



## **NALV Management Congratulates the Newly Appointed Ministers of Education**

**By Umar sanda & Musa Hamisu Musa**



**Prof. Tahir Mamman: Minister of Education Federal Republic of Nigeria**

It is with immense pleasure and pride that the director and entire management staff of the Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala extend our heartfelt congratulations to Professor Tahir Mamman, SAN, on your appointment as the Minister of Education, and to Mr. Yusuf Sununu on his appointment as the Minister of State for Education. Your distinguished careers and unwavering dedication to the betterment of our nation have led you to these pivotal roles, and we have every confidence in your ability to lead our education system to enviable heights.

Professor Tahir Mamman, your elevation to the position of Minister of Education is a testament to your outstanding contributions to academia and law as a Senior Advocate of Nigeria. Your wealth of knowledge and experience will undoubtedly guide the education sector towards excellence and innovation. In the same vein, NALV community also felicitate with Mr. Yusuf Sununu on his appointment as the Minister of State for Education in Nigeria. Sir, your appointment reflects the importance of dedicated and visionary leadership in our educational institutions. We believe that your collaboration with Professor Mamman will beget a more resilient education system for our nation.

At the Nigeria Arabic Language Village (NALV), an inter-university center for Arabic Studies,

we deeply appreciate the significance of education in fostering cultural understanding and linguistic diversity. We are committed to supporting your vision for educational advancement, language studies, and cultural exchange.

We look forward to working closely with your ministries to promote Arabic language studies, cultural exchange programs, and academic research initiatives. Together, we can create a dynamic education environment that empowers our youth and contributes to Nigeria's overall development.



**Mr. Yusuf Sununu: Minister of State for Education Federal Republic of Nigeria**



L-R: Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad with VC Yusuf Maitama Sule University, Prof. Mukthar Atiku Kurawa

## Nigeria Arabic Language Village Signs Memorandum of Understanding with Yusuf Maitama Sule University, Kano (YUMSUK)

By Musa Hamisu Musa

The Director/CEO Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala Professor Ibrahim Muhammad was on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023 at the Yusuf Maitama Sule University for the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala and the University.

Upon arrival at the University, the Director and his entourage were received by the Vice-Chancellor Professor Mukthar Atiku Kurawa alongside with the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Administration, Professor Abubakar Salisu Garba, Dr. Buhari Tijjani Rufa'i, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic, the Registrar Mallam Isyaku Adamu, the Bursar Abdullahi Abbas and the University Librarian Binta Ladan.

In his remarks, the Director of Arabic Village Professor Ibrahim Muhammad revealed that the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was focused on the area of cooperation between the two institutions as regards Language Immersion programme for 300-level students of Arabic Language in accordance with the Act establishing the Village, organizing capacity building training and workshops for lecturers of the Arabic language, teaching and innovative research in Arabic Studies, students exchange and excursion/fieldtrips, organizing joint lectures, seminars, and conferences as

well as any other avenue that will enhance the teaching and learning of Arabic language.

The symbolic signing of the MoU marks a significant step towards fostering academic cooperation and enhancing the educational experiences for staff and students of both institutions.

While signing the MoU, the Director expressed his appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor for his dedication and commitment towards ensuring that the two institutions have signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

He informed the Management of the University that, the Arabic village is actively working towards arranging the Immersion program, which he said, is an essential component of the Village mandate. Adding that, the Immersion program is aimed at creating a conducive environment for students to immerse themselves into the Arabic language and culture, enriching their language skills and cultural understanding within the milieu of Arabic Village.

He further reiterated the positive impact of the program on students' language proficiency and cultural awareness. He emphasized that the program aligns with the mission and goals of the Village, which is to promote the Arabic language, literature, and culture in Nigeria.

Thereafter, he presented the final draft copy of the MoU, ensuring that all the earlier observations made by the University were duly addressed and the corrections were thoroughly reviewed to ensure clarity and precision in the document, setting the stage for fruitful partnering and collaboration between the two institutions.

The signing of the MOU between Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala, and Yusuf Maitama Sule University represents a promising milestone in the promotion of Arabic language and culture in Nigeria. The collaboration is expected to enhance the educational experiences of staff and students of the two institutions. And that would go a long way in contributing to a deeper appreciation of linguistic and cultural diversity.

With the commitment of both parties, the envisioned Immersion program and other areas are anticipated to be a transformative experience and will undoubtedly foster stronger ties between the University and the Village. As the MOU takes effect, the hope is that it will serve as a blueprint for further academic partnerships and initiatives, benefiting future generations of students and contributing to the broader

goal of advancing education and cultural exchange in Nigeria.

The VC Yusuf Maitama Sule University Professor Muktar Atiku Kurawa while responding, commended the effort of the Director of the village toward expanding the frontiers of the institution through cooperation and partnering with Universities across Nigeria. He particularly highlighted the effort of the University in pursuing the MoU for the benefit of their staff and students. And emphasized the commitment of the University in this regard.

The formal signing of the MoU was witnessed by the DVC Administration, Academic, the Registrar and the University librarian.

On the side of the village, Dr. Kasim Alkali the Head of Sangaya and Out of School Children, Mallam Muhammad Auwal Isa, the Program Supervisor, Babagana Baba Kura Head of Revenue and Special Duties and Musa Hamisu Musa also witnessed the signing of the MoU.

## NALV Management Pays Courtesy Visit to Sa'adatu Rimi University of Education, Kano

By Musa Hamisu Musa

On 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2023 the Director/CEO of the Nigeria Arabic Language Village and his entourage paid a courtesy visit to Sa'adatu Rimi University of Education in Kano State.

In his opening remarks the Director congratulated the new Vice-Chancellor on his recent appointment. The visit was significant as it marked a continuation of the Acculturation programme and the introduction of an Immersion programme into the new University.

Earlier on, the Director emphasized on the importance of both the Acculturation and Immersion programs. Prof. Ibrahim also informed the Vice Chancellor about the upcoming Ministerial briefing, which is likely to address critical aspects of education and language policies in the country.

While welcoming the Director and his entourage to the University, the Vice Chancellor Professor Yahaya Bunkure thanked the Director for the visit and also expressed his gratitude to the NALV Director and his entourage for the courtesy visit.

The VC also appreciated the presentation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between NALV and Sa'adatu Rimi University of Education. The MoU he said, was recognized as a crucial document that would serve as a guide to the relationship and collaboration between the two institutions.



The visit to Sa'adatu Rimi University of Education by the Village Director has marked a positive step towards enhancing the collaboration and mutual benefits between the two institutions.

The Immersion and Acculturation programs, combined with the Memorandum of Understanding, are expected to foster a long-lasting and productive partnership between the two institutions.

The Director was accompanied by Dr. Kasim Alkali the Head of Sangaya and Out of School Children who is also the NALV-FME Liaison officer, Muhammad Auwal Isa the program supervisor, Baba Gana Baba Kura the Head of Revenue and special duties and Musa Hamisu Musa Head of ICT Unit.

## NALV Receives ICT Facilities Donated by ICESCO Hamdan bin Rashid Al-Maktoum to Implement the Newly Created Pole for Teaching Arabic

Muhammad Sulaiman (Bafia)

The official unveiling of the ICT facilities donated by ICESCO to the Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala was performed on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 at the liaison office of the Village in Maiduguri.

The Permanent Secretary Federal Ministry of Education Mr, Andrew David Adejo was ably represented by Dr. Bukar Bukarbe, a Director from the Federal Ministry of Education.

The NALV's Director/Chief Executive Officer, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad while welcoming the guests at the occasion expressed his appreciation to the Islamic, Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization - ICESCO, for donating the state-of-the-art ICT facilities worth millions of naira to the Village. Professor Ibrahim Muhammad also acknowledged the effort of the Hamdan Ibn Rashid Al-Maktoum Foundation for the donation of the facilities.

It could be recalled that ICESCO had in March 2022 selected Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala as a HUB for the training of Arabic Language in Nigeria.

The representative of the National Commission for ICESCO in the Ministry of Education, Ibrahim Muhammad Bashir was also represented by Professor Umar Yunus who handed over the facilities to the representative of the FME Permanent Secretary Dr. Bukar Bukarbe for onward presentation to the Village.

The representative of the Permanent Secretary Dr. Bukar Bukarbe while handing over the facilities to the NALV's Director expressed his appreciation to the donor for the gesture, and hoped to have more of it in the time to come. He added that this equipment will be used judiciously by the Village for the purpose of which they were donated.

The official handing over of the facilities was witnessed through Zoom by the officials of ICESCO



from the Headquarters in Rabat, Morocco.

The official presentation of the ICT facilities was attended by some notable professors from different universities, among them were; Professor Ali Muhammad Ahmar President of Al-Bakri Foundation Consultation, Prof. Muhammad Saleh Jamal, Federal University Kasher, Professor Muhammad Mai Abubakar of Borno State University (BOSU), Professor Yahuza, Dr. Dunoma Muhammad, a representative of Academic Society of Arabic Language and Literature In Nigeria (ASALIN), Dr. Ibrahim Umar Ilyas representative of Nigerian Schools teaching Arabic, Dr Zakir Shariff representative of Nigerian Association of Teachers of Arabic and Islamic Studies (NATAIS) and among others.

