



Early Cancer Screening, Timely Treatment Can Improve Survival, Says Prof. Sarki Abba

By Lamara Garba

Early cancer screening and timely medical care can significantly improve survival outcomes, while healthy eating and other healthy lifestyle choices can help reduce the risk of developing the disease, Professor Sarki Abba Abdulkadir, a cancer researcher at Northwestern University, Chicago, United States, has said.

Abdulkadir made the assertion while delivering a public lecture titled "Understanding Cancer, Pursuing a Cure," organised by Bayero University, Kano, where he stressed the importance of prevention, early detection and access to appropriate treatment in reducing cancer deaths.

He said a cancer diagnosis should not automatically be regarded as a death sentence, explaining that advances in screening, diagnosis and treatment had improved outcomes for many patients, particularly where the disease was detected at an early stage.

The researcher advised people to pay attention to persistent or unusual symptoms, including unexplained weight loss, prolonged pain, abnormal bleeding, changes in bowel or

bladder habits, persistent cough and unusual lumps. He noted that such symptoms might not necessarily indicate cancer but should be assessed promptly by qualified health professionals.

He also stressed the importance of routine screening for cancers that can be detected before symptoms appear, noting that screening recommendations vary according to age, sex, family history and other risk factors.

On prevention, Abdulkadir revealed that about 38% of cancers are preventable if we are to follow the certain guideline. Particularly he advised people to avoid as much as possible processed foods, unhygienic as well as tobacco, limit alcohol consumption, maintain a healthy weight, eat balanced diets rich in fruits and vegetables, exercise regularly and minimise exposure to known cancer-causing substances and excessive sunlight.

He further advised people with a family history of cancer to discuss their risk with medical professionals and consider appropriate screening or genetic counselling where necessary.



Prof. Sarki Abba Abdulkadir delivering the Public Lecture

Abdulkadir cautioned against delaying medical attention because of fear, stigma or misinformation, and advised patients diagnosed with cancer to seek care from qualified specialists and adhere to recommended treatment. He said in Nigeria there has been an estimated 152,261 cases of cancer victims and 90,795 death in 2024.

He also warned against relying solely on unverified remedies or abandoning medical treatment without professional guidance, stressing that families and communities had an important role to play in supporting patients emotionally, financially and practically throughout diagnosis and treatment.

The researcher called for greater government and institutional investment in cancer prevention, research, screening and treatment, particularly to improve access for people living in rural and underserved communities.

He said stronger public education, better-equipped healthcare facilities, effective referral systems and continued scientific research were essential to reducing the

academics, healthcare professionals and the wider public on ways of improving cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment in Nigeria.

Also speaking, the Chairman of the occasion and Coordinating Minister of Health, Professor Muhammad Ali Pate, who was represented by the Director-General of the National Institute for Medical Research, Professor Usman Malami Aliyu, said the Federal Government was taking steps to strengthen cancer awareness, support access to treatment and promote research aimed at reducing the burden of the disease.

Professor Aliyu described cancer as a global health challenge affecting people across different parts of the world, stressing the importance of public awareness, regular medical check-ups and early detection.

He said increased awareness and timely screening were critical to improving cancer outcomes, while continued investment in research would strengthen Nigeria's capacity to prevent, diagnose and treat the disease.



Cross section of participants during the lecture presentation

burden of cancer in Nigeria.

Speaking at the event, the Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Professor Haruna Musa, said the university organised the lecture to create greater public awareness and promote understanding of developments in cancer research, prevention and treatment.

Professor Musa said the university considered it important to invite Abdulkadir, whom he described as a leading researcher in the field, to share his expertise on cancer prevention, research and treatment.

He said the initiative was consistent with Bayero University's commitment to teaching, research and community service, noting that cancer had become one of the major health challenges confronting Nigeria.

According to him, universities, government institutions, healthcare professionals and other stakeholders needed to strengthen collaboration in addressing the disease.

Professor Musa expressed the hope that the lecture would contribute to informed discussions among policymakers,

He urged Nigerians to take advantage of available screening and healthcare services and seek medical attention promptly whenever they noticed unusual symptoms.

In their contributions to the discussion of the paper, Professor Abdulrazaq Garba Habib, a former Provost of the College of Health Sciences and Professor Aminu Zakari Mohammed, former Chief Medical Director of Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, reinforced the importance of early detection and appropriate treatment.

