



## **NUC Executive Secretary Visit to NALV**

The Executive Secretary National Universities Commission (NUC) Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed had on Friday 3rd March 2022 paid an official visit to Nigeria Arabic language Village, Ngala. He was received by the Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad and other top management staff of the village.

Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad expressed his happiness on the visit of the NUC boss to the Village. He said, since the establishment of Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala in 1992, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed is the first NUC Executive Secretary to visit the Arabic Village. He appreciated the ES for his passion for education and Arabic Village in particular. The Director described the visit of the ES as a historic visit that would go a long way in establishing a strong bond between NUC and the village.

In his response, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed expressed his joy for the warm reception accorded to him by the village. He particularly expressed his appreciation to the Executive Governor of Borno state Professor Babagana Umara Zulum mni, for his keen interest in education and Nigeria Arabic Language Village in particular. The Executive Secretary acknowledged the unprecedented support the governor has been rendering to the village since he assumed the mantle of leadership as governor of Borno state.

The NUC boss interacted with staff of the village at Babagana Umara Zulum Hall where he commended the NALV Director/CEO Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad for his Selfless service and commitment to the service of the nation and Nigeria Arabic Language Village in particular. He said, "if there is any centre like this or similar to it anywhere in the world I would recommend Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad"

He also said that "the Village was cited at Ngala for a reason that, the people there are native speakers of Arabic. This would allow the students to acquire confidence in speaking Arabic through their interactions with the natives.

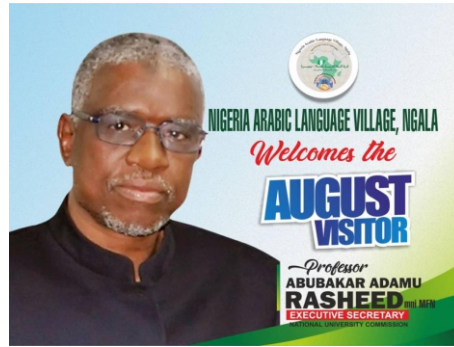
Prof. Rasheed has called the village management to consider regular meetings with all the heads of Arabic Departments from Nigerian Universities and Colleges of Education in the village as a way of finding a solution to the challenges facing the village.

The ES was also delighted that, the Director had started reviving the culture of research in the centre, in this regard he urged the Academic staff to carry out research to help the community.

Other issues addressed by the ES were the

promotion of Academic staff beyond Senior Lecturer, which he promised to look into it to resolve the issue. One of the first steps which he said, would be taken in addressing the promotion of the Academic staff beyond senior lecturer was to link up the Village with Borno State University, through this collaboration they would work out modalities for the promotion of the academic staff of the Village.

On the issue of expansion and modernization of the Village, the Executive Secretary welcomed the idea and suggested that the facilities in Maiduguri could be converted to campuses for other programmes of the Village such as Diploma in Arabic and special courses



for top government functionaries of the Village were relocated to the permanent site at Ngala.

All those who spoke during the Executive Secretary's

interaction with top management staff, applauded the effort of the Director/CEO in reviving the Village from a comatose status to what it is today. One of the speakers Engr. Magaji A. Datti, Head of Procurement Unit particularly highlighted some of the giant steps taken by the Director/CEO, through his familiarization visits, where he has so far gone around about 28 Universities and 55 colleges of education offering B.A. Arabic and NCE to reconnect and revive the mandate and programmes of the Village. He mentioned several successes and achievements recorded by the Director/CEO from assumption of duty 8 months back.

In the same vain, Dr. Idris Ahmad Yunus also expressed his delight on the visit of the ES to the village and acknowledged the effort of the Director Chief Executive Officer, Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad, for advancing and uplifting the status of the academic lecturers.

Earlier on, the ES went round and inspected some facilities at the liaison office. Among the facilities inspected were the 500 seater Hall named after the Borno state Governor Babagana Umara Zulum "The Zulum Hall" village library, students hostels under construction were among other facilities inspected at the liaison office.

# An Advisory Committee on Admission of Nigerian into Al-Azhar University Egypt Inaugurated

By Umar Sanda & Musa Hamisu Musa

The Federal Government has approved the constitution of a five-man Advisory Committee on Admission of Nigerians into Al-Azhar University, Cairo. The committee was inaugurated by the NUC Executive Secretary Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed inaugurated the Committee on 24th February 2022 at Aja Nwajukwu the NUC building in Abuja. This was necessitated after receiving a letter from the Nigerian Ambassador to Egypt drawing the attention of government on the eligibility of Nigerians being offered admission into the prestigious Al-Azhar University Egypt.

