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Exactly a year ago, Senator Uba Sani assumed the leadership of Kaduna State with a vow to transform the rural areas which would serve as a peg on which the state would be pivoted to greatness. He hinged this transformative programme on a seven-point course of action which he termed SUSTAIN Agenda on the basis of which platform he campaigned. The 7-Point Agenda are: - *Safety and Security, Upgrade of Infrastructure, Strengthening Institutions, Trade and Investment, Agriculture, Investment in Human Capital and Nurturing Citizens Engagement.*

It is normal that after one year piloting the state,

friends and foes alike are bound to ask, albeit for different reasons, how far has Uba Sani sustained his SUSTAIN Agenda?

Kaduna Outlook Correspondents across the state carried out an assessment of the implementation of the agenda. The result of the assessments is a compendium of articles, news reports and comments on the achievements of the state government in the last one year as well as pictures of personalities and events. It is an anniversary edition in which the giant efforts of Governor Uba Sani towards the transformation of Kaduna State are well captured. Read on:

Taking development to rural areas



Governor Uba Sani at the ground-breaking for the reconstruction of the 1.4km Water Intake Road from Patrick Yakowa Way to Maigero Junction, and the upgrading and maintenance of the 3.15km Maigero- Narayi Junction Way.

The Senator Uba Sani-led Administration has taken a bold step by performing the ground breaking for the construction of approximately 50 roads, totalling 639.5km across the three senatorial districts, in order to enhance connectivity and accessibility for residents, farmers, business owners, and other road users in the last one year.

By Abdallah Yunus Abdallah

When he was campaigning for the Governorship, Senator Uba Sani promised to open up the hinterland for development because the Urban Renewal Programme had substantially upgraded the five city-based Local Governments of Kaduna North, Kaduna South, Zaria, Igabi and Chikun. In the last one year, Governor Uba Sani has unveiled a Rural Transformation Programme which has witnessed the ground breaking for

the construction of about 50 rural roads, covering about 639.5 km across the 23 Local Government Areas in the State. The Senator Uba Sani-led APC Government has also initiated the construction of three vocational and skills acquisition centres in Soba, Rigachikun and Zangon Kataf, representing Zones 1, 2 and 3, respectively. In addition, the repairs of vandalised electrification facilities and supply of transformers in rural areas across the state have almost been completed.

The rural transformation programme started with the

flag-off of the 21.7-kilometer road, linking Anchau, and Gadas-Palla road in Kubau and Ikara local governments last September. When completed, the road will address the transportation challenges of 32 communities. In November, the Governor performed a more colourful, elaborate and expanded groundbreaking event at Kudan local government, with the flag-off of the construction of a 10.2-kilometre feeder road, stretching from Dan Makwarwa to Hunkuyi.

On December 23, Governor Uba Sani flagged off roads, drainages and culvert construction across the eight Local Governments in Southern Kaduna. The projects are spread across Jaba, Zangon Kataf, Kagarko, Sanga, Kaura, Kauru, Kachia and Jema'a Local Governments. Eight days later, he performed another groundbreaking event for an 18-kilometre road construction, linking Sanga Local Government to Jema'a Area Council. The road which started from Gwantu, through Kiban, will provide forward and backward linkages to farmers and markets, and reduce post-harvest losses, cost of transportation and travel time. Besides, it will employ skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled labour during the construction period.

In addition, Zone 2 witnessed its share of flagging off of road projects and the 35-kilometre road from Gadan Gayan, through Gwaraji to Kujama Junction, linking Igabi and Chikun Local Governments, in Kaduna Central Senatorial district has commenced in earnest. Also, contractors have mobilized to site to construct the 6-kilometre College Road in Sabon Tasha, from Signboard through Juji, connecting the Eastern Bypass. The road will cut across Igabi, Kaduna



Laying foundation of the Kaduna Economic City and Mass Housing

North and Chikun Local Governments. The project includes the main road linking College Road to Millennium City and other feeder roads within the various districts. Besides, Governor Uba Sani also performed the ground-breaking ceremony of Nurus Siraj Unguwar Dosa New Extension Layout. In addition, a 15-span dual carriage bridge linking College Road to Mashigi is under construction.

On May 13th, Senator Uba Sani performed the groundbreaking for the reconstruction of the 1.4km Water Intake Road from Patrick Yakowa Way to Maigero Junction, and the upgrading and maintenance of the 3.15km Maigero - Narayi Junction Way, totalling 4.55km. Indeed, the completion of these two vital roads in Chikun Local Government, according to him, "will not only stimulate commercial activities within the areas but also significantly reduce travel time for residents. Furthermore, the construction of these roads will pave the way for a multitude of job opportunities, both directly and indirectly, thereby fostering a sense of hope and optimism for a brighter future among the communities."

Apart from roads construction and provision of transformers as well as repairs of vandalized electricity equipment, the Senator Uba Sani Administration has improved access to education, with the ongoing construction of 62 secondary schools across the state. In addition, there is massive infrastructural revitalization of Primary and Secondary Schools across Kaduna State including the construction of classrooms, laboratories, administrative blocks, and multi-purpose halls.

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Opening up Kaduna State for investments

In the last one year, Senator Uba Sani has been shopping for investors from within and outside the country, in his efforts to create jobs, boost the Internally Generated Revenue of Kaduna State and make the state an investment hub. His Excellency's efforts have been yielding dividends.

By Zainab Altine Yusuf

After assuming office, Senator Uba Sani went about marketing Kaduna State to foreign investors across the world. In no time, the efforts have started bearing fruits. Over a fortnight ago, the Governor's sustained efforts towards attracting investments in the mining sector manifested. Right now, arrangements are in top gear for the commissioning of the gigantic new

Lithium Processing Plant in Kaduna, a partnership between the Kaduna State Government and Ming Xin Mineral Separation Nigeria Ltd. On May 12, 2024, the Management of the Chinese mining firm, Ming Xin Mineral Separation Nigeria Ltd, led by its Executive Director, Business Development, Ms Leana Lee, briefed Senator Uba Sani on preparations for the commissioning. The facility has initial capacity of 1500 metric tonnes per day.

At the briefing which took place at Sir Kashim Ibrahim House, the Governor urged the Chinese firm to prioritize environmental protection to ensure safety of the host community. In addition, he highlighted the importance of community engagement, local content, and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs in their operations. "We shall continue to promote investment-friendly policies to boost investors' confidence, provide employment opportunities for our citizens and boost our internally generated revenue (IGR)," he promised.

In fact, the search for investors has gone beyond promises. On May 13, 2024, Governor Uba Sani performed the ground breaking for the construction of the \$50 Million Soya Bean Oil Refining Plant by Sunagrow International Oil Ltd at Kutungare, a village in Igabi Local Government.

When completed, the Plant will have a production capacity of 500,000 litres per day, thereby contributing to the economic development of Kaduna and Nigeria. Thousands of direct and indirect jobs at various skill levels, from agricultural laborers to skilled technicians and engineers for the refinery operations, will be created. The project will enable the addition



Kaduna Airport: Now open for business



Governor Uba Sani and the Vice Governor of the Hebei Province in the People's Republic of China, Ms Jin Hui, signing a Memorandum of Understanding for exchanges and cooperation in various fields.

of value to agricultural products by processing them into higher-value products such as soya oil and meal, increase the income potential of farmers and create opportunities for local businesses to supply raw materials to the company. In addition, there will be transfer of technology and technical know-how to technicians and artisans.

On August 15, Governor Uba Sani performed the ground breaking of the Sanabil Project, initiated by the Qatar Charity, for the construction of the Kaduna Economic City and the provision of Mass Housing on August 15. The Economic City will provide world class infrastructure, adequate security and conducive atmosphere for business activities. There will also be clinics, shops and poultry farms, including farmlands for all year agriculture. The city will facilitate international trade, by providing a platform that "will help harness product value chain opportunities and improve economic growth," the Governor had promised.

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machines and irrigation pumping machines, as well as salon kits to eligible beneficiaries. In addition, boreholes will be drilled for deserving communities by the Qatar Charity.

On October 23, 2023, the Governor recorded a major feat in the aviation sector, when Air Peace commenced flight to Kaduna. Earlier, Senator Uba Sani had met with aviation stakeholders, including the Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Mr Festus Keyamo, in his efforts to revive the Kaduna International Airport. Thereafter, he engaged with Barrister Allen Onyeama, Chairman of Air Peace, on October 15 in Abuja. Eight days later, the first flight touched down at the airport, after a 19-month absence. On March 26, 2022, bandits had attacked the airport and Azman had suspended its services and left Kaduna. Largely, the airport had been dormant since then, until Senator Uba Sani's intervention.

Likewise, a Liquefied Natural Gas production and distribution company, the Greenville LNG, has sited a 24,000 tonnes capacity facility at Kakau, a village in Chikun local government of Kaduna State. According to the Chairman, Mr Eddy Van Den Broeke, the Compressed Natural Gas will reduce petroleum and diesel

consumption across the country, provide an economical and eco-friendly fuel alternative. In addition, it will revive industries, boost micro, small and medium scale business. The company will also engender economic growth and create jobs, as well as address the state's needed energy security. The facility was the first of its kind in Nigeria and Kaduna State will benefit from the multi-billion dollar investment.

Senator Uba Sani had also met with the Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Salem Saeed Alshamsi and His Excellency made some commitments. Al Shamsi promised that UAE will facilitate multi-million dollar private investments to Kaduna State in the Agriculture, Infrastructure, Transportation and Clean Energy sectors. Additionally, the Emirati Government will support Kaduna State Government to address its developmental challenges.

All these investments and commitments which have been secured within one year in office, are the result of Governor Uba Sani's drive and commitment to attract investments to Kaduna State, in order to provide jobs, boost Internally Generated Revenue and make the State an investment hub.



School fees of Kaduna State owned tertiary institutions have been reviewed

Reinforcing Kaduna as centre of learning

In the last one year, Kaduna State Government has reduced school fees in its tertiary schools, upgraded infrastructure and provided facilities in schools, built new blocks of classrooms and trained teachers in its efforts to invest in Human Capital, one of the goals of the Senator Uba Sani administration, as captured in his SUSTAIN Manifesto.

By Nabilah Hassan

Education is one of the key components of Human Capital which is an important pivot of the SUSTAIN Manifesto of the Senator Uba Sani administration. Not surprising, one of the first popular decisions that the Governor took upon assuming office was slashing the school fees of Kaduna State-owned tertiary institutions on August 21. In the downward review, Kaduna State University's (KSU's) school fees was reduced from N150,000 to N105,000 per semester. Similarly, the fees of Nuhu Bamalli Polytechnic, a Zaria

based institution, has been reduced from N100,000 to N50,000. In addition, College of Education, Gidan Waya, now charges N37,500 instead of N75,000 per semester. Likewise, students of Shehu Idris College of Health Sciences, across all courses, will enjoy new fees regime. Indeed, charges for Higher National Diploma courses have also been reduced from N100,000 to N70,000, while National Diploma students will now pay N52,000 instead of N75,000. About six months earlier, students, parents and focal groups, had complained of exorbitant school fees during the last gubernatorial campaign. Senator Uba

Sani, the then APC candidate, had promised a downward review.

Besides, Kaduna State Government has approved the establishment of a new campus of Kaduna State College of Education, Gidan Waya at Hunkuyi in Kudan Local Government Area, in an effort to increase access to higher education. In the same vein, the Kaduna State Scholarship and Loans Board released N205 million, on August 25, to various tertiary institutions across the country. The release was the payment of tuition fees of students on scholarship. Bayero University Kano received N25 million, in fulfilment of an MoU, for the students' tuition fees till their graduation. Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, got N27 million while KASU received N88.63 million. In addition, the scholarship board will enter similar agreements with Kaduna Polytechnic, University of Jos, ATBU Bauchi, Kaduna State College of Nursing amongst others.

Apart from tertiary institutions, the Senator Uba Sani administration has embarked on a massive infrastructural revitalization of primary and secondary schools across Kaduna State, including

the construction of classrooms, laboratories, administrative blocks, and multi-purpose halls. Two weeks ago, the Deputy Governor, Dr. Hadiza S Balarabe inaugurated the new Girls Science Secondary School in Pambeguwa, Kubau Local Government Area, one of the six new science schools constructed across the state. Equipped with state-of-the-art facilities aimed at advancing science education, the construction costs N6,834,564,828.52, with equipment worth N2,536,598,623.89. Additionally, the Deputy Governor inspected the newly constructed classrooms and facilities at Government Secondary School Kamfanin Maude, is one of 62 new secondary schools built by the Senator Uba Sani administration.

In the last one year, Governor Uba Sani has constructed 2,326 new classrooms, providing space for 93,040 pupils. In addition, his Government has provided 30,742 two-seater desks, accommodating 61,484 pupils, to promote learning in a comfortable and respectful environment. Also, the Administration has installed hygienic toilets and hand pumps for clean drinking water in schools. Similarly, the Kaduna State Government has renovated 707 classrooms, distributed over 34,000 pieces of furniture for both pupils and teachers. Apart from renovation and upgrade, the Government has established and improved the following schools, Sani

Adamu Primary School in Tuchan Jukan, and Basic Education School in Kagadanma. Others are Shehu Idris Basic Education School in Babban Dodo, Ambassador Lawal Sambo Kodar Kona in Zaria and Government Girls Secondary School in Fada, Zarlá. The rest are LGEA Primary School on Lokoja Road, Rigasa, Basic Education School in Malali and Nomadic Nursery and Primary School in Rafin Guza. Within one year, the Uba Sani Administration has also improved Basic Education School in Bagado, Chikun, Ja'afaru Model Primary School in Sabon Gari, Zaria, and LGEA Primary School in Ungwan Mu'azu. In addition, the Governor has improved Basic Education School in Baddiko, LGEA Primary School in Maraban Jos and Basic as well as Education School in Danbushiya, including Government Junior Secondary School in Jere.

In addition, Kaduna State Universal Basic Education (SUBEB) has been training teachers to upscale their knowledge of Reading and Numeracy

Activities (RANA), a three-year project funded by DFID through UNICEF as part of the Girls Education Programme Phase 3. The programme is aimed at improving literacy and numeracy instruction in grades one to three in both public schools and integrated Quranic schools, with the ultimate goal of increasing literacy outcomes for learners, especially girls. To achieve these goals, RANA has developed Hausa-language teaching and learning materials, built teacher capacity, mobilised communities, and engaged Local Governments to improve early grade reading policies.

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Newly built Ungwan Shanu Junior Secondary School

'A Kori Talauci': Providing for the needy



Governor Uba Sani signs the Executive Order on Financial Inclusion

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By Farida Adamu

For someone who was in the trenches to fight for the restoration of democracy and agitate for human rights, Governor Uba Sani's pro-poor policies in Kaduna State are in line with his antecedents, whether as an activist or a Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Barely two months in office, he signed the First Executive Order on Financial Inclusion in Kaduna

State and constituted a committee on Financial Inclusion and Literacy on July 25. According to him, the Order aims to address the financial exclusion of about 2.1 million poor people in the State, including vulnerable indigent citizens in rural areas. More so, the order seeks to ensure that they benefit from the social interventions of both State and Federal Governments.

To achieve the desired objective, the Governor set up a Financial Inclusion and Literacy Committee to

fashion out strategies and modalities to onboard them to financial services. The committee which included Government officials, members of the Civil Society and Financial Technology Companies (FINTECHS), was also charged with the responsibility of "developing state register of the poor, under-served, and vulnerable," the Governor said. He further promised that "the register will be subjected to various stages of integrity tests, while the state government will work with

banks and other financial service providers to open bank accounts for un-banked citizens.” He promised that Kaduna State Government will collaborate with regulatory agencies in the financial sector to organise financial literacy workshops for them.

