



GOVERNOR UBA SANI APPROVES N3.1 BILLION FOR RETIREES, FAMILIES OF DECEASED STAFF

By Nabilah Hassan

Kaduna State Governor, Senator Uba Sani has approved the release of the sum of N3.1 Billion for the payment of gratuity for retirees and death benefits for families of deceased staff under the Defined Benefit Scheme

and the Contributory Pension Scheme.

The Governor's action is in tandem with his commitment to ease the hardship faced by the elderly, who are among the state's most vulnerable group, a statement from the Kaduna Government House said.

He said that the

Government was committed to ensuring that upon retirement, workers who had served Kaduna State diligently, have full access to what

was rightfully theirs. The Governor said that the State Government in conjunction with the State Pension Bureau was resolute in ensuring

continuity in the release of payments for gratuity and death benefits to beneficiaries in the state. The Government House *Continue on page 15*

Kaduna Governor launches Nigeria's first 20,000 Litres Liquefied Compressed Gas Facility

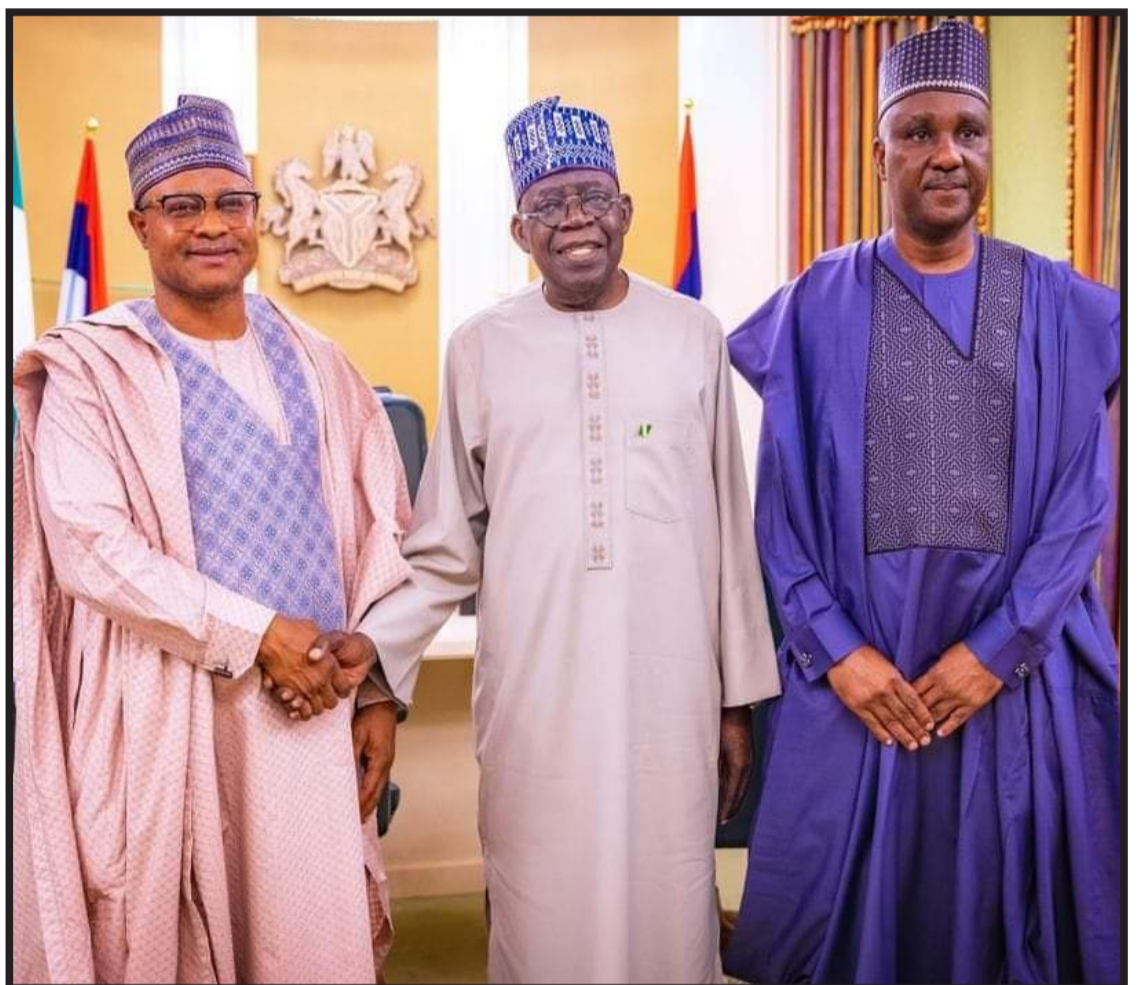
By Nasir Dambatta

Kaduna State Governor, Senator Uba Sani has expressed joy as he inaugurated the first-ever Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and Liquefied Compressed Natural Gas (LCNG) facility in Nigeria with a daily capacity of 20,000 tonnes for distribution across the country.

Inaugurating the LCNG facility in the Kakau area,

along the Kaduna/Abuja highway, the Governor who was represented by the State Commissioner of Public Works and Infrastructure, Ibrahim Hamza, expressed delight to be part of the historic event, adding that the gas facility will go a long way to reduce socio-economic hardship caused by fuel price hikes and currency fluctuations in the global market.

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Governor Uba Sani and Hon. Speaker House of Reps Alhaji Tajudeen Abbass when they visited President Bola Ahmed Tinubu (middle)

Security top priority of government - Governor Uba Sani

By Mock Samuel Kure

Kaduna State Governor Senator Uba Sani, has stressed the need for local government chairmen and

councillors to meet regularly to discuss security issues and take proactive action in order to create an environment conducive for investment and development in the state.

Governor Sani made this call on Tuesday 17th October, 2023, during an interactive meeting with the 23 local government chairmen and councillors, held at Umaru Musa Yaradua Hall, Murtala Square, Kaduna.

Governor Sani directed the local government heads to conduct regular security meetings Bi-weekly or monthly in their respective councils stressing that it is significant to partner with religious and traditional and traditional leaders to improve intelligence gathering and combat emerging security challenges such as kidnapping, armed robbery and other social vices.

"I urge you to support and work closely with security agencies and provide them with the necessary information needed in carrying out their duties. I also want to thank you for

working with the state government in the recruitment of over seven thousand personnel of Kaduna State Vigilance Service:; Governor Sani added.

He drew the attention of the meeting to the negative impact of rural - urban migration on rural development and urged the local government chairmen to collaborate with relevant stakeholders to tackle this issue.

Acknowledging the significance of the rural economy, he assured the leaders of his administration's commitment to identifying and resolving the challenges faced by farmers to promote rural development as part of his initiative for rural transformation.

On financial inclusion, Governor Sani expressed concern at the high number of undeserved and vulnerable individuals in the state and

emphasized his commitment to addressing this which was inherent in his first executive order on financial inclusion.

The Governor assured the local government chairmen that his administration would respect and uphold their autonomy. He encouraged them to utilize the resources at their disposal effectively to promote development within their respective local government areas.

