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BUK, Saudi Arabian Universities Move to Deepen Academic Collaboration

By Suleiman Salihu

Bayero University, Kano (BUK) is set to deepen its academic and institutional ties with Saudi Arabian universities as a delegation from Makkah, Saudi Arabia, visited the University to explore new areas of collaboration and strengthen existing partnerships.

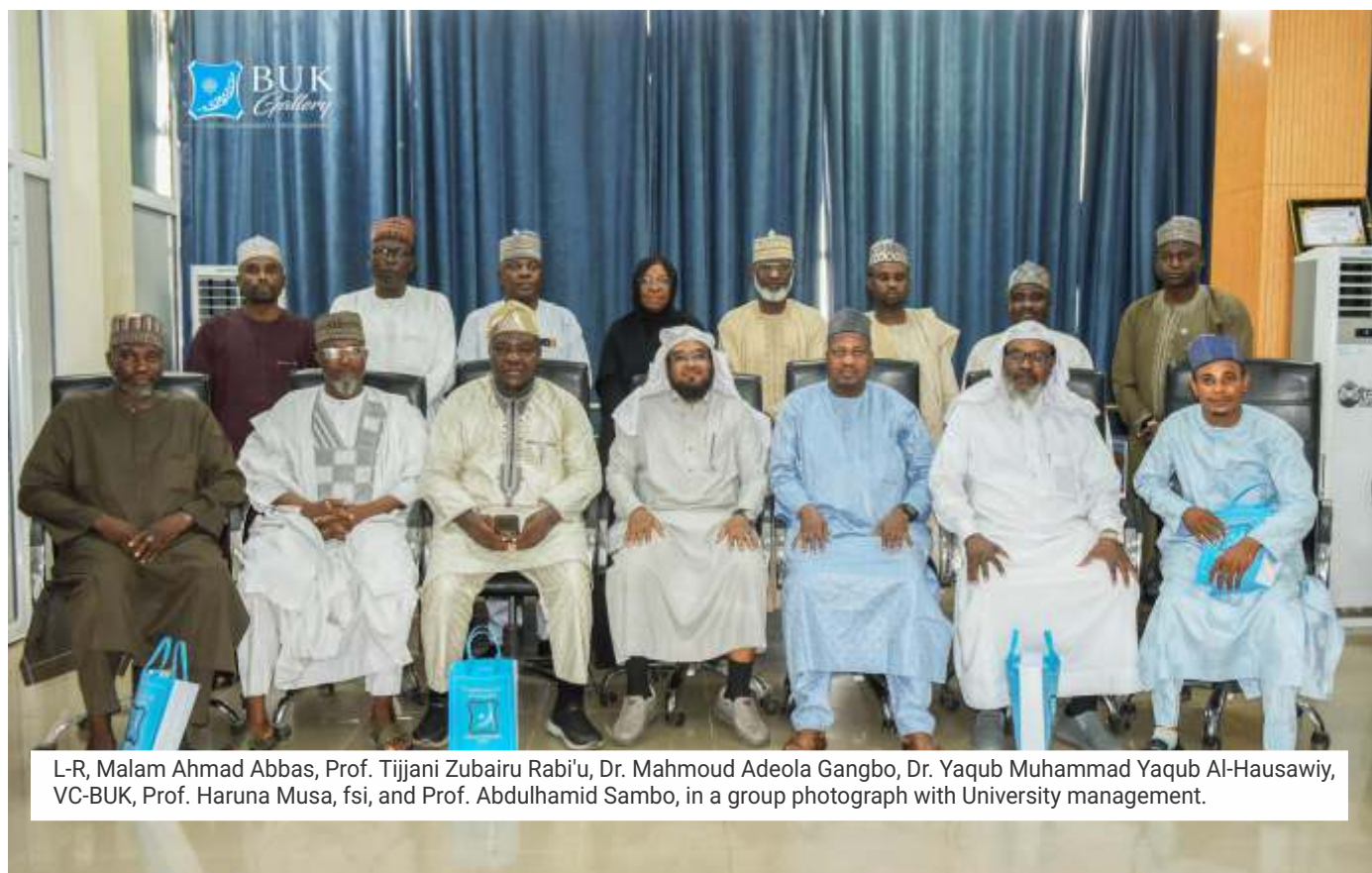
Receiving the delegation, the Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, said the University was committed to expanding its international partnerships, particularly with institutions in Saudi Arabia, as part of efforts to promote academic exchange, research collaboration and knowledge development.

Professor Musa recalled his earlier encounter with members of the delegation in Makkah, where discussions were held on the prospects of establishing stronger institutional links between BUK and Saudi Arabian universities. He said the latest visit represented an important step towards translating those discussions into concrete areas of cooperation.

The Vice-Chancellor disclosed that BUK currently maintains Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with more than 100 institutions across the world, including Prince Sattam Bin Abdulaziz University (PSAU) in Saudi Arabia.

He added that the University was also exploring the possibility of signing further agreements with two prominent Saudi Arabian institutions, the Islamic University of Madinah and Umm Al-Qura University (UQU), which he described as potential partners in advancing academic and scholarly collaboration.

Professor Musa said such partnerships would provide opportunities for staff and student exchanges, joint research, academic programmes, scholarly engagements and other initiatives capable of strengthening relations between Bayero University and institutions in Saudi Arabia.



L-R, Malam Ahmad Abbas, Prof. Tijjani Zubairu Rabi'u, Dr. Mahmoud Adeola Gangbo, Dr. Yaqub Muhammad Yaqub Al-Hausawiy, VC-BUK, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi, and Prof. Abdulhamid Sambo, in a group photograph with University management.

He also highlighted the long-standing intellectual and academic connections between BUK and Saudi Arabia, noting that several distinguished BUK scholars are alumni of Saudi Arabian universities.

Among them, he mentioned Professor Sani Zahraddeen, Professor Bashir Aliyu Umar, Professor Sani Umar R/Lemo, Dr Abdallah Usman G/Kaya and Professor Tijjani Zubairu Rabi'u, among others.

Giving an overview of BUK, Professor Musa said the University, established in October 1960 as a college before attaining full university status in 1977, currently has more than 40,000 students and about 5,000 staff.

He said the institution offers more than 130 undergraduate and over 100 postgraduate programmes across its various faculties, departments, centres and units, with facilities spread across its New and Old Campuses, Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital (AKTH) Campus and the School of Continuing Education.

