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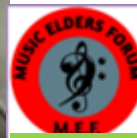
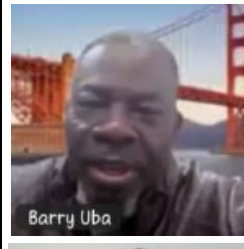
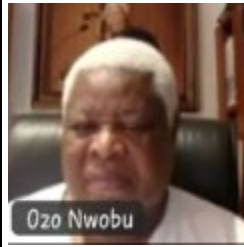
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# DEFENDING THE PROFESSIONS

-- Dubily Emetuka,  
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Our media team recently monitored a rousing radio program transmitted by Real FM Radio, Aba. In the brief broadcast themed, The Superior Positioning of Professionalism Over and Above Religious Superstitions, one Engr. Jacob Nwagwu of Aba was heard insisting, with undeniable statistics, that it is not possible for a person to use occult power (or any spiritual force whatsoever), to push down a structure built professionally. The anchor of the program, aptly titled DIVINE MYSTERIES, unsuccessfully attempted to present cases whereby apparently solid houses had fallen in various parts of the country, possibly through the agency of dark forces. But, no. "Not to my knowledge", said Engr. Jacob Nwagwu, "There is no way a house or bridge that follows due process, adhering thoroughly with professional civil engineering specifications can fall due to any spiritual force".

Prodded further, Engr Nwagwu conceded to the fact that social problems could be projected on the

finances of a builder, making him to abandon an ongoing project, or to compromise on the recommended quality of building materials. "Yes, it might be possible also, to use spiritual force to degrade and impoverish a house owner or his tenant to the extent of their packing out of an existing building. Thereafter, such a building, (if left without maintenance over a reasonable period of time); could decay, become dilapidated and finally fall into ruins. But it will be mere religious superstition, even a laughable fallacy, to say that a bridge built to specifications, or an infrastructural project handled by a professional civil engineering firm could fall because someone with religious pretensions pointed a finger at it, or did some spooky rituals in another corner of town. Just think about it!" Our subsequent inquiries showed that Engr. Nwagwu is the Managing Director of Jericho Anderson Nigeria Limited, currently handling some civil engineering projects for the Abia State government, particularly the State Environmental Protection Agency.

Our correspondents say he had over thirty years of experience, handling several civil engineering projects in Lagos, Oyo and other states of the federation, for both government agencies and private organizations.



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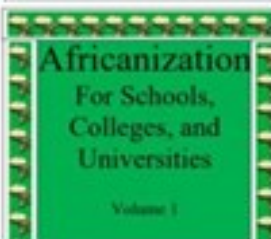
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Short of being able to erase her diagnosis, we are aiming to make all of life's responsibilities as manageable as possible to help her maintain her positivity and humor through this grueling process.

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## GHANA: Gate of No Return! The Jinx Has Been Broken!!!!!!!!!!



The jinx of the Gate of No Return has been broken!!!!!!!!!! Hallelujah! It was not only believed but found to be true and real that once a person crossed that gate (exited), the person would be in the water-borne vessel bound for the slave fields of the Caribbeans and Americas. Time is the healer of all wounds. Something happened! It is called 'The Year of Return'. How did it go? Notable individuals who have hitherto been great grandchildren of slaves in the foreign lands have found their way back to Ghana. The government of Ghana eventually conducted a naturalization event where several foreigners pledged allegiance to the flag of Ghana and the republic for which it stands. Those individuals have become 'former' foreigners or diaspora Africans; now continental Africans. I hope they have used, or will use, The Gate of No Return to symbolically reverse the historical verbiage so that it may now be called 'The Gate of The Return'. These are positive signs, but Ghana (and indeed the rest of Africa) must understand that interest in her resources did not wane. If anything, interest in the minerals resurged! Be guided. Govern yourselves right

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# EVERYDAY'S SERMON FOR LOST SOULS IN AFRICA IN PARTICULAR & HUMANITY IN GENERAL!

**By Prince Ezem Ihenacho**

## REMOVE THE WORRIES ABOUT WHAT TOMORROW HOLDS & ALL THE IDOLATROUS MIRACLES, PROPHECIES, SIGNS & WONDERS HUNTERS WOULD SUD- DENLY DISSAPPEAR!

