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### Don Proffers Solution to Gender Violence

**A** Senior Lecturer at the Department of Islamic Law, Dr. Mansur Isa Yelwa, has proffered three means of remedying gender-based violence in accordance with the Islamic legislation which includes religious education and awareness, social counselling and sanctions as well as the provision of legal sanctions.

Dr. Yelwa who was delivering a lecture titled: "Gender-Based Violence: The Islamic Perspective," on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium organized by the Centre for Gender Studies (CGS) said the main cause of gender violence includes women's misconducts, men's cruelty and arrogance, intellectual reasons (scriptural misconducts), cultural practices, socio-economic factors and lawlessness.

The don quoted what Kofi Annan once said: "Violence against women and girls is a problem of pandemic proportions. At least one out of every three women around the world has been beaten, coerced into sex, or otherwise abused in her lifetime with the abuser usually someone known to her."

He also cited a report published by the FBI in the United States of America, that every day four women die as a result of domestic violence, the euphemism for murders and assaults by husbands and boyfriends, that is approximately 1,400 women a year. He added that the

incidence of violence against women is also prevalent in many Muslim countries, mostly based on cultural reasons as against religious.

Dr. Yelwa also mentioned how women inflict violence on their male counterparts, quoting *Premium Times* newspaper of 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 where a 50-year-old teacher, Musiliu Yusuf, told Igando Customary Court in Lagos that his wife was impregnated by one of her lovers in their matrimonial home, adding that the wife was in the habit of beating him on the slightest provocation, forcing him to move out of his matrimonial home.

Islamic teaching, he said, is fundamentally based on harmony, leniency, simplicity and understanding amongst all people, regardless of their differences in gender, age, race, ethnic or social backgrounds, saying the critiques of Islam as being allegedly promoting violence against women were either based on islamophobia or on common misconceptions about Islamic provisions for gender-equity based rights. He said, according to Islamic law, rights are equitably distributed among genders.

He said the rights of both genders in Islam had been categorised into five: the one shared by both men and women, the one allocated specifically for men, one allocated specifically for women, the one allocated for both with preference for men and one allocated for both with preference for women.

Dr. Yelwa said Islam provides that women should be protected and treated fairly, leniently

and kindly by men as cited in Qur'an 4:34 and chapter 4:19 while in Bukhari: 3153 the Prophet said "Treat women well, for woman is created from a rib and the most curved portion of the rib is its upper portion. If you try to straighten it, it will break, but if you leave it as it is, it will remain curved; so treat women with kindness," amongst many other provisions of Qur'an and Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H).

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello said gender violence is a serious issue because both genders maltreat their partner through beating and other unacceptable means.

Professor Yahuza Bello who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, said if one sets drug abuse aside at family level, gender violence stands to be the most dangerous phenomenon, urging the participants to critically examine the problem and come up with useful solution that would benefit the society.

The Director, Centre for Gender Studies, Professor A'isha Abdul-Isma'il said the event was part of the lecture series being organised by the Centre in an effort to provide clarification pertaining gender violence and also to address misconception, saying "we want to have a Centre with a difference."

### **GENERAL CIRCULAR: Appointment of Contract, Sabbatical & Visiting Staff**

The University has been facing serious challenges with respect to the payment of salaries and allowances since December 2015. The challenges arise from the grossly inadequate provision for, and release of, funds for personnel costs from Abuja.

In view of these challenges, the Management has decided as follows until the situation improves:

- a) All fresh appointments either regular or contract have been suspended.
- b) Appointments and renewals of the appointment of retired staff on contract have been suspended.
- c) Sabbatical appointments of staff members from other universities to the University have been put on hold.
- d) There will be no appointments or renewals for visiting and part-time staff members.

Exemption will only be given in **very exceptional** cases (such as for new programmes/departments with inadequate full-time staff members).

In a circular dated 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2016, the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed, advised all the affected staff members to take note accordingly.

### **IHSAN Wants B.Sc Health Admin and Management Mounted in BUK**

The Institute of Health Science Administration of Nigeria has called on the management of Bayero University to mount a BSc in Health Administration and Management considering the university's capability and pedigree in Nigeria, President of the Institute, Alhaji Aminu Bello Sokoto, has appealed.

Speaking at the Council Chamber of the University, on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2016, when the board members of the Institute paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor, the President informed the Vice Chancellor that the prominence, quality in teaching and research, competence and academic excellence influenced the institute's decision to approach BUK on the new development.

The President, who was accompanied by the former national presidents, Chairman Board of Trustee, Directors of Administration and other

executive members of the institute said they found out that no university in Nigeria mounted the programme except in University of Maiduguri, University of Benin and University of Nigeria, where they offered diploma programmes. He informed the Vice Chancellor that a similar offer was earlier extended to these universities to mount degree programme in Health Administration and Planning and that BMAS was sent to the National Universities Commission (NUC) for approval.

He appealed to the University management to help the institute in pioneering the programme in BUK, adding that IHSAN was conducting its 2<sup>nd</sup> National Workshop at the Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital (AKTH).

