Hello there, this is News Periscope, a podcast that rounds up and brings the news around the world to your doorsteps.

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I am Titilayo Oyinsan Adelagun and in the highlights,

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CJN COURTS **31/08/2021**

We kick off from Nigeria where the Chief Justice of that nation and Chairman of the National Judicial Council, Justice TANKO MUHAMMAD has summoned the Chief Judges of Rivers, Kebbi, Cross River, Anambra, Jigawa and Imo State to an emergency meeting.

This is said to be part of efforts to stem the recent wave of embarrassing and conflicting ex parte orders emanating from Judges in their jurisdictions.

Parties to the leadership crisis rocking the opposition PDP had obtained several ex parte orders, some barring and some permitting embattled Prince UCHE SECONDUS, the National Chairman, in his effort to retain his seat.

In a letter of invitation, the CJN summoned the head of the concerned courts to the emergency meeting to brief him on the incessant granting of the conflicting orders on suits instituted by different political parties before the various courts.

COVID THREAT

In the meantime, Nigeria's Government has hinted that it might sanction anybody who refused to take COVID-19 vaccines after they had been made available to all Nigerians.

The Executive Director of the National Primary Healthcare Development Agency, FAISAL SHUAIB, dropped the hint of possible sanctions when he spoke to reporters in Abuja.

This comes as the Nigerian Medical Association and health workers under the aegis of the Joint Health Sector Union faulted government's plan.

While the NMA said the people had the right to reject vaccines, JOHESU noted that the move to make vaccination compulsory was baseless.

Dr SHUAIB however said the presidential Steering Committee and the Federal Ministry of Health are exploring ways of making vaccines more available to all Nigerians.

SHUAIBU-SANCTIONS

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JAMB-CUT OFF

To education matters, the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board, has cancelled general cut-off marks for admission into tertiary institutions and gave schools the freedom to set their individual minimum benchmarks for admission.

The Board took the decision at the 2021 policy meeting, which was held virtually, and chaired by the Minister of Education, ADAMU ADAMU.

Speaking during the meeting, Registrar of JAMB, Prof. IS-HAQ OLOYEDE, said, some universities such as the University of Maiduguri, proposed 150; Usman Dan Fodio University, Sokoto, proposed 140; Pan Atlantic University proposed 210; University of Lagos 200; Lagos State University, 190; Covenant University 190; and Bayero University, Kano, 180.

On the deadline for the closure of admissions, the stakeholders resolved to allow the education ministry to decide, as they could not agree on the December 31, 2021 deadline for all public institutions and January 31, 2022 for all private institutions.

BANDITS/ ZAMFARA

Zamfara State government has shut down schools across the state following Wednesday's abduction of 73 students from a public school in the state.

The state government also imposed a 6 p.m to 6 a.m. curfew on 13 local government areas and 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. in Gusau, the state capital.

The police commissioner in the state, AYUBA ELKANA, made the disclosure while briefing journalists after a security meeting chaired by Governor BELLO MATAWALLE.

He said he has deployed a search and rescue team to work with the military to rescue the abducted students.

The security meeting was convened after students of Government Day Secondary School kaya in Maradun were kidnapped Wednesday afternoon.

A source in Maradun told Africa Business Radio that the Vice Principal of the school, ZAYYANU TSABA, was among those kidnapped.

TUNISIA

On to the foreign scene, the Tunisian government has issued an arrest warrant for a former presidential candidate, NABIL KAROUI and his brother, a day after reports that they were detained in neighbouring Algeria.

KAROUI was runner-up in Tunisia's 2019 presidential election, a poll won by Kais Saied, who in July this year, suspended parliament and granted himself sweeping presidential powers.

Since then, there has been a wave of travel bans and house arrests targeting parliamentarians, magistrates and businessmen in an anti-corruption purge that has raised fears of a decline in freedoms.

TALIBAN

The Taliban has held a victory parade in the Afghanistan city of Kandahar, its birthplace, after the departure of US troops from the country.

U.S troops departed Afghanistan on 31 August (Tuesday), after 20 years of being in the country following the September 11, 2001 terror attacks on the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon, which was orchestrated by the late Osama Bin Laden.

The Taliban held a ceremony at Kandahar Cricket Ground – witnessed by hundreds of supporters in the terraces – where they paraded captured US military hardware.

Meanwhile, the deputy head of the Taliban's political office in Qatar SHER ABBAS STANEKZAI has said a new government will be formed soon.

SPORTS **02-09-2021**

And for sports, CRISTIANO RONALDO has become the all-time leading men's international goalscorer after scoring a brace for Portugal against Republic of Ireland.

The Manchester United forward scored his 110th and 111th goals for Portugal in their dramatic 2-1 World Cup qualifying win.

The 36-year-old had a penalty saved by goalkeeper GAVIN BAZUNU earlier in the game, before scoring two late headers within the final seven minutes to break and extend the goal record.

ALI DAEI, who scored 109 goals for Iran between 1993 and 2006, held the record which RONALDO equalled with a double against France during the rescheduled Euro 2020.

And that's it for this week's edition of News Periscope on Africa Business Radio, join me next week for another package of hapenings around the world.

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