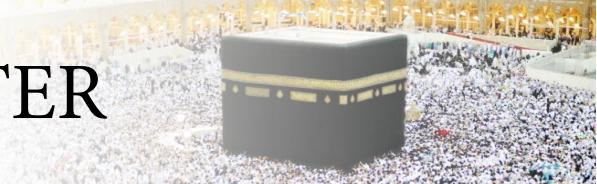




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NAHCON CONCLUDES OUTBOUND AIRLIFTTO COMMENCE INBOUND SEPTEMBER 7



The Chairman/CEO of NAHCON, Barrister Abdullahi Mukhtar Muhammad, MON, FCIA

The National Hajj Commission commission commenced the the stakeholders for the success-made good its promise when it 2017 Hajj airlift with the airlift ful organisaton of the 2017 Hajj. successfully concluded the out- of 460 Federal Capital territory Barr Abdullahi particularly com-bound of the 65,000 (Sixty Five (FCT) pilgrims from the Nnam- mended the chief executives of Thousand) pilgrams and 16,200 di Azikiwe International Air- state pilgrims welfare boards/ pilgrams of the international tour port Abuja on the 29th July 2017. commissions and agencies for operator on the 28th August, 2017 Speaking on the success of the their commitment and dedi-The airlift exercise which was made programme, an elated Chairman/ cation to the national cause. in 156 flights, from the 11 depar- CEO of NAHCON Barr.. Abdul- The Chairman also had kind ture centers across the country. lahi Mukthar Muhammad MON, words for the Saudi missions It would be recalled that the FCIA, expressed appreciation to in Nigeria for their support

NAHCON RESCUES, 6000 INTERNATIONAL PILGRIMS

What would have been a major embarrassment of Nigeria during the 2017 Hajj Airlift, was averted when the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria NAHCON come to the rescue of some 6000 tour operators pilgrims by organizing a special flight to airlift them to Saudi Arabia. The pilgrims who became stranded as a result of the inability of the tour companies to secure aircraft for their evacuation to Saudi Arabia, but the commission in a magnanimous move contacted the Flynas

Airline who agreed to ferry them to Saudi Arabia. Speaking on the development the chairman/CEO Barr. Abdullahi Mukhtar Muhammad MON, FCIA said the commission's step was to safe the pilgrims from the psychological and mental loss they might have passed through if they were not left to suffer such state fate which was not of their making. "It is our duty to do that, even though they belonged to tour operators, but they are Nigerians and Pilgrims.

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Saudi officials apologise to Nigerian pilgrims

The Saudi Arabian government has expressed its displeasure over the overzealous behavior of some of its security operatives at the Madina Airport. Investigations show that some two Nasarawa State pilgrims were roughly handled by the security agents on arrival at the Airport. To this, the Secretary, National Hajj Commission

of Hajj and Umrah Affairs in the Kingdom, Muhammad Abdurrahman Bijawy, were at the Nigerian pilgrims hotel at Markaziyyah area this evening to personally apologise to the victims, NAHCON, Nigerian government and pilgrims over the incident. The deputy governor said that it was unfortunate that the guests of Allah could be badly treated by those who are



Faisal bin Salman Governor of Madinah and Amb. Umar Salisu, Charge d' Affairs, Embassy of Nigeria in Saudi Arabia when the governor visited Wefada Al Zahra Hotel to offer the apology on behalf of the Royal leaders of the Kingdom to the victims being manhandled by Saudi security in Madinah.

of Nigeria, NAHCON, Dr. Bello Tambuwal petitioned the Saudi authorities and drew the attention of the Nigerian Embassy in Riyadh to the unfortunate incident, as a result the Nigeria's Charge de Affairs in Riyadh Ambassador Umar Z. Salisu rushed to Madina to sympathise with the victims and to get an explanation from the Saudis on the issue. However, after NAHCON's petition and the Charge de Affairs prompt arrival, the government, through the governor of Madina expressed shock over the incident and promised to decisively deal with the security personnels involved. To show remorse over the incident, the Madina governor, represented by his deputy Ambassador Dr. Wahid Alsighli, along with the deputy Minister in charge

supposed to show kindness to them and this he vowed will not be tolerated, hence the decision to punish the overzealous agents to serve as deterrent to others. Responding, the Nigerian Charge de Affairs, Ambassador Umar Z. Salisu expressed delight over the Saudi Arabian government's humility, as to accept the mistakes of its overzealous agents, tender an apology and above all to send high ranking government officials to apologise to the two victims from Nasarawa State, Alhaji Audu Damina Muhammad and Alhaji Ibrahim Nani Godi. Ambassador Salisu also commended the NAHCON management in Madina for their prompt proactive measure in handling the issue.

