



## Media, Academia Viable Tools for Fighting Corruption ... Says Nuhu Ribadu By Lamara Garba

The former Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Malam Nuhu Ribadu, has described the teaming up the members of the media and that of Academics as the best team that could accelerate the success of the fight against corruption in Nigeria and any other part of the world.

Malam Ribadu, who served as the Chairman of the occasion during the opening ceremony of the Quarterly Faculty lecture series organized by the Faculty of Communication, Bayero University on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Faculty Auditorium, explained that members of the media in particular were viable for the fight against the dreaded monster called corruption.

According to him, without media's support the fight and crusade against corruption would be hard, pointing out that naming and shaming of corrupt activities formed part of the strategies of achieving great success in this direction.

“Without the media, the fight against corruption will be practically difficult and or near impossible. I will therefore suggest for a media advocacy and support to fight this evil which has retarded our growth to prosperity,” he opined.

Malam Ribadu, in particular, lend credence to his success, while holding swaying as the pioneer anti-graft boss to the eagle eyed activities of investigative and other fearless media practitioners. “My success was greatly enhanced by journalists involved in investigative reporting.”

He commended the MacArthur Foundation for the support to the University in joining hands to stem the tide of corruption right from the school days of our teeming youth, describing tertiary institutions as another viable place to take the campaign of corrupt free society.

The former anti-corruption boss advised educational

institutions to continue with their role as training centres to produce productive citizens who could eschew greed and illicit personal benefit by putting the sense of patriotism, justice, fairness and integrity above anything else with a view to making them contribute to the development of the country through the promotion and inculcation of good morality and atmosphere of clean and healthy youth.

Earlier, the Dean of the Faculty, Professor Umaru A. Pate, in his welcome address said the conference was funded by the grant secured from the US-based MacArthur Foundation in its bid to promote academic excellence and patriotism among the journalists in training.

He said the Foundation awarded a \$700,000 grant for three-year beginning from January 2017 for Investigative and Data driven journalism programme, saying Bayero University's Faculty of Communication was among the 12 beneficiaries of the award from Nigeria and Ghana.

Professor Pate said plans were underway to provide modern digital facilities for the University FM Radio Station with a view to upgrading the station. When fully digitalised it would operate 18 hours a day to serve the Campuses and the surrounding environment. In addition, the computer laboratory of the Faculty would be fully equipped and operational with 24 hour internet connectivity for global visibility with a website to host students' publications.

The Dean, while expressing appreciation to the University management for its support and cooperation to the Faculty, pointed out that a substantial amount of the grant was earmarked for student excursion, training and retraining for staff and students in credible media organizations within Nigeria, Ghana and Great Britain, among other places.



DVC Academic, Professor Sagir Abbas (middle), discussing a point of interest with former EFCC Chairman, Mallam Nuhu Ribadu (right)

# Professor Kwame Karikari Gives a Recipe to Stem the Tide of Corruption

*By Lamara Garba*

A renowned human right activist and Scholar of International repute, Professor Kwame Karikari, has advocated the use of investigative and data driven journalism as mechanism that can lead to actions in rectifying as well as reducing the menace of corruption in the society.

The Professor of Journalism, who presented a paper titled: “*Strengthening Investigative and Data Driven Journalism as a Tool for Reducing Corruption and Enhancing Accountability*” at the Quarterly Faculty lecture series, organized by the Faculty of Communication, Bayero University on Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Faculty Auditorium, said the media remained the best vehicle to lead the anti-corruption campaign.

“If the media can effectively use the tools of investigative and data driven journalism, the menace of corruption can be reduced or completely eliminated.” He pointed out that

societies in advanced countries had taken the issue of exposing corrupt elements very seriously and the media had been in the vanguard of such crusade.

According to him, effective investigative journalism was a tool that if properly utilized by the relevant authorities could give a lee way to actions in rectifying the problem exposed, such as justice for rights abused, address the wrongs committed, the punishment to be meted out to perpetrators of corrupt tendencies and reform of policy shortcomings, among others.

Professor Karikari, who teaches at the University of Ghana, Legon, emphasized the need to encourage the adoption of investigative journalism among the practitioners. He, however, called for protection of journalists from the state and the public for the media to operate in the publics' interest.

