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Let's Join Hands to Build a Better Kaduna State - El-Rufa'i

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on Monday 11TH March, 2019, declared the All Progressives Congress (APC) gubernatorial candidate, Governor Nasir Ahmad El-Rufa'i, winner of the 9th March governorship election in Kaduna state.

Prof. Mohammed Yahuza Bello, Returning Officer for the governorship poll announced the result at Kaduna INEC office and declared El Rufa'I re-elected with a total vote of 1,045,427 to defeat the major contender, Mohammed Isa Ashiru of the People's Democratic Party (PDP), who polled a total of 814,168 votes.

Governor El-Rufa'I won in 14 out of the 23 local government areas of the state making 56% of the total votes scored while the PDP candidate, Isa Ashiru won the remaining 9 local government areas making up the 44% votes.

With the re-election of Governor Nasir El-Rufa'I for a second term, the entire people of Kaduna State are rest assured of reaping the dividends of democracy, since the Governor is a proponent of matching words with action.

Upon his declaration as winner, Governor Nasir El-Rufa'I presented an acceptance speech to the people of Kaduna State titled, ***let's join hands to build a better Kaduna State.***

Governor El-Rufa'I's Acceptance Speech:

Dear People of Kaduna State,

1. I wish to begin this address with gratitude to Almighty God for His many blessings and protection. Under our Creator's watch, my flawed mortals have conducted largely peaceful elections in this state. The results have now been announced. As you did in 2015, you have again decided to entrust in me the responsibility to lead Kaduna State for another four years. I accept my reelection with gratitude and humility. I thank the people of Kaduna State most profoundly for this vote of confidence in our stewardship.

2. I wish to put on record my immense gratitude to you for voting to reelect President Muhammadu Buhari two weeks ago, together with a strong delegation to the National Assembly. It is heartwarming that Zaria Local government gave President Buhari the highest vote in the whole country. On behalf of the people of Kaduna State, we wish the President every success in the second term.

3. My fellow citizens, with your votes Kaduna State has made history by electing a woman as Deputy Governor, the first elected in the far north of our country. It is absolutely necessary to put on record my immense appreciation to you for this. You have defied those who do not wish to allow our women to use their talents in all spheres. You have taken a bold step forward to create a much-needed role model for every girl-child in Kaduna State and Northern Nigeria. I assure you that Dr. Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe and I will work resolutely for the progress of our dear state.

4. We campaigned hard for your vote because we do not take you - our people - for granted. This outstanding victory has been achieved because you stood by us. You supported our governance agenda of Putting People First. You embraced our efforts to make lives better by focusing on the things that matter to ordinary people. In difficult circumstances you saw that we were promoting equality of opportunity, that we were improving schools and hospitals to make lives better for the people, that we were making our state attractive for business.

5. How can we not be grateful when you upheld us so

strongly when certain forces began resisting our reforms? You stood resolutely by us as we undertook programmes to expand access to Education and Health and to revitalize the public sector.

6. My fellow citizens, you have spoken. You have spoken with a loud voice and voted for the continuity of our reforms. You have voted for equal opportunity. You have voted for genuine development and growth. You have rejected the politics of parochialism. Never again can the few entitled elite pursue their narrow interests using sentiments, and masquerading under the disguise of fighting for our people.

7. This victory is a resounding vote in support of governance reforms. We were threatened with dire electoral consequences because we dared to disengage unqualified teachers, redundant public servants, restructured district administrations and over-bloated local government staff. We were warned that even though we were doing the right things and doing them right, the beneficiaries of our policies - the ordinary citizens of our state will not understand and will vote us out. We never relented, confident that you know that we are working honestly for you. You did not disappoint us. We thank you again.

8. In this moment of victory, we acknowledge and respect the preferences of our fellow citizens who did not vote for us. We would listen to their concerns, but we invite them to join hands with us so that we can together build a better Kaduna State. The elections are over, and so should the divisive rhetoric that certain persons and groups chose to inject into the campaigns. It is time to come together and continue the work of rebuilding Kaduna State. Where there has been strife, let us seek calm through accord and conciliation. Where suspicion and ill-will have reigned, let us enthrone goodwill. We can do so much for the good of our state and all its people when we come together.

