

FINANCE NEWS

Federal Govt records N1.46tn revenue deficit in Q1

Gross federally-collected revenue fell by 36 per cent or N1.46th below the quarterly budget estimate in the first quarter of 2020. The Central Bank of Nigeria disclosed this in its quarterly report titled "Federation account operations," obtained by our correspondent on Tuesday.

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FG plans N4.28tn loan for N12.66tn 2021 budget

The Federal Government has proposed N12.66tn as aggregate expenditure for the 2021 fiscal year on a deficit of N5.16tn.lt would be partly financed by a total loan package of N4.28tn while the rest would be from internally generated revenues.

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Economists worry about rising inflation, unemployment as rates stagnate

With the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) retaining the Monetary Policy Rate (MPR) and other key rates, economists and analysts have urged the apex bank not to lose sight of rising inflation and unemployment.

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CBN approves N50b revival fund for Textile Industry

The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has announced N50 billion special mechanism funds to revive the ailing textiles industry. The funds to be administered by the Bank of industry (Bol) at 4.5 per cent interest rate will use any of the CBN-approved non-interest financing instruments for refinancing of projects

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CBN boosts economy with N3.3tr credit

THE Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) on Monday said it has facilitated a credit of N3.3trillion to the productive sectors of the economy. It has also given intervention funds to businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and endorsed the restructuring of loans.

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Reps probe CBN over COVID-19 loans

The House of Representatives has resolved to investigate the Central Bank of Nigeria over the difficulties Nigerians face in accessing its special intervention loans, especially that created for Small and Medium-Scale Enterprises to cushion the effect of COVID-19.

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MARKET RATES: INTERBANK /PARALLEL

NGN	USD	GPB	EUR
22	466 / 472	565 / 575	518 / 530
JULY			
21	460 / 465	555 / 565	500 / 506
JULY			
20	455 / 463	550 / 562	498 / 505
JULY			
17	455 / 461	550 / 558	495 / 504
IULY			

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BUSINESS NEWS

Fed Govt reviews challenges of AfCFTA

The Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment has started preparation to lead the country into African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) 2021.

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NCC seeks resolution to banks/telcos USSD dispute

The Nigerian Communications Commission has called for an amicable resolution to the discrepancies in USSD charges received by banks and payments made to telecom operators.

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China central bank to pause easing as economy recovers, wary of overstimulus: sources

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Silver and euro gleaming as investor bets on economic recovery hurt dollar

The euro stood at an 18-month high, silver soared and commodities rose on Wednesday, benefiting from hopes that key parts of the global economy are heading in the right direction which also hurt the U.S. dollar.

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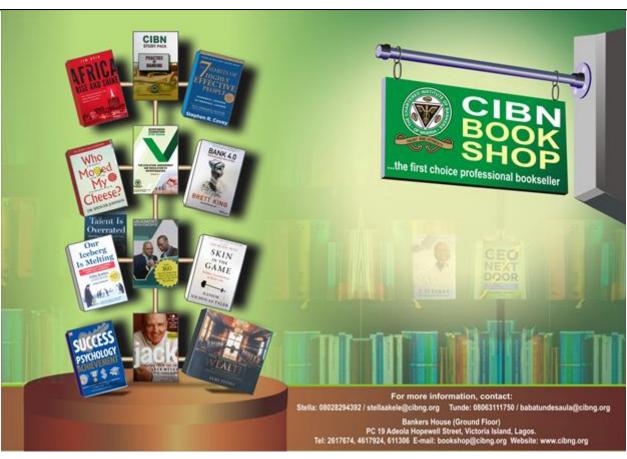
Defensives drag down European shares from four-month highs

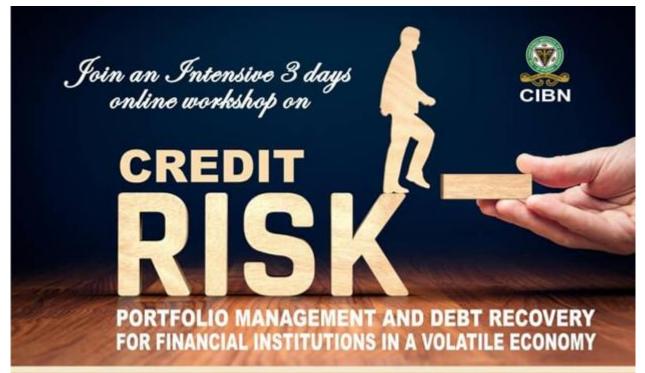
European shares slipped on Wednesday as investors turned their focus back to earnings reports and a surge in coronavirus cases, after an EU-wide debt deal sent the region's markets to four-month highs in the previous session.

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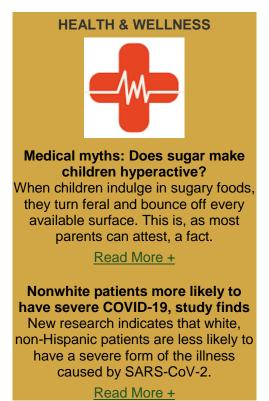


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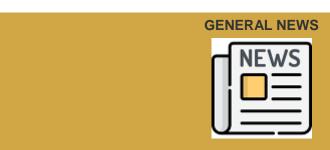
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JUST IN: Nigeria records 576 COVID-19 cases, total now 37,801

Nigeria on Tuesday night recorded 562 new cases of COVID-19. According to a tweet from Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), the total number of cases so far in Nigeria is now 37,225.

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NCDC sets up five new COVID-19 testing centres

The Nigeria Centre for Disease Control on Tuesday said it had set up five new COVID – 19 testing laboratories in the country.

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Senate passes Army varsity Bill

The Senate on Tuesday passed a bill to give legal backing to the already established Nigerian Army University, Biu, Borno State.

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