But in Matt 6:34 we were warned (BY CHRIST HIMSELF), not to worry about tomorrow because, tomorrow has enough problems of its own, which includes the fact that, neither you nor your fellow limited, imperfect human so-called "prophet" is promised nor guaranteed tomorrow! How can anyone claim to be a Christian (follower of CHRIST not followers of a mortal human being), ignore CHRIST'S warning in preference to their own or someone else desires? Why would CHRIST warn if, anyone can or should do their own thing or whatever they believe works for them? If only the huge crowd, we see were a true reflection or sign of intelligence, insight & righteousness?

But sadly, the crowd is renowned for being extremely gullible, unreliable & unfaithful hence, the crowd was responsible for "Hosanna today & crucify HIM tomorrow!" CHRIST also warned about the exciting "Broad Road" that leads to destruction. HE reminded HIS followers that, "Many", meaning none other than the crowd owns & dwells on the "Broad Road!" CHRIST carefully made it known that, only "A few" would find the

"Narrow Road" that leads to eternal or everlasting life.

None is righteous without CHRIST, none is currently without sin but the first step in finding the "Narrow Road" is to study & know CHRIST, HIS antecedents & teachings! Without these first steps, one would become like a wave & would be tossed about by every wind that blows. Once you start using words like "Daddy & spiritual father" or start to ask people "What is the colour of your problem" then, you are on the path of "Broad Road!" None can be deep rooted without the knowledge of CHRIST, HIS antecedents & teachings! Why would anyone follow nor claim to follow one, they haven't understood?

How sane, wonderful, peaceful & lovely life would have been if the massive crowd we see represents true Christians? Anyone doing the work of CHRIST can never be in the good books of political leaders, who are the oppressors of HUMANITY! The devil retained power of witchcraft, magic, quotation of scripture & can use the name above all names JESUS CHRIST! Only the powers of knowledge of tomorrow & entry into the human soul without an individual's wilful invitation do the devil not have. Hence, the devil is the master gambler & subtle user of coercion, bribery, temptation and if need be force to get past the gullibles of this earth! GUARD & PROTECT YOUR SOULS FOR NONE CAN GUARANTEE THEIR OWN SALVATION, LET ALONE, SECURE ANOTHER PERSON'S!

ARE YOU AFRICAN, RELIGIOUS OR A PREACHER OF "GOSPEL" OF ANY KIND? HERE'S YOUR REAL CHALLENGE!

If you are not a willing tool or "HOUSE NIGGARS" of African descent in this world wearing robe, collar or in sharp dressing, as a Religious leader, deceitfully in bed with the oppressors of humanity against the oppressed then, your preaching must include your overt support for Ibrahim Traore of Burkina Faso & all those in support of him & also, in condemnation of Emmanuel Macron, his cohorts, supporters in & outside of Africa! You should demand action against Emmanuel Macron, French Government & all those implicated in all the assassination attempts against Ibrahim Traore! Your deafening silence counts as support to the oppressors as, you seem to be agents used to distract & give people false, unrealistic & destructive hope!

STOP PREACHING ABOUT HEAVEN WITHOUT FIRST TELLING & REMINDING PEOPLE THAT, BEFORE "HEAVEN", WE ARE SENT INTO THIS WORLD (THOUGH TEMPORARILY), TO WORK!

No true Christian would be loved, missed or in good terms with the oppressors of humanity. If they're not overtly and/or covertly celebrating one's demise then, the dead (irrespective of title, uniform, colour, background, status, position or possessions), wasn't & isn't a Christian (CHRIST-LIKE!)



**Prince Ezem Ihenacho**

## Who was in the village when Mungo Park came?

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# Believe in Something... God, Satan, Stone, Stick, Anything.

Belief is such a broad phenomenon. Thinking about belief should make one interrogate 'belief'. So, one must know what to believe (or believe in). The concept and act of belief have made several individuals believe lies or reject truth. The whole terrain is a maze. The 'belief' avenue is full of people going in all directions; east, west, north, and south. Any person lacking a sense of direction will just join one set of people and move along with them. Oftentimes, such individuals arrive at weird destinations before interrogating the journey. Therefore, belief must be interrogated by the self-same believer. The interrogation should not come from outside as it will portend an ill wind. Everyone should believe in something. I believe in the Messiah called Yeshua (Yehusha). Rome gave him the name (or label) 'Jesus', and that name has become the most popular name all over the world. Everyone knows how powerful Rome is (or was). Some believe in stone (or stones). Some believe in stick, sticks, or stumps. Some believe in trees that are standing.

