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NALV Joined the Rest of the World to Celebrate World Arabic Day



Babagana Umara Zulum

he international world Arabic day is being observed annually on December 18, was proclaimed by the celebrated all over the world on 18th December every year. The adoption of Arabic by the UN as one of its official languages and subsequent declaration of the International Arabic Day is worthy for recognition. Arabic promote equal use of all six of its official working

language is widely written and spoken by hundreds of millions of people across the continents of the world.

The glories of Kanem Borno Empire, which has a history of more than 1400 years using Arabic Language as its official language of communication. The Mais and Shehus of our great empire had excelled in the use of Arabic and promoted

its learning thereby facilitating the development of a unique civilization. Arabic is one of the languages of communication among the people of Borno and a sizeable number of its people speak it as a mother tongue.

United Nations Arabic Language Day which is

UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2010. In seeking "to celebrate multilingualism and cultural diversity as well as to

> languages throughout the organization". The date was chosen for the Arabic language. In 1973 theGeneral Assembly approved Arabic as an official UN language, and its arms. The UNESCO thereafter declared 18th of December every year as International Arabic Day, celebrated throughout the world.

> In the light of the above, it's imperative to acknowledge and appreciate the Federal Government of

Nigeria for its wise choice towards selecting and housing the Nigeria Arabic Language Village in Borno State. Moreover, this is obvious because there is a significant population of Shuwa Arabs in Borno State.



supports and hospitality of the people of Borno, the course. Village was able to admit thousands of students from all acculturation programmes.

structures which has been destroyed by insurgents. The commendable.

The Borno state government will assist the for proper deliverables. Borno state government will Galadanchi. join hands with the Federal Government in rebuilding IDPs back to their normal life.

training of Arabic teachers of primary and secondary village, he concluded. schools across the state". The government has also

ight from the establishment of the Village, the noticed the community services rendered by the Village Borno State Government has been supporting towards training teachers of Tsangaya and (Alarammai) the Village to achieve its mandate. Due to including them in its programs through intensive Arabic

"The Deputy Governor Umar Usman Kadafur over Nigeria for its language immersion and who represented the Governor at the occasion said, Government undertakes to work closely with the Village The present government of Borno State through the Ministry of Education in identifying out-ofcontinued to support the Village in rebuilding its school children and seek the Village to give them proper training. And said, we are looking forward for the short-term and long-term development designed by the Village to establish a Memorandum of Understanding government is indeed well conceived and very (MoU) with the Centre for Ajami and Our'anic Studies at the newly established Borno State University".

He also said that the government appreciated the Village through the provision of a conducive condor and determination of the management of the environment and atmosphere to enable it continue with Village towards making the it a Centre for excellence, its programmes. The government has also realized that free from bias, prejudices and favouritism. The Village the liaison office domiciled at Lagos Street does not is apparently a symbol of national unity, a good example have adequate capacity infrastructures to absorb all of it, reflects on a southern Christian Professor of Arabic students of the Village. Therefore, the government (Ishaq Ogunbiyi) who was honoured among the other promised to provide hostels, lecture halls, office great Sheikhs of eminence such as Sheikh Sheriff accommodation, and administration essentials needed Ibrahim Saleh al-Hussaini and Professor SAS

On behalf of the government and people of the destroyed infrastructures of the Village and other Borno state, the Deputy Governor congratulated the facilities. This is in line with the policies of Borno State village for obtaining international recognition by government towards rehabilitating and reabsorbing the ISESCO, and the remarkable establishment of the Committee of Experts of Arabic language with members The Borno state government also lauded and selected across the geo-zones of the country. It is commended the efforts of the current Director/CEO in obvious that the Village is reappearing in the worlds of putting back the Village on its track. The Governor said, academia as we are witnessing International reputable "we are closely monitoring the new innovations in scholars of Arabic delivering public lectures in the

elcome address by the Director/CEO Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala

students of Nigerian Universities offering Arabic language. All Arabic students must attend a mandatory one-year training for the Immersion Programme in the Village and all students of N.C.E. Arabic must attend the Arabic Acculturation Programme of the Village. By law, its not allowed to employ anyone without being certified by the Village. Students come from all over Nigeria to attend the Village. At the peak, we had over 15,000 students but with the insurgency everything came to a standstill. The school was totally razed down, destroyed, levelled to the ground

by the Boko Haram. All facilities and infrastructures such as Director/CEO thanked the Borno state Governor for his Classrooms, E-library, Clinic, Language Laboratory, Staff Accommodation etc. were destroyed.

