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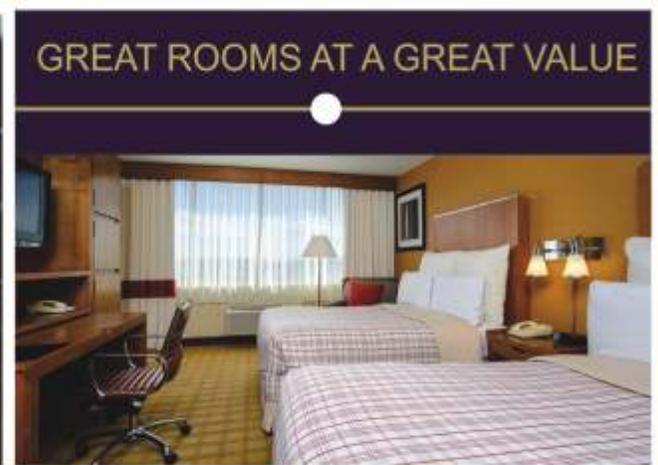


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family and I left the place upon my father's transfer to Lagos. It has always been my desire to give back to that community and that is why I have started this foundation. The foundation's goal is to support indigent students and also empower the youth and the women, especially, widows, within the local government area through scholarship and skills development. The foundation is also committed to improving the welfare of the less privileged

U.S-based upwardly- mobile accountant cum entrepreneur, Temitope Aina, spoke to us about his age-long desire in this interview.

Analyst. I left Verizon after six years and decided to start my own company registered as Afrozenith LLC.

Q: Please tell us about yourself.
 A: My name is Temitope Johnson Aina (aka Aroyi) My parents are the Very Revd Joseph Ajekigbe Aina and Mrs Cecilia Olufunmilayo Aina. I am married and we are blessed with 3 wonderful children. I had my first degree in Accounting from Nigeria, my second degree in Finance from Kean University, New Jersey, USA and an MBA from Strayer University in Roswell Georgia also in the U.S. I began my career as an Assistant Accountant with Methodist Church of Nigeria's Headquarters in Marina Lagos. I relocated to the United States of America in 2004, where I was privileged to work with Verizon Wireless first as a Treasury Assistant and later as a Treasury

Q: What is the name of your foundation, when was it founded, what motivated you to establish it, what are the goals and objectives?
 A: *Tope-Aroyi Foundation* is an NGO duly registered in year 2015 with the Corporate Affairs Commission of the Federal republic of Nigeria with Registration No: CAC /IT/No 78969. It has its head office at No1 New Town Street, off Apapa Rd, Ebute Metta Lagos State of Nigeria. My motivation to start the foundation came from what Ijero Local Government offered me



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during my secondary school education. The local government had started a program that offered financial support to the best

people in the area.

Q: You are based in the united states of america. How do you intend to run the foundation, since it is based in Nigeria?



A: The foundation is blessed with wonderful, dedicated and committed individuals, most of whom are based in Nigeria.

Q: What are the foundation's immediate plans?

A: We will be having the official launching of the foundation in April. During the program, we plan to award 70 students across the local government some funds that will cover their WAEC fees.

student in each of the schools in the area. I was lucky to have been picked from my school and I enjoyed the program for 2 full years, before my

Q: What challenges do you foresee for the foundation?

A: Like every other organization, funding might be a challenge in the future. This is why we have been appealing to kind-hearted Nigerians for more financial and material support.



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Immigrant Community in U.S Terrified By 'The Don' As Nigeria's Pop Icon, Tuface's Brother is Deported - By Stanley Kprake

Fear, anxiety and apprehension. These are the words that best describe the general feelings within the immigrant community in the United States, since the emergence of the billionaire businessman, Donald Trump as the country's new Commander-in-Chief. Many of the immigrants, who spoke to this reporter admitted to suffering from a newly-coined psychological ailment described as Trump-induced Anxiety Disorder by Sam Friedlander, a writer and director, who worked on the dishy summer medical drama "Royal Pains."