The two experts, who collaborated in discussing the paper, agreed that cancer can be cured in certain cases, particularly when it is detected early and treated with the appropriate medical intervention.

They emphasised that early diagnosis could provide patients with better treatment options and improve their chances of achieving favourable outcomes, while stressing the need for patients to seek care from qualified medical professionals.

Their contributions also highlighted the importance of collaboration among researchers, clinicians, universities and healthcare institutions in translating advances in cancer research into improved patient care.

The public lecture brought together experts from cancer research, university administration and the public health sector, providing a platform for discussions on prevention, early detection, treatment and the continuing search for effective cures.

The speakers emphasised that reducing cancer deaths in Nigeria would require greater public awareness, early action, accessible healthcare services, sustained research and stronger support for patients and their families.

Darul Madinah International University, Pakistan Seeks Partnership with BUK

By Lamara Garba Kareem Adewale

The Chancellor of Darul Madinah International University, Islamabad, Pakistan, Sheikh Javed Akhtar, has expressed interest in establishing a broad academic partnership with Bayero University, Kano (BUK), covering research, innovation, staff and student exchange programmes and other areas of mutual interest.

Sheikh Akhtar made the proposal when he led a delegation from the institution on a visit to Bayero University on Friday, 2nd October, 2026, describing BUK as one of Nigeria's reputable universities and expressing his desire



VC, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi (right) presenting a souvenir to the visiting Chancellor of Darul Madinah International University, Islamabad, Pakistan, Sheikh Javed Akhtar



Members of r of Darul Madinah International University, Islamabad, Pakistan, in a group photograph with Management of BUK

to establish a lasting institutional relationship between the two universities.

He said Darul Madinah International University was not limited to a single institution, but comprised a conglomerate of educational institutions, including universities, colleges and polytechnics, with a network of branches across America, the United Kingdom, Europe and Asia.

According to him, the institution has a student population of more than one million across its various educational

establishments, giving it a broad international network that could provide opportunities for academic and institutional collaboration.

Sheikh Akhtar said the purpose of the visit was to explore areas of cooperation with BUK and establish a partnership that would facilitate research collaboration, innovation, knowledge sharing and staff and student exchange programmes.

He extended an invitation to the management of Bayero University to visit Pakistan, expressing the hope that such a visit would provide an opportunity for both institutions to further explore areas of mutual interest and develop a framework for sustained collaboration.

The Chancellor expressed delight with the infrastructure and overall development of Bayero University, describing his visit as a valuable opportunity to establish closer academic ties with the institution.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Haruna Musa, expressed delight at the visit and welcomed the proposal for collaboration, assuring the delegation that the doors of the University were wide open to mutually beneficial partnerships and academic networking.

Professor Musa gave a brief history of Bayero University, noting that the institution had evolved over about five decades from its early beginnings into a major centre of learning, research and innovation.

He said the University would be glad to establish a formal Memorandum of Understanding with Darul Madinah International University to provide a framework for sustained cooperation between the two institutions.

According to him, such cooperation could include joint conferences, collaborative research, academic exchanges and other scholarly activities that would strengthen the relationship between the universities.

The Vice Chancellor said BUK valued partnerships that created opportunities for scholars and students to interact, share knowledge and contribute to addressing challenges facing society.

He expressed optimism that the proposed partnership would develop into a productive relationship capable of benefiting both institutions and strengthening academic links between Nigeria and Pakistan.

The visit ended with both institutions expressing their readiness to continue discussions towards identifying specific areas of collaboration and developing a formal framework for the proposed partnership.

Pharmacist Shortage Threatens Healthcare Delivery as BUK Inducts 47 PharmD Graduates

By Dr Nura Garba and Halima Muhammad Aminu

Nigeria's shortage and uneven distribution of pharmacists are creating significant gaps in healthcare delivery, with unqualified medicine vendors increasingly taking on responsibilities meant for trained professionals, the keynote speaker at Bayero University, Kano's 4th Oath-Taking and Induction Ceremony, Pharm. Ahmed Ibrahim Umar, has warned.

Pharm. Umar, Deputy Director and Deputy Head of Pharmaceutical Services at Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, raised the concern as BUK inducted 47 new

According to him, the shortage and maldistribution had created a significant gap in the healthcare system, particularly in Northern Nigeria, where the limited availability of trained pharmacists had allowed unqualified providers to undertake responsibilities requiring professional expertise.

