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### Sammani Sani, is Dead Former Director of CRNLT&F, Pro

he death has occurred of the former Director, Committee on the Centre for Research in Nigerian Language, Congregation 1989 -1993, Translation & Folklore, Professor Sammani Sani. He died in an Egyptian Hospital on 15th July, 2024.

Professor Sani joined the services of Bayero University Kano in the year 1977. He was promoted to the rank of Professor on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2016.

During his service in Bayero University, he held different administrative positions such as Dean, Student Affairs from 1998-1999, Chairman Bayero University Student

Coordinator, Division of Hausa Language and Linguistics 2010-2014 and Director Centre for Research in Nigeria Language ,Translation and folklore from 2014-2018. He resigned from the services of Bayero University in the



The late Prof. Sammani Sani

#### National Students' Loans: B K Gets Highest Allocation By Lamara Garba & Nura Garba

As the Federal Government launched the National The official launching of the Nigeria Education Loan Fund received the highest allocation.

President Bola Ahmed Tinubu presented a cheque of the first batch of successful candidates of six hundred and ninety eight million four hundred and four thousand and eight hundred naira (N698, 404, 800.00) to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas.

Student's Loans Scheme, Bayero University, Kano, (NELFUND) held on Wednesday, 17th July, 2024 in Abuja with the President reaffirming his commitment to inclusiveness and ensuring sufficient funding to sustain the program.

> He restated that education remained the greatest weapon against poverty, terrorism, banditry, and other societal vices. "What I believe is that education is the greatest



President Bola Ahmed Tinubu presenting a cheque for the registration fees of NELFUND beneficiary students of BUK to the VC, Prof. S. Adamu Abbas (right)

weapon against poverty in any society; without education, there is no vision, no development, and you cannot successfully conquer insecurity."

According to him the government would continue to invest in education to empower its citizens and would deploy it as a tool against terrorism, banditry, and insecurity.

The President, who symbolically presented loan cheques to students from each geo-political zone, indicating the beginning of the disbursement of the fund to qualified



Fatima Hambali a Level 300 BUK student receiving her up-keep NELFUND cheque from President Bola Ahmed Tinubu

Nigerian students.

In his remarks, the Executive Secretary of the NELFUND, Mr. Akintonde Sawyerr, said a total of 164,000 students registered for the loan. He said that a N33 billion is currently available for disbursement to kick-start the programme. He said NELFUND aimed at empowering Nigerian youth by providing fair, transparent funding and removing financial barriers to educational opportunities and academic pursuits

A total of 8,530 candidates from Bayero University benefitted from the NELFUND scheme out of the 9,836 registered candidates.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, who disclosed this on Friday, 19th July, 2024 shortly after receiving an award of honour from the Students' Union Government in his office, disclosed that the University got the highest allocation of the newly introduced National Students Loans Scheme.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abbas, expressed gratitude for the award and thanked the Students' Union Government for the recognition. He charged them to concentrate on their studies with a view to coming out with flying colours.

He promised to do more for the improvement of the welfare of the students, pointing out that the university management would not relent in its efforts to provide environment conducive for learning and research.

Presenting the award, the SUG President Comrade Nasir Ibrahim Isa commended the Vice Chancellor for his unwavering commitment to improving the welfare of students most especially the issue of National Students Loans Scheme, which made it possible to enroll greater percentage of students into the scheme. The students also presented an award to the Dean of Students Affairs, Professor Shamsuddeen Umar

"We honoured you today with this beautiful plaque to show profound appreciation to our esteemed Vice Chancellor for his tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to the advancement of Bayero University. Your visionary leadership has not only propelled our institution to new heights, but inspired us to strive for excellence in all our endeavours.

Your dedication to fostering an environment of academic excellence and holistic development is truly commendable," the SUG President declared.

In a vote of thanks, the Dean of Students Affairs, Professor Shamsuddeen Umar, thanked the Vice Chancellor for the wonderful things he has been doing in transforming the university. He prayed to Almighty Allah to continue to guide and protect him.

# Nursing and Midwifery Council Accreditation Team Visits BUK

The door of Bayero University Kano is always open for collaboration and partnership with any group or professional body so as to add value to the University, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas, has said.