In their response, the local government chairmen pledged their commitment to working closely with the state government to fulfil its 7-point SUSTAIN agenda, which focuses on rural economic transformation and overall development. They expressed their appreciation to the governor for his dedication to rural development and requested his consideration for essential projects within their respective councils.



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Reduction of fees in tertiary institutions: Breaking the barriers to educational pursuit - A news Analysis

By Rose Ndandok

The importance of access to quality higher education cannot be overemphasized because education generally, is crucial for personal growth, economic prosperity and societal advancement. However, the soaring rate of tuition have become a significant barrier for many individuals aspiring to attain a college degree, denying them the realization of their hopes and dreams.

It is within this context and out of the compelling need for and the profound benefits of reducing tuition fees in our tertiary institutions, that Governor Uba

will leave no one or any part of Kaduna behind.

Governor Sani said that the review was done in response to the public outcry over the current fees being charged by tertiary institutions in Kaduna state, as it had become very burdensome and greatly affected school enrolment and retention. The extant fees had also made many students either abandon the pursuit of tertiary education or moved to alternative institutions. He added that the decision to reverse the trend was borne out of his administration's responsiveness to the current realities and also the need to for all its citizens to access quality education.

Reducing tuition fees in tertiary institutions will offer so many significant benefits to the people of Kaduna state; it

knowledge that transforms the society. Only well-educated and healthy persons that have the skills to exercise initiative and the vigour for hard work are required to build a strong society and a prosperous economy. This largely explains why human capital development is key in this administration, considering that no nation in the world can grow beyond the development of its human and material development.

Therefore, the call for reduced tuition fees in Kaduna state is not merely an economic educational matter but a reflection of our values as a society. The decision to review downward, tuition fees by Senator Uba Sani's administration shows a commitment to equal opportunities, to nurturing the



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Prof. Muhammad Sani Bello, Hon. Commissioner of Education

Sani, less than one hundred days into his administration, announced a reduction in tuition fees by between 30 to 50 percent on courses of study and institutions for indigenes in the state-owned tertiary institutions.

The move also demonstrated the Governors solemn commitment to the people of Kaduna state to run a people centred, all-inclusive administration that

will ensure increased accessibility, reduced student debt loan and enhanced economic mobility. Other benefits are higher graduation rates, economic stimulus, increased enrolment and social equity. This in the long run can have a wide-reaching positive impact on individuals, society and the economy, making higher education more attainable for all and creating a more equitable and prosperous future.

The current administration, through its SUSTAIN Manifesto has affirmed that a progressive commitment to the promotion of equal opportunity for all persons has been a key governance feature in Kaduna state since 2015. This has manifested in a steady commitment to expand access to education and health, two key sectors which together have consistently taken the largest chunk of budgetary allocation in the state.

Education has always been the bedrock for development and the advancement of humanity and society in general. Through education, humans acquire

potential of every individual and to fostering a more just and prosperous future for all people of Kaduna state. It is a giant stride toward a more inclusive, enlightened and equitable world, where the doors of opportunity swing wide open for each and every aspiring mind and affirms the saying that the pursuit of knowledge should never be limited by financial circumstances.

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UBA SANI:

Addressing Real Concerns

By Shuaibu Gimi

It is a fundamental part of the appreciation of the enormity of his new assignment that Governor Uba Sani of Kaduna State has, since he assumed duties on 29th May 2023, never rested. His activities are, in terms of significance and scope, more than what such a tiny period would have ordinarily accommodated.

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fast-growing public optimism over the future of the state and the apparent readiness of the various groups of stakeholders to serve as government's reliable partners in the discharge of its functions. The celebration of the first 100 days of the administration, which has just been concluded, was a beautiful opportunity for the people of Kaduna State and other Nigerians to, in various ways, express satisfaction over the efforts of the governor towards the fulfilment of his campaign promises.

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All the reports on the event were full of testimonies on what has already been generally perceived as the commitment of the new government to both the consolidation of past gains and execution of the new plans within the context of the seven-point SUSTAIN AGENDA of the administration. The result of the sector-by-sector assessment of the performances of the state government, so far, is the valid reason for which the public confidence in the governor has thickened.

Having earlier, as a gubernatorial candidate, carried out needs assessment, he is surely now well-equipped to address the numerous real concerns of the various communities in the state. The immediacy with which he commenced consultations with several relevant quarters at all levels over the crucial issues of security, peaceful co-existence and economic development which have so far resulted in both an increased support for the state government towards the fight against violent crimes and the excessive in-flow of long-term investments is a full indication of his adequate preparedness for the job.

There certainly, for example, would not have been the ongoing Mass Housing Project in Kaduna from which not less than half a million families will benefit had the governor not embarked on strategic engagement with the investors from the Republic of Qatar through the country's embassy in Nigeria. A lot of such other advantages either as just proposals or in real terms are obviously products of his result-oriented and therefore laudable initiatives.

Additionally, the reduction of tuition fees by 30 and 50 percent, depending on the courses of study and the institutions, for indigenes in the state-owned advanced schools is, perhaps, the clearest show of absolute responsiveness to people's complaints and susceptibility to wise counsels. This gesture as well as the release of over 200 million naira as scholarship grant and the approval for the establishment, in Hunkuyi of Kudan Local Government Area, of an annex of the Kaduna State College of Education Gidan Waya are effective measures for the increase of people's access to opportunities for the acquisition of higher education.

If all these are appropriately added to the provision of vital equipment to 290 Primary Health Centers, implementation of the Consolidated Medical Salary Scale for doctors working in the State Ministry of Health as well as the employment of 89 additional doctors, recruitment of 7,000 able-bodied youths as personnel of the Kaduna State Vigilance Service and the execution of road projects in various parts of the state, a comprehensive picture of a government that has set out to work for the people will readily emerge. There are also such other equally fundamental components of the approach of the governor to his assignment as the inclusion of not less half of the two million vulnerable, underserved and poor people in the state as beneficiaries of financial services as well as the expansion of the scopes of commercial engagements, skills acquisition and revenue generation, all by signing the relevant laws.

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What I told President Tinubu at the Villa, by Gov Uba Sani

Reporters approached Kaduna State Governor Senator Uba Sani last week when he met President Bola Tinubu with questions on the important issues he discussed with the number one citizen. Excerpts as reproduced by Nasir Dambatta

What important issues did you discuss with the President?

Gov Sani: Many issues. But we have some areas where we need Mr. President's intervention and support, especially in the area of Security as well as all other important programmes of the state government that have to do with agriculture and healthcare. I came here to discuss with Mr. President who has been supportive of what we're doing in Kaduna.

So, it is just a follow up, what he has been doing for us and today I came also to remind him on other areas.

The meeting was very successful. And of course, I am happy because Mr. President has also been able to call some ministries and agencies that we need to collaborate with at the level of federal government. I'm happy also to inform people in my own state that we have a president that has taken Kaduna very seriously, and he is helping us in areas where we as a state cannot be able to attend to or maybe to handle. We need the federal government's support. In that he has been supporting us. He has been giving us the leadership and guidance. And I want to say here that most of the things we're doing in Kaduna without the federal government support and Mr. President support we might not achieve a few of them. I'm happy particularly in area of security. So that is what brought me here today.