In his response, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello welcomed the IHSAN delegation to Kano and BUK in particular and expressed happiness over the structure of the institute which was established since 1978 and that all its past national presidents are still active members. He said health administration is crucial in harmonizing all the health personnel from different professions together, noting that the good reputation of the institute would surely serve as an inspiration and role model to the younger ones.

The Vice Chancellor expressed the university's willingness to mount the programme but advised the institute to make sure that the BMAS is approved by the NUC.

Prof. Bello noted that the University had in recent times expanded its Science based programmes, therefore he said it would be a welcome development to mount the B.Sc in Health Administration and Management.

## School of Postgraduate Studies Commissions New Generator

Dean of the School of Postgraduate Studies (SPS), Professor Sa'idu Babura Ahmad, has pledged the school's continuous efficiency and productivity in the discharge of its duties.

Professor Sa'idu Babura who was speaking on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 while commissioning a new sound proof generating set, MIKANO 60KVA, which was allocated to the school, expressed deep gratitude to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, for such a support.



*Prof. Sa'idu Babura Ahmad, 4th left and others during the commissioning*

He said the new generator would cater for the needs of the school and as such they would efficiently ensure its maintenance, adding that the school had gone a long way towards producing quality postgraduate students.

Professor Sa'idu Babura expressed gratitude that the generator has the capacity to serve all the air conditioners and other gadgets belonging to the school, urging all staff to reciprocate the numerous gestures rendered to the school by the University Management through dedication and hard work.

The Secretary of the School, M. T. Jikamshi, in addition to thanking the University

Management, acknowledged the cooperation SPS receives from the Maintenance Services Directorate (MSD), particularly the Director, Engineer Bashir Dan-Umma.

The event was witnessed by the representative of the Director of Maintenance Services, Engineer Ahmed, other staff of the MSD and School of Postgraduate Studies.

### **All Groundwork Done to Commence Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences – Vice Chancellor**

Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has disclosed that the University had finalized all groundwork towards setting up the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences including the employment of 20 teaching staff, three years to the take-off of the Faculty.

Professor Yahuza Bello was speaking on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2016 at the Council Chamber when he received a team from the Pharmaceutical Council of Nigeria who were in the University on advisory visit to assess the newly established Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences in effort to provide input and ensure the commencement of programmes in the Faculty, on the right footing.

The Vice Chancellor said the University has admitted the first set of 100 level students and that some academic staff members were undergoing their MSc and PhD programmes both in Nigerian universities and overseas, adding that “we have both full-time and sabbatical staff, including the immediate past Vice Chancellor of Ahmadu Bello University, Professor Abdullahi Mustapha, who is doing his sabbatical in the University.”

He described the visit as timely, especially because with many facilities on the ground and

at the early stage of the Faculty, he said, the Council and the University had a better chance to critically look at what had been provided and make the necessary adjustments, especially as the University aimed at establishing one of the best Pharmaceutical Science Faculties in Africa.

“We are aware of the hands-on effort for students to be engaged, not only to see but to do it practically. We have adequate facilities at the Old Campus where the Faculty is located. We limited our admission to 50 students until when we are sure of having the facilities to admit more than that number.”

Leader of the team, Professor Cyril Usifoh, former Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Benin, earlier disclosed to the Vice Chancellor that “we are on advisory visit to look at what the University has and what it was doing so as to tell you where you went right and where you went wrong, before coming for accreditation; by the time we looked at your facilities we will be able to tell you what to do to come up with School of Pharmaceutical Science that is presentable in the country.

“The advisory team’s coming to the University when the first set of students were admitted is very helpful; some universities had to admit three sets of students or more before they invited us and that was wrong. We are here to support Bayero University to reach greater height.”

### **President Buhari Appoints 4 BUK Dons to Head Education Agencies**

Four distinguished academics from Bayero University have been appointed to head parastatals and agencies under the Federal Ministry of Education, including the immediate past Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, as Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC).

Others were: Professor Garba Dahuwa Azare who was appointed Executive Secretary, National Teachers Institute (NTI), Dr. Abdullahi Bichi Baffa, Executive Secretary, Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) and Professor Abba Haladu, Executive Secretary, National Commission for Mass Literacy, Adult and Non-Formal Education (NCMLA & NE).

Professor Adamu Rasheed was born in October, 1957 at Makarfi, Kaduna state. He did his primary school in Makarfi and proceeded to School for Arabic Studies, Kano; Bayero University, Kano (1977-1980 and 1981-1983), Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria (1986-1991), and the University of Nottingham, England (1989-1990). He holds, among the qualifications, a B.A., two MAs, and a PhD in different aspects of English Studies. He also holds the prestigious title of Member of the National Institute (mni), and a national honour, Member, of the Federal Republic (MFR).