Their anxiety, they unanimously agreed, were not unconnected with the apparently hostile disposition of the new president towards the foreigners living in the country. Said Ebo Opoku, a Virginia-based Ghanaian-American, "the sight of Donald Trump terrifies me to the extent that I no longer watch cable news because there is no way his picture will not pop up in the news. And this has nothing to do with my immigration status, because I am an American citizen. I wonder what would be going on in the minds of the so-called undocumented immigrants, if I could be feeling this way. That man is filled with so much hatred for foreigners and that is scary." In the words of Silas (surname



withheld), a Liberian asylum seeker, "we (referring to asylum seekers) are the worst victims of these executive orders signed by the president. My application, like several others, is still pending and with the ways things are going, our fate remains unknown." Another member of the immigrant community and a naturalized American citizen, Janet Ochieng (originally from Kenya) stated that she didn't believe that President Trump is after the undocumented immigrants only. "This man doesn't like foreigners generally, he is xenophobic and I am afraid he will go to any length to get rid of us, if he has his way. Already, there has been immigration raids, deportations and profiling. This is not the America that we used to know, things are already changing for



Hyacinth Idibia

the worse. I can only appeal to our people to be careful." Even those who voted for Trump within the immigrant community are now beginning to regret their action. According to Essam Abdelmotallab, a Sudanese American: "I've always supported Donald Trump and I voted for him during the election. I know there were lots of other immigrants, who also supported and voted for him. I felt sad, when I eventually found out that the name of my native country, Sudan is included in the list of the banned countries. I didn't vote for him, so that he



Essam Abdelmotallab

could blacklist my native country. It's not every Sudanese that's bad."

However, Hyacinth Idibia, the younger brother of Nigerian-born pop star, Innocent Idibia, aka 2Face, has been denied entry to the U.S. Idibia, who, we learnt, has been living with his wife and children in Woodbridge, Virginia since 2012, was said to have travelled to Nigeria and upon his return, he was stopped, questioned for some time and denied entry by the officers. He was said to have made frantic calls to some friends, before he was finally sent back to Nigeria.

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Publisher's Note

***A Tale of Two Presidents:
 One Cares, The Other Scares***

United States' immediate past president, Barack Obama and the incumbent, Donald Trump, may forever remain the two presidents, whose legacies may endure longer than anyone else, who had held that most exalted office in the country. This is not on account of their performance, but because of what could be referred to as the hallmark of their respective administrations. For instance, the hallmark



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policy by his political opponents, the former president had stated, albeit, sarcastically that the Affordable Care Act was given the nickname-ObamaCare, because he really cared.

Even if the program is repealed today, it still won't stop the people's perception of Obama as the one who truly cares.

On the other hand, the hallmark of President Trump's administration

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of the Obama's eight years in office is his healthcare policy, which gave birth to the Affordable Care Act, otherwise known as ObamaCare, which has succeeded in portraying him (Obama) as a caring person. In a response to a barrage of criticisms of the

might end up being the immigration policy. His way of unilaterally implementing this policy via his executive orders, in the first few days of his administration, has sent chills down the spines of every immigrant in the country. Trump's actions regarding this policy have unleashed unprecedented atmosphere of fear, anxiety and trepidation, a phenomenon that has led to a coinage of a new lexicon, TrumpScore, which is our lead story in this edition. Many thanks to the creative ingenuity of one of Africa's finest artists and multiple award-winning cartoonist, Adeiwale Adenle, who volunteered to do the artist's impression of the new sheriff in town.

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Mandela Assassination Plot 'Covered Up', High Court Hears

The investigation into a suspected plot by cops to kill former president Nelson Mandela at his 1994 inauguration was "covered



up," it emerged in the Western Cape High Court recently. This was despite a handcrafted gun, meant to have been used in the assassination, being found in a national police office at the time. "That investigation went nowhere," Major General Andre Lincoln testified weeks ago. He also said there was a push by certain police officers to stifle the investigation into the planned assassination. Lincoln was testifying in a case in which he is claiming R15m in damages from the minister of safety and security (now the minister of police). He also wants judgment passed over, what his legal team has termed, the "malicious investigation and instigation of prosecution" against him.

