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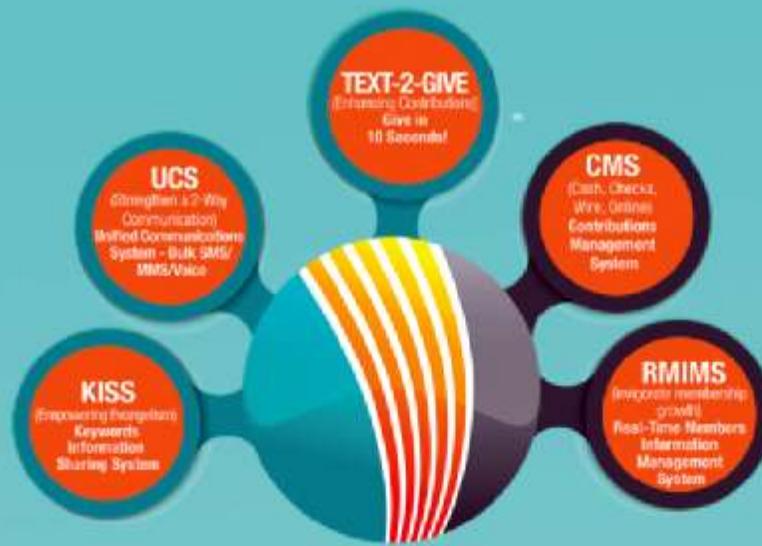
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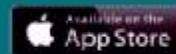
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# "WE'RE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING EXCELLENT CLEANING SERVICES IN NIGERIA" - BRIAN ORJI, MD, FELICITY PROCLEANERS

- By *Yemi Shaba*



Headquartered in the United States of America, Felicity ProCleaners, a professional cleaning outfit made a grand entry into Nigeria recently and ever since, it's become the talk of the town. The youthful Managing Director of the company, Brian Orji, in this interview, talks about its goals and aspirations.

*Q: Let's meet you*

*A: My name is Brian Oji, I am the Country's Managing Director for Felicity Pro Cleaning*



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*Q: In view of the current economic challenges in the country, how has the company been able to stay afloat?*

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*why we have resolved to give every client worthwhile value for every kobo they pay us.*

*Q: What is the company's vision for the next 5 years?*

*A: We have franchise goals. So the focus right now is building and testing our business model, customer interaction model and operations model to be able to create a brand that can be franchised across West Africa.*

*Q: How can you be reached?*

*A: The easiest way to reach us is via phone or email. You can call our customer care line on*

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# ESCAPED CHIBOK GIRLS VISIT THE WHITE HOUSE

On Saturday December 17, 2016, two of the escaped Chibok schoolgirls currently sponsored to school in the US by Education Must Continue Initiative (EMCI) were at the home of the United States President for a tour of the White House Christmas decorations. The two girls now a high school senior and a college student, were among those whose relocation to the US were facilitated by

terrorism in the northeastern part of Nigeria. According to the statement made available to African Mirror by Ogebe, who is the girls' guardian in the U.S, "This is the fourth in a series of White House visits for the Chibok girls facilitated by US Congresswoman Frederica Wilson of Florida in conjunction with Education Must Continue Initiative. Over half a dozen Chibok girls have



singing songs."

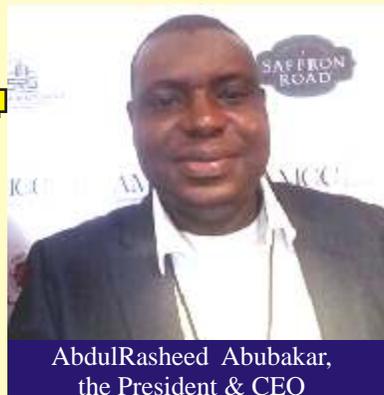
It will be recalled that on April 14-15, 2014, over 200 Chibok school girls were abducted in their hostel in Chibok, a town in Borno state in the northeastern part of Nigeria by the terrorist group, Boko Haram. Few of the girls were able to escape out of which over a dozen were brought to the United States to continue their education. In a related development, a Nigerian American schoolgirl was among the band of singers for the White House Christmas tree carols. Sixth grader,

Gracina Ogebe who is part of the US host family of the Chibok girls was separately invited with her school and to perform just days before her adoptive sisters were to visit the White House.

visited the White House in Easter 2015 and 2016 but this is the first Christmas visit." In her response, one of the Chibok girls said " it was good. The house looks amazing. They've decorated the whole house and also there are group of choir

Mr. Emmanuel Ogebe, founder of EMCI, a Nigerian NGO committed to helping victims of

