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DRONE BOMBING TRAGEDY :

KDSG ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR TUDUN BIRI ORPHANS

By: Nabila Hassan

The government of Kaduna State will henceforth assume full responsibility for the upkeep and other necessities of the children orphaned by the drone misfire on Tudun Biri which claimed many lives of Maulud celebrants, Governor Uba Sani has said. He said in a media interview that the children have no one else to turn to having lost their parents in the unfortunate incident and that most of them were tender.

The Governor said that this is in addition to their full entitlements of compensation from the Federal Government. He said that since the incident happened Sunday he was in consultation with

President Ahmed Bola Tinubu which led to the visit to the state by the Vice-president Senator Kashim Shettima. The Governor said that apart from visiting the injured at the Barau Dikko

Specialist Hospital, Kaduna the Vice-president held consultation with Islamic religious leaders, the CAN and Tudun Biri community leaders on measures to take on the matter.

He said the mistaken bombing incident also claimed the lives of three non- Muslims who were not in the Maulud procession.

He said that the president had in his discussion with him assured that the victims will be fully compensated a position the Vice-president conveyed to him when he led the Federal Government delegation to the state.



A Meeting of the Northern States Gov's Forum held at the Sir Kashim Ibrahim House on Friday. From left is Gov. Uba Sani, Chairman of the forum, Alhaji Inuwa Yahaya Gov. of Gombe State (Centre), and Gov. Umara Zulum of Borno State.

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Gov. Uba Sani presents ₦458bn 2024 draft budget to Town Hall meeting, calls for public inputs

By Usman Ya'u Yakassai

Kaduna State Governor, Senator Uba Sani on Tuesday continued with his inclusive governance approach through citizens engagement, civil society and with professional bodies when he presided over a town hall meeting for the public presentation of his draft 2024 budget of over N458 bn

Tagged "Budget of Rural Transformation for Inclusive Development," Governor Sani emphasized that the proposed budget represents a paradigm shift aimed at positively impacting the lives of every citizen of Kaduna State.

While highlighting the 2024 fiscal estimates, Governor Sani said the proposed budget and its

implementation targeted rural revitalization emphasizing the importance of transparency and good governance in the budget process.

He announced that town hall meetings would be held in each of the three senatorial zones every two months to engage with citizens, monitor, and advise on the

implementation of the budget.

"I urge citizens and civil society organizations to channel projects they consider significant to the Ministry of Budget and Planning for consideration as part of our efforts in involving citizens in the decision-making process", the Governor stated.

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Governor Uba Sani said that steps to be taken to assuage the trauma of the affected community include construction of hundreds of housing units, hospital, school in the area as well as assistance to farmers to aid them in their agricultural activities.

He also said that the president had agreed with his suggestion on the need to compensate the victims and that religious leaders will have to meet on that to arrive at what the compensation would entail.

On the injured victims of the drone strike, Governor Uba Sani said that the state government would bear fully bills for their treatment until they were completely recovered.

On the investigation into the matter, the governor said that Mr president had assured him that there was need for thorough investigation into the incident in order to forestall its recurrence anywhere else in the country adding that the magnitude of the sad accident is such that the outcome should be decided in a matter of weeks not months.

Vice-president Shettima had told journalists shortly after visiting the hospital in Kaduna that an in-depth investigation would be conducted to get to the bottom of the accidental drone strike and those found culpable would be punished.

Governor Uba Sani promised to follow up on the Federal Government's measures to their fruition.

Governor Uba Sani launches 2024 Armed Forces Remembrance Day Emblem in Kaduna

By Farida Adamu

Kaduna State Governor, Senator Uba Sani has launched the emblem for the 2024-Armed Forces Remembrance Day on Wednesday 13th December 2023, at a ceremony in Kaduna.

In his remarks, Governor Sani paid tribute to Nigerian heroes deceased and alive, for their sacrifices and selfless service in protecting the

integrity, unity, and stability of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

“Since the colonial period, our Armed Forces have been defending Nigeria and other nations. Many of our gallant men and women have paid the ultimate price in the course of keeping the peace at home and abroad. Their acts of valour and heroism will forever be remembered and appreciated by Nigeria and Nigerians.

Today gallant members of

the Armed forces are spread across different fronts battling bandits, terrorism, insurgency and other criminal elements, recording successes despite huge challenges. Many have been away from their families for months and years.” Governor Sani said.

Governor Sani while acknowledging the sacrifices of the veterans called for continuous support for them and their families adding that one way to show support was

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KDSG Encourages Private Investment

By Peter Ibrahim

Kaduna State Government will continue to promote private investments for economic growth, job creation, poverty reduction and better social services for its citizens. This was disclosed by Gpvernor Senator Uba Sani, Governor of Kaduna State, at the

commissioning of a Neighborhood Center at Sabon Gari, Zaria. The governor, who was represented by his deputy, Dr. Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe, further stated that the desire to finance infrastructure and social services can better be supported by the private sector. He said that Public Private Partnerships

(PPPs) also offer the possibility of improved accountability of resources deployed for projects, improved quality of projects, improved service efficiency, and transfer investment risk away from government. In his remarks at the occasion, the Emir of Zazzau, Dr. Ahmad Nuhu Bamali appreciated the government of Kaduna State for the PPP initiative and described it as very durable. He called on government not to relent in its measures to provide jobs and other amenities for its citizens. Also speaking, the General Manager of Kaduna Agricultural Development Agency, Mal. Muhammad Rili, said that the Neighborhood Center will generate about 200 direct and indirect jobs for citizens, especially those



Deputy Governor Dr. Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe being assisted by the Emir of Zaria left commissioning the project

