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NEWS

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, 17th October 2017

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the declaration by the General Assembly, in its resolution 47/196 of 22 December 1992, of 17 October as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

Int’l day for Poverty Eradication: Obaseki calls for global consensus on strategy

Obaseki made the call on Tuesday on the occasion of the commemoration of the United Nations Day for the Eradication of Poverty, observed on October 17, each year.

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Nigeria wins re-election into UN human rights council

Nigeria has won a re-election into the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in Geneva for the 2018 to 2020 term at an election held on Monday at the UN Headquarters in New York.

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Navy to investigate alleged brutalisation of civilian by rating

The Nigerian Navy on Tuesday said it would investigate the alleged brutalisation of a civilian by a rating, which went viral on social media.

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Kwara police detain SARS officers over alleged sexual harassment

The Kwara State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Lawan Ado, has said that the four police officers of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad alleged to have sexually harassed a lady, Kachi Anifela Zion, along Pipeline Area in Ilorin had been detained.

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RTI Coalition urges permanent missions in Geneva to make recommendations for Ghana to pass the right to information (RTI) law

The Right to Information Coalition (RTI Coalition) Ghana has urged diplomats at the United Nations Universal Periodic Review (UN-UPR) Pre-session in Geneva, Switzerland, to make recommendations to Ghana to pass the RTI Bill when Ghana appears before the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) next month for the 3rd review of its human rights record.

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Lagos records 950 domestic, sexual violence cases, launches short code

The Lagos State domestic and sexual violence response team, dsvrt, on Monday, October 16 2017, said the state has recorded 950 cases of domestic and sexual violence cases in the last 10 years, just as it unveiled a short code, 6820, for reporting incidents of rape, domestic violence and child abuse in the state.

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Ecowas court awards N18 million against Nigeria in rights suit

The Community Court of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) has imposed a N18 million fine against the Federal Government in judgment of a case of violation of the fundamental human rights of one Dorothy Njemanze and two other Nigerians.

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Oyo women lawyers hail state’s child rights law, want enforcement

Impressed with the domestication of the federal Child Rights Act in Oyo State, the Federation of Female Lawyers (FIDA), the state chapter, said on Wednesday that it would give fillip to the protection of children.

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Kano resolute in implementing anti-corruption reforms
The Chairman of Kano State Anti-Corruption and Public Complaints Commission and focal point for Open Government Partnership (OGP), Muhuyi Magaji Rimingado has said the state remains resolute in implementing anti-corruption reforms.

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Intervene in unlawful retirement of 38 army officers, CSNAC tells human rights commission

The Civil Society Network Against Corruption (CSNAC), which is a coalition of over 150 anti-corruption organizations across Nigeria, has expressed concerns over the deafening silence and inaction of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to a petition it sent to it on the human rights violation of 38 senior officers of the Nigerian Army, unlawfully retired over a year ago.

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Court adjourns trial of Major-General Emmanuel Atewe and three others charged with N8.5 billion fraud

A Federal High Court in Lagos on Wednesday adjourned until Oct. 20, trial of a former military Commander, Maj.-Gen. Emmanuel Atewe, and three others charged with N8.5 billion fraud. Atewe, a former Commander of the Niger-Delta Military Joint Task Force, Operation Pulo Shield, is charged alongside Patrick Akpobolokemi, a former Director-General of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA).

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Dozens of Boko Haram members convicted in mass secret trial in Nigeria

A Nigerian court has convicted 45 Boko Haram members in the largest ever mass trial involving the Islamist extremist group.

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NCICC condemns the secret trial of Boko Haram suspects

The Nigerian Coalition for the International Criminal Court (NCICC) expresses deep concern at the ongoing mass trial of the Boko Haram suspects.

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WHO confirms outbreak of monkeypox in Bayelsa State as patient commits suicide at quarantine center

World Health Organization (WHO) reference laboratory in Dakar, Senegal, has confirmed the outbreak of monkeypox in Bayelsa State.
OPEYEMI OKE assumes office on Monday as Lagos’ acting Chief Judge

The Lagos State Governor, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode, will on Monday swear in Justice Opeyemi Oke as the Acting Chief Judge of the state.

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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

LEDAP V Ministry of Education

On 1st of March 2017, LEDAP got a judgement from the Federal High court, that every Nigerian child is entitled to compulsory universal basic Primary and Junior Secondary Education by virtue of the Compulsory free universal Basic education act 2004 enacted by the National Assembly. The Federal Ministry of Education has refused to implement this judgement.

EVENTS

Call for Training Applications: Lawyers for HIV & TB Justice

Deadline: 31 October 2017

The Southern Africa Litigation Centre (SALC), HIV Justice Worldwide, Stop TB Partnership, the AIDS and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa (ARASA), and the Kenya Legal & Ethical Issues Network on HIV and AIDS (KELIN) are hosting a training for lawyers on strategic litigation, legal defense and advocacy on HIV and TB justice from 20-23 February 2018 in Johannesburg, South Africa.
**Turkish-Swedish Development Cooperation: Call for Applications for Projects in 2018**

The Section for Turkish-Swedish Development Cooperation has announced its call for applications for projects in 2018.

**Folke Bernadotte Academy**

Type of projects: women’s participation and protection in conflict and post-conflict situations  
Location: worldwide  
Grant size: 7,600,000 SEK awarded to five actors  
Closing date: 1 November

**Ford Foundation**

Type of projects: educational opportunity and scholarship; sustainable development; freedom of expression; gender; sexuality and reproductive justice; human rights; economic fairness  
Countries: worldwide  
Grant range: unspecified

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