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## Poor Service Delivery: Bogoro Cautions TETFund Beneficiary Institutions



Dolapo Osinbajo (Left) with her husband Vice President Osinbajo (Middle) Chatting with The First Lady, Aisha Buhari during the launching of her book 'AISHA BUHARI: Being Different' recently in Abuja

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund, (TETFund) has charged the 226 public tertiary institutions statutorily benefiting from its interventions to inculcate efficient service delivery that would ensure that Nigerian higher institutions compete favourably with the best in the world.

The fund warned that its desire to achieve results in line with its mandate could be jeopardised if tertiary institutions would render dysfunctional services.

The Executive Secretary of TETFund, Professor Suleiman Bogoro, who stated this recently in Abuja at a workshop organised by the fund for nodal officers and directors of quality assurance of the 226 beneficiary institutions with the theme: "Building Skills for Effective Service Delivery," noted that the workshop was organised by the fund to engender synergy between the agency and its beneficiaries.

Bogoro said: "We want to achieve result as TETFund in line with our mandate. However, this could be jeopardised if there are dysfunctional in our beneficiary institutions."

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## NUC Issues Provisional Licenses To 20 More Private Varsities

By Waliyat Kamaldeen

The National Universities Commission (NUC) will issue Provisional licenses to 20 new Private Universities tomorrow. This will bring to 99, total number of Private Universities in Nigeria.

The licenses which will be issued by the Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu will be reviewed after three years prior to issuance of full licences.

List of the newly approved Universities and their locations include - (1) Mudiame

University, Irrua, Edo State, (2) Claretian University, Nekede, Imo State, (3) Ave-Maria University, Piyanko, Nasarawa State, (4) Topfaith University, Mkpatak, Akwai Ibom State.

Others include - (5) Maranatha University, Mgbidi, Imo State, (6) Al-Istiqama University, Sumaila, Kano State (7) Havilla University, Nde-Ikom, Cross River State, (8) Karl Kumm University, Vom, Plateau State, (9) Nok University, Kachia, Kaduna State, (10) Thomas Adewumi University, Oko Irese, Kwara State.

The remaining are - (11) Ahman Pategi University, Patigi, Kwara State, (12) ANAN University, Kwall, Plateau State, (13) Capital City University, Kano, Kano State, (14) Edusoko University, Bida, Niger State, (15) James Hope University, Agbor, Delta State.

The rest are - (16) Khadija University, Majia, Jigawa State, (17) Maryam Abacha American University of Nigeria, Kano, Kano State, (18) Mewar International University Nigeria, Masala, Nasarawa State, (19) Philomath University, Kuje, Abuja, and (20) University of Offa, Offa, Kwara State.



ES NUC, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed

## JAMB Shifts Registration Date Over NIN integration Challenge, Others



JAMB Registrar, Prof Oloyede

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board, JAMB, said it had postponed the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination, UTME and the Direct Entry, DE registration exercise earlier scheduled to commence on Thursday 8th April, 2020.

JAMB explained in a statement by its Head of Media and Protocol, Dr Fabian Benjamin, that the development was "caused by some

unforeseen circumstances occasioned by our determined effort to have a NIN integration."

"The Board's registration exercise was speculated to begin on 8th April 2021. To be sure all processes are completed before the commencement, the Board didn't place its advertorial as it was yet to complete the process of a smooth pin vending and candidate access to the registration app for

the 2021 UTME/DE," it explained in the statement.

The statement further explained that:"

The advertisement is the surest indication of the beginning of the exercise as it has all the step by step process that candidates are required to follow."

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# KNOW YOUR COLUMNISTS

*This page brings to you the faces and short introduction about our columnists, who are World Class and distinguished Scholars, Intellectuals, Lawyers, Human Rights Activists, Veteran and ethical Journalists; who are known and respected all over the world for calling a spade, and for being the voice of the voiceless. These men of substance have vast knowledge on world issues, including Africa and Nigeria, and will be educating us from time to time on variety of issues. Remember, the world has become a global village.*



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**Femi Falana, SAN**, popularly known as a human right activist, has championed legal causes in support of human rights all through his legal career. He is renowned for providing free legal services to the poor and disadvantaged and had suffered long spells in detention under Nigeria's past military dictators. Femi also contested and lost the governorship election of Ekiti State in 2007 on the platform of National Conscience Party, a party he served as National Chairman in 2011. For his legal prowers, he was conferred with the rank, Senior Advocate of Nigeria in 2012.



**Dr. Tim Anderson**, is Director of the Sydney-based Centre for Counter Hegemonic Studies. He has worked at Australian universities for more than 30 years, teaching, researching and publishing on development, human rights and self-determination in the Asia-Pacific, Latin America and the Middle East. In 2014 he was awarded Cuba's medal of friendship. He is Australia and Pacific representative for the Latin America based Network in Defence of Humanity. His most recent books are: Land and Livelihoods in Papua New Guinea (2015), The Dirty War on Syria (2016), now published in ten languages; Countering War Propaganda of the Dirty War on Syria (2017) and Axis of Resistance: towards an independent Middle East (2019).



**Dr. Kevin Barrett**, a PhD Arabist-Islamologist, is one of America's best-known critics of the War on Terror. He is an Editor, Veterans Today and a host of Truth Jihad Radio; a hard driving weekly radio show. Barrett has appeared in many times on Fox, CNN, PBS and other broadcast outlets, and has inspired feature stories and op-eds in the New York Times, Chicago Tribune, and other leading publications. Dr. Barrett has taught at Colleges and Universities in San Francisco, Paris, and Wisconsin; where he ran for Congress in 2008.



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**Prof. Anselm Chidi Odinkalu** is a former Chairman Governing Council of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC). He is also the author of many reports, articles, and books on Human Rights issues including Justice Denied: the Area Courts System in the Northern States of Nigeria and "Why More Africans Don't Use Human Rights Language". Mr. Odinkalu's work has also focused on penal reform, refugees, and women's rights under customary law and he emphasizes the dangers of adopting an elitist approach to human rights advocacy.



**Dr. (Rev.) Randy Short**, is a New York Times bestselling author, Randy has written over fifty books, including Happiness, Heaven, the Treasure Principle, and the Gold Medallion Winner Safety Home. His books have been translated into over seventy languages and have sold over ten million copies. Randy has written for many magazines including EPM's issues-oriented Eternal Perspectives as well as for The gospel Coalition and Desiring God Ministries. He has been a guest on more than 700 radio, television and online programs including Focus on the Family, Family Life Today and Revive Our Hearts.



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**Kenneth Nichols O'Keefe**, is an American-Irish-Palestinian citizen and activist and former United States Marine and Gulf War Veteran. In 2001 he set fire to his United States passport. Subsequently, he led the human shield action to Iraq (intended to make it politically impossible for US coalition to bomb Iraq) by placing western civilians as shields at non-military locations, and was a passenger on the MV Mavi Marmara during the Gaza flotilla raid. He participated during clashes on the ship including the attacking of two Israeli commandos.



**Dr. Aliyu Tilde**, is the Commissioner of Education of Bauchi State, Nigeria, a blogger and syndicated columnist. His writings discuss a wide range of issues on Nigeria including politics, governance, religion and society in a way that challenge the crowd of convention and opens new perspectives.



**Prof. Webster Griffin Tarpley**, is an American author, historian, journalist, lecturer and critic of U.S. foreign and domestic policy. Some of his publications revolve around conspiracy theories. He founded the Tax Wall Street Party. Tarpley is a member of the "world anti-imperialist conference" Axis for Peace of Scholars for 9/11 Truth and of a research Netzwerk of German 9/11 authors founded in September 2006. Tarpley has also expounded the "Versailles Thesis" laying the blame for the great wars of the 20th century on intrigues by Britain to retain her dominance.



**Prof. Avram Noam Chomsky**, is an American Linguist, philosopher, cognitive scientist, historian, social critic, and political activist. Sometimes described as "the father of modern linguistics," Chomsky is also a major figure in analytic philosophy and one of the founders of the field of cognitive science. He is the author of over 100 books on topics such as linguistics, war, politics and mass media. Ideologically, he aligns with anarcho-syndicalism and libertarian socialism. He holds an appointment as Institute Professor Emeritus at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)



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**Tony Gosling**, is a land rights activist, historian and investigative radio journalists. Over the last 20 years he has been exposing the secret power of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) and elite Bilderberg Conferences where the dark forces of corporations, media moguls, banks and royalty conspire to accumulate wealth and power through extortion and war. Tony has spent much of his life too advocating solutions which heal the wealth divide, such as free housing for all and a press which reflects the concerns of ordinary people.



**Scott Rickard**, is a trained translator and former intelligence officer for the USAF, the NSA, and the Directorate of National Intelligence (DNI). The director of the DNI is currently James Clapper and is in charge of 17 US spy agencies. Rickard has translated Korean and Arabic and is currently working at high level systems engineering. He recently said that the current director of DIA was the man in charge of the US opium program in Afghanistan.



**Prof. Michel Chossudovsky**, is a Canadian Economist, author and conspiracy theorists. He is professor emeritus of economics at the University of Ottawa and the president and director of Center for Research on Globalization, which publishes conspiracy theories. Chossudovsky has written that the September 11 attacks were not committed by Islamic terrorists, and that the attacks were a pretext for war in the middle east. In 2017, the Center for Research on Globalization was accused by NATO information warfare specialists of playing a key role in the spread of pro-Russian propaganda.



**Gilad Atzmon**, is a British Jazz artist and author, Gilad was born in Israel in 1963 and trained at the Rubin Academy of Music, Jerusalem (Composition and Jazz). A multi-instrumentalist he plays saxophones, clarinet and ethnic woodwind instruments. His album Exile was the BBC Jazz album of the year in 2008. He was described by John Lewis at the Guardian as the "hardest-gigging man in British jazz." Atzmon tours extensively around the world. His albums, of which he has recorded fifteenth albums to date, often explore political themes and the music of the Middle East.

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ES TETFund, Prof. Suleiman E. Bogoro

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“The hallmark of the fund is built on the bedrock of effectiveness and efficiency. This is because of the anticipated impact we seek to achieve in all our beneficiary institutions.”

Bogoro, who was represented by the Director of the Office of the Executive Secretary, Mr. Uchendu Wogu, said the theme of the workshop was crafted on the premise of building skills in the benefiting institutions.

The TETFund boss said the training would equip participants with skill-oriented ideas in the face of global competitiveness, adding that key objectives of building skills for effective service delivery would be extensively delivered by experienced resource persons.

He said that the areas of interest in the training would include “quality assurance methods and enforcement in infrastructure and content abased interventions in the beneficiary institutions,” as well as “strategic planning, corporate objectives and call analysis; effective communication and efficient service delivery in the era of ICT,” among others.

Speaking on the expected outcome of the workshop, the National Coordinator of SERVICOM, Ms. Nnena Akajemeli, expressed confidence that the training would enhance better management of processes and systems, and would be monitored to measure compliance. Akajemeli said that satisfaction and quality service delivery would also be assured when processes and systems are monitored

to measure compliance.

She further stated that quality and honest feedbacks are expected from the beneficiary institutions at the end of the training; as well as better engagement between the institutions and the service providers in TETFund.

“We expect effective partnership thereafter; and the new intervention guidelines are also here and so they are going to take them through the processes of these guidelines and what it entails.

“It is preparing them to come forward with their expected obligations; so at the end we expect enhanced engagement between the beneficiary institutions and their service provider, TETFund,” she said.

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## Re: No Inaugural Lectures, No Consideration For Promotion In Federal University, Lokoja

- A Concocted, Illogical and Pedestrian Story from the Pit of Hell



VC, FUL, Prof Akinwumi

The attention of the Federal University, Lokoja, has been drawn to a malicious, illogical and pedestrian news report credited to one Emmanuel Adeyemi and published in the sunnewsonline to the effect that the Vice Chancellor, Professor Olayemi Akinwumi, has made the

presentation of Inaugural Lectures a criterion for the attainment of the rank of Professor. We would have ignored the report because of its sheer laughable, illogical and implausible contents, but we consider it imperative to put the event of the 3rd Inaugural Lecture in proper perspective so as to correct

the erroneous impression caused by the misleading contents in the minds of the public who expect universities to be the territories for elevated thoughts.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Vice Chancellor’s remarks at the 3rd Inaugural Lecture was a clear reference in the demonstration of such elevated thoughts as he emphasised:

1. The intellectual value of the inaugural lecture as a time honoured academic tradition.
2. That the Inaugural Lecture would be institutionalised in the University as a regular and calendarised event.
3. That every Professor should take up the challenge of presenting their inaugural lectures, WHICH WOULD SUBSEQUENTLY BE A CRITERION FOR APPOINTMENTS INTO OFFICES IN THE UNIVERSITY.

For the sake of reference, the video (with the accompanying audio) of the Vice

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## OAU, Gregory Emerge Outstanding Varsities

The Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Osun State, has emerged the outstanding Public University of the year, while Gregory University, Abia State, is the outstanding Private University.

The year’s outstanding state-owned university was won by the Ladoke Akintola University, Ogbomosho, Oyo State. These were made known at the first-ever Education Awards and Lecture, held virtually recently. According to a statement on Monday by the Chairman, Screening Committee for the SNEAWARDS, Rev. Honey Olawale, the programme was organised by the southwest, northwest and southeast Awards, a Nigerian regional socio-economic assessment body, in collaboration with a South African-based, Africa Skills Centre.

Also, no fewer than 27 dons won the award of outstanding lecturer of the year, while many other distinguished Nigerians emerged as Ambassadors of Education.

At the virtual education award programme, no fewer than 20 professors cutting across various fields, 10 holders of the Philosophy Degree (Ph.D) and several captains of industry, participated.

Other winners at the award programme include, Prof Gregory Ibeh who received the National Education Icon of the year.

The statement added that the Birthright Academy, Port Harcourt, Hallmark Secondary School, Info-Chrysal Land School, Markurdi, jointly won the outstanding schools of the year.

It added that Prof Ladokun Olusola of the Lead City University Ibadan, Prof Ajayi Adetutu of the Augustine University, Prof Babatunde Ajayi of the Federal University of Technology, Akure and about 20 other lecturers were honoured at the outstanding lecturers category.

Members of staff of Brainford Educational Consult, Delizon and ElveeGroup Dr Livinus Nosike, Glory Ajie, Rois Ola and 25 others were also honoured under the category of Education Advancement Ambassadors.

A leading guest speaker at the occasion, the Deputy Senate Leader, Prof. Ajayi Boroffice, urged Nigerians to dignify hard work, as it was the only way to enhance humanity.

He said, “While the development of the education sector takes the front-burner in government concerns, the fact remains that it is through a collective effort that we can advance knowledge and grow our national economy.”

Boroffice particularly canvassed the private sector involvement in educational development in Nigeria.

Culled from [www.punchng.com](http://www.punchng.com)



VC, OAU, Prof Eyitope Ogunbodede



## Report on the NIALS Virtual Roundtable on Nigeria's Single Digital Identity Roadmap: Issues, Challenges and Prospects (II)

from last edition

Since the registration commenced in 2012, the Commission has been able to register 40.8 Million Nigerians. The NIMC Act 2007 establishes that the Commission shall create, manage, maintain and operate the National Identity Database (NID) including the harmonisation and integration of existing identification databases in government agencies and integrating them into the NID. The Commission is well placed to facilitate integration and unified identity framework.

### Digital Identity as a key element of a digital economic framework.

While noting that Nigeria is at intermediate level of development with a fragmented identity landscape, the next speaker, Mr Oluwafemi Osho posited that digital identity aids the strengthening of public confidence in the use of digital technologies and participation in the digital economy. He noted that through the fragmented data gathering practice by several organisations and the data with NIMC, only 28percent of the hundred million six hundred thousand (106 million) estimated population of Nigerians has been captured. The presenter explored how an identity program can enable digital economy

### Role of Public Private Partnership in Nigeria's National Identity Management Strategy.

Mr Segun Odegbami in discussing the Role of Public Private Partnership in Nigeria's National Identity Management Strategy, made a strong case for the infrastructural strategic steps taken by the NIMC since inception towards achieving its mandate as provided under the NIMC Act 2017. The NIMC is partnering with the private sector by requiring agencies to demand NIN at the point accessing services thereby making NIN a means of ID in the country. According to him, building a digital identity ecosystem is very capital intensive especially for an organisation like NIMC without the funding it needs to build and sustain the ecosystem. PPP becomes an important means of reducing the cost of ecosystem generation and also generate funds while doing same by bringing investors that can help to build, justified by a revenue ecosystem, which is part of PPP value chain.

### ICT and the single Identity Roadmap: The prospects of enforcing a Harmonisation Narrative.

Regarding harmonisation, Mr Edet the Head of Legal and Board



DG NIALS, Prof. M T Ladan received the DG National Institute for Legislative & Democratic studies, NASS ABUJA, on Tuesday 30th March 2021 on a courtesy visit to cement their Partnership on capacity building in Legislative Drafting matters, Law review and Advanced Policy Research in Legislative and Policy Matters for National development

Matters unit stressed the importance of the digital identity management and Information Communication Technology (ICT) nexus. He went on to highlight the distinction in the form of data- fundamental, functional and transactional data- collected in various identity management systems. The distinction in the categories of data makes it imperative in his view, for all agencies to continue to gather identity data while its managed by NIMC.

Mr Edet further identified the existence of challenges to data harmonisation due to the restricted mandate of the respective agencies in their enabling laws. In addition, the presenter identified that the need exists for a law to deal with data gathering and not just data security,

### Question and Answer Sessions

Participants made several comments as well as posed a few questions to the speakers and discussants

In replying to the question as to why Nigeria continued with outsourcing digital card management to foreign companies thereby exposing data to compromise, Hadiza Dagabana explained that companies like Verve, Visa and Mastercard all serve as payment partners and do not retain customer data in completing transactions pushed through their systems or platforms.

Mrs Hadiza Dagabana, in response to the question why NIMC charges for card renewal and why the issued cards have expiry dates, explained that the cards by their nature must

have expiry dates because of security features and need to catch-up with innovations especially on data protection. On charging for renewals, she stated that the federal government planned to pay for initial fifty (50) million cards but however was only able to pay for about two million five hundred thousand cards. The issues of renewals must be borne by individuals seeking renewals and more importantly renewals are not necessary as NIN is permanent for the life cycle of any individual and as such the plastic card is not a requirement for proof of identity.

On a general response note Mrs Dagabana said that NIMC issues regulations and standards on data capture and connectivity of data capturing equipment to send captured data to NIMC. However, agencies must also collect functional data for their specific purposes. She further stated the process of data capturing especially for the seemingly excluded such as IDPs, the federal government has released funds for NIMC to further collaborate with vendors in capturing data of individuals in IDP camps. Currently NIMC has captured only 20percent of the Nigerian population which is about forty million (40,000 000) individuals.

### Closing formalities

The Director General requested for general remarks from participants especially the council members and professors physically present. Thereafter, the DG thanked the lead speakers, discussants, Council

members present and the general participants for actively engaging with the topic.

The roundtable successfully came to a close at about 2pm.

### Recommendations and Next Steps

Flowing from the deliberations at the Roundtable;

- i. for members of the general public:
  - a. there remains a need to continually interrogate issues relating to data privacy and data security especially as the process of harmonisation of the identity management ecosystem is still on-going;
  - b. there is need to advocate for the passage into law, the Data Protection Bill as current policies on the protection of personal information do not have the necessary force of law;
  - c. citizens need to be sensitised as to the expected outcome of the implementation of the current identity management road map;
- ii. for NIALS

- a. the Institute can leverage on the gaps existing in the understanding of the nexus between digital identity management and digital economy, data privacy and data security, to launch a book project that addresses these issues;

- b. engage in collaboration with NIMC and NITDA under the Ministry of Communication and Digital Economy to conduct funded research on data privacy breach mitigation strategies in the identity management ecosystem.

## STAR STUDENT

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# 2nd Best Journalism and Communication student Determined to Become a Professor

25-year-old CHRISTINE KABAZIRA is one of the two students who attained a First Class Degree in Journalism and Communication. She scored a CGPA of 4.40 emerging second best in her class. Ms. Kabazira is one of the students who will be awarded degrees and diplomas of Makerere University at the 71st graduation ceremony scheduled to take place from 17th-21st May 2021. She appreciates the contribution of her lecturers but mainly attributes her success to her parents, who she says did not study to the highest levels of education, but valued education and sacrificed so much to see her and her siblings go through school. Ms. Kabazira looks up to Prof. Linda Goretti Nassanga and Prof. Monica Chibita, the only two female journalism and communication professors in the country, and hopes to do whatever it takes to become a professor in the same field. The CHUSS Communication Office had a chat with Ms Kabazira. Below are excerpts from the interview.

### Education background

Ms. Kabazira joined Makerere University in 2016, from Kyebambe Girls' School in Fort Portal. At A' Level, she studied History, Economics, Literature- HEL/Submaths. Her best subject was Literature though she also loved Economics. From her childhood days, Ms. Kabazira admired the journalism profession. This inspired her to study hard and pursue the journalism and communication programme at University.

### Question & Answer

#### How do you feel about the milestone – First Class degree?

I am excited, I feel proud of myself. I believe I am strong because it takes strength to have sleepless nights reading and researching. It takes strength to achieve goals and objectives and for that, I feel strong. I feel that my efforts have paid off because I worked for it



Ms. Christine Kabazira

and I prayed for it.

#### What inspired you to pursue this particular programme – Journalism and Communication?

I had always loved to do journalism ever since I was a child. I enjoyed watching Jackie Lumbasi (former news anchor at WBS) as she read news back then and I wanted to be like her. That was when I was a child. But along the way, my reasons for wanting to do journalism kept changing. I wanted to do more than read news on TV. I wanted to be an investigative journalist; uncover the wrongs in society for the good of the people.

#### Did you have any other programme in

#### mind before joining Journalism and Communication?

I wanted to do Law but I knew it would not be possible for me to do it on private scholarship because I thought it would be too expensive for my parents to manage.

#### Tell us about your experiences during the four years of the programme (Journalism and Communication) – the good things and challenges experienced in the course of your studies

During the four years of my course, I learnt quite a lot, not just about class, but about life in general, about making the right decisions, doing what is right and important, learning

to be on my own and being responsible for my future. Campus taught me that no one will push you to do something for yourself. You alone have to push yourself. No one will push you to the library, no one will push you to class, no one will wake you up for preps except yourself. So, I learnt that success in life is knowing where you are coming from and where you want to be and knowing how, or what will get you there. I learnt that University exposes us to so much freedom but how we come out of it depends highly on how we utilize our time.

I have been able to make friends; resourceful friends including both my lecturers and my coursemates. Building a network is very vital because you never know where it can take you.

#### Challenges

There have been a number of challenges for example; I had no laptop of my own, and given the type of course that I have been doing, a personal laptop was essential. The challenge was that I had to borrow a laptop every time I had an assignment and that did not go easy.

Some time, in Fourth Year, we had too many assignments, just after the COVID 19 lockdown. It was quite a rollercoaster having to work around the clock to have all projects completed within the set deadlines but I'm glad I stayed focused and completed all the assignments in time.

#### Any regrets for pursuing that particular programme?

I do not have any regrets. I am 100% glad I did Journalism

#### What is your motivation from the Journalism and Communication programme?

Having studied Journalism for Four Years, I feel the need to do active journalism to change the way African stories are told.

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## KASU, MAAUN, To Start Awarding Hybrid Msc Degrees



Prof. A. Gwarzo, Director MAAUN

The Kaduna State University, KASU, and the Maryam Abacha American University of Niger, MAAUN, would jointly award hybrid Master of Science, MSc, degrees in Energy Management and Environmental Sustainability.

Dr Yahaya Saleh, Director, Centre for Energy and Environmental Strategy Research in KASU, made this known in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), in Kaduna recently.



Prof. Tanko, VC KASU

Saleh explained that the international integrated degree awarding system was being practiced in many countries through sharing of expertise, teaching, postgraduate research supervision and publications.

