



## Shehu of Borno Showers Encomiums on BUK, Kano Community

*By Lamara Garba in Maiduguri*

The Shehu of Borno, Alhaji Abubakar Ibn Umar Garbai El-Kanemi, nearly broke into tears when he received members of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Bayero University branch, in his Palace. The ASUU members delivered relief materials to victims of the insurgency in the region.

The Royal Father was emotionally touched with the humanitarian gesture by the members of academia, explaining that the people of Borno in particular and the north-east in general, would forever remain indebted to the people of Kano, particularly the University community for their humane feelings and concern to their quandary.

"I cannot find a single word to convey my feelings and, of course, that of my people to this kind of gesture. The people of Kano State have proved to us that really, they are indeed friends of all times. Kano has been in the fore front of assisting us. Perhaps, this is the umpteenth time that delegations from Kano were in this palace to felicitate, sympathize as well as share their wealth, kindness and love with us. We are really grateful," said the monarch.

According to Shehu Garbai El-Kanemi, the destruction caused by the insurgents was enormous. As such, the state needed special prayers from everyone in order to overcome this calamity. He urged Nigerians not to relent in prayers for the Almighty to bring an end to this gory condition, which befell the region.

The Shehu, who spoke through an interpreter, said the quantum of support and assistance pouring from the people of Kano State was unprecedented and personally commended the initiative of the ASUU, BUK for being the

first in the Nigerian Universities to present such a donation.

Earlier, the ASUU Bayero University branch chairman Dr. Ibrahim M. Barde, said the donation was part of the Union's social responsibility. "ASUU is an association of intellectuals who are concerned with the suffering of people irrespective of their affiliation or geographical location and our coming here has shown that ASUU has a human face."

Also speaking, the National President of the Union, Professor Biodun Ogunyemi, commended the BUK branch for the laudable initiative, saying the union was touched by the pathetic conditions of the IDP's who were deprived of any form of enjoyment and/ or happiness.

"We feel your anguish and we are sincerely concerned with what is happening in terms of survival level of Nigerians today. The ordinary people are finding it difficult to earn a living, what much of our compatriots in the IDP camps," he stressed.

The ASUU President also disclosed that, at the national level, the union was planning to come up with a policy to do with mobilizing members across the country for a fund raising as a way to intervene in order to bring relief to the IDPs. "What we are witnessing today is like a start-off of the program, one of our branches had started and I want to assure you that other branches will soon pick up, too".

The ASUU BUK team was at the Goni Kachallari IDP camp in the Maiduguri metropolis with an estimated population about 500 households where it distributed the items, including rice, millet, sugar with noodles, cooking oil and condiments at the camp.



Shehu of Borno, Alhaji Abubakar Ibn Umar Garbai El-Kanemi (centre) with ASUU National President Prof. Biodun Ogunyemi (left) and ASUU BUK branch Chairman, Dr. Ibrahim M. Barde at Shehu's palace with other Members

## VC Decries Low Community, Parental Support in Educational Development

By Nura Garba

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello has decried the low patronage of parents and community support in educational development noting that government alone could not shoulder the responsibility of the sector.

The Vice Chancellor who spoke as a guest speaker at the formal handing-over ceremony of the renovated



Chairman of SUBEB, Alh. Zakari Bagwai (right), presenting a certificate to VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello

classrooms of Giginyu Special Primary School, organized by Giginyu Forum, on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2017.

Prof Bello said one of the strategic causes of dilapidation in primary education was the lack of concern by parents, communities and other stakeholders, leaving government alone to shoulder the huge burden of building and revamping the sector.

According to him, it was high time all stakeholders rose to save the system of education from the grassroots, saying, nowhere in the world where education was completely supported by government. "Other key players must join hands to make it better," he suggested.

## University of Maiduguri Management Applauds ASUU

By Lamara Garba in Maiduguri

The management of the University of Maiduguri has applauded the action of brotherhood exhibited by the Bayero University's members of the Academic Staff Union of Universities for the wonderful donation of relief materials to victims of insurgency, describing the effort as gigantic and unique.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Ibrahim Njodi, who made the appreciation in his office when the delegation of ASUU BUK paid him a courtesy visit on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, said the donation by the academic staff of the University would be valued forever, pointing out that BUK was the first institution to have provided relief materials to the people of the state, which, he said, was something that would touch the lives of the people positively.

"We are highly honoured by this altruistic gesture of yours, which will go a long way in sending message to other institutions. Certainly, this kind of brotherhood is rare qualities that we need to sustain among ourselves if we are to prosper and grow as a nation," he observed.

The Vice Chancellor, who attended the Giginyu Special Primary School, commended the gigantic stride of Giginyu Forum and called for more community participation to support the education system.

In his speech, Professor Hafiz Abubakar, the Deputy Governor and Commissioner of Education, who was represented by the Chairman of SUBEB, Alhaji Zakari Bagwai, said education was the responsibility of all the people, and that government alone could fund the system in view of the seemingly increasing population in the country.

Alhaji Bagwai told the gathering that, as the most populous state in Nigeria, Kano had over 3 million pupils in primary school with 7,218 primary schools. He said the state needed 50,000 classrooms to accommodate 60 pupils per class, but decried that it had only 30,000 habitable classrooms with a 20,000 deficit. He added that, of this number, only 60% had seats and 40% sat on the bare floor.

