

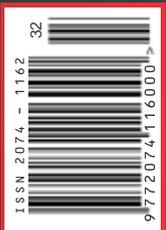
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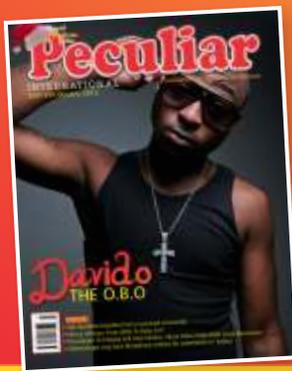
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# Metabolism-Boosting Diet Plan

Jackie Newgent

## Breakfast

### Grapefruit and Granola

Eat  $\frac{1}{2}$  large pink grapefruit, drizzled with 1 tsp honey, along with a granola bar (about 160 calories), like Cascadian Farm Organic sweet and salty mixed nut bar. Sip 1 cup spicy vegetable juice, like Campbell's Spicy Hot V8.

## Lunch

(about 350 calories each)

### Curry Turkey Salad

Poach 3 oz turkey breast in unsweetened green tea; drain, chill, and cut into cubes. Combine turkey with 2 TBSP plain fat-free Greek yogurt, 1 tsp each mayo and Major Grey's mango chutney,  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp hot curry powder,  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup diced English cucumber, 1 TBSP raisins, and sea salt and fresh cilantro to taste. Serve with a small (1-oz) whole-grain roll. Pair it with  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup fresh grapes.

### Baked Potato To-Go

Order a Wendy's sour cream and chive baked potato and garden side salad (without croutons); add  $\frac{1}{2}$  packet fat-free French dressing and season with black pepper. Enjoy with a 16-oz green tea.

## Lunch

### Pear and Provolone Panini

Between 2 slices whole-grain or fruit-nut bread, arrange 2 ultra thin slices (40 calories each) natural provolone cheese, thin slices from  $\frac{1}{2}$  small pear, and black pepper and fresh rosemary to taste; spritz with cooking spray and grill on medium-high until well toasted. Savor with 1 cup butternut squash (or other vegetable) soup (about 100 calories) with pinch of crushed red pepper and rosemary.

## Dinner

(about 400 calories each)

### Spicy Spaghetti and Salad

Toss 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups fresh baby spinach with 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz diced part-skim mozzarella, 1 chopped fresh plum tomato, 2 TBSP torn basil leaves, 1 tsp olive oil, and balsamic vinegar to taste. Enjoy with 1 cup whole-grain spaghetti and  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup spicy marinara sauce.

### Grass-Fed Greek Burger

Grill 4 oz lean, grass-fed ground sirloin beef. Stuff inside  $\frac{1}{2}$  large whole-wheat pita with  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped romaine, 2 slices red onion, and a mix of 3 TBSP plain fat-free Greek yogurt, 1 minced garlic clove, and fresh mint to taste. Serve with 1 cup mix of steamed green peas and brown rice; add sea salt and mint to taste.

## Dinner

### Asian Meal in Minutes

Enjoy  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup steamed edamame (in pods) with sea salt to taste, and a 300-calorie ready-made Asian meal of choice, like Amy's Asian Noodle Stir-Fry or Organic Bistro Sesame Ginger Wild Salmon Bowl.

## Snacks

(about 150 calories each)

- 1 whole-grain snack or dessert of choice (about 150 calories), like a Kashi Chocolate Soft-Baked Square or a Nature's Path Peanut Buddy granola bar

- 4 fresh grilled fig halves (2 whole) on  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup part-skim ricotta, sprinkled with sea salt to taste

- 1 (6-oz) container of flavored Greek yogurt, like Chobani Passion Fruit Low-Fat Greek Yogurt

## Snacks

- Energy drink (about 90 calories), like 1 (8.4-oz) can of Jamba Blueberry Pomegranate All Natural Energy Drink, plus 10 unsalted almonds

- $\frac{1}{2}$ -cup scoop vanilla frozen yogurt (about 100 calories) with a pinch of ground ginger and  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup fresh or thawed frozen raspberries

# 5 Types of Birth Control

By Amanda MacMillan



## Weighing your options

It's easy to be confused by all the birth control options out there: Should you take a progestin-only pill or the mainstream combination pill? Can an IUD affect your chances of having children in the future? Is the female condom as effective as its male counterpart?

Luckily, we have answers. Here are 12 of the most common birth control methods, and why you should or shouldn't try them.

## Combination pill

What it's called: Estrostep Fe, LoEstrin 1/20, Ortho-Novum 7/7/7, Ortho Tri-Cyclen Lo, Yasmin, Yaz

What it does: This birth control mainstay is still 99% effective against pregnancy when taken around the same time every day. It's also known for easing hot flashes and restoring regular periods.

Who should avoid it: Smokers and those 35 or older. The estrogen may cause dangerous blood clots. If you suffer from migraines, you should also pass because it may trigger the painful headaches.

## Progestin-only pill

What it's called: Micronor, Nora-BE, Nor-QD, Ovrette

What it does: Known as the mini pill, progestin-only meds don't contain estrogen. They're safer for smokers, diabetics, and heart disease patients, as well as those at risk for blood clots. They also won't reduce the milk supply for women who are breast-feeding.

Who should avoid it: If you have trouble remembering to take your pill at the same time every day, progestin-only pills might not be your best bet. They need to be taken at exactly the same time every day; if you're more than three hours late, plan on using a backup method.

## Male condom

What it's called: Durex, LifeStyles, Trojan

What it does: Male condoms protect against pregnancy and STDs, including HIV. Worn properly, condoms prevent sperm from entering the uterus. Go with latex or polyurethane condoms; lambskins do not shield you against all STDs.

Who should avoid it: If your mate is allergic to latex or polyurethane, you'll have to find another option. And if you tend to use a lubricant that contains oil, such as hand lotion or baby oil, you'll need to switch to an oil-free option like K-Y Jelly, which, unlike oil-based lubricants, doesn't degrade latex.

## Diaphragm

What it's called: MillexWide Seal, Ortho All-Flex, Semina, SILCS

What it does: Made of rubber and shaped like a dome, a diaphragm prevents sperm from fertilizing an egg. It covers the cervix and must always be used with a spermicide. Women must be fitted for a diaphragm in their doctor's office.

