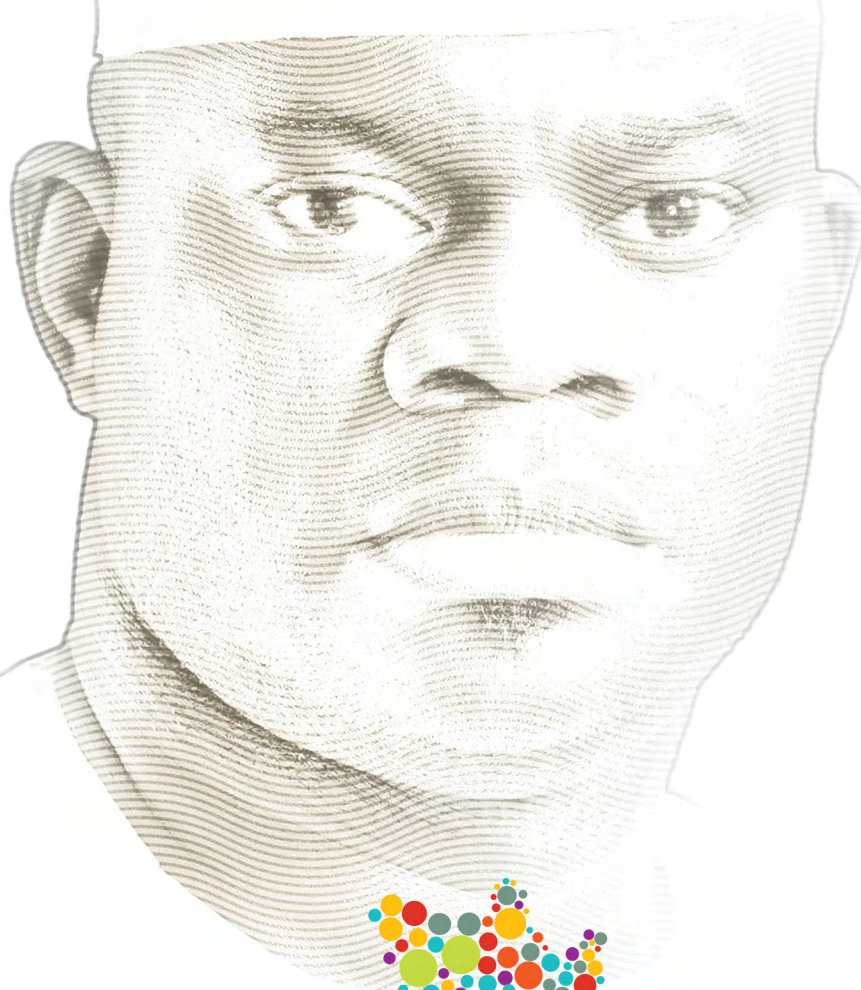




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CHAPTER ONE

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GOVERNOR YAHAYA BELLO

Governor Yahaya Bello was sworn in on January 27, 2016, making history as the youngest governor ever in Nigeria. When he agreed to put his integrity on the line to defend the welfare of his Kogi people, he never looked back until he achieved his aim. Being a positive thinker, Bello never lost hope that his aspiration of bringing good governance to the people is doable. He believed the redemption of Kogi lies in his generation. He injected innovations into politics stemming from his relationship with his Chief Strategist, Honourable Edward David Onoja. For instance, prior to the August 29, 2015 Primaries, he assembled his Ward and Local Government Coordinators to enlighten them about his dreams for Kogi State. According to him, it is impossible to market a product one barely know about. He charged the coordinators to be fearless and approach their task with all sense of responsibility. *“The future of Kogi lies on your shoulders. You now have a golden opportunity to reject a failed status quo and join me to build a new Kogi that will be capable of meeting the needs of its people”*, he said. It took the veteran in the late Prince Abubakar Audu to dislodge Yahaya Bello into a respectable second in a contest of over 22 seasoned politicians. While other aspirants were sharing money to the delegates, Yahaya Bello shared promissory letters to them. *“As your governor, I will give you jobs, put your roads in shape, revamp your education and healthcare and empower you to empower others”*. This practice is quite alien to the politics of the state where the highest bidders always win. Coming second in the contest, he was the first to rise up to congratulate the late Prince Abubakar Audu in the magnificent Confluence Stadium, venue of the primaries.

By divine intervention, Governor Yahaya Bello emerged the Executive Governor of Kogi State, at the conclusion of the electoral process, after the demise of the great Political Leader of our State, Prince Alhaji Abubakar Audu. As soon as he took the oath of Office, the Governor hit the ground running by appointing three key aids. These Aids are his Chief of Staff, Hon. Edward David Onoja from the Kogi East Senatorial District; his Chief Press Secretary, Hon. Kingsley Fanwo, from the Kogi West Senatorial District; and the Special Adviser on Media and Strategy, Hon. Abdulkarim Abdulmalik from the Kogi Central senatorial district.

The Governor was faced with a lot of cantankerous and ominous opposition, not only from the opposition Party, but also from within his own Party, the APC. This led the Governor to be inimitable and ingenious in handling the vagaries of governance. At this point also, the political situation in the Kogi State House of Assembly was not only tumultuous, but also capable of shattering the dreams and aspirations

of the people of Kogi State to smatterings. Also at this time, His Excellency was bombarded with a retinue of Legal imbroglios that were beginning to threaten his divine mandate. The Governor therefore had to dip into his wealth of experience and come up with an ingenious solution to the lacuna created by all the unnecessary distractions.

The Governor appointed his Deputy, the Secretary to the State Government, and 21 Special Advisers to work with him in the business of governance. Some Special Advisers were later appointed Commissioners, while the depleted ranks of Special Advisers was increased back to 21.

The first Executive Council Meeting was held on the 14th of June, 2016. The Council received 104 Memos within the period under review. The Governor presented 3 important Memos on Security, Energy, Mining and the purchase of vehicles for the MDAs. Every member of Council was given the opportunity to present his/her Memo.

One major executive decision that this government undertook was the screening exercise which is still causing ripples across the length and breadth of the political stratosphere. The importance of the screening exercise to the continued survival of the hegemony called Kogi State, cannot be overemphasized. The exercise has saved the state from ghost workers and ghost institutions, and has also saved Billions of Naira that can now be deployed into infrastructural and socio-economic development, the result of this exercise is in the process of been gazette.

COMMITTEES INAUGURATED BY THE GOVERNOR

1. Fiscal Responsibility Committee
2. Judicial Commission of Inquiry
3. Kogi State Staff Verification Committee
4. Kogi State Staff Screening Appeal Committee
5. Kogi State Staff Verification Review Committee

REPORT ON KOGI STATE STAFF SCREENING AND VERIFICATION EXERCISE

Upon assumption of duty as the Executive Governor of Kogi State on January 27, 2016, the Government of Alhaji Yahaya Bello inherited huge salaries and pension arrears of four months for the state and nine months for the Local Governments. Initial assessment revealed over-bloated workforce with an inverted pyramid structure.

One of the cardinal objectives enshrined in blueprint agenda is Public Sector and Pension reform, to ensure effective and efficient service delivery at all levels.

After wide consultation with Organized labour and relevant stakeholders, The Governor His Excellency Alhaji Yahaya Bello set up a committee to carry out staff screening and verification Committee with a mandate to determine the actual workforce of the state and also come up with recommendations to reposition the state public service.

The Exercise have successfully been completed attempt to do same in the past proved abortive, highlight are as below:

a) **Cleared & unclear Public Servants as at December 1, 2016**

Following the conclusion of the exercise, we were able to authenticate 43,522 as the CLEARED workforce of the State and Local Governments. The Summary is as below;

SUMMARY OF CLEARED AND UNCLEAR PUBLIC SERVANTS AS AT DECEMBER 1, 2016				
S/N	CATEGORY OF EMPLOYEE	CLEARED	UNCLEAR	TOTAL
1	MDAs	12,170	6,995	19,165
2	LGAs	12,126	10,853	22,979
3	LGEAs - TEACHERS	8,760	10,540	19,300
4	LGEAs - OFFICE	1,516	1,427	2,943
5	STATE PENSIONS	5,569	818	6,387
6	LG PENSIONS	3,381	2,120	5,501
	TOTAL	43,522	32,753	76,275

b) **Established Ghost Workers/Unintended Beneficiaries as at December 1, 2016**

As at the time of inaugurating the Staff Screening and Verification Committee in February 22, 2016, the total staff on the nominal payroll of the State including pensioners was 86,100 with monthly wage bills of ₦5, 625,933,096.26 (Excluding public servants of the State judiciary)

- (i) **Ghost workers (Category 1)**
These are purported Public Servants that failed to turn up in the different phases of screening exercise. A total of 9,825 were discovered as detailed in the table below;

SUMMARY OF CATEGORY I GHOST WORKERS AS AT DECEMBER 1, 2016				
S/N	DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYER	PUBLIC SERVANTS ON NOMINAL PAYROLL AS AT JANUARY 27, 2016	PUBLIC SERVANTS SCREENED AS AT DECEMBER 1, 2016	GHOST WORKER (CATEGORY 1)
1	MDAs	23,002.00	19,165.00	3,837.00
2	LGAs	25,313.00	22,979.00	2,334.00
3	LGEAs - TEACHERS	20,340.00	19,300.00	1,040.00
4	LGEAs - OFFICE	3,110.00	2,943.00	167.00
5	STATE PENSIONS	8,762.00	6,387.00	2,375.00
6	LG PENSIONS	5,573.00	5,501.00	72.00
	TOTAL	86,100.00	76,275.00	9,825.00
NOTE: THE STATE JUDICIARY PUBLIC SERVANTS WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE ANALYSIS ABOVE				

Ghost workers (Category II)

These are public servants with proven cases of gross misconduct in breach of public rules, e.g those collecting salaries but not working in the state, students on the state underage employee etc . A total of 13,859 were discovered in this category as detailed table below;

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC SERVANTS WITH PROVEN CASES OF GROSS MISCONDUCT AS AT DECEMBER 1, 2016											
S/N	DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYER	2015 & 2016 EMPLOYMENT	DIASPORA WORKERS	EMPLOYED WHILE IN SCHOOL	IMPROPER EMPLOYMENT	MANIPULATED EMPLOYMENT	FALSIFICATION OF RECORDS	ABSENCE FROM WORK WITHOUT LEAVE APPROVAL	FORGED ACADEMIC CERTIFICATES (VERIFICATION STILL ONGOING)	MINOR	ESTABLISHED GHOST (CATEGORY I)
1	MDAs	806	314	5	4	17	1,124	87	33	55	2,44
2	LGAs	711	567	33	56	128	3,081	490	116	435	5,61
3	LGEAs - TEACHERS	610	345	14	1,700	105	1,920	148	86	322	5,25
4	LGEAs - OFFICE	15	46	-	128	11	233	40	8	66	54
5	STATE PENSIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	LG PENSIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL	2,142	1,272	52	1,888	261	6,358	765	243	878	13,85

Total ghost workers

From the category 1 and 2 above, the state uncovered a total of 23,684 ghost workers who hitherto illegitimately drawing salaries from the state coffers.

SUMMARY OF TOTAL GHOST WORKERS AS AT DECEMBER 1, 2016			
S/N	CATEGORY OF GHOST WORKERS	NUMBERS AS AT DECEMBER 1, 2016	REMARK
1	CATEGORY I	9,825	These are public servants that failed to appear for the screening
2	CATEGORY II	13,859	These are public servants with proven cases of gross misconduct (e.g Diaspora, Student on payroll, Underage employment etc)
	TOTAL	23,684	
NOTE: THE STATE JUDICIARY PUBLIC SERVANTS WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE ANALYSIS ABOVE			

c) Estimated Savings from the Screening Exercise

i. Scenario 1

The estimated monthly wage bills of CLEARED workforce after the conclusion of the screening review exercise was ₦2,869,242,055.65 and savings of ₦2,788,029,807.24 (as explained in the table below) hitherto being earned by these categories of Ghost Workers/Unintended Beneficiaries.

SUMMARY OF EMPLOYEES BY MDAs, LGAs & LGEAs AND THEIR WAGE BILLS AS AT DECEMBER 1, 2016				
S/N	Description (Categories of Staff)	CURRENT CLEARED LIST	ESTIMATED MONTHLY WAGEBILL	ESTIMATED SAVINGS
1	State Ministries, Departments & Agencies (MDA's)	12,170.00	1,133,577,528.62	1,008,949,202.13
2	Local Governments Departments	12,126.00	645,795,263.91	702,301,018.08
3	LGEA - Teachers	8,760.00	526,886,685.48	732,589,021.60
4	LGEA - Office	1,516.00	91,182,672.97	65,800,688.80
5	State Government Pensioners	5,569.00	298,180,107.83	170,962,306.39
6	Local Government Pensioners	3,381.00	173,619,796.84	107,427,570.24
	Total	43,522.00	2,869,242,055.65	2,788,029,807.24
NOTE: THE FIGURE ABOVE REPRESENT THE WAGE BILL OF THE CLEARED LIST AS T DECEMBER 1, 2016, EXCLUDING PUBLIC SERVANTS IN THE STATE JUDICIARY				

i) Scenario 2

Where there are cases of arbitration especially through the Industrial Court, we are assuming at most 50% of the Unclear public servant returned to the payroll. In the event of this occurrence, the number of public servants may likely increase to 52,969 with estimated monthly wage bill and savings of ₦3,482,459,347.41 and ₦2,174,812,515.48 respectively.

SUMMARY OF EMPLOYEES BY MDAs, LGAs & LGEAs AND THEIR WAGE BILLS AS AT DECEMBER 1, 2016						
S/N	Description (Categories of Staff)	CURRENT CLEARED LIST	IF 50% OF THE UNCLEARED RETURNED TO PAYROL	TOTAL WORKFORCE	ESTIMATED MONTHLY WAGEBILL	ESTIMATE SAVINGS
1	State Ministries, Departments & Agencies (MDA's)	12,170.00	2,275.00	14,445.00	1,345,482,941.73	797,043,789.02
2	Local Governments Departments	12,126.00	2,618.00	14,744.00	785,222,280.32	562,874,001.67
3	LGEA - Teachers	8,760.00	2,645.00	11,405.00	685,975,188.12	573,500,518.96
4	LGEA - Office	1,516.00	440.00	1,956.00	117,647,301.01	39,336,060.77
5	State Government Pensioners	5,569.00	409.00	5,978.00	320,079,131.73	149,063,282.49
6	Local Government Pensioners	3,381.00	1,060.00	4,441.00	228,052,504.51	52,994,862.57
	Total	43,522.00	9,447.00	52,969.00	3,482,459,347.41	2,174,812,515.48
NOTE: THE FIGURE ABOVE REPRESENT THE WAGE BILL OF THE CLEARED LIST AS T DECEMBER 1, 2016 WITH THE ASSUMPTION OF 50% OF THE THE UNCLAR RETURNING TO PAYROLL, EXCLUDING PUBLIC SERVANTS IN THE STATE JUDICIARY						

As in the table above, the Government is expected to save the sum of ₦26,097,750,185.70 on annual basis.

Looking at 13 years of the previous administrations in the State, the Government has lost a colossal sum of ₦339,270,752,414.10 to Ghost Workers/Unintended Beneficiaries.

The negative effect of this avoidable monumental losses on the socio-economic development of the State can better be imagined. The over ₦339.2 Billion that was fraudulently diverted into private pockets if properly channeled into the development of the State would have turned the socio-economic landscape of the State to the admiration of the whole nation and by extension the continent of Africa. This would have enabled the State to construct good roads, build health centres, schools and other necessary infrastructures lacking today in the State.

The Government of His Excellency Alhaji Yahaya Bello desire therefore, to fully implement the recommendations that came with this exercise, which we hope will help in transforming the fortune of the State.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF KOGI STATE

The Deputy Governor of Kogi State, The Rt. Hon Simon Achuba who was born on July 13, 1964, is from Ibaji LGA, Kogi State. He is a seasoned politician with varied experience in the politics of Kogi State. He was a two-time member of the Kogi State House of Assembly between 1999 and 2007 and the deputy speaker of the House between 2003 and 2007. He was the immediate past chairman of Kogi State Environmental Protection Board.

The Deputy Governor carries out his statutory functions in addition to such others as may be assigned to him by the Executive Governor from time to time. He is an ardent loyalist of the Governor and has worked assiduously as a bridge between the Government and every part of Kogi State, especially Kogi East Senatorial Zone where he hails from. In addition, he continues to be a rallying point for synergy between the Executive, the Legislative and the Judicial arms of Government. He has brought excellence, humility and initiative to his traditional roles as the number one assistant to the Governor in the business of governance.

Indeed the achievements of the current administration are also his achievements and he takes great delight in playing any role that will highlight the successes of his Excellency, Governor Yahaya Bello of Kogi State and the New Direction Administration.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT

His Excellency Alhaji Yahaya Bello appointed Mrs Ayoade Folashade Arike a 51years old native of Ifeolukotun, in Yagba East Local Government Area of Kogi State. She holds a PhD in Biochemistry, and she is also the first Fellow of the Mycotoxicology Society of Nigeria.

Her office supervises the Commissioners and their line Agencies, hence, her role is atop the pyramid in consideration of the achievements of all Ministries, Departments and Agencies.

The Secretary to the State Government, on assumption of Office brought energy and sagacity to her role in the present Administration. She has shown adequate supervision of the Cabinet Office in serving the State and the Executive Council. She is fondly called the “Margaret Thatcher of Kogi State”, by His Excellency Governor Yahaya Bello, due to her firmness and principled style. Her good interpersonal relationship and pizzazz has helped interaction with other Secretaries of State Government.

Mrs. Ayoade Folashade Arike PhD. ensures orderliness in the business of governance. She is a stickler for due process and has zero tolerance for tardiness. She is the head of the Super Political Action Committee (PAC) on Public Sector and Pension Reform which coincidentally was the first Super PAC to present its white paper to Council. She is currently working on automating and integrating the nominal register and the payroll of the Civil Servants in the State.

Her astute and indefatigable nature has brought sanity to the state Civil Service, which has breathe new life to the business of governance. She is also an experienced negotiator, having intervened in industrial disputes and has never failed to secure an amicable resolution.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Hon. Edward David Onoja brings his wealth of experience from the organized private sector to his role as the Chief of Staff to His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Kogi State Governor Yahaya Bello. Being among the first set of political appointees, his office as the Governor's Policy Chief Strategist aided in the conception of the three volume New Direction Blueprint which is a demand driven strategic policy document that has a direct impact on meeting the needs of the people in-line with the Governor's campaign promises.

His purpose driven nature and display of political intelligence guarantees that political offices permeates ethnic divides. As the Gubernatorial Vicar, he worked hard to make sure that the grass-root has direct representation with the government of His Excellency Alhaji Yahaya Bello.

Aside acting as a liaison with the other aides of the Governor for the smooth operation of the governance, he has successfully advised the Administration in reducing the political overhead estimated at over two billion naira annually, resources which have now been channeled into other areas of development in the State.

In the formation of the State's Executive Council including members in attendance, his office has ensured a representation of at least one person per local government.

Another specialized achievement of his Office is that he liaises with the other aides of the Governor for the smooth operation of Government activities.

THE UNDER LISTED ARE SOME OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMOS THAT WERE PRESENTED.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DECISIONS WITHIN THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW

S/N.	EXCOM. NO.	TITLE	SUBMITTED BY
1.	1 (2016)	Security	His Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Bello, The Executive Governor of Kogi State
2.	2 (2016)	KEMDA - Kogi State Energy and Mineral Resources Development Agency	His Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Bello, The Executive Governor of Kogi State
3.	3 (2016)	Policy on Monitoring and Evaluation	Oloruntoba Kehinde, Hon. Commissioner for Budget and Planning
4.	4 (2016)	Equipping the Ministry of Information.	Mohammed Awwal Imam, Hon. Commissioner for Information, Culture and Tourism.
5	5 (2016)	Needs of the Culture and Tourism Agency	Hon. Mohammed Awwal Imam, Hon. Commissioner for Information, Culture and Tourism.
6	6 (2016)	NIMET Rainfall Predictions, implications, Possible Precautions and Remedies for Kogi State	Rosemary Ojochenemi Osikoya, Hon. Commissioner, Ministry for Environment.
7.	7 (2016)	Lokoja Sixteen (16) Kilometer Radius	Engr. A.A. Sadiq MNSE, Hon. Commissioner for Works, Housing, Lands and Urban Development
8.	8 (2016)	Delivery of Roads Infrastructure .	Engr. A.A. Sadiq MNSE, Hon. Commissioner for Works, Housing, Lands and Urban Development
9.	9 (2016)	Board members and General Manager of Kogi State Sanitation & Waste Management Board.	Rosemary Ojochenemi Osikoya, Hon. Commissioner, Ministry for Environment
10.	10 (2016)	Kogi State Government and the CBN Anchor Borrowers' programme	Dr. Tim Nda Diche, Hon. Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources.
11.	11 (2016)	Fadama III counterpart funding.	Dr. Tim Nda Diche, Hon. Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources.
12	12 (2016)	The CBN Commercial Agriculture Credit Scheme (CACS) facility	Dr. Tim Nda Diche, Hon. Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources.

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13.	13 (2016)	Printing Press for Kogi State Newspaper Corporation.	Mohammed Awwal Imam, Hon. Commissioner, Ministry for Information, Culture and Tourism.
14.	14 (2016)	Portable water provision in Kogi State.	Barr. Momoh Ozigi Salami, Hon. Commissioner, Ministry for Water Resources.
15	15 (2016)	Kogi State Road Transport System and the Lokoja Mega Terminal (LMT).	Prince Sani Ogu SalisuHon. Commissioner, Ministry for Transportation.
16	16 (2016)	Organizational Structure; Recruitment; and Inter-M DA Posting.	Rosemary Ojochenemi Osikoya, Hon. Commissioner, Ministry for Environment.
17	17 (2016)	The Procurement of ten Buses (Haice Toyota Mid Roof)	Prince Sani Ogu SalisuHon. Commissioner, Ministry for Transportation.
18	18 (2016)	Nigerian Army Forward operating Base (FOB) in Kogi State.	Engr. A.A. Sadiq MNSE, Hon. Commissioner for Works, Housing, Lands and Urban Development
19	19 (2016)	Hon. Commissioners offices/quarters	Engr. A.A. Sadiq MNSE, Hon. Commissioner for Works, Housing, Lands and Urban Development
20	20 (2016)	The Repositioning Forestry and Crops produce.	Dr. Tim Diche, Hon. Commissioner, Ministry for Agriculture and Natural Resources.
21	21 (2016)	The Establishment “Fair Healthcare.	Dr. Saka Haruna Audu, Hon. Commissioner, Ministry for Health.
22	22 (2016)	Combating Medical Quackery in Kogi State.	Dr. Saka Haruna Audu, Hon. Commissioner, Ministry for Health.
23	23 (2016)	PPP in Kogi State Health Sector.	Dr. Saka Haruna Audu, Hon. Commissioner, Ministry for Health.
24	24 (2016)	Lokoja Beach Embankment Project	Rosemary Ojochenemi Osikoya, Hon. Commissioner Ministry for Environment.
25	25 (2016)	Establishment of Kogi State Traffic Management Agency (KOTRAMA)	Prince Sani Ogu Salisu, Hon. Commissioner, Ministry for Transportation
26	26 (2016)	Purchase of 110 Nos Ford Pick up 4 x 4 Vehicles and 14 Nos Joy Long 19 Seater Buses for the business of Governance.	His Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Bello, The Executive Governor of Kogi State

S/N.	EXCOM. NO.	TITLE	SUBMITTED BY
27	27 (2016)	Kogi State School Farm Scheme (SFS) for Private and Public Secondary Schools.	Dr. Tim Diche, Hon. Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources
28	28 (2016)	Harmonise Taxes, Levies, Rates, Fees and Charges collectable in Kogi State.	Asiwaju Asiru Idris, Hon. Commissioner for Finance and Economic Development
29	(29) 2016	Automated Hospital Scheme Initiative	Dr. Saka Haruna Audu, Hon. Commissioner for Health
30	30 (2016)	Sustainable Drug Supply System	Dr. Saka Haruna Audu, Hon. Commissioner for Health
31	31 (2016)	Department of Marriage Registry to Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development.	Mrs. Bolanle Amupitan, Hon. Commissioner of Women Affairs and Social Development.
32	31 (2016)	Participation in Phase2 Rural Access and Mobility Project (RAMP II).	Enema Paul, Hon. Commissioner for Rural Development
33	32 (2016)	Creation of Cluster Farms (Family Farming)	Dr. Tim Diche, Hon. Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources.
34	33 (2016)	Ratification of the purchase of 110 Nos of Ford Pick up 4 x 4 Vehicles and 14 Nos Joy Long 19 Seater Busses for Kogi State Ministries, Departments, Agencies/ Security Agencies and Labour Unions.	Mrs. Lawal H.O.K, Ag. Head of Civil Service.
35	34 (2016)	Construction of Kogi Revenue House, Lokoja.	Engr. A.A. Sadiq MNSE, Hon. Commissioner for Works, Lands, Housing and Urban Development.
36	35 (2016)	Construction of Obehira/ Ihima Road to Obangede.	Engr. A.A. Sadiq MNSE, Hon. Commissioner for Works, Lands, Housing and Urban Development.
37	(36) 2016	Rehabilitation/ Asphalt Overlay on Chari Maigumeri Army Barracks Ring Road and Streetlighting.	Engr. A.A. Sadiq MNSE, Hon. Commissioner for Works, Lands, Housing and Urban Development.
38	37 (2016)	Purchase of NPK and Liquid Fertilizer Enymes, Sprayers Equipment, fumigators, Crop conditioners	Dr. Tim Diche, Hon. Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources.

S/N.	EXCOM. NO.	TITLE	SUBMITTED BY
39	38 (2016)	Land for construction of office Complex for the Kogi State Ministry of Justice	Hon. Ibrahim Sanni Muhammed. Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice.
40	(40) 2016	Flash Flood in Kabba/ Bunu Local Government Area.	Rosemary Ojochenemi Osikoya, Hon. Commissioner for Environment
41	(41) 2016	Construction of Ogamina na/Ebogogo Road to Eika/ Itakpe Okene	Engr. A.A. Sadiq MNSE, Hon. Commissioner for Works, Lands, Housing and Urban Development.
42	(42) 2016	Utilization need for the funds available to the State Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)	Alh. Asiwaju Idris Asiru, Hon. Commissioner for Finance and Economic Development.
43	(45) 2016	Emergency repairs/ maintenance of Inner Township Roads within Lokoja.	Engr. A.A. Sadiq MNSE, Hon. Commissioner for Works, Lands, Housing and Urban Development.
44	(43) 2016	Creation of Cluster Farms (Family Farming)	Dr. Tim Diche, Hon. Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources.
45	(44) 2016	Livestock/Crop Produce/ Cashew Haulage Control Posts in Kogi State	Dr. Tim Diche, Hon. Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources.
46	(46) 2016	Purchase of Six (6) Generators	Mrs. H.O.K Lawal, Ag. Head of Civil Service
47	(46) 2016	Kabba Flash Flood in Kabba/Bunu Local Government Area.	Rosemary Ojochenemi Osikoya, Hon. Commissioner for Environment.
48	(47) 2016	Rehabilitation of thirty (30) Water Projects in the State.	Barr. Momodu Ozigi Salami, Hon. Commissioner for Water Resources.
49	(49) 2016	Four days retreat for Political Office Holders and Top Government Officials.	Ayoade Folashade Arike (Mrs) Secretary to the Government of Kogi State.
50	(48) 2016	Celebration of the Silver Jubilee of the creation of Kogi State (Kogi@25).	Ayoade Folashade Arike (Mrs) Secretary to the Government of Kogi State.
51	(50) 2016	Development of the Kogi State Construction and Energy Sector	Dr. Tim Diche, Hon. Commissioner for Agriculture
52	(51) 2016	Training Needs Assessment (TNA) and the Development of Training Policy for the State Civil Service.	Mrs. H.O.K Lawal, Ag. Head of Civil Service

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53	(52) 2016	Kogi State Monitoring and Evaluation Law.	Mr. Oloruntoba Kehinde, Hon. Commissioner for Budget and Planning
54	(53) 2016	Medium Term Expenditure Frame Work/Multi Year Budget Frame Work (2017-2019).	Mr. Oloruntoba Kehinde, Hon. Commissioner for Budget and Planning
55	(54) 2016	Harmonized Education Quality Assurance Agency (EM)	Hon. Jacob Sunday Tolorunleke Hon. Commissioner for Education, Science and Technology
56	(55) 2016	Enforcement of Kogi State Vigilante Service	Cdr. Jerry Omodara (Rtd) State Security Adviser.
57	(59) 2016	Gates and Fence repairs at Government House, Lokoja.	Engr. A.A Sadiq, MNSE, Hon. Commissioner for Works, Lands, Housing and Urban Development
58	(60) 2016	Wireless Solar-Powered Traffic Signal Light System.	Engr. A.A Sadiq, MNSE, Hon. Commissioner for Works, Lands, Housing and Urban Development
59	61 (2016)	Electrical Power Generating Sets for Kogi State Government	Engr. A.A Sadiq, MNSE, Hon. Commissioner for Works, Lands, Housing and Urban Development
60	62 (2016)	Two (2) Nos. of Fire Fighting Mobile Tanks for Kogi State Government.	Engr. A.A Sadiq, MNSE, Hon. Commissioner for Works, Lands, Housing and Urban Development
61	63 (2016)	Construction and Operation of a State Owned Orphanage	Mrs. Bolanle Amupitan, Hon. Commissioner for Women Affairs and Social Development
62	64 (2016)	33KV Electricity Line Extension from Zango-Daji Junction to Banda.	Hon. Enema Paul, Hon. Commissioner for Rural Development
63	65 (2016)	Bill to Complete the Comprehensive Diagnostic and Imaging Centre, Lokoja.	Hon. Saka Haruna Audu, Hon. Commissioner for Health
64	66 (2016)	Renovation and Introduction of New courses in College of Nursing and Midwifery, Obangede.	Hon. Saka Haruna Audu, Hon. Commissioner for Health
65	66 (2016)	Procurement of Science Laboratory equipment; Introduction of new courses in College of Health Sciences and Technology (CHST)	Hon. Saka Haruna Audu, Hon. Commissioner for Health

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66	67 (2016)	Evidence of Payment of Business Premises Registration and Renewal by Companies	Alhaji Sanusi Usman Yahaya, Hon. Commissioner for Commerce and Industry
67	68 (2016)	Development of Fishing Festival for Tourist Attraction.	Dr. Tim Diche, Hon. Commissioner for Agriculture
68	69 (2016)	Deployment of Staff from the Board of Internal Revenue (BIR), Offices of the State Auditor-General and Local Government Auditor-General to the Office of the Head of Civil Service.	Mrs. H.O.K Lawal, Ag. Head of Civil Service
69	71 (2016)	Bill for a Law to Establish the State Mortgage Board and Regulation.	Hon. Asiwaju Asiru Idris, Hon. Commissioner for Finance and Economic Development
70	70 (2016)	Repositioning Kogi State Broadcasting Corporation; Graphic Newspapers for Grassroots Mobilization; and Government Printing Press	Ayoade Folashade Arike (Mrs) Secretary to the Government of State.
71	84 (2016)	Signage and Advertisement Agency.	Ayoade Folashade Arike (Mrs) Secretary to the Government of State.
72	73 (2016)	Reticulation and Metering of Water in Lokoja Metropolis (Phase Two).	Barr. Salami Momodu Ozigi, Hon. Commissioner for Water Resources
73	74 (2016)	Constitution of the State Project Coordinating Committee (SPCC).	Hon. Oloruntoba Kehinde, Hon. Commissioner for Budget and Planning.
74	75 (2016)	Review of Timeline and Payment of Kogi State Second Installment Contribution to UN-Habitat for 5-Item Intervention.	Hon. Rosemary Ojochenemi Osikoya, Hon. Commissioner, Ministry for Environment
75	76 (2016)	Internal Control of State Forest.	Hon. Rosemary Ojochenemi Osikoya, Hon. Commissioner, Ministry for Environment
76	79 (2016)	Proposed Rehabilitation of Ogori/ Magongo road.	Engr. A.A Sadiq, MNSE, Hon. Commissioner for Works, Lands, Housing and Urban Development

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77	83 (2016)	Land Acquired for the SSG's Residential Quarters.	Engr. A.A Sadiq, MNSE, Hon. Commissioner for Works,Lands, Housing and Urban Development
78	78 (2016)	2017 Draft Budget	Hon. Oloruntoba Kehinde,Hon. Commissioner for Budget and Planning.
79	80 (2016)	Abejukolo (Omala LGA) Electrification Power Improvement Project.	Hon. Enema Paul, Hon. Commissioner for Rural Development
80	81 (2016)	Release of Fund for Kogi State Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)'S programme on Health Development across the State	Hon. Oloruntoba Kehinde, Hon. Commissioner for Budget and Planning.
81	82 (2016)	Incorporation of a New Solid Mineral Company For Kogi State	Hon. Ibrahim Sanni Muhammed Hon. Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice
82	85 (2016)	Establishment of Kogi State Agricultural Micro Finance Bank Ltd.	Dr. Tim Nda Diche, Hon. Commissioner for Agriculture
83	86 (2016)	Additional Counterpart Fund for Kogi State Nigeria Erosion & Waste Management Project (KGSNEWMAP).	Hon. Rosemary Ojochenemi Osikoya, Hon. Commissioner, Ministry for Environment
84	91 (2016)	Accreditation of the Kogi State Medical School.	Dr. Saka Haruna Audu Hon. Commissioner, Ministry for Health
85	(92) 2016	Offer to buy 4 (four) out of Ten (10) Houses from the Beneficiaries of the Court's Judgment on Commissioners' Quarters on the directive of Council	Hon. Ibrahim Sanni Muhammed Hon. Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice.
86	(93) 2016	Task force for Traffic Decongestion in Kogi State	Prince Sani Ogu SalisuHon. Commissioner for Transportation
87	(95) 2016	Report of the Committee on Viability and Sustainability of Signage and Advertisement Agency in Kogi State.	Mr. Abdulkarim Abdulmalik Director-General, Bureau of Information Services and Grassroots Mobilisation.

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88	(96) 2016	Payment of Kogi State Second Installment Contribution to UN-Habitat for 5-Item Intervention.	Hon. Rosemary Ojochenemi Osikoya, Hon. Commissioner, Ministry for Environment
89	(97) 2016	Bill for the Establishment of Kogi State Hotel and Tourism Board.	Ayoade Folashade Arike (Mrs) Secretary to the Government of State.
90	(98) 2016	Electrical Power Improvement for Agassa Town and Ogori/Magongo Local Government Area.	Hon. Emema Paul, Hon. Commissioner, Ministry for Rural Development
91	(94) 2016	Implementation of Fiscal Sustain-ability Plan and Engagement of Sapphire Ngr Consulting Ltd as Coordinating Consultant.	Hon. Asiwaju Asiru Idris, Hon. Commissioner for Finance and Economic Development
92	(99) 2016	Payment of Consultancy Fee to Ohiku Integrated Business Ltd.	Hon. Asiwaju Asiru Idris, Hon. Commissioner for Finance and Economic Development
93	(103) 2016	2017 Draft Budget.	Hon. Oloruntoba Kehinde, Hon. Commissioner for Budget and Planning
94	(108) 2016	Proposed Construction & Rehabilitation of Lokoja Township Roads Lot III.	Engr. A.A Sadiq, MNSE, Hon. Commissioner for Works, Lands, Housing and Urban Development
95	(110) 2016	Proposed Construction & Rehabilitation of Lokoja Township Roads Lot II.	Engr. A.A Sadiq, MNSE, Hon. Commissioner for Works, Lands, Housing and Urban Development
96	(109) 2016	Proposed Rehabilitation /Asphalt Overlay & Construction of Idah/Iyano Road (with Spur from Odogwu to Unale.	Engr. A. A. Sadiq, MNSE, Hon. Commissioner for Works, Lands, Housing and Urban Development
97	(102) 2016	Proposed Rehabilitation/ Reconstruction of Ankpa/ Abejukolo Road	Engr. A.A Sadiq, MNSE, Hon. Commissioner for Works, Lands, Housing and Urban Development

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98	(101) 2016	Proposed Remand Home and Rehabilitation Centre, Lokoja	Engr. A. A Sadiq, MNSE, Hon. Commissioner for Works, Lands, Housing and Urban Development
99	(104) 2016	Proposed Rehabilitation of Shin-taku/Ugbokolo/ Dekina Road.	Engr. A. A Sadiq, MNSE, Hon. Commissioner for Works, Lands, Housing and Urban Development
100	(107) 2016	Fund to Execute Intervention Projects in Government Day Secondary School, Adankolo, Lokoja	Dr. Tolorunleke Sunday Jacob, Hon. Commissioner for Education Science and Technology
101	(106) 2016	Request for Release of Fund to Print and Publish Revised Laws of Kogi State	Mr. Ibrahim Sanni Muhammed, Hon. Attorney -General and Commissioner for Justice
102	(105) 2016	Construction & Rehabilitation of Lokoja Township Roads Lot I	Engr. A.A Sadiq, MNSE, Hon. Commissioner for Works, Lands, Housing and Urban Development
103	(111) 2016	Legal Fees to the Counsel on State Defence	Mr. Ibrahim Sanni Muhammed, Hon. Attorney -General and Commissioner for Justice
104	(111) 2016	Procurement of Two (2)	Mrs. Lawal H.O.K Ag. Head of Civil Service



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HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, HIS DEPUTY GOVERNOR, RT. HON. SIMEON ACHUBA, THE SECRETARY TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT, MRS. AYOADE FOLASHADE ARIKE PhD, IN AN EXCO MEETING AT SNOW, GOVERNMENT HOUSE



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, AT THE NEW EXCO HALL, GOVERNMENT HOUSE, DURING AN EXCO MEETING.



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, THE CHIEF OF STAFF, HON. ONOJA DAVID EDWARD, IN AN EXECUTIVE MEETING AT THE NEW BANQUET HALL, GOVERNMENT HOUSE.



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A CROSS-SESSION OF SPECIAL ADVISERS IN AN EXCO MEETING, AT THE NEW EXCO HALL, GOVERNMENT HOUSE.



THE D.G MEDIA AND STRATEGIES, HON. OLORUNFEMI KINGSLEY FANWO, HON. COMMISSIONER FOR ENVIRONMENT, MRS. ROSEMARY OSHIKOYA, AT A PRESS BRIEFING AFTER AN EXCO MEETING.



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A CROSS-SECTION OF COMMISSIONERS AT THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY,



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, THE STATE SECURITY ADVISER, NAVY COMMANDER OMODARA (RTD).

SELECTED SPEECHES

KOGI, THIS CHANGE IS YOURS!

BEING TEXT OF THE INAUGURAL SPEECH BY HIS EXCELLENCY, ALHAJI YAHAYA BELLO ON THE OCCASION OF HIS SWEARING-IN AS 4TH EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, KOGI STATE OF NIGERIA ON WEDNESDAY, 27TH JANUARY, 2016 AT LOKOJA.

PROTOCOLS

His Excellency, President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, The President, Federal Republic of Nigeria.

His Excellency, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, The Vice President, Federal Republic of Nigeria.

His Excellency, Dr. Olubukola Saraki, The President, Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

His Lordship, Hon. Justice Mahmud Mohammed, GCON, The Chief Justice of Nigeria.

His Excellency, Hon. Yakubu Dogara, The Speaker, House of Representatives.

His Excellency, Chief John Odigie Oyejgun, The National Chairman of the All Progressives Congress.

His Excellency, Senator Bola Ahmed Tinubu, The National Leader of the All Progressives Congress.

Your Excellencies, My Brother Governors here present or represented

His Excellency, Rt. Honourable Momoh Jimoh Lawal, The Honourable Speaker, Kogi State House of Assembly.

My Lord, Honourable Justice Nasiru Ajanah, The Chief Judge of Kogi State.

Royal Fathers and Revered Custodians of Our Traditional Institutions.

Members of the Diplomatic Corps.

Our Distinguished Guests from Far and Near.

My Dearly Beloved People of Kogi State.

All other Protocols deemed as duly observed.

Welcome!

1. It is with great Joy that I receive you all to the warm hospitality of Kogi State of Nigeria today. Kogi is the Confluence State, the Geographical Bridge between every Nigerian and his Compatriot. You are indeed welcome.
2. *Life is a precious thing and we cannot earn or own it. It is given to us freely. We often take it for granted, failing to recognize its importance or significance. Should it not instead instill an immense sense of gratitude in our hearts to the One Who*

created life and gave it to us? 'It is God Who brought you out of your mothers' wombs knowing nothing, and gave you hearing and sight and minds so that you may be grateful' The Quran 16:78.