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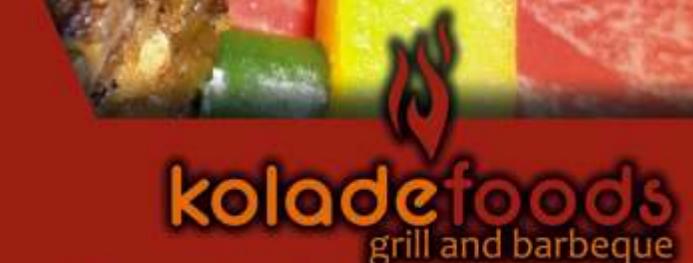
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## Publisher's Note

# The Essence of Living

There are few people in the world, who have made indelible impressions on me. One of them is Mark Zuckerberg, the co-founder and CEO of the fastest rising social networking website- Facebook. I'm thrilled, not only by Zuckerberg's achievement as the creator of Facebook, which now has over 500 million users worldwide. More than anything else, I'm impressed by this young man's large heart and burning desire to give back to the community. Not long ago, he donated an undisclosed amount to open social network project-Diaspora. This is not Zuckerberg's first foray into



**Beside their stupendous wealth, these people have one thing in common- the desire to help the needy and the less privileged.**

philanthropy, as he was also reported to have pledged a donation of 100 million dollars to Newark, New Jersey Public School System.

By this gesture, the New York-born dude has joined the league of renowned philanthropists, which boasts of the likes of Microsoft founder, Bill Gates, American billionaire business mogul, Warren Buffet and a host of others. Beside their stupendous wealth, these people have one thing in common- the desire to help the needy and the less privileged. With this, they have demonstrated in practical terms that there is more to life than amassing wealth. To this group of people, the real essence of living is to make the world a better place for all of us. It will be a much better place if you and I can also contribute our own quota, no matter how little.

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# ACROSS AFRICA

## CAMEROON

### Citizens Urged To Use Witchcraft To Fight Boko Haram



In the war on terror, guns and bombs just haven't been enough. So Cameroon is trying spells and curses too. Cameroonian President Paul Biya urged citizens to use witchcraft against Boko Haram, the Islamic State-affiliated militants who have terrorized West Africa for years. "We expect every village to have brilliant actions in this direction," said Midjiyawa Bakari, governor of the Far North region of the country, echoing the president. "We want to hear that this or that village has wiped out or limited the sect's damage through witchcraft. Fight for your country." Many viewed the move as a sign of Biya's desperation as the jihadists continue their rampage of suicide attacks, pillaging and kidnapping throughout Cameroon, as well as in Chad and Nigeria. The three countries have made headway against the group some commercial routes between Cameroon and Nigeria that had been closed due to the violence have reopened, and some of the people displaced from villages near the Nigerian border have been able to return home. But there is much more left to do. And locals in Mora, a remote mountainous district in the Far North province near Nigeria, said they would try anything to end the Islamic State's reign of terror.

After Biya's call to employ witchcraft against Boko Haram, hundreds of militia fighters rushed to sorcerers, commonly called "marabouts," to obtain lucky charms and talismans to protect them in battle. "Since I have this gris-gris, I have no problem," said Mohamad Ahmed, a gym teacher and member of a local militia in Mora, referring to a small cloth bag typically worn around the neck or wrist. Filled with supposedly magic objects and paper inscribed with verses from the Koran, Bible or other holy scriptures, gris-gris originated in Africa but are common among voodoo practitioners in the Caribbean as well.

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## Zimbabweans Envy Gambians.

### Why Mugabe Got Away With What Jammeh Couldn't

!! We need an Ecowas in southern Africa!" That was the tweeted wail from prominent Zimbabwe lawyer Fadzayi Mahere this week as she and many Zimbabweans watched events up in the Gambia with envy. Much as President Robert Mugabe is widely thought to have done in March 2008, Gambia's ex-president Yahya Jammeh lost polls in his west African nation last month and then insisted on staying put. What happened next was very different. While Jammeh has been ostracised by regional body Ecowas (its forces and troops from Senegal and other Western nations are poised for action), SADC did no such thing nine years ago. When it became clear that the Zimbabwean president was about to lose, he was allowed to stop announcing results and the country waited for five weeks for the outcome. By then the clearly-doctored

By Tommy Adebayo

results gave opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai a margin that wasn't enough for him to claim outright victory. A second round of polling was called. Ahead of that round, Mugabe's militia unleashed violence in the rural areas, killing up to 200 opposition supporters. Tsvangirai pulled out. Mugabe claimed victory. SADC remonstrated - feebly - by elbowing Mugabe into a coalition with Tsvangirai in which the ageing president retained maximum control.