He equally reechoed the need for enhanced research by the media and training institutions and the use of indigenous

languages by the media as a means of doing data-driven journalism for empowering the people through knowledge and information in fighting corruption.

Earlier, while declaring the conference open, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, who described BUK as one of the corrupt-free institutions, however, commended the commitment of the Faculty in executing the project of Mac-Arthur grants.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, urged the Faculty not to relent in its effort to serve as good ambassador of the University and also raise its status and profile in Africa and beyond.

He said the management had taken note of the excellent initiatives: the leadership of the Faculty was putting in place. He commended Mac-Arthur Foundation for its support to the university, assuring that the grant would be judiciously utilized.

In the 2nd paper, titled “*Investigative Journalism and Crisis of Nigerian Journalism*,” the publisher of Premium Times, Mr. Dapo Oloronyomi, reechoed the ethical dilemma confronting journalists in carrying out their work, particularly in the area of investigative journalism.

He emphasized the need for overwhelming public interest, truth, in-depth and systematic scrutiny and effort to unearth a secret as the watch words for investigative reporting. The Online publisher, who described the circumstances of journalism in Nigeria as simply in crisis, explaining the reason why investigative journalism in the country today was leading a grueling existence yet yearning an enormous call to action.

Mr. Oloronyomi advised that for Nigerian Journalists to handle the new complexities and challenges posed by the digital age, investigative reporters should sieze the flag and make a new change to save our democracy through an ethical and unstintingly courageous professionalism.

Also speaking, a young lecturer, Nafisatu Baba-Ahmed, from the Leeds University in the United Kingdom, talked about the Public Speaking technique as a quick way of sending message across.

While acknowledging the power of public speaking in communication process, Nafisatu also disclosed that a public communicator must be able to put himself together, be intelligent, composed and, above all, articulate. By so doing, she said he would certainly be able to convince and win the heart of his audience.

The conference was attended by the University management, including the Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, as well as Deans and Directors and other communication scholars from different tertiary institutions across the country, media Chief Executives and veteran as well as media practitioners among others.



Professor Kwame Karikari presenting his paper

## BUK Shines Again at University of Warsaw African Week By Nura Garba

Bayero University has once again shone and demonstrated competence, as well as resilience at the University of Warsaw, Poland during the just concluded 2017 African Week

The Department of African Languages and Cultures of the University of Warsaw invited Dr. Aliyu Mu'azu as a visiting scholar for a period of one month during which several academic engagements took place. As part of the activities, he presented two separate lectures on myriad of issues surrounding Hausa Studies.

The first lecture seminar organized by the department as part of the lecture series on African Day was entitled *“The Hausa Culture and Etiquette in the 21<sup>st</sup> century”* on the 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2017. This lecture was attended by distinguished scholars from the Department and the Polish Academy of Science, School of Oriental and African studies London, Postgraduate and Undergraduate students of the university and several other academics from other sister institutions.

The second presentation was a public lecture presented on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2017 entitled, *“An overview of Hausa Literature,”* deriving conclusions from the vast area of Hausa literature and the historic events that shaped the prospects and posed the contemporary challenges in the Hausa literary world.

Another important event was a roundtable discussion with the administration of the department and the Faculty. This formed a suitable environment for both parties to review the achievements so far, and the challenges confronting the collaboration. All issues of

engagement were tabled and important points discussed exhaustively. The most important resolution of the roundtable discussion was the agreement to organize an International Conference on Hausa Studies African and European Perspectives in September 2017 as was done in Kano and Italy in 2007 and 2009, respectively. The tentative conference theme' is *“Cultural distance through Linguistics Evidence.”*

Furthermore, an agreement had been reached to publish the translation of the Hausa classic *Magana Jari Ce*, by Abubakar Imam into Polish. In this regard, B.U.K. was saddled with the responsibility to solidify the relations of Imam and the publishing house for approval.

The meeting resolved to use the collaborative efforts between the two universities to publish it.

It has further been suggested that a Hausa-Polish and Polish – Hausa dictionary be written and published through the collaboration to enhance the benefit derived from this cooperation. It is pertinent to note that already a Hausa – Italiano Italiano – Hausa dictionary had already been published in 2016.

It will be recalled that Bayero University, Kano and the University of Warsaw, Poland have maintained a long fruitful academic cooperation, particularly in the field of Hausa studies. Over the years, the two universities have kept their MoU functional, through various academic activities, such as student exchange, visiting scholars and exchange of publications, as a result of which positive benefits were witnessed by both parties.