He was Head of Department, Dean, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Admin, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics and Vice Chancellor, Bayero University. He was the first Chairman, Governing Council of Jigawa State University, Kafin-Hausa. He was also Editor, *New Nigerian* on Sunday, substantive Editor, *New Nigerian* daily and Managing Director, *New Nigerian* Newspapers. The detailed explanations to his achievements and life were published in a book written by the Media Team of Bayero University, titled: ***Bayero University, Kano – The Rasheed Revolution (2010-2015).***

Professor Garba Dahuwa Azare, an indigene of Bauchi state, is a Professor of Educational Administration and Policy Studies. He did his first Degree, Bachelor of Arts (Education) in Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria; Master of Education (M.Ed.), Bayero University, Kano,

PhD in University of Wales, Cardiff, United Kingdom and Post-Doctoral Research Studies in West Virginia University, United States of America.

He was chairman and member of many boards and committees including, Member, 12<sup>th</sup> Governing Council of Bayero University; Member, Governing Council, National Teachers Institute (NTI) and Chairman, Committee to Evaluate a Draft Report on Basic Education, Universal Basic Education Programme and Chairman, Presidential Visitation Panel to the University of Calabar. He was visiting lecturer to many universities in Nigeria and overseas.

Dr. Abdullahi Bichi Baffa, an indigene of Kano state, was former Head of Department of Computer Science, Bayero University, and later Dean, Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology; Chairman, Bayero University Branch of Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Zonal Coordinator, ASUU and Special Assistant to incumbent Minister of Education. He was Chairman and Member of various committees and visiting lecturer to many universities amongst other numerous roles and responsibilities.

Professor Abba Haladu an indigene of Jigawa state was a senior lecturer at the Faculty of Education, Bayero University; Dean, Faculty of Education, Sule Lamido University, Kafin-Hausa as well as Director, Academic Planning of the university. And at one time had been Deputy Director at the NCMLA & NE. He was visiting lecturer to many universities, Chairman and member of several committees amongst other numerous roles and responsibilities.

## **Association of Physiotherapy Students holds 25<sup>th</sup> Convention in BUK**

The splitting of the erstwhile faculty of Medicine into four different Faculties to form the College of Health Sciences was part of the concerted efforts of Bayero University management to standardise the teaching of medicine and other health related professions, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello has disclosed.

The Vice Chancellor who was represented by the Dean, Student Affairs, Professor Ismaila Mohammed Zango, was speaking at the opening ceremony of the 25<sup>th</sup> National Convention of Nigeria Association of Physiotherapy Students tagged ‘BUK – 2016.’

Professor Yahuza Bello who stressed the importance of Physiotherapy profession stated that management would continue to accord priority to the provision of modern facilities that would make teaching and research in the field of physiotherapy efficient and effective.

He said, ‘We are living in a society with high rate of accidents and diseases associated with old age which often weaken joints and bones. Physiotherapy has a great role to play here and that was why BUK established the Department of Physiotherapy over a decade ago to train and produce enough manpower to tackle the high rate of accident victims with broken bones and aged people (patient) with weak joints and bones.’

The Vice Chancellor thanked the students for hosting their 25<sup>th</sup> National Convention in BUK and assured them that management would continue to do its best to support and promote teaching and research in Physiotherapy and other health related programmes.

He called on the delegates who were visiting the university for the first time to take time off their tight schedule and go round the university to see the tremendous infrastructural facilities put in place by the management of the university. He wished them a successful and hitch-free convention and journey mercies.

Also speaking shortly before he declared the convention open, the Deputy Governor of Kano State, Professor Hafizu Abubakar, ably represented by Dr. Usman Bashir, commended the national body of Physiotherapy Students Association for bringing its 25<sup>th</sup> Convention to Kano.

He said Kano State Government would continue to accord priority to the training of health personnel in terms of award of scholarships, saying that the students on their own part should continue to read hard in order to excel and justify the huge investment on them. He wished the delegates a fruitful convention.

In his address, President of the Association, Comrade Adamu Yakubu, said the association would use the convention, as it did during past conventions, to raise awareness on the profession of physiotherapy.

The keynote address titled: ‘Intra and Inter Professional Excellence through Advocacy’ delivered by the guest speaker, Professor, A. Y. Oyeyemi of the University of Maiduguri, advised students of Physiotherapy Department who wished to excel in their chosen career to ensure they abided by their Hippocratic Oath, be honest, sincere, show compassion and care to their patients as well as to avoid diverting patients to private clinics.

He said as health personnel, patients are a trust and there is need to treasure them and that ‘how you attend to them, take care of them matters a

lot. If for nothing one day you and I shall be held accountable to our deeds at a time when your defence will be only your good actions while on earth.’

## **Vice Chancellor Commends Effort to Eradicate Drug/Substance Abuse**

Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, has commended Mambayya House for bridging the gap between the academia and the larger society in organising a one-day “Policy Dialogue on Drug-abuse among the Youth in Kano State: Causes, Challenges and Implications”, on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2016, in partnership with the Nigeria Stability and Reconciliation Programme (nsrp) amongst others partners.

Speaking through the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas, he commended the objective of the policy dialogue that sought to eradicate the menace of drug/substance abuse out of Kano state and Nigeria at large.