3. I stand here today a grateful man. I am grateful to:

- **Almighty God**, the Eternal One who led a young boy, fatherless while still a baby to this momentous day of my Swearing-In as the Governor of this Great State, and her humble Servitor.
- **Alhaji Bello Ipemida Ochi**, my father, whose evergreen memories and legacies remain till today despite his death early in my life. Hajiya Hauwau Oziohu Bello, my model mother. Oziandu Obanyi, your hand rocked my cradle, and you still rock my world. Despite the anguish of young widowhood, your values steadied me through the turbulence of youth and years of self-discovery. All my siblings, especially Prof. Iliyasu Bello Ohiani, my elder brother, who became the father that I know.
- **My family**. My dear wives and children were Wonderful. In particular, Hajiya Rashida Bello followed me on this chequered journey with a devotion and sacrifice that is astounding.
- **President Muhammadu Buhari**, the one man who epitomizes the Personal Discipline, Rugged Determination and Honest Discretion I intend to model as Governor of Kogi State.
- **Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu**. The APC National Leader is arguably the most singularly successful Nigerian Politician of this Democratic Dispensation. His Vision has given wings to those of many of his followers, including ourselves.
- **Prince Abubakar Audu**, the Late Icon whose foresight and doggedness paved the way for the Victory we are celebrating today. Continue to rest in peace my Leader.
- **My Core Team**, especially the Progressive Youth of Kogi State led by my right-hand man, Edward Onoja. Their doggedness and forthrightness brought home to me in a very personal way that popular line 'Though tribes and tongues may differ, in brotherhood we stand...' They are the apostles of this broad-minded Change.
- **The APC Family**. The APC in Kogi State wanted Change for their dear State and worked hard to bring it. The APC at the National Level provided the Platform.
- **The entire People of Kogi State**. Irrespective of who you are or where you stood during the elections, Na God Win. We are all united today, celebrating the outcome. My People, you are my one big Constituency, and I am responsible for, and to each and every one of you.

4. Nigeria has a rich diversity of traditions, cultures and history but it is instructive that in searching for a philosophy for this New Direction my Team and I did not have to go very far to locate the perfect response for our times:

5. Ladies and Gentlemen, I wish to reiterate what President Muhammadu Buhari said in his celebrated Swearing-In Speech on May 29, 2015: "I belong to everybody and I belong to nobody!"
6. This quote is a complete worldview which defines the PURPOSE and METHODOLOGY of my Administration, and sets an AGENDA OF INCLUSIVENESS, which I am determined will characterize my tenure.
7. In this single sentence, Mr. President summarized the restorative force of the CHANGE ideology with which our great party, the APC, has swept Nigeria. I now declare it our guiding principle for fair action and equitable governance in Kogi State.
8. My Administration shall exist for the sole purpose of serving the superseding interests of the people of Kogi State to the very best of its capabilities. We also undertake to never lend our capacities to servicing the avarice of anyone or group—whether from Kogi State or elsewhere.
9. There is no greater evil than Corruption and nothing champions that evil more than Impunity...Corruption and Impunity made sure our people repeatedly arrived at a promised future and found it bereft of substance, or the promised better life.
10. Let it be recorded today that future generations will not be given reason to count the incoming Administration among those who reveled in Corruption or Impunity. We will be different by the Grace of God. We must and will be that generation of Leaders who made the entirety of Kogi's Resources work for the entirety of Kogi's People.
11. Accordingly, I hereby declare and affirm that the Yahaya Bello Administration will have ZERO TOLERANCE for Corruption and Impunity. I will lead Kogi State by honest and humble example. So help me God.
12. To reinforce our commitment to accountability, the incoming Administration will employ technology and a multilayered system of checks and balances to block all leakages in our financial processes and improve our wealth creation and retention capacities.
13. The rule of law is key to effective governance. We intend to work hand in hand with the Judicial Arm of Government and the Legislature to deliver the best governance possible to Kogi State. In this regard, we shall be guided by both legislations and binding judicial decisions.
14. Peace is key for prosperity. The sudden events that culminated in my emergence as Governor are beyond any mortal man. The sudden death of our leader, Prince Abubakar Audu remains a great mystery. This Administration shall liaise with the Kogi State House of Assembly for legislation to immortalise him in some meaningful way. I therefore extend my hand of brotherhood to all and sundry.
15. In the course of this journey we met and interacted with families, kindreds, clans, hamlets, villages, towns and cities, traversing the length and breadth of Kogi State and the picture we came away with is a depressing one. Everywhere, our People live in deprivation despite our abundant natural endowments.

16. The statistics as they apply to Kogi State are not rosy. As we step into Office today, we are at once excited and tremulous. Excited at the great opportunities but tremulous at the massive challenges. One thing is clear, positive and decisive action must be taken quickly to rescue Kogi State. We are ready for action.
17. We are conscious that to fail in this task is to fail in everything else. But take it from me, we will not fail because, apart from our preparations and resolve, God and good is on our side.
18. We have conceived a socio-economic Blueprint that we trust God will rapidly develop our State and radically empower our People. The said Blueprint will rank as a sort of Marshall Plan for rebuilding Kogi State on every index of Development.
19. Under this Plan, Education and Health Infrastructure, State of the Art Security Coverage, Roads, Rural Water Schemes, Farm and Agricultural Communes, heavy Investments in Solid Minerals, Artisanal Mining Collectives, repositioning of Kogi State as a preferred tourist destination, etc. are projected to play lead, often overlapping, roles.
20. We will run this Blueprint along with Civil Service reforms to change the orientation of our workers and improve their productivity. To show that we are ready to work and not just talking, the Blueprint contains 'Action Plans' for developing each sector. We expect that we will see begin to see increase in our Internally Generated Revenue.
21. For ease of monitoring by Kogi People my Team and I have distributed our Projects into the 100-Day Accomplishments, the First Year Results, the Halfway Marks and the Final Milestones. When our full Blueprint is published, anyone can predict where we will be, developmentally, in 100 days, and after each year of our Administration.
22. Security is a huge concern across Kogi State as we step into Office - in particular the dastardly and twin scourges of armed robbery and kidnapping. I therefore acknowledge with pleasure the Commissioner of Police and Heads of every Security Agency in Kogi State. Gentlemen, I shall be meeting with you soon to fashion out modalities to rid Kogi State of Insecurity. Please have forceful and actionable proposals for me when we meet. I promise you every support that this Administration can give.
23. Nothing engenders skepticism, even cynicism, in the citizen than lackluster leadership of the sort that we have experienced in the Confluence State. I am aware that with some notable exceptions successive Administrations have posted largely unimpressive performances. The cumulative effect is that the average Kogi Person has developed an acute distrust of Government.
24. We cannot succeed, in our Blueprint or anything else, without the co-operation of our People and our friends. Co-operation is difficult if trust is withheld. My people, we shall build rapport, and by delivering on our proposed array of people-centered projects, we shall earn your trust. I would appreciate, and I ask for nothing, other than that you give me the benefit of the doubt as we set off. Let the taste of this pudding be in the eating.

25. We know salaries have not been paid to some of our Civil Servants for some months now. We propose to commence paying as promptly as possible while implementing strategies to gradually defray the arrears. While doing this we shall count on the understanding of all the good people of Kogi State.
26. We shall immediately commence consultations with all stakeholders to get the buy-in of every progress-minded individual into every agenda that we have designed to move Kogi State in the New Direction. I see this as a Challenge and I am resolved to win your trust.
27. Today is indeed an auspicious day. We will not fail to appreciate those who made it possible. My predecessor, Captain Idris Ichalla Wada, has been most gracious. We appreciate your service sir. The Transition Committees on both sides have acted with dignity and cooperation. We thank you. The Inauguration Committee has really worked hard to make this day a success. Thank you very much indeed.
28. Change has come to Kogi State. I may be the Torchbearer, and Custodian of it, but you, the great united people of Kogi State, are its Owners and Proprietors. Let us arise together, take our Collective Destiny in our hands and go forth excitedly to chart our New Direction.
29. Kogi, THIS CHANGE IS YOURS.
30. Distinguished Listeners, this speech is an overview, it is not intended to say everything that we have to say, or plan to do, in Government. That being the case, I hasten to conclude.

God bless The Federal Republic of Nigeria.

God bless Kogi State of Nigeria.

God bless you.

Thank you for listening.

YAHAYA BELLO

EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR

KOGI STATE

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INTRODUCTION

As soon as His Excellency settled down to the business of governance after putting together his cabinet, he decided to take a bird's eye-view of the situation on ground. Based on his Strategic Policy Agenda and in fulfillment of his campaign promise, a team of consultants were put together to form The New Direction Blueprint Team. The team carried out an overall assessment of the situation of things in the State. The team travelled to all the Senatorial districts, and distributed research questionnaires in all Wards of the State to ensure an on the ground assessment.

The Team came back with a damning report on the state of infrastructure in the state. By engaging the people through town hall meetings and group discussions; the Team was also able to distill the aspirations and yearnings of the teeming populace of the state.

Special Committees were set-up to look at the reports of the Team and they came out with strong recommendations that eventually led the government to award various contracts to alleviate the bad situation on ground.

The government discovered that before now, contracts were awarded at will and there was no reportage of the execution of these contracts. Billions of naira was paid out to contractors, but the quality of work done was below par, while most of the contractors never visited the sites where the contracts are expected to be executed.

This goes without saying that the people of the state have been short-changed for a long period of time. The government of Governor Yahaya Bello in the spirit of the New Direction Agenda decided to do things differently by ensuring that an Environmental Impact Assessment is carried out before any contract is even considered for award. The contracts to be awarded must go through a due process before they are awarded

These Contracts have translated into real developmental projects touching the lives of the people.

Below is the list of Contracts awarded and their statuses.

S/N	PROJECT	CONTRACTOR	STATUS
1	Construction: Ministry of Transport	FAMSAF Construction CompanyLtd	Work at an advanced stage.
2	Rehabilitation of welcome to Lokoja/ Army Barracks/Ganaja Junction/Nataco Junction Road, Lokoja.	CGC Ltd	Work at an advanced stage.
3	Construction: Board of Internal Revenue.	Satimacha Nig Ltd	Work at completion stage.
4	Construction of a Swimming pool at confluence stadium		Work at an advanced stage.
5	Rehabilitation of Mount Pati Road	TEC Engineering Ltd	Earthwork on going.
6	Remodelling of Kogi Hotels, Lokoja	Kaibo Int'l Ltd	70% completion
7	Construction of 10.7km, Agasa-Ukpogoro Road.	AG Vision	Asphalt 31%, drainage 37%, earthwork and other concrete work on going.
8	Construction of 8.5km, Ogaminana/Ebo- gogo/ Total junction through Eika Itakpe Road.	Levant Const. Ltd	Earthwork on going.
9	Construction of 12.8km, Ebiya Kpatesi/ Oigigiri Road.	Cal. Project	Earthwork on going.
10	Construction of 21km, Obeira Okengwe/ Obangede Road.	Spectrum Engineering Ltd	Drainage and earthwork on going.
11	Rehabilitation of Idah/Ajaka/ Umomi/ Ejule Road.	TEC Engineering	Earthwork on going.
12	Construction of Oguma/Sheria Road/Bridge Bassa LGA.	Vanguard	Bridge work construction on going
13	Constructions of Ganaja/Otokiti dual carriage way bye pass Road.	Cezali Nig. Ltd	Drainage works on going.
14	Construction of embankment along Kpata/ Marine/Kabawa Lokoja.	Cezali Nig. Ltd	Work on going.
15	Rehabilitation of Ankpa Township Road	TEC Engineering	Drainage work on going.
16	Rehabilitation of Kabba township Road	Zerock construction Nig Ltd.	Drainage work on going.
17	Construction of 2 hotel blocks for Govt. Girls Unity Secondary School	Gold Profile Nig. Ltd.	Works at foundation level.
18	Rehabilitation of Ibana junction, Ikeje-Iba-na Ogugu Ette Road	Ferotex Construction Ltd.	Work on going.
19	Rehabilitation of Idah water works	Bugabi Nig. Ltd.	Work at an advance stage of completion.

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20	Rehabilitation of Kabba water works	Dalfam Nig. Ltd	Work at an advance stage of completion.
21	Rehabilitation of Ankpa-Abejukolo road		Just awarded.
22	Rehabilitation of Shintaku-Dekina road.		Just awarded.
23	Abejukolo electrification project.		Ongoing
24	Construction of SDG's office complex, Lokoja	Alibee Estate Management Nig. Ltd.	Works at completion stage.
25	Construction of Court house at Ganaja, Lokoja.		Works at foundation level.
26	Construction of Ganaja village road Lokoja.		Works ongoing.
27	Rehabilitation of Iyamoye/Ife Olukotun Ponyo, Jege, Ejuku Ijowa road.		Works ongoing.
28	Installation of street light in Lokoja town-Ship		Ongoing
29	Purchase of One hundred and twenty-one (121) vehicles for the State Government	Coscharis Motors Ltd, Km 32, Lekki-Epe Expressway-Lagos.	Concluded
30	Rehabilitation/Asphalt Overlay of Iyam- oye/Ife Olukotun/Ponyan/Jege/ Ejuku/ Ijowa (Isanlu)	Wiz China Worldwide Engineering Ltd, 10A Usuma Street, Maitama-Abuja.	Work ongoing
31	Rehabilitation of Ibana junction/Ikeje/ Ogugu/Ette Road	Ferotex Construction Company Ltd, Km 17 PH/Aba Express- way-Port Harcourt	Work ongoing
32	Construction of Ekinrin-Adde/Ohun/Ife Olukotun Road	High Skill Ltd, 3, Adeola Adeoye Street, Off Toyin Street, Olowu, Ikeja-Lagos.	Work ongoing
33	Construction of Ogaminana/ Ebogogo to Total Junction with a Spur from Ebogogo through Eika/Itakpe Okene Road	Levant Construction Company Ltd, Plot 586, Flour Mills Estate, Life Camp Area, P.M.B 714 - Garki, Abuja	Work ongoing
34	Rehabilitation of Old Lokoja Water Works	Novena Engineering Services Ltd, 87 Alimosho Road, Iya no-Ipaja - Lagos.	Work ongoing
35	Construction: Government House.	Alutech Metal Industries Ltd, 2 Crescent Number 17, Gwarim- pa First Avenue - Abuja.	Work ongoing
36	Construction of Solar-Powered Traffic Signal Light System in Lokoja	Messrs New Moon Nig. Ltd, No. 2, Umudioka Close, Off Ngwa Close, Area 3, Garki - Abuja.	Work ongoing

S/N	PROJECT	CONTRACTOR	STATUS
37	Completion of 33KV Electricity Overhead line Extension from Zango-Daji Junction to Banda in Kogi State	Messrs New Moon Nig. Ltd, No. 2, Umudioka Close, Off Ngwa Close, Area 3, Garki - Abuja	Work ongoing
38	Supply of two (2) Nos. of Fire Fighting Mo- bile Tanks	Messrs R.O. Sasy Ltd, 17, Allen Avenue, Ikeja, Lagos.	Contract pending
39	Electrification of Abejukolo (Omala LGA)	Moat Global Concepts Limited. Suite F13, Metro Plaza, FCT, Abuja	Work ongoing
40	Construction of New Hostel Block for the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Obangede	Messrs Musalib Construction Ltd., Block 5, Chief Mrs. Aiyepoku's Compound, GRA, Lokoja.	Foundation level
41	Construction: Ministry of Justice Office Complex, Lokoja	Messrs Von Engineering Nig. Ltd Block 3, Flat 6, Zonkwa Close, Area 7- Abuja.	Work ongoing
42	Supply and Installation of Solar-Powered Streetlights in Lokoja and other three Senatorial Districts in the State	Messrs Xtreme Energy Ltd. No. 6 Triple Plaza, Lagos Street, Benin City.	Work ongoing
43	Renovation of School of Nursing and Mid-wifery, Obangede	Messrs Hamif Real Estate Nig. Ltd, Suit A10, Abraham Plaza, Utoko, Abuja.	Work ongoing
44	Procurement of 122 Nos. of Vehicles viz: 1. 110 units of Ford ranger Base. 2. 12 units of Joylong 19 Seater bus.	Coscharis Motors Ltd, 388 Constitution , Central Business District, Abuja.	concluded
45	Construction and Rehabilitation of Lokoja Township Roads Lot I	Munir Industries & Trade Nig. Ltd, No.1 Bugaminu Usman Street, Jabi District, F.C.T - Abuja.	Work ongoing
46	Rehabilitation of Shintaku/ Ugboloko/ Dekina Road	Amirco Universal Concept Ltd, Block 32 Sani Zango Daura Estate, Kado- Abuja.	Work well Advanced
47	Construction and Rehabilitation of Lokoja Township Roads Lot III	Ceelix Engineering Services Ltd, No.5 Femi Otedola Street, 7 th Avenue, Gwarinpa, Abuja.	Work ongoing
48	Rehabilitation/ Reconstruction of Ankpa / Abejukolo Road	Mo-tex Engineering Services,- No.267 Karsana Rosemund Street, Map Global Estate, Abuja.	Ongoing
49	Construction of Remand Home and Reha- bilitation Centre, Lokoja	Damore Energy Ltd, Third Floor, 17, Allen Avenue Ikeja, Lagos.	Ongoing

S/N	PROJECT	CONTRACTOR	STATUS
50	Proposed Electrical Power Improvement for Agassa Town and Ogori/Magongo Local Government Area of Kogi State	Toluyan Integrated Services Limited, No. 2 Okene-Kabba Road, Lokongoma, Lokoja.	Work ongoing
51	Rehabilitation of Ogori/Magongo Road	TLMB Construction Limited, Plot 1130 Mabushi District, Abuja.	Works ongoing
52	Kogi State Geographic Information System and Land Administration System	SMBI Professional Services Ltd, BM House, MKO Abiola Way, Abeokuta, Ogun State.	Ongoing
53	Provision of Janitorial and Industrial Cleaning Services for the Deputy Governor's Office and Residence	Geemony Global Kleaners Ltd, Suite 61 Second Floor, Plot 1238 Janmab Plaza, Akintola Boulevard, Garki, Abuja.	approved
54	Purchase of 2 No Lexus 570 LX and 2 NO Toyota Prado Jeeps	Westwood Motors Ltd, 11, Chari Close, Off Bobo Street, Off Gana Street, Maitama, Abuja.	delivered
55	Engagement as a Coordinating Consultant on Finance	Sapphire Ngr Consulting Ltd, Plot 1044, Opposite FCT Library, Gudu District, FCT, Abuja.	concluded
56	Proposed Construction and Rehabilitation of Lokoja Township Roads Lot II	Raycon & Co (Nig) Ltd, No 8 Ogun Road, Warri, Delta State.	Work ongoing
57	Procurement of Two Prado NXL (Black and Silver Jeeps) for the Kogi State Government.	Olond Oil & Gas Nig. Ltd, 95, Opebi Road, Ikeja, Lagos	delivered

To further enhance government operations within the year, several Committees were constituted to take the deliverables of the New Direction agenda to the citizens of Kogi state. These committees includes:

COMMITTEES INAUGURATED BY THE SECRETARY TO KOGI STATE GOVERNMENT SINCE INCEPTION

COMMITTEES	DATE OF INAUGURATION
1. Steering Committee on Ajaokuta Steel Plant	1ST MARCH, 2016
2. Kogi State Hajj Commission	14TH APRIL 2016
3. Local Organizing Committee (LOC) of The 22nd Chief Justice of Nigeria Sports Competition In Kogi State.	20TH JUNE, 2016
4. Kogi State Economic Team	12TH JULY, 2016
5. Committee on Iyano Crisis	8TH AUGUST, 2016
6. Health Super Pac	4TH SEP. 2016
7. Job Creation And Youth Engagement	4TH SEP. 2016

8. Economic/IGR Super Pac	4TH NOV. 2016
9. Panel on Judicial Commission And Enquiry	7TH OCT. 2016
10. Committee on Visits to State Tertiary Institutions to Access Infrastructure Facilities in Kogi State	7TH OCT. 2016
11. Education Super Pac	2ND NOV. 2016
12. Kogi State Transport Management Committee	4TH NOV. 2016
13. Committee on Chieftancy Matters in Kogi State	4TH NOV. 2016
14. Kogi State Public Sector and Pension Reform Thematic Super PAC	8TH NOV. 2016
15. Planning And Implementation Committee for Kogi State Enterprise Development (KEDA)	21ST OCT. 2016
16. Kogi State Advisory Council on Prerogative Of Mercy	20TH DEC. 2016



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, INSPECTING CIVIL WORKS ON A ROAD CONSTRUCTION SITE IN OKPO, OLAMABORO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA.



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, AT THE SCHOOL OF HEALTH TECHNOLOGY, IDAH, INSPECTING ON-GOING INSTALLATIONS OF WATER TREATMENT FACILITIES.



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, AT A ROAD CONSTRUCTION SITE IN THE EASTERN SENATORIAL DISTRICT OF KOGI STATE.



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, AT THE LAUNCHING OF THE ONE-WASTEBIN-PER-HOUSE PROJECT.



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, COMMISSIONING A ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN THE EASTERN SENATORIAL DISTRICT.



EQUIPMENT INSPECTION ON SITE OF A ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.



THE SECRETARY TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT, MRS. AYOADE FOLASHADE ARIKE PhD, SIGNING AN MoU WITH A POTENTIAL INVESTOR



BID OPENING PROCESS AT THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT.



CROSS-SECTION OF POTENTIAL INVESTORS DURING A BIDDING PROCESS AT THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT, MRS. AYOADE FOLASHADE ARIKE PhD.



A SECTION OF THE OKENE-LOKOJA ROAD (KABBA JUNCTION), BEING WORKED ON.



A SECTION OF THE LOKONGOMA ROAD BEING MAPPED OUT FOR REHABILITATION WORKS



ANOTHER BAD SECTION ON THE LOKOJA TOWNSHIP ROAD TO RECEIVE ATTENTION BY THE NEW DIRECTION ADMINISTRATION OF HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF KOGI STATE.

SELECTED SPEECHES

A BROADCAST TO THE PEOPLE OF KOGI STATE BY THE 4TH EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF KOGI STATE. HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR YAHAYA BELLO TO COMMEMORATE HIS FIRST 100 DAYS IN OFFICE.

My Good People of Kogi State,

We cannot thank the Almighty God enough for making us see the 100th Day of our first 100 Days in Office as Governor and Government of Kogi State. It is indeed a fortunate people who can say, as we can in Kogi State today, that God and good is with us. Let us take a moment to bow our heads and silently honour God in our hearts as we contemplate His Greatness and Great Deeds.

We thank the great people of Kogi State for the support and active cooperation everyone has given us everywhere across the State. It seems like only yesterday that you were welcoming us into Office with so much fanfare. In every Community, and in every Local Government Area, we have found acceptance. This goodwill is our most valuable resource.

The first 100 Days of any serious Administration is not a jamboree. For us in the Government of Kogi State it is a season of stock-taking. We have been lining up our electoral promises beside our performance in order to provide you a verifiable account of what we have accomplished with the Leadership you entrusted to us within the period under review.

Starting early this week, each Ministry, Department, Agency and Appointee received directive to turn in a paper detailing what tangible difference they have made in the lives of the people. We believe any organ or functionary of this Government who has failed to contribute anything noteworthy in One Hundred Days has no business being on this journey with us.

As a peer review effort, this exercise was coordinated directly by the Secretary to the State Government with approval from my Office. It has been instructive. In fact, we learned so much from it that we shall make a custom of continuous assessment of it. I hereby direct that every 100 Days till the end of my Administration, every functionary and organ of Government shall submit a written report of activities and accomplishment. The Secretary to the State Government and the Chief of Staff to the Governor must ensure compliance.

Summarised, the 100 Days Scorecard of my Administration in key areas is as follows:

A. GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

One of our key promises in the campaigns is equitable representation in Government for all parts of Kogi State. I said I would be Governor of all Kogites without partiality to any part. I demonstrated my resolve in this regard in the first appointments right after my Inauguration. I appointed Honourable Edward David Onoja from Kogi East

as my Chief of Staff.

Subsequent appointments have continued to reflected the twin principles of Equity and Merit. Mrs. Ayoade Folashade Arike from Kogi West became Secretary to the Kogi State Government while we reverted again to Kogi East for our choice of Deputy Governor in the person of His Excellency, Right Honourable Simeon Achuba. So far, we have appointed 21 Special Advisers, one from each Local Government Area of Kogi State.

Other categories of appointments also followed this pattern. We even made room in Government for persons not indigenous to Kogi State in recognition of the appreciable inputs other people have made into our society by way of investments, payment of taxes, electoral involvement and general residence. Irrespective of any other reason for the choice of an appointee, we make square pegs are put in square holes.

This is unprecedented in the history of Kogi State. It used to be that incumbent Governors populated their Administrations with a preponderance of persons from their own LGAs, Villages, or even families. In the past this has resulted in Government becoming a cartel that is run mafia-style by vested interests and without regards to the real needs of the people. Do not fear for us, we will not disappoint you by going the same way. In fact, when we announce your Commissioners in the days ahead you will see further how committed we are to Equity and Justice for all of Kogi State.

B. EDUCATION

Education is the undisputed chief priority item on this Administration's New Direction Agenda. Our activities have reflected that. In the time under review we have achieved Payment of Staff Salaries and Facilitators' honoraria across the 21 LGAs. We acquired Instructional Materials from UNESCO and the National Commission for Mass Literacy, Adult and Non-Formal Education (NMEC) Offices, Abuja respectively and distributed them to schools across the state.

We built a Resource Centre and other infrastructure at the State Universal Basic Education Board premises, provided external security to some of our schools with high risk for disturbance by criminal elements. This includes Policemen, Civil Defence Corps and even Military officers. Our students should be able to study without fear.

We designated three secondary schools, one in each Zone, as Centres of Excellence and Unity. They are the first in the series. The initiative has the aim of exposing young Kogites of varied backgrounds to one another in a structured environment from late childhood and throughout their teens.

We are also recovering all school lands encroached upon by private developers who feel themselves above the law. If you have forcibly taken away school land anywhere in Kogi State and built on it, you are hereby warned to vacate same immediately. We will not say more than this for now.

C. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORMS

We granted full autonomy to our Local Governments in all respects, including financials. In other words, they receive in full whatever amount is allocated to them

from the federal, without any deductions by the State. In fact, we have also approved the release of 10% of gross Internally Generated Revenue to Local Governments Areas to further boost their financial base. Monies due to them are released promptly.

We are however not leaving them to their whims and caprices. We have established tighter oversight of their activities through the Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs. Steps have been taken to improve their reporting skills. Each LG Executive Council has had to structure and prepare her 2016 Budget in line with overall state objectives, the Sustainable Development Goals and the accountability requirements of relevant development partners and agencies.

We are happy to report there has been some noticeable results. There is a spate of completion of abandoned pressing Projects such as the Ibaji LGA Secretariat, pedestrian bridge at Kabba/Bunu, Primary Health Care Centres at Ekirin-Adde, Okene and Olamaboro respectively. There is also ongoing renovation of the Chiefs' Lodge in Lokoja to give decent accommodation to our Royal Fathers whenever they are in the Capital on duty. This will also save the State money on hotel and hospitality costs.

We met about 21 earth-moving plants (bulldozers and graders) purchased through SURE-P. We have deployed these to be used for free by the Local Governments. The immediate impact is massive clearing and dressing of rural and farm roads across the Local Government Areas.

D. CIVIL SERVICE REFORMS

I promised to reform the Kogi State Civil Service to make it more responsive to the needs of a society in need of rapid development like ours. The business of Government, in my opinion, should be fast and result-oriented. But first we had to clean it up to determine genuine workers and remove corrupt elements.

We set up a Screening Committee led by Brigadier-General Paul Okuntimo (Rtd) who swung into action with his characteristic enthusiasm. The Screening Committee has completed the first phase of her work and is collating her findings after which we shall know exactly how many thousands of ghost-workers have been enriching their unscrupulous proprietors at our expense. Suffice it to say that we found many institutions existing on paper and paying salaries to hundreds of workers who did not exist anywhere on ground.

To reduce the pervasive poor performance of our Institutions, we needed to quickly identify the problems. We immediately placed the Heads of several key parastatals on suspension while we conducted indepth assessment of Ministries, Departments and Agencies. We intend to recall as many as are found innocent back to work, if not office. In quite a number of cases we have uncovered monumental wrongdoing. Those found culpable will face the Law.

We met our Civil Servants despondent and on a strike which had lasted for about 6 weeks. Their salaries had not been paid for some months. Our combined monthly federal allocation and Internally Generated Revenue still remains lower than our monthly wage bill but by the grace of God we paid two sets of salaries in less than

two months and April salary was paid yesterday. We promised to prioritise workers' welfare and we will continue to keep that promise.

This Administration has received approval for about N50 billion in bailout funds from the Federal Government out of which we can draw down about N20 billion immediately. We intend to dedicate that money mainly to resolving outstanding wages and salaries issues for our workers. We expect our Civil Servants to reciprocate these gestures by increased output on the job.

Many of the foregoing exercises, as popular with the ordinary citizens as they have proved to be did not fail to incur the anger of some among us who obviously believe that nothing good must accrue to the people from the Government. These people, the old retrogressive guard, and even those who should know better among them, continue to deliberately misinterpret and malign us and our successes, but we remain undeterred.

E. ENVIRONMENT

Lokoja Capital Territory was a sorry sight when we arrived in Lugard House. The residents had poor roads, no reliable source of portable water and the environment was dirty wherever you looked.

Today we have recruited about 100 street sweepers, engaged a private sanitation outfit and mandated it to clear waste from the various designated and illegal dump sites. We have provided more waste receptacles around the City and created more dumpsites. Rubbish has vanished from our major streets and we are working to extend same to Lokoja's side streets and indeed other major cities.

We also outsourced cleaning of Government House and the State Secretariat to private outfits to preserve the health and sanity of our workers. Our long-suffering Civil Servants have been forced to work in unsanitary conditions in those places for too long. That has changed.

F. WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The Administration is alarmed that over the years there has been practical neglect of urban planning and development control regulations leading to unhealthy speculation in land, development of unsafe buildings and encroachment of Government lands.

I remind those who have abused the law in this manner that all lands within 16km radius of the Lokoja Capital Territory are Government lands held in trust for the people of Kogi State and cannot be dealt in without approval from the appropriate authorities. Those engaged in sharp practices can be sure there will be a reckoning soon as we forge ahead with our land reforms.

Roads, drains and other infrastructure are under construction. Contractors who abandoned Projects have come back to site, either encouraged or terrified by the promise of change in the way things are done in this state. Maintenance of Greater Lokoja Water Supply Scheme (GLWSS) is on-going.

Despite the associated dangers from their recklessness to the lives and limbs of our citizens, Government has decided not to ban the motorcycle taxis, otherwise known as 'Okada' at this time. It is clear to us that an outright ban at this time will cause more hardship to the populace from unemployment and related crimes. We shall however intensify regulation of their activities. Measures for easy identification of the riders, even biometric options for easy tracking, are being considered.

G. SECURITY

Insecurity was a major headache as we were coming into Office. In my inaugural speech I issued a clarion call to all the heads of security agencies serving in Kogi State to work with me to eradicate it. I am glad to announce that we have made serious inroads into the criminal infrastructure terrorising residents and travellers all over Kogi State.

In January when we came in there were 18 documented cases of kidnapping. In April, only 5. We have also engineered similar falls in other categories of crime. We will not relent until the incidence of any crime is utterly negligible or permanently at zero in Kogi State.

H. CONCLUSION

One thing is clear, our first 100 Days in Office have been very hectic but that is exactly the job we signed up for. We hereby submit such of our efforts as can be accommodated in a short broadcast for your review and evaluation.

As we round off the 100 Days Events, we consider this a Report to the people who voted us into Office. In it we have tried to tell you how we have operationalised your mandate so far. We certainly have our own views of our performance, but ultimately, it is your views that really count. We will let you make your own conclusions, and we hope to get feedback from you.

Thank you.

YAHAYA BELLO

EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR

KOGI STATE

CHAPTER THREE

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INAUGURATION

Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello, was on January 27th 2016, sworn in as the 4th Executive Governor of the North Central state of Kogi.

The ceremony, which held at the New Confluence Stadium, Lokoja, was well-attended by Kogites and dignitaries from all over the country. They included Chief John Odigie-Oyegun, and the Minister of Communications, Adebayo Shittu. Also, in attendance there was the Late Minister for Labour, Barr. James Ocholi. The event was very colourful as there were cultural displays by many groups and musical performances, from all over the State.

A minute's silence was observed by the crowd for the Late Prince Abubakar Audu, who died on 22 November, 2016.

Governor Yahaya Bello signed the Oath of Office at exactly 12.05 pm, after which he gave a rousing speech, eulogising the APC and President Muhammadu Buhari. He expressed his gratitude to God for the divine mandate, Asiwaju Bola Tinubu, his team and the entirety of Kogi state people.

He promised that he would lead with fairness, equity and justice. He also assured that he would stamp corruption out of the state.

His words: "My Administration shall exist for the sole purpose of serving the superseding interests of the people of Kogi State to the very best of its capabilities. We also undertake to never lend our capacities to servicing the avarice of anyone or group—whether from Kogi State or elsewhere.

"There is no greater evil than Corruption and nothing champions that evil more than Impunity...Corruption and Impunity made sure our people repeatedly arrived at a promised future and found it bereft of substance, or the promised better life.

"Let it be recorded today that future generations will not be given reason to count the incoming Administration among those who revelled in Corruption or Impunity. We will be different by the Grace of God. We must and will be that generation of Leaders who made the entirety of Kogi's Resources work for the entirety of Kogi People.

"Accordingly, I hereby declare and affirm that the Yahaya Bello Administration will have ZERO TOLERANCE for Corruption and Impunity. I will lead Kogi State by honest and humble example. So help me God."

That very day, the governor gave a hint of what his government would look like when in a statement he signed, he announced his first set of appointments and they all came from different ethnicities. His Chief of State, Hon. Edward Onoja, is the first person to occupy the office from a different senatorial zone to the Governor. The other two appointments, Hon. Abdulkarim Abdulmalik and Hon. Kingsley Fanwo, are both from the two other senatorial zones

100 DAYS

It was a day to take stock and celebrate a major milestone in the administration of Alhaji Yahaya Bello. The 100 Days in office was marked at the Reverton Hotel, Lokoja, and was attended by many important personalities.

In attendance was the Attah of Igala, His Royal Majesty, Michael Ameh Oboni, and the Ohinoyi of Ebiraland, His Royal Highness, Dr. Ado Ibarahim.

At the event, the Governor rolled out some of his achievements which include: granting fiscal autonomy to local government councils and the payment of 10% of IGR to local councils, the appointment of LGA administrators, payment of salaries for two months, the on-going screening of civil servants in the state civil service, the announcement of 21 special advisers from across the state local councils, the rehabilitation of several state and local government roads, better collaboration with the Judiciary and so on.

Since the return of democracy in 1999, one of the most highly debated issues has been that of fiscal autonomy for local government councils. The cry has been long and loud by activists, who claim that state governors use the funds constitutionally granted to the third tier of government to feather their political nests, while denying the councils their birth right. Having carefully considered the pros and cons, exactly

15 days after his inauguration as the State Governor, Bello granted local councils their financial freedom. With this singular move, Governor Bello returned power to the people. Now, the grassroots know whom to hold responsible when their primary health centres run out of drugs or when their refuse is never taken away. No more would the State Civil Service determine how many staff to be transferred from or to an LGA. It is noteworthy that Governor Bello is only the second Nigerian governor to be so bold to make this move.

Within this same time, Lokoja, the state capital, has begun to wear a new look. The roads that were littered with potholes are being repaired and drainage work are ongoing simultaneously. The agencies responsible for environmental sanitation have woken up to their responsibilities and the mountains of waste in the town have disappeared. Over 40km of rural roads have been made passable by the Ministry of Rural Development and five new communities now have electricity.

With an indefensible and inexplicably high wage bill bogging down the state's finances, the Governor ordered a state-wide staff verification exercise designed to identify the true staff strength and enhance accountability. He drafted the fearless and much revered elder statesman, General Paul Okuntimo, and charged him with this great task. The evidence so far shows the high level of corrupt conspiracy between high level civil servants and dirty old politicians. In some cases, government schools had more non-academic staff than students. In other cases, invisible schools and hospitals had thousands of 'workers.' So, while other states had ghost workers, Kogi had ghost schools and hospitals. Surely, the average Kogite would be the ultimate beneficiary of the Screening Exercise.

While the previous administration took full custody of all its federal allocation, it failed to pay its staff by the same measure. After only 57 days at the job, Governor Bello had paid salaries twice.

During a visiting as part of the activities marking the milestone, the Governor said, “Kogi State was completely in the red when we took over. Huge salary arrears were owed to both state and local government workers and pensioners. Almost all the banks were being owed various large sums of money. Some of the funds were not judiciously utilised. By the grace of God, we shall look into them and those funds shall be recovered. Imagine a scenario where the state was earning somewhere between four to six billion naira monthly in the past. Now, we are barely earning two billion.

“We want our infrastructure to be revamped and much more. Power has shifted by providence; why then are we fighting it? This is the big challenge we are fight. However, I rely on God Almighty that this challenges shall be a thing of the past.”

JUDICIARY VISIT

In a historic visit to the State High Court premises in Lokoja, the Kogi State Governor, Alh. Yahaya Bello, assured the state judiciary of their full independence and that he would allow the principle of separation of powers without interference.

The Governor also promised that his administration would be guided by the constitution in dealing with the other arms of government.

The visit to the judges in the state, the Governor said, would go a long way to foster peace and unity between the two arms of government, noting that this was significant in the history of the state judiciary as it was the first time a sitting governor would pay them an official visit.

The former Special Adviser to the Governor on Legal Matters, now the Attorney General & Commissioner for Justice, Barrister Mohammed Ibrahim, said, “The role of the Judiciary is important and the Governor is determined to do all in his power to ensure that the Judiciary works properly to play its constitutional role in Kogi State.”

In his address, the State Chief Judge, Justice Nasiru Ajanah, assured the Governor that the independence of the judiciary would in no way constitute any threat to his government.

“We are all engaged in the business of ensuring that there is law and order in the society and that the welfare of the people is paramount. We (the Executive and the Judiciary) are not in competition but in complimentary role to each other. The Judiciary, therefore, cannot be a threat to your administration,” Justice Ajanah said.

He also highlighted some of their needs which he said has been militating against the smooth running of administration of justice.

The Governor commended the judges in the state for being fair, honest and faithful. He promised to tackle all the issues raised by the Chief Judge and assured them of equity in the allocation of resources and promised never to trespass in their official duty.

“The Judiciary does not need such assurances from us. It is constitutionally given that she has all (she requires) and more as of right. What might be different now is the abundance of political will that this admiration has to respect and give effect to those principles. We shall expect nothing in return other than that the Kogi State Judiciary be judicial and judicious in her dealings with us,” Governor Bello said.

SWEARING IN

In keeping with his promise to make his watchwords competence, equity and fairness, Governor Yahaya Bello swore in 15 commissioners and 21 special advisers.

The new commissioners’ nominations were confirmed on 2nd June, 2016, by the State House of Assembly.

While swearing in the new commissioners, the Governor warned that the state is facing many challenges. He noted that with the assumption of office of the new commissioners, his government is complete and no longer have excuses for non-performance.

“The whole world is watching us. We must prove that we can do it and do it better,” he said.

Bello explained that all the local governments of the state cannot be represented in the cabinet because of the reduction in the number of ministries from 20 to 15 to save costs. “We have only 15 ministries, down from 20. In the spirit of equity and fairness, we used Senatorial Zones to distribute the posts.”

The Governor however said no part of the state can say it is marginalized in his administration, affirming that he is not out to play politics but to govern.

The Commissioners sworn in include **Engineer Abdulmumini Sadiq** for Works, Land and Housing, **Dr. Saka Haruna** for Health, **Alhaji Sanusi Usman**, Commerce and Industry, **Dr. Tim Dichie**, Agricultural and Natural Resources, **Enema Paul**, Rural Development and **Dr. Tolorunleke Sunday** as Commissioner for Education and Technology.

Also sworn in are **Barrister Oloruntoba Kehinde**, who emerged the Commissioner for Budget and Planning, **Mohammed Awal** for Culture and Tourism, **Mrs. Bolanle Amupitan**, for Women and Social Development and **Arome Adoji** as Commissioner for Youth Development and Sports.

The others are **Prince Salisu Sani Ogu** for Transport, **Barrister Salami Momodu Ozigi**, Water Resources, **Barrister Mohammed Ibrahim**, Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, **Mrs Rosemary Osikoya**, for Environment and **Alhaji Idris Asiwaju** as commissioner for Finance.

25TH ANNIVERSARY

Gov. Yahaya Bello presented over 104 patrol vans to the Army, Police, Navy and the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps on Saturday 27th August in Lokoja at an event to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the creation of the state.

In its efforts to boost the fight against violent crimes. Other beneficiaries included the Federal Road Safety Commission, the Nigeria Customs Service and local vigilance groups.

In his address at the occasion, the governor said that the gesture was a demonstration of his government's resolve to fight rising incidents of armed robbery, kidnapping and other violent crimes in the state.

He said that the vehicles would serve as boost to the confidence of the security agencies and enhance their operational capability to discharge their duties.

Bello promised to continue to provide necessary support to the security agencies until crimes are reduced to the barest minimum in the state.

"My administration will not rest on its oars until hoodlums and miscreants making life unbearable for the citizens are flushed out of the state," he said.

The governor, who recalled the events that led to the creation of the state, commended its founding fathers for their contributions to its growth and development in the past five years.

He, however, noted that the dream of having a prosperous Kogi was being frustrated by some leaders through impunity, greed, corruption and other forms of abuses.

He pledged to reverse the trend and put the state on a sound economic footing through the implementation of the 'New Direction Agenda' of his administration.

According to him, the New Direction Agenda which will be implemented in various sectors like health, education, agriculture and critical infrastructure is designed to lift the state and people from poverty and squalor.

He highlighted the efforts made by his administration in the past seven months of his assumption of office and promised to chart a better way forward for the state.

The Acting Inspector-General of Police, Mr Ibrahim Idris, who spoke on behalf of the security agencies, said that the patrol vans would enhance their operational capacity.

