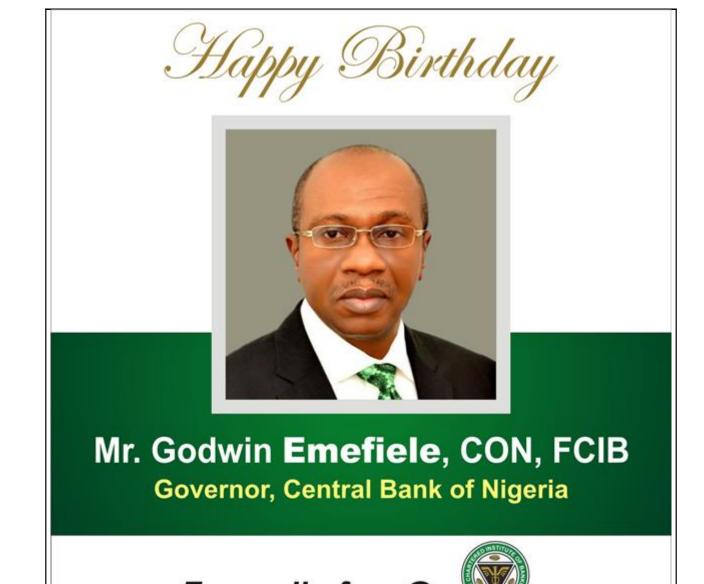
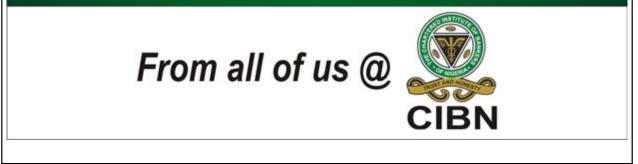
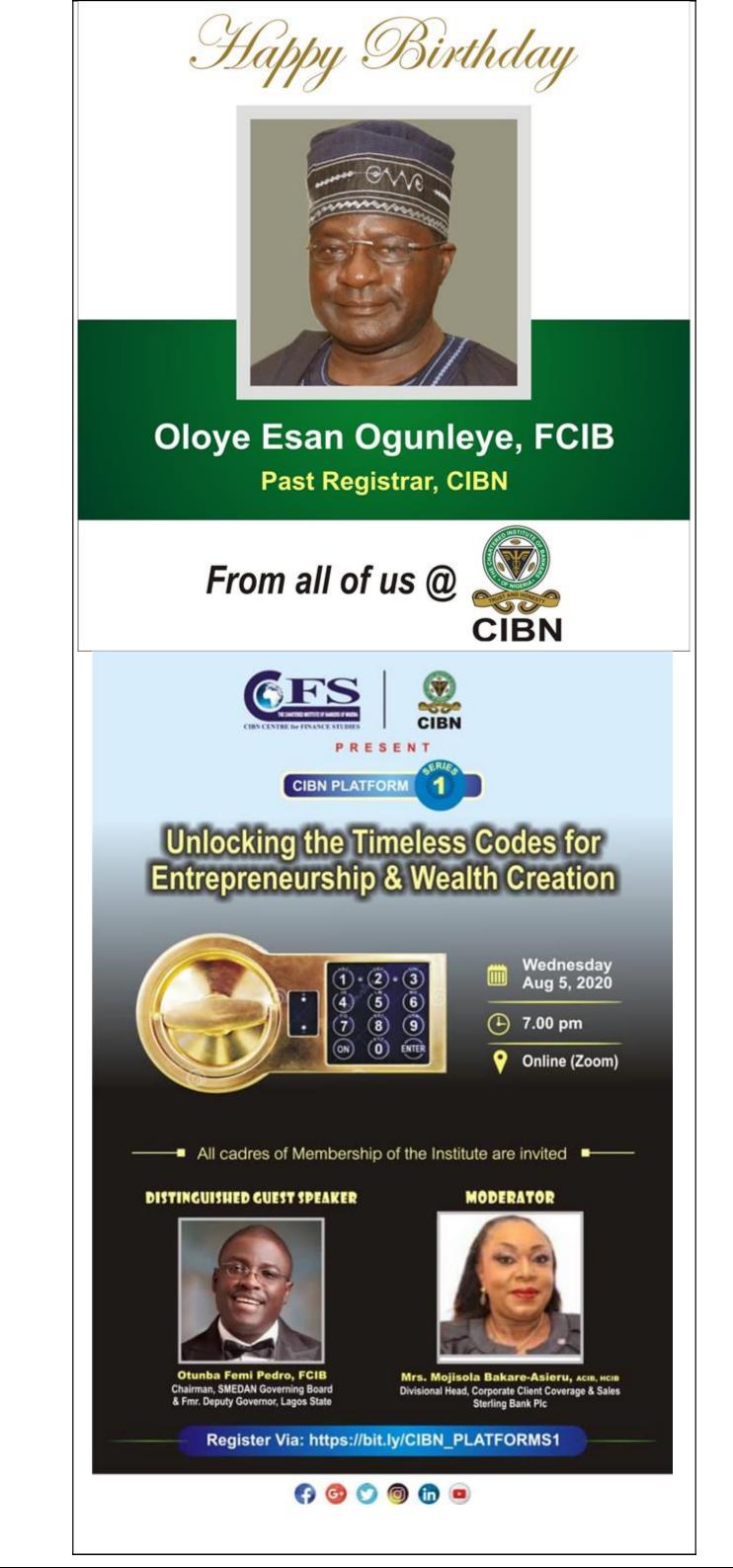
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FINANCE NEWS

