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Welcome to your magazine.



Dipo Davies, Publisher

Every day, things happen that shape theNigeria you are growing upin: who leads the country, what things cost, which jobs will exist whenyou finish school. Most of that news is written for adults. This magazine is written for you.

Each month, Naija Teen digest will bring you the stories that matter, explained clearly and honestly. We'll tell you what happened, why it happened and what it means for someone your age.

This first issue has plenty to talk about. A team of Nigerian teenagers became world champions. The country is two months from a presidential election. Six Nigerian musicians are heading to the Grammys. And a computer fault left millions of people around the world locked out of their email.

But we don't just want you to read. We want you to argue, question and write back. Send us your opinions, your story endings and your ideas. The best ones will appear in these pages.

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COVER STORY

U-17 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP · MOROCCO 2026

Champions of the world.

Nobody gave them a chance after game one. Four weeks later, Nigeria's Flamingos were the first African team ever to lift the U-17 Women's World Cup.

Rabat, 7 November. Nigeria lead Japan 2–1, the clock has crawled past 80 minutes, and every Nigerian watching at home has forgotten how to breathe. Japan, champions in 2014, throw everything forward. Then the final whistle. The Flamingos are champions of the world.

Rewind four weeks. The tournament began with a 2–1 defeat to Poland, the kind of result that sends teams home early. No team had ever lost its opening game and gone on to win this trophy. The Flamingos didn't read that memo. They beat Puerto Rico 2–0, stunned defending champions North Korea 3–1, then edged Mexico 2–1 and Venezuela 1–0 before blowing Brazil away 3–1 in the semi-final.

In the final, Awawu Bashiru struck in the 39th minute and 16-year-old Oluebube Umejiaku made it 2–0 just after half-time. Japan pulled one back. Nigeria held on. These players are your age mates. In 2022 the Flamingos came third. Now they're the best in the world.

THE FLAMINGOS' PLAYBOOK

How to win a World Cup 2-1

GROUP	GROUP	GROUP	LAST 16	QUARTER	SEMI	FINAL
1–2	2–0	3–1	2–1	1–0	3–1	2–1
Poland	Puerto Rico	North Korea	Mexico	Venezuela	Brazil	Japan



01 Start early

Newcoach Akeem Busari took charge in April and called 36 players to camp. Only 21 made it to Morocco. In five warm-up games in Abuja, they scored 28 goals and let in three. The trophy was won months before anyone was watching.

In camp: the hard work nobody sees



02 Losing isn't the end

Gameone: beaten 2–1 by Poland. Plenty of teams fold after that. The Flamingos won every game that followed, including a 3–1 thumping of the defending champions. A bad result is information, not a verdict.

Coach Akeem Busari



03 Everyone matters

Oluebube Umejiaku didn't even start the tournament. She finished it with the Golden Ball for the best player in the world. When your chance comes off the bench, you'd better be ready.

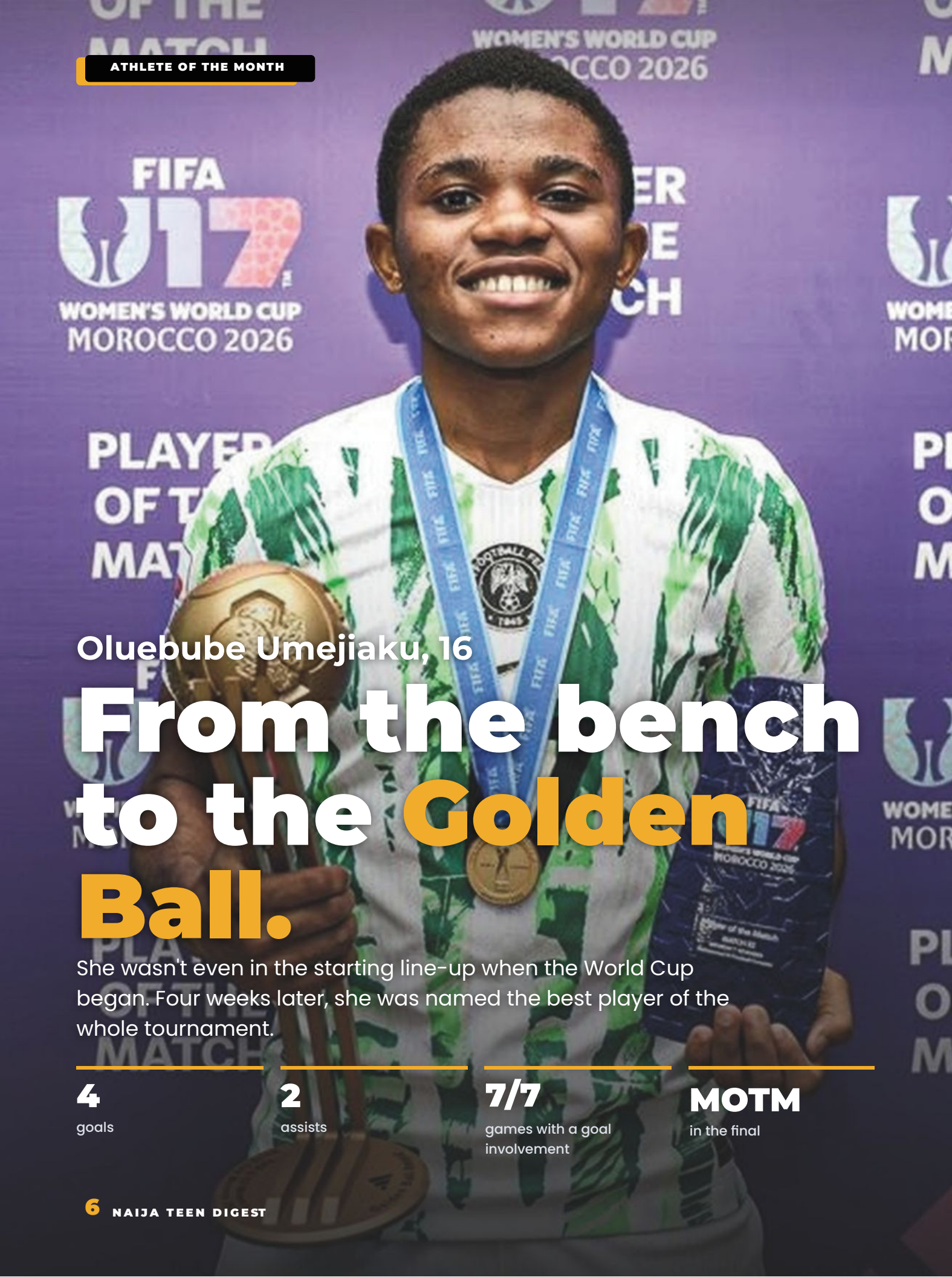
Every player had to be ready



04 Hold your nerve

2–0 upin the final, then Japan scored in the 80th minute. Ten long minutes of pressure. Nobody panicked. Champions are made in the minutes when it would be easiest to crack.

The moment it all paid off



Oluebube Umejiaku, 16

From the bench to the Golden Ball.

She wasn't even in the starting line-up when the World Cup began. Four weeks later, she was named the best player of the whole tournament.

4	2	7/7	MOTM
goals	assists	games with a goal involvement	in the final

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What happened in November, what it means, and why it matters to you.

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Nigeria this month.

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02 Ebola arrived, and Nigeria stopped it cold

03 Britain is buying our fuel. Yes, really

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05 18 people want to be president



Prices at the market are still climbing

MONEY

Prices are still climbing. Just more slowly.

Inflation fellto14.06% in October,from 14.63% in September: the fifth drop in a row, says the National Bureau of Statistics. Good news? Kind of. It means prices are rising more slowly, not falling.

That ₦500 pack of chin-chin fromlast year? Now about ₦570. Food is rising fastest, up 19.13% in a year. So the same pocket money buys a little less every month. The fix for your savings is on page 33.

5th
drop in inflation in a row

19.13%
how much food prices rose in a year

₦570
what last year's ₦500 snack costs now

ENERGY

₦1,289

Your bus fare might thank Dangote

Dangote Refinery cut itsbulkprice to ₦1,215 a litre, and by 13 November NNPC stations in Lagos had dropped from ₦1,350 to ₦1,289. Cheaper petrol can mean cheaper transport and food.



Cheaper at the pump

Plot twist: Britain is buying our fuel



The Dangote Refinery in Lagos

For years, Nigeria sold crude oil abroad and bought back petrol: like selling your tomatoes and buying back the tomato paste. Now Britain bought £1.02 billion of refined Nigerian fuel in the year to June 2026, more than it spent on our crude, says a UK report.

Selling finished products keeps more jobs and money at home.



CLIMATE

It's about to get HOT

A "super El Niño" could make 2027 the hottest year on record, and Nigeria may be hit hardest. Drink water often; skip hard exercise from noon to 4pm.

HEALTH

Case closed

How Nigeria's disease detectives stopped Ebola in its tracks.



Illustration: a health worker checks on a contact

20 Oct
Nigeria's first Ebola casein over10years: a traveller from Uganda in Abuja

62
contacts tracked down by health officials

21
days each contact was watched for symptoms

0
new cases. The last contact was cleared on 13 November

On 20 October, a traveller who had come to Abuja from Uganda tested positive for Ebola. Health officials had one job: find everyone the patient might have infected, before the virus could spread.

They traced 62 contacts. Each one was checked every day for 21 days, because Ebola can take up to 21 days to show symptoms. If you're still well after day 21, you're in the clear.

One by one, the 62 crossed the line. On 13 November, the last contact was cleared. Nobody else caught the virus. Nigeria hasn't been officially declared Ebola-free yet, so health officials are still on high alert. It's the kind of quiet, careful work that rarely makes headlines, which is exactly why we're telling you about it.

MEANWHILE, NEXT DOOR

By mid-November, the Democratic Republic of Congo had recorded more than 11,000 confirmed Ebola cases and 5,400 deaths. Kenya has recorded nine cases. Diseases cross borders fast.

WHAT IS EBOLA?

A rare but deadly virus. You catch it by touching the blood or body fluids of someone who is sick. It is not spread through the air like a cold.