In the last one year, Senator Uba Sani’s poverty alleviation and pro-poor policies have been well planned and coordinated, involving stakeholder engagements. For example, when the Federal Government doled out N2 billion to the States to cushion the effects of the removal of petroleum subsidy, he convened a meeting, comprising government officials, representatives of trade unions, representatives of faith-based organizations, persons with disabilities, market and transport unions, and the private sector. The meeting fashioned out a three-stage plan to soften the impact of fuel subsidy removal on the residents of Kaduna State. According to the Governor, the meeting listed out short, medium and long-term plans to cushion the effects of the Federal Government policy. The first priority, which was the short-term plan, was the distribution of food items to one million and fifty thousand people, drawn from two hundred and ten thousand households. This phase has since been implemented and

the families headed by people with disabilities, widows and the elderly were considered first. Other vulnerable households, orphanages and Internally Displaced Persons camps were also given special attention.

Last March, Governor Uba Sani flagged-off the second phase of the distribution of food items to vulnerable residents during which N3.4 billion worth of rice and maize were given out. Approximately, 200,000 households and 1,000,000 persons benefitted. In addition, grants have been released to 7,500 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

(MSMEs), ranging between N100,000 and N1 million, depending on the size of the enterprise. Also, N4.2 billion have been distributed as cash grants, bags of fertilizer, and farm inputs to smallholder farmers. Also, MSMEs, persons with disabilities, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), orphans, market women, and youths benefited. In the same vein, N3.3 billion has been released for the payment of pensions and gratuities, as well as death benefits to families of deceased civil servants. This is just as a N500 million revolving loan scheme has been instituted for civil servants.

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Kaduna State Government distributed N3.4 billion worth of grains as palliative

Kaduna AGILE's commitment to quality education

By Nasir Dambatta

The Kaduna State Government, under the visionary leadership of Governor Uba Sani, has taken a significant step towards revolutionizing the education sector with the launch of the Kaduna AGILE Project. This ambitious initiative aims to transform the learning landscape in Kaduna State, providing high-quality education opportunities for all.

The newly constructed Government Secondary School, Machu Gumel Junior, in Kachia Local Government Area, is a shining example of the project's success. This state-of-the-art educational facility is designed to provide a conducive learning environment, equipped with modern amenities and cutting-edge technology to enhance the learning experience. The school's infrastructure, curriculum, and teaching methods are all carefully designed to foster a culture of

excellence, creativity, and critical thinking.

The Kaduna AGILE Project is built on the understanding that education is the key to unlocking individual potential, promoting social mobility, and driving economic growth. By investing in education, the Kaduna State Government is investing in the future of its citizens, providing them with the skills, knowledge, and competencies necessary to succeed in an increasingly complex and competitive world.

Quality education is a fundamental right, and the Kaduna AGILE Project is committed to making this a reality for all. By providing access to quality education, this project is bridging the gap between communities, fostering inclusivity, and promoting social cohesion. The project's focus on STEM education (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) is particularly noteworthy, as it prepares students for the challenges of the 21st century and equips them with the skills

necessary to drive innovation and economic growth.

The impact of the Kaduna AGILE Project will be felt far beyond the classroom. By empowering the next generation with quality education, this project is shaping the future of Kaduna State, promoting economic development, and reducing poverty and inequality. As a beacon of excellence in education, this project serves as a model for other states to follow, demonstrating the power of investment in human capital.

In conclusion, the Kaduna AGILE Project is a testament to the power of visionary leadership and the importance of investing in education. By providing high-quality education opportunities for all, this project is empowering the next generation to succeed, driving economic growth, and shaping the future of Kaduna State.

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A newly complete school building in the state

Uba Sani: Comrade of all times

By Shuaibu Gimi

Governor Uba Sani of Kaduna State is always visibly at home with strugglers; that is those who are dogged in the pursuit of their own rights or the rights of others. As a person who, right from the beginning of his life, set out to become a strong participant in the fight against evil, he has gained prominence within labour communities, pro-democracy groups and political class.

Obviously, the tremendous glory that the Kaduna State Governor has achieved in terms of connectedness with the society's various segments and political accomplishments is a product of a sustained advocacy for the kind of reform that would strengthen our polity. The very manner in which he, at every stage of his struggle, defied all odds and became very distinguishable from the jokers and blackmailers was quite noticeable.

This explains the reason for which each of his several constituencies have continued to strongly identify with him. He is unionists' fellow comrade, progressive politicians' reliable ally and masses' strong supporter who therefore enjoys the confidence of all.

It is this confidence that effectively translated into his electoral victory one year ago as every group of voters conveniently keyed into his bid for political power. They were driven by the conviction that as a comrade, progressive politician and philanthropist all rolled into one, he would address the basic concerns of the people.

Expectedly, Governor Sani has, in very simple and clear terms, shown both ample appreciation of the essence of governance and absolute readiness for service delivery. His great sensitivity to the people's feelings as evident in the various actions he has taken towards the provision of relief for the underprivileged members of the society is an enough basis of the conclusion that he has not



disappointed.

Both the reduction of tuition fees for students of tertiary institutions owned by the Kaduna State Government and the introduction of a Social Register as part of the efforts towards the provision of financial services to those the governor has continued to describe as "underprivileged, underserved and poor" individuals, which is even backed by the Executive Order for financial inclusion that he signed at the inception of the administration, have fully indicated a resolve to optimize opportunities for the masses in the state. No any other initiative(s) could have been more beneficial to the victims of discriminatory policies and systems than these steps.

Moreover, by appointing a nominee of the Kaduna State Chapter of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) as his Special Assistant on Labour Matters and including vulnerable groups in the committee on the distribution of palliatives, he has further entrenched himself as a 'Comrade of All Times'. It is a kind of inclusiveness that has guaranteed the prevalence of industrial harmony and social stability in Kaduna State with the labour unions and all the groups of the underprivileged persons consistently expressing satisfaction over the actions of the governor.

The clearest practical expression of such a satisfaction is the recent conferment of a fellowship of the

Ilorin-based (Kwara State) Michael Imoudu National Institute for Labour Studies on him. By the very popular judgement of the institute and, by extension, the entire labour community in Nigeria, he is most deserving of this recognition.

"What is particularly encouraging is the fact that he has carried all his positive attitudes into partisan politics, thereby making it a much more beneficial endeavor." His exceptional performance in the 9th Senate (2019-2023) where he became the law-maker with the highest number of bills and approach to the current assignment are a bold testimony to his unrivalled commitment to the rapid transformation of politics in Nigeria.

Since he assumed duties, Governor Sani has furthered his struggle by leading the Kaduna State Government into a partnership with several national and international agents of development. He has, so far, been able to engage a lot of critical development partners over the issues of peace, security and infrastructural development in the state.

There is a fast-growing belief that, in a typical attitude of a true comrade, Governor Uba Sani is working hard to restore the dignity of labour, improve people's welfare and stabilize the environment so that it can be conducive enough for the pursuit of all legitimate interests. He is, upon the accomplishment of this task, most likely to be one of Nigeria's finest politicians.

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Blueprint for Sustainable Agriculture in Kaduna State

Hassan Abba

There is no gain saying Kaduna State is one of the most contributing pillars in Nigeria as far as Agriculture is concerned. The emergence of Sen. Una Sani as the duly elected Governor of Kaduna State has remarkably demonstrated the importance of Agricultural sector going by the budget percentage of the sector compared to the previous year where the sector received over 1 Billion Naira as against the 22 Billion Naira plus in the current fiscal year. This is a clear testimony to the fact that the state is heading towards food self sufficiency and Agricultural commercialization bearing in mind that the state is the largest producer of Ginger as well as Maize in the country. It is also at the forefront in the Rice and Soya Beans production which are the major commercial crops in Nigeria.

It is a general belief that food insecurity can cause civil unrest as the saying goes "An Idle Mind is a devil's workshop". Ever since the emergence of Sen. Uba Sani at the helm of affairs of Kaduna State, he wasted no time; through the Ministry of Agriculture, provided a program called "Tallafin Noma" (A Koma Gonna); this accomplishment is part of His Excellency's palliative initiative titled "Sustainable Livelihoods through Social Interventions and Economic Empowerment" Under this "Get Back to Farm" component, the ministry has targeted 5,000 small holder farmers and famers cooperatives across the 23 Local government areas where quality maize seeds , agrochemicals, NPK and Urea fertilizers, Power tilters, Vegetable Grinders and Knapsack Sprayer with PPE would be distributed.

Similarly, the administration quickly responded to the outbreak of Ginger Blight epidemic by collaborating with the research centre of the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria to curb the menace. It did that by procuring 12,800 units of three different agrochemicals which were distributed to 3,294 small holder farmers across the 7 Ginger producing local government areas. As part of the implementation of the Agricultural Transformation Plan in the SUSTAIN Agenda of His Excellency, the Ministry of Agriculture will have access to #2 Billion for the subsidy of fertilizer for 2024 farming season. Thus, increase in the yield of the 57,000 potential beneficiaries and improve their income. The Ministry has also executed an exhaustive campaign against the threat of rabies in and around the state as 2,000 Dogs were vaccinated across the state, Pre-exposure Anti-Rabbies vaccination was administered to 62 state Veterinary Doctors, 4 NDA Veterinary Staff, 24 Livestock Officers, 5 Dog breeders, 2 Local government area officers, 4 Community animal health care workers and 23 Diseases Surveillance Officers.

Avian Influenza (Bird flu) Mitigation is another area where the administration has recorded success as the Ministry of Agriculture has collaborated with Olam Agric to carry out awareness sensitization and decontamination of live bird markets in Kaduna and Zaria zone; about 1,000 copies of advisory literature on Avian Influenza were distributed, 3 Poultry farms were decontaminated, 7 major live bird Markets in the state were also decontaminated.

The administration of Malam Uba Sani has maintained the Agric Policy of the state by scaling up the agricultural sector in order to meet

up with the global challenges in the agri-food and value chain systems by moving the state to the most outstanding position in agricultural productivity and is collaborating with the International Development Association and other related agencies for the development of the sector.

It is on this note that the effort of Kaduna State government in collaboration with the donor agencies provided various projects thus serving various purposes with the sole aim of agricultural development in the state. Projects like the APPEALS, RAAMP, L-PRESS, SAPZ, KADA are all out to lift farming and of course farmers in Kaduna State.

In conclusion, Governor Sani's commitment to agricultural development in Kaduna state has laid down a robust foundation for a Sustainable and prosperous future. Through strategic Investments, Innovative policies and community engagement, the Governor has not only revitalised the agricultural sector but also empowered local farmers and boosted the state's economy. The successful implementation of modern farming techniques and infrastructure improvements are testaments to the Governor's vision and dedication.

As Kaduna State continues to reap the benefits of these Initiatives, the focus on sustainability and resilience will ensure that the agricultural sector remains a cornerstone of the state's growth. ongoing support and adaptation to emerging challenges will be crucial in maintaining this upward trajectory.

Governor Sani's leadership in this arena (Agricultural Sector) serves as a model for other states seeking to enhance their agricultural capabilities and secure a bright future for their communities.

Citizens engagement: Setting the bar high

By Clement Shekogaza Wasah,

"We are all stakeholders in the Kaduna project. No person or area will be left behind" - Sen. Uba Sani,

It's a rarity to see a politician whose words are in harmony with his actions. It's really refreshing to see one who tries and does what he says he will. H.E. Sen Uba Sani, Governor of Kaduna State, is one such person. During his campaign to serve the people of Kaduna State as their governor, he promised to carry everyone along; not to leave anyone behind. This was encapsulated in SUSTAIN MANIFESTO 2023 which seven cardinal points include Nurturing Citizen Engagement. Since assumption of office, Governor Uba Sani has been executing the SUSTAIN Agenda with uncommon zeal. "He has been rebuilding trust, building and upgrading infrastructure, revitalizing rural economies, bringing succour to the poor, prioritizing security, healthcare, education and agriculture, and effectively engaging the citizenry in furtherance of his participatory and inclusive approach to governance."

From the get-go up to this moment, Governor UBA Sani's commitment to engage the citizens and residents of the state has neither faltered nor waned. Permit the listing of some sign-posting actions of his unwavering

commitment to nurturing citizens engagement.

Firstly, he appointed high calibre Special Advisers, Commissioners and Special Personal aides. Apart from the mandate ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs), special aides have been appointed on public affairs, stakeholders, community engagement and relations, religious affairs, support groups, labour, NGOs, chieftaincy affairs, amongst others.

Secondly, H.E. Uba Sani à regular consultations with Elder Citizens Advisory Committee and other critical professional and citizen groups and their participation in committees of government.

Thirdly, the Governor spares any opportunity to interface with the people on varied platforms such as his chamber, town hall meetings, project flag-offs and commissioning. He also meets people at their own platforms such as religious assemblies and cultural events and gatherings. H E. Sen Uba Sani is literally quotidianly with the people in their places and moments of worship, celebration or adversity: in Anchau or Sabon Tasha; Kafanchan or Kwoi; Tudun Biri mishap, or abduction and release of Kuriga school children.

Fourthly, Governor Uba Sani prioritizes attention to initiatives that impact individuals and families directly. Examples include reduction in school fees, equipping the 290-

primary health centres, grants to micro, small and medium enterprises, distribution of palliatives, construction of rural roads, housing for the poor, support to small-holder farmers, and so on.

Fifthly, the first Executive Order the Governor signed is on Financial Inclusion of the poor, vulnerable and underserved persons spread across corners and crannies of the 255 wards of the 23 local government areas of the state.

From his avowed determination to change the face of the State, Sen Uba Sanu has matched his words with actions. The matching of words with actions has made community engagement easy. After all, actions, the wise ones say, speak louder than words.

Adherence to the principles of transparency, inclusion and fairness engender trust and collaboration between government and people and people to government. That is why naysayers and distractors' attempts to misrepresent Governor Uba Sani's administrations have failed woefully. The people know better, having been carried along.

Being with the people in their joy and pain, irrespective of where they live, their ethnicity or religious persuasions, has doused hitherto palpable ethno-religious tension in the State. It has also set the bar on citizens engagement high.



A typical stakeholders session

Transforming Justice in Kaduna State: Sule Shu'aibu's vision and impact

By **Hadiza Oyiza Ismail**

In the realm of leadership, Robin S. Sharma once aptly remarked, "Leadership is not about a title or designation. It's about impact, influence, and inspiration." This sentiment resonates profoundly in the transformative leadership of Sule Shu'aibu SAN, the Kaduna State Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice.

Beyond the Executive role bestowed on him, Sule Shu'aibu exudes a passion for success and a commitment to impactful leadership. He opens his doors wide, eager to listen, firmly believing that when staff are provided with their essentials, productivity is boosted. His mantra encapsulates this dedication, stating, "My primary focus at the Ministry is the welfare of our staff and counsel."

Upon assuming the mantle of Commissioner for Justice, he engaged with Department heads and members, probing into their concerns, which led to the recognition of considerable discontent due to inadequate welfare measures and budget constraints. He promptly addressed issues such as timely salary payments and allowances, particularly for casual staff. Staff affirmed that this people-centered approach was both surprising and invigorating, instilling a renewed desire to serve with satisfaction.

The Ministry has successfully implemented a functional Case Management System, an advanced automated database designed for recording, storing, and retrieving case files. This innovative system has transformed workflow, allowing efficiency in uploads and management of case files. Lawyers are now utilizing this technology to streamline their tasks, significantly enhancing the efficiency and accuracy of their work.

In addition, the Ministry is actively addressing concerns related to witness funds, which were seldom approved, causing hindrances to the legal process and causing frustration among lawyers. Moreover, the Ministry has undertaken the payment of practicing fees for lawyers, marking an unprecedented move after several years of non-payment. A considerable number of lawyers, relying solely on their legal practice for income, are grappling with the harsh realities of economic challenges. Over time, this struggle has taken a toll on their productivity and commitment. However, the proactive efforts of the Attorney General in addressing the needs of lawyers serve as a catalyst, boosting performance and instilling hope and trust in the legal system. This has created an atmosphere of gratitude at the Ministry of Justice, with a visible willingness among the legal practitioners to exert the necessary efforts. The prevailing sentiment among lawyers is encapsulated in the phrase, "to whom much is given, much is expected," underscoring their commitment to performing their duties to the best of their ability.

