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Covid-19: Health Minister Cautions Uneven Roll-out of Vaccines

The Minister of Health, Osagie Ohanire, at the virtual press conference by the World Health Organization (WHO) disclosed that the country has a window of opportunity to prevent the spread of the Delta variant and its devastating impact on African countries. He warned that the country may continue to suffer the impact of the Covid-19 if the global inequitable roll-out of vaccines is not addressed. Nkechi Onyedika, [Guardian News \(July 23rd\)](#) reports.

Buhari Says Education Remains Priority, National Trade Union Demand Economic Plan from Buhari, Guild of Editors Reject FG's Attempt to "GAG" Media, Farmers Decry 50% Loss in Production

President Muhammadu Buhari has reiterated his government's commitment to improving the quality of education in the country. He said "we will allocate an increasing share of resources to improve learning in the country in our effort to reform the educational sector." The president interacted with children where he emphasized the importance of character. He urged them to not lose sight of the aspirations of the country. Segun Adewole, [Punch News \(July 22nd\)](#) reports.

Meanwhile, the Trade Union Congress, TUC, has described the living conditions of citizens as 'parlous' and disturbing. The congress demanded from President Muhammadu Buhari and other tiers of government a workable people-oriented economic roadmap. The central labour body declared that Nigerians were going through one of the worst periods of their lives. The organisation said the political leadership must appreciate that Nigeria "is in a dire strait, and the country can only overcome if leaders lead a selfless and exemplary life." Collins Olayinka, [Guardian News \(July 20th\)](#) reports.

The Nigerian Guild of Editors, NGE, released a statement by its President, Mustapha Isah on Wednesday 21st describing the recent directive by the Nigerian Broadcasting Commission, NBC, as another attempt to "gag" the media from playing its primary role in a democratic setting. The NBC, warned journalists, television and media stations

in the country against "glamourizing and giving too many details on the nefarious activities of terrorists and kidnappers." Samson Adenekan, [Premium Times \(July 22nd\)](#) reports

Farmers in the country have quantified their production losses to 50 percent and have blamed the loss on the occasioned level of insecurity across the country. The farmers expressed fear of imminent food crisis, if the federal government failed to check the country's "worsening" security situation. The president of the All-Farmers Association, Kabir Ibrahim, told journalist that "although it is difficult to quantify what farmers have lost, the truth remains that our losses are very huge." Okechkwu Nnodim, [Punch News \(July 22nd\)](#) reports.

Insecurity: Jihadist Sect Becomes United in the Northeast, Shoot Down Fighter Aircraft, Nigeria Airforce Receives Tucano Fighter Jets, Yoruba Nation Protesters Shut Down Ibadan

The Boko Haram group linked to over 350,000 deaths in the northeastern part of the country since 2009, has appeared to be more tactically co-operated. Following the death of the group's leader, Abubakar Shekau, members of the now united Boko Haram and Islamic State of West Africa, ISWA, were seen in a video predicting "we will unite together to fight the unbelievers." As government forces struggle to fortify encampments in large urban areas of the northeast, ISWA and Boko Haram terrorists appear to control most of the roads in the northeast countryside. John Campbell, [Council of Foreign Relations \(July 21st\)](#) reports.

In new reports, the Nigerian Air Force, NAF, on Monday 19th confirmed the crash of its Alpha Jet aircraft used for attacks against armed men. The NAF spokesperson, Edward Gabkwet, confirmed that the jet was returning from a successful mission, after it came under intense enemy fire which led to its crash in Zamfara state. The pilot of the alpha jet successfully ejected the aircraft, before. Nasir Ayitogo, [Premium Times News \(July 19th\)](#) reports.

Meanwhile, the Nigerian Air Force, NAF, on Thursday 20th received the first batch of six A-29 Super Tucano aircrafts from the United States of America (USA). Edward Gabkwet, the Director of Public Relations and Information, NAF HQ, said the aircraft are expected to aid the fight against insecurity in

the North-east and other parts of the country. [Premium Times \(July 22nd\)](#) reports.

Supporters of the Yoruba Nation Agitator, Sunday Adeyemi, have demanded the release of their leader, who was in the custody of security officials

of Cotonou, Benin Republic, after he tried to escape to Germany with his wife. The protesters staged a protest at Sunday's residence in Ibadan, calling for a release of their principal. Ochogwu Sunday, [Daily Post News \(July 21st\)](#) reports.

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