He cited the increasing involvement of Patent and Proprietary Medicine Vendors (PPMVs) and other unqualified providers in healthcare delivery, saying they currently handle about 83 per cent of child health services and 40 per cent of primary healthcare services.

Pharm. Umar also highlighted the situation in Kano State, which he said had an estimated population of about 20 million people and 1,319 public healthcare facilities, but only 75 pharmacists in public service.

He described the situation as a structural gap requiring attention, warning that inadequate access to trained pharmacists could have serious implications for medicines safety, rational drug use and the quality of healthcare delivery.

The keynote speaker urged the newly inducted pharmacists to see the challenges facing the profession as an opportunity to expand their contributions beyond the traditional role of dispensing medicines.

He encouraged them to explore opportunities in primary healthcare, hospital pharmacy, public health programmes, pharmaceutical industries, regulatory agencies and academia.

He also called on them to strengthen clinical pharmacy practice, promote antimicrobial stewardship, support immunisation and disease-screening programmes, improve medicines safety and contribute to research and local pharmaceutical manufacturing.

Congratulating the 47 inductees, the Vice Chancellor of BUK, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Management Services, Professor Aliyu Mu'azu, mni, urged them to uphold the values of the University throughout their professional careers.

Professor Musa reminded the new pharmacists that they were ambassadors of BUK and charged them to serve with empathy, integrity and professionalism.

"As products of BUK, where we uphold truth and excellence as our watchword, you carry not just a certificate, but the good name of this great university," he said.

The Vice Chancellor urged the inductees to become problem-solvers and innovators capable of responding to Nigeria's healthcare challenges, particularly drug misuse, substandard medicines and limited access to quality healthcare.



DVC Management Services, Professor Aliyu Mu'azu, mni, and other dignitaries presenting an award to the overall best graduating students



Cross section of the graduands Taking their Oath of Allegiance

Doctors of Pharmacy (PharmD) into the profession at a ceremony held on Thursday, 24 September 2026, at the Mahmud Tukur Theatre.

He described Nigeria's pharmacy workforce as being "in retreat", revealing that although about 33,000 pharmacists had been registered in the country since 1936, only about 19,000 remained active in practice to serve a population of about 216 million people.

He said the challenge was compounded by the uneven distribution of pharmacists across the country, with the South-West having about 9,000 pharmacists compared with only about 1,500 in the North-West.

He noted that the graduates had undergone rigorous academic and practical training, including classroom instruction, clinical clerkships at Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital and practical exposure to pharmaceutical products and procedures.

“You have completed one of the most rigorous programmes in this University, from General Studies to several pharmacy courses, from clinical clerkships at Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital to exposure to various pharmaceutical products and procedures. You have indeed been baked and found worthy in character and learning,” he said.

The Registrar of the Pharmacists Council of Nigeria (PCN), Pharm. Ibrahim B. Ahmed, represented by Dr Anthony Idoku, congratulated the inductees and urged them to uphold the highest standards of professional ethics.

He reminded them that the profession's code of ethics outlines their responsibilities to patients, colleagues, other healthcare professionals, employers and the general public.

BUK, VOMA Explore Ways of Collaboration to Empower Women and Youth Across Northern-Nigeria

By Suleiman Salihu

Bayero University, Kano would continue to promote and pursue policies and programmes that were targeted towards advancing the cause of women and youth particularly in the areas of education and skills acquisitions.

This was disclosed by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Haruna



Members of Voice of Matan Arewa in a group photograph with VC, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi and Management

Musa, fsi when he received a delegation from the Voice of Matan Arewa who paid him a courtesy call on Friday, September 25th 2026.

The Voice of Matan Arewa (VOMA), is a platform and media initiative dedicated to reshaping the narrative surrounding Northern Nigerian women. It also serves as microphone, advocate and community for women across Arewa, providing a space to showcase their achievements, address social and economic challenges, promote

He also acknowledged the contributions of parents and guardians to the graduates' success, describing their support as an important part of their academic journey.

Earlier, the Acting Dean of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Professor Bashir A. Z. Chedi, described the ceremony as more than a celebration, saying it marked the transition of the graduates from academic training into professional practice.