Understanding the pivotal role of the work environment, the Commissioner is overseeing renovations of Ministry offices. Dilapidated spaces are receiving a facelift, ensuring functional doors and basic facilities, creating an environment conducive to optimal performance.

Extending his conscientious leadership to branch offices in Saminaka, Zaria, and Kafanchan, Sule Shu'aibu recently toured these locations. Assessing conditions and hearing directly from staff about challenges affecting service delivery, he evaluated aspects such as water supply, security, and sanitation. The Commissioner emphasized swift resolution of raised issues, demonstrating his commitment to inclusive leadership.

To tackle the backlog of cases against the

government, the Commissioner submitted a proposal to Senator Uba Sani, the Executive Governor, urging the creation of a dedicated committee. Senator Uba Sani endorsed the proposal, resulting in the establishment of the committee which is currently developing strategies to engage litigants and formulate effective solutions for the amicable resolution of pending issues. The primary objective is to substantially reduce the overwhelming number of cases to a more manageable level. The committee's members include, the Solicitor General, the heads of KASUPDA, KADIPA, KADGIS, Ministry of Finance, and Ministry of Budget and Planning.

According to the 2023 Justice Needs Satisfaction survey by The Hague Institute for Innovation of Law, 81% of Nigerians encountered at least one legal issue in the preceding year. Common problems included disputes with neighbours, domestic violence, and land disputes. The report reveals that while nearly 9 in 10 Nigerians take action to address their legal concerns, a significant majority of these issues never progress to the formal justice system, likely due to the challenges associated with court proceedings.

In response to these findings, the report advocates for targeted improvements in various facets of the justice system, including administrative processes, work environments, staffing, and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. By prioritizing these areas, a more efficient and accessible legal framework that better serves the needs of the Nigerian populace can be achieved.

Recognizing the importance of collaboration and collective action in tackling the myriad legal issues confronting Kaduna State, the Attorney General and key management staff have embarked on a series of strategic

Mining summit seeks partnership towards developing the sector

By Peter Ibrahim

Deputy Governor Dr Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe, Governor of Nasarawa State Abdullahi Sule, the Minister of Solid Minerals Dele Alake and other key players in Nigeria's mining sector recently brainstormed at a two-day stakeholders' roundtable summit on Sustainable Development in Mining Industry in Nigeria.

The summit was organised by the National Institute for Strategic Studies (NIPSS) Kuru in collaboration with Bruit Costaud.

In a goodwill message she delivered on behalf of Kaduna State Governor Senator Uba Sani, Dr Balarabe described the summit as significant and its timing as perfect given the significant contribution of the mining sector to Nigeria's economic growth.

Mining, she said, "plays a significant role in Nigeria's economy, providing raw materials to various sectors and contributing to national development".

Dr Balarabe however lamented that despite its enormous potential, the industry faces some challenges that must be addressed and expressed delight that the summit will provide a platform for discussions and collaborations towards achieving sustainable growth.

She further disclosed that the Kaduna State Government under the leadership of Governor Uba Sani is committed to diversifying its economy through mining.

To this end "the Kaduna State Government has executed seven Joint Venture Agreements with reputable national and international companies

and formed five Joint Venture Companies and conducted several other activities all about mining".

She expressed optimism that these partnerships will yield positive results adding as all key players in Nigeria's mining sector work together, Nigeria will overcome the challenges facing the sector unlock the full potential of the sector and pave the way for a prosperous and sustainable future



Dr. Hadiza Balarabe

Gov Uba Sani appoints KADSWAC MD

Kaduna State Gov Senator Uba Sani has approved the appointment of Engineer Kabir Ahmed Rufai as Managing Director Kaduna State Water Corporation (KADSWAC).

Engineer Rufai, holds a Bachelor of Engineering Degree in (Civil Engineering) from Ahmadu Bello University Zaria and a Master of Science in Water and Waste Engineering from Loughborough University, United Kingdom.

A dedicated and experienced public servant, administrator and engineering professional, Engineer Rufai has over 3 decades experience in Water Supply services especially in operations and maintenance of water supply facilities, revenue generation, procurement,

contract and project management of water supply infrastructure.

He brings to his new position a vast experience in the procedures of project implementation of international funding agencies (donors) such as African Development Bank, Islamic Development Bank and the World Bank.

Prior to his latest appointment as MD KADSWAC, he was the Project Coordinator for the Port Harcourt Water Supply and Sanitation Project since 2019, where he coordinated a US\$200million dollars project for the Construction Source Works for raw water abstraction, Water Treatment Plant of 144 Million Litres per Day capacity.

He has also served in various capacities in the Kaduna State Water Board such as General Manager and Project Director from 2011-2015, Project Manager / Assistant General Manager (Projects) 2008-2011, Procurement Officer / Chief Water Engineer 2002-2008, amongst others.

During his time as General Manager from 2011-2015, he coordinated several

projects financed by the African Development Bank (AfDB), Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) and the World Bank such as the Zaria Water Supply Expansion and Sanitation, Zaria Water Supply Expansion Project and the National Urban Water Supply Projects for the Rehabilitation of Kaduna, Zonkwa Kafanchan, Saminaka Water Supply Schemes.

Engineer Kabir Ahmed Rufai is a member of the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN), Nigeria Society of Engineers and National Water Supply Association.

While congratulating the new Managing Director of KADSWAC, Governor Uba Sani urged him to carry out his duties with diligence, commitment to excellence and dedication to service a statement.

A statement by Muhammad Lawal Shehu, Chief Press Secretary to the Governor of Kaduna State said that

Gov Uba Sani engages Works Minister over Kaduna roads

By Nasir Abdulkadir

Kaduna State Governor, Uba Sani has stormed the Ministry of Works and Housing in Abuja, seeking urgent action to address the deplorable state of federal roads in the state.

Governor Sani, who was visibly upset, met with the Minister of Works and Housing, Senator David Umahi, to express his dissatisfaction with the condition of the roads, which he described as "a nightmare" for commuters and a hindrance to economic development.

The governor particularly lamented the state of the Abuja-Kaduna-Kano highway, which he said had become a death trap due to its poor condition.

"I have come to demand that something be done urgently to address the deplorable state of federal roads in Kaduna State," Governor Sani said. "The people of Kaduna are suffering, and it is our responsibility as leaders to ensure that we provide them with the necessary infrastructure to improve

their lives."

Senator Umahi, who acknowledged the poor state of the roads, assured Governor Sani that the Ministry was working to address the issue.

"We understand the concerns of the Governor and the people of Kaduna State," Senator Umahi said. "We are working to ensure that the necessary funds are allocated to fix the roads and improve the transportation network in the state."

Governor Sani's visit to the Ministry of Works and Housing is seen as a sign of his commitment to addressing the infrastructure challenges facing Kaduna State.

It would be recalled that a few months ago, the governor had also visited the office of Minister for Finance and robustly engaged him on access to financial opportunities coordinated by the ministry, for the beneficiaries from Kaduna State.



Senator David Umahi (left) with the Governor

Bridging digital divide: why Kaduna leads with innovative Hausa AI

The Kaduna State Government, has launched the first-ever Artificial Intelligence (AI) and digital technologies learning content delivered in Hausa Language. This innovative initiative took place at the Umaru Musa Yar'Adua Hall on April 30, 2024, marking a significant milestone in democratizing AI knowledge across all sectors of Nigeria.

Comprising 40 series of short, animated learning videos, each approximately 4-5 minutes long, this

content will be accessible in both Hausa and English languages. This strategic intervention aims to make AI education inclusive and accessible to all, bridging the gap in digital literacy and technological advancements.

The Arewa Ladies4Tech program, sponsored and facilitated by Data Science Nigeria, is a broader initiative that encompasses this project. The primary objective is to accelerate job creation in Data Science, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Digital Technologies, with a focus on Kaduna

State and Northern Nigeria as a whole. This groundbreaking effort by the Kaduna State Government is poised to revolutionize AI education, making it more inclusive and accessible to a diverse range of learners. By harnessing the power of AI and digital technologies, this initiative has the potential to empower individuals, drive innovation, and contribute to the region's economic growth and development.

How the Education Ministry is boosting efficiency

By Rose Ndandok

In the past year, the education sector in Kaduna State has undergone a remarkable transformation under the stewardship of the Honourable Commissioner, Prof. Muhammad Sani Bello.

Assuming office with a clear vision and unwavering commitment, Prof. Bello has revitalized the ministry of education with a series of progressive reforms and innovative initiatives, addressing longstanding issues while also introducing fresh perspectives that have significantly enhanced the quality and accessibility of education. These strategies have no doubt set new benchmarks in the education sector

Also, recognizing that sustainable progress requires collective effort, Prof. Bello has continuously ensured meticulous coordination of stakeholders across the sector, and this has been achieved through the convening of the Local Education Group (LEG) meeting, held twice since the commissioner's assumption in office. These meetings have helped to push forward diverse perspectives, thereby allowing such to be integrated into policy development.

The Kaduna State Local Education Group (LEG) was thus borne from ideas of multilateral partners and the National Education Group (NEG), the body saddled with the responsibility of coordination of the education sector in Nigeria. LEG is thus responsible for the coordination of education sector planning, sector analysis, and monitoring and evaluation in Kaduna state, with a view to checking duplication of efforts and ensuring synchronization and synergies with all the development initiatives in the education sector.

LEG also serves as the coordinating

body for all education projects in Kaduna state, such as the Adolescent Girls Initiative for Learning and Empowerment (AGILE), Reaching Out-of-School Children (ROOSC) Project, Better Education Service Delivery for All (BESDA), Bilingual Education Project (BEP), Partnership for Learning for All in Nigeria Education (PLANE) to mention a few.

Membership is drawn from relevant

assess their performance and chart ways forward to improve learning outcomes in the state. This is because having every stakeholder under a coordinating platform will ensure close collaboration, shared insights and help align strategies that will amplify impacts and provide every pupil, student and person, the opportunities they deserve.

To this end, the importance of effective



Ministries, Departments and Agencies, non-governmental organisations, Civil Society Organisations, Donor Partners, Grant Agents and Financiers of Education projects and programmes, the Human Capital Development Council and Local Government Councils.

The Commissioner of Education serves as Chairperson, with a representative of the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) as Co-Chair, Education Permanent Secretary as the Secretary while the Department of Educational Planning and Physical Development of the Ministry of Education serves as Secretariat of the Group.

The LEG meeting affords partners and stakeholders the opportunity to render accounts of their achievements so far,

coordination in the education sector cannot be overemphasized, especially because our collective efforts have the power to shape the future, as education remains the cornerstone of progress and prosperity and will ensure that we get human capital development right in Nigeria.

Therefore, coordination of the education sector under one roof will allow for resource sharing; of expertise, funding, resource optimization and their utilization as well as reduce duplication of efforts. It will bring innovation; where stakeholders can bring diverse perspectives, leading to innovative ideas and approaches that can improve teaching methods, curriculum and overall educational practices as well as ensure an enhanced quality of education, through collaborative

Northern Governors have faith in NNDC to revitalize northern economy



Being a communique of the meeting of the Northern States' Governors' Forum held on Tuesday, 30th April, 2024 at the Council Chamber, Sir Kashim Ibrahim House, Kaduna

Chairman of the Forum, Alhaji Inuwa Yahaya, Governor of Gombe State is third from right

The Forum commended the Federal Government under the dynamic, focused and courageous leadership of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR which has demonstrated total commitment to winning the war against terrorism, banditry, kidnapping and other forms of criminality.

The Forum expressed deepest sympathy and collective support to the Governments and people of Kaduna, Katsina, Niger, Plateau and Zamfara States over the unprecedented security challenges currently affecting the States and resolved to stand in solidarity with them during these difficult times.

The Forum noted that Human Capital Development is critical to the progress and prosperity of the region and expressed concern that the region currently bears the burden of having the highest number of out of School Children in the World. The Forum committed itself to invest massively in education and skill development, health care and social services in order to address the menace.

The Forum received report of a Committee to review the Report of the Technical Committee on the New Nigeria Development Company. The Forum resolved that members should study the report for consideration at the next meeting of the Forum.

The Forum noted the expected role of New Nigeria Development Company (NNDC) on the revitalization of the economy of the Northern States. The Forum accordingly resolved to invest in critical infrastructure that are capable of unlocking the huge industrial and economic potentials of the North.

The Forum noted that climate change, unsustainable agricultural practices and population growth posed significant challenges to the region. The Forum resolved to adopt holistic approach that promote environmental conservation, sustainable agriculture and responsible resource management to safeguard the lives and livelihoods of the people and preserve the national heritage of generations yet unborn.

The Forum received a presentation from Adolescent Girls Initiative for Learning and Empowerment (AGILE) and World Bank Team. The Forum noted achievements in areas of system strengthening, project management, infrastructure and structure emplaced and challenges as regards project implementation and expected areas of support. The Forum assured the AGILE and World Bank Teams of their sustain support and requested them to FastTrack the process of upscaling the programme.

The Forum received on Courtesy Call from the Executive Committee and

Board of Trustees of Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF). The Forum noted the resolve of the Board of Trustees to harmonise activities of various interest groups as well as voices, speaking and acting on behalf of the region. The Forum further resolved to support and encourages the Board of Trustees towards the realisation of the objectives of the founding fathers of the Arewa Consultative Forum.

The Forum also received a report from the Coalition of Northern Group on the security in Northern Nigeria. The Forum commended the Group for its commitment to the security of the Northern region and pledged to work together with the Group.

The Forum commended its own leadership for engaging with the National Security Adviser, Service Chiefs, Coalition of Northern Civil Society groups and other relevant stakeholders in charting a way forward for sustainable peace and stability in the North.

The Forum commended the Chairman of the Forum for his inspirational leadership and commitment towards advancing the interest of the North. The Forum also commended the host Governor for his sustained effort in hosting the meetings of the Forum.

KDSG meets RAAMP requirements, set to enhance rural access to agric marketing

Hassan Abba

The Rural Access and Agricultural Marketing Project (RAAMP) is a third-generation rural access project supported by the International Development Association (IDA), a subsidiary of the World Bank and the French Development Agency.

Kaduna State was selected in June 2022 by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development to participate in the RAAMP with components to include; A: Improvement of Rural Access and Trading Infrastructure

B: Asset Management, Agro-logistics Performance Enhancement and Sector Reform

C: Institutional Development, Project Management and Risk Mitigation and D: Contingent Emergency Response.

The RAAMP in Kaduna State became effective on the 31st August, 2022 alongside 18 States making it a 19 states affair in Nigeria. RARA and SRF simply mean Rural Access Road Authority and State Roads Fund respectively. These two are going hand in hand as they are legal covenants that must be established "no later than 18 months after the date of the subsidiary agreement between the RAAMP and the participating state". By implication, the RARA and SRF ought to have been in the State House of Assembly by March 2024. Thanks to Sen. UBA SANI the administration which has deliberated upon the Bills and forwarded to the State House of Assembly for legislation.

Earlier on the 15th June, 2023 the Kaduna RAAMP had a sensitisation

meeting at Planning and Budget Commission's Conference Hall which is one of the criteria for establishing the bill for the State Executive to deliberate upon. The meeting had in attendance stakeholders from various MDAs, Organizations from within and outside the state. It also included Professional and Civil Society Organizations for their input.

It was followed by stakeholders workshop on the 17th July, 2023 at the same venue of Budget and Planning Commission where it hosted the Chief of Staff to the Governor of Kaduna State, Mal. Sani Kila, the then Algon Chairman Mal. Abubakar Buba, 4 Assembly Members from Birnin Gwari, Giwa, Kubau and Kajuru, National Coordinator, RAAMP Mal. Aminu Bodinga and his team and many senior civil servants from various MDAs. The workshop signified the level of commitment of Kaduna RAAMP to the Bills. The Bill was prepared based on the input of various stakeholders by the State Ministry of Justice and then put forward to the State Council for deliberations.

