



## H.E Governor of Borno State, Prof. Babagana Umara Zulum in a Rescue Mission to Arabic Village, Ngala

The Governor of Borno State, Professor Engr. Babagana Umara Zulum *nni*, during his three-day working tour to Gamboru Ngala, Ngala Local Government Area of Borno State. The Governor visited the Nigeria Arabic language Village, Ngala an Inter-University Centre for Arabic studies) located in Gamboru, Ngala.

It could be recalled that, in 2014, due to the activities of the Boko haram insurgency, the village was dislodged and as a result had to move out from its permanent site in Ngala to Maiduguri, since 2014 the Village is operating an outreach programs in Various centers across the nation. The insurgents have completely destroyed all facilities such as Library, E-library, language laboratory, clinic, vehicles, power plant, student's hostels, staff quarters, recreational facilities, etc. were completely destroyed. structures were pulled down. Now the village is a mere shadow of itself.

On arrival at the village, the Governor and his entourage were received by the Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad who conducted him round the village facilities and structures destroyed by the insurgents.

His Excellency the Executive Governor of Borno state Professor Babagana Umara Zulum was with full of praises to the Director/CEO of the village. Speaking during his visit to the Village on Tuesday 15 February 2022, Governor Babagana Umara Zulum in particular said his presence at the Village was as a result of the efforts being made by Professor Ibrahim Mohammed, Director/CEO NALV to establish a very good relationship with the Borno state government. In

this regard the Governor announced his immediate, short-term, medium, and long-term plans for rebuilding the village. Governor Zulum further directed for immediate commencement of reconstruction work of some necessary facilities to be completed this year 2022.

The Governor was accompanied by Senator Representing Borno Central Senatorial district, Senator Kashim Shetima, member House of Representative Honorable Dr. Zainab Gimba representing Ngala, Kala Balge and Bama Federal Constituency, member Borno state House of Assembly representing Ngala Local Government Area, Honorable Mustapha Dalatu, Honorable Commissioner Ministry of Religious Affairs Alhaji Umar Abatch and many stakeholders of the area were also present.

The Director/CEO expressed his gratitude to the Borno State Governor and his team for the visit and also thanked the Governor for supporting him, saying that "By the grace of God, the Village would return to its permanent site immediately". Consequently,



NALV Director/CEO Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad in a Rescue Mission with H.E Governor of Borno State; Prof. Babagana Umara Zulum, *nni*. Inspection of facilities at the permanent site of NALV, Ngala

Professor Ibrahim Mohammad directed some Academic and Non-Academic staff of the Village to report to the permanent site at Ngala for immediate commencement of the Village Proficiency Programme which is open to people from all walks of live. The Programme is expected to

attracts people from Gamboru Ngala and other Local Government Areas in the zone.

In the same vein, Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad constituted a committee. The Committee will be working closely put in place to work closely with the Ministry of Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, and Resettlement with a view to identifying the immediate areas of intervention. ■

# NALV Utilization of Public Funds Under Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad

By Usman Jibrin Kaira

**N**ALV Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad since he assumed duty as NALV substantive Director/Chief Executive Officer, introduced a number of policies that have to do with control and judicious utilization of the public funds. What the village receives as public funds includes Capital Development Fund, Overhead Cost as well as Internally Generated Revenue (IGR). These are the only sources of funds for the village to utilize and carry out its various day to day running and developmental activities.

What the village is receiving from the sources are so meager and inadequate to carry out the various developmental programmes for human and infrastructure, which the village is in dear need as the current management is struggling to reposition and revitalize the institution after witnessing gross devastation by the activities of the insurgency.

The new Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad, immediately as he assumed duty as Chief Executive and Chief Accounting Officer of the village in April, 2021 initiated numerous policies which will ensure judicious management of funds as well as cost reduction in almost all his spendings. Because public funds are said to be optimally utilized if the spending is in accordance with the law, conforms to conventionally accepted standards, is deemed well worth the money spent on something and confirms accountability and financial control valuing the most effective use of resources and operational inputs. To achieve this, introduced his own initiatives with a view to managing the scanty resources at the disposal of the village.