Here are some of the reasons Mugabe got away with what Jammeh couldn't

#### The Gambia's opposition was united

This is quite likely the biggest factor. For the first time, Gambian opponents of Jammeh managed to rally behind a single candidate, Adama Barrow, in a coalition. "It emboldened the Gambian people because they knew that the opposition was serious about making a change," says Jeffrey Smith, founding director of @VanguardAfrica.. Zimbabwe's opposition was horribly fractured in 2008. The main Movement for Democratic Change party split acrimoniously in 2005 into the MDC-T, led by Tsvangirai



and the MDC, led by Welshman Ncube. That inevitably meant a split opposition vote and a margin that was easier to massage. The splitting isn't over yet. In recent years, former vice president Joice Mujuru has also set up a party. In fact there are an unbelievable 48-plus opposition parties registered in Zimbabwe. Analysts predict that Mugabe will almost certainly win the next polls in 2018 unless the opposition unites. Says Zimbabwean @Webster\_IM: "The Ecowas & SADCs of this world help those who help themselves. Zimbabweans & their [opposition] are doing very little to help themselves."

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Ecowas is standing firm against Jammeh in a way SADC certainly did not against Mugabe. There are several suggestions as to why this might be. One is that SADC has traditionally been led by loyal liberation-era leaders who are unwilling to see "one of their own" ousted. Zimbabwe's @sure\_kamhunga said: "SADC must use ECOWAS's solution on leaders refusing the will of the people. No more massaging despotic egos in the name of brotherhood."

#### Zimbabwe had the support of its powerful neighbour

Thabo Mbeki maintenance of what he called loud diplomacy was "no diplomacy at all". As Todd Moss of the Centre for Global Development stated: "South Africa didn't want to be seen as bullying a neighbour." Contrast South Africa's treatment of Mugabe to Gambia's neighbour-on-three-sides Senegal, which has already sent in troops."

#### Kept in the public eye

Foreign media attention on the Gambia was not confined to Election Day and a few days before, says

@VanguardAfrica's Smith. : "Over the past two years we've collectively been able to get unprecedented international attention on the Gambia. Tyrants like Jammeh... are able to get away with the crimes they do because the outside world just isn't paying attention. [But] we were able to have that much-needed international lens on the country." Sure, Zimbabwe was frequently on the foreign pages well before 2008. But all too often, foreign editors wanted the white farmer story rather than the mounting rights abuses. That kind of blinkered coverage may have allowed the Mugabe government to get away with violence, rigging and peaceful election day, at least in the eyes of some regional leaders.

So, is there any hope for Zimbabwe's opposition ahead of 2018? Mugabe and his men are certainly watching events in the Gambia with interest: Higher Education Minister Jonathan Moyo has tweeted that the swearing-in of Barrow on foreign soil sets an "awfully terrible precedent". Will Zanu-PF draw lessons from what's happening in the Gambia to make sure Jammeh's humiliation can't happen in Zimbabwe? Or will Zimbabwe's opposition and civic activists FINALLY unite? We have likely less than 18 months to find out.

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## SOUTH AFRICA

### Ruling Party Strained as Elective Conference Looms?



The approaching regional elective conference in Limpopo will test unity in the African National Congress as the race for succession continues to divide members. The upcoming conference will be a make-or-break test of the provinces once-taken for granted support for deputy president Cyril Ramaphosa as the party's president ahead of the December elective conference. The province now appears deeply divided over the succession battle between Ramaphosa and outgoing African Union commission chairperson Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma. The regional conferences will be held next month as the national succession battle intensifies. Limpopo was widely expected to back Ramaphosa, who has links to the province. However his detractors in the province have argued that this can't be a factor.

"Cyril, which branch is he from here? He said it himself that he is not from Limpopo and was born in Soweto and after completing school he went back," said a party member who asked to remain anonymous. A National Executive Committee (NEC) member lobbying for Dlamini-Zuma to take up the reins said they are closely monitoring the regional conferences, describing the battle in Sekhukhune, Waterberg, Mopane, Vhembe and Peter Mokaba as "very bad". "The divisions are quite deep, they are very bad and the regional chairpersons that emerge will determine who [between Dlamini-Zuma and Ramaphosa] has the support of the province," said the party official. There have also been claims of intimidation in the processes leading up to the regional conferences.