He said that KASU was currently running a similar programme with the University of California, San Diego, on bending the curve" Climate Change degree programme. According to him, the University of California is providing the e-resources, while KASU provides personnel to run the programme.

"The Vice Chancellor of Kaduna State University, Prof. Muhammad Tanko, on behalf of management of the university, has expressed gratitude to the President of MAAUN, Prof. Adamu Gwarzo, for the gesture and partnership.

"We hope that this is the beginning of many partnerships and collaborations between the two institutions," he said.

The director added that MAAUN equally supported the university's COVID-19 response by decontaminating all its campuses.

He disclosed that the university also donated 10 automated hand washing machines to KASU to curb the spread of the virus on campus.

"COVID-19 has changed the ways and approaches of doing things; and collaboration among universities is one of many approaches to resolving societal challenges.

"This gesture has proved the positive impact COVID-19 has brought to tertiary education in Nigeria and the world," Saleh added.

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Chancellor's remark was streamed live via Zoom and the Facebook Page of the University and is still available on the Facebook page and the University website as transparently uploaded, unedited. Perhaps, it is the aspect of the Vice Chancellor's remarks in respect of appointments into offices (in caps above) that the reporter equated with promotion to the rank of Professor.

What the reporter and the medium should know is that, in universities, there are certain offices that only Professors can occupy, and that the Vice Chancellor only made the presentation of Inaugural Lecture a condition for appointments into those offices. His noble intention is to use the appointments to encourage Professors in the University to fulfill the cherished academic tradition.

The reporter and the media establishment in question also need to be educated that: 1. Attainment of Professorial rank, either by appointment or promotion, is subject to both internal and external assessment, and that presentation of Inaugural Lecture has never been a condition;

2. That it is only academics who have attained the FULL RANK of Professor that are qualified to deliver Inaugural Lectures;

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## Tension In Taraba As Unknown Persons Hack Three Farmers To Death In Their Farms

Barely a day after the gruesome murder of two policemen by unknown gunmen in Taraba State, the state has again been thrown into mourning following the killings of three farmers.

The farmers who were tilling their farmlands in preparation for the rainy season, were on Wednesday hacked to death in the farms by unknown persons.

The incident, as gathered by DAILY POST happened in Assa village of Wukari local government council of the state.

Confirming the incident, the Wukari council Chairman, Dr. Daniel Adi expressed sadness at the way and manner innocent persons were being sent to their graves by hoodlums.

Wondering why the spate of insecurity has been on the increase, he called on both the state and federal government to do the needful by deploying more security operatives to the area.

Though DAILY POST reported that it could not confirm if the attackers were Tiv as is speculated, Hon Adi expressed conviction

that the attackers were Tiv militiamen, whom he alleged have been terrorizing the area.

He said, "From the information we got from a survivor who took cover when the farms were invaded, the attackers came from Ijandeikyura through Ikaioir and are suspected to be Tiv militia."

Appealing to the people of the council to remain calm and not to take the law into their hands, Adi promised that the leadership of the council, will work with the security

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Gov. Darius Ishaku

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## UNICEF to Screen 3 Million Malnourished Children In Northeast



The United Nations Children's Fund, UNICEF, is set to screen at least three million children for acute malnutrition in the northeast.

Folashade Adebayo, UNICEF's Communication Officer in Nigeria, said in a statement issued in Maiduguri on

Monday that the screening would be done with a grant from the government of Japan. She said the grant would assist UNICEF to work with mothers and other caregivers to boost community-based food production.

It would also help in the detection, referral and monitoring of children with severe

acute malnutrition in Borno and Yobe states.

"Children with severe acute malnutrition are at a significantly higher risk of death as compared to well-nourished children.

"A recent survey found that malnutrition rates in children between six months and

59 months are as high as 10 per cent in Borno and up to 12.3 per cent in Yobe.

"This is well above the 5 per cent threshold globally recognised to be of public health significance.

"With COVID-19 pandemic and the attendant loss of livelihoods and food insecurity, thousands of more children could be at risk of malnutrition-related deaths or stunting in the region this year," she stated.

"The new grant will aid in the early detection and prompt treatment of children suffering from acute malnutrition.

"It will build a strong network of community nutrition responders who can ensure quick referrals of malnourished children to health facilities where trained health workers will be able to help them," she added.

Adebayo also stated that about 50,000 pregnant and lactating women and other caregivers would be trained to store and cook affordable food for themselves and for their children.

They would also be trained on how to monitor their children's nutritional status at home, she added.

She quoted the Charge d' Affaires of the Japanese embassy in Nigeria, Mr Shinozawa Takayuki, as expressing the hope that the funding would ensure life-saving nutrition for children's survival in the frontline states.

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## Dangote Fertiliser to train farmers in Southeast

Dangote Fertiliser is to train farmers in the Southeast on the use of the product, a representative of the company, Ekene Obiefuna, has said.

Obiefuna, who spoke at the Enugu International Trade Fair, said with the training on the best ways of applying fertiliser, farming would become very lucrative and attract more people to embrace it as a means of livelihood.

He explained that the fertiliser company, which has commenced operations, has the capacity to meet and exceed the domestic demand for fertiliser across the country.

According to Obiefuna, farmers, especially

in the Southeast, are to benefit from the company as there would be soil tests to determine the appropriate fertiliser type and quantity to be applied as to produce a bumper harvest.

In his welcome address, President of ECCIMA, Mr. Emeka Nwandu, said Alhaji Dangote, had through his company, Dangote Group, added a lot value to the economy, operating in almost every sector. Nwandu, represented by a council member Mr. Nonye Osakwe, said the company had showed "great level and high degree of vision, creative thinking, research, innovation, doggedness, handwork and

industry".

"Today, Dangote business and entrepreneurship indulgence has spread to many parts of African continent, employing thousands of people across the world of which not less than 85 per cent are Nigerians.

"As we look forward to Dangote Refinery coming on stream, we believe it will go a long way in addressing the challenges and problems associated with availability and cost of refined petroleum products in Nigeria.

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## 120,000-Year-Old Cattle Bone Carvings May Be World's Oldest Surviving Symbols



The bone in question probably came from an auroch, a large ancestor of cows and oxen that went extinct about 500 years ago. Hunters may have used flint tools—some of which were found alongside the fragment—to fashion the engravings, according to the Jerusalem Post. Researchers used three-dimensional imaging and microscopic analysis to examine the bone and verify that its curved engravings were man-made, reports the

Times of Israel. The analysis suggested that a right-handed artisan created the marks in a single session. "Based on our laboratory analysis and discovery of microscopic elements, we were able to surmise that people in prehistoric times used a sharp tool fashioned from flint rock to make the engravings," says study co-author Iris Groman-Yaroslavski in the statement. Scholars are unsure of the carvings' meaning. Though it's possible that

prehistoric hunters inadvertently made them while butchering an auroch, this explanation is unlikely, as the markings on the bone are roughly parallel—a methodical feature not often observed in butchery marks, per Haaretz's Ruth Schuster. The lines range in length from 1.5 to 1.7 inches long. "Making it took a lot of investment," Zaidner tells Haaretz. "Etching [a bone] is a lot of work." Archaeologists found the bone facing

upward, which could also imply that it held some special significance. Since the carver made the lines at the same time with the same tool, they probably didn't use the bone to count events or mark the passage of time. Instead, Zaidner says, the markings are probably a form of art or symbolism. "This engraving is very likely an example of symbolic activity and is the oldest known example of this form of messaging that was used in the Levant," write the authors in the study. "We hypothesize that the choice of this particular bone was related to the status of that animal in that hunting community and is indicative of the spiritual connection that the hunters had with the animals they killed." Scholars generally posit that stone or bone etchings have served as a form of symbolism since the Middle Paleolithic period (250,000–45,000 B.C.). But as the Times of Israel notes, physical evidence supporting this theory is rare. Still, the newly discovered lines aren't the only contenders for the world's earliest recorded symbols. In the 1890s, for instance Dutch scholar Eugene Dubois found a human-etched Indonesian clam shell buried between 430,000 and 540,000 years ago. Regardless of whether the carvings are the first of their kind, the study's authors argue that the fragment has "major implications for our knowledge concerning the emergence and early stages of the development of hominin symbolic behavior."

*To be continued*  
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## Unknown Persons Hack Three Farmers To Death In Their Farms

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operatives to track down the perpetrators. A family member of one of the deceased who spoke to DAILY POST urged the government to leave no stone unturned in fishing out the killers of the three farmers whom he described as law-abiding citizens of the country. Should the government fail to do the

needful, the family and the community would be left with no option other than to launch a reprisal attack. When reached for further confirmation, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), David Misal, said the command is still waiting for an official report of the incident from the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of the council.

Aside from the spate of kidnappings and armed bandits activities that have enveloped the state, especially the southern geopolitical zone, which comprises of Wukari, Takum, Ussa, Donga and Ibi councils, the ongoing cold war between the Tiv and Jukun, has continued to give indigenes course or concern.  
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Gov. Darius Ishaku

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"I have no doubt that in the years to come, Dangote Group will become not just a big industrial player in Nigeria and Africa, but also the entire globe, deepening the creation of wealth and employment generation", he added. The ECCIMA President then gave the assurance that the council would continue to partner with the industry to be endearing as well as grow from strength to strength. Representative of Dangote Industries Limited, Bankole George, in his remarks, promised to maintain the partnership with

ECCIMA to stimulate economic activities in the South East. Bankole described the Enugu Trade Fair as an avenue for the company to connect with their numerous customers in the South East. "It is a home coming as the region is known for innovation and industry. We at Dangote Group and people of the South East share the trait of continuously pushing beyond limits and discovering new levels of success, he added. Bankole who is also the Regional Sales Director, South East, Dangote Cement, said "Despite our dominance position,

we are innovative and always thinking of strategies that will drive business and create value for our customers. "This we achieve partly by increasing the number and quality of products in our portfolio as increased range of products provide more options, alternatives and businesses for our customers. "Our target is to ensure that Nigeria becomes self-sufficient in all the sectors where we play, cement, agriculture, mining and petroleum", Bankole said.  
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## 8 OPINION

# NUC: Assessing the Assessors



Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed

By Tayo Oke

The National Universities Commission is a body first set up in 1962 inside the Cabinet Office as an advisory agency which, over the years, metamorphosed into a corporate body enacted by statute in 1974, under its first Executive Secretary, Professor Jibril Aminu. It is now one of the most active and commonly recognised regulatory agencies firmly embedded in the Federal Ministry of Education. Its mission statement states: “To be a dynamic regulatory agency acting as a catalyst for positive change and innovation for the delivery of quality university education in Nigeria”. On any rational examination of the agency, it is anything but “dynamic”. On the contrary, it has remained static and highly bureaucratic, with a jaundiced view of higher education incompatible with the needs of today’s diversified and fast-moving knowledge acquisition from multiple sources. Its remit and *raison d’être* have not been reviewed for 60 years. Its service delivery has remained in-ward looking, dreary and notoriously predictable. A centralised education system is the anti-thesis of “dynamism”, “positive change”, and “innovation”. Its rigid hold on the education system in a multi-ethnic, multi-nation, federal state is backward-looking, especially when there is pressure on countries to “roll back” the frontiers of the state in all other aspects of public life. Let us dig deeper.

Part of the mandates of the NUC is to: grant approval for all academic programmes run in Nigerian universities; establish all higher educational institutions; maintain quality assurance of all academic programmes; channel external support to Nigerian universities, among others. To achieve this, its administrative structure consists of a Governing Council, and

a Secretariat with 12 Directorates: Academic planning, inspection and monitoring, management and support, students’ support, establishment of private universities, research, innovations and information technology, etc. It is clear the NUC is a behemoth, breathing down the necks of every university in Nigeria. This cannot possibly be right. That no audible objection is being raised about this all too pervasive and intrusive body by people at the receiving end of its sharp edge is puzzling, to say the least. My best guess is that this is a result of a cosy *entente cordiale* that exists between senior academics in the universities and the management of the NUC. All the more reason for the public concern reflected in this piece.

To be fair to the agency, originally, there was a perceived need to have a single authority to coordinate the academic programmes of existing and new institutions to ensure and uphold uniform standards. This is especially so in view of the fact that the universities were, almost invariably, taxpayer-funded. However, in 2021, delivery of university education is no longer the preserve of government alone. Churches, consortiums, voluntary organisations and individuals also provide university education for the public. Moreover, the ultimate arbiter of quality education in today’s world can no longer be government bureaucrats, it has to be the beneficiaries of qualified graduates from the universities; the employers of labour.

With their clipboard and Bic biro to hand, the NUC regularly turns up at the door of universities to carry out periodic, in some cases, sporadic inspection of their curricula, checking for conformity to laid-down rules. This has become a huge ceremony, and fanfare, overlaid by

enthusiasm and apprehension in varying circumstances. The very fact of a visit by a NUC accreditation team now represents a theatre in which everyone dances to a well-rehearsed tune. They come wielding the big stick of “accrediting” or “de-accrediting” a particular programme, department, faculty, or even an entire institution. They go round, bleary-eyed, ticking boxes like you see election observers do, except that they carry such awe and such menace on their faces akin to the Gestapos. They delight in probing into every minutiae of a university’s programme: how many students have enrolled on a particular course, and a particular unit; over what period of time; the topics being covered in a chronological order; how many textbooks in the tutor’s office; how many contact hours with students; classroom space; how much time is taken for tea-break, etc. Pretty mundane and inane. Let us face it, and as menacing as they make themselves look at times, there is practically nothing the NUC demands of a resourceful institution that would not miraculously appear in time for an accreditation, even a fresh human skull. Everyone plays to the gallery, of course. The NUC officials are good at many things; thinking outside the box is not one of them.

Accreditation (the crown jewel in their armoury), has degenerated into an expensive charade in its manifestation. But, never mind, everyone revels in the ritual anyhow. Nigerians can be so compliant, and are generally too happy to give robotic answers to predictable questions from officialdom. In turn, some Nigerian academics have taken leave of their senses too. Many no longer understand the meaning of “academic freedom” they profess and cherish so much. Globally, academic freedom is at the core of any university’s standing. It has been circumscribed in

Nigeria by over-zealous NUC staffers in the name of enforcing uniform standards. Oh, let us not teach this or that, because the NUC team may not approve. Or, this or that course unit has either been ruled out, or not yet sanctioned by the NUC, so, let us not dare expose our students to it, and other similarly mind-numbing banalities. Many have forestalled their own ability for creative thinking and foresight, as a result of their dogmatic, zombie-like approach to the NUC’s ‘criteria’, which echo loudly like voices in their heads. Is this a healthy development for the Nigerian academia? Surely not.

In my view, government bureaucrats should not be in the business of dictating course titles and their precise contents to any university. It is a regulatory overreach, and an insult to the more established institutions in Nigeria. Can anyone say that the likes of University of Lagos, University of Ibadan, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ahmadu Bello University, Bayero University, University of Port Harcourt, University of Nigeria, Nsukka etc, or, Afe Babalola University, Covenant University, Elizade University, Baze University, Backcock University etc, need some busybody to tell them what to teach and how to teach? There are many more similarly good universities, too numerous to mention. They should not be herded in the same direction. They should be allowed to play to their individual ambitions and strengths. Above all, they should be given maximum leeway to manage their curricula as they deem fit. Most academic courses these days are linked to professional bodies for additional certification anyway. That said, there would still be room for regulatory oversight, but not in the current one-size-fits-all manner. Once granted its corporate licence, a university should be allowed to run its institution free from the NUC diktats for a period of 10 to 20 years. The NUC would reserve the right to revoke the licence anytime, in case of an egregious breach of its mandate. This draconian power would be subject to final arbitration of the courts. The commission would also have the right to conduct an impromptu inspection of any university upon the receipt of a petition from interested parties. This can be described as ‘light touch’ or ‘arms-length’ regulation, fit for the 21st century.

Finally, in case you think this piece is unduly harsh on the NUC, this is what the agency cheerfully advertises on its website: “The Commission has recorded a number of successes since its inception. These successes can be attributed to the quality of its leadership, dedication and commitment of the staff, the quality of its Board members, cooperation received from universities and support from the Federal Government”. As of today, there is not a single mention of any of the “successes” referred to. I rest my case.

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## 2nd Best Journalism and Communication Student Determined to Become a Professor

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There are a lot of misconceptions around the African Continent that I feel should change and I believe that I can use journalism to shift the narrative.

**Trend of success – How have you been performing throughout your academic life?**

I have been performing well in my academic journey. In PLE, I scored 9 Aggregates- Division One

\*\*In UCE, I scored 22 Aggregates- Division One

At A' Level, I scored 15 points and topped my school. This got me the Government Sponsorship through the District Quota Program.

**Who do you attribute your success to?**

I mainly attribute my success to my parents because even if they did not study to the highest levels of education, they valued education and sacrificed so much to see me and my siblings go through school. They offered all kinds of support that they could to see that we had a good education and that for me is priceless.

**Any special message to those who helped you in the course of your studies?**

God bless each one of them. They are so many; my parents and siblings, lecturers,

friends that I used to discuss with and those outside class. I cannot mention each one of them.

**What are your future aspirations? Do you intend to advance to other academic levels, Masters and PhD or that is the end of your academic journey?**

I want to be the 3rd Professor of Journalism in Uganda following Professor Linda Goretti Nassanga and Professor Monica Chibita. Of course I may not be the third because by the time I get there, someone ahead of me will already have. Either way, I want and I will be a professor. I am currently applying for Masters Scholarships. I would love to enroll as soon as it is possible.

**Who is your role model?**

I have quite a number of people in the journalism industry and the academia that I look up to including Professor Linda Goretti Nassanga, and Madam Rosa Malango, the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Uganda

But most of the time, I have looked up to my dad, not to say he is the most successful person but because of his hard work, selflessness and sacrifices he makes to get the best out of my siblings and I.

**Any message of encouragement to**

**continuing students and those in lower classes?**

My message to them is that, it is possible to get whatever you purpose yourself to get out of university. I am proud of myself because I told myself I wanted a First Class Degree when I was still in Year one. Therefore, I worked for it. So, if you work for what you want, God will never disappoint you

If you are a believer, Trust in God but also know that prayers alone can't help. One has to work hard

Make use of the Library. Visit it and read some of the books. Lecturers may not give you all. The books in the Library and the Book Bank will

Engage in discussions. Discussion groups really help a lot because one might learn better from a friend than from a lecturer

Use your time productively. There's a lot of free time, especially on weekends and also in the evening. No evening preps, no Saturday classes like in High school. Know how to utilize that time properly.

Above all, work and read hard and pay attention to the lecturers. Set your goal and work towards achieving it.

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## JAMB Shifts Registration Date NIN, Other Challenges

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"However, this delay is caused by some unforeseen circumstances occasioned by our determined effort to have a NIN integration.

"This challenge is being resolved and once that is done, all processes shall commence. Candidates are therefore requested to exercise some patience.

"The process shall be up and running shortly for our advertisement to be rollout so that candidates can begin the creation of profile," it further said.

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As a University we are strongly convinced that the laughable and miserable report was a demonstration of the reporter's lack of knowledge of the University tradition in respect of the attainment of the Rank of Professor and delivery of Inaugural Lectures. Otherwise, the reporter would not have released such a patently and pitifully unfounded, baseless and questionable report which, to all intents and purposes, is meant to embarrass and misrepresent the noble intention of the Vice Chancellor.

We have to stress once more that the intention and actions of the Vice are, and will be, to institute the Inaugural Lecture series at FUL as one of the avenues to showcase the scholarly engagements and outputs of the University Professors. The general public is therefore invited to disregard this shallow and baseless report of this obviously lazy armchair reporter in its entirety.

## Re: No Inaugural Lectures, No Consideration For Promotion In FUL

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3. That consequent upon 2 above, it is illogical and unthinkable to consider the delivery of Inaugural Lectures a criterion for attainment of Professional rank - rather, it is the attainment of the FULL RANK of Professor that qualifies academics for the

delivery of the Lecture.

For further education of the reporter and the medium in question, we would like to state that the Vice Chancellor has practically spent his entire adult life teaching and conducting research at the University level, attained the FULL RANK of Professor in

2005 and delivered his Inaugural Lecture in 2009.

It is therefore illogical, baffling and insulting to suggest or insinuate that such a vastly experienced academic could ever come close to making such unthinkable pronouncement.



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## FCFM Kaduna Abduction: Army Names Five Rescued Students, Says They're Undergoing Medical Checkup

Troops of I Division, FCC, Nigerian Army has released the names of the five rescued students of the Federal College of Forestry Mechanisation, Afaka, Kaduna who were kidnapped by bandits on March 11.

The Director, Army Public Relations, Brig.-Gen. Mohammed Yerima, who disclosed this in a statement recently in Abuja, gave the names of the students as Abubakar Yakubu, Francis Paul, Obadiya Habakkuk, Amina Yusuf and Maryam Danladi.

He said the rescued students are currently receiving medical attention in a military facility in Kaduna.

According to him, the General Officer Commanding (GOC) I Division, Nigerian Army, Maj.-Gen Danjuma Alli-Keffi, has commended the troops for their effort.

"He charged them not to rest on their oars until all kidnapped victims are rescued and returned to their families," he said.

Neptune Prime had reported that five students, out of the 39 that were abducted from the

Federal College of Forestry Mechanisation, Afaka, Kaduna were rescued after 25 days in custody.

Samuel Aruwan, the Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, had confirmed this in a statement on Monday.

Aruwan stated that they were recovered by the Nigerian Army troops on Monday afternoon and that they were undergoing an absolute medical check-up at the military facility.

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## Major European Nations Suspend Use of AstraZeneca Vaccine

- Germany, France and Italy became the latest countries to suspend use of the COVID-19 vaccine
- AstraZeneca says 37 reports of blood clots out of 17 million people vaccinated in Europe



Nearly a dozen countries including Germany, France and Italy suspended their use of AstraZeneca's coronavirus vaccine. (AP/File)

Germany, France and Italy last week became the latest countries to suspend use of AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine over reports of dangerous blood clots in some recipients, though the company and European regulators have said there is no evidence the shot is to blame.

Germany's health minister said the decision was taken on the advice of the country's vaccine regulator, the Paul Ehrlich Institute, which called for further investigation into seven reported cases of clots in the brains of people who had been vaccinated.

"Today's decision is a purely precautionary measure," Jens Spahn said.

French President Emmanuel Macron said his country would likewise suspend shots at least until Tuesday afternoon, when the European Union's drug regulatory agency will weigh in on the vaccine. He said France hopes to resume using the formula soon.

Italy's medicines regulator also announced a precautionary, temporary ban.

AstraZeneca said on its website that there have been 37 reports of blood clots out of more than 17 million people vaccinated in the 27-country European Union and Britain. The drugmaker said there is no evidence the vaccine carries an increased risk of clots.

In fact, it said the incidence of clots is much

lower than would be expected to occur naturally in a general population of this size and is similar to that of other licensed COVID-19 vaccines.

The European Medicines Agency and the World Health Organization have also said that the data does not suggest the vaccine caused the clots and that people should continue to be immunized.

The AstraZeneca shot has become a key tool in European countries' efforts to vaccinate their citizens against COVID-19. But Pfizer's and Moderna's vaccines are also used on the continent, and Johnson & Johnson's one-shot vaccine has been authorized but not yet delivered.

In the US, which relies on the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, AstraZeneca is expected to apply any day now for authorization.

Blood clots can travel through the body and cause heart attacks, strokes and deadly blockages in the lungs. AstraZeneca reported 15 cases of deep vein thrombosis, or a type of clot that often develops in the legs, and 22 instances of pulmonary embolisms, or clots in the lungs.

Denmark last week became the first country to temporarily halt use of the AstraZeneca vaccine in recent days to investigate. It said one person developed clots and died 10 days after receiving at least one dose. The other countries include Ireland, Thailand, the Netherlands, Norway, Iceland, Congo and Bulgaria.

Last week, Germany and France were among the nations that stuck by the shot, while Italy suspended only a specific batch of the vaccine. Britain is standing by AstraZeneca's vaccine for now.

