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The Kano State Government has condemned what it describes as “gross misrepresentations” surrounding the recent Court of Appeal ruling on the ongoing emirship dispute, urging the public to remain law-abiding while the case progresses to the Supreme Court.

In a joint press statement issued by the Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, Haruna Isa Dederi, and the Commissioner for Information, Ibrahim Waiya, the state government clarified that the appellate court’s ruling did not invalidate its previous decision to repeal the Kano Emirate Council Law of 2019.

“It has become necessary to once again address you and the general public to correct the speculative reports emanating from some quarters, apparently intended to create disharmony among the citizens of Kano,” the statement read. The government recalled that on January 10, 2025, the Court of Appeal upheld the repeal of the controversial 2019 law, which led to the reversion of the emirship structure to its previous status. However, it noted that Alhaji Aminu Babba Dan’Agundi, who is challenging the repeal, had filed an appeal at the Supreme Court and secured a stay of execution.

“The respected panel of justices heard and granted the application for a stay pending the hearing and determination of the appeal before the Supreme Court. This is a normal and routine judicial procedure to maintain the status quo,” the statement explained.

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The Kano government expressed concern over what it termed misleading headlines and reports suggesting that the Court of Appeal had overturned its own ruling.

“It is worrisome seeing various captions and headlines deliberately intended to mislead the public by misrepresenting the facts. The judiciary, as a sacred institution, must be jealously respected and guarded for the preservation of peace and order in society,” the government asserted.

The officials further clarified that the Court of Appeal had not reversed its January 10 ruling but had only granted a temporary stay of execution pending the Supreme Court’s final decision.

“For the avoidance of doubt, the Court of Appeal that entertained the application of Alhaji Aminu Babba Dan’Agundi did not set aside its own judgment delivered on January 10, 2025. That judgment remains valid and subsisting until the Supreme Court determines the appeal,” the statement emphasized.

The government urged Kano residents to disregard any provocations and continue to uphold peace, assuring them that legal experts were reviewing the court’s ruling to determine the state’s next course of action.

“We call on the general public to resist any provocation and continue to be law-abiding. The Kano State Government has already instructed its lawyers to closely study the outcome to determine the next line of action in accordance with our extant laws,” the statement concluded.

The ongoing legal battle over the emirship structure in Kano has sparked significant political and public interest, with both supporters and opponents closely watching the case as it progresses to the Supreme Court.

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Kano Task Force Committee Launches Mass Operations Against Thuggery, Substance Abuse

The Kano State Joint Task Force Committee on Peace Restoration and Youth Rehabilitation under the leadership of Dr. Yusuf Ibrahim Kofar Mata, conducted mass operations in Yakasai, Kofar Mata, Zango, Zage, Zanzado, Rimi Market, Shahuchi Park, Kano Line, Sharada, Ja'en, Dan Agundi and neighboring areas.

The Committee PRO, Comrade Ibrahim Abdullahi Waiya, the Hon. Commissioner of the Ministry of Information and Internal Affairs, in a statement on Saturday, said between the 13th and 14th of March, 2025, intelligence-led operations which were conducted at the criminal hideout and black spots resulted in the arrest of fifty-three (53) suspected thugs, drug dealers and recovered three (3) Parcels,

Fifty (50) wraps and other large quantity of dried leaves suspected to be cannabis sativa (Wiwi), two (2) Codeine syrup, two (2) tubes of rubber solution, one (1) gallon of suck and die, one hundred and five (105) pieces of suspected exol tablets, five (5) cutlasses, and two (2) scissors.

Others are two (2) clubs (Gora) and a bulk of suspected charms. According to the statement, during the operations, the Task Force recovered substantial quantities of cannabis sativa at some notorious drug joint in Zanzado, where a larger quantity of the substance was found.

Additionally, a delivery vehicle and five (5) cattle suspected to belong to an infamous drug dealer, were also seized at this location.

The statement further stated that all the suspects arrested would be charged in court upon completion of the investigation.

The success recorded in the two-day operations indicates a significant step in the ongoing efforts to combat thuggery and substance abuse in Kano State.

"The composition of the committee which brought together combined security agencies and Government functionaries is dedicated to sanitizing the streets of Kano and restoring peace to the communities.

"The Kano State Joint Task Force Committee remains steadfast and resolute in its mission to create a safer, drug-free and peaceful environment for the benefit of all the inhabitants in the State," the statement added.



