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NEWS



LEDAP, National Judicial Institute, and AfricaLii commence Nigeria Legal Information Institute(NigeriaLii)

Nigeria Legal Information Institute(NigeriaLii) is aimed at bringing legal materials, all laws and case decisions in Nigeria free of charge to the public. The official launch is coming up soon but the NigeriaLii portal currently contains several thousands of case decisions, statutes, rules of court, and other legal materials. To access NigeriaLii visit <https://www.nigerialii.org/>

NGO Regulatory Bill

The controversial bill seeks to set up a federal agency to be known as the NGO Regulatory Commission to regulate activities of NGOs and civil society organisations, CSOs, across the country.

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Petition to: House Of Representatives Stop The NGO Regulatory Bill

This Bill seeks to constitute a new Government body with full powers to control Community Based Organisations, Civil Societies and NGOs; by implication this bill will give this body unlimited power to exert undue influence on churches.

[Sign the petition](#)

International Peace Day , Thursday 21st September 2017

The theme for 2017 is "Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All."

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21st September. The General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.

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President Muhammadu Buhari addressed the 72nd United Nations general assembly on Tuesday 19th September 2017 in New York, United States of America.

Here are the highlights of Buhari's 12-minute speech. [here](#)

Five SARS operatives found guilty of extrajudicial killing

A High Court sitting in Port Harcourt, the Rivers State capital, has found a five-man patrol team of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad, also known as SARS, guilty of extrajudicial killing of two friends.
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UN and EU launch global effort to end violence against women

UNITED NATIONS, New York – Violence against women continues to be the most pervasive human rights violation in the world. Roughly one in three women experience physical or sexual assault in her lifetime – and this figure may well be an underestimate.
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Leaders at United Nations address sexual violence as a weapon of war

UNITED NATIONS, New York – “Our girls were not born to be sexual slaves. Each one of them had a dream or goal for future,” Zina Salim Hassan, a 21-year-old Yazidi advocate, told UNFPA ahead of an United Nations event focusing on the use of sexual and gender-based violence as a weapon of war.
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United Nations News 18th - 22nd September 2017

Read a compilation of UN news from around the world from 18th- 22nd September 2017
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Human rights abuses: Wike tasks military on thorough recruitment process

Governor Nyesom Wike of Rivers State, Tuesday urged the Nigerian military to take a critical look at the recruitment processes of its personnel to check alleged issues of human rights abuses by its officers.
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Widow accuses Ekiti lawmaker of sexual assault, physical brutality

The Ekiti State International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA) has demanded the arrest and prosecution of a member of the House of Assembly, Dare Pelemo, for alleged sexual harassment and physical assault of a widow, Mrs. Mercy Ilesanmi.
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How Cameroon torture, abuse and forcefully return thousands of Nigerian refugees

Cameroon’s military has carried out a mass forced return of 100,000 Nigerian asylum seekers in an effort to stem the spread of Boko Haram, Human Rights Watch said in a report released on Wednesday.
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LEDAP casework to implement FOI Act

With over 152 Freedom of Information requests made by LEDAP since 2011 for disclosures from public and private institutions, and 46 cases in various courts, 3 of which are on appellate courts, LEDAP is a leading voice in Nigeria on promoting accountability and transparency in government

through the Freedom of Information Act. passed in June 2011, the FOI Act remains a dormant law as nearly all public institutions from which critical public accountability information are requested decline or challenge such request. Since 2011, only Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority has voluntarily submitted requested information to LEDAP, and most would hire senior lawyers to challenge requests. Thus an example is our suit against the Clerk of the National Assembly for disclosure of the salaries and allowances of legislators. The high court order that the disclosure be made in July 2012 was the first FOI judgment, but it was not obeyed. Rather NASS appealed to the Court of Appeal stating it cannot make such disclosure and a judgment of that court in April 2017 was the first appellate judgment on FOI in this country, and further appeal now lies at the Supreme Court. The issue is whether salaries of legislators can be made public. The infamy of failed FOI Act is the character of our poor governance.

LEDAP seeks victim's compensation at Presidential Panel on Military violations of Human Rights in Nigeria

LEDAP Nigeria has a series of petitions to the presidential panel on Military violations in Nigeria.

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NEW CASES AT LEDAP

Freedom Of Information Case

Coalition on International Criminal Court V. The Nigerian Foundation for the Support of Victims of Terrorism, Suit No: FHC/ABJ/CS/980/2013;

The case is pending at the Court of Appeal, seeks information from the Victims Trust Fund of the amount of money already collected into the Fund and their disbursement. The Federal High Court heard the case and ordered the Trust Fund to disclose the requested information in February 2017. The Trust Fund filed an appeal against the order, and have refused to comply. The appeal is abandoned and LEDAP has this week filed application to strike out the appeal for want of prosecution to enable the order of the court be enforced.

WORKSHOPS

Amnesty International Training on Monitoring and Documentation of Human Rights abuses

On the 12th-13th of September 2017, Ledap staff attended a two days training on Monitoring and Documentation of human right abuses by the stop torture project group of Amnesty International. The training held at Don Ritz Hotel Awka Anambra. [Read more](#)

Enhancing Transparency and Accountability in the Judicial Sector Methodology Workshop organised by PWAN

The Rule of Law and Empowerment Initiative also known as Partners West Africa Nigeria (PWAN) organized a one day methodology workshop (5th September 2017) in furtherance of the "Enhancing Transparency and Accountability in the judicial sector. [Read the full report](#)

EVENTS

Embassy of Switzerland in Abuja: Inviting Applicants for Small-Scale Development Projects in Nigeria

Deadline: 31 October 2017

The Embassy of Switzerland in Abuja is currently inviting applicants from NGOs, organisations, groups and institutes for its Small-Scale Development Projects in Nigeria in order to assist local initiatives of groups or of organisations whose works contribute to the country's overall economic progress.

Dynamic actors of the civil society, especially women and minority representatives, are thus helped in their efforts to generate sustainable reforms and overall improvement of living conditions in the country.

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EU Global Call for Proposals: European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) Program 2017

The European Union (EU) is currently accepting proposals from eligible organisations for its European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) program 2017 to support civil society in its actions to support the protection and the promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms worldwide.

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