He urged the new pharmacists to approach their careers with integrity, compassion, innovation and a commitment to serving humanity.

The highlight of the ceremony was the recognition of Emiola Jamaldeen Ishola as the Overall Best Graduating Student, having achieved a CGPA of 4.80.

The induction formally marked the entry of the 47 graduates into the pharmacy profession at a time when concerns over the availability and distribution of pharmacists continue to highlight the need for a stronger pharmaceutical workforce in Nigeria.

education and celebrate cultural heritage.

The Vice-Chancellor expressed BUK's readiness to collaborate with VOMA for its strategic importance, particularly looking at the way and manner women and children were relegated in the society.

He further assured the commitment of the University to partner with an organization that had the advocacy to shun violence and drug addiction. He noted that this had been done by the University's Centre for Economic, Social and Population Research (CESPOR) and recently had a project sponsored by A.A. Zaura Foundation International.

He commended the organization for coming up with this laudable initiative of VOMA. He believed this would change the false narratives not only on women but also on the entire youth of Northern Nigeria, particularly unemployed youth, Education and Training (NEETs), which comprised those out of school.

Prof. Musa explained that according to the latest United Nations Youth Report 2026, through its agency, the International Labour Organization (ILO), “these youth NEETs were mostly women and youth aged between 15-24 years found mostly in Central Africa, West Africa and in Nigeria - mostly in the North.”

He advised the team to align with the noble culture and tradition as well as the religion of the land, adding that Northern Nigeria maintained a rich cultural heritage, and he believed this would align perfectly with the vision and mission of VOMA.

Prof. Musa appreciated the team for the visit and assured that the University was always ready to guide, support and collaborate with their laudable initiative, particularly task that promoted the well-being of Northern Nigeria.

In her remarks, the Chair lady, Malama Rabia Abdullahi Hassan, noted that the visit was formally to congratulate the Vice-Chancellor on his one anniversary in office, seek guidance, mentorship and to explore ways to collaborate with the University on areas to empowering, elevating and amplifying the Northern Nigerian women and young girls.

While presenting the vision, mission and core pillars and key initiatives of VOMA to the Vice-Chancellor, she stated that the Organization's vision was to actively ensure that every woman is educated, comically empowered, culturally proud and actively involved in leadership and decision making.

She, however, stated that the mission was to amplify the voices, stories and aspirations of Matan Arewa through media, advocacy, grassroots engagement and educational initiatives.

Speaking on the association's core pillars, Malama Rabia stated that VOMA was actively involved in advocacy and social impact through raising awareness on key issues including girls' education, maternal health, gender-based

violence and socio-economic inclusion.

She said on the economic empowerment the association achieved that through supporting female interpreters and artisans across Northern Nigeria through skill acquisition, digital literacy and business exposure. She noted that this encompassed storytelling and media through documenting and sharing stories of remarkable Northern women from trailblazing professionals and community leaders to resilient everyday heroes.

Highlighting on key initiative of VOMA, she mentioned Matan Arewa spotlight series through monthly features detailing the journey of inspiring Northern women across tech, business, governance and the arts, in addition to VOMA dialogue session through town halls and panel discussions, addressing critical community issues, policy advocacy and youth development among other things.

The team leader was accompanied by the Secretary, Malama Nusaiba Muhammad, from Kano; Comrade Khadija Ibrahim, from Jigawa State and Mal. Abideen Alhassan (photographer).

BUK Student Emerges Best Oral Presenter at National Research Exhibition

By Dr. Nura Garba

A level-500 Pharmacy student of Bayero University, Kano (BUK) Salim Sani Haladu, has emerged as the Best Oral Presenter at the Research Exhibition of the 51st National Convention of the Pharmaceutical Association of Nigerian Students (PANS), held at the University of Benin from

by students from universities across Nigeria.

Following a rigorous scientific review, the top 10 abstracts were shortlisted for oral and poster presentations.

The finalists represented the University of Benin, Bayero University Kano, Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Federal University, Oye -Ekiti, University of Ilorin, University of Ibadan and the University of Lagos.

The presentations were assessed by a panel of professors from the University of Benin, who evaluated the participants based on scientific merit, originality, presentation skills and the relevance of their research. At the end of the competition, Salim was announced as the Best Oral Presenter, earning a plaque and a cash prize in recognition of his outstanding performance.

