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To further strengthen Girl child Education in Nigeria, the Malala Fund has approved \$1.7 million for nine Nigerian organisations to boost girls' education and address the country's high number of out-of-school girls.

Beneficiaries include the Aid for Rural Education Access Initiative, Anti-Sexual Violence Lead Support Initiative, Black Girls' Dream Initiative, Budgi T Foundation, Isa Wali Empowerment Initiative and others.

The fund said the investment aligns with its 2025–2030 strategy, targeting regions with the highest rates of girls missing out on school. It added that 66% of the grants will go to young women-led organisations, more than triple its original target.

The grantees will focus on gender-responsive budgeting, transparency, school re-entry for pregnant and married girls, and digital tools to track education spending and identify infrastructure gaps.

CEO Lena Alfi said the fund supports organisations that understand community-level challenges. Co-founder Malala Yousafzai added that the initiative aims to help married girls and young mothers return to and complete secondary education.

While this is a commendable initiative, do you think the funds will be properly utilised to make meaningful impact across communities?

FAUZIYA MUHAMMAD AUWAL MAKES HISTORY IN TITANS SPACE INDUSTRIES



Nigeria has just made history. Meet Fauziyya Muhammad Auwal, the country's first female astronaut candidate with Titans Space Industries. Fauziyya isn't just breaking barriers, she's building new paths. Born and raised in Northern Nigeria, she is a Master's student of Physics at Kaduna State University and a Research Fellow at Copperbelt University.

Fauziya is equally an honorary research associate of University College London's Department of Physics and Astronomy. Her achievements show what happens when talent meets determination. She holds a strong passion for astrophysics and space physics, aspiring to become a lecturer in the field.

STEM fields can feel like distant dreams for many African women, but Fauziyya is proving that no frontier is too far. Her selection is more than an individual accomplishment, it's a bold statement of possibility, inspiring girls across Africa to aim higher.

This is not just a milestone for science; it's a moment for every young woman who's ever looked at the sky and imagined herself among the stars.

Fauziyya Muhammad Auwal, we are watching your journey with excitement. This is amazing.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF KOREA LAUNCHES ITS FIRST PERMANENT ISLAMIC ART GALLERY



The National Museum of Korea is set to open its first permanent gallery dedicated to Islamic art, marking a major milestone in celebrating global cultural heritage.

Located on the third floor of the museum's Permanent Exhibition Hall, the new Islamic Art Gallery will debut with a collaborative exhibition from the Museum of Islamic Art in Doha, Qatar, titled "Islamic Art: A Journey of Splendor." Running for 11 months, the exhibition showcases 83 remarkable artifacts from Doha, spanning from the 7th to the 19th century.

The gallery is thoughtfully organized into three sections: religious art, cultural exchange, and Islamic courtly art and manuscripts. Visitors will encounter Quran manuscripts, mosque lamps, prayer carpets, astrolabes, ceramics, textiles, jewelry, and even media art recreations of historical spaces, such as the "Reception Room of a Nobleman in Damascus."

Designed with an octagonal layout and domed roof, the gallery offers an immersive experience that celebrates the beauty, sophistication, and historical depth of Islamic art, fostering cross-cultural understanding and appreciation.

This initiative highlights the museum's commitment to global artistic traditions and promoting cultural dialogue across continents.

SAMIHA FOUNDATION SPONSORS 25 GIRLS FOR NCE AT COE-KURA, RANO



The Samiha Foundation on Saturday officially flagged off the distribution of admission letters to 25 female students sponsored to pursue the National Certificate in Education (NCE) at the College of Education, Kura (COE-Kura), Rano Study Centre.

At the ceremony, the Foundation's Chairman, Dr. Ismail Yusuf Musa, who also serves as Secretary of Rano Local Government Council, highlighted the organisation's commitment to advancing girls' education. Represented at the event by Dr. Abubakar Kalli Kuri, Musa noted that empowering young women through education is central to societal progress.

"One of the core pillars of the Samiha Foundation is promoting girls' education and sponsoring them to pursue it for the betterment of society," he said, adding, "No society can truly develop without educating its women."

Also commending the initiative, COE-Kura's Centre Manager, Comrade Abdulra'uf Nafiu Umar, encouraged other philanthropists to follow the Foundation's example. "We appreciate the efforts of the Samiha Foundation and urge other well-meaning individuals to emulate this gesture," he said.

A representative of the beneficiaries, Shamsiyya Ahmad, expressed heartfelt gratitude on behalf of the 25 students. "We thank the Samiha Foundation for giving us this opportunity. It means a lot to us and our families," she said.

