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Vision

To develop a credible naval power in fulfilment of the Nigerian Navy's constitutional roles towards enhancing national prosperity and security.

Mission

To develop a naval force that is well trained, organized and highly motivated to discharge its constitutional roles professionally and efficiently for the defence of Nigeria in ensuring her economic prosperity.



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The 32nd Flag Officer Commanding
EASTERN NAVAL COMMAND

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It gladdens my heart to present to you the latest edition of the "Eastern Tide". It is heartwarming to note that our enviable publication is sailing again after a while. This edition is unique because after 40 years of neglect, the resilience of the CNS led to the commissioning of the Nigerian Navy Reference Hospital (NNRH) Calabar by His Excellency, Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, President Muhammadu Buhari. The Hospital is equipped with world class facilities and is designed to accommodate various aspects of health challenges in order to cater for health needs of NN personnel and other Nigerians.



Also, when the model bricks accommodation for NN personnel was conceived, no one thought it would be completed on record time. It is gladdening to note that the NN today has in its kitty 100 units of model bricks accommodation for her personnel, commissioned by Mr President.

The NN in her quest to curb criminality in the maritime sector saw the NN showcasing her prowess during Exercise OBANGAME EXPRESS 2018. Significantly, the gain from the exercise was enormous. In addition, the Command witnessed tremendous operational activities in its AOR leading to several arrests of criminals, destructions of illegal refineries among others. Notably, the operations visit of the FOC to units and establishments spur lots of operational activities in the Command resulting to the enormous achievements. This special edition also presents a lot of other insightful activities.

Recognizing training as a bedrock for societal growth, the NN established the Nigerian Navy Military School in Ikot Ntuen, Akwa Ibom State in order to instil discipline and knowledge in the younger generation.

Furthermore, the contributions of personnel and indeed our civilian friends enriched this edition. For our contributors who sent in articles and where not published we hope to publish it in the next edition. While appreciating you for being an ardent reader of our most cherished 'Eastern Tide', we enjoin you to kindly send your articles on time. Welcome onboard as we set sail!

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CDR DE OKUJAKU
1971 - 1973



CAPT RAO ADEGRITE
1973 - 1977



CAPT PS KOSHONI
1977 - 1979



CAPT OF FINGESI
1979 - 1980



CAPT ES BUBA
1980 - 1982



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1989 - 1990



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1992 - 1993



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15 Jan 1993 - 29 Sept 1993



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1993 - 1994



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1994 - 1995



R ADM YK OMBU
1995 - 1996



R ADM TA ODEDINA
1996 - 2000



R ADM FE AGRITI
1999 - 2003



R ADM AI BOB-MANUEL
2002 - 2003



R ADM GTA ADEKEYE
2003 - 2005



R ADM MA AJADI
2005 - 2006

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R ADM SL BAJE
24 Jan 2006 - 14 Oct 2006



R ADM PS ADENYI
2006 - 2007



R ADM BA RAJI
2007 - 2008



R ADM IB ACHOLOHU
2009 - 2010



R ADM UO JIBBIN
2011 - 2012



R ADM OB OGUNJIMI
2012 - 2013



R ADM JOE AIRHOMU
2013 - 2014



R ADM HO NGONADI
17 Jan 2014 - 11 Jan 2015



R ADM OC MEDANI
21 Feb 2014 - 29 Dec 2014



R ADM HA BABALOLA
2014 - 2015



R ADM AS ABDULKADIR
2015 - 2016



R ADM JO OLUWOLE
2016 - 2017



R ADM VO ADEDIPE
2017 - 2018

40 YEARS AFTER, HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT MUHAMMADU BUHARI COMMISSIONED THE NIGERIAN NAVY REFERENCE HOSPITAL CALABAR

- Commander TO Otuji

President Muhammadu Buhari, has commissioned the 40 years old Nigerian Navy Reference Hospital in Calabar, (NNRH) Cross River State South-South Nigeria. The President said that the commissioning of the Hospital is of outmost importance as it will adequately address the health needs of all classes of Nigerians. He pledged the Federal Government's commitment to provide quality and affordable health care across the Country. "The importance of this cannot be over emphasized, most especially with the personnel of the Armed Forces in view of the enormous mental and physical exertion that attends their profession. Active duty personnel must be in good health for military effectiveness at all times". He lauded the efforts of the Nigerian Navy (NN) which culminated into the successful completion of the Hospital.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Chief of

the Naval Staff (CNS) Vice Admiral Ibok-Ette Ekwe Ibas, revealed that the Hospital was conceptualized between 1974 and 1976 to cater for the health needs of the NN personnel and other military and paramilitary institutions in the Eastern flank of the nation. The CNS stated that work on the Hospital vigorously commenced in 1980 as a project of the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing and was eventually handed over to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) in 1994. In 2016 the NN was determined to remodel the hospital and deliver it in a more sophisticated manner with modern state-of-the-art equipment.

Vice-Admiral Ibas explained that with the take-of the Hospital, a new page has been opened in the medical annals of the NN. He commended the Federal Government for providing adequate funding for the project.

"The NNRH, Calabar was designed to serve as a model medical force-multiplier facility



THE NEWLY COMMISSIONED NIGERIAN NAVY REFERENCE HOSPITAL

for the NN and other military and paramilitary Services in the southern part of the country. Additionally, it was meant to enhance the corporate social responsibilities for the Eastern Naval Command Area. Although work earnestly commenced on the facility in 1980 as a project of the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing, it suffered slow progress and was eventually handed over to the MOD in 1994. By 2012 when the NN took over the project, it was barely at 30 per cent completion over the 32 years construction period. A renewed commitment was however made in 2016 by the NN administration to deliver the Hospital in a grander form than originally conceptualized.

The NNRH Calabar is a Level III hospital for advanced medical investigation and treatment as part of the third leg of the Armed Forces strategic health care delivery structure. The Hospital has been positioned to meet international standard in functional capabilities for all primary healthcare, triage, resuscitation and stabilization of casualties. With its 3 operating theatres, the Hospital would be available for a wide range of surgeries, which could comprise 9 to 12 major operations under general anaesthesia and up to 15 cases under regional anaesthesia daily. Furthermore, it is also equipped with an Intensive Care Unit complete with advanced life support for 4 patients at a time. The Hospital's dental department is comparable with standard dental facilities globally and is the first of its kind in Sub-Saharan Africa. The Dental Laboratory is outfitted to conduct Computer Aided Design/Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAD/CAM) of dental prosthesis. This allows for the undertaking of various dental surgery procedures with maximum comfort for the patients. The Dental Department would be capable of attending to 50 patients daily.

NNRH Calabar also has the capacity to effectively see up to 50 physiotherapy patients daily. The Ophthalmology Department is equipped to cater for both preventive and curative ophthalmic services including surgeries with the capacity to attend to more than 50 patients daily. Pharmaceutical services will be provided by vastly experienced Pharmacy Department with the capability for compounding syrups, ointment, lotions among other products. It would be adequately resourced to maintain a stock level of 90 day consumables at all times. Complementarily, the diagnostic capability of the hospital is driven by fully functional laboratory facilities. The installed capacity is to cater for a wide range of investigations including cardiac enzymes, hormonal and lipid profile, full hematology assay, electrolyte function and renal function assay. There is also a blood transfusion facility with a storage capacity for up to 100 units at a time. Overall, the laboratory would conveniently meet the needs of 400 patients daily.

The Radiology Department is a completely digitalized and equipped with various top range radiological equipment. As part of the sustainability strategy, the radiology equipment was supplied and would be maintained through a renewable 5-year service maintenance agreement with the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) Siemens. This equipment includes Luminos DRF Max Digital Fluoroscopy, Multix Fusion Digital X-ray and Mammomat Fusion Digital Mammography. Others are Acuson S1000 Ultrasound, Mobilett Mira Max Digital Mobile X-ray, Somatom Perspective 64 Slice CT, Magnetom Essenza 1.5T MRI and Cios Connect C-arm Fluoroscopy. This equipment which are all connected to a Picture Archiving and Communications System (PACS) could be used to undertake basic as well as advanced radiological investigations such as basic digital chest x-ray, barium studies, stereotactic breast biopsy, Doppler studies,

cranial CT, coronary artery angiography and Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA). The Department can attend to about 100 patients per day and it is in a position to be a key referral centre for radio-diagnosis for the country and beyond.

The Hospital also has capacity for both out-patient and in-patient care. Out-patient treatment will be driven by the general out-patient department and the special clinics which are medicine, obstetrics and gynaecology, paediatrics and surgery, including orthopaedics, ophthalmology and ear nose and throat. The scope of the out-patient care will be able to service 300-350 patients per day. The in-patient wards will be the hub of activities for in-patient treatment. There is a total of 10 wards, variously categorized as medical ward (male and female), surgical ward (male and female), VIP/VVIP ward and special care ward. Others are children ward, gynaecology ward, post natal ward and lying-in-ward. The combined capacity of these wards is 100 beds.

Twenty four hour emergency service is available at the Accident and Emergency (A&E) Department. The Department will be serviced by a sheltered ambulance bay. The resuscitation/observation area has a capacity for 5 beds. The hospital also has provision for aero-medical evacuation. A functional mortuary with holding capacity for 12 bodies is available with a capacity for the conduct of autopsies. The mortuary facility has sufficient space for expansion into a full-fledged morbid anatomy department. This will serve as a hub for post mortem services in the Calabar area.