Despite the level of destructions, the Federal gathering successfully. May Allah bless him. Government did not relent in its efforts in bringing back the

he Director/CEO succinctly started with a brief history of Village to life by supporting all its programmes, meeting all their the Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala. The NALV demands to actualize the mandates of the Village. As a result, the was established by the Federal Government of Nigeria in Village was able to go beyond Immersion and Acculturation and 1992 to offer Language Immersion Program to the 300 Level offering special courses to Tsangaya where it trains their Arabic

teachers.

Out of school children are also catered for by the Village and also our host state Borno stands to gain from the Village through training of their Arabic teachers in primary, junior and senior secondary schools.

And we are looking forward for relevant agencies in the government to join hands with the Village in actualizing its mandates.

Also, the



generous donations, provision of accommodation and other logistics to his guests and making it possible for him to host this

Guest Speaker Emeritus Prof. Munzali Jibril on World Arabic Day

meritus Professor Munzali Jibril while delivering his lecture at the World Arabic Day in Government House Maiduguri stated that Arabic is one of the most spoken languages in the world.

The importance of Arabic language as an international language has been well defined by the erudite scholar, Emeritus Professor Munzali Jibril. Delivering a paper titled "the Importance of Arabic as an international Language" at the occasion of the international world Arabic day organized by Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala at the Borno state Government House Maiduguri. Professor Munzali Jibril noted that, the learning of Arabic Language by the security agencies has helped a lot in the peace keeping operations in African region and even beyond.

According to him Arabic language also Africa as well as the entire Arab world.



He also emphasized that, the language is gaining ground as one of the most spoken languages in the world considering its numerous dialects spoken by millions of people around the world.

Professor Munzali concluded by expressing strengthens the relationship between Nigeria and North gratitude to the Management of the village and the Borno state government for making the occasion colourful and colorful.

The Deputy

Governor also stated that

Borno state government

would continue to work

closely with Arabic

village and appreciate the relationship of the

Commissioning of the NALV 500 Seater Babagana Umara Zulum Hall

A 500 seater hall was commissioned on the 18th December, 2021 in the NALV Liaison office, Maiduguri, Borno State, the Hall was named after His Excellency Governor Babagana Umara Zulum and it has been equipped by all necessary facilities.

The Governor was represented by his Deputy, His Excellency Alhaji Umar Usman



village with the state government. Furthermore, The Deputy governor was later taken round the facilities which he said the state government Kadafur who said the Hall can be used for other would provide other facilities to the Hall to make it an executive one.

purposes.

Medium Term Sector Strategic Workshop

A Medium-Term Sector Strategy presents and make organizations and parastatals to prepare a policy priorities or strategic objectives, defines tangible MTSS for 2020-2024. activities and proposes a budget to achieve these. Medium-term sector strategies help States to produce annual budgets that are strategic, realistic and forward looking.

The Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala attended the workshop, with a theme 'Working Session' organized by Federal Ministry of Education (FME).

The workshop was organized in order to equip

The workshop was aimed at achieving the National development goal of President Muhammadu Buhari GCFR for Education 2030.

At the end of the programme, Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala submitted its 2022/2024 MTSS Costing Template and Annual Work Plan Quick Win projects and programmes.