The Vice-Chancellor further disclosed that BUK had recently emerged as the third-best university in Nigeria, the

best university in Northern Nigeria and first in the country in terms of international outlook, stressing that the University's growing global profile made international partnerships increasingly important.

He assured the delegation that BUK remained open to further collaboration with Saudi Arabian universities, particularly in areas that would promote academic excellence, research, innovation and human capital development.

Earlier, the delegation was guided into the University by Malam Ahmad Abbas, accompanied by Professor Tijjani Zubairu Rabi'u of the Centre for Qur'anic Studies.

The delegation, led by Professor Abdullah Hamid Sambo, expressed appreciation for the warm reception and hospitality extended to them by the University. Professor Sambo also expressed admiration for BUK's academic environment and prayed for the continued development of the University, its Saudi Arabian partners and humanity in general.

Greed, Not Ideology, Driving Nigeria's Democracy — Dr. Auwalu Anwar

By Bala G. Abdullahi

The absence of clear political ideology among Nigeria's political actors has become one of the greatest threats to the survival and development of democratic governance in the Fourth Republic, eroding the principles and values that should guide political leadership, scholar and former university don, Dr. Auwalu Anwar, has warned.

Anwar made the assertion while delivering the 9th Annual



Dignitaries in a group photograph at the Mambayya House 9th Annual NEPU Lecture

NEPU Public Lecture organised by the Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Studies to commemorate the 76th anniversary of the Northern Elements Progressive Union (NEPU), established in 1950.

The lecture, held on Saturday, 8th August 2026, at the Sa'adu Zungur Conference Hall, Mambayya House, Kano, was themed: **"Greed is the Key to Misery: Reflecting on**

the Past in Respect of NEPU Ideology and its Lessons Ahead of the 2027 Elections."

According to Anwar, the current political dispensation is characterised by a disturbing absence of ideological commitment, with political competition increasingly driven by personal ambition, wealth and the pursuit of power rather than competing visions for the development of the country.

He said a cursory assessment of contemporary Nigerian politics revealed that many political actors were more interested in outwitting one another in their quest for power than in presenting clear programmes and policies capable of addressing the challenges confronting the nation.

The former university don observed that the situation had created a political environment in which a few wealthy individuals, some of whom have questionable sources of wealth, wield enormous influence over the political process.

He argued that the absence of ideology had weakened the quality of political discourse and made it difficult for Nigerians to distinguish between political parties based on their ideas, principles and proposed solutions to national problems.

Anwar noted that the experience of the Northern Elements Progressive Union provided important lessons on the role of ideology in shaping political movements and mobilising citizens around clearly defined principles.

He stressed the need for Nigerians, particularly young people, to revisit the history and ideological foundations of movements such as NEPU in order to draw lessons that

could contribute to the restoration of values-driven politics ahead of the 2027 general elections.

The NEPU anniversary lecture, which brought together scholars, political analysts, activists and members of the public, provided an opportunity for reflection on the evolution of democratic politics in Nigeria and the relevance of the union's ideological heritage to contemporary political challenges.

Dr. Anwar paid glowing tribute to the politicians of the first Republic particularly members of Northern Elements Progressive Union (NEPU) who made ideology a cardinal principle of operations, saying that party supremacy and compliance with constitution were the guiding principle of NEPU. He said all members irrespective of their positions in the party or in governance must subject themselves to the constitution of the party. No imposition of candidates because all nominations for whatever positions be it in party leadership or in governance were conducted in accordance with the party's constitution.

According to him the lessons learnt from the experiences of NEPU should serve as the guiding principle of operation for the present and future crops of politicians, adding that unless and until “we take a cue from the experiences of members of NEPU both dead and alive our nation's political experiment will continue to take us back by centuries.”

He commended Mambayya House and Bayero University, Kano for immortalizing the ideology of NEPU and its remnants, hoping that politicians would be courageous enough to imbibe the culture of discipline, honesty and selfless service which were the hall marks of NEPU and other members of the first Republic politics.

Earlier, in his remarks, the Chairman of the occasion, Malam Bala Muhammad of Bayero University, Kano said that the choice of the theme was not only apt, but relevant

because it came at a time when the 2027 general elections was just around the corner. He said it was time “for us as a nation to look back at the past to learn, reflect and move forward wisely.”

Malam Muhammad explained that, ideology which shaped how a group understood the world and guided their political, social and economic actions were the major ingredients that not only sustained democracy, but also nurtured it to maturity as witnessed in some developed democratic nations.

He said with the above analogy, it has become imperative for the participants to listen attentively to the lecture so that they could learn a lot from the experiences and sacrifices made by members of NEPU elements.

In his address, the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano Professor Haruna Musa, represented by the Director of Aminu Centre for Democratic Studies (Mambayya House), Prof. Habu Mohammed said considering the fast approaching 2027 elections, the choice of the topic was apt and relevant because it would remind the politicians the importance of playing the game in accordance with the rule.

Prof. Musa assured that Bayero University and Mambayya House would continue to immortalize the good work of NEPU and members of the First Republic so that the present crops of politicians would learn. He wished the participants fruitful deliberations.

Also speaking, Dr. Akilu Sani Indabawa one of the discussants corroborated the position of the lecturer and expressed concern over the lack of ideology and the worrisome impunity that characterized the present political dispensation. He said the lecture had gone a long way to remind politicians the need to play the game in line with extant rules.

Haruna Aliyu, BUK Registrar Appointed Council Member of FCE Odugbo

By Lamara Garba

The Registrar of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), Alhaji Haruna Aliyu, has been appointed as a member of the Governing Council of the Federal College of Education, Odugbo, Benue State.

The appointment, approved by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, is with effect from 26th May, 2025, according to a letter conveying the appointment and signed by the Minister of Education, Dr. Maruf Tunji Alausa.

The letter reads in part: “I am pleased to inform you that His Excellency, Bola Ahmed Tinubu GCFR, President, Federal Republic of Nigeria has approved your appointment as Member Governing Council, Federal College of Education Odugbo, Benue State. The appointment is with effect from 26th May, 2025.”

The appointment recognises Alhaji Aliyu's wealth of experience in university administration and his



Haruna Aliyu, BUK Registrar

contributions to the development of higher education in Nigeria.

Before his appointment as Registrar of Bayero University, Kano, Alhaji Aliyu served as the Registrar of Skyline University, Kano, where he was involved in the administration and development of the institution.