The committee was set up to look into admission policy into Al-Azhar University, procedures, requirements, methods of admission, and other issues associated with the framework of the entire process of the admission policy in the University. It's expected that the committee would be streamlining the process and make it easy for Nigerians who want to study at Al-Azhar University in Cairo. The Inaugural meeting of the committee was presided by the Executive Secretary of NUC.



Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed Executive Secretary, (NUC) With NALV Director Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad

The NALV Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad who is a member of the committee is an alumnus of Al-Azhar University. It's therefore a round peg in a round hole. A better person wouldn't have been found to serve on this committee than Professor Ibrahim Muhammad. As someone who has grown through the ranks to attain the position of Professorship, with vast experiences of over 40 years, the Federal Government of Nigeria has made the right choice for the job.

The committee will be chaired by Professor Ismail Junaidu of NERDC Abuja other members are: Prof. Muhammad Shafiu Abdullahi NBAIS Kaduna Prof. Shehu G. Ado former VC Alqalam University and Mr. Ashafa Ladan of NUC Abuja as Secretary. The committee is expected to commence sitting on 7th March 2022 and to submit its report to the government within the shortest possible time.

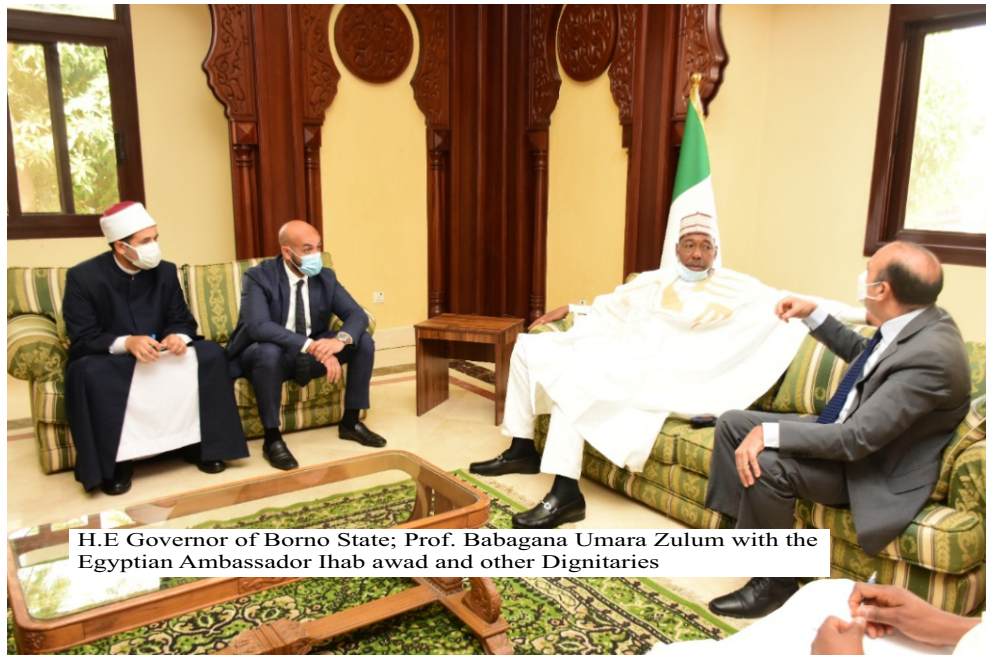
## Borno State Governor Prof. Babagana Umara Zulum, meets Egyptian Ambassador on Education Partnership

The Governor of Borno State, Professor Babagana Umara Zulum met with the Egyptian Ambassador to Nigeria on a follow-up visit to his initial visit to Egypt on education partnership.

The follow-up visit by the governor was to strengthen his initial visit to Egypt in early November 2020, during which he sought partnership for the training of academicians in Borno's tertiary institutions.

H.E. Prof. Babagana Umara Zulum informed the Ambassador, Ihab Awad, that the Borno State government has put in place schools and all the facilities for all the professionals that would be coming to work in Borno State.

