another try as I believe I have what it takes to be a successful model, talent wise, work ethic and looks wise. I am determined to go as far as possible in this business and make a name for myself and create my own legacy. I really appreciated A-CHOICES giving me an opportunity to do just that.

A-CHOICES: Breaking into the modelling industry is tough, tell me about your experience and obstacles?

ANGEL: I believe in the industry like modelling, fashion and media. It is all about who you know, your network of contacts who can get you in and get the first door open for you. In the past and to the present day, I face many obstacles, lack of contacts and lack of exposure are the

main two barriers for me. Especially when you have a full time job and I am also a part time student, I don't often have the time to approach agencies to get signed up or even better to get any type of paid work.

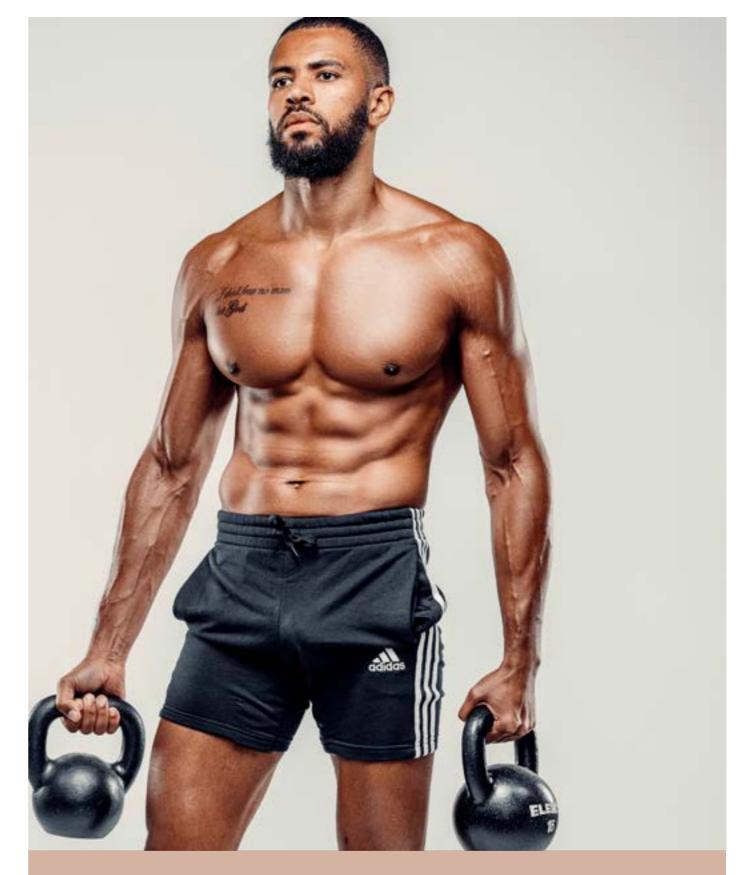
A-CHOICES: On being a man of Russian / African origin in the fashion world?

ANGEL: I believe my background and ethnicity are very unique. There aren't many Afro-Russians out there. I have a unique look and presence. I feel comfortable in front of the camera. I have a natural flow for modelling and it is an industry where I can see myself thriving, once the right opportunities land on the table.

A-CHOICES: The best part of modelling?

ANGEL: Modelling allows me to self-express myself. However, it is limited because you can't get across your personality, interests, hobbies and passions through the camera.

Modelling is limited in that capacity and a lot of the models are used as mannequins, it is all about their looks and that is about it. Whereas I am interested in bringing out my uniqueness, personality and my story.





A-CHOICES: Divert is a Metropolitan Police Programme. It is delivered in eleven custodies across London. Tell me more about the programme?

ANGEL: I initially got involved with this programme back in 2017, it was an opportunity that was offered to me, it sounded very interesting and quite unique. Even though Divert is a police programme, it is delivered independently by a charity called Bounce Back. It aims to reduce offending by directly engaging with 18-25 year olds to divert them away from crime and into a positive way forward. At the point of police detention, young people are offered a wide range of support from mentoring, training, employment and education. It is an offer like no other because when a young person gets arrested, they are at the lowest point of their lives and it is imperative that they are offered a second chance in life as well as an opportunity to express themselves on their personal challenges that they face on daily basis and quite often, it is the first time somebody sat down with them and genuinely listened to their story. This time is considered as a 'teachable moment' to address their vulnerabilities and demonstrate that support is available. The Divert coaches will listen, discuss their situation and provide information and advice and look at options that give them choice and the opportunity of a way forward. This also includes developing a plan that supports individuals away from crime and into positive career opportunities. Bounce Back who delivers the programme has been running since 2011. It is a Charity and a Social Enterprise focused on the training and employment of people in and leaving prison.

A-CHOICES: Your experience as a youth Custody Intervention Coach

ANGEL: Working for the programme for the past 5 years allowed me to see a bigger picture, it opened up my eyes to so many new things. I have a clear understanding of how Criminal Justice system works in this country, supporting countless young people in and out of custody and working closely with Metropolitan police, allowed me to build myself up as a professional in this field. Custody Intervention coach is essentially a life coach that a young person gets to work with, the relationship is very informal and the main goal is to re-build young person's confidence and prepare them for the real world that is out there.

Teach them life skills such as polite manners, punctuality, work etiquette, eye contact and qualities as such, we tend to take these skills for granted and the sad truth is that a lot of young people we work with, were never taught those basic life skills that any individual needs in order to be successful in life. A lot of the young people also never had a positive role model in their life, never had any support, structure or guidance from their parents. Some of them even come from care homes. I feel like there are so many barriers that a young person needs to overcome in order to make it in life. Homeliness is another massive issue that we face day to day, especially in a big city like London. There aren't many support services for young homeless Londoners and it is really devastating especially when we see a lot of new buildings being built with a very high rent and a cost of millions to purchase, it is very disheartening.

A-CHOICES: What are your main responsibilities as a Programme Manager for Divert?

ANGEL: My role involves looking after five Met police custodies, overseeing the delivery of the programme and making sure everything is running in order. My role allows me to travel a lot across London as I look after a wide geographical patch, it allows me to build new networks and partnerships in order to support the young people who come through the programme. As it is a police programme, we do a lot of liaison work with police officers, custody inspectors and sergeants in order to make sure a successful delivery of the programme and to safeguard ourselves and the young people. Police custody can be a hostile environment at times and my role is to make sure that all my members of staff are well trained and supported as the role of a custody coach can be very challenging as we are working with the most vulnerable cohort of young people in London.

A-CHOICES: A Men Mentor creates one-on-one life programmes for their clients, motivating and guiding them to achieve their goals. How does being a mentor work?

ANGEL: Outside of my work, I run my own mentoring programme for men, this programme is very unique because it involves three most important aspects 1) Mental therapy 2) Physical training 3) Sexual Kung Fu. My approach is very different, I believe that in order to be successful in life, all 3 aspects need to be covered in severe depth. Starting with mental therapy, most men have a negative perspective on it and see it as a weakness, when in fact, it takes a strong man to open up about his personal issues and talk about it.

Unfortunately, this is evident in statistics as male suicide rate is several times higher than women. My mentoring programme doesn't have the label of 'therapy' but rather focuses on physical training and learning how to work with a sexual energy and during these sessions is when a client usually opens up and talks about personal issues. I am currently studying to be a qualified psychotherapist to make sure I deliver the highest service possible to my clients.

Second aspect is the physical training, I am a strong believer that every man should be in an adequate physical shape, not just from the perspective of being strong and aesthetical look which is important but also for all the health benefits that physical training gives to the body and spirit. For me personally, training has taken me out of some of the deepest depressions I suffered on and off in my life due a degree where I am not even sure where I would be without it. I am a big advocate of it and encourage every human being to exercise in some capacity, our bodies are designed to move and be active. My mentoring programme covers gym routines, calisthenics exercises and mastering to work with your own body weight as well as resistance training through weights as well as nutrition plans and advice on fasting. I am also a big believer of prioritising cardiovascular training such as running, playing sports, swimming, climbing etc. Cardio exercise reduces the risk of many conditions. These conditions include obesity, heart disease, high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, metabolic syndrome, stroke and certain types of cancer.

Third aspect is Sexual Kung Fu, learning how to manage to work with your own sexual energy, being able to transmute the energy throughout the body and being able to apply into other areas of your life such as fulfilling your goals and ambitions, working on self-development and a better productivity overall. I believe many men have been miseducated or not educated at all on sexual energy and how important this energy is to a man. Most men act on their impulsiveness and have no discipline in this area whatsoever. In my mentoring work I go into deep details on how a man can learn to manage his sexual energy through internal work such as meditation, Qigong, breathwork and many other practices. I create a morning and an evening routine for my clients and this eventually leads to having a range of healthy habits which results in a healthy lifestyle overall. A wise man once said ' if you don't have health – you don't have anything! '. Sexual energy is linked very close to spirituality, this awakening happens gradually as my participants progress on the mentoring programme and discover that for themselves.

A-CHOICES: Can you make a living as a Men Mentor?

ANGEL: As I have just launched my mentoring programme and I have a full time job, this is something that I am taking my time to develop further to a degree where it brings me enough income to be fully self-sufficient and work independently.

A-CHOICES: Tell me about your Basketball experience while at university?

ANGEL: Basketball is my first love, my passion, something that sits close to my heart. Growing up that is all I did outside of my education hours. Playing basketball in university was a lot of fun. When I was in America playing for University of Wisconsin Stout, it was very competitive and challenging. Americans approach the game on a different level, the training routine was very heavy, from early morning to late night sessions. I loved it though and it developed a great discipline and character in me that I have been applying to other areas of my life.

A-CHOICES: What's your typical day like? How would you describe yourself?

ANGEL: My typical day starts at 7am, I have a strong morning routine which consists of internal and sometimes physical work. I love starting my day with a good round of Qigong, it puts me into a therapeutical state and prepares me for the day. I then head off to work where I spend most of the day and afterwards I make my way to the gym or an outdoor park for a training session.

Quite often I can also see a client for my mentoring programme and go through the training with them. I finish my day off with a solid evening routine that allows me to decompress and prepare for bed.

A-CHOICES: What challenges have you encountered while pursuing your dream?

ANGEL: One of my biggest setbacks in life was always a lack of confidence and self-belief, this has prevented me from going further in life. This is something I feel very passionate about and do a lot of work on this with my clients. This is something that needs constant and daily work, you just have to believe in yourself and work on yourself diligently in order to be successful in life, it is that imperative.

A-CHOICES: Who or what inspired you to keep pushing regardless of the challenges you've encountered?

ANGEL: My mother has always been a big inspiration to me. She has kept me on a right path considering she has brought me up without a male figure in the house. My mother has also overcome a lot of prejudice and discrimination back in Russian for dealing with my father who was a black man in predominantly a white society. Bringing up a mixed race child on her own with the pressures of the world was not an easy task but she did an amazing job and I am forever grateful for that. Mum you are the real MVP.

A-CHOICES: Have you travelled to Africa before?

ANGEL: I have indeed, I went to visit my family back in 2017. This was my first time travelling to Angola. I was so excited to meet my family and explore the country and culture of Angolan people. I felt strongly re-connect with my African roots and really enjoyed being amongst my family who I don't get to spend much time around. I also got to meet my dad for the first time as he left Russia when I was a toddler. The trip has definitely revived my African spirit and opened up my eyes on a whole country and what it had to offer. I found that people were very happy regardless of how poor they were, they were just happy to be. Unfortunately, that is not the case here in Europe, with all that we have at our dispense, water, electricity, fast internet, and other luxuries of life. People are still very miserable and happiness seems to be a rare thing. Strange right.

A-CHOICES: For what in your life do you feel most grateful?

ANGEL: I express gratitude to the Most High on a daily basis. I am grateful to be young and healthy, I am grateful for my home, job and stability. I am grateful for peaceful skies about my head, especially as there is a war back in my countries between Russia and Ukraine. The two countries that I am from, it breaks my heart to see what has been going on and how severe the conflict has gotten. I truly value and apricate my life because many men who I grew up with are currently on the front line fighting, I have no right to complain about my life, I am blessed.

A-CHOICES: What's next for Angel?

ANGEL: I have a big vision for myself in a near upcoming future. I want to make it in a modelling business and I would really welcome any collaborations and opportunities. I also want to focus on developing my mentoring programme and helping more men who are going through the crisis and the pressures of life. I also plan to launch my own Fitness clothing brand in a year 2023, please look out for the announcement of my Instagram page: Angelv_1991.

I want to say a massive thank you to A-CHOICES for this amazing opportunity to talk about my life and my story, it means the world to me.



HARRY THE SPARE





By: Akosua Darko Senior Writer London,UK



Since the times of the Athelstan, the 30th great grand uncle to Queen Elizabeth the 2 the monarchy hasn't been perfect, neither have the noblemen. In fact there has always been one rule for the upper classes and one for the commoners. It is quite interesting how there seems to be a consensus in this modern age that the Royal family has the noble right of Kings, that they are gods among men, when they are in fact human.

Prince Harry tells us about his cocaine use, his frostbitten penis, circumcision (not surprising as he is part of the church of England) which has also had it's own scandalous history (Henry the 8 turned England protestant to marry his adulterers Anne Boleyn, Camilla isn't the first adulteress to become Queen) and his exes.

I mean any student of British History is well aware the men in the Royal Families history loved women and many thought of them as just objects to ride on like stallions for a good time (As Harry has told us about his first sexual encounter with an older woman, though previous royalty wouldn't have done it in public behind a busy pub) and how his love of older women started from his Matrons in his private schools.

His father King Charles the 3, only had one well known mistress Queen Consort Camilla, whose great grandmother Alice Kepple, mistress to Edward the 7 (who had many), being a mistress runs in her veins. King Charles 3 is somewhat tame compared to Charles the 2 who had many mistresses. I think the way Charles and Camilla treated Diana was disgusting but Diana wouldn't be the first Princess, future Queen or Royal who endured pain at the hands of the monarchy.

The Royals history is tainted. How Meghan can say she thought being a princess would be like a fairytale, is a reason why world history and literacy are very important. There has been protocol for centuries and anybody who wants to fit into that family must follow it and no amount of modernisation is going to change it. Unless there is a revolution, believe me the monarchy will continue to be in Britain, due to tourism and for historic purposes, as well as the financial and social influence the Monarchy has. Many people of colour want to make it seem that this protocol is only due to colour and institutional racism. I disagree, even in Africa, the homeland of the black man. To be a royal comes with stipulations, duties and protocols. If you don't fit in you'll also be kicked out. Not anyone can be a princess or a queen, it comes with tremendous responsibility and studying of culture and customs that are ancient and must be followed. Even in the olden days of African Kings and Queens it was so. The witch doctor the custodian of justice made sure things run smoothly.

The public seems to be shocked when any scandal comes out of the Royal family, from Prince Andrew's alleged sexual crimes, to Princess Margaret being the life of the party. The Royal family has always had such characters. So Harry and Meghan's what is slowly becoming unhinged behaviour are not shocking. Harry himself said he takes cocaine, magic mushrooms and psychedelics, which let him see the truth. He's not at all the worst thing to come out of the Royal Family.

Do I think his wife may have faced issues, sure, Do I think she's a social climber and a user of victimhood to build a fortune and a name, absolutely. Do I think Harry is being ridiculous and not seeing what Meghan is actually doing by isolating him and making him look like a fool, yes, because first they said they left the country due to their racist family, yet Harry is now saying his family is not racist.

The lies keep coming as well as their ridiculous comparisons to Nelson Mandela, Harry calling the Taliban chess pieces and acting like their life which they chose to make harder, by giving up their Royal inheritance, to go and live a lavish life in the States, is hard because his father who has let him be independent won't pay for their security, give his children titles and fund their lifestyles.

They also have yes men and other black social climbers who do nothing for the black community but make money crying out racism, and excusing foolishness in the community to make a quick dollar at the expense of other black people continue to support their foolishness for TV, news and social media followers to build career. Of course they will defend their foolishness.

As well as some other not left wing liberals, social justice career climbers masking themselves as liberals. For example Dr Shola Mos-shogbamimu, who recently celebrated Dr Dre, the proud domestic and female assaulter. The black community needs to stop holding the coats of those using their oppression to make a quick buck. Including Harry and Meghan.

Long story short. The Royals don't care, Harry and Meghan will soon be faded into the background as 15 minutes of fame whingers and life will go on. We should rather worry about ourselves, cost of living is rising and at the end of the day only the commoners will suffer.



Sina Rambo's Estranged Wife Slams Singer Over \$48,000 Hospital Debt





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Korth, the estranged wife of singer Sina Rambo, has slammed him over an unpaid hospital bill for their daughter's birth in America.

