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## Kaduna now beacon of hope, peace and progress

s the Kaduna State administration, ably led by Senator Uba Sani marks two years in office with reflections on the journey so far, the basic question that comes to mind is where was Kaduna State before the inception of the present administration and where is it now?

Governor Uba Sani pegged his avowed rural transformation on a seven-point Sustain Agenda-Safety and Security, Upgrade of Infrastructure, Strengthening Institutions, Trade and Investment, Agriculture, Investment in Human Capital and Nurturing Citizen's Engagement-thus challenging all to assess his administration on the success or otherwise of the implementation of the programme, so to speak.

Commentators on the Kaduna Sustain Agenda project are varied in their verdicts. What stands out as an unassailable truth and a recurring decimal in the analysis however is the fact that the state had hitherto been hindered in its march to progress

by a pall of insecurity that had enveloped some parts of the rural and semi-urban centers of the state but is now "powering on all cylinders" as one analyst put it.

The key initiatives and strides of Governor Uba Sani will have to be looked at from the government's performance in the economic development perspective, its financial inclusion drive, revenue generation, investment and job creation, security, infrastructural development, agriculture, education, health and social

welfare among others. In all however, there is no sector the administration has tackled with gusto, and which has impacted on other areas of government focus like safety and security.

Starting with the recruitment of 7000 youth into the vigilante service (KADVIS) early in the life of the administration, to boosting the capabilities of security agencies with 150 patrol vehicles and 500 motorcycles, the active involvement of federal security agencies and the local communities in policing, in addition to the recourse to the non-kinetic approach (Kaduna model)in tackling insurgency, Gov Uba Sani has indeed succeeded in making Kaduna State appreciably safe.

A pointer to the success of the renewed vigour in the revamped security architecture is evident in the coming to life of the hitherto deserted, high- risk and insurgency-prone areas like Birnin Gwari and Giwa lGAs where link roads had become nogo areas to all kinds of users for over a year due to the unchecked activities of bandits and other non-state actors. Famous cattle markets in Birnin Gwari and Giwa that had to vacate the sites have now returned to full cattle trading thanks to the brinkmanship and savvy of Governor Uba Sani and the local

communities who brokered a truce that now appears to be lasting.

The local and popular grain market places are now in full swing trafficking track-loads of grains and other agricultural produce across neighbouring states and even down to far places in Southern Nigeria with ease.

The peace archived has triggered serious agrarian activities and heightened after-harvest cross-community interaction boosting socio-economic relationship.

Not that insurgency and banditry have been banished; pockets of abductions and other crimes are still reported mostly in the remote rural areas, but the Kaduna model which involves all stakeholders in the management of the peace has drastically minimized the incidents safe enough for people to engage in endeavours for their livelihoods without as much of the previous trepidation.

Success in the security areas have trickle-down effect in other

sectors with equal effect. The financial inclusion drive for instance has gained traction. From a projected 1.5 million beneficiaries initially planned at the launch of the executive order in2023, registration has peaked at 2.5 million people currently with their favoured banks some of whom have started benefitting from intervention programs that are being channeled through financial institutions. Increased tempo in economic activities in the wake of

reduction in crimes is reported to have shot up the internal revenue generation in the state recording a 71billion naira surge in 2024 over the 59 billion recorded by the internal revenue service in the previous years. The favourable investment inclement induced by secure environments has resulted in over \$500m garnered in various investment portfolios from both foreign and local sources with the avalanche of jobs that will come in the wake of the fruition of the ventures. Projects such as Sunagrow Soy oil Refinery plant, Lithium Processing plant, Ming Xin Mineral Separation plant, the multi billion naira Kaduna Bus Rapid Transit(KBRT) a project with the government of France in assistance, a host of mining licenses ready to go full swing and the more recent Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zone SAPZ launch, tell stories of a state in rapid motion towards serious economic resurgence.

Add the above developments to the upsurge in spread of infrastructural projects such as the 78 road projects covering more than a total of 700 kilometres that were initiated by the government 21 of which have been completed and commissioned mostly in the rural areas,



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and over 50 similar road projects initiated in the urban centers covering a total of 630 kilometres, all paint a picture of a state transitioning rapidly to a sound economy.

A semi revolution was also observable in the agricultural sector which was buoyed by a budget increase to over 9 percent this year(74bn) from seven percent in the previous year. This witnessed such unprecedented government largesse with the distribution of 240,000 bags of fertilizer free to small-holder farmers in addition to other incentives including the purche of heavy duty tractors, procurement of essential agricultural inputs and other interventions all aimed at making farming less demanding for small holder farmers.

Education and the health sectors, as well as welfare issues have received commensurate government attention over the two years. The Uba Sani administration which early in its tenure reduced tuition fees for its students in state owned higher institutions by about 40 percent, embarked on serious injection of of funds into the same institutions to ensure that their academic programs measured up to the standard required for accreditation by national bodies. This was just as it focused attention on the construction of Skills Acquisition Centers one each in the three senatorial zones of the state as a long time panacea to youth unemployment. Just recently, Governor Uba Sani approved 407 million naira to offset outstanding school fees for the state's overseas students who have been owing the backlog long before the inception of this administration.

The lower level of education has received a similar boost not seen before the coming of the present administration. At the last count,62 new secondary schools have been constructed while over 2,300 new classrooms have been built to complement the 707 others that have been renovated across the state. These efforts together with the improved welfare to teachers resulted in improved learning outcomes with, for instance, results of WAEC, NECO and NABTEB posting remarkable improvement from 54 percent before this administration to 65 percent in the most recent results.

The same success story is replicated in the health sector which early in the journey of the administration recruited 89 medical doctors into the system and empowered its 290 Primary Health Care Centers(PHCs) with necessary equiptments and drugs, and is currently gearing up to rehabilitate 255 of the centers to increase access to medical facilities especially in the remote areas. At the same time the government is refurbishing and remodeling 13 General Hospitals across the state some of whom had not been retouched since their commissioning decades ago. As the administration takes stock of its journey this far, civil service veterans on pension are likely to be at the forefront of showering accolades on Governor Uba Sani for his prompt response to pension payments. The recent payment of the sum of over three Billion naira, brings the total payments to the pensioners and to families of deceased civil servants in last two years to over seven billion naira. Governor Uba Sani's vow that with his administration no one or segment will be left behind has in so many ways played out in words and actions. No wonder, awards of different persuasions keep coming to him in recognition of his commitment to better the lot of his people. The latest of such recognitions being the Good Governance, peace building award by the Nigeria Union of Journalists NUJ in Abuja, citing the Governor's commitment to peace and even development as reasons for his meriting the honour.

Uba Sani himself speaking at a public function recently said that Kaduna State was now a beacon of hope and progress. This he attributed to the success of the implementation of the Sustain Agenda which has served as an umbrella for all irrespective of beliefs and other persuasions. We cannot agree more!!

The articles and news reports that have featured in this anniversary edition of the **Kaduna Outlook** are reflections of the two-year journey of the APC administration in Kaduna State contributed by our staff and other keen observers of developments in Kaduna State which we invite you to be treasure for posterity. Read on:

### Uba Sani's midterm scorecard: Kaduna's bold march towards inclusive development

#### By Nasir Dambatta

Halfway into his first tenure, Governor Uba Sani of Kaduna State has unveiled an audacious transformation blueprint that is steadily reshaping the state's socio-economic landscape. From water to roads, hospitals to classrooms, the administration has moved swiftly to convert promises into impact, with clear evidence of performance across sectors.

#### Water & Sanitation: Debt Cleared, Vision Restored

A sector once paralyzed by debt has seen a revival. Over

N100 billion is earmarked over four years, targeting 100% water access by 2025. Already, N1.3 billion electricity debt has been cleared, and Kaduna's major treatment plants are back to full operations. Salaries owed to Kaduna State Water Corporation staff—amounting to N800 million—have been paid, while SURWASH-backed projects are restoring clean water to rural LGAs.

#### Infrastructure: 78 Projects, 21 Roads Delivered

Governor Sani's infrastructural push spans all 23 LGAs. Seventy-eight road projects covering 775km are underway, with 21 already completed. Notable interventions include

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the revival of the Kaduna Bridge and the launch of a 14.8km dual road in Millennium City. With light rail and BRT systems on the horizon, urban mobility is poised for a leap.

#### Governance and Anti-Corruption: A Clean Slate

The administration has tackled inherited rot—revoking inflated contracts and instituting transparent procurement systems. Kaduna now stands as a model for probity in governance, with systems that reward value and integrity.

#### Education: Expanding Access, Enhancing Quality

In a bold investment in youth, 62 new secondary schools have been established, alongside thousands of classrooms and toilets. Teacher recruitment, tuition relief, and massive budgetary allocations—N115bn in 2024 and N206bn in 2025—underscore the government's prioritization of education.

#### Health: Upgrades and Insurance Expansion

Twelve General Hospitals are being rebuilt, while 255 PHCs have been upgraded and equipped. Health insurance enrolment has jumped by 21.3%, a testament to inclusive health reforms.

#### Agriculture and Industry: Empowering the Real Sector

With over 240,000 bags of fertilizer distributed and 41,693 farmers supported, Kaduna is boosting productivity. The launch of the LPRES project and a world-class lithium processing plant in Kangimi signal industrial ambition.

Workers' Welfare: Pension Relief and Low-Interest Loans
Between May 2023 and May 2024, N19.9 billion was paid in
pensions and gratuities. A N500 million revolving loan
scheme now supports civil servants with single-digit

interest rates.

#### Investment Climate: FDI Boom and Global Partnerships

Over \$650 million in investments have flowed into Kaduna. MoUs with Huawei and Qatar Charity are creating jobs and smart infrastructure, while diplomatic engagements promise even greater gains.

#### Social Protection: Empowering the Underserved

The "A Kori Talauci" programme has empowered nearly 5,000 women with targeted grants. Skills Acquisition Cities are springing up, and victims of insecurity are being supported through relief programs.

#### Financial Inclusion: Banking the Unbanked

Governor Sani's Executive Order on financial inclusion has opened over 2 million new bank accounts, with a 3 million target by 2025. The 2025 KEFIS Summit showcased Kaduna's innovative path to inclusive growth.

## Economic Reforms: Revenue Growth and Budget Discipline

Kaduna's IGR rose to N71.57bn in 2024, with Q1 2025 already at N19.27bn. Digital tracking and audits have curbed leakages. The 2025 budget of N790.4bn prioritizes rural development, health, education, and agriculture.

#### Conclusion: Kaduna is on the rise.

Governor Uba Sani's midterm report reveals a state in motion—investing strategically, governing transparently, and growing inclusively. If the pace is sustained, Kaduna may soon be the gold standard for subnational governance in today's Nigeria.

## The transformative leadership: The journey so far

#### By Clement Shekogaza Wasah

bility to synthesize and apply knowledge and experience is one of the unique selling points (USP) of His Excellency, Senator Dr Uba Sani, Governor of Kaduna State. He effortlessly combines theoretical understanding of governance and practical hands-on real-world situations, having played active and pivotal roles as social activist, governance advisor, and law maker at highest levels. He is a quintessential administrator, widely regarded as a transformative and inclusive leader. Governor Uba Sani is known for his pragmatic governance style and commitment to development across all the sectors. His actions are louder than his words. He is a silent colossus. These qualities endear him to his admirers but confound his adversaries.

To chronicle or assess Governor Uba Sani's achievements is thus a herculean task akin to the situation of the blind men and the elephant. The assessment will inevitably be tainted by limited perspective, and subjective interpretation. What is indubitable though, is that whatever aspect one touched would be a fact though not holistic. This article gives a bird's

eye view of the key initiatives and achievements of Governor Uba Sani in the last two years.

#### Economic development and financial inclusion

From the outset, Governor Uba Sani demonstrated his commitment to economic development and financial inclusion in Kaduna State. Key achievements include:

- Executive Order for Financial Inclusion:
   Signing an executive order to end the exclusion of approximately 2.1 million poor, underserved, and vulnerable citizens in rural areas from financial services.
- eTranzact Banking: Emphasizing the benefits of eTranzact banking, enabling nearly three million people in Kaduna State to access government interventions without stress.
- Automated Tax Administration: Implementing the "Pay Kaduna Portal" to reduce leakages and make tax payment easier for citizens.
- · Revenue Generation:

Kaduna State ranked as the subnational with the highest revenue generation in 2023, with an Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) of N62.49 billion.

## **Uba Sani: APC's mover in North-West**

#### By Shuaibu Gimi

ince 2015 when the heightened clamour for a change in the leadership of Nigeria birthed, in both character and content, a political revolution that simultaneously swept away the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and enthroned the All Progressives Congress (APC) as the ruling party, the political landscape and governance style have never been the same. In the North-West Zone that is made up of Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Jigawa, Zamfara, Sokoto and Kebbi States, the effectiveness and outcomes of the struggle were most pronounced.

APC's victory in all those states in 2015, even with the relative setback it suffered in 2019, has continued to indicate its dominance in the zone. There is a full acknowledgement of the fact that North-West is a place in which the APC, especially if its movers are genuinely at work, will continue to have a huge edge over all the other parties.

The recent meeting of the party's stakeholders in the North-West which took place in Kaduna during which it paraded a lot of its best in terms of personalities and programmes was an evidence of the resoluteness of its drivers in the zone. It was one of the loudest statements ever made by the party and which has now re-enforced the hope for its victory at all levels in 2027.

As the chief host of the meeting, Governor Uba Sani who is also the Deputy Chairman of the Progressive Governors Forum (PGF) and Co-ordinating Governor of the APC in the North-West displayed unrivalled determination to further strengthen the party as a way of boosting the confidence of its members. He showed adequate capacity

for the mobilisation of key figures of the zone including its National Chairman-Abdullahi Umar Ganduje, Speaker of the Federal House of Representatives-Tajudeen Abbas, Deputy Senate President-AbdulMumini Barau Jibrin, Governors of the APC-controlled states, miiiiiinisters and all other high-ranking members occupying elective or appointive positions or serving in the executive committees of the party at the relevant levels all of whom excitedly thronged Kaduna for the event.

Although APC is unarguably dominant in the North-West, the stakeholders meeting co-ordinated by Governor Sani has now made it a lot stronger and livelier with most of the members investing immense hope in its future. His position as the APC's coordinating governor in the North-West has bestowed on him the powers to ensure that it works very well in the zone.

In other words, Governor Sani now effectively functions as the biggest mover and shaker of APC in the North-West in whom all the other stakeholders have confidence and to whom they therefore defer. In both spheres of governance and politicking he exemplifies commitment to the realization of identified goals, which makes him a trusted party man in the eyes of the elders, reliable partner of the other APC governors, role model for younger members and inspiring leader for everybody in the zone and, by extension, the North. 4

The adoption of President Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu as the consensus candidate of the APC for 2027 presidential election by all the participants at the stakeholders' meeting is both a clear product of his efforts and an expression of the belief in the policies of the Tinubu administration. Having come first in this regard, the North-West stakeholders under Governor Uba Sani have established an unbreakable record.



APC Stalwalts from the Northwest including the party chairman at the recent stakeholders meeting hosted by Gov Uba Sani in Kaduna

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· Investments and Job Creation: Securing over \$503 million in investments, with projects like the 50 million Sunagrow Soya Oil Refinery Plant and a lithium processing facility by Ming Xin Mineral Separation Nigeria Ltd, generating over 21,000 jobs.

#### **Enthroning security**

Governor Uba Sani's administration has made significant strides in tackling insecurity in Kaduna State over the last two years. Some key achievements include:

- Enhanced Security Presence and Mobility:
   Training and deployment of the Kaduna State Vigilance
   Service to complement security agents.
- Procurement and Distribution of Security Vehicles:
   Procurement and distribution of 150 patrol vehicles and
   500 motorcycles to security agencies.
- Community Engagement and Collaboration:
   Collaboration between the state government, federal agencies, and security services has restored calm in areas like Birnin Gwari and Giwa local governments, resulting in the reopening of strategic markets after nearly a decade of closure due to insecurity.
- Rescue of Kidnap Pupils
   280 pupils and teachers abducted from secondary school and LEA school in Kuriga in March 2024 were successfully rescued.
- Security Architecture Overhaul Overhaul of security architecture and setup of State Security Trust Fund to sustainably address insecurity and banditry.

These initiatives, among other measures, demonstrate Governor Sani's commitment to making Kaduna State safe for all.

#### *Infrastructure*

Infrastructure development, with particular focus on rural areas, is an area where Governor Uba Sani's administration has made significant strides over the last two years. Some key achievements include:

#### - Rural Road Construction:

62 roads spanning over 827 kilometers, primarily in rural areas, enhancing connectivity and fostering socio-economic development.

#### - Urban Road Construction:

50 urban roads totaling 639.5km being constructed and rehabilitated across three senatorial districts.

#### - Networks of Roads and Bridges:

Several networks of roads and bridges such as College Road-Unguwan Dosa to Millennium City; Rafin Guza-Hayin Naiya-Kukmake; and Sanga-Jemaa .

These initiatives demonstrate Governor Sani's commitment to improving infrastructure in Kaduna State, promoting economic growth, and enhancing the quality of life for citizens.

#### Agricultural Renaissance

As in other sectors, Governor Uba Sani's administration has boosted agricultural development in Kaduna State over the last two years. Here are some key achievements:

- Increased Funding: Sustained increased budgetary allocation to 9.5% in 2025, up from 7% in the previous year.
- Distribution of Fertilizer:
  15,000 metric tonnes of fertilizer distributed to smallholder farmers across the 23 Local Government Areas

#### Educational advancement

Governor Uba Sani's administration has is focusing on education as means to drive human capital development in the state. This is in recognition of its crucial role in shaping the future of Kaduna State's youth and economy. Notable strides in educational advancement in Kaduna State over the last two years include:

- Clearing of Fees:
   Cleared outstanding foreign tuition fees for students,
- · Reduction in Fees: Reduced fees for student's stateowned tertiary institutions.
- School Infrastructure:
   62 secondary schools have been constructed and 50 others approved to enrol over 100,000 students.
- New Classrooms:
  2,326 new classrooms were built and 707 others renovated across 255 wards of the state.
- Recruitment of Teachers:
   2000 qualified teachers have been recruited.
- Empowerment: Empowerment initiatives for female residents focussing on education and skills like the training of 5000 women and girls in data science and AI in partnership with Google.
- · Skills Acquisition:

The establishment of three Vocational and Technological Skills Acquisition Centres to equip 12,000 youths annually with industry-relevant skills.

#### **HEALTH CARE**

In the health sector as in others, Governor Uba Sani's administration has made significant strides in healthcare development over the last two years. Some key achievements include:

\* Increased Allocation:

15% of Kaduna's annual budget is dedicated to the health sector

\* Provisions:

290 Primary Healthcare Centres (PHCs) across the state received medical equipment and consumables.

\* Mobile Care:

Five mobile medical trucks equipped with state-of-the-art facilities deployed to hard-to-reach communities.

# Northern Governors, traditional rulers reiterate need for state police.

Joint meeting of the Northern State Governors Forum with the Chairmen of the Northern States Traditional Rulers Council at Sir Kashim Ibrahim House, Kaduna, ended with a call yet again for the creation of state police as part of measures to tackle insecurity in the region.

The meeting which was attended by the Governors of all the 19 Northern States and Their Royal Highnesses, the Chairmen of the 19 Northern States Traditional Rulers' Councils, said in a communique that the forum acknowledged the critical role of nonpartisan cooperation,

collaboration, and peer review in effectively addressing the numerous developmental challenges confronting the northern region and the nation at large.

The communique signed by chairman of the Forum and Governor of Gombe State Alhaji Muhammad Inuwa Yahaya said the meeting deliberated on matters of regional interest, particularly security and reiterated its support for the creation of state police, and therefore called on the National Assembly to expedite action on the enactment of a legal framework for its take-off. The meeting also took the following decisions:

- 1. The Forum commends Mr. President, Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, for his sustained commitment to addressing the security challenges and infrastructural deficits in Northern Nigeria.
- 2. The Forum resolved to liaise with the Nigerian Governors Forum to work out modalities of how to increase support to the Federal Security Forces.
- 3. The Forum also resolved to strengthen peculiar local initiatives in combating all forms of security challenges.
- 4. The Forum also resolved to urgently set up inter-state platforms to coordinate surveillance on the joint borders.





A cross section of the meeting of Governors and Traditional Rulers

### Uba Sani hails NSA for check on cross-state criminal activities

overnor Uba Sani has commended the Office of the National Security Adviser (NSA) for its efficient coordination of security operations across Nigeria, stressing that the days when criminal elements could evade arrest by escaping from one state to another are fast disappearing.

The governor gave the commendation on Wednesday while receiving in audience the Commandant General of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Dr. Ahmed Abubakar Audi, who was on an operational tour of the North West Zone

According to Governor Sani, "with the

effective and efficient coordination of security by the Office of the National Security Adviser, operations across states are now more decisive, making it impossible for criminal elements to run to neighboring states when they are under fire."

He praised Dr. Audi for fostering synergy among heads of security agencies and for his sustained efforts in combating insecurity across the country. "It is encouraging to see the NSCDC working seamlessly with other security outfits to deliver results," he added.

Governor Sani used the occasion to reiterate the administration's commitment to inclusive governance and de-politicized development. "In Kaduna State, we put governance above politics. Every citizen is a stakeholder in the Kaduna Project. Ours is a cosmopolitan state, and there is no indigene-resident dichotomy," he said.

Dr. Audi had earlier lauded the Kaduna State Government for its proactive and non-kinetic approach to tackling insecurity, which he described as a model for other states. He also appreciated the state's consistent logistical support to the Corps, including the allocation of land for its State Headquarters.

## World-class lithium processing plant, charting mining roadmap will position Kaduna as sector leader - commissioner



Alh Abubakar Buba Commissioner for Environment and Natural Resources

n a major move to reposition Kaduna State as a hub for solid minerals development, Governor Uba Sani has established a lithium processing plant.

The groundbreaking facility, located at Kangimi village along the Kaduna-Jos road, is part of a broader strategy to generate increased revenue, create job opportunities, and clamp down on illegal mining activities in the state.

The development was revealed by the Commissioner for Environment and Natural Resources, Abubakar Buba, during the quarterly ministerial press briefing held at Sir Kashim Ibrahim House.

He stated that the new plant has the capacity to process over 30,000 tonnes of lithium per day, positioning Kaduna as a key player in Nigeria's emerging green economy.

In further efforts to develop the state's mining sector, the government has engaged Core International Marketing and Management Ltd. to produce a comprehensive Mining Development Roadmap for Kaduna.

Abubakar noted that Kaduna has already earned N30 million in revenue from the mining sector in the last two quarters of the previous year, with higher projections for 2025.

According to him, Kaduna State has more than 70 solid minerals, including lithium, gold, tin, coltan, wolframite, titanium, and iron, adding that the Kaduna Mining Development Company has acquired 18 additional mineral titles

The commissioner said that there is "tremendous reduction in the illegal mining operation in the state, which is as a result of improved surveillance and the governor's renewed thinking.

"Out of the Governor's magnanimity, he graciously agreed

that we should form cooperative societies of these illegal miners, so that at the end of the day, they will still be useful to society.

"They will serve as the foot soldiers for any investor that is coming, because they are the indigenes, and they know the terrain better than each and every one of us," the governor argued.

