



# NPA

## News

Monthly Online Newsletter of the Nigerian Ports Authority

Vol. 4 No.42

January, 2021

# BE WARNED; CURRENT STRAIN OF CORONA VIRUS IN NIGERIA DEADLIER

- GM MEDICAL SERVICES

## IN THIS EDITION

NPA RECORDS ANOTHER  
FEAT, RECEIVES BIGGEST  
HELICOPTER IN LAGOS  
- Pg. 3

JOSEPDAM DONATES  
WORKSTATION TO NPA  
- Pg. 4

BURNS SAFETY  
AT HOME  
- Pg. 5

VOX POP:  
WHAT IS YOUR  
RESOLUTION TOWARDS  
YOUR JOB FOR THE  
YEAR 2021?  
- Pg. 6

**T**he General Manager, Medical Services, Mrs.C.E. Akpa has announced that this current wave of the Corona Virus Disease ( Covid-19) in Nigeria is much more virulent and a deadlier strain than the first wave with more fatalities recorded so far.

The General Manager in a memo recently released added that given the above situation, there is need for compliance to earlier issued preventive guidelines and protocols.

Similarly, Mrs Akpa asserted that due to earlier adherence to all preventive guidelines and protocols, there was an initial decline in the number of cases in Nigeria, according to Nigerian Center for Disease Control (NCDC).

She added that Nigeria actually recorded its highest daily number of cases 930 new cases during the second emergency of the disease in December 2020, apart from the first highest cases recorded earlier in February 2020 respectively, she warned that there is currently an upsurge of the disease in the country, and therefore advised that all protocols of Covid-19 should be strictly observed listing some of them to include,

- \* Say no to Handshakes and Hugs with people, while also avoiding the touching of faces, nose, mouth and eyes.

- \* Practice good respiratory hygiene, no indiscriminate spitting or coughing, cough into your elbow or into a clean tissue paper which must be disposed off properly.

- \* Maintain a distance of at least 1 meter (3 feet ) from people who are coughing or sneezing.

- \* Workers must wash their hands regularly with soap and running water or use alcohol-base hand sanitizer.

- \* Hand sanitizer must be displayed in prominent places around the workplace.

She ended by charging workers to immediately report to the NPA Medical Division if they have any signs and symptoms of Covid-19 for further directive.





**T**here has been a global resurgence in the virulent COVID-19 infection.

It has also been discovered that this particular variant is very deadly, as it has claimed more lives than the earlier strain.

The NPA is synonymous with setting or breaking records. This happened once again, when the biggest helicopter in Nigeria ever, was assembled right in PTML terminal, Tin Can Island Port and flown out of the premises recently. One of the terminal operators, Josepdam Services Limited also recently joined other organisations which have donated equipment to NPA on account of the fire incident that destroyed many of NPA's office equipment and vehicles when the management donated Computers and Photocopiers.

Also in this edition are your scintillating regulars for your reading pleasure.

**'Sola Adesanwo  
Editor**

#### EDITORIAL

Nasiru Ibrahim

- Editor-In-Chief

'Sola Adesanwo

- Editor

#### PRODUCTION TEAM:

Olusola Akosile

- Production Manager

Olubiyi Omidiji

- Senior Staff Writer

Ebunola Aijjala

- Reporter (People & Events)

Ebere Alaezi-Offia

- Reporter (Travels & Tourism)

Bidemi Agboola

- Photography

#### SECRETARIAT:

Gbenga Soyomi (Secretary)

Ali Garba Hassan

Editorial Contributor: Kingsley Ukabiala

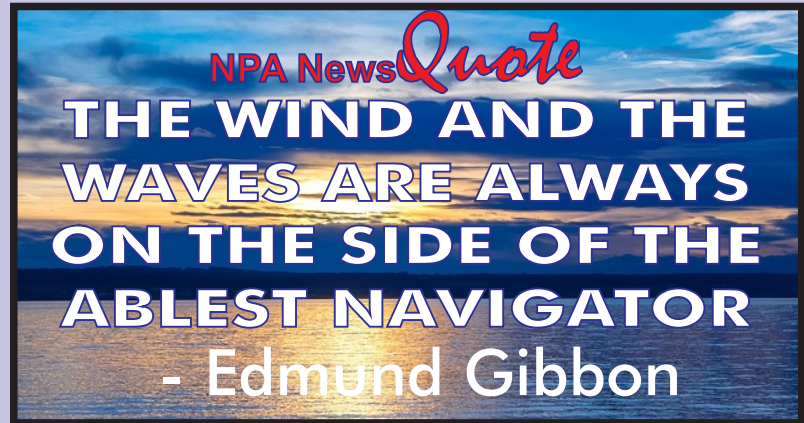
Photo Contributors: Friday Eze and Paul I. Erakhiful

Production of the Corporate and Strategic Communications Division  
Available on [www.nigerianports.gov.ng](http://www.nigerianports.gov.ng) and in emails of all officers/staff of NPA.