EDUCATION

JAMB 2027 is coming early.

If you're in SS3, your exam calendar just changed. Here's what's new.



UTME 2026
16–25 April

UTME 2027 (PROPOSED)
15–25 March

A month earlier. In October, the government proposed one joint timetable for JAMB, WAEC, NECO and other exams. Under the plan, the UTME moves to 15–25 March 2027, about a month earlier than this year. The idea is to have all results out by August, so new students can start university by September. JAMB says the dates could still change, so watch for the final timetable.

A later start for early birds. Candidates in the first session will now arrive at their CBT centres by 7:30am instead of 6:30am, with the exam running from 8:30am to 10:30am. JAMB says the change is to protect candidates who travel long distances before dawn.

An app before you register. JAMB is building a National Digital Pre-Registration App, so you can do much of the groundwork on your phone. The aim: stop students picking subject combinations that don't match the course they want.

Teaching or agriculture? From the 2027 cycle, students applying for NCE courses at Colleges of Education, or for non- technical agriculture diplomas at polytechnics, won't need to sit the UTME. They still register with JAMB.

Your to-do list now

- ☐ Get your NIN sorted
- ☐ Check the O'Level grades your course needs
- ☐ Pick your course and check its subject combination
- ☐ Practise on a computer: the UTME is a CBT exam

Naija wins.

Bad news gets all the headlines. Here's the good stuff from November.

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World champions

The Flamingos became the first African team to win the U-17 Women's World Cup.

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Three Olympic golds

Gift Bright, Rosemary Nwankwo and Praise Ugoh struck gold in Dakar.

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Ebola stopped

62 contacts traced. Zero new cases.

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Fuel exporter

Britain now buys more Nigerian refined fuel than crude.

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Maths gold

Chimdiebube Onwubiko, 13, beat older students to gold at the International STEM Olympiad.

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Grammy season

Six Nigerian artists, 11 nominations.

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Hall of Famers

Fela and Sade inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

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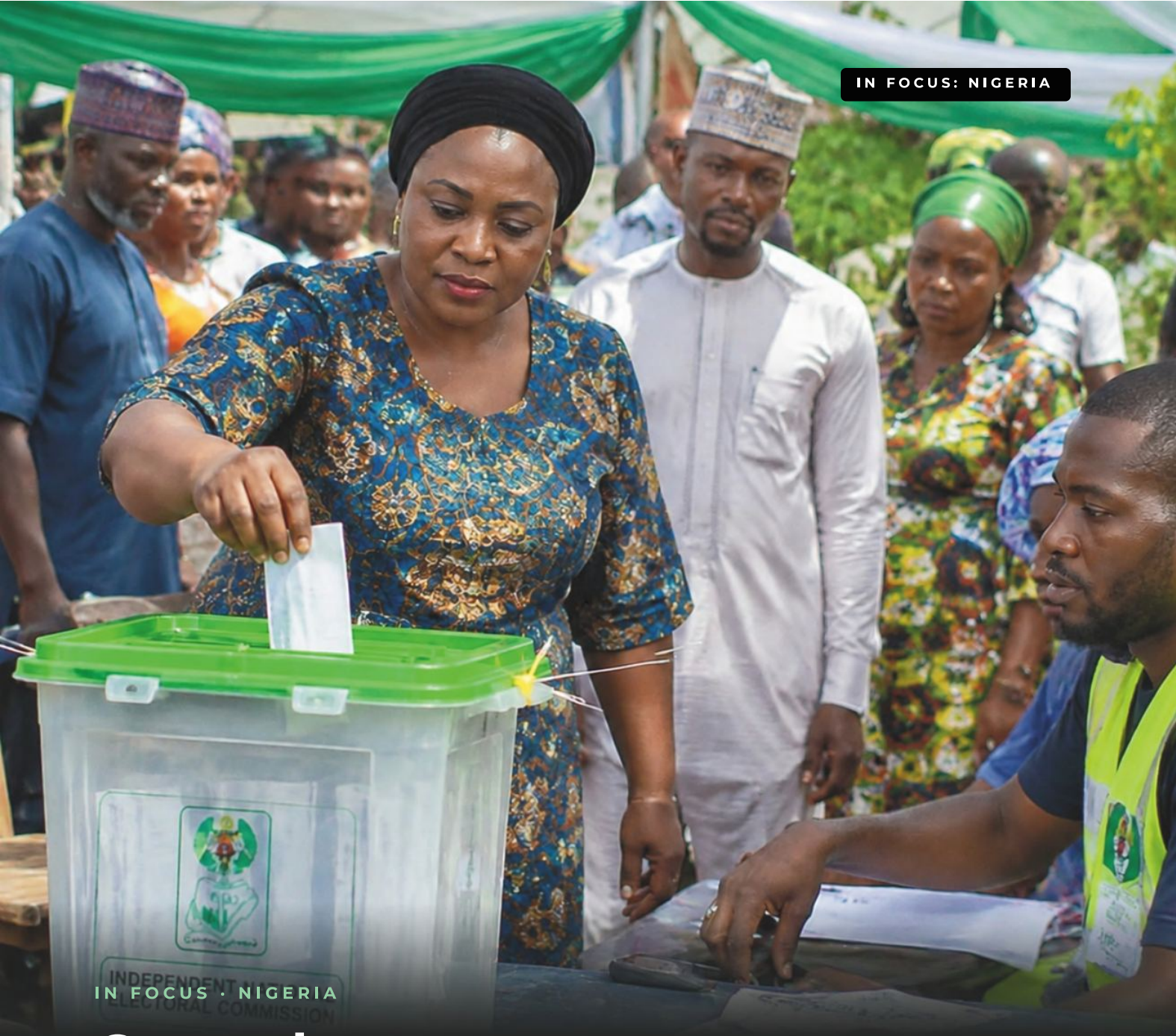
Game changer

Shalom Rayhamen's Lagos Life drew over a million players in days.



IN FOCUS · NIGERIA

Countdown to 16 JAN

Nigeria picks its next president in less than two months. If you've ever voted for head boy or head girl, you already understand more than you think.

16 JAN · President & National Assembly

06 FEB · Governors & State Assemblies

Remember your last prefect election? Aspirants gave speeches at assembly. Posters went up. On voting day, every student dropped a ballot in a box, and the teachers counted.

Now picture the same thing with about ***100 million voters***. The vote was first set for 20 February, but the new Electoral Act 2026 moved it five weeks earlier. It will be the first presidential election held in January since civilian rule returned in 1999.

Your school vs Nigeria

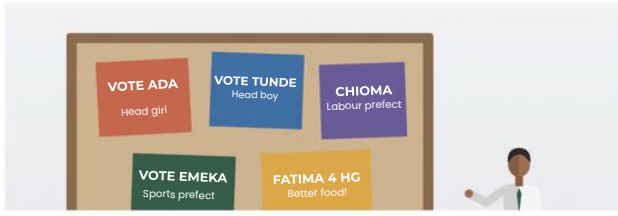
SAME IDEA, BIGGER STAGE



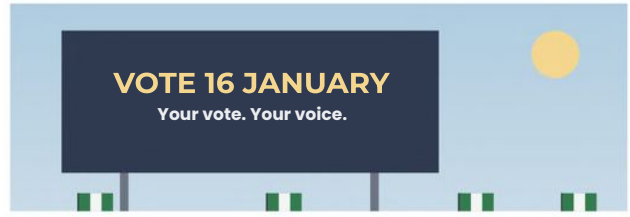
CANDIDATES · Students who want to be head boy or head girl



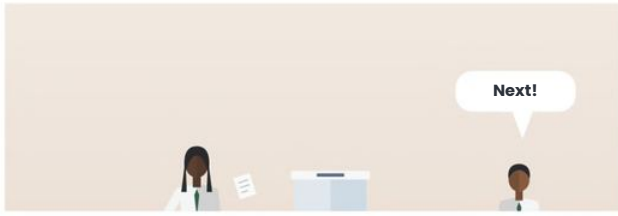
CANDIDATES · Politicians who want to be president, senator or representative



CAMPAIGN · Speeches at assembly, posters on the notice board



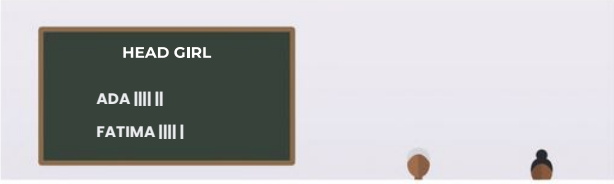
CAMPAIGN · Rallies, jingles and billboards across 36 states and the FCT



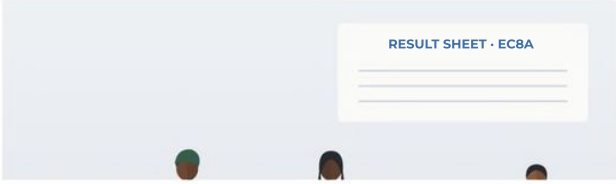
WHO VOTES · Students on the school register



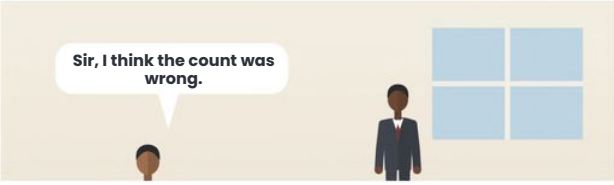
WHO VOTES · Citizens aged 18+ on the voters' register, with a PVC



REFEREE · Teachers or an electoral committee



REFEREE · INEC, the Independent National Electoral Commission



COMPLAINTS · The principal settles them



COMPLAINTS · Special courts called tribunals. For president: the Court of Appeal



INEC officials display the voters' register



Permanent Voter Cards (PVCs)

Cleaning up the register. Imagine a class register where some students appear twice and a few left years ago. Anyone could vote in their place. On 9 November, INEC removed 1,609,553 records, mostly double entries or doctored photos; 873 belonged to people who have died. The final register was due on 15 December.