He also previously served as Chairman of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), Bayero University, Kano Branch, where he provided leadership in advancing the interests and welfare of senior administrative and technical staff of the University.

As Registrar of BUK, Alhaji Aliyu is responsible for the

University's central administrative machinery, with oversight of key areas relating to academic administration, staff matters, records and other institutional processes.

His appointment to the Governing Council of the Federal College of Education, Oduigbo, is expected to bring his extensive administrative experience and knowledge of the Nigerian higher education system to the governance of the institution.

The Governing Council of a tertiary institution is responsible for providing strategic direction and policy oversight, as well as ensuring effective administration and the prudent management of institutional resources in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

CDA Showcases Research, Strengthens Partnerships at 9th Africa Agriculture Science Week

By Nura Garba, PhD

The Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA), Bayero University, Kano participated in the 9th Africa Agriculture Science Week held at the Continental Hotel, Abuja, from July 27th to 30th 2026.

The four-day continental event brought together leading researchers, policymakers, scientists, development partners, private sector actors and young innovators from across Africa under the theme, **"Innovations and Partnerships for Resilient and Sustainable Agri-food Systems in Africa."** A total of 924 participants attended the event, with academia accounting for 70 per cent of

emerging agricultural technologies and innovations, climate-resilient agri-food systems, nutrition and urban food systems, as well as the policies, financing mechanisms, institutional capacities and inclusive partnerships required to scale agricultural transformation across Africa.

Speaking on the significance of the event, the Director of the Centre for Dryland Agriculture, Professor Sanusi Gaya Mohammed, described the conference as strategically beneficial to the Centre, particularly in strengthening institutional collaborations and expanding its network of partners across the continent. He said CDA's participation was aimed at consolidating existing partnerships while exploring new areas of collaboration with agricultural research centres and institutions.

According to him, the Centre showcased a range of its research products at its exhibition booth, including improved climate-resilient seed varieties, which attracted significant interest from participating organizations.

"Many organizations requested our improved seeds, while others expressed keen interest in the Centre's research activities. We also established collaborations with several research centres and institutions across Africa that have indicated their willingness to send their staff and students to CDA for training and research. This is an important opportunity for the Centre," he said.



CDA Team and some partners at the 9th Africa Agriculture Science Week

participants and policy actors representing 12 per cent.

The programme was organized by the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) in collaboration with the West and Central Africa Council for Agricultural Research and Development (CORAF), the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria (ARCN) and the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, alongside continental, regional, national and international partners.

The event, which also featured the 10th Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) General Assembly, underscored the critical role of science, technology and strategic partnerships in building productive, climate-resilient and inclusive agri-food systems across the continent. Deliberations focused on

The Deputy Director (Training), Professor Murtala Mohammed Badamasi, said it was a privilege to represent the Centre at one of Africa's largest gatherings of agricultural scientists and researchers. He noted that the event provided an excellent platform to showcase CDA's research achievements, exchange ideas with experts across the continent and build strategic networks with key stakeholders.

The Deputy Director, Research and Innovation, Dr. Mustapha Mohammed Bello, described the event as the continent's largest gathering of major players in the agricultural sector.

He said the conference provided an enabling platform for the Centre to showcase its research activities while

strengthening collaboration and networking with relevant stakeholders across Africa.

Also speaking, a researcher at the Centre, Dr. Fatima Zahra Buhari, expressed appreciation to the management of CDA for providing her the opportunity to participate in the programme.

She said the event enabled her to engage with diverse stakeholders, broaden her understanding of emerging agricultural innovations and gain deeper insights into contemporary scientific approaches to agricultural development.

The immediate past Director of the Centre for Dryland Agriculture, Professor Jibrin Mohammed Jibrin, described the conference as one of the most significant gatherings of stakeholders in Africa's agricultural sector.

Professor Jibrin, who presented a paper on soil management during the conference, said the major lesson from the event was that Africa already possesses many of

the solutions needed to transform its agricultural sector.

"What is lacking is an effective implementation mechanism. We must mobilize the necessary resources, strengthen institutional capacity and invest more in agriculture because our population is growing rapidly. We must address the challenges of food safety and food security and ensure that we can sustainably feed our growing population," he said.

Partners of the Centre, including Dr. Alpa Kamara of the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Professor Kayode Daudu of the National Agricultural Extension, Research and Liaison Services (NAERLS), and Professor Babagana Kabir, Executive Director of the Lake Chad Research Institute, Maiduguri, also expressed satisfaction with their participation at the event and reaffirmed the importance of their longstanding partnerships with the Centre for Dryland Agriculture.

BUK, CIBN Organize Orientation for Newly Admitted MFIN/ACIB Students

Bayero University, Kano (BUK), in collaboration with the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN), held an orientation programme for newly admitted students of the Master of Finance/Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (MFIN/ACIB) programme.

The orientation took place on Saturday August, 8th 2026 at the CBN Centre of Excellence, Bayero University New Campus.

In his opening remarks, the Head of the Department of Finance, Dr. Nuruddeen Abba Abdullahi, urged the students to approach the programme with commitment, discipline and a strong determination to excel. He

another significant milestone in Bayero University's efforts to strengthen industry-academia collaboration and provide students with enhanced opportunities for professional advancement.

The MFIN/ACIB programme, according to Dr. Abdullahi was a collaborative initiative between Bayero University and CIBN designed to provide students with an integrated academic and professional qualification. Through the programme, students have the opportunity to earn a Master of Finance (MFIN) degree from Bayero University alongside the Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (ACIB) professional qualification, subject to meeting the respective academic and professional requirements.

The partnership represented an important step towards bridging the gap between academic knowledge and industry practice by equipping graduates with both advanced academic training and professional competencies relevant to the banking and financial services industry. It further provides students with a structured pathway for professional development and career progression within the financial sector.

Also speaking at the event, the North-West Zonal Coordinator of CIBN, Alhaji Jamilu Balarabe Iliyasu, disclosed that all students admitted into the MFIN/ACIB programme would be registered as student members of CIBN. He explained that students who successfully complete the programme and satisfy the Institute's prescribed non-academic membership requirements would subsequently be inducted as Associate Members of CIBN.