While thanking the governor for the gesture, Idris said that the vehicles would assist in combating criminal elements and enhance the fight against kidnapping, armed robbery and other violent crimes.

Earlier in her welcome address, the Secretary to the State Government, Mrs Folashade Ayoade, described the celebration of Kogi at 25 as "worthy and remarkable."

She urged the people to join hands with the administration in its quest to take the state to the next level, saying that state still has a long way to go.

That evening, many worthy sons and daughters of Kogi State were honoured by the Governor at a gala dinner. There, many artists performed to the admiration of

the crowd. Dare Art Alade, Tuface, YC were some of the musicians on show. Some of the awardees include Nollywood actress, Mercy Johnson, and the Peace Committee that brokered the truce between the Legislature and the Executive. The Late Prince Abubakar Audu received a posthumous, which was accepted by his younger brother, Prince Yahaya Audu.

GYB - A TIMELINE OF LEGAL VICTORIES

1. After the death of Prince Abubakar Audu, the All Progressives Congress (APC) flagbearer in the 2015 Kogi State Gubernatorial Elections, those elections were declared inconclusive. The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) asked APC to substitute her deceased candidate and the name of Alhaji Yahaya Bello, the runner-up at the APC Primaries, was sent to INEC as the APC Candidate.
2. James Abiodun Faleke of the APC, running mate to the deceased Audu, approached the Federal High Court, Abuja to annul the substitution. PDP and ADC filed similar cases. All were heard on their merits by court and dismissed for lack of merit.
3. With their challenge out of the way, INEC held the supplementary polls on , and the Alhaji Yahaya Bello of the APC was declared winner and returned.
4. 4. Alhaji Wada of the PDP approached the Kogi State Gubernatorial Elections Tribunal to stop the Inauguration of the Governor-Elect. The tribunal dismissed the application for want of merit.
5. On 27 January, 2016, despite the deliberate absconding of the Deputy Governor-Elect, James Abiodun Faleke, the Inauguration held at Confluence Stadium, Lokoja and His Excellency, Governor Yahaya Bello, was sworn-in as the 4th Executive Governor of Kogi State.
6. After His Excellency's swearing-in, 6 parties went to Tribunal to annul his elections. They were: A faction of the APC led by James Faleke/Mohammed Audu, PDP, PPA, ADC, LP and APGA.
7. The PPA filed its petition out of time and subsequently abandoned it. In the course of trial at the Tribunal, LP went to the Court of Appeal on an Interlocutory Appeal. It too was struck out by the Court of Appeal.
8. After a full and comprehensive trial all the Petitions were all dismissed by the Tribunal for want of merit.
9. Four out of the five Petitioners appealed to the Court of Appeal challenging the dismissal of their respective Petitions by the Kogi State Gubernatorial Elections Tribunal. They all failed before the Court of Appeal again and all were dismissed by the Appellate Court.
10. All five appealed to the Supreme Court. All five again failed for want of merit and all five were again dismissed, but this time, for the last and final time.
11. Congratulations to His Excellency, Governor Yahaya Bello and the good people of Kogi State.



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR WITH THE NIGERIAN PRESIDENT, MUHAMMADU BUHARI (GCFR), ON A FOREIGN TRIP.



CROSS-SECTION OF HIGH RANKING TRADITIONAL RULERS FROM THE THREE SENATORIAL DISTRICT OF KOGI STATE.



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR AT THE AIRPORT TO RECEIVE THE PRESIDENT OF



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR WITH THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, AUDU OGBEH.



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR WITH THE CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF, GEN. BUARATAI



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, HIS DEPUTY GOVERNOR, RT. HON. SIMEON ACHUBA, THE SECRETARY TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT, MRS. AYODE FOLASHADE ARIKE PhD, AT AN OCCASION IN THE GLASS HOUSE, GOVERNMENT HOUSE



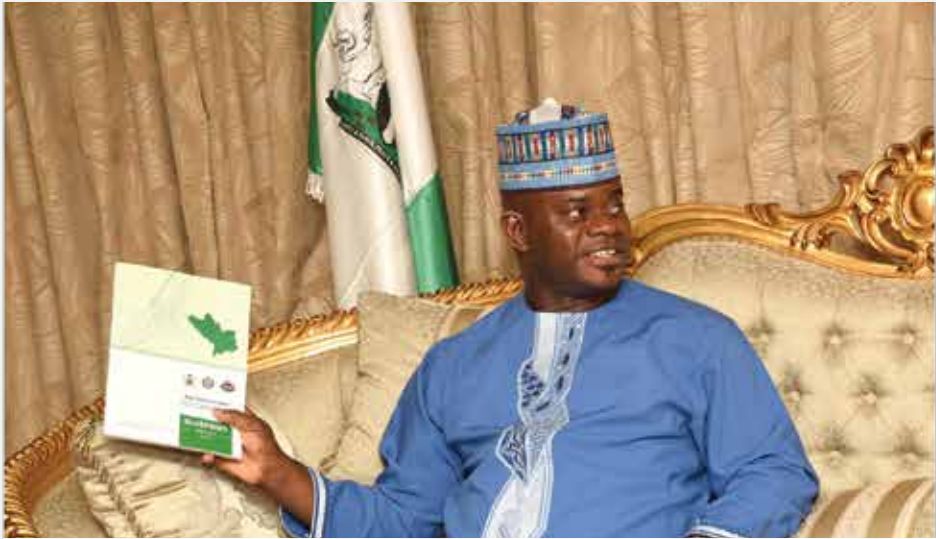
HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR ON MAY DAY, AT THE CONFLUENCE STADIUM, IN SOLIDARITY WITH WORKERS.



CROSS-SECTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATORS BEING SWORN IN AT THE GLASS HOUSE, GOVERNMENT HOUSE.



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, WITH OTHER APC CHIEFTAIN AT ONDO STATE IN SUPPORT OF ROTIMI AKETI



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR DISPLAYING A COPY OF THE NEW DIRECTION BLUEPRINT



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR BEING DECORATED ON THE ARMY REMEMBRANCE DAY CELEBRATION



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR ON THE 29TH DECEMBER RALLY ORGANIZED BY THE EASTERN YOUTH GROUP.



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR GIVING AN ADDRESS ON THE OCCASION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF KOGI STATE.



THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR, RT. HON. SIMEON ACHUBA, AND THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, AT THE GOVERNOR'S 41ST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, AT HIS SECRETLY PLANNED 41ST BIRTHDAY BASH



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR WITH THE SPEAKER, KOGI STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, AND A CROSS-SECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, AT THE STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, LOKOJA.



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, IN A WARM HANDSHAKE.



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, GIVING A SPEECH AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE 2017 BUDGET IN THE STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR SUBMITTING THE 2017 BUDGET OF NEW DIRECTION.

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SELECTED SPEECHES

AN ADDRESS BY THE GOVERNOR OF KOGI STATE, HIS EXCELLENCY, ALHAJI YAHAYA BELLO, ON 10 MAY, 2016 DURING A COURTESY CALL BY HIM ON THE CHIEF JUDGE OF KOGI STATE, HONOURABLE JUSTICE NASIR AJANAH AND MEMBERS OF THE KOGI STATE JUDICIARY AT THE JUDICIARY COMPLEX, LOKOJA

PROTOCOLS

I find it singularly pleasing to sit and exchange thoughts with the Judicial Arm of the Kogi State Government. I do, on behalf of the entire Executive Arm of Government, assure you of our highest esteem always. The job that you do, the intricacies of which lie beyond the understanding of many a man, demand no less. We are grateful for your service my Lords.

When one sits to interact with Judges and Magistrates and other categories of jurists, even in a friendly setting such as this one, there is still that inner check, that voice says, ‘tread with caution! This people have the power to commit for contempt, whether in or out of Court’.

One is therefore glad today that he is confronted by eminent and levelheaded jurists, law-lords who are versed in their calling and wise in the ways of the world. One can then be candid without fear of forfeiting his liberty. I shall be candid.

On an occasion such as this, no two principles will ring louder than Separation of Powers and Independence of the Judiciary. I will settle that dispute very summarily right now by undertaking that my Administration will respect both principles to the letter.

The Judiciary under my tenure will enjoy equity in the allocation of resources, will be autonomous in managing her finances and you will never find me trespassing into your Official duties or capacities. Neither will I send or permit any person to do so on my behalf or the Government’s.

Yesterday, 21 sets of Local Government Caretaker Committees took Oath of Office in Kogi State. We granted them their autonomy and promised them freedom from interference. The Judiciary does not need such assurances from us. It is constitutionally given that she has all of those, and more, as of right.

What might be different now is the abundance of political will that this Administration has, to respect, and give effect, to those principles. We shall expect nothing in return other than that the Kogi State Judiciary be judicial and judicious in her dealings with us.

Vinayak Bhardwaj writing in Mail & Guardian declares:

‘Separation of Powers does not mean that the judiciary should stay out of government’s way; it means, precisely, that it has the power to act as a constraint on any unconstitutional actions of government.’

We are not infallible because we are Government. It is to be hoped that the Judiciary will be both forthright and gentle if, in our zeal, we unwittingly trample on the rights

of any of the people. We regard the Judiciary in Kogi State as a trusted ally in the delivery of good governance, the entrenchment of the Change Agenda through decided cases and the institutionalization of the New Direction Blueprint in Kogi State via instrumentality of the existing laws.

Conversely, but only as provided by the Laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria alone, we trust that the Judiciary will also provide the Government the judicial protections it needs to deliver good governance undistracted by gratuitous litigiousness and malicious meddlesomeness.

In a nutshell, we ask that you give each litigant in any of the cases coming before you his due, including the Government. On this we place reliance on the dictum of My Lord, Justice Nasir Ajanah at an official function in Okehi LGA that ‘The ultimate role of the Judiciary in any conflict is the dispensation of justice without fear or favour...’

It is to the credit of my lord, the Chief Judge of Kogi State, Honourable Justice Nasir Ajanah, that his presence is so soothing, his person so reassuring, that one can actually feel so protected as to speak one’s mind in the foregoing manner and without any sense of dire, and impending consequences. My Lord is indeed one of the gentlest jurists that I know. I shall however not try his patience any further. On that note, I make haste to conclude.

God bless the Kogi State Government – in the Executive, the Legislative and the Judicial Arms thereof.

God bless Kogi State.

God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Thank you for listening.

YAHAYA BELLO

EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR

KOGI STATE

CHAPTER FOUR

EDUCATION



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INTRODUCTION

The importance of the thematic areas of the New Direction Agenda in various Ministries, Departments, and Agencies are combined in the life of this administration for delivery of the dividends of Democracy. This is because the thematic areas clearly delineate governments Policies, Outcomes and Targets for the effective implementation of government programmes for the citizenry in Education for all.

The importance of Education to transform people's lives cannot be over emphasized. The right type of Education will transform society. The state wide survey carried out to gauge the performance and current situation of the education sector in Kogi State threw up informative findings. Among the sampled respondents, an overwhelming 97% of them conceded that the sector had performed abysmally below expectations.

Government is therefore prioritizing investment in Education in order to deliver rapid and sustainable improvements in the society. We have therefore taken note of our educational sector from primary to tertiary level which will in turn lead to our collective prosperity.

SUPER PAC

The Ministry of Education Super Political Action Committee (PAC) is made up of the Commissioner for Education, the Special Adviser to the Governor on Education, a representative from the office of the SSG (Director cadre), a representative of the Governor from the office of the Chief of Staff, the New Direction Blueprint team and the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education.

ACHIEVEMENTS FROM JANUARY 2016 – DECEMBER 2016

Under the Pragmatic leadership of His Excellency Alhaji Yahaya Bello, the Executive Governor of the State and his able commissioner for Education, Science and Technology, Hon. Dr. J.S Tolorunleke, the Ministry was able to achieve the following:



POLICY THRUST

The focus of the policy on education is to improve the quality of education at all levels to the citizenry so as to produce articulate and skilled manpower necessary for economic transformation of the State. Over time, the learning needs of all segments of society will be met through equitable access to appropriate Information, and Communication Technology (ICT) skills, learning centres of excellence and life-skills programmes.

OUTCOMES

Efforts will be directed at delivering the following during the period of the Blueprint:

- Increased literacy rate
- Increased quality of early child education
- Improved quality of basic (primary and junior secondary schools) education;
- Reduced girl-child school drop-out rate;
- Increased quality of science, technical and vocational education;
- Increased ICT skills and knowledge;
- Increased quality of tertiary education.

TARGETS

- *To provide conditional cash grants to deserving citizens of the state.*
- *To engage healthy living for children by supplementing their meals.*
- *To provide full & partial scholarship award based on performance/reward system*
- *To provide early childhood & youth leadership development*
- *To provide school-based child health interventions*
- *To increase access into junior secondary schools by all children to 100% by 2019.*
- *To ensure 100% retention and completion rates in schools by all children by 2019.*
- *To increase the number of physically challenged children in regular public schools by 10% annually over the period 2016 to 2019*
- *To increase new school infrastructures & educational materials*
- *To ensure 100% transition to senior secondary schools of the equivalent in science and technical colleges, vocational centres and open apprenticeship schemes by 2019.*
- *To provide incentivized vocational & apprenticeship schemes*
- *To ensure 100% retention and completion rates in senior secondary education (SSE) by 2019.*
- *To increase the level of ICT skills and knowledge by 25% per annum.*
- *To increase the percentage of students that pass WAEC and NECO examinations with 5 credit including English and Mathematics to 75% by 2019.*

1. In the year under review, all external examinations WAEC (WASSCE) and NECO (SSCE) were conducted smoothly and successfully. Internal examinations such as the State Common Entrance Examination (CEE), Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE) and Common Transition Examination (CTE) have been successfully conducted and the results released.

In June/July NECO the State came 3rd in the country (Nigeria). This is in contrast with the past when Kogi used to be on the decline in the performance index.

2. The State presented students for external examinations (WAEC and NECO) and the Government gracefully approved the release of funds for monitoring and supervision of examination across the State in order to prevent examination malpractices and project a good image of the State to the world.

3. The Ministry waded into the industrial action embarked upon by the Academic Staff of tertiary institutions and that of the Nigerian Union of Teachers and was able to resolve amicably with them, thereby restoring industrial harmony and peace to the academic and school environments.

4. Out of 30 schools that were presented by the Ministry, twelve have been accredited and approved for WAEC 2017.

5. The Ministry Convened a meeting of Area Evaluators of Education (AEE) and principals of secondary schools geared towards intimating them of New Policy as it affects education sector as policy implementers.

6. National Curriculum in all the subjects at the Basic and Secondary School levels were procured from the National Education Research Development Council (NERDC) and distributed to schools in the State for free.

7. School Census is being Conducted, this is to enable the State know the number of Schools, Teachers, students/pupils, blocks of classrooms per school per Local Government in the State. Kogi State had the last Census in 2011/2012 Session.

8. Production and distribution of Career Guide Books to all schools in the state.

9. In collaborative effort, UNESCO has donated equipment and materials for the establishment of Skills Acquisition Centre.

10. Synergy between Kogi State Ministry of Education, Science and Technology which successfully led to the construction and equipping of a Hybrid Manual/Electronic Library by a tripartite venture of Chevron, Texaco and NNPC for Kogi State Government Science Secondary School Dekina.

11. The State Government has granted approval for the establishment of 4 Unity Schools with one each per Senatorial District and an additional one at the State Capital. The Schools are:

- Abdul Azeez Atta Memorial College Okene (Central)
- Ochaja Boys Science Secondary School. (East)
- Titcombe College- Egbe (West)
- Crowther Memorial College Lokoja (State Capital)

12. Payment of over N7 Million for 15 students' return flight fare back to Nigeria after their ICT Course of study in Vietnam.

13. The following Schools have been renovated under the Ministry:
(1) Special School for the Handicap Zango-Daji (2) Idah Secondary Commercial College Idah (3) Approval for Special Intervention for complete renovation of Government Day Secondary School Adankolo.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF MINISTRY OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND SPORTS IN EDUCATION

- i. Created an enabling environment that facilitated the peaceful and successful election of National Association of Kogi State Students (NAKOSS)
- ii. Provision of vehicles to the various students Association actually facilitated activities of the various bodies
- iii. Provision of vehicles to the various selection interviews centers for the federal scholarship Board, the Bilateral Education agreement PTDF etc. All these were made possible through the financial assistance from his Excellency Alhaji Yahaya Bello

• To increase the percentage of students that pass joint admission and matriculation examinations with a score of 200 and above to 50% by 2019.

• To increase adult and youth literacy to 85% by 2019.

• To increase the provision of additional teaching resources and re-training of teachers.



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR AT THE FIRST CONVOCATION CEREMONY AT THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY LOKOJA.



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR AT THE EXECUTIVE STAND DURING THE CONVOCATION CEREMONY AAT THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY LOKOJA



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR AND THE SPEAKER AT THE FIRST CONVOCATION CEREMONY.



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, THE SECRETARY TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT, THE CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE GOVERNOR DURING A VISIT TO GOVERNMENT DAY SECONDARY SCHOOL ADANKOLO, LOKOJA



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, THE SECRETARY TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT, THE CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE GOVERNOR DURING A VISIT TO GOVERNMENT DAY SECONDARY SCHOOL ADANKOLO, LOKOJA



CROSS-SECTION OF PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS EXPECTING HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR YAHAYA BELLO.



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR IN A WARM HAND SHAKE WITH THE NEWLY PROMOTED TEACHER (A FORMER NYSC CORP MEMBER, WHO WAS EARLIER RENDERING HIS TEACHING SERVICE WITHOUT PAY)



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR AND THE SECRETARY TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT, INSPECTING ICT EQUIPMENT IN A COMPUTER LABORATORY OF GOVERNMENT DAY SECONDARY SCHOOL, ADANKOLO.



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR IN A HAND SHAKE WITH THE HEAD PREFECT OF GOVERNMENT DAY SECONDARY SCHOOL, ADANKOLO.



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR BEING WARMLY WELCOMED BY PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS IN THE STATE.



SCHOOL DESKS AND CHAIRS DONATED BY SUBEB IN LOKOJA

SELECTED SPEECHES

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

TEXT OF A SPEECH DELIVERED BY HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR YAHAYA BELLO OF KOGI STATE ON 1ST SEPTEMBER, 2016 DURING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 22ND CHIEF JUSTICE OF NIGERIA GAMES HELD AT CONFLUENCE STADIUM LOKOJA, KOGI STATE.

PROTOCOLS

My first reaction when I first heard there was such a tournament as The Judiciary Games was surprise. The Judiciary tends to give one the impression that it is all about ‘silence in court!’ and unsmiling faces in wigs and gowns, wielding gavels. Since a brilliant mind is only as good as the body housing it, I am of course glad that members of ‘the third estate of the realm’ as Prof. Ben Nwabueze referred to the Judiciary in one of his books do find the time to exercise their bodies, and try out healthy competition among themselves.

It is therefore my unalloyed pleasure to welcome you all to the 22nd Edition of the Chief Justice of Nigeria Games holding at the Confluence Stadium, Lokoja, Kogi State. I salute contingents from Federal and State Judiciaries. We look forward to sterling displays of sporting prowess by the teams and sports-persons.

Geographically, Kogi State is the strategic intersection of all parts of the country. We share borders with 9 States and the Federal Capital Territory. This makes us the gateway to the heart of Nigeria. The mighty Rivers Niger and Benue enter Kogi as individual flows only to find Confluence in our land. As those of you new to this state will discover during the course of these Games, Nigerians from diverse background find connectedness in Kogi, either as residents or transit visitors.

Demographically, there are about 3.5 million wonderful people currently living in Kogi. This large population helps to create multi-sectoral business opportunities, especially in agriculture, trade and commerce. With alluvial plains along the riverbeds and fertile uplands Kogi is a farmers’ haven, and modern Agriculture for the cultivation of numerous crops have proved very lucrative.

The State also boasts some of the most extensive solid minerals deposits in Nigeria. Our Tourism potentials are almost limitless. Innumerable historical sites, wonderful geological features and the incredible biodiversity across the State make it a very attractive tourist destination. While it is true that most of our attractions have been left in the state of nature by previous administrations, we are committed to developing as many as we can. Meanwhile, do take the time to enjoy what you can.

It is no longer news that we are running with the New Direction Agenda in Kogi State. We have developed a New Direction Blueprint from it which is an actionable work-plan, a sort of marshall plan for accelerated development of our State in all socio-economic indices during the lifespan of this Administration.

The impact of our Blueprint is already being felt across the 21 Local government Areas of the State. We trimmed state ministries from 20 to 15 to save costs and

maximize productivity. We have started construction and renovation of key urban and rural roads across the 3 senatorial zones of the state.

We granted financial autonomy to the Local Governments, abolishing the State and Local Government Joint Account, and enhanced our oversight functions of their activities. This is a way of boosting this Administration's resolve to govern with transparency and accountability.

I am happy to say that the three arms of Government in Kogi State are working hand-in-hand to deliver the dividends of democracy to the people. It was a cardinal principle of my engagements as soon as I assumed Office to harness the unity of the Executive, Legislature and Judiciary for enhanced service to the people within the twin contexts of the Rule of Law and the Principle of Separation of Powers.

Our efforts have, by the grace of God gifted us with a united Legislature once more in Kogi State. I imagine the Judiciary also noticed the voluntary termination of the several contentious cases filed by honorable members against themselves as they resolved their differences amicably. The House has since resumed her duties with the full complement of members.

I led the entire Executive Arm on a courtesy call to the Judiciary soon after our swearing-in. My Lord the Chief Judge of Kogi State, Hon. Justice Nasir Ajana received us most courteously and confessed that the event marked the first time a sitting Governor in Kogi State would officially visit and interact with the Judiciary at her Complex rather than waiting for them to appear before him at Government House.

As usual we received a shopping list of requests for Government's intervention and though we have not been able to do all, we have continued to do our best considering the paucity of the available resources. We promised to, and we have continued to uphold the autonomy of the Judicial Arm in all respects, including finances. We have carried out extensive renovations within the Judiciary Complex, especially the roads and more will be done.

We exempted the Kogi State Judiciary from the ongoing Staff Screening and Verification Exercise out of respect for her Independence, and certain peculiarities of tenure. As at today, that screening exercise has removed over 18,000 ghost-workers and unintended beneficiaries from our Wage Bill. This translates to about N1.3bn that would have been lost per month and it means we will salvage about N16.6bn in just one year.

The exemption of the Judiciary is not to say that Judiciary Staff should remain unscreened and unverified, with people drawing salaries who should not. It is our way of saying that we trust My Lord the Chief Judge of Kogi State and his team to ensure that no ghost-worker or unintended beneficiary lurks within the hallowed Chambers of State Judiciary depleting our resources.

We have worked assiduously to clear salary arrears owed Judiciary staff, and indeed the entire Kogi State Civil Service, by previous Administrations while keeping current payments up to date. It has not been easy, but we have had some help from the Bailout Funds approved for us by the Central Bank of Nigeria.

We have applied all of that money to settling salaries due our workers.

As part of our transparency initiatives in this Administration, we have published in depth financial reports of how we disbursed the Bailout Funds in select national dailies and in online media including those who, for reasons best known to them, are habitually hostile to us. It is our intention to have those facts in the public domain for scrutiny by any interested party.

Our commitment to ending the atrocious levels of insecurity we inherited is second to none. Whereas kidnapping and armed robbery and other violent crimes were endemic all over the state when we came in, the Joint Task forces and special squads set up by the Police, Military and Paramilitary Agencies, and to which we provide generous support, have continued to reduce incidences.

Last Saturday, in this very arena, we commissioned and distributed over one hundred brand new patrol vans to the various Law Enforcement Agencies working to safeguard lives and properties in Kogi State. This includes the revitalized Kogi Vigilante Services so crucial to community policing in these parts. Criminals are gradually getting the message, and very strongly too, that Kogi State is a no-go area for them.

Well, we are here today for sports so let me speak to all lovers of sports and all the sports-people gathered here today. I like Muhammad Ali. The ‘Greatest of All Times’ as the world has come to know him said many poignant things in his lifetime, but I think his best comment was this:

‘Champions aren’t made in gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them - a desire, a dream, a vision. They have to have the skill, and the will. But the will must be stronger than the skill.’

I concur with the late legend in the words of another legend, Anna Pavlova, the legendary Russian Ballerina who said, ‘God gives talent; work transforms talent into genius.’

The just concluded Olympics held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil was a true sporting fiesta in every sense. I will pull out three lessons which stood out for me from Rio 2016 and commend them to you as models for the sort of sportsmanship we hope to see from everyone, not just in these Games, but in life generally.

First was the sensational Usain Bolt who inspired us with superhuman efforts on the tracks. In Rio 2016 the Jamaican sprinter pulled off the unprecedented triple-triple by winning gold in the 100-meters, 200-meters and 4x100 meter relay for the third consecutive Olympic Games. His stellar performance distinguished him as the greatest Olympian ever.

Second is the duo of Abbey D’Agostino of the United States and Nikki Hamblin of New Zealand who collided into each other during a 5000m race. They could have quarreled or fought or traded blames, but instead they chose the more excellent way. They helped each other up and finished the race together. They may not have won the race that day but they displayed friendship, an important quality which is as important in life as winning. I think friendship is more even more important.

Finally, there is Jacqueline Kiplimo, a successful Kenyan marathoner who was also in Rio. Before coming to the Rio Olympics she was running a marathon in China, and was already gunning for the gold medal when she noticed a Chinese runner who had no arms. Whether they were amputated or he was born without them I cannot say for sure now but he was getting dangerously dehydrated because he could not collect, open and drink from the bottles of water handed out along the route by the organisers.

Jacqueline slowed down her own race and helped him. She served him water for the next 28km! Despite the long delay she still came second in the race. It was clear to everyone that if she had not slowed to help that man, she would have won with a long margin. Jacqueline lost the gold medal that day, but her kindness won the hearts of people everywhere. I do not know the name of who won that race, but I cannot forget the name, Jacqueline Kiplimo.

Performance, Friendship and Kindness are the qualities I want to stand out in these games. These are the qualities that this Administration wishes to inculcate in Kogites and the attributes she most wishes to be remembered for in the annals of Kogi State. I respectfully enlist you all to signify them in these Games. Bring out your best performances and do your best to win in your events, but as often as occasion calls for it, let friendship and kindness prevail.

I would be happy to have some of you break personal, national and even international records during these Games. I would however be happier to see good sportmanship on display. I say this because from personal experience I know the world is full of people who believe one must win at all costs no matter what or who is broken or ruined in the process.

Steve Nash was an eight-time NBA All-Star, a seven-time All-NBA selection and a two-time NBA Most Valuable Player. I will end with this paraphrased quotation from him as my final charge to our sports-people to believe in themselves and in their ability to win:

‘People have always doubted whether I was good enough to play this game at this level. I knew I was so what other people thought was really always irrelevant to me.’

My Lord, the representative of the Chief Justice of Nigeria, sports-persons, coaches, and our other distinguished guests, I am indeed very glad that you are in our state today.

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

God bless Kogi State.

God bless you all.

YAHAYA BELLO
EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR

KOGI STATE

CHAPTER FIVE

HEALTH



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INTRODUCTION

When this administration was inaugurated, it discovered that the health sector needed a total overhaul for it to be responsive enough to serve the general needs of the populace. Healthcare facilities in the state are grossly inadequate and comatose. The observed inadequacies were exemplified by insufficient number of healthcare facilities, poor infrastructure, inadequate manpower, and a non-existent drug supply chain. The complaint is that services such as; Laboratory and dental services, dialysis, physiotherapy, and adequate drug supplies are lacking in the state operated healthcare centres.

SUPER PAC

The Health Super Political Action Committee (PAC) is made up of the Commissioner of Health, the Special Adviser on Health, a representative from the office of the SSG (Director cadre), a representative of the Governor from the office of the Chief of Staff, the New Direction Blueprint team and the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Health and others as specified.

Achievements

In the last one year Governor Yahaya Bello's government has been able to:

Enter into a public private partnership for Medical diagnostics services state-wide in all government owned facilities.

Enter into a public private partnership to set up a drug revolving and management fund that will ensure the provision of drugs in all Healthcare facilities in the state on an on-going and sustainable basis.

Draw up a framework for the systematic and phased renovation of all healthcare centres in the state.

Employ adequate numbers of well qualified medical personnel and set up a Monitoring process to ensure compliance with service standards.

Put in place a good, performance driven welfare system, which will attract and retain quality healthcare personnel and also encourage the personnel to serve in rural areas.



POLICY THRUST

The major thrust of health policy is to improve access to healthcare and improve the efficiency of the healthcare delivery system. The State Government will provide community-oriented primary healthcare services and ensure the improvement of all health indicators in the state.

OUTCOMES

It is aimed that the following will be delivered during the life of the administration:

- *Reduced infant mortality rate;*
- *Reduced maternal mortality rate;*
- *Reduced prevalent rate of preventable diseases;*
- *Reduced prevalent cases of HIV/AIDS;*
- *Increased life expectancy rate;*
- *Increased surveillance and prevention of deadly diseases.*

TARGETS

- *To provide school-based child health interventions*
- *To refurbish and equip the existing health care facilities to world standards*
- *To provide a 500-Bed Referral Hospital under a PPP arrangement*
- *To provide world-class medical diagnostics and laboratory services under a PPP arrangement*
- *To provide a comprehensive Health Insurance coverage for the entire state under a PPP arrangement*
- *To scale up immunization coverage to 100% by 2019*
- *To provide Rural Health-care cottage hospitals dedicated to women & children*
- *To reduce infant mortality rate to less than 10 per 1,000 by 2019*
- *To reduce maternal mortality rate to less than 100 per 100,000 by 2019*
- *To expand the scope of community health system to include 90% of all the communities in the State by 2019*
- *To reduce incidence of malaria by 75% by 2019*
- *To reduce HIV prevalent cases by 75% by 2019*
- *To increase average life expectancy to 60 years by 2019*

Improve availability of allied medical services such as dental care, dialysis, physiotherapy, and laboratory services in all government HCs especially those in rural areas.

KOGI STATE SPECIALIST HOSPITAL, LOKOJA**(A) TREATMENT**

For the year 2016, a total of twenty three thousand, seven hundred and eighty seven (23,787) patients were treated in the hospital, with two thousand, nine hundred and forty one (2,941) of them admitted.

(B) WAIVER OF BILLS FOR INDIGENE PATIENTS

Because of the global economic recession and its attendant hardship and fully conscious of its primary responsibility of saving life first, the Kogi State Specialist Hospital, Lokoja has waived bills to the tune of Five hundred and sixty nine thousand, four hundred and ninety Naira (N569,490.00) for twenty six indigent patients in the last one year. Most of these patients, who were indigents, came into the hospital in dire clinical conditions and would have lost their lives if not for prompt intervention. Even though these patients could not afford payment, the needed services were rendered to them.

(C) HIV TESTING, COUNSELLING AND TREATMENT

The Kogi State Government, with the help of International donors, has made the testing, counselling and treatment of HIV patients free in the State. The Kogi State Specialist Hospital, Lokoja is one of the major centres for these services. For the year 2016, a total of Five thousand, seven hundred and fifty seven (5,757) patients were counselled and tested. Of those tested, One hundred and fifty four (154) were positive and one hundred and forty (140) of them are currently on treatment. The hospital has a cumulative of 3,289 patients on treatment.

(D) MARK ANUMAH MEDICAL FOUNDATION

The Mark Anumah Medical Foundation undertook a free medical mission to Kogi State from November, 28th to 3rd December, 2016. The Kogi State Specialist Hospital, Lokoja provided the base, logistics and support for the successful medical mission.

During the one week period, a total of two thousand, three hundred and twenty

(2,320) patients were seen. Eighty two surgeries were done.

SDGs) IN THE LAST ONE (1) YEAR

Furthermore, His Excellency has approved the employment and expansion of Village Health Workers from 120 to 180 to accommodate more people which is a social investment programme and the payment of Twenty Thousand Naira (N20,000) only monthly allowance. This scheme covers twelve Local Government Areas and for a period of eight months.

In order to curb increasing rate of infant and maternal mortality that has been witnessed in the State over the years, His Excellency under the Healthcare Plus programme has approved the sum of Sixty three million Naira (N63,000,000) only for the purchase and delivery of drugs to be distributed FREE to all healthcare centres across the twenty-one (21) Local Government Areas of the State. This programme is novel in the sense that the drugs are branded and coded to check its quality and authenticity. Also, the code will make it difficult to be sold across the counter. In addition, two hundred (200) pregnant women are expected to be provided with free maternity kits as social support for the period of their pregnancy under the healthcare plus programme

ACHIEVMENTS OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Nigeria as a country hasn't been able to meet up entirely with the Health needs of her citizens. However, despite the economic downturn being faced in all states of the Federation, His Excellency Alhaji Yahaya Bello the executive Governor of Kogi State, has taken a bold stride to revamp the entire health sector from the comatose state as it was left behind by the previous administration. Below are some of His achievements in the Health Sector in the last 365 days.

1. HEALTHCARE PLUS:

In response to unacceptably poor maternal and child health statistics and in line with the New Direction Agenda of his Excellency Alhaji Yahaya Bello, the Executive Governor of Kogi State, Health Care plus was introduced to reverse these poor statistics to a more favorable zone.

Healthcare plus is a project studded program with the following components:

- i. Renovation, remodeling and re-equipment of 21 existing primary health care centers one per Local Government area with solar powered boreholes and electrification,
- ii. Recruitment, training and retraining of Health workers on various specialties
- iii. Provision of free maternal and Newborn Healthcare Services including referral services where and when necessary.
- iv. Healthcare plus will serve as a pre implementation plan for the much awaited state-wide universal health Insurance Scheme.

Under Healthcare plus program, a new category of Health workers termed Health rangers has been created who will serve as mobile intermediary between women, community and health facilities. This is one of the innovations introduced to

showcase Kogi State's New Direction Agenda of His Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Bello, The Executive Governor of Kogi State. So far, 21 Centers designated for healthcare plus have been visited and assessed, while upgrade and refurbishing of those Primary Healthcare Centers are ongoing. More so, the Ministry of Health has interfaced with the Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy affairs in a well structured joint program sponsorship. This Project has attracted keen interest from many International and Indigenous Donor Agencies who have pledge readiness to support the State Government in Scaling up of HCP to designate additional Health Facilities.

2. BELLO HEALTH INTERVENTION

The benevolence of his Excellency Alhaji Yahaya Bello gave birth to the Bello Health Intervention (BHI) Program. The BHI Program consists chiefly of two components:

a. Payment for needy patients, sending some Overseas for treatment.

BHI is a program designed to help critically sick Kogites and indigent patients particularly the vulnerable children. So far, 28 Kogites with various life threatening issues have been helped by this administration ranging from those with stroke, congestive Heart failure, malignant diseases, various degree of trauma including Spinal cord injury, some of whom were sent abroad for advanced treatment. One of the most fascinating of these was the successful separation of conjoined twins as depicted in the pictures below.

b. Procurement of Drugs for special category of patients

Under BHI program, the State Government has procured assorted customized pediatric drugs currently in the State Medical Store, through the office of the SDG awaiting the flag off of his Excellency before distributing to various Health facilities across the State. The qualification to access these drugs would be to be an indigene of lower social economic status irrespective of your tribe, location or political party affiliation. These free drugs will go a long way in improving child health with the ultimate aim of reducing infant mortality rate in the State to below 10 per 1000 live births. Infant mortality is currently put at 76 per 1000 live births. Among other factors, poverty has being identified as an important cause of these embarrassing child health statistics especially the alarming child mortality rate being witnessed today in our communities.

3. Payment of counterpart funds

Before this administration came on board, various donor agencies that were previously supporting Kogi State threatened to withdraw services from the State on account of non-payment of counterpart funds for very long time. However in line with the New Direction Agenda of this administration, the State Government has approved and released all the required counterpart funds worth several millions of Naira. This administration has shown tremendous passion in honoring memoranda of understanding, fulfilling counterpart funding and making sure that whatever funds or donations made to the State are used solely for its intended purpose. This has reengaged trust in the hearts of our partners and Kogi State has now attracted more Donor Agencies in the Last few months.

4. Combating the Menace of Quackery

In a bid to address the menace of unwholesome and unprofessional practices in the Health Sector, the New Direction Administration has Prepared a bill for combating the menace of medical quackery in Kogi state, awaiting enactment by the Kogi State House of Assembly. The Bill, the first of its Kind in 25 years of the existence of Kogi State, is aimed at checking the excesses of quacks both in public and private health facilities. It is unfortunate that over the years, Kogi State had become a haven for the sporadic establishment of unwholesome hospitals and Health centers largely due to lack of Laws to fight medical Quackery. This has lured unsuspecting victims to patronize them probably because they offer cheaper alternatives to quality Health care. Such a trend had lead to patients receiving life-threatening prescriptions, misdiagnosis, complications and even in some instances, death!

Inspectorate unit of the State Ministry of Health will soon commence work as the State Executive Council has already approved utility vehicle and fund to support such activities.

5. KOGI STATE SUSTAINABLE DRUG SUPPLY SYSTEM

It is glaring that there is acute shortage of drugs and medical supplies in the state public health facilities. If this problem was allowed to linger, the resultant effect will be that all efforts to improve health delivery will be futile as quality prescriptions need to be matched by quality and affordable drugs. To correct this, a new model for drug supply has been designed by the Honourable commissioner termed Kogi State Sustainable Drug Supply system (SDSS) which is a systemic provision of genuine and affordable drugs to the health facilities in a sustainable manner, in line with the New Direction Blue print for the Health Sector.

This was predicated by weaknesses in the old EDRF such as undue political interference in the functioning of the scheme, Poor capacity of facility staff, inadequate managerial and financial autonomy, and capital depletion.

6. UNPARALLELED RESPONSES TO MEDICAL EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

Medical emergencies are not new in any state in Nigeria just as it is no hidden fact that such emergencies are often treated with laxity popularly termed the Nigerian Factor. For instance, In the past cases of medical emergencies resulting from cassava consumption in the State were often treated as a mere case of cyanide poisoning. But for the First time in Nigeria, a case of cassava poisoning was met with rapid medical response and investigated to a logical conclusion with samples having to be shipped abroad to South Africa for complete toxicological analysis. The result from the investigation has been able to raise many questions as to the veracity of previous reports concluding that food poisoning from cassava consumption was solely due to cyanide poisoning as in the case of three deaths from cassava poisoning in Lagos in 1992, Five deaths in Akure in 2012, Five deaths in Enugu, 2012 all concluded as cases of death from cyanide poisoning. Once Again, Kogi State has set the pace for medical emergency response in this regard as we were able to prove otherwise that the deaths in Adavi Local Government of Kogi State were not from cyanide poisoning.

7. MATERNAL, NEWBORN AND CHILD HEALTH WEEK

Kogi State for the first time in two years was able to carry out the MNCH Week where important activities such as Vitamin A supplementation, de-worming, distribution of Long Lasting Insecticidal Nets (LLIN) and administration of therapeutic foods to malnourished children took place in 21 Local Government Areas of the State. Other activities included: provision of key information on the importance of exclusive breastfeeding, complementary feeding, family planning and hygiene, among others. It is interesting to note that Vitamin A supplementation alone has the potential of reducing child mortality by at least 30%!

Our ability to mark this event at this time shows the determination and commitment of our Health Friendly Governor in bringing quality and affordable Healthcare services to our teeming population despite the economic downturn being faced all over the country.

8. INTRODUCTION OF PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP INTO THE HEALTH SECTOR.

The Ministry of Health in conjunction with Kogi State Bureau for Private Public Partnership (BPPP) has reached an advanced stage in discussion with willing investors to bring quality healthcare services into the State under a PPP arrangement, in the areas of radio diagnostics and laboratory services. Some of the willing partners are at the stage of receiving certificates.

Discussion is ongoing on the possibility of leasing out some of our facilities for massive upgrade and advanced medical services. This will eventually transform Kogi State into a hub for Medical Tourism as desired by the current Administration.

9. CONFLUENCE ADVANCED MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC AND IMAGING CENTER (CAMDIC).

CAMDIC is a project abandoned by the last administration. However His Excellency Alhaji Yahaya Bello, The Executive Governor of Kogi State directed reinvigoration of the project by mobilizing the contractors back to site having approved the payment of all outstanding certificates submitted by the contractors, with the ultimate aim of completing and commissioning the project for the use of the citizens of Kogi State. Our People have had to travel long distances for decades in their not so healthy condition in search of definitive diagnosis of their ailments, a situation the current government is motivated and determined to redress. The New Direction administration is working towards completing the abandoned Construction activities, Paying for the already supplied equipment and procuring additional equipment to fully revitalize the project. Upon completion of this project, advanced medical, laboratory and Imaging services will be rendered to our teeming population. By virtue of the vantage location of Kogi State on the map of Nigeria, CAMDIC will attract patronage from border States and improve Revenue potential of the State.

10. RENEWED SENSE OF DEDICATION TO SERVICE BY OUR HEALTHCARE SERVICE PROVIDERS.

The first 365 days of this administration has witnessed a profound change in the

attitude and passion of our Healthcare workers. The Kogi State Ministry of Health under the New direction agenda of His Excellency Alhaji Yahaya Bello, embarked on a state wide Inspection of Health facilities. The Inspection which commenced with a visit to the General Hospital Koton Karfe, saw the Hon. Commissioner for Health in company of Directors and other top officers of the Ministry pay impromptu visits to Health facilities.