“We want to live and survive in a more decent, clean, sanitized, secured and peaceful environment. We need better leaders of tomorrow and drug-free society. Let us work together to eradicate the menace of drug/substance abuse in Kano and Nigeria at large,” he admonished.

The Vice Chancellor was particularly disturbed that the involvement of married and unmarried women in substance abuse is contributing to instability of the family and marital breakdown, thus retarding human and societal development. He was saddened by the fact that youth involvement in drug abuse paralyses the electoral process through violence, as well as

loss of lives and property thus constituting a reason why every stakeholder must contribute to eradicating the menace.

In a keynote address, Prof. Sadiq Isa Radda, the Deputy Vice Chancellor administration, who is also a sociologist dwelt extensively on the consequences of drug abuse, theories explaining drug abuse and made policy recommendations for its eradication.

In the address presented on his behalf by Dr. Nu’uman Habib, Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Social and Management Sciences, he recommended that NDLEA and NAFDAC should be made to perform their core functions; the family, religious, community and political leaders must live up to their responsibilities; poverty must be reduced; avenues for educational and vocational skills acquisition must be provided; all sources of illicit and fake drugs must be blocked and the culture of honesty and hard work must be inculcated into all youths and children in the country.

Alhaji Hamza Umar, Commander NDLEA Kano State, presented the second keynote address where he discussed the attraction of drug abuse to people and the signs by which the society and parents can recognize tell-tale signs from the behaviour and body language of those caught in the drug abuse trap. He recommended that the menace is best eradicated through community action on every street and within each community, with NDLEA ready to help apprehend dealers and rehabilitate hard-core addicts, while the society makes sure the environment is neither conducive to drug merchants/dealers nor their potential victims to be misled or trapped.

## **Mambayya Town Hall Meeting Contributed to Peaceful Minjibir Bye-Election - Prof. Haruna Wakili**

The Director of Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Research and Training (AKCDRT), Mambayya House, Prof. Haruna Wakili, has praised the people of Minjibir for an orderly and violence free re-run election last Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2016.

Responding to a question by *BUK Official Bulletin* on the possible impact of the town hall meeting organised by Mambayya House in Minjibir on the re-run election, he said the meeting successfully mobilized all stakeholders who worked to ensure a violence free poll.

He recalled that seven contestants and their political parties registered for the re-scheduled Minjibir State House of Assembly By-Election in Kano State at the Town Hall meeting pledged to make the election peaceful and credible by being law abiding. The parties included the APC, PDP, NNPP, NCP, AD, PPN and UPP. Similarly, INEC and all security agencies responsible for the conduct of the election and keeping the peace had pledged to do their best to ensure a hitch-free exercise.

These pledges were part of a communique read at the end of the meeting by Dr. Sama'ila Sulaiman, organised at the Porto Golf Resort in Minjibir town on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2016, under the auspices of the Mambayya House, in collaboration with Kano State Conflict Management Alliance (SCMA) that draws membership from all the security agencies and community leaders.

The town hall meeting was chaired by Professor Sule Bello of the Ahmadu Bello University and was attended by NGOs such as CITAD and CBOs such as FOMWAN along with citizens

and partners such as the Nigerian Stability and reconciliation Programme (nsrp).

During the town hall meeting the Commissioner of Police, ACP Usman, had promised to bring the full weight of the law on anybody that tried to disrupt the peace. Similarly the representatives of the Army and Air force promised to provide security support as required, while the Nigeria Immigration Service reminded that only citizens can vote and be voted for, so aliens should be kept away from the polls.

The INEC Representative had earlier explained that registration/screening and voting would be conducted simultaneously from 8am to 2pm but that all voters who arrived at the polling stations before 2pm would be allowed to vote no matter how long it takes.

Similarly, no polling station would close earlier than 2pm even if all eligible voters had voted.

In his contribution the Chairman of the State Council of Ulama, Shaykh Ibrahim Khalil, said it was the responsibility and within the powers of political parties and actors to ensure a violence free election, because they remain the principal instigators and beneficiaries of political violence at all times.

It would be recalled that Prof. Habu Mohammed, the Returning Officer declared Alhaji Tasi'u Ibrahim of the APC as winner of the bye-election, defeating 14 other contestants.

## **BUK is a Respected University Globally- British Council Director**

The Programme Director of the British Council in Nigeria, Mrs. Louisa Waddingham has described Bayero University Kano as a highly respected University not only in Nigeria or Africa but also globally.



Mrs. Louisa Waddingham said this when she paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello in his office on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2016.

She said the name of Bayero University has almost become synonymous with academic excellence, adding that name has gone beyond the shores of Nigeria, Africa and was currently reverberating the World over.

The Director said she was in the University to meet with the facilitators of Active Citizenship programme in the University and assess the successes recorded by the programme in the University.

“I am very happy and thank Bayero University for the support given to this programme. The support given the programme by BUK was the reason for its success from inception to date,” the Director added.