Who should avoid it: If your weight tends to fluctuate by more than 10 pounds at a time, the diaphragm may not work. If you gain or lose weight, you'll need to be refitted. Prone to bladder infections? You might want to consider another option. If you've had toxic shock syndrome, you shouldn't use a diaphragm.

## Female condom

What it's called: Femy, Protectiv, Reality  
What it does: The female condom is made of polyurethane, or soft plastic, and protects against STDs. It is inserted deep into the vagina, over the cervix, much like a diaphragm. Unlike the male condom, the female condom can be put into place up to eight hours before sex.

Who should avoid it: Male condoms offer more protection—both against STDs and pregnancy—than female condoms, so if you and your male partner aren't in a long-term, monogamous relationship, female condoms are not a perfect substitute.

Continue next week

## P-SQUARE AND CREW FLY TO ABIDJAN IN STYLE



They are performing at a concert tonight with Chris Brown.

## 200 STUDENTS EXPELLED FROM COVENANT UNIVERSITY FOR NOT ATTENDING CHURCH SERVICE & VIOLATING SCHOOL RULES



Saturday Vanguard is reporting that about 200 students may have been expelled by the authorities of Covenant University, Cannanland, Ota, Ogun State, recently for what was described as “disregard of paramount core values.” Some of the affected students gave account of what happened recently and pleaded with the school authorities to temper justice with mercy in order to save their future.

According to investigations, about 126 were expelled for not attending the ‘departure service’, meant to sign off from the school after the end of the Semester and Matriculation of students on 30th November, 2012. Five other students were thrown out for smoking while an unconfirmed source said additional 60 got the same fate for

violating other rules bordering on the University’s core values. A few others were given four weeks suspension for failure to sign the head count that was conducted a couple of weeks earlier.

In a letter of expulsion signed by the Registrar, Ntia Ubong, which was made available to Saturday Vanguard, it stated that the affected students contravened Chapter 1, section 30, page 40 of the 2010-2014 Student Handbook.

One of the affected students gave their account of what happened to Saturday Vanguard.

“On November 30, the last day of the semester, preceding our December break, there was also a Matriculation for the 100 level students; in fact some students had their last semester exams on that day, some of them finished around 3:00pm while the matriculation started around 8am. Some students retired to their rooms to relax while some engaged in some other activities jubilating the end of the semester.

“Some also got drinks from the matriculating students. Even as these were going on, some students who finished around 3pm retired to their halls. By 5pm, they announced that we should get prepared for the ‘Departure service’ which was to start by 8pm. Some students were already seeing their parents off while some of us were just trying to relax to get off the stress of the exams.

“Most of us hadn’t gotten through the tiredness of the sleepless nights of the exams; so, some of us stayed back in our rooms. The departure service is usually a day before we go home and it is usually presided over by the Chancellor. Before the commencement of the service, they used to lock up the main doors of the halls so as to prevent cases of theft. I was not bothered since there were a lot of us in the hall. Some minutes past 8pm, they switched off the light and all of us in the hall went into our rooms. Because of the darkness and the cold, I slept off immediately.”

“The persistent knocks on the door woke me up and I realised that they had come to



search for people who had not come to service. Before I realised what was going on, I found myself with other students numbering about 30. They took down our names and counted us to make sure that no one was omitted. They said the Chancellor was at the service and we refused to come. I heard them talking about other halls and they asked us to wait. I didn't take it seriously because I never believed in my wildest imagination that we would be expelled. We were later asked to go to our various halls.

"Some of those who went into hiding were lucky as they were not found. Shortly, those who went for the service returned and told us there was poor attendance at the Chapel and how students were diving in through the windows, scampering for seats. In fact, one narrated to us how the Chancellor jumped through the window to vent his anger on some students who had jumped in."

Another student gave his account thus:

"I couldn't go to the service because, I was not feeling well which was as a result of the stress of the exams we had just finished. After a while, I managed to go but I heard that they started driving people back around 7:30pm while the service was to start around 8pm. I was surprised because the rule was that you've got to be seated 15 minutes to the service. Again, it was never made compulsory, but they tried to get students out of the halls to prevent cases of theft. So, because I was not feeling well, I went back to my room

because I needed to rest for a while.

"I thought it was a joke when they said we are in for expulsion because we failed to come for departure service. I have never done anything contrary to the school laws. I have never faced any panel before and neither did I have any unpleasant case in my file. I never thought it was real until letters were handed to me the following morning."

"By 6am, they announced the names of those who were caught in halls and colleges. Usually after the departure service, one can sign out from there and go but because it ended late and no one could travel, students had to wait till the following morning. But the hall officer told those of us whose names were written down that if we leave, we should be considered gone from the University forever. That gave us an insight into what was likely to come as punishment. By 7:45am, we were called once again to go downstairs for our letters. Those who collected theirs before mine were crying and I wondered what the punishment could be until I read the letter stating I was expelled from the university."

Another student who found his way to the Chapel also told Saturday Vanguard that while the Chancellor was being driven past, he noticed that students were loitering at about the time they were supposed to be seated at the chapel. He said that this apparently infuriated him and he alighted from his car and chased students to the chapel with knocks.

"I saw him, he alighted from his car and chased students to the chapel; I quickly found my way to the hall. Not quite long after, I saw students jumping in through the windows. It was a big commotion. Even the chancellor was going after those who jumped into the chapel. Later, he addressed the students saying he was very disappointed by the behaviour that the students were not seated 15 minutes before the service."

Another account had it that while the Education Secretary, Prof. Aize Obayan was addressing the students, the students were murmuring, then the Chancellor immediately took to the microphone and said: "if I hear the voice of any student, the curse of the Lord shall fall upon that one." The chapel immediately went dead silent.

The source said further that the Chancellor later directed that those students who did not come to the service would be purged out saying they did not belong to the school and prayed for the students in the hall.

Some of the parents of the affected students who spoke to Saturday Vanguard said that the expulsion was unacceptable, and was not commensurate with the offence deemed to have been committed. They urged the school authorities to rescind its decision adding that the future of the students is at stake.