Why the Study of Arabic Dialects is the Study of Arabic?

rofessor Emeritus Owens Jonathan of Bayreuth particularly expressed his happiness to Prof. Jidda Hassan

presented a Public lecture at the multipurpose hall of the Nigeria Arabic Language Village, liaison office Maiduguri. Prof. Emeritus Owens Jonathan is a reputable international linguist. The occasion was chaired by Prof. Shettima Umara Bulakarima of University of Maiduguri. The NALV Governing Council Chairman Prof. Jidda Hassan Jumu'a presented the citation of the guest speaker. Other leading scholars who attended the occasion were Prof. Khalifa Ali Dikwa, Prof. Baba Kura Alkali, Prof. Kaka Abba, and Prof. Abba Makinta and they were

joined by senior academics from University of Maiduguri, Arabic language. Borno State University and other tertiary institutions.

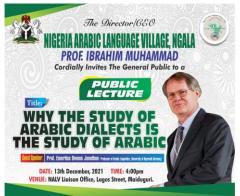
Director/CEO Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad welcomed all the growth and development of Arabic language in the those who have found time to grace the occasion. He world by the Director Nigeria Arabic language village,

University, Germany had on 13 December, 2021 Jumua who is the Chairman Governing Council of the

Village. He said, Prof. Jidda has played a major role toward the realization of the Public lecture. And thanked the guest speaker for coming all the way from Germany to deliver the public lecture.

The guest speaker has extensively discussed the topic with a lot of examples, in respect of the study of Arabic dialects, which the speaker concluded that, 'the study of Arabic dialects is the study of

High point of the occasion was presentation of The convener of the Public lecture, the NALV plague to the guest speaker for his global contribution to



2021 3rd Quarter Ministerial Briefing

The Ministerial briefing is a quarterly exercise reported. conducted by the Federal Ministry of Education Honorable Minister of Education. The Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala attended the briefing for the year 2021. Many issues relating to the village activities and programmes for the year under review were reported at the briefing, among which include the following;

- -Language Immersion programme
- Acculturation programme
- Proficiency etc

Other new programmes introduced by the Director/CEO were also reported. Among which are:

- -Out of school children
- -Almajiri system of education and capacity building training.

Based on the above development, the NALV (FME). The briefing is usually chaired by the Director/CEO was noted for his positive initiation which addresses some of the priority areas of Mr. President for agenda 2030.

> Out of school children and (Almajiri) and capacity building training of teachers were also captured in the Ministerial Strategic Plan in pillar one (1) [Out of School Children] and capacity building in pillar (5) [Teacher Education, Capacity Building and Professional Development].

The Permanent Secretary Ministry of Education was impressed with the issues presented by the NALV Director/CEO. In view of that, the Nigeria Arabic language Village Ngala, was linked up with Federal Ministry of All capital projects completed and ongoing were Humanitarian Affairs (FMHA) for further assistance under the Alternate school programme of the Ministry.

By Dr. Kasim Alkali

NALV Organizes a Capacity Building Training for Teachers of Arabic Language of Primary, Junior and Senior Secondary Schools

10th December, 2021 organized a capacity building training for 150 teachers of Arabic language from Primary, Junior and Senior Secondary Schools in Borno state.

The NALV Deputy Director Dr. Zakir A. Sheriff has informed them that the Village solely organized the program to the Arabic language teachers at three levels of primary junior and senior secondary schools. He also averred that the workshop was aimed at boosting the morale of Arabic teachers by imparting to them the new methods used in teaching the language. He also assured

igeria Arabic language Village, Ngala Inter- them that this is just the beginning because it will be a University Centre for Arabic studies had on continuous exercise, while declaring the workshop open.

The Borno State Commissioner of Education, Engr. Lawan Abba Wakilbe who was represented by the Principal of Arabic Teachers College Maiduguri expressed his delight and acknowledged that, such programme was the first of its kinds in the history of Arabic tutors of the ministry. He thanked the management of Arabic Village for organizing the capacity building training, adding that it was apt and timely.

The capacity building training was expected to last for 3 days.

NALV Conduct Aptitude and Oral Test in Arabic for Prospective Shari'a Court Judges

orno State judiciary has organized Arabic aptitude and oral test to the prospective Sharia Court Judges in Borno State. The exercise was conducted by Nigeria Arabic language village, Ngala (Inter-University Centre for Arabic studies)

The two days exercise took place at the liaison office of NALV, along Lagos street Maiduguri.

