

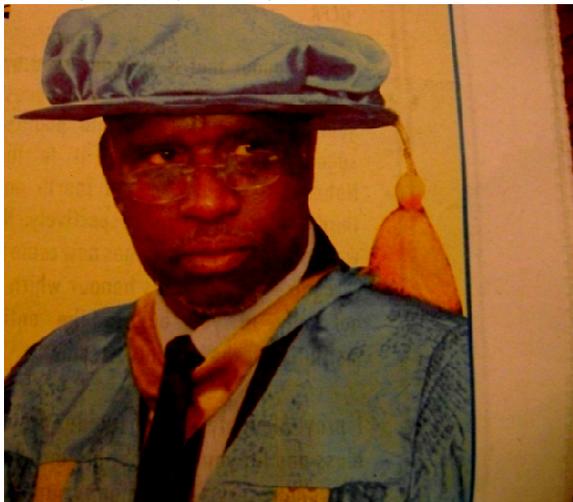


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President Jonathan Confers MFR Honour On Prof. Rasheed

The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, has conferred the prestigious national honour of Member of the Federal Republic (MFR) on the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed.

Prof. Rasheed, who is already a Member of the National Institute (mni), was decorated with the accolade at State House on Monday 17th September, 2012, along with other eminent Nigerians, who also received national honours, ranging from GCON, CON, MFR, OFR, OON and MON.



Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed,

The Nigerian National Awards was instituted during the First Republic by the National Honours Act Number 5 of 1964. It was instituted to honour Nigerians and friends of Nigeria who have rendered services for the benefit of the nation.

BUK Honours the CBN Governor, Sanusi Lamido Sanusi

Bayero University has honoured the Central Bank Governor, Sanusi Lamido Sanusi, with a special public lecture and a grand dinner on being turbaned as the Dan Majen Kano.



The Former VC, Prof. Dandatti Abdulkadir (1st right), presenting a gift to the CBN Governor, assisted by VC, Prof Rasheed and AVM Nura Imam

The Chairman of the Public Lecture, His Royal Highness, the Oba of Lagos, Oba Rilwan Babatunde Osulale Akiolu 1, commended Bayero University for honouring the Dan Majen Kano and appreciated the role of traditional institutions in the socio-economic development of the country. The Osiolala Akiolu 1 called on the government to create jobs for the teeming unemployed youth, particularly in the northern states and tasked the CBN Governor to partner with the federal government to create industries in Kano State in order to address the challenges of unemployment and poverty.



The Chairman of the Occasion, the Oba of Lagos, Rilwan Babatunde

The traditional ruler further advocated for good leadership and followership in the country as a way of moving the country forward.

Presenting a paper entitled “Royalty, Leadership and Scholarship in Kano Emirate”, Professor Dahiru Yahaya said the title of Dan Maje was ranked second to the title of Madaki in the 14th

century and both were of great antiquity.

The speaker, who is a Professor of History in the University, said the evolution of Kano and its history is a story of transmission and transformation of ideas periodically at different stages of historical evolution over the last ten centuries.

He said Kano was a focal point for the reception of learning and political thought in sub-Saharan Africa and enjoyed a geo-strategic location on a crossroad between western Islam in the Maghreb and the Eastern Islam in the Orient.

Prof. Yahaya discussed the historical background of the Kano Emirate Council extensively; the Islamic Jihad led by Usman Dan fodiyo and the British conquest of Kano, which he said spelt doom for the entire cultural and ideological achievements of the ancient city.

Presenting the second paper entitled “The Lamido Sanusi Era: A Period of Anticipatory Macroeconomic Policy Changes in Nigeria,” Mr. Bismark Rewane said the discussion was not about the CBN Governor, but about a period in time, a distinct time frame where certain trends have emerged that are discerning and form a pattern.

Mr. Rewane stated that the Sanusi era of anticipatory monetary policy has been a fascinating, eventful and

controversial period in the history of central banking in Nigeria. He said it would be noted mainly because of the openness and transparency of the policy making process in respect of interest rates, the exchange rate and inflation, as well as the attempt at the maintenance of a dynamic general equilibrium.

The speaker, who is a renowned financial market expert, recalled that in the last three years, monetary conditions have responded to monetary policy and macroeconomic stability has been relatively maintained.