On the 20th March, 2024, Hon. Mohammed Al Hassan, Chairman House Committee on Roads Agency (KADRA) and Judiciary presented a report on a Bill to establish the Kaduna Rural Access Roads Authority (KADRARA) for the purpose of designing, developing, managing, rehabilitating, reconstructing and maintaining class C and D roads in Kaduna State, as well as for other matters connected herewith 2024. The report presented was adopted by the Honourable House and subsequently

passed into law.

On the 2nd April, 2024, Governor Uba Sani assented to the Bills from the Kaduna State House of Assembly. The bills were presented to the Governor by the Majority Leader of the House, Hon. Munira Suleiman Tanimu.

According to the Majority Leader, "The Kaduna State House of Assembly remains committed to working closely with the Executive Arm towards ensuring the delivery of the dividends of democracy to the good people of Kaduna State".

On the whole of the 19 States of Nigeria participating in RAAMP,

Kaduna state would be among the few states that have attained the requirement expected by RAAMP. This will go a long way in achieving implementation of sector reform and thus achieving sustainability of Rural Access and Agricultural marketing project whose main objective is to improve rural access and agricultural marketing in participating states while strengthening the financing and institutional base for effective development, maintenance and management of the rural road network. It is on record that Kaduna state has performed very well in RAMP1, therefore, the assent of these Bills into law by His Excellency Sen. Uba Sani is a clear indication that Kaduna state is ever ready to maintain its status.

Kaduna RAAMP under leadership of the state Coordinator, Engr. Zubairu Abubakar FNSE, is to say the least, a team of positive full of energy minds set towards achieving project development objectives.

Gov Sani Unveils \$20 Million Lithium Processing Plant

In a significant move to boost investment in the mining sector, Kaduna State Governor, Senator Uba Sani, has commissioned a state-of-the-art

Lithium Processing Plant in Kangimi, Igabi Local Government Area, which is a joint venture between the Kaduna State Government and Ming Xin Mineral Separation Nigeria Ltd, boasts an impressive initial capacity of 1,500 metric tonnes per day.

The main details of the project include:

1. Job Creation: The project is expected

to create over three thousand job opportunities, benefiting both the Kuriga mining site and the Kangimi processing plant.

2. Investment: The current investment stands at \$20 million, with plans to increase it to \$25 million within the next two years.

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Open Government Partnership: Kaduna leads in youth participation

By Yusuf Ishaku Goje

Kaduna State has a very youthful population, 81% are said to be below 35 years, with a huge potential for demographic dividends if meaningfully harnessed. Democracy is about the majority having their way, so public policies, plans, budgets, service delivery and reforms should reflect the needs and aspirations of the youths. This fact is buttressed by the Demographic Dividends Report for Kaduna State, 2019, where it stated, "Kaduna State has one of the largest proportion and numbers of youths in Nigeria, it is important to plan for how they can be part of, and contribute to the social and economic development of the State."

It is not news that Kaduna State is the first subnational in Nigeria to sign onto the Open Government Partnership (OGP) global/local community; and is currently implementing its third action plan. However, what is missing in the headlines is that three youths, including a female, below 29 years of age, are members of the OGP State Steering Committee. One of them is currently serving as the Committee's Civil Society Co-chair and the remaining two are leading Technical Working Groups (TWGs). This is a novel achievement at least at the sub-national level in Nigeria, if not in Africa.

Notably, it is confidence boosting for the youths, as one of them is now sitting on the OGP table as a Co-chair with the Honorable Commissioner, Kaduna State Planning & Budget Commission, co-creating high-level reform decisions. More so, platforms such as the OpenGov Youth

Innovation Hub have enabled youths (between the age grade of 18-29 years) to actively participate and inform the development of the third State Action Plan (SAP, 2024-2025) of the OGP. The Hub had proposed and submitted nine milestones that were captured, four of which are climate-change related, across the five OGP commitment areas.

In addition, the Hub analyzed the 2024 draft budget with three representatives making presentations at the State's town-hall meeting, with the Governor in attendance; and subsequently, at the appropriation public hearing at the State Legislature. As a result, a recommendation presented reflected in the final approved budget. Furthermore, the Hub in collaboration with other platforms are advocating for the establishment of a Ministry for Youth Empowerment & Development. As well as demanding for increased participation in policy formulation, implementation and evaluation.

Also, the Hub has organized a strategy session with over a 100 youths in attendance on the global OGP Strategy 2023-2028. Followed by the OGP Youth Scale-Up Campus Ignite held at the Kaduna State University (KADU), with close to 500 students in attendance. Currently, it is on learning visits to key government institutions to further understand the governance system. Importantly, the Hub is positioned to track the implementation of the 8 youth-specific 2024 budget line items - in line with the 4 identified youth-related action points in the SUSTAIN manifesto of Governor Uba Sani.

These progress markers can be attributed to the enabling environment provided by OGP

reforms in the State. As well as increased recognition of the need to mentor, empower and support the youths to effectively participate in governance. The Hub has gotten the buy-in and support of partners such as the Planning and Budget Commission, Partnership to Engage, Reform and Learn (PERL), Ihifex Innovation Foundation, Coalition of Associations for Leadership, Peace, Empowerment and Development (CALPED), Reset Nigeria, BIG Initiative, Save The Children International as well as Accountability Mechanisms and media in the State.

Indeed, Kaduna State has set the example for other sub-nationals to follow by changing the narrative through the OGP; and is gradually pulling down the barriers hindering effective youth participation in governance. With this new trajectory provided by the OGP community in the State, more youths are having interest, better understanding and actively participating in governance, thereby equipping them for future leadership positions.

Finally, with OGP Kaduna now providing the official entry point for more effective youth participation in governance, the State is better positioned to contribute to delivering the five strategic goals in the global OGP Strategy (2023-2028). This will ensure transparency, accountability, participation, and inclusion are embedded in the culture and practice of governments at all levels. Thereby ensuring the youths have an equal opportunity to participate freely in shaping public policies and decisions that impact their lives.

Goje is an active citizen, civil society member and OGP enthusiast from Kaduna State, Nigeria.

Yusuf Goje contributed this from Kaduna

Governor Uba Sani of Kaduna State has announced that his administration will incorporate vocational and technical skills training into the curriculum of Tsangaya schools to equip students with employable skills for self-employment.

In pursuit of this goal, the Kaduna State Government, in partnership with the AMAH Foundation, has constructed four state-of-the-art Tsangaya schools located at Maraban Gwanda and Hunkuyi in Kudan Local Government, Labar in Igabi LG, and Sabon Gayan in Chikun to fulfill the administration's vision.

He stated this at the occasion marking the 86th posthumous birthday celebration of Chief Gani Fawehinmi and the commemoration of Mallam Balarabe Musa on May 12, 2024. Governor Sani expressed his administration's concern over the overcrowding in correctional facilities, often due to inmates' inability to pay minor fines.

The Governor disclosed that his government was compiling a list of

KDSG Govt Introduces Vocational Skills Training in Tsangaya Schools

individuals in correctional centers, detailing their offences and duration of stay, to enable government make informed decisions on their cases. By exercising his prerogative of mercy, he aims to pardon and release those eligible.

Governor Sani however paid tribute to two stalwarts of social justice, noting that Chief Gani Fawehinmi leveraged legal means to advocate for social justice, while Alhaji Balarabe Musa galvanized the masses to assert their rights.

Reflecting on his journey, Governor Sani shared, "As Governor, I see myself as a representative of the human rights and pro-democracy movement. We are running an inclusive, pro - people government committed to bringing succour to the poor, vulnerable and underserved in Kaduna State. We have come up with initiatives to lessen the pains of the people. The Kaduna State Government is implementing a

massive Rural Transformation Programme".

"We have identified poverty reduction in rural areas as key to unlocking the enormous potential of Kaduna State. We have therefore committed ourselves to promoting integrated and comprehensive accelerated rural development for economic and sustainable growth. This is being achieved by extending the required socio-economic infrastructure that will support work and social lives in our rural communities".

Governor Sani called upon human rights advocates and pro-democracy activists to continually provide constructive advice on developmental matters, saying making progressive changes and uplifting the downtrodden are acts that honour the legacies of Chief Gani Fawehinmi and Alhaji Balarabe Musa, and would fill him with pride.

Labour Institute honours Uba Sani for labour-friendly policies

Governor Uba Sani has been conferred with the Fellowship of the National Institute for Labour Studies, Ilorin by the Director General, Comrade Isa Aremu. This is coming in recognition of his labour-friendly policies and initiatives.

Some of the labour-friendly policies of the state administration which has earned the governor recognition include

- Consistent Engagements With Labour Unions
- Workers' Freedom And Job Security

- Approval Of N6.7billion For Payment Of Pensions, Gratuities And Death Benefits
- Approval Of N500million Micro-credit Scheme For Kaduna State Civil Servants
- Appointment Of One Of The Labour Comrades As Special Adviser On Labour Matters
- Appointment Of One Of The Labour Comrades As Permanent Secretary At The Kaduna State Civil Service Commission
- Inclusion Of Labour Leaders In The Palliative Committee

- Approval For Pensioners To Access Their Retirement Savings Account
- Resolved Doctors Strike At Barau Dikko On Assumption Of Office
- Resolved Non-payment Of Salaries Of Kaduna State Water Corporation Staff
- Established Negotiations Between The State Government And Medical Workers For Payment Of CONHESS And CONMESS, among others.

KDSG: Up in arms against Malaria

In commemoration of the 2024 world Malaria Day, Kaduna state deployed its personnel and materials to ensure that people in the state are availed of the dangers of the scourge and how to contain it. Affiong Edim reports on the effort to keep malaria at bay:

Malaria is an infection by a microscopic parasite called plasmodium and spread by mosquitoes. Malaria is a preventable disease yet millions of people around the World get infected every year. The parasite is spread to human through the bites of infected mosquitoes.

While the disease is very common in tropical and subtropical climate it is uncommon in temperate climates. According to the World Malaria Report 2021, every year, about 290 million people are infected with malaria and more than 4000,000 people die of the disease. It is the third killer disease of children between 0- 5 years following pneumonia and diarrhea.

The World Health Organization estimates that African Region carries a disproportionately high share of the global Malaria burden and accounts for about 94% of all malaria deaths. According to the National Malaria Indicator Survey (MIS 202) the prevalence of malaria among children under 5 years in Kaduna is 16%

As a disease of public Health concerns, Kaduna State Ministry of Health is continually intensifying effort to ensure the elimination of the disease. Commemorating the 2024 World Malaria Day is one of the avenues to publicly and collectively raise awareness for the elimination of the disease.

Speaking to pressmen during the commemoration of the 2024 World Malaria Day in Kaduna Dr. Aisha Abubakar Sadiq the Permanent Secretary, Kaduna State Ministry of Health noted that Kaduna State

Government has committed enormous resources to the Health Sector.

Prioritizing the Health sector by the Governor of Kaduna State, Senator Uba Sani is in keeping to his promise of the Sustain Agenda. The 764 public Health facilities are being supported to provide Malaria Services to the residents of Kaduna State aside the distribution of ACTs, RDTs to secondary and tertiary Health Facilities.

This commitment by the administration of His Excellency, is also very visibly in the second phase of the construction of one Primary Health Care Centre per ward across the 23 Local Government Areas in the State in line with the Universal Ward Health System which has reached advanced stage.

The Permanent Secretary further enumerated that the Ministry has achieved 68% refill rate order for all antimalarial commodities (DHIS) with a reduction of malaria test positivity rate from 33% (NDHS 2018) to 16% in 2021 (MIS 2021) thereby placing the state as the lowest prevalence in the North West Zone of the Country

Dr Aisha also noted that the Ministry has a robust partnership with international and national donor organizations adding that it is one of the thirteen Global Fund (GF) supported States in Nigeria for the Elimination of malaria and will be a beneficiary in Global Grant Cycle 7 (GCT Grant 2024).

While calling on all residents in the State to access and utilize the robust and free malaria services at any nearby Primary Health Care Centre she urged all residents to take responsibility to maintain environmental hygiene as a primary measure to prevent the Malaria scourge

In line with the 2024 World Malaria Day theme, "Accelerating Fight Against Malaria for A More Equitable World" the Ministry deployed the

Mobile Diagnostics Trucks to Medical Outreach in some designated points across the Metropolis where free testing and treatment for malaria were provided to residents. During the Outreaches about 142 persons were screened for Malaria and 12 persons returned positive while many were also screened for Hepatitis and Tuberculosis.

Enhancing Security: KADVS appoints new LG Coordinator

By Yunusa Shehu Ibrahim

Rilwanu Ibrahim has been appointed as the new coordinator KADVS for Giwa Local Government, replacing Usman Abdulrahman who has been promoted to Assistant Zonal Coordinator.

During the ceremony to decorate the newly appointed officers, State Commander, Retired Brigadier General Umar Muhammad Ibrahim urged all personnel to increase their efforts in carrying out their duties to reciprocate the recognition bestowed upon them. He also expressed gratitude to the Director of the Department of State Services (DSS), the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), and other security agencies stationed in the area for their dedication to service.

Chairman of the LGA Abubakar Shehu Lawal Giwa highlighted the significance of the Kaduna State Vigilance Service (KADVS) appointing a new Giwa Local Government Coordinator, emphasizing its dedication to improving security in the region. He thanked the Governor, Senator Uba Sani for his unwavering commitment to strengthening the manpower and operational capabilities of KADVS, which collaborates closely with other security agencies to combat criminal activities in the state.

Uba Sani: One year of progressive strides

By Usman Garba Kachia

Governor Uba Sani's administration in Kaduna State has marked a significant milestone, ushering in a year of progressive strides. With a vision to transform the state's infrastructure and socio-economic landscape, Governor Sani embarked on a journey of innovation and development, aiming to enhance the lives of all citizens.

The journey towards progress could not have been achieved without the collective effort of the people of Kaduna State, whose unwavering support and resilience have been instrumental in driving positive change. Additionally, the dedication and hard work of government officials, civil servants, and various stakeholders have played a pivotal role in implementing policies and projects aimed at fostering growth and development.

As Governor Uba Sani forges ahead in



his commitment to advancing Kaduna State, the unveiling of the N458 billion 2024 budget reflects his administration's determination to prioritize key sectors such as infrastructure, education, healthcare, and agriculture. This draft budget, presented during a town hall meeting, underscores Governor Sani's transparency and accountability in governance, ensuring that resources are allocated efficiently to address the needs of the people.

Furthermore, the groundbreaking initiatives spearheaded by Governor Sani, such as the construction of a 22km road linking 32 villages, signify his administration's unwavering dedication to improving connectivity and accessibility across the state. These efforts not only stimulate economic growth but also enhance the quality of life for residents, underscoring Governor Sani's commitment to inclusive development.

In conclusion, Governor Uba Sani's first year in office has been characterized by tangible progress and forward-thinking initiatives aimed at transforming Kaduna State into a beacon of prosperity and opportunity. With a steadfast resolve to serve the people and build a better future, Governor Sani's administration is poised to continue making significant strides in the years to come, leaving a lasting legacy of positive change and prosperity for generations to come.

Usman Garba Kachia

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The Uba Sani effect: One year after

By Wasila Abubakar Ijaba

Governor Uba Sani's tenure in Kaduna State has been a masterclass in leadership, vision, and determination. In a short span, he has achieved what many thought was impossible, transforming the state into a hub of economic empowerment, infrastructure development, healthcare delivery, education, and logistics support for security agents. "But perhaps his most significant achievement is the demystification of misinformation and disinformation, which had held the state hostage for far too long."