## Acculturation Programme Ends at CAS & Aminu Kano College of Education, Kano

The Acculturation programmes at the Kano outreach centre which commenced in the first week of July 2023, have successfully ended with the examination which started on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2023 and ended on 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.

The Kano outreach centre was under the coordination and supervision of Dr. Muhammad Usman Abubakar. After the successful completion of the examination, there was a programme organized by the students and the lecturers called "YAUMUL SAKAFI". A lot of events were carried out during the programme which included drama and presentation of poetry, all with the purpose of testing the student's understanding of what they were being taught during the session.

The classroom activities and SAKAFI event was facilitated by Dr. Ahmad Tijjani Ramadan and Malam Hadi Abdulkadir Jaeh.

The programme ended up successfully without any hitches and students performed to their expectations. Dr. Ali Kwamasi, the Director of Continue Education Center represented the Provost of Aminu Kano College of Legal and Islamic School at the occasion. He expressed his appreciation to the management of Arabic Village for the success achieved from the beginning to the end of the programme. He further appreciated the efforts of the facilitators for nurturing the students with both theoretical and practical applications of the Arabic language.

Others important personalities who attended the programme were the representatives of Kano State College of Art, Science and Remedial Studies (CAS) and so many other important guests who graced the occasion.

## NALV Management Pays Courtesy Visit to Federal University Gashua

By Musa Hamisu Musa



The Director/CEO of Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala Professor Ibrahim Muhammad had on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2023 paid a courtesy visit to Professor Maimuna Waziri, the Vice Chancellor of Federal University Gashua,

On arrival at the University, the Director and his entourage were warmly received by the Vice Chancellor and other principal officers. The visit was aimed at establishing partnership and collaboration with the

University in some areas of mutual benefit between the Village and the University.

The Director also said that the law establishing the Village stipulates that, all 300-level students of Arabic in Nigerian Universities are to spend one calendar year in the Village for the Immersion Program.

With the recent improvement in the security situation in the North East, particularly Borno State, some Universities have since started indicating commitment to sending their 300-level students to the Village.

In her response, Professor Maimuna Waziri expressed appreciation to the management of the Village for the courtesy visit, adding that, such a visit will go a long way in fostering a relationship between the two institutions.

In the Director's entourage were Dr. Kasim Alkali the Head of Sangaya and Out of School Children who is also the NALV-FME Liaison Officer, Muhammad Auwal Isa Program Supervisor, Baba Gana Baba Kura, Head of Revenue and Special Duties and Musa Hamisu Musa Head of ICT Unit.

## NALV Management Pays Courtesy Visit to Umar Sulaiman College of Education, Gashua

In his continuation of visiting Universities, and Colleges of Education/Legal and Islamic Studies across Nigeria, the Director/CEO, Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala Professor Ibrahim Muhammad had on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2023 paid a courtesy visit to Umar Sulaiman College of Education, Gashua in Yobe State.

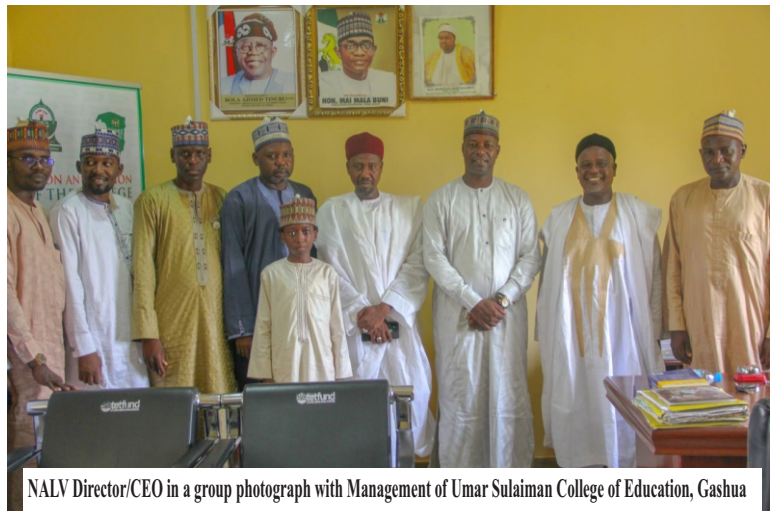
On arrival, the Director and his team were warmly received by the Provost and the Head of Arabic Department, Dr. Hassan Bulama.

The visit of the Director to the college was aimed at fostering the existing cooperation and strengthening the collaboration between the two institutions.

In his address, the Director expressed his appreciation for the level of cooperation the Village has been enjoying from the college. He further informed them that, he was in the college to explore some potential areas of further cooperation between the Village and the College.

The team from the Village also had an interface with the management of the college, where issues of mutual interest were discussed.

The HOD Arabic Dr. Hassan Bulama in his response expressed his appreciation to the Village Director for his visit to the College. He also acknowledged that Arabic Village being the hub for the study and training of the Arabic language in Nigeria, the college stands a chance of benefiting a lot from it, particularly, in the area of Acculturation which is the



NALV Director/CEO in a group photograph with Management of Umar Sulaiman College of Education, Gashua

core mandate of the Village.

The visit of the Village team to Umar Sulaiman College of Education Gashua was no doubt a significant milestone towards strengthening academic ties and promoting cultural exchange between the two institutions.

During the visit, the Director was accompanied by Dr. Kasim Alkali, the Head of Sangaya and Out of School Children who is also the Village Liaison Officer to the Federal Ministry of Education, Deputy Registrar Special Duties, Babani Tahir, Mallam Muhammad Auwal Isa, the Acculturation Program Evaluation Officer, Baba Gana Baba Kura, the Head of Revenue and Special Duties and Musa Hamisu Musa Head of ICT

## NALV Management Pays Visit to College of Education and Legal Studies Nguru, Yobe State

By Musa Hamisu Musa

On 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2023 The Director/CEO of Nigeria Arabic Language Village (NALV) and his team visited the College of Education and Legal Studies Nguru, Yobe State. The purpose of the visit was to monitor, evaluate and assess the outreach acculturation program of the Village.

Upon arrival, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad was warmly welcomed by the Provost of the College, Dr. Abba Idris Adam, deputy provost, Muhammad Kachalla, and HOD Acculturation programme NALV Dr Yunus Abdullahi Bukar. During the meeting, the NALV's Director expressed his appreciation for the full cooperation and support extended to the Acculturation programme by the College.



In the course of visit, the Director Professor Ibrahim Muhammad interacted with the students of the college while writing their exams. He conveyed his appreciation and thanked both the college's management and the students for their dedication and active participation in the acculturation programme that was successfully hosted by the college. He praised the performance of the students particularly, during their cultural week (Masrahiya) as the deputy provost informed him. Moreover, Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad encouraged them to emulate the historical heritage of Nguru as a city of knowledge which hosted international reputable scholars of Arabic and Islamic Studies, and urged them to preserve this historical legacy for the next generations.

Dr. Abba Idris Adam, the College Provost, while responding to the remarks of the NALV Director/CEO vehemently stated the financial difficulties faced by many of the students in paying their registration fees.

This culminated in a low number of students who paid their tuition. In view of this, the provost solicited support from NALV to inform Yobe State Government of the importance of the acculturation program and also requested for the sponsor of both the students' Acculturation and immersion programmes as extended to Law Students and other professionals. The intervention of the state government would greatly assist and benefit the students.

In the same vein, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad also raised concerns and sympathies with the students and the management about the Economic hardship. He assured the college management that he would put his request to Yobe State Government to sponsor University students offering Arabic for immersion programs and students from Colleges of Education for Acculturation Programs. He reiterated that he would use any possible means to extend the request for the assistance of those students.

Equally, the deputy provost Muhammad Kachalla expressed his satisfaction with the level of development and cordial relationship between the college and NALV management. This emanated from the tireless efforts of the director to visit colleges time without number. He acknowledged the successful conduct of the 2023 acculturation program and also emphasized that the past challenges will be effectively addressed in the future.

The NALV Director/CEO was accompanied by Dr. Kasim Alkali, Head of Tsangaya/FME Liaison Officer to the Ministry of Education, Babagana Baba Kura, Head of Revenue and Special Duties, the program's coordinator, Muhammad Auwal.

The NALV's visit to the College of Education and Legal Studies Nguru, Yobe State marked a significant step in strengthening the acculturation programme and created avenues to discuss the critical, financial constraints that would hamper the acculturation program if not properly addressed.

Addressing these financial challenges faced by students would go a long way in registering them into the programme and relieving such responsibility from parent. It is hoped that the government's intervention will alleviate the financial burden on impoverished students and enrich their educational experiences.

