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## BUK Makes Giant Leap in Global Ranking of Universities

By Lamara Garba

The Times Higher Education (*THE*), of Britain, the United Kingdom in its 2023 World University assessment, has ranked Bayero University, Kano as number 1,016 in the Global Universities Ranking and 4<sup>th</sup> best in Nigeria.

According to the annual global ranking released on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 over 2,500 universities across the world submitted data for assessment and ranking in which 97 universities were from Africa.

The Times Higher Education is one of the respected, largest and diverse university ranking organization in the world which assesses thousands of universities in over 104 countries.

About 25 universities from the African continent, including Bayero University, out of the 97 that submitted data got a ranking status in the competitive analysis while the remaining universities got “reporter” status only.

With its global ranking, BUK is now one of the best universities in Nigeria, coming behind University of Ibadan, University of Lagos and Covenant University as 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> best respectively.

In addition to emerging 4<sup>th</sup> in the national ranking, Bayero University is also the best University in the entire North-West, North-Central, North-East, South-East and South-South regions.

The report said the ranking was based on 13 calibrated performance indicators that measure an institution's

performance across four areas of teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook.

Bayero University was rated as Nigeria's overall best in terms of international outlook while it ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> best in the number of Students Full-Time Enrolment (SFTE) with over 44.4% score and was rated 3<sup>rd</sup> in research in the whole country.

In the global ranking, Oxford University was ranked as the overall best, followed by University of Harvard and University of Cambridge who emerged 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> best.

Reacting to the ranking, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, noted that this was a manifestation of the stakeholder's efforts at ensuring quality and standards as well as improving facilities for enhanced teaching and research.

According to him, part of his determination was to make the university one of the best in this continent and among the best 100 globally. He vowed not to relent in this direction.

Also speaking, the Director Academic Planning Directorate, Professor Haruna Musa who coordinated the submission of data to *THE* commended the Vice Chancellor for all the support he gives to the directorate.

He also advised staff to improve their visibility on university website as well as publish their research work in reputable journals and engage on more collaborations with universities and industries at the international level.

# BUK Chancellor, Oba of Benin, Dr. Rijiyar Lemo, Dr. Bashir Umar Conferred with National Honours

By Lamara Garba



Sheikh Dr. Muhammad Sani Umar  
Rijiyyar Lemo



OMO N' OBA N' EDO, UKU AKPOLOKPOLP  
EWUARE II, N' OGIDIGAN  
OBA OF BENIN, CHANCELLOR OF BAYERO UNIVERSITY, KANO



Sheikh Dr. Bashir Aliyu Umar

The Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Oba N'Oba N'Edo Uku Okpolokpolo Ewuare II, N'Ogidigan, Oba of Benin, was on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 bestowed with a national honour award of the Commander of the Order of the Federal Republic (CFR) in recognition of his national service.

Also, two other academic staff of the institution, Dr. Bashir Aliyu Umar of the Department of Islamic Studies & Shari'ah and Dr. Umar Sani Rijiyar Lemo, Director Centre for Islamic Civilisation and Interfaith Dialogue (CICID), were decorated with the national honours of the Officer of the Order of the Niger (OON).

The letter of conferment reads thus: "I have the honour to formally inform you that the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency, Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, has approved the conferment of the National Honours."

The award was in recognition of their respective commitment to national building and growth and selfless service to humanity.

While congratulating the recipients, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, said he was not surprised at the recognition as it was well deserved honour.

"This award, no doubt, was not only recognition for you alone, but we see it as a special honour to Bayero University, Kano. I, on behalf of the Council, the Management and entire members of the University community, congratulate you on this special recognition and wish you more blessings in your endeavours, kindly accept our warm felicitations," he said.

The Vice Chancellor charged them to see the award as a further challenge for more commitment and sacrifice which would translate into more blessings in this world and in the hereafter. "We are indeed very much proud of you; once more, congratulations.