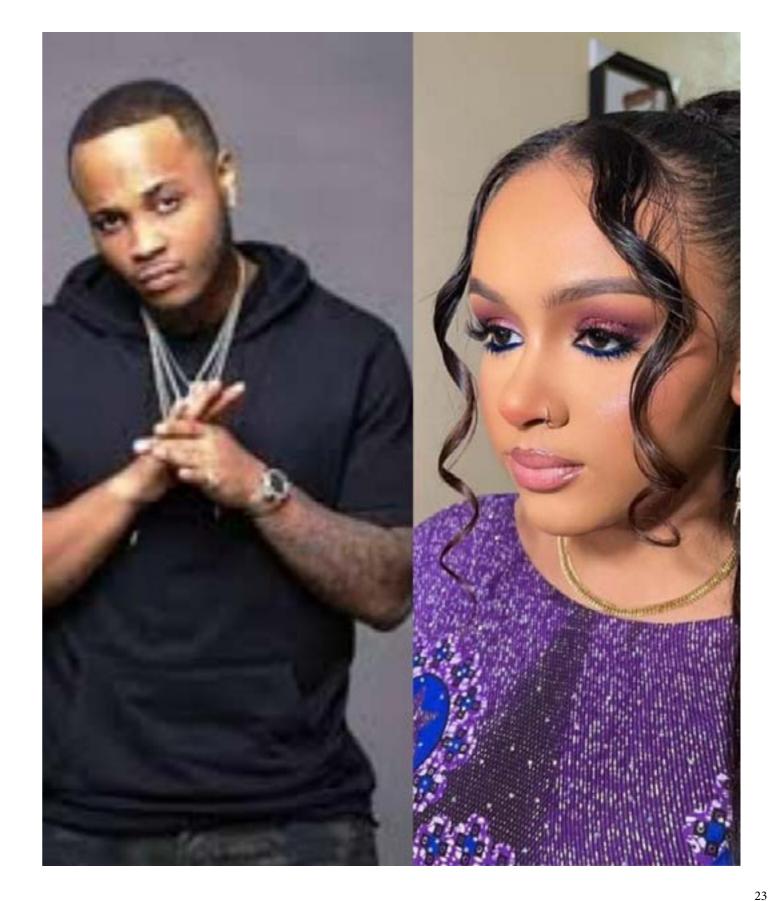
She accused him of owing Northside hospital, Atlanta, \$48,000 for their daughter's birth and said that the hospital has been calling her for the payment because Rambo gave the hospital her number and email instead of his own.

She recently made these revelations via her Instagram account.

Part of the Instagram posts read, "Sina Rambo is owing Northside hospital Atlanta 48,000 dollars which he hasn't paid for the birth of his daughter #northsidehosp. He gave my phone number and email instead of his and they have been calling me since from America about the bills.

"At this point I don't care whether they revoke her American passport due to non payment of hospital fees. I'm ready to give her a German passport as her mother. Sina leave me and my kids alone. And go pay your debt.

"I have said I do not want a penny from him and I am capable of taking care of my child by myself with God by my side. Sina Adeleke, leave me alone! Marriage is not by force."



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Fans jubilate as Wizkid announces joint tour with Davido

Entertainment



By:James Osondu Bureau Chief Sofia,Bulgaria

he Grammy winner took to his Instagram page to announce the tour which he said with come after his 'More Love, Less Ego' tour. After many years of the "who's a bigger star" battle, Wizkid took to his Instagram story to announce that the expedition will take place after the tour for his fifth studio album 'More Love, Less Ego (MLLE)'.

Wizkid also asked fans to anticipate ahead of the joint tour — although he did not give a specific date.

In the post he made on his Insta story, Wizkid wrote "After my MLLE tour!! Davido and I going on tour! save your coins! I no wan hear pim".

The announcement took the "30 Billion Gang" and "Wizkid FC" by surprise, but at the same time ignited excitement in both camps .

A Twitter user, Sally Suleiman wrote, "Davido and Wizkid going on a tour is all you need to know that 2023 is a great year for us. 30BG x Wizkid FC."

Another fan on Twitter posted, "Wizkid and Davido on a tour? Wetin toxic fans go come do with their anger? I always knew that this two were secretly friends." It won't be the first time the duo will be performing together on stage though, they shared the stage at Wizkid's 2017 December concert where he brought Davido out as a special guest to perform 'FIA'.





MATHEMATICAL SEGUN ODEGBAMI





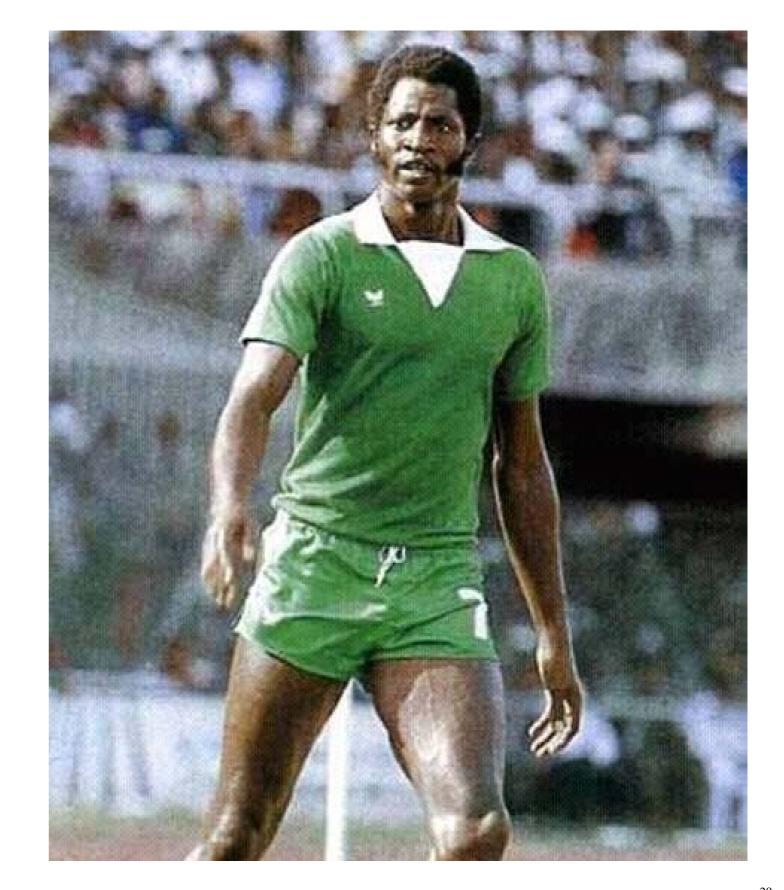
By:James Osondu Bureau Chief Sofia,Bulgaria

Patrick Olusegun Odegbami, often shortened Segun Odegbami is a former Nigeria international footballer who played as a forward. He's nicknamed "Mathematical" because of his precise style of play. He was famous for running down the flanks with the ball to prevent opposing defenders for getting it. Odegbami is regarded as one of the greatest Nigerian players of all-time.

Segun Odegbami was brought up in the northern city of Jos, Plateau state. He won 46 caps and scored 23 goals for the Green Eagles team, and guided Nigeria to it's first Africa Cup of Nations triumph at the 1980 tournament at home soil. Nicknamed "Mathematical", he was famous for his skills on the ball, speed and precision of his crosses from the right flank. He played for IICC Shooting Stars of Ibadan his entire career, from 1970 - 1984. His last game was the 1984 African Champions Cup final defeat to Zamalek of Egypt.

The original source of the nickname "Mathematical" was because Segun Odegbami attended and graduated from Nigeria's Premier Technical Institution, The Polytechnic, Ibadan where he studied Engineering. His younger brother, Wole Odegbami, is also a former national team player. Segun is currently a Columnists in Nigeria. He played a game for Charity with the much loved Chief Zebrudaya and donated all his winnings to the Little Saints Orphanage on the Strong Tower Mission.

Segun Odegbami is a legend in African football.



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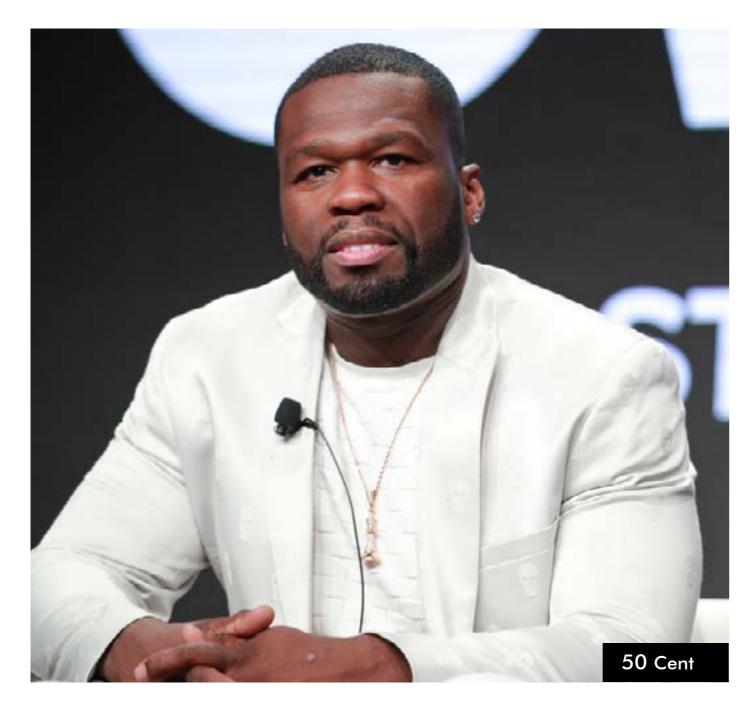
50 Cent viciously calls out Dwyane Wade's wife Gabrielle Union for cheating on her first husband

Entertainment



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abrielle Union might be head over heels in love with Miami heat legend Dwayne Wade but her love life has always been complicated. Recently she went on to discuss the difficulties she faced during her first marriage with an NFL player which was not taken well by 50 Cent by any means.





Sade Inducted Into Songwriters Hall of Fame

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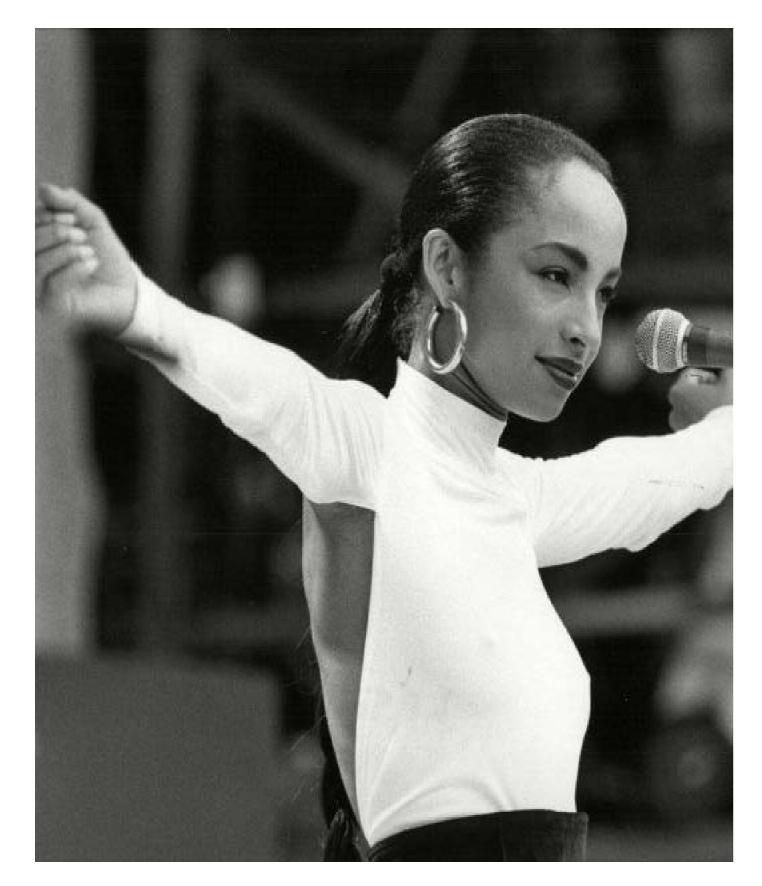
ade Adu, is among the songwriters who will be inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame at the organization's 52nd annual Induction and Awards Gala. The gala is slated for Thursday, June 15, at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in New York City.

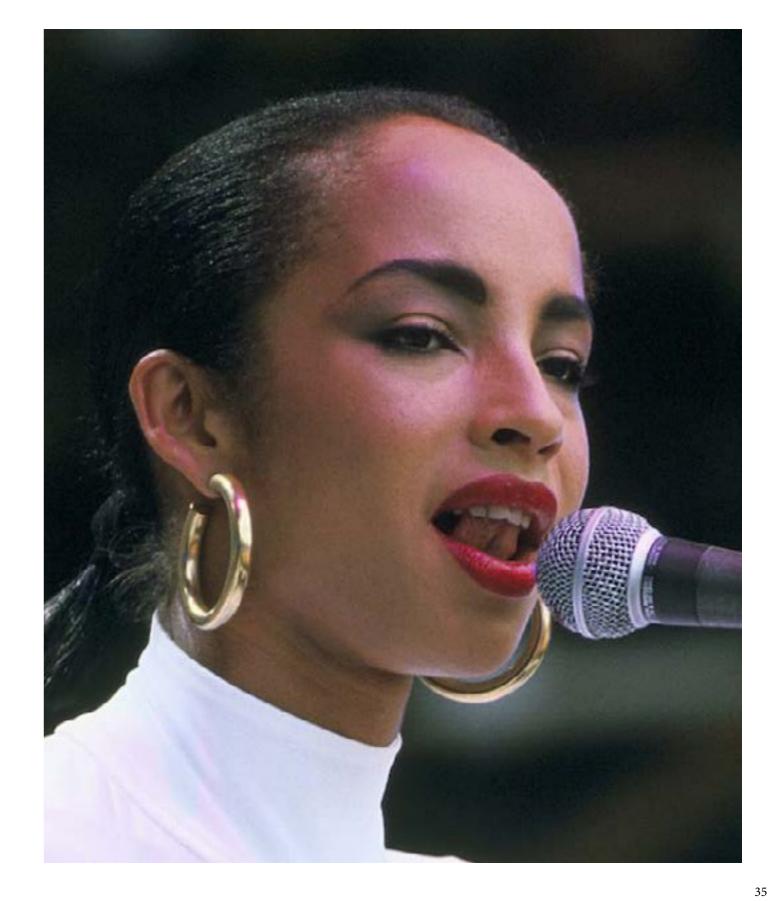
Let's hope Sade will turn up to receive a present from the Hall of Fame, maybe even bringing a brand new song. Snoop Dogg, Gloria Estefan, Sade, Jeff Lynne, Glen Ballard, Teddy Riley and Liz Rose have been chosen to join the Songwriters Hall of Fame.