What specific commitments have you gotten from the president regarding the security you mentioned?

Gov. Sani: I had a series of meetings with the service chiefs only recently. We need some more boots on the ground in areas like, Birnin Gwari, Giwa, Igabi as well as some local governments around Zangon Kataf, Kaura and some axis of Southern Kaduna. He has stepped up his effort of ensuring that the military generally have considered Kaduna as one of the most important states that need this serious security support and intervention because as you're aware, security is something to do with the federal government, particularly when it comes to issue of the army, the police and the DSS and, as someone who has been in National Assembly for four years before being the governor, I know we need the support of the federal government and Mr. President in particular, for us to be able to address the problem of insecurity in our state.



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Kaduna AGILE distributes Digital Literacy Gadgets to 50 Secondary Schools

By Helen Kaffo

The Adolescent Girls Initiative for Learning and Empowerment (AGILE) Project has distributed digital literacy gadgets to 50 secondary schools in the state as part of efforts to boost the government's ICT literacy drive. Some of the items distributed include 1,250 computers, 50 projectors, 50 motorized projector screen, 50 fireproof safes, 12 months internet connectivity and 5KVA solar powered solution.

Speaking at the event held at Silversand Hotel, Kaduna, the Commissioner of Education, Prof, Muhammad Sani Bello commended the laudable initiative by the Agile Project, stating that in this age, digital literacy was non-negotiable and a must for everyone.

The Commissioner who was presented by the Permanent Secretary of the Teachers' Service Board, Haj, Suwaiba Shehu Ibrahim, stated "just like the saying goes, you educate a woman you educate a nation, if the girl child has this digital skills, which is a requirement now for one to be employable or most importantly, be self-employed, it will empower them to be self employed," adding that the world is taken over by

technology hence the need for us to meet up.

He enjoined all the benefiting schools to take good care of the gadgets and imbibe a good maintenance culture and ensure that they used the items for the purpose which they were meant.

Also speaking, the Executive Chairman of SUBEB, represented by the Permanent Member Schools Management, Dr. Jamil Haruna commended the project for the effort, stating that empowering the girl child would minimize the incidence

of drop out of school and getting involved in drug abuse and other vices.

In her goodwill message at the event, the representative of the Director General of the Kaduna State Schools Quality Assurance Authority (KSSQAA), Amina Abubakar reiterated that distribution of the items was a commendable efforts which should be monitored.

The Project Coordinator of the AGILE Project in Kaduna State,

Hajiya Maryam Sani Dangaji said that the essence of the event was to flag off distribution of computers, projectors, routers and other ICT devices to 50 public schools procured under the AGILE project to ensure that adolescent girls in schools were well informed and trained in computer knowledge.

Each of the 50 schools will be provided with 25 computers, a projector, a projector screen, fireproof safe, 5KVA solar and 12 months internet connectivity.

Deputy Governor Receives 33 Girls Offered Scholarship at Mewar International University

By Peter Ibrahim

The Deputy Governor of Kaduna State, Dr. Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe has received 33 female students who secured full scholarship to study ICT courses at Mewar International University, Nasarawa State. The students were accompanied by the Executive Secretary of Kaduna State Scholarship and Loans Board Hassan Rilwan alongside their parents.

The Deputy Governor expressed delight to receive the beneficiaries of the scholarship and advised them to believe in themselves and support each other in order to overcome any challenges they may face.

The Executive Secretary Scholarship and Loans Board explained that the

scholarship was created to help bridge the huge shortage of girls in ICT in Northern Nigeria inline with Kaduna State's determination to be a knowledge based-economy and be the ICT hub of Northern Nigeria. He informed that the award is for two brilliant and indigent students in each Local Government Area of the State, stressing that the prioritization of Girl Child Education is inline with the SUSTAIN agenda of Senator Uba Sani led administration. Besides the 33 girls, another set of 17 boys will also benefit from the scholarship award.



Dr. Hadiza Balarabe

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BEING THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF HIS EXCELLENCY, SENATOR UBA SANI,
GOVERNOR OF KADUNA STATE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS SWEARING - IN TO OFFICE ON MAY 29, 2023

Today, I pay deserved respect and tributes to all the founding fathers and contemporary leaders of Kaduna State, from the legendary Sardauna of Sokoto, Sir Ahmadu Bello to the immediate past occupant of the exalted office, the phenomenal Mallam Nasir Ahmad El-Rufa'i. We shall remain eternally grateful to these great men for the strategic position Kaduna State continues to occupy in Nigeria. Like our founding fathers desired, Kaduna State shall remain a center of learning and one of the leading industrial hubs in the North and the country in general. Indeed, I am extremely grateful to my leader and mentor, Mallam Nasir Ahmad El-Rufa'i for building a legacy, that I will easily key into to ensure that the progress of this State continues, on all facets. I shall, as your Governor, put Kaduna State first, at all times. I undertake today, to keep the legendary leadership flag of Kaduna State flying very high and to continue to uphold the place of this great State as a political, economic, business, educational and social hub in Nigeria. I am well aware that leadership is not just a job but a calling; and I am very conscious of the fact that as your Governor, the safety, security and welfare of the people of Kaduna State shall be the main focus of this administration in collaboration with the incoming members of the Kaduna State House of Assembly. I come prepared, very determined and imbued with a clear vision for the continued progress of Kaduna state. I am determined to run an administration that will not shy away from taking tough decisions for the greater good of our people. My administration shall undertake programmes and policies that will enhance productivity, encourage creativity and harness the rich diversity and cosmopolitan nature of this State. Our programmes and policies shall be people oriented. I shall run an all-inclusive government that shall leave no one or any part of Kaduna State behind. It is common knowledge that these are tough times both on the economic and security fronts in Kaduna State and indeed the entire nation. In fact, the world at large is at the throes of economic meltdown. I am close to the people enough to know that things have become so tough for many families that they have become anxious and are even beginning to lose hope. For these people, I say to you that I know you, I see you, and I hear you loud and clear. I vow to you today, that as your Governor, I shall work round the clock, deploying all my God-given talents, modern governance tools and the most gifted personnel that this state can boast of, to not only alleviate your condition but to give the majority of our people sustained prosperity and hope again. My administration will be guided by the principles of inclusiveness, fairness, justice and equity. There is no settler/indigene dichotomy in Kaduna State. We are all citizens of Kaduna State with equal rights, privileges and responsibilities. My government will be the government of all. Whether you voted for me or not, I



