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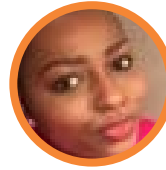
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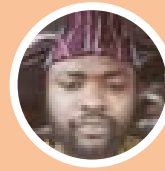
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EDITOR'S LETTER

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

On the cover of this edition is Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, Nigeria's 16th president-elect. Tinubu who pulled the majority votes in the February 25 election emerge victorious and return elect by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC). As we look forward to the beginning of your tenure in few months, I wish you a peaceful and successful leadership and may Nigerians find succour under you reign.



Also, women play important roles in the growth and progress of our society, as we celebrate the wonderful contributions they bring to nation building this month, may we #Embrace Equity as we make opportunities equal for all. Happy International Women's Day.

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Tinubu coast home to victory



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accredited. While the total valid votes were put at 24,025,940, and total rejected votes were 939,278. The INEC chairman said the total number of votes

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has declared the presidential candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC) as the winner of the 2023 presidential election.

The INEC Chairman, Prof. Mahmood Yakubu declared Bola Ahmed Tinubu four days after the elections as the winner on Wednesday March 1 at 4:10am in Abuja where the results were collated. By this declaration, Tinubu would be the 16th president of Nigeria since independence.

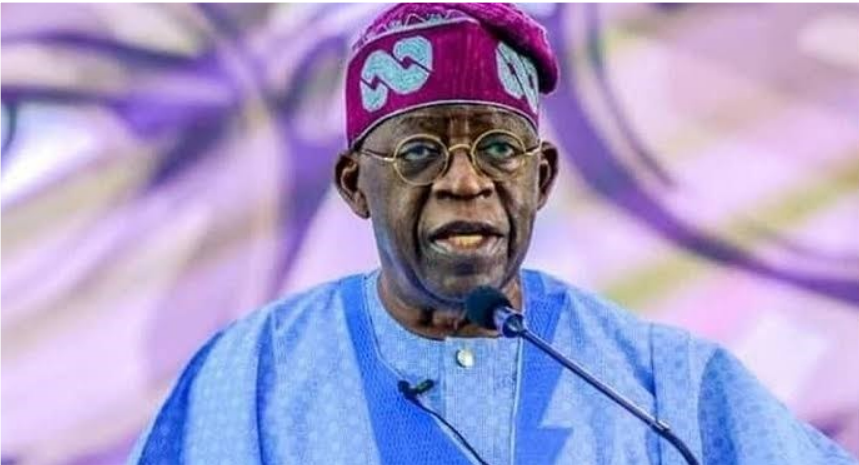
The APC candidate polled total votes of 8,794,726 to defeat his closest rival and the presidential candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Atiku Abubakar who scored 6,984,520 votes, and Peter Obi of Labour party who polled 6,101,533 votes.

The INEC said the registered voters for the election were 93,469,008, while 25,286,616 voters were



cast was 24,965,218 and went ahead to declare Tinubu the winner. “I certify that I am the returning officer for the 2023 presidential election held on the 25th of February 2023.

“That Tinubu Bola Ahmed of the APC, having satisfied the requirements of the law is hereby declared the winner and returned elected. The certifi-



rule in 1999, emerging as winner for the number one position of the country on his first attempt. He will inherit a plethora of economic and security crises from his predecessor Muhammadu Buhari.

In his acceptance speech, Tinubu said he would run an inclusive government while appreciating INEC for running a 'free and fair' election.

“Political competition must now give way to political conciliation and inclusive governance. During the election, you may have been my opponent but you were never my enemy. In my heart, you are my brothers.”

Tinubu who claim to hear and understand the yearning of the youths for good governance said if they work together they shall move the nation like never before.

“Now, to you, the young people of this country, I hear you loud and clear. I understand your pains, your yearnings for good governance, a functional economy and a safe nation that protects you and your future.

“I am aware that for many of you Nigeria has become a place of abiding challenges limiting your ability to see a bright future for yourselves.

“Remodelling our precious national home requires the harmonious efforts of all of us, especially the youth. Working together, we shall move this nation as never before,” the speech read in parts.

Tinubu will be inaugurated president on May 29 the former democracy day. We wish him a peaceful tenure and may his time bring succour to Nigerians. Congratulation Mr President-elect.

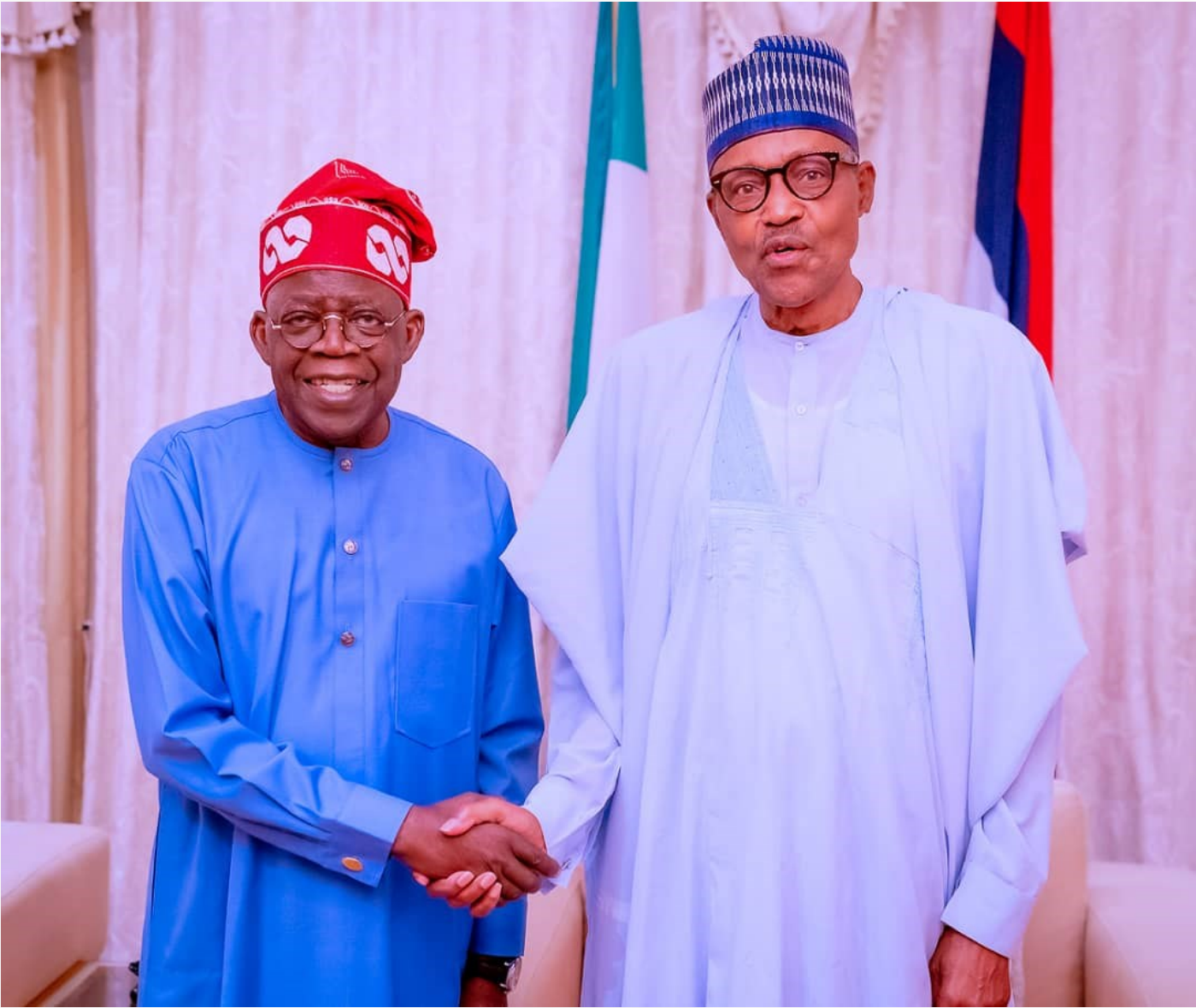
cate of return to the president elect and vice president elect will take place here at 3pm today.”

