



International Workers' Day: NLC, TUC Honour BUK Vice Chancellor for Commitment to Workers' Welfare

By Lamara Garba

The Nigeria Labour Congress, NLC, and the Trade Union Congress, TUC, Kano State chapters, have honoured the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Professor Haruna Musa fsi, with the prestigious Labour Merit Award in recognition of his resilience, commitment, and dedication to the welfare of workers.

The award was presented during the Workers' Day Dinner and Awards Ceremony held in Kano as part of activities marking the 2026 International Workers' Day celebration.

Representing the Vice Chancellor at the colourful event, the Registrar of the university, Comrade Haruna Aliyu, received the award on behalf of Professor Haruna Musa and described the honour as a reflection of the university administration's cordial relationship with staff and labour unions.

The Labour Merit Award was presented by the Secretary to the Kano State Government on behalf of the Governor of Kano State, Abba Kabir Yusuf, in recognition of the Vice Chancellor's outstanding efforts towards improving workers' welfare and fostering industrial harmony within the university community.

The event attracted labour leaders, government officials, academics, union members, and other dignitaries from across the state, who gathered to celebrate the contributions of individuals and institutions promoting the wellbeing of workers.

Speaking shortly after receiving the award on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, Comrade Haruna Aliyu expressed gratitude to the organised labour movement for finding Professor Haruna Musa worthy of the recognition.

He noted that the Vice Chancellor remains committed to policies and initiatives aimed at enhancing staff welfare, promoting mutual understanding, and creating a conducive working environment for both academic and non-academic staff of the university.

The honour, observers noted, further demonstrates the growing confidence and appreciation enjoyed by the administration of Professor Haruna Musa among workers and labour organisations in Kano State.

The Workers' Day Dinner and Awards Ceremony also featured goodwill messages, entertainment, and recognition of other distinguished personalities who have contributed immensely to the advancement of workers' rights and welfare in the state



Secretary to the Kano State Government (SSG) Alh. Umar Farouk Ibrahim (right) presenting an NLC Labour Merit Award to the VC-BUK, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi represented by the Registrar, Malam Haruna Aliyu, while the Head of Civil Service, Hajiya Bilquis Maimota looks on

BUK's Transformation Impresses Housing Minister Darma

By Ibrahim Ado Saleh

The Honourable Minister of Housing and Urban Development, Engineer Muttaqa Rabe Darma, has expressed admiration over the remarkable transformation taking place at Bayero University Kano (BUK), describing the institution as a source of pride to its alumni and the nation at large.

Engineer Darma, an alumnus of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, made the remarks on Wednesday, 6th May 2026, during a courtesy visit to the



VC, BUK, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi (right) presenting a souvenir to Hon. Minister of Housing and Urban Development, Engr. Muttaqa Rabe Darma

Vice Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, ahead of the forthcoming Katsina State Students' Forum scheduled to hold at the University.

Speaking during the visit, the Minister described his return to the University as an emotional homecoming, noting that the level of infrastructural development and academic growth he witnessed reflected the steady progress being recorded by the institution over the years.

He recalled his years as a student in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and said returning to the campus brought back memories of learning, mentorship, and personal growth that shaped his professional journey. According to him, the transformation across the University

demonstrates the commitment of the management toward creating a conducive environment for teaching, research, and innovation.

Engineer Darma commended the University leadership for sustaining the legacy of excellence associated with Bayero University Kano, adding that the institution has continued to distinguish itself as one of Nigeria's leading centres of academic and human capital development.

The Minister stated that the delegation was at the University to seek the support and cooperation of the management toward the successful hosting of the Katsina State Students' Forum, an engagement expected to bring together students from more than 20 tertiary institutions across the country.

He explained that the forum would serve as a platform for interaction between students and key stakeholders, including the Governor of Katsina State, Dr. Dikko Umar Radda, who is expected to attend the event. He added that the gathering would also provide opportunities for networking, exchange of ideas, and discussions on issues affecting students and national development.

