

Lagos -- If Nigeria is able to harness gas currently being flared at 118 flare locations in the Niger Delta, the country would boast of over 3,000 megawatts, MW, additional electricity, the Department of Petroleum Resources, DPR, has said.

According to data obtained from the DPR, Nigeria currently has 178 gas flare

## DPR says flared gas can provide Nigeria 3,000MW power

sites and is flaring about 11 percent of its gas production, ranking the country seventh in the world gas flares chart.

The government has said it is committed to ending gas flaring by 2020, being party to the Paris Climate Change Agreement. The country is also a signatory

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to the Global Gas Flaring Partnership, GGFR, principles for global flare-out by 2030 whilst committing to a national flare-out target by the year 2020.

As a way to stimulate economic growth, drive investments and provide jobs in oil producing communities and for other Nigerians, the government had approved the Nigerian Gas Flare Commercialisation Programme, NGFCP, in 2016.

The government plans to increasingly channel the flared gas into power generation to boost the level of electricity available in the national grid, which would be accessible to industries to allow them operate optimally, in the process stimulating economic growth, driving investments and providing jobs.

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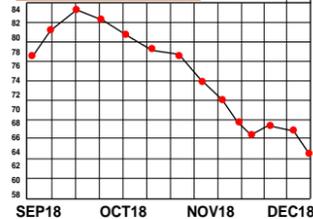
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#### WEEKLY BASKET PRICE

DEC21	59.84
DEC-14	58.05
DEC-07	59.95
NOV-30	58.80
NOV-23	62.83
NOV-16	66.52
NOV-09	70.51
NOV-02	74.16
OCT-26	76.37
OCT-19	78.85
OCT-12	81.43
OCT-05	83.17
SEP-28	80.64

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● Oil and gas platform

**Oil theft: JTF commissions gunboat, accommodation for soldiers**

MKPOIKANA UDOMA

Port Harcourt -- In its determination to protect oil and gas infrastructure in the country, the Joint Task Force, Operation Delta Safe, OPDS Sector 3, has commissioned a 200-horse power gunboat and transit accommodation for troops in Ogoloma, Okrika Local Government Area of Rivers State.

The mandate of OPDS is to protect oil and gas infrastructure and deter militancy, sea robbery, crude oil theft and other forms of criminality within the Joint Operation Area that could impact negatively on economic activities in the Niger Delta.

Sector 3 Commander of Operation Delta Safe, Colonel Ismail Oloyede, in his speech at the commissioning, said he was resolved to add value and improve extant structures

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## Nigeria to spend \$59bn on oil/gas projects in 7 years

Lagos -- Nigeria is expected to spend US\$59 billion as capital expenditure or capex on upstream oil and gas projects between 2018 and 2025, according to figures from GlobalData, a leading data and analytics company.

The company's report, 'H2

2018 Production and Capital Expenditure Outlook for Key Planned Upstream Projects in Sub-Saharan', showed that Nigeria accounts for more than 34 percent of the proposed capex on planned and announced crude and natural gas projects in sub-Saharan Africa over the period

2018-2025.

Nigeria has 8 planned and 20 announced projects during the forecast period, the report said.

With US\$59 billion capex projected for 28 projects, Nigeria leads in sub-Saharan Africa.

Soorya Tejomootula, Oil and Gas analyst at GlobalData,

comments: "Nigeria is investing heavily in new oil and gas projects to further boost its oil and gas production. Majority of production from these projects is for exports, generating significant revenues for the country."

In total, 67 crude and natural gas projects are expected to start operations in sub-Saharan Africa during the forecast period. Among these, 16 are planned projects with identified development plans, and 51 are early-stage announced projects that are undergoing conceptual studies and that are expected to get approved for development.

GlobalData identified Angola as the second highest country in sub-Saharan Africa with five

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### US Coast Guard urges greater vigilance at Nigerian ports

Lagos -- The United States Coast Guard has called for greater vigilance at Nigerian ports.