Speaking on environment and pollution control, the commissioner said that Kaduna State has developed a state policy on climate change and a position statement.

He disclosed that the state is the first subnational that has produced both the policy and position statement in Nigeria, adding that "a lot of states have done the policy document, but Kaduna State is the first to come out with the two."

"We have trained and empowered 500 youths and women on briquette making in collaboration with Kaduna Agro-Climatic Resilience in Semi-Arid Landscapes (ACReSAL) project," he said.

"In this part of the world, our people normally use firewood as a source of energy for cooking. We thought that before we ban the use of firewood for cooking and charcoal making, we need to provide an alternative to the people.

"That's the reason why the state government, in collaboration with ACReSAL, trained over 500 women and youths on how to make briquettes," he argued.

Abubakar noted that "briquettes can serve as a source of energy to our women and children for cooking without necessarily using the burning down of our trees because the trees serve as a carbon shield for humanity."

The commissioner also said that the Kaduna State Government distributed clean cooking stoves to 400 women and youths in collaboration with Women's Initiative on Sustainable Environment (WISE), a nongovernmental organisation.

Buba commended Sani's efforts, which led to the state's inclusion in the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPPADEC) in Nigeria.

"In this part of the world, our people normally use firewood as a source of energy for cooking. We thought that before we ban the use of firewood for cooking and charcoal making, we need to provide an alternative to the people.

## Skills Acquisition our pathway to self-reliance-Commissioner

overnor Uba Sani aims to produce a skilled workforce that will not only make youths to be self-reliant but will enable hightech companies to employ them after acquiring relevant skills.

The Commissioner of Business, Innovation and Technology, Mrs Patience Fakai, who made this known at the quarterly ministerial briefing held at Sir Kashim Ibrahim House, also explained that the Governor is focused on Human Capital Development.

Mrs Fakai said that Governor Uba Sani has constructed three Skills Acquisition Cities in Soba town, Rigachikun and Samarun Kataf towns, situated in zones 1, 2 and 3 senatorial districts respectively.

"Together, these three skills cities are expected to graduate 12,000 youths in the first year and 24,000 by the second year of operation in 13 trade areas," she added.

According to her, some of the skills that will be taught include welding, aluminium fabrication, fashion design and solar panels installation, adding that "our youths will also get certifications and we are partnering with NBTE for this programme."

"We hope that most of our unemployed youths who undergo this training will be self-reliant or be engaged by reputable companies. This is a way of creating jobs," she added.

The Commissioner also said that the Governor wants to transform the Panteka Market into an industrial hub, adding that it has about 38,000 artisans working in such areas as welding and fabrication, carpentry and joinery as well as masonry.

"The Governor, in his benevolence, saw the need for the market to be remodelled. He is providing ICT facilities for them and roads network, he is also providing a clinic and a fire station," she further said.

Mrs Fakai further disclosed that the Panteka artisans will also get the National Skills Qualification Framework certification "from the Skills Cities which will enable them to upscale because they already have the relevant skills."

The Commissioner also said that her Ministry had organised Career Fairs in "collaboration with Jobberman and Mastercard Foundation, that connected over 300 job seekers with employers."

"Jobberman has also set up Job Centres both up in the north and southern parts of the state. These centres provide the youth the opportunity to check if there are available jobs and whether they are eligible to apply.

"The Job Centres guide them in the application process, especially on how to write compelling CVs. The Centres also advises them on jobs that align with their skills," she added.

According to the Commissioner, Kaduna State Government has "trained 5,100 women in ICT, which was tagged AREWA



Mrs Patience Fakai Commissioner of Business, Innovation and Technology

LADIES-4-TECH, in collaboration with Data Science Nigeria (DSN) and Google.org."

The Commissioner of Business Innovation and Technology also disclosed that "we have success stories of over 60 women that have gotten employment in various sectors after the training."

She further said that her Ministry enabled the training of 500 children by UNICEF and the trainees were supported with starter-packs, adding that 22 children who are in conflict with the law were also trained in shoemaking and barbering.

Mrs Fakai further said that Kaduna State hosted the third Nigeria Computer Society Summit to promote ICT knowledge and innovation, adding that the National Council on Communication and Digital Economy gave the state the 2nd runner-up award for Human Capital Development in ICT last year.

The Commissioner further said that "we also the first state in the country to launch the AI and Digital Literacy Content in Hausa in order to bridge the digital divide.

"Kaduna State received the National Broadband Alliance of Nigeria (NBAN) Award of Excellence for her efforts in deepening broadband penetration by being the first to grant a free right of way for broadband infrastructure in February 2025.

"We are among the three states in the federation to receive a special commendation from the Gates Foundation on strides in AI, with special funding commitment by the foundation," Mrs Fakai added.

## KDSG clears over N407m outstanding foreign tuition fees

overnor Uba Sani has cleared all outstanding tuition fees owed to foreign universities by Kaduna Statesponsored students, totaling \$247,235.84, equivalent to N407,937,750.

The beneficiaries include those who studied Medicine and Nursing and were abandoned and left stranded a broad by the previous administration.

The payment was disclosed in a press statement issued by the Executive Secretary of Kaduna State Scholarship and Loans Board, Professor Yahya Saleh Ibrahim.

The Executive Secretary further disclosed that the stranded students included those who were "unable to graduate, renew visas, or access their academic records."

Giving a breakdown of the settled tuition fees, the statement stated that Debrecen University UK/Hungary, was paid \$51,400.00, which is equivalent to N84,810,000.00.

The statement further disclosed that the Dubai-based University of Wollongong was paid \$13,827.08, amounting to N22,814,550.00.

The medical University Havana got \$164,010.00, which is equivalent to N270, 616, 500.00 while KIU IUIU Uganda received \$17, 998.00 or N29,696,700.00, the statement added. Professor Ibrahim pointed out that the Governor's action is "in line with his administration's commitment to human capital development and expanding access to education for indigent students."

The Executive Secretary further disclosed that "Governor Uba Sani has also cleared the foreign tuition fees of



Prof. Yahya Saleh Ibrahim ES Scholarship Board

state-sponsored students from 2023 to date."

"His Excellency, Governor Uba Sani

has also directed the Kaduna State Scholarship and Loans Board to liaise with all foreign universities where Kaduna State students are studying to ascertain the status of their tuition fee payments," the statement added.

According to Prof Ibrahim, the directive was given "with a view to settling any payment that may not have been captured in the Master List of the Scholarship Board."

"The Governor is determined to put in place a robust process that will end the hardship being experienced in foreign universities by Kaduna State students," he added.

He noted that the Governor's swift intervention underscores his commitment to human capital development and empowering youths of Kaduna State, especially the underprivileged, to play key roles in a fast changing and technologically-driven world.

The Executive Secretary argued that the Governor Uba Sani remains committed to ensuring that no student is left behind due to financial difficulties.

\*Graduates from the Islamic University of Uganda and Kampala International University had their pending tuition fees resolved and paid, allowing them to serve their houseman-ship in various teaching hospitals across Kaduna, Kano, Plateau, Jigawa, and Borno states.

"We express our gratitude to Governor Uba Sani for addressing these significant challenges despite the limited resources inherited by the state. Under his leadership, over 3,930 students received scholarships in various local institutions, with a total expenditure of 270 million naira at Kaduna State University, Bayero University Kano, Ahmadu Bello University Zaria, Federal University of Education Zaria, Nuhu Bamalli Polytechnic Zaria, College of Education Gidan Waya, Kafanchan, Gombe State University among other tertiary institutions in the country," he said.

"In the next few days, over 500 students will be awarded scholarships in Kaduna State University in order to reduce the burden on parents. This is in addition to the payments for the continuing students in KASU and other various institutions across the state in the country.

"This initiative reflects the special intervention of His Excellency Senator Mal Uba Sani's administration, which aims to fulfill the aspirations of the youth and support the underprivileged citizens of the state, with inclusivity being a core principle of his educational and scholarship policies," the Executive Secretary further said.

## North West fares better under Tinubu - Uba Sani



The North West Governors and other officials listening to Gov Uba Sani (with MIC) convey their position on national issues

overnor Uba Sani of Kaduna State has said that the North West zone is faring better under the President Bola Ahmed Tinubu administration and that the zone is the heartbeat of the All Progressives Congress (APC).

Speaking at the APC North West Stakeholders meeting which held in Kaduna on Saturday, he recalled that President Tinubu "took control of our nation's affairs at one of the most difficult times in its history."

Governor Uba Sani who is the Coordinating Governor of APC in the North West, said that the President is not afraid to take tough decisions as "he embarked on bold reforms with uncommon courage."

According to him, the President's choices have started bearing fruits because "Nigerians are also beginning to appreciate the fact that Mr. President means well for our country.

"As things begin to pick up, the APC has become the choice destination for politicians and citizens generally," Governor Uba Sani noted.

The Governor recalled that "before President Tinubu assumed office in 2023, the North West Zone was the 'epicentre' of banditry, terrorism, kidnapping and other violent crimes.

"You could hardly travel from one place to another. Farmers could hardly access their farmers. Life was indeed 'nasty, short, and brutish' in the North West. At a point, the situation appeared hopeless. But two years in the saddle, the situation has changed.

"President Tinubu has not only stabilized the security situation, he has boosted agriculture in the North West with the provision of farm inputs," he argued.

Governor Uba Sani pointed out that the "North West has also gotten top positions at the federal level. For the first time, the North West Zone has 12 Ministers in the Federal Cabinet.

"We have the Honourable Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Deputy Senate President, the National Chairman of the APC, the Chief of Defence Staff, and the Chief of Air Staff. There are many other important appointments which I may not be able to mention here because of time," he added.

The Governor listed some projects that the Tinubu administration is embarking on in the North West, especially the "completion of the Abuja - Kaduna - Zaria - Kano Dual Carriageway."

He also mentioned the Ilella - Badagry

Road Project, the Kaduna and Kano Rail Projects, the construction of Birnin Gwari-Kaduna Road and the construction of Jere to Kafanchan Road.

The North West Coordinating Governor also listed the provision of N95 billion for the rehabilitation of three dams in Kano, the creation of the strategic Ministry of Livestock Development and the "creation of the North West Development Commission and the allocation of the highest budget to it among the regional development commissions."

The Governor credited the Tinubu administration with the "creation of the Federal University of Applied Sciences, Kachia, Kaduna State and the conversion of Patrick Yakowa General Hospital, Kafanchan to a Federal Medical Centre."

He reiterated that "we have in Mr. President a true father and friend. Let us therefore consolidate on our gains by mobilizing our people to support Mr. President for a second term in office."

Governor Uba Sani further said that "Mr. President is on a mission: to reinvent our economy, banish hunger and poverty, and return Nigeria to its rightful place in the comity of nations."

# Emirs, traditional rulers in Kaduna get new vehicles

irst-class and second-class traditional rulers have received new vehicles in recognition of their crucial role in maintaining peace and fostering development throughout Kaduna State.

Governor Uba Sani, in company of the Speaker, House of Reps. Rt. Hon. Tajudeen Abbas and the Deputy Governor Dr. Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe, presided over the event which was attended by members of both National and State Assemblies, senior government officials, and other distinguished guests at the Sir Kashim Ibrahim House, Kaduna.

The vehicles were donated by SMEDAN through the facilitation of the Speaker as a gesture aimed at enhancing the capacity of the traditional rulers to discharge their responsibilities effectively.

The initiative underscores the



Gov Uba Sani (rigth) joined by Speaker Rt Hon Tajuddeen Abass and Dep. Gov Dr. Hadiza Balarabe commissioning the vehicles (below).

harmonious working relationship between the state government and the federal legislature, represented by Speaker Abbas.

Speaking on behalf of the traditional rulers, the Emir of Zazzau and Chairman of the State Council of Traditional Rulers and Chiefs, His Highness, Ambassador Ahmad Nuhu Bamali, expressed gratitude for the support, noting that the vehicles would significantly improve their ability to reach communities within their domains and respond promptly to situations requiring their attention.



## Kaduna roads: A tale of three governors

By Maxwell Bako Dogara

aduna State is witnessing a quiet but powerful transformation in its road infrastructure—one that does more than connect people and places. Under Governor Uba Sani, road construction is rewriting the political narrative of performance, equity, and quality in governance. For the first time in over a decade, Kaduna's rural communities and farming hubs are finally at the centre of a strategic infrastructure vision that prioritizes both food security and inclusivity.

What makes this change even more telling is the historical contrast it draws. For instance, roads built under the late Governor Patrick Yakowa-such as Yakowa Way in Millennium City and the Yan Karfe to Emanto Junction Road in Zaria—still stand strong more than a decade later. Constructed around 2010, these roads have withstood the test of time, weather, and usage. They are physical testaments to Yakowa's principled commitment to quality, functionality, and sustainability. In a state where infrastructure is often politicized, Yakowa's legacy remains quietly unshaken, in contrast to El-Rufai's.

By comparison, the road projects under Governor Nasir El-Rufai, completed just a few years ago, have failed to demonstrate the same resilience. Roads like Rafin Guza and FRCN Road—once flagged as part of a grand "urban renewal" agenda—have become early casualties of poor durability. Governor Uba Sani is now not only reconstructing these roads but expanding them. The Rafin Guza project, for example, is being extended to Hayin Naiya, Malalin Gabas, and Kukumake, ultimately linking to the KASU Permanent Site—a move that reflects deeper planning and inclusive

connectivity.

It doesn't stop there. Several other roads built under El-Rufai—Lugard Roundabout to Kawo, College Road in Unguwan Dosa, Rigasa to Railway Station Road, Mando to Rigasa Road, and Sabon Birni Road in Kawo—have all required urgent maintenance under Uba Sani's administration, despite being only a few years old. These are not isolated failures; they are symptomatic of a governance model that emphasized optics over durability, urban showpieces over rural necessities.

Governor Uba Sani's approach marks

If the roads of a state can tell a story, Kaduna's roads are today telling one of truth, equity, and overdue correction. Governor Uba Sani's quiet revolution is not only correcting the wrongs of the past—it is setting the pace for what infrastructure should mean in a democratic society: service to all, not a few.

a radical departure. His road transformation is not just about fixing inherited decay—it's about building a people-first roadmap that reconnects Kaduna's economy to its agricultural heartbeat. His government is focusing on roads that matter to the majority: rural roads that open up farmer markets, connect villages to processing centres, and reduce post-harvest losses. This strategy, rooted in economic pragmatism, is already playing a vital role in Kaduna's growing push for food security.

Under the so-called "Urban Renewal Programme," the El-Rufai administration focused on road development in just seven LGAs, leaving vast swaths of the state underdeveloped. Even more damning,

76% of these projects were concentrated in just one local government area—Kaduna North—revealing a deeply skewed development pattern that alienated rural dwellers and undermined the potential of the agricultural economy. Governor Uba Sani has responded with a statewide rural road inclusion policy, distributing development more evenly and rebuilding trust between government and the governed.

This is not mere road construction—it is a philosophical reset. While El-Rufai's infrastructure legacy is beginning to unravel just two years

after he left office, Uba Sani's roads are being laid with vision, purpose, and rural empowerment at their core. The rural farmer in Giwa or the market woman in Kauru now has just as much right to smooth roads as the civil servant in Barnawa. That is what inclusive governance looks like.

As one political analyst aptly puts it, "Inclusive governance is not when everyone claps in the city, but when development reaches the quiet corners where voices are seldom heard."

The contrast is now impossible to ignore: while El-Rufai built for applause, Uba Sani is building for impact. While Yakowa built for posterity, Sani is building for prosperity.

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\*Dogara, a public affairs commentator, wrote from Kaduna

# Kaduna trains 92 mobilization officers to strengthen basic education

By Hauwa Mohammed

he Kaduna State Government, is committed to training the School-Based Management Committee (SBMC) members as part of efforts to improve basic education.

The Acting Executive Chairman of the State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB), Mubarak Mohammed, stated this when he declared open a six-day training workshop for 92 State Mobilization Officers (SMOs) in Kaduna. The program is aimed at strengthening community participation in education by preparing SMOs to train 8,730 members of School-Based Management Committees (SBMCs) across the state's 23 Local Government Areas (LGAs).

The initiative is part of the Reaching Out-of-School Children (ROOSC) project, implemented with support from UNICEF and other development partners. Its goal is to improve school governance, boost community involvement, and facilitate the identification and re-enrollment of out-

of-school children.

Malam Mohammed stated that the SMOs, who will serve as master trainers, are key to closing the communication gap between government institutions and local communities to ensure inclusive and quality education for all.

Mr. Bala Dada, Education Officer at UNICEF's Kaduna Field Office, underscored the joint effort involved, noting that UNICEF contributes technical support, funding, and oversight, while Senator Uba Sani's government provides policy backing and personnel.

The ROOSC Project Coordinator, Mr. Ezra Angai, described the training as a critical investment in community-driven education management. He emphasized the role of SBMCs in linking schools with their communities, thereby ensuring that even the most marginalized children have access to safe and inclusive learning environments.

Angai also highlighted the importance of empowering local actors, urging participants to engage in the training with focus and dedication.

Allow farmers cultivate their farms under dispute until further notice, KADGIS charges firms in land disputes

ompanies involved in Kaduna State land disputes must allow farmers to keep farming, says Kaduna State Geographic Information Service (KADGIS). This is as KADGIS steps in to resolve the major land disputes across the state's rural communities.KADGIS Director-General, Dr Bashir Ibrahim, announced the intervention after meeting stakeholders behind closed doors on Monday in Kaduna. The disputes arose after past governments issued Certificates of Occupancy to companies, neglecting the presence of farming communities. Ibrahim revealed plans for an "Integration of Land" programme to relocate affected farmers peacefully to alternative lands. He confirmed that the firms have agreed to a temporary arrangement allowing farmers to remain while documents are reviewed and adjusted. Ibrahim noted that some farmlands cover up to 83 villages,

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### Gov. Uba Sani's administration delivers: Kachia general hospital renovated





The Kaduna State Government, has successfully completed the re-modelling, equipping, and upgrading of Kachia General Hospital. A dedicated solar farm system has been installed to power the entire facility for efficient service delivery. The soon-to-be-commissioned hospital is one of the 13 secondary healthcare facilities being re-modelled, equipped, and upgraded under the administration's ongoing healthcare improvement initiative.

### **Uba Sani's 15 milestones on emergency and disaster management**



#### By Dr. Usman Hayatu Mazadu

n just 2 years, the Emergency and Disaster Management sector in Kaduna State has undergone a transformation worthy of historical record and future reference. Under the exceptional leadership of Senator Uba Sani, the State Government through the State Emergency Management Agency has redefined efficiency, resource management, and grassroots responsiveness in disaster management. Some of the numerous projects and programs that have been developed and implemented over this period include the following:

#### 1. Strengthened Early Warning Systems:

In November 2023, the State Government through KADSEMA began developing an Early Warning System to fortify its disaster preparedness efforts. This initiative is designed to improve response mechanisms across the disaster management cycle—Preparedness, Mitigation, Prevention, Response, and Recovery.

2. Establishment of Local Emergency Management Committees (LEMCs):

To ensure rapid grassroots intervention, LEMCs were formed across local communities. These committees coordinate disaster responses at the community level, making resilience a local responsibility.

#### 3. Decentralization Across Three Zones:

The Governor approves the establishment and operationalization of zonal offices in Zaria, Kaduna Metropolitan, and Jema'a, each led by a zonal coordinator. This strategic expansion has brought emergency services closer to the people.

#### 4. Creation of New Departments:

The establishment of new departments has enhanced internal coordination, boosted efficiency, and ensured that emerging disaster challenges are tackled with precision.

#### 5. ICT/Disaster Control Centre & Emergency Clinic:

In a bold, forward-thinking move, an ICT and Disaster Control Centre alongside a modern emergency clinic have been established—underscoring the agency's commitment to technological solutions in emergency response.

6. Introduction of Community Information Coordinators (CICs):

This innovation has improved public awareness, real-time information dissemination, and early response strategies in local communities.

#### 7. Legal Framework Alignment:

Following amendments to the law establishing SEMA, KADSEMA reviewed its Strategic Plan to align with state goals and partner commitments.

#### 8. Procurement of Operational Vehicles:

Six new vehicles were acquired, with three already deployed to zonal offices by Governor Sen. Uba Sani—a clear boost to the agency's mobility and operational response.

#### 9. Revival of Fire Trucks:

All non-functional fire trucks have been revived with the governor's intervention. Fully operational trucks are now stationed in Kaduna, Zaria, and Kafanchan.

#### 10. Stronger Partnerships with NEMA and NIMASA:

Through executive engagements, the State Government through the State Emergency Management Agency deepened its collaboration with NEMA and NIMASA to enhance maritime-linked disaster response and relief support.

#### 11. Multi-agency Collaboration:

KADSEMA's strength lies in its teamwork. Partners include the Federal Fire Service, FRSC, Nigerian Police, NSCDC, Red Cross, UNDP, Christian Aid, IOM, KASUPDA, KEPA, KADIRS, and several ministries—forming a robust disaster management ecosystem.

#### 12. Strategic Plan Review (2024–2028):

A major planning session brought in experts like Dr. Bamidele Fagbite (Christian Aid) and Mr. Ayodele Arokoyo (consultant), who praised the decentralization drive and institutional reforms.

#### 13. Emergency Gear for First Responders:

To protect firefighters and local divers, the Governor procured essential safety materials—including fire jackets, life jackets, and 100 barrels of fire-fighting chemicals.

#### 14. Leadership that Cares:

Governor Uba Sani's tenure has also brought significant improvements in staff welfare and morale—hallmarks of empathetic leadership.

15. Recognition as a National Leader in Disaster Management: Today, KADSEMA stands tall as a model SEMA in Nigeria, thanks to its people-first strategy and visionary management.

His Excellency Governor Uba Sani has proven that disaster management is not just about responding to crises, but about building resilient systems that prevent them. With bold reforms, strategic foresight, and the unwavering support of Governor Uba Sani - led administration, the Emergency and Disaster sector in Kaduna which KADSEMA is championing is now not just a mandate being worked upon by an agency—it is a lifeline for millions.

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# Kaduna makes MR Vaccines part of routine immunization



The Kaduna State first lady Haj Hafsat Uba Sani ( fourth from left) at a health sensitization event in the capital

#### Zainab Muhammad Bello

overnor Uba Sani has pledged that Kaduna State is committed to introduce the Measles-Rubella (MR) vaccines into the next statewide immunization campaign.

He made the promise at the Stakeholders engagement on the introduction of Measles-Rubella (MR) Vaccines into routine immunization in Kaduna State on Thursday.

The Governor who was represented by the Deputy Governor, Dr Hadiza Balarabe, praised the decision of the National Primary Health Care Development Agency to introduce MR vaccine into routine immunization.

Dr Balarabe described the decision as "a bold step in the right direction, aimed at giving every child in Nigeria a fighting chance at life."

"As a medical doctor and public servant, I understand the crucial role immunization plays in shaping the future of our society. A healthy child today, means a more productive adult tomorrow," she said.

According to her, health workers, community and religious leaders, policymakers, donor agencies, parents,

and government officials to do everything possible to protect the lives of our children.

The Deputy Governor said Government cannot win this battle alone because all stakeholders need each other, in order to rise to this collective responsibility of fighting the disease.

"From traditional and religious leaders to frontline health workers, from policymakers to the wives of our local government chairmen everyone is expected to play a vital role in sensitizing their respective communities and constituencies," she added.