The governor also appreciated the ambassador for all his efforts towards ensuring the partnership



H.E Governor of Borno State; Prof. Babagana Umara Zulum with the Egyptian Ambassador Ihab awad and other Dignitaries

between Borno State and his country.

Governor zulum noted that Borno is one of the states with the highest number of Nigerians who graduated from Egyptian Universities.

## Acculturation Week Ends at NALV

**A** l'usbu'uth thaqaafii Acculturation week takes place at the end of Acculturation program. The week is set aside for activities in Arabic language. The outgoing Students during the week exhibit their talents and capacity in Arabic language and literature.

The Acculturation week which was conducted in various outreach centers was also celebrated in Maiduguri. The program took place at Babagana Umara Zulum Hall of the NALV Liaison Office.

A Series of activities took place at the occasion, which included; Arabic drama, poetry, songs, news, and many other activities.

The Students from Mohammed Goni College of Legal And Islamic Studies who took part in the acculturation program of the Village have actively participated in all the programs.

The newly commissioned 500 seater hall was named after the Executive Governor of Borno state Professor Engr. 'Babagana Umara Zulum' where the program took place.

The NALV Director Chief Executive Officer Professor Ibrahim Muhammad attended the occasion. While delivering his speech the Director had called on the students to be good ambassadors of the Village wherever they might find themselves. He also advised them to be dedicated to their studies as they would go back to their school to complete the remaining part of their studies. He congratulated the graduates for successfully participating in the Acculturation program 2020/2021.

The Deputy Provost of MOGCOLIS and other top staff of the two institutions have attended the occasion.

## FME, ICESCO & NALV Met to Formalize MoU Process

**T**he Nigeria Arabic Language Village, an inter University Centre for Arabic Studies, is an excellent centre for the study of Arabic language in Nigeria. The Village was established by the Federal government of Nigeria 30 years ago to cater for the Arabic Language Immersion Programme for 300 level students of Nigerian Universities studying Arabic B.A and Acculturation for those studying NCE Arabic in colleges of education across Nigeria.

Recently, the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) an international organization with its headquarters in Rabat, Morocco had recognized the Arabic village as a Hub for training of Arabic language in Nigeria.

Subsequently, the NALV Director Chief Executive Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad and FME ICESCO Secretary-General Mal. Ibrahim Bashir were to visit the Headquarters of the organization in Morocco with a view to finishing formalities in relation to MoU and for subsequent implementation of the programmes of ICESCO in Nigeria.

In order to formalize the process, the NALV Director/CEO and his team were on 23rd February 2022 were at the Federal Ministry of Education (FME) to further discuss on the proposed journey to Rabat, Morocco, so that programmes of ICESCO would commence in Nigeria.

## NALV Director/CEO's Visit to Darul Qadiriyya in Kano State

By: Umar Sanda

**T**he NALV Director/CEO was received by the General spiritual leader of the Qadiriyya movement Grand Sufi order of Africa, (Dr) Sheikh Karibullahi Sheikh Nasiru kabara.

They discussed on ways of moving the Arabic village forward, where the Sheikh promised to do his possible best and what is within his powers to help the village. They also discussed on area of Cooperation with the Centre of Research and documentation of manuscripts, where he also said that, he was going to make available all Arabic manuscripts in



NALV Director/CEO; Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad (left) & Grand Sufi; Dr. Shaikh Karibullah Nasiru Kabara (right)

their custody to the village.

He further promised to work hand in hand with the village in protecting and preserving Arabic manuscripts.

Shaikh Karibullah prayed for peace in Borno and also appreciated the effort of Governor of Borno in bringing peace and also commended him for visiting the permanent site of Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala in Ngala Local Government area, Borno State.

## NATAIS Calls for Synergy Between NALV and other Institutions of Learning in Nigeria

By Dr. Kasim Alkali

A call for a synergy has been made by National Association of Teachers of Arabic and Islamic Studies NATAIS. This was contained in a communique issued at the end of its National Executive Council meeting (NEC) and inauguration of new members held on 5th March, 2022 in Abuja.

Nigeria Arabic language Village, Ngala attended the inauguration. Dr. Kasim Alkali who represented the Village was invited for introduction to the NEC members.

The NALV Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad was to be the guest speaker at the occasion, but was ably represented by Dr. Kasim Alkali who presented, the Director's paper titled ; "Arabic and Islamic Studies in Contemporary Society".