Some believe in water or a body of flowing waters.

Some believe in God without Jesus.

Some believe in Jesus without God.

Some believe in God that is Jesus or Jesus that is God.

If you went into a church; any church, and asked all the people privately and confidentially, one by one, what they believe, being a church, all of them will say 'God' and 'Jesus'. Some or many will forget (or even not know) that Christ said, 'Ye are gods', which means that I am a god. You are a god.

When we believe in God, we follow specific codes. Those codes are found in the book called 'The Holy Bible'. In the same manner, those who believe in God through other religions follow their code books. Some 'believers' love other believers who believe exactly what they themselves believe. Some 'believers' love only those believers who attend religious gatherings only where they themselves attend.

Some 'believers' hate believers who believe in God through other religions. Believe in God (or whatsoever it is), but love yourself and love others. That's exactly what Christ taught. The subject of 'Belief' is vast. Know also that you can freely profess and confess your love for God whether through Capital Boulevard, Raleigh, NC; Asa Road, Aba; Broad Street, Lagos, Nigeria; or Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles. You can also carry the Holy Bible on your head everywhere you go. You can carry the cross of Calvary on your shoulder every day and everywhere. You can pray and fast 24 hours 365 days a year. If you are bitter against a fellow human being, you have diluted everything. Practice Love. Practice Forgiveness. If one of these is missing, you are in deep trouble.



## Unbelievable!!!!

A colleague has been asking me since February if I had seen O. K. M'Tuker's hardcover book, ***'The Multi-Billion Dollar Industry Called THE VAGINA'*** on Amazon. The bother was too much. So, I went and saw the book.



Wow! So thought-provoking! You too should see this book. The book is quietly entering many families.

By the way, who is this O. K. M'Tuker?