Dr Balarabe disclosed that "as at January 31, 2025, 627 suspected Measles cases were recorded in 213 LGAs across 30 States of our dear country.

"While this represents a significant drop from the 2,157 cases in January 2024, the fact that over 80% of confirmed cases involved unvaccinated children speaks volumes."

The Deputy Governor lamented that the cases and deaths that have been recorded in our state in 2025 are unfortunate. These are not just statistics. They were children with names, with dreams, with futures that have now been cut short."

"To our health workers you are the hands and feet of this effort. Yours is a sacred duty. You are the hope of mothers who bring their children to the facilities. Your commitment must rise to match the urgency of this moment," she noted

Dr Balarabe called on the Chairmen of Kaduna North and South who were present at the event, to provide information to their colleagues because "we want this stakeholder engagement to be cascaded down to Wards."

"To the spouses of our LGA Chairmen, you hold the Key to the future of the Children within your LGC. This is because you are the Mobilization and Sensitization Champions of your LGC, please let your voices be heard in every nook and cranny of your LGC.

"Inform women and get their buy in and understanding of values and benefits of immunization. No child in your LGC should be denied access the vaccines. Your voices matter. Kaduna counts on your support for this cause," she implored.

Speaking at the event, the First Lady of Kaduna State, Hajiya Hafsat Uba Sani, advised women to take routine vaccination very seriously in order to keep their children healthy.

Hajiya Hafsat further called on traditional and religious leaders, local government chairmen and their wives to further sensitize the people about the importance of vaccination.

In her welcome address, the Commissioner of Health, Hajiya Umma Ahmad, noted that "measles and rubella remain serious public health concerns, particularly for our most vulnerable populations children under five and pregnant women."

According to her, "the good news is that both diseases are vaccine-preventable. This marks a critical step toward safeguarding our children and achieving disease elimination targets.

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### KDSG, BOA chart new course for agric revival in Kaduna



## Kaduna peace, development earns Uba Sani good governance award

overnor Uba Sani has clinched the 2025 Good Governance Award (Peace Building and Development), presented by the National Headquarters of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) during its Press Freedom and Good Governance Awards 2025, held at Barcelona Hotel, Abuja.

The NUJ lauded the governor's bold strides in restoring peace to Kaduna, once a hotbed of ethnic and religious conflict, crediting him with turning the state into a model of harmony and security.

"He inherited a state in turmoil but swiftly rebuilt trust, unity and stability," the NUJ noted in its citation.

Beyond peacebuilding, the media body hailed Governor Sani for his sweeping infrastructure drive and human capital investments. It said that from road construction and school renovations to healthcare upgrades and housing projects, his administration has redefined purposeful governance.

The union also spotlighted the Uba Sani Foundation, which has a built a reputation for voluntarily empowering y o u t h s, w o m e n, a n d t h e underprivileged with entrepreneurial



and vocational skills—a reflection of his grassroots commitment.

The media body, which described the governor as an accomplished lawmaker and entrepreneur, praised him for his coalition-building skills, public policy acumen, and inclusive governance style.

"Uba Sani leads not with ethnic bias or religious sentiment, but with empathy and vision," the NUJ affirmed.

Some Veteran journalists who committed on the award noted that the award cements his rising national profile as a reformer with results and a peacebuilder with purpose.

aduna State is set to witness a fresh wave of agricultural transformation as Governor Uba Sani and the new Managing Director/CEO of the Bank of Agriculture (BOA), Mr. Ayo Sotinrin, have unveiled bold strategies to strengthen the agricultural value chain and widen access to affordable credit for farmers—particularly smallholders in the state.

"With strategic collaboration and credible institutions like BOA, we can drive food security, create jobs, and empower our rural communities."

Governor Sani received Mr. Sotinrin at the Government House, Kaduna, where both leaders discussed how to unlock the full potential of the rural economy through timely financial support and sustainable partnerships. The Governor used the occasion to congratulate Mr. Sotinrin on his well-deserved appointment, describing the visit as a major step toward revitalizing agriculture in Kaduna and beyond.

Reaffirming his administration's unwavering commitment to agricultural reform, Governor Sani said, "With strategic collaboration and credible institutions like BOA, we can drive food security, create jobs, and empower our rural communities."

The meeting is seen as further proof of Kaduna's emergence as a reformdriven state under Uba Sani's leadership, with agriculture placed at the heart of economic development plans.

## 6 hard truths about Kaduna's two years of sectarian peace

#### By Comrade Nasir Chikaji

hile other states still grapple with tension and bloodshed, Kaduna under Governor Uba Sani has quietly pulled off a stunning security success: two straight years without a single case of ethnoreligious violence. At a historic event where he handed over 23 vehicles to traditional leaders, Sani didn't just celebrate peace—he laid bare the truths behind it.

Here are six powerful takeaways from what is fast becoming a model of non-violent governance:

1. Peace doesn't fall from the sky—It's Built Deliberately Governor Sani made it clear: peace in Kaduna didn't happen by chance. It came through intentional policies, constant dialogue, and investment in the right people. While others play blame games, he built a system that works.

#### 2. Traditional rulers are the unsung heroes

In a bold shift from elite-centric security talk, Sani credited traditional rulers for "working tirelessly, sharing intelligence, and staying close to the grassroots." These custodians of culture have become custodians of peace—and Kaduna is safer for it.

#### 3. Non-kinetic strategies work —if you're serious

While some rely solely on boots and bullets, Kaduna went the other route: non-kinetic engagement. Trust-building, inclusivity, and proactive listening are the tools of Uba Sani's security doctrine—and the results speak for themselves.

#### 4. Inclusivity is not a buzzword —it saves lives

Sani's government treats all ethnic and religious groups as stakeholders, not outsiders. That posture has doused tensions and rebuilt bridges burnt by years of suspicion and bloodshed.

#### 5. Empowerment equals prevention

The 23 vehicles gifted to traditional leaders are not luxury tokens—they are tools of early-warning, mobility, and peacekeeping. By strengthening local capacity, the governor is making sure peace has legs to stand on.

**6.** Kaduna's peace is a blueprint — Ignore It at Your Peril Uba Sani's message was loud and clear: other states can replicate this model. Peace is possible when leaders stop stoking division and start empowering communities. Final Word:

In a nation bleeding from the wounds of division, Kaduna is quietly leading a revolution in peace governance. Uba Sani isn't just making noise—he's making history.

## SKIPPER-KADSEERA graduates trainees, emphasizes youth empowerment



he graduation and certification ceremony of the SKIPPER Nigeria Electrical, Electronics and Renewable Energy Academy (KADSEERA) held recently at the SKIPPER Academy at Kaduna State University, KASU, which marked a significant milestone in the state's ongoing efforts to empower young

Nigerians through technical and vocational training.

KADSEERA is a collaborative initiative between the Kaduna State Government, Kaduna State University, and SKIPPER Nigeria. The academy is focused on training young people in solar technology, electrical and electronics maintenance—equipping them with the

practical skills needed to thrive in a technology-driven economy.

Representing Governor Uba Sani at the event, the Deputy Governor Dr. Hadiza Balarabe commended the graduating students and reaffirmed the government's commitment to youth empowerment and economic development. She noted that academies like KADSEERA play a crucial role in reducing unemployment by making young Nigerians employable, self-reliant, and capable of contributing meaningfully to national growth.

The Deputy Governor also praised the synergy between the public and private sectors in establishing the academy, describing it as a model for effective collaboration that delivers real impact in communities.

Graduates of the academy are expected to contribute to Nigeria's growing renewable energy sector and help bridge the country's energy and skills gap, particularly in underserved areas.

# Lessons from Uba Sani's 'NAPM' address at the presidential villa



Gov Uba Sani (5th from left) with other governors and government officials at the State House Abuja

#### By Naja'atu Abubakar Rafinguza

t the official launch of the National Agribusiness Policy Mechanism (NAPM) inside the iconic Banquet Hall of the Presidential Villa, Governor Uba Sani delivered a compelling address that not only spotlighted Kaduna's agricultural revolution but also redefined the role of state leadership in national food security. His remarks echoed beyond the walls of the Villa—offering a roadmap for Nigeria's future. Here are 7 bold takeaways from that powerful moment:

#### 1. Kaduna took center stage

Governor Uba Sani emerged as the standout voice at the NAPM launch, positioning Kaduna as the nation's benchmark for agribusiness transformation.

#### 2. Why the villa venue mattered

Delivering his message from the Presidential Banquet Hall amplified the weight of Kaduna's agricultural model on a national stage.

#### 3. NAPM vision, Kaduna reality

While NAPM is just launching nationally, Kaduna is already running with its core strategies—proving itself ahead of the curve.

#### 4. Policy-driven growth

From Contract Farming to Gender in Agriculture, Kaduna's targeted policies are driving inclusive and databacked reforms.

#### 5. No waiting for Abuja

Uba Sani made it clear: Kaduna is not sitting idle for federal support—it's building solutions, creating jobs, and feeding Nigeria.

#### 6. Kaduna's coming of age

The event symbolized Kaduna's elevation from a regional actor to a national policymaking force under Uba Sani's leadership.

#### 7. Uba Sani: A national economic voice

With agriculture as his rallying point, Governor Sani is stepping into the spotlight as a key player in Nigeria's economic reboot.

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"Kaduna State is ready to embrace this change and incorporate it fully into our routine services. By adding the MR vaccine to our routine schedule, Kaduna will ensure that every eligible

child - those at 9 months and those returning at 15 months - receives this life-saving immunization," she promised.

The Commissioner also commended the Federal Ministry of Health, the National Primary Health Care Development Agency, National Programme on Immunization, our international partners like UNICEF, WHO, Gavi and other agencies have provided critical technical and financial assistance for immunization programs.

### Breaking the cycle of neglect: Gov Uba Sani's road revolution in Kagarko

n a remarkable turn of events, Kagarko. This achievement has brought Governor Uba Sani. For eight years opportunities, and social services. prior to this government the area The road's completion is a testament to development.

progress was evident in the swift vision and leadership. completion of a crucial road project in

Kagarko Local Government has immense relief and joy to residents, witnessed a significant who can now access better transformation under the leadership of transportation, economic

suffered from neglect, with not a single Governor Sani's dedication to road constructed. However, Governor improving the lives of citizens and Sani's administration took a different bridging the infrastructure gap in the approach, prioritizing infrastructure region. As Kagarko continues to thrive, residents are grateful for the positive The governor's commitment to change brought about by the governor's





Some of the completed roads in Kagarko

#### **Oueen Amina old students** commend Uba Sani over land revocation

overnor Uba Sani has been commended for revoking the sale of Queen Amina College Staff Quarters and other plots of land within the school, demonstrating commitment to preserving educational infrastructure in Kaduna State.

The commendation was conveyed in a letter of appreciation by Queen Amina College Old Students Association, dated 6th May, 2025 and signed by Rahila Ogiji, the Assistant Secretary of the Association.

"We write to convey our heartfelt appreciation to Your Excellency for your prompt and decisive intervention in revoking the sales of Queen Amina College Staff Quarters and other plots of land within our esteemed alma mater.

"By protecting the integrity of school properties, you have reaffirmed the priority your administration places on creating a safe, secure and conducive environment for both teaching and learning," the letter stated.

According to the old students, the revocation not only "safeguards the legacy of one of Kaduna State's foremost girl's institutions but also reinforces your administration's dedication to human capital development through education."

The letter further pointed out that Governor Uba Sani's decision sends a powerful message that future generations and by extension, the advancement of society are tied to the quality of the environment in which they are educated.

It will be recalled that the Governor had revoked the sale of all institutional houses and land allocations within legacy schools on April 22, 2025, and the schools include Alhuda-huda College, Zaria, Queen Amina College, Kaduna and Government Commercial College, Zaria

## **Uba Sani hails Dangote on** fight against hunger

Dangote Foundation for their security," headded. unrelenting commitment to the fight against hunger and poverty in Nigeria.

during the distribution of 35,000 bags of 10 kilograms of rice to the 23 local governments of Kaduna State by the Aliko Dangote Foundation on Speaking at the event, Alhaji Sadiq Thursday.

Governor Uba Sani who was represented by his Chief of Staff, Alhaji Sani Liman Kila, noted that each local government will get 1,522 bags, adding the Foundation's interventions have been well targeted and impactful. Governor Uba Sani emphasised that "the Aliko Dangote's social protection initiatives aligns with the policies and programmes of our administration on social investment.

"Since the inception of our administration, we have impacted on the lives of our citizens through the on health, education and social protection," he said.

recovery through inclusive growth and development, financial inclusion and literacy for the poor and vulnerable,

overnor Uba Sani has humanitarian response focusing on commended Alhaji Aliko Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), Dangote and the Aliko and improving peace, safety and

The Governor promised to "continue to partner with people-focused The Governor gave the commendation foundations like Aliko Dangote Foundation's to improve the living conditions of the poor and vulnerable in our state."

> Ahmed, the representative of the foundation, said that the Aliko Dangote Foundation's Annual National Food Intervention Project is "targeting over one million less privileged Nigerians nationwide."

> According to him, the distribution cuts across all the 774 local governments and it is "in line with the core values of Alhaji Aliko Dangote's businesses and the Aliko Dangote Foundation."

Alhaji Sadiq said that the initiative embodies compassion, solidarity and shared responsibility which are part of the Foundation's response to the delivery of basic services with a focus current economic challenges in the country.

He further said that the distribution of "We have been supporting economic palliatives "reflects commitment to supporting our communities in line with our core values."



A display of sample of the palliatives

### **KDSG** commissions water and sanitation facilities in Jaba LGA.

#### By Bulus Godwin

he Kaduna State Government has marked a significant milestone with the commissioning of water and sanitation facilities in Jaba Local Government Area. His Excellency, Senator Uba Sani, the Governor of Kaduna State, oversaw this development, which is part of the state's agenda to improve rural infrastructure.

The Director General of the Kaduna State Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency, Engr. Mubarak Shehu Ladan, officially commissioned and handed over the facilities to Primary Schools and Healthcare Centers in Jaba LGA, one of six benefiting Local Governments.

Constructed by the Kaduna State Government, these facilities will serve over 30,000 beneficiaries in healthcare and educational institutions, marking the first phase of implementation of the SURWASH programme. The second phase will target Water services in communities as well as additional institutions across the State. Beneficiaries expressed gratitude to the Governor, Senator Uba Sani for prioritizing rural areas in his 'Sustain Agenda' and thanked Engr. Mubarak Shehu Ladan for his role in delivering these essential facilities, which will improve health, hygiene, and overall well-being in the communities. They also promised to continue to support the government of Sen. Uba Sani.

## International Workers Day: 8 actions of Gov Uba Sani that reset Kaduna's labour-govt history

#### By Najaatu Abubakar Rafinguza

- 1. N72,000 Minimum Wage: Kaduna became the first state to implement this living wage—putting workers first.
- 2. N10.2bn Pension & Gratuity Cleared: Including N3.8bn paid in April 2025 alone. Historical backlog cleared.
- 3. 4,800 Jobs in Health & Education: 1,800 health workers + 3,000 teachers recruited to revive essential services.
- 4. 5-Year Service Extension for Lecturers: Academic staff retirement age raised from 60 to 65 years to retain experience.
- 5. Teachers' Welfare Scheme Restored: ENDWELL SUBEB Fund reactivated—real empowerment for Kaduna's educators.
- 6. Affordable Worker Transport: 4,000 motorcycles distributed, 100 CNG buses coming, all under a subsidized scheme.
- 7. Stalled Promotions Unlocked: Over 80% of civil servants now promoted—justice long overdue.
- 8. Labour Leaders Trained at Home & Abroad: Italy-sponsored training and more to come via Michael Imoudu Institute.

Kaduna Now Leads. Workers Now Win. Gov Uba Sani is walking the talk!

Governor Uba Sani had at the May Day event described workers day as an opportunity to recognize the immeasurable contributions and sacrifices of workers globally in building and sustaining economies, communities, and institutions.

"For us in Nigeria, it is a good time to recall and recognize the struggles of Nigerian workers for our Nation's independence, enthronement of democracy, and better working and living conditions for our people," he said at the occasion of the celebrations of the International Workers Day at the Murtala Square, Kaduna.

In their remarks at the May Day Celebration, the Chairman of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) Kaduna chapter, Comrade Ayuba Magaji Suleiman and his Trade Union Congress (TUC) counterpart, Comrade Abdullahi Alhassan Danfulani commended the state administration for its openmindedness, show of love to Kaduna State workers, strengthening the security landscape in the State, and for addressing critical concerns that directly impact citizens lives and livelihoods.

"I want to specially salute the resilience, and unwavering commitment of Kaduna State workers to the growth and development of our dear state, and indeed our nation Nigeria. My deep appreciation also goes to the leadership of the labour movement in Kaduna State for their understanding, cooperation and collaboration which have helped in sustaining a healthy government -labour relations in our dear State," the Governor remarked.



He said that on assumption of office in May 2023, the administration inherited a strained relationship between the government and organized labour. The relationship was characterised by distrust, silence, and suppression. We knew from the outset that any serious developmental agenda must begin with healing the wounds and the fractured relationship.

"We have created a direct channel between our administration and the Labour Movement. In addition to this, we have taken measures to restore mutual respect, embrace dialogue, and champion shared goals. It is therefore a testament to our collective determination that today, the Kaduna State Government and the Organized Labour have been working hand in hand, united in purpose," the Governor further said.

He noted that without the existing peaceful industrial relationship, progress will be impossible, and the successes recorded by the administration in the last 2 years in the areas of infrastructure upgrades, improved healthcare, rural transformation, human capital development, poverty reduction, improved security and increased agricultural productivity would have been unattainable.

The Governor emphasized that improving the welfare of Kaduna State workers was one of the key priorities of the state's labour and people-centered administration and listed some milestones recorded in this regard as follows:

- i. New Minimum Wage: Kaduna State has blazed the trail by implementing the N72,000.00 minimum wage for all state workers.
- ii. Gratuity and Pension Payment: In April, 2025, we released the sum of N3.8 billion to settle outstanding gratuity, death benefits, and accrued rights in the Contributory Pension Scheme. Since the inception of our administration, we have paid cumulatively the sum of N10.2 billion in gratuity, death benefits and accrued rights in the Contributory Pension Scheme. This feat is unprecedented in the history of Kaduna State.
- iii. Employment Generation in Health and Education: We approved the immediate recruitment of 1,800 health workers to strengthen our primary healthcare system and the

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### Kaduna trains staff on WASHFIT, boosts WASH services in health facilities

#### By Bulus Godwin

n a bid to improve Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) interventions in health care facilities across Kaduna State, the administration of Gov Uba Sani in collaboration with UNICEF has kicked off a four-day intensive training on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Facility Improvement Tool (WASHFIT).

In his remarks at the event the representative of the Director General, KADRUWASSA Director, Water Supply, Kaduna State Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWASSA), Mr. Joel La'akih Yanet, noted that the workshop was timely and critical, especially as many health facilities lack basic WASH infrastructures.

He said: "Over 35 WASH facilities are slated for construction and rehabilitation in rural communities of the two implementing LGAs of Lere and Kagarko. This, combined with increased community participation and support from leadership, will undoubtedly move Kaduna State forward.

"Without clean water and proper sanitation, it's nearly impossible to uphold hygiene standards or control disease outbreaks.

Yanet, added that the workshop marked another stride toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and reinforced Kaduna's role as a leader in WASH advancement in northern Nigeria as a testament of the 'Sustain Agenda'

Kaduna has already recorded significant progress, with ten LGAs declared Open Defecation Free (ODF). The state now

targets to add two more LGAs to this list, bringing the total to twelve in the next few months, this initiative marks a significant step toward sustainable health care in the State, He said.

Speaking during the training, Mr. David Damian, UNICEF WASH Officer, Kaduna Field Office, emphasized the importance of the program in building the capacity of health officials to independently manage and improve WASH infrastructure in their health facilities.

WASHFIT approach, developed by the WHO through a resolution by the World Health Assembly in 2019 is a globally adopted tool designed to help countries, including Nigeria, ensure safe water and sanitation, good hygiene practices in health care environments. The tool supports health workers in assessing current situations, identifying gaps, and creating actionable improvement plans to ensure that even the most basic health facilities can deliver essential WASH services.

Participants were drawn from State mainline Ministries, LGAs, Health Care Facilities Managers, Civil Society Organization, Health Secretaries, WASH Coordinators and M&E in the two selected LGA's of Lere and Kagarko for the Accelerating Sanitation and Water for All (ASWA III) project. Participants were trained on the seven key WASH domains, including Water, Sanitation, Hygiene, Waste Management, Environmental Cleaning, Energy/Environment, Management/Workforce with two additional cross cutting themes of climate and gender/disability/social inclusion," Damian added.

## Why Kaduna enjoys two-year free ethno-religious violence -Uba Sani

overnor of Kaduna state Senator Uba Sani has said that, the state has not experienced any ethno-religious or communal clashes over the past two years, thanks to the efforts of traditional rulers.

He said that the absence of clashes in the state was due to the key role played by traditional leaders who have been "working tirelessly, sharing intelligence with security agents and maintaining close ties with our communities".

"This is why our non-kinetic approach to addressing insecurity is effective. Without the support of our traditional leaders, we would not have achieved the security stability we enjoy in Kaduna State today," the Governor said at the presentation ceremony of 23 vehicles to the traditional rulers at the Sir Kashim Ibrahim House, Kaduna.

He emphasised the importance of synergy between traditional institutions, religious leaders, community leaders, and security agencies in pointing out that the vehicles distributed were intended to motivate the traditional leaders acknowledging their essential role in intelligence gathering and sharing.

The governor was also full of praises for Tajudeen Abbas, speaker of house of representatives, for facilitating the vehicle distribution.

On his part, the Speaker said the vehicles, provided by the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN) are part of a fourth phase of a wider distribution plan.

He said the vehicles are not just symbolic, but tools to help traditional rulers access all areas of their chiefdoms and emirates, supporting their efforts to maintain peace and security.

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employment of 3,000 teachers to restore capacity in our public schools decimated by mass dismissals by the previous administration.

iv. Academic Staff Years of Service Extension: In a bid to retain intellectual capital, we approved five additional years of service from 35 to 40 years, bringing the retirement age to 65 years for the academic staff of State owned tertiary institutions.

v. Revival of the ENDWELL SUBEB Welfare Scheme: Funds previously withheld from the contributory Teacher's Welfare Fund have been fully restored. We have repositioned this scheme to deliver meaningful economic empowerment to our teachers.

## 2 years of sound land administration and economy booster

#### By Helen Kasang Kafoi

and administration involves the coordination and administration of land-related policies, laws, and regulations, as well as the management of land records, mapping, and surveying. It also includes the processes and systems used to manage and regulate the use of land and natural resources of a particular area.

In Kaduna State, the Kaduna Geographic Information Service has the sole responsibility of handling the afore mentioned roles and these, the Service is effectively doing to ensure efficient use of land resources across the state, secure land tenure and property rights and ensure sustainable development and environmental management.

Key components of the state land administration include; land registration and titling, land use planning and zoning, land valuation and taxation, surveying and mapping, land dispute resolution and conflict management and land information systems and data management.