ACJMC crafts rules to streamline criminal proceedings

By Hadiza Oyiza Ismail

The Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Committee (ACJMC) has commenced a pivotal session aimed at formulating the Administration of Criminal Justice 'Rules'. These rules stand to uphold the law's primary objective, particularly in streamlining the effective management of criminal justice entities, expediting judicial processes, safeguarding society from crime, and ensuring the protection of the rights and

interests of suspects, defendants, and victims. Chaired by the State Chief Judge, Justice Tukur Muazu Aliyu, the meeting was attended by prominent legal persons including the Grand Khadi, President of the Customary Court of Appeal, Legal Aid Council representative, the Director of Public Prosecution of the Ministry of Justice, Nigerian Bar Association Chairpersons from Zaria, Kaduna, and Barnawa, a chief magistrate and a delegate from the Public and Private Development Centre,

Governor Uba Sani appoints Executive Chairman, Kaduna State Pilgrims Welfare Agency, deploys former secretary to KEPA

Kaduna State Governor Senator Uba Sani has appointed Malam Salihu S. Abubakar as Executive Chairman of the Kaduna State Pilgrims Welfare Agency vesting him with all the powers in the Executive Secretary of the Agency.

A statement by the Chief Press Secretary to the Governor Malam Muhammad Lawal Shehu said that the decision was to ensure the success of the 2024 Hajj operations.

It said the Secretary of the Special Committee on

2024 Hajj will serve as the Administrative Secretary of the Agency. The rest of the committee members will perform the functions of Board Members of the Agency, the statement added.

According to the statement, the Executive Secretary, Kaduna State Pilgrims Welfare Agency, Dr Yusuf Yakubu Arrigasiyyu has been redeployed to Kaduna State Environmental Protection Authority (KEPA) as Managing Director..

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Governor Sani revealed that his administration aims to facilitate financial inclusivity by targeting one million unbanked people to open bank accounts, thereby bridging the gap in access to financial services. The proposed budget places a strong emphasis on key sectors such as education, agriculture, health, and security, which

are set to receive the lion's share of the budget. This underscores the administration's commitment to rural transformation and inclusive development. Earlier, the Commissioner of Budget and Planning, Muktar Ahmed highlighted that citizen inputs foster partnership and build trust between the state and its citizens.

He said the proposed budget of 458,271,299,477.66 was aligned to the 7-point SUSTAIN agenda of the Governor and was designed to translate into tangible rural transformation. He said the State Government proposed to spend 139,434,722,889.34 on recurrent expenditure and 318,836,576,588.28

was to be expended as capital expenditure. During the meeting, members of civil society organizations commended Governor Sani for his commitment to open governance and expressed confidence in his ability to implement the draft budget once it was passed into law by the State House of Assembly.

KADSEMA focuses on fire prevention

By Saminu Abdullahi Umar

The Executive Secretary of the Kaduna State Emergency Management Agency, Dr. Usman Hayatu Mazadu, has stressed the need to focus on enhancing the state government's capabilities

on fire prevention. inspections and the renewal of public safety certificates.

"Following my recent appointment to oversee KADSEMA's activities in alignment with our strategic planning, we are proud to unveil a comprehensive initiative dedicated to fire safety

prevention and the renewal of safety certificates for all business premises in the state", he said.

He said they aimed to ensure strict adherence to safety protocols and regulations, thereby mitigating fire risks and coordinating emergency preparedness to guarantee compliance across all

commercial establishments.

Dr. Mazadu said that there was noticeable increase in fire-related accidents impacting businesses and communities, prompting the need to emphasize proactive measures. "Our fire and public safety department is moving towards digitizing

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Uba Sani:

A Leader in need in times of crisis

By Dauda Ibrahim

In moments of crisis, true leaders emerge, bringing hope, compassion, and a commitment to justice. Governor Uba Sani has proven himself to be such a leader through his swift response to the unfortunate incidents that occurred in Tudun Biri. With his proactive approach, he has not only initiated a comprehensive investigation but also ensured compensation from the federal government and the rebuilding of the affected community. This article aims to analyze and highlight Governor Uba Sani's capacity as a blessing and a true leader during this challenging time. A Swift Response: Governor Uba Sani's immediate and decisive action following the incidents in Tudun Biri reflects his commitment to the welfare of the affected families and the community at large. Unlike the state leadership of the PDP, who failed to show empathy and refused to send condolences, Governor Uba Sani swiftly stepped in, providing a ray of hope to those affected. His prompt response demonstrates his ability to prioritize the well-being of the people he governs. Comprehensive Investigation: Governor Uba Sani's initiation of a

comprehensive investigation into the incidents showcases his dedication to ensuring justice is



Gov. Uba Sani

served. By taking this step, he has shown his commitment to holding accountable those responsible for the tragedy. This investigation not only brings hope to the affected families but also sends a strong message that no one is above the law. Governor Uba Sani's efforts to uncover the truth demonstrate his integrity and determination to bring closure to those affected. Compensation and Rebuilding: Understanding the immense loss and devastation faced by the Tudun Biri community, Governor Uba Sani has

secured compensation from the federal government. This act of compassion and support provides a lifeline to the affected families,

helping them rebuild their lives and recover from the tragedy. Furthermore, his commitment to rebuilding the community showcases his long-term vision for the region, ensuring that Tudun Biri can thrive once again. Capacity and Prioritization: Governor Uba Sani's actions throughout this crisis underscore his capacity as a leader. He has shown the ability to make swift decisions, mobilize resources, and coordinate efforts to address the immediate needs of the affected families. By prioritizing their well-being, he has

demonstrated his genuine concern for their welfare. Governor Uba Sani's leadership during this difficult time sets an example for others, emphasizing the importance of empathy, compassion, and proactive governance. Governor Uba Sani's response to the incidents in Tudun Biri exemplifies his role as a blessing and a true leader. His swift action, comprehensive investigation, compensation efforts, and commitment to rebuilding the community highlight his capacity and dedication to ensuring justice and support for those affected. In times of crisis, leaders like Governor Uba Sani bring hope, reassurance, and the promise of a brighter future. As the region heals and rebuilds, his leadership continues to shine as a beacon of hope and resilience.

