

## Local News

### [Nigeria's total public debt rises to N27.4tn –DMO](#)

The Federal Government and the 36 states, as well as the Federal Capital Territory, owed a total N27.4tn as of December 2019, according to latest figures released by the Debt Management Office on Wednesday. Click [here](#) to read more.

### [Banks recorded N1.05tn bad loans in 2019 – NBS](#)

Banks' non-performing loans amounted to N1.05tn as of December 2019, the National Bureau of Statistics said on Wednesday. Click [here](#) to read more.

### [FG suspends April savings bond offer](#)

The Federal Government has suspended its April 2020 savings bond offer, as a result of challenges of COVID-19 on the economy. Click [here](#) to read more.

### [Unilever, Dangote Cement lead losers as market sheds N104bn](#)

Transactions on the Nigerian equity market on Wednesday commenced the month of April on a downtrend as Unilever Nigeria Plc and Dangote Cement Plc lead other losers to close the day's trading on the negative rout. Click [here](#) to read more.

## Company News

### [BA expected to suspend 36,000 staff](#)

British Airways is expected to announce it will suspend around 36,000 staff. Click [here](#) to read more.

### [WeWork rescue plan hits a snag as SoftBank backs out of \\$3 billion share buyout](#)

SoftBank is walking away from a sizeable chunk of its WeWork rescue package, which included a near billion dollar windfall for ousted founder Adam Neumann. Click [here](#) to read more.

## International News

### [More than 5,000 coronavirus-related deaths have now been reported in the US](#)

More than 5,000 people have died from the novel coronavirus in the United States, according to data from Johns Hopkins University. Click [here](#) to read more.

### [UK races to convert a convention hall into hospital for coronavirus patients](#)

The United Kingdom will open the doors this week on what could soon be the biggest intensive care unit in the country -- and it was built in about a week. Click [here](#) to read more.

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