## NALV Management Visit Jigawa State College of Education, Gumel

By Musa Hamisu Musa

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of July, 2023 the Director/CEO Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala Professor Ibrahim Muhammad with his team paid a courtesy visit to Jigawa State College of Education Gumel.

The team was in the college with the sole purpose of strengthening the cooperation and collaboration between the two institutions, with a view of promoting Arabic Language Education which is the major focus of the Arabic Village in Nigeria.

While addressing his host, the Director thanked the management of the college for the warm reception accorded to him and his team. He also expressed his appreciation for the level of cooperation the Village has been enjoying from the College. The Director also shared valuable insights and experiences from the Nigeria Arabic Language Village, which could be applied to enrich the Arabic language program at the college.

The HOD of Arabic Language, Dr. Ali Usman earlier in his welcome address thanked the Director for finding out time to visit the college despite his busy schedules. He said the visit of the Director to the College is an indication that the Village is reciprocating the level of cooperation they have been extending to it.

The visit of the Village Director to Jigawa College of Education Gumel was a successful and



NALV Director in a group Photograph with HOD Arabic College of Education, Gumel

significant milestone in fostering a spirit of cooperation and mutual understanding, providing a platform for sharing ideas and best practices. This collaboration is expected to benefit the students and lecturers at the college, as well as contribute to the preservation and promotion of the Arabic language and culture.

Those who accompanied the Director during the course were Dr. Kasim Alkali Head of Sangaya and out-of-School Children who is also the Village Liaison Officer to the Federal Ministry of Education, Muhammad Auwal Isa, the Program Supervisor, Baba Gana Baba Kura the Head of Revenue and Special Duties and Musa Hamisu Musa Head of ICT Unit.

## Joint Task Team from the Budget Office & Federal Ministry of Education Visit NALV for Monitoring of Full Year 2022 Capital Budget Performance

The Joint task assignment comprising of Federal Ministry of Education and Budget Office was at Village Liaison office, Maiduguri on the 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.

The Team led by Jibril B. I. Osy came to the Village for the monitoring of the year 2022 Capital Budget performance and Annual Budget Implementation report.



On arrival, they were received by the Bursar of the Village, Rawa Mallam Mustapha at the village Council chamber before proceeding to their task.

In his opening remarks, the team leader Mr. Jibril B. I. Osy expressed his appreciation to the management of the Village for the warm reception accorded to them.

He said that the Ministry of Finance Budget and National Planning through the Budget Office of the Federation is saddled with the responsibility of carrying out monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the annual budget to assess the attainment of fiscal targets and report on quarterly to fiscal responsibility council and joint committee of the National Assembly.

The Bursar welcomed them once again and stated that the Village is ready to cooperate and comply with all government rules and policies. He added that they were going to provide them with all necessary and required documents that will help them carry out their assignment. The team also visited the ICESCO site opposite the University of Maiduguri for the physical inspection of the facilities there and they were impressed with what they found on ground.

# Visit to His Royal Highness Shehu of Bama

Muhammad Suleiman (Baiffa)

In the spirit of paying homage to traditional rulers, the Management of Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala led by the Director/Chief Executive Officer, Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad also paid a courtesy visit to His Royal Highness the Shehu of Bama, Alhaji Umar Kyari Ibn Umar El-kanemi in his palace in the ancient city of Bama local government area of Borno State to intimate him on the programmes and agenda of the Village prior discussed with other traditional rulers.

In his opening remarks, the Director extolled the efforts of His Excellency the Executive Governor of Borno State Professor Babagana Umara Zulum for his continued support to the Arabic Village.

Professor Ibrahim also informed the Royal father that the Village has a mandate bordering on engaging student in Immersion and Acculturation programmes. He also informed the royal father that there were about 34 Universities offering Arabic Language in Nigeria, which 300-level students of these universities by the mandate have to come to the Village for the one-year Immersion programme. About 8,900 students from these Universities are to come to the Village for the programme.

Apart from the core mandate of the Village, the Director has informed the royal father that, due to the needs of contemporary society, the Village has also introduced a Diploma in Arabic for Tsangaya teachers as well as a unit that has been created in this regard to cater for Girl Child Education and Out-of-School Children.

Professor Ibrahim also informed the Shehu that, a pilot program has been worked out for the training of Arabic teachers at Baba Buji Model School in Bolori,

where a sizable number of Arabic teachers were trained.

The Royal Father in his response, thanked the Director and appreciated his team for the visit. He added that with the significant improvement in the security situation in Borno State and its environs have contributed towards enhancing these programmes such as Diploma for Tsangaya teachers and training as well as the programme of out-of-school children. He emphasized that these programmes will go a long way in addressing the social problems bedevilling the society.

His Royal Highness the Shehu of Bama, Alhaji Umar Kyari Ibn Umar El-Kenami lamenting how insurgency had crippled socio-economic activities of the state rendering some families homeless and impoverished. He also lamented how the insurgency affected educational system and lauded the Director for his vision to ameliorate and salvage the situation. He remarked that it takes a visionary leader to widen up the scope and the mandate of the government for the benefit of the host community.

The Royal father has further pledged to support the Village in all possible ways to achieve its mandate. He equally said that his emirates will at all times support the programme and the activities of the Village.

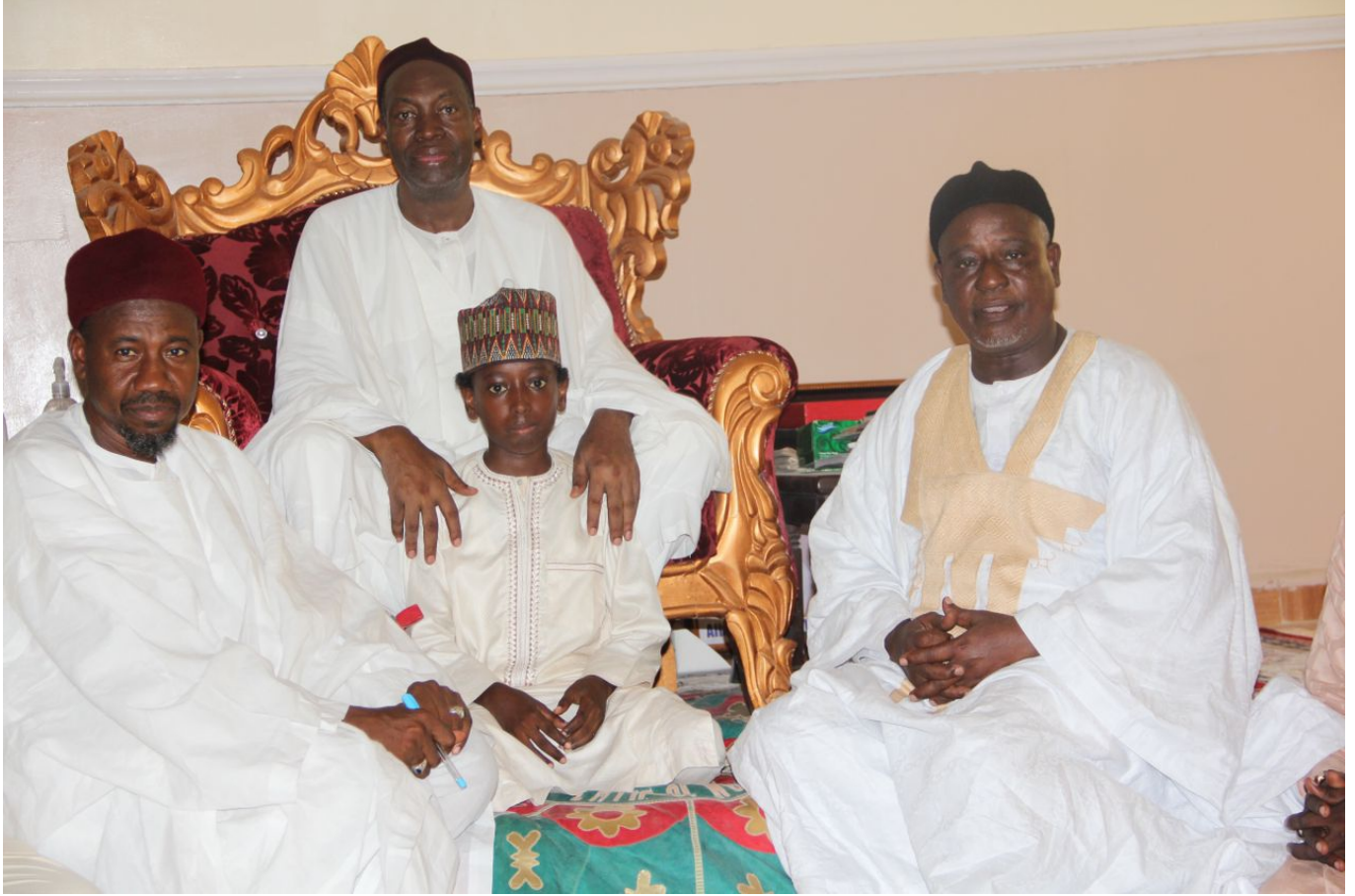
Those who accompanied the Director to the royal palace were; the Registrar Ali Abdullahi Ali, Bursar Rawa Mallam Mustapha, the Deputy Director Dr. Idris Ahmad Yunus, Dr. Kasim Alkali Head of Sangaya, and Out of School Children who is also the Village Liaison Officer to the Federal Ministry of Education and some senior staff of the Village.





