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Uba Sani restores dignity, hope to banditry victims: Offers free houses, working tools, vital amenities

By Nasir Dambatta

Tears of relief and joy flowed in Kaduna on Tuesday as Governor Uba Sani commissioned 500 fully furnished homes, a modern school, and a well-equipped hospital for victims of the brutal banditry that has plagued parts of the state for years.

The symbolic handover, held under the banner of the Qatar Sanabil Project—a humanitarian collaboration between the Kaduna State Government and Qatar Charity—marked a turning point for thousands of displaced persons who have endured years of pain, trauma, and life in makeshift shelters.

Speaking at the commissioning ceremony, Governor Uba Sani described the initiative as “a solemn covenant fulfilled,” emphasizing that the project was not merely about rebuilding physical structures but about restoring dignity, hope, and the right to live in peace.

According to him, “Today, we are not just building houses. We are rebuilding lives. We are restoring hope. We are proving that government exists to care.”

For many beneficiaries, the moment was overwhelming. Hauwa Lawal, a widow from Giwa Local Government who lost her husband in a 2021 bandit attack, could not contain her emotions as she received her house key. “We lived in fear, hunger, and tents. Today, I have a home. My children have a school. I have tears, but they are tears of joy,” she said, clutching her children close.

Another elder, Malam Tukur Balarabe, who was displaced by bandits, described the development as “a miracle from ashes.” He added, “We saw death. We saw hunger. But today, we see mercy.”

Beyond the housing units, the estate is equipped with a modern school to ensure uninterrupted education for

children affected by conflict, a functional hospital to serve residents and surrounding communities, a mini-shopping complex to stimulate small-scale commerce, and several boreholes to guarantee access to clean water. In a further push for full rehabilitation, empowerment tools including tricycles, hairdressing kits, grinding machines, and welding equipment were distributed to selected beneficiaries to help them regain economic independence. Governor Sani insisted that post-conflict recovery must go beyond shelter.

“We are giving our people not just homes, but the means to rebuild their livelihoods. These are not handouts; they are the foundation for a new beginning,” he explained.

The event also saw the presence of the Qatari Ambassador to Nigeria, Ali Bin Ghanem Al-Hajri, who commended the Kaduna State Government for its commitment and transparency. He noted that the Qatar Sanabil Project in Kaduna stands as a model for other regions grappling with humanitarian crises, adding that Phase Two of the project will soon commence, with plans for more houses, schools, boreholes, and clinics across other affected local government areas.

Governor Sani used the occasion to express gratitude to President Bola Ahmed Tinubu for creating an enabling environment for partnerships of this nature. He also thanked the National Security Adviser, Nuhu Ribadu; Minister of Defence, Mohammed Badaru; Chief of Defence Staff, General Christopher Musa; and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Tajudeen Abbas, for their unwavering support in actualizing the project.

As the keys exchanged hands and prayers echoed across the newly built estate, one thing became unmistakably clear: for many of Kaduna’s forgotten victims of violence, a new chapter had begun—not in pain or in silence, but in dignity and renewed faith in leadership.



NSA Nuhu Ribadu (with mic) flanked by Governor Uba Sani (to his left) and the Qatari Ambassador to Nigeria, Hon Speaker House of Reps and former Senate President Ibrahim Lawal to the NSA's right, watch the unveiling of the commemorative plaque. Right is the NSA congratulating a beneficiary at the occasion

KDSG's 100 CNG buses commence free service

The 100 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses recently commissioned by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu commenced operation across Kaduna metropolis July 7th 2025 with Gov Uba Sani and many key government officials taking a ride on a bus amidst students and other commuters.

The new buses will offer free transportation for civil servants, students, and retirees for an initial period of six (6) months, as part of efforts to ease commuting challenges and support key segments of the population.

Following the free service period, the buses will be available to all residents of Kaduna State at a subsidized rate, with passengers enjoying a 60% discount on fares. This initiative aligns with Governor Uba Sani's commitment to providing an affordable, efficient, and environmentally sustainable public transport system aimed at improving the overall quality of life for citizens.

The Director General of Kaduna State Transport Regulatory Authority (KADSTRA), Engr Inuwa Ibrahim who had earlier shed more light on the matter disclosed in a press statement, stated that civil servants, retirees, and students will enjoy free rides for the first six months. He clarified that Students of public and private schools, from primary to tertiary level will benefit from this initiative.

Engr Inuwa added that thereafter, 60% transport fare subsidy will be available to the general public.

The Director General pointed out that the gesture underscores Governor Uba Sani's commitment to the welfare of civil servants, senior citizens and students in Kaduna State.

Engr. Ibrahim warned that the free transport service will

operate in strict adherence to order, security and efficient service delivery.

According to him, civil servants will be "granted access to the buses upon presentation of valid staff Identity card and a matching National Identification Number, to prevent misuse and ensure that only genuine government workers enjoy the free bus service.

He said further that "students from both public and private schools will be allowed to board the buses, provided they are in their complete school uniforms."

Engr Ibrahim also said that "all personnel of recognized security agencies are eligible to access the buses, upon proper identification".

The statement further said that the buses will ply three routes throughout the duration of the free transport service, adding that **Route one** comprises:

- a) Rigachikun – Kawo – Kasuwa - Sabo
- b) Sabo – Kasuwa – Kawo – Rigachikun

Route two is made up of:

- a) Rigachikun – Kawo - Independence way - Yakowa Road
- b) Yakowa Road - Independence way - Kawo - Rigachikun

Route three consists of:

- a) Tudun Wada – Poly road – Sokoto road – Kawo
- b) Kawo – Sokoto road – Poly road – Tudun Wada

The Director General advised commuters against unnecessary rush and jumping of the queue while trying to get unto the buses, adding that law and order will be strictly maintained.

It will be recalled that President Bola Tinubu commissioned the 100 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses at Murtala Mohammed Square during his state visit on June 19, 2025.



Jubilation that greeted the launch of the buses in Kaduna (Left) as Gov Uba Sani and some senior government officials join in the bus ride along with students (Photo: A.Y Abdallah)

Kaduna: The Uba Sani example

By Seun Awogbenle

One of the challenges that confronts global democracy today is the exhaustion with politics, that sense of broken public trust where politicians constantly say so much and nothing ever changes. In 1994, following a “cash for question” scandal that rocked the House of Commons, Sir John Major established a committee on standards in public life to make recommendations on the codes that must guide public conduct and restore trust in public life.

The committee, chaired by Lord Nolan, established what is today known as the seven principles of public life, otherwise known as the Nolan Principles. The principles include honesty, integrity, objectivity, selflessness, openness, accountability, and leadership. The emphasis here is that in rebuilding public trust, politicians must have moral rectitude and strong character principles.

In Nigeria, the situation is even more peculiar, where we see politicians who have neither moral rectitude nor strong character principles. This in part accounts for that exhaustion with politics and why people are so quick to tar every politician with the same brush. The easy thing to do today is to give up on politics, but we must refuse to give in to that despair, because despite the gloom, there are still a few outliers, and for them, we must remain hopeful.

I also have the conviction that if we knock politicians for the things they do, we must also find the courage to single out the outliers, who not only demonstrate these strong principles but are also able to deliver on tangible welfare benefits. Enter Sen. Uba Sani, the Governor of Kaduna State. Sani, an accomplished businessman, first made the limelight during his struggle for the restoration of democracy in Nigeria, following the annulment of the June 12, 1994, elections. As history has come to vindicate him, he was one of those who put their lives on the line against the might of anti-democratic forces. So more than anyone else, Sani understands the significance of the democracy Nigerians enjoy today and why leaders must recommit themselves to those Nolan principles.

From his June 12 activism to becoming a senator and now as a governor, Sani has remained unassuming and has never lost his essence; this perhaps accounts for why Kaduna, which was once a hotbed of violence, kidnapping, banditry, and terrorism, has become the new sub-national model for peace, tolerance, and unity. In all the accounts of the people of Kaduna that I have read, they all credit Sen. Uba Sani for rebuilding trust, reconciliation, and open engagement with ethnic and religious groups in a manner that shows respect for every group and leaves no one behind.



Governor Uba Sani

I have always argued that governance must be built on long-term success, not short-term advantage. One of the things I have consistently praised Sen. Uba Sani for is how he has refused to allow himself to be dragged into the politics of “who said what and who did what”—a situation where leaders are consistently looking for scapegoats or how to shift the blame rather than take responsibility, an all too familiar experience. The complete departure from this approach reflects his strong emotional intelligence and the wisdom to deal with the issues decisively.

This also perhaps explains the reason almost all the political heavyweights in Kaduna, irrespective of political leaning, are soon coalescing for him. This year alone, former governor of Kaduna State, Muktar Ramalan Yero; former senator representing Kaduna Central Senatorial District, Sen. Shehu Sani; former senator for Kaduna North Senatorial District, Sen. Suleiman Hunkuyi; former member of the House of Representatives, Sani Shaaban; and former senator representing Kaduna South Senatorial District, Sen. Danjuma La'ah have all defected to APC in Kaduna because of Sen. Uba Sani, whom they all describe as a unifier. The lesson here is that half of the job of a leader is people management. “Vox populi, vox dei,” a Latin phrase that means “the voice of the people is the voice of God,” is even more relevant. The other day in Kaduna, President Bola Tinubu described Sen. Uba Sani as an agent of change, stability, love, unity, and progress, citing his ability to transform Kaduna from chaos to an atmosphere of peace and stability. Former Vice President Namadi Sambo also echoed similar sentiments when he described Uba Sani as a master of projects, noting that where others failed, he has delivered.