Mr. Rewane explained that the Central Bank at this period moved in an unpredictable and contradictory manner to protect the value of the Naira and reduce the net open-positions, as well as introduce some further exchange controls.



Registrar, Sani I. Amin (1st left) and other special guests at the Dinner

In his welcome remarks earlier, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, said the ceremony was organized to celebrate

and congratulate Sanusi Lamido Sanusi for ascending to one of the princely titles in the Kano Royal lineage, a title that is over 350 years old, as the Dan Maje.

“Dan Maje is recognized and held up as a role model, so that the community that knows him best, sets itself on a trajectory to gain the maximum benefit from his sterling qualities”, he said.

While welcoming the dignitaries to one of the ‘A’ rated Universities, according to the recent NUC Institutional Accreditation, the Vice Chancellor expressed the hope that “when next you visit us, we would have crested the wave of change that is set to expand the capacity of the University to discharge its mandate and vastly upgrade its facilities”.

In another development, the University organized a grand dinner in honour of the celebrant on the same day at the Tahir Guest Palace. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Rasheed, announced to the gathering that the lecture in honour of the CBN Governor would be an annual event.

The former Vice Chancellor, Professor Dandatti Abdulkadir, who was assisted by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Rasheed, and the Chairman of the University Development Board, Air Vice Marshal Nura Imam (Rtd), presented some gifts to the celebrant at the occasion.



The CBN Governor expressed appreciation to the University for the kind gesture and pledged to continue to do his best to the country.

SSANU Congratulates the VC, Prof. Rasheed over the MFR Award

The Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) BUK chapter, has congratulated the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed mni, MFR, for his conferment of the Member of the Federal Republic (MFR) by President Goodluck Jonathan.

The SSANU Chairman, Comrade Kabiru Baba, on behalf of the entire members of the association expressed joy and happiness over the national honour conferred on Prof. Rasheed.

Comrade Baba said, “The investiture is well deserved owing to his vast academic exploits and transformational agenda, which have placed Bayero University among the top ‘A’ rated Universities in Nigeria, as testified by the National Universities Commission (NUC) in its recent Institutional Accreditation Exercise”.

The SSANU Chairman described Prof. Rasheed as a man of high academic stature and a seasoned University administrator, whose selfless and numerous services have continued to impact positively to the development of education in Nigeria and beyond.

The Library Introduces User-Database Profile

The University Library says it plans to compile a comprehensive profile of its bona fide user community, with a view to constructing a database to enable it to render all the forms of information services, using the available channels (Surface, Online, Offline, Mobile, e.t.c) to users wherever they may be.

The University Librarian, Professor Lukman I. Diso, said forms would be distributed to all the Faculties, Departments and Units for prospective users to provide all the necessary information for the profiling project.

Professor Diso added that after the form is filled, it should be submitted to the assigned library staff or taken directly to the Library.

The IIBF 6th Seminar Report: *Islamic Microfinance & Poverty Alleviation*

The 6th IIBF Seminar Series was held on Thursday **6th September, 2012**. The paper titled ‘**ISLAMIC MICROFINANCE: A VEHICLE FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH & POVERTY ALLEVIATION**’ was presented by the Assistant Director, Training and Linkages, Dr. Binta Tijjani.

The paper focused on the issues to do

with economic growth, economic development and poverty alleviation. It defined the concepts of Islamic Finance, Micro-Finance, Economic Growth, Economic Development and Inclusive Growth, as used in the paper for better understanding of the topic. It further examined the Nigerian paradox; growth without development.

According to some of the reports used in the research, as the economy grows, more and more people are falling below the poverty level. In specific terms, the number of Nigerians affected living on less than a dollar a day rose to 61.2% in 2010 from 51.6% in 2004. In real terms, about **112.5** million Nigerians are poor, unable to meet their most basic needs. Hence, in spite of the central role that finance plays as the engine of growth and economic development, they all face one common impediment: LACK OF ACCESS TO FINANCE/ CREDIT. It is in light of this and other challenges pointed out in the paper that Islamic Micro-Finance has the potential to respond to unmet demands: It combines the Islamic social principles with microfinance's power to provide financial access to the poor. To evaluate the potential of Islamic micro-financing as a tool for poverty alleviation, data from the Integrated Microfinance Bank, Plc, Katsina, was obtained and analyzed.