With a clear vision and a commitment to truth, Uba Sani has shattered the shackles of misinformation, allowing the people of Kaduna to see the reality of progress and development. His administration's achievements are a testament to the power of leadership

and the impact one person can have on the lives of millions.

In the ICT realm, Governor Uba Sani has been dubbed the "Digital Governor" for his milestones in transforming Kaduna into a tech hub. His administration has established a robust digital infrastructure, including a state-wide fiber optic network, a digital skills training program for youth, and an innovation hub to support startups and entrepreneurs. This has not only created jobs and stimulated economic growth but also made Kaduna a model for digital transformation in Nigeria.

Uba Sani's achievements are a reminder that leadership is about vision, courage, and determination. He has shown that with the right mindset and a commitment to truth, even the most entrenched challenges can be overcome. From revitalizing moribund industries to launching innovative social programs, his

administration has left no stone unturned in its quest for progress.

The people of Kaduna are the ultimate beneficiaries of Uba Sani's leadership. They have seen firsthand the impact of his policies, from improved healthcare and education to enhanced security and economic opportunities. His commitment to empowerment has given them a sense of hope and purpose, and they are now actively engaged in building a brighter future for themselves and their children.

As Kaduna continues to rise, it's clear that the Uba Sani effect will be felt for generations to come. His legacy will be one of transformation, progress, and a commitment to truth and leadership. He has proven that with the right leader, anything is possible, and his achievements will continue to inspire and motivate others to strive for excellence.

Wasila Abubakar Ijaba

Writes from Kaduna

KDSG bolsters KADVS with combat-ready equipment and logistics

Yunusa Shehu Ibrahim

Chief of Staff Liman Sani Kila, representing Governor Uba Sani recently embarked on a tour of the Kaduna State Vigilance Service (KADVS) formations to boost morale and enhance the capacity of its personnel. This initiative reflects the Governor's commitment to ensuring robust security across the state. During the tour, Chief of Staff Sani Kila, accompanied by Mr. Fabian Okoye, SAD Research and Documentation, visited the three Zonal Commands. They

engaged with personnel to address operational concerns and challenges, reaffirming Governor Sani's dedication to equipping KADVS with the necessary resources, including combat-ready equipment and logistics, to effectively combat criminal activity. Additionally, the government plans to provide operational vehicles for swift responses to incidents and renovate office complexes to enhance the Service's efficiency. The Chief of Staff emphasized that Governor Uba Sani has given a clear directive to improve KADVS operations and prioritize personnel welfare,

ensuring timely payment of salaries and introducing additional incentives to motivate officers.

Brigadier General U.M. Ibrahim, KADVS Commander, expressed optimism about the Uba Sani administration and reaffirmed the Service's commitment to its mandate, focusing on internal security and safeguarding the state. He urged personnel to redouble their efforts to reduce the crime rate in the state and warned that anyone found negligent in their duties would face severe punishment and sanctions.

KADSEMA gears-up for flood predictions Engages stakeholders on mitigation strategies,

By Saminu Abdullahi

The Executive Secretary of the Kaduna State Emergency Management Agency (KADSEMA), Dr. Usman Hayatu Mazadu, chaired a meeting with stakeholders of the Flood Assessment Committee to review the recent routine exercise assessment report. The objective of the meeting was to produce a comprehensive document aimed at mitigating the predicted flood by NIMET and serving as a future

reference.

Dr. Mazadu tasked the District Heads within the Kaduna metropolitan area to study the document and provide recommendations before its final adoption and implementation of resolutions. The meeting was attended by village heads and relevant stakeholders, including representatives from KEPA, the Ministry of Environment, KADGIS, NEMA, and others. Discussions focused on critical flood-prone areas, including communities that have allowed development without proper clearance

permission and violated due process.

The District Head of Kawo, Jibril Muhammad Magaji, urged the stakeholders to carefully study the report for proactive measures. He suggested organizing another special engagement meeting with key agencies and District Heads to address the annual flood challenges and find lasting solutions.

The outcome of the meeting will assist KADSEMA in developing effective strategies to mitigate flood risks and enhance emergency response capabilities within the state.

Transforming Justice in Kaduna State: Sule Shu'aibu's vision and impact

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engagements. These include courtesy visits to crucial judicial and security institutions such as the High Court, Customary Court of Appeal, Sharia Court of Appeal, Nigerian Correctional Service, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, Federal Road Safety Corps, Department of State Services, and the Comptroller of Immigration, among others.

These visits serve a dual purpose: strengthening relationships between the Ministry of Justice and other key sectors, and facilitating an open dialogue to

identify and address the challenges hindering the efficiency of legal processes. Through these collaborative efforts, stakeholders have been able to share insights, exchange perspectives, and collectively strategize on ways to improve the justice sector in the state.

By fostering stronger inter-sectoral relationships and addressing systemic challenges, the ultimate goal is to enhance the delivery of justice services and bring justice closer to the people. Central to this endeavor is the aim to instill trust in the legal system among the

populace, thereby fostering a sense of confidence and reliability in the administration of justice.

Sule Shu'aibu's transformative leadership is not just a title; it's a journey, an inspiration, and a promise of a justice system that truly serves the people. Through his conscientious and consistent efforts, the Ministry is on a path to achieving its objectives and creating a lasting impact on the lives of legal practitioners and the citizens of Kaduna State.

Uba Sani's Unstoppable Momentum: One Year of Mind-Blowing Milestones

By Nasir Dambatta

In just one year, Governor Uba Sani has revolutionized Kaduna State with unprecedented achievements, leaving a trail of transformative milestones in his wake. His unstoppable momentum has brought about a new era of progress, empowerment, safety, and security, never seen before in the state. Empowerment has been unprecedented through a series of financial support for start-ups. The empowerment programmes have been gender-sensitive. Millions of youths, cutting across gender got empowered through the State's pioneer effort at crushing poverty, known as "A Kori Talauci." In the area of ICT, thousands of women beneficiaries got trained by Google, making them ICT-savvy and preparatory to becoming self-employed. Indeed, millions of small business owners got massively supported through the Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) fund. In the area of safety and security, the administration has recorded major milestones on degrading terrorists.

The notorious Boderi Isyaku - who unleashed a reign of terror on Kaduna - Niger State's borders was successfully gunned down, thereby ending many years of sorrow, tears and blood. There was the 7,000 additional KADVIS vigilante service personnel recruited and trained by the Nigeria Police Force on behalf of the Kaduna State Government. As part of the logistics support between the administration and security forces, Governor Sani has procured hundreds of new patrol vehicles and equipment provided for enhanced security. The State Emergency Management Agency has been up and doing for victims of terror attacks and natural disasters. In terms of infrastructure, nearly a thousand roads spread across the state along with renovation and construction of schools, healthcare delivery centres; skill acquisition centres, and more. Happily, both the rehabilitated and new roads are now effectively connecting rural communities and promoting economic activities. To improve education, the administration has first scaled down school fees of all tertiary institutions in the state,

making access to knowledge faster and more affordable. With 290 Primary Healthcare Centres being fully equipped and upgraded and assigned to highly-qualified medical personnel, it should not be difficult to notice the quiet revolution in this sector. Farmers in Kaduna are now all smiles because of the massive funding for the agricultural sector. They were part of the beneficiaries of the latest N11.4 billion empowerment programme. They also got supported with inputs and training, boosting food production in order to ensure food security in the state. Plans are on to create irrigation channels, especially in rural areas. As for civil servants, the N500 million Revolving Fund has been both timely and quite helpful to their career lives. These mind-blowing milestones are a testament to Governor Uba Sani's visionary leadership, commitment to the people, and unwavering dedication to transforming Kaduna State. His unstoppable momentum has ignited a new wave of progress, and the state is poised for even greater heights in the years to come.

First Anniversary: Gov Sani assures Persons with Disabilities of support

Governor, Senator Uba Sani, has assured Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), in the state that his administration will continue to accord top priority to their welfare and wellbeing.

He asserted this during an interactive session with PwDs held on Saturday, May 25, 2024 at the State Disability Affairs Board Vocational Skill Acquisition Centre, Kakuri in Kaduna South Local Government Area.

Gov. Sani who was represented by his Special Adviser, Stakeholders Relations, Dr. Abdul Isiaq said the event tagged: "Enlightenment Programme on Citizens Engagement and Consultation" is to give a sense of belonging to the PwDs.

According to him, the present administration in the state is open and transparent, hence the event was at the instant of the Governor who is very much interested in the affairs of the PwDs in the state.

"Governor Sani is running an open and transparent administration, and whatever is heard today is exactly what we're going to report back to him. We are at the Centre at the instant of the Governor to interact and relate with the PwDs so that they feel there's a governor in the state.

"You can hear from the different speakers at the event that such had never happened in the history of Kaduna state before. We are glad the governor chose us to interact closely

with this community, and what we've heard today is something we've never heard before. We have compiled all the information and will transmit same to the governor," he said.

Also, the Executive Secretary (ES), of the Kaduna Disability Board, Hajiya Rakiya Umar, appreciated Governor Sani for remembering the PwDs as according to her, this has never happened before in the state.

She explained that participants at the Centre are being trained in various skills acquisition such as carpentry, welding, tailoring, shoe making, mat making, knitting, shampoo making, and basket making, among others

By Bulus Godwin

KADRUWASSA, UNICEF collaborate on rural water facility management

As part of efforts to ensure maintenance and sustainability of WASH facilities provided by the Government, its development partners and to encourage its ownership by the Communities, RUWASSA in partnership with UNICEF Nigeria, Kaduna Field Office has empowered ninety eight (98) State, Local Government officials and Local Area Mechanics on Operation and Maintenance of Facility Management Models and Data Management for Small Towns and Rural Water Facilities.

Participants at the empowerment workshop were drawn from the State, the Local Government Areas of the State excluding Kaduna North which is purely urban.

Some of the objectives of the training include;

1. To strengthen, leverage on Local

Government Authorities resources to utilise LAMs to provide/ restore access to safe water in the communities, institutions and public places.

2. To strengthen the capacity of the LGA officials and LAM's on repairs, operations and maintenance of boreholes.

3. To build capacity of LGA officials on Facility Management Models and agreed on alternative tariff system to improve functionality and sustainability of water facilities.

4. To review/finalise on reporting templates.

5. To develop action plans to achieve 2024 water supply related targets including step down training at the LGA level.

Introducing Facility Management Models and tariff system has become

necessary as it will help in maintaining water quality, repairs of breakdown facility, modernise the facility, serve as preventive

maintenance services, helps in facility expansion, and help in sustainability of the facility as well as encourage community ownership of the facility.

During the training, participants were trained on the roles and responsibilities of officers on Facility Management Models, deciding Facility Management Models, tariff system- pay and alternatives to tariffs, Financial Accountability, to mention a few.

At the end of the training participants expressed their gratitude to the organisers of the programme, the resource persons and made a commitment to step down the training in their various LGA in line with the Sustain Agenda of Governor Uba Sani.

Gov Uba Sani launches N500m revolving loan scheme for Kaduna workers

Kaduna State Governor, Senator Uba Sani, on May Day, launched N500m revolving loans for civil servants in the state.

The governor symbolically presented dummy cheques to some workers to mark the 2023 May Day which held at the Murtala Mohammed Square, Kaduna.

Sani, while inaugurating the N500m revolving loans scheme, assured the workers that more economic initiatives would soon be unfolded for workers in the state.

The governor appreciated the organised labour for the good working relationship with his administration, saying he would continue to prioritise workers' welfare and equip them appropriately within available resources.

He said, "The people must, at all times, be the centre of development. The

government exists to cater to the security and welfare of the people. If we remove the people from our calculations, the government loses legitimacy and creates conditions for instability.

"For me as Governor of Kaduna State, this year's May Day is of great significance for two reasons. This is the first May Day Celebration since I became the Governor of Kaduna State. Secondly, the state enjoyed industrial harmony throughout the year. I, therefore, salute you, the trade union leaders and members for your patriotism and understanding of the state's precarious fiscal situation."

Earlier in his address, the Chairman of the Nigeria Labour Congress in the state, Ayuba Suleiman, hailed the governor for prioritising workers' welfare through prompt payment of salaries and allowances, as well as the involvement of the labour unions in

decision-making in the state.

Suleiman, however, urged the governor to intensify efforts towards ensuring peace and security across the state, thereby creating a conducive environment for work and productivity.

He also stressed the need for the current administration to embark on job creation, especially the recruitment of qualified applicants that would add to the pool of the state workforce.

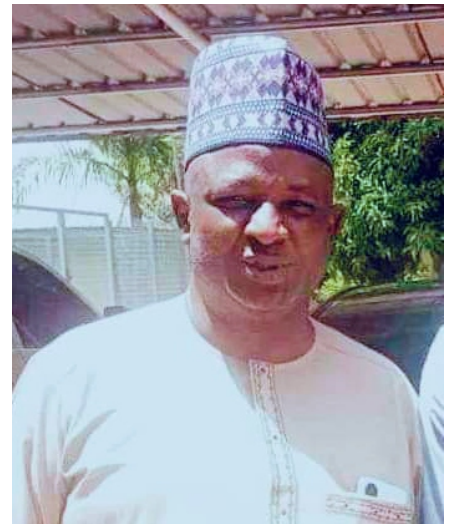
This was even as the NLC leader called on the governor to intervene over the arbitrary dismissal of 480 workers of the Kaduna Electric company.

"These are men and women with families and responsibilities to cater for, unfortunately, they have become destitute over a situation that is no fault of theirs," he said.

FG, others condole with Gov Uba Sani on the death of his brother

The Federal Government has condoled with Governor Uba Sani on the death of his brother Alhaji Mukhtar Lawal Ismail. Alhaji Mukhtar, a Pharmacist died in a ghastly motor accident along the Zaria-Kaduna highway on Friday. Vice-president Kashim Shettima who led a high-powered Federal Government delegation to the family residence of the deceased at Malali, Kaduna on Thursday expressed government's sympathy to the Governor and other members of the family on the loss, describing the incident as shocking and heartbreaking. VP Shettima prayed for the repose of the soul of the deceased in Aljannah Firdausi. He also prayed to Allah to grant the family the fortitude to bear the sudden loss of their dear one. The Federal Government delegation included the Minister of Defense, Alhaji Banaru Abubakar, Minister of State Defense

Alhaji Bello Mutawalle, former president of the Senate Dr. Lawan Badaru and Polical Adviser to the Vice-President, Dr. Hakeem Baba-Ahmed. Muslim funeral prayer for the deceased was performed at the family house attended by hundreds of people from all walks of life including the Emir of Zazzau, Ambassador Ahmed Nuhu Bamalli, Secretary to the State Government, Speaker of the State House of Assembly, Members of the State executive council, Legislators and other sympathizers before he was buried in the neighborhood cemetery witnessed by an emotional Governor Uba Sani and other relatives. Governor Uba Sani has since been receiving condolences at the Malali Kaduna family residence where the throng of visitors have been praying for the late pharmacist described by many who knew him as amiable with a large heart.



Late Alhaji Mukhtar Lawal Ismail

Gov Sani Unveils \$20 Million Lithium Processing Plant

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3. Phase 1 Completion: The newly completed processing plant represents Phase 1 of the project, with plans to double its capacity in Phase 2.

4. Community Impact: Ming Xin Mineral Separation Nigeria Ltd has already made a positive impact within the community during its three-month operation. Notable initiatives include

- I. constructing three classrooms in Kuriga village,
- ii. renovating school buildings,
- iii. empowering women and youths, and
- iv. providing scholarships to indigent students.

5. Future Prospects: Ming Xin also intends to establish a tile-producing facility using by-products from the lithium processing, creating an additional 500 job opportunities.

Kaduna State, known for its rich mineral resources, including Gold, Lithium, Manganese, Tin, Columbite, Tantalite, Iron Ore, Nickel, and more, is poised for further growth.