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By Dauda Ibrahim Gora
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Tudun Biri: United in grief

By Ibraheem Musa

Sometimes, it takes a monumental tragedy, colossal loss of lives and property, to rouse our common bond and shared humanity. Usually, natural disasters, accidents and wars, elicit empathies across board. In fact, the whole world stood with the United States, in the year 2011, when terrorists rammed airplanes into the World Trade Centre on September 9.

Similarly, Blacks, Caucasians and Asians, have sided with Palestinians over Israel's bombardment of Gaza. Likewise, Nigerians of every hue, political affiliations and across ethno-religious divides, are still grieving with Kaduna State. Indeed, penultimate Sunday, Tudun Biri was bombed by drones, also known as Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, killing over 100 people, injuring several and maiming many villagers.

Significantly, the reaction came thick and fast as the bombing was roundly condemned. However, unlike before, the culprits were contrite, the authorities showed more concern and so far, the promises seem genuine and not the usual platitudes. Indeed, Major General Valentine Okoro, General Officer Commanding 1st Mechanized Division, has owned up to the bombing on behalf of his men. Likewise, the Chief of Army Staff, Lt General Taoreed Lagbaja, rushed down to the killing field, two days after the attack.

Lagbaja, along with top military brass, condoled with the grieving, apologized to the people of Tudun Biri, the District Head of Rigasa and the citizens of Kaduna State, for the fatal error.

Likewise, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, in far away United Arab Emirates, has condemned the attack, ordered an investigation and directed a comprehensive medical attention for the injured. Tinubu, beyond condemnation, dispatched Vice President Kashim

to mourn with the bereaved with the Governor.

Specifically, Senator Uba Sani, Vice President Shettima and other dignitaries, beyond the visits, also made promises to the people of Tudun Biri. In particular, the Federal Government plans, in line with its Pullako Initiative, to rebuild the village, provide clinics, schools, veterinary clinics and houses for the people. Besides, the Vice President, Minister of State for Defence, Alhaji Bello Matawalle, Senate

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Shettima, Alhaji Badaru Abubakar, Minister of Defence and Dr Abdullahi Umar Ganduje, as well as Hon Tajudeen Abbas, Speaker of House Representatives, to Kaduna a condolence visit last Thursday. Indeed, Shettima and Co, including Governor Uba Sani, visited the victims at Barau Dikko Hospital. Similarly, they met with Islamic clerics, various stakeholders and senior government officials, at Sir Kashim Ibrahim House, bearing messages of hope. Likewise, the National Security Adviser, Malam Nuhu Ribadu, went to Tudun Biri village, with Northern Senators in tow,

President Godswill Akpabio and House Speaker Tajudeen Abbas, as well as General Lagbaja, gave N10 million each to cater for the injured. Similarly, Deputy Senate President Jibril Barau and Senator Lawal Adamu Usman, donated N5 million each while the former Vice President Namadi Sambo gave N2 million for the same purpose. Separately, Malam Nasir El Rufai, former Kaduna State Governor and His Highness, Alhaji Muhammadu Sanusi II, gave N10 million each. Collectively, the 109 Senators have donated their December salaries, amounting to over N109

million, to the people of Tudun Biri.

Indeed, error attacks, friendly fires and accidental killings, according to Senator Ali Ndume, have occurred about 16 times across the country but the Tudun Biri bombing stands out. First, the Army owned up without equivocation, apologized profusely and followed up with condolence visits. Likewise, the Federal and Kaduna State Governments acted swiftly, provided medical attention to the injured and went to the crime scene, instead of issuing knee jerk press releases of "regrets" and "condemnations". Muslims, irrespective of sects, condemned the attack and the body of Christ, represented by the Christian Association of Nigeria, upbraided the bombing of Muslims while celebrating Eid-ul-Maulud. Specifically, in an interview with ARISE TV, Rev Joseph John Hayab, Kaduna State CAN Chairman, attributed the paradigm shift to Governor Uba Sani's olive branch. This, according to him, has improved the security situation in the state.

May Nigerians, citizens of Kaduna State and religious bodies, build on the new found unity, brotherliness and show of affection, to open a new chapter on inter and intra religious harmony, as well as communal peace in the country. Above all, may Allah(SWT) grant the deceased Jannatul Firdaus.

Ibraheem Musa was the Director Strategic Communication of the Kaduna APC Campaign Council

Kaduna State trains 8,500 teachers on digital literacy and Information

By Hauwa Mohammed

Universal Basic Education Board (KADSUBEB) has commenced the training of teachers on digital literacy and ICT. The training was supported by Better Education Service Delivery for All (BESDA), in collaboration with the State University (KASU) that provided the ICT centre.

The board's director of human resources, Ahmed Sani, said when the board conducted competency tests for teachers, it realised that they had deficiency in computer knowledge and operations. He said the board found it crucial to train the teachers, considering the importance of computer literacy in education and everyday life, adding that

there is nothing more expected of a teacher than the ability to do modern things in research and teaching students to enhance teaching skills and learning ability for learners.

“With this training, we want to enhance the knowledge of both the teachers and students.

“The teacher is very pivotal in educational issues; when he/she acquires knowledge in a modern way, he/she will also transfer in the same way,” he said.

He urged the teachers to ensure maximum utilisation of the opportunity to enhance their knowledge and research.

Also, Dr Christy Aladimerin, a permanent member of human resources of

SUBEB, said the training was to strengthen the teaching capacity of those who performed very well in the initial competency test.