Buhari's ex-ministers to defect to SDP

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"Verily, this month has presented itself to you. There is a night within it that is better than a thousand months. Whoever is deprived of it has been deprived of all good. None is deprived of its good but that he is truly deprived."



Governor Abba K. Yusuf Establishes State Private Sector Employment Policy Committee

In a significant move to promote equitable employment practices, Governor Abba K. Yusuf Of Kano state has announced the formation of the State Private Sector Employment Policy Committee. This initiative is aimed at domesticating the Federal Character Partial Principle within Kano State, ensuring that private sector organizations adopt fair and inclusive employment policies for both citizens and residents.

The newly constituted committee has been tasked with drafting a comprehensive state policy that will serve as a framework for equitable employment practices. This policy is expected to address disparities and foster inclusivity in the private sector, aligning with the broader goals of social justice and economic development.

The committee comprises a diverse group of experts and stakeholders from various sectors, reflecting a commitment to inclusivity and collaboration. The members include:

Dr. Ibrahim Garba Muhd, Special Adviser to the Governor on Human Resources, who will serve as the Chairman.

- Hon. Lawan Hussaini, Member of the State House of Assembly.
- Alh. Zubair Kuliya, Permanent Secretary, Manpower.
- Mustapha M. Nuraddeen, Solicitor General and Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Justice.
- Comrade Ado Salisu Riruwai, Chairman, Organized Private Sector Union.
- Alh. Hussaini Umar, Retired Director, Federal Character Commission.
- Comrade Mubarak Buba Yerima, Chairperson, Trade Union Congress, Kano.
- Alh. Nura Safiyanu Madugu, Chairperson, Manufacturers Association of Nigeria.
- Alh. Sabiu Yola*, Managing Director, KACCIMA.
- *Barr. Junaidu Muhammad Zakari, Chairman, Singer Market Development Association.
- Dr. Hamisu Sadi Ali, Director General, Kano State Debt Management Office.
- Dr. Sanaa Abdullahi Muaz*, Bayero University Kano.
- Barr. Sani Salihu, Legal Practitioner.
- Abdulrazak Alkali, Civil Society Activist.
- Alh. Mahmud Bala, Director, Industry and Cooperatives, Kano State Ministry of Commerce.
- Abba Danguguwa, Permanent Secretary, Science and Technology.
- Nasiru Salisu Zango, Journalist.
- Dr. Murtala Aminu Ibrahim, Bayero University Kano.
- Ibrahim S. Ahmad, Desk Secretary, Office of the Special Adviser on Political Affairs.



Dep. Sen. President Received Kano SSG, Commissioner Sacked By Gov. Yusuf

Deputy Senate President Senator Barau I. Jibrin has received Dr. Abdullahi Baffa Bichi and Muhammad Gambo Diggol, former SSG and Commissioner of Transport, recently sacked by Governor Abba Kabir Yusuf.

The Deputy Senate President thanked them for the visit. Their discussion remains sketchy at the time of filing this report.

Dr. Abdullahi Baffa Bichi, the sacked Secretary to the Kano State Government, was a staunch supporter of the Kwankwasiyya movement who ensured the victory of the NNPP.

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Babangida Finally Admits MKO Abiola Won 1993 Presidential Election in Newly Released Autobiography




Federal Government Bans Large Fuel Tankers to Curb Rising Accidents from March 2025



Fintiri Sacks Former Vice President Atiku Abubakar As Wazirin Adamawa



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Biafran Rebels Kill Cameroonian Soldiers In Bakassi

Five members of Cameroon's Rapid d'Intervention Battalions (BIR) were reportedly killed Friday morning, March 14, 2025, in the Bakassi Peninsula during an attack by Biafra separatist groups.

Sources close to the groups revealed that the assault was carried out by the Black Marine, the largest faction and the Dragon Fighter Marine affiliated with the Biafra Nations League (BnL).

"At around 6:00 am on Thursday, the group launched explosives, hitting their targets and neutralizing two warships," the sources claimed.

This marks a violent resurgence months after the arrest of Simon Ekpa, with insiders citing lack of funds as a reason for the group's previous inactivity.

Reacting to the attack, a source as reported by guardian said, "The warships have been withdrawn. The situation is tense, and our men are fully back in action."

BnL leader, Princewill Chimezie Richards said, "Biafra has come to stay in Bakassi not even Cameroon can stop us."