## Hajia Karimatu Babangida Re-appointed as Chairperson CDA Sectorial/Industry Advisory Board

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas has approved the re-appointment of Hajia Karimatu Babangida as Chairperson of Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) Sectorial Industry Advisory Board (SIAB).

The Chairperson is the immediate past Director, Federal Department of Agriculture, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Other members of the committee as amended are:

1. Alhaji Aminu Buhari, (Managing Director, Capital Agricultural Development Ltd, CADL) - *Member*
2. Alhaji Nasiru Wada, (Magajin Garin Kano, Managin Director, Esoterra Investment Ltd) - *Member*
3. Alhaji Ali Safiyanu Madugu, (Managing Director / CEO, Dala Foods Niogeris Ltd) - *Member*
4. Mohammed Salasi Idris, (Country Reperesentative, IFDC) - *Member*
5. Hajia Hauwa Yabani, (CEO, Abuja Technology Village, Free Zone Company/president International Association of Science Parks and Areas of Innovation, (IASP Africa Division) - *Member*
6. Hajia Salamatu Garba, (Women Farmers Advancement Network, WOFAN) - *Member*
7. Director, CDA, Bayero University, Kano - *Secretary*
8. Deputy Director, (Training), CDA - *Asst. Secretary*
9. Deputy Director, (Research) CDA - *Asst. Secretary*
10. Deputy Director, (Outreach & Publication) - *Asst. Secretary*

# ASUU Suspends 8-Month Strike Action

By Nura Garba

Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) has directed all its members nationwide to resume work as the national body suspended the 8-month strike embarked upon since February 2022.

In a press release issued and signed by the National President of the union, Professor Emmanuel Osodeke, dated 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2022, the union said the National Executive Council (NEC) deliberated on the recommendations of the Speaker, House of Representatives, the Rt. Hon. Femi Gbajabamila-led Committee within the framework of the FGN/ASUU's Memorandum of Action (MoA) of 2020 on the contending issues that led to the strike action.

The National President stated that while appreciating the commendable efforts of the leadership of the House of

Representatives and other patriotic Nigerians, who waded into the matter, NEC noted with regrets that the issues in dispute are yet to be satisfactorily addressed.

“However, as a law-abiding Union and in deference to appeals by the President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of Nigeria, His Excellency, President Muhammadu Buhari, and in recognition of the efforts of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Rt. Hon. Femi Gbajabamila and other well-meaning Nigerians, ASUU-NEC resolved to suspend the strike action embarked upon on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2022,” Osodeke said.

The President added that all members of ASUU are hereby directed to resume all services hitherto withdrawn with effect from Friday, October 14, 2022.

## Prof. Habu Mohammed takes over as new Director Mambayya House

By Adamu Garba

Professor Habu Mohammed has officially taken over the mantle of administration as the new Director of Mambayya House, the Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Studies. He took over from Prof. Ismaila Mohammed Zango who served two terms as Director of the Centre.

The official handing over took place at the Board Room of the Centre on Thursday, October 6, 2022.

A professor of Political Science from the Department of Political Science, BUK, until his appointment, Prof. Habu Mohammed was the Director of Bayero University Press.

He was a two-term Deputy Director (Research and Documentation) at Mambayya House and former Deputy Director Strategic Planning Unit, BUK.

Prof. Mohammed was a former Head, Department of Political Science and is presently the Chairman of the Nigeria Political Science Association (NPSA), Northwest Zone among others.

Speaking at the event, the outgoing Director, Prof. Ismaila Zango described the appointment of the new Director as a well-deserved and a transition that will leverage on the mission and vision of the centre. Prof. Zango said considering the fact that Professor Habu Mohammed has been part and parcel of the Centre since its inception; he was fully involved in the activities of the Centre.