It is worthy to note that to some of the facilities visited, it was the first time a sitting Commissioner was paying such a visit; such as the Kogi State Teaching Hospital Anyigba. The visit resulted in an improvement in the attitudes and diligence of Healthcare workers across the State as the uncertainty as to where next the visit will be pushed them to work on their toes. Punitive measures were also prescribed to erring workers.

11. GIVING THE COLLEGE OF NURSING OBANGEDE, A DESERVED FACE LIFT

Under the watch of this New Direction Administration, the old College of Nursing Obangede, a monotechnique has been approved to be converted to a polytechnique with the introduction of new courses; Dental Nursing and Midwifery, and has also commenced remodeling, renovation and re-equipment of existing dilapidated structures. Also ongoing is a complete perimeter fencing of the institution, construction of new administrative block, new two hundred accommodation for the students and employment of more academic staff.

THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH NOW WEARS A NEW LOOK

With Health being one of the thematic areas of this New Direction Administration, making it worthy to attract international investors and ensuring the provision of quality Health care to the people of Kogi State, our Visionary Governor, His Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Bello, had approved the renovation of the Ministry of Health giving it a new and worthy look as compared to its extensively dilapidated state left by the previous administration. The renovation is currently at about 80% completion.



THE STATE HEAD OF SERVICE, MRS. H.O.K. LAWAL AT THE WORLD HEART DAY CELEBRATION



THE SECRETARY TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT, THE Ag. HEAD OF SERVICE, AND A SPEAKER AT THE WORLD HEART DAY CELEBRATION



A CROSS-SECTION OF PARTICIPANTS AT THE WORLD HEART DAY CELEBRATION



THE COMMISSIONER FOR WOMEN AFFAIRS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, HON. BOLANLE AMUPITAN HAVE A BLOOD PRESSURE TEST.



COMMISSIONER FOR HEALTH AND THE SPECIAL ADVISER ON HEALTH AT THE WORLD HEART DAY



COMMISSIONER FOR HEALTH AND OTHER OFFICIALS AT THE WORLD HEART DAY



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR ON A VISIT TO THE PEDIATRIC DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE SPECIALIST HOSPITAL, LOKOJA



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OBSERVING A NEWBORN BABY AT THE HOSPITAL

SELECTED SPEECHES

AN ADDRESS BY THE GOVERNOR OF KOGI STATE, HIS EXCELLENCY, ALHAJI YAHAYA BELLO, ON 10 MAY, 2016 DURING A COURTESY CALL BY HIM ON THE CHIEF JUDGE OF KOGI STATE, HONOURABLE JUSTICE NASIR AJANAH AND MEMBERS OF THE KOGI STATE JUDICIARY AT THE JUDICIARY COMPLEX, LOKOJA

PROTOCOLS

I find it singularly pleasing to sit and exchange thoughts with the Judicial Arm of the Kogi State Government. I do, on behalf of the entire Executive Arm of Government, assure you of our highest esteem always. The job that you do, the intricacies of which lie beyond the understanding of many a man, demand no less. We are grateful for your service my Lords.

When one sits to interact with Judges and Magistrates and other categories of jurists, even in a friendly setting such as this one, there is still that inner check, that voice says, ‘tread with caution! This people have the power to commit for contempt, whether in or out of Court’.

One is therefore glad today that he is confronted by eminent and levelheaded jurists, law-lords who are versed in their calling and wise in the ways of the world. One can then be candid without fear of forfeiting his liberty. I shall be candid.

On an occasion such as this, no two principles will ring louder than Separation of Powers and Independence of the Judiciary. I will settle that dispute very summarily right now by undertaking that my Administration will respect both principles to the letter.

The Judiciary under my tenure will enjoy equity in the allocation of resources, will be autonomous in managing her finances and you will never find me trespassing into your Official duties or capacities. Neither will I send or permit any person to do so on my behalf or the Government’s.

Yesterday, 21 sets of Local Government Caretaker Committees took Oath of Office in Kogi State. We granted them their autonomy and promised them freedom from interference. The Judiciary does not need such assurances from us. It is constitutionally given that she has all of those, and more, as of right.

What might be different now is the abundance of political will that this Administration has, to respect, and give effect, to those principles. We shall expect nothing in return other than that the Kogi State Judiciary be judicial and judicious in her dealings with us.

Vinayak Bhardwaj writing in Mail & Guardian declares:

‘Separation of Powers does not mean that the judiciary should stay out of government’s way; it means, precisely, that it has the power to act as a constraint on any unconstitutional actions of government.’

We are not infallible because we are Government. It is to be hoped that the Judiciary will be both forthright and gentle if, in our zeal, we unwittingly trample on the rights

of any of the people. We regard the Judiciary in Kogi State as a trusted ally in the delivery of good governance, the entrenchment of the Change Agenda through decided cases and the institutionalization of the New Direction Blueprint in Kogi State via instrumentality of the existing laws.

Conversely, but only as provided by the Laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria alone, we trust that the Judiciary will also provide the Government the judicial protections it needs to deliver good governance undistracted by gratuitous litigiousness and malicious meddlesomeness.

In a nutshell, we ask that you give each litigant in any of the cases coming before you his due, including the Government. On this we place reliance on the dictum of My Lord, Justice Nasir Ajanah at an official function in Okehi LGA that ‘The ultimate role of the Judiciary in any conflict is the dispensation of justice without fear or favour...’

It is to the credit of my lord, the Chief Judge of Kogi State, Honourable Justice Nasir Ajanah, that his presence is so soothing, his person so reassuring, that one can actually feel so protected as to speak one’s mind in the foregoing manner and without any sense of dire, and impending consequences. My Lord is indeed one of the gentlest jurists that I know. I shall however not try his patience any further. On that note, I make haste to conclude.

God bless the Kogi State Government – in the Executive, the Legislative and the Judicial Arms thereof.

God bless Kogi State.

God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Thank you for listening.

YAHAYA BELLO
EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR
KOGI STATE

CHAPTER SIX

JOB CREATION YOUTH ENGAGEMENT



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INTRODUCTION

The historical performance of previous job creation efforts in the state has been a massive failure. This is because the overall impact of the state's ministry of youth & sport has been very poor and the areas of potential opportunities were neglected despite the fact that the youths of the state were eager, and would have benefitted from the implementation of these programmes. Potentially beneficial possibilities for collaboration with external bodies for the empowerment of the youths has also been ignored or politicized by subsequent administrations. In fact, the State and government official at state and local government levels are poorly equipped to deliver on their jobs in the areas of youth empowerment, job creation and development. In view of this, the government of His Excellency Yahaya Bello has come in to tackle all these problems and bring about job creation opportunities that will improve the standard of life which will empower the youths and make them useful to themselves and to the state.

Thematic Super PAC

The Super Political Action Committee (PAC) includes the Commissioner for Agriculture, the Special Adviser to the Governor on Agriculture, a representative from the office of the SSG (Director Cadre), a representative of the Governor from the office of the Chief of Staff, the NDB team and the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry.

Achievements

Ministry of Agriculture achievements from January 2016 December 2016.

1. Agricultural Roadmap 2016 -2020.

Agricultural Roadmap 2016 -2020 was launched by the ministry of Agriculture to identify immediate agricultural projects, programmes and schemes in the state.

2. Release of 3 million to Agro-allied Company Limited.

AGRICULTURE

POLICY THRUST

The policy thrust on agriculture is to produce food and ensure food security for the people of Kogi state, create employment including youth employment and provide the enabling environment to generate a high proportion of the GDP of the State from agriculture. In pursuit of this policy objective, Kogi state Government will promote private sector participation which will be anchored on sound policy framework and arrangements. The development of the agriculture value chain will cover farming, processing, storage and helping to re-launch the State's economic base.

OUTCOMES

Efforts will be directed at delivering the following during the period:

- *Increase farm yield crops, livestock and fishery;*
- *Increase productivity across the agricultural value chain;*
- *Increase food security;*
- *Increase raw materials for agro-processing and export; and*

- *Increase contribution of agriculture sector to GDP and IDR in the State.*

Targets

- *To increase the mean annual yield of agricultural produce per hectare by 20% annually over the period 2016 to 2019*
- *To increase the average annual production of livestock and fishery by 20% annually over the period 2016 to 2019*
- *To increase mechanization in agriculture to 70% by 2019*
- *To increase the contribution of agriculture to the State's GDP to 50% by 2019*
- *To increase the proportion of new employment generated by agriculture sector by 10% per annum over the period of 2016 to 2019*

TRADE & COMMERCE

POLICY THRUST

The policy focus in this area is to exploit the full potentials and expand trade and commerce in the State to ensure that products from agricultural and industrial activities have access to markets locally and internationally. The aim is to provide adequate employment opportunities which will lead to poverty reduction and increased income levels.

His Excellency for the first time in recent past released the sum of N3M to Agro-allied Company Limited which was used to prune 6510 stands of oil palm trees at Alloma, slash 40ha of land, also engaging 600 youths in the process. A 32km perimeter fire shelter belt to prevent fire from destroying the plantation was done.

3. Kogi Agricultural commodity value chain biometric Data capturing with cloud server

Farmer's data capturing across (farmer's data bank) the state was embarked upon for access by anybody/ organizations in the world as a server is to be mounted in the ministry. The process was at advanced stage.

4. Distribution of fertilizers to farmers

The Government procured and distributed liquid fertilizers and inorganic NPK fertilizers at subsidized rate to farmers in the state to increase agricultural production.

5. CBN/Anchor Borrowers Programme.

The government has keyed into Central Bank of Nigeria Anchor Programme scheme for dry season rice production in 9 LGAs that have comparative advantages for dry season rice production

6. Agricultural Trade Fairs

The state government has gone into agreement with Kogi State Chambers of Commerce, Industry, mines and Agriculture (KOCCIMA) to host agricultural trade fairs which is on-going and a blue print has been produced in collaboration with KOCCIMA and ministry of Commerce and Industry for possible areas of collaboration for collective development.

10. Commercial Agriculture Credit Scheme

Commercial Agriculture Credit Schemes has been approved and the draw down is being awaited to the tune of Two billion naira.

12. Agric. Land Development Board

Rehabilitation of Agricultural Land Development Board equipment. Three (3) tractors have been on- going with farmers in the state.

Fadama III Additional Financing

- 965 hectares of TME cassava farm has been established
- 10 nos. hand pump boreholes and 2 no. motorized boreholes have been provided in cluster farm.
- 35.82 km of –course coat feeder road is under construction. It has reached advanced stage.
- 1 no. Agricultural equipment hiring center, to house 5 no.

Tractors have been constructed.

- Construction of 4.nos aggregation center is on going
- 78nos. clusters have been linked to four major off takers and 30 nos. small scale processor and markers.
- 1.no Toyota Hilux vehicle and 33 nos. motor cycles have been provided as support to Kogi ADP extension unit
- The ADP ICT center have been upgraded with 8 no desk top computer, Generating set, and furniture to enhance e- extension
- 7,720 bags of fertilizers, 7720 litres of herbicides and 57,900 bundles of cassava cuttings were provided to farmers using community procurement method.

MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND TOURISM LOKOJA ACHIEVEMENTS OF THIS MINISTRY FOR THE PAST ONE YEAR

- The office complex of the State Council for Arts and Culture was renovated during this period, thus providing conducive environment for staff.
- The Ministry also got approval for the reconstruction of an open-air theatre at the Council for Arts Culture. When constructed, it will boast revenue for the State, provide conducive environment for the State Cultural troop to rehearse and perform.
- For smooth movement of our Cultural troupes, His Excellency approved a bus for the State Council for Arts and Culture the bus has since been delivered to the Council.
- The Ministry attended the 9th edition of African Festival for Arts and Craft (AFAAC) held in Abuja and the State was the overall winner of most enterprising exhibition and most designed pavilion. This has opened up the State to the Continent in the area of Arts and Crafts and some States and Countries have indicated interest in our products.
- The Ministry has also opened up discussion with Nigerian Tourism Development Cooperation (NTDC) on the need to explore our tourist potentials for the international community. As a follow up the Cooperation sent delegation to the State to visit our tourist sites for on the spot assessment and subsequent packaging to the outside world.
- The State attended the just concluded “Abuja Carnival 2016” and won the 1st overall position in addition to some other trophies and awards out of 22 States that participated in the event. This feat has never been achieved before, and the Ministry has already started receiving calls that will boost the culture and tourism at large.
- The Ministry has concluded work on the bill to enact the law on hotel registration for the State. When this bill is passed and signed into law, the State Hotel and Tourism Board will be empowered to generate

OUTCOMES

- *The following will be delivered during the Blueprint period:*
- *Improved volume and value of the trade activities in the State;*
- *Improved import and export opportunities in the State;*
- *Increased contribution of trade and commerce to GDP and IGR of the State.*

TARGETS

- *To increase employment generated by trade and commerce by 20% per annum over the period 2016 to 2015*
- *To increase the growth rate of SME by 20% annually at the end of 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.*
- *To increase IGR from trade and commerce by 30% annually over the period 2016 to 2019.*

YOUTH & SPORTS

POLICY THRUST

The policy thrust on the youth and sports is to ensure the gainful employment of youths and create opportunities for the development of their talents. The Kogi State Government will embark on the resuscitation of core values among youths, sustain youth economic empowerment initiative and improve facilities for the development of sporting talents of young people in the State.

OUTCOMES

It is projected that the following will be delivered during the period:

- *Increased employment opportunities for youths in the State;*
- *Increased opportunities for the development of sporting talents of youths.*
- *Targets*
- *To increase the percentage of youth benefiting from economic empowerment, skills acquisition and vocational training initiatives by 20% annually over the period 2016 to 2019.*
- *To increase the percentage of youths provided with opportunities to develop their sporting talents by 20% annually over the period 2016 to 2019.*
- *To increase the percentage of youth employed in public works initiatives by 10% at the end of each year from 2016 to 2019.*

CULTURE & TOURISM**Policy Thrust**

The role of Culture and Tourism in achieving sustainable development and promoting social and economic development is an essential contribution to good governance. Inclusive and sustainable growth is essential for any development plan and this policy thrust will examine how culture and heritage can contribute to the NEW DIRECTION

substantial revenue to the State.

viii. Arrangement is concluded for the opening of a Mini Arts Gallery at the Council for Arts and Culture to exhibit our rich Arts and Crafts works. Work has also reached 80% completion for the resuscitation of the textile unit of the Council. This will boost the production of our local/traditional fabrics with the end result of not only promoting our rich culture, but revenue will be earned for the State.

ACHIEVEMENTS PROFILE OF COMR. AROME GABRIEL ADOJI HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND SPORTS PERIOD: MARCH 2016 - DECEMBER, 2016

1. INSTITUTIONAL COLLABORATION: Comr. Arome Gabriel Adoji between 6th - 7th April, 2016 paid a working visit on institutional collaboration to the Director, Development Finance Department of the Central Bank of Nigeria, Corporate Headquarters Abuja and the Director-General (SMEDAN). This visit led to the composition and series of meetings of the Technical Advisory Committee meeting of CBN North Central Entrepreneurship Development Centre in Makurdi Benue State, comprising of Kogi, Benue, Nasarawa, Niger, Plateau and Kwara. Talks are on-going for the establishment of such centre for Kogi State exclusively.

2. YOUTH INTERACTIVE FORUM TO MARK HIS EXCELLENCY'S

100 DAYS IN OFFICE: Comr. Arome Gabriel Adoji organised youth interactive session with the Governor. The programme which was organised to mark the Governor's 100 days was the first of its kind and recorded attendance of over 4000 participants.

3. NOVELTY FOOTBALL MATCH: On the 29th May 2016, a novelty football match was organised between the Executive Team captained by His Excellency, the Executive Governor and the Administrators Team captained by His Excellency, the Deputy Governor. This was to mark the Democracy Day and foster cordial relationship between the State Executive members and the Local Government Administrators.

4. BROKERED PEACH TALK BETWEEN THE KOGI POLYTECHNIC STUDENTS AND THE HAUSA COMMUNITY: The ugly incidence that led to the killing of a female student by a motorcycle operator. A committee comprising the vigilantees, security operatives, the student body and the commercial motorcycle operators was set up by Comrade Arome Gabriel Adoji which led to amicable settlement of the dispute and curtailed further aggression.

5. KOGI BEACH SOCCER TEAM IN GHANA: Comr. Arome Gabriel Adoji assisted the Kogi State Beach Soccer Team to Ghana where they emerge the overall champions of the KETA CUP.

AS HON. COMMISSIONER YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND SPORTS.

6. CYN SPORTS COMPETITION 2016: The 22nd edition of the Chief Justice of Nigeria games known as Judiciary Games was sponsored by the State Government. The games which took place from the 29th August - 7th September, 2016 was coordinated by Comr. Arome Gabriel Adoji.

7. Kaduna 2016 Beach Soccer Competition, Kogi Crowned Champion.

8. Wrestling Competition in Anambra, Kogi won six Gold medals.

9. Boxing competition in Abuja, Kogi won 3 Gold Medals and 1 Silver.

10. **EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME:** Comr. Arome Gabriel Adoji has given over 150 scholarships to students across the 3 Senatorial Districts. This is in conjunction with (GIFAPS) Global Institute for Advance and Professional Studies at the Kingsey College of Education Ilorin, Kwara State.

KOGI STATE AGRO-ALLIED CO. LTD.

(i) Slashing of undergrowth hitherto unkempt for several years which had reverted to a secondary forest.

(ii) Pruning of 6,500 stands of palm plantation was carried out in order to enhance better aeration and fruiting.

- Big trees inside the plantation competing with the palms for light were fell and removed. This will enhance better fruiting of oil palm.
- Over 600 youths were empowered through their employment during the rehabilitation of the 40 hectares of plantation at Alloma.
- The construction of 32km fireshelter belt around the plantation was carried out between November and December to secure the entire plantation from fire during the harmattan season.
- Discussions are all going with investors for the complete rehabilitation of the remaining 366 hectares of plantation at Alloma and to expand the existing plantation by planting new palms in the remaining 3,600 hectares of fallow land.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF OFFICE OF SPECIAL ADVISER ON ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES IN 2016

In 2016, the office of the Special Adviser on Energy and Mineral Resources has successfully:

1. Advised the State government and achieved a change in the policy direction in the Energy sector and Mineral sector;
2. Initiated the establishment of Kogi State Energy and Mineral

Blueprint. The aim is to attract inflow of foreign and local investments and enable enterprises in the State, including indigenous SME's to participate in the activities of the sector.

OUTCOMES

- Culture and Tourism as an area linked to governance and respect for cultural diversity and as a promising economic sector linked to tourism and urban regeneration.
- The emergence of creative industries as a major economic strength, by formulating a robust framework – which will shed light on critical culture and tourism policy matters.
- Using Culture and Tourism as a major driver for the growth of IGR to add to the State's IGR base.

TARGETS

- To increase employment by 25% annually for the sector by the development of partnership and how they can contribute to the economy and society as a whole.
- To engage more youth by the appropriate planning, promotion, delivery and assessment of cultural tourism.
- Particular attention will be given to skills development, institutional reform, public information and visibility, funding strategies, the role of the private and voluntary sectors, and sustainable development as well as

innovative approaches to maximizing culture and tourism benefits.

- *To broaden knowledge and understanding of the issues surrounding culture and tourism policy and practice for SME's development in this sector.*
- *To examine the relationships between culture and tourism and other government priorities such as economic development and education*
- *To raise awareness of the opportunities and challenges surrounding culture and tourism and suggest ways in which they can be effectively addressed.*
- *Provide opportunities to develop new networks with knowledgeable professionals.*

MINING & SOLID MINERALS

POLICY THRUST

The policy thrust is to establish the necessary framework for a robust mining and Solid minerals sector, branding Kogi State as the foremost mining and minerals exploitation destination, while sensitizing the citizens of the state in readiness for the expected influx of business. The aim is to attract inflow of foreign and local investments and enable enterprises in the State, including indigenous SME's to participate in the activities of the sector.

OUTCOMES

The following will be delivered during the period:

Resources Development Agency (KEMDA) as a means of structuring both the mineral and energy sectors of the state as well as to corroborate (a) and (b) above;

3. Originated a draft bill regulating mining activities within the state which is currently at the State's House of Assembly;
4. Reviewed and revitalized the commercial arm of the state government operating within the mineral sector;
5. Incorporated a company as a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) to improve the state's participation in the energy sector;
6. Served on the committee set up to revitalize the moribund Ajaokuta Steel Company and National Iron Ore Mining Company (NIOMCO) at Ajaokuta and Itakpe of Kogi state respectively.
7. Represented the Executive Governor of Kogi state and the state government at Senate hearings;
8. Assisted in revenue generation by reaching out to mining companies within the state to pay obligatory fees due to both the federal and state governments;
9. Reviewed the policies and procedures for signing of Community Development Agreements (CDA) between mining companies and their host communities to ensure peaceful co-existence and increase state participation in the sector;
10. Mediated in mining-related issues, between Dangote Group and Onupi community and also between Etazuma Group and Okobo community both in Ankpa LGA, that would have otherwise resulted in protests of the areas;
11. Served in various capacities on different committees, listed below, within the state;
 - o Secretary Task Force on Power Generation to Sustainable Electricity Supply in Kogi State.
 - o Member Kogi State Economic and Investment Team.
 - o Member Kogi State Special Super Political Action Committee on IGR/Funding
 - o Member Job Creation and Youth Engagement Thematic Super Political Action Committee.
 - o Member Committee on Crisis in Okobo community over mining related Activities.
12. Achieve the powering/energizing of Omala Local Government through the task force
13. In liaising with the NERC, AEDC and Ministry of Power, increased

the power supply from 20 to 60 MW for Central senatorial district

14. Achieved the reconnection of Ogori community back to the power grid

15. Reconnected Isanlu community back to the power grid after years without energy

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

The mandate of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry is to stimulate and promote industrialization especially through micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME); the sector which is highly under developed or weak in Kogi State. The Initiative in MSME is expected to promote job creation and widen the revenue base of the state. The reforms and initiative embarked upon by the Ministry since the beginning of this current administration were targeted at job creation and youth empowerment, as well as, increasing revenue generation as enshrined in the five (5) thematic areas of the New Direction Blueprint i.e. Health, Education, Job Creation and Youth Empowerment, Infrastructure and Utilities, and Public Service and Pension Reforms.

So far, the following are the achievements of the Office:

1. KOGI ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (KEDA) BILL.

This agency is expected to address the weak MSME base of the State when it becomes operational, as it will have wider scope in laws setting it up.

Through the efforts of the Planning and Implementation Committee, the following have been achieved –

- i. Development of concept
- ii. Technical, operational, and Legal frame design
- iii. Office accommodation secured

The KEDA bill will soon be before the State House of Assembly for enactment into law.

2. KOGI YOUTH ENTERPRISE ACTION PLAN

The preparation towards the take-off in January 2017 is in top gear. The initial beneficiaries (one person per ward) in the 239 wards to be nominated by His Excellency will be given grant in both kits and working capital in viable vocational trades or crafts, while one beneficiary per Local Government Area will be given tricycle on loan (i.e 21 beneficiaries), both schemes will be running monthly all things being equal. The application forms are ready for distribution. The small and medium

- *Increase the stake of the State Government in the Federally controlled mining sector with the aim of making the state a party to any decision based on exploitation in the State.*
- *Creation of an artisan communal and sectoral hub for Mining in the State.*
- *Increased new investment in the Mining and Solid Minerals in the State.*

TARGETS

- *To increase employment for the citizens of the State by aiding the process of the revitalization of federally operated mining and solid minerals companies in the State.*
- *To increase employment for the citizens of the State by working closely with private mining and solid minerals companies in the State to ensure they are given a fair percentage of available Jobs.*
- *To increase IGR for the State by rebranding Kogi State as the foremost mining and solid mineral destination in Africa through conferences and international media advertisement.*
- *To increase IGR by encouraging illegal miners to legalize and create a steady revenue stream.*
- *To attract Foreign and Local Investment by advocating for changes in the Mining and Solid minerals laws and in the federal laws to bring them to conformity with world class standards and favorable to the aspiration of the State.*

OIL & GAS

POLICY THRUST

The policy thrust is to establish the necessary enabling environment, framework and arrangements for the exploitation of the Oil and Gas resources in the State as well as citizens of the State to benefit from opportunities in Oil and Gas Production. The aim is to attract inflow of foreign and local investments for Oil and Gas exploration and enable enterprises in the State, including indigenous SME's to participate in the activities of the sector.

OUTCOMES

The following will be delivered during the period:

- Increased employment opportunities generated by the exploration of Oil and Gas in the State.
- Creation of a hub for refined petroleum products in the State.
- Increased new investment in the Oil and Gas sector in the State.

TARGETS

- To Increase Local and Foreign investment in Oil and Gas operations by 100% annually over the period 2016 to 2019
- To increase new employment for the citizens of the State by Oil and Gas sector by 50% annually over the planned period.
- To increase the State's revenue by contribution from Oil and Gas by 2017.

enterprise development agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN) will be providing measurement and evaluation services as well as entrepreneurship training.

3. BANK OF INDUSTRY/KOGI STATE MSME FUND

The fund was set up as a matching fund by the previous administration, but the State's contribution has been drawn down however, repayment by beneficiaries is very poor. In the efforts to recover the loan, a joint tax force has been agreed which will embark on recovery drive in 2017. A sensitization meeting with defaulting beneficiaries was held in the Ministry on 14th December 2016; both officials of Ministry of Commerce and Industry and Bank of Industry were present.

4. CONFLUENCE SUGAR COMPANY IBAJI

This is a Joint Venture Company promoted by the previous administration but yet to take-off. A meeting was held with the major investor and it was agreed that the MoU should be reviewed in order to facilitate the take-off of the company which is expected to generate thousands of job in the sugar value chain. Provision has been made in 2017 budget towards it.

5. SURPASSING REVENUE TARGET

The revenue target for the ministry in 2016 budget was met and surpassed by 150% as a result of blocking of leakages. This effort has made the Ministry of Budget and Planning to increase revenue generation for 2017 by 1000%

6. BILL FOR HARMONIZATION OF TAXES, RATES FEES BY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.

The Ministry set up a committee which reviewed upward the rates in line with current realities in order to meet the target set for it in 2017 budget. Some revenue areas not captured in the bill like cooperative registration, trade fair and exhibitions, pool betting and game of chance were included and accepted by Stakeholders.

7. AUDIT AND FEASIBILITY STUDY OF MORIBUND INDUSTRIES

Technical audit and feasibility study of moribund industries where Kogi state has controlling share or ownership was undertaken. The first phase of the study has been completed and the report submitted to His Excellency while the request for the second phase of the study has been made with approval been expected. At the completion of the bankable feasibility study the companies will be revived through public private partnership (PPP).



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR IN A BRIEFING WITH A CROSS-SECTION OF WOMEN ON HIS CARBINET PREPARING BENEFITS FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMMES.



A CROSS-SECTION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY DURING A COURTESY VISIT TO THE STATE GOVERNOR.



ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION DURING THE #GETINVOLVED PROGRAMME KOGI STATE, CARRIED OUT BY HER EXCELLENCY, THE WIFE OF THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, RASHIDA BELLO.



THE CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE GOVERNOR, HON. ONOJA DAVID EDWARD, INSPECTING MOTOR BIKES TO BE DISTRIBUTED FOR YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME



MORE MOTOR BIKES DELIVERED FOR YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PURPOSES.



FOOD ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO LESS PRIVILEGED IN THE STATE



THE COMMISSIONER FOR WOMEN AFFAIRS GIVING A SPEECH AT THE OFFICIAL FLAG-OFF OF "OPERATION FEED THEM NUTRITIOUSLY"



EMPOWERMENT MATERIALS FOR WOMEN IN THE SOCIETY



SEWING MACHINES FOR DISTRIBUTION TO WOMEN AND OTHER BENEFICIARIES FOR FASHION RELATED ENPOWERMENT.



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR LAYER GOOD EXAMPLE FOR YOUTHS TO BE ENGAGED IN WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME



PORTABLE WATER PRIDERED RURALS.

SELECTED SPEECHES

A GOODWILL MESSAGE DELIVERED AT THE 1ST YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOGI STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY BY HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR YAHAYA BELLO OF KOGI STATE

I am glad to be with the Legislative Arm of the Kogi State Government today as she marks this very important milestone in her tenure. Today is significant because it marks one year of the triumph of courage over fear in this Legislature. It marks one year of the victory of the interests of Kogi People over personal interests. It represents one year of making Laws for the Unity, Order and Good Governance of Kogi State.

This House passed the Money Bill, that is, the Budget, promptly and saved Kogi State from descending into a financial impasse. This House screened appointees with despatch and prevented vacancies in critical service areas. Through it all, you have remained intrepid, and discharged your duties with humility and determination in the face of highly acidic attacks.

This is probably the most maligned Legislative Chamber ever in the history of Legislative Chambers in Nigeria. The odds have been daunting but Honorable Members have remained indomitable. I do not hesitate to commend Mr. Speaker and the Honorable Members here today for staying true and holding steady the tripod of Democracy, Change and the Kogi New Direction.

Wikipedia defines a Legislature as ‘a Deliberative Assembly with the authority to make laws for a political entity such as a country or city.’ Or in our case, a state. The most important attribute of any Legislature, in my opinion, is Independence. In this context, ‘Independence’ would mean, freedom from external influences in the performance of official duties.

I am making a solemn assurance that if anyone will interfere with the Independence of this Legislature, it will not be Yahaya Bello and the Administration that he leads. We are committed to a mutually affirming partnership with this House.

I promise that the the Kogi State House of Assembly will not be tied to the apron-strings of the Executive, especially in financial matters. Like we promised the State Judiciary last month, the Legislature will enjoy financial and operative autonomy - at least under this Administration. Your money , once available, will come to you as and at when due, and you will have the liberty to expend them as you will, having regard only to the extant principles of accountability and probity.

We note that the physical structures of the Kogi State House of Assembly need renovation and upgrading. We shall do our best to make that happen as soon as resources permit. In any case, we shall see what can be commenced immediately.

The Security of Honorable Members must be assured for them to function effectively and maximally. We have done what we can but we will take more enduring steps to perpetuate the security of members. This may include looking for lawful ways to distance this Assembly Complex from other structures which may constitute a security threat. I and Mr. Speaker and other principal officers will brainstorm on this after this session.

The misunderstanding among our Lawmakers in Kogi State is small compared to what we have seen your counterparts in other states confront and conquer. Anyone who listened to my Democracy Day Broadcast last week heard me say that the issues confronting this House is a 'Family Affair' which we in the Executive Arm know is within the powers of Honorable Members, both those present today, and those unfortunately absent, to resolve.

We are asking that Honorable Members, wherever they may be now, put aside their personal issues and pull together for the constituents who elected them. Indeed, the fact that such a little disagreement has lingered till now confirms our belief that outside influences are at work. Any lover of the people who elected and sent him will not become a habitual absentee from duty. Principal Offices can be disputed, even be the subject of litigations, without people running away from duty.

Time waits for no man. Let History record each Member as having done his bit to uphold his Oath of Office despite the troubles and obstacles that may have attended the way. I believe the challenge before every legislator is to remain true to the fundamental purposes of representative democracy and the legislative system. You cannot do that if you are absent in faraway cities.

I once again enjoin the Kogi State House of Assembly to find creative ways of resolving the little issues that are still in dispute so they can give the full and lawful energies of this House to doing their best for Kogi State.

You will always find us willing partners.

Once again we felicitate with you on this occasion and wish you increasing productivity over the rest of your tenure.

Thank you very much.

YAHAYA BELLO
EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR
KOGI STATE

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INTRODUCTION

No society can develop without the commensurate infrastructural progress. In a broad sense, infrastructure can support poverty reduction and access to natural resources and technology that will help the poor to live above the multi-dimensional poverty index. This is why the government has made adequate plans for the provision for quality infrastructure and utilities ranging from electricity, roads, hospital, etc.



INFRASTRUCTURE

POLICY THRUST

The main thrust of the policy on infrastructure is to improve the road network in the State through continued construction of new roads and bridges and rehabilitation of existing ones as well as to ensure the availability of adequate and stable power supply in urban and rural areas for residential, commercial and industrial use and to ensure fire safety for residential, commercial and industrial premises.

OUTCOMES

The following will be delivered during the administration's tenure:

- *Increased accessible road network across the State for inter-city and intra-community transportation and access to major economic investments;*
- *Improved access to electricity for industrial and household use to both rural and urban communities in the State;*
- *Engage in Independent Power Projects for reduced power outage*

- Improved facilities for water transportation;
- Improved facilities for fire-fighting services
- Increased IGR by 30% annually from tolling state roads over the period 2016 to 2019.

TARGETS

- To increase the kilometer of asphalt roads constructed by 5% annually over the period of 2016 to 2019
- To reduce average total power outage by 2019
- To increase the percentage of households and SMEs with access to electricity by 20% annually from 2016 to 2019.
- To ensure the development and implementation of the legal framework for PPP in the development of infrastructure at the end of 2016.

WATER & SANITATION

POLICY THRUST

The policy thrust on water and sanitation is to improve the quantity, quality and access to safe water for domestic, commercial and industrial uses as well as improve sanitation and hygiene practices among the citizens for reduced morbidity and mortality rates thereby achieving a path of sustainable growth and development.

SUPER PAC

The Super Political Action Committee (PAC) is chaired by the Commissioner for works, Land, Housing and Urban development. Other members include the representative from the office of the SSG (Director cadre), a representative of the Governor from the office of the Chief of Staff, the New Direction Blueprint team and the Permanent Secretary.

Achievements

Ministry Of Works, Lands, Housing And Urban Development

January 2016 To January 2017.

1. The Ministry in conjunction with the Deputy Governor's Office were able to sensitize community leaders on the need to enforce the 16km radius of Lokoja urban area as enshrined in the edict of 1991.
2. Made substantial land allocation to Investors. They are as follows:
 - a. Coast to Coast (250Ha).
 - b. Confluence Solar Engineering.
 - c. Police Housing Estate (4.2Ha).
 - d. Industrial Park.
 - e. Defence Health Maintenance Ltd.
 - f. Federal Housing Estate (10Ha).
 - g. Kay-Yuan International Ltd.
3. Government has acquired land for Tomato Company Ogbapiala-Okura. Perimeter survey has been conducted, awaiting assessment for compensation and formal documentation.
4. 120-No Right of Occupancy has been processed and issued out.
- 2-No Certificate of Occupancy has been issued out.
5. Kogi State Government has engaged Special Metric Bond Investments (SMBI) to commence on the implementation of the Geographic Information System.
6. Preliminary survey of one stop shop commuters at Sarkin-Noma of about 250Ha and detailing is on going.

7. Ethnographic survey of communities along Edo/Kogi and Anambra/Kogi States.
8. Boundary work involving Kogi/Enugu and Kogi/Anambra States were conducted.

Works Executed From January, 2016 To December, 2016

MINISTRY OF WORKS, LANDS, HOUSING AND

URBAN DEVELOPMENT (BUILDING DEVELOPMENT)

S/N	DESCRIPTION OF WORKS	NAME OF CONTRACTOR	DATE OF AWARD	REMARKS
1	Renovation of GP/RR/BI	Hamaznas Associates	03/05/16	Completed
2.	GP/RR/B3	ZURICH NIG. LTD	03/05/16	Completed
3.	GP RD6 B6	SLEEK R. NIG. LTD.	16/8/16	On going
4.	GP/RD3/B4	MUSCO CONST. LTD	03/05/16	Completed
5.	RD4B1 (TRANSPORT)	OJEXTON EK. NIG. LTD.	16/8/16	Completed
6.	GP/RD4/B2	ONYIDO & ONYIDO	03/05/16	Completed
7.	RD2B1 FENCE (Auditor General for Local Govt.)	AJAWARA NIG. LTD	16/08/16	On going
8.	GP/RR/B2	QUALITY & QUANTITY SERVICES	03/05/16	Completed
9.	GP/RD3/B1	KESCO CONST. LTD	03/05/16	Completed
10.	GP/RD2/B2	ZURICH NIG. LTD	03/05/16	Completed
11.	GP/RR/B8	ZAIMUHAD INT'L LTD	03/05/16	On-going
12.	RD6B3	ODINEH NIG. LTD.	16/8/16	Completed
13.	RD5B2 on going SA (SDG)	SETIK DESIGN NIG. LTD.	16/8/16	Completed
14.	GP/RR/B7	MUSCO CONST. LTD	03/05/16	Completed
15.	GP/RD5/B3	TEGFORD CONST. LTD	03/05/16	Completed
16.	RD1B3	OPESKOLY INTEGRATED LTD.	16/8/16	Suspended

Outcomes

This government will make efforts to deliver the following outcomes:

- Increased volume of safe drinking water;
- Increased access to safe drinking water;
- Reduced water loss and wastages from water pipeline and networks;
- Reduced prevalence of water borne diseases.

TARGETS

- To increase the proportion of households with access to safe portable water to 50% at the end of 2019;
- To increase the proportion of households with access to safe sanitation (improved toilet facilities) to 48% by the end of 2019;
- To increase safe hygiene practices (effective hand washing at critical times) to 70% at the end of 2019;
- To increase the percentage of water resources development and management through PPP by 10% annually over the period 2016 to 2019;
- To reduce water loss and wastes to less than 5% by the year 2019.

ENVIRONMENT

POLICY THRUST

The focus of policy on environment is to ensure sustainable use of the environment and continuous management of environmental challenges such as pollution, degradation and gully erosion. The Kogi State Government will strive to mitigate potential environmental challenges from increased oil and gas and industrialization activities as well as introduce and sustain new approaches to waste management and climate change mitigation activities, including control of deforestation activities and substantial afforestation initiatives.

OUTCOMES

The following will be achieved during the period;

- *Improved sustainability in the use of the environment;*
- *Reduced environmental pollution and degradation;*
- *Increased control of gully erosion;*
- *Improved waste management system;*
- *Improved sanitation system.*

TARGETS

- *To reduce environmental pollution and degradation by 15% annually over the period 2016 to 2019;*
- *To reduce the menace of gully erosion in the State by 60% at the end of 2019;*
- *To increase the percentage of green belt restored and preserved*

RENOVATION OF HONOURABLE COMMISSIONERS' QUARTERS LOKOJA 15TH/08/2016

S/NO	DESCRIPTION OF WORKS	NAME OF CONTRACTOR	DATE OF AWARD	REMARKS
17.	RD5B1 FENCE (225M) AND GATE HOUSE	ABENELU GLOBAL RESOURCES LTD.	16/8/16	Completed
18.	RD1B2 (RURAL DEVELOPMENT)	MUHAMIN CONST. COMPANY	16/8/16	
19.	GP/RD1/B1	ZURICH NIG. LTD	03/05/16	Completed
20.	RRB8 (FENCE – 191.2M) AND GATE HOUSE	ZAIMUHAD INT'L LTD.	16/8/16	
21.	RRB7 (FENCE, DRAINAGE/GATE HOUSE)	AJAWARA NIG. LTD.	16/08/16	On Going
22.	RD3B1 (FENCE AND GATE HOUSES)	KESCO CONST. LTD.	16/8/16	
23.	GP/RR/B6	ONYIDO & ONYIDO	03/05/16	Completed
24.	RRB9	ZURICH NIG. LTD.	16/8/16	Completed
25.	GP/RD2/B1	TEGFORD CONST. LTD	03/05/16	Completed
26.	GP/RR/B4	ONYIDO & ONYIDO	03/05/16	Completed
27.	GP/RD3/B3	MUSCO CONST. LTD	03/05/16	Completed
28.	RD3B5 renovating Main House, Gate House, Generator House, Car park/Fence/Drainage	GALA ENGINEERING CONST. LTD.	16/8/16	Completed
29.	RRD5	SHE TECHLOSYSYSTEM LTD.	16/8/16	
30.	RD3B2 ANNABLA NIG. LTD.	ANNABLA NIG. LTD.	16/08/16	Completed
31.	GP/RR/BII	ZURICH NIG. LTD	03/05/16	Completed

RENOVATION OF HONOURABLE COMMISSIONERS' OFFICES LOKOJA 15TH/08/2016

S/NO	DESCRIPTION OF WORKS	NAME OF CONTRACTOR	DATE OF AWARD	REMARKS
32.	LANDS	ALIEE ESTATE MANAGEMENT (ATIMPO)	16/08/16	
33.	MINISTRY OF WOMEN AFFAIRS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	RHADY AND CO. LTD.	16/08/16	
34.	MINISTRY OF AGRIC AND NATURAL RESOURCES	MAMALATEF SERVICES LTD.	16/08/16	On going
35.	MINISTRY OF INFORMATION CULTURE AND TOURISM	FOSTA DYNAMIC RESOURCES LTD.	16/08/16	
36.	MINISTRY OF BUDGET AND PLANNING	AL-IKHWAN CONST. COMPANY LTD.	16/08/16	On Going
37.	WORKS/FIRE SERVICES	BLACK AND NOBLE INTEGRATED SERVICES	16/08/16	On going
38.	MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT	DEVICK (NIG.) LTD.	16/08/16	On Going
39.	MINISTRY OF JUSTICE	GOLD PROFILE LTD	16/08/16	
40.	MINISTRY OF EDUCATION	MUNIJRAF NIG. LTD.	16/08/16	On Going
41.	MINISTRY OF HEALTH	YAJI AGUBA VENTURE LTD.	16/08/16	On Going
42.	MINISTRY OF YOUTHS AND SPORT	GADEBB INTEGRATED RESOURCES	16/08/16	Completed
43.	MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT	ZEUS EDGE GLOBAL RESOURCES LTD	16/08/16	Completed
44.	MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY	GULF MEGA NIG. LTD.	16/08/16	On Going
45.	MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT	FAMSAF CONT. COMPANY LTD.	16/08/16	On Going
46.	MINISTRY OF FINANCE	AHRAM GLOBAL RESOURCES LTD	16/08/16	On Going

S/N	PROJECT	NAME OF CONTRACTOR	DATE OF AWARD	REMARK
47.	Renovation of speaker's lodge, Lokoja	Hamaznas Associates	20/06/16	Completed
48.	Renovation of House of Assembly complex phase I, Lkj	Onyido & Onyido Ltd, No. 6 Bala plaza IBB way, Lokoja	19/07/16	Completed
49.	Phase II, Lokoja	Hussami Global Nig Ent. No. 21 Idozumi street Okene	19/07/16	Completed
50.	Repair of blocked drainage at Liaison Office, Abuja	Sky Light Eng. Services Ltd	18/05/16	Completed
51.	Repair of collapsed fence at Liaison Office Asokoro, Abuja	Sky Light Eng. Services Ltd. plot 1088 Joseph Gomwalk street Gudu District, Abuja	18/05/16	Completed
52.	Construction of swimming pool at the stadium	Favic const. company Ltd. suite 210A DBM plaza, plot 402 Novakchott street, wuse zone I, Abuja	21/06/16	On-going

NEW/RENOVATION WORKS FROM JANUARY 2016 TO NOVEMBER, 2016

S/ NO	DESCRIPTION OF WORKS	NAME OF CONTRACTOR	DATE OF AWARD	REMARKS
53.	Renovation of Council for Arts and Culture Administrative Block	Sarajewel Global Ventures	16/08/16	On going
54.	Re-construction of Fallen Fence/ Minor Renovation Works at Kogi State Civil Service Commission, Lokoja	Messrs Hussami global Nig. Enterprise	16/08/16	Completed
55.	Completion of 4Nos. Block of 2-Bedroom Behind Govt. House	HUSSAMI GLOBAL NIG. ENTERPRISES	26/9/16	On going
56.	Renovation and Furnishing of Deputy Governor's Official Quarters	Mahad & Associates Engineering Ltd.	16/08/16	
57.	Renovation of Two Bedroom Semi detached Bungalow as Task Force office	Baarahama Unique Global Limited	20/10/16	Completed
58.	Construction of Kogi Revenue House, Lokoja	Satmaiha Nig. Ltd	17/08/16	On going
59.	Landscaping of Secretariat Phase I	City Green Cleaner's Ltd.	23/08/16	On going
60.	Coverage and Communication System House of Assembly	VASCOMM INT. LTD.	26/09/16	On going
61.	Renovation of Controller of Immigration Quarters	Alikhwan Construction Company Limited	20/10/16	
62.	Establishment of Nigeria Army forward Operation Base (FOB)	Karmod Prefabricated Technologies	26/07/16	
63.	Comprehensive cleaning, fumigation, maintenance and general care of the Honourable Commissioner's Official Residential Quarters, Lokoja	Gala Engineering & Construction Company	26/07/16	On going
64.	Renovation of Commissioner's Quarters Eatery, Lokoja	Sleekaro Nig. Ltd	15/08/16	Completed
65.	Intruder prevention gate and development and fence repairs at Government House, Lokoja	Alutech Metal Industries Ltd	18/10/16	
66.	Renovation of school of Nursing and midwifery, Obangede	Messers Hamif Real Estate Nig. Ltd.	29/11/16	
67.	Construction of kogi state Ministry of Justice office complex, Lokoja	Messers Von Engineering Nig. Ltd, Block 3, Flat 6, Zonkwa close Area 7, Abukja	29/11/16	
68.	Construction of New Hostel block for school of Nursing Obangede	Messers Musalib construction Ltd	29/11/16	

in the State by 10% annually over the period 2016 to 2019;

- To embark on integrated waste management facility under PPP arrangement;*
- To reduce illegal refuse dumps in the State by 60% at the end of 2019*

LANDS

POLICY THRUST

The policy thrust on lands is to ensure easy access to lands for agricultural, residential, commercial and industrial uses to all citizens and investors to facilitate the social and economic development of the State.