9. We are committed to uniting the state around common values, anchored on equal citizenship, law and order, and protection of constitutional rights. We are not the only diverse place on Earth. Let constructive endeavours replace the bickering and suspicion. Let us all see and value each other as human beings descended from Adam and Eve. Let us end the misuse, abuse and manipulation of religion for personal gains. Religion should be a private matter. Our identities should not become barriers to a common humanity. Our doors are open to a new chapter of concord.

10. We ran for election as APC candidates. But today, we are back to leading Team Kaduna. There is much to do to make our state stronger, to tackle poverty, to improve health outcomes to provide decent education to create jobs for our youths, and to secure our communities. Let us do it together.

11. We do not have time to exult in our victory. Our duty is to work diligently for our people. We shall not disappoint you. You have invested your hope in us. We shall not deliver despair. It is a new day in our state. Let us work together to make it the start of a better future.

Transition Committee Constituted

The Governor of Kaduna State, Mallam Nasir Ahmad El-Rufa'I has approved the constitution of a transition committee to prepare the ground work for his next government, which begins on 29th May 2019.

This follows his re-election as Governor of Kaduna State for a second term. The transition committee is to be chaired by Dr. Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe, the Deputy Governor-elect of the state.

The committee has Alhaji Balarabe Abbas Lawal, the Secretary to the State Government as Vice-Chairman and Mr. Muyiwa Adekeye, Special Adviser, Media &

Communication, as Secretary.

Members of the transition committee include APC State Chairman, Air Commodore Emmanuel Jekada, the two APC senators-elect from Kaduna state, Suleiman Abdu Kwari and Uba Sani and Hajiya Zainab Shamsuna Ahmed, the Minister of Finance.

Other members include business magnate, Alhaji Idris Othman, Husaini Adamu Dikko, a past president of the Institute of Quantity Surveyors and Mr. Charles Bonat, a former SSG of Kaduna State who retired as a federal Permanent Secretary.

Also on the list are Hajiya Hafsat Mohammed Baba, Commissioner for Women Affairs & Social Development, Professor Kabir Mato, Commissioner for Local Government and Muhammad Sani Abdullahi, the Commissioner, Planning and Budget Commission, who is also a member of the World Bank's Advisory Council on Citizen Engagement.

Other members are APC Kaduna Campaign DG, Mr. Ben Kure, Campaign Director of the organisation, Dr. Muhammad Sani Bello and former DG of NEMA, Muhammad Sani Sidi.

Muhammad Hafiz Bayero, Special Adviser-Intergovernmental Relations, Nuradeen Maidoki, ICT expert, Mrs. Stella Amako, Senior APC member and Hajiya Umma Aboki, Executive Secretary of KADIPA, are also on the committee.

All Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the Kaduna State Government are directed to prepare their handover notes and commence briefing the transition committee.

Kaduna State 2019 Transition Committee Members

1. Dr. Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe: Chairman
2. Balarabe Abbas Lawal: Vice Chair
3. Muiyiwa Adekeye: Secretary
4. Mohammed Bashir Saidu
5. Jimi Lawal
6. Bariatu Y. Mohammed
7. Muhammad Sani Abdullahi
8. Prof. Kabir Mato
9. Senator-elect Suleiman Abdu Kwari
10. Senator-elect Uba Sani
11. Samuel Aruwan
12. Ben Kure
13. Muhammad Hafiz Bayero
14. Dr. Muhammad Sani Bello
15. Mohammed Sani Sidi
16. Ali Haruna
17. Nasir Aboki
18. Idris Othman
19. Charles Bonat
20. Clement Woje
21. Chris Umar
22. Air Cmdr Emmanuel Jekada
23. Mohammed Shuaibu
24. Dr. Mahmoud Mohammed Abubakar
25. Abdullahi Mukhtar
26. Hafsat Baba
27. Zainab Shamsuna Ahmed
28. Zainab Shehu
29. Stella Amako

30. Martins Akumazi
31. Nuradeen Maidoki
32. Umar Yaro
33. Husaini Adamu Dikko
34. Danjuma Ibrahim
35. Senator Sani Saleh
36. Umma Aboki
37. Umar Waziri
38. Saidu Adamu

Kudan LGC Distributes Relief Materials

Relief materials worth millions of naira have been distributed to cooperatives, youths and women associations in Kudan Local Government Area by the Council Chairman, Alh. Shuaibu Bawa Jaja.