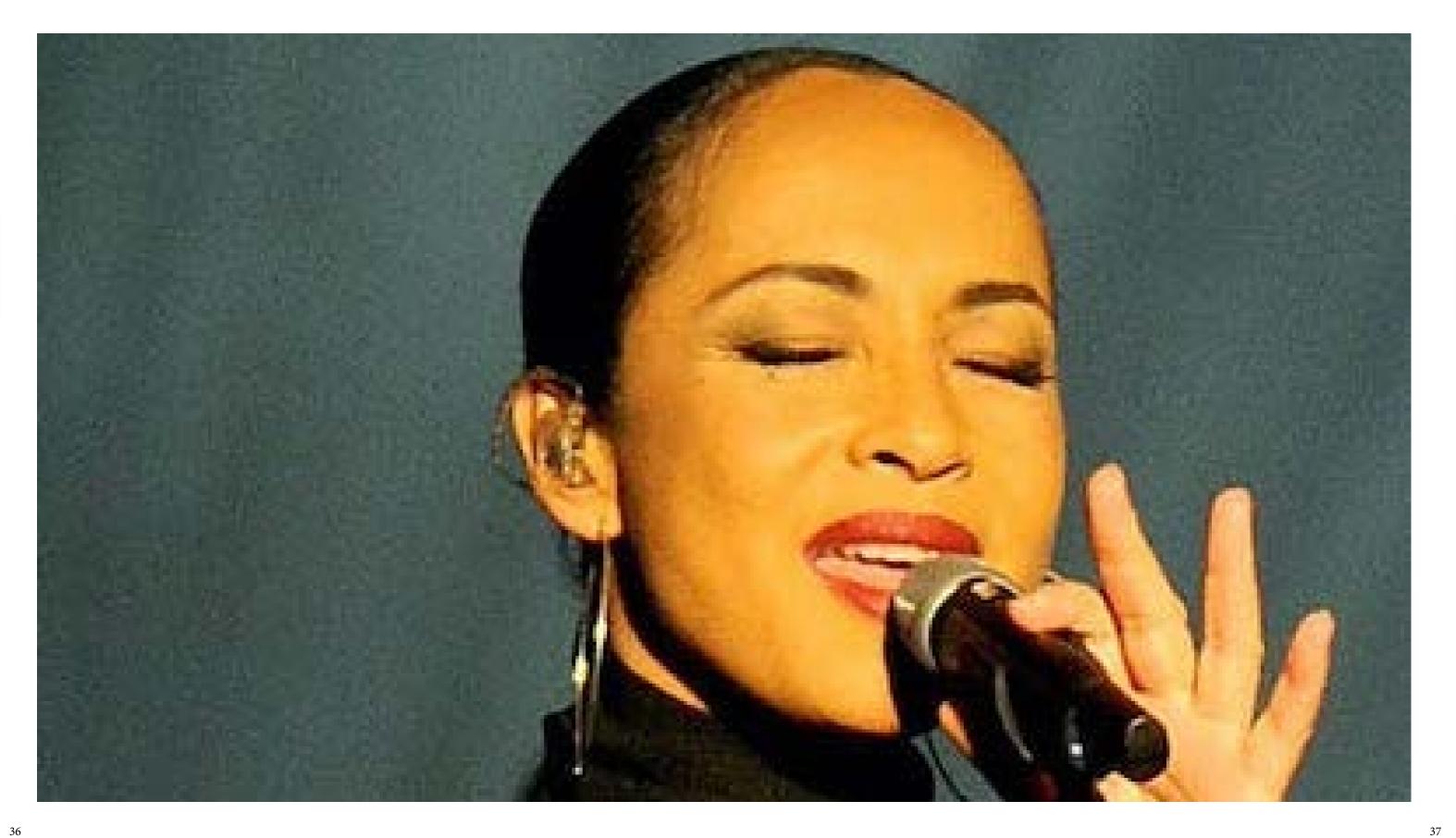
Nile Rodgers, chairman of the Songwriters Hall of Fame, said in a press release, "The music industry does not exist without songwriters delivering great songs first. Without them there is no recorded music, no concert business, no merch... nothing, it all starts with the song and the songwriter.

We are therefore very proud that we are continually recognizing some of the culturally most important songwriters of all time and that the 2023 slate represents not just iconic songs but also diversity and unity across genres, ethnicity and gender, songwriters who have enriched our lives and, in their time, literally transformed music and the lives of billions of listeners all over the world."









British Miss World hopeful seriously injured in Car crash

Entertainment

By:Linda R. Jones London,UK

British beauty queen and Miss World hopeful has been seriously injured following a car crash last month. Darcey Corria, 21, who was crowned Miss Wales in 2022, suffered a broken pelvis and two broken bones in her neck after the accident near Bridgend on 19 January.

The 21-year-old Miss World hopeful is said to be recovering in the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff. Organisers of the competition said they were "confident" Ms Corria will still be able to take part in the final in May.

Ms Corria, from Barry, South Wales, is a black rights activist and became the first woman of colour in the pageant's 70-year history to be crowned Miss Wales.

A spokesperson for Miss Wales said: "We are saddened to tell you that our wonderful Miss Wales, Darcey Corria, has been hospitalised after a car crash near Bridgend this week. "She is in the University Hospital of Wales being treated for a number of injuries including a broken pelvis and two breaks to bones in her neck." Darcey is receiving much love and support from her close family who have been reassured that she is expected to make a full recovery."

They added: "While the accident will have an immediate impact on Darcey's preparation for Miss World in May, we are hopeful and confident that she will still be able to fly the flag for Wales thanks to her own personal determination, the love and support of her family and the incredible team of medics at UHW."



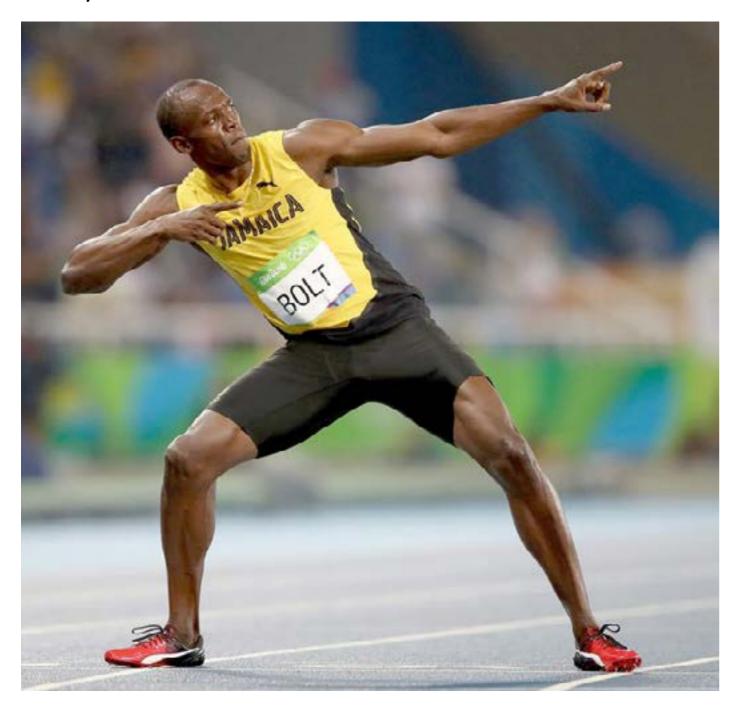




Olympic sprinting champion Usain Bolt loses \$12 million in financial scam

Sports

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sain Bolt: The sprinter has reportedly lost more than \$12.7 million and an investigation is underway by the Jamaican authorities. Bolt's Attorney Linton P. Gordon has already provided the Associated Press with a copy of a letter sent to Stocks & Securities Limited demanding that the money be returned. Gordon told the agency that Bolt's bank account once had \$12.8 million, but it now reflects a balance of only \$12,000.

Retired Olympic sprinting champion Usain Bolt has allegedly lost millions of dollars from his investment account at Stocks & Securities Limited. "If this is correct, and we are hoping it is not, then a serious act of irregularities, larceny or a combination of both have been committed against our client,"

Bolt's attorneys said in the letter. They threatened civil and criminal action if the money is not returned within 10 days.

On its website, the company has asked clients to direct all urgent queries to Jamaica's Financial Services Commission, which is investigating the firm. "We understand that clients are anxious to receive more information and assure you that we are closely monitoring the matter throughout all the required steps and will alert our clients of the resolution as soon as that information is available," it said.

The company has said that it discovered the fraud earlier last month and that several of its clients may be missing millions of dollars.

Usain's journey to global prominence began at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, where he won the 100-meter, 200-meter, and 4x100-meter events in all-time records. In addition to his nine Olympic Games gold medals Usain won eleven World T&F Championships titles. He has been nicknamed "Lightning Bolt" due to his speed. After bagging multiple honours Bolt retired in 2017.

90 Day Fiancé Angela Seeks Divorce From Michael





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n the latest 90 Day Fiancé season 7 tell-all episode, Angela Deem went candid with her decision to divorce her husband, Michael Ilesanmi, ending their perceived toxic relationship. According to the reality star, she nursed doubts about his loyalty long before reaching the decision.

Deem said that 'divorce is definitely on the table' as an option for her, as she's 'definitely gonna file,' noting, 'That doesn't mean I'm gonna sign.'

Deem was supported by other stars on the TLC franchise, as she said Ilesanmi 'went too far' with his dishonesty and infidelity, which left her 'mentally exhausted' and 'very hurt.'

She added, 'With Michael's lying and all, and all the stuff I just found out, I don't think he's ever loved me. I think he loves me 'cause everything I've done for him, but he can't tell me why he's in love with me.'

Despite her decision to end things with Michael, the TV personality has not entirely given up on love and romance. Angela admitted during the 90 Day Fiancé tell-all episode that if she went through with the divorce from Michael, she hoped to meet someone better, who made her laugh and was "not always toxic."

Their relationship turmoil escalated in the earlier reunion episodes after Angela Deem received a romantic voice note Michael sent another woman. This led her to break down and eventually reveal details about her husband's cheating. Having opened up about her failing relationship with Michael and his infidelity during the reunion, the reality star received support from the others and the strength she needed to rethink her marriage and choose her

own happiness.

She said through tears that she wouldn't be able to trust Ilesanmi again. Another divisive dynamic the pair was dealing with centered around Ilesanmi's friend Usman 'Sojaboy' Umar, who has never gotten along with Deem.

Deem was further rankled upon learning that Ilesanmi had defied her wishes in secretly visiting Umar at the hotel where the TV special was filmed. While Ilesanmi tried to get the two to mend fences, Umar denied having started fights with Deem, but rather defending herself. She [feels] like I'm a bad influence to you, Umar told Ilesanmi. She know[s] that I am smarter than you. And she feels like I can draw you into a game that will maybe f*** her up.





Kanye West is 'MARRIED!





By:Seyi Awoleye Los Angeles,CA USA



anye West has 'married' Yeezy architect Bianca Censori two months after his divorce from Kim Kardashian was finalised.

Kanye reportedly took part in a private marriage ceremony with a Yeezy employee just two months after he finalized his high profile divorce from Kim Kardashian, and

iust two months after he finalized his high-profile divorce from Kim Kardashian—and amid a tumultuous year for West, who faced massive backlash after he repeatedly made anti-Semitic statements.

Kanye was first pictured wearing his band last week, with sources saying the ring symbolises his commitment to her following the ceremony.

Despite the wedding ceremony, the union isn't legal because the pair do not appear to have filed a marriage certificate, according to a reliable source.

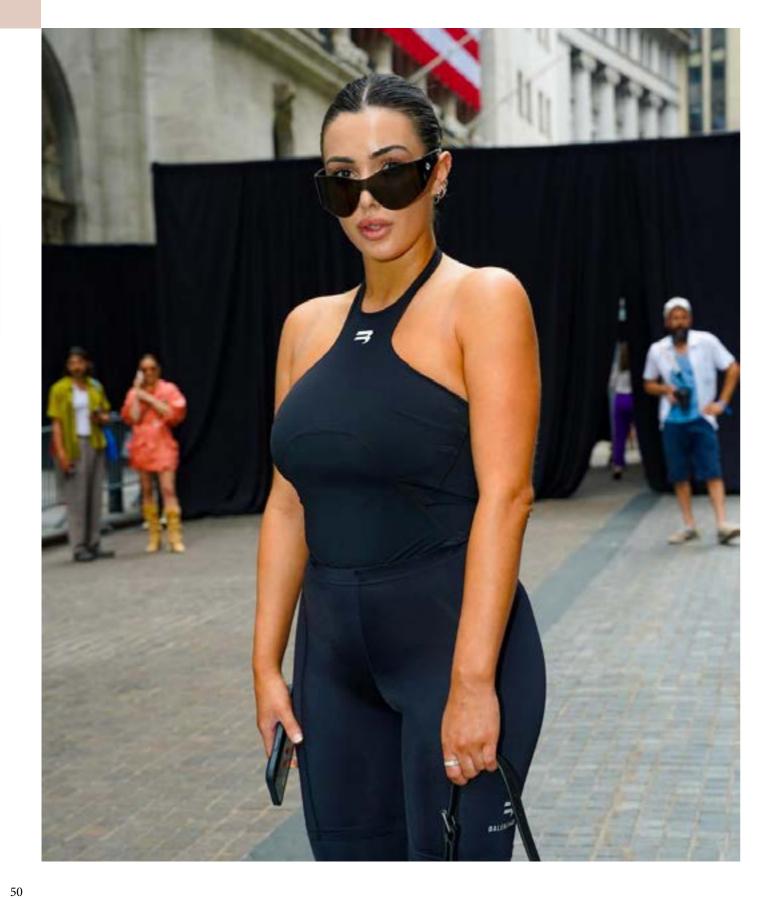
Censori has worked at West's brand Yeezy as an architect since November 2020, according to a LinkedIn page attributed to her.

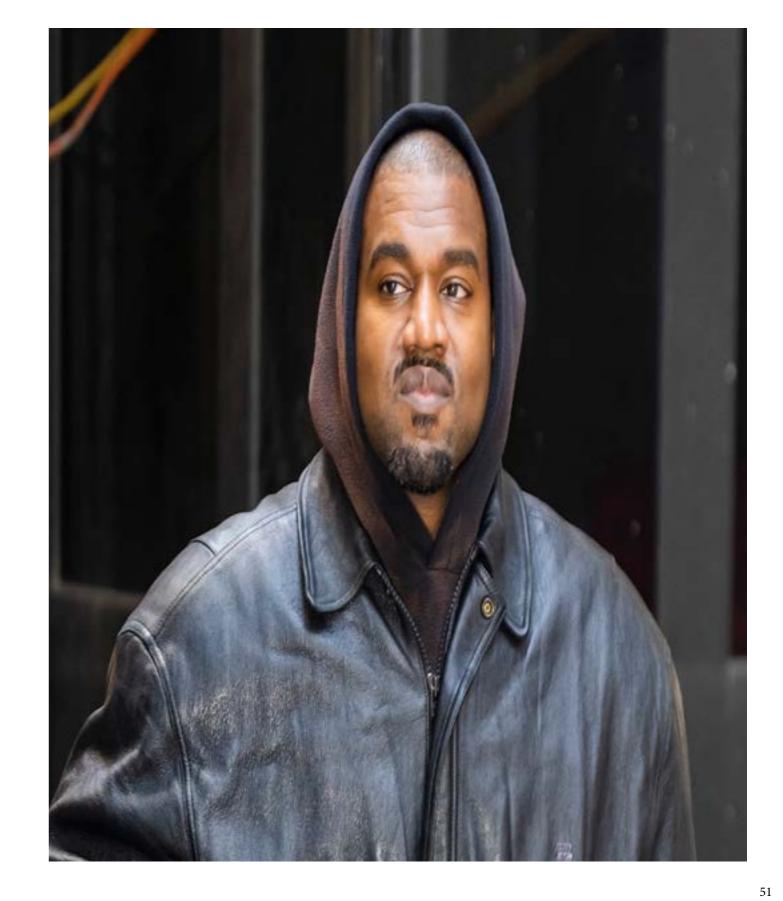
She previously worked as a student architect for a firm in Australia while attending the University of Melbourne, where she graduated with a master's degree in architecture in 2020.

While still a student, Censori started a now-defunct jewelry line with a friend made up of pieces made of Swarovski crystals and nylon mesh.

West released a song last December titled "Censori Overload" that contains nods to his recent controversies, including making anti-Semitic statements and appearing on right-wing conspiracy theorist Alex Jones' broadcast. It also referenced West as staying celibate until he is married again with the lyrics, "and the Bible said / I can't have anymore sex / until marriage."

West lost his billionaire status last year after major brands like Adidas and Balenciaga severed ties with the rapper after he made anti-Semitic statements and floated bizarre conspiracy theories involving Jewish people. West and Kardashian finalized their divorce in November and avoided a custody battle over their four children.





PRESIDENTIAL RACE: WHO IS BUHARI SUPPORTING?





By:Joy Gofwen, Lagos Bureau Chief

he recent outburst by the All Progressives Congress (APC) presidential candidate, Bola Ahmed Tinubu is a clear indication that the party leader and flag bearer of the party has fallen out with the president.

Tinubu said that the lingering fuel crisis across the nation and the introduction of new naira notes was a plot to sabotage the general elections and his victory at the polls. He made this known January 25 during his nationwide campaign tour to Ogun State, that the plot would fail and that he would end petroleum products scarcity if elected into power in the February 25 Presidential and National Assembly elections.

Tinubu stressed that some elements are planning seriously to scuttle the transition process, insisting that their actions would fail. He said that those behind the fuel crisis knew why they hoarded petroleum products and changed the nation's currencies, subjecting Nigerians to untold hardship at a critical period in the country's history.

"Even if they said there is no fuel, we would trek to vote. They have a lot of mischiefs and could say there is no fuel. They have been scheming to create a fuel crisis but forget about it. Relax; I, Asiwaju, have told you that the fuel supply issue will be permanently addressed. Whoever wants to eat the honey embedded in a mountain won't worry about the axe. Is that not so?

"And if you want to eat palm kernel, you would bring a stone and use it to break it, and then the kernel will come out. Let them increase the price of fuel; only them know where they have hoarded fuel, they hoarded money, they hoarded naira; we will go and vote, and we will win.

"Even if they changed the ink on Naira notes, whatever their plans, they will come to nothing. We are going to win. Those in the PDP will lose (won ma lule)."