Contributions to be sent through: [npanews@nigerianports.gov.ng](mailto:npanews@nigerianports.gov.ng)

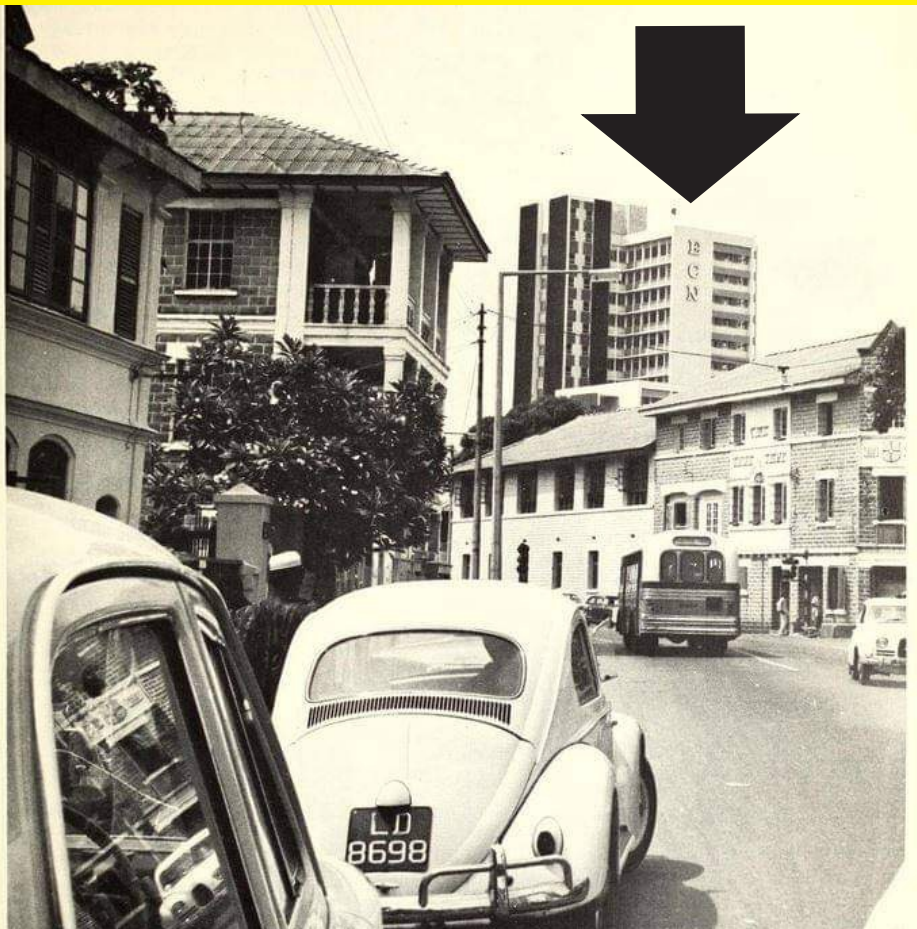
Contributions are welcome from members of staff.

You can send high resolution photographs of your social events like birthdays, etc.



**Electricity Corporation  
of Nigeria Building.  
Lagos - 1964  
(ARROWED)**

**SOURCE:** Market for U.S.  
products in Nigeria by United  
States, Bureau of International  
Commerce"





# NPA RECORDS ANOTHER FEAT, RECEIVES BIGGEST HELICOPTER IN LAGOS



**T**he Management of the NPA recently recorded another major feat by providing enabling platform for the assemblage of the Biggest Helicopter in Nigeria Sikosky S.92 at one of its Terminals within the Lagos Port Complex Apapa, recently.

The helicopter which was acquired by one of the leading operators in the country, Caverton Helicopters, arrived the Port on board a Ship, Grand Vessel Morocco.