Senator Uba Sani, Executive Governor Kaduna State

have a responsibility towards you. I will be fair to all. I therefore urge you all to join me so that together we can take our dear state to a higher level. My administration will strive to maximize Kaduna State's unique competitive advantages. My mission is to speedily achieve a secure, peaceful and united Kaduna State that guarantees investment in our economy, hope and certainty for the future. Our people remain our strength and inspiration; the people shall be the priority of my administration. Only people-led programmes can deliver rapid sustainable development in Kaduna State. Kaduna State has had its fair share of bloodletting and unnecessary destructions. To this end, this administration will invest heavily in all legally permissible efforts, including deploying technology for security and law enforcement. Similarly, we shall be assisting the activities of the police, the military, para-military and other security agencies in the State. We shall also engage traditional, religious institutions and community leaders to ensure effective intelligence gathering as well as working towards peaceful and harmonious coexistence within the various communities. The prevailing security situation in the country demands for a significant shift in the current structure. In this regards, I will work with my colleague Governors and members of the National and State Assemblies to make STATE POLICE a reality. I was in the forefront of advocacy for State Police in the 9th Senate. I strongly believe that State Police is the panacea for our perennial security challenges. Security is basically a local affair and it demands for a local approach. My administration will consolidate and build on the unprecedented infrastructural upgrade, which was

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targeted at enhancing public welfare and accelerated economic growth. Going forward, we shall promote accelerated rural development by extending infrastructure to all local government areas with the goal of supporting our rural communities to achieve rapid economic growth. Our governance agenda in the economic sector will seek to sustain the enviable status of Kaduna State as a foremost investment destination in Nigeria, attract investments across more sectors, create jobs and promote the transfer of technology. Kaduna State under my leadership shall continue to focus on agriculture for food security and economic prosperity. We have perfected plans for the expansion of support for Agriculture in several areas.

This administration will be devoted to building and empowering people for development and prosperity. Our commitment to human capital development shall entail detailed focus on social welfare and empowerment through dedicated funds for women and youths, robust social investment programmes for vulnerable persons and extensive pro-poor interventions. We shall also ensure access to education for every child in the state from primary to secondary school; expand access to higher education through a multi-campus system for tertiary institutions; enhance Teachers' Welfare & Teaching Standards; improve School Infrastructure; build ICT competence in our students from basic education level; and intensify investments in Technical & Vocational Education. On Healthcare delivery, my administration will strengthen and expand the standard of services at the Primary Healthcare Centres (PHCs). We will enrol more people into the Contributory Health Insurance Scheme, and extend health insurance cover to the poor and the vulnerable through the Basic Healthcare Provision Fund. My dear brothers and sisters, the elections are over; it is time for the tough job of governance. I shall be a Governor for all. I plead with you all to work with us to achieve peace, safety and security across every community in this state. On my part, I will work assiduously to guarantee the safety

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and security of our hardworking farmers to actively return to their farms during the current farming season. Before I end this inaugural address, I must not fail to pay tribute to my boss, mentor and long standing ally, the pace-setting, innovative and resourceful immediate past Governor of Kaduna State, Mallam Nasir El-Rufai. Mallam Nasir El-Rufai has changed the face of Kaduna State and made it the envy of all. His transformational leadership and developmental drive has redefined and raised the bar of governance. The high standards he has set is both a source of pride and a challenge to we his associates and loyalists. Sir, we shall constantly feed off your huge wealth of experience in our journey to consolidate the good works you have already started in Kaduna State. My immense gratitude goes to our great party, the APC for considering me worthy to fly the ticket of the party in the gubernatorial election. I am happy and fulfilled that I did not fail or compromise the confidence you reposed in me. My administration will be guided by the manifesto, policies and programmes of the party. Similarly, I owe a debt of gratitude to my campaign team and all those who contributed in one way or the other towards our success. I thank my dear wife and members of my family for their full support and the sacrifices they have made and will continue to make in view of my new assignment. Finally, I must express my deep appreciation to my primary constituency, the Civil Rights and Pro - Democracy Movement, and the media for their support and encouragement. I owe them a debt of gratitude for my steady rise in activism and politics. My administration will uphold the values of freedom, liberty, equality, justice and free speech. Our policies and programmes shall be tailored towards the progressive achievement of the people's right to development, expanding the frontiers of fundamental rights and freedoms, and enhancing peaceful coexistence. It is a task we are committed to. With the support of the good people of Kaduna State we shall succeed. Thank you and God bless.

Legal battle continues as Kaduna Governorship Election Tribunal's Ruling shifts to Appeal Court

By Usman Ya'u Yakasai

Despite the affirmation by the Governorship Election Tribunal in Kaduna State that Senator Uba Sani was the rightful winner of the March 18, 2023 gubernatorial election in Kaduna State as declared by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), legal arguments over the tribunal's verdict would continue at the Appeal Court in Abuja.

The INEC Collation Officer, Prof. Lawal Bilbis, had announced that the APC candidate, Uba Sani, was the winner of the contest in the state, having received 730,002 votes, as against his closest rival, Isah Ashiru Kudan of PDP who received 719,196 votes.

The PDP and its candidate however, approach the 3-man Governorship Election Tribunal panel led by Justice Victor O. Oviawe, seeking the nullification of the election, alleging electoral malpractices and non-compliance with the Electoral Act, 2022 and Guidelines. They also claimed that some voters were disenfranchised and requested a rerun as an alternative prayer to their primary request of the declaration of Isa Ashiru as the winner of the election.

The legal team of Governor Uba Sani led by former Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Chief Bayo Ojo, challenged the competence of the petition, arguing that it was filed outside the 21-day period stipulated by Section 285(5) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended), therefore

rendering it statute-barred. They also raised objections regarding non-compliance with Paragraph 18, First Schedule to the Electoral Act, 2022.

The Tribunal in a majority decision, delivered on September 28, 2023, dismissed Isa Ashiru and the PDP's petition based on two out of three grounds for the respondents' preliminary objections. These objectives challenged the competency of the petition due to its alleged abandonment and failure to comply with the provisions of Paragraph 18, First Schedule to the Electoral Act in applying for the pre-hearing notice. The application for pre-hearing notice was filed prematurely, resulting in the petition being considered abandoned.

Following the dismissal of the petition by the Tribunal, Isa Ashiru and the PDP filed a notice of appeal to the Court of Appeal, requesting that the decision of the Tribunal

declaring Senator Uba Sani as the winner be overturned.

Governor Uba Sani in turn filed a cross-appeal, challenging the alternative ruling of the Tribunal which proposed a supplementation election in 22 polling units in the state across four local government areas, arguing that the Tribunal's alternative ruling for a supplementary election in 22 polling units was made in error. Governor Uba Sani's team argued that the Tribunal made a legal error by admitting and relying on the analysis of some forms ECG40G that were pleaded by the petitioners and that the makers of the forms were not called as witnesses, nor were any witnesses called from the respective polling units, adding that there were serious discrepancies in the admitted forms ECG40G, which went against established principles of law regarding the admissibility of documents.

We are focusing on the solid mineral sector to achieve economic diversification-Deputy Governor

By Peter Ibrahim

Kaduna State Deputy Governor Dr Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe has said the state is set to harness the potentials of the solid mineral sector to achieve economic diversification.

She stated this at the opening of an International Conference of the Nigerian Society of Mining Engineers, at Command Guest Inn in Kaduna with the theme "Public Private Partnership: A Tool for Sustainable Development of Nigeria's Mining Industry".