Spahn, the German health minister, said of the decision to suspend the AstraZeneca shot: "The most important thing for confidence is transparency." He said both first and second doses of the vaccine would be affected by the suspension.

German authorities have encouraged anyone who feels increasingly ill more than four days after receiving the shot — for example, with persistent headaches or dot-shaped bruises — to seek medical attention.

Germany has received slightly over 3 million doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine. Spahn said about 1.6 million doses of the shot have so far been administered in the country.

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## National Hospital disowns kidney patient, Oghenekevwe

The National Hospital, Abuja has disown one Mrs. Roseline Oghenekevwe, a 40-year-old mother of three, who allegedly needs a kidney transplant, whose story was published in the Guardian Newspaper.

A report in the paper published on Tuesday September 5, 2017 quoted Oghenekevwe as suffering from an end stage renal disease, secondary to long-standing hypertension and retroviral diseases. Oghenekevwe said she

needed N11 million to enable her undergo kidney transplant at the National Hospital, Abuja.

A clinical administrator and senior medical officer at Kidney Solutions, Dr. Aderemi Oladapo-Sani, said the patient needed a definitive management of renal transplant from its partnering hospital, The National Hospital at the cost of N11 million.

But a letter from the National Hospital signed by Tayo Haastrup of the AD-HOD/

Information and Protocol management for the Chief Medical Director, said "the said patient is not known and has not been seen at the National Hospital. There is no record of her in our patients data base."

The letter added, "let it also be known that we are not partnering with any agency on kidney transplant and currently we do not carry out kidney transplant surgery in National Hospital Abuja."



Dr. JAF Mommoh



## CODE OF MEDICAL ETHICS (VII)

# Privacy, Confidentiality & Medical Records (I)

from last edition

To enable patients to participate meaningfully in decisions about health care, physicians have a responsibility to provide information and help patients understand their medical condition and options for treatment.

### Informed consent & shared decision making

Informed consent to medical treatment is fundamental in both ethics and law. It helps patients make well-considered decisions about their care and treatment.

### Informed Consent

Informed consent to medical treatment is fundamental in both ethics and law. Patients have the right to receive information and ask questions about recommended treatments so that they can make well-considered decisions about care. Successful communication in the patient-physician relationship fosters trust and supports shared decision making.

The process of informed consent occurs when communication between a patient and physician results in the patient's authorization or agreement to undergo a specific medical intervention. In seeking a patient's informed consent (or the consent of the patient's surrogate if the patient lacks decision-making capacity or declines to participate in making decisions), physicians should:

Assess the patient's ability to understand relevant medical information and the implications of treatment alternatives and to make an independent, voluntary decision. Present relevant information accurately and sensitively, in keeping with the patient's preferences for receiving medical information. The physician should include information about:

The diagnosis (when known)

The nature and purpose of recommended interventions

The burdens, risks, and expected benefits of all options, including forgoing treatment Document the informed consent conversation and the patient's (or surrogate's) decision in the medical record in some manner. When the patient/surrogate has provided specific written consent, the consent form should be included in the record.

In emergencies, when a decision must be made urgently, the patient is not able to participate in decision making, and the patient's surrogate is not available, physicians may initiate treatment without prior informed consent. In such situations, the physician should inform the patient/surrogate at the earliest opportunity and obtain consent for ongoing treatment in keeping with these guidelines.

### Decisions for Adult Patients Who Lack Capacity

Respect for patient autonomy is central to professional ethics and physicians should involve patients in health care decisions commensurate with the patient's decision-making capacity. Even when a medical



condition or disorder impairs a patient's decision-making capacity, the patient may still be able to participate in some aspects of decision making. Physicians should engage patients whose capacity is impaired in decisions involving their own care to the greatest extent possible, including when the patient has previously designated a surrogate to make decisions on his or her behalf.

When a patient lacks decision-making capacity, the physician has an ethical responsibility to:

Identify an appropriate surrogate to make decisions on the patient's behalf:

The person the patient designated as surrogate through a durable power of attorney for health care or other mechanism

A family member or other intimate associate, in keeping with applicable law and policy if the patient has not previously designated a surrogate

Recognize that the patient's surrogate is entitled to the same respect as the patient.

Provide advice, guidance, and support to the surrogate.

Assist the surrogate to make decisions in keeping with the standard of substituted judgment, basing decisions on:

The patient's preferences (if any) as expressed in an advance directive or as documented in the medical record.

The patient's views about life and how it should be lived.

How the patient constructed his or her life story.

The patient's attitudes toward sickness, suffering, and certain medical procedures.

Assist the surrogate to make decisions in keeping with the best interest standard when the patient's preferences and values are not known and cannot reasonably be inferred, such as when the patient has not previously

expressed preferences or has never had decision-making capacity. Best interest decisions should be based on:

The pain and suffering associated with the intervention

The degree of and potential for benefit

Impairments that may result from the intervention

Quality of life as experienced by the patient

Consult an ethics committee or other institutional resource when:

No surrogate is available or there is ongoing disagreement about who is the appropriate surrogate.

Ongoing disagreement about a treatment decision cannot be resolved.

The physician judges that the surrogate's decision:

Is clearly not what the patient would have decided when the patient's preferences are known or can be inferred

Could not reasonably be judged to be in the patient's best interest

Primarily serves the interests of the surrogate or other third party rather than the patient

### Withholding Information from Patients

Truthful and open communication between physician and patient is essential for trust in the relationship and for respect for autonomy. Withholding pertinent medical information from patients in the belief that disclosure is medically contraindicated creates a conflict between the physician's obligations to promote patient welfare and to respect patient autonomy.

Except in emergency situations in which a patient is incapable of making an informed decision, withholding information without the patient's knowledge or consent is ethically unacceptable. When information has been withheld in such circumstances, physicians'

should convey that information once the emergency situation has been resolved, in keeping with relevant guidelines below.

The obligation to communicate truthfully about the patient's medical condition does not mean that the physician must communicate information to the patient immediately or all at once. Information may be conveyed over time in keeping with the patient's preferences and ability to comprehend the information. Physicians should always communicate sensitively and respectfully with patients.

With respect to disclosing or withholding information, physicians should:

Encourage the patient to specify preferences regarding communication of medical information, preferably before the information becomes available.

Honor a patient's request not to receive certain medical information or to convey the information to a designated surrogate, provided these requests appear to represent the patient's genuine wishes.

Assess the amount of information the patient is capable of receiving at a given time, and tailor disclosure to meet the patient's needs and expectations in keeping with the individual's preferences.

Consult with the patient's family, the physician's colleagues, or an ethics committee or other institutional resource for help in assessing the relative benefits and harms associated with delaying disclosure.

Monitor the patient carefully and offer full disclosure when the patient is able to decide whether to receive the information. This should be done according to a definite plan, so that disclosure is not permanently delayed. Disclose medical errors if they have occurred in the patient's care, in keeping with ethics guidance.

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## Venezuelan President Requests UN Aid To Clear Mines Along Border With Colombia

Venezuela has announced it will request “immediate emergency help” from the United Nations to clear mines planted along the border with neighboring Colombia by armed militant groups. “[Foreign Minister] Jorge Arreaza is directing a communication to the Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres,

to request immediate emergency help from the United Nations ... so that they bring all the technology to deactivate the minefields left by these irregular groups of murderers and drug traffickers from Colombia,” President Nicolas Maduro said in a televised speech recently. The border area has been the scene of

clashes between Venezuela’s military and armed groups since March 21, forcing thousands of Venezuelans to flee across the border. Venezuela said on Thursday that two of its soldiers were killed by a land mine during military operations in the western state of Apure. *Continue on page 13*



Nicholas Maduro

## Putin Signs Law Allowing Him To Hold Office For Two More Terms



Russian President Vladimir Putin

Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed a law that would allow him to stay in office for two more terms until the year 2036. The legislation, officially approved by Putin, came after changes to the country’s constitution last year that allowed

the 68-year-old Russian leader to run for two more six-year terms once his tenure ends in 2024. The changes, which were overwhelmingly backed in a public vote last summer, permit Putin to potentially hold office until the age of 83. The reforms also include an

amendment that grants former Russian presidents automatic immunity from criminal prosecution. Putin is already the longest-serving leader in modern Russian history since Soviet leader Josef Stalin and his supporters said at the time that the reforms

were needed to ensure national stability. The legislation was passed in both the lower and upper houses of Russian parliament last month. Putin has ruled the country as a president or prime minister for more than 20 years.

## Saudi Arabia To Spend More In Next 10 Years Than In The Past 300 Years: Crown Prince

Saudi Arabia’s Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman said that the Kingdom will spend more in the next 10 years than it has done in the past 300 years as he announces a new program to strengthen partnership with the private sector. During his announcement of the “Shareek” partner program between the private and public sectors, the Crown Prince announced that oil giant Aramco and petrochemical firm SABIC would lead investments of 5 trillion riyals (\$1.3 trillion) by the local private sector by 2030. “When we’re talking about 27 trillion Saudi riyals in the next 10 years, solid, we have it, solid. 3 trillion from the Public Investment Fund (PIF), we announced it and where we brought it from, committed to spend. Today, 5 trillion from the big companies, a



Saudi Crown Prince, Muhammad bin Salman

majority of which are government-owned, solid and committed. 4 trillion riyals under a strategy to be announced later, part of it is business as usual and a bigger part of it is solid, we have it, 12 trillion riyals,” the Crown Prince told a panel discussion of representatives from the private sector. The total amount would rise to 27 trillion riyals with government

spending and domestic consumption. “The new Shareek (Partner) program will help the private sector create hundreds of thousands of new jobs and will boost the contribution of the private sector to GDP by up to 65% by the end of the decade,” the prince said. He stressed that building a vibrant and prosperous private sector is

one of the Kingdom’s national priorities, given the importance it represents, and a vital role, as a major partner in the prosperity and development of the Kingdom’s economy, to continue to perform its supportive tasks, to achieve the national aspirations set by Vision 2030. “So there is spending in 10 years more than the history for the entire Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, since 300 years before the discovery oil and after. That’s huge. That’s huge. That is why we’re talking with the big companies and the private sector, this is a huge opportunity. This is a new Kingdom of Saudi Arabia where spending is more than what has been spent the past 300 years,” Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman said. *Culled from www.english.alarabiya.net/*



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# Provoking A Russian Siege Mentality Is Counterproductive For US Foreign Policy

Leading Russian Senator Alexey Pushkov warned that the US is pursuing the aim of a “prolonged siege of ‘Putin’s Russia’” through “sanctions from hell”, “push[ing] Ukraine into a new war in the Donbass”, and “building up the armed forces on the borders with Russia and in the Black Sea”, all of which would arguably be counterproductive for US foreign policy since Russia’s resultant siege mentality might only accelerate the steps that the Eurasian Great Power could soon take to contain America in response.

Russian-American relations continue to dangerously deteriorate despite early February’s last-minute salvaging of the New START nuclear pact. RT reported that leading Russian Senator Alexey Pushkov warned that the US is pursuing the aim of a “prolonged siege of ‘Putin’s Russia’” through “sanctions from hell”, “push[ing] Ukraine into a new war in the Donbass”, and “building up the armed forces on the borders with Russia and in the Black Sea”. All of this would arguably be counterproductive for US foreign policy since Russia’s resultant siege mentality might only accelerate the steps that the Eurasian Great Power could soon take to contain America in response. I elaborated on this possible 20-point plan in my analysis last month which was written after Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov warned that his country was seriously countenancing such a scenario if American pressure on Russia doesn’t soon end. I also predicted earlier this week that the US might be responsible for an informal Russian-Chinese-North Korean missile alliance that could be created in the face of America’s reported decision to deploy intermediate-range missiles to Japan in the coming future.

History testifies time and again that Russia has stood the test of multiple sieges from some of civilization’s most powerful forces, which include the Mongols, the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, the Swedish Empire, the Ottoman Empire, Napoleon, and Hitler among others. Although each



struggle was different in their own way, they all shared the common outcome of the Russian state eventually succeeding in the face of supreme adversity despite the dire consequences that some of the associated conflicts caused for its people. The ongoing New Cold War is no different in this respect. If anything, it’s comparatively less intense than what Russia has confronted before, though the stakes are also a lot higher because of the feared nuclear factor that could be introduced through a war by miscalculation. The Russian people aren’t being slaughtered like they were many times throughout history, nor are they starving. To the contrary, they’re thriving

after the country finally emerged from the recent World War C-induced recession and even became the world’s top wheat exporter.

As such, there’s no doubt that Russia will survive this current US-imposed siege against it, but the ultimate question is what lasting geopolitical consequences its inevitable victory will have. Like was argued earlier, the longer that the siege lasts, the more counterproductive it’ll be for the US’ foreign policy. Russia will be pushed by circumstances into comprehensively strengthening its strategic ties with China, an outcome that many American voices have described as nightmarish but which

may become a fait accompli unless more pragmatic minds prevail and the US lifts its current siege as soon as possible. The current state of affairs is such that the American-Chinese dimension of the New Cold War might drag on indefinitely so long as Russia isn’t pressed to take ties with the People’s Republic to an even higher level than they presently are, but the latter scenario that might be triggered by the US’ intensified siege would decisively tilt the scales in Beijing’s favor and eventually lead to Washington’s loss. With this in mind, the US’ grand strategic interests are best served by lifting its anti-Russian siege and thus offsetting that scenario.

## Venezuelan President Requests UN Aid To Clear Mines Along Border With Colombia

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Fifteen people, including six Venezuelan soldiers and nine members of the armed groups, were also killed in clashes on Sunday, according to Caracas’ official toll.

Dozens of armed militants were detained and their weapons, explosives and drugs seized.

“We have dislodged (these groups) from several camps. They left a mined territory behind... We have lost several soldiers with these mines,” Maduro said.

The Socialist leader again accused the groups of ties “to the Colombian army and the government of Ivan Duque,” the Colombian president. “They are dressed as guerrillas to serve the drug trafficking routes,” he said.

Maduro assured the nation that all irregular groups from Colombia will be eradicated from Venezuela’s western Apure region.

Early this year, Human Rights Watch (HRW) warned in a report that the residents in Apure and the neighboring eastern Colombian province of Arauca faced brutal violence from armed militants on a daily basis.

“Residents in Arauca and Apure live in fear, as armed groups recruit their children and impose their own rules, threaten residents, and punish those who disobey, even with murder or months of forced labor in the fields,” HRW Americas director Jose Miguel Vivanco said at the time.

Security sources in Colombia say the armed groups are dissidents of the now-disbanded Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) rebel group, which signed a peace agreement with Bogota in 2016 to end a half century of armed conflict.

But some guerrilla fighters have refused to

join the peace process.

Colombia has also long accused Venezuela of shielding the armed groups on its soil, a charge Maduro denies.

Venezuela’s defense ministry has in turn accused the Colombian government and the CIA of being supportive of the armed groups responsible for planting mines along the border between the two countries.

The neighboring South American nations cut diplomatic ties in 2019 after Bogota followed the United States’ lead and recognized Venezuelan opposition figure Juan Guaido as the country’s legitimate president.

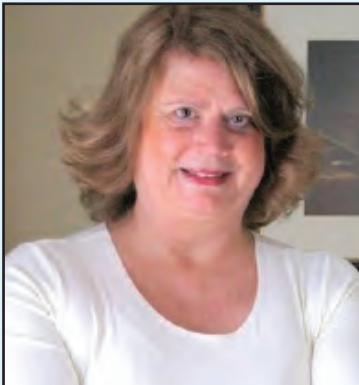
The US has been pursuing regime change in Venezuela and has imposed crippling sanctions on the country to force Maduro out of power.

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Venezuelan President, Nicholas Maduro

## 14 Guest Columnist



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This statue in Heihe, Heilongjiang, China, with an inscription "Knowledge is power" [Photo Credit:www.travel.stackexchange.com]

# The Pen Is Mightier Than The Sword

I am sure you have on occasion listened spellbound to a speaker who has their audience on the edge of their seats. What a wonderful experience it is to listen to a riveting speech or presentation which maintains our interest, challenges our thinking and sparks our curiosity – all too rare in most workplaces.

As Socrates famously said all that matters is 'delivery, delivery, delivery'. And he was right – up to a point. But what also matters very much is the actual written speech, the words used in the presentation – the ideas conveyed, how the messages are crafted and the entire creativity of the spoken words. This is the job of the speech writer.

Speech writers in history and in current times have held revered positions in seats of power such as the

White House, Number Ten Downing Street and the Kremlin. They are the people who craft the compelling messages that leaders want to convey to the general populace. And you can learn from their examples. Having the ability to write a great speech or develop a really good presentation is a wonderful skill, whether you are writing it for your CEO, boss, senior partner, Chair, trustee, or even yourself.

Using some of the oratory techniques used by President Obama, the late Steve Jobs, Tony Blair, and others can help add drama and creativity to your writing. Ever hear of 'ascending anaphora' or 'captatio benevolentiae' or 'praeteritio'? Let alone knowing how to spell them!

A good speech has three parts: Opening; Body; Close. The purpose of the opening is to set the scene for the speech

and to engage the audience. This early engagement is very important – if you don't spark interest in the first 2 minutes you are likely to lose the audience's attention for the rest of the speech.

In the body of the speech you should include your key points or messages – a good rule of thumb is no more than 3 to 4. Finally in the close, you bring the whole thing together. Restating the main messages and summarizing your key points. You may also have a call to action.

Always remember what Mark Twain said about speech writing: Develop a strong opening and a strong close and keep them close together!

Let me give you another valuable tip: Anticipate questions and develop answers for them. So often a speaker is caught off-

guard because he or she had received an unexpected question. Of course, it is quite acceptable to say that you don't know the answer or deflect the question to someone else, but you don't want to do this through the entire Q/A session. Remember to keep your answers brief (30 seconds or less) and to incorporate the question in your answer.

When writing your speech you should refer to your favourite book of speeches (mine is The Penguin Book of Modern Speeches edited by Brian MacArthur) and also make sure you have a book of quotations handy. Both of these will provide you with inspiration.

The ability to write and deliver inspiring speeches is a key skill in education and in business and one that, sadly, is rarely taught in schools.

**MONITORING THE WATCHDOG**

*from last edition*

Tragically, the Guardian predicted that, by 2007, Blair's triumph would be seen as 'one of the great turning-points of British political history... the moment when Britain at last gave itself the chance to construct a modern liberal socialist order'. (Ibid)

Pilger was right, Rusbridger et al were disastrously wrong. Blair went on to kill one million people in Iraq, transforming the Labour Party into a Tory-Lite façade that eliminated British democratic choice for a generation. The state-corporate propaganda blitz that recently consumed Jeremy Corbyn had its roots in Blair's great coup, in frantic efforts to maintain the anti-democratic status quo he installed.

In 2005, Pilger said of Blair and Iraq:

'By voting for Blair, you will walk over the corpses of at least 100,000 people, most of them innocent women and children and the elderly, slaughtered by rapacious forces sent by Blair and Bush, unprovoked and in defiance of international law, to a defenceless country.' (Pilger, 'By voting for Blair, you will walk over the corpses of at least 100,000 people,' New Statesman, 25 April 2005)

A Rusbridger Guardian leader commented:

'While 2005 will be remembered as Tony Blair's Iraq election, May 5 is not a referendum on that one decision, however fateful... We believe that Mr Blair should be re-elected to lead Labour into a third term this week.' (Leader, 'Once more with feeling,' The Guardian, 3 May 2005)

Pilger was right, the Guardian's position was a moral obscenity. No Official Enemy leader responsible for mass death on such a scale would ever be forgiven and normalised in this way.

In June 2008, Pilger wrote of Obama:

'Like all serious presidential candidates, past and present, Obama is a hawk and an expansionist. He comes from an unbroken Democratic tradition, as the war-making of presidents Truman, Kennedy, Johnson, Carter and Clinton demonstrates.'

A Guardian leader under Rusbridger commented:

'They did it. They really did it. So often crudely caricatured by others, the American people yesterday stood in the eye of history and made an



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emphatic choice for change for themselves and the world...

'Today is for celebration, for happiness and for reflected human glory. Savour those words: President Barack Obama, America's hope and, in no small way, ours too.'

Again, Pilger was right – Obama went on to bomb seven Muslim-majority countries. He oversaw the devastation of Syria and Yemen, and the near-complete destruction of Libya.

In his book, Rusbridger mentions the word 'Libya' exactly once, in passing, referring to what he foolishly calls 'the Libyan revolution' (p.182. Showing a similar level of insight, Rusbridger describes Trump's April 2018 blitz of Syria after the alleged chemical weapons attack in Douma as 'retaliatory', p.108). He makes no mention at all of the Libyan war, or of the Guardian's relentless propagandising for war under his editorship that, just eight years after the Iraq calamity, was again based on completely fake pretexts.

Once again, Pilger was a lone voice defying corporate media herdthink:

'The Nato attack on Libya, with the UN Security Council assigned to mandate a bogus "no fly zone" to "protect civilians", is strikingly similar to the final destruction of Yugoslavia in 1999. There was no UN cover for the bombing

of Serbia and the "rescue" of Kosovo, yet the propaganda echoes today. Like Slobodan Milosevic, Muammar Gaddafi is a "new Hitler", plotting "genocide" against his people. There is no evidence of this, as there was no genocide in Kosovo.'

A Guardian leader under Rusbridger saw things differently:

'But it can now reasonably be said that in narrow military terms it worked, and that politically there was some retrospective justification for its advocates as the crowds poured into the streets of Tripoli to welcome the rebel convoys earlier this week.'

Again, Pilger was entirely vindicated, not least by a 9 September 2016 report into the war from the foreign affairs committee of the House of Commons. The issue Rusbridger ignores is no small matter – in relentlessly promoting a devastating, illegal war, he and his staff were complicit in a major war crime.

Pilger 'has become the doyen of a certain style of uncompromising journalism', Rusbridger continues. He means 'controversial':

'His roiling anger is palpable and grows with each passing year, using language that has certainly "slipped the leash".' (p.201)

'For instance', says Rusbridger, quoting Pilger:

'Should the CIA stooge Guaido and his white supremacists grab power, it will be the 68th overthrow of a sovereign government by the United States, most of them democracies. A fire sale of Venezuela's utilities and mineral wealth will surely follow, along with the theft of the country's oil, as outlined by John Bolton.'

Perhaps because he's an avid Guardian reader, Rusbridger appears to find this outrageous. In 2019, former Guardian journalist Jonathan Cook tweeted:

'Oh look! Juan Guaido, the figurehead for the CIA's illegal regime-change operation intended to grab Venezuela's oil (as John Bolton has publicly conceded), is again presented breathlessly by the Guardian as the country's saviour'

It was indeed a consistent and shameful Guardian trend. Cook linked to a Guardian piece titled: "'¡Sí se puede!'" shouts rapturous crowd at Juan Guaidó rally'.

Writing on the Grayzone website, Dan Cohen and Max Blumenthal supplied some perspective:

'Juan Guaidó is the product of a decade-long project overseen by Washington's elite regime change trainers. While posing as a champion of democracy, he has spent years at the forefront of a violent campaign of destabilization.'

We could go on adding

examples of how 'prickly', unsavoury lift companion, Pilger – with his 'roiling anger' and 'Lear-like ranting' at 'too high a volume with no tone or balance control' (p.204) – was right in expressing forbidden truths that Rusbridger cannot discuss because it would mean exposing himself and the Guardian in exactly the way the 'ten-ton truck' would never do.

In 2006, Pilger wrote:

'In reclaiming the honour of our craft, not to mention the truth, we journalists at least need to understand the historic task to which we are assigned – that is, to report the rest of humanity in terms of its usefulness, or otherwise, to "us", and to soften up the public for rapacious attacks on countries that are no threat to us.'

This is not something Rusbridger could ever honestly discuss. Why? Because it's exactly the role he performed as editor of the Guardian.