If someone cries foul. In school, a losing candidate goes to the principal. In a general election, most go to special courts called election petition tribunals. On 9 November, 375 judges were sworn in for them. Each must rule within 180 days. A complaint about the presidential election goes straight to the Court of Appeal, and then to the Supreme Court.

THE CANDIDATES

Who's on the ballot?



Left to right: Peter Obi (NDC), President Bola Tinubu (APC), Atiku Abubakar (ADC) and Seyi Makinde (APM)

Eighteen names. One chair. President Bola Tinubu(APC)wantsfour more years,and17 challengers want him out. The big names: former Vice-President Atiku Abubakar (see note), former Anambra governor Peter Obi and Oyo governor Seyi Makinde. Two of the 18 are women.

Think prefect aspirants promising better dining-hall food, but the menu is the economy, prices and security.

All 18, with their parties

INEC FINAL LIST, SEPTEMBER 2026

1	**Bola Tinubu**	**APC**	2	**Atiku Abubakar**	**ADC**
3	**Peter Obi**	**NDC**	4	**Seyi Makinde**	**APM**
5	Sandy Ojang Onor	PDP	6	Donald Duke	PRP
7	Omoyele Sowore	AAC	8	Adewole Adebayo	SDP
9	Sunday Okereke	LP	10	Rufai Omo-Aje	AA
11	Abbas-Bin Aliyu	ADP	12	Yusuf Kabiru	APP
13	Sunday Adenuga	BP	14	Moses Adebisi	DLA
15	Peter Agada	YPP	16	Daniel Nwanyanwu	ZLP
17	Ada Okwori	NDP	18	Nkem Okereke	NRM

Highlighted: the four best-known candidates. APC All Progressives Congress · ADC African Democratic Congress · NDC Nigeria Democratic Congress · APM Allied Peoples Movement · PDP Peoples Democratic Party · LP Labour Party · SDP Social Democratic Party.

A note on Atiku Abubakar: On 5 November 2026, a Federal High Court in Abuja cancelled the process that made Atiku Abubakar the ADC's presidential candidate. The ADC has appealed. For now, INEC still lists him as a candidate, so his name stays on this list. The final decision is up to the courts. *Information correct as of 22 November 2026.*

KEY DATES

The road to 16 January

19 Aug
Campaigns began

9 Nov
1.6million bad records removed; 375 tribunal judges sworn in

Mid-Dec
Final voters' register due

15 Jan
Campaigning must stop, 24 hours before polls

16 Jan
President & National Assembly

6 Feb
Governors & State Assemblies

9.3M
young Nigerians newly registered to vote in2026

~100M
Nigerians expected on the voters' register

18
people who want to be president

WHY IT MATTERS TO YOU

You can vote at 18, so most of you will vote in 2031. Whoever wins in January makes decisions on schools, jobs, transport and food prices that shape the Nigeria you graduate into.

YOUR CALL

If you could ask every candidate one thing, it would be about...

- ◯ Schools and exam fees
- ◯ Jobs after graduation
- ◯ Food prices
- ◯ Safety and security

Around the world.

A history-making meeting, a 20-year-old world champion, a reason to check your phone today, and Africa's first Olympics.

WORLD AFFAIRS

The first-ever meeting of the "Big Three"



Vladimir Putin, Xi Jinping and Donald Trump in Shenzhen, 19 November

NOT IN THE ROOM
Ukraine · Britain · France · Japan

WHY IT MATTERS
These three have some of the world's biggest armies and the most nuclear weapons. When they make deals alone, smaller countries worry that their future is being decided for them. Think: three prefects rewriting the school rules without asking anyone.

Three of the most powerful men on Earth, one table. It had never happened before. For the first time ever, the leaders of the United States, China and Russia sat down together. Donald Trump, Xi Jinping and Vladimir Putin met in the Chinese city of Shenzhen on Thursday 19 November, alongside a summit of Asia-Pacific leaders.

They talked for about 80 minutes about the war in Ukraine and cutting the risk of nuclear war. Trump said they were "making history". But there was no big breakthrough, and Ukraine itself wasn't in the room. Nor were America's close allies Britain, France and Japan. On the same day, Ukraine's European allies met in Berlin and complained about being left out.

YOUR CALL
Should Africa have a seat at talks like these?

○ Yes ○ No ○ Not sure

SPORT

F1 has a new king. He's 20.





Youngest ever. **Sebastian Vettel's old record: 23 years, 133 days (2010).**

Kimi Antonelli became Formula One's youngest-ever world champion on 1 November, sealing the title by finishing third at the Mexico City Grand Prix. The Mercedes driver was 20 years and 68 days old, smashing Sebastian Vettel's record by nearly three years.

He did it in only his second season, after replacing seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton at Mercedes. He is also Italy's first world champion in 73 years. On the podium, Hamilton and Max Verstappen lifted him onto their shoulders. Just a few years older than you, and already the best in the world.

NEWS

2011

SOUTH SUDAN

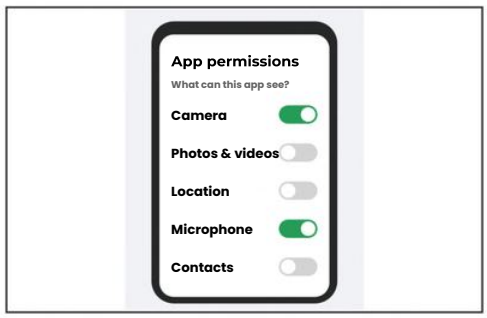
The country that has never voted

South Sudan became the world's youngest country in 2011 and has never held a national election. Its first is planned for December 2026. Imagine your country being younger than you.

TECH & YOUR PHONE

Facebook fined ₦1.2 trillion for looking at your photos





Italy's privacy watchdog fined Meta, the company that owns Facebook, €805million($887million, about ₦1.2 trillion) on 14 November.

It found that the Facebook app on Android phones read people's photos, videos and their details without clearly asking first. The feature suggested pictures from your gallery to post, and it was switched on behind a vague permission pop-up. About 20 million users in Italy were affected. Meta has 60 days to switch it off by default.

The lesson: apps can see more of your phone than you think.

NEWS

Check your phone today

TAKES FIVE MINUTES

01

Open your permissions
Go to Settings › Apps (or Privacy) › Permissions.

02

Photos: choose 'selected'
Give apps only the photos you pick, not your whole gallery.

03

Location: 'while using'
Most apps never need to know where you are all the time.

04

Delete what you don't use
Old apps can keep collecting data in the background.

BUSINESS

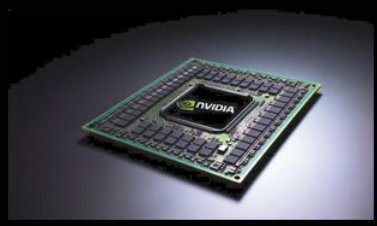
The boss of the world's most important AI chip company quits

If you've ever played a game with smooth graphics, thank Nvidia. It started out making chips for video games. Today those chips power most of the world's artificial intelligence, from chatbots to self-driving cars.

On 12 November, its co-founder and boss of 33 years, Jensen Huang, resigned after a scandal over his private life. The company's shares fell by about 10% in a day, and its finance chief, Colette Kress, took over as interim boss.



Jensen Huang co-founded Nvidia in 1993



From gaming to AI

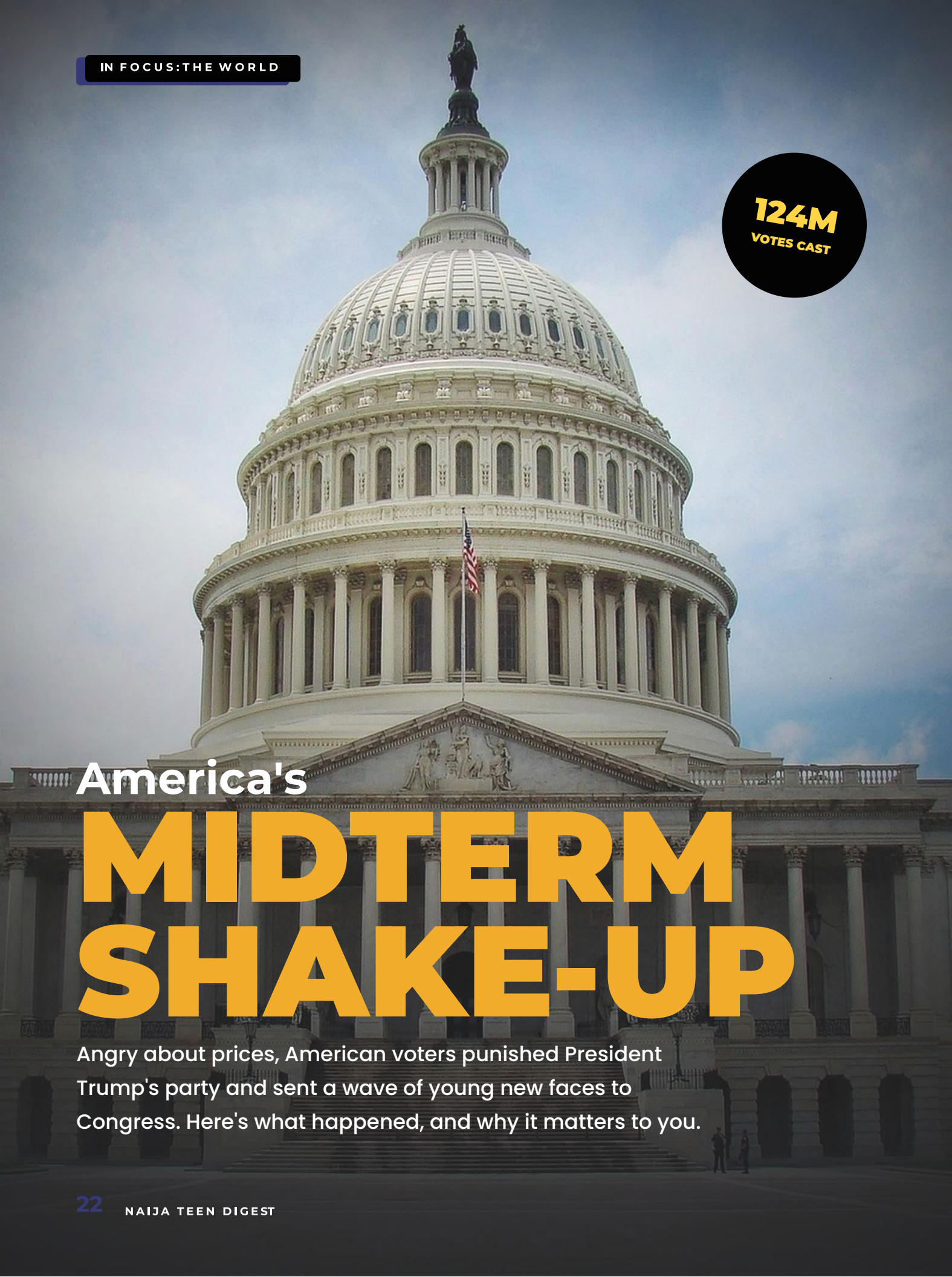
Nvidia was founded to make better graphics for PC games. Gamers helped build the company that now powers AI. When one firm makes the chips almost everyone's AI depends on, a change at the top shakes the whole tech world.

