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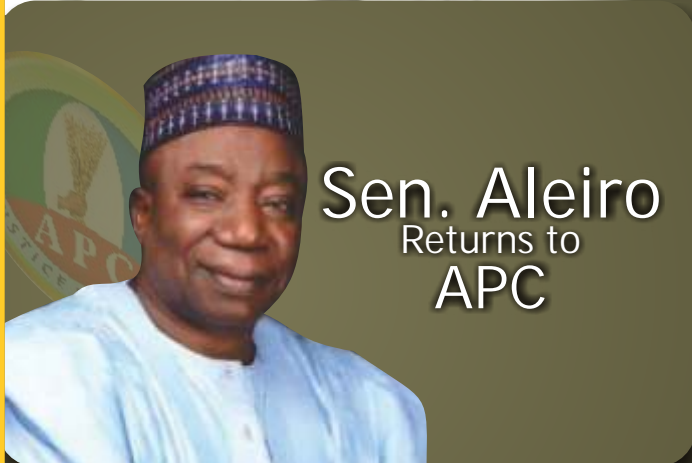
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subject of another day and forum. But when the election results were declared, Sen Uba Sani was declared winner with several members of the Kaduna State House of Assembly. That saved the APC from political humiliation of turning to opposition from a ruling party.

Our focus in this brief is to xray the performance of Governor Uba Sani in delivering on the mandate given freely to him by residents of Kaduna State in the last 18 months.

In an interactive session with the members of the press in Kaduna recently Prof Bello Ayuba, the

By December 2024 Gov Uba Sani marked 18 months as Governor of Kaduna State. He succeeded Mal Nasir el-Rufa'i who steered the the government for eight years under the platform of the All Progressives Congress, APC.

APC taking second position behind the Peoples Democratic Party, PDP. Thus election defeat stated tat the gubernatorial and State House of Assembly candidates of the APC in the face.

This scenerio forced Uba Sani and his political campaign team to go back to the drawing table and re-strategies on how they could overcome the reality facing them. What plans and strategies they use and how they use them is a

The story of how Uba Sani clinched the governorship elections in 2023 remains a surprise to many political analysts and commentators from within and outside Kaduna State.

Recall that the APC was the ruling party in Kaduna State as it had the sitting governor , two senators, many members of the Federal House of Representatives and several members of yhe Kaduna State House of Assembly.

But results of the 2023 presidential and national assembly elections left the





Principal Private Secretary to Governor of Kaduna State said Kaduna State is being transformed rapidly through massive infrastructure development, revival and revitalization of the health and educational sectors, frontally fighting poverty, and strengthening partnership with security forces to secure the State.

He said there has never been any administration in the history of Kaduna State, which achieved so much, within a short time and with limited resources, like the Government of Senator Uba Sani..

Security

The Kaduna State Government has forged a solid partnership with federal security forces to secure Kaduna State, by giving them logistics support to enhance their operations. Government distributed 150 operational vehicles and

500 motorcycles to security operatives including members of the Kaduna State Vigilance Service (KADVS) to boost their operations.

"Besides that, the Governor has recently signed the Kaduna State Security Trust Fund Bill into Law. The Trust Fund will raise funds for the acquisition and deployment of even more security equipment, personnel and materials as well as training of security personnel."

Prof Ayuba further highlighted that through the efforts of the Peace Dialogue Group established by the Kaduna State Government in collaboration with federal agencies and security services, peace has returned to Birnin Gwari..

"On November 29, the Governor reopened the famous and strategic Birnin Gwari Market which had been closed for

about 10 years, thus signaling the commencement of commercial activities. Above all, the long abandoned Birnin Gwari Road has come back to life. Similarly, Kidandan market in Giwa local government of Kaduna State, which had not been patronised for several years owing to insecurity, has been opened. Indeed, this marks the beginning of the return of peace and stability to Giwa local government.

Massive Rural Transformation

Governor Uba Sani has announced that his administration will address issues that will transform rural Kaduna State to improve the livelihood of the rural communities. He plans and is doing this through the provision of massive infrastructure in the 23



local government areas

The goal of supporting rural communities to achieve rapid economic growth and development. In this regard, the Government has undertaken 68 road projects, covering a total of approximately 700 kilometres, across the three senatorial districts."

