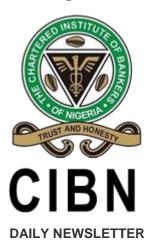
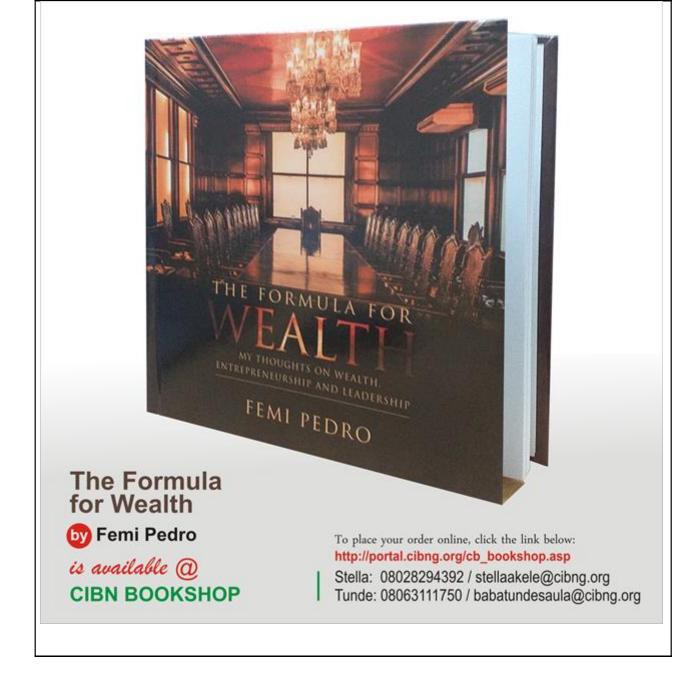
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## **FINANCE NEWS**

### **Currency in** circulation rises to N2.39tn

Currency in circulation rose by N95.13bn from N2.29tn at the end of June to N2.39tn in July, according to the latest statistics obtained from the Central Bank of Nigeria on Thursday.

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### Banks owe telcos N17bn for USSD access -NCC

The Executive Vice Chairman of the Nigerian Communications Commission, Prof. Umar Danbatta, says commercial banks in the country owe telecommunication over N17bn for Unstructured Supplementary Service Data access.

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## **AfCFTA: Experts** examine strategies for services export

Experts have identified the need to take advantage of the African Continental Free Trade Area and develop strategies to aggressively export services, especially value-added services to other African countries.

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### NUPENG, PENGASSAN fume over petrol price hike

As more marketers raised the pump price of Premium Motor Spirit (petrol) on Thursday, the Nigeria Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers and the Petroleum and Natural Gas Senior Staff Association of Nigeria have voiced their opposition to the deregulation of the downstream petroleum sector.

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## International flights to **NEXIM** Bank: resume in weeks -FG

The Federal Government on Thursday said the airports would be reopened to international flights in weeks and not in months. When international flights eventually resume, passengers are expected to arrive the airport three hours before their flights.

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#### MARKET RATES: INTERBANK /PARALLEL

NGN	USD	GPB	EUR
7	468 / 474	585 / 595	536 / 545
AUG			
6	460 / 465	555 / 565	500 / 506
AUG			
5	455 / 463	550 / 562	498 / 505
AUG			
4	455 / 461	550 / 558	495 / 504
AUG			

Source: CBN & Abokkifx

## **BUSINESS NEWS**

#### Investors' wealth appreciates by N86b in four days

Trading on the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE) sustained a rising profile yesterday as more blue chip stocks appreciated in price, causing investors' wealth to increase by N86 billion in four trading days.

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#### Equity market gains N26bn on blue-chip firms

The Nigerian equity market on Thursday remained on the uptrend following gains recorded by some blue-chip firms. The market breadth equally closed positive, recording 20 gainers against 10 losers as both market performance indices grew by 0.20 per cent.

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#### MTN to exit Middle East, focus on Africa

MTN Group says it will exit the Middle East in the medium term, starting with the sale of its 75 per cent stake in MTN Syria as part of plans to focus on Africa.

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#### World shares falter after Trump takes aim at China tech firms

World stock markets tumbled on Friday after U.S. President Donald Trump ratcheted up already-heightened tensions with Beijing by banning U.S. transactions with two popular Chinese apps, Tencent's WeChat and ByteDance's Tiktok.