SENEGAL

Africa's first Olympics. Everyone under 18.



The Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games (31 October–13 November) brought about 2,700 athletes aged 17 and under to Senegal: the first Olympic event ever held in Africa. Nigeria had its best Youth Olympics ever, with three gold medals on the track. Meet the stars on page 46.



America's

MIDTERM SHAKE-UP

Angry about prices, American voters punished President Trump's party and sent a wave of young new faces to Congress. Here's what happened, and why it matters to you.

On 3 November, Americans voted in the midterms, so called because they fall halfway through a president's four-year term. All 435 seats in the House of Representatives and 35 of the 100 Senate seats were up for grabs. Before the vote, Republicans controlled both. Afterwards, Democrats had majorities in both, flipping seven Senate seats and dozens of House seats.

ELEPHANT · RED

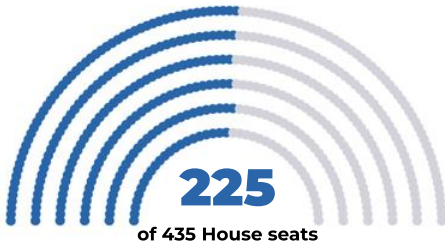
Republicans

Generally favour lowertaxes, smaller government and stricter immigration rules. President Trump's party.

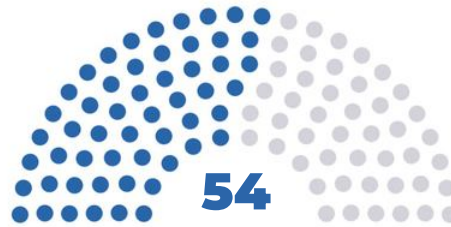
DONKEY · BLUE

Democrats

Generally favour more government spending on healthcare, education and climate. Now in control of Congress.



of 435 House seats



of 100 Senate seats

Why did voters turn?

WHAT EXIT POLLS FOUND

Prices

The economy and the cost of living were the No. 1 issue for voters of both parties.

Tariffs

Most voters said Trump's tariffs, extra taxes on goods from abroad, hurt the economy.

Immigration

Most said the government's crackdown on immigrants had gone too far.

Iran

Most said the decision to take military action against Iran was the wrong one.

About 3 in 4 voters said they were angry or unhappy with the country. About 7 in 10 wanted Congress to keep the president in check.

HISTORY MADE

The new faces of Congress

More than 124 million ballots were cast, a midterm record. And the people elected look very different from the Congress your parents grew up with.



Melat Kiros, 29

DEMOCRAT · COLORADO

Born in Ethiopia, she becomes the first Gen Z woman elected to Congress and Colorado's first Black congresswoman.



Michael Alfonso, 26

REPUBLICAN · WISCONSIN

The youngest member of the new House, and the first person born in the 2000s to serve in Congress.



Abdul El-Sayed

DEMOCRAT · MICHIGAN

The first Muslim ever elected to the US Senate. Nearly 2,000 people have served in it since 1789.

3x **The number of Gen Z members in Congress will at least triple in January, according to Future Caucus, a group that tracks young lawmakers.**

What happensnext? The new Congress starts in January 2027. Laws need both Congress and the president, so the two sides must now bargain. President Trump has said he will use his veto, his power to block laws, against Democratic bills he disagrees with.

Why should Nigerians care? America's Congress votes on trade, aid, visas and health funding, all of which can affect Nigeria. And the midterms show something every voter here can learn from: when people are unhappy, the ballot box is where they say so.

YOUR CALL

Would you vote for a 26-year-old?

◯ Yes ◯ No ◯ Depends

Wait, what?!

Odd but true. Every one of these really happened.

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NIGERIA

51,258 people watched one film

Forget a cinema.The Nollywood thriller Black Market premiered to 51,258 people at Tafawa Balewa Square, Lagos, on 26 September: a Guinness World Record for the biggest film screening audience ever.



2

NIGERIA

A man tried to dance for a week

Benjamin Daniel, aka Ben Dancer, set out to dance for 168 hours (that's seven straight days) at Freedom Park, Lagos, chasing a Guinness World Record. Our legs hurt just reading that.



3

NIGERIA

Record fever

Nigerians made 5,042 applications to Guinness World Records between January 2022 and September 2026, the seventh-most of any country.



4

CAMBODIA

The "endless" cruise that ended

Some passengers sold their homes tolive on a cruise ship sailing round the world. Then the company ran out of money for fuel and told everyone to get off in Cambodia. The trip was meant to run until 2027.



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WORLDWIDE

Back to the fax machine

Duringthe Microsoftoutage on12–13 November, some businesses went back to fax machines to confirm trades. Ask your parents what a fax machine is.



Should 16-year-olds be allowed to vote?

In Nigeria, you vote at 18. Some countries let people vote at 16. With a presidential election weeks away, it's worth a proper argument.



Nigeria's Constitution sets the voting age at 18, so most SS students won't vote in January, even though the result will shape their schools, exams and future jobs.

Not every country draws the line there. Austria lets 16-year-olds vote in all elections. Brazil and Argentina allow voting from 16, and Scotland lets 16-year-olds vote in its own parliamentary and local elections. Read both sides, then pick yours.

VOTING AGE AROUND THE WORLD

18	16	16	16	16
Nigeria	Austria	Brazil	Argentina	Scotland (own elections)

YES

"It's our future too"

Decisions affect us.
School funding, exam rules and jobs shape our lives for decades.

We're already responsible.
Many 16-year-olds work, pay for things and help run their homes.

Habits start early.
People who start voting young may keep voting.

Politicians would listen.
Candidates would take young people's concerns seriously.

NO

"18 is the right line"

Most still depend on parents.
Sixteen-year-olds may simply copy how their family votes.

Easier to mislead.
Teens may be more exposed to fake news and social media pressure.

Other rights start at 18.
In Nigeria, most adult rights and duties begin at 18.

School comes first.
The years before WAEC and JAMB are for study, not campaigns.

VOTE NOW

Where do you stand?

- ◯ YES, lower it to 16
- ◯ NO, keep it at 18
- ◯ Somewhere in between

Make your case

Send your argument in100words or fewer to editor@naijateendigest.com. The sharpest points on both sides appear next month.

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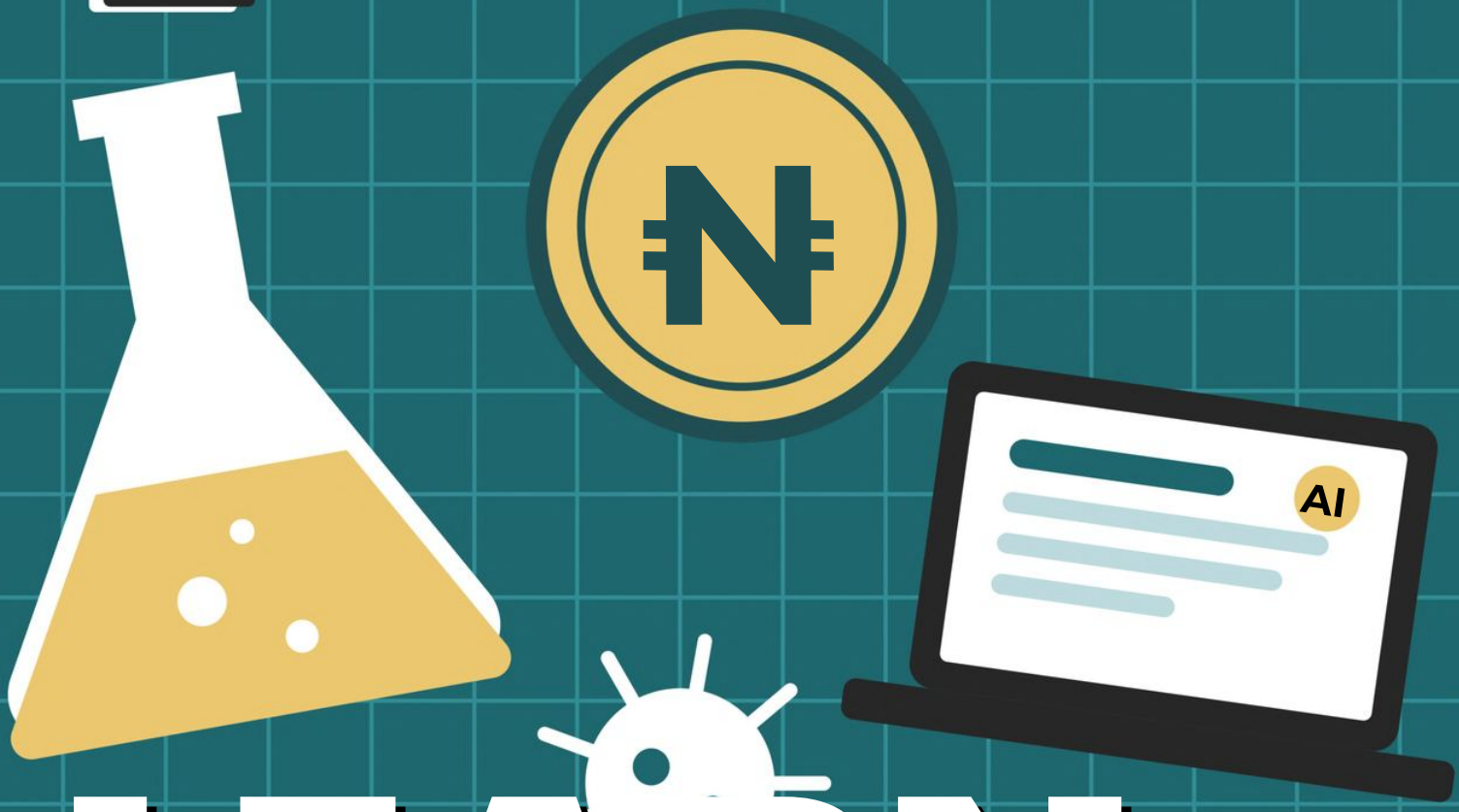

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HEALTH



Drugs. Drinks. Creams.