The evidence derived from the Integrated Microfinance Bank, Plc, suggests that there is a high demand for

Islamic banking, especially in low and middle income predominantly Muslim parts of the country. The Islamic Microfinance Institutions could give millions of the entrepreneurial poor access to microfinance, since it complies with their fundamental beliefs. The paper concludes that **Islamic Micro Finance** is a viable tool for poverty alleviation. It recommends that the state governments in the three geopolitical zones of the north should seriously embark on the establishment of Islamic microfinance models, as it will help in alleviating the high level of poverty and underdevelopment in the three geopolitical zones.

Open Immigration Policy, the Secret of Kano's Wealth and Fame, says Prof. Dahiru Yahaya

By Mustafa Ibrahim

In a robust riposte to narrow-minded sectionalists outside Kano, Professor Dahiru Yahaya of the Bayero University History Department has attributed the fame and wealth of Kano through the decades to its open immigration policy in welcoming all and sundry into its warm embrace.

"The contributions of immigrants were the building blocks of what we today call Kano," he told a mammoth gathering at the Convocation Arena New Site Campus, at a special public lecture organised by Bayero University in Honour of the Dan Maje of Kano and CBN Governor, Sanusi

Lamido Sanusi, on Saturday, 15th September, 2012.

While other unschooled communities look on with hostility at immigrants, even attacking or waging a violent campaigns against them in recent history, Kano, according to the Prof Dahiru, in his paper titled **Royalty, Leadership and Scholarship in the Kano Emirate**, “recruits, and trains and retains” immigrants, who are the “bricks, the cement, the water to a building, and labour that put them together and the air that dries them up as well as the engineering and technology that have preceded them. No contribution is too small”. His radical definition of a Kano indigene, endorsed by the Elders’ Committee of the Emirate council, “is that anyone who choses Kano to be his home, no matter where he was born, is a Kano citizen”.

“It is within this context”, Prof Dahiru told the crowd, “that Kano welcomes foreign merchants and traders, students and scholars, fortune-seekers and opportunists, fugitives and refugees as well as the ideas they carry along with them...The Palace, the Market and the Mosque are open to all and sundry to make a choice and a career. The best of all make a success of it and the very best get their names immortalized.” His paper went into the etymology of many of the traditional titles and their evolution through the ages, including those given to men and women who excel in their contribution to building the Kano society.

The paper, which represented an intellectual tour de force presented by the Don, also touched on the role played by the Muslim leaders of Lagos, who alerted

the larger Muslim Ummah in the then Northern Nigeria to the danger posed by incipient Christian missionary incursions, enabling the then Emir of Kano to mount a strong defence to protect the ideological beliefs of the Ummah.

The history Professor also delved extensively into the assimilation of trusted slaves into the administration of ancient Hausa states, the rise of such officials to prominence and leading to a situation of high trust and honour placed on them by the state. The intermarriage of many royal lines with female slaves, according to him also led to a situation where many rulers emerged from such unions and the lines between free born and former slaves became blurred and the distinction irrelevant in the life and schemes of many palaces.

The multi-themed paper by Professor Dahiru also touched on another achievement of Kano, getting the right balance between the spiritual and the material in its conduct of state, with moderation in the pursuit of Islamic objectives, leading to a policy where “...all religiously overzealous royalties were often advised to abdicate to Madabo, the religious centre of Kano. Sarkin Kano ‘Umar (1410-1421) heeded that advice, abdicated and devoted his life to Dūfi pursuits.” He also discussed the effect on Kano of various historic waves of change ranging from publication of books in the larger Muslim world, the war in the magreb by Al-Muwahidun, the *Reconquista* or the expulsion of Muslims from Spain after a 500 year rule, the influence of Zazzau intellectuals, and colonial rule with its challenges.