Prof. Zango thanked the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas for the opportunity given to him and prayed to Allah to give the new Director the wisdom, knowledge and determination to succeed. He showed optimism that the new Director would elevate the Centre to greater heights. He further urged the staff of the Centre to usher the new

Director all the necessary support and cooperation towards discharging his duties.

In his remarks, the new Director of Mambayya House, Prof. Mohammed thanked the outgoing Director for the remarkable achievements he recorded.

Also commenting at the event, were Dr. Samaila Suleiman (Deputy Director, Research & Documentation), Dr. Kabiru Ibrahim (Deputy Director, Training), Prof. Moses T. Aluaigba, Mal. Murtala Ringim, Abdullahi Usman K/Naisa, Mustapha Isyaku and Hajiya Hannatu, who all described the event as a family's gets together. They congratulated Prof. Zango for the successful completion of tenure and wished him the best in his future endeavours.



New Director, Mambayya House, Prof. Habu Mohammed (left) receiving a handing over note from the outgoing Director, Prof. Zango (right)

While they further urged the incoming Director to leverage on the successes achieved by the Centre.



# INEC to Recruit BUK Staff, Students for 2023 General Elections

By Nura Garba

Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has planned to recruit staff and students of Bayero University, Kano for the 2023 general elections.

The electoral umpire has notified the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas on the need to mobilize the staff and students who are interested to register online using INECPRESS platform.

In a letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 signed by INEC's Administrative Secretary, Garba Lawal Muhammad and addressed to the Vice Chancellor, said "I am pleased to write and inform you that the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has opened a portal for the recruitment of ad-hoc staff for the conduct of 2023 general elections."

The letter explained that the staff and students should register through INECPRESS which is available through the link on INEC website at [www.inecnigeria.org](http://www.inecnigeria.org) (a link for the mobile app and other links are for the web portal). It added that the URL of the registration web portal is <https://pres.inecnigeria.org> while the downloaded link for the INECPRES mobile app installer (android phones only) is <https://inecpres.app.com/pres>.

According to the letter, all applicants are encouraged to fill the registration form online to be eligible for consideration as ad-hoc staff.

Eligibility and Source Institution:

S/N	AD-HOC POSITION	SOURCE INSTITUTION	QUALIFICATIONS
1	SPOs	Fed Public/Civil service/MDAs	Staff on GL 10-14(priority is given qualified staff of NYSC/NOA/NIMC)
		INEC Staff	RAOs & other INEC staff not engaged in any other duties (GL10-14)
2	Pos, APOs (I,II,III)	NYSC/Former NYSC	Serving Corps members and former NYSC not earlier than 2018 (i.e. 2018, 2019, 2020 &2021)
		Federal &state tertiary institutions	Students in penultimate year & a year to convocation
		MDAs (Federal and State)	Permanent staff with OND or on GL 07-10
3	RAC Managers	The school institution hosting the RAC or Super RAC	Head of school or a staff on GL 07 and above
4	RATECHS	INEC NYSC	Suitable ICT staff (state &HQ) of the Commission not engaged in any other duties. Serving Corps members in the Commission (where applicable)

The letter stated that applicants must not be members of any political party and must not have demonstrated or expressed support for any candidate or party.

## ANNOUNCEMENT: Ga Fili Ga Mai Doki

Professor Saidu Muhammad Gusau wishes to invite members of the University Community and the general public to the introduction of a Book title: **Ga Fili ga Mai Doki**, scheduled to take place as follows:

**DATE:** Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2022  
**TIME:** 10:30am  
**VENUE:** Murtala Mohammed Hall, Ahmadu Bello Road, Nassarawa GRA, Kano State.



Professor Kabir Bello Dumbulun of the Department of Sociology invites members of the University community and general public to the wedding fatiha of his daughter, Nabila Kabir Bello and her groom,

Munir Haruna Bello, scheduled as follows:  
**Date:** Saturday, 29th October 2022  
**Time:** 11:00am  
**Venue:** Bayero University Mosque, Old Campus,

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