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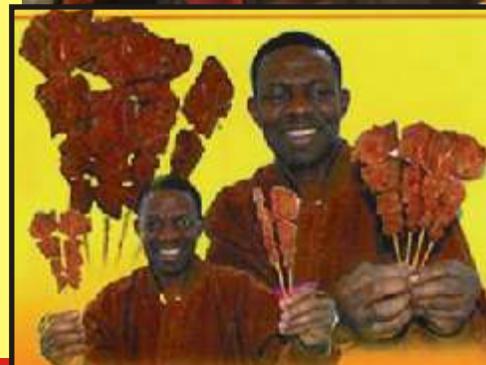
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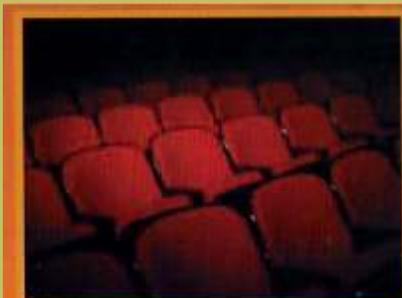


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# Life After Presidency FROM WHITE HOUSE TO BRICK HOUSE

## A Peep into the Obamas' Newly-Rented Home

United States' immediate past first family, the Obamas are trading white for brick at their newly-rented mansion in the Kalorama section of Washington, DC. Though smaller than their better-known abode, the edifice, which is now home to them is still a lavish residence in a desirable neighborhood in the nation's capital. The house, located at 2426 Kalorama Road, was built in 1928, with 8,200 square feet and nine bedrooms. It was listed for sale at \$5.3 million before going off the market in May. The Obamas will lease the home from Joe Lockhart, who served as press secretary in President Bill Clinton's White House, until their (the Obamas) younger daughter, Sasha, finishes high school. These are the pictures of the interior and exterior features of the house.

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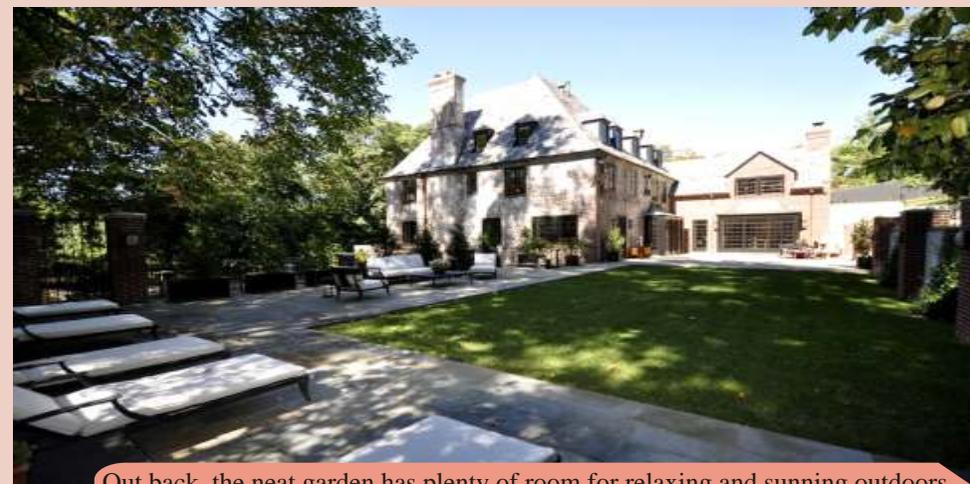
Front view of the Brick Home.



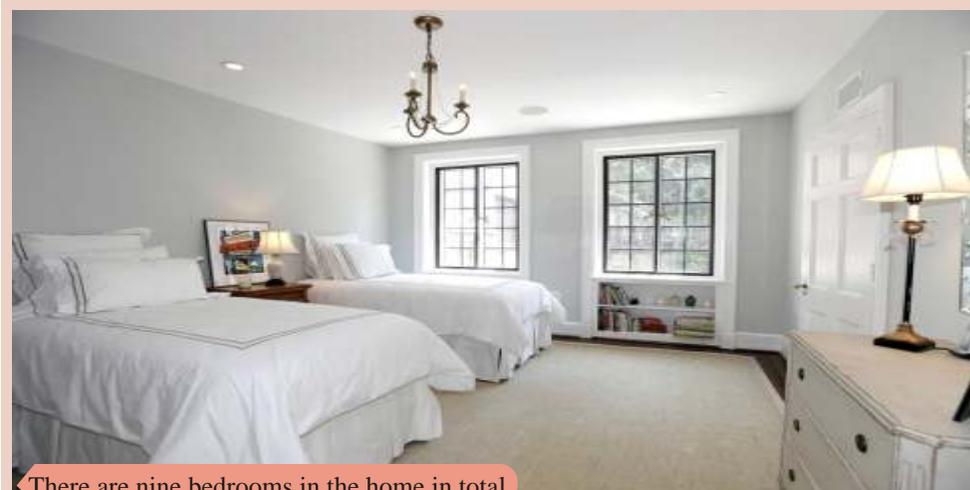
It's gated and private, though it sits close to the road.