“We also encourage teachers to do a lot of research. The training is not for them alone; we want them to pass it down

to the learners. Adding that “We have placed supervision mechanisms to know if the teachers are putting into practice what they learnt,”

The 7-day training drew teachers from Kaduna, Zaria and Kafanchan Senatorial districts.



Cross section of teachers at the ICT Training

KDSG Strengthens its disaster Early Warning System

By Peter Ibrahim

Kaduna State Government is enhancing the state's early warning and early response system by equipping the Local Emergency Management Committees at the local government levels with the necessary knowledge and tools to detect, report, and respond to disasters.

Kaduna State Deputy Governor, Dr. Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe, stated this when she declared open a two-day

workshop organized for Local Emergency Management Committees from the 23 LGAs and stakeholders in the emergency response sector, organized by the Kaduna State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) with the support of EU Humanitarian Aid, UNICEF, Christian Aid and Nigerian Red Cross Society during the week. Dr Balarabe said the workshop represented a pivotal moment in Kaduna State's efforts to enhance disaster

preparedness and strengthen the Early Warning System (EWS) capacity of our Local Emergency Management Committees (LEMCS) across the state.

She said the purpose of the workshop was to increase the capacity to update the risk knowledge component under the Early Warning System (EWS), assess and establish hazard monitoring tools and



Dr. Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe

systems for EWS, establish a community communication system for Early Warning System, as well as linking the preparedness

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Vice President Kashim Shettima meets Kaduna State Government officials on arrival from Abuja on condolence visit over the Tudun Biri tragedy



NSA Nuhu Ribadu, Governor Uba Sani and other VIPs praying at the grave side of the deceased in Tudun Biri



Deputy Country Rep. UNICEF, Dr Rownak Khan meets Gov Uba Sani before a partnership review meeting.



Former VP Namadi Sambo (left) and the Emir of Zazzau Ambassador Ahmad Nuhu Bamalli after submitting report of the Malam Abdulkadir Mosque Zaria Construction Committee



Cross-section of Army officers and members of the Nigerian Legion Kaduna Branch (below) at the launch of the 2024 Emblem appeal week



Kaduna elders committee led by Alhaji Abubakar Mustapha on condolence visit to Governor Uba Sani



Members of the organized Labour led by comrade Ayuba Suleiman of NLC at Sir Kashim Ibrahim House on condolence





The Deputy Governor Dr Hadiza Balarabe and commissioner for human services and social development Hajija Rabi Salisu in a tete-a-tete on the sideline of health initiative seminar



Officials and Participants at the end of activities marking the end of the 16th day activism on international day for Persons Living with Disabilities



Cross section of personalities at the Sir Kashim Ibrahim House during one of those condolence visits on the Tudun Biri incident



The working group on the inquiries about the elimination of discrimination against women (CEDAN) on fact finding visit to Kaduna with commissioner of human services



Chairman Committee on timely completion of projects under the ministry for local government and chieftaincy affairs Abubakar Dansambo giving a remark after the inauguration at the ministry recently



A new SOKAPU leadership headed by Samuel Tabara called at the Sir Kashim Ibrahim house on a condolence visit to Governor Uba Sani



Northern Governors Forum meeting at sir Kashim Ibrahim House Kaduna



Governor Uba Sani with Vice President Kashim Shetima at the Airport



KADSEMA ES Dr. Usman Mazadu & other officials and community leaders getting relief materials ready for despatch



Chairman & Sec, of the committee on private health establishment sealing a private hospital which fell foul of professional ethics



Dep. Gov. Dr. Hadiza Balarabe during a walk for AIDS which marked the end of 16days activism to end violence against women



Group Special Advisers and Assistants to the Gov. on a working visit to the Commissioner of Sports Development



Members of Kaduna State ACU and CDD pose during a meeting



Kaduna State Deputy Governor, Dr Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe in the midst of women at Tudun Biri, Afaka ward in Igabi LGA Kaduna State during her visit to the community



Vice President Shettima, Governor Uba Sani, speaker house of Reps. Tajudeen Abass and Minister of Defence Badaru before a meeting with Religious Leaders

When he took over the steering wheel of Kaduna state on the 29th of May 2023 from former Governor Nasir el-Rufai, the immediate past senator representing Kaduna Central, Malam Uba Sani, was not unaware of the global economic realities, particularly the financial standing of the state he aspired to govern. But, like other great leaders of international repute, he accepted the daunting challenge of leading Kaduna to a greater height. Despite his predecessor's scary valedictory speech, which exposed Kaduna as the second most indebted state in Nigeria, Governor Uba Sani in his inauguration address gave hope to the citizens of Kaduna state. Even when he acknowledged the challenges he was inheriting, Governor Sani expressed belief in his knowledge, commitment and determination to navigate the state out of troubled waters. Former Governor el-Rufai declared before the mammoth crowd that came to witness Sani's inauguration at the Murtala Mohammed Square, that he was leaving the state better than when he assumed office in 2015, adding that his administration initiated legacy projects that would empower the citizens, but he openly admitted that he left a domestic debt of N80.60 billion naira and a foreign debt of \$577.32 million dollars for the Uba Sani administration.