As more organisations step in to support girls' education, the question remains: Will other foundations rise to bridge the gap and empower the next generation of women leaders?

FROM FARM TO FUTURE: AGRI GROWTH AFRICA'S CEO CALLS ON EXPERTS TO TRANSFORM AGRICULTURE AND SECURE AFRICA'S FOOD SYSTEMS



Africa's future depends as much on farmers as it does on doctors," declares Muhammad Muhammad Sani, CEO and Founder of AGRI GROWTH AFRICA, in a bold call to action for professionals across all fields to join the agricultural sector. With food security and sustainable farming under increasing pressure, he warns that the continent cannot afford to overlook the critical role of skilled experts in transforming agriculture.

In a recent statement, Sani urged professionals from technology, data analytics, business strategy, science, and other fields to lend their expertise to agriculture. "While doctors and nurses work tirelessly to save lives, farmers and agricultural professionals work tirelessly to feed the world," he wrote, highlighting the sector's central role in Africa's economic stability and well-being.

Sani emphasized that modern agriculture faces complex challenges requiring innovative solutions and professional expertise.

He also called on specialists to help develop cutting-edge technologies, optimize resource management, and implement sustainable farming practices, efforts that could have transformative impacts on communities and future generations.

Just like the medical field, the agriculture industry needs experts to tackle complex challenges," he said. "Together, we can revolutionize farming practices, create resilient food systems, and ensure that our communities thrive.

Framing the sector as both a career opportunity and a societal mission, Sani encouraged professionals to break free from stereotypes and recognize agriculture as a high-impact, knowledge-driven industry. He concluded by reminding readers that both sectors, medicine and agriculture, share a common goal: saving lives, one through healing and the other through nourishment.

IF AN UNDERGRADUATE CAN WIN 26 CASES IN COURT, WHO THEN SETS THE LIMITS?



A Benue State University student, Emmanuel Odeh, has become a major topic of discussion across social media. A 300-level Law student, Emmanuel has reportedly handled and won 26 legal matters in different states, including Osun, Rivers, and Ondo, an achievement many seasoned lawyers cannot ignore.

His story raises deeper questions:

What unique knowledge or skill does he possess at such a young age?

What level of effort, preparation, or grit is powering these victories?

And is his involvement in legal practice a survival tactic, or his way of applying classroom theories directly to real-life cases?

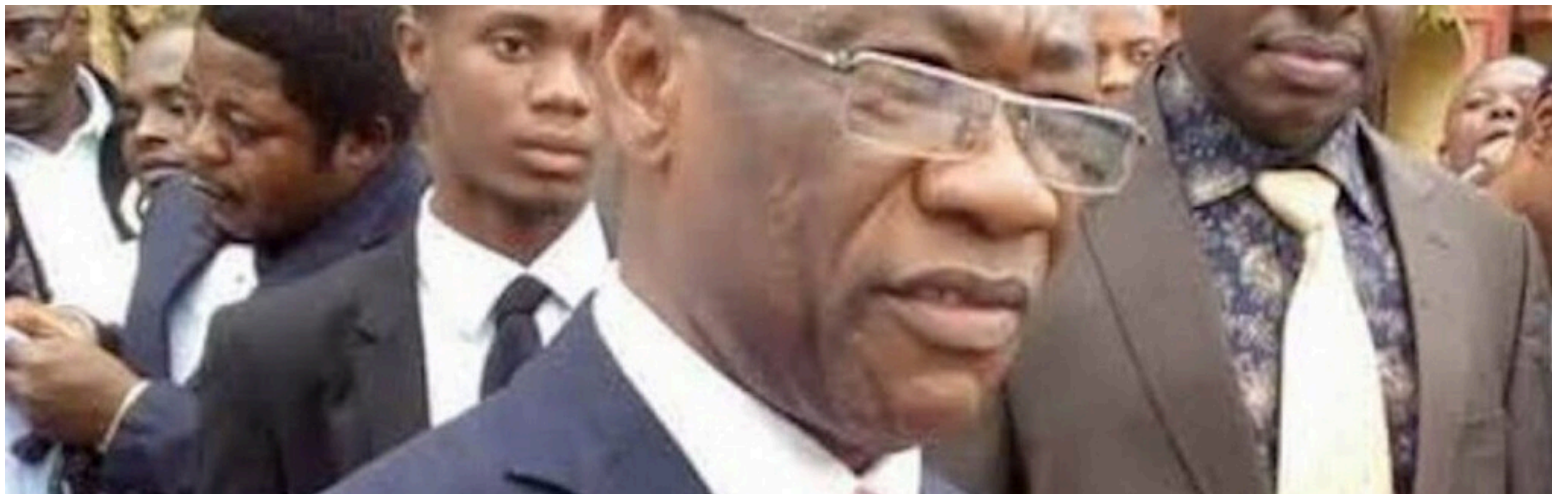
The situation became public last semester when a client sent him funds to complete a case. Emmanuel was writing his examinations at the time and couldn't balance both. When the client escalated the matter to law leadership, it was discovered that the young advocate making courtroom waves was actually still an undergraduate.