This case commenced on recently. Lincoln testified that one of the major investigations he was involved in was a probe into "the attempted assassination plot against the president (Mandela)". "That investigation was totally covered up... the handcrafted rifle that was going to be used was hidden under the desk of a senior police officer in Pretoria," Lincoln said. "We reopened the investigation with lots and lots of resistance". That was one of the investigations that was ultimately taken away, it went nowhere." He said, in order to retrieve the handcraft rifle meant to kill Mandela, a search order had been obtained from the High Court in Pretoria - the first time such an order had been granted in South Africa for police to search their own colleagues.

In 1996, Mandela had appointed Lincoln to head a special presidential investigative task unit, which would operate separately from the police and report to Mandela, former deputy president Thabo Mbeki and then minister of safety and security Sydney Mufamadi. Lincoln was tasked with, among other matters, investigating Cape Town-based Italian mafioso Vito Palazzolo and his links to government officials, police and businessman. During an opening statement in the matter on Monday, Lincoln's advocate Johann Nortje said Lincoln had also been appointed to head a covert intelligence operation dubbed Project Intrigue. Nortje said information supplied to the presidential task unit included that there was a plot to assassinate Mandela at his inauguration in 1994

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GHANA

PPP Reveals its Readiness for a Merger towards 2020 Elections

The Progressive People's Party (PPP) has announced its readiness to merge with other political parties in a bid to form an alternative political force in the country ahead of the next election in 2020. The National Chairman of the PPP, Nii Allotey Brew Hammond, at a press conference said they have commenced negotiations with some political parties to create a political alliance that will provide a formidable and



feasible option for time," he said.

Ghanaians. "The National Committee has authorized party leaders to approach other political parties, pressure groups and individuals with the aim of bringing forces together to forge a united front in the shortest possible time," he said. Brew Hammond explained that, the party is taking such a decision because results from the December 7 general elections show that "Ghanaians want an alternative to the political parties that have won elections since the beginning of the Fourth Republic, but they want to see a united front that is formidable and one they can feel can win elections."

NIGERIA

Egbe Obokun of Ijesaland Completes Another Landmark Project

Egbe Obokun of Ijesaland, Baltimore/Washington Chapter in the U.S, has announced the successful completion of the fourth borehole water system in their homestead for the people of Isolo-Ijesa in Oriade Local Government on March 14, 2017." The President of the organization, Femi Oshobukola,



Femi Oshobukola -President



Foye Adedeji -Gen. Sec.

and General Secretary, Foye Adedeji, revealed over the weekend that the association had constructed boreholes in four of the six local governments in Ijesaland. They also said that the body, which was established in 1994 by Ijesa diasporans in the Washington Metropolitan area, had given various scholarships to Ijesa students. They explained that the association was registered under 501(c) (3) as non-profit organization exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. According to Oshobukola and Adedeji, the aims and objectives of the group focus mainly on all the towns and villages in the six local governments of Ilesa East, Ilesa West, Atakumosa East, Atakumosa West, Oriade and Ibokun. "The organisation has also contributed towards hospitals by providing hospitals in Ilesa with supplies and mattresses. It also carries out local community works and charitable activities in the Washington Metro area yearly. The organisation was established with the goal of adding value to their native land, Ijesaland and improving the quality of life of natives and their descendants," they emphasised about their association, which is a member of The National Council of Egbe Omo Obokun of Ijesaland, North America with chapters in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Florida, Houston, New York and Richmond.

ETHIOPIA

Rubbish Dump Landslide Death Toll Rises



The death toll following a landslide at a rubbish dump in Ethiopia which was home to hundreds of poor families has now risen to 113. The disaster at the Koshe Garbage Landfill, on the outskirts of the capital Addis Ababa, occurred on Saturday (12 March) and destroyed makeshift houses at the site. Rescue operations are continuing and many are still missing, raising fears that the death toll could increase. Parliament has declared a three-day period of national mourning. Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn and President Mulatu Teshome conveyed their condolences for the victims, the news agency Fana Broadcasting Corporate (FBC) reported. Diriba Kuma, mayor of Addis Ababa, said works were underway to rehabilitate those affected by the landslide. He also called on donors to help the administration. It is believed that at least 106 households, nearly 300 families, have already been relocated from the garbage dump site. Koshe has been a dumping site for Addis Ababa for more than 50 years and has seen smaller landslides in the past.