The Hospital, with this state of the art equipment, is poised to effectively deliver on its tasks. The sustenance of these capabilities has been considerably laid out in the consummated OEM partnership and training of specialist medical staff.

Furthermore, adopting a strict equipment maintenance regime would assist in cutting cost and assure the continued availability of services. Functionality will also be enhanced by the adopted organizational structure which enables synergy of efforts between the various sections and departments. Thus ultimately, the NNRH Calabar is set up to ensure quality health care delivery at an affordable rate to all who would have need of its patronage.



The President, Command-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Muhammadu Buhari delivering his speech at the event



The FOC R Adm MA Emuekpere (centre) in a group photograph with senior officers and participants from other security agencies to mark the end of the Pre-exercise Lectures

NIGERIAN NAVY SHOWCASED SEA POWER DURING EXERCISE OBANGAME EXPRESS 2018

- Sub-Lt GO SAMPSON

The 2018 edition of Exercise Obangame Express kicked off with a pre-exercise lecture held at the Vice Admiral UO Jibrin Auditorium, Headquarters Eastern Naval Command. The 3 day lectures was attended by members of some paramilitary organisations including Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, Department of State Service, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency, Nigeria Customs Service, Ministry of Justice, and the Nigeria Immigration Service. The Naval Headquarters (NHQ) was represented by delegates who participated in the exercise.

The second segment of the exercise was at the Nigerian Naval College Onne graduation hall, where the Officer-in-Tactical Command (OTC) Rear Admiral Mathew Emuekpere dissected the exercise directives and also spelt out the call signs of the participating war ships, in order to avoid any ambiguity as well as clarify on the task for each man-of-war. The OTC and the NHQ observers were onboard Nigerian Navy Ship OKPABANA, while the rest of the participants were onboard Nigerian Navy Ship UNITY (NNS) and Nigerian Navy Ship KARADUWA. The Nigerian Navy Special Boat Service (SBS) led by Sub-Lieutenant M Chukwu conducted men of the SBS on the various drills and exercises in the course of the exercise, the SBS team displayed a great sense of discipline, dedication and timeliness as they observed all the drills on time.

Some of the exercises onboard NNS UNITY included fire drill, man over board, opposed and unopposed boarding, flooding as well as search and rescue. A real live situation played out when a fishing vessel was pursued and arrested by the SBS team, she was later released when it was clear that the vessel had complete papers to operate within our waters.

Some of the officials from the paramilitary agencies expressed delight to the NN for successfully conveying a huge number of officers, men and civilians to the high seas for about one week. They explained that they now have better understanding of the operations of the Service and pledged to support the NN in achieving its constitutional role as enshrined in the constitution.

A representative of Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency, Mr Bayo expressed confidence that the Navy is capable of policing the nation's waters thereby increasing economic activities in the region.

Similarly, members of the Press were treated to a sumptuous sit out onboard NNS UNITY, where they celebrated and associated freely with the ship's company. During the debriefing at the Nigerian Navy Dockyard Limited, the Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) Vice Admiral Ibok-Ete Ibas

expressed delight and satisfaction with the level of NN capacity to combat security challenges in our maritime domain. The CNS gave the assurance that NN would continue to uphold the ideals of the African Partnership station and its subsidiary programmes like Exercise OBANGAME EXPRESS. He prayed that the subsequent Exercises would continue to improve on the huge success recorded during EXERCISE OBANGAME 2018.

While fielding questions from the Press, the OTC Rear Admiral Emuekpere noted that 'OBANGAME' which means togetherness is an annual sea exercise conducted by the Gulf of Guinea nations, designed to encourage synergy, enhanced response capabilities, interoperability of communications, intelligence and information sharing as well as increased Maritime Domain Awareness.

The NTA correspondent, Muhammad Abdulkadir along with other newsmen were onboard NNS UNITY during EXERCISE OBANGAME EXPRESS 2018 in Nigeria. This year's exercise was unique as participating nations conducted the exercise in their own territorial waters, except for the International Police (INTERPOL) from the French Navy who sent representatives to simulate some aspects of the exercise in the Gulf of Guinea.

It is farewell to EXERCISE OBANGAME EXPRESS 2018 as we look forward to a fresh package next year which promises to be more fulfilling and instructive. In a related development, while flagging off Nigeria's phase of the exercise at Onne Jetty, Rivers State, the CNS, stated the NN deployed 4 ships and 2 helicopters, adding that the deployment was consistent with the renewed vigour of the NN to tackle hostage taking, vessel hijack and illegal bunkering.

Although EXERCISE OBANGAME EXPRESS 2018 has come and gone, the experience will remain indelible in the memories of participants. While looking forward to the future editions, it is important to state that the gains made will add spice to the sailor's operations.

The 12 participating navies were from the Gulf of Guinea nations, eleven are from European and American nations. These include: United Kingdom, Canada, Brazil, Germany, Portugal, France, the Netherlands and USA. Also taking part in the International Maritime exercise are navies from the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), US African Command (US AFRICOM), Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), among others.



NN Special Boat Service Operatives testing their weapons at sea



Team leader of NIQ observer debriefing participants at the end of the exercise



The FOC R Abu MA Emuekpere fielding questions from the press



GAMBLING: A CANKER WORM TO THE FABRIC OF OUR YOUTH'S SYSTEM

- Miss Blessing Ogbu

Gambling is a cankerworm that has eaten deep into the fabric of youths and it has been going on in Nigeria for a long time, but in this generation of the internet, with just a smart phone and access to the internet, you can easily place a bet online, which means the millennial in Nigeria have a huge percentage of gamblers right now.

There are so many forms of gambling but the most common right now in Nigeria is the online sports betting especially football betting. Betting on football games is a big business in Nigeria. According to News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) N1.8 billion is spent on sports betting daily in Nigeria. There is a large followership of football in Nigeria, so why just watch it for the fun of it when can cash out from it right? You will be surprised that it is not only the male folks who gamble a lot of ladies also indulge in it.

Some guys do not limit themselves to only to the popular football leagues some go as far placing bets on unknown leagues. While some stay in the comfort of their house to watch football matches of their favorite teams, some do not mind going through stress of watching it at the viewing centre, struggling for a place to seat. People stake as low as a 100 Naria while some stake as high as a million Naria or more, depending on how rich you are.

Now the question is why is gambling in form of football betting on the rise in Nigeria and why are the millennial really indulging in it? A lot of Nigerians would tell you that they partake in it because they have to survive while some others want to make extra cash and quick money by the

side. The high unemployment and poverty rate in the country is the major cause for high rise in gambling. People need to find a way to make money and survive.

Amid growing poverty and rising unemployment numbers, more Nigeria are investing their lean resources, time and energy in football betting. The National Bureau of Statistics says unemployment grew from 8.2% in the third quota of 2015 to 12.5% in the first quota of 2016.

As more people find difficult to get paid jobs or feed in Nigeria, they are taking advantage of live saving opportunities in the booming football betting industry, a sector fueled by an unprecedented craze for foreign leagues such as: the English premiership, Spanish Laliga, German Bundesliga and Italian Serial A. With the right predictions, N100 stake can easily return millions of Naria. Football betting is now a cankerworm that is really eaten deep in the fabric of our society today. With clear view, it has tremendously promoted laziness among youths, blurred dreams, the "quick money" initiative, negligence, unwillingness to work and dormancy.

Thus, there by degrading education and apprenticeship to its minimum value. Ultimately, my statics arrays that seven of every ten persons are devoted fellow of football betting and it's a pity that the negativity has obviously shown in the standards, reasoning and reflection of these persons.

It is pertinent to note that engaging in gambling is of no benefit to those that indulge in it, therefore it is advised that patronizers stop forthwith.

EASTERN NAVAL COMMAND CONDUCTS FREE MEDICAL OUTREACH FOR CALABAR RESIDENTS

- OSJNL Oyetola I

Over one thousand residents of Calabar received medical care through a medical outreach provided by the Eastern Naval Command of the Nigerian Navy and coordinated by the medical services of the Nigerian Navy Reference Hospital the sixty-second anniversary of the Nigerian Navy and also cement the already existing cordial relationship between the Service and the State. It attracted men, women, children, the elderly and youths of Otu-IyokuEfut Community in Calabar South Local Government Area of Cross River State.

The Clan Head, Mbonka Magdalene Ededem defied the heavy downpour and led the people to access the free medical services at Pinn Margaret Secondary School. Reacting to the kind gesture by the Navy, one of the residents said "I was waiting for this day and God has made it possible for me to make use of it". A traditional leader in the area, Mr Henry Esuabangha lauded the Navy

for their assistance, saying "when it has to do with our Armed Forces, especially Naval Personnel, we have the best because they are really humane. I was convinced that I was going to have the best and I am having it".

Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Naval Command represented by The Chief Staff Officer Rear Admiral Jatau Luka expressed joy over the Navy's ability to give back to the society. He explained that the choice of Otu-IyokuEfut Community was to ensure that Nigerians within the Command's host Community enjoy medical services at no cost. Rear Admiral Luka noted that cases that require referral will be promptly attended to at the Reference Hospital. He stated "it is traditional for the navy to choose host communities and this happens to be one of the communities in the Eastern Naval Command Area of Responsibility. Also, this is usually held as a way of improving civil-military relationship".