In his response, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello expressed his appreciation for the support and contribution given by the British government to Bayero University since its establishment to date.

“It is on record that British Government sponsored the building of the University’s first block when it was Abdullahi Bayero College in the 1960s before it later became Bayero University Kano,” the Vice Chancellor added.

On the Active Citizen Programme, Professor Yahuza Bello thanked the British Council for initiating and sponsoring the programme which he said was benefiting both students and lecturers.

## **National Identity Management Commission: Notification for NIM Enrolment**

The National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) was mandated by Act Number 23 of 2007 to among other things establish a National Identity Management System (NIMS). The process involves enrolment of Nigerians into the National Identity Database and issuance on National Identity Number (NIM).

The Mandatory use of NIM will soon be set for all transactions in Nigeria requiring identity verification. In essence, the NIM will soon be used for:

1. Obtaining National E-ID card
2. Agricultural Subsidy
3. Travelling
4. Opening of Bank Account
5. Getting our Drivers Licence
6. Obtaining your Voters Card
7. NHIS
8. Tax Payment and so on.

A letter signed by State Coordinator, Bilkisu Dalhatu Isma, urged BUK staff and their families to take advantage of the BUK NIMC Special Enrolment Centre adjacent to Advancement Office to register.

## **STAFF MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL: Sale of Primary One, New Intakes and Transfer Admission Forms For 2016/2017 Session**

This is to inform the University Community that the Sale of Primary One, New Intakes and Transfer Admission Forms for 2016/2017 Session is still on sale till 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2016. Payment should be made through the school

bank account i.e. Skye Bank Plc A/C No. **4090068332** at the following rates:

- i. University Staff - ₦1,000.00 each
- ii. Non-university staff - ₦2,000.00 each

A letter signed by Acting Principal, Mal. Sule O. Ademoh drew the attention of parents that the conduct of interview/transfer test for the new intakes/transfer admission would take place as follows:

Staff /Non staff	-	20 <sup>th</sup> August, 2016
Transfer cases	-	27 <sup>th</sup> August, 2016

### **Staff Model Secondary School: Sales of Admission Forms for BUK Staff Model Secondary School**

This is to remind and inform all parents and the University Community as well as interested individuals that the school management has commenced the sale of **ADMISSION FORMS** for **2016/2017 JS One** and **Transfer students**, since May, 2016 to August, 2016, as follows:

1. J.S 1 Entrance form at ₦2,000
2. JSS 2 to SS 2 Transfer Form at ₦3,000
3. Venue: School Premises

Payment could be made into the SSchool Account through BANK TELLER at any UBA Bank branch.

**Account No:** 1001602305.

### **How to Get Your Form of Senior Staff Recreation Club**

This is to inform the University Community that the Caretaker Committee of the Senior Staff Recreation Club has designed a new formula of collecting membership form through union representatives, Deans offices and departmental secretaries as follows:

**ASUU:** Members of ASUU should collect their forms from Dr. Shamsuddeen Umar of the Microbiology Department or at ASUU Secretariat

**SSANU:** SSANU members should collect their forms from the P.R.O. Nura Garba at the Information, Publication and Documentation Division (Bulletin Office).

**NAAT:** Members of NAAT are to collect their forms from Chairman, Zikirillahi M. Ali at NAAT Secretariat.

**Directorate of Establishment Matters:** Senior Staff also can collect from Auwalu Mohammed.

Similarly, the forms can be collected offices of secretaries of deans and heads of department.

### **Student Affairs Division**

The Student Affairs Division of Bayero University wishes to invite students and members of the University community to a two-day training programme for student union leaders.

A statement signed by Dr. Hajara Umar Sanda, Deputy Dean Student Affairs said the training programme which is organized by the Division is scheduled as follows:

**Day One:** Financial Transaction, Functions, Interactions and Power Separation between the Executive, Legislative and the Judicial Arms of the Union Leadership.

**Presenter:** Dr. Aminu Isa and Muhammad Maina

**Day Two:** Active Citizens Training.

**Presenter:** Dr. Rabia Sa'id and Dr. Hajara Umar Sanda

**Date:** Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2016

**Time:** 9:00am

**Venue:** New Student Affairs Office

## Distorted Idiomatic Expression (5)

With Sheriff Ahmed

This is the concluding lesson on distorted idioms. Next week, by the grace of Allah, we shall explore other areas of misuse of the English language.

- “I don’t care what happens,” the angry officer said. “Let the chip fall.”

**Let the chips fall where they may** is the precise English saying. This informal idiom is used to say that you are ready for whatever may be about to happen. For example:

- a. *He’s letting the chips fall where they may insofar as the negotiations are concerned.*

**Grammar point:** Note the conjunction **insofar as** (two words); in modern usage it is better than ‘in so far as’ (four words). It is used to introduce a comment that limits the extent of something. For example:

- b. *That’s the truth, insofar as I know it.*

Compare: **inasmuch as** (two words); not ‘in as much as’: it is a conjunction meaning because. It is used to introduce an explanation or reason. For example:

- c. *“This was an idle and unpractical question, inasmuch as the answer was not forthcoming.”* (HENRY JAMES *Confidence*)

- “What you’ve just been told is a drop in the ocean,” the anti-graft official said. He was commenting on the amount of money politicians had stolen over the last ten years in this country.