Pro-Wike lawmakers adjourn indefinitely ahead of Fubara's budget presentation

The faction of the Rivers State House of Assembly led by Martin Awaehule has adjourned its plenary indefinitely.

The decision was taken during a plenary session held at the assembly quarters in Port Harcourt on Friday.

The move comes just 24 hours after Siminalayi Fubara, governor of Rivers state, wrote to the assembly, requesting a new date for the presentation of the 2025 appropriation bill.



Ramadan: Speaker Abbas's aide donates cash to Dala LG APC Leaders, Supporters

Hon. Abubakar Aminu Ibrahim, the Senior Legislative Aide (SLA) to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Tajuddeen Abbas, has donated cash to APC leaders and supporters in Dala Local Government to support them during Ramadan.

The event, which was held on Thursday in Dala Local Government Area of Kano aimed at appreciating party members for their dedication and efforts.

Speaking at the gathering, Abubakar emphasized the importance of party leaders, describing them as the backbone of any political organization.

He said, "These are the people who struggle for the victory of any political party. That is why it is necessary to go back and support them."

As part of the initiative, the Committee of Elders of APC in Dala Local Government received ₦1 million, the APC chairman received ₦100,000, and the party's secretary got ₦30,000.

Additionally, 25 APC executives were given ₦20,000 each, while women leaders, persons with disabilities, and 300 ward leaders received ₦10,000 each, among others.

Abubakar assured that this initiative was just the beginning, promising continued support for the party's members and leaders in the local government.

He added, "Less than two months ago, I paid JAMB registration fees for 350 students in Dala. I will also sponsor candidates for WAEC and NECO, and those who perform well in JAMB will be sponsored to universities of their choice."

The Kano APC chairman, Abdullahi Abbas, represented by the party's PRO, Ahmad S. Aruwa, commended Abubakar's generosity and urged other politicians to emulate him.



Aliko Dangote Foundation Flags-off N16BN National Food Intervention Project.

Over one million Nigerians nationwide will receive a 10kg bag of rice each as the Aliko Dangote Foundation (ADF) Thursday launched the 2025 Annual National Food Intervention Project valued at N16billion.

Speaking at the ceremony in Kano, the Chairman of the Aliko Dangote Foundation, Mr. Aliko Dangote, said the distribution of one million bags of 10kg rice to the poor and most vulnerable Nigerians in the 774 Local Government Areas is in line with the core values of his company and Foundation.

Dangote, who was represented by his daughter Marya Aliko Dangote said: "This annual initiative, which embodies compassion, solidarity, and shared responsibility, is part of our response to the current economic challenges facing our nation. It reflects our commitment to supporting our communities in line with our core values."

He said the Foundation was kicking off the distribution in Kano State, after which it will proceed to other states while ensuring that the food reaches those who need it most in all the Local Government Areas of Nigeria.

Mr. Dangote who is Africa's wealthiest person said Food remains a basic human necessity, and this is why the Aliko Dangote Foundation adopted the practice of embarking on a food distribution program across the States.

"We are collaborating with state governments to ensure that the food reaches the most vulnerable individuals in each state," he added.

Ladies and gentlemen, our Foundation focuses on improving the living conditions of Nigerians through support for projects that tackle hunger and water supply problems, strengthen the quality and scope of health and education, and promote economic empowerment at the community level

"Your Excellency, I believe that today's event will help in tackling hunger and helping the most vulnerable people in breaking their fast.

"We are playing our role in enhancing the living conditions of our people. I urge other industrialists and firms to lend a helping hand in combating hunger through programs and initiatives that will place food on the tables of vulnerable Nigerians.

"This job should not be left to the government alone, rather we need a public-private partnership that will help us in fighting the scourge.

"I commend the government at all levels for its efforts in addressing the food crisis. I am certain that with time, we shall overcome these challenges, therefore let us support the government to achieve its target of a better life for Nigerians," he said.

Governor Abba Kabir Yusuf of Kano State, who flagged off the Annual National Food Intervention Project said the intervention reflects the unwavering commitment of Mr. Dangote in addressing poverty and hunger in Nigeria.

The Governor who was represented by his Deputy Comrade Aminu Abdulsalam Gworzo said 120,000 bags of 10kg rice will be distributed across the 44 Local Government Areas of the State.

He described Mr. Dangote as humane, adding that: "A similar event took place last year where he oversaw the distribution of foodstuff to the poor in this very arena."