The turnout of the participants for the exercise Judges in Borno State. was impressive. In the whole, 197 applicants have applied and participated in the two days' exercise.

purely conducted in Arabic language.

The outcome of the exercise will be transmitted to the Borno State Judiciary for further necessary action.

The NALV Director/ CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad expressed satisfaction with the conduct of the two days' exercise and thanked the Borno State Judiciary for assigning Nigeria Arabic language village to conduct the Arabic aptitude test to the prospective Sharia Court

It could be recalled that, ISESCO has recently During the two days exercise the applicants recognized Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala as were assessed and evaluated in both theory and practical Hub for the training of Arabic language in Nigeria. aspects of Arabic language. And all proceedings were ISESCO is an international Organization with its headquarters in Rabat, Morroco.

NALV Submits the report of Aptitude Test for prospective Shari'a Court Judges of Borno State

Hon. Justice Kashim Zannah OFR Chief Judge of Borno State had on 7th December, 2021 received the report from the Chairman of the committee that conducted the aptitude test for the prospective Sharia Court Judges, Dr. Zakir A. Sheriff.

Nigeria Arabic Language Village conducted the aptitude test for 194 applicants. The Chief Judge expressed his happiness at the abundant knowledge based in the state. Promised to have more vacancies funded to employ more as the state government's resources improve.

The Deputy Registrar Establishment of the Village Barr. Ahmad Muhammad Abdulkadir accompanied the chairman of the committee during the presentation.



Some Achievements of NALY Director/CEQ within 6 Months

ebranding of the Village with the intention of creating a new identity.

The Director/CEO also embarked on facelifting of the entire Liaison Office in terms of painting, landscaping, plumbing and replacement of office cabinets etc. Professor Ibrahim Mohammed went ahead to constitute a committee of experts and stakeholders for Arabic language who came up with a report for repositioning and revitalizing the Village in the postinsurgency era. The Minister of Education appreciated the efforts of the Director/CEO.

The selfless service of the Director/CEO has been recognized nationally and internationally, which was manifested in recognizing the centre as a training Hub for Arabic Language in Nigeria by ISESCO.

The Director/CEO has also diversified the role of the Village by venturing into the training of Tsangaya teachers and teaching out of school children (Almajirai) across the states of the federation.

Moreover, the entire staff also enjoy training in their various fields of endeavour.

These are just some parts of the achievements of the selfless leader the father of the Modern Village.

NBAIS Commissioned Tsangaya and General Studies Center

Headquarters in Kaduna State.

Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala and Head of Sangaya Unit Dr. Kasim Alkali.

representative of the Director/CEO has delivered a good (Almajiri). will message on behalf of the Director/CEO. In his good history, mission, vision, objectives and philosophy upon Nigeria.

ational Board of Arabic and Islamic Studies has which the Nigeria Arabic Language village Ngala was commissioned a Center for Tsangaya and established. And he has also mentioned where the General Studies under NBAIS at its village could Come in for collaboration and partnership with NBAIS.

The representative of the NALV Director/CEO attended the occasion. The Director CEO Professor used the opportunity to have an interaction with the Ibrahim Muhammad was ably represented by the village coordinator of the Tsangaya Centre an the Ag. Registrar liaison Officer to Federal Ministry of Education (FME) of NBAIS. The representative of the Director/CEO had a robust discussion with the Ag. Registrar. Their discussion was mainly centered on issues bordering It was a colourful occasion where the collaboration, particularly out of school children

Consequently, they agreed to collaborate and will message Dr. Kasim Alkai briefly highlighted the work together in order to cover all parts of Northern

— By Dr. Kasim Alkali ———

NALV Attends Reps Public Account Committee Hearing

he Director CEO Nigeria Arabic language village Ngala, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad, presided over the meeting of the PACs. the Ag. Bursar Usman Jibrin Kaira and Ag. Coordinator Arc. Mohammed Yusuf Mohammed had on relation to the allocation to MDAs from Service Wide 7th December, 2021, attended House of Representatives Vote of the FGN from 2013 to 2020. After deliberation, Public Accounts Committee Hearing at the National the Director/CEO the Village's submission was Assembly complex in Abuja.