Though the elections and further pronouncement of a winner by the commission has been greeted with wide spread grievances particularly by main opposition parties PDP and LP, the commission responded with an assurance that the polls would be reviewed where necessary in accordance with Section 65 of the Electoral Act.



Bola Ahmed Tinubu, who turns 71 later this month, was a two-time governor in Lagos between 1999 and 2007, where he is ascribed the pioneer and reformer that led to transformation of the state which now Nigeria's economic hub.

His victory will see him become Nigeria's fifth president since the country returned to democratic



Man freed after 28 YEARS for murder he always denied as 'evidence of innocence' found

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Johnson was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole for the Oct. 1994 murder of Marcus Boyd, who was shot dead on his front porch by two masked men. Police and prosecutors blamed the killing on a dispute over drug money.

Johnson maintained his innocence from the outset, saying he was with his girlfriend miles away when the crime occurred.

St. Louis Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner, who filed a motion in August seeking Johnson's release after an investigation her office conducted with help from the Innocence Project, applauded the ruling. "Mr. Lamar Johnson. Thank you. You're free," she said before the gathered press. "This is Valentine's Day and this is historical."

The Republican-led state attorney general's office fought to keep Johnson locked up. A spokeswoman for the office, Madeline Sieren, said in an email that the office will take no further action in the case. She again defended the office's push to keep Johnson behind bars.

"As he stated when he was sworn in, Attorney

General (Andrew) Bailey is committed to enforcing the laws as written," Sieren wrote. "Our office defended the rule of law and worked to uphold the original verdict that a jury of Johnson's peers deemed to be appropriate based on the facts presented at trial."



Lamar



Johnson was released after being processed out at the courthouse



Mr Johnson's attorneys blasted the state attorney general's office after the hearing, saying it "never stopped claiming Lamar was guilty and was comfortable to have him languish and die in prison."

"Yet, when this State's highest law enforcement office could hide from a courtroom no more, it presented nothing to challenge the overwhelming body of evidence that the circuit attorney and Lamar Johnson had amassed," they said in a statement.

Mr Johnson plans to reconnect with his family and enjoy experiences he was denied for most of his adult life while locked up, his lawyers said.

"While today brings joy, nothing can restore all that the state stole from him. Nothing will give him back the nearly three decades he lost while separated from his daughters and family," they said.

"The evidence that proved his innocence was available at his trial, but it was kept hidden or ignored

by those who saw no value in the lives of two young Black men from the South Side."



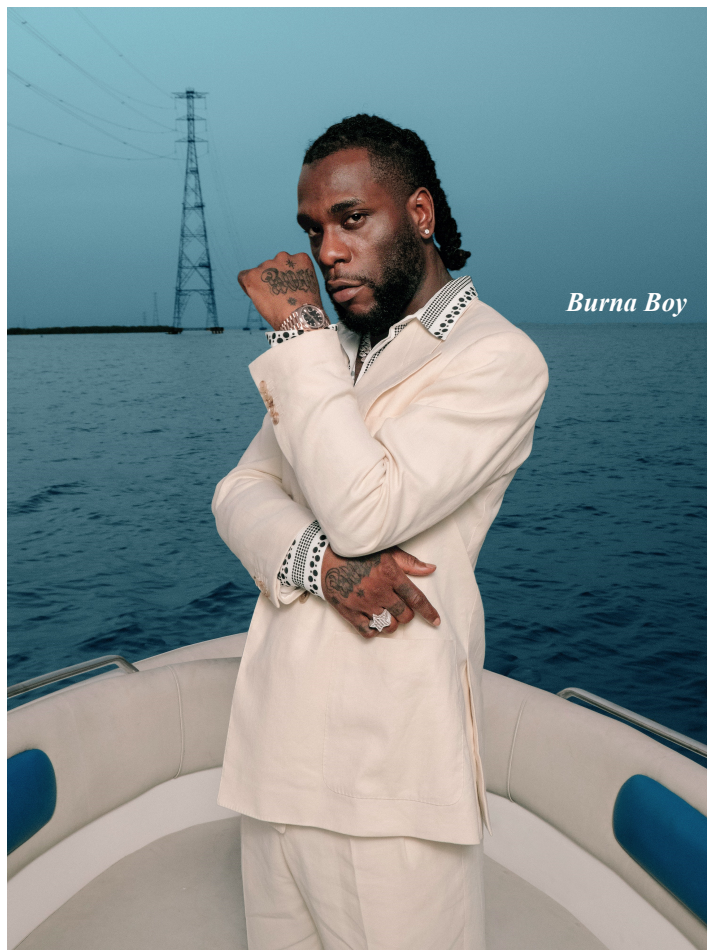
NBA All-Star halftime show: Afro-beats to the world



By: **Joy Gofwen**
Lagos Bureau Chief

In a first-of-its-kind Afrobeats-themed performance, Nigerian superstars Burna Boy, Tems and Rema thrilled audiences at the 2023 National Basketball Association (NBA) All-Star halftime show held at Vivint Arena in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA.

The lineup of Burna Boy, Tems and Rema at the half time show is an indication that afrobeats is the big thing currently in the music industry and also points to the fact that Nigerian artists and their songs are making waves around the world. Their selection and performance also points to the strength of their fan base worldwide.



Burna Boy



The show was a lengthy celebration of Afrobeats which is fast becoming Nigeria's biggest export. The catchy tunes of three of Nigeria's top music stars had many of the NBA All-Star participants stay away from the locker room during the halftime to watch and record the live performance at the courtside.

This is the first time for any Nigerian artist to rock the NBA All-Star halftime show in its history. Performances during the halftime show for 71 years comprised of the best creative dance troupes or mu-



gest stage. The Grammy award-winning artist started the show with his all-time hit ‘Anybody’ from his African Giant album and ‘It’s plenty’ from his recent Love, Damini album.

Burna, a three-time Grammy nominee, won the Best Global Music Album award for his 2020 album ‘Twice as Tall’ at the 63rd Grammy. His performance was accompanied by his enthralling dance steps as the arena was covered with his jazz and juju mix.

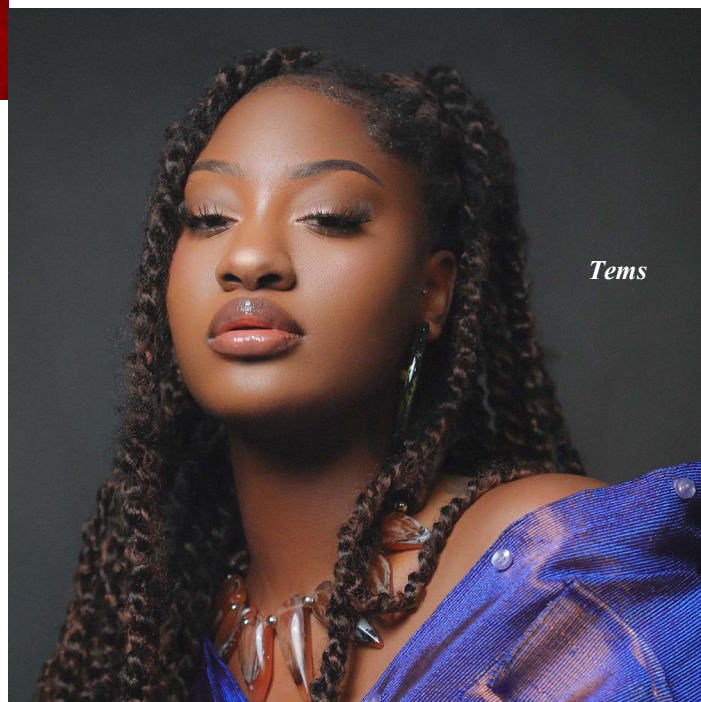
Right up after, Mavins superstar Rema came up with more fire as he performed his hit song “Calm Down” followed by his latest single “Holiday” while giving his unique style of the legwork. Though young in the music industry, his remix of the hit ‘Calm down’ with Selena Gomez further puts him on the front burner of the music industry worldwide.