OUTCOMES

During the period, development efforts will deliver the following:

- Increased access to land and land titles for all forms of development activities in the State;*
- Improved geographic and land information system developed for the State;*
- Increased contribution of land sub-sector to IGR of the State.*

TARGETS

- To reduce the processing time for acquisition of land and land titles to 6 weeks at the end of 2019.*
- To ensure the establishment of functional land data bank with geographic information system (GIS) at the end of 2016.*
- To increase IGR from lands by 50% annually over the period 2016 to 2019.*

HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

POLICY THRUST

During the period, the policy thrust on housing and urban development is to improve the quantity of decent housing and facilitate the creation of viable urban communities in the State. Government will improve and expand affordable housing options through the use of public private partnership arrangements, embark on the aggressive implementation of city master-plan in the major towns and fully automate the building approval process.

Outcomes

Efforts will be directed at delivering the following during the period;

Increased housing delivery to people in the State;

Lokoja township urban renewal to make it a befitting state capital;

Increased development control in the State.

TARGET

To reduce the processing time of building permits by 70% at the end of 2019.

To increase the percentage of controlled physical development in the State by 10% annually over the period 2016 to 2019.

Lokoja Township renewed and developed at the end of 2019.

LIST OF ROAD CONTRACTS/CONTRACTORS RECENTLY REMOBILIZED (AFTER A PERIOD OF INACTIVITY ON SITE)

EASTERN SENATORIAL DISTRICT OF KOGI STATE

S/N	PROJECT TITLE	LOCATION	CONTRACTOR	DATE OF AWARD	COMPLETION RATING
1.	Rehabilitation/Asphalt Overlay of Idah /Ejule/ Anyigba junction (55.4km)	Idah/ Odolu/ Ofu LGA	TEC Engineering Co. Ltd	March 2011	77%
2.	Construction of Odenyi/ Oguma/Sheria road (16km)	Bassa LGA	Vanguard Construction Co.	March, 2014	37%
3.	Ankpa Township Roads (6.5)	Ankpa LGA	TEC Engineering Co. Ltd	February 2014	18%

LIST OF ON-GOING RECENTLY AWARDED ROAD CONTRACTS IN KOGI STATE

EASTERN SENATORIAL DISTRICT

S/N	PROJECT TITLE	LOCATION	CONTRACTOR	DATE OF AWARD
1.	Rehabilitation/ Reconstruction of Ankpa/ Abejukolo Road	Ankpa/ Omala LGA	Mo – Tex Engineering Services Ltd.	December 2016
2.	Rehabilitation of Shintaku/ Gboloko/Dekina Road	Bassa/ Dekina LGA	Amirco Universal Concept Ltd	December, 2016
3.	Rehabilitation /Asphalt Overlay & Construction of Idah/Iyano Road (with spur from Odogwu to Unale)	Idah/Ibaji LGA	Gilmor Engineering (Nig.) Ltd.	December, 2016
4.	Rehabilitation of Ibana/ Ikeje/Ogugu/Ette Road (31km)	Olamaboro	Ferotex Construction Co. Ltd.	October, 2016

CENTRAL SENATORIAL DISTRICT

S/N	PROJECT TITLE	LOCATION	CONTRACTOR	DATE OF AWARD
1.	Construction of Agassa/Upogoro Road with spur to Auchu bypass, Okene (10.7km)	Okene	A.G Vission Construction Nig. Ltd.	May 2016
2.	Rehabilitation /Asphalt overlay of Obehira /Ihima road with spur to Obangede (21km)	Okene/Adavi/Okehi LGA's	Spectrum Engineering Ltd.	August, 2016
3.	Construction of Ogaminana /Ebogogo to total junction with spur from Ebogogo through Eika/Itakpe Road (14km)	Okene/Adavi	Levant construction Co. Ltd.	October, 2016

WESTERN SENATORIAL DISTRICT

S/N	PROJECT TITLE	LOCATION	CONTRACTOR	DATE OF AWARD
1.	Rehabilitation/ Asphalt Overlay of Chari Maigumeri Army Barracks ring road including Street lighting (1.5km)	Lokoja	YCMM Nig. Ltd.	August, 2016
2.	Construction of Ekin-Adde/Ohun/Ife Olukotun Road (13.8km)	Ijumu/Yagba East LGA	High Skill Ltd.	October, 2016
3.	Rehabilitation /Asphalt overlay of Iyamoye/ Ife Olukotun/ Ponyan/ Jege/ Ejuku/Ijowa (Isanlu) Road (70km)	Ijumu/Yagba East LGA	Wiz China Worldwide Engineering Ltd.	October, 2016
4.	Construction & Rehabilitation of Lokoja Township Roads Lot I	Lokoja	Munir Industries & Trade Nig. Ltd.	December, 2016
5.	Construction of Rehabilitation of Lokoja Township Roads Lot II	Lokoja	Raycon & Co. (Nig.) Ltd	December, 2016
6.	Construction & Rehabilitation of Lokoja Township Roads Lot III	Lokoja	Ceelix Engineering Services Ltd.	December, 2016

POWER

POLICY THRUST

To reduce average power outage through the generation and distribution of adequate electricity in the urban and rural areas in Kogi State, for residential, commercial and industrial purposes that would improve SMEs access to electricity.

OUTCOMES

During the period therefore, we will strive to deliver the followings:

- Reduced power outage through increased peak load;
- Improved SMEs access to electricity.

Targets

- To reduce average total power outage in the State from 20% in 2016 to 15% by the end of 2017; further down to 10% by the end of 2018 and the end of 2019 and sustain it thereafter.
- To increase access to electricity by residential, commercial and industrial users by 5% at the end of 2015; then increase further by 3% by end of 2016 and maintain the 3% increment through end of 2017 and 2019.

TRANSPORTATION

POLICY THRUST

The policy thrust is aimed at rejuvenating the Transportation sector and all its players. The Transportation ministry have the potential as a large revenue generation part of Government overall IGR. Formulation of the necessary enabling environment, framework and arrangements for this sector in the State. The aim is to attract inflow of foreign and local investments and enable enterprises in the State, including indigenous SME's to participate in the activities of the sector.

OUTCOMES

The following will be delivered during the period:

- Increased employment opportunities generated by the Transportation sector by 25% annually for the plan period.
- Increase of revenue by a properly framed Public private partnership on mass transit vehicular movement including management and maintenance
- Creation of a nation-wide Transportation service epicenter in the State in line with the Federal Government.
- Increased new investment in the Transportation sector in the State.

TARGETS

- To increase commuting by the resuscitation of ferry services in the State.
- To increase revenue generation by setting up a MOT test centre with

LIST OF ROADS CONTRACTS/CONTRACTORS RECENTLY REMOBILIZED (AFTER A PERIOD OF INACTIVITY ON SITE)

EASTERN SENATORIAL DISTRICT OF KOGI STATE

S/N	PROJECT TITLE	LOCATION	CONTRACTOR	DATE OF AWARD
1.	Rehabilitation/Asphalt Overlay of Idah /Ejule/ Anyigba junction (55.4km)	Idah/Odolu/ Ofu LGA	TEC Engineering Co. Ltd	March 2016
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LIST OF ROADS REHABILITATED IN 2016 BY KOGI STATE

ROAD MAINTENANCE AGENCY THROUGH DIRECT LABOUR

S/NO	PROJECT TITLE
1.	Rehabilitation Of Internal Road Network at Judiciary Headquarters, Lokoja
2.	Rehabilitation/Asphalt Overlay of Access road & parking area in front of State Secretariat, Lokoja
3.	Rehabilitation of Lokoja Club/Omologun Junction / Graj Hotel
4.	Emergency Repair of failed sections along Stella Obasanjo Library / Government House/Kogi Hotels/ NTA Roundabout
5.	Emergency Repairs of Zariagi (Obajana Junction) – Itakpe Junction Section of Lokoja /Okene Federal Road
6.	Emergency Repairs On Itakpe Junction/Okene/Obehira – Eba Road section of Lokoja/ Okene/ Ibillo Federal Road

KOGI STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD

ONE YEAR ACHIEVEMENT OF THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION

The present administration under His Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello has spent one year in office having the following achievements.

1. Work plan for KOSEPB: This work plan as one of His Excellency's achievement will go a long way to make the board carry out effectively its statutory functions in all the Local Government in the State.
2. Screening exercise: The screening exercise carried out by the State Government under this new direction of His Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello's administration is a very welcome achievement.
3. Supplementary Budget for KOSEPB: In the last budget, after the budget defence at the Kogi State House of Assembly, the Hon. Commissioner of Environment and Natural Resources, Honourable (Mrs) Rosemary O. Osikoya made it mandatory for KOSEPB to prepare a supplementary budget in order to have a very working conducive environment by the Board.
4. Establishment of teams: The Board has established patrol teams and revenue generation teams (Consultant) respectively. The former is mandated to go on routine basis to see that environmental laws are obeyed, also improve the revenue of the State.
5. Public Awareness Campaigns: The awareness campaigns of the Board by distributing notification papers to shops and office within the State Capital (Lokoja) is a welcome achievement of His Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello.
6. Monitoring: The Board which has monitoring team has been visiting many places like Obajana Cement Company, Ajaokuta Iron and Steel, Itakpe Iron Mine, Quarry at Itobe, Banks, Hotels, Petrol Filling Station on routine inspection to enforce environmental Laws and industrial safety measures it's all an achievement of this government for the past one year.
7. Sanitation: The Board has participated significantly in the sanitation exercise in the State by making the State clean, which is one of the achievements of His Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello.

aims to include emission testing.

- *Revamping of the Kogi State transport services and standardize all the existing motor parks in the State to maximize their revenue generating capacity.*
- *The use of modern I.T. technology to enhance the transportation sector boosting employment and IGR for the State.*
- *To increase interstate inland water transportation by the dredging of the Niger and the Lokoja port by the relevant authority.*
- *To increase revenue by investment in a mini-airport and Helipad or modernization/ concession use of the mini-airport owned by the Federal Government.*
- *To increase job creation by the establishment of a traffic control agency.*

KOGI STATE SANITATION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

ACHIEVEMENTS

- i. Daily evacuation of solid waste and servicing of designated and undesignated dump sites in the metropolis with the engagement of our compactor trucks and tippers.
- ii. Regular maintenance of central dump site with the engagement of pay loader and bulldozer monthly.
- iii. Daily street cleaning of the major streets in the metropolis with environmental health attendants and Ad-hoc staff of the Board.
- iv. Enforcement of monthly Environmental Sanitation Day Exercise across the State.
- v. Sensitization/Awareness creation in the 21 LGAs on the importance of Environmental Sanitation and the consequences of poor Environmental Sanitation.
- vi. Vegetation control in the metropolis with the procurement and deployment of slicers and cutlasses by the men of the Sanitation.
- vii. Street trading control in the black spots like Natacco, Kpata market, Ganaja junction, Lokongoma village etc.
- viii. House to House inspection and abatement of Nuisances in premises.
- ix. Desiting of drainages with the Ad-hoc staff of the Board.
- x. Procurement of Sanitation basic tools for Sanitation Exercise.
- xi. Prompt release of monthly operation grant.

STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

In line with the present administration's commitment to the well being and welfare of the people of Kogi State the Agency has been able to effectively respond to cases of disasters in some affected communities in the State. For instance following a rain storm disaster in Yagba East and Okehi Local Government Area, the State Government swiftly responded and released the sum of Two hundred and Ninety seven Thousand Naira (N297,000.00) to enable the Agency conduct Environmental Impact assessment of the rainstorm disaster in the affected two L.G.A.

In order to develop a working synergy with the National Emergency Management Agency for optimal performance the State Government sponsored the management team of the Agency to understudy the operations and activities of NEMA at the Agency's National Headquarter, Abuja.

NIGERIA EROSION AND WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT

The Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project (NEWMAP) is an intervention in the state supported by the administration of Governor Yahaya Bello. This present administration recognised the fact that for an environment to contribute to the economic growth and development of a state, there is need

for transformation in order to achieve greater and enhanced economic activities, environmental and economic security. With this in mind of His Excellency, NEWMAP project is supported by this administration to address severe gully erosion problems in some identified erosion sites. In the short term, to reduce vulnerability to soil erosion and climate variability in the medium term, and also promote long-term climate resilience.

NEWMAP will take an integrated watershed management approach to erosion that will address the interlinked challenges of poverty, ecosystem services, climate change, disaster risk management, biodiversity, institutional capacity and governance.

This is another dimension of infrastructural progress of this administration to achieving sustainable development and empowering communities by making their environment safe for farming and boosting the economic activities of these areas. The multiplier effect of these are growth in productivity and incomes, and improvements in health and safety living of the citizens of Kogi State.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEWMAP

1. One of the major achievement of NEWMAP is the payment of the counterpart funding by the Government to the tune of 700 million naira which has been budgeted for in the 2017 Budget.
2. The Government has also increased NEWMAP intervention in the state from six (6) sites to Eight (8) sites.



THE KOGI STATE REVENUE HOUSE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT THE TIME.



COMPLETED ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN THE STATE



ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION ACROSS THE STATE



MOTORIZED BOREHOLE WATER TANK FOR RURAL WATER SUPPLY



DRAINAGE CONSTRUCTION ON ROSD PROJECT.



THE SDG HOUSE UNDER CONSTRUCTION



NEWLY COMPLETED KOGI STATE REVENUE HOUSE



NEWLY INSTALLED SOLAR POWERED STREET LIGHTS



MORE STREET LIGHT ALONG THE LOKOJA TOWNSHIP ROAD.



LOKOJA TOWNSHIP ROAD ONDER CONSTRUCTION



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR INSPECTING ONGOING ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORK WITHIN THE STATE CAPITAL



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR DURING AN ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION EXERCISE IN THE STATE CAPITAL, LOKOJA



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OPERATING A HEAVYDUTY EQUIPMENT ON AN CENTRAL SENATORIAL REGION



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR AT ONE OF MANY CONSTRUCTION SITES ACROSS THE STATE.



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR AT OMI DAM IN THE WEST SENATORIAL DISTRICT



IS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR AT A ROAD CONSTRUCTION SITE IN OKPO, OLAMABORO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA.



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR, AT THE FLAG-OFF OF A CONSTRUCTION WORK IN THE STATE



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR STILL DILIGENTLY MANNING THE CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR UNVEILING A NEWLY ERECTED BUILDING BY THE NEW DIRECTION ADMINISTRATION.



AN ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT COMPLETED IN THE STATE.

SELECTED SPEECHES

KOGI AT 25

CELEBRATING KOGI'S SILVER JUBILEE, SILVER LINING AND SILVER BULLET

BEING TEXT OF A SPEECH BY HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR YAHAYA BELLO OF KOGI STATE ON 27TH AUGUST, 2016 IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CREATION OF KOGI STATE

Happy Silver Jubilee, Kogi State!

Almighty God Alone deserves all the Praise today. Without the help of God, we will not be marking this day. For keeping our Nation Nigeria and for keeping our State Kogi, I thank God with all my strength and from the bottom of my heart.

I felicitate with each Kogite on this important milestone. The journey has been long, and the road was not always smooth but you stood your ground. You did not let challenges diminish your allegiance to the Federal Republic of Nigeria or your devotion to a united, peaceful and progressive Kogi State. Happy 25th Anniversary, Great People!

I cannot hide my admiration for my father and mentor, President Muhammadu Buhari. I said as much in my Inaugural Address and I repeat same here today. I admire the ironclad will that saw him contest against incredible odds for the Presidency of Nigeria and win on the fourth attempt. Mr. President's unbending determination to rid Nigeria of corruption continues to provide me with much needed example in a political terrain that is nearly barren of heroic personalities. On this 25th Anniversary of my state, I celebrate my boss.

Kogi State appreciates former President Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida during whose tenure as Head of State our dear state was created. Every Kogite owes the colorful General whom Nigerians fondly call 'IBB' an undying weight of gratitude. Today as always we hail his remarkable courage, especially that singular exercise in which he carved out Kogi State from parts of Kwara and Benue States where we had been completely neglected. We wish our benefactor a long and happy life. May he live to see the emergence of a Kogi that justifies his founding visions. Allah Ya kara maka lafiya.

Many sons and daughters of Kogi State, too many to mention individually, also contributed beyond belief to the efforts that led to her creation. I speak of such eminent founders and fathers as General Salihu Ibrahim (former Chief of Army Staff), Alhaji Aliyu Attah (former Inspector-General of Police), and Retired General Theophilus Jemibewon (a fine officer and gentleman).

Others, equally as distinguished, include Late Chief Sunday Awoniyi (a consummate technocrat), Late Dr. Stephen Makoji Achemba (a politician and community leader of note), Late Pa C.H.N Lapini (elder statesman extraordinaire), Chief P.S Achimugu (another extraordinary elder statesman) and His Excellency, Late Prince Abubakar Audu (the First Executive Governor of Kogi State). The list is inexhaustible.

I honor their collective achievement today.

On 27th of August 1991, Kogi State was created, along with Abia, Adamawa, Anambra, Delta, Edo, Enugu, Jigawa, Kebbi, Osun, Taraba, and Yobe States. It was the joyful reunion of a people who shared historical roots dating back to the defunct Kabba Province in the old Northern Region who had been arbitrarily carved into other geographical entities.

I was about 16 years old at the time and I still remember how Kogites erupted in spontaneous celebration wherever the glad tidings reached them. Everyone was excited by the promise of a new dawn. We were confident that with faith in God and our own hard work our new state would achieve unparalleled heights in Nigeria.

Geographically, Kogi State is strategically located as the intersection of all parts of the country. We share borders with 10 States and the Federal Capital Territory. This makes us the gateway to the heart of Nigeria. The mighty Rivers Niger and Benue enter Kogi as individual flows only to find Confluence in our land. In like manner, Nigerians from diverse backgrounds find connectedness in Kogi, either as residents or travellers.

Demographically, there are about 3.5 million wonderful people currently living in Kogi. This large population helps to create and sustain multi-sectoral business opportunities, especially in agriculture, trade and commerce. With alluvial plains along the riverbeds and fertile uplands inland Kogi is a farmers' haven, and modern Agriculture for the cultivation of numerous crops can, and continues to, prove very lucrative.

The State also boasts some of the most extensive solid minerals deposits in Nigeria. The sector is a treasure trove of opportunities for those who will dare to make the foray.

Our Tourism potentials are almost limitless. Innumerable historical sites, wonderful geological features and the incredible biodiversity across the State make it a very attractive tourist destination.

On August 27, 1991, our dreams of steering our own destiny became a reality. We accepted responsibility for our own success and our journey to discover greatness began. Everyone was full of great hopes for the future. Our optimism was not foolish given the circumstances, and our potentials. Kogi State, with her massive endowments had no reason not to become a 21st century industrial and agricultural powerhouse, even without crude oil earnings.

I would love to report today that Kogi State has lived up to those potentials. Truly, nothing would give me greater pleasure than to have the privilege of speaking to you today on how Kogi achieved greatness. Unfortunately, if I tried to tell you that Kogi State, after 25 years of existence, is where any patriotic Kogite dreams it should be none of you would believe me for a moment. In fact, you would laugh at me and dismiss me for a liar.

I am saddened by what we could have become. I imagine the long journey to statehood for Kogi State and the sacrifices of those who fought for that vision.

Many of them, some of whom I have recognized above, laboured to plant this tree knowing they will never get to sit in its shade. Others are alive today, but unsung. It would be most disrespectful to them all if I claimed that the Kogi State we live in today is the one they envisioned. It is not.

The sad reality is that we are well below the expectations and capabilities we started out with. Some may try to argue that Kogi State is not alone in that sad corner of under-performance. They would say it is a general reflection of the nation we live in. I disagree. It is time we owned up to our mistakes. We must stop the practice of comparing ourselves to any other under-performers as an excuse for our own low achievement.

Fellow Kogites, it is far better to admit the harsh realities on ground so we can get creative about changing them than to live in denial and continue to wallow in squalor. Somewhere along our journey to greatness we were derailed, not by a mechanical fault but through deliberate acts of sabotage by those entrusted with the job of driving us to our desired future. The missed opportunities in Kogi State are traceable to the poor and uninspiring leadership of the past.

We must stop celebrating the fact that we are not doing well because there are others among our contemporaries like us. How is it any consolation to a wiseman that he is in the same leaky boat with others? If the boat sinks, everyone perishes.

It is my belief that every state in Nigeria has had a chance to chart a course for herself different from the malaise of bad governance which permeated the nation, particularly in the last 16 years. Some states actually did and today they are way ahead of others in critical socio-economic indices. The painful thing is the failure of those who led Kogi State in the past to make the state a member of this league of visionary states.

We seemed unable to find leaders who loved Kogi above self, family and friends. Thus successive Administrations posted lackluster performances which in turn led to severe underdevelopment and increased poverty among our people. If they had been merely incompetent their failures would not have been so terrible. Instead they added corruption and criminality to the mix. Simply put, some of our past leaders were utterly godless. They stole us blind.

I am one of those who believe that the truth must be told as bluntly as possible. I say it this way now so that when I am no longer Governor, posterity can have my words today as a precedent to judge me. I want Almighty God and Kogi People to judge me harshly too if I follow the same path of wanton corruption and criminality while in Office.

I am also eager for us to recall the past correctly so we can deal with it, then drop it in the trashcan of history and move on to capture the greatness which has eluded both Nigeria and Kogi State for 25 long years.

Kogi's dilemma mirrored Nigeria's. Our Nation was on life support when President Muhammadu Buhari came to Office. As it is, the President is still working hard to move it out of the Intensive Care Unit. Most Nigerians know this but only a few of the bravest and most honest will admit it.

One of these forthright souls, a christian cleric recently re-enumerated the deep-seated wickedness shown to the people of this country, including Kogi State, by those who held power before the All Progressives Congress (APC) when he lamented as follows:

‘Our past leaders, no, not...leaders, our past looters...embezzlers...have eaten the cake of this country and now everybody is suffering it...All the money voted for road constructions (and other public utilities) were swindled, eaten. Many of them became millionaires and billionaires in Naira, in Dollars, in Pounds, in Euro. Billionaires, when they have no workshop, no business centre. Somebody who has nothing he’s doing, yet he’s a billionaire, because he’s a politician...they succeeded in removing the liver, kidneys, and cardiovascular systems of this country...paralyzed the neurological organs and handed over to Buhari, the new president, shambles, skeleton almost, a nation that is (comatose)...Kidnapping was a child of the past administration. They delivered that ugly baby, and that baby resembled them...’

The Change which swept the nation with the election of President Muhammadu Buhari presented us with an opportunity to reinvent ourselves and make great strides in Kogi. Mr. President’s commitment to the Change Agenda in Nigeria provides us with a role model for Change here in Kogi State. We are assured of Mr. President’s support as long as we act with probity and accountability.

This 25th Anniversary is therefore an opportune time to unveil a new epoch of greatness for Kogi State. Accordingly, it is my utmost pleasure to introduce the New Direction Agenda of this Administration once more, especially for the benefit of our esteemed guests who may be hearing about it for the first time today.

When I began to nurse the aspiration to run for Governor, it was clear to me that Kogi State needed more than body-fillers. A lot of serious body and engine work would be required too. The state needed overhauling and thorough servicing to get it running effectively. Once that was done, it must be turned around completely to travel in a new direction. This simple premise became the foundational philosophy for our New Direction Agenda, and it remains the basis on which we have designed our Governance Blueprint.

We are convinced that good governance is a catalyst for quick development of our communities. The New Direction Blueprint, as promised during our Campaigns, is a sort of Marshall Plan, an actionable proposal so to speak, for how we intend to reinvent Kogi State and activate all of our potentials. Beyond that, it is our roadmap to lifting at least one million Kogites out of the Multi-Dimensional Poverty Index during the tenure of this Administration.

The needs are many and the resources lean which means we cannot possibly do everything. The Blueprint focuses on 5 thematic areas, namely, Education, Health, Job Creation and New Ventures, Infrastructure and Utilities, and Productive Public Service and Pension Reforms. These five focal points are designed to interlock. Each Ministry, Department and Agency of Kogi State will find that one or more, if not all, of these five focal areas provide direction for their work.

My dear people of Kogi State, The New Direction Blueprint was designed with you in mind. It is not needlessly complex nor is it full of obscure, diversionary concepts. It is simply an inventory of priority projects with estimated dates of delivery. In fact, most of the projections came from your responses in the Questionnaires sent out by our New Direction Blueprint Team and your contributions at the LG Town Hall meetings.

To enhance access to the Blueprint by everyone, we will place reference copies in libraries, schools and other public places. It will also be uploaded online. Government will rely a lot on your feedback to monitor compliance with the Blueprint by functionaries at Local Government and other levels. Accordingly, we are working to set up a Call Centre directly under my Office through which you can make inputs. It will be manned by Special Assistants properly trained in Customer Care and appropriate etiquette.

There is no time to enumerate all our accomplishments over the 7 months we have been in Office. I will mention a few in order to give an idea of our commitment and our momentum.

On assumption we focused on workers' welfare. Over the space of two months, even before we got the the bailout funds, we managed to pay 3 month's salaries. More has been paid since the bailout came. For the records, we have only accessed 40% of the Bailout Funds approved for us by the Federal Government. We will pay more as we access more, and as our fortunes improve, for improve they must as we continue to deploy the right efforts.

We commenced a staff screening and verification exercise which has removed over 18,000 unintended beneficiaries from the state civil service payroll so far. This will save the state N16.6bn per annum at the rate of N1.3bn per month. Affected individuals have also been afforded the opportunity to present their cases to an Appeal Committee. No genuine worker or pensioner affected for any reason will be denied fair hearing.

The screening exercise also revealed the level of complicity in the rot by all strata of the society. It was a conspiracy to rob the state. The involvement of clerics of both major faiths in these rackets was perhaps the most disappointing. I warn that people who by their calling are meant to be society's role models must endeavour to live above board. We will not hesitate to hand them over to law enforcement if need be.

We are now better able to focus on the welfare of genuine workers. I have directed the Commissioner for Finance and the 21 Local Government Administrators to pay at least 3 months' salaries to all workers before the Sallah Holidays. In line with our resolve to ensure our payroll caters for only bona fide workers, it goes without saying that only those who passed the screening exercise will be paid.

Once again, and I cannot repeat this enough, any person who believes he or she was unjustly screened out should please reach to the Appeal Committee at the appointed times and places and present their case. Schedules have been sent out several weeks ago to all Local Government Secretariats and the State Secretariat so people can avail themselves of this opportunity.

In June, 2016, I trimmed the number of ministries in the state from 20 to 15, appointing the same number of commissioners. This eliminated the duplication of roles, cut the cost of governance and increased productivity.

In order to grow our Internally Generated Revenue, we granted autonomy to the Kogi State Board of Internal Revenue, moved them to modern premises and strengthened their operational capacities. There is currently a perceptible increase in our Internally Generated Revenue. It will surely grow.

We abolished the State and Local Government Joint Account, granted financial autonomy to the Local Government Areas and strengthened oversight of their activities. This is a way of boosting this administration's resolve to govern with transparency and accountability.

We commenced construction of rural and township roads in the three senatorial Districts of the State. Some parts of the state which had been in darkness for 5 years or more have been provided electricity with several of such projects awaiting commissioning.

This Administration resuscitated the monthly sanitation exercise and it has gone a long way in cleaning up our cities and banishing the mountains of refuse and other health hazards which dotted everywhere when we came in.

The State Ministry of Environment spearheaded the planting of thousands of trees all over the State as part of efforts to protect our environment. This is part of a greening initiative that will ultimately see millions of trees planted during the tenure of this Administration. With lessons learned from the devastating floods of 2012 our flood and erosion preparedness measures are in top gear. We are confident that the steps we are taking today will help us manage natural disasters easier and make every part of the state safer for residents.

We came into office on 27 January, 2016. The Security Agencies informed me of 18 recorded incidents of kidnapping and numerous armed robberies in that month alone. We immediately prioritized security and took the battle to the criminals. By end of February we had only 5 incidences of kidnapping along with a reduction in armed robbery. We will not relent in this war. Any such criminal remaining in Kogi State is aware that he has signed his own death warrant.

I salute the gallant men and officers of our security forces - police, military, and paramilitary for their exceptional bravery. Also worthy of honorable mention are members of our revitalized Vigilante Services. Together, we have continued to checkmate the perpetrators of violent crime within our boundaries.

I am overwhelmed with the massive support we continue to receive from His Excellency, President Muhammadu Buhari, in this area of security as well as others. His Excellency directed his Security Chiefs to render me full support in securing Kogi State. These officers have also gone over and beyond the call of duty to respond to our distress calls.

General Tukur Buratai, the Chief of Army Staff and the Inspector-General of Police, Ibrahim Kpotum Idris, took this directive very personal and have availed us of both their physical presence and the elite resources of their respective services.

I must at this juncture appeal to community leaders, parents and guardians to take deeper interest in the escapades of their children and wards. Mischief very easily crosses over into criminality if young ones are left to their own devices. We again admonish young ones to refrain from physically engaging security operatives on or off duty. By their training, law enforcement agents will perform their constitutional duties as circumstances may require. People, including youth, who do not have respect for the law will find to their bitter regret that the law is no respecter of persons.

We cannot grow Kogi unless we attract genuine business people and provide the climate they need to thrive. Security is key to creating such an investment-friendly state. This is why we have purchased over one hundred Police Patrol Vehicles to assist the agencies in combating security challenges within the state. These vehicles were commissioned before all of us not long ago as part of activities marking this Anniversary and distributed to the various Law Enforcement Agencies.

Kogi is open for business. The Administration is revitalizing bi- and multi-lateral relationships with international development partners as well as collaborations with Nigerian businesses. We have a preference for Public Private Partnerships and similar private sector driven investment portfolios. We are committed to fostering a business climate that attracts and retains all viable investment options.

Just this week I signed an agreement with a US consortium for agro-allied investments in Kogi State that will eventually exceed the billion dollar mark. In similar vein, an automobile assembling company doing business in Nigeria displayed the prototype of one of their SUVs to me in Government House today. They will be assembling those in Kogi State before the end of 1st Quarter of 2017. Soon my people, we will have 'Made In Kogi' vehicles!

Today, and as always, I celebrate the life and times of Prince Abubakar Audu, the 1st Executive Governor of Kogi State. He laid a good foundation in Kogi State and is the architect of this Change that we see today. I am here today because of his labours. 'Allah (SWT) is the Protecting Guardian of those who believe; He leads them out of the darkness into the light.' [Qur'an 2:257]. May our leader continue to rest in peace.

I have severally extended my hand to my opponents in the elections that brought me in, seeking their brotherhood for a greater Kogi State. We are Kogites first and foremost. We must be guided by her best interests. Without prejudice to the cases in court, I repeat that gesture again today.

I urge those whose desperate resort is to foment trouble to rethink their actions. I guarantee them that misusing the media in vain attempt to paint my Government as corrupt or clueless has absolutely no effect on me or the Administration. A clear conscience such as I have, fears no accusation. They may unsettle some of the People some of the time, but the majority of Kogites have subscribed to the New Direction Agenda and can see such antics as the childish tantrums they really are.

We do not invite any media to do any cover ups for us. Conversely we will not tolerate further fake advertorials on non-existent sleaze against us. We have drawn the absolute last straw and are very willing now to test criminal and civil laws in this regard, notwithstanding any retraction.

We support a free Press, but we will no longer condone an irresponsible one. I sincerely hope that going forward our friends in the media will give factual reportage of events in Kogi State. I still believe that media ethics transcend financial rewards. A reputable media house ought not to publish anything that is an obvious lie, irrespective of the amount to be paid.

As I begin to conclude, let me say that my considerable business experience has taught me to take the resources available per time and do my best with it. We will not major in excuses. I will always provide the political will for this Administration to consistently do the right thing. We will continue to ensure the totality of Kogi's resources work for the totality of Kogi's People.

Dear Kogites, and all our Distinguished Guests, I am excited because today our celebration is three-fold - Silver Jubilee, Silver Lining and Silver Bullet. On this Silver Jubilee the New Direction Agenda constitutes a Silver Lining of Hope tearing apart the black clouds of longstanding misgovernance and using the New Direction Blueprint as a Silver Bullet to slay the monster of backwardness confronting Kogi State.

Today is not just a time to Celebrate, but also a time to Contemplate. In Psalms 90 verse 12 The Bible says, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." When we take out time to contemplate and think over our lives and our choices, we can plan for the future better. It will be an abomination for our children to grow into adults and on the Golden Jubilee of our state find themselves face to face with our failure to prepare for their future.

In the Qur'an, Abu Hurairah narrated that the Prophet (pbuh) said, "Allah said: 'The son of Adam hurts Me by abusing Time, for I am Time; in My Hands are all things and I cause the revolution of night and day.'" (Bukhari 6/351; 9/583). May we be wise not to hurt Allah Himself by abusing the time entrusted to us.

We must start today to prepare for the next 25 years by doing the right things now. It is my prayer that if God wills for us to be alive to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Kogi State, the foundations we lay together in this Administration may contribute to making that day the Golden Jubilee of a vastly improved, truly developed and heavily industrialized Kogi State.

Once again I wish Kogi State Happy Silver Jubilee!

God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

God bless Kogi State.

YAHAYA BELLO

EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR

CHAPTER EIGHT

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INTRODUCTION

It is obvious that high levels of armed violence and insecurity have a destructive impact on a country's development, economic growth and often time resulting in long standing grievances among communities that can last for generations. Peace, stability, human rights and effective governance based on the rule of law are important conduits for sustainable development

SUPER PAC

The Super Political Action Committee (PAC) includes the Chairperson, the SSG, **Dr Mrs Ayode Arike Folashade**, the Commissioner of the relevant ministry, the relevant S.A to the Governor, representative from the office of the SSG (Director cadre), a representative of the Governor from the office of the Chief of Staff, the New Direction Blueprint Team and Perm Sec.'s of the following relevant MDA's.

ACHIEVEMENTS

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

- a. In His Excellency's quest to revolutionize the Justice system in the State, he has approved and directed the acquisition of a land and has awarded the contract for the construction of a 2 (two) storey building to serve as the Headquarters of the Ministry of Justice. The feat has not been achieved by any of the successive administrations for the past Twenty-five (25) years of the State creation.
- b. The Executive Governor approved and released funds for the digitalization of the Law Library into an e-library to conform with the standard of legal practice in the country and indeed around the world. The purchase of laptops for all lawyers in the ministry and the installation of an electronic law library has made the information accessibility, research into new legal frontiers and data gathering easier with a press of a button.
- c. Digitalization of the Litigation Registry for easy registration and

POLICY THRUST

The policy thrust is to empower women to fully participate and contribute to the economic and social development of the State. This will be ensured in all segment of the Society in the development Process. Programmes of all MDA's shall consider and reflect the views and interest of women, the elderly, physically challenged persons, very poor and other vulnerable groups in policies, plans and Implementation.

OUTCOMES

The following will be delivered during the period:

- *Increased economic empowerment and skills programmes for women groups.*
- *Reduced gender-based violence and harmful traditional practices against women.*
- *Increased employment of women in economic activities in the State.*
- *Increased gender and social Inclusion in the state's socio-economic development*

TARGETS

- *To increase the percentage of women provided with economic empowerment and skills acquisition initiatives by 25% annually.*
- *To reduce the incidence of gender based violence against women to less than 10% by 2019.*
- *To increase the percentage of women in elected office by 2019*
- *To work in collaboration with Development agencies within and outside the State to promote gender and social inclusion in all policy issues in the State.*

access to both the ongoing and concluded civil and criminal cases.

- d. The Governor in his traditional benevolence to the Ministry of Justice approved the release of funds for the ministry's lawyers, Legal Aid council Lawyers to attend 2016 Bar Annual Conference in Port Harcourt, River State. This gesture ensures lawyers well-being and professionalism of their calling.
- e. In His Excellency's determination for quick dispensation of justice in Kogi State, money was released to the Ministry to conduct this year assizes to expeditiously conclude and determine all the criminal cases pending in the various High Courts in the State. As a result of the prompt release of funds by His Excellency, a total number of 116 criminal cases were successfully prosecuted to conclusion in the various High Courts across the State. In the same vein, 14 criminal appeals are being prosecuted before the Court of Appeal, Abuja Division, while 5 (Five) criminal appeals are before the Supreme Court of Nigeria.
- f. In the year under review, the ministry has prepared and vetted several Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) and Contract Agreements signed by parties.
- g. Another land mark achievement of His Excellency in the year under review is the setting-up of the Judicial Commission of Inquiry to look into the financial propriety or otherwise of the previous administrations from May 2003 to January, 2016. This is to ensure accountability and trust in public office in line with the change agenda of the present administration. The Ministry of Justice plays a pivotal role in the setting-up of the Commission of Inquiry.
- h. Again, with the prompt release of funds to the Law Reform Committee, a total number of Four (4) Bills were drafted and are presently before the Kogi State House of Assembly for passage.
- i. His Excellency has approved the reconstitution of the State Council on Prerogative of Mercy which was indeed inaugurated on 20th December, 2016 on behalf of the State Executive Governor, His Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Bello, by the Secretary to the Government of Kogi State Dr. Mrs. Folashade Arike Ayoade.
- j. Finally, His Excellency approved the recruitment of lawyers in the Ministry. This is to ensure that all the MDAs have legal desk officers to attend to their legal matters.

KOGI STATE CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS COMMISSION, LOKOJA

1. PRE-VISIT AND STATE OF READINESS

The pre-visit trip to Israel was first trip in the month of June, 2016. It was one week visit to Israel, Greece and Rome. The visit afforded stakeholders who are Chairmen and Secretaries of State Christian Boards or Commission to meet with officials of the three countries where Christian Pilgrims are likely to visit during the pilgrimage operation in course of the year. The Ag. Chairman and the Secretary of the Commission represented Kogi State on this trip.