He said the orientation also provided an opportunity for students to gain a clearer understanding of the expectations associated with pursuing the programme, including the need to balance rigorous academic study with professional



MFIN/ACIB Students in a group photograph after the Orientation

emphasized that the successful completion of the programme would require sustained academic effort and adherence to the standards prescribed by both Bayero University and CIBN. Dr. Abdullahi further highlighted the significance of the programme's dual-qualification structure, noting that students who successfully fulfilled the relevant requirements would be positioned to obtain the Master of Finance degree from Bayero University and progress towards the ACIB professional qualification through CIBN.

He explained that the MFIN/ACIB programme marked

development and engagement with the banking profession. The programme reflected the shared commitment of Bayero University and CIBN to developing highly skilled finance and banking professionals who could contribute meaningfully to the growth and transformation of Nigeria's financial services industry.

The programme was organized to familiarize participants

with the structure, objectives, academic requirements and professional expectations of the collaborative programme. It also underscored the commitment of both institutions to strengthen the link between university education and professional practice, while enhancing graduate employability, particularly in the banking and financial services sector in North-West Nigeria.

Nigerian Society of Physiotherapists to hold Unity Conference in Kano

ByFausat A. Opayomi



Members of the Nigerian Society of Physiotherapists during a courtesy visit to the VC, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi

Bayero University, Kano is set to host the Nigeria Society of Physiotherapy International Conference. This was disclosed by Professor Jubril Muhammad, Chairman of the Conference Local Organizing Committee during a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi.

Speaking during the visit which took place on Tuesday August, 11th 2026, Prof. Muhammad said the visit was to intimate the Vice Chancellor about the forthcoming conference tagged "The Unity Conference" scheduled to take place from 25th to 30th October, 2026.

He thanked the Vice Chancellor, for the warmth reception and formally presented a letter appointing him as the Chief Host of the Conference. He also solicited the University's support for the successful hosting of the event.

In his address, the President of the Nigeria Society of Physiotherapy, Dr. Felix Odusanya, said the conference was designed as a platform for unity and professional development, bringing physiotherapists and other stakeholders together under one umbrella.

Dr Odusanya said Bayero University remained an important training hub for physiotherapists in Northern Nigeria, stressing that many physiotherapists from the region had their professional roots at the University.

Also speaking, the president of the Clinical and Academic Physiotherapy of Nigeria, Prof. UAC Okafor, said the conference would address workforce gaps and strengthen physiotherapy training and collaboration across region.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi, welcomed the delegation and congratulated the association on recent advances in physiotherapy education, particularly the strengthening of clinical training and the introduction of Doctor of Physiotherapy programs.

Prof. Musa assured the delegation of the university's support for the conference and disclosed that BUK would support the conference financially towards the event, provide accommodation for five executive members of the association, as well as offer logistical support, including airport pick-up and shuttle service between the hotel and conference venue.

The Vice Chancellor further highlighted BUK's growing national and international profile, noting that the university was ranked the third best University in Nigeria, the best in Northern Nigeria and the best international outlook according to Times Higher Education (THE) ranking.

Prof. Musa also extended an invitation to members of the delegation to participate in the University's forthcoming 50th anniversary scheduled for next year.

NASENI, BUK Push Research from Laboratory to Market

By Suleiman Salihu

Bayero University, Kano (BUK) has intensified efforts to turn research findings into marketable products capable of addressing societal challenges and contributing to Nigeria's economic development, as the National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure (NASENI) moved to assess two BUK research innovations for possible commercialisation support.

The two research projects, developed by scholars from the Departments of Nursing Science and Biochemistry, respectively, were shortlisted under NASENI's Research Commercialization Grant Programme (NRCGP) and subjected to final-stage assessment during a visit by the Agency's team to the University on Monday, 10th August 2026.

Receiving the delegation, the Vice-Chancellor of BUK, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, said the initiative was consistent with the University's determination to move beyond the traditional model of producing research mainly for academic publications and towards translating research outcomes into practical solutions with economic and social value.



BUK management in a group photograph with DRIP and NASENI team

Professor Musa commended the Executive Vice-Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of NASENI, Mr Khalil Suleiman, for introducing and sustaining the initiative, describing the provision of targeted funding for promising research as an important intervention capable of unlocking the commercial potential of innovations developed in Nigerian universities.

He said universities across the country had numerous research findings with significant commercial potential that remained on the shelves because researchers lacked the financial and technical support required to move them from the laboratory to the marketplace. He expressed appreciation to NASENI for selecting two BUK research projects for the final stage of its screening process.

The Vice-Chancellor particularly highlighted the relevance of the research projects to contemporary

environmental and developmental challenges, noting the growing global concern over plastic pollution. He said research had projected that by 2050, plastic waste in water bodies could become an even greater threat, underscoring the need for innovative and sustainable solutions.

Professor Musa assured the NASENI team that BUK would continue to strengthen its long-standing partnership with the Agency, noting that the University currently hosts two major NASENI-supported projects: the NASENI Agri-Incubation Centre at the Old Campus and the Centre for Sustainability at the New Campus.

Speaking earlier, the team leader and Deputy Director, Monitoring and Evaluation at NASENI, Madam Joy Elugbe, said the delegation was at BUK to assess the commercial potential of the selected research outputs and determine their readiness for possible final sponsorship under the Agency's research commercialisation drive.

She explained that the programme was designed to identify research projects that had already undergone testing and validation but remained dormant in universities due to inadequate funding. The initiative, she said, seeks to provide the support required to take such innovations from the laboratory into the market, thereby improving livelihoods, creating economic opportunities and contributing to national development.

Madam Elugbe disclosed that two BUK research projects had reached the final stage of the screening process and would be assessed through demonstrations of their products and technologies before recommendations were made for final sponsorship. She congratulated BUK on its success in reaching the final stage of the competitive selection process.

Earlier, the Director of the Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership (DRIP), Professor Abdullahi Suleiman Arabi, introduced the NASENI delegation to the Vice-Chancellor and presented the two research projects selected for the final assessment. They are "Commercialization of Reusable Menstrual Pads: A Sustainable Solution for Menstrual Hygiene Management in Nigeria," led by Dr Umar Lawal Bello of the Department of Nursing Science, and "Industrial Research Development and Commercial Production of Sweet Potato Starch Derivatives, Sweet Syrups, Adhesives, and Feed Formulative for Consumer and Agro-Allied Markets," led by Professor A. J. Alhassan of the Department of Biochemistry.