Tems, latest Grammy winner sealed the performance with her hit songs ‘Crazy things’, ‘Free

music superstars on the world stage which makes it one of the biggest musical shows during a sports game after the Super bowl halftime show.

Halftime in basketball is between the NBA’s second and third quarters. It is a 15-minute break for teams and players to return to the locker room to rest and strategise while celebrity artistes perform during the weekend games. The NBA All-stars halftime show happens during the All-Star games every February.

Burna Boy who is also the acclaimed African Giant said it was a dream to perform on the NBA’s big-



Tems



Rema



mind’ and her verse from Wizkid’s ‘Essence’. Fresh off the Grammy, Tems is the first Nigerian female artiste to win a Grammy award as she won the Best Melodic Rap Performance category for her part in ‘Wait for U’, the hit song by Future which also featured Drake.

The stage had gleaming visual effects while the trios were all assisted by a dance team and live

band bringing in the traditional African performance.

Several reactions have trailed the performance, Gbemisola Abudu, NBA Africa VP and Country Head said it was a historic moment and she couldn’t be any prouder of the excellent display of Africa and Nigeria at the show.

“What a show! It took a village for us to pull off this historic moment. The 2023 NBA All-Star Afrobeat halftime show was phenomenal. Thank you and congrats to everyone who went on this journey with us. Africa and Nigeria’s excellence was on full display. I couldn’t be any prouder.”



US Rapper, Soulja Boy Threatens Wizkid's Life

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American Hip Hop star, Soulja Boy has issued death threats to Nigerian Afrobeats superstar, Ayodeji Balogun also known as Wizkid. The rapper said he would beat up Wizzy over an issue of comparison that was raised by fans on micro-blogging platform, Twitter.

It all started when Wizkid FC replied to a post of Soulja where he attacked the Joro crooner over a comment he made 13 years ago.

In May 2010, Wizkid took to his Twitter account to lambast the rapper saying; "I swear Soulja Boy is wack! Jeeeezzzzz".



Wizkid

A Twitter user by the handle @CruiseWithMee pointed out that Wizkid would be headlining the Rolling Loud concert in Germany with Soulja Boy appearing as one of the supporting acts 10 years after calling the American rapper's music wack.



Soulja Boy

Soulja reacted by quoting the tweet and calling Wizkid a p**sy before threatening to beat up Wizkid and any fan who dares to disrespect him. The rapper then proceeded to threaten Wizkid in a separate tweet where he stated that he was done tweeting and he intends to kill the Afrobeats megastar.

In a moment of rage, Soulja Boy also requested that Rolling Loud take him off the show in Germany in what was an apparent reluctance to be in Wizkid's shadow.

Background: The issue with Wizkid and Soulja Boy started in 2022 when some fans dug out a tweet from Wizkid in 2010 where he called Soulja Boy's music wack.

Although the remark was made 12 years ago when Wizkid was barely 20 and Soulja Boy was also 20, the description didn't sit well with the American who reacted angrily on Twitter.

Soulja Boy's threat has drawn criticism from fans on Twitter who described it as reckless and dangerous, especially as Wizkid will be touring the US in the coming months.

Our ancestors didn't wear cloth- Korra Obidi defends self as she launches live video scantily dressed

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Popular dancer and singer, Korra Obidi recently got cautioned during one of her routine live videos due to her outfit and she responded accordingly.

The mother of two had appeared on live wearing a swimsuit meanwhile she was in her house and not in a swimming pool. Korra Obidi went on to converse with her fans for some minutes while eating a delicacy she just prepared.

However, in the course of the live session, a social media user faulted her courtesy of the outfit she wore. The user stated that she loves her so much but questioned Korra's African values which caused Korra Obidi to speak.

Responding, Korra Obidi claimed that right from time, Africans aren't known for wearing clothes. According to her, when her grandmother visited their house in Lagos, Nigeria, she only wore a small piece of wrapper that covered



Korra Obidi



her breast and the lower region only.

Korra Obidi went on to assert that wearing clothes and suiting up from head to toe is an idea introduced to Africans by white men and this is what's affecting most people tackling and criticizing what she chooses to wear. The US-based singer further stated that she's in her home and therefore has the ultimate privilege to dress however she likes.

In the course of this, another user asked if she would be pleased to see her children dress like her. In annoyance, Korra Obidi speedily blocked the user adding that her children will have the right to dress however they want to dress and she would have no power over them in that aspect.

She claimed that she would even be honoured if they later choose to start dressing like her.

New naira notes: whose orders will Nigerians follow?



By: **Joy Gofwen**
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The Supreme Court on the 15 February ruled that the old N200, N500 and N1000 naira notes are still recognised as legal tender in Nigeria after it had earlier restrain the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) from implementing the February 10 deadline for the use of the old notes.

Three state governments, Kaduna, Kogi and Zamfara dragged the federal government and the CBN to the apex court to halt the implementation of the extended deadline for the use of the old notes.

The three earlier governments were joined by Katsina, Cross River, Ogun, Ekiti, Sokoto, Lagos, and Ondo as parties in the suit to challenge the legality of the naira swap policy issued by the federal government through the CBN.

However, after the Supreme Court order, the federal government still insists that the February 10 deadline for the use of the old notes stands. Most



bank customers were confused as commercial banks rejected the old naira notes they wanted to deposit.

President Muhammadu Buhari however defended the new currency redesign policy in a live broadcast. He admitted the policy has caused hardship but still maintained his backing for the CBN saying the policy had achieved some success.

“I have found it necessary to address you today, on the state of the nation and to render account on the efforts of our administration to sustain and strengthen our economy, enhance the fight against corruption and sustain our gains in the fight against terrorism and insecurity which has, undoubtedly, been impacted by several internal and external factors,” his speech read in parts.

“Particularly, I am addressing you, as your democratically elected President, to identify with you and express my sympathy, over the difficulties being experienced as we continue the implementation of new monetary policies, aimed at boosting our economy and tightening of the loopholes associated with money laundering.

“Let me re-assure Nigerians that strengthening our economy, enhancing security and blockage of leakages associated with illicit financial flows remain top priority of our administration. And I shall remain committed to my oath of protecting and advancing the interest of Nigerians and the nation, at all times.

“In the last quarter of 2022, I authorised the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to redesign the N200, N500, and N1000 Nigerian banknotes.

“For a smooth transition, I similarly approved that the redesigned banknotes should circulate concurrently with the old bank notes, till 31 January 2023, before the old notes, cease to be legal tender.

“In appreciation of the systemic and human difficulties encountered during implementation and in response to the appeal of all citizens, an extension of ten days was authorized till 10th February, 2023 for the completion of the process. All these activities are being carried out within the ambit of the





Constitution, the relevant law under the CBN Act 2007 and in line with global best practices.