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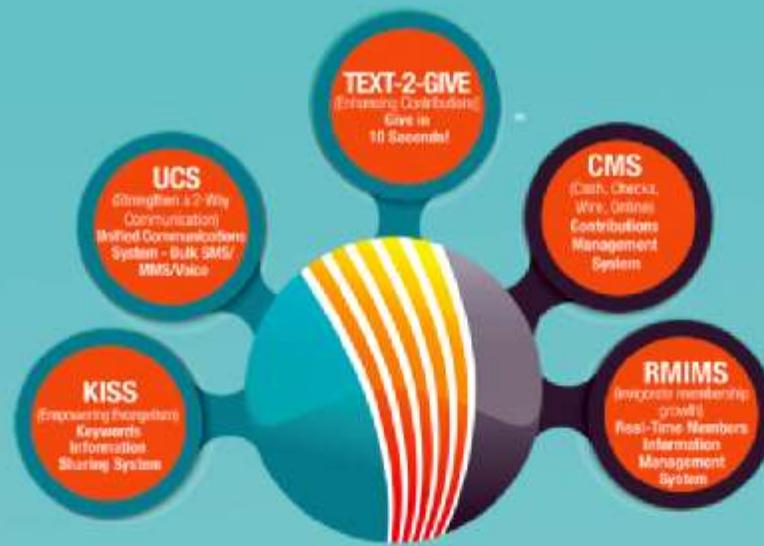


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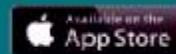
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Yes, I am Carrying My Son's Baby in My Womb, So What?

Harriet, my very good friend, had suggested I 'hook' my son up with her daughter, Margaret, who, for a long time, had also been having difficulty getting married. Like Dan my son, Margaret too had refused all entreaties from her mom and the family to settle down. Even though, she wasn't the only child of her parents, her mom was still worried sick that at her age she still hadn't brought any man home as either a boyfriend or a fiancé. To worsen it, there was a speculation that Margaret appeared to be more attracted to females, but that could not be substantiated. My friend's suggestion made a lot of sense to me and together, we mapped out the strategies to match-make Dan and Margaret. Initially, we thought

about telling them, but knowing the kind of persons Dan and Margaret were, my friend and I knew that

friends, my son and her daughter had only met once and that was a long time ago. I even doubted it, if they would recognize each other if they had met on the street. My friend and I believed that the fact that Dan and Margaret were not familiar with each other would be an advantage and it sure did. The two of them just took to each other chatting and giggling like two lovebirds. My friend and I were overwhelmed with excitement, when at the end of the party, we saw them exchanging phone numbers. Not long after, I began to notice some changes in my son, every time he came to visit me and it wasn't too long before I realized he had fallen in love. My friend told me the same thing about her daughter. My son and my friend's daughter courted for about 2 years, before they eventually got married. Their wedding day was the happiest day of my life, but that happiness did not last for too long.....*to be continued*



might be a turn-off for both of them. We then agreed to adopt the second option, which was to organize a parlor party at my house and invite the two of them. Even though, Harriet and I were good

about 2 years, before they eventually got married. Their wedding day was the happiest day of my life, but that happiness did not last for too long.....*to be continued*

Corrupt Govt. Official Buried With \$5,700 to Bribe God on Judgement Day

The hereafter or meeting the Creator on Judgement Day, is without a doubt a spine-chilling thought. This was the terror-provoking imagination that tormented a former Public Service officer who saved more than Shs200 million to bribe God on Judgement Day, so He could forgive his earthly sins. Charles Obong, 52, who worked as a senior personnel officer in the ministry of Public Service in Uganda from 2006 to 2016, reportedly wanted to use the cash to redeem his soul before God. Obong died on December 17, 2016, after a long illness and was buried at his ancestral home at Adag-ani village, Bar-pii parish, Aromo Sub-county in Lira District, on Christmas Eve. Obong was buried in a metallic coffin estimated to have cost Shs20m. The Aromo Sub-county chairman, Mr David Elic, said his brother-in-law had left behind a Will, dictating that upon his death, his wife Ms Margaret Obong should deposit huge sums of money in his coffin. He planned to convey the money to God as an offertory so that the Almighty Father could forgive his sins and save him from hellfire. He reportedly also instructed his brother Justin Ngole and sister Hellen Aber to bear witness to ensure his wife