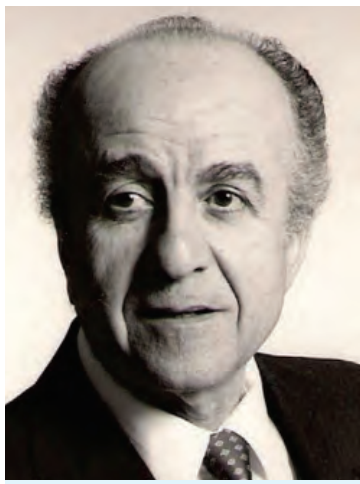
There is much more we could say about the book – on Rusbridger's similarly blinkered comments on Robert Fisk and Julian Assange. Rusbridger does deserve credit for discussing the propaganda model and he even cites examples in support of our arguments on the filtering effect of advertising (pp.47-9). He accepts that 'many aspects of journalism go oddly unexamined' (p.11) but cannot perceive the structural propaganda function of an industry that reflexively supports illegal wars on countries like Serbia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Syria and Yemen.

The most striking example of 'mainstream' propaganda function in recent times has been the fascistic, cross-spectrum campaign to destroy Corbyn. In essence, the entire corporate media system declared Corbyn off-limits to voters, disallowed. Rusbridger's own newspaper led this extraordinary campaign of demonisation and yet he mentions Corbyn just once, listing his inability to recognise TV presenters Ant and Dec as an example of trivial news, or 'chaff' (p.46).

As Herman and Chomsky, and indeed Fromm, would expect, marketing character Rusbridger is blind to the significance of a mild socialist threat to corporate power being smeared into oblivion by an entire corporate media system, that 'rough old trade'. (p.225)

*culled from www.medialens.org*

## UNDERSTANDING THE ARAB WORLD (VII)



Louis Bahajat Hamada was born to an aristocratic Lebanese family in Hawran (biblical Haran), a southwestern district of Syria, where his father served as prosecutor general under the French mandatory rule. After the untimely death of his parents, Hamada was reared in Lebanon by his grandfather, who was the head of the Druze religion, an outgrowth in Islam.

Hamada came to the US in 1953 and was converted to faith in Christ on September 11, 1955. Since then, he has earned a Ph.D. in Music Education from Florida State University and a Master's degree from Dallas Theological Seminary. He is an ordained minister of the gospel and a noted international Bible teacher. Hamada is also a recognized authority on Semitic Arabs and Muslim evangelization. He is the Executive Director of a Faith ministry; the Hamada Evangelistic Church, Inc.

Dr. Hamada has a traveling ministry of preaching, teaching and equipping Christians to understand and reach out in love to the Arabs and Muslims. Grieved over unfortunate misconceptions and misconstrued interpretations of biblical truths that many Christians have about the Arabs, Dr. Hamada helps believers understand biblical texts such as Genesis 12:3, the accounts of Hager and Ishmael, and Galatians 4:30

### from last edition

In March of that year I was getting ready to leave for a concert. As Hanan was preparing the children for the baby sitter, she noticed that our son Omar, then almost five, was covered with bruises. She brought it to my attention and as a result we both felt that there was something very wrong with him. We rushed him to the emergency room of the Mineola Memorial Hospital. There we were told that Omar might have leukemia; he needed to stay in the hospital for further tests. We left brokenhearted and concerned.

Before the concert, I went to my office for a few minutes and cried my heart out. I begged God to touch my son and heal him. I promised the Lord that I would give a public testimony of His healing during the next concert. I went out with red and watery eyes to led my orchestra. That night I conducted the whole concert from memory. The orchestra played its best and we had a long standing ovation. Glory to God; He did it again!

Omar had a very rare blood disease which was diagnosed as "Idopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura", which meant his platelet count got very low, his blood could not clot, and he bled internally. The doctors were

unfamiliar with the disease and did not know how to retreat it. On March 18, we passed through the valley of the shadow of death. Omar's platelet count dropped to rock bottom and the bleeding became extensive. He started hemorrhaging from his brain. The doctors told us that our son would probably not survive. Hanan and I knelt beside our bed and prayed earnestly that God would spare Omar's life, but we were willing to surrender him to Jesus. We went to sleep that night to be awakened by the doctor's call early in the morning. Omar's platelet count was normal. He did not understand but simply conveyed the news. The doctors expected the count to go down again, but we knew that our prayer had been answered. Jesus must have touched him and he was healed. At the same time, Omar also gave his little heart to Jesus.

April came and it was time for the spring concert. Omar was already healed with no trace of bleeding in his body. I remembered my promise to the Lord, to share publicly my testimony before the next concert. I was warned by my colleagues and friends not to share about what Christ had done, mainly because it was against the school policy to talk about

Jesus. I ignored their warning and totally relied in Him. Before the concert I had Omar brought to the stage by one of my students. I took Omar by the hand and recounted the story to the 2,000 people in the auditorium and gave our Christian testimony, giving all the glory to our Lord Jesus. The whole auditorium broke into clapping and people stood up in honor for Christ. Weeks after, we saw people come to Jesus as a result.

In the fall of 1971, we moved to northern California to head the music department in a religious school. When I got there with my family, the school president gave us a house to stay in, a good salary, insurance, and many other benefits. It was not long though till we discovered that the place was a cult and that the president was a cult leader. She had swindled many people out of their finances, broken many homes, taken many children above all. While she and her children were living in absolute luxury, her followers suffered severe financial hardships. All finances and assets of the followers were signed over to the cult leader and her children, including millions of dollars' worth of real estate and large enterprises. We came to find out about her life of immortality

with divorces and extortions.

One day while entering the school's church service, our eyes were drawn over the door to see the seal of the church. The seal showed the president sitting on the throne like a goddess with a scepter in her hand. We were shocked with all these facts, and staying there became unbearable. When she felt our hesitation to submit to her near-worship, she started threatening and putting us on the spot, using scary techniques, such as alienating us from that body of people. After a few months she pressured me to resign. She tried to break into our home and when she failed, then she cut off the utilities and gave us an ultimatum to leave the house in few days. In the New Yorker magazine, the article "Annals of Crime," January 17, 1959, page 71, Bernard Taper writes about the husband of the cult leader saying, 'he was found guilty of five counts. He was sentenced for seven years in prison, of which he served only three, before his release on account of a cardiac condition. During his stay in the penitentiary, his wife maintained the church and seminary...as she still does.' Page 34 of that same magazine tells of their origin, "Both...had been in rural Hickman County, Tennessee..."

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## THE HISTORY OF WESTERN EDUCATION (VII)

### from last edition

(A law of Solon prohibited school being open before sunrise or after sunset to prevent the boys being exposed to the moral dangers of the deserted streets.) But whether there were fixed hours for gymnastics and for music, and what they were, we can only conjecture. Nor do we know whether the wrestling schools and the music schools were completely separate. The subjects were certainly taught in different rooms and by different teachers, and very probably the schools were quiet distinct. But it is not unlikely that they came to be situated in the same locality. This is suggested by the close connection of the gymnasia with intellectual culture at a later period. In any case, it must not be thought that all work and no play made Charicles a dull boy. As the palestras were generally surrounded by spacious grounds, it may be assumed that a considerable part of the time was occupied with play under proper supervision. Most of our common games were played in Athens, and the Greek educators had quite sound notions about their educational values.

No special provision was made at this period for the moral and intellectual education of the older boys. Sometimes about fourteen or fifteen, the sons of the wealthier citizens were transferred from the

palestra to the gymnasium, and subjected for two years to a more advanced courses of physical exercises under the expert care of a paidotribe. They were now permitted to be present at the law courts. How effective might be the informal education got from this participation in adult affairs will be evident when the character of the Athenian youth's environment is considered. As he went along the street he saw on every side product of the noblest art the world has known. Day by day he might hear the discussion of men of apt speech and wide experience on political questions, in the settlement of which they had a personal share; and in the settlement of take his appointed place in the theatre of Dionysus, and witness from morning to night the performance of the tragedies presented in competition for the prize given annually for tragic poetry. Surely there never was an age that made a richer or more varied appeal to the adolescent. Here, if ever, life itself was the real educator.

At the end of two or three years of this intermediate training, when he had reached the age of eighteen, the free-born Athenian youth was entered on the temple of Athens on his initiation reveals the spirit of the ephebate. It ran as follows: "I will never disgrace my sacred arms, nor

desert my comrade in the ranks. I will fight for temples and for public poverty, whether alone or with my fellows. I will obey the magistrates and observe the existing laws, and those the people may hereafter make. If anyone tries to overthrow or disobey the ordinances, I will resist him in their defense, whether alone or with my fellows.

### GREEK EDUCATION

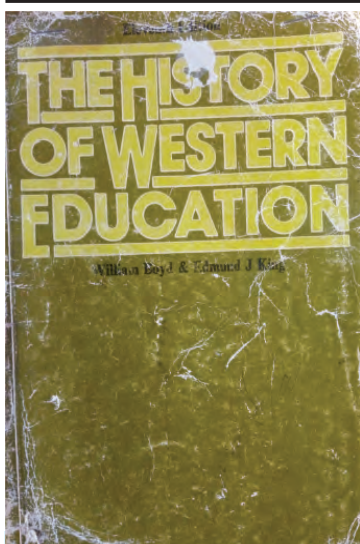
I will honour the temples and the religion of my forefathers. So help me, Aglauros, Enyalios, Ares, Zeus, Thallo, Auxo and Hegemone" The ordinary education now came completely to a stop, and for a year the ephebus had to labour hard in company with all youths of his own age leaning the use of arms and the various military movements, and practicing gymnastics under teachers and a censor appointed by the State. At the end of this year of training, he received a spear and a shield from the patrol force that guarded the frontiers and kept smugglers and brigands in check. But there were occasional periods of relaxation for the ephebi in the midst of their strenuous training. A special place was reserved for them in the theater, and they were frequently called on to take part in the religious processions on the fast-days of the gods. Their varied occupations in the latter function

are immortalized on the wonderful Parthenon frieze. The ephebic training, it may be added, went on without change till Athens fell under the power of Macedonia

### The New Education

The new education was the inevitable result of the profound economic and political changes that came over the Athenian State during the first half of the fifth Century B.C. Before this time the Athenians had been mainly an agricultural community, but the great extension of trade following on the endeavor of Themistocles to make Athens the greatest maritime power in Greece called into being a new class of wealthy merchants, to dispute the claim of the landed aristocracy who had previously been the rulers. The final outcome of the conflicts between them was the establishment of a democracy in which every free-born citizen, whether rich or poor, had an equal share. Then came the life-and-death struggle with Persia, from which Athens emerged with great glory and with added power. With doubted wisdom and justice, she seized the opportunity to convert the league of allied States, by means of which the victory had been won, into an empire on which she imposed her will.

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The demand for this history continue through out the world and gives the opportunity for another revised edition. For the fifth time the book has been brought up to date by Professor Edmund King, recognized in Europe, America and elsewhere overseas as a reading authority on the history of education. Again he retains the many virtues of Dr. William Boyd's original text, while making necessary modifications in the light of the most recent research and of changing attitudes.



## CLERICAL/MORAL SERMON

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## CHURCH HISTORY IN PLAIN LANGUAGE (VIII)

from last edition

At Antioch, for the first time, Jesus' followers were called "Christians." Originally, opponents of the church used the term as a derogatory label for the "devotees of the Anointed One" (in Greek Christianoi). But the Nazarenes soon adopted it gladly.

Thus, Antioch grew in Christian influence. In time it succeeded Jerusalem as the center of missionary outreach. This was due in large part to the work of Saul of Tarsus, who joined Barnabas there about A.D. 44.

### THE APOSTLE PAUL

No man – other than Jesus, of course – has shaped Christianity more than Saul (or, as Christian came to say, Paul, a name more familiar to the ear of Greek-speaking people). No one did more for the faith, but no one seemed less likely.

When Stephen had crumpled to the ground, bleeding from the stones thrown by his enraged accusers, Saul had stood nearby, as leader of the attack upon the Nazarenes. How, he asked, could anyone profess to follow a crucified Messiah? Almost by definition the Messiah is one upon whom the blessing of God rests in a unique way. What fool can believe that crucifixion is a

blessing from God?

Saul found the answer to that question when he confronted the Lord one day outside Damascus. He dropped blinded by a light and he heard a voice, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? Suddenly Stephen's argument fell into place, and Saul became a believer.

He later explained: The law pronounces a curse on everyone who fails to keep it in its entirety, so all who hope to gain God's favor by keeping the law are exposed to a curse. Fortunately, God provided a way of escape. "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us." By hanging on a cross (Gal. 3:10-14, NIV).

Stephen, then, was right. The law of God was given for a time to convince men of their inability to fulfill the will of God and to leave them with no option except to embrace the good news of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection.

That was strong medicine for Judaism. The authorities wanted no part of it. So persecutor of Christians became the persecuted among Christians. He was, however, a leader uniquely qualified to bridge the gap between Jewish and Gentile Christianity. He was a man of three worlds: Jewish, Greek, and

Roman.

Though he had been educated in the strictest Jewish tradition and had studied under famous rabbi Gamaliel in Jerusalem, Paul spoke Greek fluently and was familiar with Greek thought and literature. This meant based on Old Testament beliefs and completely foreign to the Gentiles, in ways which gave him special freedom of movement, protection in his travels and access to the higher levels of society.

The title apostle or "send me" was never more appropriate. Paul made a series of trips throughout Asia Minor (today's Turkey) and Greece preaching Jesus as the Christ and planting churches of Gentile Believers.

Paul's converts were a mixed lot. A few of them were from honourable backgrounds, but the majority of them were pagans with sordid pasts. In one of his many letters, Paul remind his readers of their formal life: sexual immorality, idolaters, adulterers, male prostitutes, thieves, greedy, drunkards, slanderers and swindlers. But, say Paul, "You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God" (1 Cor. 6:11, NIV).

What was the way to instill

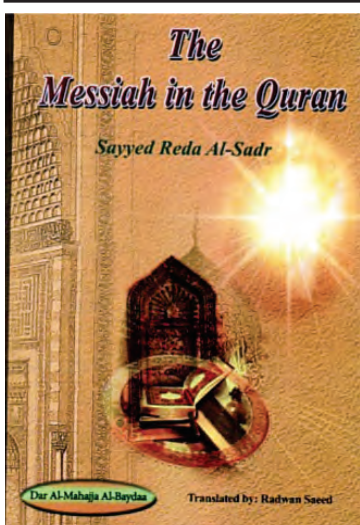
Christian principles of morality in these churches? That question was at the heart of the continuing tensions between Jewish and Gentile believers in first century Christianity.

The Palestinian Christians, stepped in traditional Judaism, said, "Tell them that unless they submit to the Jewish law, in addition to believing in Jesus, there is no hope for their faith."

Paul, however, found this impossible. His own experience pointed another way. If a person could gain the righteousness of God by obeying the law, said Paul, I would have been the greatest in the kingdom. But righteousness by personal effort can only lead to failure. Man can be accepted as righteous only through God's undeserved mercy. This is grace. And grace always arises from the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Many Christians thought Paul was impossibly optimistic. They were deeply troubled by the decline in Christian morality they felt sure would come in the gentile churches. If you teach justification by faith alone, they argued, people will imagine that once they have accepted Christ by faith it does not really matter how they live.

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The aim of this book is to represent the Great Messenger of God, Jesus Son of Mary (P), from the Quran point of view. The Holy Quran mentioned several Messengers among whom Jesus was one of them. All aspects of the Messiah, Jesus, were miraculously mentioned in the most eloquent dialogue. The miracles accomplished by Jesus (P) were mentioned in other Scriptures, but none of these Scriptures mentioned the conversations of the suckling infant, while still in the cradle, except the Holy Quran. Also, the narrations of Prophet Muhammad and his progeny (P), regarding Jesus (P), carve a totally different image of that great Messenger of God. Further the Quran emphasises the humanity of Jesus by mentioning the name of his mother. No other woman, in the Holy Quran, was mentioned by her name except Lady Mary to clearly say that Jesus was no more than a human being, born from a human being without a father, and performed numerous miracles for the human beings he was sent to. The book will take you on a tour throughout the life of such a noble and divine man, Jesus Son of Mary (P).

## THE MESSIAH IN THE QURAN (VII)

from last edition

Those whose pens sink — would be the losers, and the winner would be the one whose pen floats on the surface of the water. The winner was Prophet Zachariah, who was an infallible Prophet, and the infallible Mary could be cared for by no-one but the infallible and impeccable Zachariah, let alone that he was the closest to Mary who was completely devoted to worshipping God.

Thus, Zachariah exclusively made a mihrab for her to live in and occupy herself with God's worship. Whenever Zachariah brought her substance, he would find that sustenance had been provided. He would ask her who had provided it and her answer would be 'It is from God.'

This is Mary, and her sustenance is a grant from God. This is one of the best Miracles and honours.

### God's Glad Tidings towards the Chosen

"When the Angels said, 'O Mary! Verily, God gives you the glad tidings of a word from Him; whose name shall be the Messiah, Jesus Son of Mary, illustrious in this world and in the Hereafter and shall be of the near ones. And he shall be of the righteous ones.' She said, 'My Lord! How shall I have a son when no man has

touched me?' He said, 'So, God creates what He wills. When He decrees something He says to it, Be' and it is' ..." (Qur'an 3 Verse 45 – 47)

### When the Angel Said

The speaking of the Angels with Mary was by means of descending upon her. They came with the glad tidings, although the speaker was one of them and their most honourable. So Mary was spoken to, and the descent of Angels had never before descended upon any other woman. Furthermore, no other woman ever since had the merit of giving birth to a child without a man.

### Gives You the Glad Tidings

A glad tiding is delivering good news. Informing a woman of a child pleases her, particularly if she is a stranger and has no father, mother, brother or sister, and especially, if the child is set to speak to people while still in the cradle.

### Of a Word

Many utterances of one type are called a word; however, the meaning here is not utterance, because the glad tidings given was not an utterance. The meaning rather is Jesus by reference of an explanatory apposition towards the Messiah, as evidenced by the words of the Almighty:

"And His Word which He

conveyed unto Mary and a Spirit from Him" (Qur'an 4 Verse 171)

Some distinctive features of such word, among other words, that it would speak to people while still in the cradle and in manhood. It is thus a word and a speaker and hence, no words are found without a speaker.

Also, some distinctive features of such speaker among speakers that he would speak to people while still in the cradle. He would also have many other merits as being illustrious in the Hereafter, and that he would be of the near and righteous ones.

### The Messiah

The name is transliterated into Arabic from the Hebrew, Hamashiha, which means the blessed one. This is evidenced by the words of the Almighty when He informed about the Messiah: "He (Messiah) said, 'Verily, I am a servant of God, He has given me the Scripture and made me a Prophet' ..." (Qur'an 19 Verse 30 and 31)

### Jesus Son of Mary

'Son of Mary is an exclusive attribute that was not meant to show the lineage as much as it meant to honour the son by his mother whom was addressed by spiritual relation and definite reassurance may be accomplished.

### Illustrious in this World and in the Hereafter

Being illustrious is being acceptable, and the description of Jesus by God as being illustrious in both worlds is to refute the fabrications of the Jews. This is because if the fabrication were true, they would preclude the fabricated against from becoming illustrious in both worlds.

Therefore, the glad tiding (Jesus), was illustrious among the people of this world. He attained the peak of holiness and was nicknamed the 'Spirit of God'.

He was also illustration in the Hereafter and acquired a rank near God, the Almighty.

And Shall be of the Near Ones. Those are the forerunners in their servility towards God. The Almighty said:

"And the foremost ones shall be the foremost ones. Those shall be the near ones". (Qur'an 56 Verse 10 & 11)

### And He Shall Speak to People while still in the Cradle

A cradle is the bed of the infant until he is able to walk. An infant speaking while still in the cradle is a miracle. The generalized utterance is a reference to the ability of that speaker from the moment he is first placed in the cradle until the last moment.

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# 18 HEALTH EDUCATION



Discover how you can help yourself:  
> Lower Cholesterol  
> Lower blood pressure  
> Lose weight and keep it off  
> Save money over diet programs  
> Protect the health of your heart; and  
> Thereby live longer

### from previous edition

Food protein contains amino acids are a compound of the atoms, mentioned earlier, combined in different ways. There are twenty-two different amino acids. Each food protein varies in the amount of amino acids it contains.

The body breaks down these amino acids and combines them in a different order to make body protein. Some chains of amino acids link up with other chains to form giant proteins. There are thousands of different kinds of protein in the body. All body

## A HEART ATTACK CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE (VII)

cells contain protein. As I said earlier, these cells are constantly being repaired and replaced. This makes amino acids from food protein critical to good health. So, food protein's main role is to eventually become body protein. Some foods are called quality protein because they contain the right amino acids in the correct amounts for the body to turn into body protein. Other protein rich foods that do not fit this category can be combined to make quality protein.

Up to now protein sounds great. After all, the protein we eat is replacing the protein we are losing. All we have to remember is some foods need to be combined to get their full benefit. Then why not go on a high protein diet? This is evidently what took place during the 1970's when some deaths were linked to high protein diets. Scientists who studied the deaths found that the dieters had died of irregular heart rhythms and cardiac arrest.

When you take in more protein than you need for cell repair and replacement, you have an excess of amino acids. These amino acids are broken down by the liver to provide energy or to make fat, in a process called "deamination." When the liver has too much to process it ends up releasing large

amounts of the toxic compound "urea" into the blood. The urea is processed by the kidneys and excreted in the urine.

This can be very stressful on the liver and kidneys as they work overtime to rid the body of the toxic urea. Also in order to dilute the urea you will need to consume large amounts of water and your body may even make water from its own tissue. It is this water taken from the tissue that is the weight loss people experience when they go on a high protein diet. Two cups of water weights about one pound. It is only temporary weight loss because the tissue wants that water back. It only gave up the water to keep the toxic level under control.

There are times when you might want to consume a litre more than the Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA) for protein. If you remember, that, protein is used for repair and replacement of cells, it is easy to understand, if you are sick or have an operation, your doctor may want you to receive a little high amount of protein. Also, if you are a bodybuilder you are interested in increasing the size of your muscles, and that is adding cells. The Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA) for protein is (approximately 10 to 15 percent

is fine).

Why did I tell you this? SO you can be knowledgeable. So you can be suspicious of any diet low or high in protein.

Again we can be very thankful for our variety of foods, but you need to take advantage of this variety in any diet program. This variety is sometimes referred to as a balanced eating program. Be leery of any program that centers on a few foods, especially eating or drinking the same food twice a day. Over the years protein has remained nearly constant at 11 - 12 percent of dietary energy in this country.

### Chapter 9 The Wrong Thing To Eat and Why

The last body fuel is fat. It will not benefit you to know what atoms make up the compound fat. But, just as with protein and carbohydrates, it will be of great help to know the characteristics of fat and the effect it has on your body. Fat contains nine calories per/gram and takes six to eight hours to burn.

As a nation we have increased our consumption of fat to what some experts say is an unhealthy level. It is recommended that less than 30 percent of our calories should

come from fat, yet, as a nation between 40 to 50 percent of our calories come from fat.

In 1993, based on scientific evidence, the US Department of Health and Human Services reported and/or recommended the following.

1. That there is a link between diets high in fat and some cancers
2. The fat content of the American diet remains well above normal nutritional requirements.
3. A diet low in total fat may reduce the risk for some cancers
4. Diets low in Saturated Fat and Cholesterol Decrease the risk of heart Disease

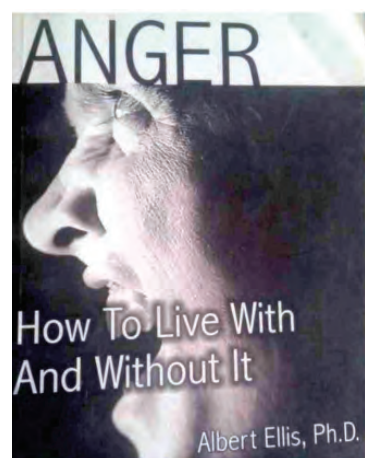
5. An easy way to reduce the levels of Saturated Fat and Cholesterol in the diet is to reduce total fat consumed.