In just two years, Uba Sani has had a long list of accomplishments to his name. They include the completed 300-bed Specialist Hospital and the Institute of Vocational Training and Skills Development in Rigachikun, Samaru Kataf, and Soba, as well as the deployment of 100 CNG buses under the Kaduna Subsidised Transport Scheme (KSTS). In just two years, he has initiated more than 78 road

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How KDSG's smart tax reform powers Kaduna

By Comrade Nasir Cikaji

Kaduna State is undergoing a quiet but profound revolution—one driven not by federal handouts or cosmetic reforms, but by a deliberate strategy to build internal capacity, unlock sustainable revenue, and channel it directly into the lives of ordinary citizens. At the centre of this transformation is Governor Uba Sani, who assumed office in 2023 with a clear mission: to clean up Kaduna's fiscal house, mobilize its own resources, and invest them strategically across critical sectors. Today, the results are visible and measurable.

Governor Sani's first move was to tackle the state's revenue generation mechanism. The Kaduna Internal Revenue Service (KADIRS) was reformed through digitalization, real-time auditing of MDAs, and a complete overhaul of leakages and opaque processes. The impact was immediate and profound. Kaduna's Internally Generated Revenue surged to N71.57 billion in 2024, and in the first quarter of 2025 alone, the state posted N19.27 billion. These are not abstract numbers—they are the engine behind Kaduna's new schools, water facilities, rural roads, and healthcare centres. With this improved IGR, the government gained financial autonomy and resilience, reducing dependency on fluctuating oil-based federal allocations.

One of the most striking beneficiaries of this smart tax policy is the water and sanitation sector. Long plagued by poor infrastructure and unpaid staff, the Kaduna State Water Corporation received a lifeline as the government committed N100 billion over four years to overhaul the system. N17 billion was released in 2024 and N35 billion in 2025 alone. A

1.3 billion electricity debt that had crippled water treatment plants was fully paid off. Workers received N800 million in salary arrears, and KADSWAC was reinstated on the budget until 2027. Additionally, the World Bank-assisted SURWASH

programme was rolled out in six LGAs, targeting a 100% clean water access rate by December 2025.

The same fiscal energy is driving Kaduna's unprecedented road revolution. Seventy-eight new roads, spanning 775 kilometres across all 23 LGAs, have been initiated, with 21 already completed. These include key rural-urban links that boost commerce, reduce travel time, and connect producers to markets. Governor Sani also revived the Kabala Costain–Aliyu Makama Road Bridge to ease the notorious gridlock on Ahmadu Bello Way and launched major urban transport systems, including light rail and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) projects.

Behind these infrastructure gains is a reformed governance structure. The Sani administration took a tough stance on inflated contracts, missing records, and abandoned projects. Kaduna now follows a procurement system built on transparency, competitive bidding, and public accountability. This improved trust has attracted over \$650 million in foreign direct investment between 2023 and 2024. MoUs have been signed with global firms such as Huawei for the Smart City project and Qatar Charity for mass housing. Countries like the USA, Italy, and Cuba are now engaging Kaduna as a viable destination for investment in agriculture, healthcare, and industrial development.

Nowhere is the return on investment more visible than in education. With N115 billion allocated to education in 2024 and a record N206.6 billion in 2025—representing 26.14% of the budget—Governor Sani has changed the game. Sixty-two new secondary schools were built, 2,326 classrooms constructed, and 707 renovated. Two thousand teachers were hired, over 30,000 desks provided, and tuition fees were slashed by 50% across tertiary institutions, easing the financial burden on thousands of families. In Kaduna today, revenue no longer disappears into a black hole. It is working—brick by brick, classroom by classroom, and community by community.

Kaduna First Lady named Malaria Ambassador, as KDSG tackles malaria with 4.5 million mosquito nets

By Affiong Edim

The wife of the Governor of Kaduna State, Hajiya Hafsatu Uba Sani, has been officially named the Malaria Ambassador of Kaduna State.

The investiture took place during the flag-off ceremony for the distribution of 4.5 million Insecticide Treated Nets (ITNs) to households across the state. The event was held at the Primary

Healthcare Centre, Kagoro Road, Tudun Wada, Kaduna.

Her Excellency was decorated by the Permanent Secretary of the Kaduna State Ministry of Health, Dr. Aishatu Abubakar Sadiq. During the ceremony, the Project Director of Society for Family Health (SFH), Mr. John Ocholi, urged Her Excellency to leverage her esteemed office to advocate for the proper use of ITNs, noting that the nets are safe and

provide effective protection against the mosquitoes that transmit malaria.

Accepting the nets on behalf of the state, Her Excellency called on all residents of Kaduna to ensure they use the distributed nets consistently as a key measure to prevent malaria. She expressed heartfelt gratitude to the development partners for their continued support in the fight against malaria in the state.

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Kaduna: Northern Nigeria's Post-conflict recovery hub

By Nasir Dambatta

What happened in Kaduna recently is not just a ribbon-cutting ceremony—it is the physical manifestation of empathy in governance. Governor Uba Sani didn't just commission homes, a school, and a hospital—he commissioned a new social contract, one that boldly declares: the era of abandonment is over.

In a country where displaced victims often fade into statistics, the 500 housing units unveiled under the Qatar Sanabil Project have sent an unmistakable signal: dignity is not a privilege—it's a right. For the first time in years, hundreds of families brutalized by banditry are sleeping under roofs they can call their own, walking their children to schools built not by promises, but by action.

This is not charity. This is strategic healing.

The collaboration between the Kaduna State Government and Qatar Charity underscores something rare in today's governance: a seamless fusion of compassion, competence, and international diplomacy. It takes more than political goodwill to convince a global humanitarian power like Qatar to invest heavily in rebuilding broken communities. It takes trust. And Uba Sani has earned it—not with bluster, but with results.

Widows like Hauwa Lawal, who once lived under tarpaulin tents and buried their hopes beside their slain loved ones, now speak of a future. Children who heard gunshots as lullabies are now hearing chalk on blackboards. This is the quiet revolution Kaduna has needed.

Governor Sani's words—“we are rebuilding lives”—aren't mere soundbites. They echo a governance philosophy that sees beyond four-year tenures. His insistence that empowerment kits be distributed alongside housing keys reflects a deeper truth: recovery must be holistic. Shelter without livelihood is just delayed dependency. By handing out tricycles, welding machines, and grinding kits, Kaduna is saying, we will not rebuild your homes and abandon your dreams.

The presence of the Qatari Ambassador and the announcement of Phase Two elevate the project from a local triumph to a regional blueprint. Kaduna is now the gold standard of post-conflict recovery in



A typical house in the estate given free to the displaced persons

(Photo: AY Abdallah)

Northern Nigeria.

More importantly, Uba Sani's gratitude to federal actors—President Tinubu, NSA Ribadu, Defence Chief Musa, and Speaker Abbas—proves that he understands the power of coalition-building. No state, no matter how determined, can fix deeply-rooted insecurity without support from the center. Sani's ability to harmonize state and federal synergies shows a rare maturity in today's fractious political landscape.

This is not just a victory for displaced persons; it is a political masterstroke. In one project, Governor Uba Sani has secured goodwill from the masses, credibility with international partners, and respect from Abuja's power corridors. In a region thirsting for transformational leadership, Kaduna is no longer just a crisis headline—it is a recovery headline.

In the final analysis, what happened in Kaduna is a rebuttal to cynicism. It tells the world that even in the ruins of violence, governance can sow hope. That banditry may displace lives—but leadership, when humane and visionary, can restore them.

Governor Uba Sani didn't just build homes. He built a legacy.

Words on Marble

“The Kaduna State Government under Governor Uba Sani has demonstrated a strong commitment to skills development from day one. Kaduna is now leading other states in Nigeria in Skills Development. The entire polytechnics and universities of technology in Nigeria do not have the sort of facilities found in the skills institutes in Kaduna. The remodeled Panteka market in Kaduna is the largest informal sector in Africa”.

- Executive Secretary, National Board for Technical Education (NBTE), Professor Idris M. Bugaje

EduPact 2025: Day the world answered Gov Uba Sani's call

By Nasir Dambatta

In what is now etched as a watershed moment for Nigeria's education sector, Governor Uba Sani of Kaduna State played host to a powerhouse gathering of global and national stakeholders at this year's first-ever Nigeria International Conference on Education—tagged KADA EduPACT 2025. Held between July 9–11, the ground-breaking summit turned Kaduna into an intellectual melting pot, drawing international development giants like the United Nations, World Bank, British High Commission, Islamic Development Bank, and UNICEF, alongside a battery of federal and state education chiefs, NGOs, and policy technocrats.

The conference, themed around transforming education through strategic partnerships, was no routine affair. It was a power move by Governor Uba Sani—a man who has elevated education from campaign rhetoric to concrete transformation.

Topping the summit's global presence was UN Deputy Secretary-General, Amina J. Mohammed, who delivered a rousing keynote on equity in education and system resilience. Her presence alone signaled international endorsement of Kaduna's education reforms. Also present was Mrs. Gill Lever OBE, British Deputy High Commissioner, whose remarks highlighted the United Kingdom (UK) government's support for Kaduna's education vision. Delegations from the World Bank, UNICEF, Save the Children, Education Above All, and others engaged in plenaries focused on funding, technology, and tackling out-of-school children. I was privileged to serve as Rappoteur at this moving, historic event. From the Nigerian side, the summit brought together the Minister of Education, Dr. Morufu Tunji Alausa, who reaffirmed federal collaboration, as well as UBEC Executive Secretary, Dr. Aisha Garba, who emphasized scaling access to quality basic education. Kaduna's own education team, led by Commissioner Prof. Abubakar Sani Sambo and Schools Quality Assurance DG, Prof. Usman Abubakar Zaria, served as strategic anchors of the summit.

Other key contributors included representatives from ERICC, PLANE-FCDO, Hope for Communities and Children, and institutions such as Kaduna State University, Cosmopolitan University, and Nuhu Bamalli Polytechnic. The presence of grassroots and policy actors ensured a rich diversity of views across multiple sessions.