follows his testament to the letter and secure the money in his coffin. But relatives and local leaders who attended the deceased's sendoff said the Will was mute on the sins Obong wanted to make amends for as he served in public office, including at the Public Service ministry. Public service has been engulfed in pension scam scandal which cost government about Shs257 billion. The money was stolen by senior government officials. But Mr Obong's Will was

violated as his body was exhumed last Saturday and the money withdrawn from the grave and his would-be planned penitence before God frustrated. Somehow, Mr Obong's clan members of Okii me Okabo, got wind of the planned heavenly restitution and forced his wife to reveal everything during a heated meeting at the home of the deceased's father, Mr Meceli Ogwal. Obong's wife reportedly confessed that her husband had told her to bury him with huge sums of cash, which he would carry to heaven to offer God on Judgement Day. Ms Obong, however, declined to reveal the sums of money her husband asked he be buried along with. Ms Obong further stunned clan elders when she said her husband had also instructed her to ensure Mr Ngole, her brother-in-law, and Ms Aber, her sister-in-law, should witness her placing the money in the coffin. The witnesses (Mr Ngole and Ms Aber) also confessed that their brother was buried with countless sums of money. The widow, who had hired funeral services from Kampala to open up the grave to put in more money, revealed she had in her possession another Shs180 million which she intended to stash in the coffin. During the Saturday's meeting, the Okii of Okabo clan chief, Mr Mike Gulu, ordered the exhumation of the body forthwith. And when the clan members started exhuming the deceased's body, Ms Obong refused to hand over the Shs180 million top-up and reportedly sped off in her car towards Lira Town.

AMBODE, FASHOLA'S FACE-OFF U.S.-Based Lagos State Indigenes React - By Niyi Adebayo

Since he came into the office, Ambode has been trying to do everything to erase Fashola's legacy and possibly denigrate his integrity. If care is not taken, his uncharitable utterances against Fashola, who still has

Lagos state indigenes living in the United States have reacted to the face-off between the state's governor, Mr Akinwunmi Ambode and his immediate

Hakeem Bello, Mr. Fashola said his "response is to ensure that members of the public are not misled by deliberate or inadvertent mis-statements" of the Lagos governor. The minister explained that the



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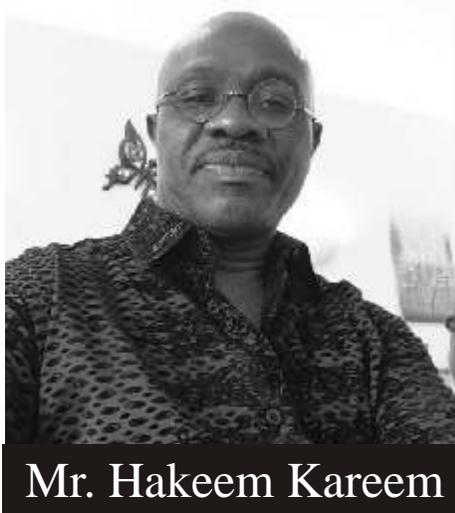
his loyalists in the state, might be his albatross. According to Dr. Jay Arominre, president of Eko Club of Delaware Valley: "Ambode's allegation, the way it was put out there was not right. That's called 'cheap shot' and it's all politics. He is probably trying to rubbish Fashola to massage the ego of his political godfather, Bola Tinubu, who put him in office." In the words of Mrs Tejumade Alex, a Texas-based Lagosian, "Ambode is just being vindictive and petty. I have read a lot of propaganda about the achievements he's been claiming to have recorded. I even read recently that his achievements since he came into the office less than 3 years ago, have already surpassed those of Fashola in 8 years. This is cheap propaganda. I have not seen any spectacular thing he's achieved since he got there. All we hear is noise from his 'spin doctors.' Ms. Clara Oguama, a New York-based Social worker, who claimed to be a Lagosian by birth, admonished the governor to tread softly. "My advice to Ambode is just to be careful about the way he treats his predecessor, because he too would have a successor one day. Whatever treatment he gives to Fashola, whoever succeeds him would also give him same treatment."