## NALV Management Pays Royal Homage to the Emir of Nguru

By Dr. Kasim Alkali



The Management of Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala led by the the Director/Chief Executive Officer Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad had on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2023 paid a courtesy visit to the Emir of Nguru, His Royal Highness Alh Mustapha Ibn Mai Kyari at his palace in Nguru, Yobe State.

Upon arrival at the Emir's palace, the Director expressed his gratitude for the warm welcome and sought the Emir's fatherly blessing. The Director then introduced his team, highlighting their commitment to promoting Arabic language and culture.

The Nguru Emirate being one of the oldest Emirates, is regarded as the second in the hierarchy of Yobe State Council of traditional rulers. With the above recognition, the Director acknowledged the legacy left behind by the Emir's predecessors and appreciated the effort of the sitting Emir for keeping the peace to reign within Nguru Emirate.

The purpose of the visit by the Director and his entourage among other things, was to seek for the blessings of the Royal father and and to inform him of the official visit embarked upon by the Village management to Federal University and Collage of Education Gashua.

In his response, the Emir Alh. Mustapha Mai Kyari thanked the Director and his management team for the visit, and he acknowledged the effort of the Director for his concern towards reclaiming and reviving the mandate of the Village.

In the Director's entourage during the visit were Dr. Kasim Alkali, the Head of Sangaya and Out-of-School Children who is also the NALV-FME Liaison officer, Dr. Yunus Bukar Abdullahi, Muhammad Auwal Isa and Musa Hamisu Musa of the information and publications office of the Village.

## NALV Management Pays Visit to Shehu of Dikwa

By Muhammad Sulaiman (Baffa)

The Management of Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala led by the Director Chief Executive Officer Professor Ibrahim Muhammad had on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023 paid a courtesy visit to His Royal Highness the Shehu of Dikwa Alhaji Shehu Ibrahim Ibn Ibrahim El-kanemi in his palace in the ancient city of Dikwa local government area of Borno State.

In his opening remarks, the Director has extolled the leadership quality and effort of His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Borno State Professor Babagana Umara Zulum for his continued support of the Arabic Village. He said, 'If not for Zulum's support the Arabic Village by now would have been closed'.

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He also used the opportunity to inform the royal father that the governor had recently released some facilities for the Village at former Sir, Kashim Ibrahim College of Education, Maiduguri for use before relocating back to its permanent site in Ngala Local Government Area of Borno state. He urged the Royal Father to thank the governor for his numerous intervention and supports to the Arabic Village.

Prof. Ibrahim also informed the Royal father that the Village had a mandate which rotates around Immersion and Acculturation programmes. And, he informed the Royal father that there were about 34 universities offering Arabic Language in Nigeria, 300-level students of these universities by the Act establishing the Village shall come to the institute for a one-year Immersion programme. Students from these universities are to come to the Village for the programme.

So also in the case of the Acculturation programme, where Arabic Students of Colleges of Education and , Colleges of Islamic and Legal Studies are also expected to participate, in the 8-weeks Acculturation programme of the Village.

The Director further informed His Royal Highness that, the Village was expected to host students for the Acculturation Program from the Colleges of Education across Nigeria.

Apart from the core mandate of the Village, the Director also informed the royal father that due to the needs of contemporary society, the Village also introduced a Diploma in Arabic for Tsangaya teachers.

To this effect, a unit has been created to cater for Tsangaya and Out-of-School Children. The aim is to address the emergence of out-of-school and girl child educational curriculum.

Professor Ibrahim also informed the Shehu that a pilot programme had been worked out for the training of Arabic teachers at Baba Buji Model School in Bolori, where a sizable number of Arabic teachers were trained.

The Royal Father in his response, thanked the Director and appreciated his team for the visit. Adding that, with the significant improvement in the security situation in Borno State, the programme of Diploma for Tsangaya teachers and training as well as the programme of Out-of-School Children and Girls-Child Education will go a long way in addressing the social problems bedevilling the society.

The Royal Father also added that with these programmes in place, many orphans will have the opportunity to be enrolled to study the Arabic Language and become employable in society.

The Royal father also called on the Village management to rally around the Director, so that together they can achieve the purpose on which the Village was established. The Royal father pledged to support the Village in all possible ways to achieve its mandate. He equally said that his emirates would at all times support the program of the Village for the purpose of ensuring total peace prevalent in the state.

Those who accompanied the Director to the royal palace were; the Registrar, Ali Abdullahi Ali, Bursar, Rawa Mallam Mustapha, the Deputy Director Dr. Idris Ahmad Yunus, Dr. Kasim Alkali Head of Tsangaya, and Out-of-School Children, and the internal Auditor, Usman Jibrin Kaira. Others include: The Deputy Registrars of Security Management, Baba Gana Ali Mala, Dauda A. Musa, Babani Tahir, the protocol Officer Bashir Alhaji Mai as well as programmes Supervisor Muhammad Auwal Isa and some Senior Staff of the Village.



# NALV Management Pays Visit to His Royal Highness Emir of Gazargamu

By Abdulhamid Magaji



The Management of Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala led by the Director Chief Executive Officer Professor Ibrahim Muhammad had on 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 paid a courtesy visit to the Emir of Gazargamu Alhaji Ahmad Tijjani Ibn Saleh.

Birni Ngazargamu, was the capital of the Bornu Empire from 1460 to 1809. Situated 150 km (93 mi) west of Lake Chad in the Yobe State of modern Nigeria, the remains of the former capital city are still visible. The surrounding wall is 6.6 km (4.1 mi) long and in parts it is still up to 5 m (16 ft) high.

The capital city was built in 1488, during the reign of Mai Ali Gaji (1476–1503). It was located in the fork of the Komadugu Gana River and the Komadugu Yobe, near present-day Geidam. The city became Bornu's leading center for Islamic education under Idris Alooma.

The visit of the Director and his team to the Emir is a standing tradition established by the current management of the village, where similar visits were being paid to leaders of thoughts, opinion leaders, community leaders as well as stakeholders in Arabic and

other establishments within Borno and Yobe states.

In his opening remarks the Director expressed his appreciation to the Emir for the support his emirates have been rendering to Arabic Village. It could be recalled that, in the continuation of his visit to the royal fathers, the Village management paid a similar visit to the Emir of Bade and Emir of Nguru both in Yobe state.

While responding the Royal Father Alhaji Ahmad Tijjani Ibn Saleh thanked the management of the Village, for the visit. He said the visit symbolizes the respect the management of the village has for traditional institutions. The Emir use the opportunity of the visit to request the management of the village to establish one of the Centres for Arabic studies in Geidam local government area of Yobe State.

During the visit the Director was accompanied by Dr. Idris Ahmad Yunus, the Deputy Director, the Registrar Ali Abdullah Ali, the Bursar Rawa Mallam Mustapha, Dr. Kasim Alkali Head of Sangaya and Out of School Children who is aslo NALV Liaison Officer to Federal Ministry of Education, Arc. Mohammed Yusuf Mohammed Coordinator Works and physicsl Planning Department and other senior staff of the Village.

# NALV Management Pays Courtesy Visit to Emir of Bade

By Musa Hamisu Musa

The Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala under the auspices of the Director/CEO, Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad alongside his team, had on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2023 paid a courtesy visit to Alhaji Abubakar Umar Sulaima the Emir of Bade, in Yobe State.

The purpose of the visit was to seek for the support of the Emirate for the programme of the Village on training Almajiri teachers in the Emirate. The NALV's interest in promoting Arabic Education aligns with the Emir's concerns about the challenges faced by Tsangaya school teachers and students.

During the visit, Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad shared the background of the programme, highlighting its importance and potential impact on the local community.

He also informed the Council members that during the condolence visit to the Provost of Umar Sulaiman College of Education by the delegates of Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala, the opportunity arose to introduce the NALV's programme to the Emir. This introduction piqued the Emir's interest in addressing the challenges faced by Tsangaya school teachers and students, particularly in terms of employability due to the lack of formal certifications.

The Director/CEO acknowledged the Emir's commitment and concern for promoting education in Arabic and Islamic studies. He empathized with the challenges faced by Tsangaya school teachers and students, and recognized the need for a program that empowers them through formal training and certification.

Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad did have a robust and productive discussion with the Secretary and Members of the Emirate Council about the specific proposed

training programme for Almajiri teachers and students. They explored the curriculum, methodology, and potential benefits of the programme for both the participants and the larger community.

The Director presented leaflets containing details of all Programmes of the Village, including the Almajiri Teacher Training Proposal. These materials served to showcase the variety of educational programmes and initiatives offered by the Village to support Arabic and Islamic studies.

