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## Eid-el-Fitr: BUK Imam Seeks for Divine Intervention to End Covid-19

By Nura Garba

The Bayero University, Kano New Campus Imam, Dr. Nuhu Abdullahi Usman has called for the divine intervention to end the dreaded covid-19 pandemic that has ravaged the entire world and reduced places of worships to mere resting shades.

The Imam, in his Sallah sermon on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 prayed almighty Allah to intervene in the difficult situation people have found themselves, noting that with prayers things would change for the better. He appealed to the teeming Muslim population to pray fervently, saying that God would answer prayers through persistence and insistence.

He advocated the need for people to continue to observe social distancing, use hand sanitizers and facemask as well as follow other protocols laid down by the health professionals.

The Chief Imam said Muslims have just finished observing 30-day Ramadhan fast in which they totally abstained from eating, drinking and sexual intercourse while observing the fast. He challenged the people to replicate the good deeds during the holy month in the subsequent months so that the society could be better.

“Fear Allah wherever you are and in whatever dealings you do with the follow human beings,” he said.

The Imam urged people to use the teachings of the Ramadhan fast to be good people and abstain from committing bad deeds, saying that if people could embark of committing good deeds, things would change for the better.



Imam, Dr. Nuhu Abdullahi reciting his sermon, while the congregation listens



A cross section of congregation ready to observe prayer

# *Distribution of Palliatives:* **Ganduje Lauds Prof. Yahuza Bello**

By Lamara Garba



Governor Ganduje (2nd right) inspecting the distribution of palliatives by Prof. Muhammad Yahuza Bello led committee

Governor Abdullahi Umar Ganduje of Kano State has commended the Professor Yahuza Bello led Kano COVID-19 Fund Raising Committee for what he described as diligent service delivery in the conduct of the distribution of palliative materials.

Speaking on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 at the launch of the second batch of the distribution exercise of the palliatives at KASCO warehouse, Farm Centre, the Governor was particularly delighted at the high level of patriotism and transparency exhibited by the team in discharging its mandate.

“Indeed, we are very much lucky to have people of credibility and integrity in this committee, who are responsible for the distribution of the palliatives. These are people who are honest, dependable and trustworthy. As such we are not entertaining any fear in the distribution system,” said the Governor.

Dr. Ganduje noted that the committee members showed commitment and zeal in carrying out their assignment, which he said was the manifestation of the love they have for the state and humanity in general, which deserves special commendation and applause.

Also speaking, the Chairman of the palliative distribution Committee, Professor Muhammad Yahuza

Bello, said the second phase of the distribution exercise was for the Bichi zone comprises eight local governments.

According to him the exercise was divided into batches and based on geographical zones/emirates of the state for easy distribution. He said the remaining zones of Rano, Gaya and Karaye would get their shares in the subsequent exercise which would be carried out immediately after the completion of the second batch in a couple of days.

In his remarks, the District Head of Tofa, Alhaji Isiyaku Umar Tofa, who spoke on behalf of the Emir, commended the government for the initiatives which he said would go a long way in cushioning the economic hardship faced by the people as a result of the pandemic.

The royal father assured that the traditional institutions would do everything humanly possible to support government in the fight against the pandemic. Some of the efforts already made included mass sensitization and mobilization of the rural populace on the reality of COVID-19 and the need to observe all the medical protocols in fighting it.

# COVID-19: FG Donated Rice is of High Quality, Not Expired ...Says Prof. Yahuza

**By Lamara Garba**

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University and Chairman of the Kano State COVID-19 Palliatives Distribution Committee, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello has dispelled insinuations that the food items donated to the state by the federal government were contaminated and expired.



Speaking on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 at the launch of the second batch of the distribution exercise, Professor Bello said the rice and other items received in Kano were of high grade and quality with the expiry dates of 2023 and even above.

"I want to use this opportunity to dispel the rumor making the rounds that the food items for the palliatives have been destroyed by rainfall or even expired and contaminated. This is far from the truth. None of the items destroyed or expired. The rumor is

baseless and unfounded," he declared.

Professor Bello further explained that "in Kano state all the food items, especially the bag of rice received from the federal government are exceptionally of good quality. In fact the expiry date is 2023."

He said as part of effort to ensure smooth distribution of the commodity as well as the desire to cover as many families as possible, the state government had further released N170 million to purchase additional items to complement the federal government donations and carry out some logistical work for smooth exercise.

Professor Bello assured that the committee would conduct the exercise in the most transparent manner that will get to the desired needy, saying that this is a trust bestowed on them and they would never renege in their undertakings to be just and fair to all.

Meanwhile, First City Monument Bank (FCMB) has donated N20 million to the Kano State Government to support the fight against the Coronavirus disease, the state Commissioner of Information, Malam Muhammad Garba who announced this also said the doors of the appeal fund are still wide open to anybody wishing to contribute.

## Reminder from Health Services

1. In line with University regulation on the compulsory use of Face masks in the University's Campuses, clients of the University Health Centres and caregivers should wear a face mask.
2. Ensure the use of Hand sanitizers provided at the entrance of the Health Centres.
3. Patients on admission are allowed only one Caregiver.
4. Visitors to Patients on admission are prohibited, except to deliver food and essential items.
5. Members of the University Community should observe all advisories from NCDC, which include Social distancing, frequent Handwashing among others.

# **CIRCULAR**

## **To: Members of the University Community**

## **COMPULSORY USE OF FACE MASK**

As part of measures to ensure the safety of all and the need to curtail the spread of Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19), as advised by medical experts, the Management of the University has resolved to enforce the compulsory use of face mask by everyone within the University premises including staff, students and visitors to the campuses of the University.

This policy is with immediate effect.

Consequently, security personnel have been authorized to ensure full compliance.

Keep social distancing, wash your hands and use hand sanitizers to stay safe.

**SIGNED:**

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**For:** Registrar

### **Do You Know?**

- That BUK consumes a lot of Energy Daily?
  - That Power Supply by PHCN is Poor?
  - That The University Relies on its Generators for Power Supply at Staff Quarters, Administrative, Academic and Students Areas?
  - That The University Spends a lot of money on Diesel and Generators' Maintenance?
  - That Some Staff members Leave Offices Without Switching-off Electrical Appliances?
  - That 1 Extra Hour of Air-conditioning in a Room Uses Enough Energy to Power A TV for a Year?
- ✓ To Reduce Cost and for Safety, Help the University by Putting-off all Electrical Appliances when not in use!