The call was made by a visiting US Coast Guard team led by Lt. Commander Janna Ott. The delegation was in Nigeria to inspect facilities and ports.

Ott, who commended the

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Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency, NIMASA, for its efforts at improving security and operational efficiency within Nigeria's maritime domain, said NIMASA had taken laudable steps to improve Nigeria's compliance with the International Ship and

Port Security, ISPS, code.

"It's very important that you know in your port facilities who is gaining access and they are authorised to be there before they go through those gates of the ISPS zone," Ott, a representative of the US Coast Guard in International Port

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## Barkindo says OPEC's DoC 'transformative'

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Lagos -- Secretary General of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, OPEC, Dr. Mohammed Barkindo, has described the impact of the OPEC and non-OPEC oil producers' 'Declaration of Cooperation', DoC, on the oil market as transformative.

He made the declaration in reference to recent reports and speculations by analysts that the DoC might no longer be able to keep oil glut down for long.

Delivering a lecture in Angola, Barkindo said the "long-absent" element of stability in the market was re-introduced by the DoC as he stressed that the impact of the agreement has been "transformative".

OPEC and its non-OPEC partners, led by Russia, had agreed to cut production late

2016 after oil prices crashed from above \$100 per barrel to below \$30 per barrel.

The agreement had since been renewed, with the latest cuts being 1.2 million barrels per day - 800,000 barrels for OPEC members and 400,000 barrels for the non-OPEC producers.

Barkindo said in the lecture in Angola: "If I was to use a single word to describe the impact of this cooperation on the oil market, it would be: transformative.

"A long-absent element of stability has been reintroduced. There have been significant changes in industry-wide and public perceptions of OPEC.

"The organisation has ably demonstrated its credentials as a body committed to international cooperation, working with other producers, honouring its



● Dr. Barkindo

commitments and promoting mutual respect among all nations".



Gas

## \$12m gas plant to commence operation in Rivers

Chairman of Green Energy International Limited, Prof. Anthony Adegbulugbe, said the ATC from DPR was granted following successful submission of the detailed engineering design for the project.

Speaking at the first stakeholders' interactive luncheon in Port Harcourt, Adegbulugbe disclosed that the project, when completed, would ensure steady power supply to its host communities and environs.

"The project is strategically designed by the company to ensure zero-gas flaring in the Niger Delta, under our Small Scale Gas Utilisation

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● LPG plant

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Port Harcourt -- In a bid to minimise gas flaring in the country, an indigenous energy firm, Green Energy International Limited, says its \$12 million Liquefied Petroleum Gas, LPG, plant will become operational by the second quarter of 2019.

The Green Energy LPG plant, which approval to construct, ATC, was issued by the

Department of Petroleum Resources, DPR, in August this year, is being constructed in Ikuru Town, Andoni Local Government Area of Rivers State.

It has the capacity to process 12 million standard cubic feet of gas per day. Green Energy and Lekoil Limited are the operator of Otakikpo marginal field in Nigeria's Oil Mining Lease, OML, 11.

Power



## Vandal bags five-year jail term In Kaduna

Kaduna -- The Federal High Court, Kaduna Division, has sentenced a middle aged man, Surajo Mohammed, to five years imprisonment for vandalising power supply equipment belonging to Kaduna Electricity Distribution Company.

A statement by the Head, Corporate Communication of Kaduna Electric, Abdulazeez Abdullahi, disclosed that the convict was caught in September 2016 at Uguwar Rimi Area of Kaduna metropolis vandalising a

300mm armoured cable in a distribution sub-station along Musa Yakubu Street.

The accused person was arraigned on a two-count charge of economic sabotage and malicious destruction of public property, offences punishable under the Miscellaneous Offences Act, Cap M17, LFN 2004, on which he pleaded guilty.

The presiding judge, Justice Peter Malong, sentenced him to five years imprisonment on each of the count charge without an option of fine. The

sentences are however to run concurrently effective from the date of his arrest which was September 18, 2016.