The Council members recognized the importance of Arabic education as a crucial aspect of preserving the cultural heritage of their community. They commended the commitment of the Village in fostering a deep understanding and appreciation of the Arabic Language among students and educators alike.

The Council members appreciated the holistic approach taken by NALV in providing various educational programmes and initiatives to support Arabic language education. They saw these efforts as essential in nurturing a generation of well-rounded individuals with a deep understanding of their language and cultural heritage. Also the members of Bade Emirate Council promised to encourage other emirs to support and seek assistance from the government on education, and cultural preservation through Arabic Language in Yobe State.

During the courtesy visit, the Director was accompanied by Dr. Kasim Alkali, Head of Tsangaya and Out-of-School Children who is also NALV-FME Liaison Officer to the Ministry of Education, Babagana Baba Kura, Head of Revenue and Special Duties, the programme supervisor, Muhammad Auwal Isa and Musa Hamisu Musa Head of ICT





## NALV Director/CEO Attended Borno State University (BOSU) Pivotal Workshop on Kanuri Ajami ...A Step Towards Cultural Preservation and Education

A one-day sensitization workshop on Kanuri Ajami, hosted by the Centre for Kanuri Ajami and Qur'anic Studies (CKAQS) at Borno State University (BOSU), gathered students, staff, and Islamic scholars from both within and beyond the university's confines. This significant event took place in Maiduguri and saw active participation from various academic and religious circles.

The Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad Nigeria Arabic Language Village graced the occasion with and highlighted the event's significance within the academic and cultural landscape.

The workshop, meticulously organized by CKAQS was aimed at rekindling the use of Ajami script in teaching and correspondence among Kanuri-speaking people of Borno State. The central theme, "The Importance of Kanuri Ajami Studies," underscored the crucial role this ancient script plays in preserving cultural and religious heritage.

Professor Umar Kyari Sandabe, the Vice Chancellor of BOSU, warmly welcomed the participants and emphasized the need for a comprehensive blueprint for the integration of Ajami in Kanuri studies. This visionary approach ensures inclusivity, benefiting not only orthodox scholars but also tsangaya scholars and students who may not follow traditional educational paths. Additionally, this initiative serves as a strategic step towards mitigating misunderstandings related to the Quran, thus contributing to the prevention of religious extremism.

Professor Sandabe commended the Center for Ajami for organizing the workshop and pledged continued support for similar endeavors in the future. This commitment reflects BOSU's dedication to the broader objectives of the Center.

Dr. Mustapha Mohammed Ali, Director of the

Centre for Kanuri Ajami and Qur'anic Studies at BOSU, shared insights into the center's mission. Among its core objectives is the promotion of Kanuri alphabet written in Ajami script, catering to the needs of both conventional and non-conventional students and scholars. The invitation extended to Kanuri scholars in Maiduguri emphasizes the collaborative nature of the center's work.

The workshop aimed at laying the groundwork for the development of Kanuri Ajami calligraphy, with the aspiration of its utilization not only within the state but also beyond its borders. This bold step signifies a revival of an ancient script that holds immense cultural and educational value.



Throughout the workshop, esteemed scholars presented various papers, including the origin and development of Kanuri Ajami writing, the significance of Kanuri Ajami studies, and the digitization of Kanuri Ajami. These presentations enriched the participants' understanding of this unique script's historical and contemporary relevance.

## NALV 14th Management Meeting Holds at Liaison Office, Maiduguri

By Umar Sanda



On 7th August 2023, the Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala held its 14th in the series of meetings of the Management, at the Liaison office of the Village in Maiduguri.

The meeting was chaired by the Director CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad. While briefing members on his recent courtesy visits, the Director informed the members that, during his recent Visits to Universities and Colleges of Education, he paid a courtesy visit to the Bade and Nguru Emirates in Yobe state.

He equally informed members of the management that, the courtesy visit to other traditional institutions will be embarked upon in due course. He further inform them of his plan to pay similar visit to Shehu of Bama, Emir of Gazargamu, and Emir of Fika in Potiskum, Yobe respectively.

On his continuation of his visit to universities and colleges of education, the Director has informed the Management that, he visited Bayero University Kano,

BUK where some offices and lecture halls were allocated to the Village for its outreach program. A similar visit was paid to Yusuf Maitama Sule University where an MoU was signed with the University. The colleges of Education visited were Umar Suleman College of Education Gashua, College of Legal and Islamic Studies Nguru, and Jigawa State College of Education Gumel.

The Director/CEO further revealed that he has not done visiting the universities and colleges of education. To this end, he informed the management that, very soon he will be embarking on visiting the universities and colleges in Taraba, Gombe, and Adamawa states. He also revealed his intension to pay visit to Army University and College of Education Waka both in Biu local government area of Borno State.

Also discussed was the issue of the official handing over of ICT facilities donated by ICESCO-Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance to Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Arabic Training Pole. Lastly, the 14th Management approved a proposal from the NALV clinic for Community Development Initiative on Health Services where members of the community will benefit from the service of the Village clinic.

The meeting was attended by the Deputy Director Dr. Idris Ahmad Yunus, the Registrar Ali Abdullahi Ali, Coordinator of Studies Dr. Musa Kalim Alqali, the Bursar Rawa Mallam Mustapha, the Ag. Librarian Muhammad Zanna Bukar Badia, and Arc. Mohammed Yusuf Mohammed Coordinator Works and Physical Planning Department. Others were The Internal Auditor Usman Jibrin Kaira, The DR Security Babagana Ali Mala and Head Clinic Abubakar M Bukar.

## NALV 38th Principal Officers Meeting

The 38th Principal Officers Meeting of Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala was held on 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. The meeting was presided over by the Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad.

The 38th POs Meeting focused on some significant issues geared towards moving the Village forward; The Director who is the Chairman of the POs briefed the members on his recent visits to universities and colleges of education:

He informed the members that, during his last visit to Universities and Colleges of Education he was able to visit the following Universities and Colleges of Education: Federal University Gashua, Bayero University, Kano, Yusuf Maitama Sule University, Sa'adatu Rimi University of Education, Kumbotso, and Skyline University also in Kano state.



He also informed members of the POs that, he had also visited the following colleges of education; college of education and Legal Studies, Nguru, Umar Sulaiman College of Education, Gashua, and College of Education Gumel in Jigawa State.

Other issues discussed in the POs Meeting were the signing of MoUs with some universities. He concluded, that so far the Village had signed MoUs with Yobe State, and Yusuf Maitama Sule University. Those in the process are Skyline, Federal University Kasher, and other Universities that are under way.

The POs Meeting provided an opportunity for members to make their contributions to the overall development of the Nigeria Arabic language Village, Ngala.

## Borno State Commissioner of Education, Science Technology, and Innovation Visits Arabic Village City Campus

By Muhammad Suleiman (Bafia)



Hon. Commissioner Lawan Abba Wakilbe visits Village City Campus

The Honorable Commissioner of Education, Science Technology and Innovation Engr. Lawan Abba Wakilbe had on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2023 paid an unscheduled visit to the village city campus located at the former Sir Kashim Ibrahim College of Education, Maiduguri.

On arrival, the Hon. Commissioner was received by the Registrar of the Village Ali Abdullahi Ali, and other senior staff of the Village.

The Honourable Commissioner informed the Registrar that, he was at the Village to congratulate the management, staff, and students for the new campus allocated to the Village by His Excellency the Executive Governor of Borno State Professor Babagana Umara Zulum.

## NALV Holds Its 17th Academic Board Meeting

The 17th Academic Board Meeting of the Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala was presided over by the Director Chief Executive Officer Professor Ibrahim Muhammad on 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 at the Council chamber of the Village in Maiduguri.

In his welcome address, the Director emphasized on synergy between all components of the Academic system. The meeting focused on the synergy between the academic departments and the coordinating committee as well as the Academic Board which is geared toward the successful execution of the Academic program in the Village.

Preparation for hosting the Arabic students of the Nigerian Defense Academy (NDA) for the immersion program was also discussed. Another issue discussed in the Academic Board meeting was the preparation of time table. To this end, the Director reiterated that the time table for examination should be

Hon. Wakilbe was full of praise for the effort of the Governor on his quest for the development of education in Borno State, stressing that, his administration is focusing on Education as one of the pivots for the accelerated development of the state. He added that the governor is strenuously working toward the revival of the Education sector in the state which was seriously affected due to the prolonged insurgency.

He also said that, with these facilities available, it is the right time for the Arabic Village to start hosting students for all their academic programs such as Immersion, Acculturation, and other programs.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Registrar on behalf of the management expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the commissioner for the visit, adding that, the visit means a lot to the entire staff and management of the village. Ali Abdullahi also expressed his appreciation and gratitude to His Excellency the Governor of Borno State for his continuous support to the Village and assured him that, the Village is going to make the best use of the facilities at the Campus in order to justify the purpose for which they are being released to the Village.