“I am not unaware of the obstacles placed on the path of innocent Nigerians by unscrupulous officials in the banking industry, entrusted with the process of implementation of the new monetary policy. I am deeply pained and sincerely sympathise with you all, over these unintended outcomes.

“To stem this tide, I have directed the CBN to deploy all legitimate resources and legal means to ensure that our citizens are adequately educated on the policy; enjoy easy access to cash withdrawal

through availability of appropriate amount of currency; and ability to make deposits.

“During the extended phase of the deadline for currency swap, I listened to invaluable pieces of advice from well-meaning citizens and institutions across the nation.

“I similarly consulted widely with representatives of the State Governors as well as the Council of State. Above all, as an administration that respects the rule of law, I have also noted that the subject matter is before the courts of our land and some pronouncements have been made.



“To further ease the supply pressures particularly to our citizens, I have given approval to the CBN that the old N200 bank notes be released back into circulation and that it should also be allowed to circulate as legal tender with the new N200, N500, and N1000 banknotes for 60 days from February 10, 2023 to April 10 2023 when the old N200 notes ceases to be legal tender.

“In line with Section 20(3) of the CBN Act 2007, all existing old N1000 and N500 notes remain redeemable at the CBN and designated points.

“Let me assure Nigerians that our administration will continue to assess the implementation with a view to ensuring that Nigerians are not unnecessarily burdened. In this regard, the CBN shall ensure that new notes become more available and

accessible to our citizens through the banks.” Those were some parts of president Buhari’s speech.

Meanwhile in Kaduna State, Governor Nasiru El-rufai had directed all Ministries, Departments and Agencies to continue to accept payment in both the old and new notes. El-rufai through his Special Adviser on Media and Communication, Muyiwa Adekeye, said the directive is in line with the standing order of the Supreme Court.

“In line with the subsisting order of the Supreme Court, the Kaduna State government has directed its ministries, departments and agencies to ensure that their collection agents continue to accept payments made in all denominations of naira, old and new.



“The laws of Kaduna State do not allow personnel of government agencies to be involved in cash collection of revenues. The collection agents authorised by the state government agencies do offer citizens a route for cash payments, and are expected to comply with the subsisting Court order.”

So, president Buhari is in one camp with the CBN, while governor El-rufai is in one camp with the Supreme Court while Nigerians are left in the middle without knowing whose order to follow, the Supreme Court, Buhari, CBN or El-rufai?

Roberto Mancini DEFENDS children 'blacking up' as Napoli hitman Victor

By: James Osondu
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Italy national team coach Roberto Mancini has defended Italian children who have painted their face black to look like Napoli star Victor Osimhen during carnival week in Naples.

Carnival in Naples is a celebration during which adults and children dress up as their heroes, with outfits, masks and wigs. This year Victor Osimhen is a popular choice among young Neapolitans. Italy coach Roberto Mancini has defended children 'blacking up' as Napoli striker Victor Osimhen, insisting 'where some see racism, I see only wonder.'

Sporting costumes, masks and capes, both adults and children traditionally attend the carnival dressed as one of their heroes - and this year several children chose to embody Osimhen, who has netted 20 goals in 24 matches for Napoli this season.

Hitting out at Italian culture, Neapolitan writer Sabrina Efonayi - who, like Osimhen, is of Nigerian origin - took to social media to criticise parents for allowing their children to use black face during the carnival.



Mancini has since defended the parents and children, insisting that 'where some see racism, I see only wonder'. Despite understanding why the young fans wanted to dress up in such a way, Efonayi felt it was alarming that Italians do not understand why 'blacking up' is offensive.

She said on Facebook: 'Every time a player with black skin excels in a team (in this case, Napoli), I always feel this tremendous angst over how people think he should be celebrated.

'From [Gino] Sorbillo painting his face black to



show solidarity with Koulibaly, to the children you painted brown in "honour" of Osimhen for Carnival.

'Trust me, it is not celebrating him at all. It gives me goosebumps if you think it is showing solidarity, being amusing or supportive of the Nigerian player.'

Mancini swiftly took to Instagram to hit back at Efonayi's criticism, posting an image of young fans in their Osimhen outfits.

Italy's approach to racial sensitivity has been heavily questioned in recent years, especially in relation to the popular television programme 'Tale e Quale Show', which has seen white celebrities use black-face to transform into iconic music artists and perform as them.

Sports



Amodu qualified Nigeria for two World Cup tournaments- 2002 and 2010, however he never coached at the World Cup.

In 2002, he led Nigeria to a third-place finish at the AFCON tournament held in Mali and also qualified them for Korea/Japan World Cup tournament. But he was replaced with Festus Onigbinde, who led the team to the World Cup.

In 2010, he led the team to a third-place finish at the AFCON tournament held in Angola and also

qualified them for the World Cup held in South Africa. But he was replaced with Swedish manager Lars Lagerback, who led the team to the World Cup.

On 10 June 2016, Amodu reportedly died in his sleep after complaining of chest pains.

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Shuaibu Amodu was a Nigerian player and manager who played as a forward. He played for Dumez and Niger Tornadoes but his playing career was short-lived due to injury.

As a manager, he coached the Super Eagles of Nigeria on five separate occasions. He also coached teams like BCC Lions, El-Kanemi Warriors, Shooting Stars and Orlando Pirates.

Man who couldn't read or write till 18 becomes Cambridge University's youngest Black professor



By: Gbenga Teejay Okunlola
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An autistic man who could not read or write until he was 18 has become Cambridge University's youngest-ever Black professor. Professor Jason Arday, 37, has spoken out over his struggle with autism and learning delays that left him speechless till he was age 11.

Professor Jason Arday, 37, didn't speak till he was 11 after being diagnosed with Autism. However, Mr Arday has gone through a long and tiresome journey to get to where he is today.

Therapists and career advisers predicted he would spend his adult life in assisted living and require lifelong support. He has now taken up one of the most prestigious professorship posts in one of the



Jason Arday

world's leading top universities and is the youngest Black person to do it.

He joins just five other Black professors in the institution and will become one of just 155 Black university professors in the UK, out of a total of 23,000. The sociology professor remembers being "violently rejected" when he first started writing academically. The professor from Clapham, London, said: "When I started writing academic papers, I had no idea what I was doing. I did not have a mentor and no one ever showed me how to write.

"Everything I submitted got violently rejected. The peer review process was so cruel, it was almost funny, but I treated it as a learning experience and, perversely, began to enjoy it." He was diagnosed with global developmental delay when he was a child, affecting his ability to learn how to talk and read.

Despite this had huge questions to ask the world. Prof Arday remembers thinking: "Why are some people homeless? Why is there war? I remember thinking if I don't make it as a football player or a professional snooker player, then I want to save the world." He finally learnt to read and write in his teens and became a PE teacher after studying at the University of Surrey.

Growing up in a disadvantaged area and becoming a school teacher gave him first-hand insight into the systemic inequalities that youngsters belonging to ethnic minorities faced in education. He knew he wanted to study and learn more and more but had little training or guidance to do so.

At age 27 he wrote on his bedroom wall at his parents' house: "One day I will work at Oxford or Cambridge." He remembers talking to his friend and college mentor Sandro Sandi: "Sandro told me,

'I think you can do this - I think we can take on the world and win.' Looking back, that was when I first really believed in myself. A lot of academics say they stumbled into this line of work, but from that moment I was determined and focused - I knew that this would be my goal. On reflection, this is what I meant to do.

David Alaba has been forced to release a statement explaining why he voted for Lionel Messi

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David Alaba has released a statement to explain why he voted for Lionel Messi over Real Madrid teammate Karim Benzema in the FIFA Best awards.