According to him, the ruling APC will take powers from "them," this only explains that there is an on-going friction between the president and the flag-bearer of the ruling party. How else would you explain that the flag-bearer of the party in government is campaigning to take power from his party?

"I am homeboy; I have come here; you will not be put to shame. We will take over the government from them, the traitors who wanted to contest with us. They had no experience".

He urged the Nigerian youths and students to have faith in him and the APC to end strikes if elected president. "The great Nigerian youths, the great Nigerian students, the confident Nigerian youths. This is a revolution, this election is a revolution. They are plotting, but they will fail. They said fuel price will increase and reach N200 per litre. Go and relax. They don't want this election to hold; they want to scuttle it. Do you agree? "On this one, I guarantee you one thing: there will be student loan, nobody will drop out of University because of school fees. I assure you that nobody will have to repeat for eight years and not graduate. Haba! We are too smart, and we are brilliant, we are courageous, we are sharp, we will make four years course four years course. Do you agree?

"Will you vote whether there is fuel or not? Call your sister; we are bringing revolution. Let me say what's on my mind. The other day, I told you, this one, too, they think they can cause a crisis by sabotaging the fuel supply. They are sabotaging the fuel supply. Whether there is fuel or not, whether there is Okada (motorcycle) or not, whether there is tricycle or not, we will go and vote, and we shall win.

"This is a superior revolution, and when I tell you, you know what I mean. You know me, we are going there to win," Tinubu added.

President Buhari on his part had insisted on supporting the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) governor, Godwin Emefiele on the January 31 deadline for the usage of the old N200, N500 and N1000 naira note. He said he wants to go down in history as the president that respects Nigerians.

He further added that Nigerians should vote for candidates of their choice, which also confirms that there is an on-going cold war in the ruling party. "Time has been given, from October to December, three months is enough which ever money you have to get it changed through legal system so I don't know why people are complaining about it.

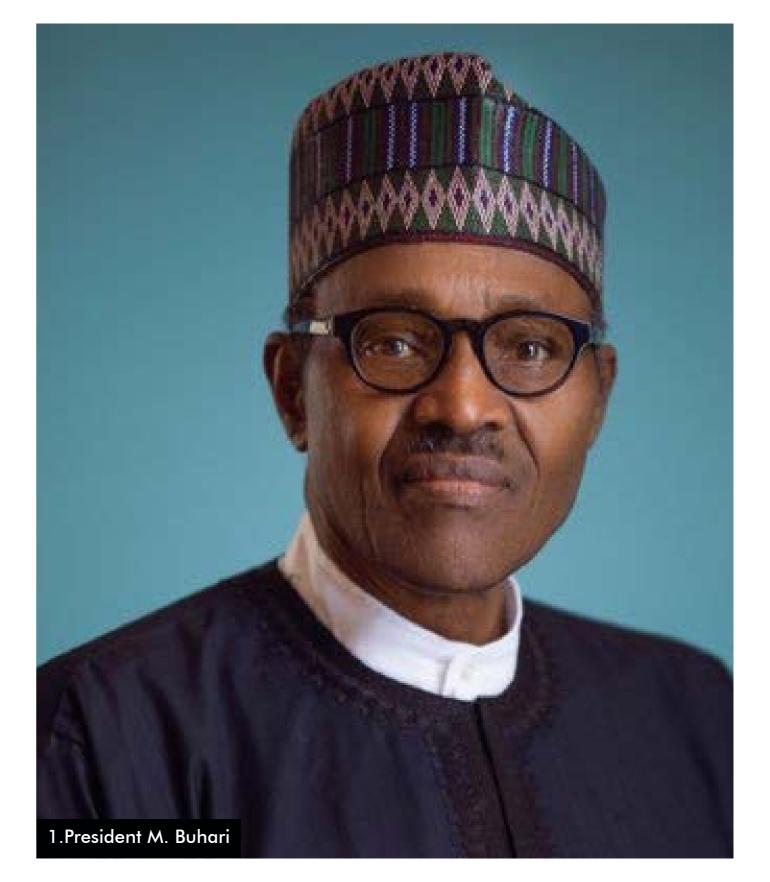
"No going back on the policy, my aim is to ensure that Nigerians believe that we respect them as an administration, so Nigerians should vote for whoever they like from whichever party. Nobody will be allowed to mobilise resources and thugs to intimidate people in any constituency. That's what I want to go down to Nigerian history for as a leader."

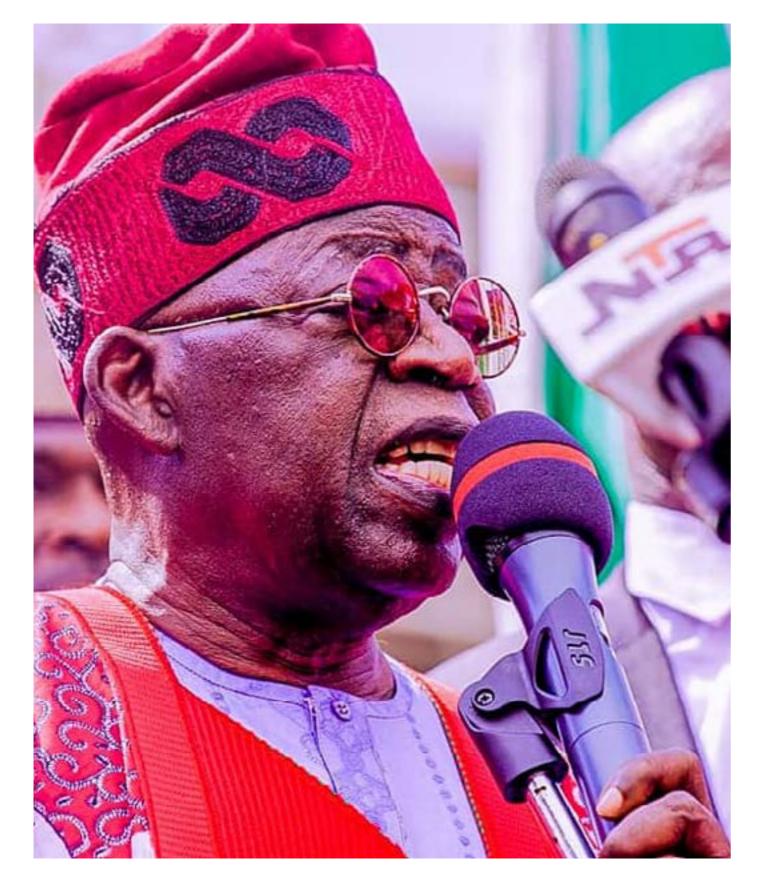
When asked what were the chances of his party winning the elections? He said, "What are the chances of my party not winning the elections? A confident Buhari said, "We are going to win this election, Tinubu the presidential candidate is a very well-known politician in the country.

"He was a two times governor in his state, Lagos State, resource wise, the most resourceful state and most business state so I think the party was lucky to get him accept to be its candidate."

Two months after this interview, the body language of the president is suggesting that he is not supporting his party to retain the presidential seat. The general election is few weeks from now, many Nigerians, particularly the youths can't wait to vote out the current government.

But the question still remains, who is president Buhari supporting? Is it Bola Ahmed Tinubu his fellow party man? Or Atiku Abubakar his tribes' man or does the president also believe the South/East deserves a chance and is supporting Peter Obi of the Labour Party? Only time will tell, couple of weeks away.







EMPRESS NJAMAH: LOVE COST A THING





By:Joy Gofwen, Lagos Bureau Chief

23 definitely began on a rough note for Empress Njamah, a veteran Nollywood actress. The actress woke up in the New Year to her nude videos on the internet. The actress had walked out of her relationship with one John Wade and raised alarm that he threatened to release her nude videos.

Carrying out his threats, he allegedly created a WhatsApp group on January 1 where he added people and posted videos he took of the actress in her house including a video of the actress taking her bath.

Her ordeal came to light last year when she raised the alarm that she is being blackmail into paying \$450,000 by her Liberian lover who has also hijacked her official Instagram account as at that time.

"A guy that one couldn't even call a human being came into my life under the pretense of wanting to marry me, I didn't know that he had other motives and he came when I was very vulnerable, when I lost my friend, Ada Ameh. I have been speaking to this guy on phone for months, speaking to people I thought were his relatives, everything is just scam," she said.

"He came into my life, said he could not leave me because I wasn't okay. I really wasn't okay; I was hiding it from the press. The death of my friend broke me down so bad I could not function and he said he was going to stay with me, I didn't know he was busy gathering his tools, his materials which he was going to use to blackmail me.

"Afterwards, he had my naked videos and he changed, he started hitting me and when I wanted to talk and tell him this can't work; he blackmailed me with my own videos and said I'm going nowhere and that's when he turned into an animal, beats me anytime, locks me up, put the keys in his pocket, in my own house. I didn't have access to leaving my room.

"This is the guy who lied to me that when he came into Nigeria, all his things were stolen, his phones, his credit cards, his clothes and he got into trouble and he needed lawyers which I gave a huge amount of money, talking millions. He was out; he came to Abuja and started living with me. I became a shadow of myself, the Empress you know became a shadow of herself, if you were around me, you would notice my social life was no more, there was nothing to post anymore. My fans were asking 'Are you okay?' 'Are you still mourning?' They didn't know I was going through something worse than that.

"He wrecked me, finished everything. This person I'm telling you actually got a ring and forced me to do a video, which he posted on my page because he has access to my page. He changed all the passwords, logged me out of every email I have, everything I have, all my phones, my iCloud, everything, I don't have access to anything. I'm alive to tell you the story because I was able to run that night, I ran into the street, not minding who or how. I fell into a gutter then I was able to see a mallam to ask for a phone. I called my brother and he picked me from the hospital, the following morning, took me home.

"This guy came back, after looking for me, took my car, took my international passport, he took my remaining money. He took my iPad, my earpods, he had two bags of my valuables, took the car and left. He has the guts to be sending threat videos saying whatever I do, whoever I tell he'll put it out there.

"I'm not the one handling that page #empressnjamah it is not being handled by me. Go to my page and see the video he posted, does that look like something I will post? I was under duress posting that video called engagement," she said.

Often times people, most especially ladies let their guards down when they are in love, or when they think they are in love. Although no relationship thrives without trust, it is very important to make thorough research about people we are getting involved with particularly if they are total strangers to us.

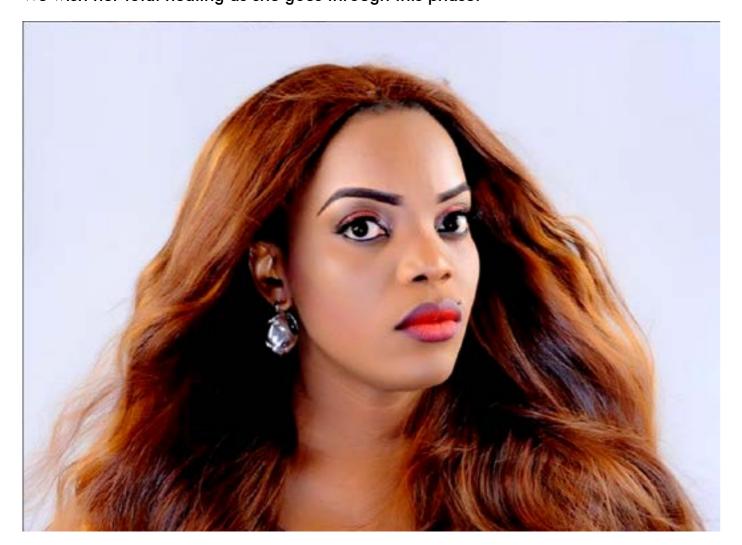
True love is not meant to hurt however, we find even the best of us falling prey to criminals like Wade who come under the pretext of love and by the time they are done wreaking their havoc, we are left with just the shadow of us.

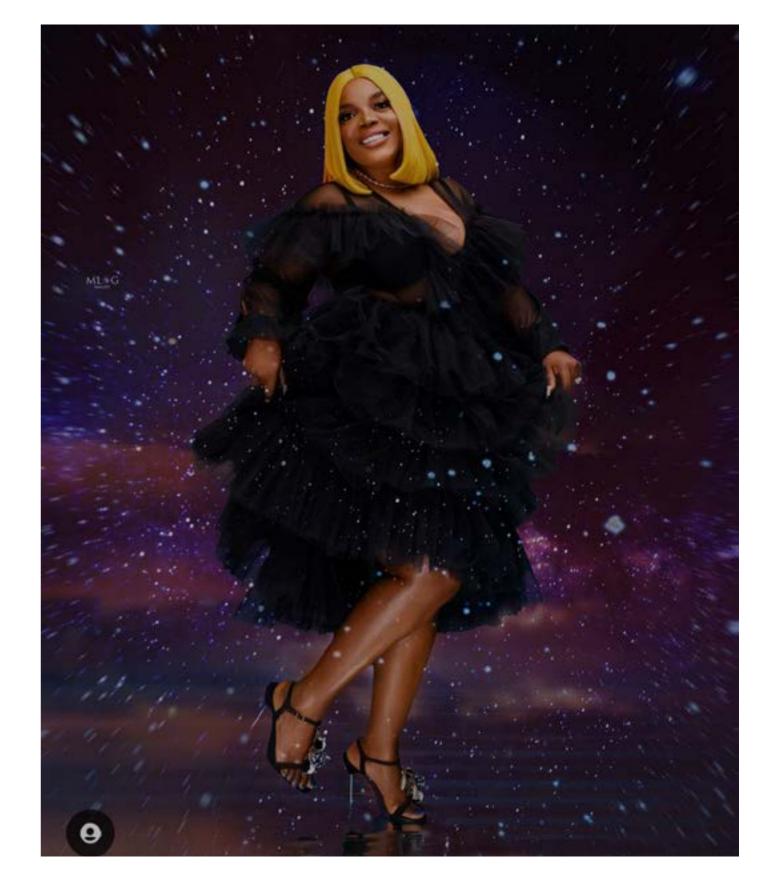
Gladly, Njamah had the courage to speak out and sort for help and support, many women would rather die in silence than speak and get help. There is no standard template for falling in love, even the best of us sometimes find themselves in situations like this but what remains imperative is for the victim to look for help.

Certainly, Njamah is getting the needed support from all quarters as many including fans and the Actors Guild of Nigeria (AGN) have demanded justice for the actress. These are supports that come when you speak up.

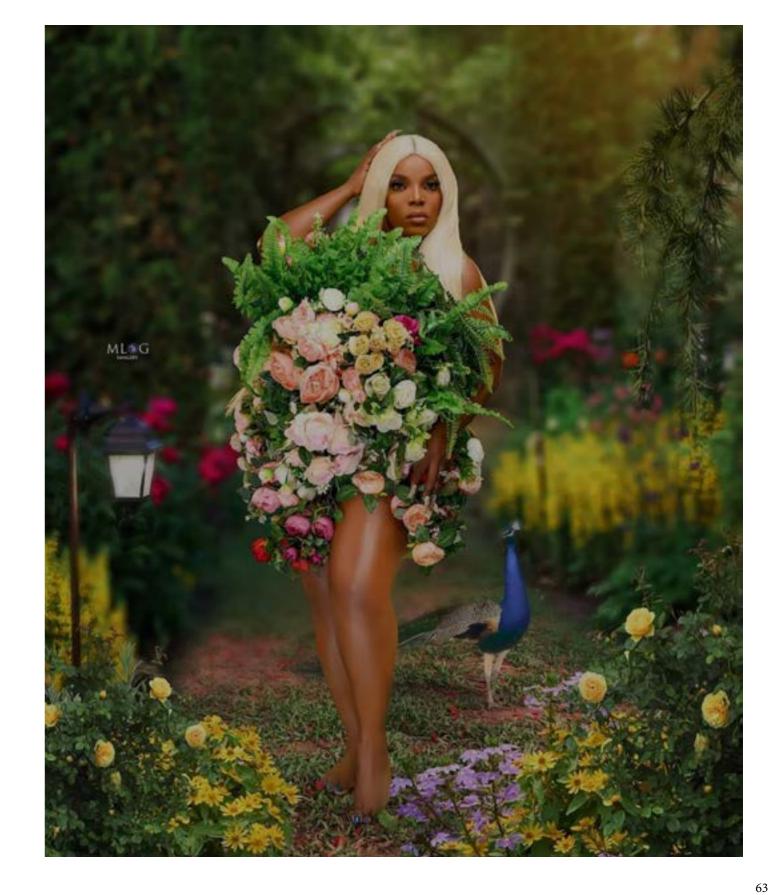
The actress has further express gratitude to her fans, friends and colleagues for standing by her, she said, "I love you guys, I'm good. Thank you, guys, for all the love, support, and messages and visits. They can't bring us down. We are far above you all devil's incarnate. "I'm alive, I came out alive and I'm able to speak out, so many women are hiding under this torture, this torment, last-last, we move. I'm excited about my freedom."