His award-winning study, titled "Religious Framing of HIV Cure Claims in Hausa-Language Digital Media: A Content Analysis," examined how religious narratives are used in promoting HIV cure claims on Hausa-language digital platforms. The study also explored the relationship between such claims and messages discouraging adherence to antiretroviral therapy in Northern Nigeria. It recommended culturally sensitive HIV education and strengthened adherence counselling by pharmacists to address misinformation and improve public health outcomes.

Reacting to the recognition, Salim expressed appreciation to his lecturers and mentors at Bayero University Kano.

"I am grateful to my lecturers and professors at BUK who equipped me with research skills and supported me throughout this work. This recognition belongs to the university. I hope it contributes to BUK's vision of becoming a leading Centre of research and innovation in Africa," he said.



500 Level student Salim (3rd let) unveiling his award

September 13th to 20th 2026.

The victorious student represented the PANS chapter of Bayero University Kano.

The research exhibition, organized as part of SURGE '26, the convention's flagship programme, featured the National Student Research Abstract Presentation Competition. About 30 research abstracts were submitted

VC Reaffirms Support for Staff Model Primary School

By Halima Muhammad Aminu and Muhsinat Nu'uman Habeeb

The Vice-Chancellor, Bayero University, Kano Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi, has reaffirmed the University Management's commitment to continue to support the University Staff Model Primary School, assuring the school of interventions to address some of its pressing needs, particularly water supply, classroom facilities, teachers' furniture and digital learning resources.

Prof. Musa gave the assurance on Tuesday, September 29th 2026, when he received the Management, teachers and pupils of the Staff Model Primary School during a courtesy visit at the BUK Senate Building. The delegation was at the University to congratulate the Vice-Chancellor on the successful completion of his first year in office and to appreciate the support extended to the school.

Presenting the school's concerns, the Head Teacher expressed appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor for granting the delegation an audience and congratulated him on his first year in office, commending his leadership and

Department to assess the existing borehole to determine whether it could be repaired. He said that if the borehole was found to be beyond repairs, the University would construct a new one for the school.

On the issue of classroom renovation, Prof. Musa disclosed that the University was exploring possible support through a constituency project for the renovation of the Staff Model Primary and Secondary Schools, explaining that there was no special Federal Government budget dedicated to the two schools, but said the University would continue to explore available avenues for the rehabilitation and improvement of their infrastructure.

On furniture, the Vice-Chancellor said the Management would look into the possibility of providing the necessary furniture to make the teachers' work more convenient and enhance effective service delivery.

On the school's request for computers, Prof. Musa stressed



BUK Management in a group photograph of Pupils from Staff Model Primary School

commitment to the development of Bayero University.

The Head Teacher appealed for the Management's intervention in the provision of a reliable water source, noting that the school's existing borehole had been damaged beyond repair. Other requests included renovation of classrooms, provision of furniture for teachers and pupils, computers and other ICT facilities, improvement of the library and resource centre, enhancement of sporting facilities, recruitment of additional teaching staff and improvement of the teacher-pupil ratio.

According to the Head Teacher, the school recorded an increase of more than 100 pupils in its enrolment during the year, creating a greater need for additional facilities and personnel to sustain effective teaching and learning.

Responding, Prof. Musa said the issues raised would be given due attention. He said on the water challenge, the Vice-Chancellor directed the General Services

the importance of exposing pupils to digital literacy at an early age, given the growing relevance of information and communication technology.

He said the University would provide two or three desktop computers as a starting point, while further consideration would be given to establishing an ICT centre to provide pupils with opportunities to develop their computer skills. He also acknowledged the request for a digital library and other ICT facilities, while noting that the request for additional teaching staff had been communicated to the Registrar for necessary action.

Prof. Musa commended the Head Teacher, teachers, traditional ruler and other members of the school community for the visit, describing it as an opportunity for direct engagement between the school and University Management. He also praised the pupils for their presentations, noting that their confidence and performance reflected the importance of sustained investment in their education.

ACEPHAP Explores New Frontiers in Postpartum Hemorrhage Detection with Armor Optical Sensor

By Bala G. Abdullahi

The fight against postpartum hemorrhage (bleeding after child birth), one of the leading causes of maternal death worldwide, is increasingly being strengthened by innovations that can help health workers detect excessive blood loss earlier and respond more quickly.