Trade to drive growth in August – CBN survey

The retail and wholesale trade sector will drive business expansion in August, according to expectations from firms. The statistics department of the Central Bank of Nigeria disclosed this in its business expectation survey report. The survey was conducted in July.

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Nigeria's oil projects threatened as IOCs suffer \$27.8bn loss

Several major oil and gas projects in Nigeria may suffer further delays as international oil companies operating in the country saw their financials take a dive in the second quarter of this year. The slump in oil prices caused by the coronavirus pandemic has forced many companies, including IOCs to slash their capital budgets and suspend some projects.

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CBN disburses N539.8m loans to farmers in three months

The Central Bank of Nigeria disbursed N539.8m loans to farmers between January and March 2020. lt disclosed this in its third quarter economic report on titled 'Agricultural credit guarantee scheme', obtained on Monday. Part of the report reads, "A total of N539.8m loans was guaranteed 3,161 to farmers under the Credit Agricultural **Guarantee Scheme**

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Bank cautions depositors on rising fraud cases

Access Bank Plc has called on customers to be vigilant of the common tricks used by fraudsters to rob them of their monies. The Executive Director, Retail Banking, Access Bank, Victor Etuokwu, made the call on Friday in a statement, entitled 'Be fraud smart -Access Bank urges customers.'

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dollar fund offers investor comfort amid FX uncertainty

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As a petrodollar economy. Nigeria is susceptible to weakness in global oil prices which has continually impacted the country's exchange rate and brings to the table conversations around devaluation of the local currency.

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to forex challenge facing businesses

Experts seek solution

Financial experts have said there is a need to address the foreign exchange challenge facing the manufacturing and trade sectors of the economy which was occasioned by the coronavirus pandemic. They spoke during a webinar for bank customers in the business of import/export of goods and services

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MARKET RATES: INTERBANK / PARALLEL

	030	GFD	LOK	
4	466 / 472	570 / 582	520 / 530	
AUG				
3	460 / 465	555 / 565	500 / 506	
AUG				
31	455 / 463	550 / 562	498 / 505	
JULY				
30	455 / 461	550 / 558	495 / 504	
JULY				

Source: CBN & Abokkifx

BUSINESS NEWS

Renewed bargain-hunting push market index by 0.29%

Following renewed bargain-hunting in most blue-chip stocks, especially Flour Mills and GlaxoSmithkline (GSK) Consumer Nigeria, the Nigerian equity market commenced trading for the week on the positive note yesterday, causing the All Share Index (ASI) to appreciate by 0.29 per cent.