**Capital Development Fund:** this fund is meant for capital projects and made it a policy that no new project will be entertained under his watch, unless and until all the ongoing ones are fully completed. Summoned all the contractors handling the ongoing projects and categorically stated that they should be serious with their jobs and immediately access the funds meant for their various projects or else will be revoked and re-awarded to new and serious contractors. In order to ensure this, he made it a routine duty for himself to monitor their activities by visiting the sites twice in a day just to see things for himself and assess their level of progressing. Furthermore, the village for the first time in 2021 received 100% of its capital funds from the Federation and got 30% increase for 2022 Capital Budget, all through gigantic efforts of the present Director/CE Professor Ibrahim Muhammad.

**Overhead Cost:** this fund is meant for the day to day running of the office and is operated through Government Integrated Financial Management Information System (GIFMIS). It is expected to be received on monthly basis, but it fails short of that. It is so scanty that cannot even cater for the local travelling of the village not to talk of training, office equipment,

general maintenance of assets, consultancy fees, hosting of council meetings etc.

Despite managing all these enumerated activities with this meager amount, Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad managed to equip the village library with shelves and gave a face lift to the Liaison Office by embarking on minor renovations, complete painting and flowering the office premises, which have never happened since its construction in 2010.

All these activities were done through direct labor and most were initially paid from his own pocket, which still the village has not fully reimbursed. This became successful due to the enforcement of new initiatives of making sure that only genuine and important expenditures will be approved. For example, no Duty Tour Allowance will be approved except attached with genuine reasons or invitation letter. The staff concerned must be the right person for the trip and must come with a report of what he attended. All other expenses must come for approval through a newly constituted 8-man Committee of Purchase and Supply. After getting approval the concerned staff must sign a retirement form that if he/she fail to implement or retire the approved amount will be deducted from the salary of the staff. Vote book is also maintained to charge only the vote approved for the expenditure. These are all efforts to curtail unlawful and unimportant expenditures in governance.

**Internally Generated Revenue (IGR):** this is the fund internally generated by the village through students' registrations and other incomes. The insurgency has forced the village to temporarily relocate its operations to the Maiduguri liaison office since 2014, hence the IGR of the village has grossly reduced, because it has no accommodation to receive students not to talk of classes in the liaison office. Therefore, started operating outreach programme just to maintain its mandate. The expenses of the outreach programme are enormous: Paying the hosting colleges 10% of registration for using their facilities, paying accommodations, Transportation and feeding for the participating lecturers, Exams materials, Teaching aids etc.

Before his assumption, the village use to send about 10 staff to every outreach centre. But made it a policy that only the lecturers will go on 50% of the previous allowances, which was too exorbitant and unreasonable, all other supportive staff were stopped from participating, hence a staff or two from the hosting college will be coopted to assist the village lecturers. The coopted staff are paid from another 5% of the generated revenue of the school. So, through all these cost reduction methods, the village will be able to implement its developmental programmes by supplementing with the little IGR the meager amount that it receives monthly as overhead. ●

# NALV Collaboration with Baba Buji Model Tsangaya School

In continuation of its training of out of school children, the management of the NALV, had on 3th January, 2022 Embarked on an inspection visit to the NALV newly established Centre for training of out school children at Baba Buji Sangaya school located at Bolori ward of Maiduguri Metropolitan council.

Baba Buji Model Tsangaya school is one of the largest integrated Tsangaya school in the North East. On arrival the Director and his team were received by Director of the School Shaikh Goni Kolo Tijjani.

It could be recalled that, Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala an inter-University Centre for Arabic study was recently recognized by ICESCO as a Hub for Training of Arabic Language in Nigeria. The village is currently engaging in training and capacity building of 40 Arabic Teachers from Baba Buji Model Tsangaya school and 300 out of school children (Almajiri) which is in line with President



The Director/CEO Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad in the Midst of out of School Children at Baba Buji Model Tsangaya School

Buhari's 9 points agenda in the Education sector.

During the inspection visit issues bordering the establishment of a unit for the training of out of school children was discussed. In this regard the Management of the school has approved the established of the unit.