The paper made an attempt to dissect and analyze the role played by Arabic language from the advent of Islam to date have been succinctly captured. Other issues discussed in the paper were the challenges militating against the effectiveness of Arabic language in our society.

The role of NALV in promoting and strengthening Arabic language in contemporary Nigeria was also captured in the paper.

The revitalizing and strengthening of

Immersion and Acculturation programmes were elaborately emphasized.

In order to extending access to non-formal education system such as; The Almajiri, Research and Documentation Centre was also established, this is done because of the catastrophic activities of Boko Haram which led to the destruction of many Arabic manuscripts from individuals and cooperate sectors. The unit is responsible for collecting manuscripts from Nigerians and Sub-Saharan Africa for research and documentation.

The new Director Professor Ibrahim Muhammad immediately after assuming office made effort to reposition and revitalize Arabic village, after understanding the problems relating to Immersion and Acculturation by inviting Arabic experts from the six geopolitical zones of Nigeria to develop a blue print that would lead to the promotion of Arabic language in Nigeria.

After the presentation of the paper, observations and recommendations were made. Finally, the NATAIS President in his remarks acknowledged the presence of Arabic Village and also appreciated the paper presented, he said; "the paper virtually touched all challenges affecting Arabic language in contemporary Nigeria".

## NALV CSO Visits BUK Director of Security, Shares Ideas

By Umar Sanda Mohammed & Babagana Ali Mala

In his effort to strengthen the mutual relationship between Bayero University, Kano, and Nigeria Arabic language Village Ngala, the NALV Ag. Chief Security Officer (CSO) Babagana Ali Mala had on 25th February 2022 visited Abdul-Yakin Ibrahim, the BUK Director of Security, in his office at the new site of the University in Kano.

It could be recalled that, in October 2021, the NALV CSO was in BUK for a similar mission. And this visit was a follow-up to the earlier agreement reached between BUK and NALV on the exchange of ideas and experiences, where the two institutions agreed to exchange knowledge and ideas on contemporary security management in Universities. They have extensively discussed and looked into such issues like:-

- Beat Management
- Investigation
- Intelligent gathering
- Supervision and other aspects of modern security management.

The NALV Ag. CSO also briefed the BUK DS on Improvement in the security situation in Borno, he said, "the security situation in Borno state has substantially improved" and informed him that, the Borno state Governor Professor Babagana Umara Zulum recently visited the permanent site of the village in Gamboru Ngala, and that the Governor has promised to rebuild the facilities and structures which were

destroyed by the insurgents in the village.

He further assured him that, Borno was now safe, people were going about their normal businesses peacefully. And he said presently 50 students of the University of Maiduguri were in their second semester Language Immersion Programme in the Maiduguri Liaison office of the Village.

The BUK Director of Security expressed his



NALV CSO; Babagana Ali Mala (left) and BUK CSO Abdul Yakin Ibrahim (right)

happiness and thanked him for the visit and assured him of the University's willingness to continue with collaboration in all the areas highlighted.

## NALV Director/CEO on Shuwa Arab Radio Program of BRTV

By Umar Sanda Mohammed

Prof. Ibrahim Mohammed the NALV Director Chief Executive Officer was a guest on BRTV Radio programme, "Alwajib Le Nasal Yaum" where he spoke on the significance of the Arabic language as one of the international languages and other matters related to standard Arabic as well as the Nigerian "Dialect of Arabic popularly known as Shuwa Arabic".

Professor Ibrahim Mohammed is a native speaker of Arabic and also one of the best speakers of Arabic in Nigeria. He was born and brought up by an Arab family which makes him speak a Dialect of Arabic as a first language (L1). He equally learned Egyptian Dialect which he equally uses as Language 1. Listening to him while speaking the language makes one familiar with the sounds of Nigerian Arabic.

The erudite Professor has also spoken on why Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala, was located in the ancient town of Ngala Local Government area. One of the reasons given for the establishment of the centre at Ngala was that majority of the community at Ngala are Shuwa Arab and they speak Arabic, as such students coming from Universities for their one-year language Immersion and those from colleges of education for the Acculturation programme, would have the opportunity of interacting with the native speakers of Arabic and also they would be exposed to the culture of the Arabs, thereby appreciating the language and Arabic dialects being spoken by the people of that community.

