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## Cttee inspects N/Assembly Complex extension

By Nasir Iman

THE Federal Government has commended the FCT Administration (FCIA) for the steady progress of work on the National Assembly Complex extension work in Abuja.

Speaking after the inspection of the on-going project of

the Multi-Billion-Naira National Assembly Complex Phase III, Part II project at the weekend, the Chairman of the Presidential Technical Committee on the implementation of the 2009 budget who is also the Minister of Finance, Dr. Maudru Makkar noted that the contractor is moving as scheduled and gave

kudos to its managers, the FCT Administration.

The Chairman described it as one of the priority projects of the Federal Government because when completed it would provide adequate office accommodation to the Legislators which surely would reflect on their legislative functions by ensuring qualitative

laws to the nation.

He emphasised that the Federal Government is committed to the infrastructural development of the entire nation and hence the setting up of the committee to ensure strict implementation of the 2009 budget.

Welcoming the Technical

Committee members, the FCT Minister, Senator Muhammad Adamu Alieru, revealed that the development of the National Assembly Complex is in three phases with first phase (Annex Building) already completed in the early nineties to provide accommodation for the staff and management of the Assembly.

## Council signs N227m road contract

From Ahmed Tahir Ajoke, Lafia

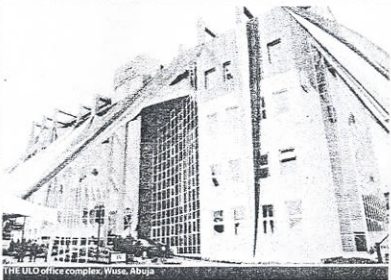
INTERCITY road network contract worth N227 million were last week awarded by Keffi local government area of Nasarawa state.

The roads were Market/Paidi, Kofar Koko and local government secretariat, all put at 2.5 kilometers.

The 'Market/Stadium road, which is to be handled by OG and Vaak engineering limited, is to cost N145M; the Kofar Koko road which would be handled by Okoi Engineering limited is to cost the council N68 million, while the local government secretariat road which would be constructed by Gaska Engineering is to cost N10 million.

The roads, according to the chairman of the council, Engineer Idris Mohammed which will be of standard gangs with reinforced concrete drainages system, would be asphalted.

Engineer Mohammed, who spoke during the contract signing ceremony, said the contract was the first phase in the on-going efforts by the council to give the headquarters a face-lift, while pledging to also open up the rural areas to commercial and economic activities.



## Mark commissions N2bn ULO office complex

By Mustapha Suliman

SENATE President David Mark last Friday commissioned the new N2 billion ULO ultra-modern office complex located in Wuse Zone 5, Abuja.

At the occasion, the Senate President commended the Chairman/CEO, ULO Consultants, Chief Luke Uche Okpuzo, whose initials are the name of the complex, for providing that indigenous contractors can compete favourably than their foreign counterparts.

He described the edifice built by Chief Okpuzo, whom he

described as a long time friend, as a masterpiece with state of the art facilities.

Earlier in his welcome address, Chief Okpuzo said the complex is one of the numerous projects that his firm is handling. Other projects, include the Asaba International Airport runway, the COSCHARIS Center, Abuja, and the Adamawa Plaza.

ULO Consultants, he said, is also handling the construction of the New Government House Complex, Asaba, The Asaba International Airport, the dualisation of the Asaba-Ughelli road, and the approach road to the new Govern-

ment House, Asaba.

Other projects handled by the firm, according to him, include the Adamawa market, the Shehu Shagari market in Sokoto, as well as the Jalingo market.

Consultant architect who designed and supervised the construction of the ULO Complex, Arc. Tunde Oyedola, of el-Mansour and Partners, said the structure which took three years to complete, consist of three suspended floors and a penthouse.

He said reinforced concrete frame, glass, as well as aluminium was used in constructing the complex.

## Delta warns against fraud in land allocation

THE Delta Ministry of Lands, Survey and Urban Development says it has set up a panel to investigate fraud in the allocation of land in the ministry.

Mr Raymond Guanah, the Commissioner for the ministry, who disclosed this in Asaba, said that the panel became necessary to investigate the alleged conduct of some members of the ministry's staff in the fraudulent allocation and reallocation of land. "Building on government land or any other unapproved land is a criminal offence," he said, adding that anyone found culpable would be penalised.

"As I am talking to you now we are already investigating the issues and there is a panel set up by the ministry."

"From this exercise, things are unfolding and in due course, once this panel turns in their report, we will surely go on air to say what has been unearthed," Gusanah said.

He said that the government was poised to deal with the problem and we would address those things that were not done properly. (NAN)

## A/Ibom begins land mgt scheme to stem fragmentation

THE Abia Ibom government has started the implementation of its land consolidation and management scheme to stem the problem of land fragmentation.

Prof. Etok Ekanem, the Abia Ibom Commissioner for Agricultural and Natural Resources, disclosed the move in an interview in Uyo on Sunday.

Ekanem said "Boleide land fragmentation, the scheme will

act as a catalyst to increase agricultural production and boost food security."

He also said that the arrangement would prepare ground for Federal Government's commercial agriculture programme.

"By this arrangement, each of the 31 local government areas in the state will develop at least 100 hectares of land back for the proposed commercial agricul-

ture programme," the commissioner said.

On the commercial agriculture programme, he said that a commercial bank had set aside N5 billion as loan at 9 per cent interest rate to kick start the state's participation in the scheme.

Ekanem said that the CBN and the United Bank for Africa (UBA) were funding the commercial agriculture project.

"Gov. Godswill Akpabio has approved that 5 per cent of the state's monthly allocation from the Federation Account be set aside to fund commercial agriculture."

"By that arrangement, each of the 31 local government councils are to contribute 1.5 per cent of their monthly allocation to fund commercial agriculture."

"The decision has been approved by the House of Assem-

bled," Ekanem said.

He said that to aid the programme, the state government would soon take delivery of 30 tractors and sets of farm implements from the Federal Government. "The tractors and farm implements valued at about N76 million is under the Federal Government's Cooperative Tractor Hiring Scheme," the commissioner explained. (NAN)