The assessment represents another step towards strengthening the BUK-NASENI partnership and creating pathways for university research to move beyond academic recognition into practical applications, commercial production and solutions capable of contributing to Nigeria's technological and economic transformation.

BUK Management Installs 15KWH Solar System at SCE Classes B & C

By Suleiman Salihu & Murtala Ibrahim

In its continued commitment to improving the learning environment and enhancing the welfare of students, the Management of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), on Wednesday, 12th August, 2026, installed a 15KWH solar power system at SCE Classes B and C, Old Campus.

The intervention is expected to provide a more conducive atmosphere for teaching and learning by ensuring a reliable supply of electricity to the two lecture halls, which have the combined capacity to accommodate about 500 students.

The project was made possible through the tireless efforts and commitment of the Dean of Student Affairs, Professor Mukhtar Ridwan Bunza, whose dedication to improving students' welfare continues to yield positive results across the University.

With the installation of the solar system, students using the two lecture halls will benefit from improved power supply, making academic activities more comfortable and effective, particularly during periods of power outages.

The initiative further demonstrates the commitment of the University Management to providing sustainable solutions to challenges affecting teaching and learning, while embracing renewable energy as a dependable alternative source of power.

The development is yet another significant step in the University's continuous drive towards creating a conducive, student-friendly and sustainable learning environment across its campuses.



Dean Student Affairs, Prof. Mukhtar Ridwan Bunza inspecting the newly installed solar

Prof. A.J. Alhassan Bags NSBMB Fellowship

By Suleiman Salihu & Murtala Ibrahim

The Dean, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, Bayero University, Kano (BUK), Professor A.J. Alhassan, has been conferred with the prestigious Fellowship of the Nigerian Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (NSBMB).

The honour was bestowed on Professor Alhassan in



Prof. A. J. Alhassan being decorated with the fellowship regalia

recognition of his contributions to the advancement of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology through teaching, research and academic leadership.

The Fellowship was presented to him by the President of the Nigerian Society of Biochemistry and Molecular

Biology (NSBMB), Professor Mathew Weghu, during an event held at the Federal University of Technology, Akure, on 7th July, 2026.

The conferment represents yet another significant milestone in Professor Alhassan's distinguished academic career and serves as a recognition of his dedication to scholarship and the development of biochemical and molecular sciences.

Professor Alhassan, who serves as Dean of the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, Bayero University, Kano, has over the years contributed immensely to teaching, research, mentorship and academic administration.

His admission into the Fellowship of the NSBMB is therefore not only a well-deserved personal honour but also a remarkable achievement for the Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences and the entire Bayero University community.

The recognition further demonstrates the increasing visibility and impact of BUK scholars within professional and academic circles in Nigeria.

The Bayero University community congratulates Professor A.J. Alhassan on this well-deserved recognition and wishes him continued success and greater accomplishments in his academic and professional pursuits.

Staff Model Secondary School Gets New Chairman Governing Board

... As Prof. Bala Zakari Takes over the Affairs of the Board

By Suleiman Salihu

In a smooth and seamless transition, Bayero University Staff Model Secondary School (BUKSMSS) witnessed the official handover and taking over the affairs of the Governing Board from the outgoing Chairman Prof. Kabiru Bello Dungurawa, Director, Center for Distance Learning, to the newly appointed Chairman Governing Board, Prof. Bala Zakari, from Faculty of Education.

The event took place on Tuesday August, 11th 2026 at the School Staff Room located at the BUK New Campus.

In his remarks shortly before the official handover, the outgoing Chairman of the Board, Prof. Kabiru Bello Dungurawa, recalled that he took over the affairs of the Board in December 2024.



Incoming Chairman Governing Board of BUKSMSS, Prof. Bala Zakari, receiving handover document from the outgoing Chairman, Prof. Kabiru Bello Dungurawa

He expressed his sincere appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor for the Opportunity given to him to serve in that capacity. He also extended deep appreciation to members of the Board, Management, Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), Staff and Students and wished the incoming Chairman and Governing Board every success in moving the BUKSMSS to greater heights.

Outlining some of the major achievements recorded during the 2024-2026 tenure, Prof. Dungurawa highlighted some key achievements to include academic excellence and staffing growth, student enrolment, institutional frameworks, infrastructure upgrades and financial standing.

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He noted that through strategic leadership, rigorous administrative oversight, strict financial discipline, technology adoption and stakeholder collaboration, the tenure was able to make some accomplishments including staff expansion from 33 to 46, growing student enrolment from 700 to 905 and maintaining academic excellence with pass rates exceeding 95%.

Prof. Dungurawa further stated that the tenure had institutionalize the annual speech and Prize Giving Day-scheduled for this year on 15th August, 2026. Successfully procured and deployed a modern result processing software to streamline student grade computation, enhance academic record accuracy and accelerate termly report card generation.

On staff welfare, he noted that the tenure had successfully approved and implemented a revised Condition of Service Scheme (April 2025) to institutionalize comprehensive coverage for all staff welfare matters, this included approval of 100,000 as death benefit to family of deceased staff, approval for commencement of staff promotion after three years (April 2028), maintained financial discipline through prompt payment of staff salary on or before the 25th of every month. Implemented two salary reviews raising to compensation above the Kano State Public School Scale and introduction of Ramadan gesture for all staff and Governing Board members.

Prof. Dungurawa further noted that on Infrastructure and Physical facilities, the tenure had succeeded in renovation of existing classroom furniture and school facilities, procured and installed brand-new student furniture across all SSII classrooms, replaced all ceiling fans at administrative block with solar fans and supplied of eight truckloads of sand for back-filling the access road and the section along school perimeter wall.

On Institutional Harmony and Governance, Prof. Dungurawa maintained that a collaborative and effective working relation among board members, school administration, and teaching staff were established, prompt payment of termly charges to financial institutions as prescribed by law, direct payment of school fees of university staff from their salary source and formalized board meeting to hold quarterly, among other things.

He highlighted some key challenges and implored the incoming Chairman to take note including; over dependence on school fees as sole source of staff salary and other operational cost, inadequate aging infrastructure, partial ICT in teaching and administration, absence of school CBT Centre, rising maintenance needs and limited co-curricular activities.

In his recommendation to the incoming Board, Prof. Dungurawa implored the new Chairman to fully leverage the newly implemented Condition of Service document to guide promotions, welfare benefits, discipline and administrative procedures.