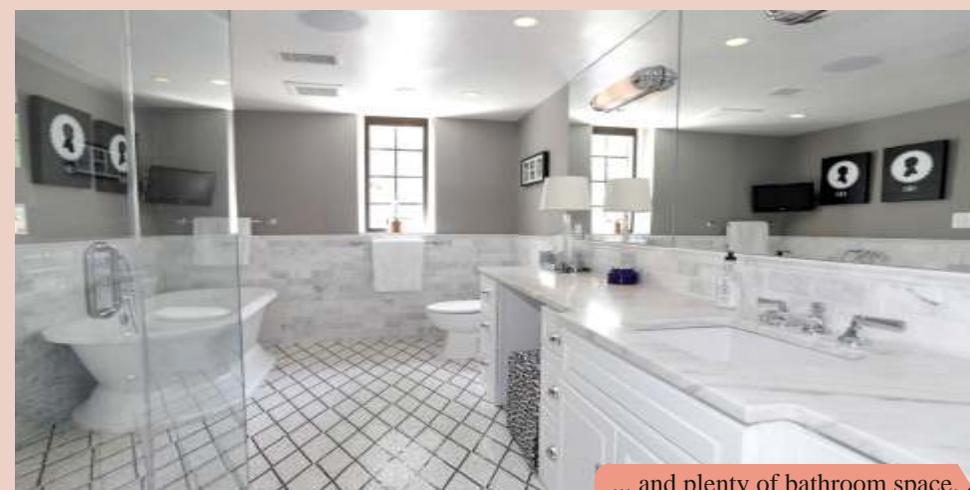
The gated driveway has plenty of space for Secret Service vehicles.



Out back, the neat garden has plenty of room for relaxing and sunning outdoors.



There are nine bedrooms in the home in total.



... and plenty of bathroom space.

# Life After Presidency. A Peep into the Obamas' Newly-Rented Home



Going inside is a bit like stepping back in time.



The living room is stately.



The fireplace and mantel lend the home a rustic charm.



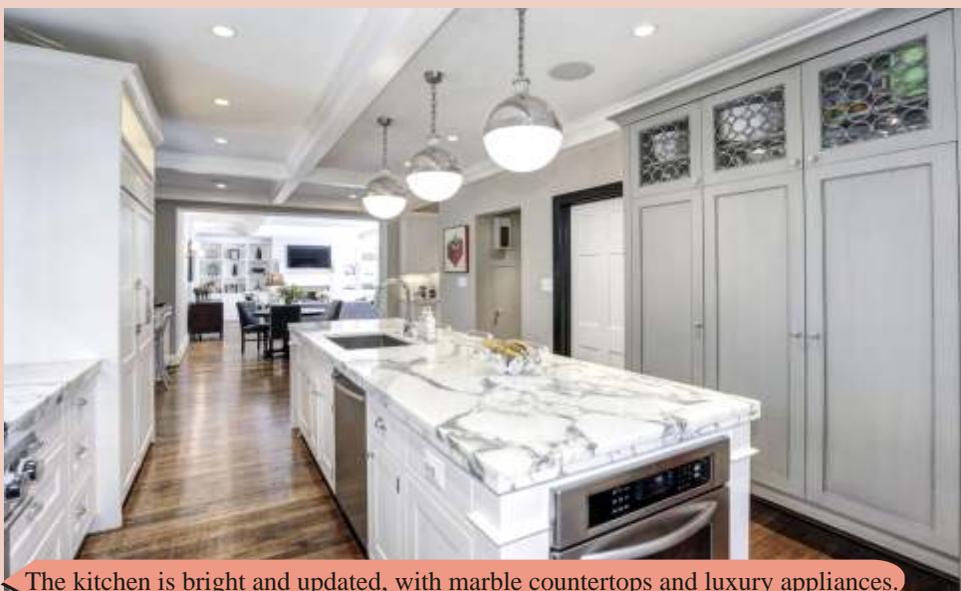
There are ample seating areas throughout the space.



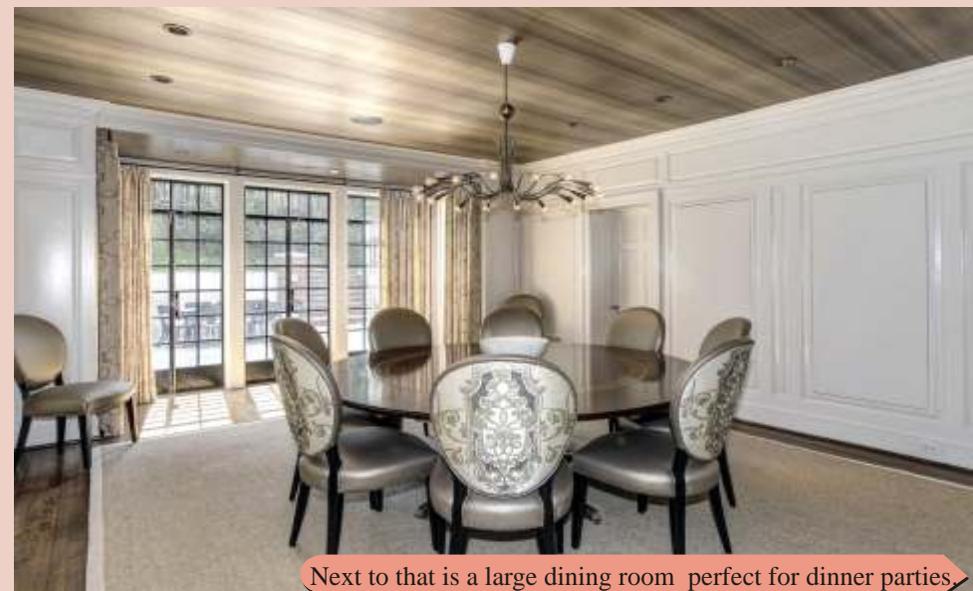
The family room has a wall of sunny windows overlooking the garden out back.