## Flags of Africa



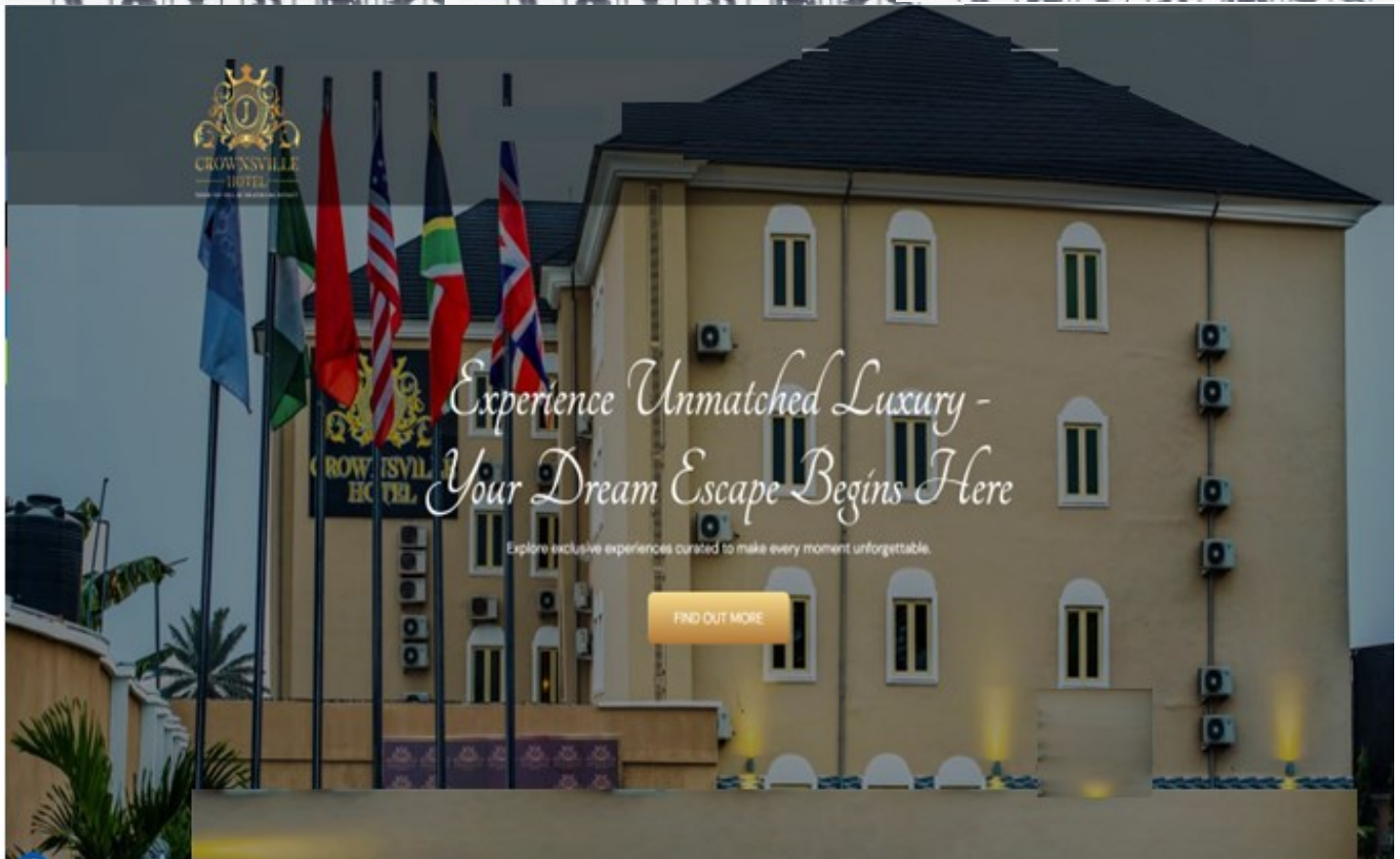


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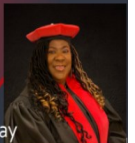
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## Customer Satisfaction in Education

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There is something in the Education 'industry' now that I call 'customer service'. Universities were laid back in that distant past. However, in the recent past, the online universities appeared on the scene and were found treating their students as 'customers'. They did everything to make their students happy. Students were happy to learn and learning happily. Gradually, traditional universities began to (again, 'GRADUALLY') loosen up because their students were noticing the leeway online students were getting. Now, customer satisfaction is the order of the day in the 'industry', even though traditional universities are set in their ways (especially because they get money from big donors). When donors shrink and students have to pay out of pocket, the traditional universities will begin to change their ways. Customer satisfaction is the best

## Religion

We often think of religion in the context of church, mosque, and temple. Unfortunately, religion is much bigger than that. Religion is A THOUGHT. It is a paradigm. It is a mindset. It is mostly a self-inflicted pain or pleasure controlling the way and manner in which man conducts 'business'. Religion should also draw attention to spirituality so that individuals may know that there is a difference between the two. You can be religious about not spiritual, vice versa. If you had your way, which one would you choose? Religiosity? Spirituality?

The most popular movement is a church movement. People go to a building and have a good time, interact with friends, make new friends, participate in different activities, and show that they are part of what is going on. That is religion. The other side, which is spirituality involves introspection. Mental and psychological demonstration of belief or faith.

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Flowers are beyond words. Our purpose here is not to go into horticulture or the world of the florists. We want you to take a step back and ask yourself where and where you have seen flowers. What were flowers doing in those places? Who had those flowers in their hands? Would you see yourself in their shoes? If you did, what would you do? Would we see flowers in your hands? This calls for either a sober reflection or a strong statement that would defy diverse phenomena (describable and indescribable)!

# Changing Global Economies

## United States

The Atlanta Fed's GDP tracker is at minus 1.8%, while our estimate stands at 0.5%. As a result, we have revised our GDP growth outlook down to 1.7% in 2025 and 1.6% in 2026. While we don't anticipate an outright pullback in economic activity, we see the likelihood of a recession in the next 12-months at about 40%.

## China

**Total retail sales of consumer goods: RMB 8.37 trillion (US\$1.16 trillion), +4% YoY.** Total import and export: In RMB terms, RMB 6.54 trillion, with exports +3.4% YoY and imports -7.3% YoY. Fixed asset investment: +4.1% YoY. Unemployment rate: 5.3%

## South Africa

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# The Practice, Process, And Procedure of Recall Of Legislators Under The Nigeria Constitution

This paper examines the process and procedure of Recall of a legislator in Nigeria legislative houses. Nigeria operates a Bicameral legislature at the center and a Unicameral procedure at the State level. Unlike the removal of the members of the Executive (President, Vice President, Governors, and Deputy Governors) provided under section 143 (10) and 188 (10) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended) which is conducted by legislators, law makers can only be removed by their constituents through a process of recall. Section 69 and 110 of the constitution provide for the recall of a member of the National Assembly and State house of Assembly respectively.