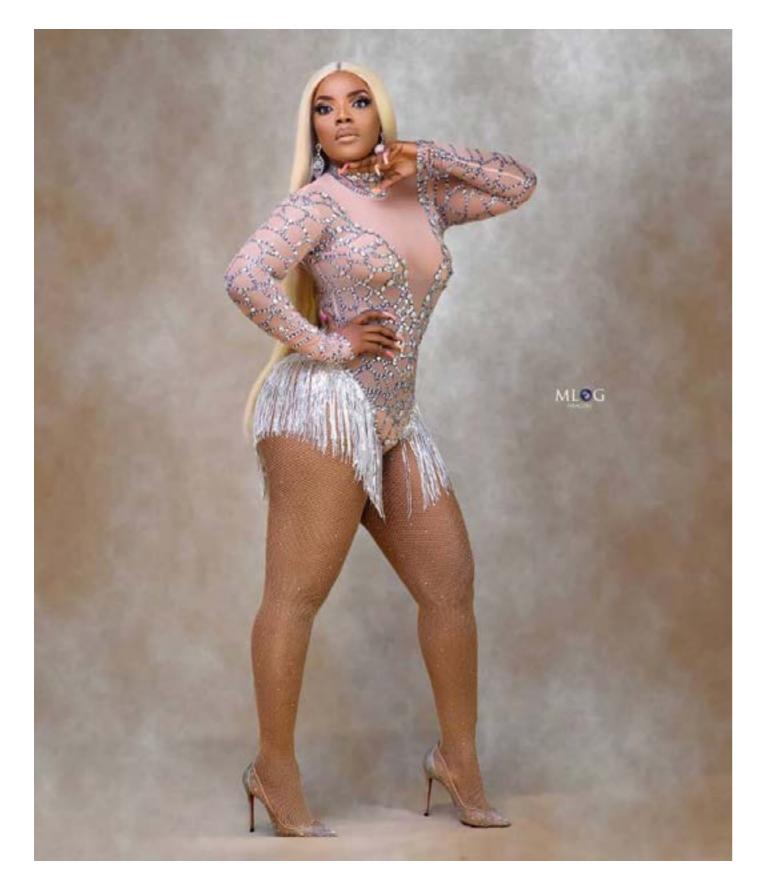
We wish her total healing as she goes through this phase.

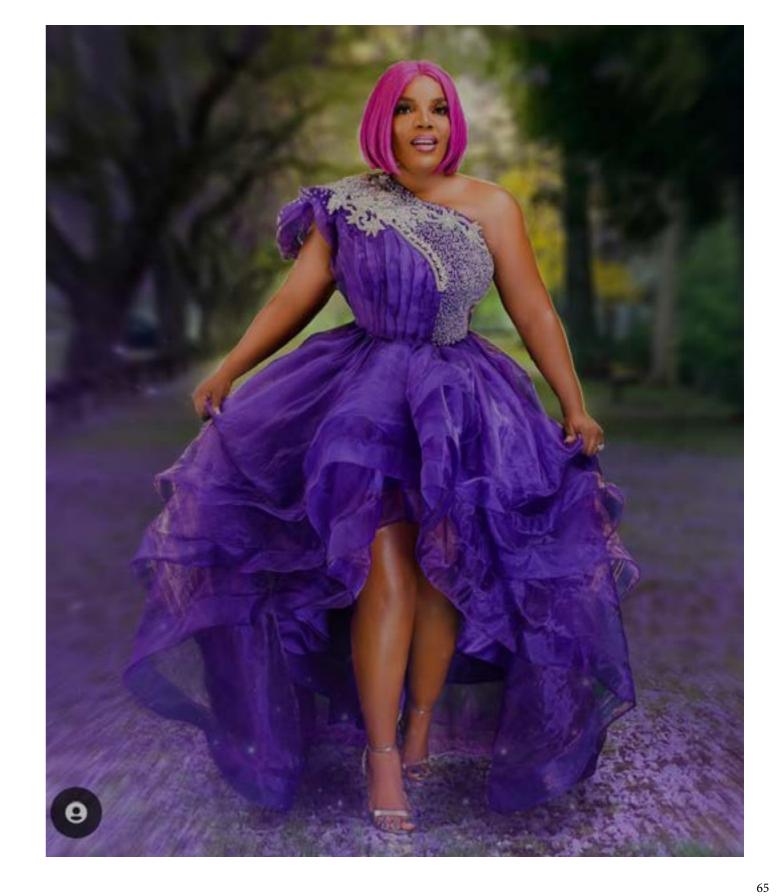












GPMI to begin 'Talk to our people back home' in support of the Nigerian Army tour in Nigeria





By:Gbenga Teejay Okunlola London,UK

resident General Global Peace Movement International, UK Dr. Mike has announced the end of solidarity tour titled 'Talk to our people back home' in support of the Nigerian Army in sixteen countries in Europe has ended 28 January, 2023 and Nigerian version of the tour is to begin 10 January, 2023.

Uyi in a press statement on Sunday noted that the tour in Europe shows that Nigerians in diaspora are ready and willing to support the Nigerian Army because of the sacrifices and patriotism of troops under the command of the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Lt.Gen. Faruk Yahaya.

He noted that the visionary leadership of Lt.Gen Faruk Yahaya is what has projected the Nigerian Army in a positive lane that is winning the support for the Army.

"It is a fact that for almost a year now, the Nigerian Army has had several victories without making too much noise.

"Terrorists and all criminals now know that it is not business as usual as they have been crushed by the superior powers of the Nigerian Army troops all over the country".

"Haven seen the success of the tour in Europe, we shall resume the same tour in Nigeria, visiting the whole states of the federation canvasing for support for the Nigerian Army to ensure they get the needed support to end the war against insurgency, insecurity and other forms of criminality in the country".

He emphasized that the Army can only succeed if members of every community can empower the Army with relevant informations that can guide the Army to flush out the bad elements in out society and country at large.

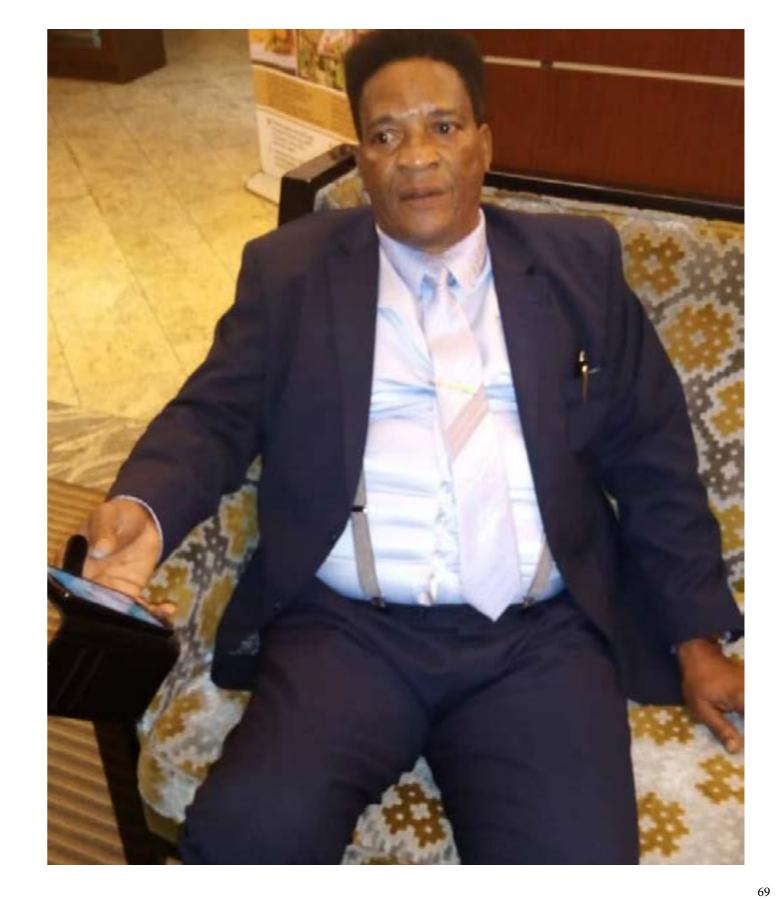
"Some of these bad elements are living in our communities and it is only when we identify them to the Army, they have little or nothing to do for us".

"Let's not forget, the Boko Haram, insurgents and other criminals are not fighting the Army but the country as a whole. We must rise to the occasion by supporting the Army".



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King Charles Wants Harry and Meghan to attend his Coronation





By:Gbenga Teejay Okunlola London,UK

ing Charles has reportedly asked the Archbishop of Canterbury to help reach a deal with Prince Harry and Meghan Markle for them to attend his Coronation.

The King is thought to have approached Justin Welby over a potential agreement that would pave the way for the Duke and Duchess to attend despite the recent fallout from Harry's memoir Spare.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has reportedly been asked by King Charles to negotiate a deal that would enable Prince Harry and Meghan Markle to attend his Coronation – but has met resistance from William, according to a reliable palace source.

Charles wants Justin Welby to strike an agreement with his warring sons that would allow Harry and his wife Meghan to attend the Westminster Abbey ceremony in May, senior sources close to Lambeth Palace say. It comes amid reports that Charles is mulling over doing his own TV interview ahead of the Coronation.

Speculation has been rife about whether the Sussexes would attend the high-profile event since they stepped away from Royal duties – and especially since the publication of Harry's tell-all memoirs, Spare, which was released earlier last month, contained a number of damaging revelations about senior members of the Royal Family. Harry and Meghan stood down as working royals two years ago and the former's book,

Sources say Harry could be offered informal assurance that he will be able to keep his titles and a high-profile seating position in the Abbey in order to tempt him to attend. However, it is claimed that William is keen for Harry's visit to be tightly scripted to prevent him from stealing the limelight.

A source said: "The issue of substance is whether they attend the Coronation, and if they do, under what terms and conditions. William fears that unless Harry's visit is tightly scripted, he could steal the limelight by, for example, going on a walkabout in a deprived London borough with Meghan.

'The family is split, and all the indications are that Harry is being advised to agree to nothing at this stage and 'play it long' right up to the last minute, which is making negotiations with him very difficult. 'Harry's camp made clear that the idea that he would just attend the Coronation and behave himself but then be stripped of his titles was a total non-starter. 'While he might decide at some point to discard his titles of his own volition, he objects to the idea of being forcibly stripped of them.

Mr Welby, who will officiate at the ceremony at Westminster Abbey, was first asked to act as an intermediary between William and Harry shortly after the Queen's death in September.

He has previously been dragged into the soap opera surrounding the Sussexes when Meghan claimed in a TV interview that he had secretly married them before their official wedding in 2018 – forcing him to clarify that the ceremony broadcast to the world was the legal marriage.

He was also forced to pull out of the Church's General Synod in July 2019 in order to baptise the couple's son, Archie.









Tyre Nichols:Memphis reckons with police killing by black officers





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ichols was passionate about skateboarding and photography, his family said.

Tyre Nichols, the man who died last month after an alleged beating by five black police officers, was "damn near perfect," his mother RowVaughn Wells said at a press conference.

The 29-year-old Nichols had been living in Memphis, Tennessee, with his parents since the pandemic, according to his mother. Although he lived in Memphis at the time of his death, Nichols had previously lived in California. He had just started a job at FedEx working alongside his stepfather, Rodney Wells.

"He was very, very beloved at my job. Everybody's calling me with blessings, prayers [and] showing sympathy for what happened," Rodney Wells said."He only worked at FedEx for maybe nine months, but you should see the out pour of love and support," RowVaughn Wells said.

His mother recalled the morning three days before her son's death. She said she had been preparing chicken for dinner that afternoon and planned to cook it his favorite way. At a press conference Friday, she said that Nichols was coming from Shelby Farms, a local park where he liked to go and take pictures of the sunset, on the day of his ultimately fatal encounter.

Officers pulled over Nichols that Friday due to "reckless driving," according to Memphis police reports, and he attempted to flee from the officers before being eventually arrested. He was hospitalized in critical condition after complaining of shortness of breath during the arrest. Three days later -- Jan. 10 -- Nichols died.

According to a preliminary independent autopsy commissioned by the family, Nichols suffered "extensive bleeding caused by a severe beating." The 6 foot, 3 inch, man also had Crohn's disease and weighed just 145 pounds, his family and attorneys said.

Two of the five former Memphis police officers arrested in the killing of 29-year-old Tyre Nichols had been on the job for a couple of years, and the others no more than six years. And some of the officers had been part of a new anti-violence unit called Scorpion, which stands for Street Crimes Operation to Restore Peace in Our Neighbourhoods, prosecutors confirmed.

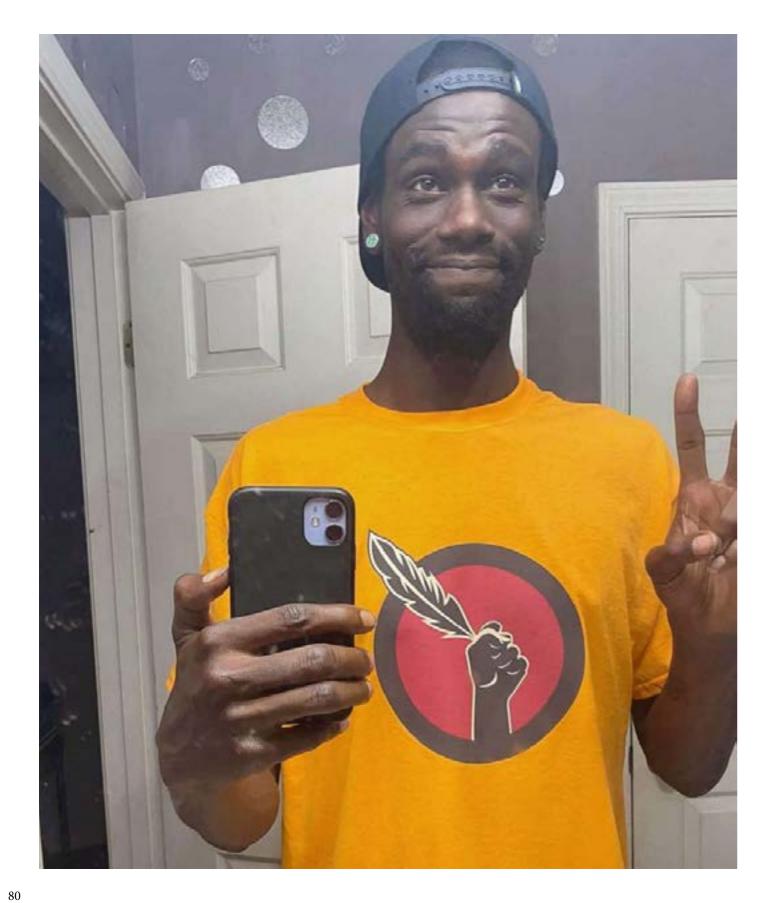
But now it is being abolished after its officers were seen beating Mr Nichols, 29, in the videos from 7 January.

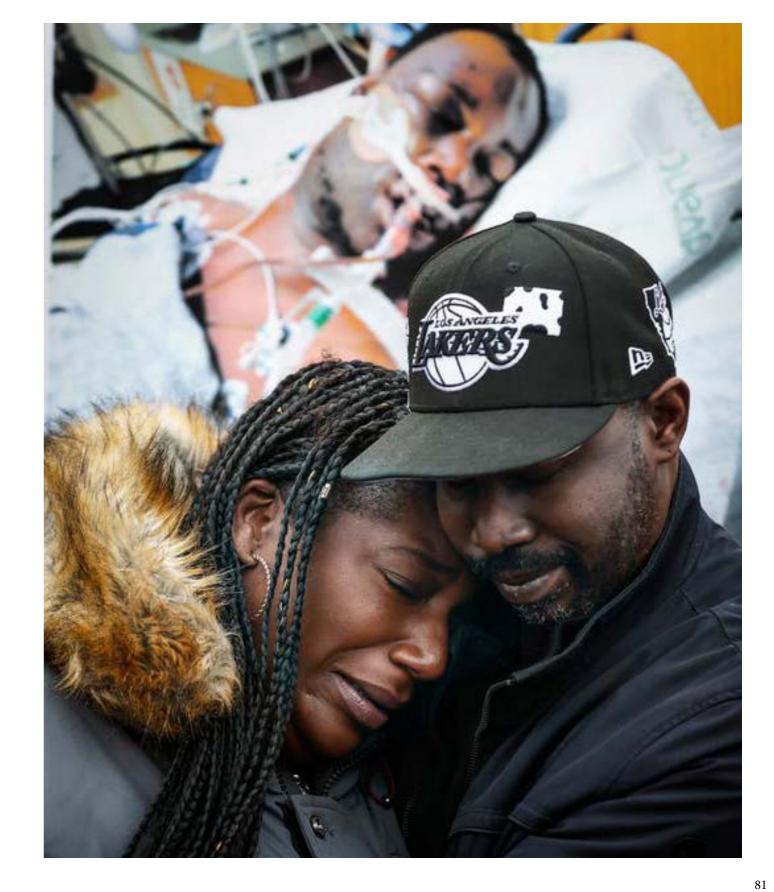
In a statement, the department said "it is in the best interest of all to permanently deactivate" the unit.