IS IT FAKE?

Fake medicines, drinks and beauty products are flooding Nigeria's markets, and some of them can kill. Here's the danger, who's fighting it, and how to protect yourself.

"It's the same brand, just cheaper." That bargain might be real. Or it might be a copy cooked up in a dirty warehouse, with the wrong ingredients, or none at all.

Fake medicine

Afake malaria drug won't cure malaria. You think you're treated, while the illness gets worse.

Fake drinks

Made and bottled in dirty, unsafe places, with no checks on what's inside.

Fake creams

Some skin-lightening products contain harmful chemicals such as mercury, which can damage your skin and kidneys.

Who's on guard? The National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control, NAFDAC, checks and registers food, drugs, cosmetics, drinks, packaged water and chemicals before they can be sold. It also raids markets and warehouses to seize fakes.

What has it been doing? Between January and August 2026, NAFDAC carried out 213 raids, opened 474 new cases and made 52 arrests. Cosmetics were the most-seized products, then drinks, then drugs. In February, one Lagos raid found more than 10 million doses of fake malaria medicine and cosmetics worth about ₦3 billion.

And it hasn't stopped. On 5 November, it seized banned mini bottles of alcohol (small packs are banned to stop underage drinking) in a Lagos market, and on 19 November it caught unregistered drinks and skin-lightening injections in Kano.







Spot a fake in 4 steps

Find the NAFDAC number. Every registered product must carry one.

Too cheap? Be suspicious. Big discounts on medicine are a red flag.

Check the seal and expiry date. Broken seals, smudged print or no date? Leave it.

Buy medicine from pharmacies, not open markets or hawkers.

MONEY MATTERS

Own a piece of the REFINERY.

For the first time, ordinary Nigerians could buy a share of Africa's biggest oil refinery, for as little as ₦5,250. Here's how it works.

₦525
PER SHARE



Aliko Dangote (centre) at the Nigerian Exchange in Lagos as the IPO opens



Shares, explained with snacks. Your class opens a snack stall at inter-house sports. Nobody has enough money alone, so 20 of you put in ₦500 each. Now you each own one-twentieth of the stall. Profit? Everyone shares it. Loss? Everyone loses a little. That's owning shares.

On 14 September, Aliko Dangote rang the gong at the Nigerian Exchange (NGX) in Lagos. It opened the initial public offering (IPO) of the Dangote Refinery, the first time ordinary people could buy shares in it. It was also the first time any refinery had been offered on the exchange in its 66 years.

It offered 4.1 billion new shares at ₦525 each, aiming to raise about ₦2.15 trillion.

When the offer closed at the end of October, it had drawn about ₦2.15 trillion in applications from investors in around 120 countries, including every country in Africa. Trading is expected around the end of the year.

Why sell shares at all? The refinery plans to spend about $14.3 billion (roughly ₦19 trillion) doubling its capacity to 1.4 million barrels a day by 2029. Selling shares raises that money without borrowing it.

₦525
per share

₦5,250
minimum (10 shares)

~120
countries applied

RULE 1

Prices go down too.
A ₦525 share could be worth more, or less, next year.

RULE 2

Only spare money.
Your school fees are not investment money.

RULE 3

Beware of scams.
Nobody can sell you "discounted" or "guaranteed" shares.



The Dangote Refinery in Lekki, Lagos, from the air

Under 18? A parent or guardian would need to invest for you. This is money education, not investment advice.

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Friday the 13th:

THE DAY TECH WOBBLED.



Back in 1960, scientists named Friday 13 November 2026 as "Doomsday". The world didn't end. But by that Friday, millions of people still couldn't open their email, and every departing flight in America was grounded.

It started the afternoon before. On Thursday 12 November, office workers, teachers and government officials around the world tried to check their email and got error messages. Reports began at about 16:00 GMT, early evening in Nigeria, that Outlook wouldn't open. Within an hour, the tracking site Downdetector had logged reports from 74 countries and territories. It wouldn't be fixed until Friday the 13th.

Microsoft 365 is a set of tools that includes Outlook email, Teams, Word and the AI assistant Copilot. Its apps are used by more than 450 million people, so when it breaks, a lot of people notice. Outlook was hit hardest: mailboxes wouldn't open on the web, on computers or on phones. Over the next three pages: what broke, how it was fixed, and the other things that went wrong that Friday.

74

countries and territories reporting problems within an hour

430M+

people use Microsoft 365 apps

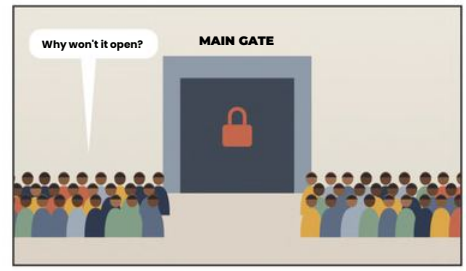
~24 hrs

from first reports to fix

EXPLAINED WITH A SCHOOL GATE

So what went wrong?

All emailhas topass throughMicrosoft's"gateway" servers, like students through a school's main gate. Three things went wrong at once.



1 A hidden flaw

At school: A lock fitted months ago has a fault that only shows when the gate is packed.

At Microsoft: A fix Microsoft made months earlier had a bug that only appeared under heavy traffic. Its tests hadn't caught it.

2 An extra crowd

At school: Students from another entrance are sent to this gate.

At Microsoft: Traffic from Teams was routinely moved onto the same servers.

3 Short-staffed

At school: Several gatemen are off sick that day.

At Microsoft: About 14% of the servers were already offline after an unrelated fault the day before.

Then the dominoes fell. The overload set off the bug, and servers froze. Traffic was automatically sent to the servers still working, which then overloaded and froze too, like a crowd rushing from one jammed gate to the next. At the worst point, more than 80% of the servers had stopped responding.

HOW THEY FIXED IT

Engineers switched back to an older version of the code that worked, then restarted servers in batches. The outage finally ended at about 4:10pm UTC on Friday the 13th. Microsoft said it was "deeply sorry".

WHO GOT HIT?

Government systems in Singapore and Japan, the Supreme Court of the Philippines, and Australia's spy agency and federal police were among those affected.

WAS IT HACKERS?

No. Microsoft said there was "no indication" of a cyberattack. But scammers moved fast, sending fake messages offering to "fix" people's email. Be suspicious of any message like that. And Microsoft wasn't the only thing to break that Friday. Turn the page.



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FRIDAY THE 13TH

Meanwhile, on the same Friday...

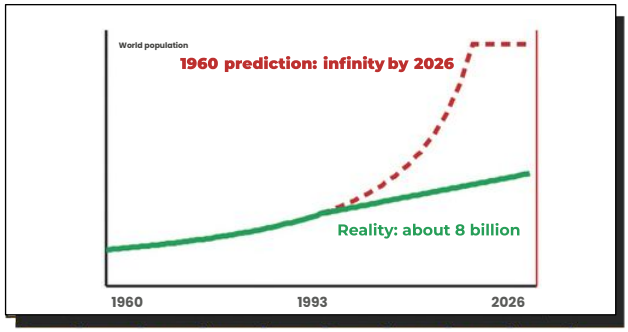


1960

The scientist who picked "Doomsday"

In 1960, the top science journal *Science* published an article titled "Doomsday: Friday, 13 November, A.D. 2026". Its writers, led by Heinz von Foerster, used 2,000 years of population figures to predict the future. Their maths said the number of people on Earth would shoot towards infinity on this exact date.

The prediction worked well until about 1993, when population growth slowed. Today there are about 8 billion of us. Still here!



The maths lesson: a model is only as good as its assumptions. Whenever someone says "if this continues...", ask: will it?

13 NOVEMBER 2026, 3:54PM (US TIME)

America's skies go quiet

Atelecoms failure knocked outcommunications at all 22 centres that guide planes across America. Result: every departing US flight was grounded for more than four hours, only the second nationwide stop since the 9/11 attacks in 2001.



Departure boards on 13 November

SO WAS IT A CURSED DAY?

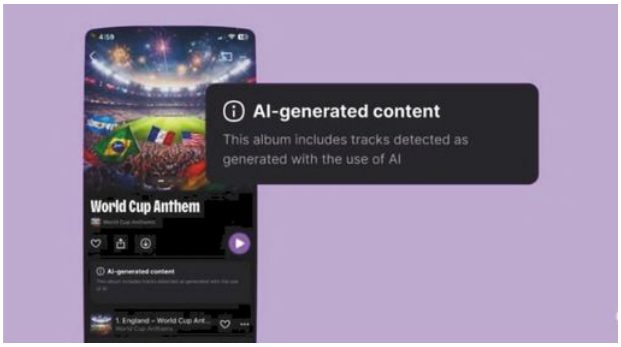
No. None of it was bad luck or hackers. It was a software bug, broken phone-line equipment and a maths guess that didn't hold up. People made these mistakes, so people can fix them.

Is your playlist even human?