Dr. Aliyu Mu'azu presenting his paper



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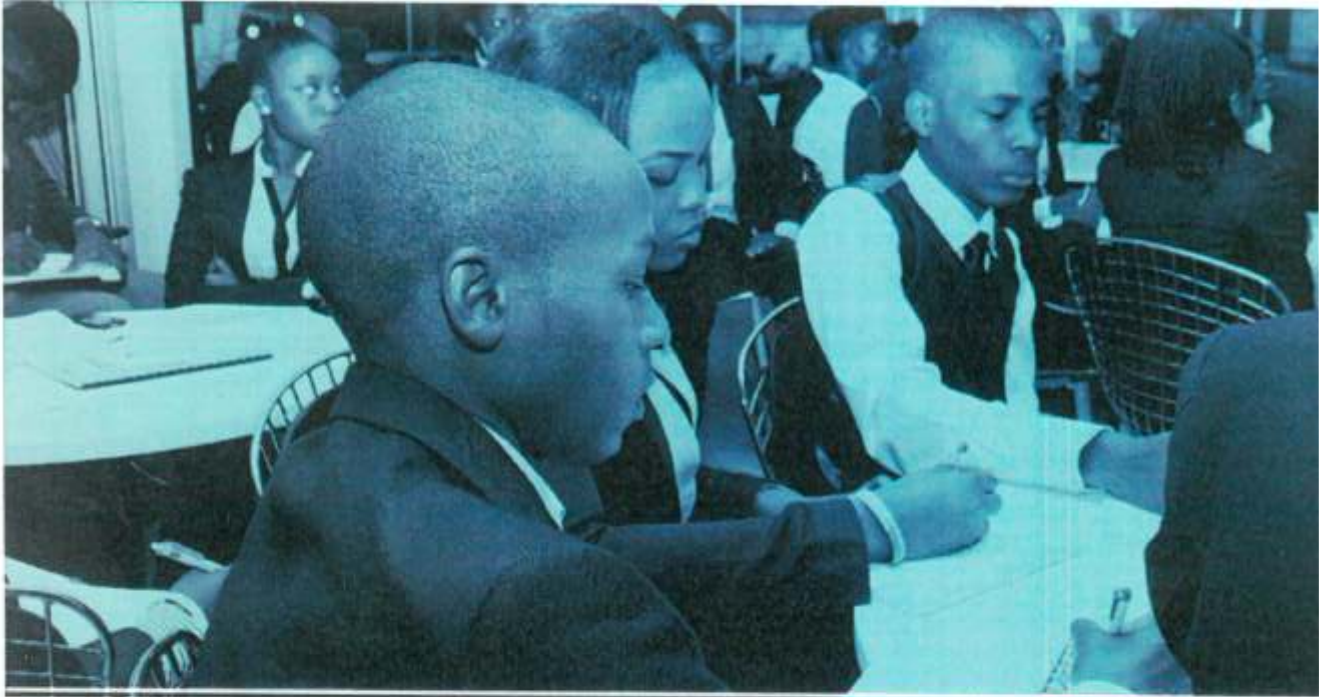
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Prospective applicants must not be above thirty five (35)

years of age and must have completed a first degree programme at a recognized University with a very competitive grade point average.

Application forms for the Scholarship programme and guidelines can be obtained either directly from the Embassy of Japan, Abuja Office or via: <http://www.ng.emb-japan.go.jp/mext2018.html>. The submission deadline of duly completed application forms is **9<sup>th</sup> June, 2017**.

### Invitation to a Public Lecture *Electoral Democracy in a Conglomerate Nation*

The Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Research and Training (Mambayya House), Bayero University, Kano and the Department of Political Science, Bayero, Kano invite members of the University community to a Public Lecture on the topic: *Electoral Democracy in a Conglomerate Nation*.

**Speaker:** Professor Richard Joseph, John Evans Professor of International History and Politics at Northwestern University, Illinois, USA

**Chairman of the Occasion:** Professor Attahiru M. Jega, OFR, Department of Political Science, Bayero University, Kano

**Organized By:** Mambayya House, Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Research and Training, Bayero University, Kano and Department of Political Science, Bayero University, Kano.