6. That less than 30 percent of your calories should come from total fat.

The American Heart Association also recommends that less than 30 percent of your calorie intake should come from fat.

Wouldn't it be great if every item in the grocery store stated on the label the percent of calories that came from fat? Well, they don't! The Government wants to recommend what's healthy, but they don't want you to be too smart. A medical person knows the formula to figure out the percent of calories that come from fat, but what about the common person?

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Can you be assertive without being angry? Anger is one of the most damaging and fruitless of all human emotions. Everyone is beset by the problems of how to cope with it, how to live with it and how to understand it. Here is a solution to the problem of anger... a solution that years of clinical testing and research have proved effective. The breakthrough technique of this book will enable you to challenge and eliminate anger that can frustrate and stand in the way of your success and daily happiness: in business, in home, life-anywhere you are without losing your assertiveness.

In this entirely new approach to coping with anger, world-famous psychologist Dr. Albert Ellis presents an easily mastered, step-by-step technique that is designed for you to perform on your own. It will help you to systematically explore and, for the first time, understand the roots and the nature of your own anger.

Dr. Ellis does not merely present his own theory and approach to anger. He compares his technique to other differing points of view. Thus he gives you the first comprehensive critical analysis of the various and often incompatible approaches to the age-old problem of anger, how to solve it and how to live better.

## ANGER: HOW TO LIVE WITH AND WITHOUT IT (VIII)

### From previous edition

In the particular perspective through which we view this problem of your angering yourself at me and viewing me as rotten when I do a rotten act (unfairly break our apartment-sharing agreement) you had better attempt to locate the primary or underlying irrationality to your feeling of anger at point C. Using what you have learned about the relationships existing between person and action, you see your underlying irrationality consists of making a false association between me and my action, that you have not effected the separation of the two. So although RET holds that there seem no absolute laws or rules that will apply to all people in every situation, you may still use its simple rule of thumb for discerning the difference between rB and iB in your Belief System:

Beliefs remain rational so long as they do not extend an evaluation of the action into an evaluation of the person. And further: you remain rational so long as you view the action in a limited way: by the effect that it has upon you who experience it. The evaluation of a person can only legitimately arise from evaluating all his or her acts over an entire lifetime. We cannot judge an individual's Belief System as totally irrational unless we find this person to have either a most severe psychotic disorder or severe mental retardation, yet surely every person alive holds an irrational Belief about something from time to time. People's Belief Systems as a whole

greatly determine their feelings and reactions; and remembering that that Belief System can maintain rBs and iBs simultaneously, we see that the Emotional Consequence—of an Activating Experience—whether inappropriate Consequence (iC) or appropriate Consequence (aC)—depends upon the ratio of influence between iB and rB.

If, at point A, you feel inconvenienced or disappointed by a situation, then you may have a rational or appropriate feeling. But your emotion of anger at the person causing the inconvenience shows (at C) irrationality because you had better separate the evaluation of the action and the evaluation of the person even though most people do not make this separation and by confusing a damnable act with a damnable person, make themselves needlessly angry. One might expect you to feel disappointed, inconvenienced, or discouraged at C by these unfair actions, but to feel angry and hostile, to assume that the perpetrator of these actions is terrible proves irrational.

For the sake of clarity, we'd better look at the causal relationship between your iBs and your anger. Although we have no incontrovertible proof that these iBs constitute the most direct or even the only cause of anger, by looking at the intrinsic relationship between thought and feeling we find a very close connection between the two. We have seen that using the RET model, we have been able to point out to people their own iBs and, further, to teach them how to eliminate them. In

the process, we discovered that their anger diminished and disappeared. While E would find it of great interest to investigate the transactional relationship between thinking and feeling, the huge amount of data that I would have to consider in order to render a clear and complete resolution to the discussion would go far beyond the scope of this book. Suffice it to say that although I only present RET as a theory, I know from clinical experience and from a mass of experimental data (summarized in the Rational-Emotive Therapy Handbook that I authored with Dr. Russell Grieger) that it works. While research continues and we await conclusive evidence concerning the exact nature of the relationship between thinking and feeling, we do best to content ourselves with the effective working theory that we now have.

Having established two aspects to your individual Belief System—rational and irrational—you confront another problem. Earlier we showed that humans have a basically rational nature; for if they had not, they could never have progressed to the point they have reached today. Why, then, should such rational animals have irrational beliefs (as our theory states) and act in accordance with them since they help destroy and contradict both their nature and their desire to get what they want? Many psychological theorists have debated this and similar questions, and unfortunately, few acceptable answers have come to light. We can

perhaps best approach the question by dividing human actions into two categories that seem present in every action: the primary aspect and the secondary (or component) aspect. Using our illustration, I will attempt to explain the two of them.

When you made the decision to enter into the agreement with me, you perhaps felt that by making this arrangement, you would have what you considered a good living circumstance and would therefore feel happy. As your primary motive, you strove for happiness and contentment. This desire for happiness, as well as your arrangement with me seem rational—designed to help you get what you want. When I withdrew from the arrangement, you experienced frustration. You did not get what you wanted. Now, if we had never reached an agreement in the first place, you would have felt frustrated with the situation and perhaps disappointed, but you would not have felt angry with me. You would probably have simply judged my action as "bad" or undesirable. But now that I have withdrawn from our agreement, and although you remain in the same position as you would have been had we never entered into the agreement in the beginning, you feel incensed with me.

What makes you disappointed in one instance and angry in another even though your situation in regards to sharing an apartment with me stays the same in both e.g., we won't share one?

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**JOHN BOLTON**

*John Bolton, Trump's immediate past National Security Adviser, Author of the controversial book, 'The Room Where it Happened' has been described by his former boss as a 'lowlife' who should be in Jail, for the crime of choosing to educate and inform the world on key decisions that are threatening to turn the world upside down, that were taken by the administration that he served as NSA. Because of the importance of this book to Scholars and Students of both history, Diplomacy and International Relations, Education Monitor has decided to serialize it for research and record purposes.*

# THE ROOM WHERE IT HAPPENED (VII)

## Chapter One: The Long March to A West Wing Corner Office

from previous edition

“I fully support the United States position that all options are on the table,” which is as close as any Japanese politician can get to saying he could support offensive military operations. By contrast, Tillerson was announcing we wanted “to bring North Korea to the table for constructive, productive dialogue.” He was obviously deep in the grip of “the building.” When Trump announced new financial sanctions on North Korea, China responded by saying its central bank had directed all Chinese banks to cease doing business with Pyongyang, which was quite a step forward if actually carried out (and many were dubious).

Iran remained the most visible flashpoint, however, and in July Trump faced his second decision whether to certify Iran was complying with the nuclear deal. The first decision to do so had been a mistake, and now Trump was on the verge of repeating it. I wrote an op-ed for The Hill that appeared on its website on July 16, apparently setting off a daylong battle inside the White House. McMaster and Mnuchin held a conference call to brief reporters on the decision to certify Iranian compliance, and the White House e-mailed “talking points” to the media explaining the decision as their call was under way. But an outside analyst told me, “There’s chaos at the NSC,” the talking points were pulled back, and the decision to certify compliance was reversed. The New York Times, citing a White House official, reported on a nearly hour-long confrontation between Trump, on one side, and Mattis, Tillerson, and McMaster, on the other, on the certification issue, confirming what I had heard earlier. Other sources said the same thing. Trump ultimately succumbed, but not happily, and only after yet again asking for alternatives, of which his advisors said there were none. Bannon texted me, “POTUS loved it... Your op-ed drove him on Iran.” Trump called me a few days later to complain about how the Iran certification issue had been handled, and especially about “people in the State Department” who hadn’t given him any options. Then he said, referring to my last conversation with Tillerson, “I hear what Rex talked to you about won’t work. Don’t take some half-assed position over there. If he offers you something that’s really great, okay, whatever, but otherwise just wait. I’m going to call you,” concluding the call by saying I should “come and see [him] next week” on Iran. Bannon texted me right afterward,



US President, Donald Trump

“We talk about it/u everyday.” I told Bannon I would write a plan about how the US could withdraw from the Iran deal. It would not be hard.

The next day, Sean Spicer resigned as White House spokesman to protest Anthony Scaramucci’s being named Communications Director, with Sarah Sanders picked as Spicer’s successor. One week later, Trump fired Priebus, naming John Kelly, then Homeland Security Secretary and a former four-star Marine general, as White House Chief of Staff. On Monday, July 31, Kelly fired Scaramucci. In mid-August, controversy erupted over Trump’s comments about neo-Nazi demonstrators in Charlottesville, Virginia. He fired Bannon on August 18. Was this what business schools taught about running large organizations?

What was not happening was any White House sign of life on my Iran-deal exit strategy, which I had earlier transmitted to Bannon. When I sought a meeting with Trump, Westerhout suggested I first see Tillerson, which would have been a waste of time for both of us. I suspected that Kelly’s efforts to bring discipline to White House operations and limit Oval Office anarchy in particular had resulted in my “walk-in” privileges’ being suspended, along with those of many others. I thought it would be a shame to let my Iran plan wither, so I suggested to National Review editor Rich Lowry that he publish it, which he did at the end of August. Iran’s Foreign Minister, Javad Zarif, immediately denounced my plan as “a huge failure for Washington.” I knew I was on the right track. Most

of the Washington media, instead of focusing on the plan’s substance, wrote instead on my loss of access to Trump, probably because they understood palace intrigue better than policy. Kushner texted me to say, “You are always welcome at the White House,” and “Steve [Bannon] and I disagreed on many things, but we were in sync on Iran.” In fact, Kushner invited me to meet on August 31 to go over his emerging Middle East peace plan, along with Iran. After a relatively long hiatus, I didn’t think this meeting was accidental.

Nonetheless, still no word from Trump, although another Iran compliance certification, required every ninety days by statute, came due in October. The White House announced Trump would make a major Iran address on October 12, so I decided to stop being shy, phoning Westerhout to ask for a meeting. By then, Tillerson had reportedly called Trump “a fucking moron,” which he refused to deny flatly. Rumors flew that Kelly wanted to resign as Chief of Staff and that Pompeo would replace him, although it was also regularly rumored that Pompeo would replace McMaster. I was still focused on Iran and wrote another op-ed for The Hill, hoping the magic might work again. It appeared on October 9, the same day I had lunch with Kushner in his West Wing office. Although we talked about his Middle East plan and Iran, what really got his attention was the photo I brought of the gaudy entrance to Special Counsel Robert Mueller’s office, located in the building where my SuperPAC was located.

The media reported Trump’s advisors were urging he decline to certify Iran as complying with the nuclear agreement but that the US nonetheless stay in the deal. I saw this as self-humiliation, but so desperate were the deal’s advocates that they were willing to concede a critical point on compliance just to save the deal. Trump called me in the late afternoon of October 12 (the speech having been moved to Friday the thirteenth) to talk. “You and I are together on that deal, you may be a little tougher than I am, but we see it the same,” he said. I answered that I could see from the press coverage he was likely to decertify Iran but still remain in the deal, which I said was at least a step forward. I asked to discuss the issue further when there was more time. “A hundred percent,” said Trump. “Hundred percent. I know that’s your view. I watch what you say very carefully.” I asked if he would put a line in his speech that the agreement was under 24/7 review and that it was subject to being terminated at any time (thus eliminating the need to wait ninety days before having another shot at withdrawal and plainly making the fight over withdrawal

rather than “compliance,” as the deal’s supporters preferred). We talked about the language Trump might actually use as he dictated to others in the room.

Trump then raised the topic of Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, asking if he should designate it as a Foreign Terrorist Organization, thereby subjecting it to additional penalties and constraints. I urged him to do so because of the organization’s control of Iran’s nuclear and ballistic-missile programs, and its extensive support for radical Islamic terrorism, Sunni and Shia. Trump said he was hearing Iran would be particularly upset by this specific designation, and there might be blowback against US forces in Iraq and Syria, which I learned later was Mattis’s position. But his argument was misdirected; if Mattis was correct, the answer was to provide more protection for our troops or withdraw them to focus on the main threat, Iran. As it turned out, it would take nearly two years to get the Revolutionary Guard designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization, showing the immense staying power of a dug-in bureaucracy.

To be continued

### CHANGE OF NAME

**I. formerly known and addressed as Samson Yaki Bako now wish to be known and addressed as Lucius Yaki. All documents bearing the former name remain valid. New Nigerian Newspaper, Access Bank and the general public to please take note.**



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## Our People Are Facing Existential Threat - Emir of Birnin Gwari Cries out

The Emir of Birnin Gwari in Kaduna state, Alhaji Zubairu Jibril Mai Gwari has decried that his people are facing existential threats, following unabated attacks by heavily armed gunmen; calling on the Government to come to their rescue before the attackers took over the town after taking over almost all of its surrounding villages.

The Emir who spoke in an interview shortly after he escaped assassination attempt by the whiskers recently in Abuja - Kaduna road, lamented that the incessant attacks

which has forced residents of almost all the villages that surround Birnin Gwari town to flee their homes to take shelter in the town, has subjected the people to abject poverty, following perpetual kidnappings and paying colossal amount of money as ransom.

He said apart from the trauma that his people, majority of whom are subsistent farmers, have been subjected to, they have also been deprived of farming which is their traditional trade of earning a decent living. The Emir urged the Government to double

their efforts in securing the lives and property of Nigerians by taking whatever steps required to save his people and all communities in the country where these bandits have established bases and having field days subjecting innocent souls to untold hardship and killing several others.

He therefore called on his people and all Nigerians to turn to the Almighty Allah, repent and seek for divine intervention, because, He is always ready to answer the prayers of the oppressed and those that turn to him in repentance



Alhaji Zubairu Jibril Mai Gwari

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## Restructuring of Chiefdoms in Kaduna State:

### • GWAPPU Commends KDSG, Pledges Unflinching Support, Loyalty

By Aisha Musa & Muhammad Muntazar  
Gwantu People Progressive Union (GWAPPU) has commended Kaduna state government for its recent decision to restructure the Chiefdoms in Sanga Local Government, describing the decision as popular, progressive and a step in the right direction.

Reacting to the government's decision, President of the Union, Prince Bala Audu,

in an interview with Palace Monitor, said what the Kaduna state government has finally done is putting the record, that was deliberately and mischievously turned anti-clock-wise, straight.

"With the creation of Arak Chiefdom whose Chief will now be Numana, a tribe that makes up 98 % of the constituents of the Chiefdom, Gwantu Chiefdom has now retained its original and traditional name

and will assume its leadership position as Chair of the three Chiefdoms", Prince Audu highlighted.

He added that with this development, Gwantu will remain one of the most cosmopolitan Chiefdoms not only in Southern Kaduna, but, in the state, and which comprises of Gwantu tribe, Sanga (Aninka), Aboro, Nandu, Numbu etc.

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Photo news of the Coronation of the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, by His Royal Highness, The Gung Za'ar Abuja, Chief Bulus Danjuma, as Jenndem Za'ar, which took place in Abuja on 18th March, 2021



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**CONGRATULATIONS!  
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**Cover Story**

**As Ex-President GEJ Gets Traditional Title of 'Jigon Bauchi', Bogoro, Coronated As 'Jenndem Za'ar**

By Atinuke Z. Zakariyya

The Emir of Bauchi, Alhaji Rilwanu Suleimanu Adamu has conferred a traditional title, 'Jigon Bauchi' to former president Goodluck Ebele Jonathan. Jonathan who was in Bauchi recently on a one-day working visit to commission a road project executed by Governor Bala Mohammed Abdulkadir which was named after him was conferred the title on Tuesday 6 April 2021 when he paid a courtesy call to the Emir in his palace.

While introducing the former President to the Emir of Bauchi, Governor Bala Mohammed Abdulkadir said: "Your Highness, I am the happiest man today standing here, today history is being made. Somebody who is instrumental in my coming to the limelight in Nigeria is here with you. "He came from Yenogoa in Bayelsa State, somebody I don't have anything in common with other than the stake of nationalism and 'Nigerianess'. He made me the Minister of the FCT without knowing me or belonging to the same political party, he has really impacted so much, he gave me responsibility and by so doing he has proven that he is a detribalised Nigerian.

"The way and manner he left government and created impression globally in terms of democracy made me proud that I have a father and a mentor who is the face of democracy in Africa. Today, he is coming to our house, this house that we all respect in Bauchi and in the whole country. This is the house of the Areonakakanfo of the North," Bala said.

The Emir Rilwanu who spoke on behalf of the traditional council of state commended Jonathan for making Bauchi his home saying that, "this is the fourth time you are visiting this palace officially, we in Bauchi state are proud of you."

The Emir also commended Goodluck Jonathan for giving Governor Bala Mohammed Abdulkadir the opportunity to serve as the FCT Minister even when he knew little or nothing about him saying that, it has gone to demonstrate that he (Jonathan) is a detribalised Nigerian.

Alhaji Adamu commended the cordial relationship between the traditional rulers

and the state government and hailed the Governor for executing laudable projects across the state within his two years in office. Dr Goodluck Ebele Jonathan told the Emir that Nigeria is where it is today because of the leadership of family, friends and acquaintances rather than the ability and capability to deliver.

Jonathan said that the tradition in Nigeria is that before one can be appointed to an office or given a responsibility, he must know someone at the top of a development he said has taken the country backwards.

Reacting to the introductory comments made by the Governor, Jonathan said: "Yes, I did not know him (Governor Bala) when I met him and made him the FCT Minister. In Nigeria, we have this tradition where some people feel that some ministries are big and juicy and must be given to a special person or that you have to know someone before you give him a responsible role or put him somewhere. It is not like that with me, it is not my way of doing things.

"Today is a happy day for me because since I left office, this is the first time I am coming to Bauchi, first let me use this rare opportunity that I am before the Emir of Bauchi to thank the people of Bauchi for supporting my dear son, you have done very well to support him. It would have been difficult for him to win the election without your support," the former president said.

He stressed that "Bala Mohammed is a good younger brother; he is a good son, even when he was the FCT Minister, he worked with commitment and I gave him a free hand to run the affairs of the FCT. I've come to visit him and to commission a project and a road that was even named after me."

In a related development, the recent Coronation of Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) as *Jenndem Za'ar* by The Gung Zaar Abuja, His Royal Highness, Chief Bulus Danjuma, has been described by various personalities in the society, particularly distinguished Scholars across the length and breadth of the country, as one of the best and most well-thought-out and deserving royal appointments and

coronation by any royal father in recent times. The coronation ceremony which took place in the Palace of The Gung Zaar in Abuja was planned to be low key, that was why even the media were not officially invited to cover it, but considering the 'nectar-type' attitudes of the *Jenndem Za'ar*, the event turned out to be a huge one with top government officials, few Heads of Tertiary Institutions, friends and well wishers in attendance.

In his speech, The Gung Zaar who could not hide his joy over Professor Bogoro's acceptance of the royal title, said the appointment was no doubt a very historic one which he and his Council are truly proud of. The royal father said Professor Bogoro who is the first recipient of such very Important title in Abuja was considered worthy of the title after careful assessment of his contributions in his immediate community, state and the country at large.

The Gung Zaar commended the *Jenndem Za'ar* for making his Community and his state proud due to his unprecedented and transparent achievements in the Education sector.

He encouraged the *Jenndem Za'ar* not to relent in his efforts in giving exemplary and prudent leadership in his present and future endeavors.

Responding, The *Jenndem Za'ar* thanked the Gung Zaar for finding him worthy of the title, out of the several illustrious sons and daughters of Tafawa Balewa that are resident in the Federal Capital Territory.

He assured the paramount ruler of his resolve and commitment to support the Chiefdom especially in terms of ensuring the provision of developmental project and promotion of peaceful coexistence in the Chiefdom.

In their goodwill messages, the Vice Chancellors, Provosts and Rectors of different institutions unanimously concurred that the appointment and coronation of Professor Bogoro as *Jenndem Za'ar* is a deserving one. The Heads of the tertiary institutions prayed to the Almighty Allah to give the new *Jenndem Za'ar* good health and wisdom to continue to add exceptional values wherever he finds himself now and in the future



**Gwantu Market Chief, Daniel Bauna, Dies, Buried at 85**

●Survives by 16 Children, 74 Grandchildren

By Muhammad M. Isa

Markin Kasuwan Gwantu, (Gwantu Market Chief), Chief Daniel Yaji Bauna, who died at the age of 85 penultimate week, was finally put to rest on 3/04/2021 in his country home, Ungwan Maikasa, in Gwantu District area of Sanga Local Government in Kaduna state.

Chief Bauna, a devout Christian and one of the most respected elderstatesmen among Gwantu tribe is survived by two wives, 16 Children and 74 Grandchildren Born on 11th May, 1936, Chief Bauna died after a brief illness on 18th March, 2021.

The late Chief who was described during the burial ceremony by the District Head of Gwantu, Alhaji Muhammad Bashir and other community/ religious leaders, friends and associates as an exemplary father, a patient and a gentleman per excellence, dedicated his life in the service of God and his Community.

Chief Bauna's burial ceremony was attended by prominent sons and daughters of Gwantu of different religious persuasions who included the State's Deputy Governor, Dr Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe, and other prominent politicians in the state.

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Prince Audu pledged that with this gesture, Gwantu People will remain committed to their unalloyed support and loyalty

to the Nasiru El-Rufa'i administration. However, in a related development, Palace Monitor gathered that an aggrieved traditional leader in the state has been

having nocturnal meetings with leaders of some tribes in Sanga local government and inciting them to reject the government's decision.

**Peaceful Coexistence Critical To Our Development – Emir Of Kano**

The Emir of Kano, Alhaji Aminu Ado has underpinned peaceful coexistence among the various nationalities in the country as the panacea for meaningful progress and national development.

He said this on Friday night in Abuja at the Annual National Prayer for Peace and Unity of the Tijjaniyya Islamic Religious Movement in Nigeria held at the Abuja National Mosque.

The one hour prayer was led by the World leader of the Tijjaniyya Islamic Religious Movement, Sheikh Muhammadul Mahy Niass, the Grand Khalifa and Sheikh Dahiru Bauchi.

The royal father, accompanied by the Estu Nupe, Alhaji Yahaya Abubakar, to

the prayers stressed the need for tolerance and understanding among the people so as to create a conducive environment for development and progress.

He also cautioned those drumming for war to sheath their sword and embrace peace, adding that all hands must be on deck in order to move the country forward.

"I am extremely delighted to be in this town and in this place, the National Mosque Abuja, to put our heads together to pray for the unity, peace, harmony and progress of our nation.

"We are gathered together here today for the purpose of peace, unity and stability of the country," he said.

He observed that the gathering at the annual prayer showed that the people loved their

country and had respect for the authorities. The Emir then urged all Nigerians to be patient with leaders and admonised them to continue to pray for them for a positive impact on the lives of the people.

In his own charge, the Khalifa of the Movement in the country, Sheikh Dahiru Bauchi, re-echoed the need to embrace peace. He admonised religious leaders in the country to preach and pray for peace in the country.

Special prayers were offered for national peace and progress and for the health of President Muhammadu Buhari and for wisdom to be able to deliver on his campaign promises to the people.