Panel discussions tackled hard questions—from sustainable education financing to the Almajiri crisis, digital learning, and accountability in school governance. The diversity of voices reflected a shared urgency: Nigeria can't afford to miss the future of learning.

But perhaps the real story is this: for the first time, an African subnational government led a global conversation on re-imagining education—and it happened in Kaduna.

Governor Uba Sani's leadership shone throughout, not just as a host but as a visionary reformer. His message was unmistakable: Kaduna is not waiting for change—it is engineering it.

As the EduPACT 2025 Summit closed with renewed commitments and a bold roadmap, one truth stood tall: the centre of education innovation in Nigeria just shifted northwards. And Kaduna is leading the charge.



Blueprint Newspaper has recently honoured Governor Uba Sani CON as Governor of the Year on Peace and Security. It is a recognition of his outstanding leadership in keeping peace, stability and security in Kaduna state. The Deputy Governor Dr Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe (right) is seen receiving the award from the Minister of Information and National Orientation, Alhaji Mohammed Idris on behalf of the Governor.

What to know about Uba Sani's light rail push

By Najaatu Abubakar Rafinguza

In a momentous step toward reshaping Kaduna's urban transport landscape, Governor Uba Sani's administration has secured a critical nod from the Federal Government for the takeoff of the Kaduna Intra-City Light Rail project. Beyond the headlines, the initiative signifies a vision that is both ambitious and attainable—a bold leap towards a future where Kaduna stands as a benchmark for modern, accessible, and efficient transportation in Northern Nigeria. Here are five key things to know:

1. It has Presidential backing and budgetary provision

This is no longer just a state ambition—it is now a federal priority. President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has approved the inclusion of the Kaduna Light Rail project in the 2025 federal budget, with a whopping 100 billion allocation for the first phase. This ensures not just political endorsement but tangible financial commitment, taking the project out of the realm of wishful thinking into concrete planning and execution.

2. It's the centerpiece of Kaduna's Urban Renewal Vision

Governor Uba Sani has consistently pushed a development agenda rooted in long-term impact. The light rail is at the heart of his infrastructure-driven economic strategy, alongside road construction, vocational hubs, healthcare modernization, and rural transformation. The rail system aims to link city centres with peri-urban communities, enabling more inclusive development, reducing commuting time, and stimulating productivity.

3. It will unleash economic and social integration

This rail project is more than steel tracks—it's a vehicle for jobs, investments, and mobility equity. By improving access to markets, schools, and workplaces, it will lower transport costs, boost commerce, and ease congestion. With Kaduna's population expanding rapidly, the light rail will form a critical backbone for future-proofing the state's economy.

4. Strong Federal-State synergy is driving momentum

The support of Minister of Transportation, Sa'idu Alkali, underscores a growing federal-state collaboration model. Rather than working in silos, the Sani-led administration has managed to align its vision with that of the Renewed Hope Agenda, unlocking doors that were previously shut to subnational infrastructure ambitions. This synergy is a model worth replicating nationwide.

5. It offers a glimpse into Kaduna's future as a modern city

When completed, the light rail won't just move people—it will redefine Kaduna's identity. It signals a break from outdated urban systems and points toward a future where green transport, urban planning, and inclusive growth co-exist. It will place Kaduna ahead of many peers in the north and elevate investor confidence across sectors.

A Turning Point for Northern Nigeria?

Governor Uba Sani's light rail project is not merely symbolic—it is transformational. It marks a turning point in Kaduna's development story and offers a compelling model for how vision, strategic alignment, and political will can spark a transport revolution. For the first time in decades, Kaduna's urban sprawl may finally get the infrastructure it deserves.

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projects across the state, totalling about 775 km. The government is also working towards the realisation of the Kaduna light rail project. In the area of wealth creation, the government is making its mark; in just two years, the number of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Kaduna has increased from under 20,000 to over 180,000. Kaduna has also emerged as one of the leading sub-nationals for direct investment today. Some of the direct investments include the Lithium Processing Plant in Kaduna, a partnership between the Kaduna State Government and Ming Xin Mineral Separation Nigeria Ltd., and the construction of the \$50 million Soya Bean Oil Refining Plant by Sunagrow International Oil Ltd. at

Kutungare, Igabi Local Government, with a production capacity of 500,000 litres per day, among other key investments. The important lesson here is that despite the distractions that come with such a high-stakes job, Sen. Uba Sani has remained committed to the mandate he was entrusted with by the people of Kaduna. This is an important lesson for every political leader today. If we must restore public trust in our politics, leaders must possess not just capacity and moral rectitude, but also the emotional intelligence to manage people. This is half the job of a leader, and we must take a cue from the Uba Sani example.

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Towards an education system that is inclusive, technology-driven, resilient - Uba Sani

(Being remarks by Gov Uba Sani, CON, at the KADA EduPACT International Summit 2025, Wednesday, July 9, 2025)

It is with great honour and a deep sense of responsibility that I welcome you all to the KADA EduPACT International Summit 2025, themed “Strategic Visioning for Educational Transformation: Developing the Kaduna State Education Model.”

This summit marks a significant milestone in our ongoing quest to build a stronger, more inclusive, and future-ready education system in Kaduna State. Today, we shift from fragmented interventions to a unified, data-driven, and forward-looking educational strategy one that places our children and youth at the centre of our development vision.

When I assumed office as Governor in May 2023, we made it abundantly clear that education would be the cornerstone of our administration. We see it not merely as a sector to be managed, but as a powerful tool for individual empowerment and societal

transformation. We believe a peaceful, prosperous, and secure society is built on the solid foundation of accessible, equitable, and high-quality education.

Informed by this belief, we adopted a comprehensive, systems-based approach to reform. We have focused on improving access, modernising infrastructure, enhancing teacher capacity, and embracing the power of technology to deliver impactful learning experiences to every child, in every community.

As Governor of Kaduna State, I am also acutely aware that global economic downturns have deepened educational disparities, threatening decades of progress. In response, our administration has embraced the perspective that education is Both a fundamental human right and a critical driver of sustainable development, economic recovery, and social resilience.

We have therefore prioritised investments in foundational learning, digital infrastructure, teacher training, and inclusive education policies—particularly those that serve marginalised groups, such as girls, learners with disabilities, nomadic populations, and children in conflict-affected communities.

In line with United Nations recommendations, we are protecting our education budgets despite fiscal constraints.



British Deputy High Commissioner Mrs Gill Lever (first left), Gov Uba Sani, Minister of Education Dr Alausa (2nd right), and other dignitaries at the Summit

Kaduna State has adopted strategic resource allocation and is integrating technology to broaden access, using low-cost digital and radio-based learning tools, especially where internet connectivity remains limited. And we are fully open to

meaningful partnerships with national and international development institutions, civil society, and the private sector to scale our impact.

Our reforms are anchored in the principles of inclusive, lifelong learning. We have redesigned school curricula to nurture critical thinking, digital literacy, problem-solving and global citizenship — ensuring our learners are equipped to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

In furtherance of our strategic educational transformation agenda, we have prioritised skills acquisition and vocational education as critical pathways to youth empowerment and economic resilience. To this end, our administration has completed three Institutes of Vocational Training and Skills Development, located in Rigachikun, Samaru Kataf, and Soba. On June 19, 2025, His Excellency, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, graciously commissioned these Institutes, signalling federal recognition of our vision and commitment.

These institutions have been certified by the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) as the best-equipped skills development centres in Nigeria. According to NBTE's Executive Secretary, Prof. Idris Bugaje, Kaduna State has emerged as Nigeria's “hub of skills development.” He noted that even the country's polytechnics and universities of technology cannot match the level of modern facilities and training equipment available at the Institutes in Rigachikun, Samaru Kataf, and Soba.

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Education, a critical driver of sustainable development – Uba Sani

Governor Uba Sani has reaffirmed that education remained the cornerstone of Kaduna State's development agenda. "For us, education is both a fundamental human right and a critical driver of sustainable development, economic recovery, and social resilience," he said.

"Our goal is ambitious yet essential: to build an inclusive, data-driven, and future-ready education system that leaves no child behind, especially girls, children with disabilities, nomadic learners, and those affected by conflict," he added.

Governor Uba Sani stated this at the opening of the KADA EDUPACT International Summit 2025 in Kaduna on Tuesday 9th, 2025.

"Despite prevailing economic challenges, we have protected education funding, embraced cost-effective innovations, and welcomed strategic partnerships to expand access and improve learning outcomes. Our commitment is clearly reflected in our investments in technical and vocational education," the Governor emphasized.

He said that the state had completed three modern Institutes of Vocational Training, certified by the NBTE as



**Commissioner of Education
Prof Abubakar Sani Sambo**

Nigeria's best-equipped and commissioned by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR.

"Additionally, we are upgrading Panteka Market, Africa's largest informal skills hub, to meet national certification standards and empower a new generation of artisans and innovators," he further said.

The Governor said that through the Reaching Out-of-School Children (ROOSC) Project, the state had constructed or rehabilitated over 1,000 classrooms, established 62 new secondary schools, and distributed 1.48 million instructional materials, bringing over 300,000 children back

into the classroom, an effort supported by a real-time digital education dashboard and the provision of over 30,000 student desks.

In their separate remarks, the Minister of Education, Dr. Tunji Alausa, the UN Deputy Secretary-General, Amina Mohammed, the British Deputy High Commissioner, Gill Lever OBE and other distinguished stakeholders who spoke at the event commended the administration's leadership and unwavering commitment to education, security, infrastructure development, and social protection.

These acknowledgements reinforce the belief that education is not just a sector, but the foundation of peace, opportunity, and lasting progress.