Mr. Abdullahi congratulated both the Police and the Court for what he described as "sending a strong signal to miscreants and economic saboteurs that there is no hidden place for vandals of vital national infrastructures".

He commended the state's institutions for standing with the people and believed that the conviction will serve as deterrent to others.

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upcoming projects, which are expected to come online by 2025.

Among operators, Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Ltd leads with the highest operatorship of four upcoming projects in sub-Saharan Africa during the forecast period – three announced and one planned – all being conventional gas projects.

Sonangol P&P occupies second place with operatorship of three upcoming oil projects.

Key projects in sub-Saharan Africa are expected to contribute about 1.1 million barrels of oil equivalent per day and around 9.4 billion cubic feet per day of global gas production in 2025.

The region is expected to spend proposed capex of US\$20.3 billion to bring the planned projects online and US\$154.6 billion on key announced projects during the forecast period.

Royal Dutch Shell Plc, Exxon Mobil, Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation, Eni SpA, and Sonangol EP are the key players in terms of highest capex spending on the major planned and announced projects in sub-Saharan Africa.

These companies are expected to collectively spend about US\$64 billion on planned and announced projects during the outlook period.

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Security Programme, said.

"You also need to be consistent with the proficiencies of all the security personnel in holding people accountable that are coming through those port facilities. We already had a very good discussion with NIMASA," she added.

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handed over to him with the intent of boosting the morale of soldiers and leaving an enduring legacy that could inspire his successors.

Oloyede commended the General Officer Commanding, Six Division, Port Harcourt, Major-General Jamil Sarham, for his leadership, which, he said, has been motivation as well as his focused direction provided towards the completion of the project.

"The purpose of our gathering here today is to commission a 25-bed space accommodation for personnel of OPDS on transit to or from their various locations, additional to existing 4-bedroom accommodation I took over from my predecessor.

"It is pertinent to mention that the structure was conceptualised and completed in the space of eight months without any external

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● Electricity vandal

He appealed to customers of the company to share credible intelligence with, and or report any suspicious movement around power supply facilities to the company or the nearest police station.



## Rivers terminates sale of state-owned power plants to Sahara Energy

MKPOIKANA UDOMA

Port Harcourt -- The Rivers State Government says it has terminated the sale of 70 per cent equity of the state-owned power generation assets held by First Independent Power Limited in Omoku, Afam, Trans-Amadi and Eleme Gas Turbines to NG Power-HPS Limited.

Recall that the Governor Nyesom Wike-led administration in the state has before now alleged that the gas turbines and power stations built by former governor Peter Odili were sold to Sahara Energy, an alleged business partner of former governor Chibuike Amaechi at \$319 million.

The state government, while asking Mr Amaechi, who is now the Minister of Transportation, to account for the \$319 million being proceeds from the sale of the state-owned assets, had alleged

that the money was used to sponsor the All Progressives Congress in the 2015 general elections.

The Rivers State government also terminated the concession of the Rivers and Bayelsa State-owned Olympia Hotel to Cenprosaroten Hotel Management Limited.

The government further terminated the concession agreement between the government of Rivers State and Kild Concession Limited in respect of the construction of a toll road and secondary school developments in Abonnema Wharf, Port Harcourt.

These were part of resolutions at the State Executive Council meeting presided over by Governor Wike at the Government House, Port Harcourt.

The three companies that had their contracts and concessions

terminated are subsidiaries of Sahara Energy Limited, belonging to the All Progressives Congress governorship candidate for the 2019 election in the state, Mr. Tonye Cole.

Briefing journalists after the State Executive Council meeting, Information and Communication Commissioner, Mr. Emma Okah, said that the state government arrived at the resolutions in line with yet to be implemented recommendations of the White Paper on the report of the Judicial Commission of Inquiry for the investigation of the administration of Governor Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi on the sale of valued assets of Rivers State and other related matters under the chairmanship of Justice George Omereji.