According to its chief Engineer Mr Sani Muhammed Amodu who stated that it is the biggest ever in Nigeria which could not be driven on the road due to its size and risks involved. Therefore it resorted to the assemblage of the parts within the port's premises. "We are very pleased and happy with the support by the Terminal Operator and the NPA." he added.

Responding on behalf of Management, the Port Manager Tin Can Island Port, Engineer Yunusa Ibrahim described the feat as unprecedented and a manifestation of Management support for excellent services

Yunusa added that

"The assembling of the components within the Port is significant, and It goes to show our support for the Ease of doing Business as being achieved across board".

According to the report, the helicopter has 19 passenger seats, 2 seats for crew members as well as an observer seat.

# CORPORATE DRESS-SENSE NPA AND APPROPRIATE CORPORATE DRESS-SENSE



**T**he Corporate Organizations and appropriate Dress-Sense are inseparable as the latter easily complement the other.

The Corporate setting is an official environment where business is taken serious.

Appropriate Dress-Sense and dressing therefore is an integral part of the manner and ways a corporate organization like the Nigerian Ports Authority is rated.

Generally, it is a common thing most at times that one gets confused on what to wear and how to match up the colours despite all the good clothes in the closet. This is where appropriate dress-sense closes the gap.

In other to develop a good dress sense, the following factors should be considered;

**\*\*Shape Type**

**\*\*Style**

**\*\*Official Colours**

Having understood what is acceptable at the workplace, one should consider what fits his/her shape better.

There is no point struggling with your styles because you want to look a certain way when you have a lot of work to do and target to meet in your office.

On colour, this defines ambience to suite a Corporate environment. There are shouting, unserious colour that does not conform to a workplace even if it is the right style worn on the right shape.

Official accepted colours are \*Black, Grey, Brown, Dark-Green, Cream-White, Deep Blue etc\*

unofficial colours like bright Lemon, Red, Mercury green etc are not official colours, but would only cause distractions when your client sees you during official discussion.

Having this at the back of our minds, it will go a long way in guiding us intrinsically on what to wear at what occasion/circumstances, when and to how to wear them, thereby building up our corporate dress-sense and making it interesting exercise. Having d right Dress-Sense makes one very creative, attractive, confident and also reduces the amount of money spent trying to look good. It is more interesting when you know what you want, how you want to look and you go straight for it without trial and error.

Dress-Sense tells a lot about a personality & the Corporate Entity he/she represents. The good dressers are great image maker to the Corporate Organization.

By: JOY SIKIRAT AKINBOBOLA  
Assistant Manager, C&SC  
Abuja Liaison Office



**T**hank you very much for the newsletter, however in your Vol. 4 No: 41 edition you captured me as GM, Operations and also as Port Manager, Tin Can. My designation is actually GM, Tariff & Billing.

**Umar Abubakar**  
GM, Tariff & Billing.

**CORRIGENDUM:**  
Error is regretted sir.

- Editor.

# HADIZA BALA USMAN GETS SECOND TERM AS MD NPA



**T**he Presidency has announced the reappointment of the Managing Director of Nigerian Ports Authority, Hadiza Bala Usman for additional 5 Years.

The President, Mohammadu Buhari also approved the reconstitution of the Non- Executive Board of the NPA., with Emmanuel Olajide Adesoye ( from the South West) as the Chairman other members of the board are; Prince Ekenyem Nwafor- Orizu ( South East), Akinwunmi Ricketts, Ghazali Mohammed Mohammed Mijinyawa (NorthEast).

Mustapha Amin Dutse (North West) and Abdulwahab Adesina ( North Central ) .

It would be recalled that Hadiza Bala Usman was first appointed MD in July 2016 and has since made her marks in the industry.

## JOSEPDAM DONATES WORKSTATION TO NPA



**M**essrs Josepdam Ports and Services Limited, a Terminal Operator at the Tin Can Island Port Complex, Apapa through her Chairman, Saidi Kuteyi has expressed her sympathy towards the losses recorded by the NPA during the EndSARS protest that wrecked havoc on the entire Lagos State.

The Chairman who was accompanied by the top echelon of the Organisation while on a solidarity visit to the NPA Headquarters, Marina recently stated that the NPA as a reputable and Customer friendly body deserved every form of support at these trying times. The company donated 10 Business Personal Computers (PC) and 10 UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply) to further enhance administrative operations and fast-track service delivery at the Corporate Headquarters.