The Gov urged all participants and partners at the summit to co-create a bold, actionable roadmap anchored on our six strategic pillars; Access & Equity, Quality Teaching, Sustainable Financing, Digital Transformation, Gender Inclusion and System Resilience.

"Together, we are building an educational system that is resilient, inclusive, technology-driven and positioned for the future," he emphasized.

Kaduna First Lady...

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An in a related development and a major stride towards reducing the burden of malaria, the Kaduna State Ministry of Health, in collaboration with its development partners, has successfully implemented a statewide integrated campaign involving the mass distribution of 4.5 million Insecticide-Treated Nets (ITNs) and the administration of Seasonal Malaria Chemoprevention (SMC) drugs to over 2 million children under five across the 23 Local Government Areas.

The campaign represents one of the largest malaria interventions in the

state and was supported by the National Malaria Elimination Program (NMEP), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Society for Family Health (SFH), and the Malaria Consortium.

Speaking during a press briefing prior to the commencement of the campaign, Dr. Aishatu Abubakar Sadiq, Permanent Secretary of the Kaduna State Ministry of Health, speaking on behalf of the Honourable Commissioner for Health, Hajiya Umma K. Ahmed, described the initiative as a strategic and life-saving effort.

ITNs remains a core strategy in

Malaria prevention, while SMC through the administration of SPAQ has proven to significantly reduce morbidity and mortality and young children.

The campaign targeted approximately 1.8 million households, with teams deployed across communities to ensure equitable distribution of nets and efficient delivery of SPAQ to eligible children aged 3–59 months. In addition to the main intervention, the campaign also included the End of Life of Nets (EOLIN) program — an environmentally conscious effort to retrieve old and unused mosquito nets for safe disposal.

The 35-kilometer Gadan Gayan road: Breaking a 100 - year jinx



The newly completed Gadan Gayan road (Photo: AY Abdallah)

By Femi Mustapha

Residents of Gadan Gayan in Igabi Local Government Area, Gwaraji communities, and Maraban Kujama in Chikun Local Government Area, and Kauru town in Kauru LGA have expressed their delight after Governor Uba Sani broke a 100-year-old jinx by constructing a 35-kilometer road to connect their areas. During an inspection tour of the newly constructed roads, led by Dr. Abdullahi Baba Ahmed, Managing Director of the Kaduna State Road Agency (KADRA), residents shared their excitement regarding Governor Uba Sani's long-awaited road project for their community, which had been neglected for decades.

Daniel Samuel, a resident of Gwaraji and a worker at a primary healthcare facility in Igabi, noted that the road is now fully operational, significantly easing transportation between their community and neighboring areas in Chikun and Kauru Local Government Areas. He mentioned that traveling from Maraban Kujama to his workplace was stressful and unsafe, but the new road has made the journey more enjoyable. Samuel added that he now saves money on transportation costs since he can use his bike instead of relying on public transport.

Similarly, Ibrahim Ardo pointed out that the communities now connected by the new road are some of the oldest settlers, having lived in the area for over a hundred years. Previously, according to him, the only way to travel from

Gwaraji to Kunfana was by canoe. The new bridge over the River Kaduna has transformed that experience, and he believes the new road will have a positive impact on the economy and the lives of thousands in the communities of Igabi, Chikun, and Kauru.

Comrade Samuel Musa, a resident of Kauru town, commented that before the construction of the road linking Kauru to Pambeguwa in Kabau Local Government Area, the journey took about two hours. Now, it takes less than 20 minutes. Residents praised Governor Uba Sani for connecting the agrarian

communities to other parts of the state, making it easier for them to sell their produce.

Dr. Abdullahi Baba Ahmed remarked that the construction of the 35-kilometer road linking Gadan Gayan in Igabi Local Government Area to Gwaraji and Maraban Kujama in Chikun is one of many projects initiated by Governor Uba Sani. He emphasized that this initiative is part of the governor's efforts to bridge the gap between rural and urban areas and improve living conditions in rural regions. He stated that, in addition to the immediate employment opportunities created by the road, it is expected to facilitate better access to markets for local farmers in Igabi and Chikun, who have significant agricultural potential.

"Our amiable Governor aims to bridge the gap between rural and urban areas and make rural life a more enjoyable experience. That is why he is pursuing the rural transformation agenda with zeal," he said.

Dr. Ahmed also urged contractors to maintain high standards in all road construction projects across Kaduna State. He emphasized that this call for quality is part of a larger effort to ensure the success and reliability of infrastructure initiatives in the state, which includes proactive inspections and oversight by KADRA engineers and consultants.

"The goal is to deliver vital infrastructure that will stimulate economic growth, enhance connectivity, and improve the overall quality of life for the people of Kaduna State," he concluded.

(Femi Mustapha contributed this from Kaduna)

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Our goal in establishing these Institutes is threefold: to reposition Kaduna State as a national centre of technical excellence, to provide sustainable employment opportunities for our teeming youth, and to bridge the persistent skills gap hindering local economic development. In line with this, we are also upgrading the iconic Panteka Market Africa's largest informal skills centre, home to about 38,000 apprentices. This upgrade includes major infrastructure improvements and the provision of cutting-edge training tools to enable world-class instruction and certification under the Nigerian Skills Qualification Framework.

Our commitment to quality tertiary education remains unwavering. We have invested significantly in the Kaduna State University (KASU), devoting approximately 500 million towards the accreditation of programmes and facilities. Due to these efforts, the National Universities Commission (NUC) has approved the commencement of 40 new academic programmes for the 2024/2025 academic session. This expansion reflects our determination to increase academic access, foster innovation, and align university offerings with both national needs and global trends.

To us in Kaduna State, education is not simply a sector to be safeguarded. It is a catalyst for economic recovery, poverty reduction, and, crucially, a guardrail against insecurity. We are fully conscious that prioritising and transforming education today

is essential to building a more just, resilient, and prosperous future for our children, our teeming youth population, and indeed our dear state.

To this end, we have launched bold initiatives to tackle the issue of affordability and access. We reduced tuition fees in all state-owned tertiary institutions by 40%, resulting in a substantial rise in enrolment. No child in Kaduna should be denied education because of financial barriers.

Despite our leading position in the Northwest and Northern Nigeria in general, the reality remains stark: Kaduna still has a significant number of out-of-school children. For us, every child outside the school gate is a stain on our collective

conscience and a call to action.

This is why we launched the Reaching Out-of-School Children (ROOSC) Project an ambitious, multi-pronged intervention aimed at eradicating the out-of-school crisis. Under this initiative, we have:

- i. Constructed or rehabilitated over 1,000 classrooms,
- ii. Commissioned 62 new secondary schools, and
- iii. Adopted a digital-first strategy to modernise school operations.

Real-time digital dashboards now help us track enrolment, attendance, transitions, and completion rates, enabling more effective policy decisions. We have distributed 1.48 million instructional materials and provided 30,742 two-seater desks, setting a clear path toward our goal of returning 300,000 children to school and keeping them there.

This Summit—EduPACT 2025 is the blueprint for our next chapter. Its objective is to develop a Strategic, Realistic, and Actionable Roadmap rooted in six key pillars:

- i. Expanded Access & Equity especially for the girl-child, the disabled, nomadic learners, and conflict-affected populations.
- ii. Quality Teaching & Learning through teacher professional development, hybrid CBT/PBT assessments, and a competency-based curriculum.
- iii. Sustainable Financing including public funding, concessional loans, PPPs, and results-based grants.
- iv. Digital Transformation scaling EMIS systems, integrating AI-powered analytics, and providing universal broadband access to schools.
- v. Gender Equity & Inclusion with targeted life-skills education, menstrual hygiene support, and retention initiatives for adolescent girls.
- vi. System Resilience & Governance built on continuous monitoring, evaluation, and adaptive learning cycles.

I strongly urge; and in fact, challenge this summit to go beyond talk. Let us produce timelines, budgets, and accountability frameworks that will outlive political cycles and truly reflect the hopes and dreams of every child in Kaduna State.



PMB: The final tribute

Allahu Akbar kabiran. Yusuf Buhari (left) standing by the corpse of his late father before the final interment, as President Tinubu, former Nigerian President Muhammadu Yusuf and Emir of Daura (seated) among others watch in deep mourning mood.

Photo (AY Abdallah)

Gov Uba makes new appointments

In a bid to reposition some state-owned enterprises and to enhance their operational efficiency, contribute effectively to the government's economic revitalization efforts, the Governor (Dr) Uba Sani (CON) has made the following appointments:

1. Ahmed Shehu Haruna - Acting Managing Director, Kaduna Markets Development and Management Company.
2. Barrister Naymarie Musa - Akande—Managing Director/CEO, Kaduna Industrial and Finance Company Limited.
3. Ibrahim Abdulkarim Adamo - Managing Director, Kaduna State Livestock Regulatory Authority.
4. Ibrahim Yusuf - Managing Director, Kaduna Ranch Development Company Limited.

A statement by the Chief press secretary to the Governor Alhaji Ibraheem Musa said while congratulating the appointees on their well-deserved appointments,

Governor Uba Sani charged them to be adaptive, innovative and competitive to effectively serve the citizens of Kaduna State.

Briefs on the Appointees:

Ahmad Shehu Haruna

Ahmad Shehu Haruna, the new Acting Managing Director, Kaduna Markets Development and Management Company is currently the Special Adviser to the Kaduna State Governor on Economic Matters. He is a financial expert, chartered accountant, and forensic expert who has almost a decade of experience in financial consulting, including working with KPMG professional services, Lagos (one of the top four Accounting firms in the world). Before his appointment as Economic Adviser, Ahmad was an Associate Director at Haruna Yahaya & Co. Chartered Accountants, a member of MGI Worldwide, and head of the Lagos Office. He has carried out and led several national and international engagements for public and private sector institutions

and companies, including the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Forensic Audit ordered by former President Muhammadu Buhari in 2019, Financial Statement Audit of NNPC subsidiaries (KRPC and PPMC), Nigeria Oil and Gas Audit anchored by Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI), Financial Statement Audit and Review of DHL Global Forwarding Nigeria Limited, amongst others.