With an educated workforce, favorable climate, and investor-friendly reforms, the State remains committed to sustainable development and economic progress.

#OneYearofGovUbaSani



VP, Kashim Shettima (left) with Ministers of Defence (first & second from right) at the family house of the deceased condoling with the Governor



Funeral Prayers for the Late Mukhtar Lawal Isma'il

KDSG remains grateful to the Army for its commitment to peace in Kaduna State

Being remarks by the Governor of Kaduna State, Senator Uba Sani at the opening ceremony of the combat arms training week under the auspices of headquarters infantry corps and centre, Jaji, Kaduna on 7th may 2024

Essentially, this occasion presents an opportunity for the Government and People of Kaduna State to identify once more with the Armed Forces of Nigeria in general, and the Nigerian Army in particular. The Nigerian Army remains a reliable and resilient partner in the development of our State, especially in light of security threats confronting us, and indeed the wider region.

I am aware that the Combat Arms Training Week is an annual event through which the Nigerian Army conducts a stocktaking of its operational activities, particularly as concerning combat arms. The review by the Nigerian Army of the activities of combat arms spans various theatres of operation across the country.

The review reflects the Army's sound professional disposition, which resonates with global best practices. This disposition accounts for the recent successes recorded in its fight against terrorism, oil theft, banditry, secessionist agitators and other forms of criminality in the country. These achievements simply reinforce the pragmatic stance of the Nigerian Army under the leadership of the Chief of Army Staff, Lieutenant General TA Lagbaja.

As you are aware, Kaduna State remains the administrative capital of Northern Nigeria and the gateway to several states in the region. It is a cosmopolitan state that is home to numerous ethnicities and backgrounds. However, the recent surge in cases of insecurity has affected the livelihood of the people, and hampered the state's ability to reap the dividends of successive investments in infrastructure and social amenities for the accelerated development of our dear State.

In response to this situation, the Kaduna State Government deployed various institutional and collaborative measures. Kaduna State was the first state in the federation to create a Ministry dedicated to coordination of security efforts through collaboration, strategic intelligence gathering and cooperation between government, security agencies and the citizenry.

As a testament to its effectiveness, other states have since adopted the model, such as Niger, Katsina, Gombe, Zamfara, Sokoto, Ebonyi and Abia. Several other states have reached out to Kaduna State for guidance and are also in various stages of adoption. The Kaduna State Government is committed to boosting the capacity of the Ministry of Internal Security towards improving the collaboration with security agencies.

Furthermore, the Kaduna State Government recently procured 100 patrol vans to boost the operational capacity of our security forces especially regarding mobility in hard-

to-reach areas. These vehicles, along with other enablers, will shortly be made available to security forces across the state.

Recently, we signed the Kaduna State Security Trust Fund Bill into Law, towards ensuring improved financing for efforts to degrade bandits and terrorists around the state, with the productive engagement of the private sector. The legislation will raise funds for the acquisition and deployment of security equipment, personnel and materials as well as training.

The continued interaction between the State's systems and the Nigerian Army presents hopes for addressing security challenges. This is witnessed by the expanded footprint of Operation Whirl Punch across the State which has further brought succour to residents. We remain immensely grateful to the Nigerian Army hierarchy for this unwavering commitment to ensuring peace and stability in Kaduna State.

Permit me to re-emphasize the safe return of 137 students of Kuriga Community schools from their abductors, as a testament to the collaboration between the Kaduna State Government and the leadership of the Nigerian Army.

Accordingly, I am optimistic that a gathering of this nature with the participation of various stakeholders within the national security architecture, and accomplished retired generals, will provide viable solutions to the challenges confronting our country. The Combat Arms Training Week 2024 is indicative of our mutual resolve and commitment towards providing a safe and secure Nigeria under the Renewed Hope Agenda of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

Let me seize this opportunity to commiserate with the Chief of Army Staff on the recent losses of our gallant soldiers across various theatres of operation in the country, and also salute the resilience of the troops fulfilling the mandate of the Nigerian Army.

On a final note, I wish to thank the Commander of the Infantry Corps and the Chief of Army Staff for once again extending a hand of fellowship to the Kaduna State Government. The Military in entirety deserves our respect and commendation as they continue to put their lives on the line for the stability, unity and security of Nigeria. No price is too great therefore, in expressing our support to our armed forces. I therefore re-iterate the Kaduna State Government's commitment to providing the necessary favourable environment for troops to conduct their assigned responsibilities within the State.

Security Forces must integrate Local Communities into their security plans

Remarks by the Governor of Kaduna State, his Senator Uba Sani at the capacity building programme organised by the Nigeria Police Force school's protection squad on 8th may 2024 at Yar'adua Hall, Murtala Square, Kaduna

The theme of this Capacity Building programme "Strengthening Security Resilience and Integration of Host Communities in the Protection of Education" is apt. No nation can achieve its human capital development goals, and infact make giant developmental strides if it fails to guarantee the safety and security of schools. And for you to effectively guarantee the safety and security of schools, you must build the capacity of security forces and communities to anticipate, prepare for, reduce the impact of, cope with, and recover from the effects of shocks and stresses. It follows therefore that security forces must integrate host communities in their security plans and execute effective Psychological Operations to win the hearts and minds of the people.

I commend the Federal Government for launching the N144.8 Billion Safe Schools Financing Plan in 2022. The plan was developed through rigorous consultative strategic engagements with all relevant stakeholders in the education and security sectors, at national and sub-national levels. It is gratifying to note that in furtherance of this plan, the Inspector General of Police, IGP Olukayode Egbetokun has established the Schools Protection Squad (SPS), a proactive initiative aimed at enhancing security and safety in educational institutions across Nigeria.

Kaduna State is one of the states that has been waging a sustained battle against banditry, terrorism, kidnapping and other forms of criminality. These non - state actors have disrupted socio - economic activities in the affected communities and are threatening our educational revitalization programme. Kaduna State's educational system is facing a crisis of declining enrolment, with over 200,000 fewer primary school pupils recorded in the 2022/2023 academic session compared to the previous year. This dramatic drop (from 2,111,969 in 2021/2022 to 1,734,704 in 2022/2023) is largely attributed to insecurity.

In several Local Government Areas (LGAs) particularly Chikun, Birnin Gwari, Kajuru, Giwa, and Igabi insecurity has forced school consolidation, further pushing up the number of out-of-school children. Incidents like the kidnapping of 135 students from the LEA Primary and Junior Secondary School, Kuriga, Chikun Local Government tragically illustrates the devastating impact of insecurity on education access and safety.

To ensure that the education of our children in conflicts - prone and terrorists infested areas is not interrupted, we have commenced the merging of 359 schools with those in safe locations. We are also implementing our SAFE SCHOOL PROGRAM to strengthen the security in our primary and secondary schools. We are collaborating with the Nigeria Police Force which is currently training a Schools Protection

Squad (SPS). We have made adequate budgetary provision for effective implementation of our Safe School Program.

The following measures are being implemented:

- Fencing of schools
- Establishment of Security and Safety Response Committees with membership drawn from schools and communities.
- Deployment of Kaduna Vigilance Service (KADVS) to schools.
- Provision of emergency line to schools
- Security Awareness Training for School Managers, teaching and non-teaching staff and School Based Management Committee members.
- Construction of Muster Points in schools.
- Training on identification of Early Warning Signs.
- Construction of Watch Tower in schools.

Civic vigilance is essentially about the will of the people and how they express such will in securing their environment and their future. In recognition of the fact that our main weapon against terrorists, bandits and insurgents are the people because these criminal elements live among them, the Kaduna State Government has developed a Framework for Psychological Operations, aimed at winning the hearts and minds of the people. We have been holding regular meetings with Elders, Religious Leaders, Youth, Women and Development Associations.

We are a resilient people. What our people have gone through and still going through are enough to break the spirits of people in other climes. To renew the confidence of our people and restart the process of rebuilding local economies, we must assist security forces and our people to acquire new skill sets. Managing risks, investing in resilience, and responding to shocks when they occur is a shared responsibility of governments, communities and the private sector.

It is my hope that this Capacity Building Programme will not only equip the participants with the skills and techniques of coping in challenging security situations, but will develop a Framework for Psychological Operations and Strategic Communication to Win the Hearts and Minds of Citizens in Conflicts Challenged Communities. Security forces must hold regular meetings with elders, religious leaders, representatives of youth and women groups. Consultative Committees on Security should be formed in communities, with membership drawn from security forces and key stakeholders. They can play a key role in gathering intelligence, mobilizing the citizens on security and development issues, as well as nipping potential crisis in the bud.



Office of the Speaker

Kaduna State House of Assembly

Celebrating with you on this day!!!



Your Excellency, as you mark one year in office, one cannot but marvel at your tenacity and commitment to the implementation of the SUSTAIN Agenda. Despite the adversities on your way, the administration has made tremendous strides in all sectors of the Seven-Point programme of action. We are one with you all the way. May Allah SWT in His infinite mercy continue to guide you on the your noble course of serving the people of Kaduna State. We in the legislative arm assure you of support on this journey to deliver the dividends of democracy to all in the state.

Signed
Rt. Hon. Dahiru Yusuf Liman,
Speaker, Kaduna State House of Assembly.





Kaduna State House of Assembly



We felicitate with a humble leader on his day of reflection!!

Your Excellency



We, members of the Kaduna State House of Assembly have observed over the one year how you have conducted the affairs of state with humility and a high sense of consideration for others. We are particularly impressed at your insistence of taking all stakeholders into confidence in decisions affecting the larger society. That's the mark of true leadership. On this day of assessment of the much you have done, we in the legislative arm do not hesitate to say you have done well. Congratulations on your modest achievement despite the odds. We have no doubt that you will build on the ground covered so far under the auspices of the SUSTAIN Agenda in years ahead. The legislature assures of its support in your determination to change the course of development from urban-centered to the rural front which holds promise and greater good for the people. May God be with you all the way in your determination to better our lot.

Congratulations on this occasion of attaining a milestone!!!



Signed:
Members, Kaduna State House of Assembly.



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Senator Uba Sani casting his vote



The then Governor-Elect receiving his certificate of return



The Chief Judge of Kaduna State swearing in Senator Uba Sani as Governor on May 29th, 2023



Senator Uba Sani Executive Governor Kaduna after his swearing in



The Dep. Governor signing the register at Murtala Square Kaduna



The Governor presenting the 2024 Budget, his first to the state House of Assembly

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a State acknowledging cheers from the crowd
n at Murtala Square



Governor Breaking ground for road construction,
his first outing in the rural area



Senator Uba Sani saluting the crowd
After his swearing in



The Governor Uba Sani with Chief of Defence Staff
Gen. Christopher Musa



Senator Uba Sani with the President Tinubu



Senator Uba Sani at a Northern Governors' Forum meeting



Government House Kaduna Office of the Principal Private Secretary



Celebrating one-year of Compassion, Inclusiveness and Dedication to Principles

It is just one year that has gone by since you assumed office, but from the impact, footprints and impression left on the way to implementing the **Seven-Point SUSTAIN Agenda** of your administration, it would appear that you have been around for a much longer period.

As you mark the one-year anniversary of your being at the helm of affairs in Kaduna State, we have every reason to thank the Almighty Allah for the much that has been done in the efforts to transform the rural areas, upgrade of health and educational facilities, as well as a refocused attention on the security architecture that has guaranteed a conducive environment for the pursuit of various livelihood by citizens of the State. In the course of implementing these programmes, you have demonstrated your compassion towards the people, inclusiveness in governance by carrying everybody along and adherence to your principle of fairness in all your dealings.

This is not to discount the degree of freedom allowed those of us close aides to Your Excellency which has

also guaranteed free-flow of advise and therefore a seamless team work. This has accounted for the success that the administration has recorded in all sectors of the 7-Point Agenda.

While congratulating you on attaining this milestone and as you ride on the crest of the people's acclaim of your achievements, I pray to Allah to grant you the good health and strong will to push forward with the same tempo over the coming years.



Senator Uba Sani
Governor, Kaduna State



Professor Bello Ayuba, FBDFM, FIMC, FIPMD, FCAI,
Principal Private Secretary (PPS)



Kaduna Capital Territory Authority (KCTA)

GOODWILL MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF HIS EXCELLENCY GOVERNOR SENATOR UBA SANI



Senator Uba Sani
Governor Kaduna State



Dr. Hadiza S. Balarabe
Deputy Governor Kaduna State

On behalf of the staff and management of Kaduna Capital Territory Authority (KCTA), it is with great pleasure that I extend heartfelt congratulations to Your Excellency on the momentous occasion of your first anniversary as Governor of Kaduna State.

This milestone represents not only a year of leadership but also a testament of Your Excellency's dedication, vision and unwavering commitment to the progress and prosperity of our beloved state.

Over the past year, Your Excellency's administration has embarked on numerous initiatives aimed at improving the lives of our people.

From infrastructural development to enhancing educational opportunities, from advancing healthcare services to fostering economic growth, Your Excellency's responsiveness to the needs of the populace have garnered admiration and support from all corners of our community.

As we celebrate this anniversary, we also acknowledge the challenges faced and the resilience shown in overcoming them.

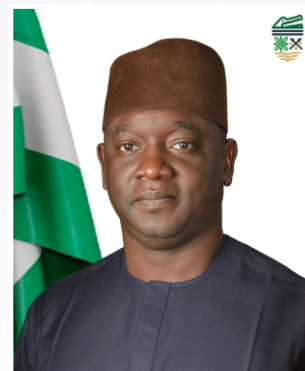
Your leadership during these times has been exemplary, providing stability and hope. The tangible improvements in various sectors are a reflection of your strategic planning and relentless pursuit of excellence.

Looking forward, we are confident that Your Excellency's continued stewardship will further elevate Kaduna state to new heights.

May this anniversary be a reminder of the positive impact of your leadership and a harbinger of more successes to come, we stand with you, ready to support your vision and contribute to the collective progress of our dear state.

***Congratulations once again
Your Excellency.***

Signed: **Samuel Aruwan**
Administrator/Commissioner
Kaduna Capital Territory Authority





Kafanchan Municipal Authority

One year of Sowing Prosperity!!



Senator Uba Sani
Governor Kaduna State



Dr. Hadiza S. Balarabe
Deputy Governor Kaduna State

Your Excellency, on behalf of the entire team at Kafanchan Municipal Authority and the Kaduna State Government at large, I extend warm congratulations to you on the occasion of your one-year anniversary in office as the Executive Governor of Kaduna State. This milestone represents a significant moment not only for you but also for the people of Kaduna State, who entrusted you with their aspirations and hopes for a brighter future.

Over the past year, your leadership has been characterized by unwavering dedication, visionary governance, and a steadfast commitment to serving the people of Kaduna State. Your tireless efforts to advance the state's development agenda, promote inclusive growth, and improve the quality of life for all citizens have not gone unnoticed.

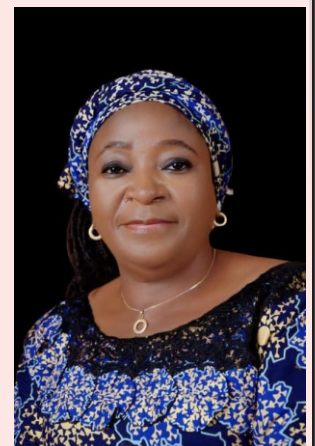
Under your guidance, Kaduna State has witnessed remarkable progress across various sectors. Your strategic initiatives aimed at revamping infrastructure, enhancing healthcare delivery, promoting

education, empowering youth, and fostering economic prosperity have begun to yield tangible results, laying a solid foundation for sustainable development.

Your Excellency, as the Commissioner and Administrator entrusted with the responsibility of overseeing the affairs of the Kafanchan Municipal Authority, I pledge my unwavering support and dedication to your administration's noble goals and objectives. Together, let us continue to work tirelessly towards realizing the full potential of Kaduna State and fulfilling the aspirations of its people.