Human Capital Development

On Human Capital Development, Governor Uba Sani administration has improved access to education and revived the health sector. So far, Kaduna State Government has built 62 new secondary schools, comprising 39 Junior and 23 Senior Secondary Schools, across the three senatorial districts. Besides, approval has been given for the construction of additional 50 secondary schools across the state and upon completion, these new schools are expected to enroll over 100,000 students, further

solidifying Kaduna State's commitment to providing inclusive and accessible education for all. Also, 2,000 qualified teachers have been recruited, awaiting deployment to these newly completed schools.

In addition, the Government has constructed 2,326 new classrooms, renovated 707 classrooms, supplied 30,742 two-seater pupil's furniture, provided 3,704 Teachers' Furniture, and constructed 918 VIP Cubicle Toilets and 51 hand pump boreholes in schools across the State.

The Gov Uba Sani administration is building three Vocational and Technological Skills Acquisition Cities to equip youths with the requisite skills to enable them take up jobs in industries and other businesses. The Skills Cities will graduate at least 12,000 youths annually.

In addition, Government is remodeling the Panteka Market in Kaduna to become a major centre for skills acquisition, engaging over 38,000 artisans. A



comprehensive infrastructure upgrade is being carried out to make it an international center for skills acquisition and job creation. Besides, Kaduna State Government is collaborating with the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) to provide Nigerian Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) certification for graduates of the Skills Cities and Panteka Market.

Specifically, Governor Uba Sani is carrying out a surgical operation in the healthcare sector because he wants to deliver top-notch healthcare system that addresses the needs of the people. The administration is working day and night to complete

the ultra - modern Specialist Hospital at Millennium City, Kaduna. On Wednesday, 27th November, 2024, the Governor commissioned the remodeled, upgraded and fully equipped Dabo Lere Memorial Hospital, Kaduna.

He has embarked on the remodeling, equipping and upgrading of 13 General Hospitals in the 3 Senatorial Zones of the State. This include General Hospital Gwantu, General Hospital Rigasa, General Hospital Maigana, and in Sanga, Igabi and Soba local governments respectively, as some of the hospitals that have been remodeled, equipped and upgraded. Others are Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa, Kafanchan, in





Jemaá local government; General Hospital Giwa, in Giwa local government and Ikara General Hospital, located at Ikara local government. The rest are General Hospital Sabon Tasha, Chikun LGA; General Hospital Saminaka, Lere LGA, and General Hospital Kachia, Kachia LGA.

Agriculture

Governor Uba Sani has placed agriculture at the center of Kaduna State's development agenda. In the last 18 months, Kaduna State has become a beacon of hope for smallholder farmers, an engine of economic growth, and a model of agricultural excellence. Under the

remarkable palliative program, Sustainable Livelihoods through Social Interventions and Economic Empowerment, the Get Back to the Farm initiative has breathed new life into the agricultural sector. Government has distributed vital inputs-high-quality seeds, fertilizers, agrochemicals, and farming equipment-to 41,693 smallholder farmers and cooperatives across all 23 LGAs. This initiative is a game-changer for our farmers, restoring their livelihoods and driving increased productivity across the state.

Significantly, the Uba Sani administration undertook the largest Free Fertilizer Distribution in Kaduna State's history, with

distribution of 500 trucks of fertilizer from which 240,000 bags were given out free to 120,000 smallholder farmers. The Government has also invested heavily in both mechanization and micro-mechanization of the agricultural sector. Indeed, the last time the State invested in mechanization through the procurement of Tractors was in 2010 but

this Government has procured 12 heavy-duty tractors that can handle large-scale commercial farming and complex and difficult farming operations.

Empowerment, Social Inclusion

Since he assumed office in May 2023, Governor Uba





Sani has placed high premium on bringing succour to the poor, vulnerable and the underserved in Kaduna State. In this regard, he has been carrying out pro-poor measures to bring needed relief to Kaduna State citizens, first by signing an Executive Order on Financial Inclusion. By so doing, the Governor has shown commitment to addressing the exclusion of the poor, under-served and vulnerable from financial services and ensure that they benefit from social intervention programs of Kaduna State and the Federal Government.

The aim is to empower people with tools like savings accounts, credit, insurance, and digital payment options, enabling them to participate in the formal financial system, manage their finances, and build economic resilience.

In addition, Kaduna State Government has forged a significant partnership with Google Africa for the ArewaTech4Ladies Skills Development Project. Through this collaboration, it has empowered 5,000 women and girls with skills in data science, Artificial Intelligence and entrepreneurial applications of digital technologies. Through the Kaduna State Enterprise Development Agency (KADEDA), Government has supported 8,649 nano and micro

businesses with grants to expand their business operations. The support ranged from N300,000, N200,000, N150,000, N100,000, to N50,000.