Ahmad holds a Master in Business Administration (MBA) with specialization in finance and investment from the prestigious Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, where he had graduated with Distinction. He also holds another Master's Degree in Finance (MSc Finance) from the University of Lagos. Ahmad obtained his first degree in Accounting and Finance from Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Kwara State.

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New Information Commissioner vows strategic media reform, as KDSG media team pays visit

By Farida Adamu

The newly appointed Commissioner of Information in Kaduna State, Professor Sani Bello, has pledged to reposition the ministry for more strategic and coordinated government communication.

He made this known during a courtesy visit by the Kaduna State Government (KDSG) media team to his office at the Ministry of Information Complex. The delegation was led by the Chief Press Secretary to the Governor, Mallam Ibraheem Musa.

In his remarks, Professor Bello welcomed the team and acknowledged that while the reinstated ministry is still in its formative phase, plans are already underway to reposition it for maximum impact. He outlined key priorities including the collation of achievements

across Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), monthly media briefings, and regular internal strategy meetings.

He also stressed the importance of monitoring and evaluating the performance of state-owned media platforms and announced plans to convene a commencement retreat. The retreat will focus on aligning the ministry's strategy with the developmental goals of the Kaduna State Government under the leadership of His Excellency, Governor Uba Sani, CON. Professor Bello emphasized that while traditional media remains critical, leveraging new media platforms will be central to public engagement efforts.

Earlier, Mallam Ibraheem Musa congratulated the commissioner on his appointment and assured him of the media team's full support. He emphasized the importance of

maintaining seamless synergy between the ministry and the team to ensure consistent and accurate dissemination of information from Government House and all MDAs. "Our doors are always open to support you in achieving your mandate," he said.

Members of the visiting media team included Senior Special Assistants Mock Samuel Kure, Nasir Dambatta, Shuaibu Gimi, Farida Adamu, Manasseh Joseph, and Dahiru Ahmed. Also, in attendance were Nabilah Hassan Umar, Assistant Director in the Department of Public Affairs, and Firdausi Wakili, Desk Officer for the KDSG.

Mallam Musa reaffirmed the team's commitment to building on its collaborative track record and supporting the commissioner in amplifying the work of the state government

Kaduna Government assures of refund on revoked sales of institutional houses

In fulfilment of its promise to refund those who bought houses at Queen Amina College Kaduna, Alhuda-huda College Zaria and Government Commercial College Zaria, Kaduna State Government commenced payment to those affected on July 7th 2025.

It will be recalled that Governor Uba Sani (CON), had revoked all previous sales of institutional houses in those legacy schools in overriding public interest.

In an earlier statement issued on 22nd April, 2025, Kaduna State Government had pledged that steps were being taken to refund amounts paid in respect of the sold houses as directed by Governor Uba Sani.

A statement by the Secretary to the State Government, Dr Abdulkadir Mu'azu Meyere notified beneficiaries that their cheques will be ready for collection at the Secretariat of the Sale of Non-Essential Government Houses, Hassan Usman Katsina House, Kawo, upon presenting the following documents:

- 1] Evidence of payment
- 2] A valid means of identification (voter's cards, National ID card etc.)
- 3] Bank details (Bank name, Account number, a Bank Verification Number slip)
- 4] A recent statement of account
- 5] Two passport photographs.

"Kaduna State Government wishes to reiterate its commitment to make the atmosphere within and around schools conducive for learning, in its efforts to boost Human Capital Development" the statement added.

KDSG plans big for 300,000 Kaduna Out-of-School children

The out-of-school crisis in Kaduna State may soon be history as Governor Uba Sani has unveiled an ambitious plan to return 300,000 children to the classroom.

Speaking at the KADA EduPACT International Summit 2025 in Kaduna on Wednesday, the governor said his administration's multi-pronged approach is already yielding tangible results.

Under the Reaching Out-of-School Children (ROOSC) initiative, the state government has constructed or rehabilitated over 1,000 classrooms, commissioned 62 new secondary schools, and adopted a digital-first strategy to modernise school operations.

According to the governor, real-time digital dashboards now help track enrolment, attendance, transitions, and completion rates—enabling better policy responses across the system.

"We have distributed 1.48 million instructional materials and provided 30,742 two-seater desks," he said, underscoring the scale of the government's commitment.

Governor Sani described the state's out-of-school numbers as a "stain on our collective conscience," stressing that every child locked out of education is a call to action. He emphasised that access and affordability remain central to the administration's agenda, citing the 40% reduction in tuition fees across all state-owned tertiary institutions, which has already triggered a significant rise in enrolment.

While noting Kaduna's leadership in education reform across Northern Nigeria, the governor acknowledged that disparities still exist and must be

addressed. The ROOSC initiative, he said, is a cornerstone of efforts to deliver inclusive, equitable, and quality education to all children in the state—regardless of their location or socio-economic background.

The International KADA EduPACT Summit, which is the first of its kind in the State's educational development history, aims to develop a strategic, data-driven roadmap for sustainable educational transformation in Kaduna, with the ROOSC project positioned as one of its flagship interventions.

Good Character Award



The KADPPA Good Character award for June, 2025 was won by Arc. Mustapha Muhammad (left) who beat four others with the highest score of 92.4%. He expressed his appreciation to the Director General for nurturing and inspiring him. He also thanked the entire staff of the Authority, especially the staff of his department for their guidance and support.

Uba Sani: Taking governance beyond brick-and-mortar

By Aliyu A. Ahmed

In a nation often enamoured with the optics of infrastructure – towering flyovers, imposing government edifices, and gleaming new highways – Senator Uba Sani, the Governor of Kaduna State, is carving out a unique legacy. His administration, while making impressive strides in infrastructure across both urban and rural Kaduna, is charting a deeper course — one that views roads and buildings not as ends, but as enablers of a larger mission: the liberation of people from the vicious cycles of multi-dimensional poverty. In just over two years in office, Uba Sani has redefined what it means to govern, taking leadership beyond brick-and-mortar and placing Kaduna on a bold trajectory of human capital development.

In Kaduna State, a striking example of visionary governance has emerged, under the leadership of Senator Uba Sani. While his administration has overseen massive infrastructural investments, especially in rural communities, these visible achievements are not the summit of his ambitions. Governor Uba Sani's leadership boldly ventures into the realm of human capital development, the vital foundation upon which sustainable growth and societal transformation depend.

Unlike many political leaders whose focus remains largely on erecting physical projects, Governor Uba Sani is a firm believer that to lift the greatest number of Kaduna's people from the grips of multi-dimensional poverty, government must invest heavily in healthcare, education, agriculture, safety and security. These pillars, he argues, are the bedrock of a resilient society and the pathways to prosperity.

His philosophy aligns closely with that of the globally renowned philanthropist, Bill Gates, who famously asserted: "By unleashing human potential through health and education, every country in Africa should be on a path to prosperity — and that path is an exciting thing to be part of." Governor Uba Sani's governance is informed by this compelling truth. He understands that multi-dimensional poverty — where deprivation manifests not only in income but in education, health, nutrition, and opportunity — cannot be eliminated by infrastructure alone. It demands deliberate and strategic investments in people.

Governor Uba Sani's tenure represents a transformative chapter in Kaduna's development story. From the outset, he set a clear vision: while roads and buildings are essential, the ultimate aim is to empower people through health, education, and economic opportunity.

Kaduna State has indeed witnessed a surge in infrastructural projects under his watch — rural roads that connect farmers to markets, health centers upgraded to provide quality care, schools rehabilitated and built anew, and security facilities enhanced to protect lives and property. These initiatives have brought tangible relief and improved living conditions, especially in communities long neglected.



But Governor Uba Sani insists this is just the beginning. His government's investments in human capital address the root causes of poverty and social vulnerability, seeking to create a virtuous cycle of opportunity and growth. Good health is a prerequisite for human flourishing. The Governor's administration has prioritised the revitalisation of healthcare infrastructure across Kaduna, coupled with initiatives to improve service delivery, maternal and child health, and access to essential medicines.

Recognising that illness can entrench families in poverty, the Kaduna State government has supported immunisation programmes, trained health workers, and enhanced rural health clinics. These efforts have reduced mortality rates and improved overall well-being, enabling children to attend school and adults to engage productively in economic activities.

Health investments are not merely reactive but preventative. Governor Uba Sani's administration supports community health education, emphasising nutrition, sanitation, and disease prevention. By reducing the health burden, Kaduna is building a healthier workforce and more resilient communities.

Governor Uba Sani's unwavering commitment to education is perhaps the most defining feature of his administration. He regards education not as a service to be administered, but as a powerful tool for individual empowerment and societal transformation.

His comprehensive, systems-based approach to educational reform embodies this conviction. It spans improving access, modernising infrastructure, enhancing teacher capacity, and leveraging technology to deliver quality learning experiences.

At the KADA EduPACT International Summit 2025, Governor Uba Sani articulated a bold vision for the Kaduna State Education Model. He emphasised moving beyond fragmented efforts to a unified, data-driven, forward-looking strategy that centers children and youth within the

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Muhammadu Buhari: Epitome of humility, integrity, patriotism and service to nation

-By Gov Uba Sani

It is with profound sorrow and complete submission to the will of Almighty Allah, that we mourn one of Nigeria's most revered sons — President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR. A towering figure in our national life: he was a soldier, statesman, reformer, and, above all, a beloved leader of the people.