A community reading and understanding of the relevant sections suggest that anyone or organization provided it is signed by one-half of the registered voters in that legislators constituency. However, it is the referendum conducted by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) that determines the legislator's fate.

While section 68 and 109 provide for eight grounds by which lawmakers can lose their seats in Parliament, Section 69 and 110 actually provide for a recall by constituents. Section 69 provides that "a member of the senate or of the House of Representatives may be recalled when a petition is presented by anyone or organization provided it is signed by one-half of the registered voters in that legislators constituency." Like Section 69, Section 110 provides for the same method for state legislators. In both situations, it is the referendum conducted by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) that determines the fate of the legislator.

**2. THE PRACTICE OF RECALL**  
Since the beginning of the fourth Republic, attempts to recall legislators had all failed. Factors that have been identified as the causes of failure include its cumbersomeness, it involves much financial resources, and its time consuming. Another major issue

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Recall appears to be most controversial means by which a legislator can vacate his seat. Sections 69<sup>1</sup> and 110<sup>2</sup> of the 1999 constitution provide the procedure for recall, thus---A member of the Senate or of the House of Representatives may be recalled as such a member if:

- a. There is presented to the chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission a petition in that behalf signed by more than one-half of the persons registered to vote in that members constituency alleging their loss of confidence in that member and .



**Professor  
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.which signatures are duly verified by the Independent National Electoral Commission: and

- b. The petition is therefore, in a referendum conducted by the Independent National Electoral Commission within ninety days of the receipt of the petition, approved by a simple majority of the votes of the persons registered to vote in that member's constituency

has been that petitioners are always hasty in their process and at the end engage in procedural errors like inability to provide adequate details of petitioners. The final reasons appears to be that there is more of politics than procedural issues.

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# Procedure of Recall of Legislators (contd.)

All attempted recalls have been more of politics as against non-performance by the legislator. The framers of our constitution in their wisdom that legislators are the representatives of the people decided that sovereign right to recall them must reside with the people. The Recall process is activated if a petition is presented to the Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), signed by more than one half of the registered voters in that member's constituency alleging a loss of confidence in that member.

The signature must be duly verified by INEC, and the petition must subsequently be approved in a referendum conducted by INEC within ninety days of receipt, requiring a simple majority of the Voters cast by the registered Voters in that member's constituency.

Recall of legislators is analogous to removal of President, Vice President, Governors or Deputy Governors. The differences is that removal of the executives are performed by members of the legislative arm, while recall reside with the electorates.

The National and State Assembly can initiate the removal of a President or a Governor from office, when they commit an impeachable offence. Section 143 provides that the President or Vice President may be removed from office whenever a notice of any allegation in writing, signed by no less than one-third of the members of the National Assembly, is presented to the President of the senate, stating that the holder of the office of President or Vice President is guilty of gross misconduct in the performance of their official functions.

This is a significant responsibility, designed to check abuses of office and other constitutional and legal infractions.

Apart from the constitutional provisions of Recall, the current INEC Chairman Professor Muhmood Yakubu, signed the Regulations and Guidelines for the Recall of law makers and Area councils of the Federal Capital Territory (2004). These guidelines even appear more detailed in practice than the constitutional provisions.

## PROCEDURE

- a. The first hurdle for petitioners is that, the petition must be signed with signature or thumbprints and shall include the names, voter identification Numbers (VIN).

## PROCEDURE

- b. The signature of the petitioners must be arranged by polling units in the constituency of the member sought to be recalled.
- c. The name (s), contact address (es), phone number (s), and email address (es) of the representatives (s) of the petitioners specified in the cover letter forwarding the petition to the commission
- d. Upon notification of the member subject to recall, the commission must verify that the petition is signed by more than half (over 50%) of the registered voters in that member's constituency
- e. The commission will make a public announcement stating the day, time, location, and other verification details
- f. After the publication, verification will be conducted in the polling units within the constituency of the sought to be recalled.

The process is usually carried out by verification officers (VO'S), and supervised by either by either an electoral officer, assistant electoral officer, or any other officer designated by the commission. It is expected that the petitioners and the member subject to recall will appoint verification agents who must be registered voters for each polling unit and collation center in their constituency. The signatures/thumbprints verification of the petitioners will be at the polling units, using the Register of Petitioners (FORM EC41) and the Bimodal Voter Accreditation system (BVAS). The outcome of the verification exercise shall be announced at the polling unit, and collated by the Registration Area Verification Collation Officer. The Constituency Verification/Declaration Officer shall announce the outcome of the verification. The Commission shall not conduct a referendum, if the verification indicates that not more than one-half of the registered Voters in that member's constituency endorsed the Petition.