Dr Balarabe said that Kaduna State Government will work in partnership with the Federal Ministry of Solid Minerals Development, professional bodies, and other key industry players to harness the huge potentials of the sector adding that the state was endowed with several mineral resources across the 23 LGAs and that the administration of Senator Uba Sani "has taken very important and significant steps to diversify the state's economy because what we need is a kind of sustainability and stability of the state.

"There is a lot that needs to be done in Kaduna and relying on only one source of revenue will not augur well for the state. So we are looking at other sectors to see how we can get in as much as we can because we have to live by our name as the capital of Northern Nigeria," the Deputy Governor said.

She further said the state government was sustaining the investment drive started by the previous administration to woo more investments, especially in the mining sector, adding that professional bodies like the Nigerian Society of Mining Engineers had a role to play in supporting the state government's effort.

We have held seven Kaduna Investment Summits, Kadinvest and we will soon host Kadinvest 8.0. So we have been open for business and we have expanded our frontiers. There are so many things we can do together with professionals like you to expand our frontiers into other sectors like the mining", Dr. Balarabe said.

The Deputy Governor appealed for the support of the Nigerian Society of Mining Engineers in addressing illegal mining which she said was a big challenge in the sector. She said "this is where we must all put our hands on deck so that the government and the organized private sector can make good of what is available for the benefit of the state."

KADGIS embarks on debt recovery, data update

By Helen Kafei

The Kaduna State Geographic Information Service (KADGIS) has commenced door to door distribution of demand notices/invoices in the metropolitan area of the state, to remind title holders to redeem their obligation for the payment of ground rents and update of property data.

While addressing Field Officers of the exercise at the KADGIS Annex Office Complex, shortly before taking off for the distribution, the Director General of the Service, Mohammad Jalal encouraged them to put in their best to ensure that they gather quality data, as this service was important for effective and efficient service delivery and proper policy implementation in KADGIS.

"Do your best and give us the required result for quality data collection and if you encounter any challenge in the course of the work, don't be afraid to report back to the appropriate channel", he said.

On his own part, the Deputy Director, Land Administration, Abdullahi Tukur, enjoined the field officers to be of good character and cautious in carrying out their duties as field work was

one of the international best practices in any organisation. "We hope that the data you will gather will contribute greatly in uplifting the image of the service," Tukur stated.

The exercise is intended to ascertain properties that have been recertified for digital Certificate of Occupancy, regular allocations that have secured titles and those yet to, as well as existing land title owners who have maintained the land use as contained in their offers, and those who have changed their land use without the consent of the government.

Speaking to press on the exercise and the implication of failure to comply after receiving the bills, Jalal explained that so far, the service had done almost 80 percent of the distribution which would result in tremendous improvement in the collections of charges.

"I always believe that when somebody is owing you, you always need to remind him otherwise, the person can reluctantly decide when to pay you. So we brought this idea of shaming the bills to let people know that they have to pay what is due to the state within the stipulated time," the Director General said, adding that the deadline is 30th December, 2023, for the distribution, while the payment is due by 1st January, 2024, warning that house owners who renege were liable to face revocation.

KDSG Assures of Continuous support to AGILE Project Implementation

By Helen Kafei

Kaduna State Commissioner for Education, Prof. Muhammad Sani Bello, has expressed appreciation to the World Bank for their immense efforts in supporting various developmental initiatives which have contributed to national development especially in the education sector.

He stated this while receiving a delegation of the World Bank and the National Project Coordinating Unit (NPCU) of the AGILE project who were on an Infrastructure Inspection Mission in the State to check the progress of work done on the construction of climate smart infrastructure to support increase in adolescent secondary school girls enrollment especially in rural communities.

The Commissioner, who was represented by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, Dr. Halliru Musa, thanked the world bank for their interventions in the state and the Kaduna State AGILE Project Implementation Unit for their commitment and dedication to ensuring the best quality of work in the constructions and renovations as well as ensuring a balance in meeting all expectations of the World Bank, the Federal Ministry of Education and the Kaduna State Government.

"That is why you see people coming to the Ministry requesting that they want schools to be constructed in their communities but not by the state government, they want theirs to be done under the AGILE project because of the quality of the work of the project, so I really want to thank the SPIU for the good job and encourage them to keep it up", he said.

On observations made on various projects during the inspection visits to some selected schools in the state, the Commissioner assured the delegation that the SPIU will work on all. He requested the world bank to consider providing all the schools constructed by the AGILE project with fire extinguishers.

Earlier the Leader of the visiting team, Mr Koffi of the NPCU commended the Kaduna State AGILE Project for the beautiful and good quality constructions and renovations work being done in the state and expressed satisfaction with what the team saw in the schools visited.

The representative of the world bank, Mr. Abdulmalik commended the Kaduna State PIU for their efforts, spirit of team work which has been the driving force in what the state was achieving in the project rating Kaduna AGILE as the best so far among the implementing states visited.

KDSG committed to women empowerment

Kaduna State Government is firmly committed to promoting gender equality and women's empowerment in all aspects of its development agenda, Deputy Governor, Dr Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe has stated at the Private Sector Forum on Gender Responsive Supply Chains in Kaduna State, organized by the UN Women in collaboration with African Development Bank (AfDB) and Z A M A N I FOUNDATION. According to the Deputy Governor, the administration of Senator Uba Sani believed that empowering women is not only a matter of right, but also a good economic strategy that can boost growth, reduce poverty.

"Our administration led by Governor Uba Sani shares the same belief with UN women, African Development Bank and Zamani Foundation that gender responsive procurement can have a positive domino effect in the value chain through inclusive sourcing and supplier diversity" Dr Balarabe said.

The Deputy Governor said the private sector forum which focused on Gender Responsive Supply Chains, a part of UN Women program on Women Economic Empowerment Through Affirmative Procurement in West Africa, supports women economic empowerment through policy reforms, public sector institutional strengthening, and capacity building of women-owned/women-led businesses to access procurement opportunities in some countries in West Africa including Nigeria. She affirmed the continued support of the State

Government in promoting women empowerment through policies, programmes, legislations, and other activities that would ensure that women's lots are improved. She added that on 28th of October 2022, Kaduna State Government, in collaboration with UN Women and the Norwegian Government, inaugurated three programmes aimed at increasing support for gender equality and women empowerment in the State. "The programmes focused on women, peace, and security; advancement of women's participation in politics and affirmative procurement in Nigeria; and the HeForShe campaign in the State. "I want to reiterate the remark I made that day that "If we want to make progress as a country, we must liberate half of our population, which consists of women, from being undermined, underutilized and de-humanized." "That is why we are very interested in the AfDB-UN Women program titled "Women Economic Empowerment through Affirmative Procurement in West Africa". We believe that this program can make a significant difference in the lives of many women entrepreneurs and workers in Kaduna State and beyond."

Earlier, Director General, Kaduna State Public Procurement Authority, Engineer Sanusi Aminu Yero said the agency has drafted a policy framework for the state and is carrying out sensitization of relevant stakeholders across the state for the smooth implementation of the Affirmative Procurement Reform in Kaduna State.

Governor Uba Sani commits to girl-child education, healthcare

By Nabilah Hassan

Kaduna state Governor, Senator Uba Sani has reiterated that the state government remained committed to eliminating challenges faced by girls in accessing education and healthcare.