Receiving the delegation, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, expressed delight over the Minister's visit and appreciated the choice of Bayero University Kano as host of the strategic engagement.

Professor Musa stated that the University community takes pride in the achievements of Engineer Darma, particularly his contributions to national development and his previous service as Executive Secretary of the Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF).

The Vice Chancellor also appreciated the Governor of Katsina State, Dr. Dikko Umar Radda, for appointing several BUK alumni into key positions in his administration, describing the development as recognition of competence, excellence, and the quality of graduates produced by the University.

Members of the Minister's delegation included Dr Ruwan Godiya, Alhaji Aliyu Isa, Alhaji Lawal Rufai, former Director General of Katsina State Media Services, and the Special Assistant to the Governor on Student Affairs, Malam Muhammad Nagaske.

BUK VC Reaffirms Commitment to Campus Security

By Lamara Garba

The Nice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi has reaffirmed his commitment to the protection of lives and property within the university community as part of efforts aimed at ensuring a peaceful and conducive learning environment.

Vice Chancellor gave the assurance while receiving officials of the BUK Old Campus Residents Association during a courtesy visit.

Professor Haruna Musa said the security and welfare of staff and students remain a top priority of his administration, stressing that no meaningful development can be achieved in an atmosphere of insecurity.

While expressing concern over the activities of some miscreants who have been making life difficult for residents around the Old Campus, Professor Haruna Musa disclosed that the university was working on a more

holistic approach to address the challenge.

As part of the proposed measures, he said the university was considering the establishment of a security outfit to be known as Bayero University Kano Star Guard.

According to him, the management is already collaborating with the Nigeria Police and the State Security Service for background checks on prospective recruits for



Members of the Old Campus resident Forum during a discussion with VC and other Management staff

the outfit.

He explained that once operational, members of the proposed security outfit would be equipped with modern security gadgets and other necessary kits to enhance their effectiveness in protecting the university community.

The Vice Chancellor further disclosed that arrangements

NIQS Institutes President's Award for Best Graduating Quantity Surveying Student at BUK

By Lamara Garba

The , Nigeria Institute of Quantity Surveying (NIQS), has instituted the President's Award for the Best Graduating Student in Quantity Surveying at as part of efforts aimed at strengthening and institutionalising the longstanding relationship between the institute and the university.

President of the Institute, QS Dr. Aminu M. Bashir, disclosed this on Wednesday, 6th May 2026, when he led national officers of the institute on a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor of the university, Professor Haruna Musa fsi.

QS Bashir explained that the award carries a cash prize of N250,000 annually for the best graduating student in Quantity Surveying, adding that the institute had already released a cheque of one million Naira to cover the award for four years beginning from this year.

He said the gesture was part of the institute's commitment towards encouraging academic excellence and rewarding outstanding performance among students in the discipline.

The NIQS President further revealed that the institute had also donated a 12KVA solar energy system to the Department of Quantity Surveying of the university as part of the growing collaboration between the two institutions.

had also been concluded with other relevant security agencies as part of deliberate efforts to strengthen security architecture within the institution.

Professor Haruna Musa also said discussions were at an advanced stage with investors on the provision of corner shops along the university walls around the Dorayi and Yamadawa axis as part of measures aimed at improving security around the campuses.

Earlier speaking, Chairman of the BUK Old Campus Residents Association, Professor Idris Dauda, said the delegation visited the Vice Chancellor to intimate him on the numerous challenges confronting residents of the Old Campus.

Professor Idris Dauda identified insecurity and inadequate supply of potable drinking water as some of the major concerns affecting residents.

He noted that the porous nature of the university fences had given miscreants easy access into the campus, thereby exposing residents to frequent security threats.

The chairman, however, commended the Vice Chancellor for his commitment towards the welfare of staff and students and urged the management to revitalise the university's security division.

According to him, inadequate training and the ageing nature of personnel within the security division were among the factors responsible for some of the security lapses being experienced in the university.