Other issues discussed in the programme were on how the programme of the village is run considering the relocation of the Village to Maiduguri due to Boko Haram insurgency.

The Director/CEO appreciated the understanding of the people of Borno. And given the fact that the village is displaced from its permanent site at

## NALV Trains Teachers of Association of Model Islamic Schools

By Dr. Kasim Alkali

The staff of Nigeria Arabic language Village, Ngala had attended an interactive session organized by the Association of Islamic Model Schools, which took place in Kano, Kano state on 17th January 2022.

The interactive session was aimed at extending the services of the village to other organizations, public and private. The Association of Model Islamic Schools (AMIS) is a non-Governmental, non-political association. It's an association of private Islamic secondary schools, which has about 2000 schools across Nigeria. During the interactive session, the association put a request for training of their Arabic teachers of secondary schools on the modern techniques of teaching Arabic language, media charts, classroom management, and managing traumatized students.

Ngala did not stop the village from running its programme. Since relocation to Maiduguri the village had been operating an outreach programme from various centres across Nigeria. He said, "not even for a day that we stopped from performing our statutory responsibilities as Inter-University centre for Arabic Studies in Nigeria". He further said, with the recent improvement in the security situation, the Village had started working towards relocation to the permanent site.

He also talked about the level of destruction caused on the facilities at the permanent site, which he said, there is the need for the Federal government and some agencies like the North East Development Commission (NEDC) to consider the rebuilding of the permanent site of the village in their budgets. Because at the moment over 34,000 IDPs are occupying the remaining structures at the centre.

The insurgents have destroyed many critical infrastructures such as; libraries, ICT centres, language laboratory, staff quarters, student hostels, plant generators, clinics.



NALV Director/CEO; Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad Responding to questions in the Radio programme

The Director/CEO acknowledged the effort shown by the Executive Governor of Borno state Professor Babagana Umara Zulum mni, whom he said had shown a passionate interest in education and the situation of the village in

particular.

Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad has expressed his appreciation to the governor on his recent visit to the Village and assurances given by the Governor to help the Village through what the Governor pronounced, immediate, medium and long term measures.

The Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala was represented in the meeting by Dr. Idris Ahmad Yunus and Dr. Kasim Alkali the NALV liaison officer to FME and head of Tsanjaya and out-of-school children.

In this regard, the NALV proposal was presented before the association members and proprietors from different schools. After extensive discussion, the proposal was accepted. However, the association solicited NALV to expand their programme to capture Business class programme. and also called for the extension period of the proposed training of for one or two months as against the official period of three to four days' workshop.

The association had unanimously agreed to send their responses about the duration and the date for the training workshop.

## Updates on Acculturation Programmes of NALV Across Various Centers in Nigeria

By Dr. Idris Ahmad Yunus

The acculturation programme of the village is designed for the NCE- Arabic students of the college of education in Nigeria. It's by law a compulsory programme which must be offered by all students offering Arabic as a course in Colleges of education in Nigeria. This report is showing the 2021 Acculturation programme conducted across the country during the period under review:

1. A.D Rufai College of Education Legal and General studies Bauchi state:

The acculturation programme commenced on 31 May 2021 and ended on 13 July 2021.

2. JIBWIS College of Education and Islamic Studies Potiskum, Yobe state:

The programme commenced on 31 May and ended on 13 July 2021.

3. Annur College of Education and Islamic studies Bauchi:

The college jointly participated in the programme with A.D Rufai College of education legal and Islamic studies from 31 May 2021 - 13 July 2021.

4. Mai Idris Aloomaa Polytechnic Geidam, Yobe State:

The programme commenced there on Monday, 25th July 2021 and ended on 26th August 2021. A total of 129 students participated in the programme.

5. Mohammed Goni College of Legal and Islamic Studies, (MOGOLIS) Borno state:

The programme commenced on 1 February 2021 and ended on 4th March 2021. Several students who participated in the programme are 314.

6. Sir, Kashim Ibrahim College of education, Maiduguri Borno state:

The student from KICOE participated in the MOGOLIS centre with about 15 students. The programme commenced on 1st February and ended on 4 March 2021.

7. Jigawa State College of Education, Gumel:

The programme commenced there on 25 July 2021. The total number of students who participated in the programme is 113.