He spoke when he received the accreditation team from Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria for resource verification for the accreditation of Bachelor of Nursing Science, who paid him a courtesy visit on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 in his office.

The leader of the team, Professor Emmanuel Enyebe, in his remarks, expressed gratitude to the University for always supporting the council whenever the need arose.

He said BUK staff from the Nursing Department has assisted the Council to set a high standard and it is the expectation of the team to see the replica of that standard from the University.



Nursing and Midwifery team in a group photograph with BUK Management

According to him, the visit was a routine check for quality assurance to look at areas where there are need for improvement, according to him, things are changing, even Vol. XLIII No. 48 Bulletin Friday, 19th July, 2024 disease patterns are changing and there are things that are Gumel in his response, welcomed the team and coming on board and not yet put in place.

Professor Enyebe said Nursing program in BUK should be He said the University is conscious and concerned by one of the best in the country and even globally. He described the University as a pace setter as it is doing a lot and has achieved things that others are striving to imitate

According to him, the only way to expand the number of nurses that can be trained at a time is to have a faculty of Nursing like some other first generation Universities to help improve what is needed to be on ground. In his words "BUK has the manpower and infrastructural development to make it a reality"

He appreciated the management for its support in ensuring quality manpower through training within and outside the country which is what is expected.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas, who was represented by the DVC Academic, Prof. Muhammad Sani

commended it for its commitment.

ensuring that things are done right because it takes quality assurance seriously.

He said BUK is ever ready and willing to do anything that will bring development by improving and increasing the quality and standard in its entire programs.

Professor Gumel said although Nursing Sciences is not among the pioneer programs in BUK, it now rubs shoulder with other programmes in the country because of the importance attached to the program by the University.

The Vice Chancellor disclosed that the University, which already has two colleges, is hoping to add two more colleges in the nearest future to increase the number of faculties already in existence.

#### **SSANU, NASU Members Protes Payment of Withheld Salaries By Nura Garba**

Nigerian Universities (SSANU) and its counterpart from the Non-Academic Staff Union of Universities (NASU) at Bayero University Kano (BUK) led their members to a peaceful protest around the campus over the non-payment of their four months withheld salaries by the federal government.

This action followed a directive from the national body of the Joint Action Committee (JAC) of the unions to embark on a one-day peaceful protest pressing home their demands on the agreement reached during the suspension of its strike sometimes in 2022.

Comrade Mustapha Aminu, Chairman of the University's Joint Action Committee (JAC), while addressing the Congress, highlighted the grievances of the non-teaching staff. "While the federal government settled part of the withheld salaries of the teaching staff union, we, the non-teaching staff, were left behind. Despite our pleas, nothing has been done, so we are peacefully seeking our rights," he stated.

He noted that the staff's demand for immediate payment of our outstanding arrears is seen as essential not only for their welfare but also for maintaining the overall functionality and quality of education at the institution.

Aminu called on President Bola Ahmed Tinubu to intervene and address their concerns, stressing the urgency for government to pay the affected members in order to bring succor to their sufferings.

The JAC Chairman also pointed out the broader implications of the protest, particularly on the students. "This action affects the education of the students because very soon, they will resume lectures. If the non-teaching staff are on strike, the students will

The leadership of the Senior Staff Association of not have a conducive learning environment," he explained.

Chairman of NASU, BUK Chapter, comrade Abdullahi Nasiru, urged the federal government to respond to the protesters' demands." We want the government to pay our withheld salaries so that the education system of the country will not collapse," he said.



SSANU Chairman, Comrade Mustapha Aminu addressing the meeting



VC, Prof. S.A. Abbas addressing JAC members during the protest

Receiving the protesters, the Vice Chancellor, Bayero Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, said the protest was legal as it did not violate anything since it was peaceful. He added that the Management and the unions were living peacefully, pointing out that they would do everything

humanly possible to strengthen the relationship.

Professor Abbas said as a Co-chairman of Committee of Vice Chancellors of Nigerian Universities, he would present the case of BUK's JAC grievances with a view to intervening on the issue.