A medical personnel attending to a patient at the Laboratory Department



The Rep of the FOC R Adm JK Luka presenting some drugs to one of the beneficiaries



Press Briefing



A group photo of senior officers and the Clan Head Mbonka Magdalene Ededem

EASTERN NAVAL COMMAND AN EPITOME OF TRANQUILLITY AND SUCCESS

- LJNL Edeh C

The Kasuk Clan Heads have described Eastern Naval Command (ENC) as an epitome of peace and success, due to the high level of professional conduct by officers and ratings of the Command.



The FOC addressing the Aho-in-council and his entourage

This commendation was handed down when the Aho-in-Council, His Royal Highnesses Ntoe Patrick Agbor Okon Ededem and Ntoe Ededem Okon Ayito paid a solidarity visit to the Flag-Officer Commanding Eastern Naval Command Rear Admiral Mathew Emuekpere, recently in Calabar.

According to the Monarchs "After these years of cordial relationships, the Clans can vividly describe Eastern Naval Command as accommodating, friendly and has a record of maintaining her corporate social responsibilities".

They lauded the FOC for his tough position on illegalities and pledged their continuous support to the Command in the pursuit of her onerous task of making the maritime environment safe for trade, communications and investment.

In his remarks, Rear Admiral Emuekpere appreciated the traditional rulers for encouraging their subjects to peacefully co-exist with the Command over a long period of time, and urged them to keep on assisting the Command with useful information that will enable the Command to record more successes.

He further assured the Community heads that indigenes of the area would be considered for employment at the Hospital and for career jobs in the Nigerian Navy, noting that most of the Command's mandates has been achieved due to the synergy and cooperation of the locals and pledged his renewed commitment to put illegal oil bunkers out of business.

Kasuk Clans I and II are the host Communities to the International Standard Nigerian Navy Reference Hospital and the Permanent Site of the Naval War College of Nigeria, located at EtapAyip Village, Calabar Cross River State, South South Nigeria.



The FOC presenting a souvenir to HRH Ntoe Patrick Agbor Okon Ededem



The FOC in a group photograph with Kasuk Clan Heads

Religious Tolerance is key TO SUSTAINABLE PEACE – FOC

The Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Naval Command, Rear Admiral Mathew Anoghena Emuekpere identified religious tolerance and harmony as the basic ingredients for peace and tranquility in the service and the nation. This revelation was made when muslims faithful were treated to a sit out with the FOC to mark the break of fast. According to him "religious disharmony envy and strife will do us no good, it is only by living together in peace that we can achieve much". He urged religious leaders to encourage their followers to be broad minded and respect every religion in the overall interest of the nation, adding that there's unity in our diversity.

The breaking of fast which was organised by the Headquarters Eastern Naval Command was held at the Command Officers' Mess. In his presentation, the Command Imam, Commander MB Zakariya stated that love should be the basis for living together as one family, he explained that hate speeches serve as fuel for crisis and underdevelopment. He urged all clerics to show good examples in their leadership style and be wary of religious bigotry, stressing that they must



The FOC flanked by the CSO and FC East during the event

avoid insinuation, blasphemous statements and unnecessary generalization on attitude of adherents of any religion.

He prayed for peace of the land and urged the citizenry to understand each other's differences and tolerate them for peace to reign. Present at the event were Principal Staff Officers Headquarters Eastern Naval Command, Fleet Commander EAST and personnel/civilians from military formations in Calabar.



The FOC R Adm MA Emuekpere in a warm handshake with the Command Imam Cdr MB Zakariya

NIGERIAN NAVY SHUT DOWN 150 ILLEGAL REFINERIES WITHIN SIX MONTHS

- Sub-Lt A Amal

The former Flag Officer Commanding (FOC) Eastern Naval Command (ENC) Calabar Rear Admiral Victor Olugbemi Adedipe revealed that no fewer than 150 illegal refineries were shut within 6 months. He made this revelation while handing over the Command to his successor, Rear Admiral Mathew Anoghema Emuekpere.

Rear Admiral Adedipe said that the illegal refineries destroyed were within the Command's Area of Responsibility which cover Cross River, Akwa Ibom and Rivers States. He explained that immediately after his assumption of Command on 29 June 2017, ENC witnessed continuous reduction in oil theft as his officers and men worked tirelessly to check the menace.

According to him, the successes recorded came as a result of sleepless nights of unending curbing and patrol of the sea, added that the Command also aborted the hijack of several vessels at sea, thereby making the waters safe for maritime trade and other legitimate activities.

"During my tenure in the Command, I and my team were able to make our contributions principally in two key areas which are operations and welfare. "Within the period, we were able to shut down 150 illegal refineries within the Command's Area of Operations. This was due to our aggressive

anti-crude and illegal bunkering patrol. "In the area of welfare, with very strong support from Naval Headquarters, the Command was able to add value to its entire barracks, he said. He poured encomium on other security agencies and sister Services, maritime security stakeholders, the host community and the governments of Cross River, Akwa Ibom and Rivers States for their immense help and assistance and requests the same support for his successor.

"I also acknowledge the contributions of the Naval Personnel and civilian staff that served in the Command under my leadership and urge them to continue to give the same level of loyalty, commitment and support to the FOC".

In his remarks after receiving the Flag of Command and leadership, the FOC Rear Admiral Emuekpere extols the sterling qualities of his predecessor, he particularly commended his boldness and welfare packages he has made available for the personnel.

He appreciated those who contributed to success of the former FOC and urged that the same amount of support be extended to him to enable the Command achieve the Chief of Naval Staff's mission and vision. "I have formally served in this Command as a young officer. I wish to solicit the support of all personnel within the Command to help us move the Nigerian Navy to greater heights" he said.



Destroyed sites of illegal refineries

NNS VICTORY SUCCESSFULLY TRAPS ILLEGAL OIL BUNKERERS

- Sub-Lt A Amal

Officers and men of the Nigerian Navy Ship VICTORY (NNS VICTORY) in Calabar, Cross River State have successfully arrested nine suspected illegal oil bunkerers with 500 drums of refined diesel. The suspects were tracked and trapped while conveying the diesel on a large wooden boat from Bonny in Rivers State to Calabar when the eagle-eyed personnel intercepted them in the open river along Calabar Channel. The Commandant of NNS VICTORY Commodore Julius Nwagu, stated this while handing over the products and the suspects to the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps at NNS VICTORY Jetty in Calabar.

He explained that the illegally refined 500 drums of diesel, estimated to be about 125,000 litres, was valued at Twenty Million Naira. According to him "We are here in line with extant regulations on arrest, prosecution and detention of persons who carry out illegalities in Nigeria's maritime environment. I want to warn those involved in such acts that the NN will not fold its arms and see anybody

sabotaging the efforts of the Federal Government in ensuring that the economic prosperity of this country is taken to a new level. "In the three months of assumption of the Command, I have brought five gun boats to support the gun boats we have. So, there is no hiding place for perpetrators of economic illegalities in our maritime environment. He revealed that the arrest was the second in the last two months and vowed that navy would not allow the nation's wealth to be plundered by criminals. He warned pipeline vandals and organized criminals to desist from the act or face the wrath of the Navy. "We cannot allow anybody to sabotage the efforts of government" he added. Immediately after receiving the nine suspects and the items, the State Commandant of the NSCDC Mr Haliru Usman, pledged that the suspects would soon be charged to court at the end of investigations. "After preliminary investigations, we will charge them to court and the rest will be left for the court to decide, this illegality must stop", Usman said.



The Comd NNS VICTORY Cdr JA Nwagu fielding questions from the press



The Comd NNS VICTORY Cdr JA Nwagu handing over the suspects to NSCDC



A fibre boat laden with 500 drums of illegally refined crude oil



The FOC inspecting the NN Atimbo Barracks perimeter fencing and the road construction

VERIFY AND KEEP VALID RECORDS OF YOUR BOUNDARIES – FOC

The Flag Officer-Commanding (FOC) Eastern Naval Command (ENC) Rear Admiral Mathew Anoghena Emuekpere has urged units under Command to verify and keep accurate records of their boundaries in order to prevent encroachment. This advice was given when the FOC conducted an assessment of the landmass and legal boundaries of the Headquarters Eastern Naval Command in Calabar. He said that even though the lands were legally acquired from the government, it is imperative not to overlook the need to keep the records of the original master plan of units and bases intact. Rear Admiral Emuekpere urged units with uncompleted perimeter fencing to as a matter of urgency make concerted efforts to ensure the completion of such

projects as according to him, is a sure way of keeping away intruders and trespassers.

He lauded the Command Logistics Officer Commodore Bala Idris for ensuring that units lands records are updated at all times.

The FOC also inspected the Nigerian Navy Secondary School Akpabuyo and Nigerian Navy Barracks Atimbo, where he monitored the level of infrastructural development and maintenance of the already existing structures. He drew the attention of personnel to the need to continue to take care of Service properties and equipment, adding that every sailor has received training on ship's husbandry and good housekeeping.