Other issue discussed during the visit was the training of out of school children, in pursuance of the 9 points agenda of Mr President in education sector, which the village is fully engaged in actualizing the agenda.

The Village is currently discussing with UBEC and SUBEB on the issue of Tsangaya and out of school children.

The Village management had during the inspection visit interacted with teachers and students of the school.

## NALV Staff Attend Retreat in Benin City, Edo State

A Retreat for Budget officers of parastatals, tertiary institutions, principals and Bursars of Federal Unity Colleges was organized by Federal Ministry of Education at the Auditorium of the University of Benin in Edo State. The retreat was attended by NALV Ag. Bursar, Coordinator Works and Physical Planning Development (W&PPD) and FME liaison Officer.

The theme of the retreat is: Effective Budget Preparation and Efficient Implementation of Programs and Projects. Papers were presented by eminent scholars who have the vast knowledge in the field which include:

1. Overview of Budget Process
2. The Role of Planning, Budgeting & Financial

Regulation in Cost Efficient Governance

3. Conflict Management
4. Project Monitoring
5. Succession Planning
6. The Procedures for Procurement of Goods and Consultancy Services
7. Understanding the Content of Procurement Bidding Documents
8. GIFMIS Peculiarities
9. Preventing Sudden Death.

The retreat was conducted between 17th to 19th January, 2022.

## NALV Director/CEO Inspects Library at Liaison Office

The Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad on 11th January, 2022 inspected the village library at the liaison office Maiduguri.

during the inspection visit the village Liberian Muhammad Zanna Badia and other staff of the village were at hand to receive the Director.

It could be recalled that the village had recently provided library shelves to the library. Seeing how the library was organize the Director was impressed and called on all

staff of the library to maintain the culture of organization, Professionalism, discipline and be dedicated to their duties. While coming the Director to the library. The Librarian used the opportunity to present the challenges facing library.

1. Establishment of E-library
2. Provision of internet facilities.

All the problems presented were noted for consideration.

## ISESCO Director in Tchad Republic Commends NALV Director/CEO for Transforming Arabic Village

The Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) Director in Tchad Republic Dr. Ali Mohammed Gamar has commended the giant strive which is being taken by the NALV Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad in Repositioning the village.

The ISESCO Director in Tchad has made the statement, when a staff of the village Mal. Ibrahim Addai Hamid paid him a courtesy visit in Tchad Republic.

It could be recalled that, ISESCO has recently recognized Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala, as a Hub for Training of Arabic Language in Nigeria.

During the visit, Mal. Ibrahim Addai Hamid was

taken round the ISESCO facilities in Tchad and later he was presented with some books and the commendation later for onward delivery to the NALV Director Chief Executive Officer in Nigeria.

Mal Ibrahim Addai thanked the ISESCO Director for the books donated and commendation of the NALV Director.

The books and the commendation letter were formally presented to the NALV Director/CEO at the main campus of Arabic village Ngala.

With the above development its expected that, the frontiers of Arabic Village in terms of bilateralism will be expanded beyond the shore of Nigeria. ■

## NALV Director/CEO visits North East Development Commission

The NALV Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad in continuation of his familiarization visits to governments establishment, agencies, and commissions, had on Monday 17th January 2022 visited the NEDC Headquarters in Maiduguri.

The Director/CEO and his team were received by the Managing Director Dr. Mohammed Alkali. The purpose of the visit was to brief the commission's Managing Director on the state of affairs of the village whose permanent site Ngala was completely destroyed by the Boko Haram insurgent.

It could be recalled that since 2013 the Village had temporarily moved from its permanent site at Ngala local government area to Maiduguri due to the activities of the Boko Haram insurgents. The insurgents have



NALV Director/CEO Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad with North East Development MD Dr. Muhammad Alkali

completely destroyed all critical infrastructure and facilities at the permanent site of the village in Ngala local government area, about 130 kilometers away from Maiduguri.