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future through the development of new strategic plans.

The five-day retreat took place at the CBN Centre of Excellence at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria from Monday, July 1, 2024 to Friday, July 5, 2024.

Discussions and deliberations were centered around the take-off of the new postgraduate (M.Sc and Ph.D) Programmes mounted by the Center, Developing a framework for Regional Agri-Business Innovation Hub (RAIHub), the completion of the CDA strategic Plan for the 2024-2029, Finalization of the CDA Research Strategy and overall Sustainability plan for the Centre.

In his address to declare the meeting open, the Director of CDA, Professor Jibrin Mohammed JIbrin gave a historical evolution of the Centre, enumerated key challenges faced and how they were overcome as well as highlighted the need for the retreat participants to support the Centre in its drive to come up with a sustainability plan after the exhaustion of the Africa Centre of Excellence (ACE) Project.

As an ice breaker, participants were asked to share their experiences with the CDA in which they commended the laudable achievements recorded by the center over the years.

The Vice Chancellor of Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria, Professor Kabir Bala, visited the participants on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, marking a significant moment. He congratulated the Center for the successes it recorded and prayed for a hitch free discussion to be able to develop sustainable strategic plans and outline pathways for its growth.

Welcoming the Vice Chancellor, ABU, the Deputy Director, Training, Professor Sanusi Gaya Mohammed, said "We are honored by your visit. This indeed, underscores the strong relationship between Bayero University and Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria."

The meeting started with an overview of the new MSc and PhD programmes and key management strategies; Quality assurance and accreditation as well as administrative and logistic arrangements in day one. The second day of the retreat dissolved to a breakout sessions in which it extensively discussed the RAIHub, including funding and support mechanisms, formulating action plans and timelines, as well as resource allocation and management.

On day 3, it reviewed CDA's strategic plan draft,

The Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) has conducted monitoring and evaluation framework, finalizing the its Management Retreat aimed at establishing a sustainable strategic plan, which included the incorporation of feedback and creating a detailed implementation plan.

> At the fourth day, the management retreat paid attention to review and finalizing the CDA's research strategy, which included redefining and aligning of research areas, and documentation of CDA activities, its framework, outline and structure.

> Making his presentation, the Dean, Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences (FEES), Professor Aliyu Barau, talked on Hotspots, Coldspots and Blindspots: What are the Research Priorities for the World and its Drylands?. He also highlighted the twenty issues and signals of changes that have been recognized by the United Nation's Environment programme. These issues include uninsurable future, local, network driven resilience and autonomous and AI-enabled weaponization systems.



The final day of the retreat, discussed extensively on the CDA's detailed sustainability plan, primarily focussing on the centre's company, L'Excellence that will manage the centre's investment. The proposed communication strategy was also exhaustively discussed, challenges highlighted and the strategy was reviewed.

At the closing ceremony, the Director of the CDA, Prof Jibrin M. Jibrin thanked all the participants for their immense contributions for its success. He admitted that the exercise went beyond expectation as the commitment and dedication of members were quite commendable.

The workshop ended with proffering key recommendations on how to achieve a sustainable positive future for the centre.

### Faculty of Clinical Sciences Conducts Manuscripts Writing Workshop for PG Students and Mid-Career Academics

The Faculty of Clinical Sciences at the College of Health Sciences conducted a Manuscripts Writing Workshop for Postgraduate Students and Mid-Career Academics.

The workshop was conceived as part of the faculty's unwavering commitment to staff development, recognizing the critical need to guide junior faculty in publishing high-quality research. This initiative underscored the faculty's dedication to fostering academic excellence and professional growth among its members.

It also aimed at equipping junior academics with the necessary tools and knowledge, with a view to enhancing



the overall research output and upholds the institution's reputation for scientific rigor and innovation.

In her opening remarks, the Deputy Director of ACEPHAP, Dr Taiwo Amole, highlighted the crucial role of research in the academic and professional development of lecturers, students, and professionals.

The first facilitators at the workshop and one of the senior Medical Microbiologists at the University, Prof Azeez Akande, gave a foundational lecture on the basic outline of a potentially acceptable manuscript. He also provided a guide to the participants on how to identify the predatory journals.