The real family room is downstairs, though.



The kitchen is bright and updated, with marble countertops and luxury appliances.



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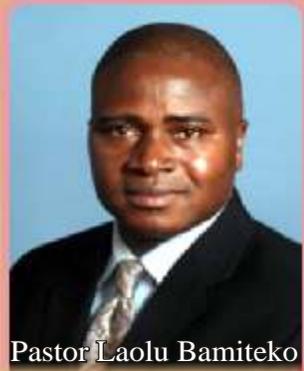
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# Yes, I am Carrying My Son's Baby in My Womb, So What?

When African Mirror was first contacted regarding this story, the editorial team had rejected the idea outrightly, even without bothering to examine the content. "Editor, there is no way we can use this story. This is bizarre, condemnable and abominable. I mean, how can you be pregnant for your son and still be excited to have such a story published in a widely-read newspaper like African Mirror. I suspect something is mentally wrong with that woman, but we don't have to be part of that insanity," one of the staff had quipped. Another member of the editorial team was about to buttress this point, when I quickly intervened. "I will suggest we give this woman a chance to tell her story. I understand some of us are looking at this issue from the moral point of view. But we have to realize that African Mirror is a forum for everybody to air their views, tell their stories and relate their life experiences. We will be violating our own rules, if we refuse to entertain this woman's story, no matter how horrible it might sound," I'd tried to convince the team. Having



successfully done that, it was unanimously agreed upon that the story be used and here it is: "I am sure many of your readers would be bewildered by my story, but I am not bothered. As we speak, I am already into the second trimester

with the pregnancy and I am trusting God for a safe delivery. As far as I am concerned, I believe I'd done what I did with good intentions. Unfortunately, I have become a laughing stock in my neighborhood and to save my face, I had to relocate, while all my phone numbers had to be changed. In spite of all these inconveniences, I still

don't have any iota of regret doing what I did and I bet I would do it again, if the same circumstance presents itself." These were the words of the 54-year-old woman, Mahlet (as she prefers to be called). She continued: "My son, Dan and I had been having running battles over his reluctance to get married and settle down. At 35, he still hadn't brought any lady home to be introduced as his girlfriend or a fiancé. He was, by all standard, one of the most eligible bachelors in town. Money was not his problem, as he was relatively comfortable. He had a good job and was being paid well. Being my only child-I had him in my teenage years, I had pleaded with him several times to get married and give me grandchildren, but he had refused all entreaties from me and other members of my family, who later intervened. He had vowed to finish his PhD before thinking about marriage, despite the fact that he knew I desperately desired grandchildren. There was nothing I didn't do to have him change his mind, but he was adamant. It was when all efforts had failed that I consulted one of my bosom friends, Harriet, who gave me an idea about what to do. It was that idea that has put me in the condition I am today.....to be continued

## MARRIED TO 2 HUSBANDS.

This 30-Year-Old Woman Reveals Intimate Details of Her Day-to-Day Relationship With Her Men

A polyandrous Zimbabwean woman, Jack Chako, (pictured above) has given details of how her relationship with her two husbands has progressed and how she enjoys sexual intimacy with them. The 30-year-old woman reportedly claimed that her life is a bed of roses, while describing how she gets maximum sexual satisfaction from the two men. Michael Hwita and Lifford Chimoto, Chako said, "We are a happy family, I live with my two husbands and we love one another. "My two husbands are best friends and they are always together. "Chimoto is the elder husband, while Hwita is the junior. "I married the second Hwita, because Chimoto is elderly and was increasingly becoming weak in bed. "They both have different roles and I love them both. "They have different strengths. Chimoto fetches a lot of firewood and cleans up the house well but he is weak in bed and weak when it comes to fending for the family. "The reason why I married a second husband is that Chimoto was starving me sexually. "Hwita is also