Executive Chairman, Kudan LGA, Hon. Shuaibu Bawa Jaja presenting relief items to beneficiaries.

While presenting the materials, Jaja described the gesture as part of Kudan local government's support to Governor Nasir Ahmad El-Rufai's administration, in view of his genuine commitment towards improving the living standard of low income earners in the society as well as making the youths self-reliant.

The Chairman assured all residents of the area that in line with Governor El-Rufai's philosophy of putting people first, Kudan Local Government Council would continue to initiate policies and programmes that would improve the income and living conditions of its people.

Bawa Jaja cautioned beneficiaries of the items from misusing or diverting them for a different purpose contrary to what it was meant for. He enjoined them to make proper utilization of the items to encourage the local government to do more.



Some of the items distributed.

He appreciated the people of Kudan for the peace

currently enjoyed in the area and appealed to them not to give room to bad elements in the society who are only out to disrupt the unity and current harmonious atmosphere enjoyed by all in the area.

Jaja also appealed to the residents of Kudan to always show solidarity and cooperation to the state government as well as Kudan Local Government Council. He said doing this will lead to speedy development of the entire council.

Items distributed include water pumping machine for dry session farming, generator sets for barbers, grinding machine for women amongst several others.

Women Interfaith Council Advocates for Peace

The General Coordinator of the interfaith forum of Muslim and Christian Women's Association (WIC), Hajiya Amina Kazaure has called on the people of Kaduna State to maintain the culture of peace and harmonious coexistence during and after the electioneering period.

Amina Kazaure made this call while addressing pressmen at the Women Multipurpose Centre, Kaduna, on the need for peaceful coexistence noting that it is of utmost importance.

The interfaith forum of Muslim and Christian Women's Association also known as Women Interfaith Council (WIC), is a non-governmental, non-profit interfaith and voluntary organisation established in 2010 in Kaduna State. WIC serves as an umbrella body for women of faith groups in Kaduna state to work together for interfaith understanding and collaboration

Hajiya Kazaure also appealed to women to encourage their children to desist from being used by politicians as thugs and agents of provocative and abusive utterances both physically and through the use of social media.

The Coordinator also called on political actors to adhere to the ideals of the "PEACE ACCORD", pre and post-election, by having confidence in the electoral body rather than allowing persons or group of persons incite them into violent conflicts after declaration by INEC.

She concluded by making a passionate call on all to come together, build and live for peace

Curfew Imposed in Kajuru, Parts of Chikun LGAs

Kaduna State Government has imposed a dusk to dawn curfew in Kajuru and some parts of Chikun Local Government areas of the state.

This is as a result of renewed violence in the area. The curfew will also be in effect from 6pm to 6am daily until the security situation is improved

According to the Senior Special Adviser, Media and Publicity to the Governor, Mr. Samuel Aruwan, security agencies have been directed to ensure strict enforcement of the curfew while the state government has appealed to all residents and communities in the affected areas to bear the inconvenience of the curfew

and cooperate with the security agencies.

It would be recalled that Kajuru LGA has been experiencing spates of violence recently, while the state government has been working tirelessly to ensure it does not spread to other parts of the state and also ensure that normalcy is returned to the area.

KADSWAC Promises Clean, Uninterrupted Water Supply

The Kaduna State Water Corporation (KADSWAC) has reiterated its resolve to supply clean and uninterrupted water to the state.



MD, KADSWAC inspecting Booster Stations in Zaria.

The Managing Director of the corporation, Comrade Sanusi Maikudi stated this while addressing newsmen after touring the old and new water treatment plant, reservoir and booster stations in Zaria, alongside the legal adviser of the corporation, Hajiya Fatima Ladi Abdullahi.



MD, KADSWAC inspecting Zaria Water intake.

He expressed delight on the level of work done by the state government and other agencies at the places visited known as the strategic business unit in Zaria City, Sabon gari and Samaru, hoping that staff of the corporation will sit up to ensure the success of his five point transformation agenda in the corporation.