8. Aminu Kano College of Islamic and legal studies:

The programme was conducted there from 5th October to 21st November 2021. About 129 students participated in the programme.

9. F.C.E (Special) Oyo State:

The programme was conducted there between 17th November- 21 December 2021. Six colleges of education have participated in that centre, these colleges are;

i. Federal College of Education Oyo Special

ii. Federal College of Education Abeokuta Ogun state.

iii. Emanuel Alayende College of Education Oyo.

iv. Muftabu Lanihun College of Education Ibadan, Oyo State.

v. Tai Solari College of Education Ogun State.

vi. Lanlate College of Education Oyo state.

10. Aminu Deen College of Education, Kano:

The programme commenced there from 29 December- 11 February 2022.

11. College of Education and Preliminary Studies, Kano (KASCEP):

Acculturation programme was conducted therein conjunction with Aminudeen College of Education.

12. Mohammed Goni College of Legal and Islamic Studies:

The programme was conducted in the College from November 2021 to December 2021, about 307 students participated in the programme.

13. Umar Suleiman College of Education, Gashuwa:

The programme commenced there on 3rd January 2022 and ended on 3rd February 2022.

## Borno State Ministry of Education Reform

The Executive Governor of Borno State, Prof. Babagana Umar Zulum mni FNSE has directed the Ministry of Education to commence the training of 16,000 Local Education Authority (LEA) Teachers across the state on modern teaching techniques.

The first phase of the exercise commenced on Wednesday the 5th January 2022 with 4144 Teachers from the 10 LGAs of Northern Borno. Declaring the training open, the Honourable Commissioner of Education Engr. Lawan Abba Wakilbe told the participants that a competency assessment study will take place alongside the training. Furthermore, the Commissioner told them to expect a Special Salary

Scale for LEA qualified Teachers.

The Commissioner alongside the SUBEB Chairman Professor Bulama Kagu, Permanent Secretaries of MoE and SUBEB Alhaji Mohammed Abatcha and Tahir Shettima respectively, were among the officials who attended the opening ceremony.

Special Adviser to His Excellency on Education and SUBEB, Three Permanent Commissioners of SUBEB, Directors of Both Agencies alongside numerous Stakeholders all took part in the Ongoing training and assessment conducted. The program took place in three venues which included Benisheik, Magumeri and Maiduguri Metropolitan Council.

## His Royal Highness the Shehu of Bama Receives NALV Bulletin

By Dr. Kasim Alkali

Copies of a monthly Publication of Nigerian Arabic Language Village, Ngala, NALV Bulletin were formally presented to His Royal Highness, the Shehu of Bama Alhaji Umar Kyari Umar Elkanemi. The presentation was made by Dr. Kasim Alkali, the Wali of Bama Emirate Council who is also the NALV Liaison Officer to FME and Head of Tsangaya and out of school children.

Dr. Kasim Alkali used the opportunity during the presentation to explain some programmes of the village to the Royal father. He particularly talked about the NALV programme of "Teaching out of school children" and Tsangaya, where he said, the programme would go a long way in helping towards the deradicalization process in the post insurgency era in Borno State.

In his response, His Royal Highness, the Shehu of Bama appreciated the effort being made by the Arabic village in making the publication of the Bulletin. He

particularly expressed his appreciation to the new Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad for making the village so pronounced in recent times. In the same vein His Royal Highness The Shehu has shown his concern on the growing number of out of school children in his Emirate and called for immediate intervention by Arabic village through its programme of Teaching out of school children and Tsangaya, which he said would go along way in curbing the menace of out of school children. In his Emirate



HRH the Shehu of Bama; Alhaji Umar Kyari El-Kanemi Receiving NALV Bulletin from Dr. Kasim Alkali

## Felicitation to Borno State Governor

The Director/CEO, Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala. Professor Ibrahim Muhammad on behalf of the entire management, staff and students of the institution heartily congratulates and rejoices with His Excellency, Professor Babagana Umara Zulum mni, FNSE the Executive Governor of Borno State for hosting the Vice President Yemi Osinbanjo on a one day official visit to commission projects executed by your government.

Your Excellency sir, the commissioning of these projects beside those commissioned by President Muhammadu Buhari has proven to the whole world that you have come to revive the state through transparency, dedication, accountability and quest to give the best to our people.