President Buhari lived with quiet dignity and unwavering commitment to the service of Nigeria. From his early days in the military to his presidency, he embodied discipline, integrity, and uncommon patriotism. His courage in confronting corruption and insisting on accountability in public life inspired millions. *A man of Spartan simplicity and deep faith, he remained grounded in the values of justice and fairness, always aligning himself with the hopes and struggles of the ordinary Nigerian - the talakawa, whom he championed with conviction.*

Though a military General, he chose the difficult path of democratic reinvention. He believed deeply in the rule of law, due process, and the supremacy of the people's will. He

taught us that strength is not only measured in force, but in restraint; not only in command, but in character.

Kaduna State mourns this great son of Nigeria. To us, he was more than a leader — he was a moral compass, a father figure, and a steady voice in times of uncertainty. His legacy will live on in the ideals he upheld, the institutions he strengthened, and the millions he inspired.

On behalf of the government and people of Kaduna State, I extend our deepest condolences to His Excellency President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR; the Buhari family; the government and people of Katsina State; and indeed, all Nigerians who now share in this moment of collective grief.

We pray that Almighty Allah, in His infinite mercy, grants President Muhammadu Buhari eternal rest in Aljannatul Firdaus. May He also grant comfort and strength to the bereaved and to a nation now united in remembrance.

Nigeria has lost a statesman. History has gained a legend.

Tribute to a brother, friend, and patriot - Muhammadu Buhari (GCFR)

By General Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida (Rtd.)

It is with a deeply heavy heart that I received the news of the passing of my friend, my brother, my course mate, and a fellow soldier in the journey of nationhood — President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR.

Our paths crossed in 1962 when we both joined the Nigerian Military Training College in Kaduna. From those early days, Muhammadu stood out — quiet yet resolute, principled yet humble, deeply patriotic and fiercely loyal to Nigeria. Through the years, we shared trenches and trials, dreams and disappointments, victories and moments of reflection. Our bond was forged not only by military training,

but by a shared commitment to the ideals of service, discipline, and love for country.

In the course of our long careers, fate placed both of us in leadership at different times, and in very different circumstances. But in all, Buhari remained consistent in his belief in integrity, order, and the dignity of public office. He served Nigeria with a deep sense of responsibility and unwavering commitment, even when the road was lonely or misunderstood. Beyond the uniform and the public glare, I knew him as a deeply spiritual man, a man who found solace in faith, and who carried himself with the humility of someone who believed in a higher calling. *We may not have agreed on everything - as brothers*

Northwest Governors Forum mourns Muhammadu Buhari

The Northwest Governors Forum has expressed shock and deep sorrow at the passing of former President, General Muhammad Buhari, who died on Sunday at a hospital, London United Kingdom. Governor of Katsina state and chairman of the Forum, Malam Dikko Radda said the entire people of the Northwest region, extend our heartfelt condolences to President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, immediate family of the late President, the Government and people of Katsina State, and indeed all Nigerians who mourn this irreplaceable loss. Late former President Buhari was our father, our leader, and the pride of the Northwest region. He lived a life of service, integrity, and sacrifice for the betterment of Nigeria, he said in a statement.

He also announced the burial arrangement for the Late President who was interred in his private residence in Daura, Tuesday at about 5:50pm amidst a throng of well-wishes including president Bola Ahmad Tinubu, and some foreign heads of government.

often don't — but I never once doubted his sincerity or his patriotism.

His passing today is not just the loss of a former Head of State, or a two-term civilian President. It is the loss of a symbol — a man whose life embodied the transition of Nigeria from the old guard to the new republic. A man who, even in retirement, remained a moral compass to many, and an example of modesty in public life.

To his beloved wife Aisha, his children, grandchildren, and the nation he loved and served — I extend my deepest condolences. May Allah (SWT), in His infinite mercy, forgive his shortcomings, accept his deeds, and grant him Aljannatul Firdaus.

May his legacy endure.

Constitution Review Committee commences Northwest sitting in Kaduna

The Deputy Governor of Kaduna State, Dr. Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe, has commended the 10th House of Representatives for initiating the ongoing constitutional review exercise, describing it as a step towards deepening democracy, fairness, and inclusion in Nigeria.

Dr. Balarabe made the remarks while receiving members of the House of Representatives Sub-Committee on Constitutional Review Public Hearing for Kaduna, Kano, Katsina and Jigawa States, who paid a courtesy visit to Sir Kashim Ibrahim House ahead of the upcoming Zonal Public Hearing.

Speaking on behalf of the Governor, Senator Uba Sani, the Deputy Governor specifically praised the



Members of the House-Committee on Constitutional Review at the Sir Kashim Ibrahim House (Photo: A.Y Abdallah)

committee's attention to gender inclusion, especially the proposal of the Special Seat for Women Bill. She noted that the bill, if passed, would

significantly enhance women's participation in governance and decision-making processes across the country.

NGO names Uba Sani Icon of the 4th Republic, KDSG is 2nd on governance rating

Governor Uba Sani of Kaduna State has been named an Icon of the Fourth Republic by OrderPaper Nigeria a nongovernmental organization, in recognition of his impactful service in both the legislative and executive arms of government.

The recognition highlights his significant role in shaping Nigeria's governance through bold reforms and principled leadership.

As a Senator representing Kaduna Central from 2019 to 2023, Uba Sani sponsored over 32 bills, with three receiving presidential assents. His legislative achievements include key contributions to national security and anti-corruption efforts, such as the AMCON Amendment Act, the Terrorism (Prevention and

Prohibition) Act, 2022, and the Money Laundering (Prevention and Prohibition) Act, 2022.

For his outstanding performance, he was inducted into the Most Valuable Parliamentarian (MVP) Hall of Fame and recognized as the Best Member of the 9th National Assembly. These honors reflect his commitment to reform, institutional development, and the modernization of Nigeria's legal frameworks.

Now as governor, Uba Sani continues to champion effective governance driven by data, transparency, and institutional reform. His recognition as an Icon of the Fourth Republic serves as a powerful example for future leaders and aligns with OrderPaper Nigeria's goal of celebrating legacy and inspiring the

next generation of public servants.

Meanwhile Kaduna state has emerged second behind Lagos State on the governance performance scale rating across the country.

The rankings, based on the CIAPS Governance Performance Index (CGPI) evaluated states' performance in areas like e-governance, transparency, and accountability.

The performance rating is shown as follows:

Top 10 Performers:

1. Lagos 95%
2. Kaduna 93%
3. Delta State 70%
4. Zamfara state 68.5%
5. Anambra State 65.5%
6. Niger state 65.1%
7. Ekiti State 64.5%
8. Akwa Ibom State 64%
9. Oyo State 61%
10. Enugu State 56.5%

Kaduna State flags off integrated vaccination week, seeks reduction of preventable diseases

Mariam Bukola Oyewo

The Kaduna State Government has flagged off a landmark health initiative that integrates Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health Week (MNCHW) with the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination campaign, reinforcing its commitment to reducing preventable diseases and safeguarding the future of women and children across the state.

The event, which took place in Kaduna, was formally flagged off by the Deputy Governor, Dr. Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe, who emphasized the strategic importance of this integration.

“This initiative is more than a health campaign,” she noted during her keynote address. “It is a statement of our resolve to give every child in Kaduna State a healthy start in life and protect our girls from the future burden of cervical cancer through early intervention.”

The integration is designed to increase uptake of the HPV vaccine by leveraging the wide reach of MNCHW activities across all 23 Local Government Areas. As part of Nigeria's routine immunization schedule, the HPV vaccine now complements a suite of essential health services including vitamin A supplementation, deworming, growth monitoring, antenatal care, and nutrition counselling.

At the heart of this strategic rollout is the Executive Secretary of the Kaduna State Primary Health Care Board, Dr Bello Jamoh, whose leadership has been instrumental in coordinating the initiative across multiple levels of government and development partners.

“We are not just distributing vaccines; we are delivering hope, protection, and the promise of a better tomorrow for our girls,” Dr Jamoh said during his remarks.

“This integration represents a bold step in aligning Kaduna State's primary health care services with global standards and ensuring that no child or adolescent is left behind.”

Dr Jamoh further highlighted the extensive approach of the exercise, acknowledging the critical support of traditional leaders, health workers, school administrators, and partners including UNICEF, Pathfinder International, Alive & Thrive, and the ANRiN Project.

The State Nutrition Officer, Ramatu Musa, speaking to journalists at the event, stressed the link between immunization and child nutrition outcomes:

“A well-nourished child responds better to vaccines and recovers faster from illnesses,” she said. “Through this integrated approach, we are not only protecting girls from HPV but also improving the overall nutritional status of children under five.”

Musa also called on parents, especially mothers, to take advantage of the outreach efforts and visit designated health posts to access free services.

The presence of traditional rulers, community influencers, and grassroots mobilizers at the flag-off served as a powerful reminder of the role local leadership plays in building trust and encouraging community-wide participation.

“When our traditional and religious leaders speak, people listen,” said Dr. Balarabe. “That is why their involvement is critical to the success of this campaign.” As Kaduna State continues to lead in health system strengthening, the integration of MNCHW and HPV vaccination stands as dedication to health equity, prevention, and the well-being of its citizens.

KADA prepares for 2025 wet season farming

The General Manager, Mal. Muhammad Rili has hosted the 30th Management Review Meeting of the Kaduna Agricultural Development Agency (KADA) in Kaduna with the main focus being to strengthen preparations for the 2025 wet season farming activities and ensuring structural alignment to effectively position the Agency for upcoming support interventions also.

The meeting also reviewed the Agency's revenue performance.

The General Manager appealed to staff for greater commitment and sincerity of purpose in discharging their responsibilities.

he further urged Extension Agents and Block Supervisors to intensify efforts in providing advisory services to farmers, encouraging the adoption of good agronomic practices to boost yields at harvest.