**"The rule is no one gets out of the room, because he is not on duty. Whoever is not on duty, just watches us at it. "I am in charge and my two husbands are now used to sleeping side by side in one bed."**

technically minded. He repairs a lot of broken goods, including cell phones and cobbles shoes too, making him bring some cash home. He is also excellent and strong in bed. "To be honest, in terms of conjugal rights I favour Hwita. He gets me there. "I only do it with Chimoto as a token. At times, I feel pity for Chimoto and give him token conjugal rights and he appreciates that. "The rule is no one gets out of the room, because he is not on duty. Whoever is not on duty, just watches us at it. "I am in charge and my two husbands are now used

to sleeping side by side in one bed; because they don't mind and they both appreciate each other for the different roles each play to the family," the mother of five, three children from a previous marriage and two from this polyandrous affair stated. Speaking further, she said, "I use some concoction to pacify my husbands. It is not a secret that I used a concoction to cow them down. I also sell this concoction to other women to cow down their errant husbands and make them compliant. "None of my two husbands wishes to leave me. Initially I only had Chimoto but I ran away from him and went to my parents' home because he was not satisfying me sexually and I was tired of stealing sex from neighbouring boys and men. But he followed and pleaded until my parents ordered me to take him back. "I then gave him a condition that I should get another man to help him in bed and he agreed. This is how I got the second one. Since then, we live happily and enjoy our life, although we know that the generality of people around us do not like it," Chako explained. The husbands, Hwita and Chimoto, on their parts, said they don't have problems taking Chako as their joint wife. Chimoto said, "I know my failings and I appreciate the decision which was taken, we have various duties and life goes on." Hwita said, "I see no problem. She loves both of us and we understand our situation. "I respect Chimoto as the elder husband because I met him here."

# AT 79, ALHAJI AFOLABI OMOTAYO REMAINS A QUINTESSENTIAL SALESMAN & HE'S NOT RETIRING ANYTIME SOON.

By Yemi Shaba.

Basic recommended age for retirement in Nigeria is pegged at 65 years. For Alhaji Afolabi Shansa Omotayo 79, a salesman, work continues as long as he is fit and able to continue selling insurance. First contact with Omotayo at the Lagos State secretariat Alausa, Ikeja gives an impression that he is a retiree who is on a routine check with his former employer. Though looking elderly, the strength and confidence beneath his petit stature caught the attention of this writer, who later requested an interview with him. According to him, he was born on August 1, 1937 to late Sanni Abudu a famous trado-medical practitioner in Central Lagos. He got his first job after his secondary school education at National high School Ebute-Meta, Lagos at age twenty-one as a Sanitary inspector with the Lagos City Council. He had earlier told his father of his interest to read Law in England because for him at that time, being a Lawyer was the ultimate. Unfortunately for him, his father discouraged him from reading Law because he believed lawyers are not fair in their practice. While working as a sanitary inspector, he secretly saved up for further education in England. Young Omotayo told his Uncle Late Kayode Fashina of his plan and he got him a (British) passport. In 1961, After three years of service at the Lagos City Council, he turned in his resignation and proceeded by Sea to England. On his arrival, he stayed with a school mate he knew in Nigeria while he launched out for a job as advised to earn a living. His first job in England was with

the West Central Post office High Holbein London. Determined to fulfill his dream, he immediately registered for General Certificate of Examination (GCE) 'A' Levels studying privately while still at work. His wife soon joined him in England and they had two girls. His marriage to his wife was cut short by his mother-in-law who requested her to come back to Nigeria. They parted way and he was left in London with his two daughters. In 1964, he left the Post Office job. His familiarity with salesmanship at that point motivated him to opt for the College of Distributive Trade Charring Cross road. To enable him practice as a certified salesman, he sat for the London Chamber of Commerce Examination and made Distinction In Salesmanship and Sales Management. To realize his age-long dream of studying Law, he enrolled as an external student at the West London College for University of London. He was able to get to the intermediate level majoring in Law of Contract because of its relevance to salesmanship and sales management. Upon his graduation in 1967, he got a job with the Investors Overseas service U.K an insurance firm in London. To augment his earnings, Omotayo said he also worked in a Dairy factory.

In 1973, he returned to Nigeria with his daughters and immediately took up a job as a marketer with Vivian Younger and Bond (VYB) a British company in Nigeria. While there, he attended management developing course on field sale management and



supervisory management VYB. Omotayo joined the American International Insurance Company (AIICO) in 1997, he is a registered Chattered Insurance agent with the Chattered Insurance Institute of Nigeria. At the moment Omotayo declared he has over 200 regular client to his credit. He attributed his success to dedication, honesty and true representation of the Insurance company to his client. His soaring performance as an insurance agent earned him an award as the second leading persistent agent in Nigeria in 2001. Asked how his client perceives him considering his age. He attest to enjoying warm reception from the first meeting claiming his age has been of tremendous advantage because some of his clients get drawn to him out of curiosity, W

He is of the view that organizations in Nigeria should consider taking up older people such as retirees who are still physically and mentally fit for employment because of their wealth of experience. He looks forward to partnering with interested organization training young unemployed people in insurance salesmanship as his own contribution.