The school authority has however not made any comment on the issue

## “I APOLOGISE TO EVERYONE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE, MOST ESPECIALLY THE TREK TO JERUSALEM” - D'BANJ ADDRESSES 2012 KOKO CONCERT ISSUES



The 2012 Koko Concert was one of the most anticipated events of the Christmas season. While the show delivered the stars

as promised; fans of D'banj were left fatigued and upset due to a plethora of logistics issues.

Complaints by fans included lack of adequate parking space, the long sandy walk to the venue of the concert (some fans walked for up to an hour to get to the venue), the late start time of the concert (the concert was billed to start at 7PM but did not kick off until 5 hours later), lack of adequate seating for premium ticket holders and much more.

While fans enjoyed the performances from Tinie Tempah, D'banj, Kay Switch, Iyanya and more, many expressed to BN that their joy was dampened by the aforementioned issues.

It has been over 24 hours since the concert ended. During this time, the

#KokoConcert trended on social networking site Twitter with many fans who attended sharing various stories about their experiences.

Here is what he had to say;

To all my great FANS that came out for me. Words cant express my gratitude and love for u guys. I apologise to everyone for any inconvenience, most especially the trek to Jerusalem. Logistics crew were overwhelmed by the crowd turn out and traffic made adapting hard. I send out my sincere apologies especially for the fact that you still came and made the show a Great success. I promise there won't be a Repeat of what happened. Measures are being taken to guarantee that. Again thank you and God bless. There can't be D'banj without u guys, love.

## “DON'T INSULT GOODLUCK JONATHAN ON FACEBOOK” - YOUTH GROUP



If there is any platform that has provided Nigerians the opportunity to throw darts at leaders who are not meeting the expectations of the people in recent times, it is social media. The most commonly used sites being Facebook and Twitter.

Only last week, President Goodluck Jonathan came under serious attack by lots of Nigerians after he posted his Christmas message on Facebook. Lots of

his Facebook friends accused him of unfulfilled promises and pointed out lots of the problems bedeviling the country.

However, a group called the Niger Delta Youth Initiative for Positive Change, has risen to his defense. The group has appealed to Nigerian youths to desist from insulting the country's President on Facebook and other social media. They added that some Nigerians had taken delight in using abusive words against President Goodluck Jonathan, adding that such attitude was not common in other countries.

According to Punch, the National Coordinator of the group, David Ato, who made this call while speaking with newsmen in Port Harcourt on Friday, explained that President Jonathan meant well for Nigerians.

He said people using abusive words against the President should realise that Jonathan did not create the economic and political problems facing the country.

“The youth should desist from using abusive words against the President of the country. We should learn how to respect our leaders and we need to support him because we elected him into that office.

“Insulting him on Facebook and other social media is not the best. The truth is that Nigeria has been facing a lot of economic and political problems for a long time. President Jonathan did not create these problems.”

He, however, urged the President to begin to deliver on his election promises in 2013, adding that Nigerians were waiting anxiously to see the manifestation of his

transformation agenda.

This news has created a huge debate online as many argue that people use social media to attack their leaders in other countries contrary to what Ato said.

Some also argue that President Jonathan should take the blame for the current state of the economic and political problems facing the country.

What are your thoughts on this? Do you

think Nigerians go too hard on President Jonathan and other leaders on Facebook and other social networking sites? Should Nigerians stop insulting him on Facebook?

## ATLANTA RAPPER, HIS 10 BABY MAMAS AND 11 KIDS STAR IN REALITY SHOW



The reality show is called All My Babies Mamas and features Atlanta rapper Carlos 'Shawty Lo' Walker, his 10 baby mamas, his 11 kids, (Some of them pictured above with him) and his 10 bedroom Georgia home

According to Shadow and Act, the one hour weekly special will premiere on

Oxygen next spring

In the trailer, there's a rundown of some of the baby mamas. They are; Ecreia the former fiancée known as the "First Lady" because she controls the cash flow. Angela aka "Chocolate" who is the 'Fighter Baby Mama,' Amanda is the "Jealous Baby Mama," Sujuan is the 'Wanna-Be Bougie

Baby Mama,' Tamara is the 'No Drama Baby Mama,' Serena who is the "Shady Baby Mama," and Liana aka "Pebbles" who's the "Baby Mama from Hell."

Shawty is not in a relationship with any of his baby mamas. He's dating a 19-year-old girl who is the same age as his oldest kids.

## EX-RCCG PASTOR APOLOGIZES FOR BERATING ADEBOYE FOR HIS ASSOCIATION WITH POLITICIANS



I have to break my silence again to apologise to those that feel offended about my posting on our dear church. I thanked our AGO dat counselled me. Am so sorry for any pains. To u there, am sorry, church was not my target but corruption & injustice in our society. pls, FORGIVE FOR D SAKE OF CHRIST. To my mother, am sorry, to our daddy AGO, am sorry & to my daddy G.O. am deeply sorry, THANKS.

A former pastor of the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG), Bankole Solomon, last week criticized the

General Overseer of the church, Pastor E A Adeboye, for allowing politicians into their annual RCCG Holy Ghost congress

and turning it into a political congress.

**BREAKING NEWS: MERCY JOHNSON GIVES BIRTH TO BABY GIRL**



Mercy Johnson Okojie gave birth to a baby girl a few hours ago in a hospital in the US. Got the news just now from the people in the hospital with her. Mother and daughter are said to be doing great. Big congrats to Mercy and her husband.

**KOGI STATE GOVERNOR INVOLVED IN AUTO CRASH. ADC DIES INSTANTLY**



The Governor of Kogi State, Captain Idris Wada and his aides were involved in a fatal car accident this afternoon along the bad Abuja-Lokoja expressway. His ADC, Idris Mohammed died instantly while the governor was rushed to the Emergency Ward of the Kogi State Specialist Hospital in Lokoja. He was later moved to the Government House Hospital.

The governor and his convoy were returning from an official assignment and were close to Lokoja when the accident occurred.