The Austria international captain received disgust-

ing racist abuse on his social media channels after it came to light that he had supposedly chosen Messi as his first choice for the 2022 accolade, ahead of Benzema.

But the former Bayern Munich star has now bravely responded to the abuse, explaining that his vote was not his personal choice but rather the collective decision of the entire Austrian national team.



David Alaba



Alaba said in a statement on his social media channels on Tuesday morning: "Regarding FIFA The Best Award: The Austrian national team voted for this award as a team, not me alone "Everyone in the team council is able to vote and that's how it's decided.

"Everyone knows, especially Karim, how much I admire him and his performances, and I have often said that for me he is the best striker in the world, and that is still the case. Without a doubt."

Shortly after the ceremony, the hashtag *#AlabaOut* started trending on social media on Monday night, alongside disgusting racist abuse – including multiple monkey emojis – under his posts on Twitter and Instagram.

Tinubu Visits Buhari In Daura, Presents Certificate Of Return

By: Dr. Funmi Beckley
Abeokuta, Nigeria

The president-elect, Bola Tinubu, on Wednesday visited the President, Major General Muhammadu Buhari (retd.) in Daura, Katsina State.

This was made known by the Special Assistant on Digital Communications to the President, Bashir Ahmad, on his Twitter account.

Sharing a photo of the president and the president-elect, Bashir tweeted, "President #MBuhari receives Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu



#officialABAT, the President-elect, today in Daura, Katsina State.

"Asiwaju Bola Tinubu #officialABAT just arrived in Daura, his first engagement as the President-elect, to present his Certificate of Return to President #MBuhari, and personally thank the President for his efforts and commitment to ensure a free, fair, and credible election."

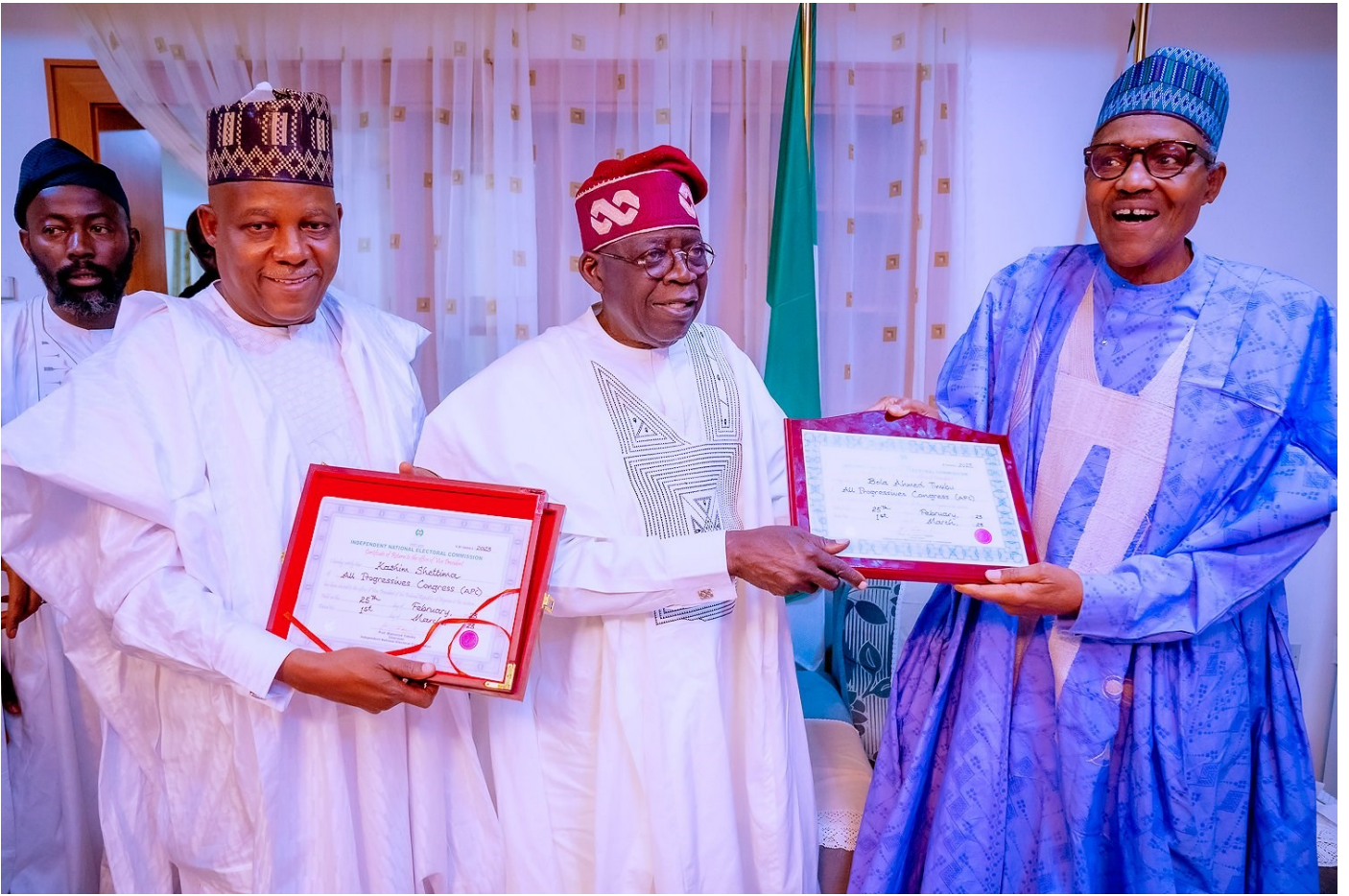
Mr Tinubu was accompanied by Vice-President-elect, Kashim Shettima and the National Chairman of All Progressives Congress (APC), Abdullahi Adamu. Others on the trip to Daura were the Governors of Kaduna, Nasir El-Rufai; Kebbi, Atiku Bagudu; Ebonyi, Dave Umahi; Zamfara, Bello Matawalle; Niger, Abubakar Sani-Bello; Lagos, Babajide Sanwo-Olu; Ogun, Dapo Abiodun, Jigawa, Badaru Abubakar and Plateau, Simon Lalong.

A-CHOICES gathered that the President-elect used the opportunity to thank President Buhari for his support during the electioneering process.

President Buhari had openly displayed his ballot paper, with thumb print of APC, before casting his vote during the presidential election on 25 February. Asiwaju Ahmed Bola Tinubu was declared the President-elect in the early hours of Wednesday by INEC, having de-



feated Atiku Abubakar of the Peoples Democratic Party and Peter Obi of the Labour Party, among other presidential candidates.







Lifestyle

From the *Brueto Clan*.

Growing up hopefully many of us had a wonderful grandmother. Mine is still my world. She teaches me culture and wisdom, how to navigate the world and most of all let's me know I'm important and makes me laugh.

My Grandmother's people started in the Ashanti Kingdom (Asante Mampong). During one of the wars, her people split from the Ashanti and became Akyems. Her ancestors were first to settle on their new lands, so they became the royals. She is from the Bretuo clan (Akans carry their lineage from the

mother) so her matrilineal ancestry determines her to be Bretuo.

She grew up without a father. Her father who was her mother's love of her life (she didn't get married again after he died) died at the age of 32. So her mother raised her and her 3 brothers on her own.

My Grandmother was the last born, her father died before she was two, she has no recollection of him. My Grandmother cooked and sold food growing up to help her mother out and be able to provide somethings for herself- she has always been industrious. Her diligent mother managed to take 2 of her elder siblings: the oldest and second born through school all the way to college. My Grandmother didn't further her education after secondary school due to funds. However she is one of the smartest women I know.