He called on the new Chairman to fully integrate and maintain the newly employed result processing software and training of administrative and teaching staff to ensure routine data backups and extending ICT infrastructure, among others.

In his remarks, the incoming Chairman of Board, Prof.

Bala Zakari, appreciated the achievements recorded by the outgoing leadership. He assured members that he would continue with the existing structure and solicited for their maximum support and prayers for the new leadership to deliver as expected.

He referred the event as a historic that reflected change of continuity and thanked the University Management for institutionalizing the responsibility for the development of the School. He prayed and assured that the new administration would not relent in moving BUKSMSS to greater heights.

Sagir Abubakar Assumes Office as BUK Director of Security, Pledges Security Revamp

By Lamara Garba

Bayero University, Kano (BUK) has appointed a retired Assistant Commissioner of Police, Alhaji Sagir Abubakar, as the new Director of Security of the University.

Abubakar, who has assumed office, brings to the position extensive experience in policing, security administration and crime prevention, having served in various capacities across several states of the federation during his career with the Nigeria Police Force.

Born in Azare, Katagum Local Government Area of Bauchi State, the new Director of Security is a trained and experienced security professional who served in different commands and formations of the Nigeria Police Force in Delta, Kwara, Kogi, Yobe, Jigawa, the Federal Capital Territory, Kano and Bauchi States.

His wide-ranging experience across different parts of the country, according to the University, is expected to further strengthen security operations and improve the effectiveness of the University's security personnel.

Speaking shortly after assuming office, Abubakar pledged to revitalise the Security Division of the University and introduce measures aimed at enhancing the efficiency, professionalism and responsiveness of security personnel.

He said his immediate priority would be to work with members of the Security Division to strengthen existing security arrangements while identifying areas requiring improvement to ensure a safer and more secure

environment for students, staff and other members of the University Community.

The new Director also called for cooperation and support from security personnel and the wider University Community, stressing that effective security requires collective responsibility.



New Director Security, Alhaji Sagir Abubakar receiving letter of appointment from the Vice Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi (right)

He assured the University Management that he would bring his wealth of experience to bear in discharging his responsibilities and would work towards building a more effective and responsive security structure.

With his assumption of office, the appointment is expected to bring renewed focus to the University's security operations as the institution continues to expand its academic, research and infrastructural activities.

BUK Inaugurates Committee to Develop External Collaboration Policy

By Fausat A. Opayomi

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Haruna Musa has inaugurated a committee to develop an external collaboration policy to guide the University's international and institutional partnership. The inauguration took place on Tuesday August, 11th 2026 at the Vice Chancellors Committee Room.

Speaking at the occasion, Prof. Musa explained that the policy was aimed at providing a framework for harnessing both current and future international partnerships while protecting the interest of the university. He expressed confidence in the pedigree and experience of the committee members, noting that their expertise would enable them to produce a robust and impactful policy document.

The Vice Chancellor approved an eight-week period for the committee to complete its assignment. The period was initially set for 5 weeks but was extended following a request by members for additional time to adequately undertake the task.

Prof. Musa further said the draft policy would be subjected to consideration by the university's principal officers, University Management Committee, Senate and Council members. He also disclosed that the Registrar, Dr Haruna Aliyu would provide necessary logistical support for the committee meeting.

Responding on behalf of the committee members, the Chairman, Prof. Jubril Muhammad Nuhu expressed appreciation to the Vice Chancellor for the responsibility. He said the members had accepted the assignment and were committed to producing a high-quality policy that would strengthen the university's external engagement which would be worthy of emulation.



Members of the Committee during the inauguration

APPOINTMENTS

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, has approved the appointment and re-appointment of the underlisted staff:

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE
1	The Vice Chancellor	Vice Chancellor's Office	Chairman, Bayero University Investment Company	16 th May, 2026 to 15 th May, 2028
2	The Vice Chancellor	Vice Chancellor's Office	Chairman, Bayero University Microfinance Bank Limited	16 th May, 2026 to 15 th May, 2028
3	Professor Amina Mustapha	Vice Chancellor's Office	Chairperson, Bayero Integrated Farms Limited	16 th May, 2026 to 15 th May, 2028
4	Professor Mahmud M. Lawan	Department of Political Sciences	Chairman, Bayero University Guest House Limited	16 th May, 2026 to 15 th May, 2028
5	Professor Sani Aji	Department of Surgery	Chairman, Bayero Properties Limited	16 th May, 2026 to 15 th May, 2028
6	Professor Jibrin M. Jibrin	Department of Estate Management	Re-appointed as Chairman, Bayero University Consultancy Services	16 th May, 2026 to 15 th May, 2028
7	Professor Kabir Tahir Hamid	Department of Accounting	Re-appointed as Chairman, Bayero Ventures Limited	16 th May, 2026 to 15 th May, 2028
8	Professor Aliyu Salisu Barau	Department of Urban and Regional Planning	Re-appointed as Chairman, Citadel Environmental Sanitation Services Limited	16 th May, 2026 to 15 th May, 2028

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE
9	Professor Maikano Madaki	Department of Sociology	Re-appointed as Chairman, Bayero Star guards Limited	16 th May, 2026 to 15 th May, 2028
10	Professor Ali Tijjani Abdullahi	Department of Special Education	Chairman, Bayero University Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU)	26 th July, 2026 to 25 th July, 2028
11	Professor Shamsuddeen Umar	Department of Microbiology	Chairman, Student's Disciplinary Committee	26 th July, 2026 to 25 th July, 2028
12	Professor Ibrahim Magaji Barde	Department of Accounting	Re-appointed Chairman, Board of Directors, Bayero Cooperative Society Limited	16 th May, 2026 to 15 th May, 2028
13	Professor Bala Zakari	Department of Adult Education	Chairman, Governing Board of BUK Staff Secondary School	26 th July, 2026 to 25 th July, 2028
14	The Director, University Press	Bayero University Press	Re-appointed Chairman, Bayero Publishing Limited	16 th May, 2026 to 15 th May, 2028
15	Dr. Ahmed Ali Yakasai	Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry	Re-appointed Chairman, Bayero Lab quips Limited	16 th May, 2026 to 15 th May, 2028
16	Abdurrahman Umar Yola	Department of Pharmaceutical Microbiology and Biotechnology	Appointed as Faculty SIWES Coordinator	23 rd July, 2026 to 22 nd July, 2028
17	Dr. Ibrahim Salahuddeen Mohammed	Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics	Appointed as Faculty Postgraduate Coordinator	23 rd July, 2026 to 22 nd July, 2028
18	Bashir Ibrahim Adam	Department of Pharmaceutics and Pharmaceutical Technology	Appointed as Assistant Faculty Examinations Officer	23 rd July, 2026 to 22 nd July, 2028
19	Dr. Hauwa Kawu Bala	Department of Pharmaceutical Microbiology and Biotechnology	Appointed as Faculty Examinations Officer	23 rd July, 2026 to 22 nd July, 2028
20	Dr. Sa'adatu Muhammad Julde	Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics	Appointed as Sub-Dean (Facilities)	23 rd July, 2026 to 22 nd July, 2028
21	Dr. Alkassim Hassan Mohammed	Department of Pharmaceutical and Medicinal Chemistry	Appointed as Sub-Dean (Academics)	23 rd July, 2026 to 22 nd July, 2028
22	Dr. Aliyu Masa'ud Idris	Department of Pharmacognosy and Herbal Medicine	Appointed as Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences	23 rd July, 2026 to 22 nd July, 2028
23	Dr. Aliyu Musawa Ibrahim	Department of Veterinary Public Health and Preventive Medicine	Appointed as Acting Head of Department	14 th July, 2026 to 13 th July, 2028