**"MARIO BALOTELLI IS GLAD THAT I AM DATING HIS SISTER" - OBAFEMI MARTINS**



Obafemi Martins is dating Mario Balotelli's elder sister, Abigail Barwuah and Mario is said not to be particularly happy about their relationship. But in a recent interview with Goal.com, Obafemi dismissed insinuations that Mario was not happy that he's dating Abigail

"Mario is my boy. The respect is there because I used to play at Inter, in the youth team with him. He's giving me my respect and I'm doing same. People are

putting it in the news that he's upset, of course he's glad.

"He's glad that Obafemi Martins is dating his sister. But if he gets jealous then it means he doesn't want his sister to grow. But it's not like that. The boy is not a bad boy.

He also said he and Abigail haven't discussed marriage yet.

"The relationship is true but getting

married or not, we haven't discussed anything like that. She's upstairs and we're happy together.

Abigail, 24, told the The Sun in an interview in April that she couldn't date a footballer: "Mario wouldn't let me anyway. He knows only too well what they are like. They are surrounded by women. Girls throw themselves at them."

## NELSON MANDELA DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL



After almost three weeks in the hospital, former South African president, Nelson Mandela was discharged today Wednesday December 26th. The 94 year old was admitted to the hospital on Saturday

December 8th to receive treatment for a lung infection and surgery to remove gallstones, which the doctors say was successful.

"On behalf of the National Executive Committee and other members of the PDP, the National Chairman of our great Party, Dr. Bamanga Tukur wishes to condole with the government and the people of Kaduna State as well as the family of late Governor Yakowa on this very painful loss. Your tear is our broken

heart!"

"We wish to also send our heart felt condolence to the family of General Azazi as well as to the families of other Nigerians involved in the unfortunate crash. We beseech God to give them the strength to withstand this harshest sting of the painful loss of dear ones."

Chief Olisa Metuh  
National Publicity Secretary.

## CHECK OUT ZAMFARA GOVERNOR'S MULTIMILLION NAIRA ABUJA HOME



Governor Abdul Aziz Yari's magnificent home (You see only part of it), which he acquired a few months back, is situated on Owena Close, off Ehiopia Street, Maitama, Abuja. The house is said to be worth over N500 million. His people aren't doing so well in his state.

## GOVERNOR FASHOLA VOWS TO DEAL WITH OWNER OF STORED FIRE CRACKERS



punish the owner of the store on Oko Awo street where the fire crackers were stored.

Lagos state Governor, Babatunde Fashola, yesterday visited the site of the boxing day firecracker explosion that razed about 15 buildings and killed an 11 year old boy. Fashola said he plans to

"In order to make quick business, we have lost a life, we lost property and all of us are in danger. All of these items are under one form of prohibition or the other and we have men and women at our various entry and exit points. How did they get in? How did they enter? Who imported them and who cleared

them? Who approved them to come in. Those are very serious issues we must also ask ourselves" Fashola said  
Lagos state is one of the states that has banned the use of fire crackers

## UCHE JOMBO'S 33RD BIRTHDAY PARTY



## FOURSQUARE TO DISPLAY FULL USER NAMES, SHARE MORE DATA WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES

Sean Buckley



Fond of your family name? Good -- it's about to get a bit more visible. Foursquare is planning to display full user names on profile pages, explaining in a recent community email that the old policy has become confusing. "If you search for a friend on Foursquare, we show their full name in the results, but when you click through to their profile page you don't see their last name." The team says these abbreviations made sense in Foursquare's early days, but recently users have been asking for change. "We get emails every day saying that it's now confusing." The social network hopes that displaying users' full surnames will help mitigate confusion between the John Smiths and John Smythes of the world.

The company's tweaked privacy policy promises to share more data with businesses, too, giving store owners greater visibility of customers who have recently checked in. Users who want their quests for coffee to remain anonymous still can, of course -- Foursquare was careful to remind users that they can change their

"full name" whenever they want, and can opt out of sharing their location information with businesses. We wouldn't want to step on any toes, would we? Head past the break to see the email for yourself, or check out the adjacent source

link to read Foursquare's "Privacy 101" summary.

Update: Alas, this is indeed a fake. The source has updated to confirm that this was just a quick darkening job with an

image editor -- you can tell by the darkened LED flash, camera and logo. But still, we wouldn't be surprised if Samsung does release its phablet in other colors to keep milking it.

## SAMSUNG OFFERS FREE FLIP COVERS AND TECTILES FOR GS III AND NOTE II DEVICE REGISTRATIONS



If you just received a Galaxy S III or a Note II this holiday season, you could do yourself a favor and register it on Samsung's Facebook page to get even more goodies from Santa Sammy. What do you get in exchange for handing over some personal details and giving the Korean company access to your timeline? Why, a free flip cover and six TecTiles, which usually go for about \$15 for a pack of five. We haven't heard much about wide adoption of these programmable NFC tags, but maybe it'll gain some traction after a recent 3.0 app update and this promotional giveaway. We're not sure why the offer doesn't extend to other Samsung phones, but maybe they just don't have enough of those pastel covers to go around.

## APPLE WITHDRAWS PATENT CLAIM AGAINST SAMSUNG'S GALAXY S III MINI MOBILE

Apple's patent claim against Samsung's Galaxy S III mini is no more, with Cupertino citing the phone's lacking availability in the US for the amendment to its original November filing. In the ongoing litigation between the two electronics giants, Samsung argued that it's Galaxy S III mini didn't warrant inclusion in the latest volley of Samsung devices Apple wants added to its



patent lawsuit; Apple apparently agreed, and is thusly withdrawing its claim against that particular device. The argument also highlights the sad news that the S III mini won't join Samsung's Galaxy lineup in the US.

An agreement filing spotted by Reuters from a San Jose, CA. US District Court revealed today's news, coming just days after Judge Lucy Koh dismissed a request to permanently ban sales on several Samsung devices. It's unclear if the other

Samsung devices Apple asked to be added to the ongoing case are approved yet by the court, but we can certainly count the S III mini out for the time being.