Championing the great task is Prof. Hadiza Shehu Galadanci, the Director of the Africa Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP), Bayero University Kano, who led a two-day hands-on training on the Armor Optical Sensor, an emerging wearable technology being explored for monitoring women undergoing caesarean section.

The training which took place at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, brought together researchers and healthcare professionals from Nigeria and international partners from the United States, United Kingdom and Pakistan. As Nigeria's E-MASTER Trial (PPH at Caesarean Delivery) PI, Prof Galadanci led members of the team including Dr. Saeed Suleiman, Dr. Ibrahim Muhammad Danladi, Dr. Maryam Lawal Wada, RN Faiza Ibrahim Muhammad and RN Hajara Mahmoud Sani.

The ACEPHAP Director had previously highlighted the importance of objective blood-loss measurement, particularly through her work on the E-MOTIVE intervention (PPH at Vaginal Delivery). In a 2026 account of her work, she described how objective measurement using a calibrated PPH drape could help clinicians identify excessive bleeding more quickly.

The Armor Optical Sensor is designed as a wearable wrist device that can be used during caesarean section to continuously monitor physiological parameters and provide information that might support assessment of a patient's hemodynamic status. Its potential application in the detection and monitoring of blood loss reflects a growing interest in using technology to provide clinicians with timely information during critical moments of childbirth.

For women experiencing PPH, time was critical. Delays in recognizing significant blood loss could delay the initiation of life-saving interventions. Research from the E-MOTIVE trial, in which Prof. Galadanci was a co-author, demonstrated the importance of early and objective detection of PPH and prompt treatment. The trial involved

more than 210,000 women across Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa and Tanzania.

The exploration of wearable technologies such as the Armor Optical Sensor represents another potential step toward improving the information available to surgical teams during Caesarean delivery. Rather than relying solely on periodic assessments, technologies capable of providing continuous physiological information could potentially give healthcare workers an additional source of



Participants at the UniAbuja Teaching Hospital Training in a group photograph

information while a woman is undergoing surgery.

The two-day training provided participants with practical exposure to the technology and created an opportunity for researchers and clinicians from different countries to share knowledge and experiences around maternal health innovation.

For Prof. Galadanci and the ACEPHAP team, the focus remains clear: finding better ways to recognize danger early, support clinical decision-making and ultimately improve outcomes for mothers and newborns.

Prof. Galadanci asserted that one of the most dangerous experiences for a woman after delivery was to bleed excessively. "What drives us is the knowledge that many maternal deaths are preventable and that smart interventions and dedicated healthcare workers can make a difference."

Workshop Participants Call for Vigilance Against Distorted Qur'anic Translation

By Lamara Garba

Participants at a workshop on proper translation and interpretation of the Holy Qur'an have called for greater vigilance against individuals and groups they said were promoting distorted Qur'anic teachings capable of causing confusion and disunity among Muslims.

They also urged Islamic scholars, preachers and community leaders to intensify efforts to educate the public on the proper methods of translating, interpreting and teaching the Qur'an, while calling for collective action to address what they described as a growing challenge within the Muslim community.

The participants made the call in a communique issued at the end of a workshop organised by the Centre for Qur'anic Studies, Bayero University, Kano (BUK), for Imams, Islamic scholars and preachers.

The workshop focused on the need for accuracy in Qur'anic translation and interpretation and the importance of adhering to established Islamic sources and methodologies in teaching and preaching.

In the communique, the participants specifically raised concerns over individuals and groups advocating the adoption of the Qur'an alone while rejecting the Hadith and Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW). They described the development as a trend requiring greater scholarly attention, public enlightenment and collective action.

They called on government and relevant stakeholders to intervene, while urging local Qur'anic scholars to remain vigilant against individuals who, according to the participants, might use claims of intervention and financial support as a means of recruiting followers.

Declaring the workshop open, the Vice Chancellor of BUK, Professor Haruna Musa, represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Management Services, Professor Aliyu Mu'azu, mni, commended the Centre for organising the programme.

Professor Musa described the workshop as an important initiative aimed at enlightening religious scholars and creating greater awareness of appropriate procedures for teaching and preaching.

He described religious scholars as an important segment of society, noting that their teachings could have a significant influence on the wider community.