She got married young to an older wealthy man, however after her first born (my uncle) she decided she wanted to be a modern woman, so she travelled to Accra to make her life. There she met my Grandfather, got married to him and they had 4 children. My mum being the last. During this time she also started work as a customs officer and worked in customs till she retired.

My Grandmother managed to raise her children and took them through school all the way to uni-



Grandma

versity or anything they wanted to pursue. She is and will always be a force of nature. She did this while having fun, socialising and going to dances, she told me she use to do a lot of ballroom. Unfortunately things didn't work out with my grandfather and she found love again later on.

My Grandmother also has a deep love for God. She's also cheeky, funny and full of life. What I love about her the most is her ability to be fully herself without apology. She's an enigma, a complex human being that you don't really ever get to know fully.

She's a mystery in herself in a fantastic way. There's always so much to learn from her. She never allows life to get her down, no matter what she maintains her high self esteem and keeps going. Keeps expecting the best life has to offer with unwavering faith. I find it admirable.

My Grandmother use to plait my hair into cornrows and other styles when I was younger. She teaches me, history, tradition, deep twi, wisdom, sayings and tells me about her secrets to life.

It's become okay in our new African culture to discard the old, in terms of culture or grandparents as if they have nothing to offer as we head towards modernism. Yet there's nothing like the teachings of our grandparents. They are a world of wisdom of their own and they matter and deserve our love and our attention. We came from them, so let us allow them to love us and impart their wisdom.

Killer jailed after South London Dad stabbed in car park while mistaking car for an Uber

By: Linda R. Jones

Senior Writer

London, UK

Tyreece Daley was stabbed in a car park and died in hospital three weeks later. A man has been jailed for killing an ‘adored’ dad who mistook his car for an Uber. Tyreece Daley, 22, was stabbed repeatedly by Dejon Anaughe, 28, in Beckenham Junction station’s car park on April 2 last year 2022. A man has been jailed for killing an ‘adored’ dad who mistook his car for an Uber.

Tyreece Daley, 22, was stabbed repeatedly by Dejon Anaughe, 28, in Beckenham Junction station’s car park on April 2 last year 2022. Tyreece died in hospital three weeks later. Anaughe was found guilty of manslaughter at Croydon Crown Court earlier today (February 28) having previously pleaded guilty to possession of an offensive weapon.

He will be sentenced next Tuesday (March 7). Tyreece had been celebrating a friend’s birthday nearby and was finding his way home having been clubbing. He and his friends ordered Ubers to the car park and around 4.50am when his cab was meant to arrive Anaughe pulled up in a white Volkswagen Golf and got out. Tyreece and a friend thought this was their taxi so walked over to it from behind as if to get in.

King Pele and Maradona



This led to an argument and a fight breaking out before Anaughe took out a knife and stabbed Tyreece. He was stabbed in his head and heart and was rushed to hospital in a critical condition where he tragically died three weeks later. Detectives traced Anaughe's car to another man who was arrested the following day (April 3). The man arrested had been phoned by Anaughe minutes after the incident, which helped police track the perpetrator who had shaved his beard and hair in an attempt to evade police for over a week.

He was arrested at his home in Lewisham on April 10. Detective Chief Inspector Paul Langley said: “This was a horrific act of violence which claimed

the life of a much loved young father, partner, son, and friend. “Dejon Anaughe made the decision to take a knife out that night and use it in the most brutal of ways, and because of that Tyreece’s young daughter will now have to grow up without him. Officers worked relentlessly to identify Anaughe and bring him before the courts to face justice, and I hope Tyreece’s family, who we have been supporting throughout the investigation, are able to take some small comfort from the fact he’ll be spending the foreseeable future in prison.” Tyreece’s parents added: “Tyreece Daley, known

loss is almost unbearable. Life will never be the same and the world is a much emptier place without him. We miss him so very much.”



as Ty to his family and friends, was our youngest child and only son. He was the youngest sibling to three older sisters.

Tyreece was aged just 22 years when he died, he had his whole life to look forward to and he was so excited for the future. “He was an adored partner and his daughter was just 6 months old when his life was cruelly and senselessly cut short. He also leaves behind a much-loved step-son. He lived and breathed football, especially his beloved Chelsea Football Club. He touched so many lives, he spoke his truth and it was from the heart. “He lived his life with positivity and energy and those around often turned to him for advice.

He was such a support and his loss has left a void that will never be filled. “The pain we feel at his

Black American living in London who's had 'one racist experience from a white person' feels more 'segregated' here.

By: Andrew Collins

London, UK

‘There are a lot of first and second generation people in London so they’re more likely to spend time with people or identify [with] people who come from their country of origin which makes sense’ Londoner Aurora Victoria who has lived in London for the last nine months took to social media platform TikTok to share her experience of being a Black American in

the UK compared to the US in honour of Black History Month in the US [which is in February].

Londoner Aurora Victoria who has lived in London for the last nine months took to social media platform TikTok to share her experience of being a Black American in the UK compared to the US in honour of Black History Month in the US [which is in February]. Incredibly cautious throughout the entire video, Aurora discussed the idea of community and identity being different between the two countries when it comes to being Black.

Discussing the differences, Aurora said whilst every month was Black History Month, she does get celebrate the month twice each year as Black History Month in the US is in February whilst in the



UK it's in October. She said: "So I think now that I have been here almost nine months in the UK, the UK has Black History month in the October, but I get to celebrate it twice now in the year."

Talking about her experience of being a Black woman between the two countries, Aurora cautiously explained that her experience of being Black in the UK meant she saw different identities and identity groups stick together, whereas in the US being Black was a more homogeneous experience. She said: "In my experience, the one thing that is different between the UK and US, the minority experience is a lot more, communal. As a minority [in the US] we... not like stick to together but are more communal in the US.

"Whereas here I feel like it's actually more segregated. I just feel like there is a lot more camaraderie of the minority experience in the US whereas in the UK I think it's quite segregated.

"A lot of these people are first of second generation so they're most likely to spend time with people or identify [with] people who come from their country of origin which makes sense. Whereas African Americans, we are all just Black so it's just a very different type of experience."

Discussing her general experience of racism she said: "From my experience, people wonder if the US is more racist than the UK and what are your experiences like. And to be honest, I don't think that either country is more or less racist. I think it's a different type of racism.

"In regards to racist experience with white people, I think I have had one experience here that I would categorise as racist from a white person."

Madonna, 64, dumps model boyfriend to hook up with ripped 29-year-old BOXER Josh Poppe

By: Andrew Collins
London, UK

Madonna seemed to have found love once more as she cosied up to a new man following her recent breakup. The 64-year-old megastar reportedly split from her ex-lover Andrew Darnell, 23, last week after five months together.

Finding a new flame of his own, Andrew is also said to have moved on from the pop singer with someone closer to his own age. The Like A Prayer hit maker didn't waste any time putting herself back out there as she appeared to be getting closer with boxer Josh Popper, 29.

The singer was seen cuddling up to her sparring partner in a series of snaps shared on Instagram earlier this month. Claimed to be en-



joying each other's company, the pair are said to have become entangled while Josh was training her children at New York City's Bredwinners gym.

Sporting dark shades and the same floor-length



black silk coat she wore to the Grammys after-party in early February, Madonna can be seen pressing her lips against Popper's shoulder and squeezing his bulging tattooed right arm as he makes a fist at the gym.

'In a male driven culture, there are always excep-

tions,' she wrote in the Instagram story post, which followed a photo of the Material Girl embracing a punching bag captioned: 'Hard to ignore the reality... that most women get demolished.'

The photos were shared just days after Madonna was criticized for her nearly unrecognizable appearance at the Grammy Awards.