The precise idiom is **a drop in the bucket** (not ‘a drop in the ocean’). The idiom means just a tiny part of the full quantity that is required, and thus insignificant.

- “It’s water below the bridge,” the ‘iron lady’ said.

This is an old English saying used to say that something happened in the past and is now forgotten or no longer important. The exact saying goes thus:

**It’s all water under the bridge.** For example:

*In April 1983, I bought two pillows at N5 each, a four-and-a-half feet spring bed at N16 and a*

*mattress at N12. Those were the good old days in Nigeria. I bet you, it’s all water under the bridge.*

- “He is on one hand an intelligent man and on another hand very cruel!” one of the two guys enjoying their lunch of *semo* and *okro* soup said with a sense of finality.

When you listen carefully to people’s conversation you hear a lot of *grammar*. I overheard two members of staff chatting nineteen to the dozen at the Coke Village a couple of days ago. I thought we should correct the mistake, shouldn’t we? Yes, we are looking at the idiom ‘on one hand...on another hand’.

Well, the accurate idiom is **on the one hand...on the other hand**. It is used to present two conflicting aspects of a situation, as in the following sentence:

- a. *On the one hand we have plenty of time, but on the other hand our resources are limited.*

Please do not omit the definite article (the).

Note also the idiom **chat or talk nineteen to the dozen**. It is an informal British English meaning to talk, chat, etc. without stopping, as in:

- b. *The loquacious young lady in blue jeans is chatting away nineteen to the dozen.*

- Because of the nasty incident, he washed his hand off her.

The error in the above sentence has to do with the expression ‘washed his hand off her’. The idiom is not accurate. The precise idiom is **wash your hands of somebody or something**. It means to refuse to continue being responsible for somebody or something. For example:

*When her son was arrested again, she washed her hands of him.*

Note: **hands** (not ‘hand’); **of** (not ‘off’)

- His fall from grace to grass is a rude shock to his constituency.

The precise idiom is **fall from grace**. It means to lose the trust or respect that people have for you; to lose a favoured or privileged position. Note that the words ‘to grass’ is not part of the idiom.

- a. *His fall from grace is a rude shock to his constituency.*

- b. *Field Marshal Idi Amin Dada was Ugandan president from 1971 until his fall from grace in 1979.*

- c. *The Arminians argued that election was conditioned by faith, that grace could be rejected, that the work of Christ was intended for all persons, and that it was possible for believers to fall from grace.*

### **Prof. Muhammad Bello Shitu Elected Vice President of the International Association for Community Development (IACD)**

The International Association of Community Development (IACD) [www.iacdglobal.org](http://www.iacdglobal.org) with headquarters in Scotland, United Kingdom organized its annual conference jointly with the Community Development Society (USA). The conference was held at the Hilton Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2016.

The event witnessed an impressive turn out of over 250 Community Development Practitioners, academics and policy makers across the globe. Professor M. B. Shitu of the Department of Adult Education and Community Services, Bayero University, Kano Nigeria attended the Conference and presented a paper jointly authored with Babangida Ladan on the title: "Adoption of Sustainability and Livelihood Improvement Practices among Beneficiaries of Fadama II project in Katsina State, Nigeria." Professor M. B. Shitu (A Community Development and Innovations Diffusion Specialist) was sworn in as one of the two Vice Presidents of the Global Organization. Professor Shitu has been Regional Director/Board Member (Africa, South Sahara) at the International Association for Community Development (IACD) since 2013.

IACD is the only global network of Community Development Professionals. The Association has consultative status with the United National and its agencies.

### **HEALTH AND HYGIENE ADVISE FROM UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES: What is a Clean Environment**

- ❖ Environment is said to be clean if it is safe, tidy, pollution-free and good for human habitation.
- ❖ A clean environment does not favour growth and replication of harmful microorganism such as bacteria, virus, fungus and so on.
- ❖ A clean environment helps you to eschew infections such as malaria, cholera, poliomyelitis, tuberculosis, helminthic infections and so on.
- ❖ Clean environment does attract mosquitoes, house-flies, rodents such as rat, or dangerous reptiles like snakes and so on.
- ❖ A safe environment should not constitute any health hazard to man i.e. it should be free from excessive noise, carbon monoxide, smoke, fumes, foul-smelling, heap of refuse, sewage, over grown weeds, scraps (un-use materials) injurious substances, social vices and so on.
- ❖ When your environment is clean you would live a healthy and happier life.

