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International Conference on *Boko Haram*: ... Scholars, Researchers, Key Stakeholders Proffer Solutions to Insurgency in Nigeria

By Nura Garba

Scholars, researchers and key stakeholders from various countries of the world have proffered far-reaching strategies for addressing the insurgency in Nigeria, which has resulted in the killings of thousands of people and the destruction of property worth billions of naira.

They spoke at the *International Conference on Boko Haram*, which was themed: *Insurgency and the Phenomenon of Boko Haram in Nigeria* and organized by the Centre for Islamic Civilization and Interfaith Dialogue (CICID), BUK; the International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT), Nigeria Office and Kano State Government that took place from 13th to 15th November, 2018.

Speaking at the opening ceremony on Tuesday, 13th November, 2018 at the Coronation Hall of Kano Government House, the President Muhammadu Buhari, said the Federal Government was taking drastic measures to tackle the menace of *Boko Haram* and efforts were on to provide employment opportunities to the teeming population of the youth.

The President, who was represented by the Interior Minister, Lt. Gen. Abdulrahman Dambazau, commended the organizers of the conference which he said was timely as came when the government was taking concrete steps to solve the problem.

The Emir of Kano, Malam Muhammadu Sanusi II, said one could not divorce the insurgency from the poverty, unemployment and illiteracy of the people, saying that in the last couple of years, the gap between the rich and the poor had widened, a development inimical to the development of any country.

The Emir further called for the regulation of religious preaching in the country, as some preachers tended to mislead the people and consequently cause religious unrest.

Presenting a keynote speech, titled: *Insurgency and the Phenomenon of Boko Haram in Nigeria: A Reconnaissance*, Professor Mukhtar Umar Bunza of the Department of History, Usmanu Danfodio University,

Sokoto, traced the origin and evolution of *Boko Haram*, including its ideological perspective.

The keynote speaker argued that, despite the frequent characterization of the *Boko Haram* crisis in the Northeast as motivated by religion, research had shown that it did not primarily target religious institutions.

“Of the 247 suicide attack targets, just 49 or 19.8% were religious institutions. Moreover, *Boko Haram* suicide bomb attacks were targeted more frequently on Islamic religious institution than Christian institutions. From April 2011 to May 2017, 12 churches were targeted (4.9% of all the targets) compared to 37 mosques and religious Islamic leaders (comprising 14.9%)”, Professor Bunza said.

He advocated the need for more recruitment, training and retraining of security personnel, as well as the procurement of modern weapons to replace old ones. He also called for intelligence sharing and a systematic approach to punish the culprits and improve security welfare.

In his welcome remarks earlier, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, said Bayero University saw the conference appropriate to contribute in finding a lasting solution and bringing a decisive end to the unfortunate phenomenon of insurgency through undertaking in depth research and generating ideas from scholars.

The Chairman of the occasion, Professor Na’iya Sada, of Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria noted that, with the success and progress achieved so far in fighting the insurgency, normalcy was gradually returning to the affected areas and attention had now turned to reconstruction and re-integration in the region devastated by the insurgency.

The Director of CICID, Dr. Bashir Aliyu Umar, said the conference would deliberate extensively on the unanswered questions about the phenomenon of *Boko Haram*, as stakeholders were on hand to address the critical challenges.

“Use Appropriate Theories and Methods in Handling African Languages Research” – Don *By Isa Muhammad Inuwa*

African Linguists have been urged to avoid the use of inappropriate theories and methods in their researches, as African languages have been described as very rich and resourceful for investigations by linguists and scholars, for them to come up with new findings that would add to the existing pool of knowledge and become useful to humanity.

The call was made by a University don and an international scholar of repute, Professor Felix K. Ameka, during a public lecture organized by the Department of Linguistics and Foreign Languages that held at the Theatre of the Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology, recently.

Ameka, who is also the President of the World Congress of African Linguistics (WOCAL) and Professor of Linguistics from the University of Leiden, Netherlands, spoke on the “New Trends in Linguistic Science”, saying that the focus of linguistics now was on documenting the actual performance of the native speakers of languages for linguists to investigate and come up with facts about the structure and function of each and every language. He, therefore, challenged scholars to go out always to the field and collect different types of data of actual linguistic practices from the users of languages before drawing conclusions about the nature of language.

He said it was part of the new trends in linguistics for linguists to diversify their focus on the study and teaching of languages by considering as many fields of linguistics study as possible, so as to achieve maximum goal and benefit at the end of the exercise.

The scholar also urged linguists to look inwards and



Prof. Felix K. Ameka presenting his paper

dedicate themselves to the exploration of modes of thinking embodied in African indigenous languages, adding that, instead of sticking to theories and postulations based on Non-African languages and applying them in every aspect of research, new theories, models and approaches should be formulated for the study of particularly African Languages. He therefore castigated what he termed a 'dogmatic attitude' of adopting and enforcing linguistic theories on languages even when those theories didn't fit their structures.

In his remarks, the representative of the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, the University Chief Librarian, Dr. Musa Auyo, expressed appreciation to the visiting speaker, Professor Ameka for what he described as very educative lecture. He then praised the effort of the Linguistics Department for organizing the public lecture, saying the Department was noted for its series of innovations in academic activities, adding that the University authority was proud of the Department and would always come to its aid whatever the need arose.

Also in his closing remarks, the Head of the Department of Linguistics and Foreign Languages, Dr. Isa Yusuf Chamo, thanked the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, and his team for the support and assistance given to the Department to host the scholar. He also thanked the speaker for sacrificing his precious time to honor the invitation. Moreover, he thanked all and sundry, particularly the invited guests, who came from far and near to grace the occasion. In addition, he thanked the chairman of the occasion, Professor Mustapha Isa Ahmad, for chairing the lecture with all his tight schedules. Finally, the HOD thanked the staff of the Department of Linguistics and Foreign Languages and postgraduate students for their contributions to the success of the lecture.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON DTLC: *Another set of Second 2018 DTLC Allocation*

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved another set of second DTLC allocation to the tune of N2,930,739.89 for 2018.