The Kaduna Geographic Information Service provides quality and sustainable land use planning and administration in the State in line with the provisions of the Land Use Act Laws of Kaduna State and other relevant laws. It is also saddled with the responsibility of ensuring the payments of ground rents yearly by all property owners across the state, ensuring upgrading existing settlements to a certain standard that will help in urban planning, population management, help existing structures to acquire their digital Certificate of Occupancy

With advancement in the present day Kaduna State, the Service delivers modern, efficient and reliable land administration by providing secured and affordable land titles for all through the use of Geospatial Database and Base Map. Hence, this has enabled it to offer titles to all occupants of land parcels within urban and rural areas, rural settlements, villages, and agricultural land through the Systematic Property Registration programme (SPRP) to help individuals of low-income community obtain titles for their property as well as the recertification of all Statutory or Customary Rights of Occupancy within Kaduna State in both urban and rural land.

Under the leadership of Governor Uba Sani, Kaduna State Geographic Information Service, over 5,453 offers of plots of land have been made across various locations in the state, including compensations for long-awaited plots and selections from direct allocation applicants from 2020 to 2024. Also, Developments Lease Agreements (DLAs) are being granted by the present administration to lots of credible investments across the state which has attracted more

investors in land administration sector. These DLAs have created lots of direct and indirect job opportunities for the citizens of state especially in areas these investments are sited in addition to boosting the state internally generated revenue. It is worthy of noting that on assumption to power, the Governor, in his kind response to the passionate appeals of holders of the statutory right of occupancy, the Governor incentivized the Recertification programme by extending the registration up to May 2025 which hither to had been closed by the pass administration since December 2022, and also removed the penalties previously imposed on it by the former governor.

Further to that, Senator Uba Sani, in the exercise of the power vested on him by the Land Use Act 1978, graciously approved the downward review of the processing fee for the Recertification programme to N20,000.00 for those without assignment and 40,000.00 for those with assignment. This is to give room for title holders who were not able to register before to do so.

Currently ongoing is the Systematic Regularisation Programme where occupiers of properties within planned, undocumented layouts in the State are given opportunity to apply to regularize their ownership rights to obtain a new digital C-of-O after KADGIS and KASUPDA have reviewed and approved such layout. Also, there is the Regular Application for Right of Occupancy where an applicant who has never held a Right of Occupancy for any property he claims or occupies, can use this application process to obtain a new grant of Right of Occupancy and then the application for a Direct Allocation application of land, which time to time the Kaduna State government makes land available for allocation to applicants who apply for it.

It is also noteworthy that before the coming of the present administration, huge penalties were paid for lands that were situated in undocumented areas and have no C of O's with N500,000 as the least of the amount. But on assumption of office, Governor Uba Sani, in exercise of the power vested on him by the Land Use Act, 2004, graciously approved the downward review of the penalty fees for the areas declared for regularization in Kaduna State. Thus, presently, the penalty fees ranges from N40,000 to N150,000 as follows:

For Systematic regularization areas; in areas such as NAFDAC land Narayi, Ung. Mua'azu Industrial layout, Police land at Hayin Dogo Rigachikun, Sterling land at Mando, Kinkinau Tudun Wada, Stello at Sabon Tasha Kaduna, Chanchandi Land at Matagyi S/tasha, NITEL Land at Television and Oil village at Mahuta areas is now N80,000 from N500,000.

## 2 years on: How Kaduna's Ministry of Justice is reforming systems and restoring hope

#### Hadiza Oyiza Ismail

hen Sule Shu'aibu SAN, FCIPDM, MCArb assumed office as the Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice in Kaduna State two years ago, he did so with a quiet but determined promise: to make justice work, not only for the institutions that uphold the law but, more importantly, for the people often lost in its shadows. Today, what began as a daunting mission of reform has evolved into one of the most transformative justice journeys in the state's history. This is not merely a tale of systems and statutes. It is a record of the mechanisms put in place to protect the citizens of Kaduna State.

In Nigeria's criminal justice system, time can be both an ally and an adversary. For years, advisory opinions on police investigation files, a vital step before prosecution, took the statutory 14 days or more. For the victims and their families, these delays often translated into prolonged trauma. Under Shu'aibu's leadership, the Kaduna State Ministry of Justice halved that waiting period to seven days which meant timely prosecution, swift conviction, and a sense of closure that previously eluded many.

One of Shu'aibu's first battles was against a mountain of pending government cases. These cases were not just statistics but were entangled lives, frozen in bureaucratic time. The commissioner's response was swift: a proposal to the Governor, Senator Uba Sani, for a special committee dedicated to amicable case resolutions. The results? A leaner, faster legal system and relief for individuals and agencies long trapped in limbo.

Justice, as the Commissioner understands it, also lives within the people delivering it. Despite limited finances, the Ministry prioritized the training and professional development of its staff, sponsoring them for seminars and workshops across the country. Just as critical was restoring dignity to casual staff and timely release of witness funds. For years, delayed allowances hindered trials but today witness expenses are paid promptly, and morale has returned.

Perhaps the most groundbreaking reform has been the introduction of an automated case management system. Now, case files are no longer lost in corridors or buried under paperwork. Lawyers can upload, assign, and track cases digitally, improving transparency and accountability. "The system doesn't forget," one senior lawyer joked. But in truth, it's no laughing matter—it's a game-changer that reduces human error and corruption alike.

In a modest wing of the Ministry building, a quiet revolution

took place. Once dusty shelves now gleam with more than 40 new sets of legal texts and over 300 updated publications. From Electoral Law to Homicide and Labor Law, these resources have turned the library into a vibrant legal nerve center. For government counsel, these texts are more than tools—they're the building blocks of a sharper, more informed legal workforce. Now counsel don't have to rely solely on outdated materials or external sources.

The Litigation Department has become a fortress, defending the state against financial haemorrhage. In just two years, they recorded over 370 civil matters, resolving 55, winning 30, and saving the government over ⊠3.5 billion. Out-of-court settlements alone shielded the state from ⊠1.5 billion in liabilities—an achievement unprecedented in the Ministry's history.

The Legal Drafting Department has quietly become the engine room of policy. In two years, it has drafted or amended over 20 laws, from the Kaduna State Roads Fund Law to the Security Trust Fund Law. Each of these directly affects the lives of citizens, rural farmers, road users, small businesses, and security personnel. Their legal opinions and policy frameworks have also helped shape state strategies on women, peace, and security, another subtle but powerful marker of inclusion.

The Department of Public Prosecution has come alive with purpose. Over 100 legal opinions were provided to the Police, more than 50 criminal charges filed, and 35 cases concluded—with the majority resulting in convictions. The department also facilitated clemency for 120 convicts and processed 15 plea bargains, reducing case backlog and reinforcing rehabilitation.

In a society where silence is often louder than cries for help, Kaduna's Ministry of Justice has boldly carved a path forward. The consistent managing of the Sexual Offenders Database (SOD), now linked nationally. Today, the register lists 49 convictions dating as far back as 2017. In 2024 alone, 7 convictions were added. The register, meticulously updated by two dedicated state counsel includes names, photos, and home addresses of convicted offenders. "It's not just a database," says Mariam Abdu, a gender rights advocate. "It's a declaration that survivors matter, that predators will be seen and known." These achievements were not born in isolation. Strategic visits to the judiciary, security agencies, and correctional centers have fostered a stronger justice ecosystem. High Level Multi-Agency Task Team - HIMAT, support the SOD, while Service Provider Accountability Committee - SPAC, ensures survivor-centered communication and accountability.

## KADVS marks leadership transition

By Yunusa Shehu Ibrahim

he Kaduna State Vigilance Service (KADVS) held a formal handing-over ceremony to mark the official transfer of authority, responsibility, and accountability from the outgoing Commander to his successor.

In his farewell address, the outgoing Commander, retired Brigadier General Umar Muhammad Ibrahim, expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve Kaduna State. He highlighted the crucial role KADVS continues to play in strengthening the state's internal security architecture. Brig. Gen. Ibrahim called on stakeholders to sustain their support, particularly in the areas of training and logistics, to further boost the Service's operational effectiveness.

Speaking at the event, the Honourable Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Sir James A. Kanyip, KSM, PhD, commended the outgoing Commander for his unwavering dedication and service. He reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to enhancing KADVS to ensure more effective service delivery for the people of Kaduna State.

Addressing the incoming Commander, retired Commissioner of Police Audu D. Ali, (Rtd), Sir Kanyip urged him to apply his vast professional experience to strengthen the state's security system and provide exemplary leadership.

In his inaugural remarks, Rtd CP Audu D. Ali expressed appreciation to His the Governor Senator Uba Sani, for his consistent support and firm commitment to improving security across Kaduna State.

CP Audu D. Ali, (Rtd), brings to KADVS over three decades of distinguished service in the Nigeria Police Force. Before his retirement and subsequent appointment as KADVS



The KADVS handing over ceremony

Commander, he held several strategic, operational, and international positions. His last posting was as the Commissioner of Police, Kaduna State Command, from

December 6, 2023, to October 1, 2024. Career Highlights:

Commissioner of Police, Border Patrol, Force Headquarters, Abuja Commissioner of Police, Police Mobile Force, Force Headquarters, Abuja

Commandant, PMF Training College, Ende Hills

Deputy Commissioner, State CID, Bauchi State

Deputy Commissioner, State CID, Bayelsa State

Commandant, PMF Training College, Ila Orangun

Contingent Commander, United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Liberia (2013–2015)

Squadron Commander, PMF 14 Squadron, Yola (2000–2008)

Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in Gombe, Lowcost, Kwoi, Kauru, and Ikara Divisions

His appointment reflects the state government's dedication to

strengthening community security through experienced and professional leadership.

The ceremony was attended by senior officials from the Ministry and high-ranking officers of KADVS.

#### Allow farmers cultivate....

complicating the resolution process. "KADGIS has requested companies return their land titles for amendment, excluding village lands," he said. Ibrahim warned companies against evicting villagers, affirming government support for citizens' rights. He urged farmers to stay calm, promising that justice and fairness will guide the process. "The government will address this issue gradually, but always within the law," he said. (NAN)

#### **Apology**

Two articles, one from Abdullahi
Yahaya on Ministry of Local
Government and Chieftaincy
Affairs, and the other from
Mariam Bukola Oyewo on Health
Services Mgt Board could not be
featured in this edition due to a
technical hitch. The two pieces
will be published in the next
edition God willing.
Bear with us -Editor.

## Kaduna to secure schools with technology, community engagement

threatens students across Nigeria.

Delivering a keynote address at the To address these threats, Dr. Kanyip state's payroll, in full compliance Second National Conference of the emphasized the integration of modern with directives. Faculty of Education at Veritas technologies, including AI-powered Kaduna was one of the states in the University, Abuja, the Commissioner CCTV cameras, drones, biometric federation to have implemented the for Internal Security and Home Affairs, access controls, and emergency federal government new minimum Dr. James Kanyip, outlined Kaduna's response systems. multi-pronged approach to "These technologies offer us tools that announced. safeguarding schools in the wake of can significantly reduce risk, improve repeated attacks and mass abductions.

implementing a Safe Schools Initiative confront the challenges—financial that incorporates perimeter fencing, limitations, infrastructure deficits, lack surveillance infrastructure, and early of technical expertise, and privacy warning systems to protect vulnerable concerns." learning environments. He also highlighted the Smart City Project, which uses cameras, sensors, and AIpowered platforms to monitor Kaduna city and swiftly respond to security threats.

"In Kaduna State, we are proactively deploying both traditional and modern methods to ensure the safety of our children in schools," the Commissioner stated. "We understand that the security of our schools is not just a matter of policy—it is a moral duty and a patriotic imperative."

Nigeria has witnessed a wave of violent attacks on educational institutions in the past decade, including the infamous Chibok and Dapchi schoolgirls abductions and, more recently, the kidnapping of 287 students and a teacher in Kuriga, Kaduna State. These incidents, Dr. Kanyip noted, represent a direct assault on the nation's future.

he Kaduna State Government He warned that Nigeria currently has is ramping up efforts to secure over 13.5 million out-of-school its educational institutions children, the highest in the world, with through the deployment of modern insecurity being a major factor in technology, enhanced community Northern Nigeria. In Kaduna alone, collaboration, and targeted safety school closures due to attacks have initiatives, as part of a broader strategy disrupted education for thousands of to tackle the growing insecurity that children, further eroding the state's human capital.

emergency response, and deter Dr. Kanyip said the government is criminals," he said. "But we must also

> The Commissioner stressed that securing schools is not a responsibility for government alone. He called for collective action involving individuals, communities, educational institutions, and the private sector.

"Communities must collaborate with security agencies, and private companies must contribute innovative Our Labour-Friendly Governor, is solutions. Everyone has a role to play," he urged.

Dr. Kanyip reaffirmed Kaduna's Discretionary." commitment to making schools safe "The Office of the Accountant havens for learning, saying the state's General remains committed to efforts demonstrate that with political maintaining a fair, transparent, and will, investment, and citizen equitable salary structure for all engagement, real progress is possible.

"The safety of our children is nonnegotiable. We owe it to them, and to the future of Nigeria, to make our schools secure," he said.

### **Kaduna Accountant General confirms** payment of minimum wage

he Office of the Accountant General, Kaduna State, has confirmed that the N72,000 minimum wage, along with incremental adjustments based on grade levels, has been successfully implemented across all cadres in the

wage, a statement from the office has

"The Office firmly debunks any claims suggesting non-compliance with the new minimum wage. Such allegations are entirely false and misleading. In cases where an employee's net salary appeared below N72,000, it was solely due to voluntary deductions, such as loan repayments consented to by the individual. The Office maintains verifiable records of these deductions," the statement added.

"The Office is actively engaged in constructive discussions with Labour Unions, who have put forward certain recommendations. carefully considering these recommendations which is

employees of Kaduna State," the office maintained and urged any members of the public seeking further inquiries or clarifications, to contact the Office of the Accountant General, Kaduna state.

## Transforming Kaduna: KADFAMA under Gov Uba Sani

#### By Aisha Yahaya Muhammad

n a bid to improve the state's infrastructure and service delivery, the Kaduna State Facilities Management Agency (KADFAMA) has achieved significant milestones under the administration of Governor Uba Sani. From renovating key facilities to providing essential services, KADFAMA has demonstrated its commitment to enhancing the lives of Kadunans.

#### Security and Healthcare

One of the agency's notable achievements is the renovation of the Special Protection Unit (SPU) for the Police at Millennium City, showcasing the government's dedication to boosting security in the state. Additionally, the ongoing renovation of the Primary Health Care Board and the complete remodeling of the Women and Children Center at Katuru Road underscore the administration's focus on healthcare and the welfare of vulnerable populations.

#### Infrastructure Development

KADFAMA has also renovated various state facilities, including the State House Lodges Kawo, Kaduna Investment Promotion Agency (KADIPA), Kaduna State Traffic Law Enforcement Authority (KASTLEA), and the office of the Head of Service. Furthermore, the agency has completed the renovation of the NDLEA office at the Ministry of Works and established a Media Studio at the Deputy

Governor's wing Sir Kashim Ibrahim House.

#### **Empowering Workers and Citizens**

The administration has prioritized the welfare of workers, ensuring consistent payment of wages to Kaduna State Vigilance Services personnel. KADFAMA has also provided a conducive working environment by engaging over 1,600 cleaners across various Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs). The agency's efforts have created over 2,000 indirect employment opportunities for plumbers, electricians, bricklayers, welders, and other skilled workers.

#### Powering Progress

To support the state's development, KADFAMA has provided over 2 million liters of diesel to power generators for MDAs across the state. The agency has also successfully maintained generators at all MDAs, ensuring uninterrupted service delivery.

Under Governor Uba Sani's administration, KADFAMA has demonstrated its commitment to transforming Kaduna State's infrastructure, security, healthcare, and economy. These achievements are a testament to the government's dedication to improving the lives of it citizens and driving progress in the state.

Aisha Yahaya Muhammad of the Public Affairs Office **KADFAMA** 



KADFAMA staff and other officials after a sensitization session

## Hajj 2025: Kaduna Constitutes Medical Team

overnor Uba Sani has **→**appointed a nine-member medical team, comprising experienced personnel, to cater for Kaduna State pilgrims throughout the 2025 Hajj exercise. The Executive Chairman of the Kaduna State Pilgrims Welfare Agency, Malam Salihu S. Abubakar, disclosed this after the maiden meeting with the team and agency's management on Monday. The Team which is headed by Dr Bello Jamoh, will conduct comprehensive pre-departure health screenings at the Mando Hajj Transit Camp in Kaduna and offer on-site medical support in Saudi Arabia in collaboration with the National Medical Team set up by the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria, NAHCON. The Executive Chairman said that members of the team will also be responsible for continuous monitoring of the pilgrims' well-being during the entire pilgrimage. "The health and safety of our pilgrims are of paramount importance. The team was carefully selected, considering members' experience and we are confident in their ability to deliver excellent medical services throughout the Hajj," he added. The Chairman promised that intending pilgrims will be subjected to thorough medical examinations, especially to detect pregnancies among female intending pilgrims."There is zero tolerance for allowing pregnant pilgrims to travel for Hajj," Malam Salihu warned, stressing that the team's " role in enforcing this policy is crucial to compliance with Saudi Arabia's Hajj regulations."He counselled the medical team to approach their duties with the highest level of professionalism and dedication, so as to that all pilgrims have a smooth and spiritually rewarding experience.

## Uba Sani's two years of fiscal vision

#### By Jummai Nuhu

fter his swearing in on 29 May 2023, as duly elected Governor of Kaduna State Senator Uba Sani, has not left any stone unturned, as he charts a course for development, through strategic planning and budgeting

Governor Uba Sani, is a renown civil rights activist, frontline politician, development worker, social entrepreneur as well as a philanthropist to reckoned with, has now marked his second year in office, as Governor of our dear State.

A closer look at his administration's planning and budgetary activities reveals a clear commitment to its core agenda: "Rural Transformation for Inclusive Development." From the outset, the administration has strategically leveraged the state's fiscal instruments to drive progress across key sectors and bridge the developmental gap between urban and rural areas.

A cornerstone of Governor Sani's approach has been the meticulous planning and timely passage of the state's annual budgets, especially because of his harmonious working relationship with the members of the State Assembly. Notably, the Kaduna State Planning and Budget Commission has played a pivotal role in formulating these fiscal blueprints, ensuring alignment with the administration's overarching goals. The swift passage of these budgets by the Kaduna State House of Assembly underscores a collaborative effort towards effective governance, especially as the State Government, under the leadership of Governor Uba, received an International Award of Excellence for its participatory governance model.

The budgetary allocations over the past two years clearly reflect the administration's priorities. Significant emphasis has been placed on these sectors such as:

- \* Education: Investments have targeted the upgrade of school infrastructure, equipped, teacher training, and initiatives aimed at enhancing the quality of education across the state.
- \* Health: Budgetary support has been directed towards improving access to healthcare services, strengthening primary healthcare facilities, and enhancing public health programs as well as, equipped 12 general hospitals across the three senatorial zones.
- \* Infrastructure: A considerable portion of the budget has been allocated to the development and rehabilitation of critical infrastructure, particularly road networks connecting rural communities and facilitating economic activities.
- \* Agriculture: Recognizing its importance to the state's economy and the livelihoods of many, the agricultural sector has also received significant budgetary attention, aimed at boosting productivity and supporting farmers, so as to ensure Food Security.

A notable trend in the administration's fiscal management has been the focus on increasing capital expenditure relative to



**Mukhtar Ahmed Monrovia** 

recurrent expenditure, signaling a commitment to long-term development and investment in the state's future. This strategic allocation underscores the drive to move beyond day-to-day operational costs towards projects with lasting impact.

Furthermore, Governor Sani's administration has emphasized fiscal transparency and accountability. It is against this backdrop that sometime last year, the Centre for Fiscal Transparency and Public Integrity Watch (CeFTPIW) ranked Kaduna State as the first subnational in its Transparency and Public Integrity Index. The ranking which was done for the entire 36 states, including Abuja, placed Kaduna State as number 1, with a score of 51. 42, in its 2024 Integrity Index Report.

Besides, efforts have been made to ensure that the budgetary process is open and that citizens can track how public funds are being utilized. This commitment aims to foster trust and ensure that resources are deployed effectively for the benefit of all residents of Kaduna State.

While challenges undoubtedly remain, the budgetary trajectory under Governor Uba Sani's leadership over the past two years demonstrates a focused and deliberate approach to achieving the administration's development objectives.

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"From the outset, the administration has strategically leveraged the state's fiscal instruments to drive progress across key sectors and bridge the developmental gap between urban and rural areas

### Kaduna SUBEB: Leading the path to quality basic education

#### By Hauwa Muhammad

aduna State has long held the distinguished title of Nigeria's Centre of Learning. Today, that legacy is being consolidated through the transformative efforts of His Excellency, the Executive Governor, Senator Uba Sani. Since its establishment on May 25, 2007, the Kaduna State Universal Basic Education Board (KADSUBEB) has worked to build a strong foundation for basic education. Now, under the administration of Senator Uba Sani, the efforts have gained new momentum and renewed drive.

This vision seeks to expand access to quality learning opportunities for every child, regardless of location or background. With a bold reform agenda, vigor and robust partnerships, KADSUBEB is translating this vision into reality through impactful projects and programmes.

#### Bilingual Education for a Diverse Kaduna

One of the Board's flagship initiatives is the Bilingual Education Schools Project, aimed at reaching out-of-school children in key local government areas. Currently at 85% completion, four modern bilingual schools are taking shape in Igabi, Zaria, Kubau, and Giwa. These schools will host 192 classrooms, designed to accommodate 7,680 learners, most of whom have been historically excluded from formal education. The program is a powerful step toward inclusive learning, embracing linguistic and cultural diversity while fostering literacy and numeracy among Kaduna's young minds.

#### Infrastructure Development: Building the Future

In collaboration with international development partners—including the FCDO, IsDB, UNICEF, World Bank, TaRL, PLANE, and the Reaching Out-of-School Children (ROOSC) project, KADSUBEB has embarked on a massive infrastructure drive in which 650 new classrooms have been constructed in the first phase of a larger plan to build 2,326. Additional 707 classrooms have undergone comprehensive

Furthermore, 34,000 sets of furniture have been distributed to furnish these spaces, providing comfort and dignity to both students and teachers.

renovation, modernizing learning spaces across the state.

#### Safe, Hygienic Learning Environments

Recognizing the link between health and learning, KADSUBEB has prioritized Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) in schools. So far, 842 VIP toilets and 104 functional boreholes have been completed, improving the hygiene standards for thousands of learners.

#### **Empowering Teachers and Communities**

Education thrives on well-trained educators and engaged communities. In the past year, over 26,000 teachers, headteachers, and support staff have undergone training in areas of ICT, classroom management, literacy, numeracy, and data usage. These capacity-building efforts are laying the

groundwork for sustained educational excellence.

Additionally, School-Based Management Committees (SBMCs) have been reactivated to foster community ownership of schools, ensuring that every neighborhood has a voice in its children's education.

#### A Model School, A New Standard

In Tudun Biri, Igabi LGA, the Kaduna State Government under the visionary leadership of His Excellency, Senator Uba Sani constructed a state-of-the-art flagship basic education school, setting a new benchmark for educational quality in Kaduna and beyond. The facility blends modern architecture with child-centered design, offering a glimpse of what the future of public education can look like, particularly in underrepresented communities of the state.

#### Teacher Welfare and Vocational Empowerment

No educational system can flourish without motivated educators. KADSUBEB has approved and processed all outstanding teacher promotions from 2021 to date, honoring the dedication of its workforce.