These collective efforts reflect the mandate and vision of His Excellency, Governor Senator Uba Sani (CON), to transform agriculture across Kaduna State, promote food security, and improve the livelihoods of farmers, a statement by the Agency stated.

Malaria Ambassador in Kaduna State



Kaduna First Lady at the investiture ceremony
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Uba Sani: Upholding the ideals of June 12

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By Henry Ugbolue

Governor Sani's education reforms mirror the egalitarianism that defined the June 12 movement. He has drastically reduced tuition fees, invested in learning infrastructure, and prioritized teacher training. "Kaduna was number 12 in WAEC rankings. Now we are number 7 — and rising," he said. His target is excellence, but his method is equity. In healthcare, the transformation is just as dramatic. Under his leadership, 250 primary health centers have been upgraded to level two — the highest by any state in Nigeria. The conversion of Kafanchan General Hospital to a Federal Medical Centre is both a functional upgrade and a testament to federal confidence in Kaduna's health sector. Uba Sani's most radical reforms may lie in his economic justice agenda. He speaks passionately about the exclusion of over 85% of Northwestern Nigerians from financial systems as of 2023. "We must look at ourselves in the mirror and apologize to the people of Northern Nigeria," he declared — a moment of rare political introspection. But Uba Sani is not content with apologies. His administration has rolled out aggressive financial inclusion programmes targeting rural women, youth, and MSMEs. The Kaduna Enterprise Development Agency (KADEDA) now supports entrepreneurs with grants, training, and low-interest loans. In just two years, these efforts have created jobs, unlocked potential, and begun to correct long-standing economic imbalances. Transparency is a cornerstone of the Uba Sani Renaissance. Procurement has been digitized, budgeting processes opened, and Kaduna has become a magnet for foreign direct investment in agro-processing, logistics, and infrastructure. This reflects the moral foundations instilled in him during the pro-democracy struggles of the 1990s. Like M.K.O. Abiola, Uba Sani believes

that poverty is not inevitable — it is a policy choice, one that can be reversed with courage, integrity, and people-first policies. His philosophy of leadership: quiet, intentional, and resolute, is perhaps best summarized in his refusal to be distracted by the politics of 2027. "Leadership is about lifting others," he maintains. And through every kilometer of road, every revitalized school, every empowered entrepreneur, he is doing just that. Two years into his tenure, Uba Sani has proven that the sacrifices of June 12 were not in vain. His journey from street protester to state governor is a moral arc that bends toward justice, much like that envisioned by Abiola himself. He has taken the ideals of that struggle — unity, dignity, equity — and translated them into living, breathing governance. Kaduna State is now a reference point for purposeful leadership in Nigeria. It is a laboratory for what is possible when political ideology meets social vision, and when democratic values are lived, not merely preached. In many ways, the story of Uba Sani is the continuing story of June 12. It is the saga of a country that, though battered by cynicism, still dares to dream. It is the chronicle of a man who, shaped in the fires of struggle, now shapes the future of his people. Interestingly, Governor Uba Sani sees in President Bola Ahmed Tinubu a kindred spirit, not just in the struggle for the actualization of the June 12 mandate of Chief Moshood Abiola but in renewed hope in what is possible in today's Nigeria. Governor Uba Sani believes that like M.K.O. Abiola, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's leadership is speedily healing Nigeria and truly renewing the hopes of the people. Uba Sani stands as both a bridge to our past and a blueprint for our future. The spirit of June 12 lives on, not just in memory, but in motion, in the renewed streets of Kaduna, in the hope of its youth, and in the work of a Governor who knows that leadership is service, and service is destiny.

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Sobawa Modern Motor Park

Governor Uba Sani officially performing the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the Sobawa Modern Motor Park in Igabi Local Government Area, a major infrastructure project aimed at enhancing passenger safety, promoting environmental cleanliness, and driving economic growth in the region.

(Photo: A. Y Abdallah)



Flash Flood: Kaduna steps up dredging, expansion of waterways

Kaduna State Government has launched a massive dredging and expansion of waterways in flood-prone areas, determined to avert the kind of devastation that crippled parts of the state last year.

This followed early warnings by the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet), which listed Kaduna among states likely to witness heavy downpour, flash floods and windstorms this rainy season.

During an inspection of ongoing dredging at Ifira, along the Kaduna International Airport road in Igabi Local Government, Commissioner for Environment, Alhaji Abubakar Buba, said the government had mapped out vulnerable spots for urgent intervention.

According to him, "This entire place was blocked before, but we have now opened up about 800 metres of the river. It will ease water flow and forestall disasters like we saw last year," Buba said.

"This road is a major route to the Kaduna International Airport. We

cannot afford any disruption."

The Commissioner assured residents of government's commitment to achieving a flood-free season, but warned them against turning drainages into dump sites.

He disclosed that a mobile court under the Kaduna Environmental Protection Authority (KEPA) had been set up to try offenders caught dumping refuse into waterways.

The dredging, he noted, is being jointly supervised by the Ministry of Environment, Agro-Climatic Resilience in Semi-Arid Landscapes (ACReSAL), National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), State Emergency Management Agency (KADSEMA), National Orientation Agency (NOA) and other stakeholders.

Flood-prone areas identified for similar interventions include parts of Zaria, Kafanchan and sections of the state capital.

At the bridge linking Kaduna metropolis to the airport — previously threatened by erosion — the

Commissioner reiterated government's resolve: saying, "We are doing everything humanly possible to avoid flood disasters this year."

For Engineer Sanjay Sharma, Manager of Sun-Agro Soya Oil Refining Company operating in the area, it was a timely relief.

He said, "Last year's flooding was devastating. Many farmers lost their crops. This early intervention by the government is commendable."

Also speaking, the Village Head of Ifira, Malam Balarabe Abubakar, hailed the dredging as a lifeline for local farmers.

"Our farmlands used to be washed away every year. This project will save our harvests," he said.

Chief Disaster Risk Reduction Officer of NEMA, Ikramat Umar Mohd, described the state's proactive approach as exemplary. "This bridge is a critical asset. One of the best ways to manage disasters is to prevent them before they occur," he noted.

Gov Uba makes appointments....

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Barrister Naymarie Musa - Akande

Barrister Naymarie Musa - Akande, the new Managing Director/CEO, Kaduna Industrial and Finance Company Limited is an accomplished legal practitioner, seasoned public servant, and politician. She is the immediate past All Progressives Congress (APC) Woman Leader, Kaduna State.

From March 2020 to August 2021, she was a Special Assistant to the Kaduna State Governor on Legal Matters (KADGIS). She also served as Special Assistant to the Kaduna State Governor on Political Matters (Sept. 2019 - March 2020), and Technical Assistant to the Governor on Legal Matters (June 2018 - April 2019).

She holds the Bachelor of Law (LLB), Barrister at Law (BL), and Master of Science in International Development. She is a Doctoral Student in Leadership and Strategic Studies at the Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA), Kaduna.

Ibrahim Abdulkarim Adamu

Ibrahim Abdulkarim Adamu, the new Managing Director, Kaduna State Livestock Regulatory Authority is the former Managing Director of Kaduna Markets Development and Management Company. He is a seasoned accountant with decades of experience as a public servant. Born in 1966 in Saminaka, he holds a B.Sc. in Accounting, Master's Degree in Business Administration and another Master's Degree in International Affairs and Diplomacy from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. He is a Fellow of the Association of National Accountants of Nigeria (ANAN).

Ibrahim Yusuf

Ibrahim Yusuf, the new Managing Director, Kaduna Ranch Development Company Limited is a dairy expert with up to 10 years' experience, covering project management; including developing, implementing, and supporting complex infrastructures for fast growing dairy value chains. He developed detailed project timelines and proposed new solutions including

structuring and managing an integrated livestock project (a team of 20) which is aimed at addressing the recurrent farmer-herder crises in the North-Central part of Nigeria. In 13 months, he was able to increase the operational efficiency of the project by 80% through development and optimization of several outputs.

Before his appointment as the Managing Director, Kaduna Ranch Development Company Limited, he was a Dairy Technical Consultant with Sahel Consulting Agriculture and Nutrition Ltd. From February 2016 to December 2020, Ibrahim Yusuf was a Livestock Officer, Intersos Humanitarian Organization. He has also consulted for many national and international organizations, including Christian Aid, UK (2015 - 2016) and Whitegate Farms, Keffi, Nigeria.

Ibrahim Yusuf has skills in Project Management, Capacity Works, Process Optimization, Risk Management, Resource Mobilization, and Value Chain Analysis.

KDSG sets up fertilizer distribution committee, launches support for 100,000 farmers

The Governor of Kaduna State, Senator Uba Sani CON, has officially inaugurated a multi-stakeholder committee to oversee the transparent and efficient distribution of over 300 truckloads of fertilizer to 100,000 farmers across the state. This initiative is part of the government's effort to enhance food security, improve rural livelihoods, and boost agricultural productivity across communities. Under the smallholder farmer category, each beneficiary will receive two bags of fertilizer free. In a second category, commercial farmers will benefit from a targeted input subsidy program. Fertilizer will be made available to them at a 40% subsidized rate.

A statement by the Commissioner of Agriculture Alhaji Murtala Dabo said that, the intervention was designed to encourage agribusiness expansion, support job creation efforts in the agricultural value chain, and strengthen price competitiveness in the commodity market through reduced input costs.

In addition to input support, the Kaduna State Government will also enroll 100,000 smallholder farmers into the crop risk insurance scheme. This is aimed at safeguarding farmers' yields against the risks of pest infestation, crop diseases, and adverse weather conditions linked to climate change the statement said adding that, it is part of the administration's broader

commitment to building a resilient and secure agricultural system.

"To ensure credibility, transparency, and local ownership, fertilizer distribution and monitoring will be coordinated by both State and Local Government Committees, with membership drawn from public and private sector representatives, civil society organizations, traditional and religious leaders, labour unions, security agencies, and anti-corruption bodies," Alhaji Dabo further said.

