

Nigeria: Economic growth masks high unemployment

An overall trend towards economic growth in Nigeria masks the fact that millions have been forced into low-wage jobs in the once industrial north, trade experts warn.

“In the last 15 years more than three million jobs have been directly and indirectly lost in Kano alone with the collapse of more than two-thirds of our industries,” said Ahmed Rabiou, deputy president of the Kano Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

“This has caused a lot of socio-economic hardship to the laid-off factory workers and the multiplier effect on the society is immeasurable.”

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