"While the heinous actions of a few casts a cloud of dishonour on the title Scorpion, it is imperative that we, the Memphis Police Department, take proactive steps in the healing process for all impacted," it added.

Mr Nichols' family welcomed the decision in a statement from their lawyers, calling it "both appropriate and proportional to the tragic death of Tyre Nichols, and also a decent and just decision for all citizens of Memphis".

Tadarrius Bean, Demetrius Haley, Emmitt Martin III, Desmond Mills Jr. and Justin Smith were fired on Jan. 20 after an administrative investigation found they had violated department policy on the use of force. They were charged with second-degree murder, two counts of official misconduct, two counts of aggravated kidnapping, one count of official oppression and one count of aggravated assault.









Men jailed after being caught with 'over 1kg of crack cocaine and heroin'



By:Linda R. Jones London,UK

wo men have been sentenced in connection with their roles in drug dealing in Brighton.

Ivan Bokolo and Ebrima Macauley used an address in Cannon Place where a large quantity of class A drugs were found.

Both men returned to a room at the address, where police had set outside to guard the scene.

Bokolo attempted to dismantle his mobile phone in front of officers, and swallowed a SIM card from a mobile phone during the course of his arrest.

Separately, he was also observed at a later date operating from a rented accommodation property in Richmond Place.

They were charged and appeared before Lewes Crown Court, where they were jailed for their offences.

The court heard how officers attended the property in Cannon Place at about 8am on August 23, 2020, in relation to a separate matter.

Inside a room they found more than 200 wraps of heroin and crack cocaine worth an estimated street value of more than £2,000.

Ebrima, 28, formerly a factory warehouse worker of Coltsfoot Path, Romford, attended the property at 9.45am where he was arrested on suspicion of possessing class A drugs with intent to supply.

Bokolo, 29, unemployed of Pultney Street, London, then arrived back at 12.30pm and was arrested on suspicion of the same offence.

Evidence from inside the room could link both men to the drugs and to using the room as a base for drug deals.

Then on November 17, 2021, Bokolo was observed entering and exiting a premises in Richmond Place.

A phone linked to a drug dealing telephone line dubbed "Rico" was found on his person. The phone had been used to send bulk advertising messages for drug deals.

Inside the address, police found a Louis Vuitton draw string bag containing 100 wraps of class A drugs and £5,000 in cash secreted into the cooker extractor fan.

Expensive designer clothing was also found inside the property, which was at odds with Bokolo's unemployed status.

Bokolo was sentenced to nine and a half years in prison after admitting two counts of possessing class A drugs with intent to supply, and one count of being concerned in the supply of class A drugs.

Macauley was identified as being responsible for the running of a county line supplying Class A drugs for a period between February 2022 and July 2022. It is estimated he was involved in the supply of over 1kg of both heroin and crack cocaine in the Ipswich area. His arrest and charge came about following a joint investigation between Suffolk Police's Serious Crime Disruption Team and the Metropolitan Police, as part of Operation Orochi. Macauley was sentenced to a total of eight years in prison for two counts of possessing class A drugs with intent to supply.

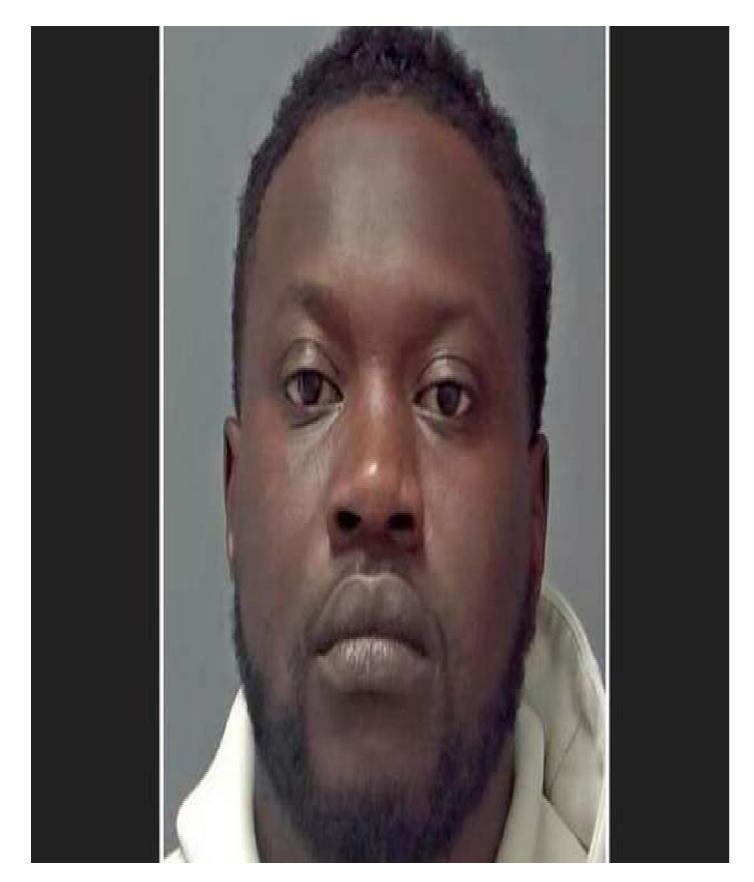
Detective Sergeant Mark Pinder from Brighton CID said: "Bokolo and Macauley were both distributing drugs which cause so much harm in our communities.

"They were acting as part of a "county lines" group operating from London in the Sussex and Suffolk areas.

"This case demonstrates our determination to disrupt the supply of drugs to help protect our communities from drug-related harm.

"There is a huge amount of work done to catch offenders. To do this effectively, we work closely with other agencies and police forces, including with the Metropolitan Police and the Op Orochi team.

"Offenders bringing class A drugs to Brighton and Hove will not be tolerated, so we are pleased with the outcome and with the significant prison sentences imposed by the courts."







Justin Bieber Sells Entire Music Catalogue for whopping \$200MILLION

Entertainment



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he Canadian singer Justin Bieber has sold his entire music catalogue - featuring songs from his entire 15 year recording career - for a whopping \$200m (£162m).

The 28-year-old Canadian crooner has sold his music rights to Blackstone-backed Hipgnosis Songs Capital for over \$200million the company announced in January. Sources also said that Bieber's songs will continue to be administered by Universal Music where he has been throughout his career.

Founder of Hipgnosis Song Management Merck Mercuriadis released a statement on Tuesday about the acquisition which read: 'The impact of Justin Bieber on global culture over the last 14 years has truly been remarkable. 'This acquisition ranks among the biggest deals ever made for an artist under the age of 70, such is the power of this incredible catalogue that has almost 82 million monthly listeners and over 30 billion streams on Spotify alone.

The "Baby" singer joins artists such as Bob Dylan and Bruce Springsteen in making lucrative nine-figure deals for the rights to their back catalogues. Included in the deal are the publishing rights to Bieber's entire back catalogue, which spans 290 songs.

All music released by Bieber prior to 2022 is included in the deal, as well as the artist rights to his master recordings.

Neither Hipgnosis or Bieber have commented on the exact financial terms of the deal. However, AFP reports that the sale amounted to around \$200m.

Hipgnosis Songs Fund founder Merck Mercuriadis said: "The impact of Justin Bieber on global culture over the last 14 years has truly been remarkable." Back in October, Bieber cancelled a number of dates on his world tour, stating that he had to keep his "health a priority".

Why "Shanty Town" contains so much nudity—Ini Edo explains





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ni Edo, a well-known actress, claims that the plot of the new movie series "Shanty Town," in which she co-starred, contains a lot of nudity.

The veteran gorgeous actress has stated, "There are many people, male and female, even youngsters, going through similar things," in a recent interview with Saturday Beats (such as prostitution and assault shown in the movie). We are bringing to light a fundamental issue, and others are upset about nudity? How can you discuss prostitution realistically without displaying nudity? Although it makes no sense, the majority of people seem to comprehend. The handful that don't will eventually change their minds.

She also stated that while preparing for her role in the limited series, she had to go through rigorous training, especially for the fight scenes. "It stretched me. I had to do kick boxing, martial arts and taekwondo. I was blessed to work with some professionals, who were really good.

They had the patience to take me through from the work-out to the art; in order to be precise with my punches. It was fun and I miss it. I think it is something I would take out time to do for myself at some point. I have always been a fighter."

We overshot our budget, according to Edo, who is also a co-producer on the production, when describing some difficulties encountered while filming the series. It was extremely difficult, and we had some difficulty. Some Nigerians have the capacity for hypocrisy when they so choose. We're attempting to shed attention on a problem and current social issues.

She added, "It is a dream," when discussing how being a mother has impacted her profession (come true). In everything I do, I take my daughter into account. Regarding when I do things, I prioritize a few things. I can genuinely go a week without leaving the house.



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Gabriel Batistuta Was My Greatest Enemy, He Made Me Wear Enyeama's Boots - Ike Shorunmu





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hen asked, in a chat with The Punch, who was the toughest striker he ever faced, Shorunmu said;

"It was definitely Gabriel Batistuta. I first came face to face with him when I was with FC Zurich in 1997 when we went for pre-season in Italy and we played against Fiorentina.

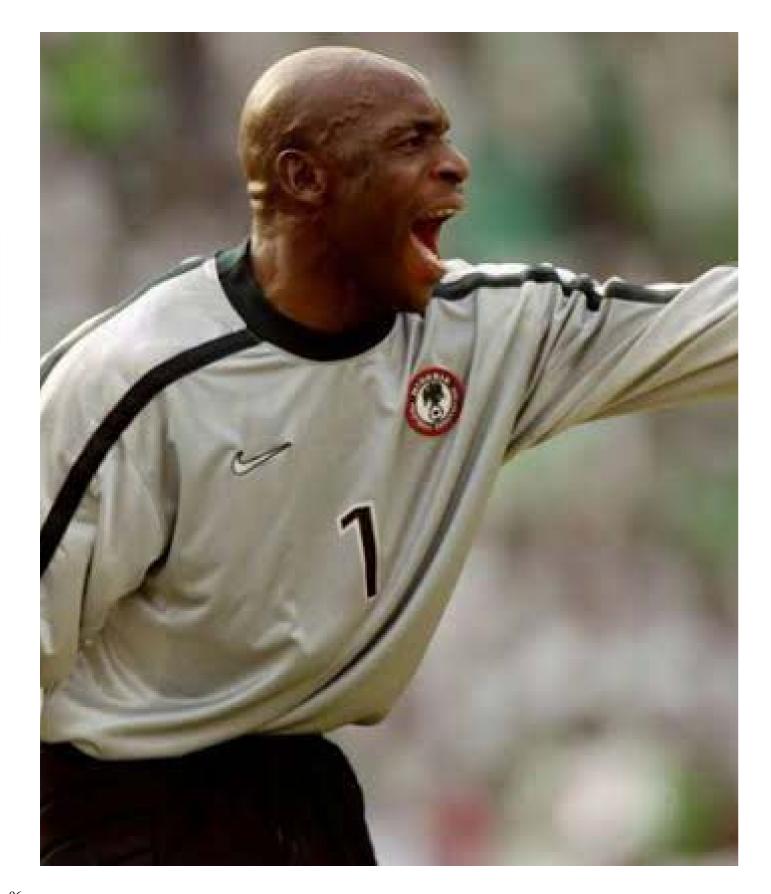
"It was like a tug-of-war between him and my defenders and even though he is an Argentine he played like an African. Again, I faced him at the World Cup in 2002 in Korea.

"The first 20 minutes of that game was tough and we had a collision and my boot got torn. I had 60 per cent advantage of getting to the ball first, but all of a sudden, I don't know how it happened, Batistuta got there before me and I rushed out and tore my boot.

"I had to collect Vincent Enyeama's boots to continue the game because I didn't have extra boots. He was the toughest striker I ever faced, no doubt about it."

Ike Ibrahim Shorunmu is a former Nigerian football goalkeeper. Shorunmu was born in Lagos. After a few years in Nigeria he moved to play in Switzerland, and made his mark there.







Tumi's Wedding

Events

Princess Oloyede Okuyiga, and her heartthrob, Damilola, son of Rev. Engr. Simeon Fola & Rev. Dr. 'Doyin Oyelowo. Hon. (Mrs.) Teju Okuyiga is a member of Ekiti State House of Assembly. The engagement ceremony took place at Marcellina's Place, GRA, Ikeja, Lagos. The wife of Governor, Rt. Hon. Speaker and many members of the House of Assembly were in attendance.