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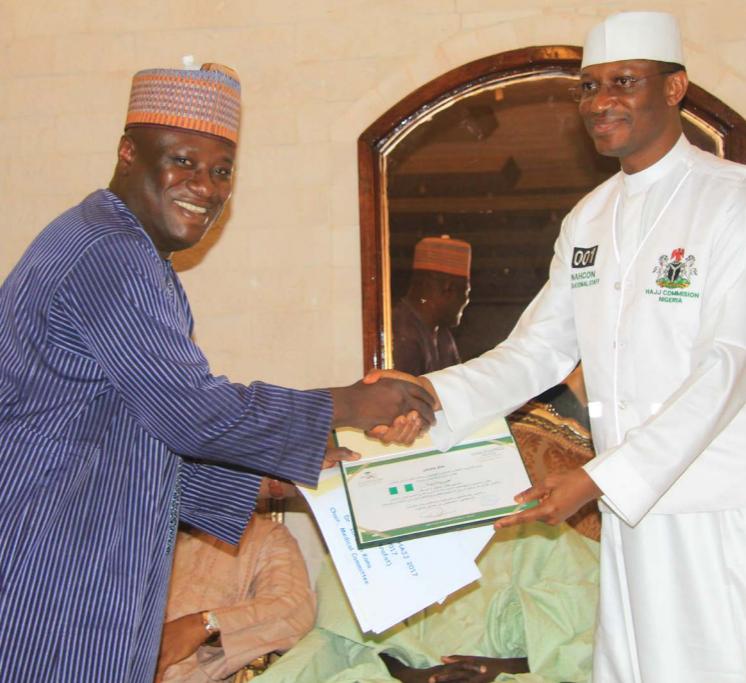
and cooperation, especially in the speedy processing of Hajj Visa in spite of some challenges. Meanwhile, the commission has fixed September 7, for the commencement of the second phase of the Hajj exercise. According to NAHCON, the movement would be on first come, first go, basis he urged the state pilgrims welfare boards to adhere strictly to the airline schedule by mobilizing their pilgrims for the return journey. "I wish to advise the state officials to allow the interest of Nigeria rule their heart rather than their own state alone" he said.



Dr Bello Tambuwal
NAHCON secretary
Mohammad Albijawi
Deputy Minister of Hajj and Umrah

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EVENTS AT THE 2017 PRE-ARAFAT MEETING



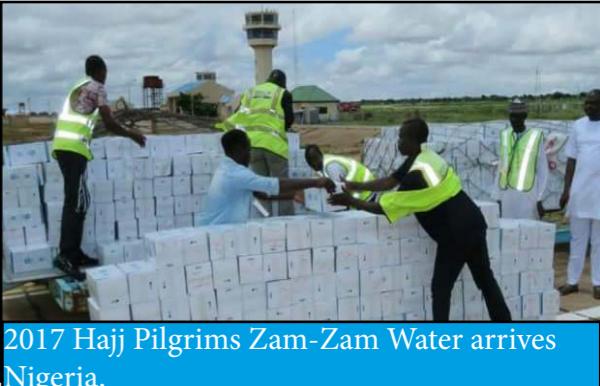
Barrister Abdullahi Mukhtar Mohammed MON Chairman/CEO of National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) receiving the excellent award given by the Saudi Authority to NAHCON from the head of National Medical Team Dr. Ibrahim Kana.



From left: Alhaji Yusuf Adebayo Ibrahim Commissioner PPMF NAHCON, Nigerian Charge de Affairs, Ambassador Umar Z. Salisu, Nigerian Charge de Affairs, Ambassador Umar Z. Salisu Chairman/CEO of National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) Barrister Abdullahi Mukhtar Mohammed MON, Emir of Bauchi Rilwanu Suleiman Adamu and The Consul-General of Nigeria, Jeddah Ambassador Muhammad Sani Yunusa at pre-rafat meeting



Some cross section of participants at the pre-Arafat meeting in Makkah.