According to him, the institute considers BUK a strategic partner in the development of Quantity Surveying education and professional practice in Nigeria.

QS Bashir stated that the institute was eager to deepen



President of the Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveying, Dr. Aminu M. Bashir presenting a cheque to VC-BUK, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi

collaboration with the university through joint research initiatives aimed at bridging the gap between academic theory and professional practice.

“This will ensure that our research findings solve real world construction challenges in Nigeria and beyond,” he said.

He commended the Vice Chancellor for his support to the Department of Quantity Surveying, particularly in the provision of working tools and other facilities that have enhanced teaching and learning in the department.

The NIQS President also stressed the importance of embracing modern technological trends in the construction industry, noting that the shift towards Digital Construction and Building Information Modelling has become a present reality rather than a future aspiration.

“The shift towards Digital Construction and Building Information Modelling is no longer a future goal, it is a current reality,” he stated.

Non-Teaching Staff Strike: SSANU Chairman Applauds Full Compliance

By Lamara Garba

Academic and administrative activities across Bayero University Kano (BUK) were brought to a near standstill following the commencement of the indefinite nationwide strike declared by the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) and the Non Academic Staff Union of Universities (NASU).

The industrial action, which took effect from Friday, 1st May 2026, is aimed at pressing home demands for improved remuneration, better conditions of service, and the implementation of agreements earlier reached with the Federal Government during renegotiation meetings.

At Bayero University Kano, the strike recorded total compliance as offices, administrative units, and several service points across the institution remained under lock and key, while staff stayed away from work in obedience to the national directive issued by the unions.

A visit by our correspondent to the various campuses of the University revealed an unusually quiet environment, with many offices deserted and routine activities disrupted. The normally busy administrative corridors, faculties, and service centres wore a calm and empty appearance as workers complied fully with the strike action.

Speaking during a monitoring exercise across the campuses, the Chairman of the Joint Action Committee (JAC) of SSANU and NASU in BUK, Comrade Mustapha Aminu, expressed satisfaction with the level of compliance by members of the unions.

He commended the workers for what he described as their resilience, discipline, and unwavering determination in the struggle to secure improved welfare for non-teaching staff in Nigerian universities.

According to him, the decision to embark on the indefinite strike became inevitable following what he termed the

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, congratulated QS Dr. Aminu M. Bashir on his election as President of the institute and assured the delegation of the university's readiness to strengthen collaboration with NIQS in the areas of research, innovation, and teaching.

“I assure you of our readiness to collaborate with NIQS,” the Vice Chancellor said.

Professor Haruna Musa described the institute as a critical stakeholder in national development, expressing confidence in its capacity to contribute meaningfully to Nigeria's growth through professional excellence and research driven solutions.

“I have no doubt that NIQS is a strong pillar for Nigeria's growth and development,” he added.

lackadaisical attitude of the Federal Government during the renegotiation process with the unions.

Comrade Aminu stated that despite several meetings and resolutions reached between the unions and government representatives, there had been little commitment toward implementing the agreements.

He lamented that members of the unions had continued to endure difficult working conditions amid rising economic hardship, adding that the patience of workers had been stretched beyond reasonable limits.

“The government has failed to demonstrate sincerity in addressing the issues affecting university workers. Agreements were reached, promises were made, yet implementation has remained slow and uncertain. Since the government appears unwilling to honour the resolutions reached during negotiations, the unions had no option but to embark on this indefinite strike,” he said.

The JAC Chairman maintained that the action was not intended to disrupt the academic system, but rather to draw attention to the welfare concerns of workers who play critical roles in sustaining the nation's university system.

He assured members that the unions would remain united and committed throughout the struggle until their demands are addressed satisfactorily.

Comrade Aminu further declared that there would be no going back on the industrial action until the Federal Government demonstrates genuine commitment toward resolving the lingering issues.

The nationwide strike by SSANU and NASU is expected to affect administrative and support services in federal universities across the country, with concerns already mounting over its possible impact on academic activities and institutional operations if the deadlock persists.