### **SEMINARS**

The following Faculties/Departments/Centre invite the University Community to their seminars, scheduled as follows:

#### **Department of Physical & Health Education: *Notice of Walk for Life***

The Department of P.H.E. wishes to remind staff and students of this month's "WALK FOR LIFE PROGRAMME" as follows:

**Date:** Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2016

**Time:** 7:00am

**Venue:** Take Off Point (New Campus Stadium)

**Department of Linguistics & Foreign Languages: Department of Biochemistry:**  
**Departmental Seminar**

**Presenter 1:** Yakubu Bitrus Gali  
 (SPS/14/MLG/00046)

**Topic:** Wh-Movement in Bura Language.

**Presenter 2:** Habeebat Habeeb  
 (SPS/14/MLG/00047)

**Topic:** An Analysis of Yoruba Polysemy

**Presenter 3:** Fahruddeen Habibu Isah  
 (SPS/14/MLG/00048)

**Topic:** Study of Jargons used by Town Service Commuter (A Case Study of Adaidaita Sahu Tricycles in Kano Metropolis.

**Presenter 4:** Ladidi Abba  
 (SPS/14/MLG/00045)

**Topic:** A Synchronic Study of Language Attritions in Kano Hausa.

**Presenter 5:** Suda Aliyu (SPS/14/MLG/00035)

**Topic:** Morphological Analysis of English Loan Words in Hausa.

**Presenter 6:** Saifullahi Dahiru Usman  
 (SPS/14/MLG/00021)

**Topic:** A Comparative Study of Arabic – English Lexical Ambiguity.

**Presenter 7:** Asma'u Bello Hassan  
 (SPS/14/MLG/00049)

**Topic:** Second Language Learning: A Case Study of Kanuri Spoke Hausa.

**Chairman:** Professor Muhammad Basir Sambo

**Date:** Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2016

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Dept'l Conference Room

**PhD COMPLETION SEMINAR:**

**Presenter 1:** Mathew Ezama  
 (SPS/12/MBC/00002)

**Topic:** Evaluation of antimalarial activities and toxicological properties of *Alstonia booni* stem barb extract on *plasmodium Berghei* infected mice

Supervisor: Prof. M. K. Atiku

**MSc PROPOSAL DEFENCE**

**Presenter 2:** Maryam Ishaq Sulaiman  
 (SPS/14/MBC/00009)

**Topic:** Purification and characterization of cellulase in beetle larvae

**Degree in view:** MSc. Biochemistry

**Supervisors:** Dr. A. J. Alhassan & Dr. M Bala

**Presenter 3:** Abubakar Rufa'i  
 (SPS/14/MBC/00026)

**Topic:** Isolation, purification and characterization of protease in white grub

**Degree in View:** MSc Biotechnology

**Supervisors:** Dr. A. J. Alhassan & Mal. Aminu Ibrahim

**Presenter 4:** Rabiatu Usamatu Mahmud  
 (SPS/14/MBC/00052)

**Topic:** Effects of angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor (Captopril) on parasitemia and levels of angiotensin converting enzyme and angiotensin II in *plasmodium berghei* infected mice.

**Degree in view:** MSc Biochemistry

**Supervisors:** Dr. Mansurah Abdulazeez & Prof. M. K. Atiku

**Presenter 5:** Mukhtar Aliyu  
 (SPS/14/MBC/00003)

**Topic:** Extraction, characterization and evaluation of nutritional quality of *Nymphaea lotus* (water lily)

**Degree in view:** MSc Biochemistry

**Supervisors:** Prof. M. K. Atiku & Dr. A. A. Imam

**Presenter 6:** Salamatu Yusuf  
(SPS/14/MBC/00008) **Venue:** Muhammad Sani Zahraddeen Theatre  
(500 Seaters) Old Campus

**Topic:** Isolation of Angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitory peptides from some common eaten vegetables in Nigeria

**Degree in view:** MSc Biochemistry

**Supervisors:** Prof. A. M. Wudil & Dr. Y. Y. Muhd

**Presenter 7:** Asmau Mahe  
(SPS/14/MBC/00048)

**Topic:** Hepatorenal toxicity studies of partially purified fractions of leaf extract of *Jatropha curcas*

**Degree in view:** MSc Biochemistry

**Supervisors:** Dr. A. A. Imam & Prof. M. K. Atiku

**Presenter 8:** Khadija Ibrahim Baiwa  
(SPS/14/MBC/00046)

**Topic:** Antiplasmodial studies of partially purified fractions of leaf extract of *Jatropha curcas* and its 2-D gel electrophoresis