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Emir of Kano, Alh. Aminu Ado Bayero

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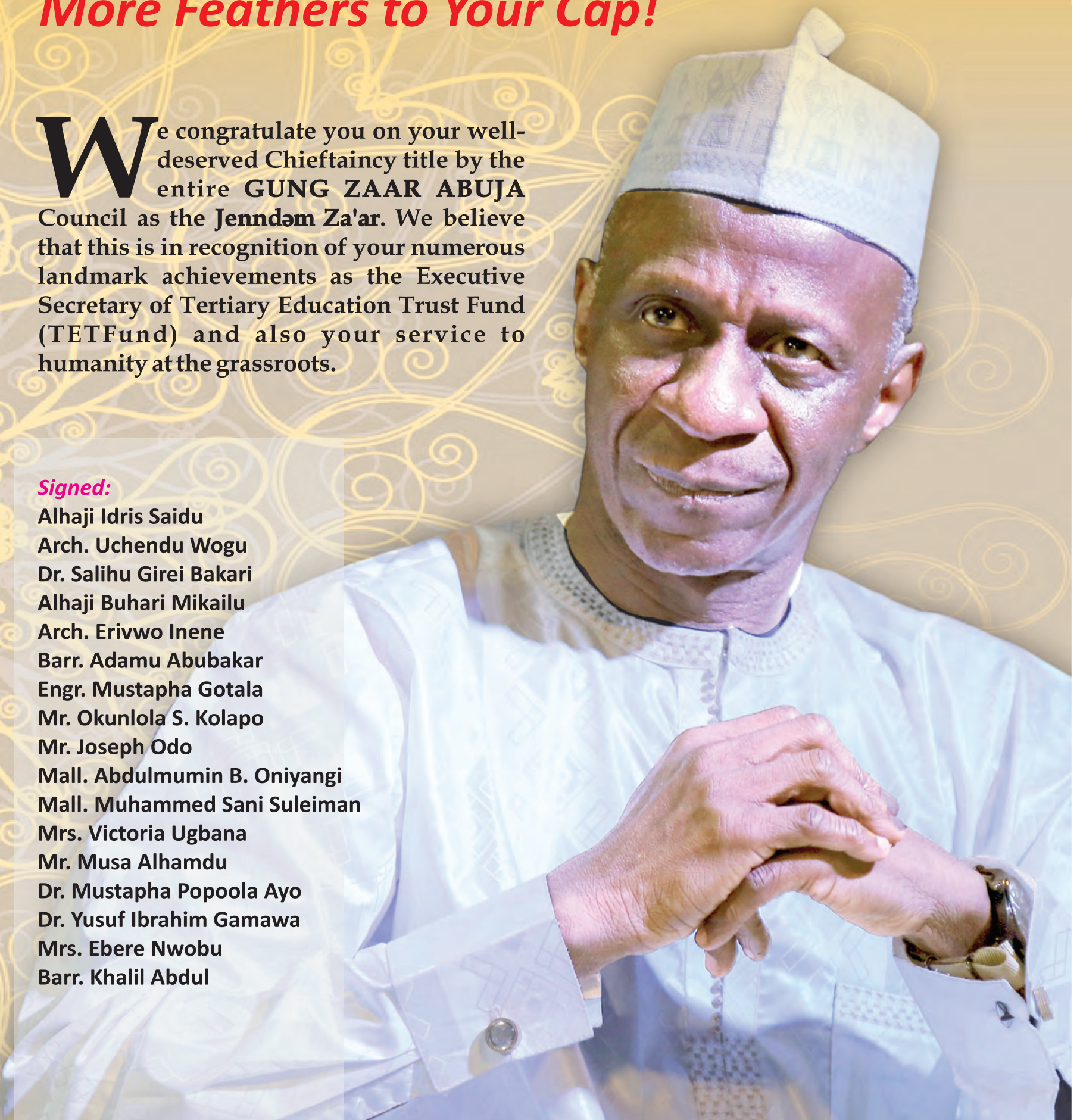
# Congratulations!!!

### **More Feathers to Your Cap!**

**W**e congratulate you on your well-deserved Chieftaincy title by the entire **GUNG ZAAR ABUJA** Council as the **Jenndam Za'ar**. We believe that this is in recognition of your numerous landmark achievements as the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) and also your service to humanity at the grassroots.

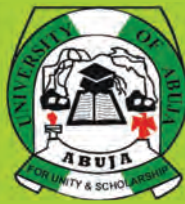
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*Executive Secretary, Tertiary Education Trust Fund*





## UNIVERSITY OF ABUJA OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR

### CONGRATULATIONS! JENNDEM ZA'AR!

On behalf of the Governing Council, Senate, Management, Staff and Students of University of Abuja, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abdul-Rasheed Na'Allah, heartily congratulates the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, on your appointment and coronation by The *Gung Za'ar* Abuja, His Royal Highness, Chief Bulus Danjuma and his Council, as *Jennдем Za'ar* on 18th, March 2021.

This appointment, no doubt, appropriately underscores your service and passion for your community.

It is our hope that you will always uphold the confidence that your community has in you, and we pray that the Almighty Allah will continue to give you the strength, wisdom and resilience to carry on with the good work that earned you this distinguished tittle of *Jennдем Za'ar*.

Sir, as you have now become one of the custodians of our rich culture and tradition, we trust that you will bring your rich and cherished experience to bear on the traditional institution.

Congratulations!

Signed:

**Professor Abdul-Rasheed Na'Allah**  
Vice Chancellor, University of Abuja



**PROF ABDUL-RASHEED NA'ALLAH**  
Vice Chancellor, University of Abuja



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**Executive Secretary, TETFund**

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### KADUNA STATE UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR

## CONGRATULATIONS! JENNDEM ZA'AR!

On behalf of the Management and Staff of Kaduna State University, I, the Vice Chancellor, Prof Muhammad Tanko, felicitate with the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, on your well deserved recognition by The *Gung Za'ar* Abuja, Chief Bulus Danjuma, and his entire Council, and subsequent Coronation on 18th March, 2021, as *Jennдем Za'ar* Sir, no doubt, your appointment as *Jennдем Za'ar* is a testimony of your sacrifice and service to your people and Community in particular and to humanity in general

May The Almighty Allah bless the 'Research and Development Apostle' with good health, long life and more wisdom to continue to serve humanity by moving the traditional institution forward.

Once again, accept our Congratulations!

Signed:

**Prof Muhammad Tanko**  
VC, Kaduna State University



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Vice Chancellor, KASU



**PROFESSOR  
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**Executive Secretary, TETFund**



## FEDERAL UNIVERSITY WUKARI OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR

### CONGRATULATIONS! JENNDEM ZA'AR!

On behalf of the Management and Staff of Federal University Wukari, I, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Jude Sammani Rabo, felicitate with the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, on your well deserved recognition by The *Gung Za'ar* Abuja, Chief Bulus Danjuma, and his entire Council, and subsequent Coronation on 18th March, 2021, as *Jennдем Za'ar*

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Congratulations!

Signed:

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VC, Federal University Wukari



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## TARABA STATE UNIVERSITY, JALINGO OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR

### CONGRATULATIONS! JENNDEM ZA'AR!

On behalf of the Council, Management, Staff and Students of Taraba State University, Jalingo, I, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Vincent Ado Tenebe, felicitate with the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, on your well deserved recognition by The *Gung Za'ar* Abuja, Chief Bulus Danjuma, and his entire Council, and subsequent Coronation on 18th March, 2021, as *Jennдем Za'ar*

Sir, your appointment as *Jennдем Za'ar* is a testimony of your sacrifice and service to your people and Community in particular and to humanity in general

We pray to the good Lord to continue to guide and protect you in the onerous task of supporting the traditional institution in your community, as it remains the best system governance at the local level in our societies.

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Once again, accept our Congratulations

Signed:

**Professor Vincent Ado Tenebe**  
*Vice Chancellor, TSU, Jalingo*



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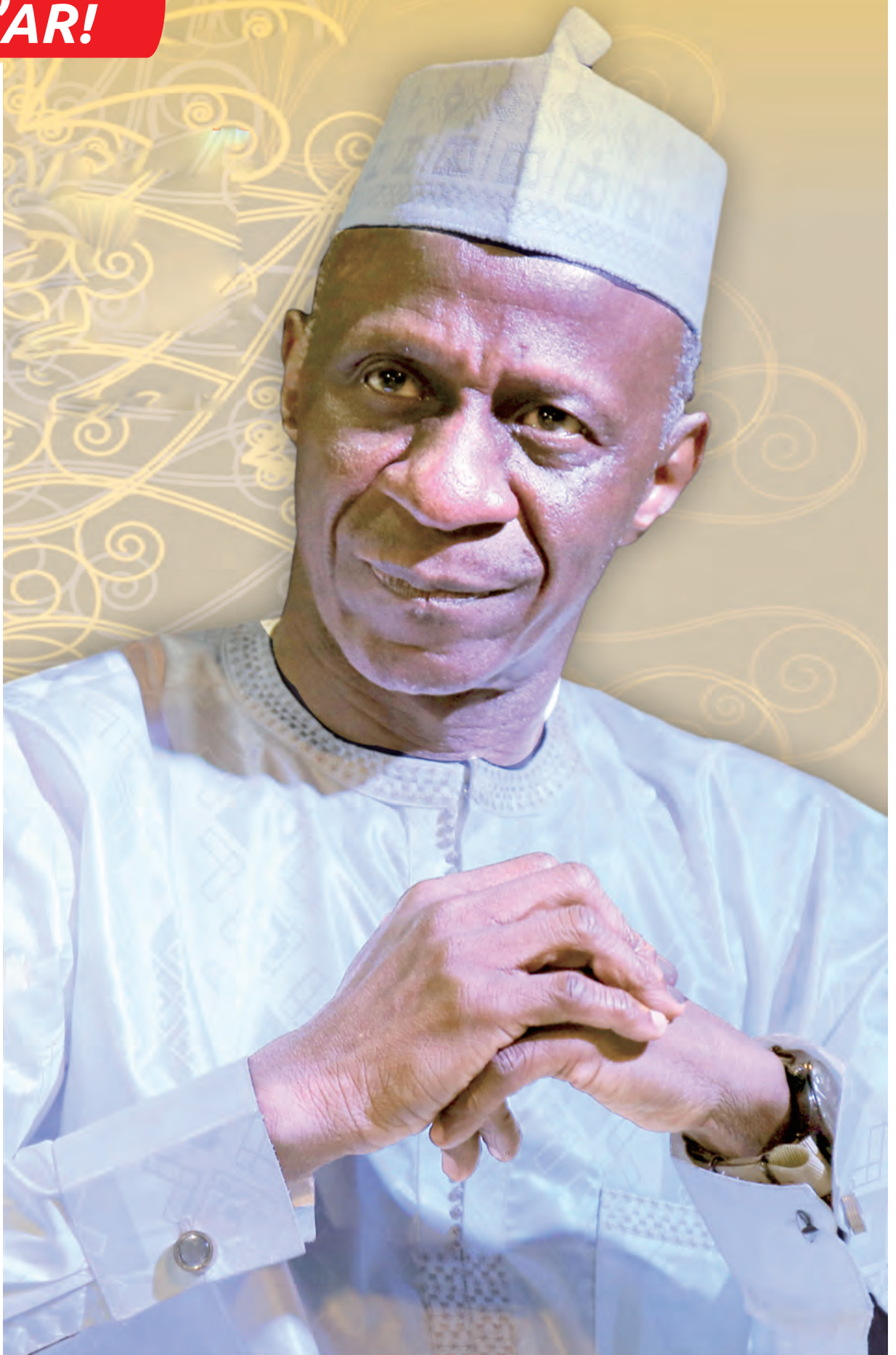
**CONGRATULATIONS!  
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**O**n behalf of the Governing Council, Senate, Management, Staff and Students of Federal University Lafia, I, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Shehu Abdul Rahman, felicitate with the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, on your well deserved recognition by *The Gung Za'ar* Abuja, Chief Bulus Danjuma, and his entire Council, and your subsequent Coronation on 18th March, 2021, as *Jennдем Za'ar* Sir, no doubt, your appointment as *Jennдем Za'ar* is a testimony of your sacrifice and service to your people and Community in particular and to humanity in general  
May The Almighty Allah continue to take charge of your affairs both at TETFund and as *Jennдем Za'ar*  
Once again, accept our Congratulations

Signed:  
**Professor Shehu Abdul Rahman**  
VC, Federal University Lafia



**Prof Shehu Abdul Rahman**  
Vice Chancellor, Federal University Lafia



**Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro** (FNIA, FAS, FFPNO, FSPSP)  
Executive Secretary, Tertiary Education Trust Fund

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**NASARAWA STATE UNIVERSITY, KEFFI**  
OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR

**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**JENNDEM ZA'AR!**

The Vice Chancellor, Nasarawa State University Keffi (NSUK), Professor Suleiman Bala Muhammed, on behalf of the Governing Council, Senate, Management, Staff and Students of the University joins the family, friends and well wishers of the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, in rejoicing with you on your well deserved coronation as **Jennдем Za'ar**, by His Royal Highness, **The Gung Za'ar** Abuja, Chief Bulus Danjuma.

We beseech the Almighty Allah to continue to strengthen you in the service of our dear country and humanity and your traditional institution that chose you, out of the several prominent sons and daughters of your race and conferred on you the prestigious title of **Jennдем Za'ar**.

Sir, Congratulations!

Signed:  
**Prof. Suleiman Bala Muhammed**  
Vice Chancellor, NSUK



**PROFESSOR SULEIMAN E. BOGORO** (FNIAS, FAS, FFPNO, FSPSP)  
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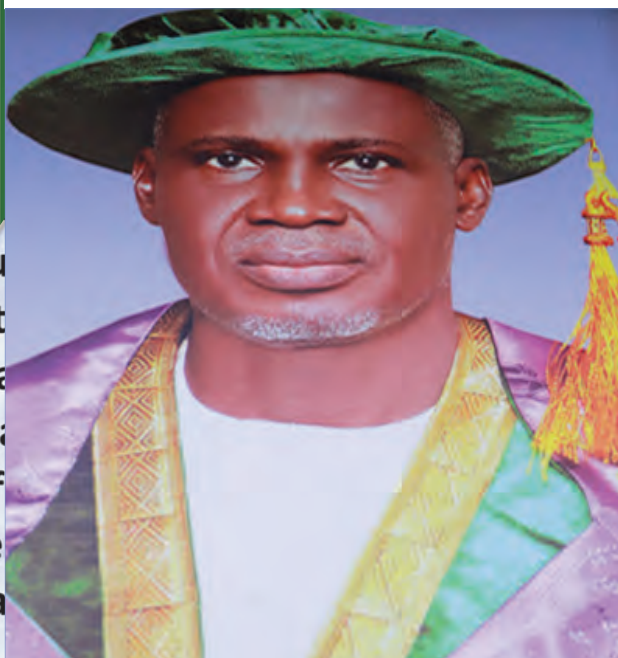
**O**n behalf of the Council, Management, Staff and Students of Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto, I, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Lawal Suleiman Bilbis, felicitate with the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, on your well deserved recognition by *The Gung Za'ar* Abuja, Chief Bulus Danjuma, and his entire Council, and subsequent Coronation on 18th March, 2021, as *Jennдем Za'ar*

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*Jennдем Za'ar*, accept our Congratulations

Signed:  
**Professor Lawal Suleiman Bilbis**  
*Vice Chancellor, UDUS*



**Prof Lawal Suleiman Bilbis**  
*Vice Chancellor, UDUS*



**PROFESSOR**  
**SULEIMAN E. BOGORO** (FNIA, FAS, FFPNO, FSPSP)  
**Executive Secretary, TETFund**



## BENUE STATE UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR

### CONGRATULATIONS! JENNDEM ZA'AR!

On behalf of the Governing Council, Staff and Students of Benue State University, Makurdi, I, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Tor Joe Iorapu, felicitate with the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, on your well deserved recognition by The *Gung Za'ar* Abuja, Chief Bulus Danjuma, and his entire Council, and subsequent Coronation on 18th March, 2021, as *Jennдем Za'ar*

Sir, no doubt, your appointment as *Jennдем Za'ar* is a testimony of your sacrifice and service to your people and Community in particular and to humanity in general

May The Good Lord bless the 'Research and Development Apostle' with good health, long life and more wisdom to continue to serve humanity by moving your core mandate area - the nation's tertiary education sector and the traditional institution, as *Jennдем Za'ar*, to deserving and exemplary heights.

Once again, accept our Congratulations

Signed:

**Professor Tor Joe Iorapu**  
Vice Chancellor, BSU Makurdi

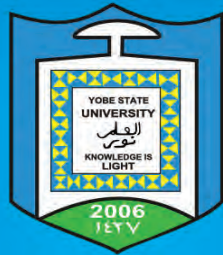


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Vice Chancellor, BSU



**PROFESSOR  
SULEIMAN E. BOGORO** (FNIA, FAS, FFPNO, FSPSP)  
**Executive Secretary, TETFund**





## YOBE STATE UNIVERSITY, DAMATURU

### OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR

## CONGRATULATIONS! JENNDEM ZA'AR!

On behalf of the Management and Staff of Yobe State University, Damaturu, I, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Mala Mohammed Daura, felicitate with the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, on your well deserved recognition by *The Gung Za'ar* Abuja, Chief Bulus Danjuma, and his entire Council, and subsequent Coronation on 18th March, 2021, as *Jennдем Za'ar* Sir, no doubt, your appointment as *Jennдем Za'ar* is a testimony of your sacrifice and service to your people and Community in particular and to humanity in general.

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May The Almighty Allah bless the 'Research and Development Apostle' with good health, long life and more wisdom.

Once again, accept our Congratulations!

Signed:

**Prof. Mala Mohammed Daura**

*Vice Chancellor, Yobe State University*



**PROF MALA MOHAMMED DAURA**  
Vice Chancellor, Yobe State University



**PROFESSOR  
SULEIMAN E. BOGORO** (FNIAS, FAS, FFPNO, FSPSP)  
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### OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR FEDERAL UNIVERSITY DUTSINMA



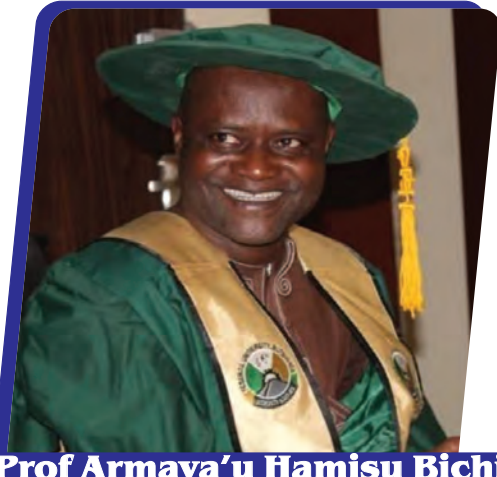
## CONGRATULATIONS! JENNDEM ZA'AR!

**O**n behalf of the Governing Council, Senate, Management, Staff and Students of Federal University Dutsinma, Katsina State, I, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Armaya'u Hamisu Bichi, felicitate with the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, on your well deserved recognition by *The Gung Za'ar* Abuja, Chief Bulus Danjuma, and his entire Council, and your subsequent Coronation on 18th March, 2021, as *Jennдем Za'ar* Sir, your appointment as *Jennдем Za'ar* is a testimony of your sacrifice and service to your people and Community in particular and to humanity in general

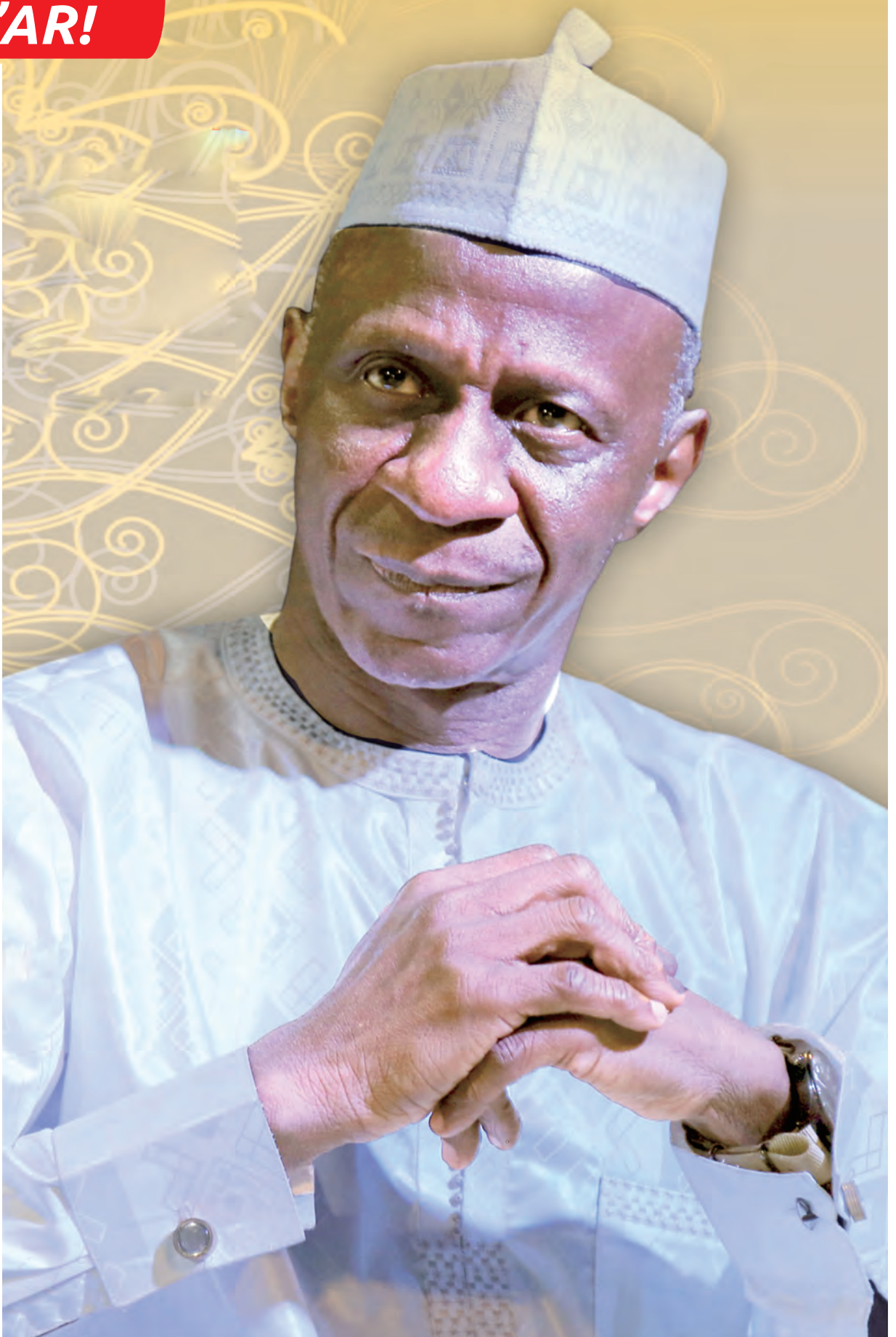
We beseech the Almighty Allah to continue to strengthen you in the service of our dear country and humanity and your traditional institution that chose you, out of the several prominent sons and daughters of your race and conferred on you the prestigious title of *Jennдем Za'ar*. Once again, accept our Congratulations

Signed:

**Professor Armaya'u Hamisu Bichi**  
Vice Chancellor, FUDMA



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Vice Chancellor, Federal University Dutsinma



**Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro** (FNIAS, FAS, FFPNO, FSPSP)  
Executive Secretary, Tertiary Education Trust Fund

**OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR  
FEDERAL UNIVERSITY DUTSE****CONGRATULATIONS!  
JENNDEM ZA'AR!**

On behalf of the Governing Council, Senate, Management, Staff and Students of Federal University Dutse, Jigawa State, I, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abdulkarim S. Muhammad, felicitate with the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, on your well deserved recognition by *The Gung Za'ar* Abuja, Chief Bulus Danjuma, and his entire Council, and your subsequent Coronation on 18th March, 2021, as *Jennдем Za'ar*