To ensure transparency in the distribution process, he said the state government has set up a committee comprising relevant ministries, CSOs, religious leaders, departments and agencies, local authorities, the Hisbah Board, and security agencies.

Speaking to newsmen, the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Aliko Dangote Foundation, Zouera Youssoufou, said the Annual National Food Intervention Project is a way of giving back, and supporting governments in fighting poverty and hunger in Nigeria.

She said Mr. Dangote is passionate about philanthropy and committed to ensuring that hunger is wiped out or reduced to the minimum in Nigeria.

"We are going to other states to distribute the products, but we've just flagged off in Kano," she told newsmen on the sideline of the Kano Government House, the venue of the flag-off.



Buhari Reaffirms Loyalty to APC, Requests to Be Addressed as a Member

Former President Muhammadu Buhari reiterated his unwavering loyalty to the All Progressives Congress (APC). Without referring to any individual, cast of characters, or issues, Buhari emphasized that he remains a dedicated member of the APC and wishes to be addressed as such.

“I am an APC member and I like to be addressed as one,” Buhari stated. He expressed his commitment to popularizing the party that granted him two terms in office, vowing to do whatever he can to support it.

Buhari also conveyed his gratitude for the support he received from the APC before and during his presidency, which he considers the highest honor. “I have nothing but gratitude for the support that the Party gave me,” he said, adding that he would never ask for anything more.

Furthermore, Buhari highlighted the sacrifices made by the founding fathers to establish a strong party that protects the constitution and democracy. He urged that these efforts be cherished and nurtured.

The press statement was signed by Garba Shehu on March 13, 2025.

Nigeria, other African countries committed to energy transition amid global push for net-zero emissions – Verheijen

The Federal Government has reaffirmed its commitment to creating an enabling environment for hydrocarbon investments to address energy poverty, emphasizing that Africa is not a net contributor to global emissions.

The Special Adviser to President Bola Ahmed Tinubu on Energy, Olu Verheijen, made this statement on Tuesday in Houston Texas, United States during a session at CERAWEEK by S&P Global, themed “Policy and People: Pathways to a Just Transition.”

The session, chaired by Vera Blei, Head of Market Report & Trading Solutions at S&P Global, featured key speakers including Scott Tinker, CEO of Tinker Energy Association, and Sunita Narain, Director-General of the Centre for Science and Environment.

Nigeria, along with other African and middle-income countries, continues to advocate for a just energy transition amid the global push for net-zero emissions. Under its “Decade of Gas” initiative, the Nigerian government has adopted natural gas as a transition fuel to support economic growth while reducing carbon emissions.

Verheijen highlighted that Africa and other low-income countries contribute only about 3–4% of global greenhouse gas emissions, in contrast to China and the United States, which account for approximately 30% and 13% of global CO₂ emissions, respectively.

Together, both countries are responsible for nearly 40% of global emissions.

Creating an Attractive Investment Environment, Verheijen emphasized Nigeria’s commitment to fostering a stable investment climate and addressing climate-related risks through clear and transparent policies.

“In Nigeria, we are ensuring that we create an enabling environment for investments. On climate change, we recognize the importance of risk perception in our markets and are committed to transparent policies that stand the test of time, enabling the deployment of capital,” she stated.



KSIP Staff Raise Concerns Over Non-Implementation of N71,000 Minimum Wage, Seeks Kano Government Intervention

Employees of Kano State Investment and Properties (KSIP) have raised concerns over the non-implementation of the newly approved N71,000 minimum wage in their salaries.

The Kano State Executive Council, led by Governor Abba Kabir Yusuf, approved the wage increase, scheduled to take effect from November 2024. However, KSIP workers are yet to receive the revised salary, despite the growing economic pressures caused by inflation.

Reports indicate that KSIP's Managing Director, Auwalu Mukhari Bichi, has already adjusted his own salary in line with the state government's new policy, while the same adjustment has not been extended to other employees.

A source within KSIP questioned the Managing Director's decision, stating:

"How can he claim the budget has not been approved, yet he increased his own salary? This is unfair to the workforce."

Employees argue that, as a corporate entity operating a five-day workweek with professional standards, they are entitled to the salary increment approved by the governor.

Discontent among KSIP employees has fueled calls for a thorough investigation into the administration of Auwalu Mukhari Bichi. Allegations against him include frequent threats of dismissal against staff over minor issues not classified as violations under the company's Conditions of Service.