While his mates were focused on exams to proceed to 400 level, Emmanuel was reportedly juggling academic pressure with legal battles. Many who know him describe him as brilliant, determined, and unusually gifted.

But his story brings us to an important national debate:

Is it right for an undergraduate to practice law before full qualification? What should Nigeria make of this situation?

UNICAL PROFESSOR GETS FIVE-YEAR PRISON TERM FOR ABUSING FEMALE STUDENT



A Federal High Court in Abuja has sentenced Professor Cyril Ndifon, the suspended Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Calabar (UNICAL), to five years' imprisonment after finding him guilty of sexually harassing a female student. Justice James Omotosho delivered the ruling after convicting Ndifon on two of the four charges brought against him by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC). Although the offences carried different penalties, a two-year term on one count and a five-year term on the other, the judge ordered that the sentences run concurrently, meaning the professor will serve a total of five years.

The case stemmed from allegations that Ndifon abused his influence by coercing a diploma student, identified in court as "TKJ," into sending him obscene images via WhatsApp and soliciting sexual favors, including oral sex, in exchange for securing her admission into the university's Law programme. During the trial, Ndifon repeatedly insisted he was innocent, presenting his own testimony and calling a forensic expert in an attempt to challenge the evidence. The court rejected his defense, describing him as "not a witness of truth" and concluding that he exploited a vulnerable student and misused his office.

Ndifon's co-accused, former lawyer Sunny Anyanwu, was acquitted after the court ruled that prosecutors failed to sufficiently link him to allegations of interfering with witnesses. Justice Omotosho, however, condemned Anyanwu's decision to contact a key witness, calling the act highly unprofessional.

BREACH OF CONTRACT: RISKS TO ORGANIZATIONS WITHOUT LEGAL DUE PROCESS



According to an information shared in this regard, A Hospital by name Reddington switched the service of its employee one Mr. Aderinde from permanent staff status to a contractual based arrangements, on the basis of internal restructuring of the Hospital, without seeking a dialogue or compensation for the employee.

With knowledge of law and rights, the employee sought the service of a counsel and dragged the Hospital to the National industrial Court for breach of contract. The court stated that Mr. Aderinde was subjected to an arrangement that did not comply with labour standard and resulted in an unjust deprivation and accrued right.

In its ruling, Justice A. N Ubaka of the Lagos Judicial Division ordered Reddington Multi-Specialist Hospital Ltd to pay Mr. Aderinde a total sum of 18,000,000 within 30 days for their unjust switch.

This ruling is a testament to the knowledge of labour laws which Mr. Aderinde utilized in getting justice over the unjust treatment by the Hospital.

While this is commendable, Organizations, companies and firms should always seek the knowledge of legal counsels and Human right persona before taking decision against employees, as such decision could have a long lasting impact whether negative or positive on the organization and the legacy it has built for years.

PROFESSOR RABIA SALIHU SA'ID — A TRAILBLAZER IN PHYSICS, STEM ADVOCACY, AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT.



One of the fundamentals of strengthening and influencing individuals who are doing great in their respective fields is celebrating them for the world to see and learn from the impact they are making.

Today, African Media Communication and Consulting is spotlighting a woman of vision whose trailblazing efforts are recognized and honoured by many.

The spotlight today is on a notable woman, a Physics Professor from the northern part of Nigeria, whose wings have spread across Nigeria, Africa, and the world.

Professor Rabia Salihu Sa'id (born 21 April 1963) is a Nigerian physicist, professor of atmospheric and space-weather physics, and a researcher at Bayero University Kano.

She conducts research in atmospheric and space weather physics, particle physics, and electronics. Professor Sa'id is also an advocate and mentor for young women in science with the Visiola Foundation and Peace Corps. She co-founded Nigeria's Association of Women Physicists and continues to champion STEM education. She also serves as a facilitator for the British Council's Active Citizens Programme. Professor Rabia Sa'id has received fellowships from the Institute of Applied Physics in Bern, Switzerland, and the Ford Foundation.

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