On this auspicious occasion, I extend my heartfelt congratulations once again and wish you continued success, good health, and divine guidance in your noble endeavors to transform Kaduna State into a model of excellence and prosperity.

Congratulations, Your Excellency, on your one-year anniversary in office. May your leadership continue to inspire us all and bring about positive change for the people of Kaduna State.



Phoebe Sukai Yayi

*Commissioner and
Administrator.*

Kafanchan Municipal Authority



Office of the Accountant-General *Rejoicing with a Pragmatic Leader*



On behalf of the Office of Accountant-General, we rejoice with His Excellency on his 1st Anniversary. Sir, we applaud your achievements as you have touched every aspect of your SUSTAIN-Agenda. Your Excellency, we must thank you for your pragmatic leadership even in the face of daunting challenges. We are confident that Kaduna State will witness more development during your administration. May God continue to give you the wisdom, & courage to pilot the affairs of our dear state. Congratulations Sir!



Signed
Bashir Suleiman-Zuntu
Accountant-General
Kaduna State



Ministry of Justice

***Thank you for demonstrating
Transformative Leadership***



On this special occasion when we reflect on the journey so far, I have the honour to Congratulate Your Excellency, Senator Uba Sani for the much that the administration has achieved in such a short time.

Your style of leadership which carries all people along has inspired not only people working closely with you, but has impacted on a wider scale that those who felt alienated from the scheme of things now feel welcome in the thick of development and are partaking in the dividends of togetherness and equity.

This has accounted for the wide acclaim that the state administration under your leadership has been enjoying.

At the Ministry of Justice your open mindedness has instilled in us the desire to serve with determination hinged

on motivation and satisfaction.

The vigorous implementation of the SUSTAIN Agenda has inspired us to deliver justice services and bring justice closer to the people thus instilling trust in the legal system among the populace.

All this efforts owed to Your Excellency's mantra of continuous engagement with the people and carrying them along in the scheme of things.

You deserve big Kudos for what you're doing in the rural areas, nay the state as a whole, during this transformation journey.

Congratulations for a well-deserved accolade for your commitment in substantially meeting the people's expectations in just a year at the helm of affairs of Kaduna State.



Dr. Hadiza S. Balarabe
Deputy Governor Kaduna State



Signed:

Sule Shu'aibu SAN

Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice



Ministry of Education, Kaduna State

*It's 365 Progressives Days
of Steady Leadership*



Senator Uba Sani
Governor Kaduna State



Dr. Hadiza S. Balarabe
Deputy Governor Kaduna State

I am privileged to join your teeming supporters in and outside Kaduna State to felicitate with you on this auspicious occasion of attaining a milestone in service delivery. We at the Ministry of Education have every reason to rejoice the loudest for the much that you have done in revitalizing the education sector, and especially the compassion that you have demonstrated in handling issues in the higher education sector. Posterity, I believe will be kind to you for your timely intervention when it mattered most. While congratulating you for the good work done so far under strenuous national climatic conditions. I wish to assure you of our commitment to fulfilling the mandate of human development under the SUSTAIN Agenda to fruition.

Congratulations on this one year anniversary of eventful tenure.



Signed
Prof. Muhammad Sani Bello,
Hon. Commissioner,
Ministry of Education,
Kaduna State.



Ministry of Planning and Budget Commission

GOODWILL MESSAGE ON A MILESTONE

Your Excellency,



Senator Uba Sani
Executive Governor Kaduna State

In just one year, you have justified the confidence reposed in you and proven your worth as a celebrated hero, by redefining the narrative of leadership, changing the course of governance to correct exclusion errors so that the poor will not be underserved. Congratulations on all the successes you've had in just one year. I must say without mincing words that I am proud of you, happy to be associated with you, and lucky to be part of your life transforming team.

As we appraise the journey through the last one year, the Planning and Budget team is proud to tell the world the great pillar and support you have been in the course of execution of the Commission's mandates that saw to the actualization and implementation of the Financial inclusion policy, the formulation of the right plans (SDP successfully reviewed) and instruments (2024 budget approved) to correct rural infrastructural and developmental deficit as contained in the SUSTAIN Manifesto, as well as routine coordination of donors to augment financing gaps. This is in addition to regular monitoring and evaluation of projects to ensure value for money.

History has written your name like other great leaders in the fight for liberation of the poor and underserved through your intense zeal for the prioritization of social protection programs in Kaduna State by allocating N10bn in the 2024 approved budget, and implementing through the ongoing conditional cash transfer to the poor and vulnerable, as well as other social protection interventions ongoing. The vision which you brought into governance will continue to illuminate the political and economic space of the country and set a precedent for good ideals and excellence. John Maxwell said; "A great leader's courage to fulfill his vision comes from passion, not position". May your passion for good governance continue to manifest as you steer the affairs of the state for the next seven years to come *In-sha Allah*. As I Congratulate you once more, I like to conclude with the words of Andrew Carnegie who said "The beauty of empowering others is that your own power is not diminished in the process".



Thank You.

Hon. Muktar Ahmad Monrovia,

Hon. Commissioner, Ministry of Planning
and Budget Commission



Ministry of Housing and Urban Development



Senator Uba Sani
Executive Governor Kaduna State



Dr. Hadiza Balarabe Sabuwa
Deputy Governor, Kaduna State

One Year of Remarkable Leadership



Dear Governor, Sen. Mal. Uba Sani

I am writing to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you on reaching the significant milestone of completing one year in office as the esteemed Executive Governor of Kaduna State. Your leadership, vision, and unwavering dedication to the people of Kaduna State have been truly commendable. In this short span of time, you have demonstrated remarkable determination and commitment to driving positive change and progress in our state. Your efforts in addressing key issues, promoting development, and fostering unity have not gone unnoticed. Your ability to inspire those around you and tackle challenges head-on is an inspiration to us all. As we mark this first year of your tenure, I want to express my appreciation for the hard work, sacrifices, and long hours you have put in to serve the people of Kaduna State. Your leadership has already made a significant impact, and I have no doubt that the next three years will bring even greater achievements and successes under your guidance. May you continue to lead with wisdom, integrity, and compassion as you steer Kaduna State towards a brighter future for all its citizens. Your dedication to improving the lives of the people is a testament to your exceptional leadership qualities. Once again, congratulations on this milestone, and best wishes for the remainder of your term. Kaduna State is fortunate to have you at the helm. Warm regards!!!



Signed: Rt. Hon. Dr. Aminu Abdullahi Shagali,
*Hon. Commissioner, Ministry of Housing
and Urban Development*



Ministry of Human Services and Social Development

Congratulatory Message



Senator Uba Sani
Governor Kaduna State



Dr. Hadiza S. Balarabe
Deputy Governor Kaduna State

The Ministry of Human Services and Social Development, heartily congratulates His Excellency, Mall Uba Sani, Executive Governor Kaduna State and Her Excellency Dr Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe, Deputy Governor on the occasion of their clocking 365 days in office.

The Ministry appreciates your Excellency's inclusivity style of leadership. The unfolding of your Seven-Point. SUSTAIN AGENDA is impacting effectively and efficiently in the transformation of lives of the citizenry of Kaduna State. We pray that Almighty ALLAH will continue to protect and guide you as you continue with the good work you have started.



Signed: **Hajiya Rabi Salisu**
Commissioner, Ministry of Human Services
And Social Development



Ministry for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs

Salute to Courage of Conviction and Steadfastness

Slow and steady but with firm commitment to the upliftment of the living conditions of the people of Kaduna State, His Excellency has navigated the ship of governance in the state to a successful one year ashore. Your commitment to the improvement of the well-being of the citizens and residents of Kaduna State is second to none in the history of governance in the State. Your style of leadership has given hope to the hopeless and was engendered confidence in the people of the state to once again believe that truly governance is about the people. Your bold initiatives and rural transformation drive have impacted positively on the rural economy of the state, reduced the incidence of insecurity and in no small measure restored hope and confidence in the rural dwellers. Your courage of conviction and steadfastness have been a source of inspiration for us in your cabinet and we are proud to be associated with your enduring achievements in the governance of the state.

As you turn a new page in your people-centered governance, I pray that Almighty Allah continues to guide your thoughts and actions towards providing leadership that will be remembered for generations to come and placing you in the annals of history as the most successful Governor of Kaduna State



Signed
Hon. Sadiq Mamman Lagos
Commissioner Ministry for
Local Govt. & Chieftaincy Affairs



Ministry of Public Works and Infrastructure

Hurrah!!

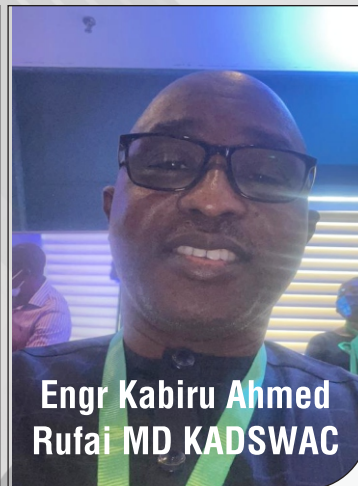
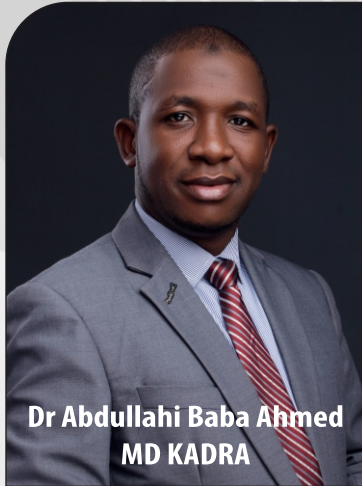
***Governor Uba Sani
is one year in Office***



Congratulations!!



Ministry of Public Works and Infrastructure



Full Mark for one year of Strategic Vision!

Congratulations on your one year anniversary as our leader! Today marks a remarkable milestone in your journey as the Executive Governor of Kaduna State, and we celebrate your exceptional leadership, strategic vision, and unwavering dedication to the success of the State. Your guidance, support, and inspiration have made a significant impact on the growth of Kaduna State in the last one year. We appreciate your tireless efforts to foster a positive and inclusive work environment, and we're grateful for the opportunities you've provided for all citizens of the State to strive for excellence in all ramifications. Here's to many more years of collaboration, innovation, and triumphs together! Cheers to your continued success and leadership excellence!

Signed Arc. Ibrahim Hamza

Hon. Commissioner
Ministry of Public Works and Infrastructure



Ministry of Sports Development



Senator Uba Sani
Executive Governor Kaduna State

Happy one year Anniversary to a Champion of Sports Development

On behalf of Management and staff of Kaduna State Ministry of Sports Development, I

extend our heartfelt congratulations to you on successfully completing one year in office as the Executive Governor of Kaduna State. This significant milestone is a testament to your dedication, vision, and tireless efforts in serving and uniting the people of Kaduna State.

It is amazing that in just one year, your leadership has brought about remarkable progress and massive following, interest and positive change across the entire state. Your commitment to improving the relationship of government with critical stakeholders stands tall as a colossus ; you have brought the cosmopolitan state of Kaduna with many ethnic nationalities to a common table of unity , oneness and the pursuit of a common course to see us live like brothers and sisters that we truly are .

While others continue to reflect on the milestones of the past one year, we at the Ministry of Sports Development are proud of your unwavering support and encouragement which has pushed us to witnessed very unique and outstanding victories in sports development and competitions beyond our imagination. Our male and female hockey teams; Kada Kings and Kada Queens are national winners of the National Hockey Super League, we are Gold medallists in Badminton, Karate, Cycling, Beach Volleyball, Cricket and Taekwando. Your effort to resuscitate Kaduna United Football Club is already sending positives waves in the sporting community in Kaduna state and beyond; you are truly a sport loving Governor.



Signed

Prof. Benjamin Kumai Gugong
Commissioner of Sports Development
Kaduna State



Ministry of Business, Innovation and Technology



Senator Uba Sani
Executive Governor Kaduna State



Dr Hadiza Balarabe Sabuwa
Deputy Governor, Kaduna State

Salute to a Man of Vision and Courage

Under your visionary and purposeful leadership, Kaduna State is once again a true home to all its citizens and visitors regardless of their political, religious and ethnic origin. All the Local Government Councils in the state are seeing remarkable progress, particularly through the successful implementation of the Rural Transformation Agenda and your commitment to human capital development through varying impactful projects some of which include the establishment and equipping of the three Skill Acquisition Cities in the three Senatorial Zones of the state, which will train 1,600 youths yearly in 19 different vocations.

Additionally, your investment in women through the #ArewaLadies4Tech programme, which focuses on training 5,000 women and girls in data science, artificial intelligence (AI), and other digital technologies, has had a significant impact.

Furthermore, initiatives such as the AI For Beginners in Hausa Language has democratized access to information technology skills for youth in the state and the entire northern region, paving the way for their future success.

Finally, the remodelling of Panteka Market into an industrial hub, which has the potential to become a centre for skill acquisition and create thousands of jobs for the teeming youth in the state, is a notable achievement.

Indeed, the SUSTAIN Agenda is taking Kaduna State to unprecedented heights. We celebrate this milestone and look forward to many more achievements that will take Kaduna State and indeed the North West Region to the next level.

Happy Anniversary Sir!



Signed
Hon. Patience Fakai
Commissioner
Ministry of Business,
Innovation and Technology



Ministry of Agriculture

Congratulations
on One Year of Transformative Leadership
Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture and the hardworking farmers of Kaduna State, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to you on successfully completing your first year in office as the Governor of our great state. Your Excellency, under your stewardship, the agricultural sector in Kaduna State has witnessed a remarkable revival. Your policies and programmes are enhancing food security and improving the livelihoods of countless farming households across the state. Your initiatives aimed at supporting and empowering our local farmers have set a new benchmark for sustainable development and rural economy resilience. Your dedication to ensuring that agriculture remains a cornerstone of our economy is evident in the over 1000% increase in budgetary allocation to agriculture in the 2024 budget. The investment in irrigation systems and provision of high-quality seeds and fertilizers are significantly boosting productivity and empowering our farmers. As we celebrate this one year in office, we also look forward to the continued growth and transformation of our agricultural sector under the SUSTAIN Agenda. Your exemplary leadership and commitment have inspired confidence and optimism, and we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead.

Thank you for your steadfast dedication to the agricultural community and for your tireless efforts to enhance the welfare of all citizens of Kaduna State.

Congratulations once again on your one-year anniversary. We are proud to stand with you as you continue to lead us towards a prosperous and sustainable future.

Signed
Honourable Murtala Dabo
Commissioner of Agriculture



Senator Uba Sani
Executive Governor Kaduna State



Dr Hadiza Balarabe Sabuwa
Deputy Governor, Kaduna State





Ministry of Health

Felicitations on one year of purposeful leadership



Senator Uba Sani
Executive Governor Kaduna State



Dr. Hadiza S. Balarabe
Deputy Governor Kaduna State

On behalf of Management and Staff of the Ministry of Health, I felicitate with you on your marking one year in office as the Governor of Kaduna State. For us at the Ministry of Health, the past year has been eventful, seeing as it is the health sector has received a tremendous boost in the provision of health services. With the current rehabilitation of selected General Hospitals in the state, we are on the way to meeting public expectations in the provision of health services across the state. This no doubt is attributable to the focused leadership that you have offered under which all sectors of the SUSTAIN Agenda have received equal attention. We thank you for your commitment to the task of transforming the state to higher heights.

Congratulations and keep on with the good work. Posterity will place you on the same platform with leaders who gave in their all in the service of their people.

May Allah grant you the will to translate your programme to reality.

Signed:
Hajiya Umma K Ahmed
Hon Commissioner
Ministry of Health Kaduna State





Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources

**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR FIRST YEAR IN OFFICE,
HIS EXCELLENCY SENATOR UBA SANI**

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, we would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to you on the occasion of your first anniversary in office as the Governor of Kaduna State.