"The Kaduna state government has domesticated the Child Rights Act as part of a rollout of child protection services in the state to provide children access to legal rights", Senator Uba Sani said on the occasion of the International Day of Girl Child.

He said that the state government was continuously investing in schools and teachers to give children a decent education in line with world best practices, with interventions such as 12 years free education, from Primary One to the completion of senior secondary school.

The governor, as part of activities to mark his first 100 days in office, launched the construction of 62 new Junior Secondary Schools (JSS) and Senior Secondary Schools (SSS) across the 23 local government areas of Kaduna State. Similarly, a 400-bed hostel was commissioned by the Governor at

Government Girls Secondary School, Kawo where the old structure was destroyed in a fire incident in 2020, now reconstructed with the provision of additional blocks of classrooms. The completion of the project was a fulfilment of promises made by the governor in line with the SUSTAIN-manifesto of his administration, and a demonstration of the importance attached to the excellence of girl-child education in the state.

The Kaduna State government also in furtherance of its commitments to the development of Girl-Child partnering with Google to train 5000 women and girls in Data Science, Artificial Intelligence and the entrepreneurial application of digital technologies in efforts to promote digital inclusion and leverage technology for economic development.

The state government has embarked on renovating and equipping its primary healthcare system under which a total of 290 primary health centres across the state have been revamped so far, where children

0-5 years of age can access free quality medical care.

The governor also used the girl child day to recall that women and children shelter had been commissioned to provide accomodation and other essential services to survivors of gender based violence

(GBV) and other abuses, mobil medical trucks had also been commissioned to boost healthcare services and enhance the well being and survival of the girl-child and other residents of Kaduna state by bringing the screening and diagnosis of

ailments to their doorsteps. While celebrating the resilience of the girl-child, governor Uba Sani gave the assurances of his commitment to ensuring that girls across the state had access to quality education, digital literacy and crucial life skills.



Governor Uba Sani flagged off the distribution of 50kg bag of rice each to 210,000 poor and vulnerable households in Kaduna State at Dankande, Igabi Local Government.

Groundbreaking for the Construction of 62 New Secondary Schools in Kaduna State

By Nasir Dambatta

The Governor of Kaduna State, Senator Uba Sani in his determined effort to fast-track development in the education sector performed the groundbreaking and foundation laying ceremony for the Construction of GSS Nasarawa Rigachikun SNR in Igabi LGA. This marked the

commencement of the Construction of 62 Junior and Senior Secondary Schools across Kaduna State under the Adolescent Girls Initiative for Learning and Empowerment (AGILE) Project. Each Junior Secondary School will comprise a 4-classroom block, a 6-classroom block, and VIP toilets. Similarly, the Senior Secondary Schools will feature

a 4-classroom block, a one-storey building with 8 classrooms, an administrative block, a laboratory, a multipurpose hall, and VIP toilets. These schools will ensure that students have conducive and safe learning environment that will enhance learning outcomes and are expected to be completed between 6-9 months. The Governor, Senator Uba Sani on the occasion reiterated his unflinching commitment and dedication to the development of education in Kaduna State.



Governor Uba Sani

Registration for state social security is free-CPS

By Mock Kure

Kaduna state government has condemned those it described as criminal elements in the society who were reported to be selling forms to residents to enable them register with the State Social Register and benefit from government intervention programmes.

Government said any interventions for the most vulnerable in our society were free and urged people to ignore those allegedly selling such form. "Members of the public are hereby informed that there are no forms on sale under any guise for palliatives or social register", Chief Press Secretary to the Governor, Mallam Muhammad Lawal Shehu said in a press statement.

"Kaduna State Governor, Senator Uba Sani is committed to ensuring that palliatives or any kind of interventions get to the true beneficiaries", Lawal Shehu said adding that, the governor had set up the KDSG Palliatives Committee which came up with modalities for the distribution of palliatives, the committee comprised representatives of the Nigeria Labour Congress, Trade

Union Congress, other members of the Organized Labour, religious and traditional leaders, Civil Society Organization (CSOs), Persons with Disabilities, Local Government Chairmen, Youth and Women Groups.

He said as for the State Social Register which aimed at capturing the under privileged members of the society, residents of Kaduna State are encouraged to contact their respective local government councils for information on the processes to be captured in the Kaduna State Social Register.

Mallam Shehu explained that the Kaduna State Social Register is the database of the poor and the vulnerable households in the state, meant to identify beneficiaries of targeted social protection programmes and other interventions from the government.

"Members of the public are also urged to be extremely vigilant and to report any suspicious activity or diversion of palliatives to the authorities closest to them as all offenders when apprehended will be prosecuted according to the law", the statement added.

Governor Uba Sani harps on need to manage water, food well for sustenance

By Zainab Altine Yusuf

Kaduna State Governor, Senator Uba Sani, has urged people in the state to strive to manage water and food in their homes for sustainable livelihood. "Adopt water-conscious practices, choose local and fresh foods, reduce food and water wastage, and find safe ways to reuse water while preventing pollution," the governor enjoined the people on the occasion of 2023 World Food Day in the state.

"On World Food Day 2023, we recognize the critical role that water plays ensuring food security in Kaduna state and across the world," he said, adding "this year's theme "Water is Life, Water is Food. Leave No One Behind," conveys a potent and succinct message. It underscores that water is the essence of life itself. Without access to clean and safe water, human survival is at risk. Water isn't just a resource, it's fundamental for our existence".

Governor Uba Sani said the state government was committed to providing communities, especially those in rural areas with access to clean water and food.

He said government had adopted a proactive approach to achieving this objective: The Kaduna State Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (KADRUWASSA) for instance was implementing programmes such as the Partnership for Expanded Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (PEWASH) and Sustainable Urban and Rural Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (SURWASH) to provide Water, Sanitation and Health (WASH) services.

The Governor also said that the government was committed to attaining Open Defecation Free (ODF) status by 2024, one year before the national deadline. This is evident in the assessment by UNICEF's Chief of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene during a visit to Kaduna State who lauded the proactiveness as 7 LGAs had already been declared ODF free.

"Water pollution has far-reaching impacts on our foods, environment, the economy, and health this is why in partnership with UNICEF, we recently constructed ventilated improved pit (VIP) latrines and hand wash stations across the state. We have also undertaken borehole construction and rehabilitation

projects", governor Sani further stated.

The Governor said that to ensure the sustainability of WASH facilities, continuous training and retraining programmes for local area mechanics had equipped them with the skills to repair broken down boreholes in communities. "This has resulted in the rehabilitation of numerous boreholes, benefitting thousands in our rural communities," he added.

Senator Uba Sani seized the opportunity of the occasion to pay tribute to farmers in the state who he described as "food heroes" despite numerous challenges. "They are the backbone of our food security, providing sustenance and supporting our local and national economies", he added.

He said that in line with the administration's SUSTAIN manifesto there were plans for massive agricultural improvement, innovation and sustainability while improving market access. "We are dedicated to addressing the challenge of producing more with less water, ensuring equitable water distribution, preserving aquatic food systems, and leaving no one behind".