The FOC and some senior officers inspecting the HQ ENC boundaries



The FOC & Adm MA Emuekpere inspecting the drainage work in NN Atimbo Barracks



The FOC and PSCs listening to explanation by a site engineer



NOWA Zonal Coordination Eastern Zone Mrs Undiga Emuekpere (centre) in a group photograph with NOWA members to mark their visit to Pope John Paul II Old People's Home

NOWA PROVIDES SUCCOUR FOR THE LESS PRIVILEGED IN CALABAR

- IJNL Sylvanus S

The Naval Officers Wives Association (NOWA), Eastern Zone have made donations to the Old People's home in Calabar, known as Pope John II Home for the elderly. Some of the items donated include a deep freezer, wheel chairs, bags of dried fish and crayfish as well as cash gifts. While fielding questions from the Press shortly after the donation, NOWA Zonal Coordinator in Calabar Mrs Undiga Emuekpere noted that the gesture was part of activities lined up for the NN anniversary celebrations. She said "as part of our work as an Association, we have an overriding commitment to families and education of women and children. One of

those things that we do, which forms a big part of our activities is charity work".

The Zonal Coordinator pledged the Association's continued support to those in need, stressing that the society will be a better place when everyone shows a little kindness to the down-trodden among us. "When we remember those of our brothers who are in need we worship God. I appeal to you our elders to pray for our husbands, members of the Nigerian Armed Forces, paramilitary agencies and for continued peaceful coexistence in our nation", she added.



Mrs Undiga Emuekpere reading her comments on the visitors notebook



A cross-section of NOWA members at the old people's home



Mrs Undiga Emuekpere in a group photograph with members of the Press



The FOC R Adm MA Emuekpere (2nd right) being conducted round FOB BONNY

STEER CLEAR OF ILLEGALITIES

FOC WARNS - Cdr TO Otaji

The Flag Officer Commanding (FOC) Eastern Naval Command, Rear Admiral MA Emuekpere has warned personnel deployed for security duties at units under Eastern Naval Command to be wary of acts inimical to illegalities in their areas of operations.

The FOC noted that no personnel will be spared if caught engaging in illegalities or partisan politics. He reinforces the need for security agencies in the area to synergize with each other in order to curb criminalities as the Command will not tolerate any forms of criminality.

Rear Admiral Emuekpere further advised units to keep credible evidence (video/ pictures) whenever arrests are made, stressing that due diligence must

be followed in line with Standing Operating Procedure and Rules of Engagement in order to forestall incidences of human right violations.

Speaking further, the FOC directed units to keep record of all arrested vessels handed over for prosecution and follow-up to make sure unit avoid litigations in the cause of prosecution. He further admonished units to promote civil-military relations with locals by engaging in medical Rhapsody and other forms of corporate social responsibilities.

The FOC stated this during his operations visit to forward Operating Base Bonny. He was accompanied in the visit by principal staff officers of the Command.



The FOC giving directions to the CO FOB BONNY Capt SW Olorundare



Cross section of officers at the event



The FOC making his remarks

FOC OPERATIONAL TOUR OF UNITS AND ESTABLISHMENTS

NNS JUBILEE



The Commodore NNS JUBILEE making a speech during the visit



The FOC making his remarks during the visit



The Commodore NNS JUBILEE, Cdr SA Akintunde presenting a souvenir to the FOC



The Commodore NNS JUBILEE stressing a point to the FOC



Walking tour of NNS JUBILEE



A group photograph to mark the visit

NIGERIAN NAVY PRIMARY SCHOOL CALABAR



The FOC receiving salutation from the Quarter Guard



Inspection of Quarter Guard by the FOC



The FOC inspecting one of the classrooms



The FOC assessing the state of the roads in the school

FOC OPERATIONAL TOUR OF UNITS AND ESTABLISHMENTS

NNS VICTORY



Arrival of the FOC to NNS VICTORY



The FOC in a handshake with officers



An Armistice making a report to the FOC



Walking tour of the Base



The Cmdr NNS VICTORY Cdre JA Nisaga presenting a souvenir to the FOC during the tour



A group photograph to mark the tour

NNS PATHFINDER



The FOC exchanging pleasantries with officers at NNS PATHFINDER



The Cmdr NNS PATHFINDER Cdre SJ Bure explaining some points to the FOC



The FOC inspecting the Spinnit Court at NNS PATHFINDER



Guided tour of the Base



Brief session



Group photograph

FOC OPERATIONAL TOUR OF UNITS AND ESTABLISHMENTS NOPIKURU



The FOC RAJAN MA Emmanuel (Centre) inspecting the beacon at NOP IKURU



The FOC checking the integrity of FOB IRAMA JETTY



The FOC, CLD and CO NOP signing the victory plan of NOP IKURU



The FOC giving some useful information to the CO NOP IKURU

FOB BONNY



The FOC inspecting Quarter Guard at FOB BONNY



The FOC being escorted by officers and men of FOB BONNY



The CO FOB BONNY Capt SVV Olorundare explaining a point to the FOC



The CO FOB BONNY Capt SVV Olorundare presenting the Base history to the FOC and senior officers



The FOC signing Visitors' Notebook at the end of the visit



The FOC in a group photograph with senior officers to mark the visit

NIGERIAN NAVY MILITARY SCHOOL - A PRIDE OF THE NATION

BY LT GTI GOSWAMISWARA

The Government of Akwa Ibom State of Nigeria has described the Nigerian Navy Military School as a pride of the nation. The Executive Governor of Akwa Ibom State, His Excellency, Mr Emmanuel Udom stated this during the commissioning ceremony of the state-of-the-art classrooms and other facilities in the school. He eulogized the Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Ibok-Eke Ekwe Ibas, for his visionary leadership and developmental strides recorded during his tenure in office. The Governor pledged that the State will continue to provide all necessary supports to the School in order to ensure steady excellent performances. He urged the people of the State to appreciate the opportunities that the School provides in the areas of employment, circular and naval education.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice Admiral IE Ibas reaffirmed the readiness of the Service to continue to provide quality education to the children and wards of personnel as well as other members of the society. "The vision of this citadel of learning is to provide a high standard and quality education in a naval incubatory environment as captured in our key performance indicators and in line with the Nigerian Navy Transformation Plan 2011-2020."

Vice Admiral Ibas said that the NN welfare schools have a track record of high performance in the West African Schools Certificate Examinations and the National Examinations Council, due to the dedication of the teaching and administrative staff. "It was in recognition of exceptional accomplishments of the NN welfare schools, that the Executive Governor of Akwa Ibom State expressed his willingness to have the Nigerian Navy Military School (NNMS) established in the State, consequently the state government donated a school complex earlier earmarked for a Technical College in Ikot Ntuen towards actualizing the dream."

He urged the people of the state to see the school as their share of Federal Government's presence in the

community.

The CNS expressed appreciation to President Muhammadu Buhari and Governor Emmanuel Udom for their unflinching support to the school.

The NNMS occupies 11,301 hectares of land with basic amenities, including administration blocks, staff quarters, classrooms, workshops, modern laboratories, hostels and sports complex. Other facilities are assembly hall, dining hall, sick bay and a standard cafeteria, kitchen as well as a host of other facilities.



The CNS, Vice Admiral IE Ibas receiving salutation from cadets of NNMS Ikot Ntuen



The CNS giving his welcome address



The Executive Governor of Akwa Ibom State, His Excellency Mr Emmanuel Udom cutting the commissioning tape

NNS JUBILEE PROVIDES FREE MEDICARE FOR EASTERN OBOLO

By Lt GIT Onwuagbaruo

The Nigerian Navy Ship JUBILEE has provided free testing, treatment and drugs for the residents of Iko Town in Eastern Obolo Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State, South South Nigeria, as part of activities marking the Nigerian Navy (NN) week 2018 and as part of Corporate Social Responsibility to the host Community. The Commander NNS JUBILEE, Commodore Aderiyina Akinwale explained that the gesture is an annual event organized by the

enjoin everyone to come out and benefit maximally from the services provided by our medical experts, we have free eyeglasses, drugs and other items for distribution."

Commodore Akinwale pledged increased naval presence in the area and urged the locals to always give useful information to security agencies in the interest of the nation. He expressed delight with the community for providing a permanent site for a naval outpost in the area, which according to him, will drastically reduce time on task on the bases.

In his response, the village head of Iko Town, His Royal Highness Chief Captain Isaiah Thomas Okokon thanked the Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Ibok-Ete Ibas for reaching out to the community through the free medical outreach and pledged the preparedness of the traditional rulers to continue to preach peace and patriotism to their followers. He gave the assurance that the community will always support the navy to achieve its constitutional role of policing and protecting Nigeria's vast maritime domain.