Congratulations on your wedding! **A-CHOICES.**



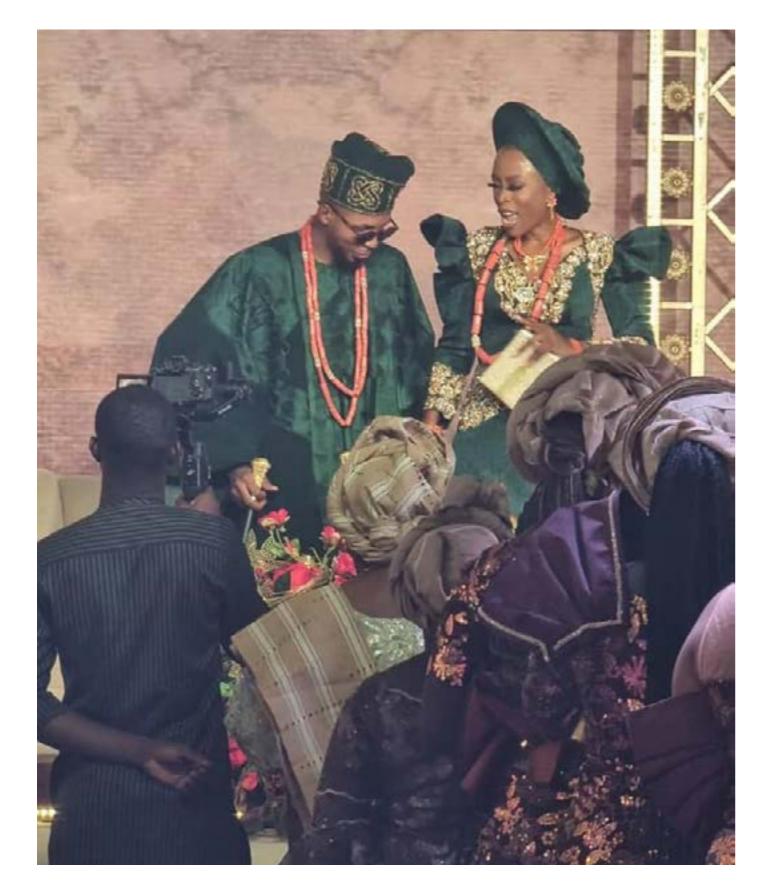






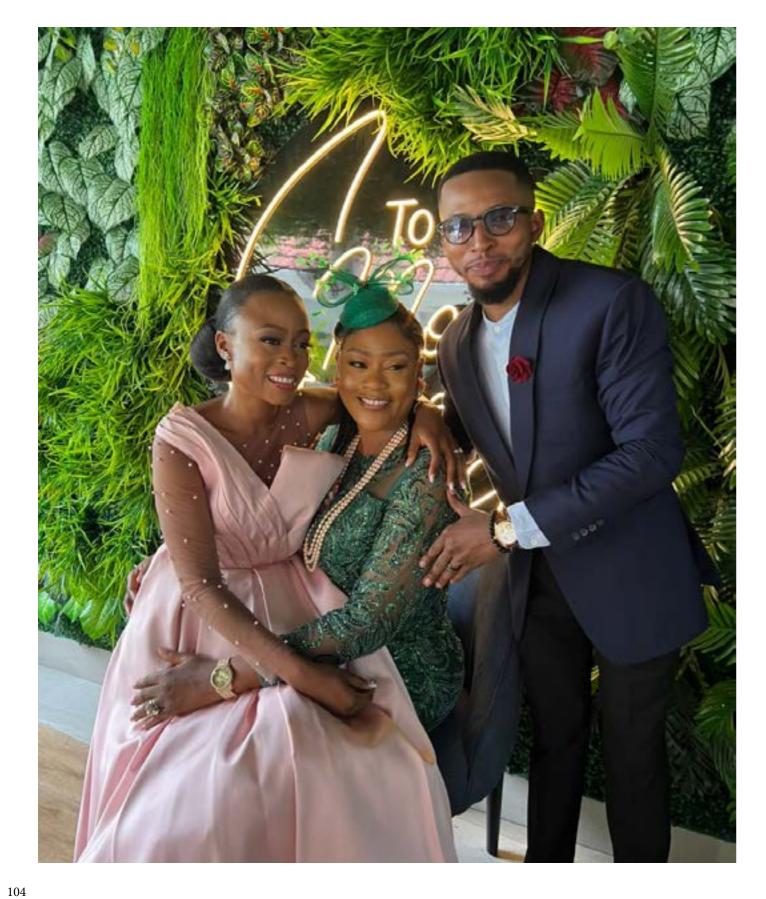












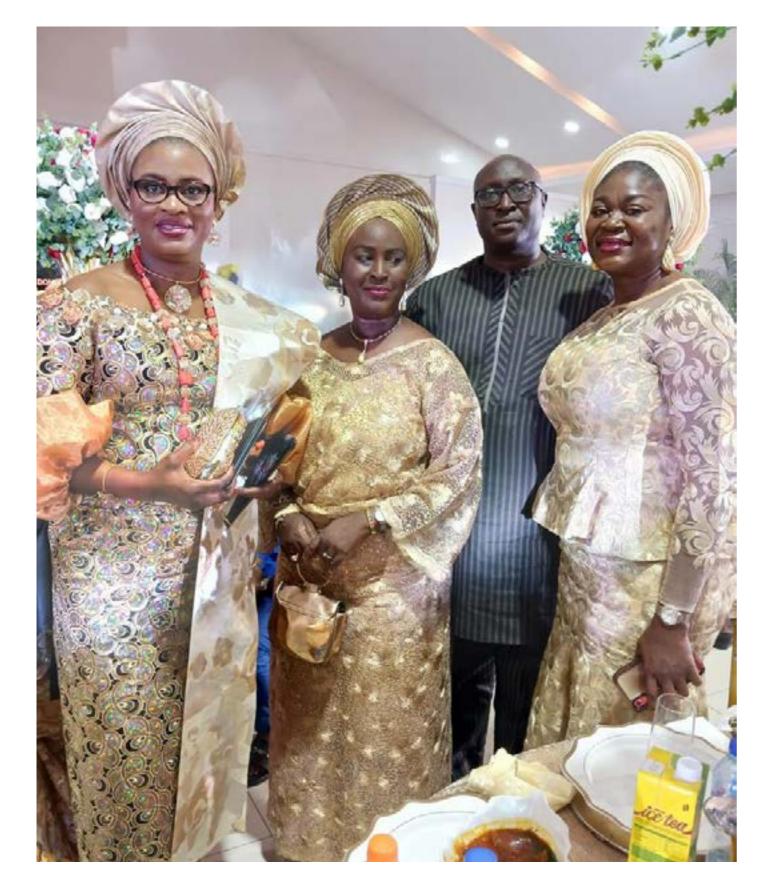


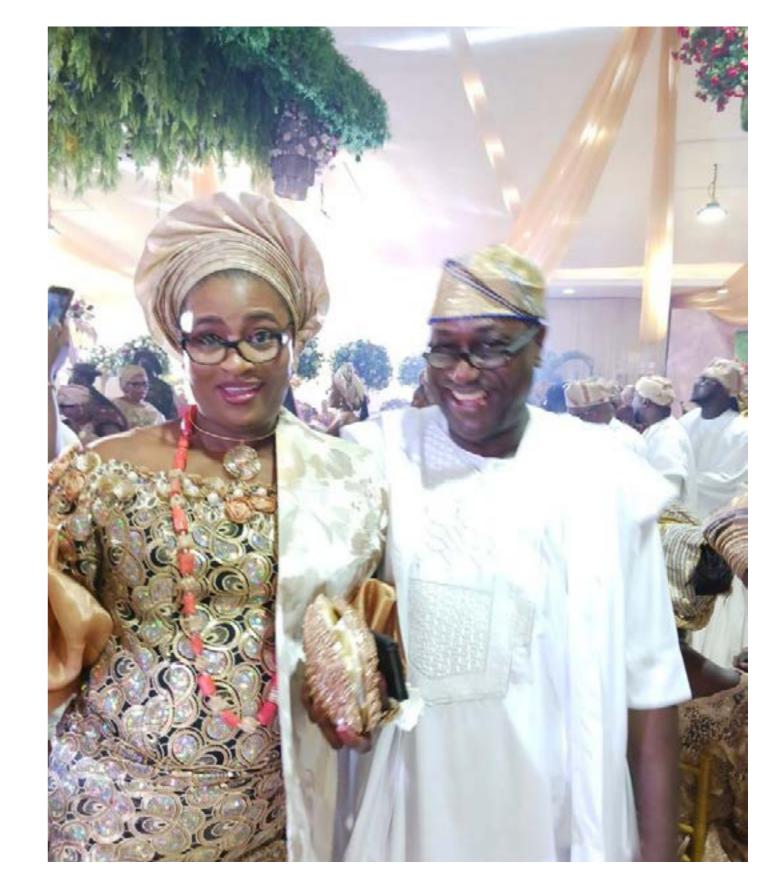






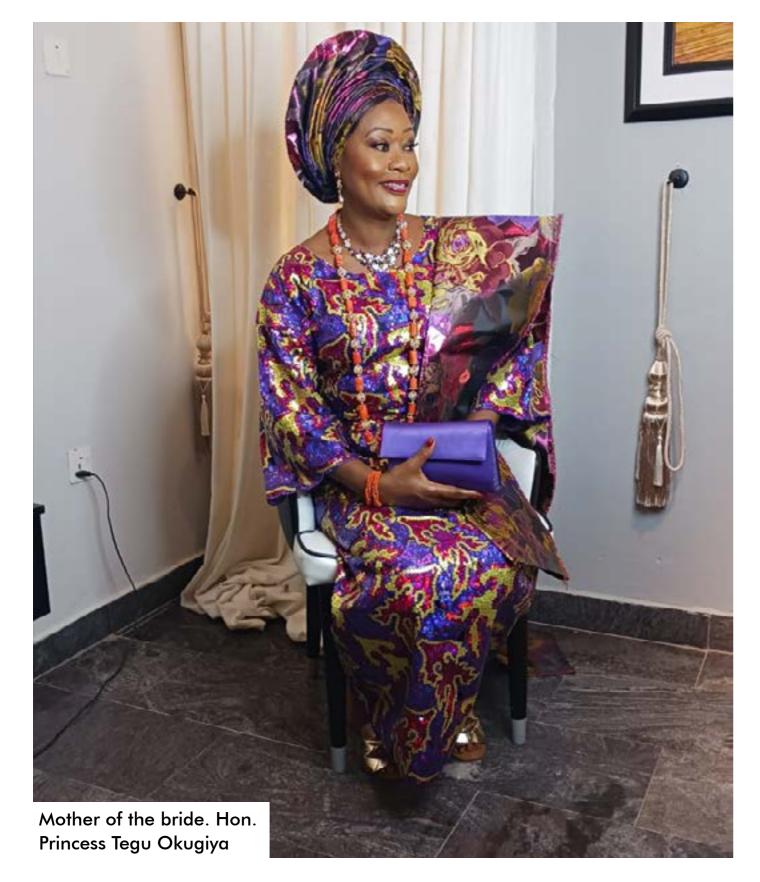


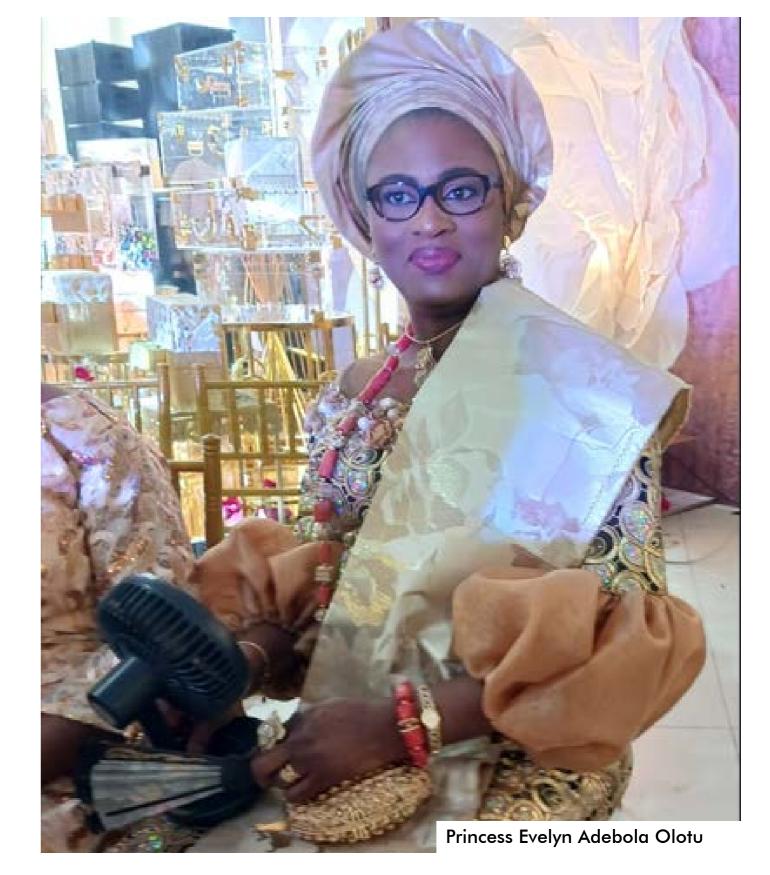












The Impact of Corruption on Bulgaria's foreign economic relation



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ith more than 20 years of leadership experience in the public and private sectors, Pete Kristofferson founded Global Trade Alliance of America, Inc., in 2021. Based in Washington, D.C. and New York City, the organization is a service-oriented import and export trading company that helps accelerate the exchange of goods and services. Through comprehensive partnerships worldwide, from shipping logistics to U.S. government-backed trade finance, Global Trade Alliance of America has developed networking capabilities for profitable international business.

Their dedicated experts and community managers are available to offer advice during every state of importing activity including the area of import and export trade financing alternatives. Serving as an effective advocate of mutual business interests, Global Trade Alliance has worked with hundreds of clients around the globe. Their state-of-the-art technologies use machine learning and cloud-based services with social networking capabilities, comprehensive content, and corporate advisory. With a philosophy rooted in extensive market knowledge and personal relationships, the objectives of each entity involved are carefully evaluated to help ensure flawless and profitable transitions.

As the leader and CEO of the thriving firm, Pete oversees the organization and works to maintain strong, positive relationships with elected officials at the federal, state, and local levels. He also provides assistance with international cooperation, diplomatic relations, lobbying at the local level in the strategic area of Washington, DC, and throughout the United States and Bulgaria. "It makes me happy to have such a great atmosphere around me, where I'm able to travel and get more deals done successfully with my business partners of the world," he states. "Bringing positive energy with my lobbying from officials, politics, governmental professionals, and diplomacy is really what I enjoy most."

Pete helms a triad of other ventures as well, serving as president, CEO, and co-founder of Acdaris Inc. and Pete Luxe-Worldwide Capital Media Group, Ltd. He's also president and co-founder of Global Trade Automotive Alliance, Inc- an innovative electric car corporation.

Pete holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the Varna Free University "Chernorizets Hrabar." He's an executive board/advisory council member at Executive Programs for School of Business at George Washington University and the University of Richmond and is currently pursuing a PhD from the University of National and World Economy.

"Success should be measured not so much by the position one has reached in life as by the obstacles one has overcome while trying to succeed. The secret to a successful life is to find out what you are meant to do and then make it happen."-Pete Kristofferson.

Abstract:

The article aims to present, first of all, the system-forming aspects of corruption and to present the theoretical positions on the matter. After which, on the basis of a comparative analysis, outline the development trends in chronological order and provide the formulation of an idea for a mechanism for the prevention of this process and state of the environment, which is negative for the state and society. The author aims to propose soft measures to create a state policy in terms of counteraction and prevention of corruption, as a reformed model because the existing ones are not functioning and the levels of corruption have been continuously increasing in recent years.

Keywords: corruption, prevention, state policies JEL: E26 (informal economy, illegal economy)

Exposure:

This highly sensitive term for democratic societies, corruption, is an extremely complex phenomenon of modern social relationships. In general, it is related to the empowerment of a certain type of entities and the provision by them of a different type and nature of services to other entities for an unregulated remuneration or a certain type of enrichment. The relevance of issues related to corruption and corrupt interaction in Bulgarian society is determined by the following:

•from the fact that, despite the existence of numerous strategies, programs and plans to fight corruption, it not only exists, but also permeates all layers of Bulgarian society;

•due to the spread of corruption in important sectors such as health care, political management, central and local government, which seriously threatens both the basis of the country's democratic governance and national security.

Corruption finds expression in the research and analysis of political scientists, sociologists, psychologists and many other researchers, but despite this, there is no single definition of this phenomenon.

In the scientific literature, a number of authors present their views and definitions of corruption. Some of them come close to my views as described by (Dimov, M. 2004) "Corruption is a complex phenomenon". If considered in its most general sense, it represents a special type of social communication involving two, often ideological parties - a public servant and an interested citizen." Other authors link corruption to the private sector as well - for example, according to (Rose-Ackerman, S. 2010) investigators and high-level managers remain indifferent to the problems of corruption until one of the "victims" of unfair treatment files a complaint with them. Moreover, for now, the only punishment for a "sinning" employee is dismissal. Adhering to this behaviour, the bureaucrats will continue to "do their jobs" until their regular customers are satisfied. Moreover, the bribe giver is relatively indifferent to whether his act remains uncovered or not. The probability of uncovering the bribe depends not only on its size, but also on the benefit to the one who accepts it. The amount of the sanction may also depend on these variables. In this sense, the main element of corruption is mutual motivation, and its practical meaning - the effectiveness of the bribe.

Another authoritative author (Zlatanova, V. 2017) considers corruption as a phenomenon related to deviant or deviant behaviour. According to the author, in the conditions of globalized crime, corruption is an independent phenomenon, existing in parallel with crime. There is a functional dependence between crime and corruption, and it makes corruption the most powerful factor in the continuous reproduction of serious conventional and organized crime. V. Zlatanova cites a definition that was adopted by the Council of Europe in 1996 and according to which corruption is:

"1. abuse of authority (power); 2. the powers are granted to individuals or a group; 3. the abuse of powers is carried out during or on the occasion of the performance of a certain activity; 4. the activity is in the field of economic, financial, administration and business management; 5. abuse of authority is carried out for the purpose of personal or corporate benefit."

Other concepts that are presented by the authors and that are related to corruption are the following:

•illegal or immoral economic activity involving the receipt of financial or material funds from the participants involved, with the focus being on those who accept such funds;

•corruption activities are related to different levels of the state apparatus, where officials abuse power, or more precisely, officials use power for personal enrichment in order to obtain certain goods and services that they cannot obtain in any other way;

•corruption is defined as the deliberate neglect or non-fulfilment of duties that are assigned by the position held or unjustified use of power with motives to gain some personal advantage. Thus, corruption is a disintegration of power with the motive of gaining personal benefits using any methods under certain circumstances. For this reason, understanding corruption in a certain way requires the ability of those in power to distinguish between the public and private spheres.

Considering the above, we can define corruption as: an act in which a person holding a given power, regardless of whether that power is in the private or public sector, carries out an unregulated, illegal or unethical activity, for which he receives a benefit from another person or persons. The benefit can be of different nature - money, services, gifts and others.

Analyzing the regulatory environment and legal acts shows us that there is a rich judicial practice on the issues related to "bribery". As far as this matter is concerned, the framework of the guiding principles is outlined by some points of Decree No. 8 of 30.11.1981. by n.d. No. 10/1981, Plenum of the Supreme Court. Bribery is by its very nature a transaction, but because it is against the law and made a crime, it is void. It is done with direct intent. In the Special Part of the Criminal Code, this crime is covered by Art. 301 - 307a:

"- Corruption in the economy and the financial sphere. The conquest of the economy through corruption reveals the evolution in the strategies of organized crime - the gradual abandonment of force methods and improvement of corrupt practices that prevail in the activities of established international criminal organizations. The financial sphere is the subsequent one in which organized crime settles, after its intellectualization, acquired experience and general destabilization of financial institutions as a result of international money laundering activity. In fact, this is perhaps the area where corruption and organized crime are most closely linked."