X-raying Uba Sani's Strategic Planning on Governance in Kaduna

By Shehu Abubakar

According to ex-governor El-Rufai: "As of the last financial year, Kaduna state has the following liabilities -Domestic debt: N64.54bn, Other Contingent Liabilities: N16.06bn and foreign debts: US \$577.32m." However, rather than play politics with the challenges at hand as some of his colleagues across the country are doing, the new Kaduna governor rolled up his sleeves and swung into positive actions that will change the statistics, having realised that, he was not voted to come and lament. At inception, Governor Sani promised that his administration would run a people-oriented government and work hard to speedily achieve a secured, peaceful and united Kaduna state that guarantees investment in its economy as well as hope and certainty for the future. His words: "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." Within the past six months, political observers have noted the convergence of Governor Sani's seal and commitment to development on many fronts including, infrastructural, human capital and job creation, wealth creation and employment, which led to him seeking investments from investors and businessmen across the world. Beyond rhetorics, Governor Sani has been very pragmatic in his developmental strides. He has been able to match his words with action; as part of his promise to address the housing deficit in the state, Sani's government has secured a tripartite partnership with Qatar Charity Foundation and Qatar-owned Sanabil Foundation, to establish an economic city and build houses for 500,000 low-income earners in Kaduna state. Just a few weeks after the signing of the accord, Governor Sani brought down the Qatari Ambassador to perform the groundbreaking of the two projects at the Millennium City area of the state capital. He said the economic city is designed to establish world-class infrastructure, positioning Kaduna as a benchmark for

contemporary affordable living. "It will offer a secure environment and a conducive atmosphere for thriving business activities.

The city would facilitate global trade and simultaneously serve as a nurturing platform for local entrepreneurs and traders." He also disclosed that the housing project which is aimed at uplifting the lives of the State's vulnerable and underserved population, extends to provision of clinics, shops, poultry farms, and farmlands for the rainy season and irrigation farming. Qatar Ambassador to Nigeria, Dr. Ali Bin Ghanem Al-Hajri, while addressing the groundbreaking event stated that the Qatari Charity had also pledged various interventions and empowerment programmes for Kaduna's poor and underserved, adding that, "these include scholarships for orphans and children of the poor, distribution of sewing machines, welding machines, irrigation pumping machines, salon kits, and drilling of hundreds of boreholes across the 23 local governments of Kaduna state". Like the Qatar partnership, Governor Sani's frantic effort to bring the government of Kuwait to equally invest in Kaduna has reached an advanced stage, as the Kuwaiti Ambassador to Nigeria, Abdelaziz Albisher recently indicated the country's interest in investing in Kaduna State.

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Kaduna: Unveiling Uba Sani's Rural Renewal Programme

By Ibraheem Musa

Optics, symbolisms and personalities, drive politics and mainly, they determine election outcomes in a democracy. Elections, in recent past, were ideologically-driven but Identity Politics has trumped that in realpolitik. Now, a candidate's origin, form and mode of worship, matter more than his integrity and competence. Globally, this is the new normal and at home, the Muslim-Muslim ticket, Naka Sai Naka campaign and the Obidient hoopla, echoed the phenomenon.

Significantly, Alhaji Shuaibu Bawa Jaja, Chairman of Kudan local government, warned against this divisive, dangerous and poisonous politics on January 6, 2023. Indeed, Alhaji Isa Mohammed Ashiru, the People's Democratic Party (PDP) gubernatorial candidate, is from Kudan local government. Likewise, Senator Suleiman Othman Hunkuyi, the then New Nigerian Peoples Party (NNPP) flagbearer, is also from that Area Council. Naturally, some residents were in a quandary,

whether or not to support Senator Uba Sani, the popular choice, or Ashiru and Hunkuyi, the sons-of-their soil.

However, on that fateful day, the APC campaign was at Kudan on January

Senator Uba Sani was at Kudan to fulfil part of those promises. The people, in their thousands, welcomed the Governor with endearing slogans, songs of praise and sundry epithets last Saturday. "Balaraben

The people, in their thousands, welcomed the Governor with endearing slogans, songs of praise and sundry epithets last Saturday. "Balaraben gwamna," "Uban Alheri," and "Mai Nasara",

6 and Jaja, as the Chief Host, mounted the podium and spoke against Identity Politics. In an election, he pointed out, people should vote for competent and experienced candidates, those who can deliver the dividends of democracy. Jaja, without mincing words, declared Senator Uba Sani as the best amongst the three candidates. Similarly, the APC gubernatorial candidate, in his address, made promises to the people.

Indeed, 11 months after,

Similarly, he commissioned the renovated Kudan Township Stadium. Besides, the local government will benefit from Transformers installation and upgrade of power supply lines.

Significantly, as a gubernatorial candidate, Senator Uba Sani had promised rural transformation when elected into office. In fact, at focal meetings, Townhall engagements and on the rostrum, this message was a recurring theme. Indeed, at a meeting in Kafanchan, organised by Southern Kaduna Stakeholders, he outlined his rural transformation agenda, praised El Rufai's Urban Renewal Programme and promised to continue with it, in line with the SUSTAIN Agenda. Similarly, he also pledged to focus on rural areas, transform their local economies and open them up for further development.

In retrospect, the rural transformation journey, as promised the electorate, had started two months ago, with the flagging off of the 21.7-kilometer road on September 2. The road, according to reports, will link Anchau, Gadas-Palla road in Kubau and Ikara local governments, to address transportation challenges of 32 communities.

Ibrahim Musa was the Director Strategic Communication of the Kaduna APC Campaign Council

Communique of the meeting of the Northern States Governors' Forum held on Friday, 15th December, 2023 at the Council Chamber, Sir Kashim Ibrahim House, Kaduna

1. The Northern States Governors' Forum under the leadership of the new Chairman His Excellency, Muhammad Inuwa Yahaya, CON, held its inaugural meeting today Friday, 15th December, 2023 at the Council Chamber, Sir Kashim Ibrahim House, Kaduna.

2. The Forum commiserated with the Government and people of Kaduna State over the unfortunate bombing incident at the Tudun Biri Community of Igabi Local Government Area of Kaduna State during which some members of the community lost their lives and properties while others who sustained various degrees of injuries are currently receiving treatment in various Hospitals. The Forum prayed for the repose of the souls of those who lost their lives and speedy recovery of the injured. The Forum prayed for God to grant the families of the deceased the fortitude to bear the loss and appreciated the Kaduna

State and Federal Governments for the way and manner they handled the unfortunate incidence so far.