**Date:** Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

**Time:** 10.00am Prompt

## SEMINARS

### Department of History

#### M.A. Internal Defense (1):

**Presenter 1:** Tasiu Ashiru Sani (SPS/13/MHT/00016)

**Topic:** A history of *Tuwaris* Car Business in Kano, c.1986-2014

**Internal Examiner:** Dr. T.M. Naniya

**Presenter 2:** Rabiah Alamin Alhassan (SPS/13/MHT/00022)

**Topic:** A history of Rano Juma'at Mosque, 1820-2015

**Internal Examiner:** Dr. Dalha Waziri

**Presenter 3:** Amina Mu'azu (SPS/13/MHT/00025)

**Topic:** A history of Dukku District, c. 1913-2002

**Internal Examiner:** Dr. Halliru Sirajo

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2017

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** M.A. Al-Hajj Seminar Room

#### M.A. Internal Defense (2):

**Presenter 1:** Fauziyya Abdullahi

(SPS/13/MHT/00026)

**Topic:** A history of second hand clothing trade in Kano Metropolis, c. 1967-2015

**Internal Examiner:** Professor I.K. Abdussalam

**Presenter 2:** Farida Bashir (SPS/14/MHT/00010)

**Topic:** Biographies of Selected Women Entrepreneurs in Kano, 1885-2012

**Internal Examiner:** Dr. Y.U. Madugu

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** M.A. Al-Hajj Seminar Room

## TRANSITION Ibrahim Babangida Bala Passes On

This is to announce the death of Ibrahim Babangida Bala. He died on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2017 at his home town in Toungo District of Toungo L.G.A. of Adamawa State after a brief illness. He was a staff in the Department of Physiotherapy, Bayero University, Kano, until his death. He, is survived by a wife and one child. May his soul rest in peace (Amin).

# APPRECIATION

(1) I, Ahmad Tijjani Salisu Said (Teejay), of the Directorate of Sports, wish on behalf of my family to express my sincere appreciation to members of the Bayero University Community for attending the wedding fatiha of our daughter, Fadimah Ahmad Tijjani and her groom, Yusuf Muhammad, which took place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 at the Bayero University Old Campus Juma'at Mosque.

My Sincere appreciation goes to the Management of BUK, the Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, staff of the Sports Directorate, Members of the Sports Consultative Committee, Members of the Academic Staff Union of Universities, (ASUU), members of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), members of NASU and NAAT. I must also mention the staff of the Department of Physical and Health Education and others too numerous to mention, including my friends, who came from far and near and those who could not personally attend, but sent in good will messages and prayed for the couple. May Allah in his Infinite Mercy reward you, all, abundantly. Amin. *Jazakumullahukhairan.*

(2) The family of Dr. Gali Sa'idu of the Department of Adult Education and Community Services extends sincere appreciation to the members of the University community who, through personal visits, proxies, calls,

text messages and goodwill, extended their condolences and prayers over the death of his father, Alhaji Sa'idu Tajiri.

Of particular note are the visitations of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello; Deputy Vice-chancellor (Academic), Professor Sagir Abbas; the University Librarian, Dr Musa Auyo; ASUU Branch Chairperson, Dr. Ibrahim Magaji Barde; the Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies; the Dean, Faculty of Education; staff of Faculty of Education and many other members of the university community, who showed concern in one way or the other. The family prays to Almighty Allah to reward them abundantly.

(3) I, Bashir Kabagiwa (Protocol Officer) of the Directorate of Public Affairs, wish to on behalf of my family express my sincere appreciation to members of the Bayero University Community for commiserating with us over the death of our sister, Sadiya Abubakar Kabagiwa, who died on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 after a protracted illness.

My Sincere appreciation goes to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Muhammad Yahuza Bello, and other management staff who condoled the family. I must also mention the staff of the VC's office, and staff from Registry, Bursary and other Departments. May Allah reward you, all, amin.

## LOSS OF ITEMS

I, Habib Rabiu Abdullahi, of the Department of Radiography, Bayero University, Kano, wish to report the loss of my Wallet. It contained a Library I.D Card, BUK I.D Card and the sum of Three Thousand and Five Hundred Naira Only (N3,500.00). If you come across it, please take it to the Information, Publication and Documentation Division.

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