Medical Personnel attending to a beneficiary

NN to bring good health to the less privileged in the society. "NN Medical Rhapsody is a long standing tradition carried out annually in different locations in Nigeria. Iko Town was chosen as one of the host communities for the exercise, therefore I



A cross-section of community leaders and participants at the event



Some statesmen and personnel at the event



Group photograph to mark the end of event

INAUGURATION OF COURSE 2 NWCN



The FOC receiving salutation from the Quarter Guard



The FOC exchanging greetings with some senior officers shortly after his arrival



The FOC exchanging pleasantries with senior officers



The FOC being received on arrival at NWCN



The Comdt NWCN RAdm TC Udehla giving his welcome address



A cross section of officers at the event



A cross section of Participants and invited guests at the event



The FOC giving his keynote address at the event



Felicitations



A cross section of senior officers and guests from other security agencies



Some Senior Officers at the event



The FOC signing the Visitors' Notebook



The Comdt presenting a memento to the FOC



A group photograph of participants



A group photograph of senior officers and participants



The FOC addressing members of the Press

MIGRATION OF THE ARMED FORCES PAYROLL TO THE IPPIS PLATFORM



A GENERAL OVERVIEW

Background

IPPIS is one of the Federal Government Financial Reform programmes conceptualized as a central payment process for all MDAs drawing their Personnel Cost from the Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF) and to provide efficiency in personnel records keeping. The Scheme was designed to improve the effectiveness and efficiency in the storage of personnel records and administration of monthly payroll in such a way to enhance confidence in staff emolument costs and budgeting.

SCOPE

- Ø Background
- Ø Objectives
- Ø The Journey so far
- Ø Step by Step Process for IPPIS enrolment
- Ø Frequently Asked Questions



The team leader and resource persons at the event

**The Acronym
IPPIS stands for:**

**INTEGRATED PERSONNEL &
PAYROLL INFORMATION
SYSTEM**

Objectives of the IPPIS

- Ø to facilitate human resource planning by providing information for decision making;
- Ø to monitor monthly payment of staff emoluments against FGN's annual Budget thereby ensuring minimal wastage and leakage;
- Ø to facilitate easy storage, updating and retrieval of personnel record for administrative and pension purposes;
- Ø to eliminate payroll fraud such as multiple payment of emoluments to a single employee or payment of monthly salary to a non-existent employee.
- Ø To ascertain actual personnel emoluments of the Federal Government employees

The Journey So far

- Ø 490 MDAs, 42 Police Commands and 1 Foreign Mission are already in IPPIS.
- Ø 625,452 Federal Government employees receives their monthly

salaries from IPPIS including the President, Vice-President and all other political appointees.

- Ø The Personnel of the Paramilitary agencies i.e. NIS, NSCDC and NPS will be paid on IPPIS in July, 2018

WHY MIGRATING ARMED FORCES INTO IPPIS

- It is a presidential directive that all MDAs that are drawing their Personnel Cost from CRF should be enrolled into IPPIS Platform.
- Almost all Key Government Agencies have already complied with the directive such as: EFCC, ICPC, Nigeria Police, Nigerian Immigration Service, NSCDC, Nigerian Prison Service. Therefore Nigerian Armed Forces should not be an exception.
- The deadline given by the President for compliance was December 2017- So we are six (6) months behind schedule for the AFN.

STEP BY STEP PROCESS FOR ENROLMENT OF MILITARY PERSONNEL INTO IPPIS

STEP 1: Officer collects Bio-Data and Enrolment Form

After collecting the forms, the officer completes (fills) them and arrange the originals and photocopies of the required documents.

STEP 2: Submission of Forms and Documents



STEP 3 :Verification of data, validation of documents and data capturing

1. MOD Rep. Validation & Sign Off

The forms and documents will be transferred to the MOD representative to validate and sign off

2.OAGF Rep. Validation & Sign Off

The Forms and documents will be transferred to the IPPIS Team Lead who then endorses the Biometric and Bio data forms ensuring that the procedures have been rightly followed, validates and signs off as

well.

3. Consultant Rep. Verification & Data Capturing

The Consultant representative checks the existing data to validate with the documents provided and then proceeds with finger print and facial capturing.

4. IPPIS Summary slip Print out

The consultant representative prints out a slip and hands it over to the officer who verifies the correctness of his information.

Step 4: Document Scanning & Completion of Enrolment



Frequently Asked Questions

QUESTION: Can a personnel miss salary under IPPIS, if Yes, Why?

- **ANSWER:** YES. Personnel may not be paid salary due to any of the following reasons:
 - a. If name in the bank is different from that on the IPPIS platform e.g. due to marriage
 - b. If account number/BVN on IPPIS platform differ from the account number/BVN at the paying bank. This is mismatch.
 - c. Where alphabet is inputted instead of numeric. E.g. where alphabet (O) is inputted as part of the account number instead of Numeric 'O' (zero).

- **QUESTION:** Should there be any transaction hiccup that could result in salary omission, where would the money be kept and how would I recover it?
- **ANSWER:** You must ensure that you provide correct details about you and your bank so that your salary is not returned. If it is returned, the salary reverses back to the Central bank of Nigeria until you provide necessary update to enable the pay point re-apply
- **Question:** Will my salary be reduced on IPPIS Platform?
- **Answer:** No. Your salary will not be reduced since IPPIS is using the same Salary structure the Services are using.

However if the Services have not been deducting appropriate statutory deductions (PAYE TAX, NHF) from your Salary before, then there will be a slight variance.

QUESTION: Promotion in the Nigerian Military mostly attracts arrears, how would IPPIS cater for this?

ANSWER: The IPPIS platform is designed to accommodate only current years' promotion arrears on request from the Service. For

prior year arrears, special budgetary provision has to be made before it can be paid.

QUESTION: Posting of personnel is a



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routine in the Nigerian Military which could be at any time of the year. Does the system make provision for packing allowance which is normally paid to enable the affected personnel move immediately?

- only

ANSWER: Packing allowance and the first 28 Days are paid from Overhead Cost. Please be informed that IPPIS handles only Personnel Cost.

- **Question:** When does IPPIS Pay Salary?

Answer: Salary through IPPIS is paid after the monthly Federation Accounts Allocation Committee meeting. However, the dates are not specific but salaries are usually paid between the 25th and last day of every month.

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- **Question:** How does IPPIS system take care of staff like NYSC, Cleaners, Contract staff etc?



A cross section of personnel during the lecture

Answer: The salaries or allowances of such persons are paid through Over head Cost. They are not pensionable staff and are not qualified to be enrolled into IPPIS.

- Question: Where do I get my Payslip from?

Answer: The IPPIS Role Player (APPO/CPO/PAG) shall issue Payslip on request. However, in due cause, there will be self service opening for personnel to generate payslip on the internet or e-mailer that would be sending payslip to respective e-mail address.

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- Question: How will I know my salary has been deposited into my account?

Answer: If you have bank alert from your bank you will be notified or when your colleagues confirm receipt of their salaries, you may also check your balance in your bank via ATM, etc.

Conclusion

We hereby encourage you to cooperate with IPPIS and embrace it so as to give you the maximum services and benefits.

Thank You.

COURTESY VISIT TO THE OBONG OF CALABAR



The FOC R Adm MA Enselpore being received by HRH Etubom R Adm E Okpo at the Obong's Palace



The rep of the Obong of Calabar HRH Etubom Bamey Duke exchanging greetings with the FOC



The rep of the Obong of Calabar HRH Etubom Bamey Duke making his welcome speech during the visit



The FOC in a sword handshake with HRH Etubom R Adm E Okpo



Signing the Visitors' Notebook during the visit



The FOC presenting a mace to the Obong's rep



A group photograph with Etuboms and senior officers to mark the visit

COURT MARTIAL PROCEDURES IN THE NIGERIAN NAVY

A Lecture delivered by Lt Cdr CN Emeruwa

INTRODUCTION

1. The court martial system of adjudication is prescribed by Nigerian laws for the administration of justice and for enforcement of discipline in the Armed Forces. A court martial is a military court empowered to determine the guilt of members of the Armed Forces subject to military law. The court is empowered to impose punishment to persons found guilty of an alleged offence. The military maintains a court martial system that tries cases that involves the breach of military discipline and other civil offences. A court martial is constituted usually based on, but not restricted to a Military Police investigation carried out to unravel, disclose and collate facts which are considered sufficiently indicting of a service personnel as to amount to a *prima facie* case. On receipt of such investigation report, ASA could decide to subject the matter to administrative action, summary trial or trial by court martial. In the event that the case is slated for court martial trial, there are some laid down procedures that must be followed for a successful, legally binding and enforceable trial.

2. The court martial therefore has jurisdiction over persons that are subject to

Service law. The procedure at a court martial in the Nigerian Navy is provided for in the Armed Forces Act (AFA) CAP A20 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 and the Manual of Naval Law BR 11. The BR 11 provides for the procedure where the AFA is silent or there is a lacuna and Section 181 of AFA provides that the court martial procedure for Royal Navy BR 11 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*. The AFA at Section 143 further provides that the rules of to be observed in courts martial shall be the same as those observed in criminal courts in Nigeria. To this end, the Evidence Act 2011 is the evidence law for courts martial in Nigeria. The scope of this paper is therefore limited to court martial procedure in the Nigerian Navy and the rights of the accused person.