The Vice Chancellor said when religious scholars got it right, society would benefit, but when they went astray, society could equally follow the wrong direction.

He noted that the establishment of the Centre for Qur'anic Studies demonstrated the University's strategic foresight in recognising the importance of promoting sound knowledge and understanding of the Qur'an.

Earlier, the Director of the Centre, Professor Ahmad Murtala, said the workshop was organised to draw attention to what he described as the dangers associated with incorrect translation of the Qur'an.

According to him, certain individuals deliberately engage in inaccurate translation and interpretation of Qur'anic verses with the intention of creating distortions and



DVC Management Services, Prof. Aliyu Mu'azu, mni (right) with Director Centre for Qur'anic Studies, Prof. Ahmad Murtala



disunity among Muslims.

Professor Murtala said the development made it necessary for scholars and preachers to acquire the requisite knowledge and methodology for translating, interpreting and teaching the Qur'an correctly.

Also speaking, the Chairman of the Kano State Council of Ulama, Sheikh Ibrahim Khaliel, emphasised the importance of the Hadith and Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) in understanding and practising Islam.

He said the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) was the one through whom the message of Islam was conveyed, adding that rejecting his teachings and practices would undermine the proper understanding of the religion.

Sheikh Khaliel urged Muslims to be wary of individuals and groups advocating the rejection of Hadith and to expose what he described as attempts to mislead the faithful.

In his remarks, the District Head of Gwale, Alhaji Yahaya Inuwa Abbas, expressed appreciation to the Centre for its enlightenment initiative and its efforts to draw attention to issues affecting the Muslim community.

He commended the University for providing a platform for Islamic scholars and preachers to deliberate on

contemporary challenges relating to Qur'anic translation, interpretation and preaching.

Participants expressed satisfaction with the activities of the Centre, describing the workshop as timely and useful in strengthening awareness among scholars and preachers.

The communique further called for sustained collaboration among Islamic scholars, institutions and relevant authorities to promote accurate Qur'anic teaching and interpretation and address teachings which participants believe could undermine unity within the Muslim community.

Security is Responsibility of All, Experts Tell Northwest Summit

By Sabitu M. Jinjiri

Security experts at the Northwest Nigeria Safe Summit 2026 have called for stronger collaboration among government, communities, schools and development partners, stressing that protecting educational institutions from emerging threats is a collective responsibility.

The experts said no single institution or group could provide adequate security for schools without the active participation of other stakeholders, including local communities, government agencies and development partners.

They made the call at a one-day summit organised by the Department of Adult Education and Community Services, Bayero University, Kano, in collaboration with the Kano State Ministry of Education and funded by the European Union.

Held on 30 September 2026 at the University's CBN Centre of Excellence, the summit had the theme, "Strengthening Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships for Safe, Inclusive and Resilient Schools in Northwest Nigeria."

In his goodwill message, the Kano State Governor, Engineer Abba Kabir Yusuf, represented by Gwani Ali Haruna Makota, called on governors of other Northern states to emulate Kano State by making adequate provision for security in their annual budgets.

He commended Bayero University for partnering with the state government to address security challenges affecting the education sector, stressing that security should be regarded as a collective concern requiring the contribution of all stakeholders.

Representing the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research and Development, Professor Amina Mustapha, described the summit as timely and relevant, particularly in view of the security challenges confronting the education sector.

She said security remained a major priority for the University, noting that BUK had continued to attach importance to measures aimed at protecting its students, staff and facilities.

Professor Mustapha wished the participants successful deliberations and a hitch-free summit.

Presenting the first paper, "From Commitment to Action: Strengthening Government, Community and Development Partner Collaboration for Safer Schools in Northwest Nigeria," Dr Auwalu Halilu of the Safe School Initiative stressed the need to translate commitments into concrete actions.

He said commitment alone could not guarantee safe



Participants at the Northwest Nigeria Safe Summit 2026 in a group photograph

schools without effective governance and collective action, adding that the three elements must work together for meaningful and sustainable results.

Dr Halilu emphasised that government, communities and development partners must move beyond declarations of commitment and establish practical mechanisms capable of addressing security threats facing schools across the region.

In his presentation, "Use of Technology, Early Warning and Information Sharing: Mechanisms for School Safety and Rapid Response," Professor Maikano Madaki urged stakeholders to make greater use of technology, early warning systems and timely information sharing to prevent threats and strengthen rapid response mechanisms.