3. The Forum resolved to work collectively to ensure that the tragic incidence is thoroughly investigated with a view to compensating victims and taking corrective measures to prevent future occurrence.

4. The Forum resolved to vigorously pursue the collective interest of the North in areas of enhanced security, peaceful coexistence, economic development, youth employment, drug abuse and revitalisation of education at all levels.

5. The Forum commended the Federal Government for the renewed vigour in the fight against insecurity, menace of kidnaping, banditry, communal clashes and terrorism, bedeviling the region. The Forum resolved to stand united in its commitment to addressing those

challenges through enhanced collaboration with security agencies, strengthening local law enforcement, community engagement, adoption of modern technology and administrative reforms, as well as addressing the root causes of insecurity such as poverty, unemployment and deepening social inequality.

6. The Forum also resolved to address the environmental challenges affecting Northern Nigeria which is threatening rural livelihood, pushing farmers into conflict with herders and adding to the general level of poverty and insecurity.

7. The Forum further resolved to collectively fast-track regional integration through investment in infrastructure, human capital development, trade, commerce, agriculture, environment, digital economy and cultural exchanges.

8. The Forum received briefing on the activities of the New

Nigerian Development Company (NNDC) by the Group Managing Director and accordingly constituted a committee to review the Report of the earlier committee on NNDC operations with a view to repositioning the Company for greater productivity and profitability.

9. The Forum collectively resolved to support the Kaduna State Government and victims of the unfortunate incidence of bombing at Tudun Biri Community, Igabi Local Government Area by donating the sum of One Hundred and Eighty Million Naira (N180,000,000.00) only to the victims.

10. The next meeting of the Forum would be held on 2nd March, 2024.

His Excellency, Muhammad Inuwa Yahaya, CON
Executive Governor of Gombe State/Chairman,
Northern States Governors' Forum

KADSEMA focuses on fire prevention

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processes to streamline operations and ensure efficiency in all business environments within the state, promoting transparency and compliance, particularly in digital payments and notices", he added.

The Executive Secretary said enumerating business premises will result in the generation of unique business IDs for

identification purposes across the state, ensuring accuracy, traceability, and an efficient means of managing safety compliance.

"I urge every business entity in the state to prioritize fire public safety, as together we can avert disasters and create a resilient, secure environment for all", he stressed.

Governor Uba Sani launches 2024

Armed Forces Remembrance Day Emblem in Kaduna
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of the veterans called for continuous support for them and their families adding that one way to show support was by contributing generously to the purchase of the Armed Forces Remembrance Day Emblem.

"Our departed heroes left behind wives, children and relations that must be catered for, thousands of veterans have special health needs and challenges. As beneficiaries of the sacrifice of members of the Armed Forces, we must as a government, corporate entities and as individuals support the veterans and families of our fallen heroes. I hereby launch the emblem with the sum of five million naira, I call on public-spirited organizations and individuals to contribute generously to the Appeal Fund" the Governor said.

Governor Uba Sani hails Rector on award

Governor of Kaduna State, Senator Uba Sani has commended the Rector of Nuhu Bamalli Polytechnic Zaria, Dr. Mohammed Kabir Abdullahi on the award to him by the Bureau of Public Service Reforms, for being the most innovative State Polytechnic in Nigeria. In a statement signed on his behalf by the Principal Private Secretary to the Governor (PPS), Professor Bello Ayuba, the Governor said that the award was a testimony of the positive result of the efforts of the state Government and Management of the Polytechnic toward advancing technical development. "I am proud of your

achievement and urge you to keep up the good work and the brand name of the state as an innovative hub waxing strong", the Governor said. He said that the manner Nuhu Bamalli Polytechnic emerged winner of the award, which entailed nationwide nomination and online voting process on national Radio and TV Stations, and newspapers attested to the efforts of the Institution's Management to advance the state and the nation's technical initiatives and technological development. "Your achievement has added a feather to the cap of the state as a foremost centre of educational development in the country", Governor Sani

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These programs cater to professionals seeking to enhance their expertise in combating substance abuse within communities. By providing specialized training across a spectrum of intervention strategies, KADBUSA aims to bolster the cadre of skilled individuals dedicated to addressing the complexities of substance abuse. The statement said that the accreditation positions Kaduna State as a trailblazer, being the first government agency to receive such recognition. The approval is as a

testament to the unwavering commitment of Governor Uba Sani, towards implementing a holistic, evidence-based, and community-focused approach to tackle the pervasive issues of drug abuse within the state. It said that prospective participants and interested professionals are encouraged to seize this opportunity for specialised training, contributing towards a collective effort to combat substance abuse and foster healthier, safer communities within Kaduna State.

"Infant and maternal mortality, malnutrition a priority"

By Mock Samuel Kure

The Governor of Kaduna State, Senator Uba Sani has promised to tackle the problems of malnutrition as well as infant and maternal mortality in the State to meet the Sustainable Development Goal. Speaking when delegation of United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF) paid him a courtesy visit in Sir Kashim Ibrahim House, Kaduna, the Governor thanked the Fund for identifying with the State over the unfortunate incident of the bomb blast at Tudun Biri Community, Igabi Local Government. The Governor also thanked UNICEF for supporting the State in many areas of healthcare, particularly in the efforts to eradicate maternal and child mortality rates, and infectious diseases, and improve immunization in the State. He expressed the State Government's commitment to partner with UNICEF, which he believes, is the panacea to overcoming the identified challenges and saving the lives of the vulnerable and underserved. "That is why Kaduna State under my leadership recognizes primary health care as key

because accessible healthcare is very important. That is why even when we deliberated on the issue of budget, only yesterday, we were able to put a lot of money into health care in our state, because only a healthy society can be able to achieve some development", the Governor remarked. Governor Sani also announced that in the next one year, the issue of malnutrition would be a thing of the past as the State Government would rely on the expertise of the State Deputy Governor and Secretary to the State Government who are public health experts to end the menace. Earlier in her remark, the Deputy Representative of UNICEF Nigeria, Rownak Khan extended the children's fund condolences to the government and people of Kaduna State over the Tudun Biri bomb incident which led to the death of 83 persons and injury to 75 others. She observed that more than half of the children born in the state do not receive birth certificates, which hampers the process of immunization.

