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NEWS

LEDAP,National Judicial Institute, and AfricaLii commences 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

Lagos Police Releases Emergency Phone Numbers To Report Misguided Officers

A Citizens Complaint Centre has been created to report any genuine complain about the police and the New Commissioner of Police released 10 mobile numbers of the complaints centre so that citizens can report any erring officers or Police Station.
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Nigeria sets up special courts to fight corruption

The federal government in a desperate move to deal with corrupt practices in the Society would be raising special courts to speed up the trial of corruption cases and give a boost to President Muhammadu Buhari’s efforts to fulfill an electoral pledge to stamp out graft in the system.
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UN Daily News 25TH-29TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Find a compilation of UN daily news from 25th-29th September 2017.
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Amnesty International, others should testify

A call for Amnesty International and Human rights watch to present evidence in ongoing presidential panel on military violations of human rights in Nigeria.
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Judge accused of corruption received suspicous payments from individuals, govts, groups — EFCC official
Awoyemi Kazeem, a Chief Accountant at the Federal High Court, Lagos, on Friday revealed at an Ikeja High Court the salaries and allowances of Justice Rita Ofili-Ajumogobia at her ongoing trial for alleged corruption and obstruction of justice. 

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**Nine members of the UN Human Rights Council accused of violating human rights**

A new report details violations against people in those working with the UN on human rights issues.

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**Despite Inspector General’s order, Abuja police announce continuation of road blocks**

The police in Abuja say they will continue to barricade roads across the Federal Capital Territory, citing soaring criminal activities.

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**POLICE, IDP Killed at crossfire as troops repel Boko Haram attack in Borno**

A police personnel and an Internally Displaced Person (IDP) were killed Friday evening on crossfire between military troops of Operation Lafiya Dole and Boko Haram terrorists, in Borno State. The police personnel was killed in action while the female Internally Displaced Person was hit by a stray bullet.

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**Senate will hasten the passage of Gender Bill, Saraki**

SENATE President Bukola Saraki yesterday assured the new Country Director of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to Nigeria, Samuel Bawlya that the Senate would hasten the passage of the gender bill presently before the National Assembly.

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**IDPs vacate camp over poor feeding**

Former Minority Whip in the 5th Senate and a former Presidential Adviser on National Assembly Matters to late President Umaru Yar’adua, Senator Mohammed Abba Aji has assigned his lawyer, Barrister Abdullahi Usman of Beneshiekh Chambers to take up the matter concerning some Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) from Bama who peacefully protested their going back and vacated camps in Maiduguri due to poor feeding and health, but ended up arrested and remanded in Prison custody.

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**Burundi: UN insists on investigation of alleged crimes against humanity by President**

The UN Human Rights Council voted on Friday, September 29th, to extend its investigation into suspected crimes against humanity in Burundi.

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**NBA pledges support to CJN’s justice reform**

The Nigeria Bar Association (NBA) has pledged its support to efforts of the Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN), Justice Walter Onnoghen, in reforming the justice sector and fighting corruption.
Cameroon 'has forcibly returned 100,000 Nigerian refugees'

Cameroon has forcibly returned 100,000 Nigerian refugees in breach of international agreements, Human Rights Watch (HRW) has said. The rights group accused soldiers of deporting refugees escaping Islamist violence, as well as attacking and sexually exploiting them.

Groups criticise Nigerian police, Saraki over attack on SaharaReporters’ supporters

Two civil society organisations have criticised the Nigerian Police and Senate President Bukola Saraki over alleged attack on supporters of online platform, SaharaReporters.

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LEDAP demands for immediate release of 12 IDPs arrested by Borno Police Command for Peaceful Protest

The Legal Defence and Assistance Project, LEDAP, demands for the immediate release of 12 IDPs arrested by the Officers of the Nigerian Police Force, Borno State Command, on the 24th of September 2014. LEDAP expresses that these peaceful protesters were merely exercising their constitutional rights by protesting to be allowed to return to their communities.

Human rights defender profile: Adaobi Egboka from Nigeria

ISHR was pleased to interview Adaobi Egboka who participated in our last Human Rights Defenders Advocacy Programme in Geneva. Adaobi works at the Legal Defence and Assistance Project in Nigeria where she focuses on access to justice for vulnerable people and good governance.

Workshops attended

Torture victims in the context of Migration: Identification, Redress and Rehabilitation- Report on the third annual expert workshop

“Torture Victims in the Context of Migration: Identification, Redress and Rehabilitation”, convened last April by the UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture at the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.
women’s rights through the use of International Legal Instruments”

Report of workshop held on the 22nd-23rd March 2017 at Airport Hotel, Ikeja, Lagos. The workshop was held by LEDAP in conjunction with IHRDA. The key purpose of the workshop was to encourage activists to begin making use of international legal instruments to enforce and expand women’s human rights in Nigeria.

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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