AIM

3. The aim of this lecture is to sensitize personnel of HQ ENC on the court martial procedures.

SCOPE

4. The paper will cover the following:
- Pre-Trial Procedure.
 - Trial Procedure.
 - Post-Trial Procedure.
 - Appeals from Courts Martial

PRE-TRIAL PROCEDURE

5. A court-martial is convened on receipt of an investigation report alleging the commission of an offence by a person subject to Service law. The authority that received the report of investigation shall consider some factors before deciding to convene a court or otherwise. Some



Some personnel in attendance during the lecture

of the factors to be considered include the types of court martial, determination of officers who have powers to convene a court martial, jurisdiction and constitution of court martial amongst others.

a. **The Types of Courts Martial.**

There are 2 types of courts martial under Sections 129 and 130 AFA and they are:

i. **General Court Martial (GCM).** A GCM consists of a President and not less than 4 members, a waiting member, a liaison officer and a Judge Advocate (JA). A GCM consisting of less than 7 members shall not impose a death sentence.

ii. **Special Court Martial (SCM).** A SCM consists of a President and not less than 2 members, a waiting member, a liaison officer and a Judge Advocate (JA). A SCM consisting of just 2 members shall not impose imprisonment for more than one year and cannot impose a death sentence.

b. **Officers Having Powers to Convene a Court Martial.** The AFA in Section 131 (1-4) provides for officers that have power to convene a court martial. They are the President, Chief of Defence Staff, Service Chiefs, a flag officer commanding, a commodore, captain, and commander having a body of troops or establishment or an officer for the time being acting in place of those officers. The above mentioned persons may convene both GCM and SCM. However, Commanding officers of ships can only convene a SCM. Also, the senior officer of a detached unit or establishment may be authorized by the ASA to order a court martial in special circumstances.

c. **Jurisdiction.** A court martial must be seised with jurisdiction before it can be

deemed competent in the eyes of the law. Therefore, factors such as the nature of offence, statute of limitation and accused current station are important consideration in determining the issue of jurisdiction. Also, the number and qualification of members are paramount. For instance, Section 124(6) AFA enumerates the offences that cannot be tried summarily but by court martial. Additionally, the AFA under Section 133 (3)(b) provides that the president of a court-martial must be above or of the same rank and seniority of the accused and the members thereof shall be of the same but not below the rank and seniority of the accused. The Act further states that an officer who has been the commanding officer of the accused, investigated the charge against the accused or has held an inquiry into matters relating to the subject matter of the charge against the accused, shall not sit as a member of a court-martial or act as a JA at the court-martial. Section 134 (2) is very instructive in this regard. This goes to buttress the fact that any court martial that is constituted which is adverse to these provisions lacks jurisdiction. Consequently, any pronouncement made by the court is void for want of jurisdiction.

d. **Issuance of Convening Order.** The next stage in court martial procedure is the issuance of the Convening Order. A Convening Order is a document issued by the Commander of a service personnel to convene a court martial to try such a personnel who has been indicted for an offence punishable under service law. It is issued by a commander who is empowered by law to convene a court martial. (See Section 132 AFA). Convening Order will contain the name of the convening officer, his service number and his appointment. The Convening Order will list also the members of the court, appoint the President, Judge Advocate, Liaison Officer, Prosecutor, Secretariat Staff, list the name(s) of accused person(s) and witness(s) and make provision for the appointment of defence counsel to defend the accused person if he cannot afford to secure the services of a counsel. The

Convening Order will also specify the venue for the sitting of the court and provide for all other administrative instructions for the smooth running of the court.

e. **Summary of Evidence/Abstract of Evidence.** Before the decision to set up a court martial is taken, there must have been existing facts unraveled by the investigation justifying the charge(s) and the constitution of the court to try the offences disclosed. But the law requires that these facts must be packaged and streamlined into "Proof of Evidence" which in the military is referred to as Summary of Evidence (SOE) or Abstract of Evidence (AOE). The essence of taking SOE or AOE is to reduce the evidence against the suspect into a compact, handy and discernible package to enable him understand the case against him and to enable him prepare his defence. The SOE or AOE along with the charge(s) must be served on the suspect at least 24 hours before his trial. This is known as Circumstantial Letter in the NN.

f. **Rights of an Accused.** As soon as an accused has been remanded in custody awaiting trial by court-martial, and at least 24 hours before the trial, he must be furnished with copy of the charge sheet and summary of or abstract of evidence, convening order, informed of his right to call witnesses and proper opportunity to prepare his defence including free communication with his defence officer or counsel of choice. Also, an accused person has the right to either defend himself personally or allow a defending officer or counsel to represent him. However, where he refuses to have a defending officer or counsel represent him, he should be asked to sign a certificate to that effect.

TRIAL PROCEDURE

6. Where a court martial is to be convened for the trial of a person under arrest, such court martial is to be convened within 8 days of the

arrest and detention as stipulated under the Act. In the event that a court-martial is not convened within 8 days as stipulated, the commanding officer must prepare a special report to the appropriate superior authority on the need to further detain the arrested person; the commanding officer is under an obligation to ensure that he continually makes such special report every 8 days if a court-martial is yet to be convened for the trial of such a person. However, such extension in the detention of the arrested person shall not exceed 90 days.

7. A court martial trial like all criminal trials is a contest between the prosecution and defence. The prosecution seeks to convince the court that certain events have occurred and that the accused person was directly involved or responsible for, or so connected to the occurrence of the events in such a manner as to amount to a punishable breach of the law. The defence on the other hand aims to prove the converse; that the events did not occur or that the accused was not responsible for or connected with the occurrence of the events or that neither the events nor the accused person's relation with it is unlawful or punishable in law. The following are the procedure that must be followed at the court martial trial of an accused person:

a. **Inauguration of the Court.** It is the aim of the procedure governing court martial to ensure that only unbiased and objective persons who meet the legal qualification are made members of the court at the trial of an accused person. For these reasons, before the court is empanelled, an accused is given the opportunity to object on reasonable grounds to the President and other members of the court. If he raises objection to the membership of the President or any other member, he would be required to state his grounds of objection before the court, see Section 137 AFA. The other members whose membership has not been objected to, will retire to chambers and deliberate on the objection. If the members are of the opinion that the ground(s) of objection are meritorious, the member(s) whose

defence of that charge. He would urge the court to hold that based on the insufficiency or weakness of the evidence led that the accused is not guilty and urge the court to discharge and acquit him. The prosecution will then make a reply and the defence will make a further reply. Thereafter the JA will give his advice on the submissions by both parties. If the court upholds the no-case-submission they will find the accused not guilty. If on the other hand, they overrule the No-Case-Submission, the accused would be called upon to enter his defence.

e. **Resting on the Prosecution's Case.** The defence counsel may be of the opinion that the evidence led by the prosecution instead of proving the guilt of the accused person has indeed proven him innocent of the charge(s). In this case, he would not bother to call any witness; he will simply rest his case on the prosecution's case. The trial will then go on to the address stage with the defence giving his address first.

f. **Case for the Defence.** Before the defence opens its case, the President or JA is required to explain to the accused his rights and options open to him in conducting his defence. The defence counsel may also make an opening address outlining the case for the defence before evidence is given. The defence counsel following the same format as the prosecution counsel would also elicit evidence and/or tender documentary and real evidence through his witnesses known as Defence Witnesses (DW).

g. **Closing Addresses.** This is the stage of the trial at which the parties outline all the evidence earlier led, relate them to the charges and relevant laws and then call on the court to uphold their various submissions. The prosecution would call on the court to find the accused guilty as charged and convict him.

The defence would urge the court to find the accused not guilty, discharge and acquit him. See Article 2206 (19-20) BR 11.

h. **Judge Advocate Sum-Up.** After the closing addresses, the Judge Advocate will sum-up the case and advice the court on points of law relating to the charge(s). Thereafter, the court will retire to chambers to deliberate.

i. **Court Deliberation on Finding.** After JA's sum-up, the court will retire to the chambers to deliberate on the finding without delay. The JA should not be present in chambers when the court is deliberating. During deliberation, members are required to vote on the issue at hand in order of seniority starting with the most junior. This is to ensure that the junior members are not unduly influenced by the opinions of their seniors. In the case of equality of votes on the finding, the court martial shall acquit the accused. For capital offences, the decision as to guilt of the accused person must be unanimous. Where the court members did not all concur as to the guilt of the accused person, then the court may award any less punishment provided by Section 140 AFA. The court could also enter a *Special Finding* which allows the court to convict the accused for offences other than that for which he was charged see Section 142 AFA. The court must however be very circumspect in exercising this power otherwise it could amount to convicting an accused person for an offence for which he was never arraigned, pleaded to or given the opportunity to defend himself against. This could happen if he is convicted for an unrelated offence. The offence for which the accused could be convicted under this provision must be kindred offence to the one for which was charged. The two offences must be so related that the offence for which the accused is convicted is a lesser form of the offence for which he was charged. For example, a charge of Murder could result in a conviction for

Manslaughter or Assault, while a charge of Rape could accommodate a conviction for Indecent Assault.

j. **Announcement of Finding** After deliberation, the court will reconvene and announce their finding. If they find the accused not guilty, they may go ahead to discharge and acquit him or merely acquit him. Conversely, if he is found guilty, his counsel would be called to enter a plea of mitigation.

k. **Plea in Mitigation** This is also known as *allocutus*. It may be preceded by evidence in mitigation. The accused person or convict will call evidence which is likely to influence the court members in giving him a light punishment. This could be evidence of his good character, meritorious service, past acts of gallantry, his family background and the likely consequences of a harsh punishment on the convict and his family. At this stage, the Service Record of the convict is also required to give the court an insight to the kind of person the convict has been during his service. After such evidence, counsel for defence will now enter his plea in mitigation proper to appeal to the court to be lenient in punishing the accused. However, a plea in mitigation is not an opportunity to open the case afresh or to contest evidence earlier led, it is merely an occasion for sobriety and a plea for mercy in the face of conviction.

l. **Sentencing** After the plea in mitigation, the court will further retire to chambers to deliberate on the sentence. The JA is allowed to be present while the court members are deliberating on the sentence. This is to ensure that the court members are

properly guided as to their limitation regarding sentencing. This will assist the court to avert the pitfall that bedeviled the case of *Nigerian Army v Iyela* where the court sentenced an officer to the non-existent punishment of retirement. The belated and uncoordinated attempt by the court to correct its mistake by reconvening to pronounce the sentence of dismissal was what sank the case at both the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court. Both appellate courts held the view that the court martial has become *functus officio* after pronouncing the sentence and could not reconvene to sit on appeal over its earlier albeit erroneous decision.

m. **Announcement of Sentence** The court after deliberating on the sentence will reconvene and announce the sentence in open court. The sentence is subject to confirmation by the Confirming Authority. A court martial sentence is not an enforceable sentence until it is so confirmed by the Confirming Authority.