Those present during the visit of the honorable Commissioner were; the Deputy Registrars of Human Resources Meremi Bukar, Security Management Babagana Ali Mala, and of Academic Affairs Muhammad Ibn Umar. Others who were also present include Bashir Mustapha Alkali, Ahmad Kachalla, and Ahmad Akilu.

prepared on time by the officer concerned and it must be forwarded to the Academic Board for onward consideration and approval.

Also discussed was the submission of the results of the Diploma program with emphasis given to the concern academic staff to work diligently in order to meet the target time frame.

Another issue discussed in the meeting was the issue of the Submission of the proposed Curriculum for the Diploma Program by a committee.

During the 17th Academic Board meeting, Academic reports were presented by various heads of departments.

Lastly, the meeting also discussed computer training by Digital Bridge Institute; where the second batch of staff of the Village are expected to be trained by the Digital Bridge Institute. In that regard preparations have reached advanced stage.

## NALV Bursary Members Participate in Promax Platform Training Organized

Muhammad Suleiman (Baiffa)

A two-man team from Stamp Duties of Federal Inland Revenue Services - FIRS Office Maiduguri Branch was on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023 in the Village for the training of the Bursary Staff on the Promax Platform which was introduced by FIRS for the easy purpose of making payments (taxes) through the use of the platform.

The training was facilitated by Ismail Jibrin Sarki and Umar Babagana Musa both of the stamp duties Unit of the FIRS. Before the commencement of the training, Mr. Ismail thanked the management of the Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala for the warm reception accorded them and expressed his appreciation to the village for preparation toward the success of the program.

Thereafter, he said, the importance of training was to update the bursary staff and introduce them to the Promax Platform. He added that, training the staff on how to make payments through the platform as an easy means of making the transaction was the major focus of the training exercise.

He further said the platform came into being as a result of delaying or rather the inability of the government agencies, and parastatals to make their payments on time. Therefore, it became necessary for the Body (FIRS) to come up with the idea of introducing a new platform that would help the situation by

improving efficiency and effectiveness.

The Bursary under the leadership Rawa Malam Mustapha has been working hard to ensure the effectiveness of the department. The Bursar thanked the facilitators for taking the time to come to the Village to train the staff of. He assured them that the Village is always ready to comply with all Government policies.



## Committee on Arabic Village Today Magazine Interface with Chief Executive

By Stephen Obinvili

The Committee on the production of Arabic Village Today Magazine had on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, interacted with the Director Chief Executive Officer Professor Ibrahim Muhammad at the Village Council chamber liaison office, Maiduguri.

In his address to the committee, the Director appreciated the effort of the committee for strenuously working toward the success of the maiden edition of the Magazine. He thanked them for working round the clock to put the production of the 2nd edition of the magazine into production

It could be recalled that the first edition of the Magazine was launched on December 18, 2022, during the World Arabic Day and 39 Conference of NATAIS which was hosted by the Village.

On the level of work so far achieved on the second edition of the magazine, he applauded the effort of the committee had put toward the production..



The Director directed the committee to have meeting with him for interaction at least once a month.

In his response, the Ag. Chairman of the Committee, Khalid Muhammad thanked and appreciated the Director/CEO for the support he has given to the committee from the day the committee was inaugurated to date. He assured him that, within a short period of time his committee would work hard to produce the second edition of the Magazine.

The interactive meeting with the Chief Executive was attended by Dr. Kasim Alkali the Head of Sangayya and Out of School Children, who is also NALV Liaison Officer to Federal Ministry of Education, as well as the two Deputy Registrars of Council Affairs Mohammed Ibrahim and that of Information and Public Relations Umar Sanda



## NALV Holds its 15th Management Meeting at City Campus

Muhammad Suleiman (Baiffa)

The Management of Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala under the leadership of Professor Ibrahim Muhammad on 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 held its 15th Management meeting at the NALV city campus, former Sir Kashim Ibrahim College of Education, Maiduguri.

While welcoming the members of the management, the Director called on them to put in their best toward achieving the purpose for which the city campus was released to the Village by His Excellency Governor Baba Gana Umara Zulum.

It could be recalled that His Excellency has graciously approved some facilities at the former Sir Kashim Ibrahim College of Education to be used by the village as a temporary campus pending relocation to her permanent site at Ngala Local Government area of Borno state.

Professor Ibrahim also briefed the members of the management on his last courtesy visits to Royal fathers in Borno and Yobe states.

He said that in Borno, he paid a courtesy visit to the Shehu of Dikwa, Shehu Ibrahim Ibn Ibrahim Elkanemi, and also visited the Shehu of Bama Alhaji Umar Ibn Kyari Ibn Elkanemi.

Similarly, he paid a courtesy visit to the Emirs of; Bade, Nguru, and Gazargamu in Yobe State.

The visit was aimed at introducing the programs of the village to the royal fathers in their various domain and to seeking the royal blessings. Other issues discussed in the meeting were the formation of a steering

committee for hosting the 2023 ASALIN Conference by the village, posting security personnel to the city campus of the village, implementation of the Presidential White Paper, report on verification of NYSC certificates of the staff of the village and reports from Immersion and Acculturation departments were as well presented. The financial report of the village was also presented by the Bursar.

Today's meeting was the first meeting of the management at the City campus since the facilities were taken over by the Village.

It was a very successful management meeting where members freely contributed their opinions on all the issues deliberated upon.

Present at the meeting were the Deputy Director Dr. Idris Ahmad Yunus, the Registrar Ali Abdullahi Ali, the Bursar Rawa Mallam Mustapha, the Ag. Librarian Mohammed Zanna Bukar Badia, Coordinator Works, and Physical Planning Department, Arc. Mohammed Yusuf Mohammed, Head of Sangaya and Out of School Children who is also the Village Liaison Officer to Federal Ministry of Education Dr. Kasim Alkali, the internal Auditor Usman Jibrin Kaira,

Others include; the Head of the legal unit Barr. Ahmad Muhammad Abdulkadir, Deputy Registrars of; Security Management Baba Gana Ali Mala, Council Affairs Ibrahim Mohammed, and that of Information and Public Relations Umar Sanda Mohammad and Mal. Abubakar M. Bukar Head of the clinic of the village also attended the meeting.

## NALV Committee on Taking Over Facilities at City Campus of the Village

It could be recalled that His Excellency the Executive Governor of Borno State Professor Babagana Umara Zulum has graciously approved some facilities for the village at the former College of Education, Maiduguri, which is to be used by the Nigeria Arabic Language Village, pending the final relocation to the permanent site at Ngala.

With the determination and commitment on the side of the Borno State government in rebuilding the Village, it is hoped that the Village will soon relocate to the permanent site in Ngala about 130 kilometers away from Maiduguri.

The Director Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala Professor Ibrahim Muhammad constituted a committee to take over of facilities at the former College of Education Maiduguri.

The committee is chaired by the Deputy Director Dr. Idris Ahmad Yunus. The committee on 29th August, 2023 had a meeting on the smooth taking over of the facilities at former sir Kashim Ibrahim College of Education, Maiduguri.

It could also be recalled that the first phase of facilities taken over by the committee was the new administrative block, where the committee allocated all

the offices in that block to staff. The committee had after the meeting inspected the Bursary block for subsequent taking over as well.

After complete taken over of the facilities, full academic activities of the village will resume at the new city campus of the village. The committee has the following as members; Dr. Kasim Alkali Head of Sangaya and Out of School Children, Deputy Registrars Human Resources Meremi Bukar, Security Management Babagana Ali Mala, Engr. Baba Gana Audu, Mal. Abubakar M. Bukar, Asabe Yakubu, Babagana Mustapja Ngala, Babagana Babakura and Arc. Mohammed Yusuf Mohammed Coordinator Works and Physical Planning Department serves as the secretary.



Members of the Committee in a group Photograph

## NALV Attains Annahda Islamic International Organization Merit Award Ceremony

Muhammad Suleiman (Baffa)

The Management of Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala under the leadership of the able Director and the Chief Executive Officer; Professor Ibrahim Muhammad attended the Merit Award Ceremony of Annahdah International Islamic School at Shaikh Shariff Ibrahim Saleh Mosque Gwanje Maiduguri.

The Director/CEO NALV was ably represented by his Deputy Dr. Idris Ahmad Yunus who was accompanied by the Registrar of the Village Ali Abdullahi Ali.

His Eminence Shaikh Shariff Ibrahim Saleh Al-Hussain CON, Grand Mufti of Nigeria doubles as the Chairman Board of Trustee of Annahdah International Islamic Organization, honors innovators in academic administration and servants of the Holy Qur'an.

In his welcome address, the chairman of the occasion Imam Abba Saleh Ibrahim Saleh Al-Hussain thanked everyone that attended the ceremony and appreciated their efforts.

The Deputy Director of the Village Dr. Idris Ahmad Yunus presented a paper on behalf of the Director titled "The Effort of Borno Scholars in Spreading Arabic and Islamic Studies ( Shaikh Shariff Ibrahim Saleh Al-Hussain as a role Model).