Indiscriminate Dumping Of Waste through Window in the Senate Building

It has come to the notice that many staff in the Senate Chamber have formed the habit of disposing waste through their windows. Items such as: **empty bottled water, bottled drinks, sachet/pure water bags, and other unwanted materials are carelessly thrown out.**

Unfortunately, this act has serious consequences. The waste causes blockage of water pipes and sewage lines. As a result, we have been experiencing leakages in various offices which have led to damage of office facilities, furniture and important documents.

In view of the damage being caused, Management wishes

to state clearly that this unscrupulous habit will no longer be tolerated. From now on, this act must stop with immediate effect. Any staff found engaging in this act will be dealt with in accordance with the extant rules and regulations of the University.

We therefore appeal to all staff to take responsibility, make proper use of waste bins provided, and help keep the Senate Chamber clean and safe for everyone.

Signed:
Management

Professor Ibrahim Alhaji Lawan Appointed Vice Chancellor of Maryam Abacha American University of Niger

By Lamara Garba

The Governing Council of Maryam Abacha American University of Niger, Republic of Niger, (MAAUN) has appointed Professor Ibrahim Alhaji Lawan as the new Vice Chancellor of the University, bringing to the institution a seasoned academic, administrator and technology scholar with extensive experience in teaching, research and university administration.

Professor Lawan is a Professor in the Department of Information Technology, Faculty of Computing, Bayero University, Kano. He obtained his Bachelor of Science (BSc) and Master of Science (MSc) degrees from Bayero University, Kano, and earned his Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) from Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS, Malaysia. His academic journey, which combines strong local foundations with international exposure, has equipped him with a broad understanding of contemporary higher education and the growing role of technology in



Prof. Ibrahim Alhaji Lawan
Vice Chancellor, MAAUN

transforming universities.

Before his appointment, Professor Lawan served as Head of the Department of Information Technology and later as Dean of the Faculty of Computing, Bayero University, Kano. These positions afforded him considerable experience in academic leadership, staff coordination, curriculum development, student affairs, institutional planning and administration. His progression from departmental leadership to faculty administration and now to the Vice Chancellorship reflects a career built on scholarship, responsibility and leadership.

His appointment comes at a significant period in the development of higher education, when universities are increasingly required to embrace innovation, digital transformation, international collaboration and research that addresses real societal challenges. With his

background in Information Technology and experience in academic administration, Professor Lawan is well positioned to provide the kind of forward looking leadership required to strengthen MAAUN's place in the competitive higher education landscape.

Under his leadership, the University has an opportunity to deepen its digital transformation through smart learning environments, improved digital infrastructure, efficient electronic administration, modern library services and technology driven approaches to teaching and research. His experience in computing could also help position technology not merely as an academic discipline, but as a strategic instrument for improving the University's overall efficiency and competitiveness.

Professor Lawan could equally bring renewed emphasis to research, innovation and industry partnerships. By strengthening collaboration with universities, research institutions, government agencies and the private sector, MAAUN can expand opportunities for staff and students while developing programmes and research projects that respond to the needs of Niger and the wider region. Greater attention to entrepreneurship, innovation and employability could further equip graduates with the knowledge and practical skills required in a rapidly changing economy.

His international academic exposure, particularly through his doctoral training at Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS, could also be valuable in expanding the University's global connections through academic partnerships, research collaborations, staff development and student exchange programmes. Such initiatives would strengthen MAAUN's international outlook while creating wider opportunities for its academic community.

As he assumes office, Professor Lawan brings with him not only academic credentials but also practical experience in leading departments and faculties. His challenge will be to translate this experience into a broader institutional vision that inspires staff, empowers students and positions MAAUN as a centre of excellence, innovation and opportunity.

For Maryam Abacha American University of Niger, the appointment could therefore signal the beginning of a new chapter. With purposeful leadership, investment in people, technology, research and partnerships, the University has the opportunity to strengthen its academic standing, improve the student experience and build an institution whose influence extends beyond the classroom into the wider society.

Professor Ibrahim Alhaji Lawan's appointment is consequently more than a change in leadership. It is an opportunity to harness scholarship, technology and administrative experience in shaping a university that is responsive to its environment, connected to the world and prepared for the demands of the future.

Junior BUK Selected Team Edges UK United FC 1–0 in Friendly Match

The Junior BUK Selected Football Team, comprising talented 100 and 200-level students of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), recorded a hard-fought 1–0 victory over UK United Football Club in a friendly match played on Saturday at the Faculty of Communication Football Field.

The youthful side, coached by Senior Ameer, dominated large spells of the game but squandered several clear goal-scoring opportunities in the first half before eventually breaking the deadlock after the restart.

The decisive goal was scored by Usman Jajare Sani, a 200-level student of the Department of Cyber Security, Faculty of Computing, who calmly finished after a well-delivered assist from Umar Sa'ad Nazeef, a 200-level student of the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

The Junior BUK Selected Team was established to identify and nurture promising football talents within the University, with outstanding players expected to earn promotion to the University's main football team for future competitions.