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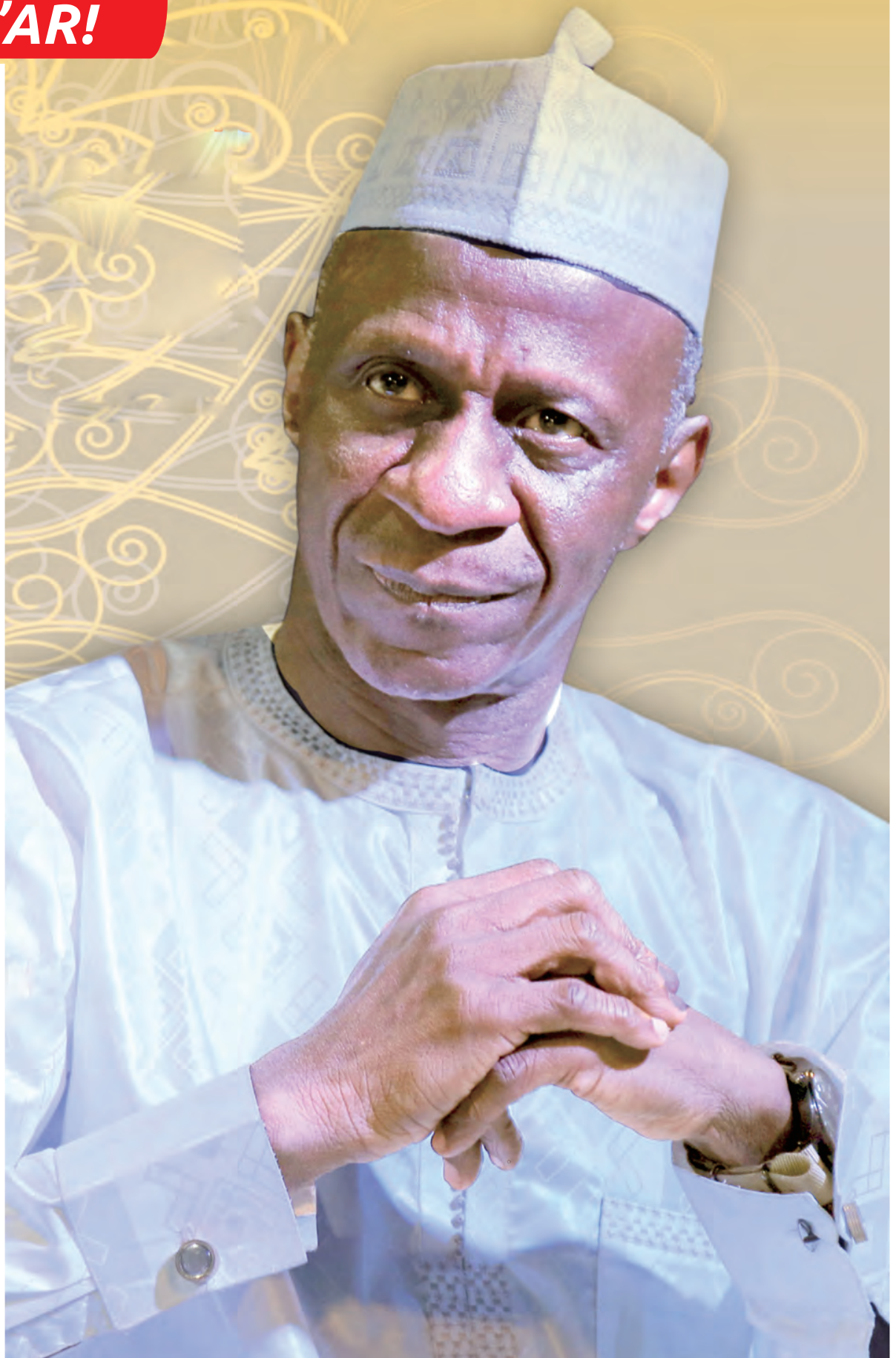
Once again, accept our Congratulations

Signed:

**Prof Abdulkarim S. Mohammed**  
Vice Chancellor, FUD



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Vice Chancellor, Federal University, Dutse



**PROFESSOR SULEIMAN E. BOGORO** (FNIAS, FAS, FFPNO, FSPSP)  
Executive Secretary, TETFund

**16 Goodwill Message****OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR  
ABUBAKAR TAFAWA BALEWA UNIVERSITY BAUCHI****CONGRATULATIONS!  
JENNDEM ZA'AR!**

**O**n behalf of the Governing Council, Senate, Management, Staff and Students of Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi, I, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad A. Abdulazeez, felicitates with the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, on your well deserved recognition by *The Gung Za'ar* Abuja, Chief Bulus Danjuma, and his entire Council, and your subsequent Coronation on 18th March, 2021, as *Jennдем Za'ar*

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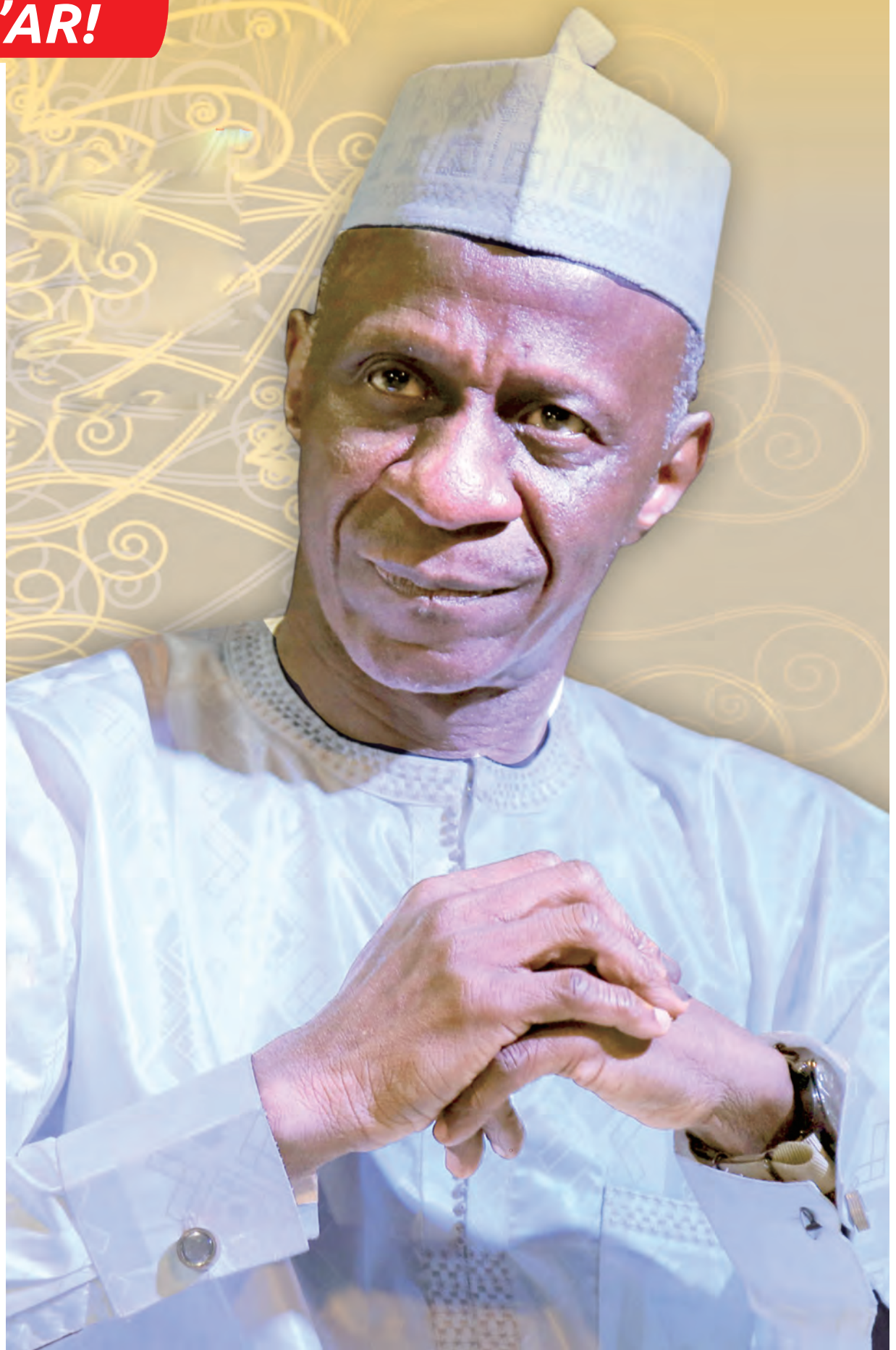
Signed:

**Prof. Muhammad A. Abdulazeez**

*Vice Chancellor, ATBU*



**Prof Muhammad A. Abdulazeez**  
*Vice Chancellor, ATBU Bauchi*



**Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro** (FNIAS, FAS, FFPNO, FSPSP)  
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**OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR  
FEDERAL STATE UNIVERSITY LOKOJA**



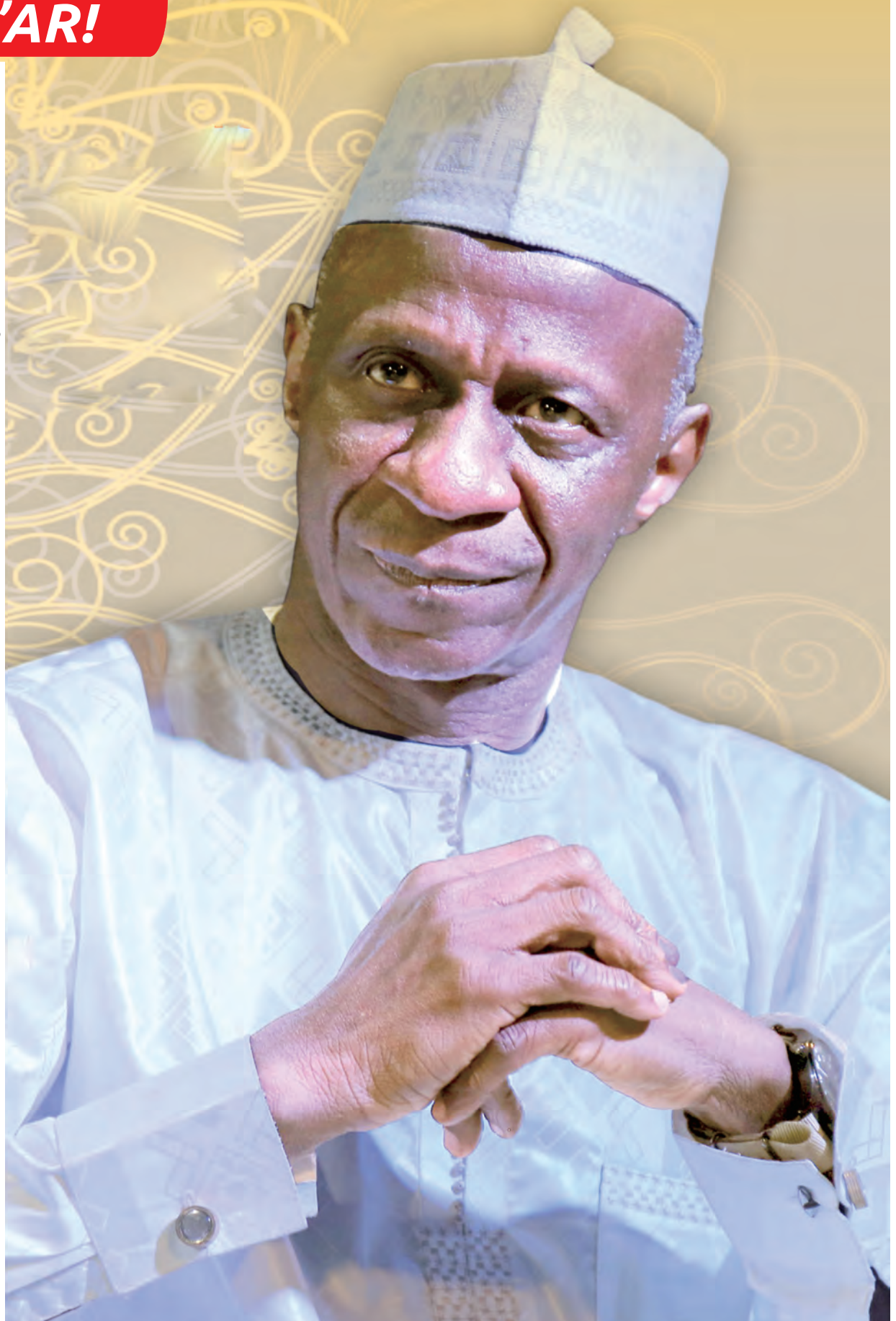
**CONGRATULATIONS!  
JENNDEM ZA'AR!**

On behalf of the Governing Council, Senate, Management, Staff and Students of Federal University, Lokoja, I, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Olayemi Akinwumi felicitates with the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, on your well deserved recognition by *The Gung Za'ar* Abuja, Chief Bulus Danjuma, and his entire Council, and your subsequent Coronation on 18th March, 2021, as *Jennдем Za'ar*. Sir, no doubt, your appointment as *Jennдем Za'ar* is a testimony of your sacrifice and service to your people and Community in particular and to humanity in general. We trust that the Good Lord will continue to strengthen you in the service of our dear country and humanity and your traditional institution that chose you, out of the several prominent sons and daughters of your race and conferred on you the prestigious title of *Jennдем Za'ar*. Once again, accept our Congratulations

Signed:  
**Professor Olayemi Akinwumi**  
Vice Chancellor, FUL



**Professor Olayemi D. Akinwumi**  
Vice Chancellor, Federal University, Lokoja



**PROFESSOR SULEIMAN E. BOGORO** (FNIAS, FAS, FFPNO, FSPSP)  
**Executive Secretary, TETFund**

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**UNIVERSITY OF MAIDUGURI  
OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR**

**CONGRATULATIONS!  
JENNDEM ZA'AR!**

On behalf of the Governing Council, Senate, Management, Staff and Students of University of Maiduguri, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Aliyu Shugaba, joins family, friends, and well wishers of the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, in felicitating with you, on your well deserved coronation as **Jennдем Za'ar**, by His Royal Highness, **The Gung Za'ar** Abuja, Chief Bulus Danjuma, which took place on 18th, March 2021.

As one of our leading and proud Alumni, we, at your alma mater, consider the historic appointment and coronation as a credit to us, because, it is an honour done to all stakeholders of UNIMAID.

We pray to the Almighty Allah to bless you with long life and abundant wisdom to continue the good work of service to humanity in general, and your community in particular. Congratulations!

Signed:  
**professor Aliyu Shugaba**  
Vice Chancellor, UNIMAID



**PROF ALIYU SHUGABA**  
Vice Chancellor, University of Maiduguri



**PROFESSOR SULEIMAN E. BOGORO** (FNIAS, FAS, FFPNO, FSPSP)  
**Executive Secretary, TETFund**

**OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR  
GOMBE STATE UNIVERSITY**



**CONGRATULATIONS!  
JENNDEM ZA'AR!**

**O**n behalf of the Governing Council, Senate, Management, Staff and Students of Gombe State University, I, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Aliyu Usman El-Nafaty, felicitate with the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, on your well deserved recognition by *The Gung Za'ar* Abuja, Chief Bulus Danjuma, and his entire Council, and your subsequent Coronation on 18th March, 2021, as *Jennдем Za'ar* Sir, no doubt, your appointment as *Jennдем Za'ar* is a testimony of your sacrifice and service to your people and Community in particular and to humanity in general

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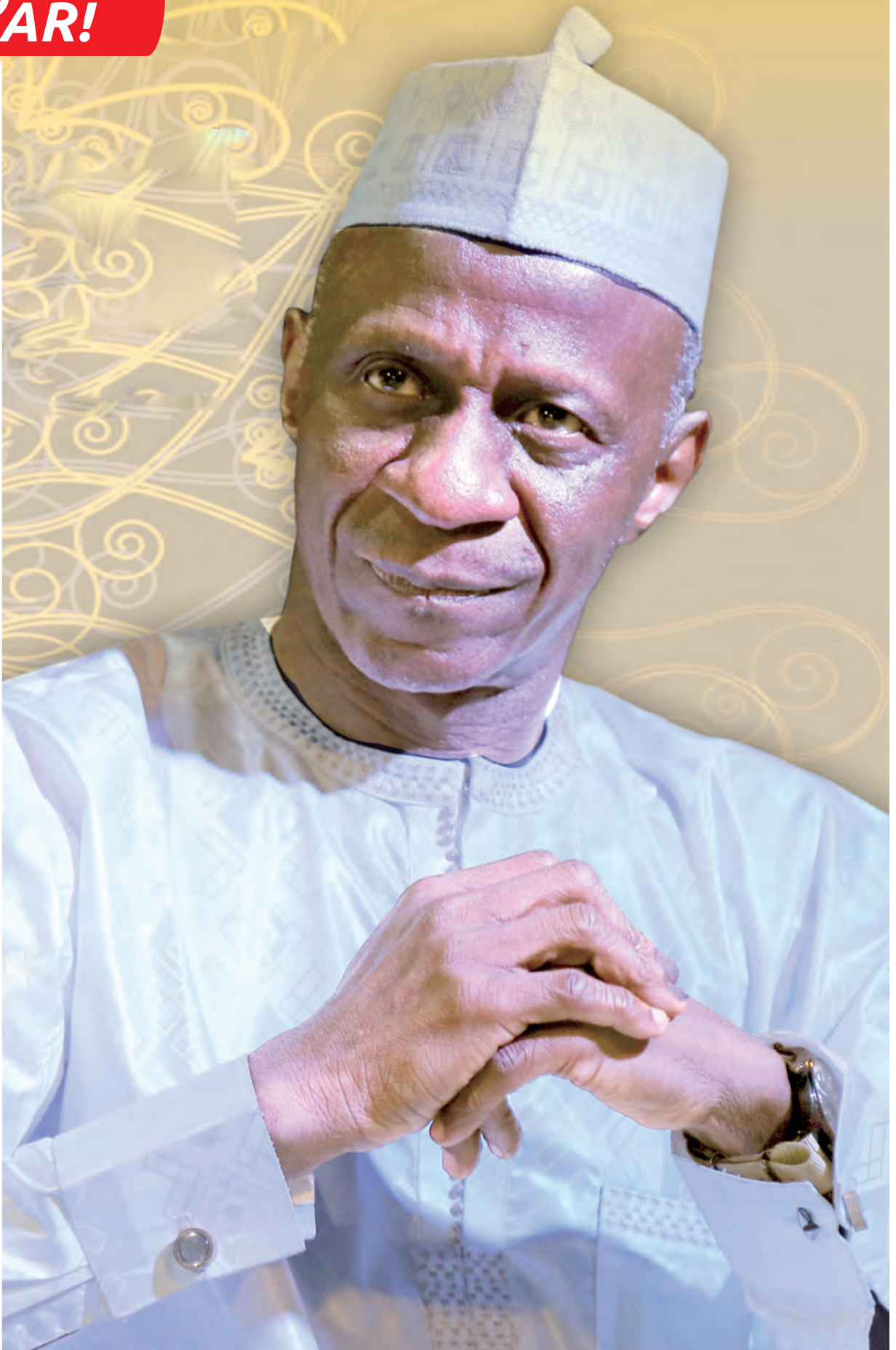
Once again, accept our Congratulations

Signed:

**Professor Aliyu Usman El-Nafaty**  
*VC, Gombe State University*



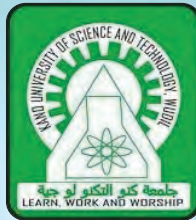
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**OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR**  
**KANO STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WUDIL**



**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**JENNDEM ZA'AR!**

**O**n behalf of the Governing Council, Senate, Management, Staff and Students of Kano State University of Science and Technology, Wudil, I, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Shehu Alhaji Musa, felicitate with the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, on your well deserved recognition by *The Gung Za'ar* Abuja, Chief Bulus Danjuma, and his entire Council, and your subsequent Coronation on 18th March, 2021, as *Jennдем Za'ar*

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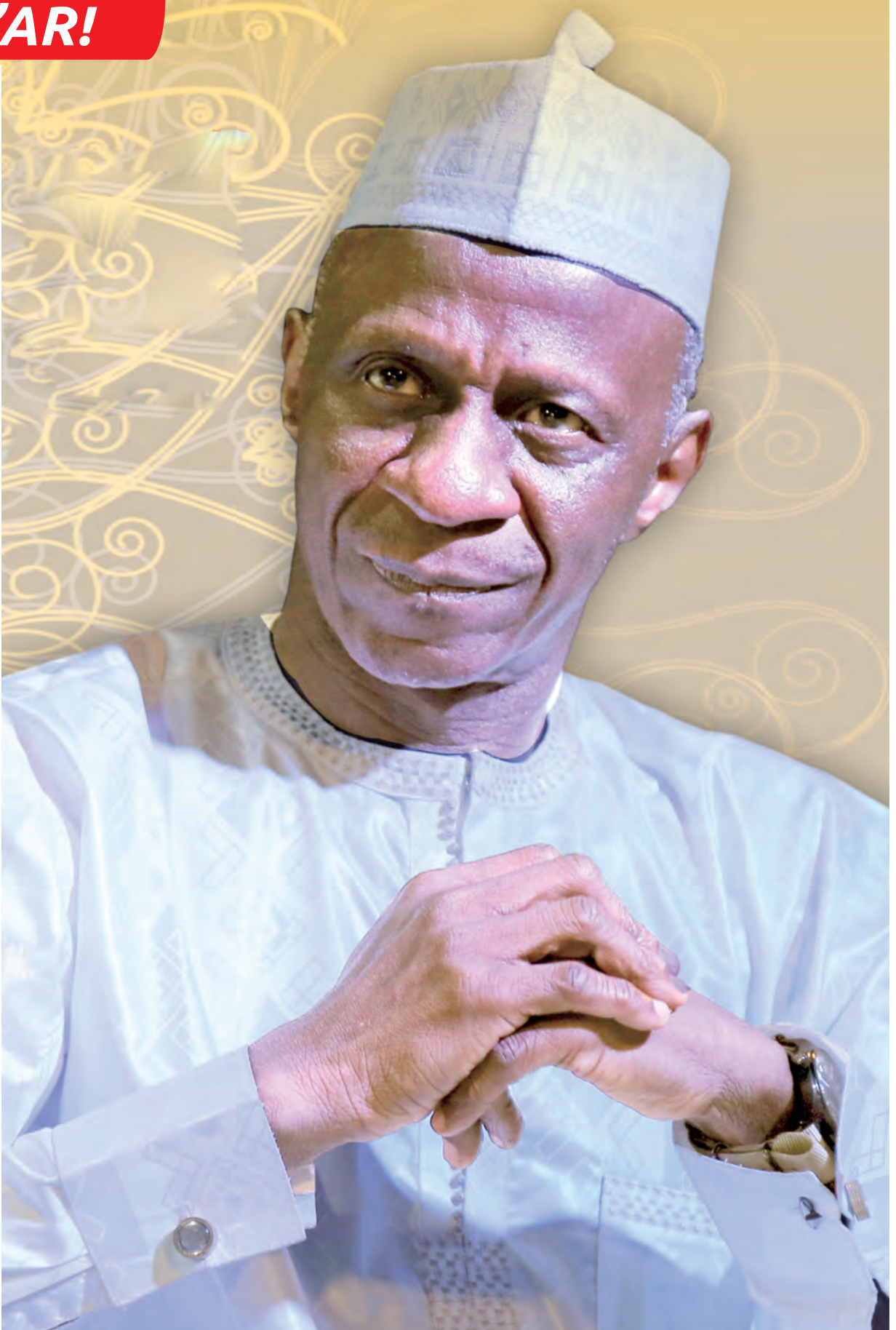
Once again, accept our Congratulations

Signed:

**Professor Shehu Alhaji Musa,**  
 VC, KUST Wudil



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 Vice Chancellor, KUST Wudil



**PROFESSOR SULEIMAN E. BOGORO** (FNIAS, FAS, FFPNO, FSPSP)  
**Executive Secretary, TETFund**



## Goodwill Message

### OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES OTUKPO



## CONGRATULATIONS! JENNDEM ZA'AR!

On behalf of the Governing Council, Senate, Management, Staff and Students of Federal University of Health Sciences Otukpo, I, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Innocent A. Ujah, felicitate with the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, on your well deserved recognition by *The Gung Za'ar* Abuja, Chief Bulus Danjuma, and his entire Council, and your subsequent Coronation on 18th March, 2021, as *Jennдем Za'ar* Sir, no doubt, your appointment as *Jennдем Za'ar* is a testimony of your sacrifice and service to your people and Community in particular and to humanity in general.