The poverty alleviation programme, "A Kori Talauchi programme" has empowered 4,912 underserved women across the state. Furthermore, Government has supported another 100 food vendors at the Kaduna Food Festival 2024, which took place

from April 11th to 14th 2024 at Murtala Square, Kaduna. The festival was a vibrant celebration of the rich culinary diversity of Kaduna and Northern Nigeria, designed to showcase a spectrum of local culinary art and street food. The festival attracted more than 2,000 guests daily, providing women with the platform to showcase their local businesses.

Revolving Loan Scheme





Significantly, Kaduna State Government has instituted Revolving Loan Scheme to enable civil servants to meet financial needs with seed funds of five hundred million Naira (N500,000,000) at a single - digit rate of five percent (5%). This initiative aims to promote access funds for civil servants to meet financial obligations. More so, the administration has been clearing pension arrears. The State Government has to date paid approximately four billion, seven hundred million Naira (N4.7 bn) for clearance of death and gratuity benefits.

Transparency and Accountability

As servants of the people, the Uba Sani Government places great premium on accountability. Transparency and accountability are not principles to be trifled with. Last month, the Centre for

Fiscal Transparency and Public Integrity Watch (CeFTPIW) ranked Kaduna State as the first subnational in its Transparency and Public Integrity Index. The ranking which was done for the entire 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory, placed Kaduna State as number 1, with a score of 51.42, in its 2024 Integrity Index Report. CeFTPIW is a non-governmental organization established in 2016 to promote good governance, by strengthening transparency and accountability in public institutions and organizations. In addition, Kaduna State came second out of thirty six (36) states in the ICAN Accountability and Transparency Index, reflecting its commitment to transparency, accountability, and effective resource utilization.

Internally Generated Revenue

In the last 18 months, the Internally Generated

Revenue (IGR) profile of Kaduna State has improved. Last November, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) released the Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) of all in the 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) and Kaduna State ranked in N62.49 billion last year, emerging the state with the highest IGR earnings in the north.

Governor Uba Sani's policy of financial inclusion and widening the tax net as well as reorganising the entire Kaduna State Internal Revenue Service (KADIRS) is responsible for this feat. Since he came on board, KADIRS has been expanding the tax net in a horizontal manner as against the vertical approach of the past which led to stagnation. Above all, the policies of the Uba Sani administration which

have a human face, have made businesses and companies that have left Kaduna State in the past, to return. Coupled with that, he has initiated a lot of business-friendly policies which are having positive impact on revenue generation. In addition, the rural transformation of the Kaduna State Government has improved voluntary tax compliance because people can see how their money is being spent. Besides, KADIRS is effectively deploying technology in its operations to ensure effective service delivery to taxpayers

Nurturing Citizens Engagement

A major component of the Uba Sani Governance Agenda is Nurturing Citizens Engagement, with a view to carrying the people along in decision making processes, especially on how their resources are allocated. Consequently, the Government has been holding Town Hall Meetings and consultations with critical stakeholders like Traditional Rulers, Religious Leaders, Elders/Influential Citizens, and Leaders of Women and Youth Groups, as well Development Organizations, on major Government policies and programmes, especially the yearly budget proposal.

Uba Sani Reaffirms Support For Military Operations

Governor Uba Sani has reaffirmed his administration's commitment to support security operations in Kaduna State in order to achieve lasting peace for sustainable development. The Governor who commended the collaborative efforts of security agencies in the state, urged them to "remain vigilant and sustain the onslaught against bad elements." Governor Uba Sani made these remarks during the 2024 Base Socio-Cultural activities which held at the Nigerian Airforce Base in Kaduna on Saturday, where he was Special Guest of Honour. Speaking at the event, the Governor particularly commended the Nigerian Airforce personnel for executing the military operations in the North West geopolitical zone and for maintaining a very cordial civilian-military relations with residents. He explained the vital role of cultural diversity in the country and praised the Airforce for promoting national values and unity through celebrations, adding that the gathering demonstrated the strong bond between



Government and security agencies in Kaduna State. According to the Governor, "the Base Socio-Cultural activities is a platform for fostering comradeship amongst personnel and celebrating our diversity as the cultural performances showcased Nigeria's rich heritage." The Governor who was represented by the Commissioner of Internal Security and Home Affairs, Dr James Kanyip, praised the organisers of the event for

highlighting the nation's unity in diversity. Senior military officers that graced the occasion include the Air Officer Commanding Air Training Command, AVM Abubakar Abdullahi and the General Officer Commanding 1st Mechanized Division of the Nigerian Army, Major General Mayirenso Saraso The Emir of Zazzau, Ambassador Ahmed Nuhu Bamalli and other distinguished personalities were also at the event.