The Director's paper focused on the historical development of Kanem Borno. The paper which was the cynosure of all attention in the occasion discussed the contribution of Ibrahim Saleh which included;



NALV Deputy Director Dr. Idris Ahmad Yunus Presenting a Certificate

-The Establishment of Annahdah International Islamic Organization

-The establishment of Annahdah Islamic school

-Teaching of many fields such as; Tafsir, Hadith and Arabic Language among others. Also featured in the programme was the presentation of Awards of Merit to 10 Professors across Nigeria.

Prominent personalities who attended the occasion were the Special guest of honor His Excellency AMB. Al-Bashir Ibrahim Saleh Al-Hussain. Others includes; Professor Saleh Jamal and some prominent personalities from within and outside Borno have attended the occasion.

## NALV Proficiency Program Committee Holds Inaugural Meeting

By Muhammad Sulaiman (Baffa)

The Director/CEO Nigeria Arabic language Village, Ngala Professor Ibrahim Muhammad had recently approved the constitution of the Proficiency Program Committee to be chaired by the Head of the Department Dr. Muhammad Qasim Muhammad. Other members of the committee were drawn from the Academic, Registry, and bursary Departments.

While welcoming members Dr. Muhammad Qasim Muhammad had called on all members to key into the policies and programs of the management which are tailored in line with the aims and objectives upon which the Proficiency program was designed.

Dr. Qasim also called on every member of the committee to contribute their ideas on how to move the department forward. He said that proficiency in the Arabic language these days is increasingly becoming a center of focus for all those who are interested in learning the language to explore the world around them and beyond. Therefore, the Proficiency Department has a greater role to play in providing the basic Proficiency

skills in both spoken and written ability of the candidates. He added that the Nigeria Arabic Language Village blessed with distinguished academic staff and experience administrators cannot afford to let the people that looks up to her down in this task.

Other issues deliberated upon during the inaugural meeting were; publicity, teaching aids, need to provide auxiliary staff to the department among others.

All members of the committee resolved to support the Chairman of the committee and to work with him in line with the terms of reference of the committee, so that, they can justify the confidence reposed in them by the management.

It was also resolved that the committee will from time to time sit down and deliberate on matters affecting the department to make far-reaching recommendations to the management.

The committee has the following members;

-Muhammad Garba Anda, -Adam Abubakar Mustapha  
-Najaatu Dauda Yahuza and Umar Sanda who serves as Secretary.

# NASU NALV Branch Elects New Executive Members

Muhammad Suleiman (Baffa)

The Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institution (NASU) Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala Branch held its Election at the liaison office of the Village in Maiduguri.

The electoral committee comprised the representative of the NASU National Body Comrade D.O Jibrin, State NASU Chairman Comr. Musa Umar Chiroma, NEC member Comr. Mathew A. Managa and branch the Chairman from Unimaid Comr. Musa Liman. In his welcome address, the Chairman Electoral Committee Comr. D. O. Jibrin thanked NASU members for turning out for the election of their executives and also expressed his appreciation for the efforts and support of the management of the Village that has been given to the union right from establishment to date. He particularly appreciated the commitment of the Director Professor Ibrahim Muhammad for creating an enabling environment for the union to operate.

After the successful conduct of the election, the Chairman of the electoral committee announced the results of the election and pronounced the winners as follows; Sabir Adam was declared as the new chairman of the NASU NALV Branch. Aisha Adamu was declared Secretary and Abdulrahman Alh. Mustapha emerged as Treasurer.

Others who won other positions in the election were: Philip Ali, Fatima Ali Yusuf, Maryam Ibrahim, Abdullahi Audu, and Zanna Mustapha.

The representative of the village management Muhammad Ibn Umar who is also the Deputy Registrar of Academic Affairs appreciated the effort of the outgoing Exco members for the good service they had delivered during their tenure ship and congratulated the winners.

Muhammad Ibn Umar also extended the goodwill message of the management of the village to the incoming Exco members and urged them to be focused, patient, and committed to discharging their duties. He enjoined union leaders to fight for its member's rights in a peaceful manner. He further assured them that, the management is always ready to support the union, especially whenever the welfare of members of the union is affected.

The newly elected Chairman of the SANU-NALV Branch, Sabir Adam thanked the members of the union for electing him and assured them that the confidence reposed in him shall not go unrewarded, he said, he is ready to take the union to the next level.



# The Head of Procurement of the Village Marries out his Children

By Muhammad Sulaiman (Baffa)



Engr. Magaji A. Datti, the Head of Procurement of Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 married his daughter Aisha Magaji and his son Abdulhamid Magaji

The solemnization of the marriages took place at the Bulumkutu Abuja, behind Mandaus Motor. The marriage was attended by the Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad, Deputy Director Dr. Idris Ahmad Yunus, Registrar Ali Abdullahi Ali, Bursar Rawa

Mallam Mustapha, and indeed the entire Village community literally relocated to the house of Magaji to witness the wedding and rejoice with him over this happiest moment.

The Village Director Professor Ibrahim Muhammad while rejoicing with Engr, Alhaji Magaji A. Datti prayed to Allah SWT to bless the marriage with His abundance of blessings and good tidings.

While thanking all those who attended the occasion, Engr. Magaji A. Datti thanked Allah SWT for granting him a long life to witness the wedding of his children. He said the hope and aspiration of every father was to remain alive to witness the wedding of his children. He noted that today's occasion marks a milestone in his life and is not different from the aspirations above.

He used the opportunity to thank the entire management of the Village led by the Director CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad for attending the ceremony. He equally thanked all those who came from far and near to attend the wedding of Fatiha. And prayed Allah SWT to reward each and every one who attended the wedding abundantly.

# NALV Technical Team Visits City Campus for Physical Inspection and Inventory

Muhammad Suleiman (Baiffa)

The technical team of Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala visited the former Sir Kasim Ibrahim College of Education, Maiduguri, for physical inspection and inventory.

The technical team led by the Deputy Director Dr. Idris Ahmad Yunus on 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 were at the college in preparatory to take over the facilities for temporary use by Arabic Village for its Immersion and Acculturation programs before, the final relocation to the permanent site of the Village in Ngala Local Government area of Borno State.

On arrival, they were received by the Provost of the former KICOE, Dr Abba Mala in his office.

The Deputy Director Dr. Idris Ahmad Yunus explained the purpose of the visit and also informed the provost that, the Village will soon start hosting students for Immersion and Acculturation programs. He added, that this prompted the visit for physical inspection and inventory taking of the facilities at the College.



During the visit, the village team was taken around by the College Director of Works, Mallam Jidda Muhammad, where the physical facilities were inspected and the inventory were taken.

It could be recalled that His Excellency the Executive Governor of Borno State Professor Babagana Umara Zulum has graciously approved some facilities to the Village for temporary use, before relocating to their permanent site, at Ngala.

The Deputy Director was accompanied by the Registrar Ali Abdullahi Ali, Coordinator Works and Physical Planning Department Arc. Mohammed Yusuf Mohammed, Deputy Registrar Security Management Babagana Ali Mala.

Others include the Deputy Registrar of information Media and Publicity, the Head of Internal Audit Usman Jibrin Khaira, and other committee members.

## Independent Corrupt Practice & Other Related Offence Commission (ICPC) Inaugurate NALV Anti Corrupt and Transparency Unit



ICPC Representative in a group Photograph after Inauguration

The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission had on 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 Inaugurated the Village Anti Corrupt and Transparency Unit (ACTU) at the Council Chamber of the Village Liaison office, Maiduguri.

The ICPC Team was led by Barrister Ahmad Muhammad Wada who represented the Borno State ICPC Commissioner Ishaku Sakaba.

In his welcome address, the Deputy Director of the Village Dr. Idris Ahmad Yunus welcomed them warmly and appreciated their effort to attend the inauguration. Noting that the Management of the Village is always ready to comply and cooperate with all regulatory agencies.

The team leader from ICPC, Barr. Ahmad Muhammad Wada explained the purpose of their

visiting the village was to guide and put the staff of the unit through on how to carry out their responsibilities and to inaugurate the members of the ACTU Committee.

He added that it was a directive to all Ministries, Parastatals, and Agencies to establish a corrupt and Transparency Unit as far back as October 2001 via Circular No. OHCSF/ MSO/192/94 of 2nd October 2001 from the office of the Head of Service of the Federation.

The Anti-Corruption Unit is supposed to serve as the corruption preventive unit of an organization, thereby complementing the overall efforts of the organization toward minimizing corruption in the system.

Barr. Ahmad also explained the functions of the Commission, as he said is to investigate, study, and review the system of operational procedures within public organizations. In the meantime, the unit staff were administered an oath of office by Barrister Ahmed Muhammad Wada.

The Director Chief Executive Officer Professor Ibrahim Muhammad expressed his appreciation to the team and affirmed that the management of the village is already running a transparent administration.

The members of the committee who were inaugurated were; Dr Kasim Alkali the Chairman, Umar Sanda Mohammad, Babagana Ali Mala, Babagana Audu, Babagana Babakura, Asabe Yakubu, and Barrister Abubakar Alhaji Usman who served as secretary of the committee.