However, in order to maintain it mandates, the village since relocated to its Maiduguri Liaison

Office, from there it carries out its academic activities through the outreach programmes at various centres across Nigeria. ●

## NALV Chief Security Officer of Commends the Director/CEO

*By Babagana Ali Mala*

It's not an understatement to say that, the NALV Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad could best be described as, the Chief servant of the Arabic Village.

This remarks was made by the Chief Security officer of the Village. The CSO was quoted as saying that “ The Director/CEO of the Village Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad is an academics and scholar of International Repute and administrator per excellence” He Described the Director as Simple, companionate down to earth and humble personality, who appreciates nature and thus always at the forefront of helping and working towards making the village liaison office and it surroundings tidy and clean. He is a man whose love for nature and cleanness is immeasurable.

Within just a period of seven months only, the Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad has succeeded in making the name of the village ringing across Nigeria and abroad. In fact, it was for the first

time in history of the Arabic village, the name Arabic Village Appears on the global map, when an internationally reputable organization known as Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) in conjunction with Hamdan Bin Raheed Al-Makthub recognized the village as a training Hub for Arabic in Nigeria.

The Honorable Minister of Education Rt. Honorable Adamu Adamu deserves a standing ovation from all sundry. Because It was on the recommendations of the Minister that ISESCO recognized and considered the village as a Hub for training of Arabic language in Nigeria.

In view of the above I seek refuge from Allah SWT for absolute protection and guidance of this Selfless man, who in this write up referred to; The Chief Servant of the Village. ■

# Nigeria Arabic Language Village seeks to Strengthening the Relationship with Bauchi State University Gadau

With a view to strengthening the relationship and partnering with Universities and Colleges of Education offering Arabic language across Nigeria, the Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad since assumption of duty have been embarking on a nationwide courtesy tour of Universities and Colleges of Education offering Arabic language across Nigeria, with a view to strengthening the village relationship with the institutions. In this regard the Director/CEO has so far visited 19 Universities and 36 Colleges of Education across Nigeria.



2nd left NALV Director/CEO, The Registrar of the University, Arc. Muhammad Yusuf and Umar Sanda

on 14th, February 2022 the Director and his team were in Bauchi State University, Gadau, where they were received by Aminu Yakubu Gambo the Registrar of the University.

were the team had a robust discussion with the

registrar of the University in relations to the Language Immersion programme of the Village were all 300 level student of Arabic in Nigeria University are by law to attend the one year immersion programme of the village.

He also inform him that he was in the University to further consolidate and strengthen the relationship existing between the University and the village. Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad also used the occasion to donate some assorted books

to the University.

While responding, the Registrar expressed his appreciation and thanked the Director/CEO and his team for the visit. And assured him that of his University's intentions for collaboration and partnering with the village. —

## NALV Director/CEO Donates Books to Yobe State University

The NALV Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad and his team have visited the VC Yobe State University (YOSU) Prof. Muhammad Mala Daura in his office in Damaturu, Yobe State.

During the visit the NALV Director/CEO



In the Middle Prof. Muhammad Mala Daura, The Registrar Dr. Kalli Yusuf Garzali (left) and NALV Director/CEO Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad (right)

presente NALV monthly Publication " Bulletin" and donated some assorted Books to the University. The books were received by the Registrar of the University, Dr. Kalli Alkali Yusuf Gazali.

The VC expressed his appreciation for the visit and also thanked the him for donating the books to the University. ●

## Sa'adatu Rimi College of Education to Start Hosting Acculturation Program

On Thursday 16th February, 2022 the Director/CEO Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala. Professor Ibrahim Muhammad paid a courtesy visit to Sa'adatu Rimi College of Educatuon Kombotso in Kano State.

At Kombotso the Director and his team were received by the Deputy Provost of the college Dr. Miswaru Bello. Later the team went into discussion with the Deputy provost. Issues discussed in the meeting were among other things include hosting Acculturation programme at the college and other issues relating to the programmes of the village were also discussed.

The Director/CEO informed the Deputy Provost of the college that, with the recent improvement in the security situation in Borno and the North East in particular, the village has fully started restoring it



NALV Director/CEO Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad in a group photograph with his Entourage

mandate as enshrined in the law establishing it. The Director/CEO called on the management of the college to get prepared for hosting the Acculturation programme in the college.