It is the thesis of the Professor in his paper that the political rift between the Sardauna of Sokoto, Sir Ahmadu Bello and the late Emir of Kano, Muhammadu Sanusi, who engineered the emergence of the former, led to a chain reaction, including the removal of the powerful Emir, the loss of control of Kano by the then ruling party, the Northern People's Congress (NPC), and ultimately NPC's loss of federal politics, plunging the nation into crisis and military rule. "The support of the Emir for Abubakar Tafawa Balewa was on the same criterion used to make Ahmadu Bello the Leader of party", Prof Dahiru explained. "The argument ran like this: any Prime Minister of the Federation should be able to relate with colonial officers and the leaders of the different sections of the Federation. The Emir believed that Abubakar Tafawa Balewa having worked in Lagos as a Federal Minister was better qualified to become the Prime Minister of the Federation than the Northern based controversial Ahmadu Bello. Abubakar Tafawa Balewa became the Prime Minister.... The loss of the office of the prime minister displeased the Sardauna and his powerful constituency and turned them against the Emir, leading to his abdication", which "...led immediately to the destabilisation of Kano politics. The Sardauna lost control of Kano and subsequently of the North. The NPC controlled Federal Government could no longer hold the country together. The First Republic collapsed within two years of the abdication."

The History Don also celebrated the tendency of Kano to value innovation and defy "crippling conservatism", adding, "the Kano mentality is a slave to *yāyī*, the

vogue in scholarship, in politics, in dress, in architecture, in plain everyday ... mundane activity... It goes for the new, the unusual and often the outrageous. It goes contrary to the principle of Islamic jurisprudence where the usual is preferred to the unusual. Yet Kano is radically conservative. It has eternal values, which it cherishes, preserves and protects."

Department Of Civil Engineering: *Seminars and Proposals*

The Department of Civil Engineering invites the academic staff of the University to its M.Eng Seminars/Proposals scheduled as follows:

DAY I: Monday 24th September, 2012.

SEMINARS:

**1) Presenter: Uzo, Ugene Ibebuike
(SPS/08/TEC/1555)**

Topic: *Evaluation of the Characteristics of Queues formed during Mass Concreting Operations in Nigeria.*

**2) Presenter: Mukhtar Mustapha
Jogana SPS/08/TEC/03259)**

Topic: *Computer Aided Analysis, Design and Detailing of Reinforced Concrete Beams to BS 8110 (1997)*

**3) Presenter: Mahdi Jaafaru
Badakawa (SPS/08/TEC/011720)**

Topic: *Use of Periwinkle Shells Powder as a Partial Replacement in Cement Stabilized Lateritic Soils*

PROPOSALS:

1) **Presenter:** **Aye Ahiaba John**
(SPS/10/MCE/00029)

Topic: *Assessment of compressive strength of reinforced concrete using destructive and non-destructive test methods*

2) **Presenter:** **Isiya Aminu Dabai**
(SPS/10/MCE/00005)

Topic: *Appraisal of Bakori, Jibia and Mai-ruwa irrigation schemes*

3) **Presenter:** **Aboshio Nehemiah**
(SPS/10/MCE/00008)

Topic: *Analysis of heavy metal in industrial effluent in Kaduna*

4) **Presenter:** **Abugbun Ibrahim**
(SPS/10/MCE/00038)

Topic: *Assessment of ground water in bore holes and wells*

5) **Presenter:** **Muhammad Tayyib Bello** (SPS/10/MCE/00035)

Topic: *Quality Assessment of Sokoto Metropolis Water Supply*

6) **Presenter:** **Justina Omousubaram**
(SPS/10/MCE/00014)

Topic: *Sanitation Status in Kano State and its Implications on Available Water Resources*

7) **Presenter:** **Adamu A. Haliru**
(SPS/10/MCE/00033)

Topic: *Potentials of rice-husk ash on the geotechnical properties of lateritic soil for road works*

8) **Presenter:** **Abubakar Dayyabu**
(SPS/10/MCE/00007)

Topic: *Production of Rice Straw Particle Board.*

Chairman: **Mr. T.A. Adedokun**

Date: Monday 24th September, 2012

Time: 09.00 a.m. prompt

Venue: Faculty Conference Room.

DAY 2: Tuesday 25th September, 2012.