The state government also directed the Attorney General of the State to take further steps as contained in the White Paper.

● Omoku power plant



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Programme, SSGUP.

"The project would guarantee the host communities of the uninterrupted power supply through the company's gas-to-power project, with six megawatts gas generators already on site for installation.

"We have secured a 15-megawatt power generation licence from the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission, NERC, and efforts are being made to increase the power generation to 40 megawatts," he said.

## Finance



## Labour



## IPMAN says interest of members, top priority

Lagos -- The Independent Petroleum Marketers Association of Nigeria, IPMAN, says the interest of all members of the association is top priority of its president, Elder Chinedu Okoronkwo.

IPMAN's National Secretary, Alhaji Danladi Passali, disclosed this while reacting to the recent Supreme Court's judgment upholding Okoronkwo as the president of the association.

In a unanimous judgment, delivered on December 14 in Abuja, the court struck out the appeal of Chief Lawson Obasi in the suit, and also fined him the sum of two million naira, to be paid to Okoronkwo.

Passali said in a statement that the new development has addressed the issues of misconduct and mismanagement rocking the association.

He stated that Okoronkwo remains the substantive national president of IPMAN based on the Supreme Court judgment, adding that the interest of all members of the association will be a top priority of the president.

The scribe said the judgment was a welcome development to IPMAN members, and the oil and gas industry nationwide.

"The judgment will enable us to maintain the serenity we normally enjoyed in the distribution and dispensing of petroleum products to Nigerians in all nooks and crannies of the country," he said.

Members of IPMAN National Executive Council, NEC, recognised by the Supreme Court judgment include Elder Chinedu Okoronkwo, National President; Alhaji Abubakar Maigani Shettima, Vice President; Alhaji Danladi Passali, National

Secretary; Bola Adeleke, National Treasurer; and Chief Leo Nkameme, National Organisation Secretary.

Others are Alhaji Yakubu Ali Dimka, National Auditor; Chief J. D. Ubani (JP), National Financial Secretary; Dr. Hamed Adekunle Fashil, Assistant National Secretary; Alhaji Umar Baba Kano, National Legal Adviser; Chief Ezekwesili Maduagwuna, Chief Whip; and Alhaji Yakubu Suleman, National Public Relations Officer.



● Okoronkwo

● Customs officers on duty



## Customs make N5.08m from Port Harcourt seaport in November

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Port Harcourt -- The Nigerian Customs Services, NCS, has said that it generated a total sum of N5,088,669.11 million from the Port Harcourt seaport in November this year.

The Area I Comptroller of NCS, Port Harcourt Port, Boyi Mohammed Bande, said Customs made a favourable monthly revenue despite declining fortunes at the Port Harcourt seaport.

Bande, in the Command's monthly report, described the money generated in the

month as an unprecedented feat in the history of the command.

He stated that the command has been transformed tremendously through

diligent leadership and regular consultations with relevant stakeholders and the promotion of inter-agency relationship among operators in the maritime sector.

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financial support.

"I have also single-handedly sponsored the fabrication and building of 200 horsepower gunboat to enhance the capacity of the Sector and OPDS as a whole," he said.

On his part, the General Officer Commanding, Six Division, Major-General Sarham, announced that soldiers will be apolitical and non-partisan in the upcoming 2019 general elections.



● Apapa Port, Lagos

## NPA urges Customs to auction overtime cargoes

SAM IKEOTUONYE

Lagos -- The Nigerian Ports Authority, NPA, has called on the Nigeria Customs

Service, NCS, to commence immediate auctioning of overtime cargoes as part of

efforts to rid the ports of unwanted facilities. NPA's managing director,

Hadiza Bala-Usman, gave the charge in Lagos, stressing that the agency would take the necessary steps to curb the untold hardship being faced by ports users due to the burden of congestion.