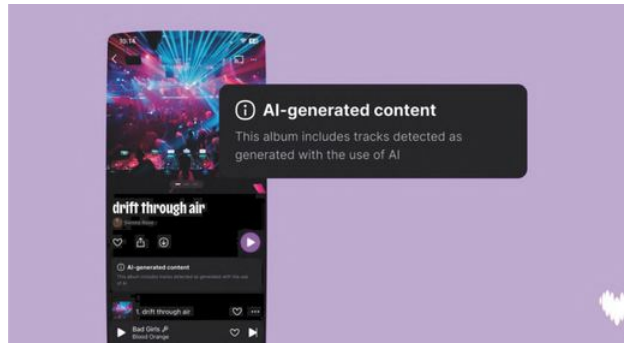
AI can now write, sing and release a whole song in minutes. Some are already climbing the charts. Would you even notice?



AI music apps can make a full song from one line of text



Deezer flags songs it detects as AI-made



An album with AI-made songs carries a warning

44%

of new songs added to Deezer in April were made fully by AI

97%

of people in a Deezer survey couldn't tell AI music from human music

1–3%

of what people actually listen to on Deezer is AI music

Type one line, get a song

AppslikeSuno and Udiocan turn oneline of text, say *"a sad Afrobeats love song about exams"*, into a finished track with music and vocals. Many songs made this way now sound real enough to fool most listeners. Some AI artists have even made it onto the US Billboard charts.

The streaming apps are pushing back. Deezer labels songs made fully by AI and doesn't recommend them. In August, Spotify started labelling "AI Persona" artists too.One bigreason: Deezer says most plays of AI songs are fake, played by computer programs to earn money.

So is AI music bad? Not always. Many producers use AI as a tool, the same way they use autotune. The real questions are about honesty and fairness. Should listeners always be told when a song is made by AI? And should the human artists whose songs were used to train these apps get paid?

HOW TO SPOT AN AI SONG

- **The artist has no interviews, shows or real photos**
- **They release lots of songs very quickly**
- **The lyrics sound nice but say very little**
- **The app shows an "AI-generated" label**

MEANWHILE IN NIGERIA

About 9 in 10 young Nigerians say they expect to use AI for school or work within a year. That was the highest share of any country in a new study of 56 Commonwealth countries.

If you can't tell the difference, does it matter who made the song?

YOUR CALL

Would you listen to a song if you knew AI made it?

- ◯ Yes, a good song is a good song
- ◯ Only if it's labelled
- ◯ No, I want real artists

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Young Nigerians beating the world



Can't stop playing games?

MAKE THEM.

Your parents may call it a waste of time. For a growing number of Nigerians, it's a career, and some of them work with Disney, Microsoft and Apple.

You've finished a level and thought: "I'd have designed that differently." Maybe you've drawn characters at the back of your exercise book, or invented rules for a game you play at break time.

That instinct is where one of the world's biggest creative industries starts. According to Hugo Obi, one of Nigeria's best-known game makers, gaming now earns more worldwide than film and music combined. And Nigeria is building its place in it.

Pick your role

IT TAKES A TEAM TO MAKE A GAME

01

Game designer

Invents the rules, levels and challenges. *Good at puzzles?*

02

Programmer

Writes the code that makes it all work. *Strong in maths?*

03

Artist & animator

Draws the characters and worlds. *Always doodling?*

04

Writer

Creates the story and dialogue. *Love stories?*

05

Sound designer

Makes the music and effects. *Love making beats?*

06

Tester

Plays it again and again to find the bugs. *Patient and picky?*



Meet the Nigerians doing it



MALIYO GAMES, LAGOS

Hugo Obi

Founded MaliyoGames in 2012 to share Africa with the world through games: Mosquito Smasher, Okada Ride, Aboki Run. Disney later picked his studio to make Iwájú: Rising Chef, a game set in a future Lagos. In 2026 he led Nigeria's first-ever team of game makers to Gamescom in Germany.



SAFARI CITY, A MALIYO GAME



LAGOS LIFE

Shalom Rayhamen

The 26-year-old developer built Lagos Life, a free game where you get a job, pay rent and move around a virtual Lagos, in less than a day. More than a million people played it within days of its 1 October launch, and her company has since raised $500,000 (about ₦678 million).



INSIDE LAGOS LIFE

WANT IN? START HERE

Play with purpose
Ask why a level is fun, or boring.

Use free tools
Scratch, Godot and Unity are free to start with.

Start small
A one-level puzzle counts. Finish it.

Join a game jam
Buildagame ina weekend with others.

TEEN SPOTLIGHT

Young Nigerians beating the world.





The maths whizz who beat older kids

At just 13, **Chimdiebube Onwubiko**, a JSS3 student at Evergreen College, Enugu, won gold in maths and silver in science at the International STEM Olympiad in Rome in July. Many of the students he beat were older than him. Enugu's governor later honoured him and his school.

He wasn'talone. DonAneleMunachimso and 11-year-old Onyedikachi Egejurum, who won gold in primary mathematics, travelled with him. Between them: four gold medals.

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Chimdiebube's age when he won gold

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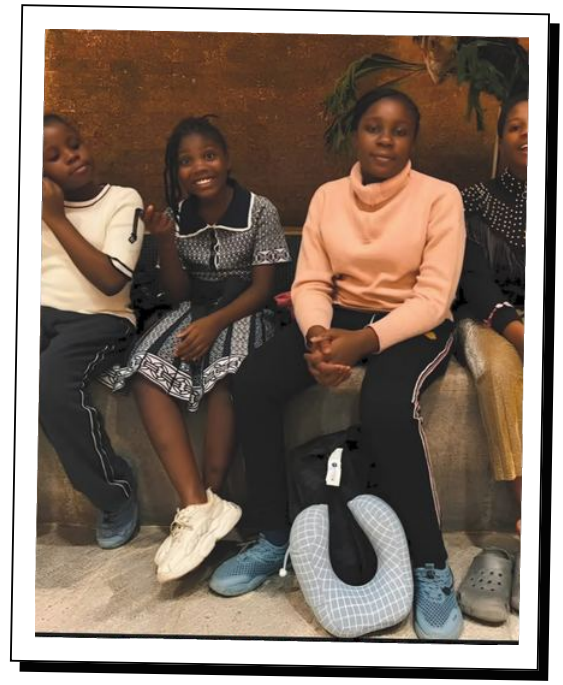
gold medals for the Nigerian team

Rome

where the International STEM Olympiad tookplace





The girls who built an app for grandma

Four girls from Port Harcourt, known as **Team Appsolute**, became global finalists in the 2026 Technovation Girls challenge with AgeWell, an app that uses artificial intelligence to help elderly people with everyday challenges. They were invited to the Technovation World Summit in Bengaluru, India.

None of them had special powers. They had curiosity, a good teacher, and the courage to enter.

Know a teen who deserves the spotlight? editor@naijateendigest.com

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YOUTH OLYMPICS

Three teenagers. Three golds.

At the first Olympic Games ever held in Africa, Nigeria's teenage sprinters had the country's best Youth Olympics yet.



Gift Bright, 15: fastest boy at the Games



Rosemary Nwankwo celebrates



Praise Ugoh (centre) on top of the 400m podium

Nigeria sent 19 athletes to Dakar, 12 girls and seven boys. On 8 November, they won both 100m finals. **Gift Bright**, 15, won the boys' race in 10.28 seconds, a Games record and the first Youth Olympic 100m gold for a Nigerian boy. Minutes later, **Rosemary Nwankwo**, who led Team Nigeria out at the opening ceremony, won the girls' 100m.

Praise Tejiri Ugoh completed the golden haul in the girls' 400m with a personal best of 52.76 seconds, the first Nigerian ever to win that event at the Youth Olympics.

> **I never expected to win a gold medal.**
>
> Praise Ugoh

10.28s
Gift Bright's Games record

52.76s
Praise Ugoh's 400m best

19
Nigeriansin Dakar

AFCON 2027 QUALIFIER · UYO, 13 NOVEMBER

Super Eagles fly again 3–1



Tolu Arokodare celebrates against Tanzania

It wasn't easy. Tanzania equalised before half-time, and star forward Ademola Lookman went off injured. Then coach Eric Chelle sent on striker **Tolu Arokodare**, who scored twice in eight minutes: his first-ever double for Nigeria.

Tanzania already have a place at AFCON 2027 as co-hosts with Kenya and Uganda, so Nigeria are fighting Guinea-Bissau and Madagascar for the group's other spot. The return match in Zanzibar on 17 November ended 0–0. That night Guinea-Bissau beat Madagascar 2–0 to go top with 10 points. Nigeria have seven, three behind, with two games left in March: away to Madagascar, then home to Guinea-Bissau.

YOUR CALL

Will the Super Eagles make it to AFCON 2027?

- ◯ Yes, easily
- ◯ Yes, but it'll be tight
- ◯ I can't watch

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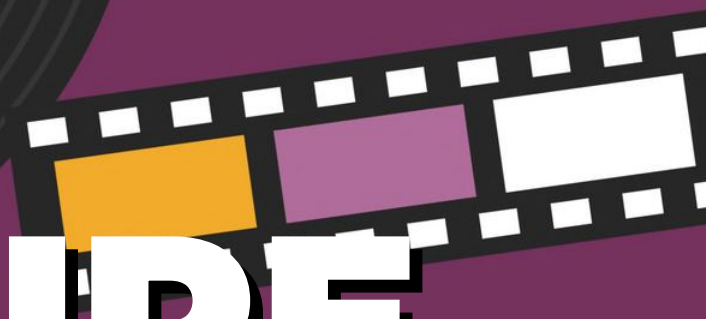

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MUSIC

Fela & Sade enter the Hall of Fame.



Fela Anikulapo-Kuti, the father of Afrobeat



Sade Adu, born in Ibadan



The 2026 Hall of Fame sign in Los Angeles

On Saturday 14 November, at the Peacock Theatre in Los Angeles, **Fela Anikulapo-Kuti** and **Sade Adu** were inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame: the first artists of Nigerian descent to receive the honour. Fela is the first African-born artist ever inducted.

Fela, the man who invented Afrobeat, died in 1997 and received the Early Influence Award. The Hall of Fame praised how he mixed West African music, jazz and soul, and how his songs spoke out against injustice. His children, including Femi, Seun and Yeni, attended.