We in Nigeria Arabic language Village, Ngala assured you of our maximum support, respect, obedience and loyalty in your quest to restore the peace and hospitality Borno state was known for.

From the time you assumed office to date, your administration has delivered many unprecedented accomplishments that can only be traced to the ingenuity of your personality and the purposefulness of results driven governance.

The Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala Once again wishes your Administration the best of leadership and prays that the Almighty Allah grant you and your team more wisdom, strength and guidance to deliver on your promise to do more.

Therefore, we pledge our unflinching loyalty and support to your Government as we are committed to driving the IGR of the state optimally to further your laudable objective to do more in terms of infrastructure and development of the state.

Long live  
Governor  
Babagana Umara  
Zulum  
Long live Borno  
State.  
Long live Federal  
Republic of  
Nigeria.



H.E Prof. Babagana Umara Zulum

Long live Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala.

**Signed:**

**Professor Ibrahim Muhammad**

Director and Chief Executive Officer Nigeria Arabic language Village, Ngala.

# NALV Graduates Diploma Students

By Dr. Yunus Bukar Abdullahi

**O**n 9th March 2022, Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala held its graduation ceremony for its Diploma students and a prayer session was also held to commemorate the graduation ceremony.

The ceremony was first of its kind in the history of the Village, where graduating students gathered themselves to offer prayers to the school and for themselves.

The occasion was attended by NALV Deputy Director Dr. Zakir Alhaji Sheriff, the Ag. Registrar Ali Abdullahi Ali, the Ag. Bursar Mal. Usman Jibrin Kaira, all academic Heads of department, Management, staff and students attended the occasion. Among the Academic heads that attended the programme were; Dr. Musa Kalim Al-Qali, Dr. Mohammed Abba Umar, Dr. Idris Ahmad Yunus, Dr. Abubakar Muhammad Abubakar, Dr. Ababa Abagoni, others were Ag. HOD of Diploma Programme Dr. Yunus Bukar Abdullahi, Dr. Ahmad Alamin Albashir, NALV liaison officer to FME who is also the Head of Sangaya and out of school children Unit, Dr. Kasim Alkali.

It was a brief, but a memorable occasion where all Deputy Registrars of the Village were present, they included; Deputy Registrar Human Resource Mal. Meremi Bukar, Barr. Ahmed Muhammad Abdulkadir Establishment, Students Affairs Daud A. Musa, and Abdulhamid M. Abdullahi of special duties.

In his speech at the occasion, the Deputy Director Dr. Zakir Alhaji Sheriff called on the graduating students to be good ambassadors of the Village wherever they might have found themselves. He extensively spoke on importance of Arabic Language in contemporary Nigerian society and called on the graduating students to further their education to study Arabic in Universities. He also called on all those who



are interested in studying Arabic to do so, as the village is running a number of Arabic programmes such as Proficiency, Arabic Special programme and many more. On behalf of the Director/CEO Dr. Zakir A. Sheriff congratulated the graduates for a successful graduation which he said, "this graduation ceremony marks the beginning of a journey into the world of academics and reality.

## NALV Director/CEO Commensurates with Council Member Mohammed Haroun Eze (Esq)

**T**he Director/CEO Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala Professor Ibrahim Muhammad received with shock the death of Mrs Eze, mother to Mohammed Haroun Eze (Esq), member of Governing Council of Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala.

Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad had on behalf of himself, Management, staff and students of NALV condoled the member and the entire bereft family over the demise of Mama Eze. He prayed Allah SWT to repose the soul of the deceased and forgive her shortcomings.

## NALV Director/CEO Condoles SSANU Treasurer Over Father's Death

By Umar Sanda Mohammed

**W**ith heavy heart, but with total submission to the will of Allah SWT, the NALV Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad had on behalf of himself, Management, staff and students of Nigeria Arabic language village, Ngala commensurated with Comr. Salamatu Musa Treasurer Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) NALV Branch over the demise of her father Malam Musa.

In the same vein the Director/CEO also extended his condolences to the executive members of the union and congress men and women over the lost.

Professor Ibrahim Muhammad prayed for Allah SWT for the repose of the soul of the deceased and the bereft family to have fortitude to bear this irreparable loss. Ameen.

The deceased passed on in Bama town and had since been buried according to Islamic rites.

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