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FBN Holdings injects N25b in FirstBank

FBN Holdings Plc has sold its life insurance company and invested the N25 billion (about \$66 million) proceeds as equity in First Bank. This is to boost its capital after restructuring its loan book, the FBN said on Monday.

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Equity market opens August with N38bn gain

The equity market on Monday sustained rally for the second trading session to open the month of August on the positive note. The market performance indices, NSE ASI, appreciated by 0.29 per cent as the market breath closed positive with 19 gainers and 16 losers.

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UACN posts 55% drop in half-year profit

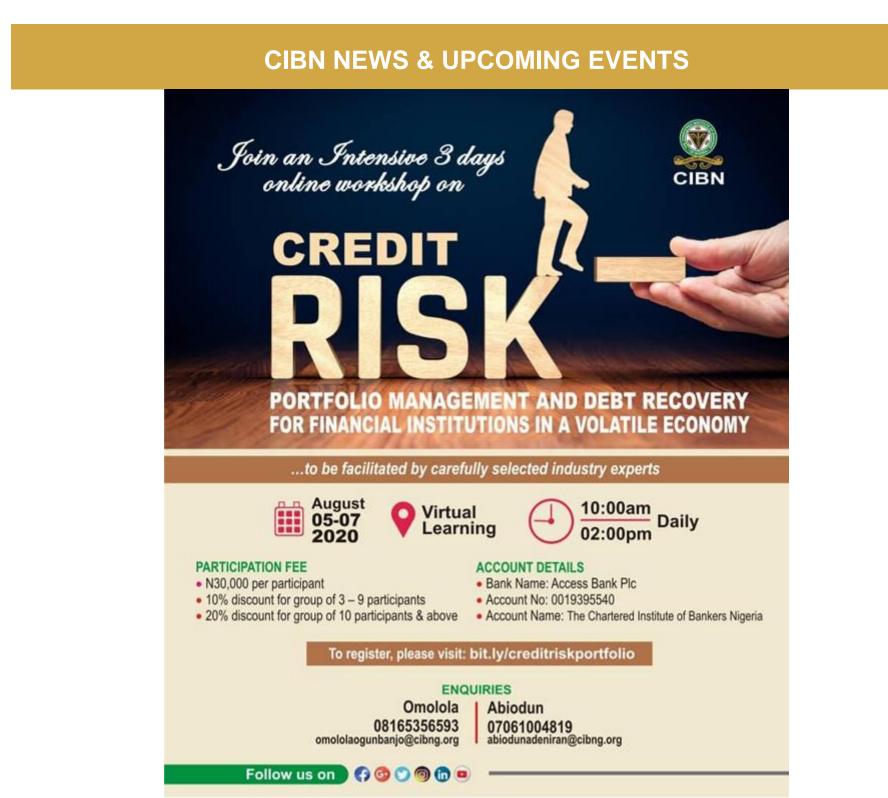
UAC of Nigeria Plc has reported a 55.21 per cent decline in its profit after tax for the half year ended June 30, 2020.

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Sterling Bank reports 10% growth in interest income

Sterling Bank Plc has reported a net interest income of N33.5bn in the half-year ended June 30, 2020, as against N30.4bn during the corresponding period of 2019. This represents a growth of 10.1 per cent.

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Do the difficult things while they are easy and do the great things while they are small. A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step. -Lao Tzu

GENERAL NE	VV

JUST IN: Nigeria misses out on COVID-19 vaccine trials

Experts are worried that Nigeria is not participating in the ongoing clinical trials on COVID-19 vaccines, unlike South Africa and Egypt. The concern is anchored on the fear that the country might not be able to benefit sufficiently it fails to be actively involved in the critical development process.

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NUT, PTF express fear as schools reopen today

Nigeria Union of Teachers and Presidential Task force on COVID-19 yesterday expressed anxiety as schools across the country reopen today.

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Trump spinning virus failure as a win again by celebrating 'encouraging' progress

Every time President Donald Trump and his political team claim great progress in the pandemic it's a dangerous sign: things are likely about to get worse.

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