The SUBEB Chairman said the Kano State Government required the sum of N140 billion to comfortably accommodate the 3 million pupils in primary school alone, pointing out that all hands must be put on deck with a view to saving the unfortunate scenario.

Earlier in his remark, the Chairman of Giginyu Forum, Malam Abdu Baso, expressed appreciation over the gesture done to the school by patriotic individuals and other graduands of the school, who renovated some classroom blocks. He particularly mentioned the Vice Chancellor, Professor M.Y Bello, Malam Jamil Yusha'u, a former staff of BUK, who is currently with Islamic Development Bank, Alhaji Haruna Musa Hadejia, a former Executive Director of GT Bank and the Coordinator of the renovation committee, Professor Yusuf Adamu, for their tremendous contribution to the project.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Aliyu Shugaba, said it was not the quantity but the spirit in it, saying the donation of such magnitude was so enormous that it would be valued forever.

Earlier, the Chairman of the Union, Dr. Ibrahim M. Barde,



Ag. VC, UniMaid, DVC (Academic), Prof. Aliyu Shugaba (right) with ASUU National President, Prof. Biodun Ogunyemi (middle), ASUU BUK branch Chairman, Dr. Ibrahim M. Barde (right) & Dr. Ahmad A. Yakasai extreme left

while briefing the Vice Chancellor on their mission, said

the decision to support the victims was informed by the union's concern over the colossal damage and destruction caused by the activities of the Boko Haram insurgents.

In attendance at the visit were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Central Administration), Professor Haruna Badowale, the Registrar, Malam Tijjani Bukar, the University Bursar and other Executive members of ASUU branch of University of Maiduguri.

Meanwhile, the Chairman of the relief committee, Dr. Ahmad Ali Yakasai, explained that ASUU was not only a Union agitating for improved welfare for its members but was, as well, venturing into other humanitarian support and

aid to people affected by violence or crisis in the country. He said it was for this reason that the BUK Chapter of ASUU decided to donate grains and cereals to 483 households in selected IDP camps in Maiduguri.

Dr. Yakasai, who is Bayero University's Director of Laboratory Management, said plans were underway to mobilize resources from other Unions in the tertiary institutions in Kano State, including State Universities, Polytechnics, Monotechnics, Colleges of Education and other institutions with a view to raising enough resources that could go beyond just the donation of relief materials but also the resettling and the rehabilitation of the displaced persons.

## Technologists Get Management's Approval to Study up to Phd Level

*By Rabi'u M. Sagir*

University Technologists have received the Management's nod to pursue higher degrees up to the PhD level as part of the culture to entrench research excellence, the Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Professor Abubakar Baba Ali, has said.

The Dean, who disclosed this on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 at a workshop organized by the Faculty on how to guide the technologists to succeed at postgraduate level, urged the technologists to play a significant role in imparting adequate knowledge and necessary skills that should boost the capacity of students.

Earlier, the Chairman of the occasion, Professor Ado Dan Isa, expressed his appreciation to the leadership of the faculty for organizing the workshop, which would improve the capacity of the technologists in the university.

In his remark, Professor Rufai Ibrahim urged the participants to understand the fundamental principles of postgraduate studies guidelines, especially in research work and apply the knowledge and skills obtained at the workshop effectively and efficiently towards upgrading the field of Engineering in the University.

Also in his address, Dr. A.U. Jibia encouraged the participants to be self-disciplined in research work, especially on how to write good research proposals that

may ease the research work as well as be suitable for one field of study.

Dr. D.D. Nalado spoke on fundamental concept of observation and experimental processes in research. He called the attention of the technologists to obtain information that is relevant in formulating hypothesis,



Staff attending the Faculty workshop

models, validation and simulation to arrive at an optimization point. He equally warned them not to generalize findings in research.

## Eid-El-Fitr: Muslims Urged to be United *By Sabitu M. Jinjiri*

The Imam of BUK Grand Mosque, Dr. Sani Ayagi, has urged Muslims to further unity among themselves as a way of ensuring peace and stability.

The Imam, while delivering sermon during the Eid el-Fitr prayer on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, at the BUK Old Campus Eid- Prayer ground, said division led to chaos, calamity and doom and should, therefore, be avoided by the Muslim *Ummah*.

“All Muslims have the same God, the same Prophet, the same book of guidance and the same Kiblah. For this reason, Muslims should continue to be united, not divided,” he admonished.

Dr. Ayagi equally advised the Muslim *Ummah* to stick to the teachings of the Qur'an and *Sunnah*. Quoting from the verses of the holy Qur'an and Hadith, he said sticking to the books was the only panacea to our predicament. He further

noted that reciting the Qur'an, learning it and teaching it were all acts of worship generously and abundantly rewarded by Allah. The Imam equally invited the Muslim *Ummah* to always practice the teachings of Qur'an in every facet of their lives.

Earlier, the Imam had admonished Muslim husbands to be good to their wives despite the “weakness” found in the wives. The Imam explained that “if you detest one habit in her, you will definitely be satisfied with another.” He also exhorted Muslims to be kind to their relatives and to be good to their neighbours.

He prayed to Allah to forgive our sins as well as accept our fasting, our prayers, our recitation of the Qur'an and all other acts of worship we rendered.

The Eid prayer was attended by Muslims from the University Community as well as others from different parts of the Kano metropolis.