**Degree in view:** MSc Biotechnology

**Supervisors:** Dr. A. A. Imam & Dr. Aminu Muhammad

**Chairman:** Dr. Haruna Musa Danbatta

**Date:** Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2016

**Venue:** PG Class Biochemistry Department.

### **Muslim Students' Society of Nigeria: Islamic Political Class (IPC) Programmes**

**Speaker:** Dr. Sa'idu Ahmad Dukawa  
(Department of Political Science)

**Topic:** The Philosophy of Change; A Collective Effort of the Executives, Legislators and the Masses in Nigeria.

**Discussant:** Dr. Mansur Isah Yelwa (Faculty of Law)

**Chairman:** Dr. Lawan Habib Yahaya (School of Management Studies)

**Old Campus:**

**Date:** Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2016

**Time:** 8:00 – 11:00pm

### **New Campus:**

**Date:** Thursday, 11 August, 2016

**Time:** 8:00 – 11:00pm

**Venue:** Attahiru M. Jega Twin Theatre, New Campus

### **Department of Physics: Staff Seminar**

The seminar held on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2016

**Presenter 1:** Abdullateef Omoloye Oyelade  
(SPS/12/MPY/00014)

**Topic:** Design, Simulation and Construction of Digital Frequency Counter.

**Chairman:** Dr. Muntari A. Hajara

**Presenter 2:** Abdulrashid Rabi'u Muhammad  
(SPS/12/MPY/00043)

**Topic:** Geoelectric Imaging for Study of Dissemination of Contaminants about Challawa River Kano Nigeria.

**Chairman:** Dr. M. O. Aku

**Presenter 3:** Muhammad Dahiru Audu  
(SPS/13/MPY/00019)

**Topic:** Parametrisation of Effective Hygroscopic Growths and Water Activities of Atmospheric Aerosols.

**Chairman:** Dr. U. M. Gana

**Presenter 4:** Yusuf Sani (SPS/13/MPY/00039)

**Topic:** Application of Electrical Resistivity Method for Foundation Studies and Characterization of Ground Water Regime at Permanent Site of North West University, Kano, Kano State.

**Chairman:** Dr. M. Saleh

**Presenter 5:** Abdulsalam Ibrahim Gaya  
(SPS/13/MPY/00053)

**Topic:** Determination of Cloud Effect on the Performance of Photovoltaic Module.

**Chairman:** Prof. A. O. Musa

**Presenter 6:** Busari Taiwo Abduljelil  
(SPS/13/MPY/00009)

**Topic:** Study of Beam Divergence Using Paraxial Approximation.

**Chairman:** Dr. U. M. Gana

**International Institute of Islamic Banking &**

**Finance: MSc. IBF Internal/Proposal Defence**

**Candidate 1:** Hamisu Musa Gambo  
(SPS/12/MIF/00015)

**Topic:** *An Assessment of the Performance of Kano State Zakah and Hubsu Commission towards Collection and Disbursement of Zakah in Kano State (2004-2015)*

**Supervisor:** Prof. Nasir A. Ahmad

**Internal Examiner:** Assoc. Prof. Binta Tijjani Jibril

**Candidate 2:** Ahmad Bashir Imam Yola  
(SPS/12/MIF/00017)

**Topic:** *An Appraisal of Shari'ah Compliance of Murabaha Banking Product of Ja'iz Bank Plc*

**Supervisor:** Dr. Amina A. Isma'il/Prof. Nasir A. Ahmad

**Internal Examiner:** Dr. Aliyu Dahiru Muhammad

**Candidate 3:** Abdullah Usman Umar  
(SPS/12/MIF/00005)

**Topic:** *An Analysis of Health Insurance Scheme (The Nexus for Islamic Health Insurance): Its Practical Application in Kano State*

**Supervisor:** Prof. Shehu Usman Rano Aliyu

**Internal Examiner:** Dr. Usman Muhammad Shu'aibu

**Chairman:** Director IIIBF

**Date:** Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2016

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** IIIBF Conference Room

**Department of Adult Education and Community**

**Services: PhD Internal Examination/Proposal Defence**

**Candidate 1:** Auwalu Halilu  
(SPS/12/PAD/00001)

**Specialization:** Phd. Adult and Non Formal Education

**Topic:** *Construction and Validation of Ajami – Based Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) Literacy promotion Primer for Adult Leaners in Kano State, Nigeria.*

**Candidate 2:** Hadiza Sa'idu  
(SPS/13/PAD/00001)

**Specialization:** Phd. Adult and Non Formal Education

**Topic:** *The Application of Heutagogical Approach in Adult Literacy programmes for Human Resources Development of Fulani Pastoralists in Gombe State, Nigeria.*

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2016

**Time:** 10:00am.

**Appreciation from Abba Ado Abubakar**

Abba Ado Abubakar of the Bursary Department wishes to express his appreciation to the members of the university community who condoled with him over the death of his mother, who died on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 at Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital after a brief illness.

His special appreciation goes to the Vice Chancellor, Deputy Vice Chancellors, Academics and Administration; Bursar, Librarian and the entire staff who condoled him or called to condole with him. May Allah reward all, amin.

## Reported Case of Stolen Vehicle

A car, Golf , red in colour, belonging to Abdullahi Kasim of the Dean's Office, Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies, Bayero University, was stolen on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2016. The car with Registration Number: AQ 793 GWL and Chassis Number: 195869 was stolen at Sani Mainage, Gwale Local Government, Kano. If found, please contact the owner, Abdullahi Kasim, through his phone number: 07063245691 or the Dean's Office, Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies, Bayero University, Kano.

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  - That Low Use of the DUSTBINS Litters the Environment?
  - That the Failure to Use DUSTBINS is uncivil?
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