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projects, improved quality of projects, improved service efficiency, and transfer investment risk away from government. In his remarks at the occasion, the Emir of Zazzau, Dr. Nuhu Bamali appreciated the government of Kaduna State for the PPP initiative and described it as very durable. He called on government not to relent in its measures to provide jobs and other amenities for its citizens. Also speaking, the General Manager of Kaduna Agricultural Development Agency, Mal. Muhammad Rili, said that the Neighborhood Center will generate about 200 direct and indirect jobs for citizens, especially those from Sabon Gari Local Government Area.

KADSEMA poised to generate one billion naira in five years, - ES

Kaduna State Emergency Management Agency, KADSEMA projects to generate over one billion (N1,000,000,000.00) naira in five (5) years from its various services, Executive Secretary of the agency, Dr. Hayatu Usman Mazadu has said. He said that the agency was generating just about twenty-four million (24,000,000.00) naira yearly but with the review of the operations of the agency and the new frontiers in collaborations that KADSEMA had opened including engagement of consultants more possibilities had opened up for the agency. Dr. Usman Mazadu who

disclosed this when he received the Principal Private Secretary (PPS) to the Governor, Professor Bello Ayuba on a private visit to the agency said that the organization did not restrict its operations to collecting and distribution of relief materials but also focused on preventive and public enlightenment activities as well as on forging partnerships and collaborations with relevant international and national bodies.

He said that collaborative and partnership activities of KADSEMA with such organisations like UNICEF, UNDP, Christian Aid, Coopi (Italy-based), NIMASA among others were

paying off for KADSEMA as the partnerships were facilitating the discharge of its duties.

Dr. Mazadu listed hazards of the agency to include banditry, cattle rustling, kidnapping, flood, fire outbreak and farmers/herders clashes, pointing out that the farmers/herders clashes had ebbed in the state due to the efforts of the state government towards curbing the incidence.

The Executive Secretary however lamented that the agency was hindered in its duties by untimely releases of funds and inadequate operational vehicles.

The PPS said that his visit was informal to enable him get acquainted with

the workings of the KADSEMA. He said he was impressed with the zeal which the Executive Secretary and his management staff were tirelessly implementing the mandate of the agency which was in line with the SUSTAIN AGENDA of Governor Uba Sani.

He advised Dr. Mazadu to always carry staff of the agency along so that they would continue to maintain the trend of their achievement and assured the agency of support in the task of making it a virile public organization well-positioned to serve the people effectively.

NYSC remains beacon of hope for united Nigeria – Gov Sani

By Abdallah Yusuf Abdalla

Fifty years after its Establishment, the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) scheme has remained a beacon of hope for uniting Nigeria.

This is according to Governor Uba Sani, who was represented by Umar Waziri, his Special Adviser on Revenue Matters, at the official swearing-in ceremony of corps members of the 2023 batch 'C' stream 'II' Orientation course in Kaduna.

The governor said the NYSC has exposed millions of youths to the diverse cultures and traditions of the different ethnic nationalities that constitute Nigeria.

He urged the corps members to dedicate themselves with renewed vigour, conviction and commitment to the progress and development of the nation.

Sani said doing so would bring about positive advancement in their host communities.

The governor congratulated the corps members for the successful completion of their various academic pursuits, and their patriotic response to the call for national service to Nigeria.

He urged the Corps members to make individual and collective contributions to national growth and development while in Kaduna State and the nation

at large.

Earlier, the Coordinator of NYSC in Kaduna, Mr Hassan Taura, said 1,401 corps members comprising 716 males and 685 females were registered.

Taura said that with the level of commitment and dedication, so far displayed by the corps members, he was optimistic that the orientation programme in camp would be a success.

He explained that the orientation exercise in camp was a fundamental aspect of the NYSC programme meant to prepare them for the service year

Kaduna State Government will continue to promote private investments for economic growth, job

creation, poverty reduction and better social services for its citizens.

This was disclosed by His Excellency, Senator Uba Sani, Governor of Kaduna State, at the commissioning of a Neighborhood Center at Sabon Gari, Zaria.

The governor, who was represented by his deputy, Her Excellency, Dr. Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe, further stated that the desire to finance infrastructure and social services can better be supported by the private sector.

He further said that Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) also offer the possibility of improved accountability of resources deployed for

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for Early Warning System, as well as linking the preparedness plan to Early Warning System, which is not only critical but also timely.

"As we continue to face various natural and human-induced hazards, it is imperative that we equip our local emergency management committees with the necessary tools, knowledge, and systems to effectively anticipate, respond to, and mitigate potential disasters.

The Deputy Governor appreciated the efforts of UNICEF, Red Cross Nigeria, and Christian Aid for their continued support to SEMA to enable the building of a more resilient Kaduna State.

"I am particularly grateful for your unwavering support and collaboration in making this workshop a reality. Your dedication to our state's disaster risk

management efforts is truly commendable, and I look forward to furthering our partnership in this critical endeavor," Dr Hadiza added.

While commending the new management of the State Emergency Management Agency-SEMA for the tireless efforts in responding to various disasters in the state, the deputy governor called on them to up their ante in forging more inter-agency collaborations and to strengthen their capacity to proactively prevent disaster, as the saying goes, prevention is always better than cure.