## SAMSUNG GALAXY NOTE II REPORTEDLY COMING IN BLACK, TRIGGERS MONOLITHIC MEMORIES (UPDATE: FAKE!)



Samsung gave Galaxy S III buyers a small rainbow of color choices in the summer, and there's signs that the Galaxy Note II might receive a similarly resplendent treatment. A supposed press image obtained by AndroidSlash shows the giant smartphone draped in a previously unavailable black that's potentially very striking -- and more than a little reminiscent of 2001's species-changing monoliths. There's no official word from Samsung on its authenticity, although we wouldn't be surprised knowing the company's history and the Note II's strong track record. When a theoretically niche device is selling like gangbusters, some added diversity could be in order. Just don't expect any Starchildren as a result.

Update: Alas, this is indeed a fake. The source has updated to confirm that this was just a quick darkening job with an image editor -- you can tell by the darkened LED flash, camera and logo. But still, we wouldn't be surprised if Samsung does release its phablet in other colors to keep milking it.

## MORE BLACKBERRY N-SERIES IMAGES SURFACE, APPEASES QWERTY LOVERS WITH SHARPER FOCUS



Remember this little guy? It was Christmas Eve when Mr. Blurrycam gave us a look at this keyboard-equipped BB10 prototype. Skip to the present, and N4BB has apparently come across news images of it, minus the fuzz. Aside from being clearer, the phone's screen is notably powered on in this round images -- essentially proving it's more than a dummy. While we've known the unit is likely part of RIM's N-Series, the site notes that its actual model number may officially be presented as the X10 (not to be confused with Sony Ericsson, Klipsch and Fujifilm offerings of the same moniker). Things will certainly become even clearer on January 30th, that's for sure -- for now, hit the source link for a couple of more images.

## HANDS-ON WITH JOLLA'S SAILFISH OS



We recently had the chance to spend time with David Greaves and Vesa-Matti Hartikainen of Jolla and take Sailfish OS for a spin. As you might recall, this open source mobile OS builds upon Mer (a fork of MeeGo that includes Qt) and uses the Nemo framework with a custom UI. Like any decent Linux-based OS, it supports both ARM and x86 devices. The company is also behind the Sailfish SDK which is in the process of being finalized but is still open to developer feedback (the source code is available). After seeing Jolla's various demo videos and noting some UI similarities with MeeGo (swipes) and, strangely, with BB10 (peek gestures), we were eager to experience Sailfish OS for ourselves.



# Davido

## THE O.B.O

**D**avido is a young artiste and producer whose career has been on the rise ever since he stepped into the music scene last year. Born in Atlanta, U.S.A but raised in Lagos, Nigeria, he has been a music lover from a tender age, started exploring his talents in singing and producing as a teenager and was a member of a music group before leaving to sing solo. As one of the hottest music stars in 2011, he broke into the scene with a song titled Back When which he featured Naeto C. He also has another hit single, Dami Duro which he co-produced with Shizzi and has been enjoying generous air play since it was released. The singer, songwriter and producer is signed to co-owned HKN records. Peculiar International Magazine spoke to the 19 year old star on his quick rise to fame, his music, family and more.

Young, energetic, and full of life, Davido is a pleasure to be with as he creates a relaxed mood for an afternoon chat by the lagoon front. After spending a few minutes with him, it is not hard to see that there are no airs around him. Despite the sagging jeans and bouncing steps, he has a matured mien and speaks freely, holding back nothing.

Just arriving from a performance at a wedding reception where he was crowded by fans in and around the venue, Davido is still trying to adjust to his new status as a celebrity and is surprised at the reception and recognition he gets whenever he steps out.



**You have achieved fame within such a short period of time. How do you feel now that everywhere you go, people know you and are all over you?**

It's crazy, it's everywhere. I can't go just anywhere. It's something that comes with the job. I look at it as people are celebrating me and I'm happy about that.

**Your recently released video, Dami Duro, has gotten a lot of good reviews. How do you feel about that?**

When I wanted to drop it, I was skeptical because I dropped it when the nation was on strike. My management was like it's the best time to drop it now, everybody is at home. I was like no, people are talking about money. But I prayed about it and we dropped it and we got 110,000 hits in a week online. The response has been encouraging.

**Why now? Why did you decide to venture into music at this point in time?**

I've been doing music for like 3 years but I took it seriously in March 2011. I was formerly in a group called KB international in America. It wasn't working out so I thought I should just do this on my own that was when I moved back to Nigeria. When I came, the only people I knew in the music industry were Wande Coal and Don Jazzy, they are like family. I told them that this is what I wanted to do and they advised me.

**What were you doing in America?**

I was in Oakwood University, Alabama, Studying Business Management. I left after my 200 level and came back to Nigeria because I wanted to do music. How did your dad feel about your decision to become a recording artiste? First time I told my dad, he was like "hell no". Go back to America to continue your

school. When you finish school, you can do what you want to do. People were trying to convince me to go back to school, because I just had two years to finish. But I felt like it was now or never. I knew that even if I finish school, I'd come out at 20 and would still be young but I knew I would not have that same kind of excitement I felt after December 2010 when I went to one of the Mohits show and I knew this was my time. Even at school, I was not concentrating on my classes, I was always watching videos on YouTube so I just bought my ticket and went back home.

Before, he wasn't in support of it, but now he is my biggest fan he keeps saying 'that is my son'.

**So did you drop out of school because you wanted to pursue your musical career?**

I didn't really drop out, I just left America to continue my career here because I knew I could build it better in Nigeria than in America. I'm continuing at Babcock University, Ogun state. I'm in 300Level studying Business Management.

**What is the message in your song Dami Duro?**

The day I went to the studio, a lot of people don't know this but I was picked up by the police. It was an experience, that was when I got the idea. It means nobody can stop me. That is why I came up with that concept.

**Where do you get the inspiration to write your songs?**

I am a producer so I know exactly what people like. I produced Back When, but I co-produced Dami Duro with Shizzi. I am a musician, every musician knows how to write good music. You don't have to be

inspired really. I don't have to be in love to write a love song. I can just write it because I know what a love song should be like. I can be angry and make a happy song, I can be sad and make a happy song. It's not really about inspiration, it's about knowing your music and knowing exactly what you want.

**What are your real names?**

David Adedeji Adeleke

**Why did you decide to go into music?**

I was around people that were musically inclined. Wande Coal is like a big brother to me, I've known him for years, even before he dropped his first album. Shank is also like a brother to me, one of the first people that introduced me to the industry. I love music, and why not do something you love and are happy doing and making money at the same time.