The Conduct of the referendum shall follow the same pattern as the Verification exercise, with the appointment of Referendum officers. Voters shall select "YES" or "NO" on the ballot paper

# Procedure of Recall of Legislators (contd.)

## OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT COULD LEAD TO LEGISLATORS VACATING THEIR SEAT (apart from death)

Apart from Recall provided by Section 69 and 110 of the Constitution, Section 68 and 109 provide situations where members of the various legislative Houses (National Assembly and State Assemblies), may lose their seats. These include:

- a. If the member becomes a member of another legislative house
- b. If he is disqualified as a member of that house by virtue of any circumstance .
- c. If he renounces Nigeria Citizenship
- d. If he is sworn into another position
- e. If he becomes a member of any commission or agency
- f. If he absents himself from meeting from the house where he is a member for a total period amounting to one-third of the total member of days during which the House met in anyone year.
- g. If he decamps to another political party before the expiration of the period for which that

House was elected, provided that there is no division in the Political Party of which he was previously a member or a merger of two or more Political parties or factions by one of which he was previously sponsored.

Despite the above, every legislator's tenure spans the exact life the legislature which is four years.

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## WHY THE RECALLS OF SENATORS DINO MELAYE AND NATASHA AKPOTI FAILED

The attempted Recall of Senator Dino Malaye of Kogi State in 2017 suffered Political and Procedural error, therefore was "dead on arrival". However shortly before the process got to verification stage, the Senator approached the High Court to stop the Recall process. Both the Federal High Court and the Court of Appeal ruled against him, that his suit was 'hasty, premature and presumptions.

In the course of signature verification, the electoral management body led by Professor Ukertor Gabriel Moti (who was equally the Declaration officer) reported that only 18,742 out of 189,870 signatures to the petition could be verified, which represented 5034% of the 351,146 registered voters in the senatorial District. Therefore, the number did not satisfy the legal requirement for a referendum.

The current Case of Senator Natasha Akpoti – Uduaghan of Kogi Central Senatorial District ended at the level of signature count.

The commission pointed out that, the total number of registered voters in the zone is 474,554. They further stated that more than one-half of the figure (that is 50%+1) is 237,277+1 Votes.

It ascertained 208,132 signature/thumbprint from the submission made by the petitioners. This translated to 43.86% of the registered voters, which falls short of the constitutional requirement by 29,146 signatories.

## 6. CONCLUTUION

The Recall process in Nigeria is time-consuming, cumbersome, intense, costly, problematic, and emotion-laden. It is usually not done in good faith and highly political. The initiators of Recall should understand that taxpayer's money is used in the verification and referendum. It is supposed to be a performance check or accountability mechanism. Frivolous Recall process should be discouraged ab initio to avoid overheating the polity. Recall process will always end in fiasco because of bad motives and intentions.

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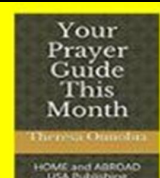
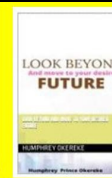
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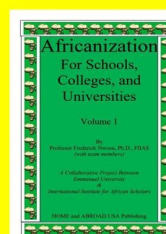
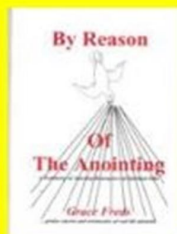
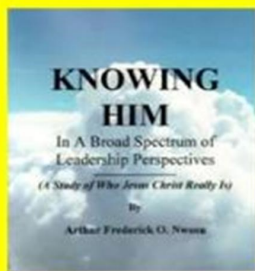
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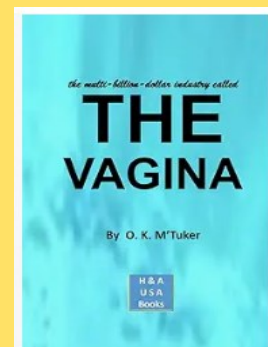
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# Do You Remember Beni Tudumey?