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Joint Security Operation Neutralizes 80 Bandits In Katsina

The Air Component (AC) of Operation FANSAN YAMMA and troops of the 17 Brigade of the Nigerian Army, Police, DSS, Community Watch Corps and Vigilantes have successfully neutralised 80 bandits and destroyed bandits camps in Kadoji, Matso- Matso, Bagga, Dogon Marke and Takatsaba areas of Jibia Local Government.



The operation, conducted on 4th January 2025, followed credible intelligence revealing the establishment of bandit camps



around the Local Government Area, which had escalated banditry activities in Jibia, Batsari and Batagarawa Local Government Areas.

A statement signed and issued by Dr. Nasir Muazu, Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs in Katsina State said "the joint air and ground operation resulted in the neutralization of 80 bandits, with several others sustaining injuries. Furthermore, their hideouts and key operational facilities were also destroyed, marking a significant blow to their

operational capacity.

"The Katsina State Government expresses deep appreciation for the unwavering commitment and dedication of the joint security team in restoring peace and stability in the state and the entire North West region, the statement said.



KSTG Budgets N 692 Billion For 2025



Governor Dikko Umar Radda of Katsina State has signed the 2025 budget of N692,244,449,513.87 into law. The budget, tagged “Budget of Building Your Future II ” was accented to on Wednesday.

During the signing exercise, the Governor lauded the State Assembly for working tirelessly in ensuring the state has budget that will run developmental activities for the year 2025. The Governor also acknowledged diligence exercise conducted by the MDAs to ensure the state has budget that will guide the administration.

A statement signed and issued by Ibrahim Kaula Mohammed, Chief Press Secretary to Governor Radda quoted the governor saying “Our budget is one of shining examples in the country budget performance of the 2024, which I believe we have done extremely well, the Governor stated. He added, if you look at the composition of the budget 2025, Katsina has at today is ranked the lowest in

terms of recurrent expenditure 22.8% of the total budget against the 28% of 2024 recurrent expenditure

The Governor pointed that this has drastically reduced by about 6%, indicating that the state is giving more attention and focus on capital projects which represents more than 77% of the total budget.

Governor Radda further noted that this shows that the state administration reduced the spending in the budget against the 2024.

Speaking on the budget focus, Governor Radda explained that the 2025 budget prioritized capital projects with education taking the lead, followed by agriculture. The Governor emphasized that the capital project will make citizens more reliant, make life better and reduce the poverty level.

The Governor equally commended the State Assembly efforts on oversight functions, noting that the year 2024 oversight functions make sure MDAs are up to their responsibilities, urging the legislators not to relent for the state to achieve optimum transparency, accountability and good governance.

Earlier, the Katsina State House Assembly Speaker, Rt. Hon. Nasir Yahaya Daura described the 2025 budget as a product of rigorous legislative process, adding that the state legislators are proud to have worked tirelessly to ensure that it reflects the needs and aspirations of the people.

Rt. Hon. Nasir stressed that after a careful review during the budget defence by the Ministries, Departments and Agencies, an additional N10 Billion Naira was discovered and added to the budget. “This gives us the total sum of N692,244,449,513,87, against the formal N682,244,449,513,87 that was submitted by Your Excellency,” the Speaker added.



NUJ Kaduna Council Celebrates Exit Of 2024, Former EXCO

The year 2024 has come and gone, the 2025 is here. The former executive council of the Kaduna Council of the NUJ was also bid farewell, ushering in a new executive council which will run the affairs of the union for the next three years. The year 2024 will remain one of the tough periods in the life history of Nigerians. Cost of living was very high and source of income narrowed. Some Nigerians lost their lives in stampedes during sharings of food by governments and philanthropist some lost their livikyhoods due to some natural disasters, like floods and man made disasters as in banditry, kidnappings and armed robbery. Still others registered loses through collateral damages such as what happened to Tudun Buri community in Igaba Local Government of Kaduna State ...But the civil servants in Nigeria had cause to smile by the successes they recorded in pushing the Nigerian government to review salaries upward to a minimum of N70,009 monthly. Like mentioned earlier the Kaduna Council of the NUJ celebrated 2024 out in grand style. Two cows were slaughtered and shared among members. It was the first time that two cows slaughter and shared by the NUJ. The new exco might have done that to thank members for voting them to power through popular vote in an election that voted out the incumbent chairman and the treasurer . Winning the election was not the story, but the massive turn out of members on the election day and the euphoria that enveloped the council when the election results were announced. It was indeed a celebration gallow with music and dances especially among members of the NAWOJ, despite the fact that the incumbent and defeated candidate was a