2017 Hajj Pilgrims Zam-Zam Water arrives Nigeria.



Nigeria Medical doctor attending to a pilgrim at one of the National Medical Clinic Makkah



Meeting between the National feeding committee with SMPWB/A/C's and Caterers at NAHCON Makkah office



Members of National feeding Committee on inspection visit to catering Kitchens



NAHCON MAKKAH OFFICE
Muhib Surur Assabban
street, close to Al-Dress
filling station - Ummul-
Jud Area.

Nigerian pilgrims express delight over President Buhari's return.

Some Nigerian pilgrims in Saudi Arabia have expressed happiness over the safe return of President Muhammadu Buhari to Nigeria after a three-month medical vacation in London.

The pilgrims expressed their joy in interviews with a Correspondent of the News Agency of Nigeria(NAN) on Sunday in Madina, Saudi Arabia.

Alhaji Isa Mohammed, a pilgrim from Nasarawa State, said that the Almighty Allah had answered his prayers on Buhari who was away for over 100 days.

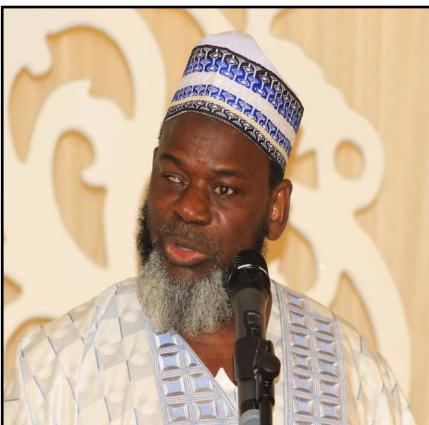
He said that the safe return of Buhari had shown that it was only Allah that possessed absolute control over life and death, adding that it was normal for every human being to fall sick.

Another pilgrim from Zamfara,



Gwamma Abu, said it was a thing of joy for all patriotic Nigerians for the President to return alive in spite of all the insinuations about his health.

According to her, Buhari's recovery has shown that it is only Almighty Allah who grants man good health whenever He decides.



NIGERIA ENVOY WARNS AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING

The Consul-General of Nigeria, Jeddah Ambassador Muhammad Sani Yunusa has warned Nigerian pilgrims against drug peddling and trafficking, saying anyone caught risks capital punishment in the kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Ambassador Yunusa gave the admonition in a keynote address at the pre-Arafat meeting of NAHCON and other Stakeholders, Held at Al-Raqiyya Hall, Khaduiyya Makkah.

He advised the pilgrims not to accept to be used as a Courier or peddlers by selfish persons who may want to exploit their ignorance or good-will to lure them to perpetrate the unwholesome act according to him, Saudi law does not compromise its capital punishment on offenders, and therefore urges state officials to educate and enlighten their pilgrims on the nefarious act which would tarnish the image of the country.

Important dates in Dhuj Hijjah

1438/2017

- 1st Dhul Hijjah: 23rd August.
- 8th Dhul Hijjah: (Hajj Starts)
30th August.
- 9th Dhul Hijjah: (ARAFAH) 31st
August.
- 10th Dhul Hijjah: (Eid Al-Adha)
1st September.

• ANNOUNCEMENT

NAHCON National Medical Team Clinics are open 24hours for ALL NIGERIAN PILGRIMS IN MADINAH:
1. Headquarters - NAHCON office, Renaad Al-Masi, Qurban Street, Bank Al-Bilad building.3rd floor
2. Outpost 1- Markaz ELYAS hotel 1, City Centre, 11th floor, Rooms 1140 and 1141
3. Rooms 704 and 705 of Guest Time Hotel, Western centre Call our ambulances through our head of Madina clinic, Dr. Liman Hamid on this no:+966562208434 or you can WhatsApp him on: +2348035959280

HAJJ TIPS

- Drink alot of water and always have drinking water as you may become dehydrated.
- Apply Vaseline on Groin areas to reduce friction burns. Wear comfortable, footwear.
- Be very careful to stay within the specific boundaries during the days of Hajj, especially 'Arafah - overstepping them may affect the correctness of your Hajj.
- Use umbrellas
- Observing the Cough Etiquettes
- Observe landmarks when going out so you can find your way back.
- Arrange a meeting place with your group in case you get lost.
- Keep phone number of your group leader with you whenever you go out.
- Observe strict personal & environmental hygiene including food hygiene.

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