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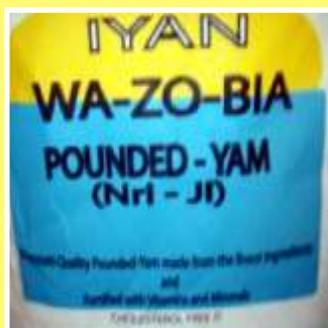
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# ANALYSIS OF PRESIDENT TRUMP'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS ON IMMIGRATION

President Donald Trump announced a pair of executive orders on immigration on Wednesday January 25, 2017, that served as a notice of intent to fulfill some, if not all of his most extreme campaign promises on the subject that was the centerpiece of his run for the White House. The highlights of the plan, which was announced in a speech at the Department of Homeland Security, include the following:

The homeland security secretary will “take all appropriate steps to immediately plan, design, and construct a physical wall along the southern border, using appropriate materials and technology to most effectively achieve complete operational control of the southern border.”

“Identify and, to the extent permitted by law, allocate all sources of Federal funds” for said wall. (What those funds are is TBD, but the Trump administration has continued to repeat his absurd promise that Mexico will reimburse us for it.)

The homeland security secretary is supposed to take actions to ensure the “detention of aliens apprehended for violations of immigration law.” That sounds as though it means all 11 million undocumented immigrants in this country.

However, the policy prioritizes deportation of a long list of undocumented immigrants who have “been convicted” of a crime; “been charged” with a crime, “where such charge has not been resolved”; have committed acts that “constitute a chargeable criminal offense”; “have engaged in fraud or willful misrepresentation in connection with any official [government] matter or application”; have “abused” public welfare programs; have been subject to final order for deportation but not complied; and finally “[i]n the judgment of an immigration officer, otherwise pose a risk to public safety or national security.”

To enforce these deportations, the administration is planning to hire a force of 5,000 new border agents and 10,000 new immigration officers. Or, a “deportation force” if you will. The executive action empowers local and state police to “perform the functions of immigration officers in relation to the investigation,

apprehension, or detention” of undocumented immigrants. Basically, local cops will now be immigration enforcement officials.

It creates a weekly report of “a comprehensive list of criminal actions committed by aliens and any jurisdiction that ignored or

says! “The Secretary has the authority to designate, in his discretion and to the extent consistent with law, a jurisdiction as a sanctuary jurisdiction,” one of the orders reads.

Taken as a whole, it's hard to say how much of the



otherwise failed to honor any detainers with respect to such aliens.” So, an undocumented immigrant crime report/sanctuary city shame list.

It establishes a special “Office for Victims of Crimes Committed by Removable Aliens.”

It cuts off federal funds “except as deemed necessary for law enforcement purposes by the Attorney General or the Secretary” for so-called sanctuary cities that do not enforce federal immigration law.

On this final point, what qualifies as a sanctuary city? Whatever the homeland security secretary

orders the president will actually be able to enact, but it does make the Trump campaign's ugliest rhetoric around immigration official government policy, from building a wall to creating a deportation force, to threatening cities that attempt to practice more humane immigration policies. For 11 million undocumented immigrants living and working in this country and anyone who cares about them, it feels like a terrifying day. © Slate

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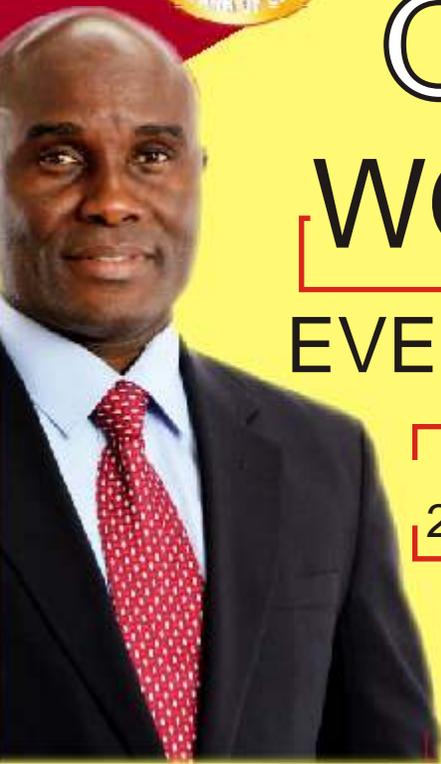
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