The presentation made by a family medicine and HIV researcher, Dr Zainab AbdulAzeez, focused on writing a compelling introduction section of a manuscript. She shares her wealth of experience with the participants on the strategies for overcoming writing challenges.

In his remarks, a Professor of Public health, Dr. Muktar A. Gadanya, described the practical strategies of presenting a concise method section of manuscripts and academic dissertations.

Similarly, the pioneer Provost of the College of Health Sciences, Prof Abdulrazaq Garba Habib, called on young researchers to adhere to high standards for scientific rigor and excellence. He emphasized the need for compliance with ethics in research and publications.

Participants were grouped into four for brief exercises and thereafter, four thematic research groups were formed. These include infectious diseases, maternal and child health, non-communicable diseases, and genomics.

The final talks and practical demonstration were anchored by Dr Mansur Aliyu, who focused on the use of online resources ((Equator network) and the use of reference Management Software, such as Endnote and Zotero.

The one-day workshop took place on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 at the conference hall of the African Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP).

## BUK Kicks-off Exam Free Professional Courses

The Faculty of Life sciences in collaboration with the Director of Consultancy Services on Saturday had Flag-off new programs in an opening ceremony of professional certificate curses on Saturday, 29th June 2024 at the faculty board room.

These professional certificate courses were the 1<sup>st</sup> of their kind in the history of the faculty as well as the College and were specifically aimed to empower professionals across various disciplines with the latest skills and knowledge that will enable them to carry out their work smoothly and professionally.

Each professional certificate course will run for a period of 8 weeks (Saturdays only) and one can only enroll into a single course at a time. Certificates will be issued to participants based on attendance and no examination is required.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, who was represented by the Provost, College of Natural and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Professor Tijjani Hassan Darma,



Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences, Usman Aliyu Dutsinma delivering his address

congratulated the participants for being the chosen ones. He explained that the Consultancy Services is not a new collaborator in the university but the culture of collaboration died long ago. "But thanks to the Faculty of Life Science for the effort of reviving this culture. Also a big thanks to the Dean of the Faculty and the Director for In his keynote speech, the DVC Academics, Professor Sani providing community services in offering knowledge to participants so as to add value to their careers," he said.

The Vice Chancellor further explained that BUK has a lot of collaborations with National and international bodies such as the World Bank, international Universities in Asia and America in order to improve training and capacity d development.

He assured the Faculty that the management welcomed such kind of ideas and innovation that helped in raising the quality and image of the universities to the outside world.

In his opening remarks, the Dean of the Faculty, Professor Usman Aliyu Dutsinma, welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the opening ceremony. He thanked the participants for putting their trust in Bayero University for subscribing to these important courses.

"Among the participants here with us we have Academic staff from Universities, those from Non-Governmental organizations and those that will be with us online, and this indicates the level of preparedness of the Faculty in order to serve the participants with hitch free online sessions," the Dean said.

He added that these courses were specifically mounted in the faculty in order to enhance the skills of professionals that have basic skills but don't have the certificate to showcase, "perhaps BUK will polish them for national and international recognition," he said.

Muhammad Gumel explained his admiration as a member of the College and the Faculty to the wonderful effort by the Faculty to come up with this gigantic innovation, especially in this era that the world is fast growing in technological advancement, artificial intelligence, and bio-technology.

"BUK is competing gracefully with other universities in Nigeria and this will make any one happy and wants to have anything related to Bayero University even via acquisition of its short term certificate. This collaboration between the Consultancy Services and the Faculty of Life Science will improve the image and pride of Bayero," he said.

In his closing remark, the Director Consultancy Services, Dr Jibril I. Jirbil, urged the participants to use this opportunity to extract skills and knowledge. He assured them that all these courses will one day be integrated with Artificial Intelligence.

The professional certificate courses received 110 applications out of which 60 have completed their registration and 15 out of them will join virtually.

The professional certificate courses are Biosafety and Biosecurity, Fisheries and Agriculture, Biostatistics and Data Management, Molecular Biology, Tissue Culture and Professional Certificate in Biotechnology.