Your Excellency, your leadership approach in the past year has been inspirational. Your dedication and commitment to the development, improvement, and sustainability of the environment has been commendable.

Under your guidance, we have witnessed significant progress in various environmental initiatives, like investment attraction especially in the mining sector aimed at exploring the under tapped Revenue Potentials, development of Policies for the protection of our ecosystem thereby fostering a greener future for generations to come. Your singular act of ensuring the release of the Counterpart Funds under the Agro Climatic Resilience in Semi arid Landscapes (ACReSAL) a world Bank supported Project has facilitated the seamless implementation of activities such as the landscaping of our environment, installation of a weather station used for obtaining daily weather forecast in the State, awareness creation about the importance of environmental conservation through the tree planting campaigns with the target of planting ten million trees over of a period of 4 years. As a Ministry, we are proud to have contributed our own part based on our mandate to the success achieved so far in your administration through programme implementation that aligns with your vision of the SUSTAIN AGENDA.

As we celebrate this important milestone together, we felicitate with you on this giant stride. Your Excellency, may the coming years be filled with even greater achievements, prosperity, and success.

**Long live THE PEOPLE'S GOVERNOR,
Long live Kaduna State,**



**Senator Uba Sani
Governor Kaduna State**



**Signed:
Hon. Abubakar Buba
Commissioner**

Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources



Kaduna State University

One year anniversary



Senator Uba Sani
Executive Governor Kaduna State



Dr Hadiza Balarabe Sabuwa
Deputy Governor, Kaduna State

Hearty
cheers
for a man
of honour

The Kaduna State University Congratulates His Excellency, Senator Uba Sani on his first anniversary as the Executive Governor of Kaduna State. The Vice-Chancellor on behalf of the Governing Council, Management, Senate, Staff, and Students of Kaduna State University joins in celebrating this milestone achievements. Your visionary leadership and commitment to the development of Kaduna State are truly commendable. We appreciate your efforts in promoting education, innovation, and economic growth in the state. Your dedication to creating a better future for all citizens is inspiring. Here's to many more years of transformative leadership and progress under your administration! Congratulations once again, Your Excellency!

Signed: Prof. Abdullahi I. Musa PhD.
(Emporia, USA) MLS (ABU), MBA (BUK). BA/LS (BUK)
Vice-Chancellor
Kaduna State University





Nuhu Bamalli Polytechnic Congratulations



Senator Uba Sani
Governor Kaduna State



Dr. Hadiza S. Balarabe
Deputy Governor Kaduna State

On behalf of the Governing Council, Management, Staff and Students of Nuhu Bamalli Polytechnic, Zaria. I felicitate with the Executive Governor of Kaduna State, Senator Uba Sani on the Occasion of his One Year in Office. I pray to Almighty Allah to continue to provide the Governor with the wisdom to govern the State to greater heights.



Signed:
Engr. (Dr.) Mohammed Kabir Abdullahi
FNSE, FNChE, FNATE, MNIM
Rector, Nuhu Bamalli Polytechnic, Zaria



KASTLEA

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE MARKING HIS EXCELLENCY'S 1ST ANNIVERSARY IN OFFICE AS THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF KADUNA STATE.



Senator Uba Sani
Governor Kaduna State



Dr. Hadiza S. Balarabe
Deputy Governor Kaduna State

On behalf of myself, the Management and staff of Kaduna State Traffic Law Enforcement Authority (KASTLEA) hereby warmly celebrate and congratulate His Excellency, the Governor and Her Excellency, the Deputy Governor for marking the 1st year anniversary in

piloting the affairs of Kaduna State. Indeed, within the short period in office, you have created an enabling environment of commitment and friendliness in the affairs of the state. Your style of governance has shown a remarkable change that is evident in the transformation of human development and rural infrastructure.

Your administration has delivered many unprecedented accomplishments that can only be traced to the ingenuity of your personality and purposefulness of result driven governance.

As you celebrate your one year in office, we wish your administration the best of leadership and pray that Almighty Allah grants you and your team more wisdom, strength and guidance to deliver on your promise to do more.

As an Authority, we pledge our unflinching loyalty and support to your Government as we commit and ensure safety of lives and properties on our roads.

Long Live KASTLEA!

Long live Kaduna State!!

Long Live Nigeria!!!



Signed:
Carla Abdulmalik
Corp Marshal, KASTLEA

Kaduna State Pension Burueau

**Pensioners, widows
celebrates
A compassionate
leader**



celebrating
1 YEAR IN OFFICE

of **HIS EXCELLENCY**

SENATOR UBA SANI GOVERNOR OF KADUNA STATE

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR INCREDIBLE SUCCESS !

This amazing accomplishment is just one step on your journey as Governor of Kaduna State. Your relentless search for innovative ways to improve the lives of Kaduna Citizens is key to this success.



Singed:

Prof. Salamat Idris Isah

Executive Secretary, Kaduna State Pension Bureau



Counsellor on Land Matters to the Governor of Kaduna State



**Congratulations and
Happy One-Year Anniversary in Office
to The People's Governor,
His Excellency, Senator Uba Sani**

**Senator Uba Sani
Governor Kaduna State**

Your Excellency,

On behalf of my family, my constituent and colleagues, I write to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you on marking your one year in office as the Executive Governor of Kaduna State. This milestone is a testament to your dedication and unwavering commitment to the progress and development of our beloved state.

Within just one year in office, your monumental achievements across all sectors have been nothing short of remarkable. Your people-centered policies and innovative initiatives have significantly improved the lives of our citizens, setting a high standard for governance and leadership.

I am inspired by your vision and the positive changes you have brought to Kaduna State.

Your Excellency, as we reflect on the past year, it is glaring that your leadership has brought about positive change and tangible progress across Kaduna State. Your dedication to service, coupled with your vision for a brighter future, serves as an inspiration to us all.

Together, we will support you to build on the solid foundation you have laid, fostering a more prosperous, inclusive, and sustainable future for all residents of Kaduna State.

Once again, congratulations on your first year in office. May your tenure continue to be marked by success and groundbreaking achievements.

**Signed: Dr. Sir. Bulus Audu
Counselor on Land Matters to the Governor
Kaduna State (Jakadan Matasan Arewa)**





KADGIS

KADUNA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SERVICE



Your Excellency, Our Dear Governor, **Senator Uba Sani**

The entire KADGIS Team is delighted to extend its heartfelt congratulations on your first anniversary as a visionary leader! This marks a remarkable milestone in your journey as the Executive Governor of Kaduna State. We celebrate your exceptional leadership, strategic vision, and unwavering dedication to policy implementation, adding value to humanity and bringing visible positive human development in the State. This first year has proven to the good people of Kaduna State that their collective mandate is placed in the right hands and your guidance, support, and inspiration have made a significant impact on the growth of Kaduna State. Your tireless efforts to foster a vibrant economy in the State and enhance investment-friendly environment, as well as the opportunities provided for all citizens of the State to strive for excellence in all ramifications, are very exemplary. As you continue to steer the wheels of leadership of the State, we pray for more wisdom, strength, and God's guidance in handling all affairs of the State.

Congratulations.

Your Excellency!



Senator Uba Sani
Governor Kaduna State



Signed
DR BASHIR GARBA IBRAHIM
Director General



Kaduna State Universal Basic Education Board

Felicitations with Governor Uba Sani!



Senator Uba Sani
Governor Kaduna State



Dr. Hadiza S. Balarabe
Deputy Governor Kaduna State

Today marks one year since you mounted the saddle of leadership of the state and since then things have changed for the better. We pray to Allah to continue to guide you in your continued efforts to improve the lot of people in the, especially the education sector.



Signed:
Tijjani Muhammad Abdullahi,
Executive Chairman
SUBEB, Kaduna.



Kaduna State Internal Revenue Service (KADIRS)

Salute to the Man of the Moment!!

Your Excellency Sir,

As we mark your one-year anniversary, we acknowledge with gratitude the tremendous growth that Kaduna has experienced under your leadership.

Your administrations impact has been felt through your tireless reforms in education, healthcare, infrastructure ,inclusive governance and security in the State.

Truly, your commitment to serving the people of Kaduna and making Kaduna a better place for its residents, has not gone unnoticed.

We look to the future with complete assurance in your track-record of excellence and capability to deliver your mandate.

Congratulations Your Excellency, on this laudable feat and cheers to the future.



Senator Uba Sani
Executive Governor Kaduna State



Dr. Hadiza Balarabe Sabuwa
Deputy Governor, Kaduna State



Signed:

Comrade Jerry Adams

Executive Chairman

Kaduna State Internal Revenue Service



Kaduna State Urban Planning and Development Authority (KASUPDA)

**Congratulations on your
One year of Achievements!!**



On behalf of the Management and entire Staff of KASUPDA heartily rejoice with the Executive Governor of Kaduna State, Malam Uba Sani on his successful year in office as Executive Governor of Kaduna State.

We appreciate your Landmark achievements particularly towards repositioning KASUPDA to attain new heights in Urban Planning and City management.

May the Almighty Allah continue to assist, guide and protect you.

Longlive Governor Malam Uba Sani!

Longlive Kaduna State!!

Longlive Federal Republic of Nigeria!!!

Signed:
Isma'il Umaru Dikko
DG (KASUBDA)





Kaduna Facility Management Agency (KADFAMA)



Senator Uba Sani
Executive Governor Kaduna State



Dr Hadiza Balarabe Sabuwa
Deputy Governor, Kaduna State

Fraternal Gearings on a Special Occasion!!

Kaduna Facility Management Agency (KADFAMA) Identifying with the People's leader Your Excellency, we at KADFAMA extend heartfelt greetings to you on a special occasion in your life of having reached another milestone in your political career. In just one year, you have laid a foundation for a prosperous society where everyone is a stakeholder. It takes courage and vision to achieve that. Congratulations; May Allah grant you the wisdom to continue to render unfettered service to the people of Kaduna State.

Signed:

Alhaji Adamu Magaji
Director General, KADFAMA





Kaduna State Emergency Management Agency (KADSEMA)

Celebrating a Transformative Year of Exemplary Leadership!!



Senator Uba Sani
Governor Kaduna State

On this historic first anniversary, the Kaduna State Emergency Management Agency (KADSEMA) extends its warmest congratulations to His Excellency, Governor Uba Sani, and Her Excellency, the Deputy Governor, on their remarkable journey of transformation and unwavering commitment to the good people of Kaduna State. The past year has been nothing short of extraordinary, marked by visionary leadership and remarkable achievements that have laid a solid foundation for sustainable growth and development. Your administration has been a catalyst for positive change, executing numerous projects and championing initiatives that have improved the lives of our citizens in education, healthcare, economic empowerment, and social welfare. Your swift response to emergencies and proactive measures to prevent disasters have been truly commendable, saving countless lives and ensuring the peaceful coexistence and security of our citizens. Your attention to the management of emergencies in the state is second to none, and your leadership acumen and disposition have been instrumental in guiding our beloved state towards progress and prosperity. As we

celebrate this milestone, we are filled with hope and excitement for the future. The remaining three years of your first administration hold the promise of a Kaduna where prosperity, peace, and progress reign supreme. We are confident that under your guidance, our state will continue to flourish, and our citizens will enjoy the fruits of your labor. On behalf of the dedicated staff of KADSEMA, we extend our sincere gratitude for your service and reaffirm our unwavering support in your pursuit of a better future for all citizens of Kaduna State. May Allah in his infinite mercy, continue to guide and strengthen you as you lead our beloved state to greater heights. Congratulations, Your Excellencies, on this remarkable achievement. May this transformative year be the first of many more to come.

Dr. Usman Hayatu Mazadu

Executive Secretary

Kaduna State Emergency Management Agency (KADSEMA)





Kaduna State Contributory Health Management Authority KADCHMA

Felicitations

*On one year anniversary
of an able leadership.*



On behalf of Management and Staff of the Kaduna State Contributory Health Management Authority, KADCHMA, I salute Governor Uba Sani and his team on the occasion of their first year anniversary.

Under your watch, Your Excellency, KADCHMA has thrived well resulting in the strides that it has made.

As you mark your 365 days in office, it's our prayer that Allah SWT will continue to sustain your strength to enable you render more service for the greater good of the people of the state.

On our part, we assure you that the Authority will commit to living up to its mandate.

**Senator Uba Sani
Governor Kaduna State**

**Signed:
Alhaji Abubakar Hassan,
Director General KADCHMA.**





Kaduna State Scholarship and Loans Board (KADSSLB)

This is to warmly congratulate His Excellency on your one year in office as the Executive Governor of Kaduna State and for the modest success you have recorded over this period.

Many believe you are here because you can deliver, and your tireless effort is evidence for everyone to discern. In your early days in office, you restored the hope of many students by reducing tuition fees for a number of state-owned tertiary institutions. This is in line with your administration resolve to lessen the effect of the high-cost living

My congratulatory message is premised on His Excellency's dedication and commitment to improving the quality of education in Kaduna State and to ensuring that scholarships reach their target beneficiaries, particularly underprivileged citizens from rural communities,

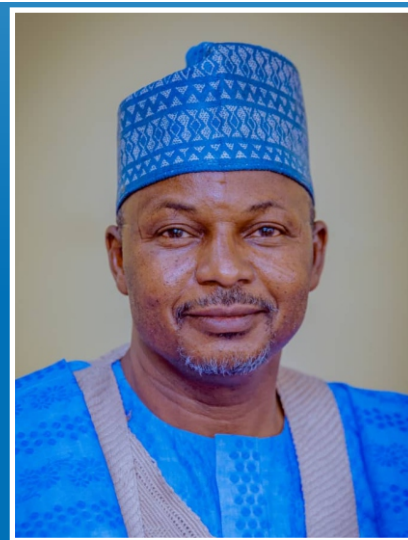
Your Excellency the unique commitment you are showing to the education sector most especially by providing scholarship opportunities to the underprivileged in urban and rural communities have made Kaduna State and this administration a role model and a reference point in the county

May Allah grant wisdom to lift education to higher pedestal in the state.

*Happy Anniversary to our
Enviably Governor Sen. Mal Uba Sani
Allah Shi Ja Zamani Amin*



Senator Uba Sani
Governor Kaduna State



Signed **Professor Yahya Saleh Ibrahim**
Executive Secretary
KADSSLB

Gov Sani Boosts Security with Vehicles and Motorcycles

By Nabilah Hassan

In a significant move to bolster security and safeguard the well-being of Kaduna State residents, the Governor of Kaduna State, Senator Uba Sani has provided 150 operational vehicles and 500 motorcycles to security agencies operating within the State.

During the commissioning ceremony, which took place at the behest of National Security Adviser Mallam Nuhu Ribadu and Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Christopher Musa, Governor Sani emphasized the importance of addressing the challenges faced by security personnel.

He highlighted the need for improved mobility, especially in accessing remote areas swiftly to respond to distress calls. In a poignant tribute, Governor Sani directed the Ministry of Internal Security and Home Affairs to name the Ministry's Conference Hall after Lt. Col. AH Ali who served with distinction as the Commanding Officer of the 198 Special Forces Battalion in Kaduna State before being transferred to the South-South.

Beyond the distribution of vehicles and motorcycles, Governor Sani's administration has implemented other proactive measures to enhance security in Kaduna State by recently signing the Kaduna State Security Trust Fund Bill into law as a measure towards ensuring funding support towards efforts to degrade bandits and terrorists in the state, with the



Some of the operational vehicles and motorcycle



Governor Uba Sani

productive engagement of the private sector. The Trust Fund will

raise funds for the acquisition and deployment of even more security equipment, personnel and materials as well as training", he said.

The Governor further stated that, "We are equally leading the calls for legislative reform toward the establishment of State Police. I commend National Assembly Members from Kaduna State for identifying with this cause."

He said the State Government is actively securing schools, health facilities, and markets, while Intelligence gathering efforts are being intensified across the State to create a safer environment for all residents.

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