Kuteyi added that "The NPA being our Landlord since 2006 has engendered excellent and good relationship with us. We are proud of its excellent leadership. There are better days and things to come in the future".

The Managing Director NPA, Hadiza Bala Usman represented by the Executive Director, Marine and Operations, Onari Brown at the brief event thanked the Management of Josepdam Limited for joining other Terminal Operators in identifying with the NPA through its

donations targeted at helping the NPA recover from these losses. He further promised that the items would be judiciously deployed to improve efficiency.



# Health and Safety

# BURNS SAFETY



## Burn safety at home

Many ordinary things in a home — from bath water to hot food to electrical outlets — can cause childhood burns. To prevent burns, follow these burn safety tips:

**Reduce water temperature.** Set the thermostat on your water heater to below 120 F (48.9 C). Always test the water temperature before your child gets in the tub. Aim for bath water around 100 F (38 C).

**Avoid hot spills.** Don't cook, drink, or carry hot beverages or soup while holding a child. Keep hot foods and liquids away from table and counter edges. Don't use tablecloths or placemats, which young children can pull down. When you're using the stove, use back burners and turn the handles of your pots and pans toward the rear of the stove. Avoid leaving food cooking on the stove unattended.

**Establish "no" zones.** Block access to the stove and fireplace, and make space heaters and water heaters inaccessible.

**Unplug irons.** Store items designed to get hot, such as clothes irons, unplugged and out of reach.

**Test food temperature.** Food or liquids warmed in a microwave might heat unevenly.

**Choose a cool-water humidifier or vaporizer.** If you use a hot-steam vaporizer, keep it out of reach.

**Address outlets and electrical cords.** Cover unused electrical outlets with safety caps. Inserting a fork, key, or other metal object into an outlet could result in an electrical burn. Keep electrical cords and wires out of the way so children don't chew on them. Replace damaged, brittle, or frayed electrical cords.

## Burn safety outdoors

These burn safety measures can protect children from outdoor hazards:

**Watch grills and fire pits.** Don't allow children to play near these potential hazards.

**Check car seats.** Before placing your child in a car seat, check for hot straps or buckles. If you park in direct sunlight, cover the car seat with a towel or blanket.

**Forgo backyard fireworks.** Leave fireworks, including sparklers, to trained professional



## Fire safety counts, too

Take these simple precautions to prevent fires:

**Lock up matches and lighters.** Store matches, lighters, and flammable liquids in a locked cabinet or drawer. Teach children that matches and lighters aren't toys.

**Be careful with candles and cigarettes.** Keep burning candles out of reach, and extinguish candles before leaving the room. If you smoke, avoid smoking in the house — especially in bed. Be sure cigarettes are completely out before throwing them away.

**Use space heaters with care.** Keep space heaters at least three feet away from bedding, drapes, furniture, and other flammable materials. Keep children away from space heaters. Never leave a space heater on when you go to sleep or place a space heater near someone who's sleeping.

Keep your fireplace clean. An annual cleaning and inspection can help prevent a chimney fire.

In case of emergency, keep up-to-date fire extinguishers handy throughout your home. Teach children to leave a burning building by crawling under the smoke, and to stop, drop, and roll if clothes catch fire. Practice a mock fire drill in your home. And be sure to install and maintain smoke alarms on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas. Check your smoke alarms yearly and replace the batteries every year. Being prepared for an emergency can be the best safety tool of all.

Curled from **West Bend Cares Blog**

©2021 West Bend Mutual Insurance Company | 1900 South 18th Ave., West Bend, WI 53095 | P: 262-334-5571



# WORK HOUR RELAXATION

## Vox Pop

### WHAT IS YOUR RESOLUTION TOWARDS YOUR JOB FOR THE YEAR 2021?



I have resolved to make my job more interesting and exciting in 2021 by creating a new way that will enable all ports users appreciate the duties of my department through the use of right attitude and cleanliness of the Port Environment.

**Ojehonmon Gladys Ifeyinwa, C&SC Dept., Calabar Port**

The current covid pandemic has surely affected the way business is run. So learning how to carry out my role safely and still get the job done is a priority. Also being in the Information Technology Department, I have to develop myself especially in the area of remote connections to assist the port through this period.

**Ifeatu Cynthia Chukwuonwe, ICT Dept., Rivers Port**



Resolution towards my job is putting more effort in service delivery, thus settling of community related matters with regards to host communities thereby contributing to the improvement of the existing peaceful relationship with the host communities.