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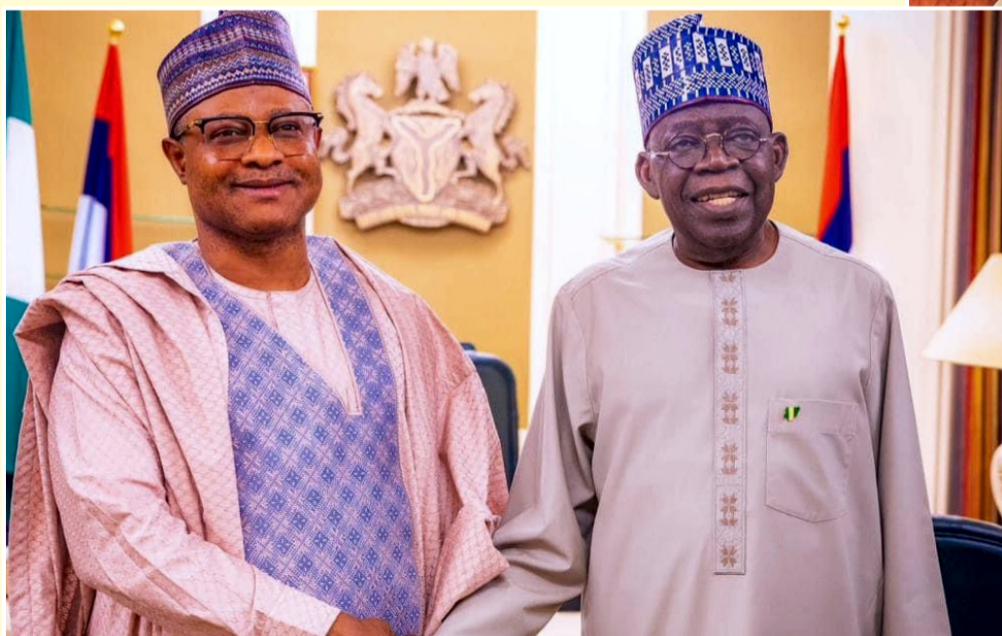
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Dr. Halliru Musa, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education Kaduna State in a group photograph with the delegation of the World Bank and the National Project Coordinating Unit (NPCU) of the AGILE project during the Inspection Mission in Kaduna

THE WORLD BANK TEAM, NPCU AND MINISTRY OFFICIALS ON TOUR OF PROJECTS



KADUNA:

Why Ashiru Is Not Coming

By Ibraheem Musa

In reality, the mind chooses what to see and believe, and this optical illusion is a field of study in social science. Mirage, selective perception and phantasmagoria, are real mental challenges. Indeed, the last general election, in Kaduna State, has provided ample case studies for experts' analyses. In fact, from campaign to voting, including election results and litigation, the opposition was disconnected from reality. Largely, PDP top hats, as well as its rank and file, are still living life in the clouds. Therefore, their claim to electoral victory, in the gubernatorial poll, defies logic, common sense and facts on the ground. First, their

message, channel of communication and manner of delivery, were flawed from the outset. The PDP, in all its outreach, kept serving the same cuisine to the electorate, with monotonous effect. The party, in the

last campaign, had harped on demolition, sacking of teachers and civil service reforms, to de-market APC. However, they promised nothing new but kept regurgitating old themes and tales by moonlight. Clearly, the stale news was no longer exciting as the issues had dominated the 2019 election. Therefore, dredging them up in 2023, four years later, was boring to the electorate and besides, it was unimaginative and bereft of ideas. Truly, under El Rufai, APC had re-engineered Kaduna State and reinvented the wheel of governance. However, the policy was unpopular in some quarters but overall, it made positive impact, especially the urban renewal programme, increased revenue generation, as well as women and youth inclusion. Indeed, the surgical operation spilled some bad blood but the dividends of reform, three years down the road, had started manifesting in 2022. However, with blinkers on, the PDP still campaigned on the past, but

APC promised a better future for the people of Kaduna State. Naturally, the electorate voted for hope over scaremongering in the last election. Significantly, apart from the message, the dissemination was also defective. Entirely, PDP built its campaign on publicity and daily, it churned out radio and television jingles, interviews and sundry media appearances. In fact, the party chose media engagement over rallies, meeting focal groups and door-to-door campaign. Conversely, APC Campaign Council went all over the state, held rallies in all 34 state constituencies, met with stakeholders and paid courtesy calls to royal fathers. In all, the gubernatorial candidate, Senator Uba Sani, APC state and federal lawmakers candidates, senior government officials canvassed for support, promising

a better tomorrow. Similarly, in Giwa, Kudan and Kajuru local governments, Senator Uba Sani commissioned projects, promising more dividends of democracy when elected. Likewise, he donated vehicles to religious groups, the

“However, in spite of this mileage, PDP lived on false hope, fantasized about victory, lived a lie and believed it. Sadly, on this note, the party went to the polls on March 18, 2023, and the outcome was predictable.”

Nigerian Union of Journalists, Kaduna State Council and women organisations during the campaign. Besides, members of the Campaign Council, from the Neighbour-To-Neighbour Directorate, to the Directorate of Students' Matters, including the Youth Directorate, held separate engagements with stakeholders at different times. In addition, the Director General of the Campaign, members of Strategic Communication and sundry others, made 26 radio and TV appearances, selling Senator Uba Sani and other APC candidates. However, in spite of this mileage, PDP lived on false hope, fantasized about victory, lived a lie and believed it. Sadly, on this note, the party went to the polls on March 18, 2023, and the outcome was predictable. Indeed, PDP elements and the opposition, before the results were announced, took over the social media, conjured figures, raising tension

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Statement quoting the governor said that timely releases of these funds will aid in ameliorating the ripple effects of the current economic realities, especially for the elderly who have

retired from active service.

It said that a full list and details of beneficiaries would be released by the State Pension Bureau soon for necessary action.

Kaduna Governor launches Nigeria's first ...

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The project, which was spearheaded by Greenville LNG has 20,000 metric tonnes capacity to be distributed across the country from Kaduna as the pivotal station with 25 hubs.

Earlier, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Greenville LNG, Mr. Eddy Van Den Broeke said the mission of the company extended beyond addressing fuel shortages, adding that it encompasses

contributing to a greener and more sustainable Nigeria. "As we inaugurate this Kakau station, we also unlock investment opportunities for local businesses in Kaduna State's industrial and automotive gas sectors", he added.



A group photograph of benefiting schools of Digital Literacy items donated by AGILE SPIU at the event.