A cross section of senior ratings at the event

POST-TRIAL PROCEDURE

8. Court Martial trial does not necessarily end up in the court room. There are other behind-the-scene activities that are carried out outside the court room to validate and give effect to or overturn the decisions of courts martial. These activities are discussed below.

a. **The Confirmation Process** A finding of guilty and sentence of a court martial does not take effect until confirmed by the Confirming Authority. A court-martial has a general duty to transmit its record of proceedings and its finding to the confirming authority within 60 days for confirmation. Also, a finding of not guilty does not require confirmation. The Chief of Naval Staff is the Confirming Authority in the case of ratings

VISIT OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON NAVY EASTERN NAVAL COMMAND



The FOC RAdeN MA Eruwakpan being welcomed by senior officers at NNBTs cruise



The Chairman Senate Committee on NAVY Senator Isa Miazu at NNS PATHFINDER



Inspection of Quarter Guard



The Committee being briefed at NNC



The FOC in a chat with the Chairman Senate Committee



The Chairman Senate Committee on NAVY inspecting NNS PATHFINDER Jetty



The Comdt NNS PATHFINDER, Cdre BJ Bura in a chat with FOC and members of the Committee



The Comdt NNC Cdre BB Kute explaining some points to the committee



Inspection of Cadets Cabin by the Committee



Signing of Visitors' Notebook at Naval Flying Unit Port Harcourt



The Comdt NNBTs, Cdre OM Odey explaining a point to the Chairman Senate Committee on NAVY



A group photograph to mark the visit

NNS PATHFINDER HANDS OVER ARRESTED VESSELS TO EFCC

- Lt PT Koweï

The Nigerian Navy Ship PATHFINDER has handed over some vessels involved in illegal lifting of crude oil to the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) after preliminary investigations. Some of the vessels arrested include; Maritime Transport PREYE I and 5 wooden boats around Eagle Island laden with a total of 409,399 metric tons of illegally refined crude and 11 crew members. The vigilant task force also intercepted PK 11, a tug boat with 2 crew members maneuvering an oil barge around Abuloma Jetty Area of Rivers State.

In a similar development, MT ANTON was equally impounded along ST BARTHOLOMEW River while conveying an unspecified amount of illegally refined Automotive Gas Oil (AGO).

In a brief handing over ceremony of the vessels and the suspects, the Commander NNS PATHFINDER, Commodore Samson Bura revealed that the NN has acquired a high level of Maritime Domain Awareness and warned all those engaged in oil pipeline vandalism and other forms of economic sabotage to desist from such acts as the Service will not renege in arresting and prosecuting anyone found culpable. He pledged the unalloyed loyalty and total commitment of personnel under his watch to halt all forms of illegalities in his Area of Operations.



SUSPECTED SMUGGLERS ABANDON HUGE METRIC TONS OF OIL VARNISHES IN RIVERS

A large quantity of illegally refined crude oil has been abandoned by suspected smugglers after a hot pursue by personnel of Nigerian Navy Ship PATHFINDER in Rivers State. The Executive Officer of the Ship Captain Victor Choji, while handing over the products to the officials of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), explained that the barge was filled with 70,000 metric tons of Automotive Gas Oil (AGO), he revealed that the smugglers on sighting the Navy patrol team, dumped the barge at sea and escaped with speed boats to avoid arrest.

He however disclosed that a manhunt has been lunched in order to arrest the fleeing suspects for prosecution. While receiving the arrested barge, Mr Bashir Mustapha, a senior detective of the EFCC promised the commission's continuous synergy with the Nigerian Navy and other security agencies to stem the tide of oil theft and other maritime crimes, adding that no stone will be left unturned in ongoing efforts to trace and arrest oil thieves and vandals.

He advised Nigerians to always engage in legitimate business activities, adding that security agencies are poised to prevent all forms of crime.

COURTESY CALL BY COMMANDER 305 SMG



The Comd 305 SMG, Gp Capt SU Bakar inspecting the Quarter Guard



The FOC explaining some points to some senior officers during the visit



The FOC R Adm MA Emswilers welcoming the Comd 305 SMG to HQ ENC



The FOC in a discussion with the Comd 305 SMG



A cross section of PSCs HQ ENC and the FOC during the visit



The FOC presenting a souvenir to the Comd 305 SMG



The FOC and the Comd 305 SMG in a photograph



The FOC in a group photograph with senior officers to mark the visit



Some players at the volleyball court

NAVY LAUNCHES FOOTBALL AND VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION IN RIVERS STATE

- Lt PT Kowe

The Nigerian Navy Ship PATHFINDER (NNS PATHFINDER) inaugurates football and volleyball competitions to foster civil-military relationship with its host, Rumuolumeni community in Port Harcourt. The SGOH and also the Commandant Navy Intelligent School Ubima,



A group photograph of players and coaches at the event

Cdre Majidadi Ibrahim, said that the competitions sought to redirect the youths, energy to careers in the games would serve as avenue to engage youths on activities that are inimical to society. The Guest of honour went further and thanks the Comd of NNS PATHFINDER, Cdre SJ Bura for finding it worthy to organize such a competition that will impact on both personnel and the host community youth. The special Guest of honour added that the competition would also be used improved the mental and physical fitness of the officers and ratings and promised its expansion in the next edition.

Also speaking at the competition, Mr Victor Ederekumor, a member of the local organizing

committee (LOC) expressed optimism that the games would help maintain peace in the Community. Mr Victor added, the games offered youths the opportunity to engage their time in meaningful activities rather than involve in criminalities. He said the success of the games will go a long way give the confidence of the host community to corporate and share credible information that bothers on security with NNS PATHFINDER.

Finally, the representative of the paramount ruler of the Rumuolumeni, HRH Eze Ndubueze Olumeni, commended the Nigerian Navy especially NNS PATHFINDER for organizing the competition on a regular basis. Meanwhile, in the maiden volleyball encounter, NNS PATHFINDER'S team defeated Rumuolumeni All Star by 3-0. Also in the football encounter NNS PATHFINDER football team also came from behind to hold Osklean Football Academy



Players at the football pitch

COURTESY CALL ON THE FOC BY CTOPS DHQ



The FOC, CTOPS DHQ Maj Gen A Muhammad (3rd left) and other senior officers during the courtesy visit



The FOC in a chat with the CTOPS DHQ



The CTOPS DHQ endorsing Visitors' Notebook



The FOC presenting a souvenir to his guest



A group photograph to mark the visit



BURNS BEYOND THE SURFACE

By



Cdr UI Okeke

It was a beehive of activities in the accident and emergency section of the hospital sometimes in October 2018. All the medical personnel including the hospital attendants were at the top of their energy battling with an emergency. Beneath the multitude of movement was a soft groan of pains from the patient that was at the center of this commotion. My steps became brisk in an effort to reach the theatre of action but my movement was interrupted by some naval personnel carrying more patients to the emergency unit of the hospital and one of the doctors shouted "more burns cases are arriving". Burns again? So common is this ailment that almost 100% of human being shall be afflicted with it more than once in their lifetime. Although virtually all cases are preventable, burns is so common that in 2004, nearly 11 million people sustained burns injury severe enough to require medical attention and over 300,000 deaths occur annually from burns¹. Non-fatal burns are a leading cause of morbidity, including prolonged hospitalization, disfigurement and disability, often with resulting stigma and rejection.

WHAT IS BURNS

Burns is defined as the coagulative necrosis of the skin. Sometimes the deeper tissues including the

muscles and the bones are affected. The skin is made up of 2 major layers. The upper layer is the epidermis while the deeper portion is the dermis. The layer of tissue immediately beneath the skin is the subcutaneous tissue.

CLASSIFICATION OF BURNS

Burns is classified according to the depth or severity of the injury. According to the depth of the burns, it is classified as follows:

1. Superficial burns (first degree burns): only the epidermis is involved.
2. Superficial partial thickness burns (second degree burns): extends to the upper part of the dermis. This is usually characterized by blisters.
3. Deep partial thickness burns (third degree burns): the whole of the dermis is involved.
4. Full Thickness Burns (FTB): Also called fourth degree burns. Here, the burns extends to the subcutaneous tissue and could involve the tendons, muscles and even bones. The burns injury could be painless because the nerves endings are also damaged.