The Like a Prayer hitmaker is also now mourning the loss of her brother Anthony Ciccone, whose death on Sunday comes amid her recent breakup with Darnell.

Popper also shared the photo on his own account, where he included a second photo with his arm wrapped around the pop star, flanked by three friends as they pose outside a boxing ring.

Nigerian conman dubbed 'Fizzy' still hasn't paid back a penny to his victims eight years on

By: Linda R. Jones

Senior Writer

London, UK

Nigerian conman dubbed 'Fizzy' when he scammed pensioners out of their life savings with a fake lottery to fund his champagne lifestyle still hasn't paid back a penny to his victims eight years on.

A Nigerian lottery fraudster nicknamed 'Fizzy' because of his love of vintage champagne has not paid back any of the £5 million he stole from pensioners nearly a decade ago. Frank Onyechonam, 49, was jailed for eight years in 2014 after a jury found him guilty of conspiracy to defraud following a three week Old Bailey trial.



Onyechonam's nicknamed 'Fizzy' displayed in bank notes



Frank Onyechonam

The father-of-two swindled hundreds of vulnerable pensioners who were led to believe they had won the Australian lottery after receiving a bogus letter. Targeting mainly American pensioners, the letters were sent by a 'lottery agent' who informed them

they had won a life-changing prize and they needed to send a modest sum to release the funds.

Believing they had a stroke of good fortune, victims were hooked into paying fees to release their 'winnings' through an agent who would demand 'activation fees' to release their cash. Frank Onyeachonam, drove a Maserati and fired bubbly corks across exclusive private members clubs as he lived a life of fantastic luxury.

In some cases victims set up businesses in an attempt to receive their winnings and became unwitting money mules laundering cash from other victims. After being jailed in



Onyeachonam's Property in Nigeria

2014, Onyeachonam, formerly of Canning Town in east London, was ordered to pay back just £158,000 in terms of his realisable assets in June 2015.

Judge Alexia Durran said there was now an application from Onyeachonam's lawyer Stephen Earnshaw to vary the amount under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

Mr Earnshaw said: 'As of September 2015 Mr Onyeachonam had to pay that amount from the single asset property in Nigeria.

'The property has not been sold and full amount remains outstanding. The property was not restrained. The CPS and the NCA and those involved in the enforcement in Nigeria tried to bring about the enforcement of the asset.'

Onyeachonam remains subject to immigration bail conditions in the UK and cannot leave the country.

Mr Earnshaw told the court: 'The prejudice to Mr

Onyeachonam is that until that money is realised there are limits in terms of what he can do in terms of leaving this country and working in this country.'

Judge Durran said: 'The application to the court is to determine the property

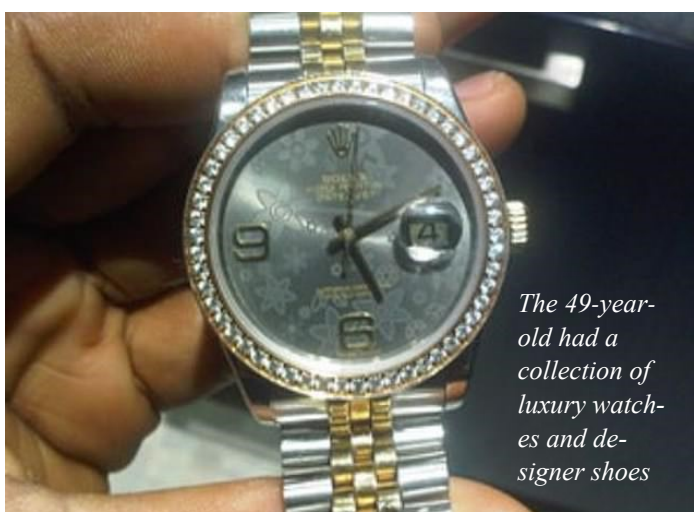
is impossible to realise and remove that as an asset.

'I have Googled the Nigerian legal system and it would seem not as digital as ours. The test is a determination of whether or not the asset is impossible to be realised. If impossible the confiscation order can be varied.

'We are waiting for the Nigerian authority to respond or process the application. I am not satisfied it is yet impossible to realise. These things take



He had been ordered to pay back £158,149 or face another three years in jail, but the amount remains to be paid.



The 49-year-old had a collection of luxury watches and designer shoes

time. The challenges of the Nigerian system, the lack of IT, paperwork may be put on the wrong file or tray, files may be lost and so on.

‘The officer in the case and those before him will continue to send documentation and it seems to me to be wrong at this stage to say the asset is impossible to realise.

‘I’m afraid the order remains in place.’

Onyeachonam was originally convicted of conspiracy to defraud between January 2005 and December 2012 and jailed for eight years.

Mikel names worst man-manager who ever coached Chelsea — not Mourinho

By: Andrew Collins

London, UK

Asked who was the worst man-manager to ever coach Chelsea during his days at the club, John Obi Mikel did not mince words in naming Rafa Benitez.

"Benitez was one of the most disliked managers by players," Mikel told Dubai Eye.

"I mean this guy's man-management skills were awful! Really awful. He never talks to you, he never communicates, he never tells you why you're not playing.

"I think that's why JT [John Terry] got him out," Mikel said laughing.



The former Super Eagles captain also disclosed the best man-manager he worked with at Chelsea and the manager eventually spelt an end to his Blues career.

"For me, Carlo Ancelotti was the best man-manager I ever had at Chelsea. The way he talks, the way he speaks to the players - you can never see him raise his voice," Mikel said.

"He passes his message across in a different way," Mikel adds.

Mikel stated that the manager who forced him out of Chelsea was Antonio Conte.

The ex-midfielder claimed Conte didn't want him to go to the Olympics to represent his country. Mikel defied the Italian manager and went to China to play the games. He did win the Bronze medal with Nigeria but as a result, Mikel was frozen out from Chelsea.



Michael Jackson's nephew, Jaafar, to play pop star in new biopic after 'worldwide search'

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Jaafar Jackson, an emerging singer/songwriter and MJ's nephew (Jermaine Jackson's son) is set to play his late uncle in a new biopic. Antoine Fuqua ('Training Day' 'Equalizer') will direct. Jaafar Jackson "humbled and honoured" after being chosen to portray his uncle in the new film, which will begin shooting later this year.



Michael Jackson



Producers of a new biopic about Michael Jackson have cast his nephew to play the late pop singer following a "worldwide search". Director Antoine Fuqua and producer Graham King said Jaafar Jackson, whose father is Jermaine Jackson, had a natural ability to emulate his uncle and bring him to life.

The official Michael Jackson account tweeted: "Have you heard the news? Michael's nephew, Jaafar, has been chosen to portray Michael in the upcoming biopic on the King of Pop!"

Lionsgate Studio said the biographical movie, called Michael, will explore "the complicated man who became the King of Pop".

The film will include "all aspects" of his life and his most noteworthy performances that set him on the path to becoming an icon in the musical world", it said in a statement.

Lionsgate did not directly address one of the most controver-



"It was something so powerful that even after conducting a worldwide search, it was clear that he is the only person to take on this role."

King was a producer on award-winning Freddie Mercury biopic *Bohemian Rhapsody*, which stars Rami Malek.

In an Instagram post Jackson, 26, wrote: "I'm humbled and honored to bring my Uncle Michael's story to life. To all the fans all over the world, I'll see you soon."

"Jaafar embodies my son," said Michael Jackson's mother, Katherine Jackson, in the news release.

"It's so wonderful to see him carry on the Jackson legacy of entertainers and performers."

Filming is due to begin later this year.



US singer Jermaine Jackson, with his son, Jaafar, left

sial aspects of Jackson's story - his trial on child sex abuse charges in 2005 and additional allegations against the singer featured in the 2019 documentary, *Leaving Neverland*.

