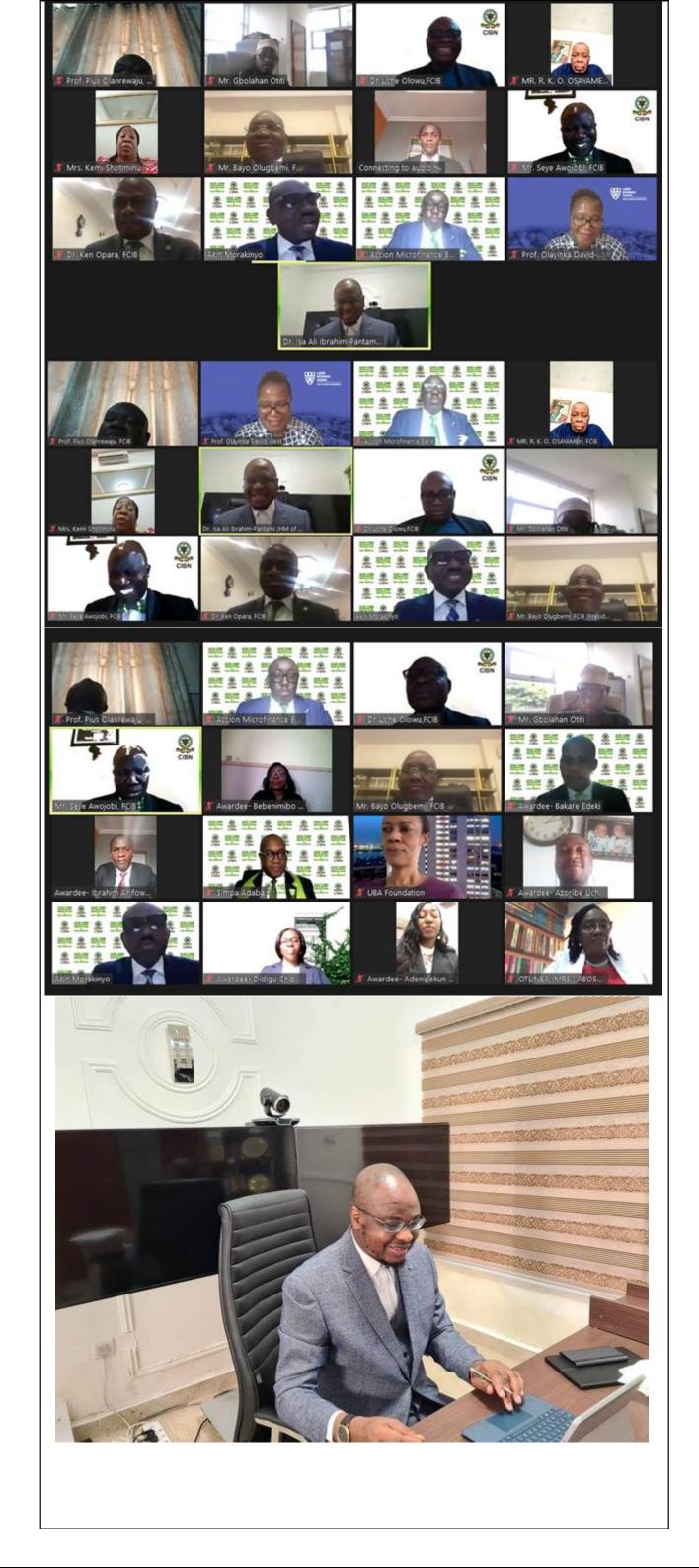
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FINANCE NEWS

Banks borrow N2.08tn from CBN in four months

Increased liquidity in the banking sector has continued to raise the lending institutions' capacity to increase credit to the economy, NIKE POPOOLA reports

Foreign reserves rise by \$70m in one week

The country's foreign reserves rose by \$70m from \$35.59bn as of August 20 to \$35.66bn on August 27, the latest figures from the Central Bank of Nigeria have shown.

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AMCON's assets under management hit N136.73bn

The assets under management of the Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria stood at N136.73bn while it has about N112.03bn worth of propriety assets.

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Insurance sector shrank by 28.15% in Q2, says NBS

The insurance sector of the Nigerian economy contracted by 28.15 per cent in the second quarter of the year. This was contained in the National Bureau of Statistics' Gross Domestic Product report for the second quarter of 2020.

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AfDB: Nigeria, others need \$150b to reset economies

Bank (AfDB) Group at the weekend projected that Nigeria and other African countries will require additional cash in excess of \$150billion to cushion the effects of coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on their economies.

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We spent N5.3bn on petrol subsidy in June - NNPC

Latest figures from the Nigerian National **Petroleum Corporation** have shown that the oil firm made an under-recovery of N5.348bn in June this year. Under-recovery is the losses incurred by the oil firm due to the difference between the subsidised price at which the corporation sells petrol and the price which it should have received to meet its production cost.

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NGN	USD	GPB	EUR
31 AUG	472 / 477	602 / 612	545/ 555
28 AUG	460 / 465	555 / 565	500 / 506
27 AUG	455 / 463	550 / 562	498 / 505
26 AUG	455 / 461	550 / 558	495 / 504

Source: CBN & Abokkifx

BUSINESS NEWS

The African Development

NSE defies GDP contraction, as earnings scorecards push index by 0.35%

Transactions at the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE) defied the impact of the recentlypublished 2020 second quarter (Q2) report of 6.1 per cent gross domestic product (GDP) contraction to close the week on a positive note, as the 2019 full-year corporate scorecards and ongoing half-year earnings reporting season with dividend pay-out continue to support the bull run.

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Forex crisis: Foreign investments at lowest ebb

Foreign investments in the Nigerian market have dropped to their lowest in recent years as investors bemoaned foreign exchange control and illiquidity. Foreign portfolio report at

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Buffett looks to Japan with 5% stakes in five biggest trading firms

Berkshire Hathaway Inc (BRKa.N) has bought a 5% stake in each of Japan's five biggest trading houses, together worth over \$6 billion, marking a departure for Chairman Warren Buffett as he looks beyond the United States to diversify his conglomerate.

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Brent hits five-month high on Abu Dhabi supply cuts, China data

Oil rose on Monday, with Brent touching the highest in five months, underpinned by a 30% cut in Abu Dhabi crude supplies and encouraging Chinese data even as global demand struggles to return to pre-COVID levels in a well supplied market.

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China's slower factory growth eclipsed by robust services in boost to economic recovery

China's factory activity grew at a slower pace in August as floods across southwestern China disrupts production, but the services sector expanded at a solid rate in a boost to the economy as it continues to recover from the coronavirus shock.

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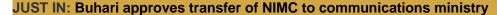
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Uber, Bolt drivers begin one week-strike in Lagos

Drivers on e-hailing platforms in Nigeria's Lagos State are embarking on a week-strike starting on Monday to protest against some aspects of the new regulations by the state.

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