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Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

- Ephesians 4:2

The Nigerian Diplomat

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Top News

1. Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) Bans Cash Payments At Passport Offices [2017]

The Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) has banned cash payments for passport processing as part of efforts to eliminate corruption at all passport offices nationwide. According to the Comptroller General of the NIS, Muhammad Babandede:

"All payments in respect to passport processing are to be done by applicants through banks to generate application ID and reference number on the NIS portal & not through an individual or touts. Passport applicants are therefore strongly advised to visit the NIS website www.immigration.gov.ng to confirm the approved fees for all categories of Nigerian Passports and age groups before making payments."

2. ECOWAS Immigration Chiefs Endorse Nigeria's Proposal For The Establishment Of A Migration Training Academy [2017]

The ECOWAS Heads of Immigration Services have endorsed the proposal by the Nigerian government for the establishment a Migration Training Academy as part of measures to effectively manage migration and emerging trends associated with movement of persons across borders.

3. Nigeria and Singapore Sign Agreement to Curb Double Taxation

The Federal Government of Nigeria has signed an agreement with Singapore that would help companies operating in the two countries avoid double taxation in their different bases. The agreement clearly spells out taxing rights of the two countries in respect of different incomes derived from each country.

Between 2011 and 2015, the volume of trade between the Nigeria and Singapore stood at ₦846 Billion, with the ₦222 Billion absolute Balance of Trade recorded in favour of Nigeria. The ₦42 Billion Balance of Trade net of Petroleum Export was, however, recorded in favour of Singapore. According to figures from the finance ministry, the volume of Foreign Direct Investments from Singapore to Nigeria between 2010 and March 2015 was reported at \$908.8 million.

4. Nigeria Ratifies Agreement With United Arab Emirates On Financial Cooperation and Repatriation of Illicit Funds [2017]

President Muhammadu Buhari has signed the Instrument of Ratification for International Agreements between Nigeria and United Arab Emirates towards strengthening respective economies and security.

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