Sade, who was born in Ibadan, was inducted with her band alongside stars such as Phil Collins, Oasis and Wu-Tang Clan. She is famous for soulful hits like "Smooth Operator". The ceremony airs on ABC and Disney+ in December.

> **No Fela, no Afrobeats. Today's stars owe him a lot.**

TRY THIS

Ask an older relative to play you a Fela song. What is it about? Does its message still matter today?

CULTURE

GRAMMYS 2027

Six Nigerians. 11 Grammy nominations.



Tems leads Nigeria with four nominations



Davido and Ayra Starr

When nominations for the 69th Grammy Awards were announced on 16 November, Tems, Burna Boy, Davido, Wizkid, Asake and Ayra Starr shared 11 between them.

Tems leads with four, the first Nigerian woman to earn four in one year. Her album Love Is a Kingdom is up for Best Global Music Album, and "What You Need" for Best R&B Solo Performance, outside the African and global categories.

1
Nominees announced on 16 November

2
Members of the Recording Academy, the people who run the Grammys, vote

3
Winners revealed live in Los Angeles

7 FEB **The ceremony is on Sunday 7 February 2027 in Los Angeles, at 8:30pm Nigerian time.**



Burna Boy and the Grammy he won for Twice as Tall, Nigeria's first Best Global Music Album win

BEST GLOBAL MUSIC ALBUM

4 of 5

nominees are African: Davido(Oriadé), AyraStarr (Starrgirl), Tems(Love Is a Kingdom) and Benin's Angélique Kidjo.

BEST AFRICAN MUSIC PERFORMANCE

4 of 5

nominated songs feature Nigerian artists. Asake has two nominations in this category alone.

MAKE YOUR PREDICTION

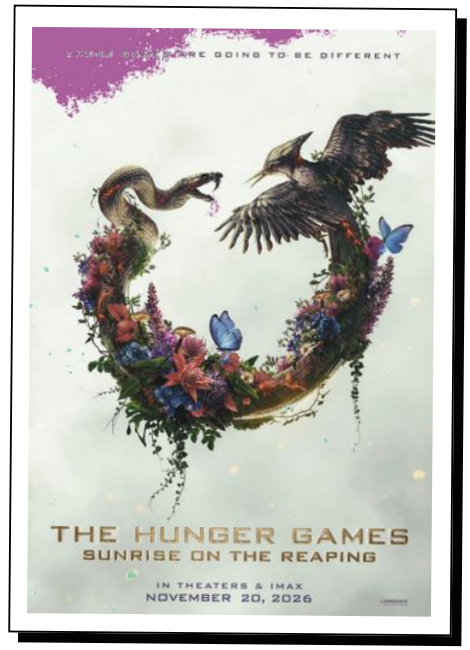
Who deserves Best Global Music Album?

- ◯ Davido, Oriadé
- ◯ Ayra Starr, Starrgirl
- ◯ Tems, Love Is a Kingdom
- ◯ Angélique Kidjo

FILM

May the odds be ever in Haymitch's favour





The Hunger Games are back. This time the story belongs to Haymitch, the boy who grew up to be Katniss's grumpy, brilliant mentor.

The film goes back 24 years before Katniss. It's the morning of the reaping for the 50th Hunger Games, and a teenage Haymitch Abernathy from District 12, played by Joseph Zada, hears his name called. If you read Suzanne Collins's 2025 book, you already know how this ends. Everyone else: bring tissues.

It opened in the US on 20 November, and early ticket sales suggested it could make more than $100 million (about ₦135 billion) in its first weekend. Ralph Fiennes plays President Snow, and Jennifer Lawrence and Josh Hutcherson return as Katniss and Peeta.

WHERE TO WATCH

In cinemas now, including Filmhouse, Silverbird, Genesis, EbonyLife and Viva. Running time: about 2 hours 38 minutes.

TIMES PAST · 4 NOVEMBER 2008

From "Barry" to Mr President

The son of a Kenyan student who became the first Black president of the United States, and five things you probably didn't know about him.



Barack Obama was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, in 1961. His father, also called Barack, was a student from Kenya; his mother, Ann Dunham, was from Kansas. They split up when he was a baby, and he spent part of his childhood in Indonesia before growing up with his grandparents in Hawaii.

He studied at Columbia University, then worked as a community organiser in Chicago's poorest neighbourhoods. At Harvard Law School, he became the first Black president of the Harvard Law Review. Then came politics: the Illinois state senate, and from 2005, the US Senate.

On 4 November 2008, he beat Republican John McCain to become the 44th president. Millions celebrated around the world, including in Kenya, where his father's village partied all night. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2009, was re- elected in 2012 and served the maximum two terms.

5 things you didn't know

1 **He was "Barry".**
As a teenager in Hawaii, everyone called him Barry. He only switched to Barack at university.

2 **Ice cream? No thanks.**
His first job was scooping ice cream at Baskin-Robbins. He has said it put him off ice cream for life.

3 **Hooper.**
He played on his high school basketball team, which won the Hawaii state championship in 1979.

4 **Comic-book nerd.**
He collected Spider-Man and Conan the Barbarian comics.

5 **Grammy winner.**
Yes, really. He won two Grammys for reading his own books aloud as audiobooks.

Since leaving office: the Obama Foundation, which trains young leaders, including across Africa.

November in history

3 NOV 1957



The Soviet Union launches Sputnik 2 carrying Laika the dog, the first animal to orbit the Earth.

9 NOV 1989



The Berlin Wall falls, opening the way for East and West Germany to reunite.

16 NOV 1930



Chinua Achebe, author of *Things Fall Apart*, is born in Ogidi, Anambra State.

17 NOV 1993



General Sani Abacha takes power, beginning nearly five years of military rule in Nigeria.

20 NOV 1989



The UN adopts the Convention on the Rights of the Child: rights for everyone under 18, including you.

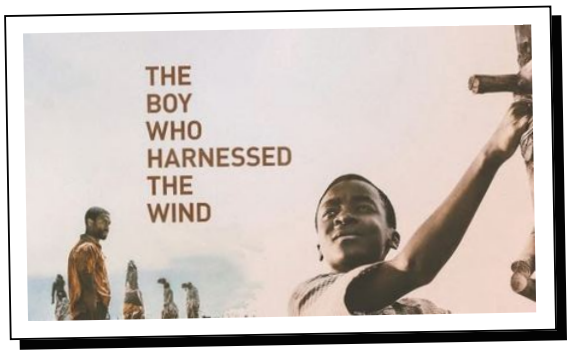
22 NOV 1963



US President John F. Kennedy is assassinated in Dallas, Texas.

Culture picks.

One film, one book and one app worth your time this month.



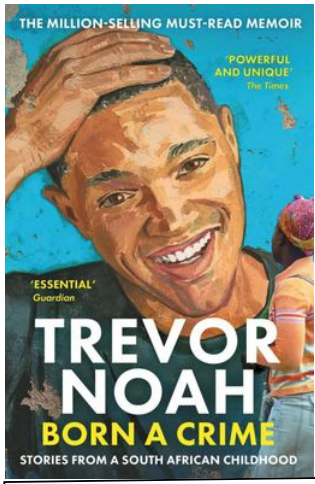
WATCH

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind

FILM · 2019

In a Malawian village hit by drought and famine, schoolboy William Kamkwamba is forced to drop out because his family can't pay the fees. With library books, scrap metal and a bicycle, he teaches himself to build a windmill that could save his family's farm. Based on a true story.

Proof that curiosity and a library card can change a village.



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Born a Crime

BOOK · TREVOR NOAH

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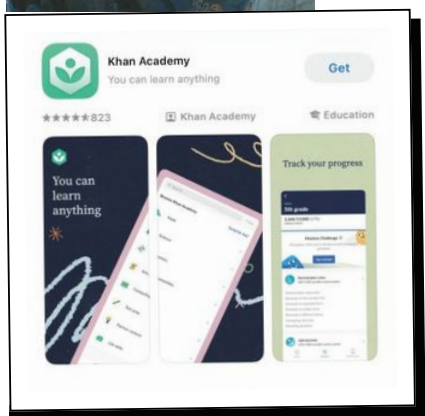

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FINISH THE STORY

Seen.

₦50K PRIZE

Tolu's song is going viral. Then a stranger sends a message. Read the story, then write the ending. The best one wins ₦50,000.

Tolu had refreshed the page eleven times.

The post had gone up at 7:42pm: a short video of her singing at the school's end-of-term concert. Two minutes of her, the old piano and a song she'd written herself. She'd practised it for months in the bathroom, where the echo made her sound braver than she felt.

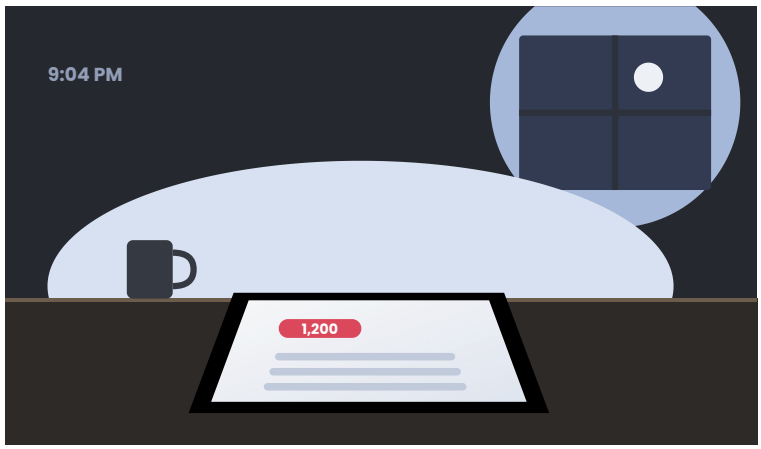
By 8pm it had 14 likes. Most were from her class. Chidinma had commented a row of fire emojis. Her cousin in Ibadan had written "My superstar!!!"

By 9pm, it had 1,200.

Tolu stared at the number. She didn't know 1,200 people.