In January, 2025, Governor Uba Sani successfully resolved the long-standing dispute between the Kaduna State Government and the Nigeria Union of Teachers (NUT) regarding the NUT Endwell Fund, amounting to N548 million. This fund, which represents statutory deductions from teachers' salaries meant to support them during service and retirement, has been a subject of contention for several years.

Furthermore, recognizing the value of skills-based education, the Board has trained 2,070 learners in vocational fields such as carpentry, tailoring, and computer skills. Another 1,848 trainees are on track to graduate in the 2024/2025 academic session, contributing to Kaduna's skilled workforce.

#### Strengthening Oversight

To maintain high standards across its programs, the Kaduna State Government through KADSUBEB has equipped its monitoring and evaluation teams with six minibuses and 24 motorcycles, facilitating real-time supervision of teaching and learning activities throughout the state.

#### A Vision Becoming Reality

From classrooms and curriculum to community engagement and capacity building, KADSUBEB's achievements reflect a coordinated, visionary approach to education reform. Under the leadership of Senator Uba Sani and the dedication of the Board's team, Kaduna is not only preserving its legacy as the Centre of Learning, but boldly redefining what that title means in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

With every school built, every child enrolled, and every teacher trained, Kaduna State is proving that quality basic education is not just a dream, it is a right, a promise, and a future in the making.

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## CSC: Driving efficiency and accountability in governance

#### By Mansur Isah

he Kaduna State Civil Service Commission is a vital institution responsible for ensuring the effective management of the state's civil service. As the central personnel agency, the Commission plays a crucial role in promoting good governance, accountability, and transparency in the state's administration.

The Kaduna State Civil Service Commission is mandated to oversee the recruitment, promotion, and discipline of civil servants in the state.

*The Commission functions include:* 

- Recruiting and selecting qualified candidates for positions in the state's civil service
- Promoting civil savants based on merit and performance
- Disciplining civil servants who engage in misconduct or poor performance
- Advising the state government on matters relating to human resource management

In recent years, the Kaduna State Civil Service Commission has implemented several reforms and initiatives aimed at improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the state's civil service.

#### These include:

- Introduction of merit based recruitment and promotion processes
- Implementation of performance based evaluation systems
- Training and capacity building programmes for civil servants
- Strengthening of desciplinary mechanisms to ensure accountability

The Kaduna State Civil Service Commission's efforts have yielded significant results, including:

- Improved transparency and accountability in the Civil service
- Enhanced performance and productivity among civil servants
- Increased public trust and administration
- Better service delivery to citizens

Despite these achievements, the Kaduna State Civil Service Commission faces several challenges including :-Limited resources and funding

- Capacity constraints in some areas of human resource management
- Needs for further reforms to enhance efficiency and effectiveness

To address these challenges, the Commission will need to continue implementing reforms and initiatives that promote good governance, accountability, and transparency. By doing so, the Commission can ensure that the state's civil service commission remains a driving force for development and in Kaduna State. *Isah is the CSC* 

## The dynamism of Gov Uba Sani's leadership

#### By Dahiru Abdu

pon assumption of office, Sen. UBA SANI started on good stead, setting a pedestal to achieving set goals.

Through the Ministry's supervision, Sen. Sani emberked on completing left-over projects inherited from the last administration.

Examining his for continuity, many applauds the Governor's efforts for continuing the muti-billion State-of the--art, a combined Radio/Television studios and Administrative blocks (KSMC), the first of it kind in west African subregion region.

The reconstruction/remodeling of the new Governor's residence is another milestone achieved.

Uba Sani did not stop there, he also initiated the construction of Banquet Hall at Sir kashim Ibrahim Hause.

Using his vast knowledge on diplomatic relations, Sen.Uba Sani is able to wooed Qatari Government into partnership with Kaduna State government, development that led to laying the foundation of 5000 Qatari Housing.

So Urbane as the Governor is fondly referred, UBA SANI understand and recognizes importance of spending time with his subjects across the state,hence renovated the Governor's Lodge at Kafanchan, so that he and other government officials may good times there on official visits.

To ensure people benefit the governance, Sen. Sani constructed skills Acquisition center at Tudun Biri in igabi local government area.

"Health is wealth"as he saying goes, the abandoned mutibillion State-of -art 300 beds specialist hospital project located at millennium City, is now at advanced stage of completion, Kudos to the dynamic governor.

Driven by campaign promises, the Governor went ahead to constructs, reconstructed and remodelled more health facilities across the state, from Sir Patrick Yakowa, Dabo Lere, Maigana, Sabon Tasha, Rigasa, Tudun wada, Saminaka, Kachia, Giwa, Ikara hospitals etc are equipped with state-of-the-art facilities in placed.

Infact, the 24 months of Governor Sani stewardship of the former headquarters of the Northern region proved his dynamism.

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## Building the Future: Two years of innovation, investment and inclusion in Kaduna State

#### By Samuel Badam Galadima

wo years ago, the Ministry for Business Innovation and Technology in Kaduna State embarked on a bold journey—one that aimed to redefine the economic and technological destiny of a state known for its resilience, cultural richness, and entrepreneurial spirit. Today, the results speak volumes: an industrial renaissance is underway, the digital future is unfolding, and Kaduna is writing a new chapter of inclusive growth powered by innovation. From bustling urban centers to rural communities tucked within the green valleys of Southern Kaduna, the ministry's impact is being felt in tangible and transformative ways. It is not just about numbers or policies—it's about people, partnerships, and the power of vision. At the heart of the Ministry's mission lies a deep commitment to creating an enabling environment for high-impact investments. In the past two years, Kaduna has emerged as a magnet for investors seeking sustainable opportunities in manufacturing, agribusiness, renewable energy, and digital services. With improved infrastructure, regulatory reforms, and strategic incentives, the state's industrial base has grown stronger, more diverse, and better positioned for global competitiveness. But the story doesn't end with industrial growth. The Ministry has made a deliberate push to ensure that economic prosperity is inclusive. Women entrepreneurs, once limited by access to capital and opportunities, are now at the center of statebacked initiatives. Programs focused on financial literacy, mentorship, and digital skills are equipping women to launch, scale, and lead businesses that are not only profitable but also community driven. Perhaps the most visionary of the Ministry's strides is Kaduna's leap into the future of artificial intelligence. In a landscape where technology often outpaces policy, Kaduna is setting a precedent. This year, the state made headlines with a groundbreaking engagement at Google's global campus in Singapore—an ambitious effort to integrate AI into public service delivery, education, and civic innovation. The goal? To use technology not just as a tool of efficiency, but as a force for equity and empowerment. This progressive vision is rooted in cultural pride. The 2025 TUK HAM celebration, held in the scenic highlands of Jaba Local Government, served as a vibrant reminder that innovation does not mean abandoning tradition. Instead, it means elevating it. The festival, supported by the Ministry, attracted local and international visitors, turning cultural heritage into a platform for tourism, trade, and talent discovery. Talent, indeed, was at the core of another milestone event: The Second Edition of the Kaduna Career Fair 2025. Designed as a nexus between potential and opportunity, the fair brought together thousands of job seekers, employers, and educators. Through workshops, interviews, and networking sessions, it underscored the Ministry's commitment to building a futureready workforce and ensuring no skill goes to waste. As the Ministry marks two years in office under an exceptional

leadership of his excellency, the celebration is not merely about what has been achieved—but what lies ahead. The momentum is undeniable, and the roadmap is clear: deepen i n v e s t m e n t , h a r n e s s innovation, empower the marginalized, and lead Kaduna boldly into the future. In the words of one local entrepreneur at the career fair, "Kaduna is not just changing. Kaduna is becoming." And in every corner of the state, the change is real <code>Samuel is of the ministry for Business Innovation and</code>

## Kaduna State Environmental Protection Authority (KEPA): Advancing environmental sustainability

By Kabiru Alhassan

Technology

ver the past two years, the Kaduna State Environmental Protection Authority (KEPA) has significantly advanced its mission to promote environmental sustainability and streamline regulatory processes.

In 2023, KEPA implemented regular inspections for development control within the state, improving enrollment for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) submissions and generating more revenue for the state. This initiative has reduced processing times from weeks to mere days, enhancing transparency and efficiency in environmental governance.

In 2024, KEPA intensified its efforts in modern waste management. The state embarked on a comprehensive waste management initiative through projects like Eco Blue and SURWASH, providing water and sanitation facilities in schools and health clinics, aimed at improving public health, protecting the environment, and creating employment opportunities.

Additionally, KEPA has been proactive in ensuring industrial compliance with environmental safety standards. During the annual Facility Inspection in February 2024, KEPA urged industries to prioritize environmental safety by properly treating waste, controlling emissions, and providing staff with appropriate safety gear. This initiative aligns with Governor Uba Sani policy for a clean and safe environment in Kaduna State.

Furthermore, KEPA conducted mobile courts for environmental law offenders in the state, holding individuals and organizations accountable for environmental degradation and promoting a culture of environmental responsibility. Moreover, KEPA has upgraded its regulations and had them signed to capture emerging issues on the environment, ensuring the authority remains effective in addressing new challenges and promoting sustainable development in the state.

Through these initiatives, KEPA has played a pivotal role in advancing environmental protection and sustainable development in Kaduna State, contributing to the broader goals of economic growth and public.

By Kabiru Alhassan is PRO KEPA

## Transforming Education in Kaduna State: <u>A bold vision for a brighter future</u>

#### By Rose Ndandok

n the heart of Nigeria's northern region lies a state that has consistently been at the forefront of educational innovation and progress: Kaduna. Established in 1964, the Kaduna State Ministry of Education has long been a cornerstone in shaping the educational framework of the state. Yet, with the inauguration of Governor Uba Sani on May 29, 2023, a new era of educational revitalization began, setting the stage for unprecedented growth and transformation across all levels of education.

At the core of Governor Sani's vision is a dual-focus strategy: to solidify Kaduna's position as the 'Centre of Learning' and to elevate the quality and accessibility of education for every child, no matter the challenges the state faces. This ambitious agenda is already bearing fruit, as significant strides are being made across infrastructure, digital transformation, teacher development, and access to quality education for all.

#### Key Milestones in Educational Transformation

Governor Uba Sani's commitment to education has been tangible and swift. One of the first actions of his administration was to issue an Executive Order that reduced tuition fees by 40% for all state-owned tertiary institutions. This bold step has led to an increase in enrolment at Kaduna State University (KASU), Nuhu Bamalli Polytechnic Zaria, and the College of Education Gidan Waya, proving that education is both a priority and an investment for the future.

At the secondary level, the government has made significant investments in infrastructure, such as the completion of six Kaduna State Government and Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)-funded Science Secondary Schools that now serve over 2,000 science students. The Special School for Gifted Children at Millennium City, which is nearly complete at 90%, further emphasizes the administration's commitment to nurturing the next generation of talent.

For higher education, a series of infrastructure projects have been initiated at KASU, where the Faculty of Engineering and Faculty of Law are near completion, alongside the finished Faculty of Allied Health Sciences. The construction of an access road to the permanent site, now 80% complete, further demonstrates the focus on improving connectivity and development.

#### Digital Revolution in Education

Among the most transformative elements of this administration's educational reforms is the embrace of

technology. The Kaduna State Schools Quality Assurance Authority (KSSQAA) has pioneered the use of digital monitoring and evaluation, bringing unprecedented

transparency and efficiency to education management. The introduction of Hybrid Computer-Based Testing (CBT) for the Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE) marks Kaduna as a leader in digital education reforms.

In 2024, 136,742 candidates were sponsored by the Governor for public examinations, with plans to sponsor 175,752 in 2025. This sponsorship, which includes orphans and Hybrid CBT Junior Secondary Certificate Examination (JSCE) candidates, reflects the administration's commitment to inclusivity and fairness in education.

#### Access and Improving Expanding Outcomes

The state's efforts to expand access to education are evident in a series of key projects. The Kaduna State Universal Basic Education Board (KADSUBEB) has made remarkable progress with the construction of four new bilingual education schools, set to provide 192 classrooms for 7,680 learners in underserved areas. This initiative is part of a broader strategy to tackle the issue of out-of-school children, which remains a significant challenge in many parts of the state.

In addition to infrastructure, KADSUBEB has partnered with organizations like UNICEF, the World Bank, and the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) to implement a series of programs aimed at improving learning outcomes. These include the completion of 650 new classrooms, the renovation of 707 existing ones, the distribution of 34,000 sets of furniture, and the training of over 26,000 teachers and education officers.

Further strengthening these efforts is the Reaching Out-of-School Children Project (ROOSCP), launched in April 2024. This groundbreaking initiative is the first of its kind in Nigeria, aiming to return at least 200,000 children to school over the next four years. Supported by international partners such as IsDB, Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED), and Save the Children, the project focuses on constructing 102 new schools and renovating 170 existing ones across all 23 Local Government Areas of Kaduna State.

Empowering Girls and Supporting Vulnerable Populations The empowerment of adolescent girls is another pillar of the current educational agenda. Under the Adolescent Girls Initiative for Learning and Empowerment (AGILE), 62 new secondary schools have been built, complete with digital literacy training infrastructure and solar-powered solutions. In line with this, over 30,000 girls have participated in life skills training programs, with a focus on leadership, nutrition, and climate change.

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## KDSG's health reforms transform Kaduna

#### By Affiom Edim

ince taking office on May 29, 2023, His Excellency Senator Uba Sani, Executive Governor of Kaduna State, has launched an ambitious and impactful transformation of the state's healthcare system. Guided by the "Sustained Agenda," his administration is actively working toward achieving Universal Health Coverage and promoting healthier living standards for all citizens.

Under the leadership of the Commissioner for Health, Hajiya Umma K. Ahmed, Kaduna State has made remarkable progress in reforming its health sector. From infrastructure upgrades to human resource development and public health outreach, the administration's multi-pronged strategy is reshaping healthcare delivery.

#### Revamping Health Infrastructure

A cornerstone of the health reforms is the renovation of 255 Primary Health Centers, upgraded to level 2 facilities to provide Basic Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care. This initiative aims to reduce maternal and infant mortality rates significantly. The state's efforts were recognized at the 2024 Primary Health Care Leadership Challenge.

To strengthen secondary care, thirteen General Hospitals are being renovated, while a cutting-edge 300-bed specialist hospital is near completion. This facility is poised to offer advanced treatments in oncology, cardiology, nephrology, and more, reinforcing Kaduna's tertiary healthcare services.

## Establishing the Kaduna Centre for Disease Control (KNCDC)

In a proactive move to tackle public health threats, Governor Sani's administration is setting up the KNCDC. This center will serve as the frontline in epidemic response and disease surveillance, enhancing the state's resilience to health crises.

#### Improving Service Delivery and Human Capacity

The administration has prioritized quality service delivery, ensuring that citizens receive prompt and effective medical attention. Key to this is the empowerment and training of thousands of health workers, equipping them to meet the growing demands of a modern health system.

Ensuring Medicine Availability and Supply Chain Excellence Efforts to resolve supply chain issues have led to a more reliable availability of essential medicines across the state. These achievements earned the administration accolades at the 2024



Annual Supply Chain Summit, underscoring Kaduna's commitment to accessible healthcare.

#### Targeted Public Health Initiatives

Public health programs have made a significant impact, particularly in maternal and child health. Over 300,000 individuals benefited from outreach efforts aimed at reducing mortality and enhancing well-being. The commissioning of a neonatal unit and gas plant at Yusuf Danstshoho Memorial Hospital further highlights this commitment.

In response to social challenges, initiatives such as substance abuse recovery centers, school-based prevention programs, and alternatives to incarceration have been introduced to support vulnerable populations.

#### Expanding Access Through the Contributory Health Scheme

The Kaduna State Contributory Health Scheme has grown significantly, enrolling over 639,432 individuals in 2024—up from 529,303 in 2023. This expansion reflects successful outreach and the government's resolve to make healthcare accessible to all.

#### Looking Ahead

Governor Uba Sani's administration continues to prioritize healthcare with plans for further service enhancement and infrastructure development. Through strategic investments, inclusive policies, and strong leadership, the state is laying a solid foundation for a sustainable and equitable healthcare system.

Kaduna State is steadily forging a future where quality healthcare is not a privilege but a right—for every resident, now and for generations to come.

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## Uba Sani engages religious, community leaders, youth groups on their concerns, attends soccer match

overnor Uba Sani during a recent outing in Zaria engaged with various youth groups intimately lending a listening ear to all as follows:

 $Association \ of \ Disengaged \ Staff, \ Zaria:$ 

They expressed their hardship over the past eight years due to their disengagement by the previous administration, which left them without benefits or proper arrangements. They appreciated the recent release of N3.8 billion by the Governor Sen. Dr. Uba Sani for retirees' entitlements and requested support for their members to access these funds. I sympathized with their plight, assured them of my assistance in securing their rightful entitlements, and supported them with N30,000.

#### Zaria Youths Association:

The Chairman thanked us for the invitation and highlighted their efforts in youth capacity building: training 150 youths in various skills, 200 in advanced agriculture, and organizing sports for persons with disabilities. I welcomed their initiatives and pledged partnership, including reserving 20 slots for both able and disabled youths in upcoming skills training sessions. I also supported the association with N30,000.

First Aid Group of Munazzamatu Fiyiyanul Islam and Jundullahi Group: Both groups expressed appreciation for my attendance at their recent prayer session and acknowledged my support. They shared their activities, including assisting the needy, supporting the less privileged, and aiding pilgrims during Haj and lesser Hajj. They requested financial support for Haj operations, mobility assistance, and involvement in my programs. I assured them of

#### Victims of Al-Huda Huda College Demolished Houses:

inclusivity and support, providing

N130,000 to aid their activities.

The team leader briefed me on their plight: their houses were demolished without fair hearing or compensation by the previous administration. They appealed for the State Government's intervention. I advised them to submit a written complaint and assured follow-up, confident the Governor would address their concerns. I supported them with N50,000.

#### Association of Zaria Indigenes Primary Teachers Outside Zaria LG (AZIPTOZ):

They commended my contributions to education and youth development in

Zaria, especially recognizing the efforts of the Hon. Speaker Rt. Hon. Abbas Tajuddeen Iyan Zazzau. They requested support from the State Government for securities in primary schools, promotions, and salaries restructuring. I assured them these requests would be forwarded to the appropriate authorities and supported the association with N50,000.

### CESSAN FUE, Zaria Technical Committee:

The committee briefed me on their recent developments in sports at the Federal University of Education, Zaria, including plans to establish a ministadium and indoor sporting facilities. I expressed readiness to partner with them in these initiatives.

Following these engagements, I attended the final football match between Albarkawa FC and Kwarbai FC at Albarkawa. I congratulated the winners and runners-up, encouraged discipline in sports, and pledged continued support. I awarded N100,000, shared as N50,000 for the winners, N30,000 for the runners-up, and N20,000 for the organizers.

The game was engaging, showcasing talent, teamwork, and discipline: testament to the dedication of our youth and coaches.

### KASUPDA interacts with the public in Zaria on its mandate

#### By Nuhu Garba Dan'ayamaka

he Kaduna State Urban Planning and Development Authority (KASUPDA) has held its "Public Complaint Week" programme for the first quarter of 2025 which held in Zaria.

The Assistant Director, Public Affairs Unit of the Authority, Nuhu Garba Dan'ayamaka said a total of 12 complaints were received by the Authority during the programme out of which six (6) were related to Grace Land area in Zaria.

Complaints made concerning KASUPDA were resolved while others related to sister agencies such as KADGIS, KEPA, KSDPC among others were referred to the agencies for resolutions.

In his response to the Grace Land issues, the Director General of the Authority, Bldr. Abdurrahman Yahya, Ph.D said KASUPDA is working with the state government to ensure that the lingering problems were resolved. The DG led his management team to the area for firsthand information and called on the leadership of the community that all development activities in the area should be suspended pending the

decision of the state government.

The Public Complaint Week' programme has been initiated by the current DG to enable the people make complaints, ask questions and make suggestions in line with Uba Sani's commitment to carrying people alone and resolving their problems. This ensures improved service delivery, enhance public trust as well as promoting transparency, accountability and good governance to people.

Participants at the event were the representatives from Zazzau Emirate Council, representative of Commissioner of Police, KEPA,

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### Kaduna State Scholarship and Loans Board: The Uba Sani impact

#### By Zainab Mohammed Bello

aduna State Scholarship and Loans Board was established by Law No. 4 in 1982 and reviewed by Kaduna State House of Assembly under law No. 10 in the year 2018.

The Board is saddled with the responsibilities of identifying, selecting, and empowering qualified citizens of Kaduna State to meet the current and future manpower requirements of the state while remaining globally relevant. This is in line with the government's mandate of increasing access and improving quality of education. The Board has a mandate of processing students' Scholarships and Loans.

The Kaduna State Scholarship and Loans Board's 2024 local scholarship program was a resounding success, with over 2,280 awards granted to students across institutions such as Kaduna State University, College of Health Technlogy Makarfi, Federal University of Education Zaria, Nuhu Bamalli Polytecnic, Ahmadu Bello University Zaria, Bayero University Kano, College of Education Kafanchan, Gombe State University, among other institutions. This surge in enrolment was a direct result of streamlined processes introduced under Governor Uba Sani's directives.

Governor Uba Sani emphasized the importance of bringing scholarship closer to all citizens, as part of his administration's agenda for an all-inclusive government. "Bring scholarship closer to the doorstep of all citizens is the duty the scholarship Board owes its citizens," the ES Prof. Yahaya Sale Ibrahim affirmed. He said, this is in line with the standing instructions given by His Excellency Governor (Sen) Mal Uba Sani to the Board. It is also part of his administration's agenda to have an all-inclusive government with an all inclusive benefits from the government to the electorates. According to the governor, "the electorate forms the basis for the existence of a democratically elected government Worldwide." To this end, the Board received computers for distribution across the State's seven zones, to expand outreach and increase access to scholarship and loan applications.

In 2024, there was no award of foreign-based scholarship. The Board presented a group of thirty-five (35) graduated medical doctors and nurses to the Governor, including six (6) doctors from Cuba, ten (10) doctors from Kampala International University (KIU), four (4) doctors from Islamic University In Uganda (IUIU) as well as fourteen (14) nurses from IUIU and one (1) person with a Disability who studied Cyber Security at the University of Wollongong Dubai. This was a significant achievement, as these were the first large cohort of graduates to be automatically employed by the Kaduna State government.

The Governor extended his congratulations to the students for their significant accomplishments, noting that they have pursued fields of study essential to Kaduna State. He reiterated that this is an area of need in the state and that their integration "into Kaduna State workforce as Doctors and Nurses will definitely alleviate the cry of the citizens in the state."

This is a great feat and first of its kind in the history of Kaduna State Scholarship and Loans Board. This will fill up the gap in manpower needs of the health sector and improve health service delivery to the community.

The Board and His Excellency Senator Mal Uba Sani also intervened to ensure that fourteen (14) nursing scholars from Islamic University In Uganda (IUIU) who were previously unable to access their certificate due to their institution not being registered by the National Universities Commission, (NUC) were able to register for their examinations. This demonstrates the Board's dedication to supporting aspiring professionals.