Professor Madaki identified community engagement as a critical component of effective early warning, noting that communities often possess vital information that could help schools and relevant authorities identify potential threats before they escalate.

He therefore called for stronger channels of communication between schools and their surrounding communities to ensure that relevant security information reaches the appropriate authorities promptly.

The third paper, "Building Resilient and Inclusive Schools in a Fragile Context: Safeguarding Every Learner from Violence, Exclusion and Emerging Threats," was presented by the Dean, Faculty of Education, Bayero University, Dr Abubakar Ibrahim Hassan.

Dr. Hassan described the Northwest as a region facing complex and interconnected challenges, including unequal access to education, growing demand for educational

services and multiple vulnerabilities affecting learners and schools.

He said the central challenge was how to ensure that schools continued to thrive in an environment characterised by such vulnerabilities.

However, he argued that the difficulties confronting the region should not make safe and inclusive education impossible, stressing that effective safeguarding measures could help schools build resilience and provide learners with a secure environment.

The presentations and discussions at the summit underscored the need for stronger partnerships, effective governance, community participation, technology-driven early warning systems and rapid information sharing as essential components of school safety in Northwest Nigeria.

BUK Dean Equips Security Directorate for Night Patrols

By Lamara Garba

The Dean of Student Affairs at Bayero University, Kano, Professor Ridwanu Mukhtar Bunza, has equipped the University's Directorate of Security with dozens of torchlights and other essential items to strengthen night patrols and surveillance across the campus.

The gesture is aimed at enhancing the capacity of security personnel to operate effectively, particularly in poorly illuminated areas and during night duty.

Presenting the items at the Deanery of Student Affairs, Professor Bunza said the initiative was part of the Deanery's efforts to support measures aimed at providing a safe and conducive environment for students and staff.

He said security remained an important component of student welfare, stressing that personnel needed adequate working tools to effectively discharge their responsibilities.

According to him, the torchlights and other materials would assist officers during night patrols and surveillance, particularly in areas of the campus with limited lighting.

Receiving the items on behalf of the Directorate, the Director of Security, Assistant Commissioner of Police Sagir Abubakar (Rtd), expressed appreciation to the Dean for the gesture and his continued support.

ACP Abubakar assured that the materials would be put to proper use to strengthen patrol operations and improve the effectiveness of security personnel across the University.

He also commended the Deanery of Student Affairs for maintaining close cooperation with the Directorate, noting that collaboration among relevant University units was essential to safeguarding the campus community.

The donation further strengthens the partnership between the Deanery of Student Affairs and the Directorate of Security in promoting the safety, welfare and well-being of students and staff of Bayero University, Kano.



The Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. Ridwanu Mukhtar Bunza presenting essential items to the Directorate, the Director of Security, ACP, Sagir Abubakar (Rtd)

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DIRECTORATE OF EXAMINATIONS, ADMISSIONS AND RECORDS

Guidelines for Undergraduate Second Semester 2025/2026 Session Add/Drop Exercise

This is to inform all interested **Undergraduate** students willing to add/drop a course(s) for the Second (2nd) semester to adapt the following procedure:

- a) Make sure you have dully registered with the University for 2025/2026 session.
- b) Meet your level coordinator for guidance.
- c) Make payment via **remita** from Monday 5th October, 2026 by Selecting UG Add and Drop service.
- d) The portal will be open on Monday 5th October to Sunday 18th October, 2026 to only affected candidates.
- e) Reprint your CRF and submit to your level coordinator for documentation.
- f) The exercise will only last for two weeks.

Closing date for the **ADD/DROP** is 18th October, 2026.

NB: Make sure you keep a photocopy of your receipt for safe keeping.

For further enquiries or clarification, please contact the Officer via zdmarmara.reg@buk.edu.ng

Signed

Director, DEAR

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Engr. Kansusi Ma'mun Bello of the Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering, Bayero University, Kano wishes to invite members of the University Community to his Wedding Fatiha with his fiancée Ummulqais Imam Ashir Shu'aibu schedule to take

place as follows:

Date: Sunday 4th October, 2026

Time: 11:00am

Venue: Shaikh Imam Ashir Shu'aibu Residence, Goron Dutse Prison Junction, Near Makarantar Kamfala, Kano



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