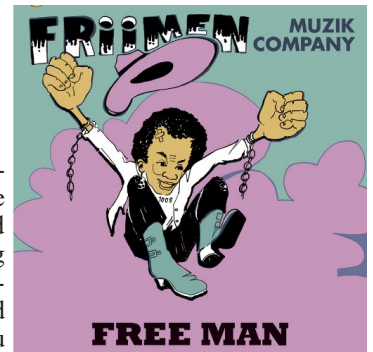
The one and only Beni Tudumey was sighted in Enugu City taking life easy. You could never believe that this was the man who played freaking solos, chords, phrases, and stuff. Watch out for him on the songs, *I Am Your Captain*, *P-O-T-E-N-T-I-A-L (Potential)*, *My Dreams*, *Funky Stuff*, etc., etc.,

Once up on a time, in the City of Aba in Nigeria, there was a music group called Friimen Music Coy. That band refused to do what other bands were doing. They carved their own niche. If you saw them at their rehearsal grounds, you would say without a doubt that the band was a candidate for Billboard #1 spot. When you listen to their albums, you would say the same thing. However, they shunned the market and played music. They were rather musicologists instead of musicians. Their performance at shows was in a class of its own as they dished out precise funk that a listener would nod to the rhythm. The line up at the time under reference included Jimi Henshaw, Kenneth Okogbue. Beni Tudumey, Charlie Eze. In the center of that production was the indefatigable keyboardist Beni Tudumey! When you heard his keyboard lines, you would think it was Jimi Smith playing.

At another time, you would think you were hearing Herbie Hancock. You won't know when he modulates and runs minor scales on the same music! What? How does he do that? Beni Tudumey single-handedly mentored Arthur Freds, held Arthur Freds by the hand, took Arthur Freds to the first rehearsal of Arthur Freds Group, Sweet Unit Rock Group of Aba, Nigeria the first day Sweet Unit Rock band started its journey as a new group. Beni Tudumey stayed at that rehearsal to make sure Arthur Freds did not walk away. Beni influenced Arthur Freds extensively to make sure Arthur Freds succeeded. A musician leaves a legacy when he mentors another artist to succeed. THE FRIIMEN MUZIK COMPANY (also known as FRIIMEN) was formed after the Biafran war in 1973-1974 in the town of ABA in the eastern part of Nigeria. Aba was the Number 1 Music Hub in the entire Eastern Region of Nigeria. While bands and artists like 'Ofege' and 'Fela Kuti' ruled the LAGOS scene, bands like 'Friimen' and 'The Apostles' were ruling the ABA scene. Before forming the band, most of its members were already working together as freelance session musicians backing up solo artists on many recordings



and concerts (or were playing in military bands that gradually became civilian bands because the war had just ended). FRIIMEN members' credits were numerous and they played, wrote or performed on recordings from well-known acts like The Funkees, The Jets, The Apostles...and countless others.



When they started concentrating on writing their own songs, the group instantly took off and became an overnight hit that resulted in them doing multiple successful nationwide tours. FRIIMEN would go on to record three albums: *Free Man* (1976), *We Can Get It On* (1978) and *Merry Man* (1979). All three albums were released on the Aba based label Anodisc Records (THE key label to be on if you wanted your music heard and out there), Anodisc also released hit records by 'Sweet Unit' and 'Voice Of The Cross' but The Friimen Muzik Company was the label's signature band. The Friimen Muzik Company was so solid that every new group would then first consult the

label, or artist wanted the Friimen to back them up in the recording studio. As a result, Anodisc Records received tons of demo cassettes from aspiring artists...the label would then first consult the Friimen members to see if these new acts were worthy of giving a chance to record and release an album for Anodisc. Over the course of the years the band went through several line-up changes...but in 1980 the band finally broke up and their story came to an end. The album we are presenting you today (*Free Man* from 1976) was recorded at the famous Decca Studios in Lagos and comes swinging right out of the gate with a set of no less than EIGHT monster tunes. Expect nothing less than crazy

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affirmative. Normal marriage traditions commenced and completed according to the customs of their people. A new couple was thus born. Sooner than later, the girl became pregnant, had the first child, second, and third. Gradually, the couple became very comfortable with each other. The next thing..., the girl started to demonstrate strength, independence, and 'republic'. Gradually, the girl (now a woman) began to talk back when her hus-

band talks to her. Before you knew it, fight broke out. The man was now playing the second fiddle in his house. In fact, it was no longer certain if it was the man's or woman's house. The man said, "I came to your father's house, married you, and brought you here." The madam of the house said, "I was minding my business. Did I ask you to come? Did I point a gun to your head? When you wanted a girl to marry, did you not know what it was?"

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