While responding the Deputy Provost of the college thanked the Director/CEO and his team for the visit and expressed his appreciation on the efforts made by Professor Ibrahim Muhammad in restoring the mandate of the village. He assured the Director that, Sa'adatu Rimi College of Education Kombotso is ready to host the Acculturation programme. ●

## ARABIC VILLAGE FACE LIFTING: A PARADIGM SHIFT

The Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad since assumption of duty about 7 month ago, He Has been working round the clock to make the Village functional, clean and tidy through face lifting of the Village.

Professor Ibrahim Muhammad love for nature and clean environment cannot be easily quantified. It may not be an understatement to say that, his best hobbies in life is to live and work in a clean environment. The NALV Director/CEO is literally transforming the village environment into an Arabian

liked environment. Many visitors and passer-bys have been commenting on the unprecedented level of transformation going on in the liaison office of the village. With face lifting programme of the Director, The liaison office of the village in Maiduguri have in the recent time came into the public glare.

It's time we should all rally round the Director in order to maintain the present tempo of transformation going on in the liaison office Maiduguri. The village is being noticed all over Maiduguri and even beyond. ●

## Mala Tijjani Ngala Presents a Generator and Other Items to NALV, Ngala

The Executive Chairman, Ngala Local Government Council, Hon. Mala Tijjani Ngala, presented a set of Generator and office furniture's to Nigerian Arabic Language Village, Ngala. at the permanent site of the institute.

The presentation took place at the premises of the Village, Ngala. The items were received by an Assistant Registrar, Bakura Abba Wulgo.

The Chairman later proceeded to inspect the destroyed facilities at the campus. Facilities inspected by the Chairman were the Director house, administrative block, Computer resource center, hostels, power house, lectures hall etc.

The Assistant Registrar Bakura had on behave of the management expressed his appreciation to the chairman, for presenting the items to the Village and promised to deliver it to the management. ●

## NALV Receives FME Monitoring and Evaluation Team

The Monitoring and Evaluation Team from the Federal Ministry of Education, Abuja. were at Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala liaison office in Maiduguri for an official assignment.

The team was received by the procurement officer Engr. Magaji A. Datti, the coordinator's Works and Physical Planning Department Arc. Mohammed Yusuf Mohammed and Dr. Kasim Alkali the NALV

liaison officer to FME who is also the Head of Tsangaya Unit of the village.

The team had a robust interaction with the officers who received them and later met with the Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad and other management staff of the village. The Director welcome them to the village and assured them for his cooperation in carrying out their assignment successfully. ●

## NALV Christian Brethren have Expressed Appreciation to the Director/CEO

The Christian brothers and a sister had in appreciation of the welfare packages extended to them by the Management of Nigeria Arabic language Village Ngala During the 2021 Christmas day, were on Thursday 13th January 2022 paid an appreciation visit to the NALV Director/CEO, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad in his office at the liaison office Maiduguri and presented him with some gift.

The Director/CEO had on behalf of the management of the village thanked them for the visit and the gift.



NALV Director/CEO Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad Receive a gift

He particularly expressed his appreciation to them on behalf of the management.

In the same vein, called on them to be dedicated to their work for the development of the Arabic village. ●

# Strengthening of Security and Safety in Nigerian Schools for the Achievement of Education 2030 Agenda

By Dr. Idris .A. Yunus & Dr. Alkasim Alkali

The Federal Ministry of Education organized a Joint Consultative Committee on Education (JCCE) Meeting held at State College of Education Technical Enugu, Enugu State. from 30th November – 2nd December 2021. It was the 80th JCCE Meeting. Many Departments, Agencies, and parastatals of the Federal and States Ministry of education and relevant educational sectors from public and private sectors have attended the meeting.

The meeting was chaired by the Director of Education Planning, Research, and Development who was also the Chairperson of the JCCE, in the person of Dr. (Mrs) Ogochuwu Ufoegbune. The chairperson while declaring the meeting open stated that the JCCE reference Committees is a clearinghouse where experts in the education sectors gathered and discuss issues extensively on proposals of the Ministry of Education for policy formation. The Theme for the 2021 JCCE meeting is Strengthening of Security and Safety in Nigerian Schools for the Achievement of the education 2030 Agenda.

Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala as one of the Parastatals of the Federal Ministry of Education was represented by two delegates they are Dr. Idris Ahmad Yunus and Dr. Kasim Alkali who participated in two different Reference Committees of the JCCE Meeting. The participants were grouped according to the submission they made to the various Reference Committees. The Reference Committees are;

- Basic and Compulsory Education
- Adult and Non-formal Education
- Teacher Education
- Tertiary Education

Reference Committee started their session with a formal introduction, constitution of the Committee for

the Summary of the presentations, reading of the previous minutes of the meeting and presentations of the memorandum by the participants etc

Dr. Idris Ahmad Yunus presented a memorandum titled: Capacity Building and Professional Development (Teacher Training) under the Reference Committee on Teacher Education, while Dr. Kasim Alkali presented a memorandum titled: Enhancing Al-Majiri Education to Strengthening Security and Safety in Nigerian in Schools for the Achievement of Education 2030 Agenda.

The two delegates from NALV were nominated as members to serve in the Committee for the preparation of the summary on the memorandum represented at various Reference Committees

At the end of the sessions, a total of 20 Memorandum were presented by the Adult and Non-Formal Education Reference Committee, four (4) Memos were accepted, one was not presented and 15 memos were stepped down for various reasons.

The Nigeria Arabic Language Village memorandum titled Enhancing Al-Majiri Education to Strengthening Security and Safety in Nigerian Schools for the Achievement of education 2030 Agenda was among the accepted memos.

In view of the above development, Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala was to prepare for the plenary meeting where the Minister, Permanent Secretary, and all Reference Committees would come together for further consideration of the memorandum accepted memos at the Reference Committees level. ●

## NALV DIRECTOR/CEO CONGRATULATE COUNCIL MEMBER

By Umar Sanda

The NALV Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad, on behalf of himself, Management, staff and students of Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala congratulated Alhaji Mohammed Young Jack a member of 4th Governing Council of Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala on conferment of Chieftaincy title on him by his community.



counsel wordy of such conferment. He described Alh Muhammad Young Jack as very hardworking, focused, determined and resourceful person who has been contributing to the growth and the development of his Mother land.

The Director prayed for Allah's guidance and protection of the council

Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad thanked and appreciated the committee members for finding the member of his

member on his new assignment. ■

# NALV Management Condoles the Family of Prof. Muhammad Gidado Tahir



Late Prof. Gidado Tahir

**P**rofessor Gidado Tahir, the Chairman Governing Board of National Commission for Nomadic Education (NCNE) and the 1st Executive Secretary of UBEC.

Prof Gidado Tahir is a professional teacher, excellent administrator, and distinguished Abuses. He is a renowned professor of

education who has taught at all the tertiary levels of education in Nigeria, specifically at the college of education and university levels, from 1975 to date.

Muhammad Gidado Tahir was born on December, 29th, 1949, in Tongo town, in Adamawa State. He had his early education, namely elementary and primary education in Jimeta and Girei, towns, respectively, both in the old Adamawa Province.

Prof. Gidado Tahir attended the Church of the Brethren Mission Secondary School in Waka, Biu, in the old Borno Province, between 1956 and 1967 after which He was admitted to Government Secondary, Bauchi, in the then Bauchi Province to pursue a Cambridge Higher School Certificate in 1968.

He proceeded to Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria in 1970. He had a combined honors degree in History and Education and upon graduation in 1974, he was posted to the then East Central State to do the National Service, where he taught at Achi Girls Secondary, Achi, in Awgu Division.

Gidado Tahir began his academic career as a graduate assistant at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria in July 1975 and two years later secured admission and obtained a fellowship as well as a scholarship to further his education in the field of Higher Education at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, USA.

He obtained MSc and Ph.D. in Higher and Continuing Education in 1978 and 1981, respectively. He returned to ABU Zaria to continue with his academic career focusing on teaching, research, and extension service. In 1984 he moved to the then University of Sokoto on a loan but later decided to fully transfer his services to that university.