**Mispah M. Oba, C&SC Dept. Onne**

Year 2020 was challenging because of coronavirus pandemic which led to huge loss of time. I am very optimistic that things will improve this year. I will strive to put in my best because the work environment is now more encouraging and conducive.

**Adebanjo Fatureti, Hydrographic Services, HQ**



My resolution this year 2021 towards my job includes but not limited to, rededication to service excellent and maintenance of my conduct and attitude towards work. I hope to listen more, be a team player, engage more, and vigorously pursue career development.

**Kayode Odugbemi, C&SC Div. HQ**



My Commitment to NPA this year 2021, by the special grace of God; includes but not limited to these

- 1, The "True love" for the organization; making sure I make good sacrifices in terms of A, keying in into it's strategic plans of timelines (In all that I do)
- 2, "Critically" assisting in the efficient utilization of resources at my disposal in order to avoid waste and damages
- 3, Ensuring Total Corporate assets protection of the organization at all times.

**Umar Sani Muhammed, Training Dept., LPC**

In 2021, I've decided and resolved to be more dedicated, hardworking and committed to ensuring that the image and reputation of Calabar Port and NPA in general are well protected in all ramifications, in line with my records with the management through the Service Level Agreement (SLA).

**Tolonisede Adetayo, C&SC Dept., Calabar Port**



To be effective and efficient in contributing to the bottom-up line of the Organisation.

**Adeniran O. S, CIA, TCIPC**

To be creative and innovative. To put in my best in other to achieve the set goals and objectives of the organisation.

**Nasarawa M.N, Audit Dept., HQ.**



As I begin this Year, it is my desire to improve my input at whatever I do at work.

Be a good team player, contribute to healthy conversations that would in turn be applied in moving Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) forward.

**Zwalpon sale, Fire Service, L.PC**



**Hadiza Bala Usman**  
MD, NPA  
2nd January

**Dapo Adekunle**  
ICT Dept, HQ  
12nd January

**Ngozi Obikili,**  
Corp. & Strat. Planning, HQ  
24th January

**Nelson Ovbude**  
PPP, HQ.

**Solomon Adegoye**  
Procurement Dept, HQ  
30th January

**Mrs. Mariam Asanga**  
Tariff & Billing. LPC  
23rd January

**Mercy Udoh**  
Engr. Dept. HQ  
6th January

**Koleoso Felicia**  
Planning Dept, HQ  
29th January

**Uche Jennifer Onwuekwe**  
Accounts Dept, HQ  
20th January

**Mrs. Pere Eyin**  
Personal Secretary, Hq.  
28th January

**Aliyu Ahmad**  
Procurement Dept, HQ  
25th January

**Jeje Oludare Saheed**  
HR Opts, LPC  
25th January



*...the world within our reach...*



With an increased port operational efficiency, decreased port cost and decreased financial burden on government,

**Nigerian Ports**, becoming the Hub of International Trade and Freight in West and Central Africa.

**Our Port Locations:**

**Lagos Port Complex, Apapa**  
P.M.B. 1021 Apapa Lagos  
Email Address:  
a.asha@nigerianports.org  
lpcinfo@nigerianports.org

**Tin Can Island Port**  
P.M.B. 1201, Apapa, Lagos  
Email Address:  
tcipinfo@nigerianports.org

**Rivers Port, Port-Harcourt**  
Basket House, P.M.B. 5043  
Port-Harcourt -Rivers State  
Email Address:  
riversinfo@nigerianports.org  
g.abubakar@nigerianports.org

**Delta Ports, Warri**  
P.M.B. 1054, Warri  
Delta State  
Email Address:  
deltainfo@nigerianports.org

**Calabar Port Complex, Calabar**  
New Calabar Port Complex  
P.M.B 1014 Calabar,  
Cross-River State  
Email Address:  
calabarinfo@nigerianports.org  
o.olotu@nigerianports.org

**Onne Port Complex, Onne**  
Onne Port Complex,  
PMB 6199 Onne  
Rivers State  
Email Address:  
onneinfo@nigerianports.org  
i.alhassan@nigerianports.org

**Nigerian Ports Authority**

*...To be the Leading Port in Africa...*

[www.nigerianports.gov.ng](http://www.nigerianports.gov.ng)

[info@nigerianports.org](mailto:info@nigerianports.org)