Following the friendly encounter, the team has commenced a short break to enable players concentrate on the ongoing first semester examinations.

Speaking after the match, the Head of the Digital Media Unit, Dr. Nura Garba, who watched the game, encouraged

the players to remain resilient, disciplined and committed to their development.

He expressed confidence that many of the young footballers would progress to represent Bayero University at major competitions and commended Senior Ameer for assembling a talented squad with the potential to make the University proud in the years ahead.



The distribution of the tree seedlings will commence on Friday, 14th August, 2026. All households are therefore encouraged to take note of the commencement date and make the necessary arrangements to receive their seedling.

ATTENTION: All Provosts, Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments and Units. GENERAL CIRCULAR ON ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION AND FLOOD PREVENTION IN ACADEMIC AREAS AND STAFF QUARTERS

The University Management is investing heavily in the sanitation and beautification of the University environment, with particular emphasis on academic areas and staff quarters. In line with this effort, you are hereby requested to ensure that your immediate environment is kept clean at all times, Specifically:

- Clearing of shrubs and unwanted grasses around offices, lecture theatres, laboratories and residential areas.
- Evacuation of refuse and debris from drains, culverts and waterways within your areas of jurisdiction.
- Desilting of drainage channels to ensure free flow of water and to prevent flooding during this rainy season.

Heads of Departments and Units are to mobilize staff within their domains to carry out this exercise as a matter of urgency and to sustain it thereafter. The University Health Services and the Environmental Unit, will conduct periodic inspection to assess compliance.

Your cooperation in keeping Bayero University, Kano clean, safe and flood-free is highly solicited.

DVC-Management Services
Chairman-University Sanitation Committee

DEPARTMENTAL SEMINARS

Department of Linguistics and Foreign Languages: *Notice of Departmental Seminar Series*

Presenter 1: Dr. Saifullahi Dahiru Usman

Topic: A Look at the Syntactic Behaviour of some Adjectives in Hausa

Presenter 2: Dr. Sani Dauda Ibrahim

Topic: A Cognitive Semantic Study of Conceptual Hiding in Hausa Body Metaphors

Presenter 3: Dr. Hassan Shuaibu

Topic: La Corruption Sociale Dans Trois Pretendants... Un Mari De Guillaume Oyono Mbia (Social Corruption in Three Suits... A Husband of Guillaume Oyono Mbia)

Presenter 4: Salisu Inusa Ismail

Topic: A Study of Some Aspects of Morphophonology in Tera

Presenter 5: Maimunat Mohammed Ibrahim

Topic: Perceptions of Threatening Language on Social Media: The Influence of Cultural Context on the Interpretation of Selected Facebook Content

Chairperson: Dr. Maimuna Abubakar Ismail

Date: Wednesday, 19th August, 2026

Time: 10:00 am

Venue: Departmental Boardroom

Department of Mechanical Engineering: *Departmental Seminar*

Presenter: Dr. Hamza Sulayman Abdullahi

Topic: Design and Crashworthiness Evaluation of Auxetic Plate-Lattice-Filled Tubes

Chairperson: Prof. Ibrahim Abdullahi

Date: Tuesday 18 August, 2026

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Mechanical Engineering Departmental Seminar Room

Department of Mass Communication: *Departmental PG board to M.Sc. Proposal/Internal defense*

Candidate 1: Isah Muhammed Lawal (SPS/21/PMC/00009)

Topic: Social Media Audience Engagement: A Study of Selected Private Radio Stations in Kano

Supervisor: Professor Usman Ibrahim Abubakar

Candidate 2: Amirah Galadima (SPS/20/PMC/00002)

Topic: An Assessment of Online Violence Against Female Journalists in Northwest Nigeria

Supervisor: Professor Usman Ibrahim Abubakar

Candidate 3: Godiya Lawal (SPS/20/MMC/00014)

Topic: Sources of Funding for Investigative Journalism in Kano State: A Study of Broadcast Journalists

Supervisor: Dr. Hassan Alhaji Ya'u

Candidate 4: Rimini John Tagwai (SPS/21/MMC/00021)

Topic: Nollywood Film and Portrayals of Public Corruption in Nigeria: A Thematic Analysis of *Your Excellency*, *Love is War*, and *Progressive Tailors Club*

Supervisor: Dr. Ashiru Tukur Inuwa

Candidate 5: Otukie Julius Asu (SPS/23/MMC/00018)

Topic: Press Freedom in Nigeria and Government Censorship of Private Broadcast Media: A Study of AIT and Channels TV, From 2015-2023

Supervisor: Dr. Gambo Shehu Nababa

Candidate 6: Lurwanu Umar Zauo (SPS/23/MMC/00015)

Topic: Assessment of knowledge and adoption of Artificial intelligence (AI) in Journalism practice among members of the Nigerian Union of Journalists in Kebbi state

Supervisor: Dr. Ashiru Tukur Inuwa

Chairman: Dr. Gambo Shehu Nababa

Date: Thursday 27th August, 2026

Time: 9:30am

Venue: Mass Communication Departmental Board Room

Department of Islamic Studies: *Notification of viva voce*

Candidate 1: Nura Ahmad Khalid (SPS/19/PIS/00011)

Supervisor: Prof. Umar A. Abbas

Internal Examiner: Prof. Aminullahi A. El-Gambari

Candidate 2: Ahmad Isa Tijjani (SPS/18/PIS/00027)

Supervisor: Prof. Aminullahi A. El-Gambari

Internal Examiner: Prof. Nura Sani

Candidate 3: Muhammad Sani Ashir (SPS/18/PIS/00019)

Supervisor: Prof. Ahmad Murtala

Internal Examiner: Prof. Nura Sani

Candidate 4: Abdulwasiiu Absullateef Salahudee (SPS/19/PIS/00003)

Supervisor: Prof. Bashir Aliyu Umar

Internal Examiner: Dr. Nuhu Abdullahi Usman

Also, in Attendance are the HOD/Chief Examiner Dr. Salim Saminu Madabo, Faculty PG. Rep Dr. Anas Saidu Muhammad and Departmental PG Coordinator Dr. Umar Ibrahim Indabawa.

The external examiner is Prof. Yusuf Dalhatu from the Department of Islamic Studies, Sule Lamido University Kafin Hausa

Time: 10.30 A.M

Date: Monday 17/08/2026 Tuesday 18/08/2026



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