"The Nigerian Customs Service is urged to immediately commence the process of auctioning of overtime cargoes. This is imperative as the Ports are meant to be a transit point and not storage facilities.

"Auctions should be carried out on the spot at Port locations and every buyer will be given a short period to evacuate the cargoes out of the Ports, after which they will be re-auctioned," she said.

Bala-Usman also urged terminal operators to negotiate and grant waivers to consignees to facilitate the evacuation of the cargoes and mitigate against auctioning.

While reeling out reform measures by the organisation, she said it would take

immediate effort to halt loss of investment capital and man hour.

According to her, there would be an increase in rent-free period for cargoes housed in the terminals, from the current three free days, before the commencement of rent charges to 21 free days. She added that the exercise, however, last four months.

The managing director also said that there would be an increase in the demurrage free period on return of empty containers from five days to 15 days or four months.

She said: "Shipping companies should immediately deploy sweeper vessels to evacuate empty containers from the Ports to clear the backlog of empty containers littering the country.

"Within four months, the authority will encourage the use of Onne Ports for such sweeper vessels".

## Akwa Ibom signs MOU with firm for FTZ development, others

MKPOIKANA UDOMA

Port Harcourt -- The Akwa Ibom State Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding, MOU, with a firm called Serge Investment Company for the development of the state-owned Liberty Oil and Gas Free Trade Zone.

The MOU also covers the development of the Ibom

Science and Technology Park, the supply of buses and building of assessment plant and construction of roads across the state.

The state governor, Mr. Udom Emmanuel, while presenting the documents covering the MOU to the president of Serge Investment Company, Mr. Greg Todd, expressed confidence in

the ability of the company to execute the projects within the terms spelled out in the documents.

Governor Emmanuel, represented at the event by the Secretary to the State Government, Dr. Emmanuel Ekuwem, urged the firm to furnish the state government with the implementation schedule of

the projects.

He also enjoined the firm to detail the commencement period of each of the projects and the area of assistance expected from the state government.

Responding, the president of the company informed of the firm's readiness to deliver on the job and assured that the implementation schedule would be submitted to the government.



● Gov. Emmanuel



● Solar-powered house

Port Harcourt -- The Niger Delta Development Commission, NDDC, has said it is working to ensure the provision of solar power to communities of the Niger Delta region that are not covered by the national grid.

The NDDC Managing Director, Mr. Nsima Ekere, said this when the leader of the Sustainable Energy Practitioners of Nigeria, and Asteven Group, Dr. Magnus Onuoha, paid him a courtesy call at the NDDC headquarters in Port Harcourt.

The NDDC boss said the Commission had over the years been involved in a lot of projects in the green energy sector, adding: "We believe that one of the ways of closing the gap

between electricity distributions in the country is to encourage green energy initiatives in a

Warri, Delta State -- The Isoko cluster of the 111 host communities of the Oil Mining Lease, OML, 30 in Delta State has threatened to back out of the newly-constituted Community Development Board, CDB, running the Global Memorandum of Understanding, GMoU, for the area.

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marginalised despite being the area with the largest crude oil production in the entire cluster groups.

According to him, despite the signing of the new GMoU midwived by the state

climate conference, at Katowice, Poland for its contributions to the development of the Niger Delta region.

Earlier, Dr. Onuoha commended NDDC for ensuring that 20percent unconditional emissions

government, members of the Isoko cluster were surprised to see that there were moves to still retain the former chairman of the board who is of Urhobo extraction as chairman of the newly-reconstituted board.

reduction as committed to by the administration of President Muhammadu Buhari in 2015 was realised.

He also noted that the agency deserved commendation for being in the vanguard of the promotion of low carbon resources efficient Nigerian green economy.

He noted as commendable the agency's commitment to distribute 90,000 small solar lanterns to tertiary institutions in the nine states of the region at 10,000 per state, with effect from January 2019.



## Community

## NDDC to close power distributions gap in N'Delta with solar energy

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