In 2005, Jackson was acquitted by a California jury in the sex abuse case involving a 13-year-old boy.

The 2019 documentary followed the accounts of Wade Robson and James Safechuck, who claimed they were befriended by Jackson and sexually abused by him from ages seven and 10, respectively, in the early 1990s.

Jackson died aged 50 on 25 June 2009 just as he was preparing for his *This Is It* comeback tour.

While the creators of the film looked far and wide for the right person for the role, it seems their answer was closer to home.

"I met Jaafar over two years ago and was blown away by the way he organically personifies the spirit and personality of Michael," King said in a statement.

Oni of Ife Congratulates President-elect, Bola Ahmed Tinubu

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Lagos, Nigeria

The Ooni of Ife, Oba Adeyeye Ogunwusi has joined the list of dignitaries that channel congratulatory message to the President-elect of Nigeria, Bola Ahmed Tinubu on his emergence in the just concluded Presidential elections.

In the congratulatory message released on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, by his Palace Director of Media and Public Affairs, Otunba Moses Olafare, Oba Adeyeye

further described Bola Tinubu as a game changer and appeal to him not to let Nigerians and Africans down.

“Nigerians have voted for you because of your promise of a ‘Renewed Hope’ and you must swiftly from your first day in office come May 29th 2023 set the ball rolling in a manner that will further assure Nigerians of the ‘Renewed Hope’. Ooni said

“Your Excellency, I congratulate you and your amiable wife on behalf of the Oduduwa race worldwide as you have victoriously emerged as the President-elect of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

“You are indeed a man of destiny, you are a game changer and you are a progressive workaholic who has worked assiduously with right strategy and tactics justifying the merit of your recorded victory.





conomic recovery blueprint as Nigerians can not wait to be liberated from the unbearable economic hardship that has bedeviled the country in the recent times.



“As a pragmatic leader and manager of resources with adequate proven capacity to lead this country to an enviable position within the global committee of nations, please don’t disappoint Nigerians and the African people,” Ooni said.

Ooni charged Tinubu to immediately assemble a transition team of cerebral men and women to come up with an economic recovery blueprint and swiftly upon his inauguration on May 29th 2023 move into action in a way that will further assure Nigerians of the ‘Renewed Hope’

“As a tested and trusted cerebral team leader that you are, you must in a couple days present your transition team of cerebral men and women to give us an eco-

You need a godfather to play in Eagles - Ex Footballer Throws Bomb

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Lagos, Nigeria

A Former Flying Eagles defender, Kennedy Chinwo has opened a can of worms after he revealed that having footballing talent is not enough for a player to play in the Super Eagles of Nigeria.

He argued that any such player without having a strong godfather is going nowhere.

The world cup Silver medalist made this revelation in an interview with Brila FM.

“It is the dream of every player to play for the Super Eagles. However, playing in the senior national team won’t just come easy. You need a godfather to play in the Eagles. But if you don’t have, no matter your talent, you won’t be able to play.

“A few of the players who I feel should have been in the Super Eagles despite their talent were not given a chance to play in the team.”Chinwo was part of the Samson Siasia-led Flying Eagles that lost at the finals of the FIFA U-20 World Cup to



Argentina in 2005 in Netherlands. Nigerians has since been reacting to the assertions of the former footballer.

Christian Atsu: Footballer's body returned to Ghana after Turkey earthquake

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The body of footballer Christian Atsu, who was killed in the devastating earthquake which struck Turkey, has been returned to Ghana. The former Premier League player was found dead under his home in Turkey after the tragedy.

The 31-year-old had been playing for the Turkish club Hatayspor. He had also played for Ghana's national



Christian Artsu



side, and had spells at Everton and Newcastle. Club manager Fatih Ilk said Atsu had been scheduled to leave Turkey hours before the quake hit, but decided to stay after scoring an important goal for his team.

Born in Ghana, he was scouted by Portuguese club Porto at the age of 17 and signed for London giants Chelsea in 2013. A number of loan spells saw Atsu play for the likes of Everton and Newcastle, where he remained for four years on a permanent deal.



Former clubs, teammates and fans sent messages of support to the player when he was pronounced missing on February 6. Further tributes poured in following confirmation of his death.

Newcastle stated: “We are profoundly saddened to learn that Christian Atsu has tragically lost his life in Turkey's devastating earthquakes. A talented player and a special person, he will always be fondly remembered by our players, staff and supporters. Rest in peace, Christian.”



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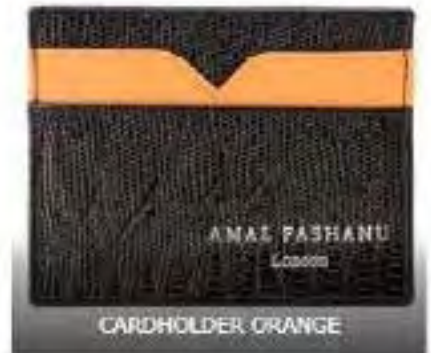
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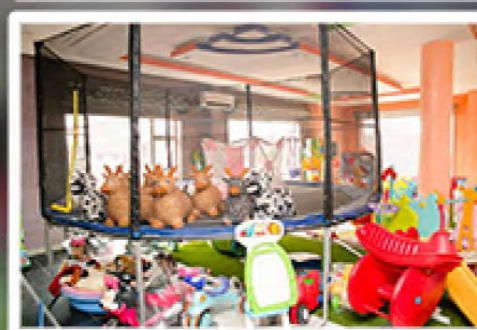
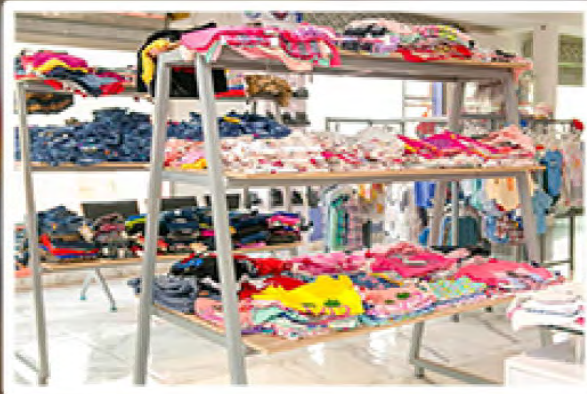
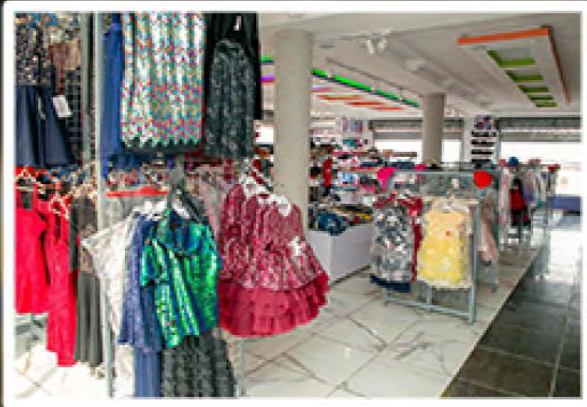
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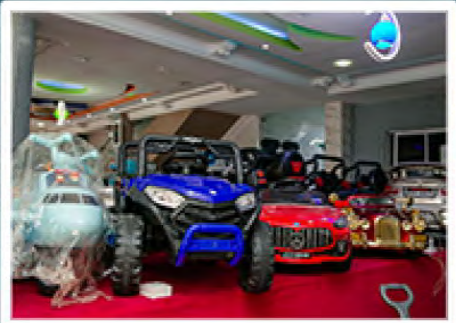
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