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and anxiety as a result. Selectively, they released their own results and gullible supporters, blinded by partisanship, chanted "Ashiru Is Coming." The party, for two days, kept spreading this falsehood and its apparatchiks claimed victory. On March 20, INEC released the official results and Professor Lawal Bilbis, the returning officer, declared Senator Uba Sani, the APC candidate, as Governor-elect. Specifically, the victor scored 730, 002 votes while Isa Mohammed Ashiru, the PDP flag bearer, polled 719, 196 votes. Consequently, facebook lawyers and paralegals, arm chair analysts as well as partisan pundits, took over the mainstream and social media and denounced the results. Predictably, PDP rushed to the Election Petition Tribunal, alleging foul play, wanting to upturn Senator Uba Sani's victory. In fact, the party filed petition in June and for three months, legal fireworks ensued as both parties, through their counsel, argued back and forth at the Tribunal. However, laymen, party loyalists and influencers, swooped down on social media spewing the usual "Ashiru Is Coming" mantra. Sometimes, they added a Hausa phrase to the mix, "Akwai Haske", meaning there is hope. However, on September 28, their hope was dashed and Ashiru, like his supporters, went home disappointed from the

Tribunal. The verdict, in a 2: 1 split decision, dismissed Isa Ashiru's petition on technical ground at the beginning of the judgement. Similarly, in another decision, the Justices yet again declared the March election inconclusive, ordered a re-run in seven wards, four local governments and 24 polling units, comprising 16,300 voters. Indeed, the first ruling had technically knocked off Ashiru's petition ab initio and the second verdict was like medicine after death. Undaunted, Ashiru and the PDP, in another futile attempt, have appealed the judgement of the Tribunal. Significantly, assuming without conceding, that a re-run is held and Governor Uba Sani and Isa Ashiru are on the ballot, the

"However, in spite of this fact, coupled with their poor campaign strategy, lack of clear and articulate message, including failure to reach out to voters directly, PDP elements are still dreaming that 'Ashiru Is Coming.'"



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TRIBUNAL VICTORY: HOUSE SPEAKER, ARMY CHIEF, OTHERS REJOICE WITH KADUNA GOVERNOR

By Nasir Dambatta

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Abbas Tajudeen, Chief of Defence Staff and Chieftains of some political parties in Kaduna State have congratulated Governor Uba Sani on his victory at the Election Petitions Tribunal. The Speaker said in a media statement that Gov. Sani's victory "has affirmed the massive support he received from the people of Kaduna State during the March governorship election." Tajudeen also noted that Governor Uba Sani had "already started justifying the trust and the support he got from his people by initiating people-oriented programmes and projects in the state." During a working visit to Kaduna State, the Chief of Defence Staff, Major-General Christopher Musa also congratulated the governor on his affirmation by the

elections Tribunal. "We feel privileged to have you as the governor of Kaduna State because you have a good heart..." the army chief declared. Meanwhile, a delegation of 5 opposition parties in the State have also paid a courtesy visit

to the office of Governor Sani at the Sir Kashim Ibrahim House, veteran Kaduna politician and former Commissioner of Information, Alhaji Rabiu Bako congratulated Governor Sani, describing the victory at the tribunal as a blessing for

democracy in the State. Many interest groups and associations had earlier sent letters of congratulations to Senator Uba Sani for the affirmation of his victory as the duly elected governor of the State.

POVERTY: Kaduna Govt tasks private, public sector on synergy

Governor Uba Sani has urged leaders in the public and private sectors to ensure synergy with long-lasting and proactive strategies to alleviate poverty and its ripple effects in the country. This was contained in a statement by the Chief Press Secretary to the Governor Muhammad Lawal Shehu to commemorate the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty with the theme "Decent Work and Social Protection: Putting Dignity in Practice for All".

He explained that as leaders, they must as a matter of urgency review social and economic policies to reflect the current realities of the most vulnerable and underserved communities, especially those in the rural areas. The public and private sectors must partner and come up with lasting solutions to end poverty and hunger," Governor Sani stressed.

An illustration of this effective public-private

partnership is the Qatar Sanabil Project for the Construction of Kaduna Economic and Mass Housing for the Less Privileged at Millennium City, Kaduna." When completed, the Economic City will provide world-class infrastructure and make Kaduna a reference point in modern and affordable accommodation, adequate security, and conducive atmosphere for business activities." The Economic City will also

facilitate international trade. In the Economic City, there will be Houses for the Poor, Clinics, Shops, Poultry Farms, Farmlands for the Rainy Season, and Irrigation Farming." The Mass Housing Project for the Less Privileged is a major contribution towards putting roofs over the heads of the poor, underserved, and vulnerable in our state," he added.

KDSG APPOINTS NEW SSG

By Mustapha Ikolaba

The Governor of Kaduna State, Senator Uba Sani has approved the appointment of Dr. Abdulkadir Mu'azu Mayere as the Secretary to the Kaduna State Government. He replaces Mallam Balarabe Abbas Lawal who has been appointed Minister of Environment by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

progressing through the ranks from Medical Officer II to become a Director, Sports Medicine at the Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports in 2011. He was appointed a Federal Permanent Secretary in 2017.

Dr. Mayere is a Senior

National Consultant to Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations on "Hand in Hand Initiative in Nigeria," which is working with Federal MDAs and some states on achieving SDG #1 and SDG#2. He is married with Children.



Dr. Abdulkadir Muazu Mayere, Kaduna State SSG

Dr. Abdulkadir Mu'azu Mayere is a retired Federal Permanent Secretary who has served at different times in the Ministry of Mines and Steel Development and Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, two ministries considered strategic to the socio-economic development of Nigeria and the fight against poverty, hunger and achieving food security.

He served for 32 years in the Federal Public Service,

By Farida Adamu

Kaduna State Governor, Senator Uba Sani has congratulated two serving members of the Kaduna State cabinet who were recently conferred with Senior Advocate of Nigeria, SAN. They are the Attorney General and Commissioner of Justice, Sule Shuaibu, and Deputy Chief of Staff (Legal and Legislative Matters), Chris Adapar Umar. A statement by the Chief Press Secretary to the Governor, Mallam Muhammad Lawal Shehu quoted the governor as describing the legal luminaries as "highly resourceful, articulate, eloquent and hardworking", adding that they both have made immeasurable contributions to the advancement of the legal profession in Nigeria and the progress and development of Kaduna state. Born in 1967, Sule Shuaibu who is from Kaduna North Local Government Area, holds an LL.B from Bayero University Kano and a Masters Degree in Law from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. He was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1992 and has diligently practice as a lawyer for over three decades, holding leading positions such as Chairman Nigerian Bar

Association Kaduna Chapter, Member Federal Government Assessment Committee on Federal Unity Colleges, Member Nigerian Bar Association Disciplinary Committee, amongst others. Chris Adapar Umar Esq, is a graduate of the University of Abuja and holds a Masters Degree in Industrial and Labour Relations from the Kaduna State University, International Practice Diploma from College of England and Wales. He was called to the Nigerian Bar in 2002 and appointed a Notary Public in 2010. In a career spanning over 22 years in the private and public sectors, Chris Umar has served in several capacities such as the Special Adviser, Legal Matters, Secretary and Legal Adviser Kaduna State Board of Internal Revenue (KADIRS), Solicitor General and Permanent Secretary Ministry of Justice Kaduna State, Member and Alternate Chairman Kaduna State Law Review Committee. He is a member of the Nigerian Bar Association, International Bar Association, Nigerian Institute of Management, Chartered Institute of Arbitration UK and Commonwealth Association of Legislative Counsel.

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