She scrolled through the comments. Strangers from Kano, Port Harcourt, Accra, London. "Who is this girl?" "This song is about my life." "Somebody find her a label." One account with a blue tick, a music producer she had watched on YouTube a hundred times, had shared it with a single word: "Wow."

Her phone buzzed so often it grew warm in her hand. She put it face down on her desk. She picked it up again.



Downstairs, her mother was watching the news. Her father thought social media was "for people with too much time." Neither of them knew about the video. She had planned to show them. Eventually.

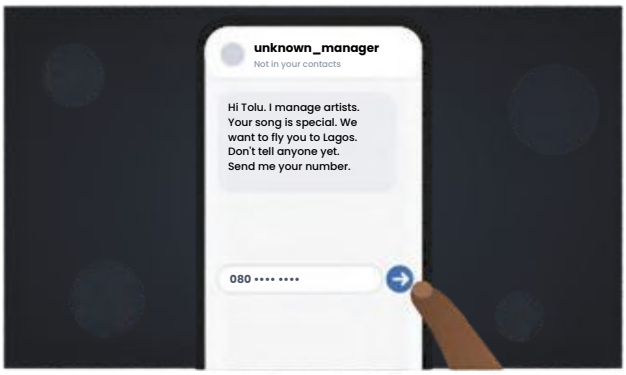
At 10:15pm, a message arrived from an account she didn't recognise.

"Hi Tolu. I manage artists. Your song is special. We want to fly you to Lagos this weekend to record it properly. Everything paid for. Don't tell anyone yet; we want it to be a surprise announcement. Send me your number and I'll explain."

Her heart was thumping. This was it. This was the thing that happened to other people. She typed her number. Her thumb hovered over the send button.

Then her phone buzzed again. This time, it was Chidinma.

"Tolu. Have you seen what people are saying about you on the other page? Call me. NOW."





NOW IT'S YOUR TURN

What does Tolu do next? Does she send her number? What has Chidinma seen?

Write the ending in 300 words and send it with your name, class and school to **editor@naijateendigest.com**. The best ending wins ₦50,000 and is published in January.

Puzzles.

Find 12 words: across, down or diagonal.

A	L	K	A	O	C	M	A	N	D	A	T	E
R	C	C	H	J	R	P	Y	V	D	A	P	T
E	U	Y	A	E	U	S	N	T	W	T	O	R
G	A	H	T	M	O	B	U	O	O	C	L	I
I	D	O	I	G	P	O	W	L	N	A	L	B
S	V	E	D	P	N	A	L	R	A	N	I	U
T	I	F	M	R	C	A	I	H	B	D	N	N
E	F	N	U	O	B	L	M	G	E	I	G	A
R	M	T	E	W	C	C	I	T	N	D	B	L
D	D	H	C	C	H	R	A	C	J	A	H	T
K	L	V	P	I	S	N	A	K	F	T	S	F
O	J	K	U	C	E	L	J	C	F	E	S	P
E	R	C	K	S	S	B	J	G	Y	A	K	R

BALLOT · CAMPAIGN · CANDIDATE · DEMOCRACY · INEC · MANDATE · POLLING · REGISTER · SENATE · TRIBUNAL · TURNOUT · VOTER

2 · UNSCRAMBLE THE NEWS

NOLITANIF
Clue: rising prices

GAMOFLNIS
Clue: world champions

CADNAFF
Clue: the agency that fights fake drugs

TESNAE
Clue: Nigeria's upper house

3 · MATCH THE TERM

1. Veto	A. Money paid to you for saving
2. Tribunal	B. A company's first sale of shares to the public
3. Interest	C. A president's power to block a law
4. IPO	D. A special court for election disputes
5. Phishing	E. Fake messages that try to steal your passwords

PUZZLE PAGE · 37 PLACES, 1 COUNTRY

Where in Naija?

NO GOOGLING!

How well do you know your country? Each of these 37 places is in a different state, or in the FCT. Some are waterfalls, some are hills and some are ancient sites. Write the right state on the dotted line. Use the icons as clues.

Name _____

Score _____ / 37

HINT 7 Waterfalls · 8 Hills & rocks · 9 Lakes, rivers & beaches · 10 History & heritage · 3 Wildlife & leisure

1. Riyom Rock .....
2. Ogbunike Caves .....
3. Dagona Waterfowl .....
4. Sanctuary Arinta Waterfall .....
5. Bonny Island .....
6. Gobarau Minaret .....
7. Azumini Blue River .....
8. Ushafa Pottery Village .....
9. Tula Highlands .....
10. Mungo Park House .....
11. Surame Cultural Landscape .....
12. Owu Falls .....
13. Oxbow Lake .....
14. Kwatarkwashi Hills .....
15. Agbokim Waterfalls Ado- .....
16. Awaye Suspended Lake .....
17. Wikki Warm Springs .....
18. Ndibe Beach .....
19. Nok Village .....
20. Point of No Return .....
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22. Landscape Oguta Lake .....
23. Kanta Museum .....
24. Idanre Hills .....
25. Farin Ruwa Falls .....
26. Awhum Waterfall .....
27. Alau Dam .....
28. Mount Patti .....
29. Sungbo's Eredo .....
30. Baturiya Bird Sanctuary .....
31. Ososo Hills .....
32. Ikwe Holiday Resort .....
33. Dala Hill .....
34. Erin-Ijesha Waterfalls .....
35. Ibeno Beach .....
36. Mambilla Plateau .....
37. Gurara Falls .....

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30–37	20–29	10–19	0–9
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How did you score? Check your rank above.

Answers p63

YOUR TURN

Would you rather...?

Seven impossible choices, all inspired by stories in this issue. No skipping!

Score the winning goal in a world Cup final	OR	Win Olympic gold in the 100m
Design video games for a living	OR	Earn a Grammy nomination
Lose your email for a whole week	OR	Lose your phone data for a whole week
Buy 10 shares in the refinery	OR	Spend that ₦5,250 on snacks
Dance for seven days straight	OR	Watch a film with 51,000 strangers
Only listen to AI-made music	OR	Only listen to songs from before 2000
Go viral overnight like Tolu	OR	Get famous slowly over years

Argue about it with your friends, then tell us your picks.

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How closely did you read?

1 **How many candidates are running for president?**
(A) 8 · (B) 18 · (C) 28

2 **Whichteam did the Flamingos beat intheWorld Cup final?**
(A)Brazil·(B)North Korea · (C) Japan

3 **What was Nigeria's inflation rate in October 2026?**
(A) 14.06% · (B) 19.13% · (C) 16.05%

4 **What caused the big Microsoft outage?**
(A) Hackers · (B) A hidden software bug · (C) A power cut

5 **How many Grammy nominations did Tems receive?**
(A) Two · (B) Three · (C) Four

6 **Which agency fights fake drugs and cosmetics in Nigeria?**
(A) NAFDAC · (B) NCDC · (C) JAMB

7 **Who won the Golden Ball at the U-17 Women's World Cup?**
(A) Awawu Bashiru · (B) Oluebube Umejiaku · (C) Rosemary Nwankwo

8 **How many Ebola contacts did Nigeria trace?**
(A) 62 · (B) 26 · (C) 120

9 **What share of new songs on Deezer were fully AI-made in April?**
(A) 4% · (B) 44% · (C) 94%

10 **Which US party won control of Congress?**
(A) Republicans · (B) Democrats · (C) Neither

8–10: Editor material • 5–7: Sharp • 0–4: Read it again! Answers p63

WRITE TO US

Write to us.

We want to hear from you. From next month, this page carries your letters, opinions and ideas.

WHAT YOU CAN SEND

Your view on Debate It Out (page 26). Your ending to "Seen" (page 56). A letter about any story. Poems, short stories, fan art and questions you want answered.

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Answers. No peeking until you've tried!

THE QUIZ · PAGE 61

1 B · 18
2 C · Japan
3 A · 14.06%
4 B · Software bug
5 C · Four
6 A · NAFDAC
7 B · Umejiaku
8 A · 62
9 B · 44%
10 B · Democrats

8–10: Editor material. **5–7:** Sharp. **0–4:** Back to page 4!

PUZZLES · PAGE 58

Unscramble: INFLATION · FLAMINGOS · NAFDAC · SENATE

Match: 1C · 2D · 3A · 4B · 5E

Word search: solution in January.

WHERE IN NAIJA? · PAGE 59

1 Riyom Rock	**Plateau**	14 Kwatarkwashi Hills	**Zamfara**	27 Alau Dam	**Borno Kogi**
2 Ogbunike Caves	**Anambra**	15 Agbokim Waterfalls	**Cross River**	28 Mount Patti	**Ogun**
3 Dagona Waterfowl Sanctuary	**Yobe**	16 Ado-Awaye Suspended Lake	**Oyo**	29 Sungbo's Eredo	**Jigawa**
4 Arinta Waterfall	**Ekiti**	17 Wikki Warm Springs	**Bauchi**	30 Baturiya Bird Sanctuary	**Edo**
5 Bonny Island	**Rivers**	18 Ndibe Beach	**Ebonyi**	31 Ososo Hills	**Benue**
6 Gobarau Minaret	**Katsina**	19 Nok Village	**Kaduna**	32 Ikwe Holiday Resort	**Kano**
7 Azumini Blue River	**Abia**	20 Point of No Return	**Lagos**	33 Dala Hill	**Osun**
8 Ushafa Pottery Village	**FCT**	21 Sukur Cultural Landscape	**Adamawa**	34 Erin-Ijesha Waterfalls	**Akwa**
9 Tula Highlands	**Gombe**	22 Oguta Lake	**Imo**	35 Ibeno Beach	**Ibom**
10 Mungo Park House	**Delta**	23 Kanta Museum	**Kebbi**	36 Mambilla Plateau	**Taraba**
11 Surame Cultural Landscape	**Sokoto**	24 Idanre Hills	**Ondo**	37 Gurara Falls	**Niger**
12 Owu Falls	**Kwara**	25 Farin Ruwa Falls	**Nasarawa**		
13 Oxbow Lake	**Bayelsa**	26 Awhum Waterfall	**Enugu**		

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