Another prominent indigene of the state, a medical practitioner based in Maryland, Dr. Abiodun Azeez said: "Ambode must have mis-spoken by attributing his inability to perform some of his responsibilities to his predecessor. He must have done that to make himself look good. However, people need to know that it's all politics. Ambode and Fashola still operate under the same forum. They still meet regularly and I don't think people should take this issue serious. You will recall that when Ambode wanted to commission the Mile 12- Ikorodu road few months into his administration, he invited Fashola as a special guest of honor. That should tell everyone that these people are not sworn enemies as some people may want us to believe."

predecessor, Babatunde Fashola, who is now the Minister for Power, Works and Housing in Nigeria.

Governor Ambode had reportedly accused the Federal Ministry of Works of frustrating

some of his plans in Lagos State. The governor had accused the federal ministry of two things: failure to allow the state government rebuild the Oshodi road that leads to the Lagos Airport and failure to ensure the proper handover of the Presidential Lodge in Lagos to the state government as directed by President Muhammadu Buhari. The Works minister, Babatunde Fashola, who is Mr. Ambode's predecessor as Lagos governor, had denied the allegations. In a statement by his spokesperson,



Mr. Hakeem Kareem

request of the Lagos government to take over the Oshodi-airport road, as well as three other federal roads in the state, was still being discussed at the Federal Executive Council. "Federal Executive Council Memorandum are debated and commented upon by all members and in cases of roads, surveys, maps and other material have to be provided to assist members understand the location and connectivity of the roads, (in this case Four roads), in order to assist how they vote on the Memorandum," Mr. Bello said. On the presidential lodge, Mr. Fashola's aide said it was currently being run by the presidency and that his ministry was working with relevant security officials for the handover. Meanwhile, some U.S.-based indigenes of

Lagos state, who have been following the situation have reacted with divergent views. Mr. Hakeem Kareem, the incumbent president of the Eko Club of Washington Metro has described the reported face-off as being very bad. "I believe Ambode has just been trying to undermine Fashola. I believe the unfounded allegations are Ambode's ways of getting back at Fashola for what transpired between them in the past. There is no doubting the fact that Ambode is unforgiving and he has been looking for every opportunity to get his own pound of flesh.



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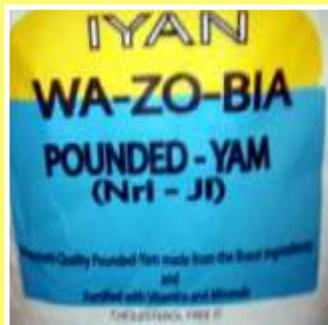
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Nigerians in Diaspora Set to Form Political party

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instrument of positive change through non-ethnic, non-corrupt and non-biased collaboration between all Nigerians in the diaspora and those back home. The group's protom Deputy Secretary General in the U.S., Ms Patience Key Ndidi, we reliably gathered, has now been charged with the responsibility of coordinating issues related to membership. In a brief chat with her, she revealed that the group is presently in the process of building a solid structure and formulating the manifesto and policy thrusts.

ALLEGATION OF 'SHARP PRACTICES' TRAILS FIDELITY BANK

One of the managers in the South-western region of Fidelity Bank of Nigeria has debunked the allegation of 'sharp practices' levelled against the financial institution in a message being circulated on the social media. The message, titled 'Customer Alert,' which was also forwarded to African Mirror, alleges that the bank's 'Letter of

fact, they are being committed beyond the said single transaction. The message, however, advices customers not to sign any document issued by the bank, without a professional review by a lawyer or an accountant. In his response, the manager (who sought anonymity), said he didn't know what could have warranted the allegation. "We give loans out daily and our customers are happy. The only thing that could commit a customer beyond one transaction is what bankers call 'Letter of Set-off.' This implies that if you have a loan that has matured and you didn't pay, the bank can use balances in your other accounts (in the bank) to liquidate it. This is the same procedure in all banks."



