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The child protection manager in UNICEF's Kano field office, Emilia Allen, has revealed that one in every five girl children is married before 18 in Nigeria. Nigeria accounts for 43% of all child marriages in the world, i.e. marriages contracted before the age of 18. So far, only 32 states in Nigeria have signed the child protection act into law. Kano, Bauchi, Adamawa and Gombe states are yet to sign the act. Furthermore, UNICEF also plans to commence digital birth registration for every child in Nigeria. Godwin Enna, [The Leadership News \(September 22<sup>nd</sup>\)](#) reports.

The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) has warned of massive flooding from Rivers Niger and Benue to 14 states of the country. NEMA issued the alert in collaboration with the Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency (NIHSA). The Director-General, Mustapha Habib Ahmed, revealed that dam operators in Cameroun commenced the release of excess water from the reservoir by mid-September. However, the released water complicates the situation further downstream as Nigeria's inland reservoirs are also expected to overflow between now and October. Therefore, NEMA called upon all stakeholders to take early actions and steps in risk and disaster management of predicted states and communities with immediate effect. Fortune Eromosele, [The Vanguard News \(September 20<sup>th</sup>\)](#) reports.

Similarly, the Director-General of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Mustapha Habib Ahmed, at an emergency technical meeting on the current flood situation in the country revealed that floods have killed more than 300 people, injured 500 others and displaced 100.000 others in 2022 alone. The meeting was convened to urgently review emergencies and plan for further action by all emergency responders. Ruth Oketunde, [The PM News \(September 19<sup>th</sup>\)](#) reports.

### **University Students Block Airport Road in Strike Action Against ASUU, Nigeria Hosts Global Investment Forum in New York, House Speaker on Not Funding Political Parties**

The National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS) on Monday carried out a protest against the lingering strike of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport in Lagos. Students singing solidarity songs blocked vehicular movement from the tollgate, the road linking international and cargo terminals to the domestic terminal, thus paralyzing the flow of traffic. Security personnel, including police officers, were stationed around the area the students were protesting but without any effort to stop them. Chinedu Eze, [The Nation News \(September 19<sup>th</sup>\)](#) reports.

In collaboration with the Africa Business Roundtable, the Nigerian government organized the second Nigeria International Economic Partnership Forum (NIEPF), a global economic investment platform, on the sidelines of the 77<sup>th</sup> United Nations General Assembly in New York. President Muhammadu Buhari delivered the keynote address and hosted a presidential session with fellow presidents and heads of delegations on issues that need joint action for African development, such as the post-Covid-19 recovery, Africa's investment market and de-risking the continent. [The Premium Times News \(September 19<sup>th</sup>\)](#) reports.

Speaker of the House of Representatives, Rt. Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila, has said that the Federal Government would no longer fund political parties as this could be seen as an indirect invitation to assume control by dictating their choices and policies. Gbajabiamila further said people would abuse the process. Reacting to requests for new amendments to the Electoral Act 2022, he said it was not advisable to do so a few months before the 2023 general elections as this could disorganize election planning, create unnecessary political tension and raise credibility questions. Adebisi Adedapo, [The Leadership News \(September 22<sup>nd</sup>\)](#) reports.

**Insecurity: Association of Local Government Vice Chairmen Seek Ways to End Insecurity in Communities, Army Rescues 130 Civilians, neutralizes 35 Terrorists and Arrests 46 Boko Haram Suspects, CISLAC Says Insecurity in Nigeria Hinders the Implementation of the SDGs**

Local Government Vice Chairmen, under the umbrella body of the Association of Local Government Vice Chairmen of Nigeria (ALGOVC), have promised to work together on ways to handle insecurity in their communities. National Chairman ALGOVC, Hon. Folashade Olabanji-Oba, said insecurity had challenged the Local Government Authorities (LGA) to synergize. The first step to actualizing this is by the enhancement of security in the various communities, towns and villages and the provision of critical infrastructure. Grace Obike, [The Nation News \(September 22<sup>nd</sup>\)](#) reports.

The Director of Defence Media Operations, Major General Musa Danmadami, has revealed that troops of Operation Hadin Kai neutralized over 35 terrorists, rescued 130 civilians and arrested 46 suspected Boko Haram Terrorists as well as twelve suspected Boko Haram Terrorists/Islamic State of West Africa Province logistic suppliers in North-east Nigeria. Furthermore, troops of Operation Hadarin Daji have arrested two suspected terrorists' collaborators while trying money deposited into the account of a known suspected terrorist financier. Equally, a total of 368 suspected Boko Ha-

ram Terrorists/Islamic State of West Africa Province criminals and their families surrendered to Nigerian troops at different locations. All recovered items, arrested terrorists and rescued civilians were handed over to relevant authorities for further action. Martha Obi, [The Voice of Nigeria News \(September 22<sup>nd</sup>\)](#) reports.

The Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC) says insecurity is the primary factor affecting Nigeria's sustainable development goals (SDGs). On Tuesday, the Executive Director of CISLAC, Auwal Rafsanjani, signed the 2022 SDGs shadow report, which disclosed that the rate of killings in Nigeria had increased to 53.2% in 2022, with corruption and revenue generation challenges said to be mitigating the achievement of SDG goals in the country. The report said that about 4,556 persons died from violence-related killings in 2020, representing a 43% increase compared to the number of deaths recorded in 2019. The report said Nigeria has made slight improvement in the aspect of money laundering and asset recovery under SDG 16. It indicated that the progress achieved was a result of the passage and assent of the Proceeds of Crime Management Act (POCMA) as well as the Money laundering (Prevention and Prohibition) Act, 2022. In addition, the report stressed the need to ensure transparency and accountability in governance, especially in the security sector in the country. Maryam Abdullahi, [The Cable News \(September 21<sup>st</sup>\)](#) reports.

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