The Committee Chairman Honorable Wale Oke

The main issue discussed at the meeting was in smoothly passed and accepted by the committee.

NALV Dresents Award of Excellence to Al-Ansar Radio Station

The Director CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad activities through their reportage, which he said is always station for their supports and contributions toward the

development of the Village.

It could be recalled that, during the recent international world Arabic day, the Al-Ansar Radio station was slated to be awarded alongside other recipients at the government house Maiduguri where the first

phase of the occasion took place.

The NALV Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad and some members of the management were at Al-Ansar station along Gombole road for the presentation. The village team led by the Director/CEO were received by the General Manager Mal. Nuhu Tahir.

In his opening remarks, Professor Ibrahim expressed his appreciation and thanked the President of the station and the station Manager for giving the Village interview in the station. an unprecedented support and coverage to the Village

had payed a visit to Al-Ansar Radio in Maiduguri objective and factual. He further, said Al-Ansar Radio has and presented an award of excellence to the become a household name in Maiduguri and even beyond.

The Director/CEO said, the station has

enormously helped in publicizing the activities and programmes of the Village. In view of this he said, he was in the station to thank them and present the award to them. In the same vein, he appealed to them to continue publicizing and promoting the programmes and activities of the Village.

In his response the station General Manager Mal. Nuhu Tahir had on behalf of himself, management, and staff of Al-Ansar Radio and TV station accepted the award and thanked the village for having so much confidence on Al-Ansar. He acknowledged that Arabic village is one of their clients, who have been patronizing the station since establishment, and prayed for continuity of such relationship.

Highpoint of the visit was the presentation of the Al-Ansar Dr. Muhammad Kyari Dikwa for establishing award by the Director/CEO. And thereafter, he granted

National Committee of Experts on Repositioning and Revitalizing the Village Submits its Report

he National committee of experts and purpose of Repositioning and Revitalizing the Village its report to the NALV Director/CEO Professor the Village facilities and programmes. Ibrahim Muhammad. The presentation was done at the Maiduguri. The chairman of the council Prof. Jidda report.

It could be recalled that the village had on 19 October, 2021, organized the committee of experts and stakeholders of Arabic across the six geopolitical zones of Nigeria who gathered in Maiduguri with the aim of repositioning and revitalizing the village after other members of the committee include Professor Hamza Abdulraheem Ishola, Professor Muhammad Mashood Jumba, Prof. Umaru Ndagi, Prof. Muhammad Saleh Jamal, Prof. Saleh Alnur Abulfathi, Prof. Umar Yunus, Prof. Adam Muhammad Jibrin, Prof. Rabiu Sa'ad, Prof. Khalid Hassan Abdullahi and Prof. Muhammad Mai Abubakar who served as secretary.

Prof. have gathered for three days in Maiduguri for the the Village.

stakeholders on 3rd December, 2021 submitted after the insurgency, which has led to the destruction of

These renowned Professors of Arabic language Council chamber of the village, liaison office were carefully selected from the six geopolitical zones of Nigeria. They brainstormed on the problems of the Hassan Jumua has also attended the presentation of the village with a view to proffering solution to it. While presenting the report on behalf of the Chairman of the Committee, Prof. Muhammad Adam Jibrin thanked the management of the village for given them the opportunity to serve them. In the same vein assured the management that of their supports at Al the time.

In his own part, the secretary of the committee insurgency. The committee of experts was chaired by Prof. Muhammad Mai Abubakar expressed his Professor Attahiru Muhammad Dawood from BUK, happiness for the recognition given to them by the Village. The Chairman of Council Prof. Jidda Hassan Jumua and the Director/CEO Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad thanked the committee for the job well-done. And they also gave them their assurances that the Village would continue to contact them for advices.