At this meeting, sites/places were identified for visit. In addition, meetings were also held with officials of the Embassy of Israel, Greece and in the Vatican City in Rome.

The state of readiness afforded the Nigeria Christian Pilgrim Commission (NCPC) staff led by the Executive Secretary Rev. Tor Uja, all State Chairmen and Secretaries of Christian Boards/Commission to ascertain the state of readiness of all the sites, hotels and places visited during the pre-visit. Also, Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) were all signed with various ground handlers approved for the exercise in

2016.

2. SCREENING OF INTENDING PILGRIMS

One key area the Commission recorded huge success in 2016 pilgrimage calendar was in the screening of all intending pilgrims. The Kogi State Christian Pilgrims Commission in collaboration with Nigeria Christian Pilgrims Commission, Abuja carried out successful screening of one hundred and twenty five intending pilgrims from Kogi State at two different stages; the first batch of pilgrims were screened between 11th and 12th October, 2016 while the second and mop-up screening took place on 2nd November, 2016. The screening was carried out by the joint team led by NCPC staff, the SSS, Immigration and Medical practitioner such as Doctors, Pharmacists, Nurses and Laboratory Assistant from the Ministry of Health.

3. SEMINAR FOR INTENDING PILGRIMS

To acquaint intending pilgrims with the rules and ethics of Christian pilgrimage operation all intending pilgrims from Kogi State were hosted to a day of orientation seminar on 28th November, 2016. This seminar is always the last in preparation stage for pilgrim's departure to the Holy Land. It is usually held on the eve of departure to Israel.

4. FAREWELL CEREMONY AND DEPARTURE

The farewell ceremony was held on 29th November, 2016 at the Banquet Hall, Government House, where His Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello admonished Kogi contingent to be good ambassador. After a group photograph with His Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello, the Kogi State contingent left for Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport (Domestic wing) and arrived Israel the early morning of Wednesday 30th November, 2016.

5. YEAR 2016 PILGRIMAGE

In organizing the 2016 Holy pilgrimage, new measures were introduced. The measure

greatly contributed to the huge success of the pilgrimage exercise to the Holy land.

One striking achievement we must highlight in this report is the case of zero defection by contingents from Kogi State. It is on record that of the One hundred and twenty five pilgrims that participated in this year's pilgrimage no one defected. This can be traced to the measures introduced and the co-operative posture of the external and internal security personnel in our midst.

Finally, we remain grateful to God for the grace, wisdom, good health and strength granted to all that were involved in the daily activities of the exercise both at home in Kogi State, Nigeria and in the Holy land.

As a Commission, we are also indebted to His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Kogi State whose propensity and love for religious program and activities has always given approvals for the commission to attend programmes and the sponsorship of One hundred pilgrims and release of funds to prosecute pilgrimage programmes in the State.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE COMMISSION IN 2016

- Following the Government response to the payment of the counter-part funding of all the world bank assisted programmes in the state, the public sector Governance reform and development project (PSGRDP II) has supplied and installed 20 numbers of computers and accessories, one scanner and connectivity of the intercom to the commission for the computerization and networking of all our operations.
- The commission has concluded efforts on the production of civil service Gazette 2016 to reflect all staff movement i.e secondment, training, retirement, appointment, transfer, death, change of name and discipline which last produced in 2010
- The Government has approved the connection of civil service commission office complex to the national grid and the sinking of borehole by the ministry of water resources is being processed. However, the public sector Governance Reform and Development project (PSGRDP II) has supplied and installed 100KVA generator as a back-up for the commission's operations.
- In addition, on the directive of his Excellency, Ministry of works has constructed the fallen fence of the commission and as well channelled the drainage for free flow of water. These efforts have secured the office complex from hoodlums.
- In the light of the above, we call for His Excellency's visit to the civil service commission to enable him officially commission the computerization of the civil service operations, the 100KV generating set and unveil the 2016 Civil service Gazette.

MINISTRY OF WOMEN AFFAIRS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACHIEVEMENTS RECORDED DURING THE YEAR (2016).

The Ministry, despite the lean financial resources of the State, was able to achieve a modest feat within the year under review, as specified below:

- i. Training and re-training: Within this year under review, staffs of the Ministry had undergone two-training programmes both in the Ministry and in Glass-House, Government House. This workshop has had a great impact on staff in terms of productivity. Also the management of the Ministry participated in a workshop organized by CRS/Children/ USAID in Abuja on budget costing.
- ii. The Children Day's Celebration and Inauguration of 4th Children Parliament and sitting in the State; The Ministry organized this program for the Children at the State Glass House, where among them a speaker was elected to pilot the affairs of the parliament for the next one year.
- iii. Kogi state children amusement park was remodeled and it is now functional.
- iv. To enhance the living standard of the orphans and the Vulnerable Children in the Society, The Ministry in conjunction with the Office of Her Excellency, Launched and distributed Nutritional Food Supplements to Orphans and Vulnerable Children which was tagged. "Operation Feed them Nutritiously". While the end of year party (2016) was held for the Children at Children Amusement Park.
- v. In addition, the Ministry set up a taskforce on orphanage monitoring to further check the excesses of unregistered/illegal proliferation of orphanage homes in the state.
- vi. In line with the mandate of the Ministry, the Ministry in conjunction with the Office of Her Excellency marked the 2016 International Women's Day in a grand-style, first of its kind, since the creation of the state. The celebration featured distribution of food items to some women across the 3 geo Political Zones including Women Organizations in the state.
- vii. In the year (2016) under review, different aids appliances were given i.e. wheelchairs, hearing aids, white cane to commemorate the year 2016 International Day of persons living with disability and the International Day for the Deaf was also observed in grand style.
- viii. In order to improve the living standard of the women, within the period under review, women were encouraged to form associations to enable them access fund. Over three hundred (300) community based organizations (BOS) were processed.
- ix. Furthermore 3 repatriated cases were entertained and the clients/victims involved were re-united with their kith and kins.
- x. One Day- Care Centre was registered within this period under review. Others are still being processed. Again the Ministry was able to resolve cases amongst families via the Zonal Offices across the three Senatorial Districts of Kogi State.

- xi. Marriage registry which was recently brought to the Ministry from Ministry of Information, has between November 2016 to date, conducted six marriage. More applications for marriages are being processed.
- xii. In this period under review, people living with disability were given a boost. Two disabled Ladies were trained in skill acquisition and empowerment, also Aids and appliances were distributed to some persons living with disabilities and finally a Monthly impress of one hundred thousand Naira (i.e. N100, 000) only is being advanced to the Association of persons living with disabilities.
 - The Ministry went a mile further to donate a sewing machine to a disable by name Mr. James Yusuf, on behalf of His Excellency, to boost his entrepreneur skills.
 - A couple with Quadruplet approached the Ministry for assistance. Money and food items were given by the government through the Ministry's efforts.

So far these are the modest achievements of the Ministry within the year under review since the coming of this administration.



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR ARRIVING THE SCREENING COMMITTEE OFFICE TO INSPECT THEIR WORK.



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR IN A HANDSHAKE WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCREENING COMMITTEE



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR AND HIS CHIEF OF STAFF DILIGENTLY SCRUTINIZING SCREENING MATERIALS



SCREENING EXERCISE ON-GOING BY EFFICIENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, BEING BRIEFED BY A SCREENING COMMITTEE MEMBER



MORE DETAILS, MORE SCRUTINY AS HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR COMPARE NOTES WITH TOP GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL AT THE SCREENING CENTRE



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, THE CHIEF OF STAFF, THE Ag. HEAD OF SERVICE, LOOKING THROUGH DETAILS OF THE SCREENING LISTS



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR MAKING ENQUIRIES TO ASCERTAIN DETAILS OF INPUTTED DATA.



LIST SHOWING DATA OF STAFFS, AND HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR PAINSTAKINGLY CHECKING FOR ACCURACY



THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, HIS EXCELLENCY YAHAYA BELLO, GIVING STRATEGIES FOR BETTER EXECUTION OF THE SCREENING PROCESS



THE CHAIRMAN SCREENING COMMITTEE BRIEFING THE GOVERNOR AT THE END OF HIS VISIT TO THE SCREENING CENTRE



HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR YAHAYA BELLO DEPARTING THE SCREENING CENTRE

SELECTED SPEECHES

REDEFINING OUR EXISTENCE

BEING TEXT OF A SPEECH BY HIS EXCELLENCY, ALHAJI YAHAYA BELLO, THE 4TH EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF KOGI STATE TO THE 6TH EDITION OF THE EBIRA CARNIVAL

PROTOCOLS

I am extremely delighted to be here with you today. The Ebira carnival started as an idea, and it has grown to a socio-cultural explosion of modern sights and sounds creatively interwoven with the best of Ebira culture. The Carnival is gradually becoming a positive part of the Ebira ethnic identity. I must commend the Organising Committee. This year's edition is especially entertaining. Your hard work is clearly seen in the orderly conduct of participants and the colourful processions on display here today.

Culture is didactic in nature, and contains the lessons that a people have learnt from their historical progressions through ancient times into the present, passed down by the ancestors to instruct and guide the living. The lessons they teach are invaluable for restoring and renewing core values. Thus, the Ebira Carnival must remain a showcase of our most cherished values and strengths as Ebira People.

I am one of those who believe in culture as a tool for Unity, Peace and Progress among a People and her Neighbours. I have neither respect nor tolerance for persons who would use culture otherwise, or for culture itself when it becomes a tool for violence or oppression. Any culture that calls for harming oneself or others or any cultural practice that thrives on human ordeals or fetish practices is anachronistic and must be discarded.

Indeed, any cultural practice or festivity which is repugnant to Natural Justice and Equity or mandates its adherents to break the Laws of Kogi State or of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, are unacceptable and punishable by law. I am therefore glad to see our people having fun in a legal and peaceful manner today.

There is no doubt that unity of purpose and immense love for Anebira has remained our strength as a people from time immemorial. It must remain the guiding philosophy of this Carnival. The Ebiras are a beautiful and amiable people. That is the side of us which we must always project, through this Carnival, in our other activities, and by our individual conduct. As the Governor of Kogi State, I must insist that everyone within our borders is my guest.

Moreover, it is no use putting up beautiful events and tourist attractions if our behaviour is hostile to the very tourists we want to attract. Violence will keep the sightseers away and defeat the socioeconomic aims of the display. I count on each and every Ebira person, and indeed every Kogite, to show love and hospitality to ourselves and to those from other parts of this wonderful nation as they visit, stay or pass through our lands. In this festive season particularly, I call for patience in dealing with the vastly increased traffic of those travelling from place to place through our lands.

Our name, Ebira, denotes that our foundations lie deep in the ideals of truth, enterprise, creativity, hard-work, hospitality and display of good morals. Our cultural dynamism, values and geographical location have placed upon us the burden of showing great example for others to emulate.

There was a time in the recent history of Nigeria when the nation was governed by a 12-man Supreme Military Council, of which a quarter hailed from Ebira land. Unfortunately, there were also times when it appeared as if we had lost those great qualities that make us such a unique people, and we failed to take the lead in building bridges with our neighbours. It is no wonder that for a while we languished behind, almost forgotten.

As God will have it, a new era of leadership and friendship has dawned for us. Today, by the help of God, an Ebira man is Governor of our great Kogi State, and Anebira must rediscover the paths of openness and change. The dispensation of Alhaji Yahaya Bello as the 4th Executive Governor of Kogi State is divine. I was not the strongest nor was I the wisest, but the Almighty has given me an assignment in leadership that must be executed with fairness to all.

I hear some of our people murmur that I am not bringing the patrimony of the entire peoples of Kogi State to be shared only among my own Clan and I say, 'that will not be possible.' Some have said I should fill Government House with only those who speak the same mother-tongue with me, but I say, 'that will not be fair'. Others complain that my closest lieutenants are not my brothers, and I say, 'that is not true'.

Quite apart from the laws of the land which forbid nepotism and tribalism, the Ebira values in which I was raised also forbid injustice.

It is not possible to give what belongs to all Kogites to only the part where I come from as that amounts to betrayal of a God-given trust. It will not be fair to appoint only people of my tribe to key offices in my Administration as that would be illegal and unjust. And it is not true that my Ebira brothers and sisters are not in my inner team because they are. Along with those from Ebiraland, everyone in my Administration is my brother or sister, whose only qualification is their merit and fitness for the particular job I have given them.

It does not matter which previous leaders of Kogi State allowed unfairness, untruths and lack of merit to thrive in their governments in the past. My own worldview is different. They will answer to God for their actions. I, for mine. I am the Governor of ALL Kogi State, not just the part where I hail from.

What we have promised Kogites in every part of the State including Ebiraland is good governance and rapid development. I am sure you are already seeing our commitment to do that in the Projects and Interventions which we are undertaking across the State. By the grace of God, that is what we will continue to give our people.

I must at this juncture pay humble homage to my father, the traditional ruler of my people, the Ohinoyi of All Ebiraland, His Royal Majesty, Alhaji Ado Ibrahim Attah III. HRM has been a firm supporter of this Administration. As a most trusted Advisor, HRM has assured me that his wealth of wisdom and knowledge are available to me at all times. I celebrate His Royal Majesty. May Allah continue to bless you with long life and greatness.

I will not end this address without outlining for you our plans for the Culture and Tourism sub-sector. The greatest wonder is how previous leadership in Kogi State managed to overlook the tourism and wealth-creation potentials of events like the Ebira Carnival. Happily, my Administration is running with a New Direction Agenda whose Charter is contained in our New Direction Blueprint. Page 372 and 373 in Volume 3 of the New Direction Blueprint show our Policies, Outcomes and Targets for the Culture and Tourism sub-sector.

Briefly, this Administration intends to reposition Kogi State as the hub of tourism

in Nigeria, or at least try our very best. We greatly appreciate the roles Culture and Tourism could play in achieving sustainable development and promoting social and economic empowerment of citizens. The sub-sector has huge foreign and domestic investment potentials, with wide spaces for Small and Medium Enterprises to thrive. We plan to use it to increase respect for our cultural diversity, increase our Internally Generated Revenue and grow employment related to it by 25% annually over the life-span of the Administration.

We are therefore ready to support any activity that will showcase the beauty of our cultures across Kogi State. Ultimately, we will work to harness and coordinate activities like the Ebira Carnival from across the length and breadth of this great state into one massive Kogi Cultural and Tourism Week. I believe that with Government support, especially in attracting corporate partnerships and sponsorships, we should turn our State into a global tourism destination for at least one week in December each year. The Honourable Commissioner for Culture and Tourism and my Special Adviser for same should note that there is no reason why the first edition cannot hold next year.

I am particularly elated with the devotion, energy and faith the Carnival groups here today have displayed. Amongst other benefits, the Carnival has succeeded in bridging divides in Ebiraland by bringing together a population of over a million people annually to share and feel love. While propagating and promoting our rich cultural heritage through various electrifying displays, the Carnival has facilitated mutual exchange and cooperation among the different districts in Ebiraland.

Very importantly, it has increased socio-economic activities and fostered entrepreneurship in the participating communities by generating business for entertainers, costume builders, designers, musicians and others too numerous to enumerate. In view of its key role in meeting some of the objectives of my Administration itemised earlier, the Ebira Carnival needs to be supported to grow.

My Administration will give it strong support. The Kogi State Ministry of Culture and Tourism has a standing directive to liaise with every relevant agency within and without Kogi State, and in particular, the Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation to list, not just the Ebira Carnival, but as many other cultural events in the state in the national and global tourism calendars.

It is time to think of Ebiraland beyond the individuals or families or clans or villages or towns or cities that constitute it but as one indivisible Anebira. It is time to forget past errors, past wrongs, eschew malice, bear no brother any grudge and chart a greater Ebira course for the sake of posterity. This is the dawn of a New Direction, let us redefine the priorities that guide our existence and rise together and stronger.

God bless you all.

LONG LIVE ANEBIRA!

LONG LIVE KOGI STATE!

LONG LIVE NIGERIA!

YAHAYA BELLO
EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR
KOGI STATE

CHAPTER NINE

SPECIAL THEMATIC SUPER PAC **FUNDING AND IGR**



CHAPTER NINE SPECIAL THEMATIC SUPER PAC – **FUNDING AND IGR**



INTRODUCTION

There cannot be any kind of sustainable development if the Government does not have the resources to fund its development plans. The Special IGR/Funding Super PAC will work together to increase the state's financial resource to match the aspirations of the NEW DIRECTION agenda and its targeted projection for total elimination of the Multi-dimensional poverty index level.

For now, Kogi State has two main sources of revenue; the monthly FAAC allocations (about 2.5billion) and internally generated revenue per annum (about 6.5billion)

(Data source: National Bureau of Statistics / Joint Tax Board/State Boards of Internal Revenue. April 2016).

The debt profile of Kogi state is presently in excess of N44.4 billion in addition to the N20billion bailout fund received. The Local Government Areas have salary arrears obligations of about the same figure. This proposes a combined financial obligation of huge amount to be met. The financial management systems currently in place are riddled with leaks. The steady decline in statutory allocations and dwindling Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) profiles underscore an urgent need to devise a robust financial system that saves costs, improves cash flow of government and accounts for every cash received.

A stakeholders meeting was held in the state, numerous submissions were received and analysed, listed below are the problems identified:

Falsified Bank Charges: It is deduced that some banks connive with civil servants to levy high commission on turnover and illegal bank charges on various government accounts.

Leakages in Internally Generated Revenue (IGR): The present structure of Kogi State Board of Internal Revenue places limitations on its ability to function optimally. The numerous identified leakages in the current taxation system need to be addressed. Data collected from various sources show discrepancies when compared to the tax receipts issued for these transactions. For example, there are large anomalies between banks data official receipts issued for Withholding tax suggested taxes are not remitted in many cases.

Collection of Multiple Taxes: Some intakes were noticed where a single source of income is taxed through different tax regimes. This is unfair and can be seen as illegal on the part of the government.

Unwarranted Tax Holidays: The state, for political reasons, granted tax holiday to some federal and state establishment in the state. For example, the Federal Medical Centre Lokoja, Specialist Hospital and Kogi State University were exempted from remitting payee taxes.

Friction of Power: This exists amongst the MDA's collecting the same haulage taxes (Commerce, Environment, board of internal revenue etc.) This brings fear to the tax payers on whom to remit to.

Enforcement of Taxes: Currently over 90% of IGR is from PAYE taxes. Other miscellaneous taxes like environmental (ecological) fees or levies, haulage, property taxes, stamp duties among others are not captured.

ACHIEVEMENTS

MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Ministry of Finance economic and development, Kogi State is a very prominent arm of the government that will consistently work assiduously to enhance the achievement of the Executive Governor Alhaji Yahaya Bello's vision. The new direction/ blue print focus on Health, Education, Job creation, provision of Infrastructures with utilities and having a productive public service with a proficient Pensions Reforms Scheme.

The achievement of the ministry as enhanced by the input of the government through provision of equipment, furniture, and payment of imprest include the following:

A. ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES.

1. **ESTIMATED COST SAVINGS:** The estimated sum of N 33,456,357,686.88 and N 1,922,400,000 was saved from the Screening Exercise and Salaries of Political Office Holders respectively. This huge cost saving of about 35 Billion Naira attained by this Administration are now being subsequently reassigned into other productive expanses of the State by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development for the much needed socio-economic development of the State. Examples are the construction of the Board of Internal Revenue Building, the face-lighting of Lokoja, numerous road constructions projects across the state and other capital projects tailored to expand the State's Infrastructure and utilities embarked upon by the Government.
2. **DEBT RESTRUCTURING:** Initiate the restructuring of the state government bond of N8 billion. The savings from the exercise is over N1.5 billion naira.
3. **IMPROVE CREDIT RATING.** Sustainable debt management of state debt profile has lead to improved credit rating. The state credit rating is BB+
4. **Deployment of payroll system.** The Ministry during the period deployed efficient and effective payroll system. This has helped in blockage of wastages in our payment system.

5. **Implementation of TSA.** The Ministry has begun the process of implementing Single Treasury Accounting System and when complemented billions of hidden fund would be recovered.
6. **Establishment of Transparency, Efficiency and Accountability (TEA)Unit.** The establishment of this unit has greatly reduced the wastages of fund and enhance accountability in the system.
7. **Implementation of Effective and Efficient payment system.** The ministry had deployed a payment platform that enable the office of accountant general to make payment online.
8. **Implementation of IPSAS.** Sustainable infrastructural platform has been established for a better operational system for International Public Sector Accounting Standard (IPSAS). Desk officers are equally being retrained for a greater capacity build up on acceptable International Accounting Standard and Practices
9. **Establishment Bureau of Public Private Partnership.** During the period, ministry put in place a functional office for the establishment of the bureau.
10. The arrears of Civil Servants' Salaries were cleared by this Administration and monthly Salary are fully paid in totality as at when due.

B. SUPERVISORY ROLE

1. Ministry of finance serves a supervisory role to verify the activities of other agencies and parastatals' financial activities especially on revenue generation e.g.
 - Kogi State Inland Revenue service,
 - Kogi State Savings and loans Investments
 - Supervisory and partnership role to the Public Sector Governance Reform and Development Project.
 - Kogi Savings and Loans Ltd,
 - Bureau of Public Private Partnership.

C. OTHER

The Ministry has recently recommended a coordinating financial consortium for the implementation of the 22- point Fiscal sustainably plan Agenda of the state as approved by the federal ministry of finance.

With the viable and determined efforts of the leadership and the entire staff of Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, we are optimistic of soaring higher in the development of Kogi state through the ministry economic activities.

UNDER MULTILATERAL, DONOR AGENCIES & SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Establishment of the multilateral unit under the Governor's office
- Reactivation of Nigerian - Korean friendship institute
- Donation of HIV equipment's by KOICA
- Establishment of Cassava Processing Centre
- Development of Kogi multilateral cooperation website
- Signing of 4 cities master-plan and hosting of UN Habitat Africa regional director and team members
- Reactivation of Dangote skills acquisition centre.

THE SOCIAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

- Successful registration, verification and deployment of over 4,500 Npower beneficiaries in Kogi state (with a monthly salary of N135m for the teeming Kogi youths)
- Put necessary processes in place to select another 6,500 Npower beneficiaries during the 2nd phase exercise in January 2017
- Drafting of the home grown school feeding program (HGSFP) strategic working documents for Kogi State
- Kogi state has one of the best registers and is one of the first states to benefit from the N5,000 monthly stipends to vulnerable household under the conditional cash transfer program.
- Lunching and commencement of registration of cooperatives under the Government Enterprise and Empowerment Program (GEEP) "Market Moni" in Kogi State. (a cooperative driven revolving loan scheme for (MSMES)
- A befitting fully furnished and equipped office building for the social investment program

KOGI STATE BUREAU FOR PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

- Establishment of Bureau's 5 nos Directorate architecture
- Establishment of Desk Offices across MDAs and the Department of LG&CA
- 3. Attainment of 65% posting by MDAs of critical Desk Officers
- PPP Sensitization and capacity building outreach for Desk Officers, Permanent Secretaries and Directors, Hon. Commissioners and other Political Appointees achieved
- PPP Cross Sector strategy development meeting agenda developed.
- Local Government, Education, Transport, Tourism and Agric. sector PPP strategy development at advanced stage

- Peer review visit to Kaduna, Ekiti States achieved. Kogi State is highly rated as a PPP participating State.
- First State open Government to Business Sector consultative meeting held with formal presentation of the GYB Development Blueprint to the OPS for support.
- Kogi State Business and Innovation Desk established to provide the platform for innovation to business and entrepreneurial opportunities
- More than 60 potential investors are currently being processed across different sectors with outline and full business case certificates due for issue after His Excellency's statutory approval.
- Outline and full Business Cases developed for 3 investment proposals
- Outline and full Business Case Compliance certificates issuance commenced
- Technical and financial Closure achieved for Franchise management of Confluence Express Service and awaiting transaction agreement signing and Flag off. Ticketing should commence at the Terminal before end of Q – 1. Concept note for 30year State PPP Infrastructure Master Plan development finalization ongoing

REVIEW OF 2016 BUDGET PERFORMANCE BY MINISTRY OF BUDGET AND PLANNING

The review of the year 2016 Budget performance vis-à-vis 2016 approved Budget for recurrent services and capital expenditure on projects and programmes are as stated below.

You will recall that the total approved budget for year 2016 was **N99,998,674,261**, out of which the recurrent revenue was **N63,127,700,000** and capital receipt was **N36,870,974,261**

Out of **N63, 127,700,000** as total recurrent revenue approved for the year 2016, **N56, 756,909,602** was collected as at end of December 2016 representing **89.90%** performance.

A total of **N56,281,981,318** was approved for recurrent expenditure in year 2016, however **N38,370,410,490** was spent as at 31st December 2016 representing **68.17%** performance.

Out of **N36, 870,974,261** as total capital receipt approved for the year 2016, only **N10, 148,024,902** was collected as at end of December 2016 representing **27.52%** performance.

A total sum of **N47,316,692,943** was approved as capital expenditure for year 2016, however the actual expenditure as at December 2016 ending stood at **N30,043,714,398** representing **63.49%** performance.

Some of the projects/programmes carried out include the following:

- Renovation of Government House Building and Eleven other offices.
- Purchase of Assorted vehicles for both security and office use
- Provision of assorted Security Equipment for security agents in the state.
- provision of health infrastructure Facilities to Hospitals
- Maintenance of existing Roads in the state through the Kogi Road maintenance Agency (KOGROMA).
- On-going Construction of Otokiti-Ganaja by-pass multi-lane carriage way.
- On-going Construction of Ogaminana Eboga Ipaku-Kuroko Junction.
- On-going Construction of Obehira-Okengwe/Ihima road
- On-going Construction of Agassa-Upogoro-Okene Road.
- Complete Renovation of state House of Assembly Complex.
- On-going Construction of Ganaja Fly over Bridge.
- Provision of Agricultural inputs to farmers in the state.
- On-going Construction of Idah-Oyadega Roads.
- Construction of Ejuku-Ijowa-Jege-Ifeolukotun Road.
- On-going Remodelling of government house fencing etc.

KOGI STATE BUREAU OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

In the year 2016, the Bureau of Public Procurement made some modest achievements. Some (the capital intensive ones) are marked “Assisted”. This means that though the Bureau played a lead role, the World Bank sponsored the activity through the Public Sector Governance Reform and Development Project, Kogi State Project Office, Lokoja.

Here under is a list of our modest achievements in the year 2016 for your noting.

- Created minimal awareness among MDA’s on Procurement Processes.
- Stimulated Due Process Practices in MDA’s.
- Produced 1,500 copies of the Procurement Law (Assisted).
- Produced standard bidding documents, Request for Proposals and Procurement manuals for use in the State (Assisted).
- Training of 120 staff across MDA’s on the use of the standard bidding documents (Assisted).
- Developed an up-to-date Procurement Databank.
- Certification/Clearance made faster and more efficient.
- Created a Databank of Contractors in Kogi State
- Template for Procurement Planning (Assisted).

KOGI STATE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

- Awakening the tax culture of the citizen's through enlightenment campaign in Local, Pidgin and English language in both electronic and print media with the creation of massive awareness campaign in the State.
- Automation of tax collections and reporting system to block revenue leakages.
- Activating dormant revenue items previously uncollected in the State such as: Consumption/Tax Ground Rent, Telecommunications tax etc.
- Introduction of Regulation on Stamp Duty Tax which is a prerequisite for State to enjoy full opportunity provided by Stamp Duty Act. The gazetted regulation have been circularised to all corporate organizations, businesses and association that will be a collecting agent.
- Triple revenue collections as at the end of December, 2016.
- Introduction of Tax Audit Monitoring Agent (TAMA) which hitherto is none existent in the defunct Board of Internal Revenue.
- Restructuring of the KGIRS Management structure into three Coordinating Directorate as follows:
 1. Tax Operations
 2. Tax Drive and Strategy
 3. Finance and Accounts
- Establishment of the following:
 1. Legal Department
 2. ICT Department
 3. Human Resource/Service Department
 4. Internal Audit Department
 5. Tax Audit Department
- Recruitment of professionals and young graduates numbering over 400 into State Internal Revenue Service. This is in line with His Excellency's New Direction policy of job creation, with the added value of driving up the IGR of the State.
- Sponsoring an Executive Bill on Revenue Harmonization which is critical in addressing revenue leakages, multiple taxation and increasing revenue collections for the State.
- Have developed drive strategies for effective generation and collection of IGR of the tune of N3 billion or more monthly for the year 2017.
- Building of Kogi State Revenue House, which is in line to come into full use of headquarters of the KGIRS by February 2017.

OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE GOVERNOR ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs) IN THE LAST ONE (1) YEAR

On assumption of office, we met a dilapidated and embarrassing office condition that was highly deplorable to the management and staff. The Special Adviser on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) moved quickly to tackle headlong the major problem of office accommodation. This necessitated approval by the Governor for the renovation and re-modeling of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) office building. This re-modeled structure is expected to be completed, furnished and commissioned soonest.

In addition, as a result of the increase of the thematic goals of the SDGs and in His Excellency's zeal to reinvigorate and reposition the office for greater performance, a brand new Toyota Hilux van was immediately approved and released to the Kogi State SDGs office.

Prior to this time, the office was operating at its lowest ebb due to the inability of the former administration to raise fund to meet the State and Local Governments' counterpart funds for the year 2014 MDGs projects. This has since become a thing of the past as the God-sent Governor in line with the "New Direction Agenda", raised the sum of One billion, Two hundred million Naira (N1,200,000,000) only to meet the counterpart fund for the State and the six (6) benefitting Local Government Areas. It is the delay in the appointment of the Senior Special Assistant to the President that stalled the payment of the Federal share for now. Hopefully, within the next couple of weeks, machineries will be set in motion to mobilize to site. This is unprecedented in the history of Kogi State.

His Excellency's approval and prompt release of the counterpart fund is hinged and motivated by his drive for youth and women empowerment which is part of the new direction that his administration intends to chart for the good people of Kogi State.

As part of preparation for the smooth take-off of the sustainable development agenda in Kogi State, His Excellency approved a sensitization workshop on SDGs involving all Stakeholders; Local Government Areas, Traditional Rulers, Political Office Holders and Civil/Community/Faith Based Organization.

The office of the Special Adviser on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) responsible for the implementation of sustainable development goals. The SDGs are the offshoot of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) which terminated by December, 2015. On September 25, 2015, countries adopted a set of goals to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure prosperity for all as part of a new sustainable development agenda. Each goal has specific targets to be achieved over the next 15 years. The SDGs are wider in scope as it has increased the developmental goals from 8 to 17 to transform our world. For the avoidance of doubt, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are as follows:

1. **Poverty:** End poverty in all its forms everywhere.
2. **Food:** End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote Sustainable Agriculture.

3. **Health:** Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.
4. **Education:** Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.
5. **Women:** Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.
6. **Water:** Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.
7. **Energy:** Ensure access to affordable, reliable sustainable and clean energy.
8. **Economy:** Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.
9. **Infrastructure:** Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.
10. **Inequality:** Reduce inequality within and among countries.
11. **Habitation:** Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.
12. **Consumption:** Ensure sustainable consumption and production pattern.
13. **Climate:** Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.
14. **Marine: Ecosystems** – Conserve and sustainably use ocean, seas and marine resources for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
15. **Ecosystem:** Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forest, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.
16. Promote Peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.
17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

In the light of the foregoing the Kogi State SDGs office led by **Arc. Abdulmumeen Ahmed Okara**, has achieved the following in the last one (1) year:

- Complete Remodeling and Furnishing of SDGs Office Structure
- Provision of Utility Vehicle to SDGs Office
- Payment of One Billion, Two Hundred Million Naira (N1,200,000,000.00) Counterpart Fund for the 2014 CGS/SDGs Projects
- Engagement of 200 Village Health Workers (VHWs) with monthly allowance of Twenty Thousand Naira (N20,000.00) each under the SDGs Social Intervention Scheme (Conditional Cash Transfer – CCT)
- Sensitization and Facility Tour across the 21 LGAs of the State
- Commencement of the execution of the 2014 CGS/SDGs Projects

1. Construction and equipping of Six (6) new Primary Health Centres (PHCs) at Ibaji, Ofu, Okene, Ijumu, Yagba West and Lokoja LGAs.
2. Purchase of fully equipped 6-Nos State-of-the-art referral vehicles (ambulances) to be distributed to six benefitting Local Governments namely Ibaji, Ofu, Okene, Ijumu, Yagba West and Lokoja LGAs.
3. Initiation Healthcare plus programme with the purchase and delivery of Sixty-three Million naira (N63,000,000.00) worth of drugs to be distributed free across the 21 Local Governments.
4. Free Maternity Kits to be distributed to six thousand (6,000) pregnant women across the state as social support for the period of their pregnancy under the Healthcare plus programme.
5. Rehabilitation and equipping of 12-Nos. Health Centre across the state under the Healthcare plus programme in Ankpa, Olamaboro, Dekina, Ibaji, Kogi/Koton-Karfe, Ijumu, Kabba/Bunu, Yagba East, Okene, Ogori/Magongo, Adavi and Ajaokuta LGAs. The phase-II of the programme will be spread to the remaining nine (9) LGAs in due course.
6. Contract has been awarded for the upgrading and equipping of comprehensive health centre Agassa in Okene LGA to a Cottage hospital.
7. Contract has been awarded for the upgrading and equipping of comprehensive health centre Gboloko in Bassa LGA to a Cottage hospital.

No doubt, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) office under the vivacious and indefatigable Special Adviser, Arch. Abdulmumeen Okara with His Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Bello whose youthfulness has brought vigor, tenacity, zealousness and unprecedented drive into the operation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). With the quality and passion that the Special Adviser has shown on the driver's seat, the stage is now set to witness massive development in real and concrete terms in Kogi State and at the grassroots.

KOGI PUBLIC SECTOR GOVERNANCE REFORM AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (PSGRDP) IN 2016

Kogi State Public Sector Governance Reform and Development Project is a World Assisted Project, which became effective in November, 2012. Although, the preparation for project approval and take-off started since 2009.

The objective of the project is to reform the Public Financial Management System to bring about improved transparency, accountability, value for money and the general well being of the citizenry.

The Project has three (3) major components, namely:

- Public Financial Management (PFM)
- Human Resource Management and Capacity Development
- Monitoring & Evaluation System Development

Public Financial Management which is about 70% of the project portfolio is further sub-divided into the following:

- Public Finance Legislation (PFL)
- Reform of Budget Preparation, Implementation and Monitoring
- Reform of Accounting Expenditure Control and Financial Reporting
- Reform of Internal and External Audit
- State Integrated Financial Management Information System (SIFMIS)
- Public Procurement Reform
- Reform of Tax Authority

The Public Expenditure Management and Financial Accountability Review (PEMFAR), which was conducted in 2009 through the support of the World Bank revealed major weaknesses in the PFM systems of the state. Based on this, appropriate responses were provided which formed the core mandate of the Project Development Objectives. Addressing the institutional weaknesses in the governance system of the State is, therefore, is the core mandate of this Project.

In terms of achievements, the project has provided a great deal of institutional strengthening support to the target MDAs such as provision of office equipment and furniture, training, consultancy services in terms of reviewing our PFM laws and regulations and providing draft updates of the laws. Other consultancy services supported by the project were based on the review and restructuring of participating MDAs and offering appropriate recommendations to close the gaps.

So much have been achievement since project inception. In year 2016, the following were achieved under the able leadership of HIS EXCELLENCY, ALHAJI YAHAYA ADOZA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF KOGI STATE.

PROGRESS SINCE 2016 TO DATE

A. CONSULTANCY:

Completed Assignments:

The Project, under the leadership of His Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello, supported the conduct of the following consultancy services

- “a Review of existing Human Resources policies, processes, records management, and the Implementation of Human Resources Management Reforms etc, in the State
- “Training Needs Assessment (TNA) of the State Civil Service” (Office of the Head of Civil Service)
- “Diagnostic Study/Training Needs Assessment of the State Board of Internal Revenue” (Kogi Internal Revenue Service)
- “State-wide Tax survey and the development of an Electronic Database Management System for Tax Administration” (Kogi Internal Revenue Service)
- “Design/Implementation of a new M&E System including Development of M&E

Policy and Drafting of enabling laws and regulations” (Ministry of Budget & Planning)

- “Hire short term consultant for Procurement (1yr)” (Project Office and Implementing MDAs)
- “Provision of Technical Support to Develop Standard Bidding Documents for Public Procurement Bureau in the State” (Bureau of Public Procurement) including Procurement Manual, Training Manual and other tools such as the Guide to complaints and Resource Mechanism under the PPL 2014, Code of conduct for procurement officers, Code of conduct for private professionals and non governmental organizations involved in observing procurement and disposal proceedings, Procurement planning templates etc”

CONSULTANCY:

On-Going Assignments:

- “Sensitization of Taxpayers through Radio & Television Jingles in major languages” (Kogi Internal Revenue Service)
- “Produce and air quarterly documentary on project activities and air serial discussion programmes on TV and Radio on reform programme of the AEAs” (Project Office)
- “Preparation of Medium Term Expenditure Framework/Multi Year Budget Framework (MYBF) in line with IPSAS” (Ministry of Budget and Planning)
- “Public Opinion Poll Among Target Beneficiaries” (Project Office)

B. GOODS:

Completed Assignments:

- Procurement of 7 No 4 x 4 Pick Up Vans for BIR (2), SIFMIS Centre (2), Public Accounts Committee, PAC (1), Finance & Appropriation Committee, FAC (1), Civil Service Commission (1) 1 No 16 Seater Bus and 30 Motorcycles for BIR
- Furnishing of MDAs including MOF, M&E Secretariat (MB&P), SIFMIS Centre, Due Process Office, consisting of 16 No Executive Tables & Chairs, 32 Visitors Chairs, 22 Office Tables(Desk) & Chairs, 3 Conference Tables and 44 Chairs, & 2 Sets of Cushion Chairs.
- Procurement and Installation of 3 Nos. 100KVA Gen-Set for SIFMIS Office (2), CSC (1), and 1 No. 75Kva for the BIR and Procurement & installation of 15kva Power inverter & Batteries for SIFMIS Centre.
- Produce and distribute 500 pamphlets & flyers, 500 T-shirts for Tax education & 200 Educative Newsletters quarterly on reform for all the MDAs
- Procure Basic Office Equipment for MDAs including the SIFMIS Centre consisting of 18-No Split ACs, 11 No File Cabinets, 6-No Standing Fans & 2 Mini Refrigerators.

- Publication and printing of Reform Documents: 500 copies of 2015 Revised Budget, 500 copies of 2016 Approved Budget, 500 additional copies of Fiscal Responsibility law; 1000 copies of M&E Policy & enabling law; 500 copies each of MTEF& MTSS; 1500 copies of Public Procurement Law; 2000 MYBF Volume II, 1000 copies Medium Term Expenditure Plan (MTEP)
- Production of 50 no. Educative Tax Billboard in the 21 LGAs and some strategic locations in the state capital
- Computerization, Networking and Provision of Internet & Intercom Service to the State Civil Service Commission Procure and network 24 no desk top computers, printers, stabilizers and UPS for the Civil Service Commission (CSC) & Ministry of Budget & Planning.
- Provision of Modern Teaching Aid for SDC including 20 units of Desk Top Computers, 3 no. each of Printers, Overhead Projectors, In focus, Public Address System; 140 Conference Training Chairs; 6 no. Split Air Conditioners and 7 no. Interactive Electronic Board (Yet-to-be-commissioned by His Excellency).
- Produce and Distribute to Civil Servants 200 educative and informative Newsletters quarterly on Change Management on SIFMIS activities and 200 educative and informative Newsletters quarterly on reform programme for all the Components
- Procurement of 1 No 4 x 4 Pick Up Vans for the State Statistical Agency
- Procurement and Installation of 2 Nos. 150KVA Gen-Set for MOF & AG's Office
- Procurement of 7-No 4x4 Pick Up Vans for Ministry of Budget & Planning, 5 Pilot M&E MDAs (Ministries of Health, Works, Agriculture, Education and Water Resources (Yet-to-be-commissioned by His Excellency)
- Procurement of 21-No Motor cycle for Kogi State Internal Revenue Service (Yet-to-be-commissioned by His Excellency)
- Procurement of 40-No Desktop Computers, Printers and other accessories for MDAs (Yet-to-be-commissioned by His Excellency)
- Procurement and Installation of 5-No 100KVA Sound Proof Generating Sets for Ministry of Budget & Planning, Office of Auditor General, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and Staff Development Centre (Yet-to-be-commissioned by His Excellency)

GOODS:

Ongoing Assignments:

- SIFMIS Implementation: Procurement and Supply, Installation, Integration, Testing and Commissioning of State Integrated Management Information System (SIFMIS) Software, Hardware and Network Infrastructure and Related Support Services

CIVIL WORK:**On-going**

- Civil Work Renovation of the SIFMIS Centre

C. TRAINING:

The Project under the leadership of His Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello, has supported the conduct of the following training:

- Training of the State Head of Civil Service at Public Administration International Training Institute, London, on “Better Policies, Better Lives, with the Main focus on using Behavioural Insights to Evaluate and Improve Policy Making
- Leadership Training for the Management staff of the Kogi State Internal Revenue Service
- Induction and Refresher Training for 300 Newly Engaged Staff of the State Internal Revenue Service
- Training of key staff of Ministry of Budget & Planning on “Gender Responsive Budgeting at ASCON, Lagos)
- Training of Human Resource Team from the Office of the Head of Civil Service, Civil Service Commission and Staff Development Centre on “Training Methods and Presentation Skills” at ASCON, Lagos
- Retreat for Members of the State Civil Service Commission at ASCON Badagry on Rewarding and Fruitful Learning Process in Administration”
- Training of staff at the Project Office in their various professional fields to improve performance towards the realization of the Project Development Objectives
- Training of 5-key staff of the State Accountant General (Implementation Team) on Treasury Single Accounts at Centre for Management Development, Markudi, Benue State
- Study Tour by 6-Management Staff of the Kogi State Internal Revenue Service to Kwara and Edo State Internal Revenue Services, to understudy them and learn from their experiences.
- Training of staff of Ministries of Budget, Education and Health on M&E at SMD Dakar Senegal.
- Training of Budget Officers on Improved Budgeting Skills at SMD Dakar Senegal
- Training of Officers of the Bureau on Public Procurement on the use of standard bidding documents and other tools.