A statement signed by the Chairman, DTLC Committee, Professor Saidu Babura Ahmad noted the beneficiaries as follows:

S/N	ACCT CODE	DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT
1	58-86-7100	Crop Protection	589,533.93
2	92-25-7100	Ophthalmology	264,029.19
3		Arts and Humanities, S.C.E.	267,563.71
4		Pharmacognosy & Herb Medicine	462,666.64
5		Pharm. Microbiology & Biotech	462,666.64
6	92-28-7100	Psychiatry	264,029.19
7	58-83-7100	Agronomy	620,250.59
Total			2,930,739.89

Bayero Eye Clinic conducts Successful Eye Surgery

By Rabi'u M. Sagir

Bayero University Eye Clinic has recorded another achievement by conducting successful eye surgeries for 6 patients that had been having eye problems for a longtime.

The eye experts, ophthalmologists and surgical and medical specialists perform operations on eyes. They are medically qualified to work in eye hospitals and hospital eye departments.

Dr. M.S. Ado, a consultant ophthalmologist, led the operation on Friday 8th November, 2018 at New Campus operation room and said “we all depend on our vision to perform our duties. Without healthy vision, our ability to work, drive, play and carry out many other things can be drastically affected.”

Dr. Ado urged staff and students having eye problems to

contact the university eye clinic, so as to have accurate and reliable service that may cure their eye problems. Dr. Ado said the staff that are yet to register with NHIS should do so, because their registration will boost university health centre funds, which will add value in standardizing the responsibility assigned to them.



Dr. Ado performing eye surgery on a patient

WAUG 2018 Games: BUK Wins 22 Medals ... Emerges 5th Best Varsity in West Africa

By Bala G. Abdullahi

Bayero University has emerged the 5th out of the 36 universities across the West African Sub-Region that participated in the just concluded 14th West African University Games (WAUG), tagged 'Port-Harcourt 2018,' with a total of 22 Medals – 6 Gold, 7 Silver and 9 Bronze.

The heroic BUK contingent won 4 Gold medals, 2 each in Judo and Taekwondo, one Gold medal each in Basketball Female and Discus, making a total of 6 Gold medals. It also won 7 Silver medals: 2 in Handball, one each in Football, Basketball male, Volley Ball female, Hockey and Taekwondo and nine Bronze medals in Male Volley Ball, Table Tennis mixed doubles and doubles female, Taekwondo, shot-put and Athletics.

athletes to major sporting events either within or outside the country.

The sign of success began to manifest itself right from the departure point when the Chairman of the Sports Consultative Committee, Professor Ibrahim Khalil Abdussalam, who is also the leader of the Contingent, addressed the athletes at the old sports directorate office located at the Old Campus on Wednesday, 31st October, 2018. At the end of his pep talk, the athletes became high spirited, promising to reciprocate the good gesture of the Vice Chancellor by making the university proud. The number of medals won by the university athletes, coupled with their rise on the overall medals table (5th), showed tremendous improvement when compared to the past positions of the university in similar competitions.

Also, three of BUK athletes won the Most Valuable Players Awards for their outstanding performance. They are Buhari Sabiu (Most Valuable Player in Football), Iornumbe Deteren (Most Valuable Player in Basketball (Female) and Sarah Attah (Most Valuable Player in Judo, Female).

Apart from these successes on the pitch of play, BUK was also applauded by both WAUG leadership and by the host University for having the largest contingent, as well as for participating in 11 out of the 16 games competed for.

Bayero University was represented at the 14th WAUG competition by a contingent of 136 stakeholders, made up of athletes, coaches and accompanying officials. It participated in a total of eleven games – Athletics, Badminton Male and Female, Basketball male and female, Chess and Football. The rest were Hockey, Handball, Judo, Taekwondo, Table Tennis, male and female and Volleyball.



The three BUK athletes who won the Most Valuable Players Award (1st left), Buhari Sabiu Football, (2nd left), Iornumbe Deteren, Basketball, (1st right), Sarah Attah, Judo in a group photograph with the Director of Sports, Prof. Rabi'u Muhammad

This historic achievement by the university's athletes may not be unconnected with the support of the university management under the leadership of Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, who does not mince words when it comes to the issue of sponsoring university

OVER-TIME CLAIM

Management has noticed with dismay how staff failed to execute their assigned duties within week days in order to come to the office on weekends and claim over-time.


Henceforth, before Units/Departments request their staff to come and execute certain assignment over the weekend, the approval of the Registrar should be sought first, otherwise the claim would not be approved for payment.

A letter signed by Mijinyawa Sabo, Director, General Administration, for Registrar, said as for over-time claim within week days, Departments/Units would be monitored from time to time to ensure that people are not making fictitious claims. The University is spending huge amount of money on over-time every month. Deans/Directors/Heads of Departments should, please, discourage the habit of making routine claims by all staff every month.

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TIME: 10am Daily

1. Special Guest of Honour:- His Excellency Dr. Nasiru Yusuf Gawuna, Deputy Governor Kano State
2. Chairman of the Occasion: Hon. Commissioner, Ministry of Education, Science & Technology Kano State
3. Lead paper presenter:- Prof. Abdallah Uba Adamu, Vice Chancellor NOUN.
4. Chief Host:- Prof. Mukhtar A. Kurawa, Rector Kano State Polytechnic
5. Host:- Malam Salisu Aminu, Director School of General Studies

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2. Submission of the Abstract: Participants should send their abstract through sgsconference@kanopoly.edu.ng
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