The foreign-based scholarship beneficiaries of the Kaduna State Scholarship scheme who had pursued medical studies at Kampala International University (KIU) and Islamic University In Uganda (IUIU), successfully passed their Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) examinations and were officially inducted into the medical profession. They have been successfully posted for houseman-ship at various Federal Teaching Hospitals. The success of these ten (10) beneficiaries marks years of diligent study and is a testament to the Board's dedication to supporting aspiring medical professionals.

The foreign-based scholarship beneficiaries of the Kaduna State Scholarship scheme who had pursued nursing and midwifery at Islamic University In Uganda (IUIU), successfully passed their Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria (NMCN) examinations and were officially inducted into the nursing profession. They have been successfully posted for clinical training at various Federal Teaching Hospitals. The success of these fourteen (14) beneficiaries marks additional years of diligent study and is a testament to the Board's dedication to supporting aspiring nursing professionals.

Furthermore, the Board collaborated with the National Association of Kaduna State Students (NAKASS) to organize and sponsor the Senator Uba Sani's Talent Hunt, aimed at encouraging and promoting academic excellence among students in the state at all levels of education (primary, secondary, and tertiary levels).

The Board also facilitated the Prompt intervention and installmental payment of outstanding tuition fees through interventionby His Excellency Senator Uba Sani aimed to curtail the challenges faced by the foreign-based scholarship beneficiaries.

The Kaduna State Scholarship and Loans Board also partnered with Dufil Prima Foods (Indomie) to award scholarships to (100) indigent students across the state, as part of a shared commitment to empowering young minds through education. Prof. Saleh said, "Public-private partnerships like this are crucial to ensuring no child is left behind. By working together, we are securing a brighter future for Kaduna' State and Nigerian youth

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#### Two years of Infrastructural drive

#### Joshua Emmanuel Jatau

he Kaduna State Ministry of Public Works and Infrastructure under the administration of His Excellency, the executive governor of Kaduna state has been actively engaged in various initiatives aimed at improving the state's infrastructure and providing essential services to its residents over the past two years. Here are some key activities:

Water Sector Revival:

The ministry has been working on a comprehensive four-year plan to revive the state's water sector, with a budget of N93 billion. This plan involves <sup>1</sup>:

- Rehabilitating and Retrofitting Water Treatment Facilities: The ministry aims to improve water supply and quality across the state.
- Improving Sanitation and Hygiene Standards: The government is working to strengthen water-related laws and ensure continuous operation of essential generators.

#### KD-SURWASH Program

The ministry is also implementing the KD-SURWASH program, a transformational initiative designed to achieve sustainable and safely managed water services. Key aspects include:

- Concession of Water Distribution: The state is considering concessioning its water distribution chain to reduce wastage and billing errors.
- Increasing Access to Safe Water: The program aims to provide basic drinking water services to 6.1 million people and improved sanitation services to 1.4 million people.

Infrastructure Development

The ministry's mandate includes:

- Provision of Civil, Mechanical, and Electrical Engineering Services: The ministry provides essential engineering services to the state government.
- Determining Technical Standards: The ministry sets technical standards for water supply and other infrastructure projects.

#### Collaboration and Partnerships

The ministry is working with local governments, international organizations, and private sector partners to deliver its projects. For example, the KD-SURWASH program is supported by a \$700 million concessional loan, with \$640 million available for implementation <sup>2</sup>.

Overall, the Kaduna State Ministry of Public Works and Infrastructure has made significant progress in improving the state's infrastructure and providing essential services to its residents over the past two years.

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# Bureau of Interfaith a machinery for peaceful co-existence in Kaduna

#### By Abubakar Abdullahi

he Kaduna State Bureau of I n t e r f a i t h d u r i n g administration of Gov Uba Sani, has immensely contributed graciously to the development of the state. The Bureau under the leadership of the Director General Barr. Tahir Umar Tahir had made some achievements in one with Governor Uba Sani's SUSTAIN Agenda in his Administration.

The Bureau's core mandate is to foster understanding, harmony and cooperation among people with different religious backgrounds through promoting dialogue, mutual respect and peaceful coexistence in the State.

However, the Bureau annually organizes an Interfaith Religious Harmony Meeting in order to maintain peace and security in the State. Subsequently, as DG Interfaith a Member of the Kaduna State Preaching Regulatory Council, the Bureau coordinates and ensure the Religious Clerics/Clergies preached in accordance with the law, that would enhance peaceful living in the State.

In this administration, the Bureau has intervened in numerous religious disputes among people in their various communities. Inter and Intra religious crisis, such as case of religious conversions, mosques and churches disputes, conflicts between different sects and religious groups are such cases among others. The Bureau more often received audience from different groups governmental and non-governmental organizations seeking partnership and assistance. Furthermore, in this administration the Bureau organized sensitizations in order to foster peace and enlighten the citizens on the significance of good morality in their societal-living

In his wisdom and courageous towards

aim of promoting peace in the state and the nation at large, Governor Uba Sani approved Bureau to convene a first meeting of its kind A Regional Conference on Climate Change Induced Conflicts in Northern Nigeria and Maiden Meeting. The Bureau invited Renowned Muslim Clerics and Christian Clergies across the Northern Nigeria, The Sultan of Sokoto and the CAN President were in attendance as well as other top government officials from different states in the region came and discuss some issues affecting the region and the way forward.

Since the inception of Governor Uba Sani's administration, the Bureau as a Government Agency is working tirelessly in promoting peace and unity among the citizens as well as living harmony regardless of your faith and belief in the State.

Hence, the Interfaith's vision is to create society where individuals from diverse religious backgrounds can live and work without fear of discrimination and to envision religious differences as a source of unity rather than discrimination.

#### Inside Kaduna's grassroots shield: The unsung heroes of vigilance

#### By Yunusa shehu Ibrahim

n any given day in Kaduna, as the sun casts golden hues over its bustling cities and quiet villages, an invisible yet powerful force works silently to protect its people. They are not the uniformed police officers or military personnel one might expect. They are your neighbors, shopkeepers, farmers, and traders — members of the Kaduna State Vigilance Service (KADVS) — ordinary citizens trained to do extraordinary things for their communities.

The KADVS is no ordinary security outfit. Established by a law passed by the Kaduna State House of Assembly, it is a corporate entity with a permanent structure and the legal muscle to back its operations. But what truly sets it apart is its grassroots foundation. Its strength doesn't come from a centralized command in an ivory tower but from the trust and integrity of local communities across Kaduna's 23 local government areas.

Membership isn't open to just anyone. To wear the badge of a vigilante, one must be a person of proven character, nominated by local authorities — ward heads, community leaders, or district heads — and vetted rigorously by the Department of State Services. To be considered, the individual must have resided in the locality for at least seven years and be free from criminal convictions or mental instability. The result? A security network deeply embedded within the very fabric of the community.

KADVS is not just about watching over neighborhoods; it's about becoming a first line of defense. Members serve as the eyes and ears of the state, often acting on crucial intelligence that helps foil crimes before they erupt into violence.

"Some of our best breakthroughs in crime prevention have come through KADVS tips," shared a senior officer in one of Kaduna's metropolitan divisions, who preferred anonymity due to the sensitivity of ongoing operations. "They live among the people. They see and hear what others miss."

These vigilant citizens assist the police, military, and civil defense in detecting crimes, apprehending offenders, and restoring peace. In recent joint operations, KADVS played a pivotal role in unraveling terrorist networks and apprehending key operatives involved in cross-border crimes. The synergy was nothing short of tactical brilliance — intelligence gathering, surveillance, and swift execution, all achieved through inter-agency cooperation with KADVS at the heart of it.

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This wasn't just about numbers; it was about empowerment. Across all 23 local governments, young men and women now don the KADVS badge with pride — a uniform that symbolizes trust, responsibility, and commitment to a safer Kaduna.

One newly recruited KADVS member, 26-year-old Yusuf Ibrahim from Kachia, recounted the sense of purpose he found in the role. "I grew up here. I know the people. I know the routes bandits take. I wanted to make sure my younger siblings can grow up in peace, just like I did."

Governor, Senator Uba Sani, has demonstrated a firm commitment to strengthening security by commissioning 150 patrol vehicles and 500 motorcycles for distribution to security agencies across the state. This strategic move is aimed at enhancing mobility and effectiveness, particularly in hard-to-reach areas plagued by insecurity. Governor Sani described the intervention as a key component of a broader, multifaceted security agenda, which also includes legislative backing through the recent signing of the Kaduna State Security Trust Fund Bill into law-a step intended to ensure sustainable funding and long-term support for security operations in the state.

While the public rarely hears about it, KADVS personnel have helped apprehend kidnappers, intercepted bandit informants, and recovered stolen property — all while working under harsh, high-risk conditions.

"These are unsung heroes," says Fatima

Ladan, a human rights activist in Kaduna. "They don't seek the limelight, but they deserve our deepest gratitude." Each arrest, each coordinated effort, and every life saved stand as a testament to what communities can achieve when they trust and empower their own. While challenges remain — from funding to training and logistics — the foundation has been laid for a model of

community-driven security that other

states may well look to emulate.

In an era where security is becoming increasingly complex, KADVS has proven that sometimes, the most effective solutions begin at home. With continued support from the state government, collaboration with national security agencies, and deeprooted community trust, Kaduna's vigilance force is poised to redefine the meaning of local security.

And so, behind the quiet walls of every neighborhood, in the long shadows ast by the setting sun, Kaduna's vigilant eyes remain open — watching, protecting, and standing guard over the hopes of a safer tomorrow.

### Gov Uba Sani effects minor cabinet changes: creates 2 ministries, appoints former VC ATBU education boss

he Governor of Kaduna State, Uba Sani, has appointed Prof. Abubakar Sani Sambo former Vice-Chancellor ATBU Bauchi as the Commissioner of Education. He has also redeployed the outgoing Education Commissioner, Prof. Sani Bello (Mainan Zazzau) to the newly created Ministry of Information.

The Governor has also appointed Barrister Gloria Ibrahim as the Commissioner the new ministry of Youth Development.

The appointments and redeployment are with immediate effect.

#### Briefs on the appointees

Prof. Abubakar Sani Sambo

The new Commissioner of Education is an accomplished academic, administrator and a recipient of the National Productivity Order of Merit (1997) and Officer of the Order of the Niger (2000).

A Professor of Energy Studies, he had various served as Vice Chancellor, Kaduna State University (2004), Vice Chancellor, Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi (1995 - 2004), and Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Usmanu Dan Fodio University, Sokoto (1990 - 1994). From 2005 to 2012, Prof. Sambo was the Director General, Energy Commission of Nigeria. In 2011, he was appointed Special Adviser to the President on Energy.

The erudite scholar has served on some high-level panels and committees in Nigeria and at the international level. He was the Chairman, Nigerian Committee for Partnership with Brazil on Energy (2007 - 2008), Member, Tertiary Education Trust Fund Standing Committee on Research and Development and Coordinator of the Energy Thematic Group (2020), Member, ECOWAS Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE) Consultation Committee (2021), and Member, African Union High Level Panel on

Emerging Technologies (2022).

#### Barrister Gloria Ibrahim

The new Commissioner of Youth Development is a long-standing legal practitioner and mediator. Before her appointment as Commissioner, she was a Principal Legal Practitioner at Glownom Legal Consult, Kaduna.

Barrister Gloria Gloria Ibrahim holds the Bachelor of Laws (LL. B) degree from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, and Certificate in Negotiation and Mediation, DICON Consulting, Empowerment and Management, Kaduna. She is a member of the Association of Professional Negotiators and Mediators (APNM), Child Protection Agency (CPN), Nigeria Bar Association (NBA), and International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA). A statement by the Chief Press Secretary to the Gov, Ibraheem Musa said that Gov Uba Sani expects Prof. Abubakar Sambo to reinvigorate the Education Ministry to deliver on his administration's agenda, which is aimed at improving access to education, building and rehabilitating infrastructure, enhancing the capacity of teachers, harnessing the capacity of ICT, prioritising girl-child education and strengthening security in schools. In line with his administration's focus on refocusing and empowering Kaduna State youths to play vital roles in a fast

In line with his administration's focus on refocusing and empowering Kaduna State youths to play vital roles in a fast changing and technologically-driven world, Governor Uba Sani expects Barrister Gloria Ibrahim to fashion out creative, innovative and implementable programmes and projects to make the Youth Development Ministry a leading center for high impact solutions for youth related issues.

While congratulating Prof. Abubakar Sambo and Barrister Gloria Ibrahim on their well-deserved appointments, Governor Uba Sani wishes them God's guidance and protection in their new assignments.

# ...FG lauds Uba Sani on Youth Ministry

The Federal Government has hailed Gov Uba Sani for creating a standalone Ministry of Youth Development saying

that the move was a bold and visionary step toward empowering the state's teeming young population.

Minister of Youth Development, Comrade Ola Wande gave the commendation in a press statement on the heels of the creation of two new ministries by governor Uba Sani on Wednesday.

According to Ola Wande, Governor Uba Sani's decision signals a deep commitment to harness the potential of young people and ensuring their development is not left to chance.

#### KASUPDA interacts with the public...

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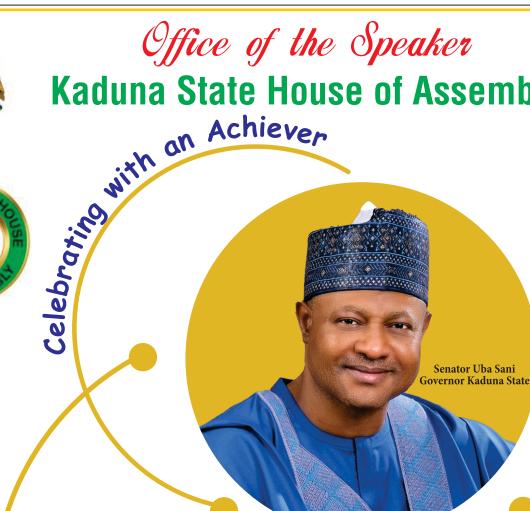
KSDPC, NITP, NIA, NIOB, academicians among others.

Participants at the event commended the DG on the initiative engaging the public by giving them an opportunity to interact with KASUPDA's management directly on issues bordering on development. They also stressed the need for sensitization/enlightenment on KASUPDA's mandates, synergy with the government agencies, use of technological advancement in planning sector, training and of the need for the citizens to abide by rules and regulations. Furthermore, the DG also led his management team to the Emir of Zazzau's palace, Amb. Ahmad Nuhu Bamalli in respect of his request to the DG during his earlier visit to the palace on the need to have a liason officer from KASUPDA who will be working with the Emir in the palace on issues related to the mandates of KASUPDA. The DG presented Yusuf Aliyu to the emir to serve as the officer.



**Kaduna State House of Assembly** 





t's time to roll out the drums once again to celebrate an achiever. Your midterm report speaks volumes of the milestones that have been reached in all spheres of the Seven -point Sustain Agenda, namely Safety and Security, Upgrade of Infrastructure, Strengthening Institutions, Trade and Investment, Agriculture, Investment in Human Capital and Nurturing Citizen's Engagement. Your footprint is all over the sectors of government intervention in these areas. Congratulations for surmounting the odds to deliver to the people dividends of democracy. Kaduna State House of Assembly is proud to be identified with the monumental strides recorded within the two years. The

> legisture will continue to support you implement all programs meant to improve the lot of our people. May Allah SWT grant you the will to deliver on your mandate Amin. Congratulations!!!



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Rt Hon Dahiru Yusuf liman Speaker, **Kaduna State House of Assembly.** 



Our Felicitations
With a Visionary Leader



he Kaduna State House of Assembly wishes to felicitate with the Governor of Kaduna State Senator Uba Sani as he marks two years in office against the background of remarkable achievements in all sectors of the Seven -Point Sustain Agenda. We are particularly impressed with efforts you have put into securing the state against all forms of criminalities which have restored peace and harmony in the state resulting in renewed economic activities to the delight of citizens.

Your involvement of stakeholders in major government decisions no doubt has accounted for the successes recorded in the even projects implementation across the state.

The legislature will like to assure you of support as the government braces up to consolidate on the midterm gains. We are happy to note that you have changed the course of development from urban-centered to a rural agro-based transformation supported by tested road networks. We pray to God for guidance as you forge ahead with the implementation of your programs.

Once again congratulations on this day of joy of reflection on a job well done.



Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, Kaduna State

Congratulatory Message



t is with immense pride and a high sense of appreciation that I congratulate His Excellency, Sen. Dr. Uba Sani, The Governor of Kaduna State and Her Excellency, Dr. Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe, Deputy Governor, on the occasion of their second anniversary in office.

Your Excellencies, the past two years, have been a testament to your visionary leaderships, progressive governance, and unwavering commitment to the welfare of the people of Kaduna State.

Under your exemplary leadership, Kaduna state has witnessed unprecedented drives in infrastructural development, education, healthcare services, security, youth empowerment, and improved economic growth.

In the Ministry of Justice, your administration has championed significant reforms aimed at enhancing access to justice for all citizens, promotion and sustenance of the rule of law, as well as strengthening institutions to serve the needs of the people effectively. These efforts have laid a strong foundation for sustainable developments and public trust in all spheres of society, especially in our justice system.

I am proud and highly honoured to serve under your distinguished leadership as the Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice as well as a member of the Kaduna State Executive Council

This appointment, I hold in the highest esteem. As a result, I am committed to sustaining my steady support through positive contributions in your ongoing seven (7) points transformative agenda in the state, culled with integrity, honesty, professionalism, and unalloyed dedication

I wish you continued success, divine wisdom, and guidance as you continue to deliver dividends of democracy to the people of Kaduna State.

Once again, Happy Remarkable two years anniversary!



Singed: Sule Shu'aibu, SAN, FCIPDM, MCArb
Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice
Kaduna State



#### **Government House Kaduna**

Office of the Principal Private Secretary Sir Kashim Ibrahim House Kaduna

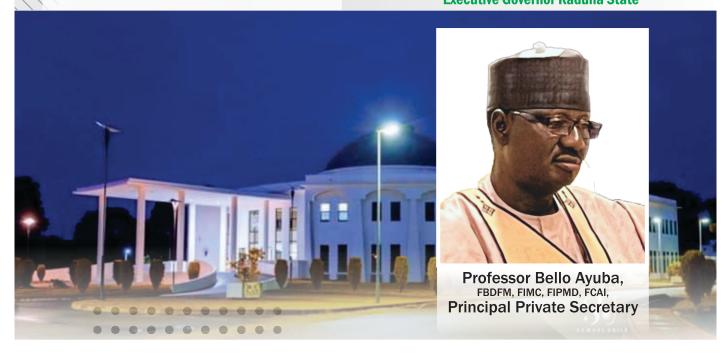
Congratulations Sir

t is just two years that have rolled 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 two year anniversary of you 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 livelihoods 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. You have also demonstrated adherence to prudence and eye for detail. These have conducted you to the people across all the divides. Congratulations and continue to remain focused on your mission until it have been accomplished!!!



Senator Uba Sani
Executive Governor Kaduna State







Signed Bashir Suleiman-Zuntu
Accountant-General
Kaduna State

he office of the Accountant General Kaduna State rejoices with Governor Senator Uba Sani on the occasion of his administration marking two years in office. Sir, we are impressed with the level of development attained in all parts of the state more so that such feat was achieved under the prevailing national economic downturn. This is a clear demonstration of your prudence, focus and informed prioritizing that has enabled as many communities as possible to benefit from many amenities and facilities at the same time. We believe more of the development largesse will spread especially into many more of the rural areas in the years ahead.

Congratulations your Excellency!!!



### **Ministry of Finance**

Kaduna State Ministry of Finance Felicitates with Governor Uba Sani on his Midterm Anniversary



Senator Uba Sani Governor Kaduna State



Dr. Hadiza S. Balarabe Deputy Governor Kaduna State



of Finance, I felicitate with His Excellency Governor Uba Sani on the occasion of his marking the anniversary of the midterm of his administration in the state. The two years that you have been at the helm of affairs in our state has ushered in an unprecedented transformative and inclusive governance anchored on integrity, transparency, accountability and financial prudence which has enabled you to implement seamlessly your seven -point Sustain Agenda to the benefit of a majority of the people.

We at the ministry are proud to be aligned with this success story. Your Excellency, your role in expanding banking access among the rural populace particularly the underserved and under banked with your signing of the Executive Order on Ifnancial Inclusion has started to expand banking access in the state, unlocking credit lines and opening up other intervention avenues for families and the small-holder businesses which have laid solid foundation for future investments and growth in Kaduna State and beyond. The massive infrastructural development projects evenly spread across all parts of the state attests to, not only your acumen for mustering funds for development from varied sources but, your administration's commitment to upholding the principles of transparency, accountability and financial prudence which has pivoted us at the ministry to achieve quite a lot notable being the blocking of all financial leakages that had in the past hampered the smooth execution of government projects.

Indeed, your financial policies pegged on prudence and equal access to development for all, and more importantly the financial empowerment of the underprivileged has raised the socio-economic status of the state to a higher level unprecedented in its history. Posterity will no doubt reserve a special, prominent and lasting place for you among committed leaders of the state. May Allah SWT continue to guide you as you drive the growth and prosperity of Kaduna State in the years ahead --Ameen.

#### Signed:

#### Alh. I T Mohammed

Commissioner of Finance, Kaduna State.

**Budget and Planning Commission** 

**Budget and Planning Commission Salutes!!** 



Governor (Dr) Uba Sani on Two years in Office

n behalf of myself and staff of the Budget and Planning Commission, I have the honour to extend our salutations to the Governor of Kaduna State Senator Uba Sani on the occasion of his marking two years in office and successfully navigating the political terrain of Kaduna State. Congratulations for achieving so much more midway in your term which attests to your focus on attaining the vision and mission of the government.

Your Seven-point Sustain Agenda bears the mark of careful and meticulous planning the implementation of which bears a lot in tangible outcome. The result has been the success that is evident in the massive spread of projects cutting across all facilities and amenities in the state.

A great deal of the achievements owed much to the care and foresight that went into planning which ensured that you achieved this much this far with so little. Congratulations on the feat seen in the numerous infrastructural projects, including those initiated by this administration and the completed abandoned ones inherited from the past administration. We are proud at the Commission to be associated with His Excellency's foresight. We assure His Excellency of our continued support and prayers for the successful implementation of his people-oriented programs for the good of all.

May the years ahead usher in prosperity for the people as Kaduna State consolidates on the gains of the first two years.



Dr. Hadiza S. Balarabe Deputy Governor Kaduna State

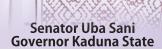


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Hon. Commissioner Budget & Planning Commission



from the Hon. Commissioner of Agriculture, Kaduna State



Dr. Hadiza S. Balarabe Deputy Governor Kaduna State

n behalf of the entire team at the Kaduna State Ministry of Agriculture, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to His Excellency, Senator Uba Sani, Executive Governor of Kaduna State, and Her Excellency, Dr. Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe, Deputy Governor, on the momentous occasion of your two-year anniversary in office.

Your Excellency, your unwavering commitment to inclusive development, people-centred governance, and rural transformation has brought agriculture to the forefront of Kaduna State's economic agenda. Under your visionary leadership, we have witnessed an unprecedented scale-up of investment in agriculture—reflected in the surpassing of the Malabo Declaration budgetary target for the agricultural sector, massive support to smallholder farmers, and the deepening of agricultural value chains across crops and livestock.