**Who did you grow up listening to?**

50 cent, TuFace, Jarule. When I was young, Nigerian music hadn't really developed as it is now. It was people like Eedris and Plantashun Boyz that were really singing much then.

**What is the genre of your songs and what message are you trying to pass across?**

Afro Pop. I'm telling people how I feel. My message is to make people happy when they hear my song. I sing happy songs.

**What have been the high points of your career so far? What deals, endorsements, shows, recognition have you gotten that was quite memorable for you?**

There have been so many. But the one I did lately was the Koko concert. When I came out, I was thinking Dbanj was behind me, because of the way they were screaming, it

was just crazy.

**Which musicians do you dream of working with internationally?**

**Chris Brown.**

Why Chris Brown? You don't perform the same genre of music

You can bring Fela and P-square together and they will make good music. Music doesn't have any limits

**Has music fulfilled your dreams?**

I'm living my dream. People ask me if I went to wash my head at one river. Guys that were initially putting me through, telling me what to do, I'm collecting more show money than them now. To me, it's something in built, it's not about having money to promote your music, but it's in built.

**Your dad is wealthy and influential. Would you say his wealth has been a propelling factor in your career? Has it opened doors for you faster than it would have if otherwise?**

When I first started he didn't give me any money to do anything because he wanted me to be in school. I think what helped is that when I go to a radio station to promote my song, they will think that OK, this guy's dad has money so even if he is not dropping anything now, in the long run they will get something, but they didn't know that I was dry so nothing for them.

**Who is the real Davido? What is your personality like apart from the one we see on our TV screen or on stage?**

I'm cool, I like chilling at home watching TV. I love cartoons, love watching Cartoon Network. I'm Davido, whatever you see is real, there is no fake.

**As a star, you must have a lot of ladies trying to get your attention. How has the reception from your female fans been like?**

It's crazy but I try to keep my head grounded. I like it sha, I like girls.

**Are you dating anyone now?**

No, I'm single.

**Who is your kind of lady?**

A girl that is independent. A girl that is on about her business, that she doesn't really have to wait for me. A girl that is not really into my music. I wouldn't want a girl that is too into my music because she would not like me because of me but because of my music. If I see a girl that doesn't like my music that would be like, 'So, who are you?' that will even be the girl I will be chasing.

**How do you combine your music with your studies successfully? Has building a profession in Music affected your studies in anyway?**

Me and my teachers have time when I need to come. It's not that hard. When I was doing exams, I was going every day and coming back.

**Aside from having good reviews, your song Dami Duro also had some critics. Some people said your voice was autotuned and doesn't portray good musical skills.**

If my voice was autotuned, I won't be doing live shows. Every one that goes to studios has their voice mixed anyway, I'm not the only person. I don't use auto tune. My songs are professionally recorded.

**What your response 'over-tattooed teenager'. What would be your response to that?**

I've always liked art. Everybody in my crew likes it, even my manager. I think it's because I'm coming from an American mindset. In America, there are so many things artistes get away with that they cannot get away with here, like smoking on camera, cursing, having half naked girls on the video. But times are changing now. I think Nigeria is evolving now. My fans would grow with me. I'm young, and my fans are young and those are the type of things we do. It just so happens that my music is accepted by the older generation as well and that is not my fault.

**Some said that you had a quick rise in your career because of your dad's wealth**

At the end of the day, that is what they are going to say. To me, if my daddy wants to give me one billion naira, I'm his son. I don't feel like I'm a spoilt guy. I didn't tell God to give me a rich father, I was just lucky. I think people should even respect me more for trying to do my own thing because now I don't ask him for one naira.

**So what should we be expecting from you this year?**

Definitely my album would be out sometime this year but I really don't know when. I'll release more videos, and then we are releasing other artistes on the label as well. We are doing our UK tour, and later we should do an American one, and hopefully the rest of the world. And watch out for an international collabo this year.

**Any words to your fans?**

I love you all. Keep supporting me, I will never let any of you down. If I have done anything you didn't like in the past, accept my apology, and keep requesting Dami Duro on radio and TV.



**All-day base**

How can I get my foundation to last longer?—Phyllis Katz, Newton, MA

Bobbi: I really believe using the right moisturizer for your skin type makes all the difference. Of course, there isn't one moisturizer that work for everyone, but if your skin is dry, a hydrating balm is the perfect base. And if you're oily, a gel moisturizer is all you need.

You can also opt for a long-lasting foundation (usually a liquid or compact formula, or one labeled "long wear"). Or top your regular foundation with loose powder that matches your skin tone to set the look in place. The trick is to blend well, so the powder melts into your skin.

**Ditch the dull complexion**

What's the secret to not looking washed out in photos?—Jessica Weaver, Geneva,

Bobbi: Since flash photography picks up the difference in color between your face and your neck and décolletage, the first thing you should do is get rid of any facial redness. Starting around your nose and mouth (the most common red-prone zones), apply foundation or tinted moisturizer, blending outward.

Once your skin tone is evened out, it's all about adding definition: Dust bronzer over your cheeks, forehead, and chin for natural warmth; sweep on mascara to draw out your eyes; and go for a brighter lip color than usual to bring extra glow to your face.

**Runaway lip color**

How can I keep my lipstick from bleeding?—Elyse Silver, Boca Raton, FL

# 7 Holiday Makeup Rehab

Bobbi: Lipstick migrates the most on dry lips, so during the winter months it's especially important to apply a rich balm at bedtime. By day, go for a moisturizing lip color (look for conditioning vitamin E or shea butter on labels); reserving long-lasting lipstick for special occasions, as they tend to be more drying.

Keep in mind that a topping of slippery gloss can make lipstick bleed. A fix: Hold color in place by lining your lips with a nude pencil that matches your lips, then fill in with your shade. Any color, including bolder reds and plums, will work with that pencil.

**On-the-go beauty**

I want to touch up my makeup without carting around a lot of products. Any suggestions?—Hillary Cavanaugh, Clearwater, FL

Bobbi: When I go minimalist, I find I can add a pretty pop of color to my cheeks and lips with a bronze-colored cream blush. (I swear by my Pot Rouge for Lips and Cheeks in Uber Beige). I also multitask with a brown eye pencil to fill in brows and touch up roots. And a clear gloss or balm adds a nice sheen to lips (or eyes!), nourishes cuticles, and tames flyaways. Simple, right?