Dr. Gidado Tahir became the head department of Extension Services and later acted as dean of the Faculty of Education and Extension Services of the university.

He was appointed by the Federal Government to serve as Provost of Federal College of Education, Yola, from 1987 to 1994. While serving in this capacity, he was promoted to the rank of professor of Education by Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto in October 1992.

However, before his second tenure as Provost expired, Prof Gidado Tahir was given yet another appointment by the Federal Government to serve as Executive

Secretary of the National Commission for Nomadic Education, Kaduna.

Six years later, in April 2001, Prof Gidado Tahir was appointed National Coordinator of the Universal Basic Education Program and three years later became the first Executive Secretary of the Universal Basic Education Commission.

Professor Tahir served briefly as Head of Department of Educational Management in 2008/09 and was appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration in April 2011 and served for 30 months. He consults widely with several UN Agencies, the World Bank, the Commonwealth of learning, and the UK Aid.

Prof Gidado Tahir has published more than seventy articles in learned refereed journals both local and international; and chapters in books, in addition to three books; all in the areas of higher, teacher, adult, basic, secondary, and minority education. He successfully supervised more than 20 PhDs and nearly 50 MED students at both Sokoto and Abuja Universities.

Professor Tahir is a recipient of two fellows: The Society of Educational Administrators and the Nigerian Academy of Education, as well as the National Honor, OON, which he received in 2003.

Prof Gidado Tahir has left a mark anywhere he works. While he was the Provost of the college of education Yola for eight years, he coordinated a university-driven in-service education program for teachers at the NCE level and later re-organized it in line with new NCE Minimum standards.

Subsequently, while serving as the Executive Secretary of the National Commission for Nomadic Education, he led a team of experts to develop a teacher professional development program for teachers of Nomadic pastoralists' children and migrant children.

The programme was delivered by the Nomadic Education Centre based in the University of Maiduguri.

While serving as National Coordinator of UBEC and later its Executive Secretary he reviewed and restructured its Teacher Professional Development (TPD) program in line with the agency's new mandate, as provided for in the 2004 UBEC Act.

Prof Gidado Tahir was the Chairman of the Governing Board of the National Commission for Nomadic Education, Kaduna, and the National Coordinator Better Education Service Delivery for All (BESDA)

His major interests are in teacher education research, policy development, and implementation at the agency and institutional levels respectively.

Professor Gidado Tahir was an exemplary leader and Mentor as he answered the call of his Creator on 13th January 2022 ( 10th Jumada Aakhar 1443 AH, May Allah accept his good works, forgive his shortcomings, and grant him eternal abode in Aljannatul Firdaus, Ameen. ●

## NALV Director/CEO Mourns the Death of Sheikh Dr. Ahmad Ibrahim Bamba

By Musa Hamisu Musa

**T**he Director CEO Nigeria Arabic language Village, Ngala Professor Ibrahim Muhammad had on behalf of himself, Management, Staff and Students of the village commiserated with the immediate family, the people of Kano state and entire Muslim Ummah over the death of Sheikh Dr. Ahmad Ibrahim Bamba, who died on Friday 07th Jan. 2022 in Kano, Kano State.

Professor Ibrahim Muhammad said, the death of the renowned Islamic scholar Sheikh Bamba BUK is a great lost to the World, Nigeria and particularly Northern Nigeria and humanity in general. The Director/CEO acknowledged that, the late Sheikh had immensely contributed to the growth, spread and development of Islam, Islamic knowledge and literatures in Nigeria and Northern Nigeria in particular. He said, during his life time Sheikh Bamba had through

his teachings and preaching converted many non-Muslims into the house of Islam .



Late Sheikh Dr. Ahmad Ibrahim Bamba

Professor Ibrahim Muhammad prayed to Allah SWT to grant the soul of the late Sheikh Ahmad Bamba eternal rest and may his immediate family ,

relatives, the people of kano, and indeed the entire Muslim Ummah bear this irreparable loss. ■

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