From policy to practice, you have championed reform—introducing the Contract Farming Policy, the Gender in Agriculture Policy, and bold interventions in mechanisation, irrigation, extension, and agribusiness development. You have not only prioritized food security and economic diversification, but you have also positioned Kaduna as a model of subnational leadership in agricultural innovation, resilience, and climate-smart practices.

The Ministry of Agriculture remains proud to support your SUSTAIN Agenda, and fully committed to driving the bold transformation of Kaduna's agricultural landscape to ensure food sufficiency, job creation, and rural prosperity. As we mark this milestone, we celebrate your bold vision, steady hands, and people-first governance.

CONGRATULATIONS, YOUR EXCELLENCIES, AND BEST WISHES FOR THE JOURNEY AHEAD.



Murtala Dabo
Honorable Commissioner of Agriculture
Kaduna State



Infrastructure extend their heart-felt Felicitations with the Governor of Kaduna State Senator Uba Sani on this momentous occasion of deep reflections on the journey so far in the service of the people in the state. As the foremost service organ of the government in the state, we feel proud to reel out the achievements of His Excellency in infrastructural development en route to his fulfilling the mandate of the Sustain Agenda. The Government's strides in the provision of road networks, extended water coverage and institutional strengthening, transportation and electricity access has been unprecedented. These we have highlighted on these pages for posterity. Your Excellency, the current level of development has

invariably raised the expectations of the people for more. We at the ministry are committed to supporting you deliver on your promises. We know that with your resolve and focus you will maintain the tempo of even development in the state. As you mark two years of purposeful leadership and service to the people, we pray to Allah SWT to guide you as you step up on your commitment to delivering the dividends of democracy.

#### Congratulations! Long live Kaduna State!

Sdg: Arc Ibrahim Hamza
Commissioner, Ministry of Public Works and Infrastructure.



#### **Ministry of Public Works and Infrastructure**

#### Road Infrastructure: Initiated 78 road projects covering 775 kilometers, with 21 completed and in use, enhancing economic activities across local governments.

- Urban Renewal: Tackled issues of unpaid contractors, overinvoicing, and undocumented contracts, ensuring transparency a nd accountability in project execution.
- Kaduna Bridge Project: Launched the completion of the Kaduna Bridge to reduce traffic congestion at major road arteries. Major Road Projects: Some notable projects include:
  - 22.5km Asphaltic Road from Cwantu to Godogodo.
  - Reconstruction of Ja Abdulkadir Asphaltic Road.
  - 35km Access Road from Cadan Cayan to Kujama Junction.
- Urban Expansion: A 327km road project has been initiated, linking College Road Anguwan Dosa to Mashigi, stretching down to the Eastern Bypass of Millennium City. This includes a 270m-span dual carriage bridge to improve traffic flow.
- Economic Impact: These road projects are expected to boost trade, create jobs, and improve access to essential services like healthcare and education.
- Governor Sani's approach prioritizes equitable development, ensuring both urban and rural communities' benefit from improved

#### WATER

**Cleared Outstanding Debts for KADSWAC** 

- Payment of N800 million in salaries and wages.
- Payment of NI.3 billion in electricity bills.
- Allocation of N400 million for water treatment chemicals.

**Halted Sales of Essential Properties** 

Prevented the sales of critical buildings and properties owned by the Kaduna State Water corporation.

**Increased Water Production** 

Boosted water production from 8% to 25%, with plans to achieve 100% by the end of the 4th quarter.

**Extended Water Supply Coverage** 

Initiated small-town water supply schemes, aiming for at least one scheme in each of the 255 wards.

- Mitigation Against Vandalism Implemented measures to protect water infrastructure.
- **Institutional Strengthening**
- Strengthened laws and regulations governing the corporation. Infrastructure Expansion
- Invested \$70 million to retrofit all 12 water treatment plants in Kaduna.

**Enhanced Revenue and Payroll Management** 

Simplified accounting systems to boost revenue generation. -Reintegration of salaries and wages into the payroll system.

#### POWER

- Installation of solar mini-grids to 190 Primary Health Care (PHC) Centres across the state under the abandoned Indian-Exim Bank Project. This resulted in the installed total capacity of 1.35MW that will bring significant reduction in maternal/offspring mortality rate across the state;
- This administration has repaired and maintained up to 25 Solar Systems which hitherto 29th may, 2023 have 47 Mini-grids in PHCs and General Hospitals (CH) abandoned with only 15 functioning. However, all of them are now working effectively;
- KAPSCO under its electricity bills management system for Kaduna State Public facilities have saved KDSG over 739-million naira from excessive billings by Kaduna Electric in 22 months;
- Over 2,000 solar powered streets light has been installed across the state to suppress security challenges. This includes the abandoned Indian-Exim bank project, French Government grant, and KDSC direct purchases;
- More than 200 households now have been connected to off grid-solar through our Solar for All (SFA) initiative for public servants. A program that rapidly increases electricity access and provide job opportunities for youth;
- Provided distribution transformers across the state to enhance grid efficiency. These include 300kVA 11/0.4kV at the State House Kaduna, 300kVA, 33/0.4kV transformers at Fantswan and Cwong chiefdoms in Jema'a LCA;
- Completion of the abandoned 2 x 60MVA Substation at the Green Economic Zone, Maraban Jos that will further attract industrial development
- Upgrading solar mini-grid systems at government MDAs to mitigate the effects of Grid supply interruptions due to the reoccurring Grid collapses.

#### ANSPOR

Groundbreaking of Southern Bus Terminal: Governor Uba Sani flagged off the Inter-State Southern Bus Terminal and BRT project on March 11,

Inter-State Northern Bus Terminal: Constructed Ultra-Modern Bus Terminal in partnership with Sahad Store Ltd at Mando, Kaduna.

French Development Agency (AFD) Mission to Kaduna: AFD delegation, including French Ambassador and key stakeholders, visited Kaduna from March 11-14, 2025.

Transport Sector Stakeholders Forum: KADSTRA organized regulatory meetings to remove illegal motor parks and improve transport safety and management.

Franchisee Refund: On February 4, 2025, the Kaduna Line successfully completed the resettlement of the last outstanding payments for franchisee (vehicle owners), facilitated by the intervention of His Excellency, the Governor. This achievement marks a significant milestone for the company in addressing financial matters impacting franchisees.

KASTLEA in collaboration with the Police via an Executive Order inaugurated a taskforce which has successfully enforced total ban on heavy duty articulated trucks from plying the city center from Gam to 6pm, with a view to safeguarding urban road infrastructure and ensure safety of lives and properties.

E-enforcement operations: Due to advancement in technology, KASTLEA has commenced digitalization of its enforcement process and has improved to deployment of ANPR cameras for booking of offences; in strategic areas within Kaduna, Kafanchan and Zaria.



# Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources

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

#### Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, we extend our warmest congratulations to you on the remarkable occasion of your **second anniversary in office** as the Executive Governor of Kaduna State.

Your visionary leadership over the past two years has not only inspired hope but has also ignited sustainable transformation across key sectors of the state most notably in environmental governance. Your commitment to ecological preservation, economic diversification through investment in the mining sector, and robust policy frameworks aimed at protecting our natural resources reflect a rare and commendable dedication to long term progress.

Under your guidance, Kaduna State has continued to witness outstanding strides in environmental conservation and climate resilience. The release of counterpart funds for the World Bank supported Agro-Climatic Resilience in Semi-Arid Landscapes (ACReSAL) project is a notable example of your proactive governance. This singular decision has facilitated landmark initiatives

These bold steps not only mitigate the effects of climate change but also reaffirm your commitment to future generations.

As a Ministry, we remain proud partners in your administration's transformative journey. Through strategic program implementation aligned with your **SUSTAIN Agenda**, we continue to support your mission of building a cleaner, greener, and more resilient Kaduna State. Your leadership has provided the needed momentum to push environmental policies from vision to action.

As we celebrate this significant milestone with you, we are confident that the years ahead will yield even greater accomplishments. May your tenure continue to be marked by prosperity, innovation, and inclusive growth for all citizens.

Once again, congratulations on your second anniversary in office.

Long live the People's Governor, Long live Kaduna State.



Alhaji Abubakar Buba
Commissioner

**Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources** 



### Ministry of Health

Celebrating two years of impactful leadership!



Senator Uba Sani Governor Kaduna State



Dr. Hadiza S. Balarabe Deputy Governor Kaduna State

n this momentous occasion marking your second year in office as the Executive Governor of Kaduna State, I, Haj.

Umma K. Ahmed, the Commissioner of Health, along with the dedicated staff of the Ministry of Health and indeed, all the citizens of our dear state, wish to convey our deepest and most heartfelt congratulations.

Your two years at the helm have been characterized by visionary leadership, unwavering commitment, and a profound dedication to the welfare and progress of Kaduna State. Under your guidance, we have witnessed truly giant strides across various sectors, with the health sector experiencing transformative growth and renewed focus.

We are particularly appreciative of your administration's significant investments in strengthening our healthcare infrastructure, expanding access to quality medical services, and prioritizing the holistic well-being of our populace. Your support has been instrumental in initiatives aimed at improving primary healthcare, enhancing maternal and child health outcomes, and bolstering our capacity to respond to public health challenges.

Furthermore, your foresight in addressing critical emerging health issues, such as the comprehensive approach to substance abuse and mental health through the evolution of KADBUSA to KADSAMHSA, demonstrates a deep understanding of the complex health needs of our society and a commitment to aligning with international best practices. This focus on integrated behavioral health is a testament to your administration's dedication to nurturing human capital and ensuring the safety and security of our communities.

Your leadership has not only inspired us within the Ministry but has also instilled hope and confidence among the citizens that a healthier future for Kaduna State is within reach.

As we celebrate these two years of impactful governance, the Ministry of Health remains steadfast in its commitment to supporting your Excellency's agenda and working tirelessly to implement policies and programs that will further enhance the health and quality of life for all residents of Kaduna State.

May the Almighty continue to guide and strengthen you as you lead our state to greater heights.

With the highest regards and unwavering loyalty,

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





Felicitations with Governor Uba Sani

ON YOUR SECOND YEAR IN OFFICE

Senator Uba Sani Governor Kaduna State

he management and staff of the Ministry of Education felicitate with His Excellency Governor Uba Sani on the occasion of the midterm anniversary celebration of his administration. We at the ministry share in the joy of this moment as you look back with pride at the monumental achievements in the education sector in the two years that you have piloted the ship of state.

Policies that you have enacted in the education sector have resulted in the expansion of access to education and provided conducive learning atmosphere. This has resulted in positive learning outcomes in the education sector.

To mention a few of the impacts of the policies of His Excellency in the sector: Reduction of school fees in tertiary institutions by about 40 percent resulting in increased enrollment; Improved learning atmosphere resulting in tremendous improvement on WAEC, NECO and NABTEB results; Liberalizing conditions for obtaining scholarship, strengthening academic programs in our higher institutions and most recently offsetting school fees for overseas students who had been stranded due to non-payment of their accumulated fees inherited by your administration.

This and many other policies and programs enacted in the education sector which have improved the quality of both learners and teachers since the inception of the present administration has raised the standard of education in the state comparable to the best in the country.

The strides recorded by the ministry in the implementation of the laudable programs in the education sector could not have been possible without the keen interest you demonstrated in taking education to a higher level.

We pray that the administration forges ahead with the implementation of the programs meant for education in order to consolidate on the gains so far attained.

We in the ministry will always commit to supporting His Excellency see through all his efforts to uplift further the education sector and improve on any other services that support the development of education.





**Professor Emeritus A.S. Sambo,** OON, NPOM, Commissioner of Education

# Ministry of Business, Innovation and Technology

### Congratulations to his Excellency, Gov Uba Sani

, the management and staff of the Ministry of Business (MBIT), LInnovation, and Technology, hereby extend our warmest congratulations to the occasion of your 2nd vou on anniversary as Governor of Kaduna State. We at MBIT are proud of the strides we have made in the last 2 years through your vision and inspiring leadership. Your achievements are all too clear in the areas of Entrepreneurship, Innovation, Skills Development, and Job creation, and we look forward to building on this momentum. We are honored to serve under your administration. We look forward to many more years of progress, peaceful coexistence and prosperity in our dear State under your leadership. Long live Governor Uba Sani! Long live the good people of Kaduna State!!!



Senator Uba Sani Governor Kaduna State





Mrs Patience Fakai (FNIM)
Honourable Commissioner
Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Technology



#### **Ministry of Internal Security and Home Affairs**

# Congratulations on your second ANNIVERSARY IN OFFICE

#### THE ARCHITECT OF KADUNA PEACE AND SECURITY.

is Excellency Governor Uba Sani's commitment to a peaceful, united, and secure Kaduna State, as outlined in his SUSTAIN Manifesto, is a reality. Two years into his tenure, Kaduna is witnessing improved peace, security, peaceful co-existence, and inclusive governance.

Through the Ministry of Internal Security and Home Affairs, the administration has adopted a holistic security strategy involving strategic partnerships, institutional reforms, peacebuilding, and community-led interventions. Other key achievements include:

- 1. Strategic Support to Security Agencies: The State Government has built strong ties with national security leaders, providing 150 vehicles and 500 motorcycles to enhance security operations. These efforts have improved response times, particularly in rural areas, and led to the safe return of many kidnapped victims.
- 2. Sustainable Security Financing: The establishment of the Kaduna State Security Trust Fund (KSSTF) has created a sustainable platform to fund equipment, training, and logistics for security operations.
- 3. Community-Based Peace-building: The Peace Dialogue Group, made up of traditional and religious leaders, civil society, and security actors, has restored calm in previously volatile LGAs like Birnin Gwari, Giwa, Igabi, Kauru, and Kajuru.
- 4. Following the approval of the Governor, the Ministry of Internal Security and Home Affairs embarked on state-wide engagement tours across 16 LGAs from January to February, 2025 which has further strengthened stakeholder relations and informed localized security responses.
  - Undoubtedly, these strides reflect Governor Uba Sani's visionary leadership and unwavering dedication to securing Kaduna State.

On this note, and on behalf of the management and staff of the Ministry of Internal Security and Home Affairs, I congratulate His Excellency, Senator (Dr) Uba Sani, and Her Excellency, Dr Hadiza S. Balarabe, on their 2nd Anniversary in office. May God be their Guard and Guide as they continue to achieve milestones on the SUSTAIN Manifesto.



### MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CHIEFTAINCY AFFAIRS

with Governor (Dr) Uba Sani on his Two years in Office

Excellency has continued to steer the affairs of Kaduna State with humility, courage, and an unwavering commitment to the upliftment of its people. Two years on, the results of your people-first leadership are evident across the length and breadth of our dear State.

Your tireless dedication to the welfare of citizens and residents alike stands unmatched in the annals of governance in Kaduna State. Through bold policies and rural-focused interventions, you have rekindled hope, expanded opportunity, and fostered a renewed sense of belonging in communities long neglected.

Your style of leadership continues to inspire—a model that places people at the heart of government. The positive impact of your rural transformation agenda is seen not only in improved local economies but also in the growing sense of security and optimism among our people.

Your strength of conviction and quiet determination remain a source of pride for those of us privileged to serve in your administration. As you mark this second anniversary in office,

I pray Almighty Allah grants you continued wisdom, good health, and the grace to leave behind a legacy that will forever define excellence in governance in Kaduna State.





HON. SADIQ MAMMAN LAGOS

**Commissioner Ministry for Local Government & Chieftaincy Affairs** 



### **Ministry of Sports Development**

# CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR SECOND ANNIVERSARY IN OFFICEI

rite to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Your Excellency on the remarkable milestone of two years in office as the Executive Governor of Kaduna State.

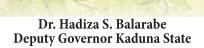
Your visionary leadership, unwavering commitment to good governance, and tireless efforts toward the progress and development of Kaduna State are indeed commendable. Within this period, your administration has demonstrated a deep sense of responsibility, inclusive governance, and a sincere drive to improve the lives of the people.

During these two years in office, the Ministry of Sports Development witnessed massive support and encouragement from you with the resultant record of rising to the second best sporting state in northern Nigeria As you mark this significant anniversary, I wish you continued strength, wisdom, and success in your service to the state and to our great nation. May your tenure be further distinguished by peace, prosperity, and impactful development across all sectors. Once again,

congratulations, Your Excellency.



**Prof. Benjamin Kumai Gugong**Commissioner Ministry of Sports Development



# Ministry of Human Services and Social Development

### Congratulatory Message

y heartfelt Congratulations Your Excellency, the Executive Governor of Kaduna State, Senator Uba Sani on your two remarkable years in office. Kaduna State under your amiable and exemplary leadership, unwavering determination to invest in humanity has advanced the rights of women, youth, children, the vulnerable, poor and the underserved population.

Your dedication and commitment towards putting the people first, is demonstrated in the positive impact on countless lives, in supporting vulnerable population, fostering economic empowerment and community developments which is commendable. Your policies have improved their socioeconomic conditions, promote gender equality, social protection has led to the and transformation of our society through the provision of comprehensive, integrated and sustainable social development services to its residents irrespective of gender, religion and ethnicity.

Your transformational Leadership and vision have made a lasting difference in improving lives, and truly inspiring the poor, vulnerable and underserved population.

In Your Words, 'through our Sustain Agenda, we seek to empower women, youth, poor, and underserved to provide improved standard of living, as key players in the economy and governance". Your tireless efforts have not gone unnoticed. I'm so honored to celebrate this milestone with you. We particularly applaud your outstanding achievement in areas of Human Services and Social Development such as:

- Improved Political will to implement enabling Laws, Policy/ Legal Frameworks
- Increased Social Protection Services and Structures/ Infrastructures Development
- · Enhanced Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Programs
- Increased Human Capital Development and Economic Empowerment Programs
- Inclusive and enhanced Quality Service Delivery for Persons with Disabilities.

Congratulation on your two year anniversary!!!



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

# GTATE GOVERNAMENT

# Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Kaduna State

### Congratulations on Your 2nd Anniversary in Office!

Our Dear Leader and Governor Senator Dr. Uba Sani

ongratulations on your reaching this milestone of two years in office this blessed day 29th of May 2025.

Your dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment to serving the community have been truly commendable. Your taking oath of office with SUSTAIN AGENDA emphasis on RURAL TRANSFORMATION have made a meaningful impact and we look forward to witnessing even greater accomplishments in the future.

Your leadership is enshrouded with empathy.

Wishing you continued success and strength as you move forward in your journey.



Senator Uba Sani Governor Kaduna State



Dr Hadiza Balarabe Sabuwa Deputy Governor, Kaduna State



Signed:
Comrade YUNANA MARKUS BARDE
Hon. Commissioner Ministry of
Humanitarian Affairs, Kaduna State.

Long Live the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Long Live His Excellency Governor Senator Dr UBA SANI, Long Live Kaduna State Long Live the Federal Republic of Nigeria.



Senator Uba Sani Governor Kaduna State

Dr. Hadiza S. Balarabe Deputy Governor Kaduna State

ongratulations on two years at the helm Permit me to share in the joy of the moment when you take the lead in reflecting on the journey so far. Personally, I believe you have done exceedingly well. Nearly all the sectors have done their best which owed much to the leadership that you have offered. To crown your efforts of performance, is the creation of the ministry of information a sector long viewed by many as the missing link in the government's efforts at reaching out to the public for the necessary two-way communication that the administration needed to properly gauge the pulse of people on development initiative outcomes. Now that your Excellency has taken the bold step to bring on stream this veritable stakeholder, I assure you of mine and that of the staff that will come on board our commitment to live up to your expectations. Congratulations once again for an eventful two years which have witnessed many turnarounds in the service of the people.

CONGRATULATIONS, YOUR EXCELLENCIES, AND BEST WISHES FOR THE JOURNEY AHEAD.



Sdg: Professor Mohammed Sani Bello, Commissioner of Information.



# Kaduna State Public Procurement Authority (KADPPA)



Celebrating two years of impactful leadership!



Senator Uba Sani Governor Kaduna State



Dr. Hadiza S. Balarabe Deputy Governor Kaduna State

he Kaduna State Public Procurement Authority extends its sincere congratulations to His Excellency, Senator Uba Sani and his Deputy, Haj. Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe, on their 2nd year anniversary in office. We celebrate this milestone with gratitude for your leadership and vision for Kaduna State.

Over the past two years, your exceptional leadership has demonstrated a remarkable commitment to Kaduna State's progress through good governance, and sustainable development leading to significant improvements in the lives and welfare of its citizens.

The Kaduna State Public Procurement Authority particularly commends your administration's commitment to upholding the principles of transparency, accountability, and value for money in public procurement. Your support for the KADPPA has enabled us to enhance efficiency and ensure that public funds are utilized effectively for the benefit of all.

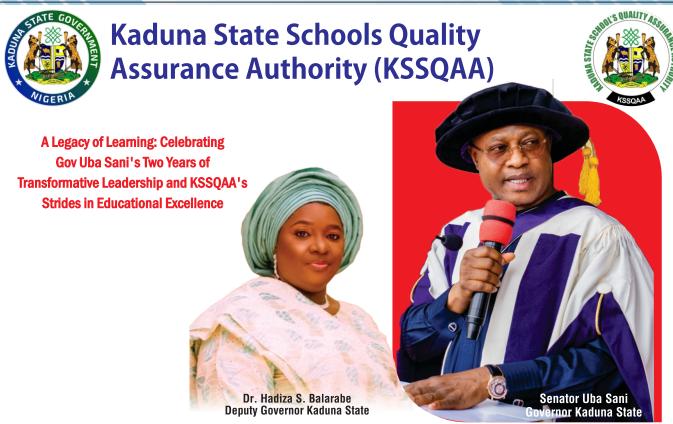
As you commemorate this milestone, we recommit to assisting your administration in achieving its objectives and cooperating to reach new heights. We have faith that under your leadership, Kaduna State would see even greater development and prosperity.

Congratulations on this achievement, and we wish you many more successful years; may Allah guide and protect you as you lead our state.

Long live Kaduna State!



Engr. Sanusi A. Yero
FNSE, FIOGR, MNIMechE, MCIPSN
Director-General
(KADPPA)



s Governor of Kaduna State, Senator Dr. Uba Sani, marks his second year in office on May 29th, 2025, it is with immense pride that we at the Kaduna State Schools Quality Assurance Authority (KSSQAA) join in celebrating his visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to transforming Kaduna State into a beacon of learning and excellence.

The Governor's profound dedication to education is evident in the transformative budgetary allocations – a historic high of 25% in 2024 and 26:14% in 2025. This commitment has fostered an environment of inclusive governance, improved security, and a conducive atmosphere for learning to thrive.

Under Governor Sani's dynamic leadership, KSSQAA-led by Professor Usman Abubakar Zaria, has achieved remarkable milestones, including:

- Revolutionizing Quality Assurance: For the first time, we have conducted a comprehensive mapping of 3,622 private schools with GPS coordinates, ensuring accurate planning and effective regulatory oversight.
- Pioneering Digital Transformation:
  Kaduna State is leading the nation in educational innovation. Notably, KSSQAA has commenced the Hybrid Computer-Based Testing (CBT) pilot with a Mock on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, across Kaduna State
- · Strengthening Systems and Revenue:
- Elevating Examination Standards: Our commitment to integrity is yielding results. SSCE pass rates have risen significantly, from 54% to 67%.
- Building a Strong Foundation: KSSQAA is strengthening strategic partnerships with WAEC, AGILE, PLANE, ROOSC, and other development partners, leading to WAEC's commitment to establish a state-of-the-art CBT centre in Kaduna State,

As we celebrate this momentous occasion, we reaffirm our commitment to Governor Sani's vision. KSSQAA will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that every child in Kaduna State has access to quality education, empowering them to reach their full potential and contribute to the progress of our great state.

Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, Your Excellency!



Professor Usman Abubakar Zaria Director-General, (KSSQAA)

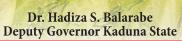
#### **Kaduna State Emergency Management Agency** (KADSEMA)





To His Excellency, Governor Uba Sani On the Occasion of Your Two Years in Office









Dr. Usman Hayatu Mazadu **Executive Secretary** 

Kaduna State Emergency Management Agency (KADSEMA)

our unwavering commitment to securing the lives and property of Kaduna citizens has transformed our state into a beacon of hope and progress. Under your visionary leadership, Kaduna State has witnessed remarkable improvements in security infrastructure, community policing initiatives, and rapid response mechanisms that have significantly enhanced the safety of our communities. Your administration's proactive approach to security challenges, innovative solutions, and collaborative efforts with security agencies have restored peace and confidence across the state, paving the way for economic growth and development. Most notably, your establishment of an integrated emergency response system has dramatically reduced response times during crises, saving countless lives across our state. As you mark this milestone of two years in office, we

celebrate your dedication to creating a safer Kaduna State where citizens can thrive without fear. On behalf of our staff and Management team, we pledge our continued support and partnership as you lead our great state toward greater security and prosperity.



# **Kaduna State Primary Healthcare Board Office**

# A Congratulatory Tribute to His Excellency, Senator Uba Sani

On the Occasion of His 2nd Anniversary in Office

our Excellency, It is with profound respect and immense admiration that I, on behalf of the Kaduna State Primary Healthcare Board, felicitate with Your Excellency on the auspicious commemoration of two remarkable years of distinguished service and transformative leadership as the Executive Governor of Kaduna State. Your tenure thus far has been defined by visionary governance, dedication to the public good, and an unrelenting pursuit of equity, progress, and sustainable development. In these two years, Kaduna State has witnessed a renaissance marked by prudent reforms, infrastructural reawakening, and an inclusive approach to statecraft that continues to earn commendation across the nation and beyond. In the domain of healthcare, particularly primary health systems, Your Excellency's administration has left an indelible footprint. The consistent prioritisation of health infrastructure, human resource capacity building, and grassroots-oriented healthcare initiatives has significantly elevated the quality and accessibility of health services across our 23 Local Government Areas.

The Board remains exceedingly grateful for Your Excellency's support, policy foresight, and commitment to building resilient health systems that reflect the very ideals of dignity, equity, and community empowerment.

As you mark this milestone, we extend our warmest congratulations and offer our earnest prayers for continued wisdom, strength, and divine favour in the noble task of advancing the welfare of the good people of Kaduna State.

May your legacy of visionary leadership continue to flourish for generations to come.



Senator Uba Sani Governor Kaduna State



**Dr. Hadiza S. Balarabe**Deputy Governor Kaduna State

### With the highest regard,



Signed: Dr. Bello Jamoh
Executive Secretary
Kaduna State Primary Healthcare Board



# **Kaduna State Scholarship and Loans Board (KADSSLB)**





Senator Uba Sani Governor Kaduna State

n behalf of the Kaduna State Scholarship and Loans Board team led by its Executive Secretary, Prof. Yahya Saleh Ibrahim, we extend our warmest congratulations to Your Excellencies on this auspicious occasion of your second anniversary in office, 29th May 2025

Today, we celebrate not only the passage of time but the monumental strides Kaduna State has made under your visionary and compassionate leadership.

Your journey exemplifies exemplary leadership and a steadfast commitment to improving educational standards and skill acquisition through the Kaduna State Scholarship and Loans Board. Your favour for addressing the needs of the youth, as well as the vulnerable and underprivileged citizens of the state, with a focus on inclusivity, serves as a source of inspiration for us all.

As we commemorate this significant milestone, we wish you many more years of success, prosperity, and strength to continue to lead Kaduna State to greater achievements.

CELEBRATING
TWO YEARS
OF TRANSFORMATIVE
LEADERSHIP:
A TRIBUTE TO
EXCELLENCE.



Dr. Hadiza S. Balarabe Deputy Governor Kaduna State



Signed Professor Yahya Saleh Ibrahim
Executive Secretary
KADSSLB

#### Kaduna Line

Congratulatory massage from Kaduna Line

t is indeed a privilege to commemorate your twoyear anniversary as the Executive Governor of Kaduna State. I want to extend my warmest congratulations and sincere appreciation for your exceptional leadership. Your hard work, unwavering commitment, and unique ability to unify our people have made a profound impact on Kaduna State. You have achieved great things through determination and a steadfast focus on the needs of our community, embodying the qualities of a true leader. Your journey as a quiet yet powerful influencer is inspiring. The people of Kaduna State are grateful for your dedication, and your contributions will be celebrated for generations to come.

It is a prerogative for me to work alongside you as the Managing Director of Kaduna Line, and I look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts in driving progress and development in our state.





Engr. Inuwa Ibrahim M. D Kaduna Line



Senator Uba Sani

Governor Kaduna State

#### Felicitation from KADSTRA

Your Excellency

s we celebrate your two-year anniversary in office as the Executive Governor of Kaduna State, let me take a moment to express my heartfelt congratulations and appreciation for your exceptional leadership. Your dedication and hard work have truly made a remarkable impact on our state. You have demonstrated what it means to be a an influential leader, always striving to uplift the people of Kaduna State. Your ability to work quietly yet effectively has earned you the respect and admiration of many, your achievements will undoubtedly be remembered in the annals of our history.

It has been a privilege for me to work alongside you as the Overseeing Director General of KADSTRA.

Congratulations once again, Your Excellency. Here's to many more years of impactful leadership and positive change for Kaduna State! Sincerely,



Overseeing
Director General KADSTRA





# **Kaduna State Universal Basic Education Board**

From all of us at KADSUBER

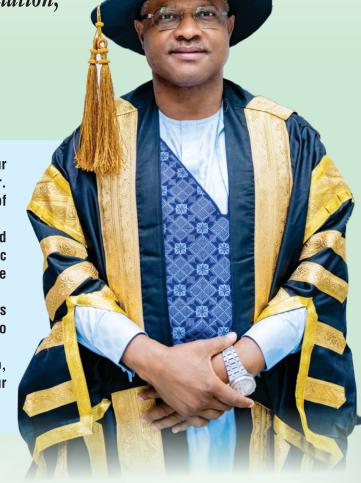
we say a big congratulation, Your Excellency!

e extend our warmest congratulations to our amiable Governor, His Excellency, Senator Dr. Uba Sani, on this important milestone of clocking two years in office.

Your visionary leadership, unwavering dedication, and steadfast commitment to the advancement of Basic Education continues to inspire hope and confidence in the future of Kaduna State.

As you mark this milestone, we celebrate the strides made under your administration and look forward to greater achievements.

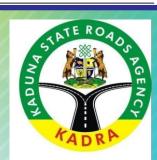
May your tenure be marked by impactful leadership, inclusive growth, and the sustainable development of our great state.





Signed Mubarak Mohammed
Ag. Executive Chairman
KADSUBEB





SECOND YEAR ANNIVERSARY **CONGRATULATIONS TO GOVERNOR UBA SANI** Your Excellency,

# Congratulations

he Kaduna State Roads Agency (KADRA) team congratulates you on two years of exemplary leadership. Your administration's focus on infrastructure development, inclusive governance, and economic growth has yielded notable results.

We are privileged and honoured to play a key role in realising your vision for Kaduna's road network and overall development. Your commitment to improving citizens' lives is truly commendable.

We pledge continued loyalty to your administration and absolute dedication to our mandate, and we pray for your ongoing success.

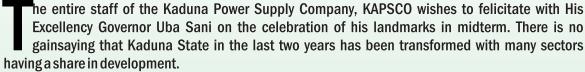


**Managing Director, KADRA** 



### Kaduna Power Supply Company KAPSCO

# Felicitates With Governor Uba Sani at Two years in office



Efforts by the administration to reposition KAPSCO is no exception. We assure His Excellency that despite the challenges of delivering power to the people faced across the country generally, the company is committed to improving services to the people of Kaduna state. We are also determined to support government efforts in its bid to always seek solutions to the rising demand for power supply by the people. May His Excellency succeed in his determination to uplift the power sector to drive his well-thought out Sustain Agenda.



Senator Uba Sani Governor Kaduna State Dr. Hadiza S. Balarabe Dep. Governor Kaduna State



Engr. Idris Aminu Idris, FNSE MD Kaduna Power Supply Company (KAPSCO)



Senator Uba Sani Governor Kaduna State

Dr. Hadiza S. Balarabe Deputy Governor Kaduna State

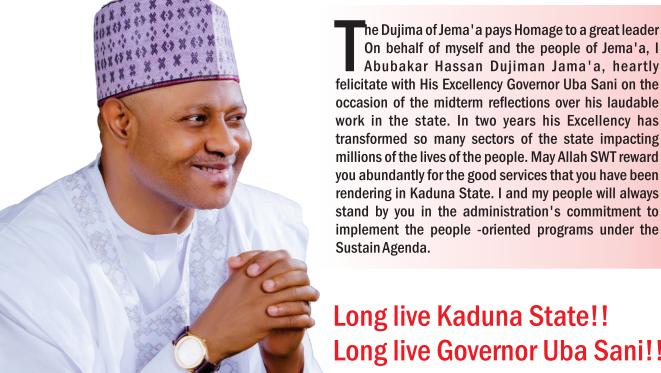
e at KADCHMA share in the joy of the moment with the Governor of Kaduna State, Senator Uba Sani as he marks two years in office. The celebration is welldeserved in the light of the tremendous job that His Excellency has done in all sectors of the state's economy and public service. From tackling insecurity frontally to inclusive governance anchored on even spread of development projects across the state, the last two years have witnessed it all. Congratulations and May Allah SWT grant you good health and will to further touch the lives of our people in the years ahead. We in the contributory health management sector have every reason to be proud of you as the government's support has been unwavering which has enabled us to serve the people well. We assure His Excellency of our continued commitment to the cause of health management in line with our mandate and to the satisfaction of the people we've sworn to serve.



Signed Mallam Abubakar Hassan
The Director General KADCHMA

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
YOUR EXCELLENCY!!!

# Dujima Salutes His Excellency @ 2 years in office



Long live Kaduna State!! Long live Governor Uba Sani!!

**Senator Uba Sani Governor Kaduna State** 



**Signed** 

Mallam Abubakar Hassan The Director General KADCHMA



#### Congratulatory Message to His Excellency Senator Uba Sani and Her Excellency Dr.Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe on Their Two-Year Milestone in Office

Your Excellencies,

On behalf of all well-wishers and stakeholders in the progress of Kaduna State, I extend our heartfelt congratulations to His Excellency Senator Uba Sani, Governor of Kaduna State, and Her Excellency Dr. Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe, Deputy Governor, on the momentous occasion of your two-year anniversary in office.

Your administration has, in just two years, demonstrated exemplary leadership and a steadfast commitment to economic transformation and inclusive development. Under your guidance, Kaduna State has attracted a total investment portfolio exceeding \$711 million, with over \$613 million actualized. This remarkable achievement reflects your visionary leadership and the proactive role of the Kaduna Investment Promotion Agency (KADIPA) in creating an investor–friendly climate.

With 24 investments actualized, 10 more in the pipeline, and over 20,000 direct and indirect jobs created, you have laid a solid foundation for sustainable growth, economic diversification, and improved livelihoods across the state. The attraction of both Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) and Domestic Direct Investments (DDI) testifies to the trust and confidence investors have in your administration. Notably, the unveiling of the Inclusive Business Strategy & Policy Document, the first of its kind in Nigeria, underscores your commitment to inclusive, equitable and people-centered development.

We commend you and the KDSG team for all the laudable achievements recorded so far in this 2 years journey and look forward to the continued progress and prosperity of Kaduna State under your leadership.

Once again, congratulations, Your Excellencies! With highest regards,

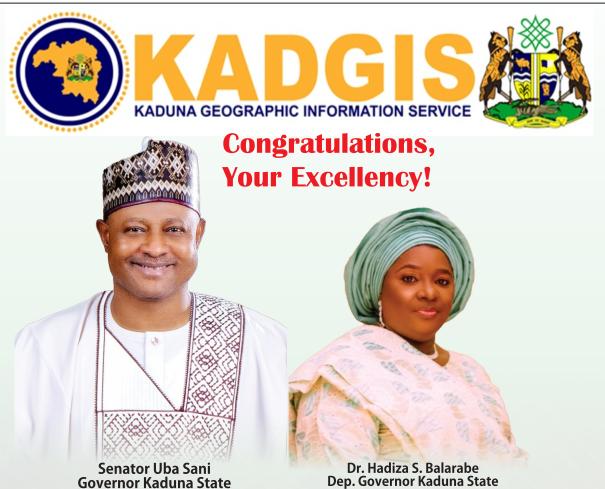
INVESTMENT FIGURES & ACHIEVEMENTS OF SENATOR UBA SANI 2 YEARS IN OFFICE

(())	Total Investment Portfolio	\$711,142,130.37
ă	Actualized	\$613,359,969.77
	Announced (in pipeline)	\$97,782,160.60
	Jobs Created (direct & Indirect)	20,976
	Total No. of Investments Facilitated (actualized)	24
	Total No. of Investments in Pipeline (announced)	10
# <b>ii</b>	Foreign Direct Investments	7
,ė	Domestic Direct Investments	27
9.	Policy Advocacy	Unveiled the Inclusive Business Action Network Strategy & Policy Document, 1st of its kind in the Nation



SADIQ MOHAMMED

Executive Secretary,
Kaduna Investment Promotion Agency



n behalf of the entire KADGIS team, I extend our heartfelt congratulations to you on the occasion of your two-year anniversary as the Executive Governor of Kaduna State.

Your visionary leadership, unwavering dedication, and tireless service to the people of Kaduna State are truly commendable. Over the past two years, your commitment to good governance and development has made a meaningful impact, and your efforts continue to inspire confidence and hope across the State.

As you lead with purpose and compassion, we wish you even greater success in the years ahead. May the next two years of your administration bring continued progress, prosperity, and transformative growth for our dear State.



Signed DR. BASHIR GARBA IBRAHIM
Director General KADGIS



#### Kaduna State Internal Revenue Service

**CONGRATULATIONS, YOUR EXCELLENCY!** 



Celebrating two remarkable years of leadership

On behalf of the Executive Management Committee, management, and entire staff of the Kaduna State Internal Revenue Service (KADIRS), we heartily congratulate His Excellency, Senator Uba Sani, Executive Governor of Kaduna State, on the successful completion of two impactful years in office.

Your inclusive leadership style, deep empathy, and unwavering commitment to the development of all regions of our great state continue to inspire confidence and unity among our people. From the cities to rural communities, your strides in governance are not just felt but truly appreciated.

The Service also proudly acknowledges your immense support and commitment to revenue mobilisation, which has significantly strengthened our operations and boosted overall performance. Your trust and backing have empowered us to innovate and deliver more effectively.

At KADIRS, we're proud to be part of this journey. We remain committed to supporting your mandate through efficient, transparent, and people-focused revenue strategies because building a better Kaduna is a task we proudly share. Here's to more wins, more growth, and more impact.

Happy 2nd Anniversary, Your Excellency!

#### - From all of us at KADIRS





Dr. Hadiza S. Balarabe Dep. Governor Kaduna State

Com. Jerry Adams, FCTI, FNIM, FCE, CNA
Executive Chairman,
Kaduna State Internal Revenue Service (KADIRS)



# **Kaduna State Urban Planning and Development Authority (KASUPDA)**

### Congratulations!!

On your successful two year of Achievements





On behalf of the management and entire staff of KASUPDA,

I heartily rejoice with the Executive Governor of Kaduna State, Malam Uba Sani, on his successful two years 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.

Long live Governor Malam Uba Sani! Long live Kaduna State!! Long live Federal Republic of Nigeria!!!



Bldr. Abdurrahman Yahya PhD.
DG KASUPDA



#### **Local Government Service Board**

Congratulations on your 2 years anniversary "Your Excellency,



Senator Uba Sani Governor Kaduna State

Dr. Hadiza S. Balarabe Dep. Governor Kaduna State

ou proved every day that you are an amazing leader and one of the most passionate Governor that invest in human capital development Agriculture, Healthcare, infrastructure, security, peace and unity among Kaduna State citizens. You are absolutely the best fit for Kaduna State.Congratulations Once again"



Professor Aminu Ladan Sharehu, OON Chairman Local Government Service Board



By Carla ABDULMALIK, Corps Marshal,
Kaduna State Traffic Law Enforcement Authority (KASTLEA)



n behalf of the officers and men of the Kaduna State Traffic Law Enforcement Authority (KASTLEA), I extend warm congratulations to His Excellency, Sen. Dr. Uba Sani, Executive Governor of Kaduna State, and Her Excellency, Dr. Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe, Deputy Governor, on the momentous occasion of your second anniversary in office.

Over the past two years, your administration has demonstrated visionary leadership, unwavering commitment to the welfare of the people, and an unrelenting pursuit of sustainable development across all sectors of our dear state. The positive transformation in infrastructure, education, health, security, and public service reform is a testament to your dedication to inclusive governance.

Particularly for KASTLEA, we have witnessed renewed institutional support and strategic policy direction aimed at enhancing traffic management, promoting road safety, and ensuring efficient mobility across Kaduna State. These efforts have empowered our operations and positioned us better to serve the people with professionalism and integrity.

As you celebrate this milestone, we reaffirm our loyalty and commitment to supporting your vision for a safer, more orderly, and prosperous Kaduna State. May Almighty God continue to guide and strengthen you as you steer the state to greater heights.



Carla Abdulmalik
CM/CEO (KASTLEA)

Congratulations once again.



### Kaduna State Facility Management Agency, KADFAMA

#### A toast to an achiever





It is my privilege to extend on behalf of the management and staff of Kaduna State Facility Management Agency, KADFAMA, out heart-felt Felicitations to the Governor of Kaduna State Senator Uba Sani on the happy occasion of his marking two in office. We at KADFAMA are proud to be associated with your monumental achievements evident in all spheres of the state's economy. May Allah SWT grant you the will to go the whole hog in the implementation of the Sustain Agenda which which is an all-time blueprint for the transformation of the rural areas in particular. No doubt history will place you at the forefront of leaders of Kaduna State with workable plans for opening up the state for development. Congratulations on your efforts and we wish you many more years of purposeful leadership.



Long live Kaduna State!!
Long live Governor Uba Sani!!
Long live KADFAMA!!!

Sgd: Alhaji Magaji Adamu MD/CEO, KADFAMA.



#### **Kaduna State University**

### CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE!!!

n behalf of the Governing Council, Senate, Management, Staff, and Students of Kaduna State University (KASU), I extend our heartfelt congratulations to His Excellency, Senator Uba Sani, Executive Governor of Kaduna State, and Her Excellency, Dr. Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe, Deputy Governor, on the momentous occasion of your second anniversary in office.

Over the past two years, your administration has demonstrated unwavering commitment to the development of Kaduna State, particularly in the areas of education, infrastructure, healthcare, and security. Your vision and passion for inclusive governance have continued to inspire confidence and bring tangible progress to the lives of our people.

At Kaduna State University, we are particularly appreciative of your steadfast support for higher education and youth development. Your investment in the educational sector reaffirms your dedication to building a knowledgeable, skilled, and empowered citizenry.

As you mark this significant milestone, we pray for continued wisdom, strength, and success in the service of Kaduna State and its great people.



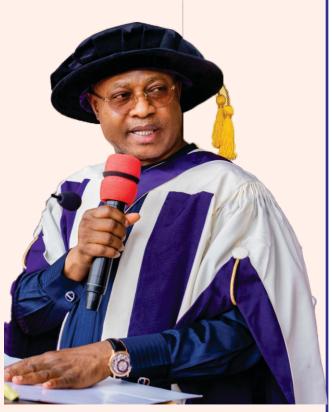


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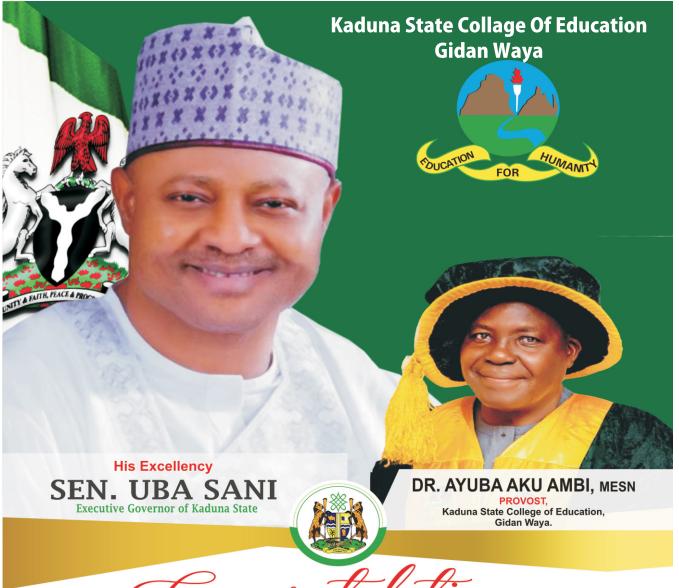
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Senator Uba Sani Governor Kaduna State



Dr Hadiza Balarabe Sabuwa Deputy Governor, Kaduna State



### Congratulations On Your

### TWO YEARS ANNIVERSARY IN OFFICE

Your Excellency, Sir,

On behalf of my Management, Staff and Students, I wish to felicitate and congratulate your remarkable two-year milestone in office!

As Provost of Kaduna State College of Education, Gidan Waya, I sincerely commend your dedication to our state's progress and development. Your leadership has created opportunities for growth, and we're proud to partner with your administration. We look forward to continued collaboration and achieving greatness together. Wishing you continued success and divine guidance.

Once again Congratulations, Sir!



APC Ciki da Waje congratulates His Excellency Distinguished Senator Uba Sani, the People's Governor on the occasion of his two-year anniversary.

This historic milestone is demonstrated by the Governor's commitment to the welfare of all Kaduna State residents, coupled with development in the Education Sector, Health Sector, Social Welfare and Security. His Excellency has positioned himself as a Governor for all Kaduna State. Integrating everyone irrespective of religious, tribal or party affiliations.

SAU BIYU NE,
2023 - 2031, IN SHA ALLAH
MAY HIS EXCELLENCY,
DISTINGUISHED SENATOR UBA SANI,
THE PEOPLE'S GOVERNOR SUCCEED



Musa Bawa, FCNA State Coordinator, APC Ciki da Waje

# HAPPY 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY, YOUR EXCELLENCY!



Two Years in Office of Senator
Uba Sani
Governor Kaduna State

Congratulations as you mark your second year in office. It has been an eventful year for a Governor who knows how to lead. You have remained focused and surefooted as you navigate the terrain of developing Kaduna State.

Looking back, it is hard to believe that so much has been achieved without fanfare. You have executed and commissioned numerous projects that speak for themselves. You are indeed the people's Governor.

We, the Management and Staff of Mothercat, congratulate you and your able Deputy Governor, Dr. Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe. We wish both of you Allah's protection in your continued efforts to develop Kaduna State.







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