**Perfect base**

What's the best way to apply foundation?—Lisa Stein, Geneva, IL

Bobbi: It depends how much coverage you want. A foundation brush or sponge gives a heavier application than your fingers, but the sponge lets you go more sheer. When I'm at a shoot, I'll use a brush first, then go

back with a sponge to blend (I like the soft triangular ones). As for my own everyday application, I use my fingers because I don't carry a lot of tools with me. Whatever method you like, always finish by patting in foundation with your fingertips. When it interacts with the natural oils from your hands, it starts looking more like your own skin.

**Look sun-kissed without damage**

How can I give my sun-protected skin a rosy glow?—Lisa Wyatt, San Francisco

Bobbi Dust bronzer over your cheeks, forehead, nose, and chin, then sweep on a blush that's the color your cheeks turn after exercising (it's your most flattering shade). If your skin is already rosy from the sun, skip blush and add a bit of shimmer to your cheeks in a pale pink (if you're fair) or peach (if you're darker) to enhance your natural flush. Apply it on your cheekbones, moving up toward the hairline in short, downward strokes. That's all you need to play up your glow.

**Beauty-kit essentials**

What makeup brushes do I really need?—Jessica Bagdy, Pittsburgh

Bobbi It's important to invest in a few key brushes. I keep these in my bag:

- Eye shadow brush You want natural, rounded bristles that cover your lid in one swoop.
- Blush brush Look for one big enough to cover the apple of your cheek in a single swirl.
- Eyeliner brush It should be a flat, firm brush with curved synthetic bristles—they hold their shape longer.

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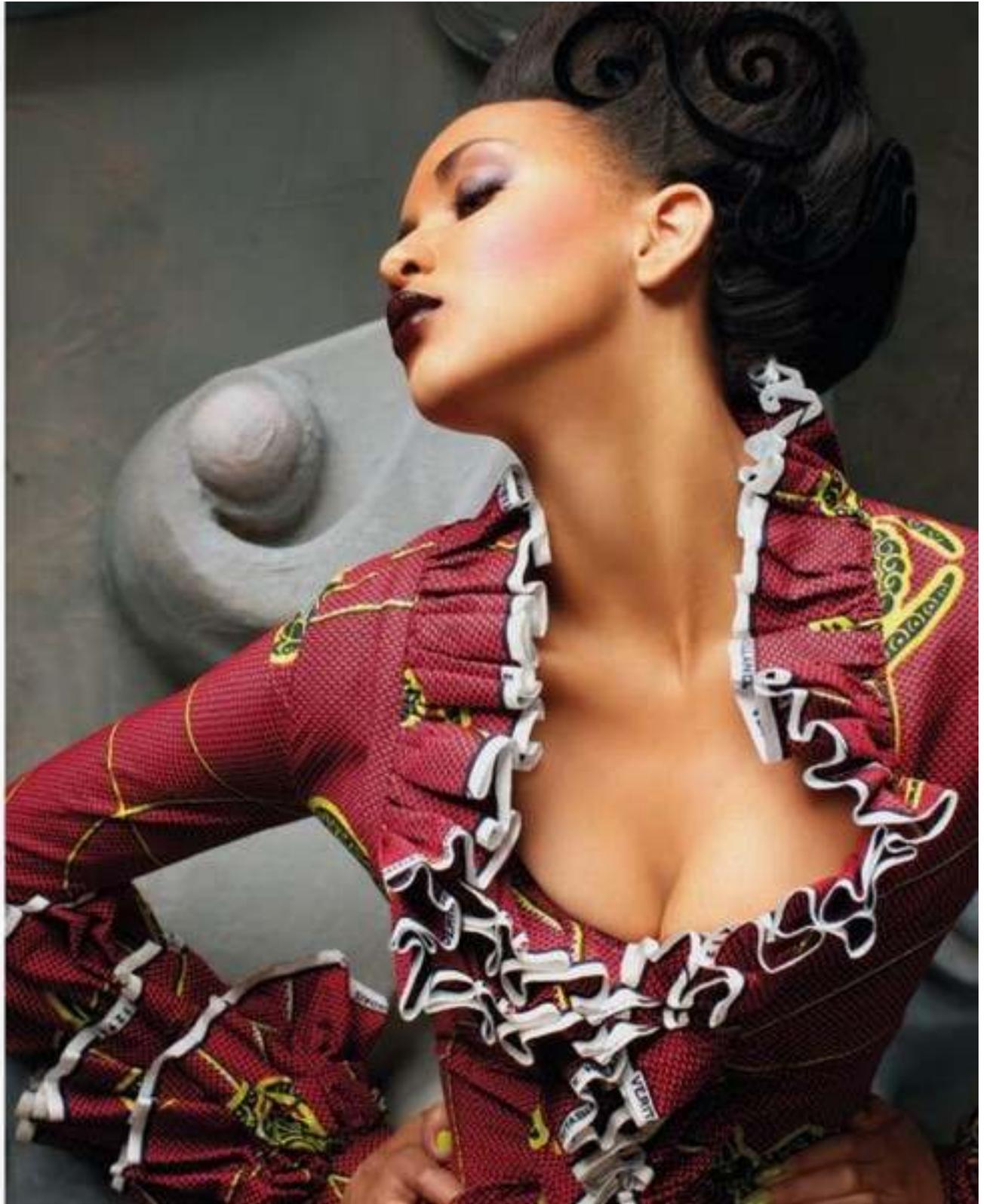
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## YOBO: ODEMWINGIE IS RECKLESS AND DISRESPECTFUL

He is responsible for his problems."

"This is not the first time he has been disrespectful. He is fighting all the

Nigeria captain Joseph Yobo has responded to the criticism he received from West Bromwich forward Peter Odemwingie via Twitter at the weekend.

Odemwingie, who was dropped from the country's preliminary squad to the Africa Cup of Nations had lashed out at Nigerian football authorities include team skipper Yobo. Odemwingie claimed that the "Eagles had no good captain for years" with "everyone looking only after himself."