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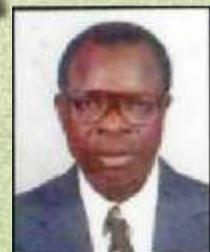
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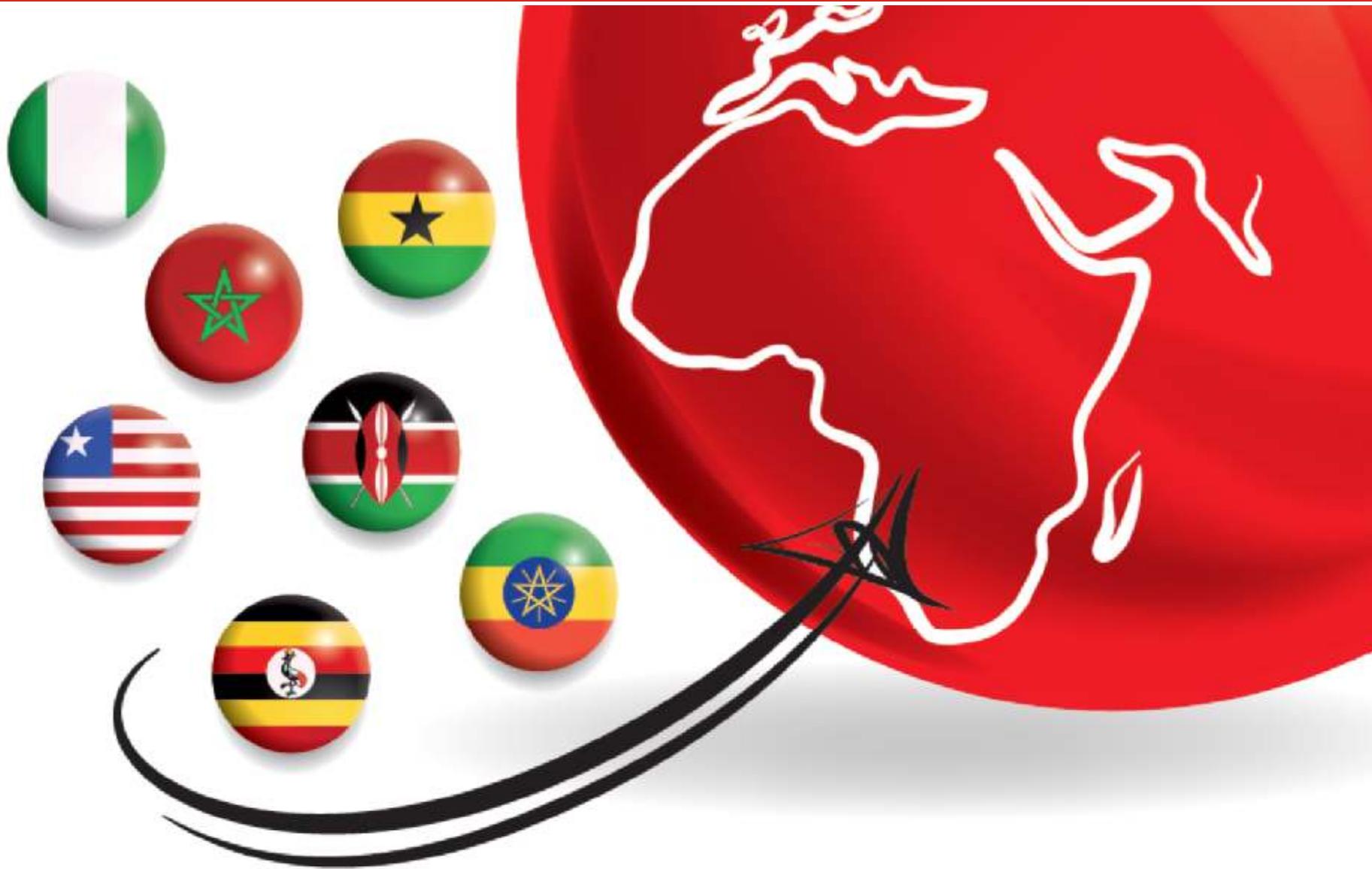
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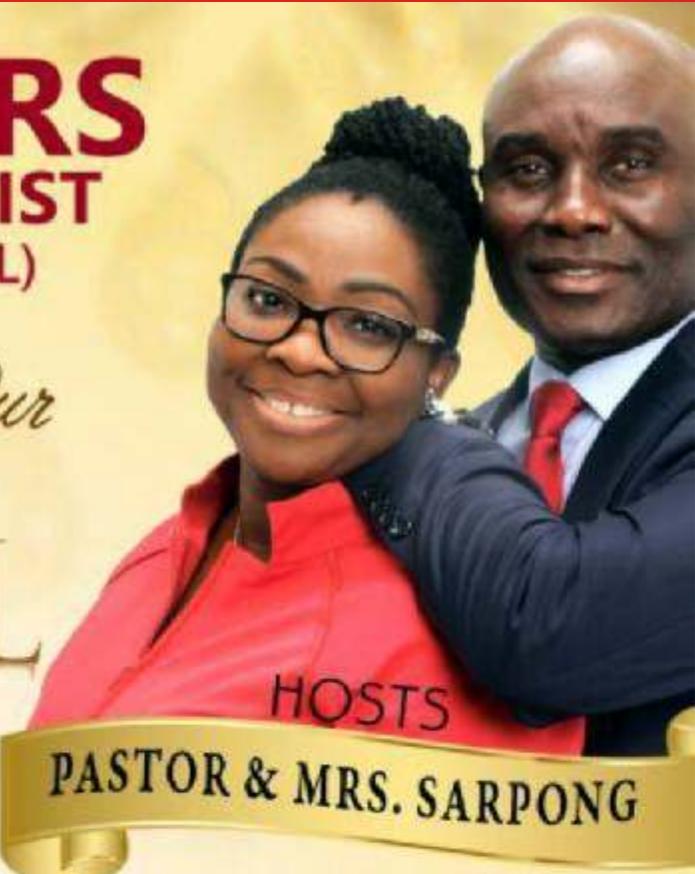
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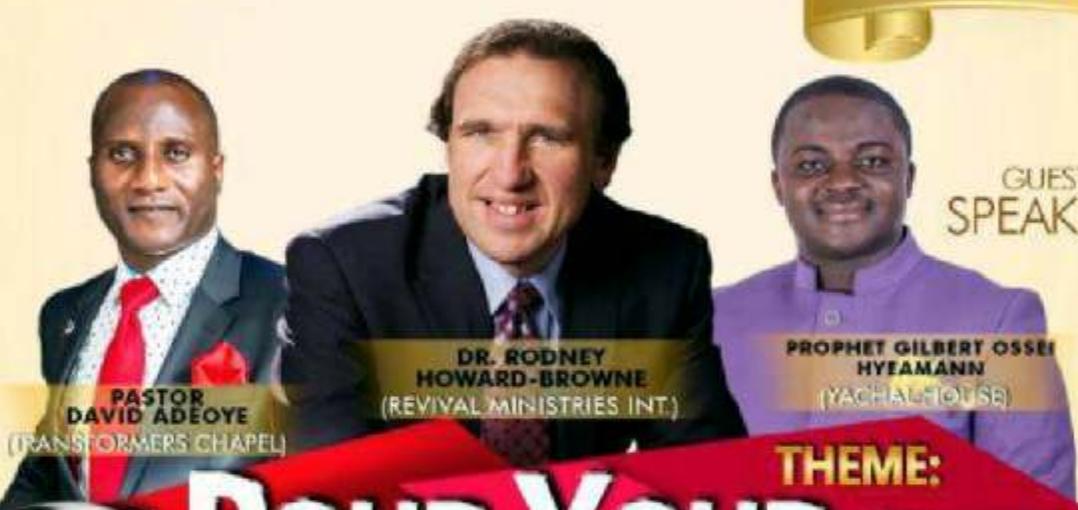
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SPEAKERS

PASTOR
DAVID ADEOYE
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HYEAMANN
(YACHAL-HOUSE)

THEME: POUR YOUR SPIRIT ON US JOEL 2:28



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NIYI ADAMS



MINISTERING
EDWIN SEPULVEDA



MINISTERING
DR. ADLAN CRUZ CABRERA

WEDNESDAY SERVICE
6:30PM

THURSDAY, FRIDAY SERVICE
(EVENING SESSION)
6:30PM

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SERVICE
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8:00AM

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1st SERVICE 9:00AM
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