These are some of the faces that graced the occasion that include former council chairmen, former national officers, government functionaries such as the Representatives of Kaduna State government and well wishers of the Kaduna Council of the NUJ





Ladduga Community celebrates Hon Huseini Abdullah, VC Kachia LGC

The Ladduga community of Kachia Local Government of Kaduna State organised a grand reception for Hon Huseini Abdullahi who was elected as the Vice Chairman of Kachia Local Government Council of Kaduna State.

The Ladduga community, a predominant Fulani community play significant role in the political equation of Kachia Local Government and this is the the first time its presence is registered on the affairs of the local council.

Hon Huseini'd rise to become yhe council Vice Chairman was not a coincidence as he has been very active on the sociopolitical terrain of the local government . He is one of the few residents of Kaduns State that traversed most communities in the state due to his tole in disaster management including efforts to foster prace within and between various communities.

Being the Vice Chairman of the councils is an additional opportunities to improve his expertise in understanding society yo foster better approach to issues pertaining to socioeconomic and political development in Kachia Local Government, Kaduna State, Nigeria and humanity on general.

The occasion was witnessed by friends and well wishers of Hon Huseini Abdullah, Ladugga Community and Kachia Local Government.

The signatures that graced the occasion include the Kachia Local Government Council Chairman, Hon Manzo,

On behalf of the executive chairman Kachia LG and the good people of ladduga, I wish to sincerely appreciate all that attended the reception in our honor today

Special appreciation to Hon Peter Agite, Member KSHA Representing Kachia Constituency, Engr. Sunusi Jibrin, Hon. Madaki Anointing, all APC ward chairmen, Mallam Murtala Dabo, Commissioner of Agriculture, Kaduna State, Dr. Abdulmalik Mohammed Durunguwa, APC stalwart, Speaker and councilors Kachia LG, Secretary Agwam Kachia, District Head of Ladduga, Alh. Ahmed Bako Jibril, District Head of Kachia, Alh. Sabiu Suleiman (Ma'aji Babba), estwhile District head Agunu, all Village heads of ladduga, Hon. Bunyamin Umar Sani, Alh. Tijjani Suleiman, Alh. Junaidu Yahaya (Rimin Kachia) Alh. Nura Dabo , Bar. Abdulkadir Bello Lanky, Alh. Shehu



Musa Gora, Dr. Maigari, Dr. John Danfulani, Hon. Bobby Leo Gimbason, Yahaya Maigida, Dr Sale momale, Mr. Sale Pashi, Salee Mato, Daniel Bagudu Dikko, Bar. Nasiru Buhari Dabo, Abdul razak Inuwa, Gideon Daniel Kura, Hon Tanimu iliyasu, Sunusi Jagu, Mohammed Dayyabu Branco, Hon zakariya Waje, Mal zakariya Umar, Sunusi Mohammad, Hon. Silifatu shittu, Ibrahim Zaman kac, Alh. Sirajo Nagarta, Yakuza Master, Isaiah Benjamin JP. Alh Abdullahi Jerry, DPO Kachia, Haruna KADVS, JTF, and many more that time and space may not allow me to mention. Last but not the least the organizing committee.

May ALLAH reward you in abundance. Thank you Thank you Thank you ALLAH YA bada lada YA Kara donkon zumunci Mun gode Mun gode. Miyetti. Miyetti.



Gov Dikko Radda Reshuffles Cabinet, Kagara moves to Finance

Gov Dikko Radda reshuffles cabinet, Kagara moves to Finance from budget. In a minor cabinet reshuffle to optimize the performance of the administration's Building Your Future agenda, Gov Dikko Umar Radda of Katsina State has moved Alh. Bello Kagara to the Ministry of Finance from ministry of Budget and Economic Planning. The development also saw Alh Anas Malik taking over the affairs of the ministry of budget and economic planning, while Hon. Bashir Tanimu Gambo, who previously served as Finance Commissioner, has been reassigned to the



Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs. A statement signed and issued by Ibrahim Kaula Mohammed, Chif Press Secretary to Gov Dikko Radda said the reshuffle also sees Alhaji Yusuf Rabi'u Jirdede moving from the Ministry of

Special Duties to assume leadership of the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Investment, while Alhaji Adnan Nahabu transitions from Commerce, Trade and Investment to head the Ministry of Special Duties. Governor Radda directs the newly appointed and reassigned commissioners to maintain excellent service. The Governor specifically charged Alhaji Malik Anas to align his ministry's objectives with the administration's Building Your Future agenda, while urging all commissioners to intensify their efforts in serving the people of Katsina State.