The Fenerbahce defender who has been captain since after the 2010 World Cup spoke to radio station Brilla FM thus: "Osaze has been reckless, disrespectful to most people. He's not a kid, he should grow up because we cannot continue to baby sit him.

coaches and at the World Cup he also disrespected me and he later apologised.

"He is not the [Lionel] Messi or

[Cristiano] Ronaldo of Nigeria. He should look himself in the mirror."

32 year-old Yobo will be leading the Super Eagles to what might be his last showing at the Afcon in January.



## ALBA: IT'S EASY TO PLAY WITH BARCELONA BECAUSE THEY HAVE SO MUCH QUALITY

Alba admitted he never thought he would get another chance at Camp Nou after he left his boyhood club as a youngster.

"There many who dream like you and there isn't room for everyone, although for years there have been more possibilities," he said.

The full-back also paid tribute to Unai

Jordi Alba has claimed that the quality in the Barcelona side makes it easy to play for them.

The 23-year-old has settled seamlessly into the team since he rejoined the Blaugrana from Valencia in a €14 million deal this summer, and he has credited the abilities of his team-mates for making the transition so easy for him.

"It is very easy to play here. There is so much quality," he told Mundo Deportivo.

"There is a desire to continue to win and a unity here. Both [Alex] Song and me, who are new, were made to feel like one of them from day one."

Emery, his old boss during his Valencia days, for shifting him to a wide defensive position when he broke into the side at the Mestalla.

"He converted me back to play on the wing, and thanks to that change, I am who I am today," he admitted.

Alba expressed his delight after enjoying a sensational year on the pitch, having won Euro 2012 with Spain before completing his dream move to a Barcelona side which

has stormed clear at the top of La Liga.

"This year has been very nice to me and I can not really have any complaints," he added.

"I consolidated my place in the national team with the role I had at Valencia, I won the European Championship, I joined the club of my life, I came home ... And above all, we are [league] leaders. The truth is I could ask for no more."



**CHELSEA GOALKEEPER PETR CECH SUFFERS GROIN INJURY IN WIN AT EVERTON**

And the Czech is hoping for a positive result from the scans, as he told his official website: "I think it was in 40th minute when I was punching the ball away and

Petr Cech is to undergo a scan on Monday to discover the extent of the injury he suffered in Chelsea's victory over Everton

Petr Cech is to undergo a scan on Monday to discover the extent of the injury he suffered in Chelsea's victory over Everton.

The goalkeeper was forced off at half-time in his side's eventual 2-1 win at Goodison Park on Sunday after suffering from pain in his groin.

Chelsea have since confirmed Cech is to have further assessment on Monday after sustaining a "strained adductor muscle at the top of his leg".

when I jumped I felt pain in my right groin.

"I finished the half knowing I would not be able to continue after the break. We will see

how serious it is. We will know more after the medical check that I undergo tomorrow."



**DANNY WELBECK INSISTS MANCHESTER UNITED'S LEAGUE**

*position is the most important thing*

Danny Welbeck insists Manchester United's league position is the most important thing after enduring a stop-start personal campaign this term.

The 22-year-old has only been a bit-part player for Sir Alex Ferguson this season following Robin van Persie's arrival at Old Trafford.

Despite just one goal for the Red Devils this term, the England forward refuses to get down-hearted with United sitting seven points clear at the top of the Premier League.

He told the Sunday Mirror: "It's been a bit stop-start. I've not been playing in my favoured-position up front - I've been on the wing in most games - so it's been

different to last season, when I played mostly as a striker.

"But we're in a great league position, which is the most important thing."

Despite not being a regular in the team, Welbeck is using his time on the training pitch to his benefit.

He added: "This is the best club in the world and I pick up great experience training with the other strikers."



**MARTINS TO REPLACE AMEOBI**

want the distraction of Ameobi, who is yet to decide whether he will be part of the Nations Cup or not.

"But we will still push our case before Fifa because we have the rights to have our players in the squad to a major championship like the Nations Cup which

Levante forward, Obafemi Martins, could be called up into Nigeria's provisional squad for the 2013 AFCON.

With doubts hovering over the presence of Newcastle United striker, Shola Ameobi for the Africa Cup of Nations, supersport.com can report that Nigeria's head coach, Stephen Keshi is turning to Martins.

A top official of the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) revealed to the world soccer governing body recognises. In the event of Ameobi not turning up, the coach will look at other options and Obafemi (Martins) is top on that list," said the NFF official.

Ameobi is reported to have a clause in his

supersport.com on Friday that the name of the former Rubin Kazan striker popped up as a possible replacement for Ameobi, who has been ruled out of the Afcon by Newcastle manager, Alan Pardew.

"I can tell you one-on-one not as a board member of the football federation that Obafemi Martins is being considered to replace Shola Ameobi. The coach (Keshi) has spoken about him as he doesn't contract that could stop him from taking part at the Afcon in South Africa next year. But the Nigerian FA has quoted Article 31 (1) of the Fifa statutes and has said it will invoke the five-game suspension on the 32-year-old striker and Newcastle should he be blocked from taking part in the Afcon. v

# P-SQUARE, MI, E.M.E STARS, BEZ, SEYI SHAY, MAVIN STARS, BRYMO & MORE ROCK THE STAGE AT THE 2012 RHYTHM UNPLUGGED IN LAGOS

Hosted by Basketmouth, Bovi and Buchi, the 2012 Rhythm Unplugged took place on Sunday 23rd December 2012 at the Eko Hotel & Suites, Victoria Island, Lagos.

There were musical performances by Tiwa Savage, Timaya, Seyi Shay, Wande Coal, P-Square, Waje, Lynxxx, Chuddy K, May D, Davido, Adewale Ayuba, Vector, Choc Boiz, E.M.E All Stars, Yemi Alade, Dammy Krane, Olamide, Sound Sultan, Efa and Omawumi, while AY, I Go Dye, Gordons, Seyi Law, Aleh Baba and Pencil, got every one laughing with their jokes.

So who rocked the stage? Apparently all the artistes except Nollywood star, Tonto Dikeh. The My Life, My Damage star, who was expected to perform her singles, didn't eventually perform - Sorry pokolets.





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