SEMINARS:

1) **Presenter:** **Abdulwahab Kabir Ado Kibiya** (SPS/08/TEC/01877)

Topic: *Evaluation of Water Quality for Irrigation (Case study of Ginduwa Fadama Area, Kibiya Local Government Area, Kano State).*

2) **Presenter:** **Ahmed Ahmed**
(SPS/08/TEC/00888)

Topic: *Reliability Design Formation for Steel Plate Girder to BS 5950*

3) **Presenter: Jazuli Ahmed**

Topic: *Use of Millet Hush Ash (MHA) in Soil Stabilization*

PROPOSALS:1) **Presenter: Akeem Amuda Gbenga (SPS/10/MCE/00012)**

Topic: *Geological and Geotechnical Assessment of Selected Aggregate Sources: A Case Study of North Eastern Nigeria.*

2) **Presenter: Egah Nicholas Etafoh: (SPS/10/MCE/00030)**

Topic: *Clay Soil Stabilisation Using Periwinkle Shell Powder as an additive.*

3) **Presenter: Ahmad Idris (SPS/10/MCE/00018)**

Topic: Predicting the relationship between compaction and shear strength Parameters of soil using ANN.

4) **Presenter: Mara Wazumtu (SPS/10/MCE/00016)**

Topic: *Groundnut Shell Ash as Admixture in Concrete.*

5) **Presenter: Muhammad Sani Bello (SPS/10/MCE/00016)**

Topic: *Physical/Mechanical Properties of Laterice Husk Ash Blocks*

6) **Presenter: Ihenecho Chibueze (SPS/10/MCE/00001)**

Topic: *Assessment of Groundwater Potentials of Tafa L.G.A. Niger State*

7) **Presenter: Balarabe Wada Isah (SPS/10/MCE/000923)**

Topic: *Temporal Disaggregation of Rainfall Data Using Artificial Neural Network*

Chairman: Dr. O. B. Ella

Date: Tuesday 25th September, 2012

Time: 09.00 a.m. prompt

Venue: Faculty Conference Room.

Wedding Fatiha

Professor Abdulkadir Dangambo of the Department of Nigerian Languages and Linguistics invites members of the University community to the Wedding Fatiha of his son, Hassan Haladu Dangambo and his daughter, Maryam Abdulkadir Dangambo, scheduled to hold as follows:

I) Hassan Haladu Dangambo and Hauwa Muhammad:

Date: Saturday 22nd Sept., 2012.

Time: 10:00am.

Venue: Alh. Mu'azu Mosque, Mal. AbduMi'ara Line, Sani Mainagge, Sabon Titi Kano.

II) Maryam Abdulkadir Dangambo and Dr. Adamu J. Alhassan:

Date: Saturday 22nd Sept., 2012.

Time: 11:00am.

Venue: BUK Old Campus Mosque.



Call for 4th Quarter 2012 DTLC Submission

The Central Committee on DTLC is hereby notifying all the academic departments/units to please send their submissions for the 4th quarter allocations latest by 30th September, 2012. The retirement of the 3rd quarter amount collected should be sent within the same time, but with separate covering letters.

Kindly use the format for DTLC qualifying expenses, earlier sent to you to provide the list of items of the intended expenses and in accounting for the amount advanced.

The covering letters for the submissions and accounting of the 3rd quarter amount are to be addressed and sent direct to the Secretary, Central Committee on DTLC, at the ground floor, Bursary Department, New Campus. The Committee will meet on Wednesday, 3rd October, 2012 to consider all the submissions

Life Afresh, a novel (ABU Press; 299pp; ₦300)

Aliyu Kamal's latest novel will be available for sale at Rooms 42 and 52 at the Department of English and French as from September 24, 2012.

University Library: *New Arrival/Current Journals*

This is to inform the University community that the followings are the new arrival/current journals at the Serials Unit of the University Library.

S/No	JOURNALS TITLE	Vol/No	YEAR
1.	African Research	39(1)	2011
2.	Ethnography	13(1)	2012
3.	Bulletin of School of Oriental and African Studies	73(1)	2012
4.	International Higher Education	68(1)	2012
5.	Essays in Criticism	LXII(1)	2012
6.	British journalism review	23(1-2)	2012
7.	Current History: A journal of contemporary West Africa	111-742	2012
8.	Mass Communication and Society	15(1-3)	2012
9.	The journal of European Economic History	XLI(1)	2012
10.	Journal of Modern African Studies	50(1)	2012
11.	Harvard Library Bulletin	22(1-3)	2011
12.	The International Journal of African Historical Studies	45(1)	2012

...To be continued next week