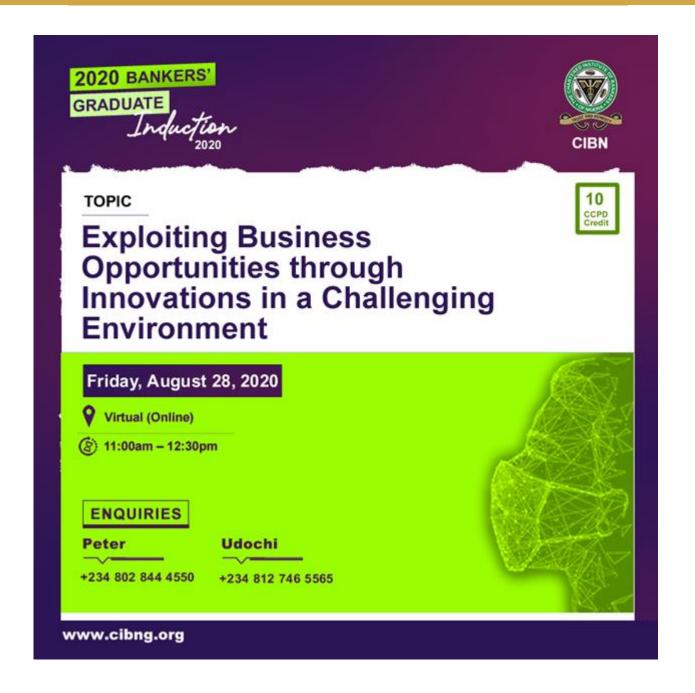
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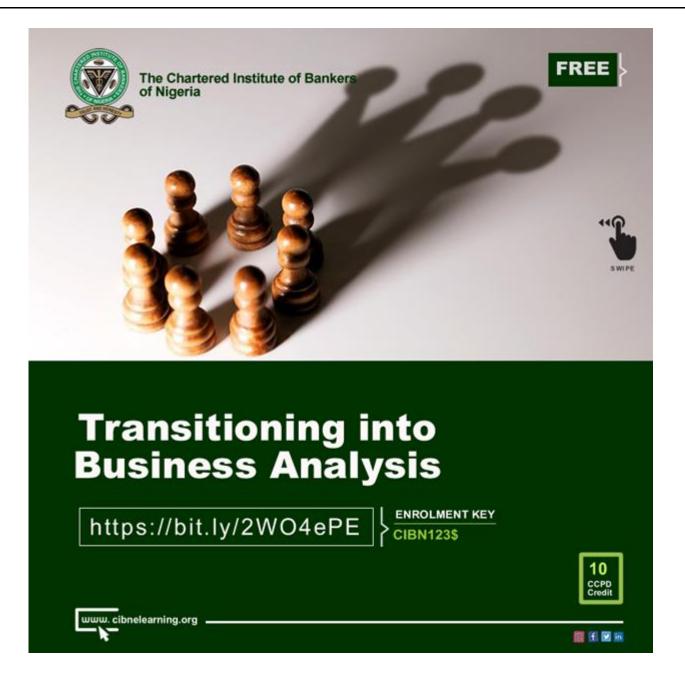
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China's economy appeared to be gathering pace in July as exports rose the most this year while some raw material imports hit record highs, adding to hopes for a more sustained recovery.

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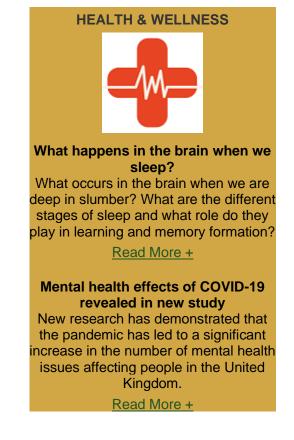


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The President, Major General Muhammadu Buhari (retd.), has approved the extension of the current phase of the national response to COVID-19 by another four weeks.

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#### How COVID-19 treatments cost government over N44.9b

Latest figures from the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) and the recent revelation of the cost of treating a COVID-19 patient by the Lagos State government indicate that the country is spending hundreds of billions of naira in tackling the pandemic.

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# Trump issues orders banning TikTok and WeChat from operating in 45 days if they are not sold by Chinese parent companies

President Donald Trump on Thursday issued executive orders that would ban the social media app TikTok and WeChat from operating in the US in 45 days if they are not sold by their Chinese-owned parent companies.

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