Due to the variety of forms in which corruption manifests, there is a differentiated attitude of different social groups towards it. Relatively often, in the various spheres of public space, one act can be called corrupt, while another can be outside the scope of corruption. In this sense, the same act can be characterized as a crime, as an administrative offence or as an act for which disciplinary responsibility can be sought.

The question has been repeatedly raised that corruption is far from being a phenomenon neither only for Bulgaria (Anti-corruption reforms in Bulgaria on the threshold of membership in the European Union, 2022), nor only for the countries of the European Union.

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As the research statistics show, Bulgaria has been steadily moving in a corridor of values between 41 and 44 points over the last 10 years without being able to make at least a change in the direction of development.

The "Old Democracies" have also been rocked by corruption scandals. Given this, in Europe there are many adopted documents and acts directed against corruption, as an attempt to systematize these acts can be seen in Appendix 1 to the thesis. It is clear from the annex that many political decisions aimed at fighting corruption have indeed been taken by various institutions in the EU. The Council of Europe also adopts numerous documents, such as:

- •Criminal Convention on Corruption of the Council of Europe (SG, No. 73 of 26.07.2002).
 - Civil Convention on Corruption of the Council of Europe (SG, No. 102 of 21.11.2003)
- •Additional Protocol to the Criminal Convention on Corruption of the Council of Europe (SG, No. 35 of 22.04.2005).

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe adopts the following document: Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Officials in International Commercial Transactions (Government Gazette, No. 61 of 07/06/1999).

The United Nations accepts the following documents:

- UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (Government Gazette, No. 98 of 6.12.2005).
- •United Nations Convention against Corruption (Government Gazette, No. 89 of 3.11.2006).

It can be summarized that corruption is accepted by international organizations as an exceptional problem against which an institutional and normative struggle should be waged.

The manifestation of corruption is far from being associated only with the giving of money - a number of other assets and benefits can also be provided as a bribe - for example - promises for a certain type of service, promotion in office, intercession and many others (Zlatanova, V., 2017). Apart from the material and purely practical side of the act of corruption, there are other features of this type of social communication. In its essence, the act of corruption is an illegal means to achieve certain goals and as such is prosecuted by law. However, a number of moral restraints, or ethical norms and standards, can be woven into personal commitment. For the person faced with the alternative of whether to successfully solve his problem with the bureaucracy using illegal means, or to remain "clean" before his conscience and before the law, is an emotional dilemma that in many cases determines whether he will become a party to the corrupt deal or No. The dominant position of one or the other end of the scale "successfully resolved problem-clear conscience" is the basis of the citizen's attitude towards corruption. That is why this "ethical" concept should be considered in the context of the other elements of the corruption act.

The issue of the manifestation of corruption from a psychological point of view is extremely interesting. After all, we all know that corruption is a vice of society, it is related and defined as a criminal activity, but nevertheless, for one reason or another, corruption exists. Therefore, it is interesting to discover the mental mechanisms of social interaction that predispose or prevent the manifestation of corrupt actions.

The topic of money is considered within various psychological currents and finds a place in both psychoanalysis and behavioural theories. There is a wealth of research that demonstrates that individuals exhibit different attitudes toward money, attach different meanings to it, and exhibit different behaviours. Classic in this regard is the work of Fernheim, who demonstrates that men are more interested in money than women, that young people view money more as a means of power and dominance, although they are less careful with their spending, and that people those with a lower educational level are more obsessed with money and use it as a means of flaunting power.

Do the mentioned results mean that it is precisely these groups that we can accept as the most susceptible to corruption?

It would not be correct nor scientifically validated to derive such a direct correlation for several reasons. It is true that the first and strongest association with the word corruption is money, that is, the illegitimate "giving" of money from one individual to another in order to benefit the giver. But the act of corruption is not always measured in monetary terms. This this thesis is supported by authors such as Susan Rose-Ackerman, a professor at Yale University, who believe that corruption has other varieties. It can take the form of favours, gifts and reciprocal concessions. Other authors studying the phenomenon disagree with these interpretations and argue that gift-giving is part of the national or company culture.

The value system is a factor of fundamental importance for the in-depth study and understanding of the phenomenon of corruption. The values that are significant for the individual become, respectively, either a barrier or a tool that facilitates corrupt behaviour. The value system dictates the choice and implementation of a life strategy and hence acceptable or unacceptable behaviour patterns for the individual.

Another major personal factor of a psychological nature directly related to corruption is identity. The identity of the individual begins to be built already in his childhood through the introduction of positive or negative behavioural models copied by the significant subjects for him. In this sense, at a later stage of personality development, corrupt actions can also be learned, as long as we have the example of someone important to us or the example of an individual achieving success based on these actions. In this direction, the environment also has an influence. If the individual acts in a social environment in which there is no transparency, order, strict role allocation, clear rules and strict sanctions, then logically the individual would show a greater tendency to corrupt actions, since he will calculate the risk as minimal and the benefit as maximal. Such prerequisites definitely unlock attitudes for acts of corruption.

The status in the organization or in the social environment of the individual is also important. Usually, people in high management levels have the feeling of impunity and complete control over the situation, which in itself is also a prerequisite for the emergence of corruption in these environments.

Another influencing factor could be the subjective feeling of well-being and satisfaction (valuation). If the individual in his organization or social environment feels dissatisfied, thinking that he puts in a lot and does not get enough, or that he is not really valued, then he will definitely have a predisposition to illegitimate behaviour, including corrupt, in order to overcome the frustrating feeling of inferiority and under appreciation.

Last but not least, as a factor for the presence of the phenomenon of corruption, it is necessary to note the influence of the attitude of individualism-collectivism. It is logical to assume that a pronounced individualist could act corruptly for his own benefit, without caring whether this act would violate collective principles and norms. A collectivist-oriented individual operating in an environment that accepts corruption as a matter of course would not hesitate to act in this way, even if he considers it immoral, because of his conformity to the group.

There are also a number of factors of a personal and socio-psychological nature that are related to the phenomenon of corruption. The perception of corruption has another side. The bystander, i.e. the person who does not participate in it also has his own moral positions. They largely influence his attitude towards the giver or taker of the bribe, and more generally, his civic position. For one who does not directly participate in a phenomenon, normatively perceived as illegal, the evidence of its manifestation in most cases will be perceived negatively. But this will continue until the moment when he directly engages in certain corrupt behaviour and is convinced of its effectiveness, or until the moment when his opinion begins to be influenced by external, significant factors for him.

Conflict of interests is also related to corruption. The latter can be considered in two aspects - as situations that presuppose real corruption problems and the public perception of the problem. The conflict of interest is perceived as one of the forms of corruption that citizens, in their capacity as users of services, encounter on a daily basis in their contacts with public administration officials. In the event of a conflict of interest, three types of liability can be sought - disciplinary, administrative or criminal.

In addition to incompatibility of interests, the conflict of interests expresses something more - the contradiction of interests, their mutual exclusion due to the difference in the goals and the cause that one and the other interests serve. However, there is a significant difference between incompatibility and conflict of interest that should be highlighted: incompatibility constitutes legal obstacles to the parallel reconciliation of the relevant public position with a certain profession or activity. According to their content, these obstacles can be classified into three main groups:

- •for occupying another public position;
- •for certain political or other public activity;
- •for a certain economic activity.



These activities can be of a different nature - participation in management and control bodies of economic entities, presence of another employment or service legal relationship, etc. It is also possible to divide by other criteria - incompatibility that existed at the time of entry into public service or arose in the course of its implementation; which can be removed and for which this is not possible, etc. These prohibitions are not unified. They have different content for different government positions. Their content is determined by the legislator in the Constitution and in several dozen administrative laws according to the specifics of the respective position.

In legal theory, incompatibility is defined as "legally not allowing the exercise of activities or the performance of actions that contradict the essence of the position held, limit or eliminate independence in the exercise of authority or duty, harm the dignity of the person and the good name of authorities or the institution".

Corruption is influenced by the public situation and external factors, such as external factors of corrupt behaviour can be both the wide publicity of specific cases of taking or giving a bribe, and the general satisfaction with the public system in general. These factors have a wide social effect, as they call into question not only the legitimacy of a certain political system, but also the attitude towards the state's ability to cope with the negative processes



of public life. According to authors such as Williams, the mechanisms and processes that influence the transformation from vice to virtue are not so obvious in practice.

However, the higher the awareness, the more active the media are. If corruption spreads in conditions of covertness and indirection, then individual cases of political corruption will not receive publicity or more detailed examination, except for the most egregious of them. In this sense, democratization and the development of society are essential factors limiting corruption.

The following main conclusions can be drawn:

- •corruption is an act that is usually associated with public power, but in practice -corruption can also occur in the private sector. It is a type of malpractice that leads to unjust enrichment or receiving some type of benefit in return for providing a service;
- •corruption exists, both in political and administrative positions, and besides small and large, it can be organized or unorganized. While corruption facilitates criminal acts such as drug trafficking, money laundering or prostitution, it is not limited to these and is often linked to activities that are themselves legal. In this case, the service provided was not necessarily in violation of legal procedures, but rather was performed inconsistently with democratic standards;
- •corruption attitudes are influenced by a number of factors and conditions, and to some extent corruption depends on the peculiarities of the national culture, on the degree of economic development, on the adopted legislation and others.

Conclusion:

assessment of threats from the spread of corruption to the functioning and development of democratic society and governance in Bulgaria and national security. From the analyses made in the topic, the following main conclusions can be defined:

- •corruption is a phenomenon that is inherent in modern society, and this phenomenon is present in every sphere both in the public and in the private sector;
- •corruption is based on the opposition of private and public interest;
- many prerequisites exist for the presence of corruption, such as: ineffective legislation, lack of control, personal corrupt attitudes, degradation of values and others;
- •corruption is a risk for modern society and for national security, as it favours the development of organized crime and undermines trust in democratic institutions;
- •there are many policies, strategies, rules and others against corruption, but the presence of a high corruption index in Bulgaria shows that these policies are ineffective.

We can conclude that other ways and methods of effective anti-corruption fight should be sought and they are in properly formulated and defined state policies.

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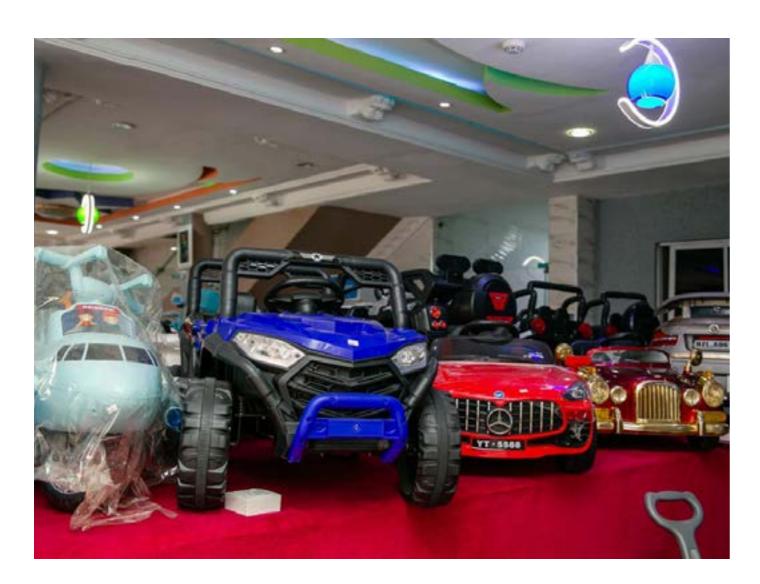


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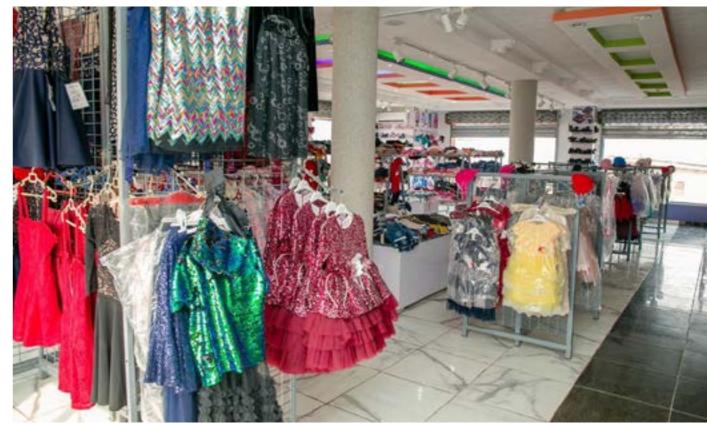












































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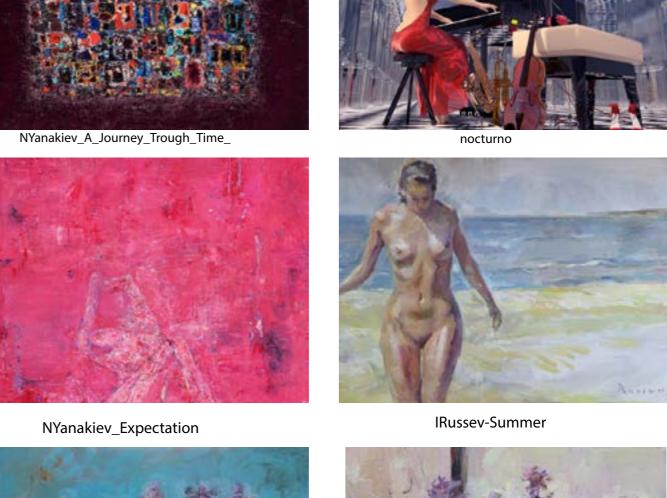




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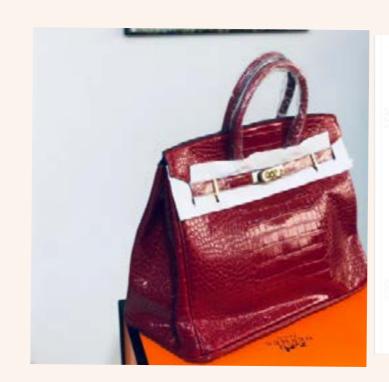


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Although EU citizens can travel and work freely throughout the EU member states, there are still some restrictions in place for those who wish to relocate permanently and for those who are from "third countries", meaning non-EEA countries and people who are not Swiss citizens. Did you know that if you bought a Bulgarian property or business you can obtain permanent citizenship? The recommended way, is to hire a specialist law firm to arrange for immigration and deal with work permit requirements before you arrive. In addition to dealing with your permanent residency needs and work permit issues, a law firm based near your future home can also deal with arranging family permits for non-EU national family members who wish to join you. In this issue we would like to introduce you to such an opportunity. A law firm in Sofia that offer full planning services from buying or renting property, both residential and commercial all the way to assisting you with child care and education if needed.

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Since 2013, Bulgaria's government has offered a immigration program that can lead to long-term residency and, where applicable, to full citizenship. Since that year, foreign investors have been spending more than 500,000 Euros or 1,000,000 BGN on amazing residential properties that represent excellent value for money and in due time they have been enjoying the benefits of being EU citizens without limitations.

Recently many have discovered the beneficial ways to obtain residency by investment is to either start or buy a company that is registered in Bulgaria. There are certain advantages doing this, as Bulgaria has one of the lowest flat tax rates in the EU (10% at the time of writing). Once the legal period of actually living in the country has been met, it is possible for

non-EU residents to apply for full citizenship. If you By: Gbenga Teejay Okunlola & Albena Jones_{happen to be from a third country, investing in a} Bulgarian business or investing in Bulgarian real estate can provide you with EU nationality and visa free travel throughout the whole territory of the EU. One advantage of choosing Bulgaria is that the investment is 100% refundable, if you purchase, for example, Bulgarian shares on the stock exchange or buy government bonds or similar investment vehicles. Doing so means you gain unlimited living and working rights throughout the EU territory.

> It is also possible to acquire permanent residency status by investing more than 1,000,000 BGN in a Bulgarian licensed credit institution for a time of no less than 5 years or by investing at least 6,000,000 BGN in the capital of a Bulgarian company, where shares are not traded on a regulated market. Investors who get involved with large-scale development projects, such as infrastructure for example, are also able to obtain long-term residency rights.If you are planning to invest in Bulgaria, be it in a company formation, a trade representative office, a second residency opportunity for you and family or simply to retire, live and work in

> Bulgaria, one must consult a specialist law firm about residency, inheritance and taxation issues.

A-CHOICES recommend our legal partners DP Law Firm, who are one of the most reputable and leading multilingual law firms in Bulgaria. To familiarize yourselves review the published company profile in this issue. When contacting them quote ref: a-choices magazine.

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