There are also claims that he has involved family members in the company's operations, a situation reportedly well-known within KSIP. The Kanawa Taxi Association controversy, already under investigation by the state's anti-graft agency, has been cited as another instance of alleged misconduct.



Kano To Strengthen Collaboration With Online Media

Kano State Commissioner of Information and Internal Affairs, Comrade Ibrahim Abdullahi Waiya, has reaffirmed the government's commitment to working closely with online media organizations in the state.

This assurance was given during a stakeholders' meeting with the Association of Online Media Organizations, as part of the ongoing engagements with key players in the information sector.

Comrade Waiya emphasized the critical role of online media in modern information dissemination, noting that digital platforms deliver news in real-time, ensuring immediate updates on breaking events that reach a global audience.

He stated that the government recognizes the importance of the online media sector and will collaborate with them to effectively communicate its policies and programmes.

"As key stakeholders in the information ecosystem, your role is invaluable. The government will ensure that you are actively involved in its activities, including capacity-building initiatives and training programmes to enhance professionalism in the field," the Commissioner said.

While acknowledging the importance of freedom of expression, Waiya urged online media practitioners to uphold ethical journalism by respecting individual rights and promoting professionalism.

He also encouraged unity among members of the Association to strengthen their impact on public information dissemination.



Hon Sunusi Bature: Time to Take the Podium

The National Assembly is a constitutional locomotive for any purposeful democratic government, it provides checks to the government of the day and a legal basis for the system in general. This basically accounts for the high respect usually accorded and, of course, the attendant high expectation placed on it.

The legislative arm of government like any other is saddled with the responsibility enshrined in the constitution and among such major functions includes representation, oversight and law making in addition to many other numerous functions.

Be that as it may, it has been a genuine cause for worry for Nigerians that, despite our series of experimentation with democracy, our legislators have performed below expectation. Their handling of national issues has especially remained without constitutional decorum and political experience required of people of their exalted status. Part 2, Section 4 of the 1999 Constitution, as amended, vests the legislative powers of the federation on the National Assembly which comprises the Senate and House of Representatives.

Dawakin Tofa, Tofa and Rimin Gado Federal constituency is one of the few constituencies in Nigeria represented by the same legislator for 18 years (2007-2005) despite poor representation.

As the federal constituency searches for the best man to represent them for this serious legislative task. One name keeping ringing bell is Hon Sunusi Bature Dawakin Tofa, Media and Communication Expert and Director General of Media and Publicity to Kano State Governor. Sunusi has earlier served as the Chief Press Secretary to the Governor in the early days of the administration.

Mallam Sunusi is a seasoned PR guru, development communication and stakeholder engagement expert with 21 years working experience in both international development, private sector and the Media in Nigeria.

He is a winner of the Cambridge education award on investigative journalism in 2008, Bature has worked at different capacities in various national, International and Bilateral organizations such as the British Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Save the Children International, Discovery Learning Alliance and the Rockefeller Foundation.

He held several positions which include General Manager Corporate Services at Dantata Foods and Allied Products Limited (DFAP), Director Stakeholder Engagement at YieldWise Project, Country Program Manager at Girl Rising (ENGAGE) Project funded by the US Government, State Project Coordinator for MNCH Campaign Project of the BMGF, Deputy Director Operations at Discovery Learning Alliance, State Program Officer, Policy Advocacy and Media Development, Communication and Knowledge Management Specialist among other positions.

Graduated with a Bachelor's degree (B.A. Hons.) in Mass Communication from University of Maiduguri, Sunusi holds a National Diploma in Mass communication from Kaduna Polytechnic, a Higher National Diploma (HND) and a Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health Education and Promotion. He also bagged MSc. in Social Work with specialization in Community Development from Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, (LAUTECH) Ogbomosho, Oyo State and another master's degree in Public Relations (MPR) from the prestigious Bayero University, Kano, Nigeria. He participated in the MSc program on Project Management at Robert Kennedy College, Zurich, Switzerland. Until his appointment, Sunusi Bature served as the Vice President, Nigeria operations for a UK based firm, Kingston Organic PLC.

Hon Dawakin Tofa has opened yet another vista of debate among electorates on the value of quality representation with vigour, expertise and experience of having a wider constituency responsibility and coverage. He has vindicated his mettle among his constituents that even as an appointee of the Governor his eloquent consistent and fearless voice always seeking the improvement of lives of his constituents accountability among representatives of the people.

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