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Private Firm's Workers Boost National Blood Bank

A private company, African Natural Resources and Mines Limited (ANRML) has convened a Blood Donation Camp to commemorate 2024 World Blood Donor Day.

The aim of the Blood Donation Camp, which was recently conducted in collaboration with the National Blood Transfusion Service (NBTS), is to significantly contribute to the provision of blood for the sick and save their lives, the company said in a statement.

The statement, signed by the Public Relations Officer, ANRML, Mr Olanrewaju Babatunde AbdulHakeem, discussed the crucial importance of blood to the survival of the sick. Blood is essential because it helps patients survive surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries.

According to the company, "The Blood Donation Camp, which was carried out at the ANRML's factory site, Gujeni Community, Kaduna State, was conceived as a lifesaving care that starts with one person making a generous donation to inspire others to do same and save lives."

The company expressed concern that statistics show that only about 3% of age-eligible people donate blood yearly. Each unit of blood donated is further broken down into components, such as red blood cells, plasma, and platelets, and may be transfused to several patients, each with different needs.

Bandits Kill 7 In Katsina

BY GODWIN ENNA, Katsina

Suspected bandits have killed seven persons in a fresh attack on Saturday night at Mai Dabino village in Danmusa local government area of Katsina State.

An eyewitness account revealed that the bandits also abducted an unspecified number of persons, mostly women and children, who have been taken to the forest.

He said that the hoodlums operated for about three hours after invading the village at about 10:00 pm, shooting sporadically to scare the residents.

The source added that the hoodlums also burnt down several houses and shops, including vehicles worth millions of Naira belonging to the residents.

The state police spokesman, Abubakar Sadiq, confirmed the incident yesterday and said an investigation is ongoing.



Employees of African Natural Resources and Mines Limited (ANRML) and staff of the National Blood Transfusion Service (NBTS), at a Blood Donation Camp to commemorate the Year 2024 World Blood Donor Day in Abuja recently.

Don't Undermine N/Delta Peace, Security, Otuaro Urges Ex-agitators

Administrator of the Presidential Amnesty Programme (PAP), Dennis Otuaro, has appealed to ex-agitators enrolled in the programme to avoid anything inimical to peace and security in the Niger Delta.

Otuaro, who stressed the need for them to promote peace and security in the oil-rich region, emphasised the importance of avoiding actions that could undermine the PAP's objectives.

He gave the charge at a stakeholders' meeting with former agitators in Warri, Delta State, weekend with the theme, "Fostering, Consolidating, and

Collaborating for the Peace, Security, Stability, and Development of the Niger Delta."

His special assistant on media, Igoniko Oduma, said in a statement yesterday that leaders from all phases of PAP participated in the meeting.

Otuaro stressed that all stakeholders in the region must work towards this goal and consolidate the success of the Amnesty Programme to prevent the Niger Delta from relapsing into the pre-amnesty years of serious conflicts and violence, which negatively impacted the region and the country.

"Sustaining the peace and security of the Niger Delta is the mandate of the Amnesty Programme, and we must do this for our communities, our children, and their children," Otuaro said.

The programme was established in 2009 to disarm, demobilise, and reintegrate former Niger Delta agitators. The first two phases of the programme have been completed, with the Amnesty Office now tasked with the reintegration of former agitators into society and providing institutional support for impacted communities in the Niger Delta.

TAKEAWAYS

Niger Delta Peace

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NDLEA Busts Drug-filled Snake-guarded Shrine In Edo

BY EJIKE EJIKE, Abuja

Operatives of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) have busted a snake-guarded shrine used to store illicit drugs in the Igor community, Benin City, Edo State.

The operatives made the move after detecting a specially constructed large hole storage in a wall covered with wallpapers and fetish objects.

NDLEA spokesperson Femi Babafemi said in a statement that "different quantities of illicit substances such as Methamphetamine, Loud, Colorado and Arizona, all strong strains of cannabis with a total weight of 8.743 kilograms, were pulled out from the deep hole dug in the wall of the shrine building."

He also said two ladies, Sonia Chinsonso Ezumezu and Riskatu Tijani, were arrested during the intelligence-led operation on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, after the big black snake guarding the shrine was demobilised.

In the same vein, two suspects, Obi Ferguson, 45, and Ernest Abanum, 46, were arrested on Saturday, June 22, when NDLEA operatives raided the Usen Forest in Ovia South West LGA, Edo State, where 209kg cannabis and a motorcycle were recovered.

Meanwhile, NDLEA officers in Lagos have intercepted a carefully packaged consignment of 8.2 kilograms of methamphetamine at a motor park in Mazamaza, Ojo area of the state.

The highly addictive illicit substance,

also called ice or crystal meth, was packed in imported Dunkin' turtle love chocolate wraps and then concealed in the casing of three loudspeakers.

The NDLEA said a 39-year-old suspect, Michael Odiomume, who was sending the consignment to Owerri, Imo State, was promptly arrested on Wednesday, June 19, at the park.

In Abuja, operatives on Tuesday, June 18, intercepted a white Nissan Frontier pick up vehicle with amber lights and fake registration number of a security agency at Kiyi Village in Kuje area of the FCT.

The statement added that "the vehicle was loaded with 454 compressed blocks of cannabis sativa, weighing 340.8kg procured at Uzeba, Edo State."

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Go For Skills, Knowledge, HoSF Charges Civil Servants

BY IGHO OYOYO, Abuja

Head of Civil Service of the Federation, Dr Folasade Yemi-Esan, has called on Nigerian civil servants to always learn to acquire knowledge and skills so that they can live up to Nigerians' expectations in terms of service delivery.

Yemi-Esan made this call yesterday in Abuja while speaking with journalists after an Interdenominational Church Thanksgiving Service for

the 2024 Civil Service Week at the EXOUSIA Church of God.

She said civil servants cannot stop training themselves, because knowledge is key for them to ascend to positions God has for them and also for them to live up to the expectations of the Nigerian citizens.

"We must tool ourselves with the requisite skills and we can only do this by continuous training and learning," she said.

While speaking about the

Thanksgiving Service, she said, "We have come to thank God for His presence with us in the civil service and especially for the successful celebration of the civil service week. We came to cap it up with thanksgiving to God."

Also, the church's senior pastor, Kunle Sholeye, admonished civil servants that the only way to acquire skills is for them to keep on learning and that fasting and prayers cannot give them the skills to succeed after retirement.

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