"This holistic approach reflects Kaduna State's unwavering commitment to inclusive agricultural transformation, rural development, and sustainable food systems," he affirmed.

Kaduna Pilgrims back home, speak well of 2025 operation

By Yunusa Muhammad

Pilgrims from Kaduna State are back home, and everyone involved is calling the 2025 Hajj a big win! All 4,034 pilgrims safely completed their spiritual journey, and officials and pilgrims alike are praising how well everything was organized. This year's Hajj truly stands out for Kaduna. The success of this year's Hajj started months before anyone even left. The Kaduna State Pilgrims Welfare Agency made sure all registered pilgrims in the 23 local government areas were well-prepared. For over 15 weekends, prospective pilgrims learned about Hajj rituals and how to behave in Saudi Arabia. On top of that, everyone got important vaccinations to meet Saudi health rules.

At the start of the journey, pilgrims noticed a big improvement at the Hajj Transit Camp. Thanks to State Governor Malam Uba Sani's unwavering support

and the diligent work of the Special Committee overseeing the Agency under Chairman Malam Salihu Abubakar, the camp was completely updated and given a new look. This made the start of the journey much more comfortable for everyone. The camp ran very smoothly.

Special feeding arrangements ensured each pilgrim received meals (one or two, depending on how long they stayed), and critically, no pilgrim waited more than 12 hours before flying to Saudi Arabia. This quick process helped pilgrims feel ready for their trip.

During the farewell ceremony, Governor Uba Sani, represented by Deputy Governor Hajiya Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe, asked the pilgrims to be good representatives of Kaduna State and Nigeria. She urged them to pray for peace and unity in the state and the nation.

To guide the pilgrims and ensure their comfort throughout the sacred journey,

the state Governor appointed 74 Hajj officials, including the Amirul Hajj Emir of Kauru, Alhaji Ya'u Shehu Usman. For the first time, the Amirul Hajj, was actively involved throughout the pilgrimage. He stayed with the pilgrims and led visits to holy sites in Madinah. He also guided them through important rituals in Makkah. On the important Day of Arafat, he led fervent prayers for President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, Governor Uba Sani, and for Nigeria's success and unity.

Kaduna pilgrims showed excellent behavior. ***Two pilgrims, Shafiu Abdul'aziz and Sha'aban Sidi, made the state proud by finding and returning money and documents that belonged to people from Mali and Algeria. Their honesty was highly praised.***

Keeping pilgrims well-fed was a top priority. The Agency provided two meals a day in Madinah and Makkah, and three meals a day during the five important days in Mina, Muzdalifah, and Arafat. Pilgrims also enjoyed familiar Nigerian foods like "Tuwon Shinkafa" with variety of soups.

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His governance reflects a broader African aspiration captured by Bill Gates' words: "By unleashing human potential through health and education, every country in Africa should be on a path to prosperity." Kaduna is on that path, guided by a leader who measures progress not only in kilometers of road built but in lives transformed.

Governor Uba Sani's vision materialises concretely in initiatives like the KADA EduPACT International Summit 2025. The summit developed a Strategic Roadmap focusing on six pillars: expanded access and equity; quality teaching and learning; sustainable financing; digital transformation; gender equity and inclusion; and system resilience and governance. This roadmap aims to ensure education is accessible to all, particularly marginalized groups such as girls, learners with disabilities, nomadic populations, and children in conflict-affected areas. By redesigning curricula to nurture critical thinking, digital literacy, and global citizenship, Kaduna is equipping its youth with the competencies needed in a rapidly changing world.

Governor Uba Sani's leadership is a beacon illuminating a new paradigm in Nigerian governance — one that goes

beyond the allure of infrastructure to embrace the profound and lasting power of human capital development.

Under his stewardship, Kaduna State is not just building roads or erecting structures; it is constructing futures. It is nurturing health, cultivating knowledge, fostering skills, ensuring security, and enabling economic participation. This comprehensive approach is Kaduna's human renaissance — a bold experiment in inclusive, sustainable development.

Governor Uba Sani's governance challenges the rest of Nigeria: true development lies not in monuments of concrete and steel, but in the limitless potential of the people. By investing in their health, education, agriculture, and security, Kaduna is charting a path from poverty to prosperity — a path as inspiring as it is necessary.

As the Governor himself articulated, "Let us build an education system that is inclusive, technology-driven, and resilient — one that reflects the best of our people and their boundless potential." This is governance beyond brick-and-mortar. This is leadership that truly serves. This is the future Kaduna envisions, and it is a future worth embracing.

Ahmed, A Developmental Expert, lives in Barnawa, Kaduna.

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Sadly, four pilgrims from Kaduna State (three women and one man) passed away in Makkah. May their souls rest in Aljannah Firdaus.

The return trip was also well-organized. Pilgrims were reminded about the 32kg luggage limit. Everyone arrived back in Kaduna safely with their bags. As a special gift, each pilgrim received five liters of Zamzam water when they picked up their luggage at the Mando Hajj Transit Camp.

Reflecting on the experience, pilgrims interviewed expressed profound satisfaction. Many described the 2025 Hajj operation as a "huge success." They pointed to the efficient organization, improved facilities, strong leadership, consistent provision of nourishing local meals, and overall smooth execution as key factors.

The collective effort of the Kaduna State Pilgrims Welfare Agency, under the guidance of the Special Committee led by Chairman Malam Salihu Abubakar, and the enabling support of Governor Uba Sani, has undoubtedly set a new benchmark for Hajj operations in the state.

Honour for Kaduna Attorney General, Sule Shu'aibu (SAN)

By Hadiza Oyiza Ismail

In a remarkable celebration of leadership, ethics, and dedication to service, the Honourable Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice of Kaduna State, Sule Shu'aibu SAN, FCIPDM, MC Arb, FICEN, was honored with the prestigious 'Service Ambassador' award by the Advocacy for Peace and Values during the 9th Induction and Presentation of Certificate of Integrity Stewardship, held at the Sardauna Hall, Ministry of Justice, Kaduna. The Advocacy for Peace and Values Re-Oriented is a Non-Governmental Organization committed

to promoting good governance through integrity-based assessments. The Executive Director, Comrade Abubakar Oyibo, emphasized that the recognition followed a confidential and independent assessment exercise conducted every two years across the Northwestern geopolitical zone of Nigeria. Comrade Oyibo stated that the assessment process involved detailed questionnaires, public interviews, performance reviews, and perception surveys. The Attorney General scored an outstanding 96%, reflecting exceptional standards in leadership, ethics, accessibility, and service delivery. "The Attorney General stood out for his discipline, people-centered approach,

public availability, and commitment to judicial reforms," said Oyibo. "He is one of the few public officers truly living up to the expectations of ethical and administrative leadership." He further noted that Sule Shu'aibu SAN has been instrumental in advancing the mandate of Governor Uba Sani, particularly in delivering justice and strengthening the legal system in Kaduna State. In his acceptance speech, the Commissioner thanked the organizers for their objective and non-commercialized selection process. He expressed admiration for the young, dynamic team driving the organization and lauded their commitment to recognizing true service.

Kaduna athletes excel at African beach volleyball championship

By Helen Kafoi

Kaduna State's men's and women's beach volleyball teams, fresh off their gold-medal wins at the 22nd National Sports Festival, proudly represented Nigeria at the African Continental Senior Championship in Martil, Morocco.

The women's team, featuring Esther Mbah and Pamela Bawa, clinched a Bronze Medal after defeating Egypt 2-1 (21-14, 20-22, 15-9) in a hard-fought third-place match—securing Nigeria's qualification for the upcoming international championship.

This achievement underscores Kaduna's growing prominence in African volleyball and reflects the impact of Governor Uba Sani's strategic investment in grassroots sports development.



Kaduna takes Nigeria to centre stage in African volleyball

By Hassan Tanko

Kaduna State has once again demonstrated its sporting strength on the continental stage, as its beach volleyball teams, representing Nigeria, recently made the nation proud at the African Continental Senior Championship held in Martil, Morocco.

The highlight came from the women's team, featuring Kaduna stars Esther Mbah and Pamela Bawa, who secured a bronze medal after defeating Egypt 2-1 (21-14, 20-22, 15-9) in a decisive third-place match. This performance not only earned Nigeria a podium finish but also secured the country's

qualification for the upcoming international championship.

Both the men's and women's teams were selected entirely from Kaduna State, following their dominant gold-medal performances at the 22nd National Sports Festival in Ogun State. This stands as further evidence of the State's rising profile in Nigerian sports. The Honourable Commissioner for Sports Development, Professor Benjamin K. Gugong, praised the teams' performance, stating: "Our athletes have proven that Kaduna is not just a participant in sports, but a producer of champions. Their dedication, resilience, and patriotism are commendable, and this milestone

reflects the impact of strategic investment in sports by the administration of Governor Uba Sani."

Under Governor Uba Sani's leadership, Kaduna has prioritized youth empowerment through sports, with a clear focus on talent identification, structured training programmes, and competitive exposure. The beach volleyball teams' success reflects the outcomes of this strategic direction, reinforcing the State's contribution to national sports development.

The Ministry of Sports Development remains committed to nurturing home-grown talent and creating more opportunities for athletes to excel both locally and internationally, the commissioner reaffirmed.



Some dignitaries among them Gov Uba Sani (third right) at the Katsina Airport to receive the remains of the late former President Muhammadu Buhari (right)



The remains of the late president being conveyed to his final resting place inside his private residence after being flown-in in military aircraft from the UK. And below, dignitaries in mournful mood including Gov Uba Sani (4th left) and other state Governors as they prepare for the Muslim prayers for the repose of the soul of the deceased..



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