The Director/CEO has also added that, the report of the committee will be implemented holistically It could also be recalled that, these galaxy of after an approval was given by the Governing Council of

Director/CEO Congratulates Dr. Kasim Alkali as New Wali of Bama

rofessor Ibrahim Muhammad thanked the Shehu of Bama and Emirate for finding Dr. Kasim Alkali NALV Liaison Officer to Federal Ministry of Education (FME) and Head of Sangaya as New Wali of Bama.

The Director/CEO has on behalf of himself, Management, Staff and Students of Nigeria Arabic language Village, Ngala congratulates Dr. Kasim Alkali on his appointment as Wali of Bama Emirate Council (Legal



Adviser on Religious Matters) by His Royal Highness The Shehu of Bama Alhaji Umar Ibn Kyari Elkanemi.

The appointment is contained in a letter dated 24 December, 2021, signed by Makinta A. Usman, the Secretary Bama Emirate Council. Dr. Kasim Alkali is a Deputy Registrar (NALV Liaison Officer to Federal Ministry of Education).

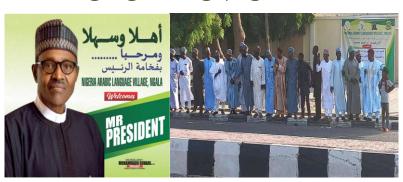
The Director/CEO prayed for the new Wali of Bama to reign on the throne of his forefather successfully.

Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala Welcomes Mr. President

he entire staff and students of Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala led by the Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammadhad on 23 December, 2021 came out en-mass to welcome Mr. President Muhammad Buhari in Maiduguri.

The President

who was in Maiduguri for a one-day official visit to President to Maiduguri in six months. President executed by the Borno State Governor Professor enjoyed a mammoth crowd.



Babagana Umara Zulum mni. As early as 8am staff of the Village lined up in front of the Liaison Office of the Village to welcome Mr. President and his host.

This is the second visit of the

commission some laudable and people oriented projects Buhari's visit to the ancient city of Maiduguri has

Coming Ahead, Promotion Beyond the Rank of Senior Lecturers

n his effort to ensure that, lecturers at Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala attained the highest level in their chosen profession (lecturing), the NALV Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad had met with Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed mni, the Executive Secretary (ES) National Universities Commission (NUC) where they extensively discussed on issues bordering on the promotion of the academic staff of the village beyond the rank of Senior lecturer.



In this regard, some measures have already been put in place to actualize the process.

With this development, the lecturers of Nigeria Arabic language Village Ngala will soon

about in promoting the lecturers beyond the status of Senior in the field of Arabic Language and Literature Lecturer.

The discussion on the issue was a very fruitful one which be promoted to that level (beyond senior lecturer). The ended up with perfection of some modalities on how to go village will soon start producing its first set of Professors

NALY Management Condoles Secretary Borno Elder Forum

he village management led by the Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad were at the GRA residence of an elder statesman Dr. Bulama Mali Gubio mni to condole him over the death of his father Alhaji Kolomi Mali Gubio who passed on at the age of 107.

The delegation have offered a special prayers for the Secretary General Borno Elders forum and Chairman the repose of the soul the centenarian Alhaji Kolomi Civil Service Commission. Mali Gubio and Malis family to have the fortitude to bear the irreplaceable lost.



The Director/CEO described the deceased as a man of God, who had lived a simple life throughout his life on earth and served humanity. Dr. Bulama Mali Gubio is

May Allah forgive the soul of the deceased. Ameen.

lacksquare The Governing Council of NALV Commens the Director/CEO for Selfless Service to the Village

Regular meeting held on 18th December, 2021 commended the Director/CEO of the Village Professor Ibrahim Muhammad. The Council chairman Professor Jidda Hassan Jumu'a said, the commendation was in recognition of the exceptional performance of the Staff of the Village, Training of the Trainers T&T etc. Director/CEO in his six months in office.

During the period he had changed the general outlook of the Village, introduced and implemented

he NALV Governing Council in its 58th number of policies which were important in reshaping the institution, which includes the establishment of the National Committee of Experts and Stakeholders of Arabic, Capacity Building Workshop for Academic

> The Director/CEO appreciated the Council for the recognition and promised to continue with the good job to move the village to the greater height.



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