Gov Yusuf Visits Late Father

Governor Yusuf visits father's grave side in birthday commemoration. Kano State Governor, Alhaji Abba Kabir Yusuf, marked his 62nd birthday in a unique and reflective manner by visiting the grave of his late father, Alhaji Kabiru Yusuf at Dandolo graveyard in Kano. This was contained in a statement issued by governor's spokesperson Sunusi Bature Dawaki Tofa on Sunday. The visit, was a heartfelt moment for the governor as he paid tribute to

the man who shaped his values and inspired his journey into public service. The late Kabiru Yusuf was a prominent member of the regional parliament in Kaduna and a seasoned administrator known for his integrity and dedication to his people. Reflecting on his father's legacy, Governor Yusuf said, "My father's life was a testament to leadership rooted in service, humility, and unwavering commitment to justice. His memory continues to guide me in all I do." The governor also took a moment



to honor his mother, Malama Khadijatul-Naja'atu

Sen. Aleiro Returns to APC

Sen Aleiro returning to APC There are reports that Sen. Mohammed Adamu Aleiro is preparing to yhe All Progressives Congress, APC Senator Muhammad Adamu Alieru, represents Kebbi Central under the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) His return to the PDP was signified by hundreds of his supporters led by his younger brother, Alhaji Abba Alieru, who described the senator as the 'Doyen of Politics in Kebbi', at a consultative meeting with Governor Nasir Idris, at the Government House, Wednesday evening. Alhaji Abba Alieru, who spoke to newsmen after the meeting said they were invited for a tete-a-tete, adding that the public would be informed later on whatever decision reached. "We, the supporters of Senator Alieru were summoned to friendly discussions with His Excellency, the Governor, which we obliged", "We sought for time to return to our constituencies for further consultations with grassroots supporters upon which we shall decide the best course of action", Abba said. Although

Senator Alieru did not attend the meeting, his close associates, participated in the discussions, including the PDP deputy gubernatorial candidate in the 2023 elections, Hon. Sama'ila Bui. Others were former Commissioner for Education, Alhaji Muhammadu Magawata Alieru and former Chairman of Dandi Local Government Council, Hon. Abubakar Salihu Dila Kamba. Political pundits who spoke to our correspondent said "Governor Nasir Idris has become the 'Father of Political Unity' of Kebbi while Sen. Alieru remains the 'Master Card' of politics in the state". At a public event recently in Birnin Kebbi, Alieru told the gathering that politics was now over, showering encomiums on Governor Idris for his remarkable performance in governance and rapid development of Kebbi within a short space of time. In the 2023 senatorial elections, Senator Alieru contested under the PDP and defeated the then incumbent Governor Atiku Bagudu of the APC. Prior to the polls, Alieru defected from the APC to the PDP to vie for Kebbi Central senatorial district which he won



Ghana's New President, John Mahama Takes The Oath Of Office

in a ceremony attended by world leaders, including John Mahama returned to the office he held eight years ago following his commanding victory in December elections. Mahama, 66, defeated the ruling-party's candidate amid voter anger over economic hardship exacerbated by Ghana's 2022 sovereign-debt default. He clinched 56.6% support in a country where the margin between the two main political parties has previously been very slim. Meanwhile some governors of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) visited Mahama before his swearing in. Among the PDP governors who paid the visit to Mahama were the Governor of Delta State, Sheriff Oborewori; Adamawa State Governor, Ahmadu Fintiri; Zamfara State Governor, Dauda Lawal; Taraba State Governor, Agbu Kefas and Plateau State Governor, Caleb Mutfwang. In a brief post on his social media handle, Governor Oborewori said the visit was to enhance bilateral relations between Ghana and their states. "It was a privilege to pay a courtesy visit to the President-elect of Ghana, His Excellency, John Dramani Mahama, earlier today alongside my brother governors. "This visit will enhance the bilateral relations between our states and, by extension, strengthen the ties between our beloved country, Nigeria and our sister nation, Ghana," he stated. Also, Governor Fintiri stated that the visit was a show of solidarity with Mahama as he begins a new chapter of leadership in Ghana