Burns could also be classified according to the severity of the burns. This includes:

1. Minor burns: all Partial Thickness Burns (PTB) of less than 15% Total Body Surface Area (TBSA) in the adult or 10% in the child.
2. Moderate burns: PTB 15-25% in the adult or



10-20% in children. FTB < 10%.

3. Severe burns:

PTB > 25% (Adults), > 20% (Children); FTB > 10%; All significant burns to special areas... Hands, feet, facial structures, perineum.

CAUSES OF BURNS

Most cases of burns occur at homes but some cases occur in open areas and at work place. The mechanisms of burns injury include:

1. Thermal: this is due to contact with a hot object eg burns from scalds and open flames.
2. Electrical: electric shock from voltage above 1000kv could result in burns.
3. Chemical: acidic chemicals are a common cause of burns injury.
4. Irradiation: high exposure to ultraviolet and ionic radiation such as x-ray could result in burns.

TREATMENT OF BURNS INJURY

Most minor burns can be treated at home. For serious burns, after appropriate first aid and wound assessment, your treatment may involve medications, wound dressings, therapy and surgery. The goals of treatment are to control pain, remove dead tissue, prevent infection, reduce scarring risk and regain function. People with severe burns may require treatment at specialized burn centers. They may need skin grafts to cover large wounds. And they may need emotional support and months of follow-up care, such as physical therapy. Treatment modalities include:

1. **Wound dressing.** This help to prevent wound infection and encourage early healing. The wound can be covered with antibiotics cream like sulfadiazine, bacitracin, or a thin layer of antibiotic impregnated gauze like sufratulle. Larger burns require specialized dressing like occlusive dressing. Therabond is a special type dressing

material that provides rapid, controlled, and sustained release of ionic silver in the dressing to kills pathogens for up to 7 days It also has unique capillary-like action transfers excess fluid and exudate into an absorbent outer dressing. Its Flexible strength of the fabric moves with the patient to minimize friction; durable design supports extended wear.

2. **Intravenous fluids** to prevent dehydration and organ failure.

3. **Pain medications:** burns can be incredibly painful. Payment management is an integral part of treatment of burns.

4. **Antibiotics** to prevent and fight infection.

5. **Tetanus prophylaxis** to prevent tetanus.

6. **Physical and occupational therapy:** If the burned area is large, especially if it covers joints, physical therapy exercises may be needed. These can help stretch the skin so that the joints can remain flexible. Other types of exercises can improve muscle strength and coordination. Occupational therapy helps in returning to activities of daily living.

7. **Surgical and other procedures.** One of the following surgical procedures may be employed:

i. **Skin grafts.** A skin graft is a surgical procedure in which sections of your own healthy skin are used to replace the scar tissue caused by deep burns.

ii. **Escharotomy.** If a burn scab (eschar) goes completely around a limb, it can tighten and cut off the blood circulation. An eschar that goes completely around the chest can make it difficult to breathe. Escharotomy is the removal of escars.

iii. **Skin grafts.** Skin can be removed from a healthy part and then used to cover the burns area. This helps in faster healing and limits the formation of scar tissue in the burns surface.

iv. **Plastic surgery.** Plastic surgery (reconstruction) can improve the appearance of burn scars and increase the flexibility of joints affected by scarring.

v. **Airway maintenance** using endotracheal tube and tracheostomy may be needed in inhalational burns.

COMPLICATION OF BURNS

Complications of deep or widespread burns can



include:

1. Bacterial infection, which may lead to a bloodstream infection (sepsis)
2. Fluid loss, including low blood volume (hypovolemia)
3. Dangerously low body temperature (hypothermia)
4. Breathing problems from the intake of hot air or smoke
5. Scars or ridged areas caused by an overgrowth of scar tissue (keloids, hypertrophic scars)
6. Bone and joint problems, such as when scar tissue causes the shortening and tightening of skin, muscles or tendons (contractures)
7. Anemia from destruction of blood cells.
8. Formation of microthrombus which could dislodge and cause pulmonary embolism, coronary artery embolism or even stroke.

The management of one of the cases that was brought to the hospital on that faithful day remains fresh in my memory. The burns was caused by a sudden explosion in an enclosure and it affected about 55% of his body including the face, the hands, many joint areas, the trunk and the lower limbs including the toes. He also suffered some degree of inhalational injuries which is common in burns that occur in closed areas. The skin protects the body from infection and it also helps in conservation of water in the body. Having lost over half of his skin, he was at immediate danger of dehydration and

infection. Part of his initial management was infusion of fluid, judicious dressing of the wound and treatment with antibiotics. Therabond dressing was used in dressing the wound and had to be changed every 10 to 14 days. Despite the intensive management he received he still developed infection that was difficult to treat with common antibiotics. The damages to the skin also destroyed so many of the blood cells. The superimposed infection also caused widespread destruction of blood cells. The resultant anemia required that he was transfused over 30 units of blood in the course of his treatment. The large surface burns also caused a state of hypercoagulability of blood in which many blood clots formed in the blood vessel. This in addition to decrease in body fluid leads to reduction of blood supply to vital organs. The patient therefore, suffered pulmonary embolism and kidney shutdown which were detected early and managed accordingly. Another early complication that could occur in burns is hypothermia (low body temperature) which occurs because the skin ability to conserve heat is lost. He also needed special diet to improve wound healing and to counter the rapid weight loss he had developed due to hypermetabolic state. Early complications also include death

The management of severe burns is demanding both in capital and human resources and best results are obtained in special burns units. The patient had repeated escharectomy and escharotomy to prevent compartment syndrome. His management also included skin grafting in which skin was removed from the healthy part (donor site) to cover part of the deep wounds (recipient site). The donor site then heals as a surgical wound. Physiotherapy was introduced to prevent stiffness of joints and contractures as the wounds begin to heal. Physiotherapy also helps to maintain function of the limb. Other late complications include the development of hypertrophic scars and keloids which would further make the healed burns surface look uglier. The patient currently uses pressure garment to prevent and limit these changes. He has been discharged from the hospital after 7 months of admission. However, his use of the fingers is limited because of stiffness and contracture and the colour of this skin has been severely affected.

In order to limit the effect of burns and minimize loss of function, burns patient requires



rehabilitations throughout the course of hospital admission and beyond to ensure that the patient is fully reintegrated back into the society. Early rehabilitation includes performing passive range of movement, splinting and anti-deformity positioning, and patient education to improve compliance with treatment and to boost morale. The patient would need to be trained in the activities of daily living as he improves. Other rehabilitation modalities include contracture release, skin grafting, reconstructive surgeries, use of prosthesis, scar management and psychological support since the patient could become depressed. Vocational training may be necessary if the patient requires a change of job.

Prevention of Burns

The impact of burns and the cost of management could be overwhelming. Hence prevention of this menace is the foremost goal of its management. Majority of burns occur at home with women and children at higher risks, burns that occur in outdoor settings and at workplace are more likely to involve men. Prevention approaches include improving awareness, developing and enforcing effective burns policy, and description of burden and identification of risk factors. Some of the means of

preventing burns include:

1. Never leave items cooking on the stove unattended.
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3. Don't carry or hold a child while cooking at the stove.
4. Keep hot liquids out of the reach of children.
5. Keep electrical appliances away from water.
6. Check the temperature of food before serving it to a child.
7. Never cook while wearing loose-fitting clothes that could catch fire over the stove.
8. If a small child is present, block his or her access to heat sources such as stoves, outdoor grills, fireplaces and space heaters.
9. Unplug irons and similar devices when not in use. Store them out of reach of small children.
10. Cover unused electrical outlets with safety caps. Keep electrical cords and wires out of the way so that children can't chew on them.
11. If you smoke, never smoke in bed.
12. Be sure you have working smoke detectors on each floor of your home. Check them and change their batteries at least once a year.
13. Keep a fire extinguisher on every floor of your house.
14. When using chemicals, always wear protective eyewear and clothing.
15. Keep chemicals, lighters and matches out of the reach of children. Use safety latches. And don't use lighters that look like toys.
16. Test bath water before placing a child in it to prevent scalding.
17. Also be alert to burn risks outside the home, especially if you are in places with open flames, chemicals or superheated materials.
18. Chemicals should be properly labelled and kept safe from children.



Social Diary



The CEO HQENC, Rt. Hon. JK Loka presenting a trophy and award to the NOWA Eastern Zone Coordinator Bart Mrs Urdiga Emusigere



The FOC Rt. Hon. M. Emusigere, supported by his children to cut Bart Mrs Urdiga's birthday cake



A cross section of senior officers at the event



The NOWA Zonal Coordinator Eastern Zone Bart Mrs Urdiga Emusigere supported by the FOC, some senior officers and the kids to cut her birthday cake



The CEO, Cdr. BM Ideta poised to cut his birthday cake



The FOC, Cdr. M. the CEO (center), the CNO (left right) and other PSOs cutting Cdr. BM Ideta's birthday cake



The FOC (left) in a handshake with the CEO while the CNO looks on



A Cross section of senior officers and PSOs of HQENC during Best Rating award



Rating of HQENC on parade during the award



The CEO Rt. Hon. JK Loka presenting an award to ABPSG Effort SR best rating of the month



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