KOGI STATE BUDGET OF NEW DIRECTION



INTRODUCTION

I am grateful to the Almighty God for this opportunity to present the Kogi State Budget proposal for the year 2017 to this Honourable House today. This brief sentence encapsulates our creed and stated objective in this Administration. It is the core philosophy of our New Direction Agenda, and it influences our every action.

The New Direction Blueprint is a definitive roadmap for accelerated socio-economic development of our state in all its constituencies. The New Direction Agenda is the Specific Purpose Vehicle for its actualisation. Both reflect our collective aspirations for the building of a new Kogi State.

It is my fervent belief that the proposed BUDGET OF NEW DIRECTION is clearly indicative of our fair, sincere and frank assessment of the amount the State can generate on her own as Internally Generated Revenue in addition to what she can most likely obtain from the Federation Account and sundry other sources.



His Excellency,
Alhaji Yahaya Bello
Executive Governor, Kogi State

'A budget is telling your money where to go, instead of wondering where it went.'

~ Dave Ramsey

BUDGET OF NEW DIRECTION

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OBJECTIVES

BUDGET OF NEW DIRECTION is clearly indicative of our fair, sincere and frank assessment of the amount the State can generate on her own as Internally Generated Revenue in addition to what she can most likely obtain from the Federation Account and sundry other sources.

Implementation of this Budget will accelerate the rate at which we can build physical infrastructure and develop human capital in our state and deploy them. It will help us scale up our expenditures in the following areas;



Health



Education



Infrastructure
& Utilities



Job Creation

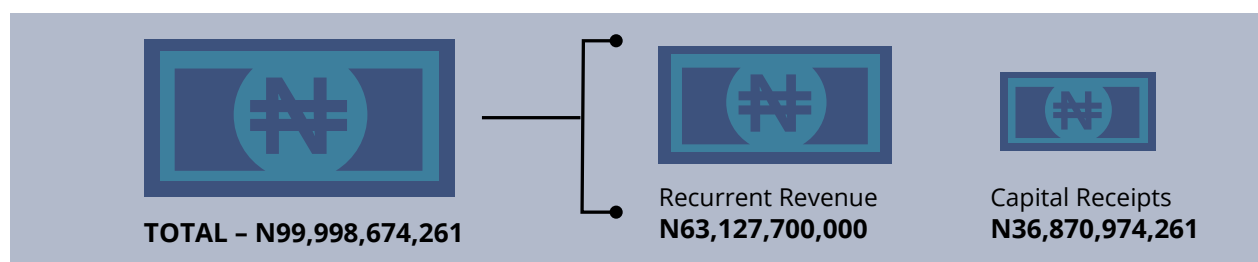


Youth
Engagement



Public Service &
Pension Reform

REVIEW OF 2016 BUDGET PERFORMANCE



Performance: Recurrent Revenue

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Performance

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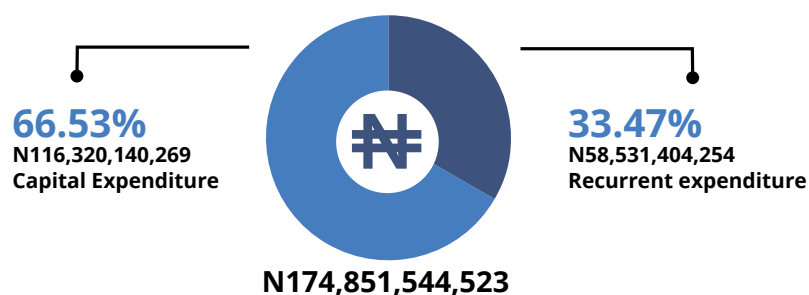
N26,543,714,398
actual expenditure as at No-
vember, 2016

56.09%
Performance

BUDGET OF NEW DIRECTION

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REVIEW OF 2017 BUDGET OF NEW DIRECTION



The Recurrent and Capital Expenditure in sectorial outlay is given in the following sectors:

Code	Sectors	Allocation	%
01	Administration	43,442,160,340	24.84
02	Economic	80,424,600,499	45.99
03	Law and Justice	6,886,015,914	3.94
05	Social	44,098,767,770	25.23
	Total	174,851,544,523	100%

BUDGET POLICY STATEMENT



improving the efficiency and effectiveness of spending;



achieving a better balance between capital and recurrent expenditure;



gaining greater control of the wage bill;



directing capital expenditure on critical infrastructure with special emphasis on the 5 thematic areas in The New Direction Blueprint, viz: Education, Health, Job Creation and Youth Engagement, Infrastructure and Utilities and Public Sector and Pension Reforms;



boosting revenue receipts by identifying and blocking revenue leakages; and



gradual fiscal consolidation in order to achieve a level of public spending consistent with macroeconomic stability and sustainable debt.

BUDGET OF NEW DIRECTION

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REVIEW OF 2017 BUDGET OF NEW DIRECTION

BUDGET OBJECTIVES AND TARGETS

The specific fiscal objective of Kogi State is effective allocation of scarce resources to identified critical programmes and projects, with the following major targets:



To complete on-going projects and incrementally add new projects in the critical areas of need;



To continue to expand the State's revenue base in the area of Internally Generated Revenue (IGR);



To enhance greater transparency and proper accountability in the State's public expenditure management;



To produce a conducive environment for investors and Donor Agencies to operate in the State; and



To reduce the Domestic Debt Profile of Kogi State.

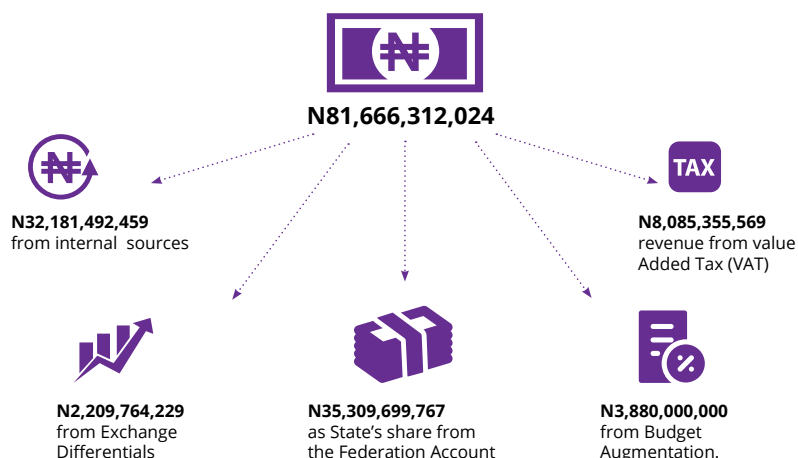
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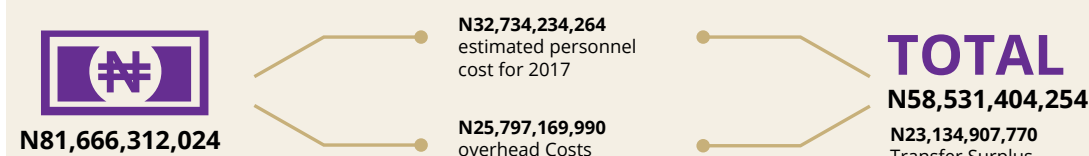
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BUDGET OF NEW DIRECTION

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REVIEW OF 2017 BUDGET OF NEW DIRECTION



CAPITAL RECEIPT



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N174,851,544,523
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balanced budget for 2017 fiscal year





HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR GIVING A SPEECH AT THE 2017 BUDGET OF NEW DIRECTION PRESENTATION AT THE STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY



THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR RT. HON. SIMEON ACHUBA, AT THE BUDGET PRESENTATION.



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR PRESENTING THE 2017 BUDGET OF NEW DIRECTION TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY



HIS EXCELLENCY TAKES A BOW AFTER PRESENTING THE BUDGET



THE SPECIAL ADVISER ON MULTILATERAL, DONOR AGENCIES AND SPECIAL PROJECTS



RELIEF MATERIALS DONATED TO RURAL BENEFICIARIES ACROSS THE STATE



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, THE SECRETARY TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT, AT THE INDUCTION CEREMONY OF STAFF OF THE NEWLY RE-ENGINEERED KOGI STATE INTERNAL REVENUE BOARD, AT THE GLASS HOUSE, GOVERNMENT HOUSE



CROSS-SECTION OF STAFF OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE OFFICE AT THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING SESSION



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR AT A SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE OFFICE



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, AND A CROSS-SECTION OF INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE PERSONNEL



THE CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE GOVERNOR, HON. ONOJA DAVID EDWARD, GIVING A PRESS BRIEFING AT THE LAUNCH OF THE KOGI STATE CONFLUENCE EXPRESS LAUNCH



FLEET OF BUSES AT THE SERVICE OF THE CONFLUENCE EXPRESS READY TO GO.

SELECTED SPEECHES

REDEFINING OUR CO-EXISTENCE

BEING TEXT OF A SPEECH BY HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR YAHAYA BELLO OF KOGI STATE, TO THE GYB YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP OF KOGI EAST SENATORIAL DISTRICT AT ANYIGBA, KOGI STATE, ON FRIDAY, 30 DECEMBER, 2016

PROTOCOLS

Thank you all for gathering here today in solidarity with me and the New Direction Agenda in Kogi State. As a Governor I meet different groups of people every day. It is however becoming clear to me that I find special excitement from attending a gathering of the youth anywhere in Kogi State and interacting with them. Today is no different. Your excitement has charged the atmosphere here. I feel you guys strongly and I am truly excited to be here with you.

Today, as always, I pay heartfelt homage to the Attah of Igala, His Royal Highness, Ameh Oboni the Second. Gabaidu! Gabaidu!! Gabaidu!!! It gives me great honor to report that HRH has been a veritable Pillar of support to my Administration from the very onset. HRH has always been one of my most trusted advisors. Gabaidu is a true Oracle of Wisdom and his counsel has never failed me. I salute you my father. Long may you reign, and show us the right way.

We all know that recently and in addition to the burdens of his royal Office, His Royal Highness has had to bear the burden of losing a beloved son. The death of the Prince is a loss, not just to the Palace, or Igalaland, but to Kogi State and the whole of Nigeria. May the Almighty God send special comforts to all of us, and give us the fortitude to bear his irreparable loss. Please join me in one minute of silence in honor of our dear departed one. [May his gentle soul rest in perfect peace.]

The story of my Administration cannot be told in full without properly recognizing the huge role played by the people of Kogi East, especially the indefatigable youth gathered here today. In those days when our struggle to bring a New Direction to Kogi State looked hopeless, some of our strongest allies came from Kogi East.

In those days when our aspirations to Office looked like child's play, our allies from Dekina, Ankpa, Idah, Igalamela/Odolu, Ibaji, Ofu, Olamaboro, Omala and Bassa Senatorial Local Government Areas stood staunchly by our side, and weathered the storm with us. We are grateful. Now that God has committed the governance of our dear State into our hands, I am fully determined to prove that your support then was not in vain, and your support going forward will also not be a waste of time and effort.

Indeed, I have benefited a lot from Kogi East. The unexpected death of Prince Abubakar Audu, a timeless icon from Kogi East thrust me upon the stage as the flagbearer of the APC and ultimately the Governor of Kogi State. My mandate, as I have always maintained was largely secured by Prince Audu. Always cognizant of that legacy, I am strengthened in my personal decision to preach and practice no other message but unity, peace and progress in the discharge of my Office.

Once again I wish to express my gratitude to Kogi East youths. Many of you were very instrumental to the successes of my campaign. Many of the key foot-soldiers of my political movement, the Kogi Youth Arise Group, hail from here. These enlightened youths, these detribalized Nigerians, these inspirational Kogites who were led by Edward David Onoja, my 'twin brother', gave me their unwavering followership in a manner that has put me in their debt. It is a debt which I can only repay by providing good governance to Kogi State.

In my appointments I have done equity to all and sundry. My personal and closest aides have come from all parts of this great state with particular respect to proportionality. The Deputy Governor and Chief of Staff come from among you. Most of the Commissioners and Political Appointees are also from Kogi East in line with the demands of fairness and our intention to enthrone meritocracy as the fulcrum for re-defining our co-existence in Kogi State.

The Igala and the Bassange are two ethnic nationalities notable in Nigeria for their unity of purpose and action. The two tribes have distinguished themselves mightily in all professions and callings in this country, which is why I think it is such a big shame that by reason of irresponsibility in the governance of our great state by some previous Administrations, their homelands remain largely underdeveloped and lacking in critical infrastructure.

Of course, the poor socioeconomic indices from years of bad governance are not limited to Kogi East alone. We also met both Kogi Central and Kogi West in the same parlous situation in which we found Kogi East. There is therefore consensus across the length and breadth of Kogi State that most of the past Administrations in the state largely failed the people. This is where I am determined that my Administration will be different.

The New Direction Agenda of Governor Yahaya Bello is a Movement whose dominant objective is accelerated socio-economic development of Kogi State in all its constituent parts over the life of the Administration. We take this overriding objective so serious that we have developed a guidebook for it called the New Direction Blueprint.

The plight of our youth, especially unemployment and lack of access to socioeconomic opportunities, is of major concern to my Administration. For that reason, we have made Job Creation and Youth Engagement one of the 5 Thematic Areas in our New Direction Blueprint. It is thus a key pillar in our New Direction Agenda. This thematic area is designed to evoke aggressive efforts in youth empowerment from the Administration, and I believe it has helped us to focus and gather momentum in that regard.

You will recall that we have been running with a largely inherited budget since we came into office on January 27th this year, so there has been a limit to what we can initiate within the confines of good fiscal governance. Thankfully, we have presented our budget for the year 2017 to the Kogi State House of Assembly 2 weeks ago. We dubbed it a 'Budget of New Direction'. Once it is passed by the House, I am confident it will enable us launch some of our customized initiatives, including those for youth empowerment.

To underscore the importance which we attach to empowering our youth, the other 4 thematic areas in our New Direction Blueprint are also designed with generous inputs for the youth. Education, Health, Infrastructure and Utilities, Public Service and Pension Reforms are all targeted such that we have benefits flowing to the youth from each of them.

For instance, one direct advantage to the youth from our just concluded Staff Screening and Verification Exercise under the Public Service and Pension Reforms Thematic Area is that we will soon be in a position to recruit fresh staff into the Kogi State Workforce, mainly from among the ranks of qualified and unemployed youth. This Government sees the youth as the custodians of our future and will work hard to prepare them to confront that future with confidence and the necessary human capital skills.

As a major stakeholder in Kogi State, Kogi East Senatorial District has nearly 50% of the proposed Projects in our New Direction Budget. I can give you my word today that those projects and interventions are not there for show. We put them in for definite execution and completion, baring only funding constraints. We are of course working hard to attract more funding, raise Internally Generated Revenue and partner with genuine and credible private investors. We hope to exceed expectations.

As I begin to conclude, let me say that every GYB Group that is accredited and accepted by my Administration is part of my New Direction Agenda. That means it is part of a Movement for the accelerated development of Kogi State in all its constituencies during the tenure of my Administration. That being the case, each of you must commit to redefining our co-existence in Kogi State along the lines of Unity, Peace and Progress. You must be able ambassadors of the New Direction.

We will not condone thuggery, violence or criminality amongst our numbers. It is expected that you will be models of politics without bitterness. If you are provoked by those who believe in the old ways and those whose paymasters still work to return us to the past, do not take laws into your hands. Instead, you must reach us so that the legal things can be done and proper redress effected.

As long as you are connected to your wards and local governments chapters of the APC, you can always get information to us, and very quickly too. We have appointed 239 Ward Governors/Coordinators under the GYB CONNECT Program, who with their Deputies make up 478 people who can quickly get word to us of any crisis in your area. Be close to them, to your Administrators and to appointees from your area.

‘One of the great liabilities of history is that all too many people fail to remain awake through great periods of social change. Every society has its protectors of status quo and its fraternities of the indifferent who are notorious for sleeping through revolutions. Today, our very survival depends on our ability to stay awake, to adjust to new ideas, to remain vigilant and to face the challenge of change.’ — Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Great youth of Kogi East, with the immortal words quoted above, as well as those in the Food for Thought with which I started this address, I challenge you to remain agents of change and continue to give the All Progressive Congress (APC) your strong support at all levels. That is the only way to build the future that we all want.

Please accept my goodwill and hand of fellowship today. I am proud to identify with you. We have enjoyed your support and we will continue to rely on your support.

God bless Igalaland and People!

God bless Bassaland and People!

God bless Kogi East Senatorial District!

And God bless Kogi State!

Merry Christmas in Arrears and A Happy and Prosperous 2017.

YAHAYA BELLO

EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR

KOGI STATE

CHAPTER TEN

SECURITY



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INTRODUCTION

Security remains phenomenal and supreme to the survival and success of any government as no cogent development can be achieved without top-notch security put in place. The Government of Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello recognizes this and has placed security as top priority of his Government. Security is dynamic and requires flexible solution as they emerged but proactive measure remains critical as prevention is better than cure. This has been the clear direction and priority of the administration in the last one year.

On assumption of office, the Government critically analyzed the security challenges in Kogi State, the root causes and the prevailing challenges. The root causes revolve around the Geographical location of Kogi with boundary with 9 States including Abuja, the general security situation in the Country, the use of youths as tools for political actualization through tuggery by politician, unemployment, low level collaboration and synergy among security agencies, as well as lack of well structured intelligence gathering.

The Administration understood the compact nature of security threats and challenges which manifested in form of acts of terrorism, high rates of kidnapping, armed robbery, recurrent Fulani/host community clashes, cultism, labour agitation, political unrest, communal clashes as well as land dispute among others. The prevailing security challenges at the inception of the administration required immediate strategic solutions; these were placed on the burner in order to achieve peaceful co-existence in the State and to allow for the Government to execute its developmental programmes. Happily the New Direction agenda of the Government already identified some of these challenges and provided possible solutions.

KIDNAPPING AND ARMED ROBBERY

Kidnapping in Kogi State assumed a worrisome dimension. The perpetrators of the crime had prior to 2015, targeted mainly prominent indigenes and foreigners working in public and private establishments. However, at a time, the victims include other unsuspecting members of the public who may not be necessarily wealthy, including random commuters along the major highways. The perpetrators rob travelers and subsequently kidnap those who they feel will attract a reasonable amount of ransom.

A general outlook of threats in the State revealed that kidnapping tops the list. As can be seen in chart 1, the State recorded one hundred and sixty-seven (167) cases of kidnaps between 1st January, 2015 and 13th June, 2016 respectively. However,

this trend was brought down drastically from July 2016 to date as only isolated incidents of kidnapping in the State are now recorded.

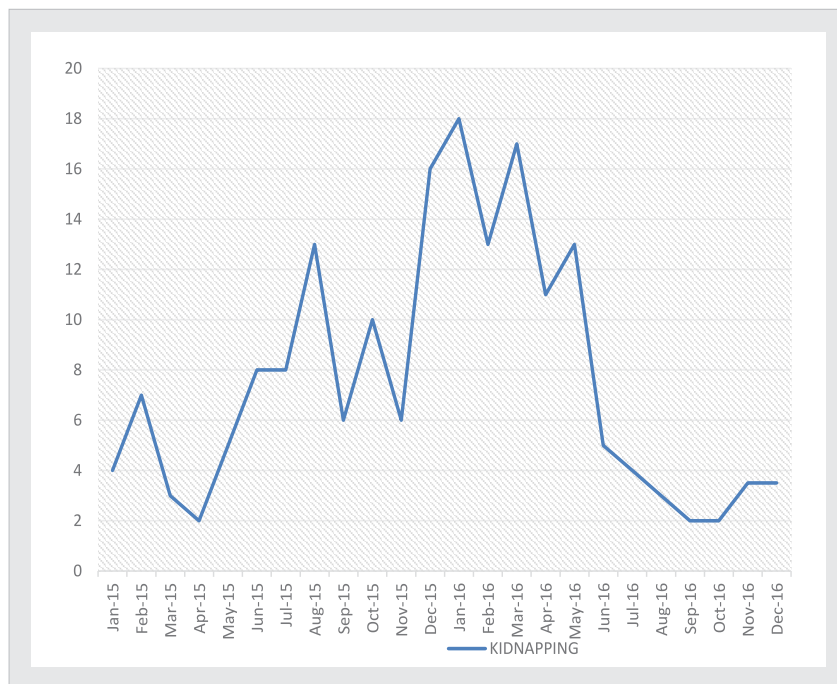


Chart 1: A Line Graph Showing a General Outlook of Kidnapping in the State between January, 2015 and December, 2016

Out of the one hundred and sixty-seven (167) kidnap cases recorded in the State from 1st January, 2015 to June, 2016, eighty-six (86) were recorded in the Central Senatorial District representing 51.5%. Meanwhile, the Western and Eastern Senatorial districts witnessed forty-two (42) and thirty-nine (39) kidnap cases, representing 25.1% and 23.4%, respectively as can be seen in Chart 2.

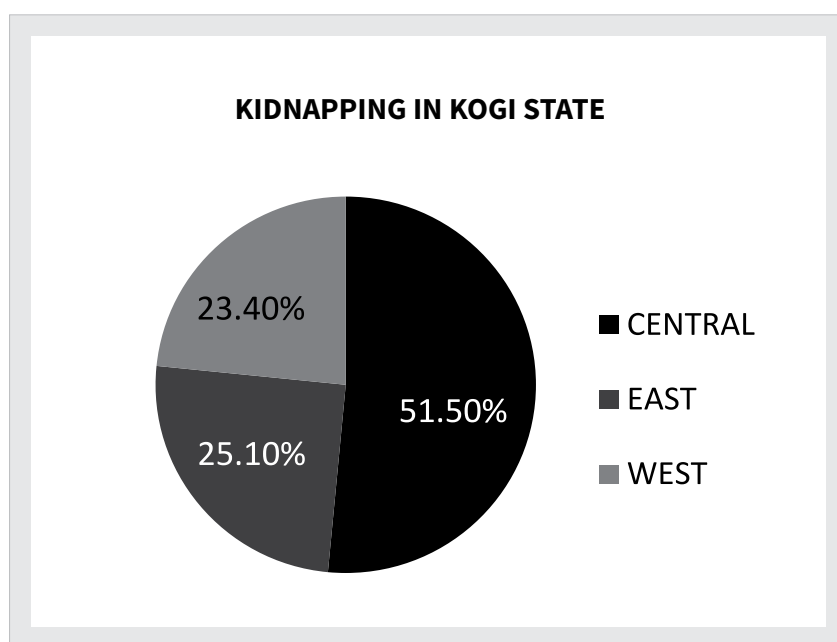


Chart 2: A Pie Chart Showing Percentage Recorded cases of Kidnapping in Kogi State by Senatorial District from January, 2015 to 13th June, 2016

FULANI HERDSMEN/FARMERS CONFLICTS

The issue of Fulani herdsmen and farmers is usually characterized by counter attacks during which many innocent lives are lost, property destroyed and communities deserted.

A considerable number of the attacks are observed to be reprisal/ counter attacks from either side. This is adjudged so, as out of the twenty-nine (29) clashes recorded in the State from 1st January, 2015 to June, 2016, twelve (12) were carried out by the farmers/ host communities, while seventeen (17) were perpetrated by the Fulani herdsmen.

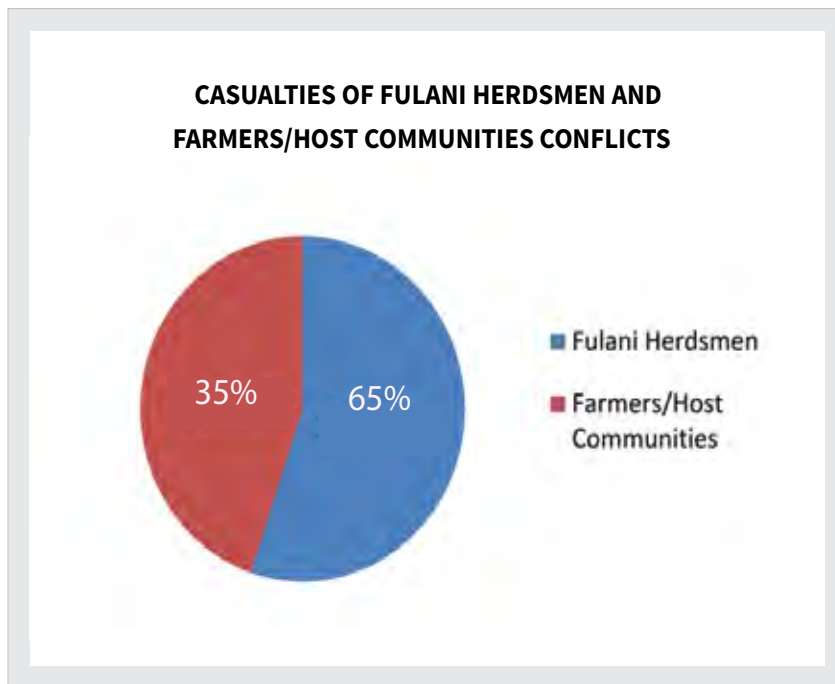


Chart 3: A Pie Chart Showing distribution of casualties recorded during Fulani Herdsmen and Farmers/ Host clashes from 1st January, 2015 to 13th June, 2016.

INSURGENCY

The activities of the Islamic Fundamentalist Group, Boko Haram were decisively tackled within the year to ensure the recent gains by the Nigerian Armed Forces in the North East, the Insurgents does not find Kogi State as a destination. Some elements of the insurgents were discovered in the State in 2014 and 2015 respectively. Security agencies have continued to monitor their activities and also deployed human and communication assets to ensure they don't have a place in Kogi State.

LAND AND COMMUNAL CLASHES

One area the Administration of Alhaji Yahaya Bello has to contend with within the year is the senseless communal clash in some communities.

Kogi State shares common boundaries with nine (9) States and the FCT. This makes Kogi State prone to violent land/boundary disputes. In the last one year, the state has been able to engage in consolidation intelligence efforts as well as dialogue to maintain peace with no record of major breakdown of law and orders. However, the

State witnessed a senseless communal clash between Igbirra Mozum and Bassa-Komo which broke out on 26 Nov 2016 as a result of over 16 years land dispute.

A little disagreement on masquerade caused carnage that resulted in the death of 5 people. That dispute caused the state millions of Naira to maintain peace in the area in term of logistics for security agencies. So far, a total of 12 suspects were arrested and would be prosecuted. The incident however, provided information of piled up arms in the community as several dangerous weapons and ammunitions were recovered. These include; 3 AK 47 Rifles, 1 G3 Military Rifle, 4 Pump actions Guns, 8 locally made pistols, 1 double barrel Gun, 13 Single barrel dane Guns, 3 AK 47 Magazines. The ammunitions include 80 rounds of 7.62mm (special), 13 rounds of 7.62mm (NATO), 2 rounds of 9mm, 103 cartridges, 4 axes and 5 knives used during the crisis. The security agencies are still in search to clean up the area for illegal arms.

To this end, the Government has concluded plans to prosecute all those arrested either directly or indirectly connected with the clash. It is also to warn that the Government will not tolerate incessant clashes in any community.

SOLUTIONS ADOPTED

The high voltage of insecurity in the State on assumption of office predicated some definite security measures rolled out which are currently being implemented, sustained and regularly reviewed. His Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Bello with clear ideas and information of the cankerworm of insecurity in the State met with the Chief of Army Staff who visited the State and subsequently deployed Special Forces to the State. The Nigerian Navy/DIA also deployed Special Boat Service men to the State as well as the IGP deployed Special Forces to Kogi State. The fight against terrorism, kidnapping and Armed Robbery became the focus and by June 2015 the situations were brought under relative control.

FORMATION OF OPERATION TOTAL FREEDOM

The formation of Joint Task operations code named “Operation Total Freedom, involving the Nigerian Army, Nigerian Navy, Nigerian Police, DSS and Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corp is yielding positive results. In order for them to effectively perform their job and tackle security in the State, a total of 110 vehicles was distributed to security agencies in the State.

The outfit currently has over 300 troops that are deployed all over the state for 24hours patrols. It has recorded high successes. This is one area of the Government Policy in 2016 that has brought relative peace to the State. Operation Total Freedom currently has six sectors all over the State and 12 mobile hot lines for the general public to send information to proactively deal with emerging security situations. The numbers are:

Lokoja	09055555492
Okene	09055555493
Ajaokuta	08074059013
Koto-Karfi	08074296457
Dekina	08074631419
Kabba	08076701726,
Anyigba	08077321548

Mopa-Muro	08150218901
Iyara	08150218906, 08150218903
Ankpa	08150218915
Idah	
Police HQ Lokoja	08150218906.

Relevant logistics to perform were provided by the State Government while allowances for the troops are paid as at when due. Its Headquarter was recently acquired and up-to-date communication gadgets are being installed for effective performance.

ESTABLISHMENT OF KOGI VIGILANTE SERVICE

To sustain the result within a short time, the administration recognize the importance of community policing and inaugurated Kogi Vigilante Service with recruitment of 3,000 vigilantes from the 21 LGA and the commencement of 8weeks training in intelligence gathering, armed handling etc. The Vigilante Group in Kogi is currently doing a good work as they are conversant with the routes, people and the communities. Their activities strengthen the neighbourhood watch.

BUILDING OF FORWARD OPERATION BASE FOR THE NIGERIAN ARMY

In order to properly put criminals in check and to have a formidable presence of security personnel in the state, the State approached the Army Headquarter for the building of Forward Operational Base at Achoze in Okene Local Government Area. The State Executive Council subsequently approved the building project with the cost of Two Hundred and Four Million, Six Hundred and Eighty-Six Thousand, Forty-Four Naira, Fifty Kobo (N204,686,044.50). The proposed facility is to consist of: Prefabricated buildings for officers/men, items of furniture, cafeteria, prefabricated perimeter fencing, sentry towers, armory, 22kw solar system, water storage tank, landscaping and other ancillaries.

His Excellency, the Executive Governor of the State, Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello has continued to say that Kogi State must be safe for her citizen and for meaningful development to take place. This is the thrust of the Government to wisely engage our youth as youth's engagement is central to their development. It must be said again that peaceful co-existence among different communities is paramount under

the leadership of His Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello. Accordingly, an effective machinery and security architecture has been out in place to checkmate criminal activities in all the nooks and crannies of the State. A lot is required on the citizen of the state to continue to provide useful and timely information to security agencies in order to tackle insecurity in the State. Security is a collective responsibility and all hands must therefore be on desk to ensure its actualization for peace to reign in Kogi State.



GALANT OFFICERS OF THE OPERATION TOTAL FREEDOM PARADING IN DISPLAY OF THEIR READINESS FOR ACTION



FLEET OF VEHICLES PICK-UP TRUCKS DONATED BY HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, TO THE JOINT TASKS FORCE ON THE OPERATION TOTAL FREEDOM AT THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR AND THE CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF ALONG LOKOJA OKENE ROAD



MORE SECURITY VEHICLES AND MOTOR BIKES DONATED TO THE SECURITY FORCES BY HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR.



HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR RECEIVING THE SURVEILLANCE HELICOPTER FROM THE AIG DELEGATES AT THE STATE POLICE COMMAND.

SELECTED SPEECHES

BUDGET OF NEW DIRECTION

TEXT OF A SPEECH BY THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF KOGI STATE, HIS EXCELLENCY, YAHAYA BELLO, AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE KOGI STATE YEAR 2017 BUDGET PROPOSAL TO THE KOGI STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2016.

Protocols

1. I am grateful to the Almighty God for this opportunity to present the Kogi State Budget proposal for the year 2017 to this Honourable House today. This is a historic occasion because it is the first budget proposal I am presenting to you since I assumed office on 27th January, 2016.
2. I recall again the divine interventions which made possible my mandate as the 4th Executive Governor of Kogi State, and I am, as usual, deeply humbled before God. Along with this humility comes a burning sense of responsibility and an unwavering commitment to accomplish everything that God intended for Kogi State when He called me into leadership.
3. May I use this opportunity to thank this Honourable House and all the good people of Kogi State for the support we have received since we assumed office. Even today, Honourable Members had to specially convene for the purpose of accommodating us for this critical event. This support ensures that whatever achievements we have recorded is a Joint Venture between the 3 Arms of this Government, and the people themselves.
4. Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members of the Kogi State House of Assembly, you will recall that on January 27, 2016 at my swearing-in as the Governor of our dear state, I clearly identified the driving passion of this government in my Inaugural Address thus: "My administration shall exist for the sole purpose of serving the superseding interests of the people of Kogi State to the very best of its capabilities".
5. This brief sentence encapsulates our creed and stated objective in this Administration. It is the core philosophy of our New Direction Agenda, and it influences our every action. Shortly after we assumed Office, and in order to further sharpen our focus, the Administration engaged consultants to fashion our campaign promises into actionable work-plans for reinventing the fortunes of Kogi State and her people.
6. This multi-disciplinary team of consultants came to be known as The New Direction Blueprint Team as they traversed the 21 Local Government Areas of the state meeting the people at the very grassroots. They developed a New Direction Blueprint for us which is a direct prescription by the people detailing exactly what they want from Government.
7. The New Direction Blueprint is a definitive roadmap for accelerated socio-economic development of our state in all its constituencies. The New Direction Agenda is the Specific Purpose Vehicle for its actualisation. Both reflect our

collective aspirations for the building of a new Kogi State. Honourable members, this budget proposal before you today has been carefully prepared to meet this aspiration.

8. Dave Ramsey, the successful American investor once said, 'A budget is telling your money where to go, instead of wondering where it went.' Thus, we were careful to place great premium on the need for prudent management of available resources, in full consideration of the present economic realities in the state, and the nation.
9. On a more technical level, we made sure this budget was prepared in conformity with the terms of Multi-Year Budget Framework and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP). We have made a realistic and reasonable projection of our revenue and expenditure to avoid bogus and unattainable budgetary figures. Our aim is to match our expenditure commitments with available financial resources.
10. Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, bearing in mind the atrocious leadership which has bedeviled Kogi State in the past, the parlous state in which we met our people and state upon assumption of Office, the urgent need to turn around the fortunes of Kogi State as well as the applicable budgeting factors and perspectives mentioned above, we are pleased to announce that our proposed Budget for 2017 is dubbed the BUDGET OF NEW DIRECTION.
11. It is my fervent belief that the proposed BUDGET OF NEW DIRECTION is clearly indicative of our fair, sincere and frank assessment of the amount the State can generate on her own as Internally Generated Revenue in addition to what she can most likely obtain from the Federation Account and sundry other sources.
12. Given the earlier indices espoused, the proposed 2017 Budget is significantly higher than that of 2016 on account of the frantic effort by my Administration towards increase IGR, and enshrine Transparency, Accountability, Fairness and Discipline in the fiscal processes of the state.
13. Furthermore, all Ministries, Extra-Ministerial Departments and Agencies (MDAs) in the State are henceforth expected to cite IPSAS codes on the vote of charge in all requests for release of fund.
14. Honourable Members, this 2017 Budget Proposal was designed to make for better policy formulation, fiscal planning, budget analysis, accountability, routine financial management and international comparisons. In fact, so confident are we of its indices that it will be available on the internet for easy access and scrutiny from anywhere in the world.
15. Our aim in publicizing this 2017 Budget Proposal as stated is not so we can show off, but to alert the world that we are serious about our fiscal management processes in Kogi State and verifiably compliant with international best practices in budgeting. This presupposes that we have made it both realistic and scientifically populated. It also satisfies a condition precedent for attracting foreign investors to the State.
16. Implementation of this Budget will accelerate the rate at which we can build physical infrastructure and develop human capital in our state and deploy them. It will help us scale up our expenditures in Health, Education, Infrastructure

and Utilities, Job Creation and Youth Engagement, Public Service and Pension Reforms.

17. Other areas that this Budget is designed to stimulate with equal importance include Agriculture, Water Resources, Environment (Waste Management and Sanitation), Housing and Support for Women and Youth Empowerment, Security of lives and properties, etc.

REVIEW OF 2016 BUDGET PERFORMANCE

18. Mr Speaker and the Honourable Members, you will recall that the total approved Budget for year 2016 was **N99,998,674,261** out of which the Recurrent Revenue was **N63,127,700,000** and capital receipts was **N36,870,974,261**.
19. Out of **N63,127,700,000** total recurrent revenue approved for the year 2016, **N54,956,909,602** was collected as at end of November 2016 representing 87.05% performance.
20. A total of **N56,281,981,318** was approved for recurrent expenditure in year 2016, however **N36,870,410,490** was spent as at 30th November 2016 representing 65.51% performance.
21. Out of **N36,870,974,261** in total Capital Receipts approved for the year 2016, only **N10,148,024,902** was collected as at end of November 2016 representing 27.52% performance.
22. A total sum of **N47,316,692,943** was approved as capital expenditure for year 2016, however the actual expenditure as at November, 2016 ending stood at **N26,543,714,398** representing 56.09% performance.
23. Some of the projects/programmes carried out in the year under review include:
 - Renovation of Government House Buildings and Eleven other Offices.
 - Purchase of Assorted Vehicles for both security and office use.
 - Provision of Assorted Security Equipment for security Agents in the State
 - Provision of Health infrastructural facilities to Hospitals
 - Maintenance of Existing Roads in the State through the Kogi Road Maintenance Agency (KOGROMA).
 - On-going Construction of Otokiti – Ganaja by-pass multi-lane carriage way.
 - On-going Construction of Ogaminana Ebogogo Ipaku- Kuroko junction.
 - On-going Construction of Obehira-Okengwe/Ihima Road.
 - On-going Construction of Agassa-Upogoro-Okene Road.
 - Complete Renovation of State House of Assembly Complex.
 - Provision of Agricultural inputs to Farmers in the State.
 - On-going Construction of Anyigba-Ajaka-Umomi-Idah Roads

- On-going Construction of Ankpa Township Roads.
- Construction of Kogi State Revenue House.
- Asphalt overlay of Ejuku-Ijowa-Jege-Ifeolukotun Road.
- Kogi State Secretariat Complex internal road network.
- Kogi State High Court Complex internal road network.

Details of other projects/programmes embarked upon during the period under review will be given by the Honourable Commissioner, Ministry of Budget and Planning in due course.

REVIEW OF 2017 BUDGET OF NEW DIRECTION

24. Mr. Speaker, Distinguished Honourable Members, I hereby present the 2017 Budget, titled 'Budget of NEW DIRECTION. As already noted this budget was prepared in line with Domesticated National Chart of Account, Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF)/ Multi-Year Budget Framework (MYBF) which outlines key initiatives, assumptions and what is expected to be achieved by key spending Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) in the State.

25. The budget has an estimated outlay of **N174,851,544,523**. The total budget outlay of **N174,851,544,523** is divided into Recurrent expenditure of **N58,531,404,254** representing **33.47%** and capital expenditure of **N116,320,140,269** representing **66.53%**. This is further shown in the table below:

Expenditure Item	Allocation	%
Recurrent Expenditure	N58,531,404,254	33.47%
Capital Expenditure	N116,320,140,269	66.53%
Total	N174,851,544,523	100%

The Recurrent and Capital Expenditure in sectorial outlay is given in the following sectors:

Code	Sectors	Allocation	%
01	Administration	43,442,160,340	24.84
02	Economic	80,424,600,499	45.99
03	Law and Justice	6,886,015,914	3.94
05	Social	44,098,767,770	25.23
	Total	174,851,544,523	100%

The preparation of this budget was guided by the harmonization of MDAs' policy thrusts in line with New Direction Blueprint and actual appropriation to ensure that we have a Budget that meets the aspiration of the majority of the people in 2017.

BUDGET POLICY STATEMENT

26. The fiscal strategy of Government is anchored on the on-going Public Financial Management Reform (PFM). Over the period 2017-2019 the State Government fiscal policy will be directed at:

- improving the efficiency and effectiveness of spending;
- achieving a better balance between capital and recurrent expenditure;
- gaining greater control of the wage bill;
- directing capital expenditure on critical infrastructure with special emphasis on the 5 thematic areas in The New Direction Blueprint, viz: Education, Health, Job Creation and Youth Engagement, Infrastructure and Utilities and Public Sector and Pension Reforms;
- boosting revenue receipts by identifying and blocking revenue leakages; and
- gradual fiscal consolidation in order to achieve a level of public spending consistent with macroeconomic stability and sustainable debt.

1. BUDGET OBJECTIVES AND TARGETS

27. The specific fiscal objective of Kogi State is effective allocation of scarce resources to identified critical programmes and projects, with the following major targets:

- To complete on-going projects and incrementally add new projects in the critical areas of need;
- To continue to expand the State's revenue base in the area of Internally Generated Revenue (IGR);
- To enhance greater transparency and proper accountability in the State's public expenditure management;
- To produce a conducive environment for investors and Donor Agencies to operate in the State; and
- To reduce the Domestic Debt Profile of Kogi State.