#### **K's Tennis Association** or Sports Developme By Suleiman Salihu

The Bayero University, Kano Tennis Association has Abbas, thanked the association for the award. He assured presented an award of honour to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas for his commitment to sports development.

In particular, the association commended the Vice Chancellor for renovating the staff and students' Tennis courts at the Old Campus, which was the first time in more than twenty years. The presentation of the Award took place on Tuesday, 9th July, 2024 at the Office of the Vice-Chancellor.

Chairman of the association, Alhaji Kabiru Kakale, who was represented by Malam Sunusi Shu'aibu (popularly known as Badway), said they were at the Office of the Vice-Chancellor to show their appreciation and present a gift on the wonderful job and commitments of the Vice-Chancellor shown on sporting activities, especially the renovation of the two tennis courts at Old Campus.

Alhaji Kabiru Kakale, on behalf of the Association, appreciated the efforts of the University Management for the kind gesture. He also appealed for the continuous support of the Sports Directorate, especially at the preparations to compete in the Nigerian University Games Association (NUGA), Federation of Africa University Sports (FASU), among others. He assured that with the continuous support from the part of the University, his Association is ready to come back with trophies.

Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu

the commitment of the University despite the financial hardships would continue in rendering services and possible supports to all other units in the University.



A group photograph of BUK Management and BUK's Tennis Association

Prof. Abbas, further advised the association to be factoring their needs through the lined budget planned by the Directorate. He said this would be easily deducted from the source (students' registration) as done to other units.

Earlier, The Director of Sport, Professor Rabi'u Muhammad introduced the Tennis Association to the Vice-Chancellor. He thanked Prof. Abbas for his commitments and concerns to the Directorate and sporting activities in general. He said the request for renovation of the two tennis

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referred the renovation as apt and timely as the Directorate engages in different sporting activities and that the University would host the next staff games.

Other members of the association present during the visit Highlight of the visit was presentation of plaque to the included Salim Rabi'u Muhammad (Chief Coach), Suleiman Bello Abubakar (Stadium Manager), Mustapha by a group photograph.

courts were made for the past twenty-one (21) years. He Sheik Muhammad, Nafi'u S. Yahaya, Abubakar Shu'aibu, Ibrahim Idris, from Sport Directorate while Salisu Ahmad Mu'azu from Bursary and Shamsuddeen Abubakar from Directorate of Public Affairs.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas followed

### NBBF Appoints BUK's Coach, Sunusi Badway to Lead Nigeria's U18 Basketball for African Qualifiers By Nura Garba

The Nigerian Basketball Federation (NBBF) has 4. Kelechi Anosike, Member appointed Bayero University, Kano's Basketball Coach, 5. Yakubu Usman, Member Sunusi Shuaibu, popularly known as Badway to lead the 6. Sanusi Shuaibu Lomax, MEMBER national under 18 basketball team for African 7. Bello Fisayo, Member championship qualifiers slated to take place in Abidjan, Cote'd Ivoire and.

Coach Sunusi Badway, having been appointed into the NBBF League Management Committee, owing to his vast experience and competence, will lead the national team in search of honour and glory in the continental dunking fiesta for the country.

A letter of appointment signed by the Secretary General of the NBBF, Mr Peter Njoku reads in part, "I want to thank you all for accepting to serve on this reconstituted NBBF MEN DIVISION 2 LEAGUE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE of the Nigeria Basketball Federation, as approved by the Board of the Nigeria Basketball Federation.

The Men Division 2 League Management Committee is saddled with the task to properly organize, coordinate, and monitor the development and growth of men's Division 2 League and the Game of Basketball in Nigeria.

"Your appointment for this sensitive assignment is as a result of the immense and high level of confidence that the Board of the NBBF reposes in your person, and the Board strongly believes that you will justify this confidence, by working diligently with the other members of the Committee to achieve this well desired objective," said Mr. Njoku in the letter.