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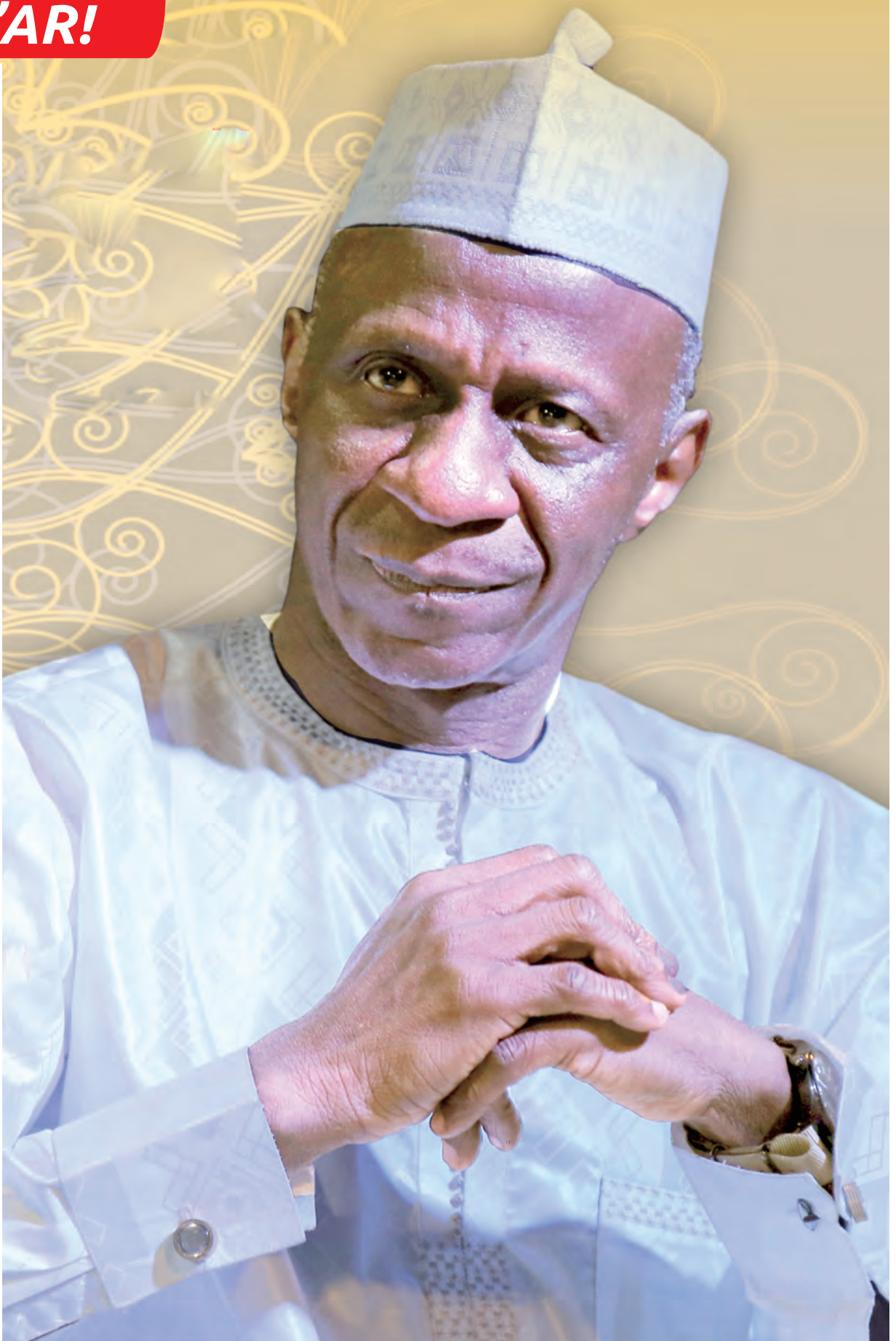
Once again, accept our Congratulations

Signed:

**Professor Innocent A. Ujah**  
Vice Chancellor, FUHS Otukpo



**Prof Innocent A. Ujah**  
Vice Chancellor, Federal University of Health Sciences Otukpo



**Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro** (FNIAS, FAS, FFPNO, FSPSP)  
Executive Secretary, Tertiary Education Trust Fund

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### OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR UMARU MUSA YARADUA UNIVERSITY, KATSINA



## CONGRATULATIONS! JENNDEM ZA'AR!

On behalf of the Governing Council, Senate, Management, Staff and Students of Umaru Musa Yaradua University, Katsina, I, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sanusi Mamman, felicitate with the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, on your well deserved recognition by *The Gung Za'ar* Abuja, Chief Bulus Danjuma, and his entire Council, and your subsequent Coronation on 18th March, 2021, as *Jennдем Za'ar*. Sir, no doubt, your appointment as *Jennдем Za'ar* is a testimony of your sacrifice and service to your people and Community in particular and to humanity in general.

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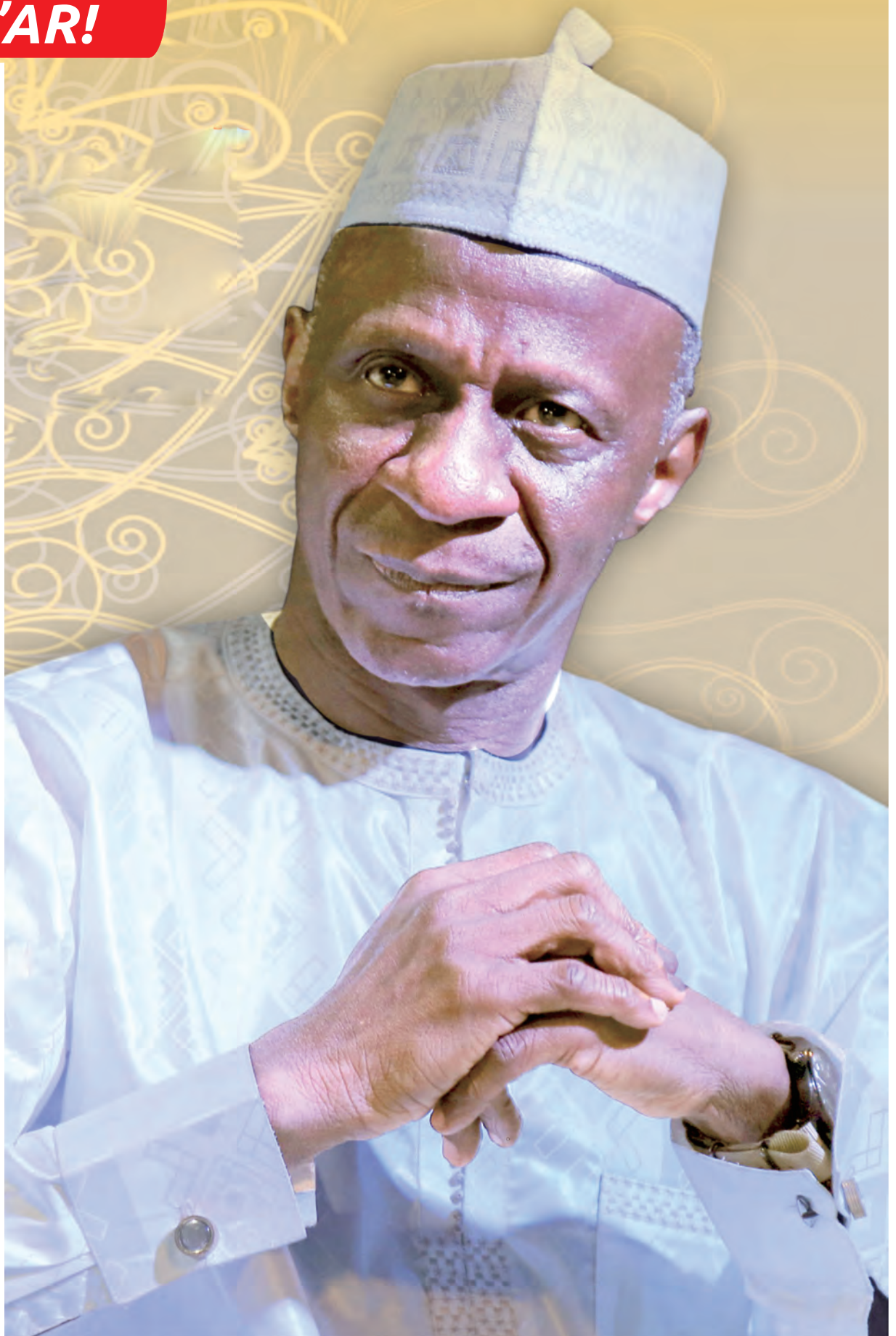
Signed:

**Professor Sanusi Mamman**

*Vice Chancellor, UMYU*



**Prof Sanusi Mamman**  
*Vice Chancellor, Umaru Musa Yaradua University*



**Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro** (FNAS, FAS, FFPNO, FSPSP)  
*Executive Secretary, Tertiary Education Trust Fund*



**FEDERAL POLYTECHNIC, NASARAWA**  
**OFFICE OF THE RECTOR**

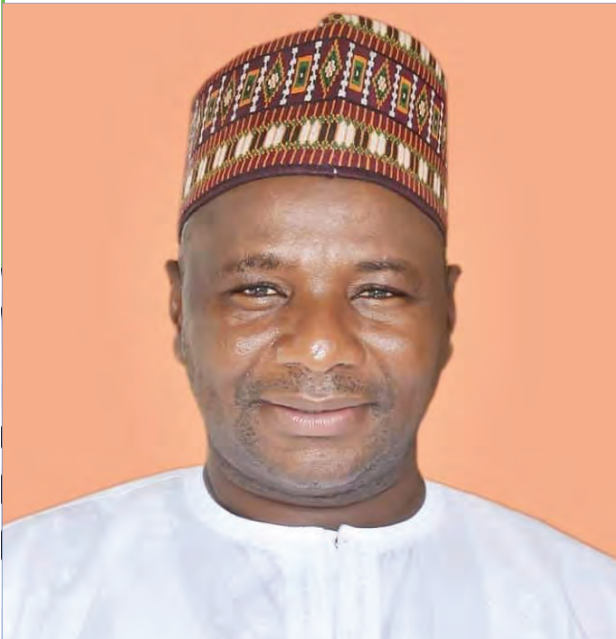
**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**JENNDEM ZA'AR!**

The Rector, Federal Polytechnic Nasarawa, Dr. Abdullahi Alhassan hereby, on behalf of the Council, Management, Staff and Students of the Polytechnic, heartily felicitate with the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, on your well deserved coronation as *Jennдем Za'ar*, by His Royal Highness, *The Gung Za'ar* Abuja, Chief Bulus Danjuma

Sir, we are with you in this, and any other such appointment that will give you the opportunity to continue to add exemplary value to the society.

Sir, as you have now become one of the custodians of our rich culture and tradition, we trust that you will bring your rich and cherished experience to bear on the traditional institution. Congratulations! once again

Signed:  
**Dr. Abdullahi Alhassan**  
Rector, Federal Polytechnic



**MALLAM ABDULLAHI ALHASSAN**  
Rector, Federal Polytechnic, Nasarawa

**PROFESSOR**  
**SULEIMAN E. BOGORO** (FNIAS, FAS, FFPNO, FSPSP)  
**Executive Secretary, TETFund**

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**FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, PANKSHIN, PLATEAU STATE  
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST**

**CONGRATULATIONS!  
JENNDEM ZA'AR!**

The Provost Federal College of Education (FCE) Pankshin, Dr. Amos Bulus Cirfat <sup>FSTAN, MNAE</sup> hereby, on behalf of the Council, Management, Staff and Students of the College, felicitate with the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro on on your appointment and coronation by *The Gung Za'ar* Abuja, His Royal Highness, Chief Bulus Danjuma and his council, *as Jennдем Za'ar*.

It is our belief that the good Lord will bless you with better health, long life and wisdom, so that you will continue to serve the nation in general and your community in particular.

Sir, as you have now become one of the custodians of our rich culture and tradition, we trust that you will bring your rich and cherished experience to bear on the traditional institution. Congratulations!

Signed:

**Dr. Amos Bulus Cirfat**, <sup>FSTAN, MNAE</sup>  
Provost, FCE, Pankshin



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Provost, FCE Pankshin



**PROFESSOR  
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**Executive Secretary, TETFund**

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION BILLIRI



**CONGRATULATIONS!  
JENNDEM ZA'AR!**

On behalf of the Governing Council, Management, Staff and Students of College of Education Billiri, Gombe State, I, the Provost, Dr. Langa H. B. Bangunji, felicitate with the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, on your well deserved recognition by *The Gung Za'ar* Abuja, Chief Bulus Danjuma, and his entire Council, and your subsequent Coronation on 18th March, 2021, as *Jennдем Za'ar*

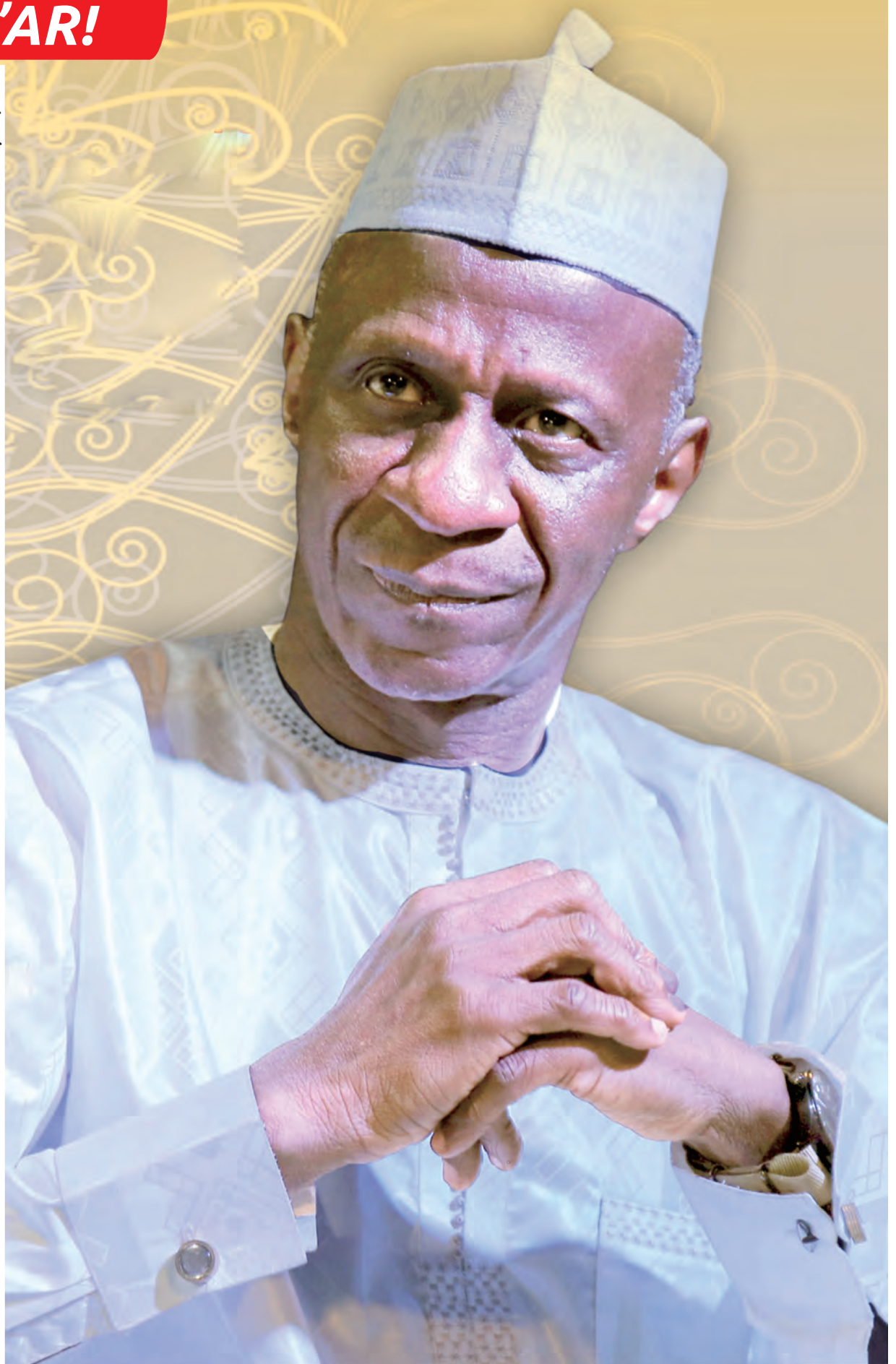
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Provost, College of Education Billiri



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Provost, College of Education Billiri



**Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro** (FNIAS, FAS, FFPNO, FSPSP)  
Executive Secretary, Tertiary Education Trust Fund

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### FEDERAL POLYTECHNIC, BIDA OFFICE OF THE RECTOR

## CONGRATULATIONS! JENNDEM ZA'AR!

On behalf of the Management and Staff of Federal Polytechnic Bida, Niger State, I, the Rector, Dr. Abubakar Abdul Dzukogi, felicitate with the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, on your well deserved recognition by The **Gung Za'ar** Abuja, Chief Bulus Danjuma, and his entire Council, and subsequent Coronation on 18th March, 2021, as **Jennдем Za'ar** Sir, your appointment as **Jennдем Za'ar** is a testimony of your sacrifice and service to your people and Community in particular and to humanity in general.

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Signed:

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Rector, Federal Polytechnic Bida



**DR. ABUBAKAR ABDUL DZUKOGI**  
Rector, Federal Polytechnic Bida



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**Executive Secretary, TETFund**



## FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL) GOMBE OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

### CONGRATULATIONS! JENNDEM ZA'AR!

On behalf of the Management, Staff and Students of Federal College of Education (Technical), Gombe, I, the Provost, Dr. Ali Adamu Boderi, felicitate with the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, on your well deserved recognition by The *Gung Za'ar* Abuja, Chief Bulus Danjuma, and his entire Council, and subsequent Coronation on 18th March, 2021, as *Jennдем Za'ar*

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Signed:

**Dr. Ali Adamu Boderi**  
Provost, FCET, Gombe



**DR. ALI ADAMU BODERI**  
Provost, FCET, Gombe



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# PALACE MONITOR

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First Voice of Our Royal Fathers

*This page is dedicated to share with our readers, History of traditional Institutions within and outside Nigeria. However, we are starting with the History of Nigeria's Sultanate as captured in a book, titled, "SULTANS OF SOKOTO", Edited by Alkasim Abba, Ibrahim M. Jumare and Shuabibu Shehu Aliyu*

## SULTANS OF SOKOTO (4)

### CHAPTER ONE: SHEHU USMAN DANFODIO 1804 - 1817, THE FOUNDER OF THE SOKOTO CALIPHATE

**M**any books have been written about the Sokoto Jihad and Sokoto Caliphate. This book is different. It is different because it is the first book that has attempted to look at the entire history of the Sokoto Caliphate up to the present day by looking at the history, life, activities and contributions of the Caliphs and the Sultans right from Usman Danfodio to his Eminence Sultan Muhammad Sa'ad ABubakar III. This book brings out details about the personalities that shaped the history of Northern Nigeria since 1804. It is an interesting reading material for anyone who wants to understand the past and contemporary political history of Northern Nigeria. The book has been written by distinguished historians from a number of Universities in Northern Nigeria.



Alh. Sa'ad Abubakar, Sultan of Sokoto

At the age of 20 he became an authority in his own right and was sought after by students. Abdullahi says he was taught the Qur'an by his father until the age of thirteen, after which he was left in the hands of his elder brother, Shehu. Under Shehu, Abdullahi read "al-Ishriniyat, al Witriyat, and the Six Poets. He also learnt from Shehu the science of the Unity from the Sanusi books and their commentaries, as well as other works. Again he learnt syntax, acquired knowledge of mysticism, learnt Qur'anic exegesis, the science of the tradition which comes with knowledge, and the science of mathematics.' He also learnt Islamic law (Shari'ah) under Shehu. Meanwhile as Shehu taught, he also preached, and as he preached and taught he continued to learn.

Very little was known about the Shehu in his formative years. But, according to Hiskett, oral traditions have it that "he was a man of medium height, with a light complexion... a black man, without a beard, except a very small one. He is also said to have been of slender build." And when he reached early adulthood, his piety, exceptional intellectual ability, and charming traits began to manifest, thereby attracting many supporters. Steadily, Shehu emerged as the leader of young Muslim scholars (Shaykh) with optimistic and reforming ideas. His relationship with his companions and with members of his household were warm and friendly and he clearly inspired them with confidence and warmth.

From his early manhood he lived a very simple life in that he had only one pair of

trousers, one turban, and one gown. He ate abstemiously and was disinterested in wealth and possessions, which he regarded as corruption. He earned his living by twisting rope, an occupation he could carry on while reading or teaching. His friends were men of his own kind: kinsmen, scholars, and visionaries who shared his interests and values. Consequently, 'they formed with him a close-knit community of intellectuals somewhat arrogant, in the way of those who know the moral certainties; deeply contemptuous of the pagan scene around them, and working enthusiastically together to advance the literacy culture upon which their religious ideology depended.

#### Teaching and Preaching

Islam reached Hausaland in about fourteenth century through the Mandingo merchants from Mali. In the areas that were later to be known as Northern Nigeria, the development of Islam was also identical with the Niger region. Here the first people to embrace Islam were the Borno people in about the 11th century while in Hausaland, 14th century is considered as the period of Islamic intrusion.

Although by the 14th century Islam was already in Hausaland yet it was far from fully accepted by the majority of the populace. What seems to have happened, according to Hiskett, was that individual Muslims from peripheral areas of North Africa and Egyptian traders after the initial patronage of the governments of the Habe States came into the Habe Kingdoms and settled, thereby - forming

small communities that gradually began to affect the pagan peoples.'" Little wonder, therefore, that in its first stage of diffusion, Islam was only nominally accepted by some Kings and courtiers mainly through usage of Islamic names and titles. But it was very much mixed up with traditional religions.

Thus, by the 17 century, Islam had not only invaded the courts but had made important inroads into the ranks of the general masses. By this time in Hausaland, it was not even foreigners but indigenous people themselves who had not only learned but were themselves teachers of Islamic sciences that were engaged in preaching. In Zamfara, area, however, it was only at about the beginning of the second half of the same century that the first Muslim rulers converted to Islam.<sup>19</sup> By this period also various villages grew around famous servants which became great outposts of Islamic teaching with zealots from far and wide. During the second half of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, for example, the region of Degel, where Shehu's family moved earlier, seemed to have been a center of attraction, especially to various Islamic scholarly groups who became identified with such other settlements in the area as Chimmola, Baraya Zaki, Marnona and Marannu. In this way one can safely say that the 17 and 18 centuries saw the dominance of Islam in both Borno and Hausaland. However, though rulers were by this period bearing Islamic name yet the belief in the Iskoki was too deeply rooted in their social and political consciousness to have been

displaced by Islam.

Thus, in most Hausa states Islam had by now moved away from a simple acceptance of the faith to the awareness of its fundamental bases. Irrational beliefs were giving way to intellectual awareness. As opposed to decline, Islam was, thus, by the 18 century increasing its influence all over Hausaland. There existed in various cities and villages a largely Islamized population in terms of the norms, values and identity, where rulers were also Islamized.

Shehu started his teaching and preaching at the age of 20 in the year 1188 A.H (1774/75). His focus was on the following: to strengthen Islam, cleanse it from the pagan practices, which embellished and convert the pagans. From his base in Degel, Shehu began to travel round the countryside to spread the true faith. Which embellished and convert the pagans. From his base in Degel, Shehu began to travel round the countryside to spread the true faith. He made converts wherever he went in the course of his preaching: teaching the rituals and the basic tenets of Islam. Many places he tried to correct the views and beliefs of those who were already enlightened. Abdullahi records that people from the country side came to him and remained with him as followers. But Shehu didn't stay only around his immediate environment, neither, did he preach alone. He travelled with his younger brother to Kebbi and Zamfara, Zaberma and to Niger, as well as Daura's where he achieved great success. But in Zamfara he had to spend five years because he found the people almost completely ignorant of Islam.

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