Also speaking, UNICEF's Emergency Specialist, Olayinka Afolabi noted that Kaduna is the only state that has an emergency contingency plan in place and is among the few that have set up Local Emergency Management Committees. He stated that UNICEF is glad to

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would enhance intelligence gathering and prevent tragic incidents like the recent Tudun Biri military drone attack.

The leader of the Caucus, Hon. Alhassan Ado Doguwa, expressed regret over the incident and assured of thorough investigation and swift

relief by the Federal Government to ameliorate the suffering of the victims of the incident

He also praised Governor Sani's efforts in rebuilding trust and promoting peace in Kaduna, saying the Lower Chamber of the National Assembly would initiate various

support Kaduna in strengthening the capacity of these committees because disasters and their impact affect local communities.

The Executive Secretary of SEMA, Dr Usman Hayatu Mazadu stated

NASS, Govs, Donate ₦547m, Projects Worth ₦400m to Tudun Biri Community

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President, Senator Bararau Jibrin condoled the Governor and people of Tudun Biri on the tragedy and prayed for the repose of the souls of deceased.

Governor Uba Sani in response thanked the law makers for the kind gesture and reiterated his call for an in-depth investigation into the incident to unravel it with a view to prevent future occurrence.

The Governor also reiterated his call for a state police which he pursued while at the 9th Senate which however did not receive the backing of the House of Representatives.

He argued that a state police would have been more effective therefore intelligence failure as seen in the case of the Tudun Biri misfire would have been averted.

While on similar condolence visit, the House of representative's northern caucus promised to embark on projects worth 400m in Tudun Biri, to assist in the rehabilitation of the traumatize community. Representatives of the caucus led by Hon. Alhassan Doguwa said that the

that Kaduna State was building an emergency centre at SEMA's Headquarters with the support of UNICEF to strengthen the Early Warning System (EWS).

projects would include access roads, health facilities amongst others.

They commended the Federal Government for the assistance it promised the community and the Kaduna State Government for the timely response to the tragedy in a similar donation. The Nigeria Governors' Forum has donated N200m to the families of the Tudun Biri accidental drone strike to help the victims resettle after the incident. Chairman of the Forum and Governor of Kwara State AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq announced this when he conveyed the condolences of his colleagues in the NGF to Governor Uba Sani on Thursday at the Government House Kaduna expressed confidence that the ongoing investigation will lead to the curbing of the incident in future.

Also rising from their meeting on Friday the Northern state Governors' Forum expressed sympathy with members of Tudun Biri community and announced a donation of N180m for the care of the effected people.

developmental projects in Tudun Biri totaling approximately N400 million.

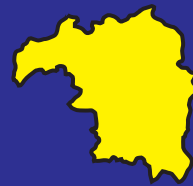
Governor Uba Sani while receiving members of the 10th senate and the northern caucus of the senate urge the senators to take a critical look at the country's law with a view

to update them where necessary. He said the idea was to strength the security agencies and the security architecture generally. He said that review should aim at ways of averting future occurrence of such a tragedy



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NASS, GOVS, DONATE ₦547m, PROJECTS WORTH ₦400m TO TUDUN BIRI COMMUNITY

Senate of the Federal Republic, State Governors and caucuses at the National Assembly have raised a total of ₦547m and projects worth ₦400m in assistance to the Tudun Biri community in Igabi local

Government Area, Kaduna State, where a drone accidentally struck a Maulud celebration procession killing over 80 people and injuring the same number.

The donations were

announced during separate condolences visits to Governor Uba Sani at the Sir Kashim Ibrahim House Kaduna last week.

Members of the 10th Senate had donated their December salaries to

family members of

the Tudun Biri accidental drone strike just as they announced that the red chamber has already commenced investigation

into the incident.

Representatives of the august body who were at Sir Kashim Ibrahim House Kaduna to condole with Governor Uba Sani on the unfortunate incident said that the Senate Committee on the army headed by Senator Abdulaziz Yar'adua had commenced investigation into the matter.

The Senators who were led by the Deputy Senate President, Senator Barau Jibrin condoled the

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Gov Sani calls for update of laws, State Police

By Usman Ya'u



Governor Uba Sani

Kaduna State Governor, Senator Uba Sani, has reinstated his call on the National Assembly to update obsolete security laws to effectively address current security challenges.

He said when he received the Northern Regional Caucus of the House of Representatives, on a condolence visit to him that

there was a need for cooperation between the Federal and State Governments on security matters.

Governor Uba Sani explained that there was absence of cooperation and lack of operational control over security forces within states and stressed the urgency of establishing State Police through a constitutional review process. This, he believes,

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DAP, an International drug body accredits KADBUSA

By Nabilah Hassan

The Drug Advisory Programme (DAP) an international organization on substance abuse and prevention has granted training rights to the Kaduna State Bureau for Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (KADBUSA). By the approval KADBUSA has now been accredited as a Training Provider under the esteemed Colombo Plan

Drug Advisory Programme.

This recognition came after an application by the Bureau and marks a significant milestone in the state's commitment to combat substance abuse through education and evidence-based interventions.

A statement by the Executive Secretary of the Bureau Joseph O. Ike said that as an accredited Training Provider,

KADBUSA is slated to offer a comprehensive array of training programs aimed at equipping professionals with the necessary tools and knowledge to provide effective Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Services in Kaduna State. The agency's training portfolio includes sessions on:

- Universal Treatment Curriculum (UTC)
- Basic Universal

Treatment Curriculum (UTC)

- Advanced Women's Intervention for Substance Exposure (WISE)
- Developing Community-based Recovery Support Systems Training
- Child Intervention for Living Drug-Free (CHILD)
- Universal Prevention Curriculum (UPC) Coordinators Series
- Universal Prevention Curriculum (UPC) Implementers Series

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