The New NBBF MEN'S DIVISION 2 LEAGUE MGT COMMITTEE is constituted as follows: 1. Alhaji Abba Kaka, CHAIRMAN 2. Adamu Deshi, Vice Chairman

3. Victor Umoru, Member

- 8. Njoku Peter, O., Secretary

Already, the NBBF wrote a letter to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Abbas requesting for the release of Coach Sunusi Badway to Portharcourt, the camp of the U18 Men's



Coach Sunusi Shuaibu (aka Badway)

team in preparation for Federation of International Basketball Association (FIBA) Africa Qualifiers scheduled to hold in Abidjan, Cote D"Ivoire and Johannesburg in South Africa.

The Nigeria Basketball Federation (NBBF) has concluded arrangements for effective preparation/participation at the FIBA AFRICA Qualifying Tournaments scheduled to commence in Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire from 29 July - 4 August, while the second phase of the Qualifiers holds in Johannesburg, South Africa from 16-25 August 2024.

### Library Registration for 2023/2024 Session Commences Monday July 22

register with the University Library. The affected students should come along with the following document:

- A copy of student information form (SIF)
- One passport photograph
- Evidence of admission

This is to inform all students especially newly admitted to **Registration:** Mondays to Thursdays 9am to 2pm. Fridays 9am to 12pm.

> Note that students from Faculty of Law, Agriculture and Engineering are to register at their respective Faculty libraries, while all faculties in the Old Campus are to register at College of Natural and Pharmaceutical Sciences Library.



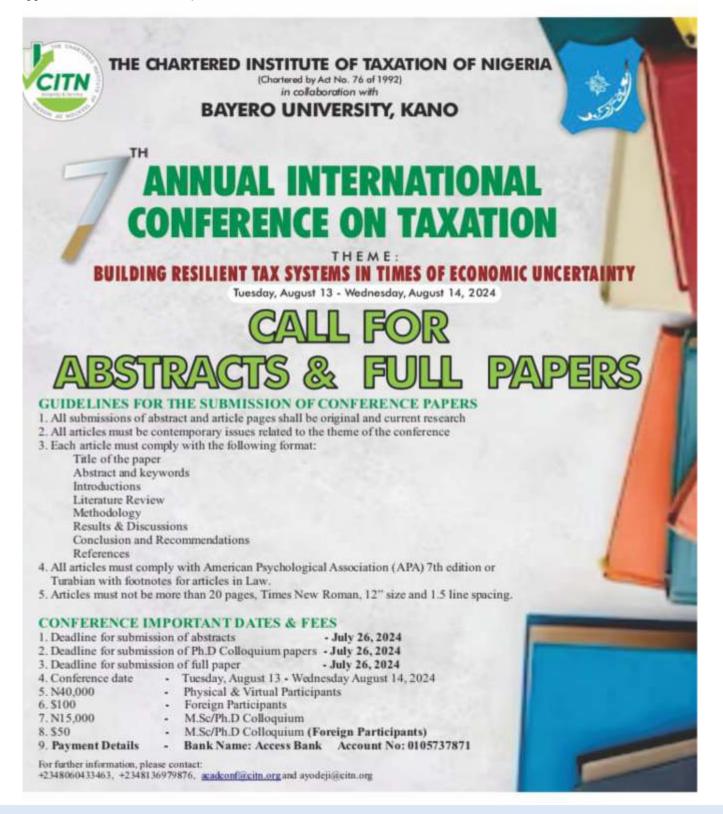


members of the University Community and the general public to the wedding fatiha of his daughter, Halima Ibrahim Abdulyakin and her fiancé, Ali Idris Shittu, scheduled as follows:

DATE: Sunday, 28th, July, 2024 TIME: 11:00am **VENUE:** Sasif Friday Mosque, Along Sani Bello Street, Opp. Audu Utai Road, Gama Quarters, Kano

(1) Ibrahim Abdulyakin, Director Security wishes to invite (2) Adamu Isah Babura, Department of English and Literary Studies wishes to invite members of the University Community and the general public to his wedding fatiha and his fiancee, Fatima Aliyu Ibrahim, scheduled as follows:

> DATE: Saturday, 27th, July, 2024 **TIME:** 11:30am VENUE: Janbulo 2nd Gate, Juma'at Mosque



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