## NALV Director/CEO Condoles Governor Zulum Over the Death of Alh. Usman Jidda Shuwa (SSG)

By Musa Hamisu Musa



Late Usman Jidda Shuwa

The Director and Chief Executive Officer Nigeria Arabic language Village Ngala Professor Ibrahim Muhammad on behalf of the governing council, management, staff, and students of the village

commiserated with His Excellency the Executive Governor of Borno, Professor Babagana Umara Zulum mni, Fnse, CON, over the death of the immediate past Secretary to Borno State Government (SSG) Alhaji Usman Jidda Shuwa.

Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad equally expressed his commiserations to the Shehu of Bama Alhaji Umar Ibn Kyari Elkanemi and the good people of Bama Emirate Council and people of Borno in general over the demise of the elder statesman and illustrious son of Bama Emirate, late Alhaji Usman Jidda Shuwa.

In his condolence message, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad described the immediate past SSG as a seasoned administrator with a long-standing track record of working at both state and Federal levels and had immensely contributed to the growth and development of the nation and Borno in particular.

Professor Ibrahim Muhammad prayed Allah SWT for the repose of the soul of the deceased, his immediate family, government, and people to have fortitude to bear the loss. Aameen

## NALV Management Sympathize with Arc. Mohammed Yusuf over the Death of Grandmother

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023, a condolence visit was organized by the management team of Nigeria Arabic Language Village to show solidarity and support to Architect Mohammed Yusuf Mohammed, a valued member of our organization who recently lost his grandmother.

The visit was led by the NALV Director/CEO, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad, the Registrar Ali Abdullahi Ali, the Bursar Malam Rawa Mustapha, and other dignitaries.

The host, Architect Mohammed Yusuf Mohammed, was present along with his family members to receive the visitors.

Professor Ibrahim Muhammad, accompanied by the management team, conveyed heartfelt condolences to Architect Mohammed and his family. A moment of silence was observed in memory of the deceased grandmother. The team offered words of comfort and support to Architect Mohammed and his family.

Architect Mohammed expressed his gratitude for the visit offered by the organization. He stated that he felt comforted and appreciated the presence of the management team during this challenging period.

The condolence visits to Architect Mohammed Yusuf Mohammed and his family was a thoughtful and supportive gesture by the Nigeria Arabic Language Village management team. It demonstrated commitment to spirit of togetherness during times of personal loss and emphasized our organization's values of compassion and solidarity.

May Allah SWT shower His forgiveness and mercy, and may He elevate her status and grant her Jannatul-Firdaus.





# Nigeria Arabic Language Village's Insightful Perspective

By Musa Hamisu Musa

The Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala (NALV) Borno State, is dedicated to the promotion and preservation of Arabic language and culture in Nigeria. This report focuses on NALV's perspective on its publications, specifically the bulletin, magazine, and annual reports. These publications serve as important communication tools and contribute to the dissemination of information, research findings, and institutional achievements.

The NALV Bulletin is a periodic publication that provides updates, news, and information about the activities, events, and initiatives of the institution. It serves as a platform for internal and external stakeholders to stay informed about the latest developments at NALV. The bulletin includes articles, interviews, reports, and announcements related to Arabic language education, cultural events, research projects, and collaborations. It helps foster a sense of community, engagement, and transparency among staff, students, partners, and the general public.

The Arabic Village magazine offers a broader perspective on Arabic language, culture, and related topics. The magazine features articles, interviews, and stories that delve into various aspects of Arabic culture, history, literature, arts, and contemporary issues. It serves as an educational resource for Arabic language learners, educators, researchers, and individuals interested in Arab culture. The magazine aims to promote cultural exchange, foster understanding, and celebrate the richness and diversity of Arabic-speaking regions.


The Nigeria Arabic Language Village annual reports provide a comprehensive overview of the institution's achievements, milestones, challenges, and financial information for a specific year. These reports highlight the progress made in Arabic language

education, research, community engagement, and institutional development. They also outline future plans and strategies. The annual reports serve as accountability tools, enabling stakeholders to assess NALV's performance, impact, and adherence to its mission and vision. They are important documents for donors, government agencies, and other partners, showcasing NALV's dedication and impact in advancing Arabic language and cultural understanding.

The publications of the bulletin, magazine, and annual reports serve several key objectives: These publications facilitate effective communication between NALV and its stakeholders, including staff, students, parents, researchers, and the wider community. They ensure timely dissemination of important information, updates, and achievements.

The magazine and bulletin play a crucial role in promoting Arabic language learning and fostering cultural understanding. By featuring articles, stories, and interviews, they contribute to a deeper appreciation and knowledge of Arabic language, culture, and heritage. The annual reports demonstrate NALV's commitment to transparency and accountability. They provide a comprehensive overview of the institution's activities, outcomes, and financial management, fostering trust and confidence among stakeholders.

The Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala aims to continually improve its publications to better serve its stakeholders and enhance their impact. NALV plans to expand its digital presence by offering online versions of the bulletin, magazine, and annual reports. This will allow for wider accessibility, increased readership, and easier dissemination of information. The Village intends to actively engage stakeholders, including students, educators, researchers, and community members, in contributing to the publications.



# Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed: Bowing Out in a Blaze of Glory

By Falola Hammed Opeyemi



Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, the former Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), bid farewell to his illustrious tenure in a remarkable blaze of glory. Spanning from August 2016 to June 2023, Professor Rasheed's leadership at the NUC left an indelible mark on the Nigerian higher education landscape. Under his visionary guidance, Nigeria witnessed an unprecedented expansion of its university system, transforming from a mere few institutions to a robust network of 219 universities, with the additional establishment of 111 private universities.

At the core of Professor Rasheed's mission during his tenure was the pursuit of an orderly and well-coordinated university system that could offer quality and relevant education to fuel national development and enhance global competitiveness. His tenure can be

characterized by a commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and the revitalization of the university curriculum.

One of Professor Rasheed's notable achievements was the instrumental role he played in the introduction of several new university programs. He meticulously oversaw the development of the Core Curriculum and Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS), bringing together experts from Nigerian universities, regulatory bodies, the Nigerian Economic Summit Group, and other stakeholders. The CCMAS is a global initiative designed to equip graduates with knowledge and skills that are essential for advancing the nation's development.

Furthermore, during his tenure as the executive secretary of the NUC, the Nigeria universities affirmed their presence and sore higher in the global university ranking system of Times Higher Education and QS. These achievements further promoted the development and reputation of Nigeria's higher educational system.

In a historic move, Professor Adamu Rasheed became the first Executive Secretary of the NUC to visit the Nigeria Arabic Language Village (NALV) in Ngala. This visit symbolized the excellent relationship between NUC and NALV under his leadership. During his tenure, the Nigeria Arabic Language Village regained its position as an interuniversity center of excellence for teaching Arabic Language within the Nigerian university system. This achievement underscored Professor Rasheed's commitment to promoting linguistic diversity and cultural understanding within Nigeria's educational landscape.

Furthermore, under Professor Rasheed's leadership, the Director of the Nigeria Arabic Language Village was granted the privilege to attend all official functions of the NUC. This gesture highlighted the collaborative spirit and mutual respect between NUC and NALV. As Professor Adamu Rasheed concludes his successful tenure, the Director and the entire management staff of the Nigeria Arabic Language Village in Ngala extend their warm congratulations and best wishes for his future endeavors.

# NALV Celebrate His Excellency, Prof. Babagana Umara Zulum @

With heartfelt congratulations to His Excellency, Prof. Babagana Umara Zulum, the esteemed Governor of Borno State, Nigeria, on behalf of the Nigeria Arabic Language Village (NALV) community. It is with great pleasure and admiration that we celebrate the remarkable achievements and unwavering dedication demonstrated by Governor Zulum in service to the people of Borno State.

Under Governor Zulum's leadership, Borno State has witnessed significant progress and resilience in the face of daunting challenges. His tireless efforts in promoting peace, security, and development in a region that has faced complex socio-economic and security issues are commendable. His commitment to rebuilding communities affected by conflict, providing humanitarian assistance, and fostering economic growth is truly inspiring.

Furthermore, we would like to express our gratitude for His Excellency's continued support and

partnership with the Nigeria Arabic Language Village. Governor Zulum's commitment to education and the promotion of linguistic and cultural diversity aligns with our mission at NALV. His support has been instrumental in advancing our efforts to provide quality language education and cultural exchange programs.

As the Director and Chief Executive of the Nigeria Arabic Language Village, I have had the privilege of witnessing the positive impact of Governor Zulum's leadership on the people of Borno State and beyond. His vision for a more prosperous and united Borno State is a testament to his unwavering dedication to public service.

In closing, we extend our warmest congratulations to His Excellency, Prof. Babagana Umara Zulum, and we look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts to promote education, linguistic diversity, and cultural understanding in Nigeria.

Once again, congratulations, Governor Zulum, on your well-deserved achievements.



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