28. In our resolve to be a part of the Global Village, we cannot remain isolated from changes that are occurring in the larger system. That is why the Kogi State Government is adopting the reform process in line with Medium Term Expenditure Framework/Multi-Year Budget Framework as well as international best practices in quality information and record-keeping, and the management of modernized Government Accounts.

29. Mr Speaker and Honourable Members of the Kogi State House of Assembly, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, I now have the singular pleasure of formally presenting the Kogi State Year 2017 Draft Budget for consideration and approval.

30. The total Budget package for year 2017 is N174,851,544,523 (One Hundred and Seventy Four Billion, Eight Hundred and Fifty One Million, Five Hundred and

Forty Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Twenty Three Naira) Only as against N99,998,674,261 (Ninety Nine Billion, Nine Hundred and Ninety Eight Million, Six Hundred and Seventy Four Thousand, Two Hundred and Sixty One Naira) Only approved for year 2016. This is an increase of N74,852,870,262 (Seventy Four Billion, Eight Hundred and Fifty Two Million, Two Hundred and Sixty Two Naira) or an increase of 74.85% compared with 2016 Approved Budget.

31. This Honourable House is therefore invited to:

A. NOTE THAT:

- i. We have budgeted a total estimated recurrent revenue of **N81,666,312,024** consisting of **N32,181,492,459** from internal sources, **N35,309,699,767** as State's share from the Federation Account, **N8,085,355,569** revenue from value Added Tax (VAT), **N2,209,764,229** from Exchange Differentials and **N3,880,000,000** from Budget Augmentation.
- ii. Fund available for recurrent expenditure in year 2017 stands at **N81,666,312,024**. Of the above, estimated personnel cost for the period is **N32,734,234,264** whereas **N25,797,169,990** is overhead Costs thereby giving total recurrent expenditure for the year 2017 to be **N58,531,404,254**.
- iii. From above therefore, we have a total estimated Transfer Surplus of **N23,134,907,770** as Capital Development Fund.
- iv. The estimated Capital Receipt is **N93,185,232,499** comprising **N63,185,232,499** of Capital receipt analysis by economic, **N30,000,000,000** as Aids and Grants. However, if the Transfer Surplus of **N23,134,907,770** is added to this amount, we shall have **N116,320,140,269** as fund available for capital development projects.
- v. Total estimated capital expenditure therefore stands at **N116,320,140,269**.
- vi. In summary, our total estimated revenue (i.e recurrent revenue and capital receipts) stands at **N174,851,544,523** for the year 2017, making total estimated expenditure (i.e Recurrent and Capital) stands at **N174,851,544,523** for the year 2017 thereby making our 2017 Budget a balanced budget.
- vii. Details of allocations to MDAs and highlights of Major activities relating to said allocations will be given by the Honourable Commissioner for Budget and Planning subsequently.

B. APPROVE:

- Total estimated revenue (Recurrent Revenue and Capital Receipts) of **N174,851,544,523**.
- Total estimated expenditure (Recurrent and Capital) of **N174,851,544,523**.
- A balanced budget of **N174,851,544,523** for 2017 fiscal year.

32. Honourable Speaker and Honourable Members of this distinguished House, Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, I hereby submit the foregoing, captured in the 2017 Draft Budget for your deliberation and approval.

33. I wish everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful, prosperous and fulfilling New Year in advance.

God bless the Kogi State House of Assembly!

God bless Kogi State!

God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria!

I thank you all.

YAHAYA BELLO

EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR

KOGI STATE

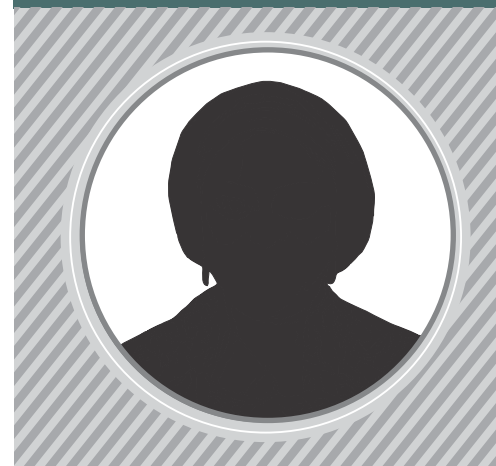
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INTRODUCTION

Women, children and the vulnerable in the society are special s defined by their nature and societal considerations. Her Excellency, Mrs Rashida Yahaya Bello, wife of the executive Governor of Kogi State understands the import and the needs of this group of people in the society. As such, her focus through her non-governmental organization KOWYAF has been on how to better the lot of this group by reaching out to the widow, orphan, physically challenged and underprivileged.

Since the inception of the Alhaji Yahaya Bello administration, Mrs Rashida Bello has reached out to these groups in diverse ways especially in the areas of women empowerment and primary health care through her project KOWYEF. Within two months of the inception of the Alhaji Yahaya Bello administration, Her Excellency empowered 42 rural women with cash with which to start businesses and trade tools such as hair driers, hair wash basins, sewing machines and so on. Women were chosen from each of the 21 local government areas of the state to constitute the group of beneficiaries.

The empowerment programme was followed by the commissioning of Ultra-Modern Primary Health Care Centers in the three senatorial districts of the state. One was in Ekin Adde in Ijumu Local Government Area while others were in Amonyokwu Ogugu in Olamaboro Local Government Area and Agassa in Okene Local Government Area. During the commissioning of the health centres, Mrs. Bello donated hospital and medical equipment ranging from drugs to delivery beds, lighting facilities, generators, furniture for doctors and patients, cleaning equipment, and mosquito nets. She also used the same occasion to distribute exercise books to school children. In collaboration with future assured program of the Wife of the President, Her Excellency, Mrs. Aishat Mohammadu Buhari, relief materials in form of food items were distributed to widows, orphans and physically challenged. This occasion brought together people from all local government areas of the state, a noticeable display of impartial apportionment of relief materials.

In her magnanimity, Mrs. Bello chose to celebrate Sallah with the less privileged. This is what took her on Sallah visits to two orphanages in Lokoja metropolis. The two were Mom Orphanage in Crusher and Garba Ohiani Orphanage in Zango Daji. In the course of her visit, she made donations of various food items. She also tended to the physically challenged on the same day at the Government House.

As a woman who knows the importance of good health to the family and to the community, she embarked on an enlightenment programme on Sick Cell Anemia

in collaboration with Kogi state Ministry of Health. Free genotype screening was done for people during the programme which was instituted to commemorate the World Sickle Cell Day 2016 in Lokoja.

In the same vein, free screening, counseling and vaccination was carried out in Okene to mark World Hepatitis Day 2016. Her Excellency powered the exercise with a resolve to reduce the spread of Hepatitis drastically by increasing awareness of the populace on the causes, its effects, how it can be avoided, and how it can be cured.

Kogi was 25 in August 2015. Her Excellency with the intent of giving the less privileged a sense of belonging, took the 25th year celebration to 4 orphanage home across the state with gifts of food stuff, beverages and toiletries. The orphanage homes were Victory Orphanage Home in Kabba, Onyinoyi Orphanage in Ajaokuta, One Soul one Heart Orphanage in Okura, and God's Will Orphanage in Anyigba.

The commemoration of World Heart Day 2016, powered by Mrs. Rashida Bello and tagged power Your Life featured lectures on what practices to adopt and which ones to shun in order to protect the heart, which was described as the engine room of the body.

The importance of protecting the girl child from abuse, teenage pregnancies, and the effects of gender inequality in the society was the preoccupation of Mrs. Rashida Bello during the symposium she organized for girls from different primary and secondary schools in Lokoja in commemoration of the International day of the girl child 2016.

Recognizing the decline in reading culture among children of school age and children's inability to use grammar and spell words correctly, she organized a Spelling Bee which took place in the Glass House, every participant went home with gift items of learning materials and cash.

Towards ensuring the health of citizens in the state she responds positively to the medical needs of women and children, and a particular occasion, she was at Kogi state Specialist Hospital where various forms of surgeries were carried out on a number of patients. These patients did not have to pay for the surgeries.

Having recognized that culture and tourism is one major area to be explored, she spearheaded the mountaineering programme that took place in Okehi in December and has powered other such programmes like annual Obangogo Hill excursion which takes place in December.

Mrs. Rashida Bello displays her love for children on various occasions like Children's day, her birthday, and during visits to orphanages. In December, 2016, she organized a Christmas funfair for children at Lokoja Museum where they were treated to various forms of entertainment like music, dance, jokes, and the likes.

The Direct Reach Out Project (DROP) is one project she is very passionate about. It is aimed at reaching the unreached at the grassroots, and taking the dividends of democracy to the nooks and crannies of the state. She gives out gift items to people at the grassroots on a one on one basis to cushion the effects of the current economic challenges and foster good rapport with citizens of the state. DROP was flagged off in each of the 3 senatorial districts. After the flag off, DROP teams in the

different districts go from house to house in each ward, from one ward to another in each local government of the district to DROP item. So far, over 10,000 people of Kogi state have benefitted from the project which is a continuous exercise.

Mrs. Rashida Bello's pet project, KOWYAF keys into all the Future Assured programs of Her Excellency, Mrs. Aisha Buhari, some of which are the distribution of food items to the less privileged and get involved.

Mrs. Rashida Bello has been honored with numerous awards in recognition of her live changing activities in the year 2016. Some of the awards are: Kogi Woman of Inspiration 2016, and Amazon First Lady of the year.

Mrs. Bello has affected the lives of women, youths, children, and the vulnerable persons in such unique ways in 365 days, and in affecting the lives of the people positively, she has equally played a very crucial and supportive role to the Administration of Alhaji Yahaya Bello's New Direction Agenda. This is definitely a promise of better days for the people of Kogi State.



HER EXCELLENCY, RASHIDA BELLO, WIFE OF THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, DURING THE AWARENESS WALK ON WORLD SICKLE CELL DAY 2016.



HER EXCELLENCY, RASHIDA BELLO, WIFE OF THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR GIVING A SPEECH ON THE WOLRD SICKLE CELL DAY EVENT



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HER EXCELLENCY, RASHIDA BELLO, WIFE OF THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR AT THE FLAG-OFF OF #GETINVOLVED IN KOGI STATE



HER EXCELLENCY, RASHIDA BELLO, WIFE OF THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, THE SECRETARY TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT, MRS. AYOADE FOLASHADE ARIKE, COMMISSIONER FOR WOMEN AFFAIRS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, MRS. AMUPTAN BOLANLE, THE COMMISSIONER FOR ENVIRONMENT, MRS ROSEMARY OSHIKOYA, AT THE #GETINVOLVED INITIATIVE



HER EXCELLENCY, RASHIDA BELLO, WIFE OF THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR POWERED FOUNDATION – KOGI WOMEN AND YOUTH ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION – WORLD HEPATITIS DAY EVENT



CROSS-SECTION OF BENEFICIARIES AT THE WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME ORGANIZED BY HER EXCELLENCY, RASHIDA BELLO, WIFE OF THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR.



MORE PARTICIPANT AT THE EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME ORGANIZED BY HER EXCELLENCY, RASHIDA BELLO, WIFE OF THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR



CROSS-SECTION OF PERSONNEL OF THE KOGI WOMEN AND YOUTH ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION MANAGED BY HER EXCELLENCY, RASHIDA BELLO, WIFE OF THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR.



HER EXCELLENCY, RASHIDA BELLO, WIFE OF THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS AT THE #GETINVOLVED PROGRAMME IN KOGI STATE



HER EXCELLENCY, RASHIDA BELLO, WIFE OF THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR AND MORE PARTICIPANTS AT THE #GETINVOLVED INITIATIVE EVENT

SELECTED SPEECHES

ADDRESS BY THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF KOGI STATE, ALHAJI YAHAYA ADOZABELLO AT THE LAUNCHING OF THE 2017 ARMED FORCES REMEMBRANCE EMBLEM ON 11 JANUARY, 2017

Protocols

I welcome everyone of you here today to the 2017 Armed Forces Remembrance Day in Kogi State and the formal Launch of the 2017 Armed Forces Remembrance Emblem. As part of the activities for this year's events, an Interdenominational Christian Service held last Sunday and Muslim prayers will hold this Friday. We will continue to pray for the repose of the souls of the departed, the health of the wounded and comfort for those left behind.

The commemoration events will round off with a wreath laying ceremony on 15 January, 2017 at the World Wars I and II Cenotaph in Lokoja. As the name of the today's event suggests, this is a day of remembrance, and we are here to remember.

We are here to remember our brothers and sisters in all branches of our Military who have made the supreme sacrifice to secure our lives and civil liberties. These brave men and women, the fallen heroes of our nation, fought in various wars, some on our territory, and many in places far removed from home. Many of them sealed their commitment with their blood while others survived, but with debilitating injuries.

The essence of the Armed Forces Remembrance Day is to ensure that we do not forget, and that we do our best to cushion the effects of war on those who survived with reduced capacity to function physically as well as military families who have been deprived of one or both breadwinners.

We must remember that even before Nigeria became an independent nation, some of our compatriots fought from 1914-1916 in the Nigeria Regiments of the Royal West African Frontier Forces to liberate the Cameroons from German Occupation. They also fought in German East Africa till 1918, and were instrumental in helping the Allied Powers gain victory over the Central Powers (The Tripple Alliance) in World War One.

In the 2nd World War which raged between 1939 and 1945 Nigerians soldiers in the 81st and 82nd (West Africa) Divisions stood side by side with their comrades-in-arms and fought across Africa and Asia. Their bravery counted in the defeat of the Axis Powers led by Hitler.

After Independence on October 1, 1960, our military men and women have continued their fight for a better nation and world. They have fought in the Nigerian Civil War and in numerous Peace-Keeping Missions with the United Nations (UN), the African Union (AU), and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

They have also quelled many internal insurrections against the Nigerian state, such as the one by the Maitatsine Sect. Incidentally, credit for the defeat of that bloodthirsty group will go to no less a personality than the serving President of Nigeria, His Excellency, General Muhammadu Buhari, RTD and the forces under his command in that campaign. We celebrate our President.

In countless operations, sometimes in Joint Task Forces with other security agencies, the Nigerian Military has always risen to the task of protecting our territorial integrity and economic assets from attacks by militants and armed agitators of any ideological or malignant persuasion.

Following the rise of terrorism in Nigeria, and especially in the last 21 months, it has again taken the able leadership of President Muhammadu Buhari but now as Commander-in-Chief of our Armed Forces to fight and conquer the Boko Haram menace. As we speak, our Military is actively engaged in mopping-up operations to root out the terrorists' from their remaining cells and hideouts.

Kogi State has contributed more than her fair share to the exploits and sacrifices of the Military in Nigeria. We lost our people in all the wars and armed engagements I have enumerated above. Today, I remember the dead with heaviness of heart for the pains their loss brought to their families and loved ones. I also remember them with gratitude for the gains which their selfless service brought to this nation and to our dear State.

In particular, and because the wound of his fall in the battlefield is still so fresh in our hearts, I remember Lt. Col. Muhammad Abu Ali, Commander of the 272 Tank Battalion, Nigerian Army, who hails from Bassa Local Government Area of Kogi State. He fell in battle against Boko Haram at Mallam Fatori, Borno State on Friday, 4th November, 2016.

Lt. Col. Muhammad Abu Ali was variously known in the Press as the '...bravest Commander in the Nigerian Army' and '...the hero of Baga' respectively for his role in decimating Boko Haram over the years and leading the charge to recapture Baga town from the insurgents. He was a true son of Kogi State, a Prince of the Royal House of Bassa-Nge Kingdom, an indomitable fighting machine and a true patriot. We mourn him still.

He paid the supreme price so that the people of the North East, and indeed Nigeria, can once again sleep with eyes closed. Once again, I condole with his esteemed father, His Royal Highness, Brigadier Abu Ali (RTD), the Etsu of Bassa-Nge Kingdom, his wife and children, Kogi State, and indeed all of Nigeria on the irreparable loss of this gallant officer and fine gentlemen.

I will not forget to commend the roles of the Armed Forces in strengthening our capacity to provide peace and security in Kogi State, especially within the last one year of our Administration. With the establishment of Operation Total Freedom, members of the Armed Forces, in conjunction with other Security Agencies, have contained the high incidence of violent crimes inherited from our predecessors. Their brave efforts have contributed immensely to the huge decline in the rates of kidnapping, armed robbery and other serious crimes which we are enjoying in the State.

On our part as Government, we shall continue to provide logistics for the security agencies to effectively tackle security challenges across the State. I cannot warn criminals enough that Kogi State is no longer safe for them. The experience of others like them whom we have put out of action with extreme prejudice should persuade those still on the loose to either amend their ways or relocate from this State.

Our Military have stood for years, and still stand, as a buffer between the nation and the dark forces which are hell-bent on making our lives nasty, brutish and short. On a day like this, the least we can do as a grateful nation is remember their sacrifice, honor their memory and never forget their service. This we must do beyond mere talk, through giving back as much as we can in their honour. Accordingly, it is with a deep sense of gratitude and indebtedness to those who have fought and suffered to safeguard our freedoms that I launch the 2017 Armed Forces Remembrance Emblem in Kogi State with the sum of N10m on behalf of Kogi State and her peoples. I will also support that amount with a personal donation of N5m on behalf of myself and my family.

This is our token in commemoration of the 2017 Armed Forces Remembrance Day. I urge all of you to donate generously, and join us to make a difference, no matter how little, in the life of our military men and women - the living, the wounded or the families who have to care for them, or who are left to grieve their loss.

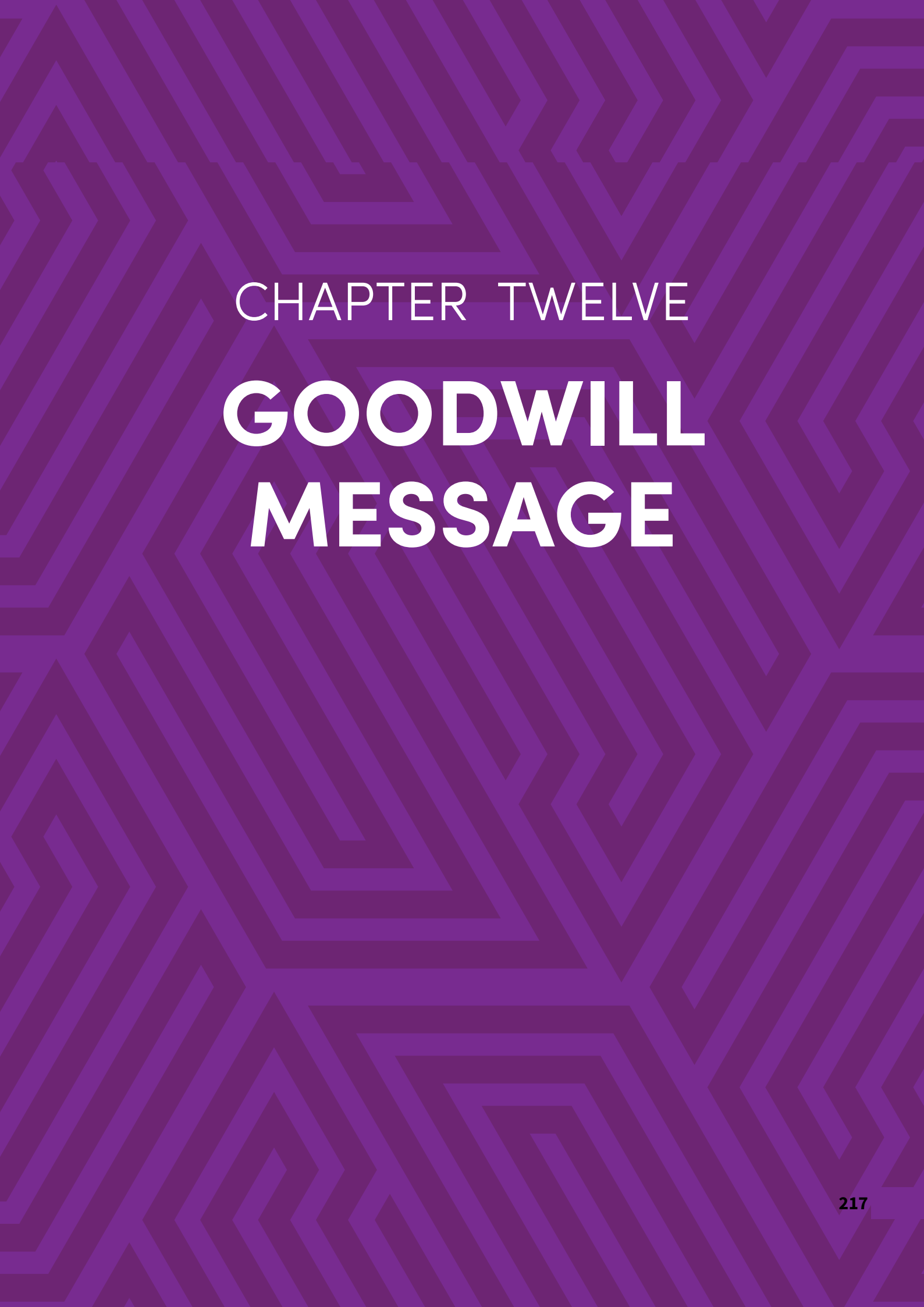
War is a terrible thing. Its toll on individuals, families and nations result in the stunting of development and progress. May the Almighty God make wars to cease to the ends of the Earth.

Thank you all.

YAHAYA BELLO

EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR

KOGI STATE



CHAPTER TWELVE

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INTRODUCTION

A voyage through the seven seas might commence with a drop of the anchor but Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello's incredible journey to political power began with a dream. As the suffering of his people in Kogi state grew worse, so did his discomfort. At 39, he had done very well for himself. He had invested wisely in his passions and had most comforts any man could ever dare to ask his creator for. His businesses employed many and his growing family of three wives kept him busy enough. But, he had to take the biggest gamble of his life and take on the established political machinery back home. Stuff of nightmares but he was no slouch.

While everyone and his cousin told him he would fail, Alhaji Bello only had ears for the few who showed him how it could be done. With every passing day and every long meeting, the move looked doable. Yes, it would be difficult and dangerous, but the Agassa-born amateur boxer knew when to pull his punches and when to tuck in and land an uppercut on the jaw. He knew the difference between shadow-boxing and actually facing an opponent in the ring. His indomitable mind had been conditioned to see nothing but victory. He just would not stop the march.

Even coming second at the gubernatorial primary elections conducted by the All Progressive Congress (APC) was not a defeat for him. Aware that he was likely robbed, he was ready to seek redress in the courts. He was battle-ready to take what was his. God had other ideas and he was handed the power he sought. On January 27th, 2016, Alhaji Yahaya Bello was sworn into office as the 4th Executive Governor of Kogi State. He holds the enviable record of being the youngest individual to hold such an office and being the first non-Igala democratically elected Governor in the state in the 25 years of its existence.

Because he had his dreams to keep him busy at night, Governor Bello kept himself busy during the day. Before many people had rested from their happy journey to the Confluence Stadium, Lokoja, - venue of the inauguration - a statement signed by the very hands of the Governor himself announced his first three appointments. If anyone had any doubts that his New Direction mantra was only empty rhetoric, the appointment of three men from the three senatorial zones on his first day at work should have shattered such thoughts. The era of Generation Next had begun with a deafening bang!

As a man well aware of the disharmony that nepotism and tribalism had cost his dear state, Governor Bello choose three words to guide him through the process of selecting those to work with: competence, equity and fairness. Obsessed with being

fair to all, he picked his cabinet to reflect ethnic and gender balance. To foster unity, he ordered that no two people from the same senatorial zone sit next to each other during Executive Council meetings or at public functions. This is the hallmark of a true bridge builder.

When some murmuring about his choice of aides grew louder, Governor Bello addressed the issue in a speech thus, “As God will have it, a new era of leadership and friendship has dawned for us. Today, by the help of God, an Ebira man is Governor of our great Kogi State, and Anebira must rediscover the paths of openness and change. The dispensation of Alhaji Yahaya Bello as the 4th Executive Governor of Kogi State is divine. I was not the strongest nor was I the wisest, but the Almighty has given me an assignment in leadership that must be executed with fairness to all.

“It does not matter which previous leaders of Kogi State allowed unfairness, untruths and lack of merit to thrive in their governments in the past. My own worldview is different. They will answer to God for their actions. I, for mine. I am the Governor of all Kogi State, not just the part where I hail from. What we have promised Kogites in every part of the State including Ebiraland is good governance and rapid development. I am sure you are already seeing our commitment to do that in the Projects and Interventions which we are undertaking across the State. By the grace of God, that is what we will continue to give our people.”

In Nigeria, the biggest political suicides had been committed by those who took on the entrenched and corrupted civil service. However, having made Civil Service Reforms one of the five pillars on which his administration rests, Governor Bello took the fight to them. Less than two months into office, he ordered a screening process to uncover the true picture of the number of people under government employ and what competence they had. After many months of work, the result vindicated the decision. Almost a tenth of the 88, 000 on the payroll were ghosts while tens of thousands had either lied their way to employment or had lied to stay employed. The reforms are ongoing.

The triumph of the people’s Governor from the lower Tribunal to the Supreme Court is a reflection of the divine assignment given to him to rebound the state on the path of honour and progress.

Before January 2016, Kogi was the hotbed of criminality and crime lords. Kidnappers and armed bandits ruled with an iron fist and the government simply looked away, or worse, looked helpless. Determined to effect change, one of the Governor’s first moves was to call all the heads of security agencies to a meeting to engage them on their needs and his expectations. Within the first 100 days of his administration, the notorious terrorist leader, Khalid Albarnawi, Boko Haram Second-in-command, was arrested within the borders of Kogi state. The spate of kidnapping has dropped drastically as has the reports of robberies. During the 25th Anniversary of the creation of the state on August 27th, 2016, 104 vehicles were donated to all security agencies in the state. As we speak, the Vigilante Service is undergoing restructuring and hundreds of people are being trained to take up the job of keeping their communities safe.

To get to the Confluence Stadium on the day of the inauguration, guests had to pick their way through the refuse-laden streets of Lokoja. Today, the city wears a new

look. Most of the roads have been repaired and there is now a culture of proper refuse disposal. The streetlights have found new lease of life and more are being installed. Road construction are ongoing all over the state and more have been promised.

For the first time, the budget of the state has plans for more spending on capital projects than paying for overheads. The state government is also in good harmony with the Legislature and the Judiciary. The Government House and the State Secretariat have been renovated. Farmers are looking forward to a bumper harvest as the plan to turn Kogi to the “Thailand of Africa” is in top gear. The three prominent ethnic groups are at peace with one another and in full support of the young governor. Even his detractors have either left town or have found wisdom in keeping their lips sealed to watch someone else undo their mess.

The journey so far for Governor Yahaya Bello has been turbulent and chastening. But like his idol, Muhammad Ali, he is landing the right punches and confusing the enemy. He is talking big game but putting his money where his mouth is. Betting against Governor Bello is now considered a bad gamble. The leader of the new school is alive and well and class is in session.

In Kogi State, it is New Direction all the way. Here’s to at least three more years of unimpeachable progress!

Evangelist Kingsley Olorunfemi Fanwo

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HIS ROYAL MAJESTY,
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 The Executive Governor
 Kogi State
 Government House,
 Lokoja

FELICITATIONS

His Royal Majesty, Michael Idakwo Ameh Oboni II, the Attah of Igala, and the entire Igala Nation home and abroad, hereby felicitates with the energetic Governor of Kogi State, His Excellency, Governor Yahaya Bello and the New Direction Administration in Kogi State on the occasion of her one year in Office.

Your Excellency, there is no doubt that you have brought a youthful dynamism to governance in Kogi State since January 27, 2016 when you took Office. The results are evident in the great developmental strides which you have taken to reposition our State on the path of progress and prosperity.

We commend Your Excellency's detribalised posture in appointments and the even spread of projects, as well as your evident respect for the traditional institutions and offices across Kogi State.

We appreciate the Administration for the ongoing Construction of Anyigba-Ajaka-Umomi-Idah Road and 4 other major roads as well as rural water and electrification projects spread across Igalaland and Kogi East Senatorial Zone.

We urge you to continue to wipe away the tears of our people by doing the right things and governing well with the fear of God.

The Igala Kingdom and People are proud to associate with Your Excellency's Administration on this occasion and we wish you greater wisdom as you continue to pilot the affairs of Kogi State.

(AGABAIDU (DR) IDAKWO AMEH OBONI II (D.Sc)
 Attah Igala

GOODWILL MESSAGES

A MAN OF VALOUR

Welcome, the Invictus Stride.

The valiant sees and persists on a task. He faces it and zeros in on it. Everyday is spent on widening the prospects of his pursuits without haste and yet without rest. His achievement is what he has seen; done and fulfilled.

Like a Roman conqueror, his pride is enshrined on the honour that he “came, he saw, and he conquered”. He is the INVICTUS - the unconquerable -the pathfinder. The motivation of such spirit of go getting, and get doing is more difficult to apply to any person in a way of effecting change, than aspiring to affect changes on environments. The former has to battle with ‘intensive human inertia while the latter deals with the redeployinent of resources, quest for infrastructure, and returnables. This is because no matter what theory of the origin of government you adopt, it should follow to legitimate conclusions, while also bringing you face to face with the moral problems.

I believe that our young and fore-sighted Governor, His Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello, Executive Governor of Kogi State must have spent holy nights and labourous days in praying for a divine gift of just human beings to carry the tasks of governance so fast and so visible where financial resources are the bane of stalled developments in the Country.

I have, over .the years in Business development, recognized that the world is governed by - wisdom, authority and appearance; wisdom for thoughtful people which His Excellency has wisely sought for and blessed to have had, authority over rough people which calls for

discipline, and appearances which override superficial people who can look only at the outside while the tasks remain inside. He recognizes that the government for the people must depend on its success and on the intelligence, morality, justice, and interest of the people themselves.

As he came into the arena taking his Oath of Allegiences on January 27th 2016 in pursuit of his objects, Governor Bello wisely applied his divine gift of highly qualified and experienced task crackers to apply dutiful research resources available from records, applications, informations, revelations, tasks, and body answers. The need to unearth the looters of financial, documentation, or utilities make it necessary for Kogites to thanks God for granting to the State one who was sent unprepared and unaware of the enormity of his tasks, yet stooped with full determination and the courage of a lion heart to go so far as to uncover the loot that spell doom.

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While the government is seen to be responsible to its quandary and to lightening the burden loot wrecks, ballooning on the shoulders of our young unquiving, unwincing, and unfeverish Governor, the people can do just one thing for which our future could be reassured by God; we should quietly pray for our forgiveness as Kogites in general and pray for the continued courage and good health of His Excellency Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello and his willing and supporting team of Executives and Staffers. It is by this endeavour that we can be granted peace and success in our personal and social activities.

Government alone can not carry the burden of reparations. There are three sorts of government, monarchical, aristocratical and autocratical that could fall into three different ways and ruin associated with tyranny, inordinate ambitious, and turmoil. Anyone

of the three that is grounded on any of the three ills, is not long to endure.

The pending efforts of the nation's leadership under President Muhammadu Buhari with his outcry and clean efforts to direct the affairs of the nation righteously can only be so slow not to reveal the pains of the stakeholders of doom exerted on Nigeria in his time, but history the great judge has no sealed lips.

I congratulate His Excellency, his team of operatives and wish to conclude in this message that in a government where the traditional responsibilities are not enforced on the holders, the government has its reflective discontinue if the tradition is snubbed, allowed loose to the detriment of the culture and customs of the people because the gravity of the issues are not to undermine the freedom of grass root politics; the reverse is the case where the traditional efficacy and awareness will create handsome reward in peace and progress.

God Bless Nigeria ! -

God Bless the lands, the rivers and the people of Kogi State ! God Bless His Excellency Governor Yahaya Adoza Bello!

Accept His Majesty's regard



HRM Alh Dr. Ado Ibrahim A tta III CON, FNMGS, DSc, LLD

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THE OLUBUNU

His Royal Highness
Oba J. A. Ikusemoro, J. P
The Olubunu of Bunu,



OF BUNU LAND

Olle, Via Kabba
Kogi State,
Nigeria.

19th Jan, 2017

His Excellency,
Alh. Yahaya Adoza Bello,
The Executive Governor,
Kogi State.

Your Excellency,

GOODWILL MESSAGE TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF KOGI STATE ON THE OCCASION OF THE CELEBRATION OF YOUR ONE YEAR IN OFFICE.

Your Excellency, I and other traditional rulers in Okun Land feel most delighted to join you and all other Kogites both at home and in the Diaspora in the celebration of your Excellency's one year in office as the Executive Governor of Kogi State. It is no doubt that the waves of your Excellency's Administration within this short space of your Leadership have brought about tremendous extension of dividends of democracy to all classes of people in the societies in the state.

It is worth saying that the greatest challenge that Nigeria and other part of the world is facing regarding insecurity problems have been nipped down in Kogi State by Your Excellency's Administration which had cleared ways for Your Excellency to execute all the developmental plans in your agenda.

Your Excellency, your holistic approach against corruption and indiscipline in the State has quickly begun to reorganize in proper shape all

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things that have fallen apart in the State and which consequently rights all the wrongs that people assumed to be the normal way of life.

In your several Speeches, Your Excellency's administration is seen to be channeled towards enhancing the standard of living of the Kogites in the quest for adequate provision of infrastructures and social amenities for the better life of all.

It is to let Your Excellency know that all the traditional rulers in Okun Land acknowledged and appreciated your drive to improve their living standard by the prompt payment of their salaries and allowances and other outlined plans on Your Excellency's design board in other to give all traditional rulers in the State a facelift. It is also to assure Your Excellency that all traditional rulers, men and women in their classes in Okun Land are in full support of your administration and are committed to pray for Your Excellency to attain greater success. I pray that you will continue to enjoy God's backing with full assurance of His grace, courage and wisdom to pilot the affairs of this State to an enviable height.

Long live Your Excellency, Long live Kogi State and Long live Nigeria.

Once again, I say congratulations to Your Excellency.



**HRH, Oba J.A. Ikusemoro
The Olubunu of Bunu and
Acting Chairman Okun Area
Traditional Council.**

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YAGBA EAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRADITIONAL COUNCIL

P. M. B. 1005, Isanlu - Kogi State.

Our Ref.: _____ Your Ref.: _____ Date: 19th January, 2017.

His Excellency,
Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello,
The Executive Governor of Kogi State.

Dear Sir,

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE.

I, His Royal Majesty Oba (Dr) A.A. Ikuborije (Jp), MFR, the Agbana of Isanlu Land and the Chairman, Yagba East Local Government Traditional Council, Other Royal Highnesses and the entire good people of Yagba East Local Government Area hereby congratulate your Excellency on your One year anniversary in office as the Executive Governor of Kogi State.

We pray that Almighty God will lead you and your team as you pilot the affairs of Kogi State to a greater height.

We equally promised your Excellency our unalloyed support mutual co-operation throughout your tenure in office.

Once again, congratulations!

Yours faithfully,

HRM Oba (Dr) A.A. Ikuborije (JP) MFR
The Agbana of Isanlu Land
Chairman YELGTC

HRM OBA DR. A. A. IKUBORIJÉ JP MFR
Agbana of Isanlu Land and Chairman
YELGTC Isanlu
Yagba East L.G.A. Kogi State

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FELICITATION AND ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE, #KOGIFIRST.

The Rt. Hon. Speaker, Kogi State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Umar Ahmed Imam, all other Honourable Members, and the entire Staff of the Kogi State House of Assembly, do heartily rejoice and felicitate with our God sent, dynamic, digital and amiable Governor, His Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello on the Occasion of your One Year in Office as the Executive Governor of Kogi State and the New Direction Administration.

We wish you God's plan in your life, blessings, joy, and good health in sound body today and into the years ahead, in good governance of our dear Kogi State. Congratulations Your Excellency!!! #KogiFirst.

Long Live Governor Yahaya Adoza Bello.

Long Live Kogi State House of Assembly.

Long Live Kogi State.

Long Live Nigeria.

Signed:

Rt. Hon. Umar Ahmed Imam

Speaker, Kogi State House of Assembly

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LOKOJA LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRADITIONAL COUNCIL

LOKOJA, KOGI STATE.

All communications should be addressed to the Chairman and please quote number and date of this letter.



OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
Lokoja Local Govt, Traditional Council
Tafawa Balewa Road,
Lokoja, Kogi State,
☎ 058-220241

Our Ref: Your Ref: Date:

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

I, Alhaji (Dr.) Muhammadu Kabir Maikarfi III, OON, FKSP, Maigari of Lokoja and Chairman, Lokoja Local Government Traditional Council on behalf of myself, members of the Lokoja Local government Traditional Council, Lokoja title holders, the entire Lokoja community and staff of Lokoja Local Government Traditional Council, heartily rejoice and congratulate Your Excellency, the Executive Governor of Kogi State, Alhaji Yahaya Bello on one year in office.

We are very confident that your stewardship will bring progress, development, peace and unity to Kogi State.

We pray to the Almighty Allah to protect you against your enemies and detractors, give you good health, the stamina and long life to move the state to greater height so that you will achieve more for the well being of its citizenry and the progress of the entire Kogi State.

Once more congratulations Your Excellency.

Alh (Dr) Muhammadu Kabir Maikarfi III OON, FKSP,
Maigari of Lokoja
Chairman
Lokoja Local Government Traditional Council

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His Royal Highness
Alh. (Dr.) Usman Obaje FNIJ, OON
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Our Ref: _____ Your Ref: _____ Date: 19-1-17

FELICITATION ON YOUR EVENFUL ONE YEAR IN OFFICE

On behalf of myself and Dekina Local Government Traditional Council, I must sincerely congratulate and rejoice with a distinguished visioner, His Excellency, Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello, the Executive Governor of Kogi State on the occasion of one year monumental service to the people of Kogi State.

Dekina Local Government Traditional Council is overjoyed that contrary to the expectations of doubting thomases, you have excelled in your avowed determination to build an egalitarian Kogi State.

We must acknowledge the unique journey so far which has carried along Sons and Daughters of Dekina Local Government Area. We appreciate your spirit of companionship, your Excellency.

It is our fervent prayers that in the years ahead, God will continue to endow you with good health and wisdom to achieve your vision of a virile and stronger Kogi State of our dreams.

Once again, accept our felicitation on this auspicious milestone, Your Excellency.

**His Royal Highness,
 Alhaji (Dr.) Usman Obaje, OON,**
 The Eje of Dekina and
 Chairman, Dekina Local Government
 Traditional Council.

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GODWILL MESSAGE FROM HIS MAJESTY, CHIEF WILLIAMS JIMBA KEKE, THE AGUMA OF BASSA AND CHAIRMAN, BASSA AREA TRADITIONAL COUNCIL.

I, Chief Williams Jimba Keke, the Aguma of Bassa and chairman Bassa Area Traditional Council wish to on behalf of the good and peaceful people of Bassa Local Government Area facilitate with the amiable, indefatigable and God chosen Governor of Kogi State, His Excellency Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello on the one year anniversary of the new direction administration in the state.

Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello has in the last one year demonstrated that he his a God sent to move the state from the doldrums of decadence to a state of affluence in the comity of state in the country.

I cannot but say his approach to issues of development and security is unprecedented in the history of Kogi State as he demonstrated by dispatching a team of security men to some troubled areas in Bassa Land. That singular gesture restored peace to the area and has endeared him to the hearts of the people of the area. It has also made him a hero of peace in Bassa Land and Kogi State in general.

The people of the area will remain eternally grateful to His Excellency, for his love for the Bassa people in my domain especially in the construction of Sheria-Oguma bridge and the new vehicle he presented to me.

While I assure him of the total support and loyalty of the people of the area to his administration, I pray that the good Lord will give him good health, wisdom and patience to take Kogi State to the promise land through his various policies and programmes.

Congratulations the people's Governor.

Long Live Bassa Area Traditional Council.

Long live Bassa Local Government Area.

Long live Kogi State.

Long live the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

HRM, Chief Williams Jimba Keke.

The Aguma of Bassa and Chairman Bassa Area Traditional Council.

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His Excellency

Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello

The Executive Governor of Kogi State

Government House Lokoja

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

On-behalf of myself, members of Ankpa Traditional Council, other traditional rulers and entire good people of Ankpa Local Government Area of Kogi State. I hereby send our heartily felt Congratulatory Message on our Dynamic, an un-assumption and God fearing Governor Alhaji Yahaya Adoza Bello The Executive Governor of Kogi State on his one year office.

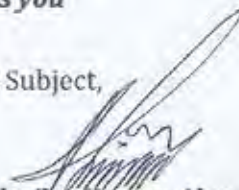
Our appreciation to your excellency is very very crucial because since your assumption of office as No.1 citizen of the state, you have accorded respect and recognition to human beings regardless of ethnic groups and that your excellency has equally add succor to the Development of our land in difference faces. We are proud of having you with your pragmatic style of leadership.

Equally, your fulfillment of promise made with our Late. Royal Highness Alhaji (Dr.) Amodu Yakubu MFR. The Ejeh of Ankpa and Chairman Ankpa Traditional Council that Ankpa Township Road will be given a befitting face you said it and you have started it. Equally employment of Ankpa indigene into your administration more grace to your Elbow

Finally, we are praying to Almighty Allah the Omnipotent to guide you and protect you in all your endeavor the Youths are proud of your style of leaderships and the entire people of Ankpa are ready to associate with you.

May Almighty Allah bless you

Yours Subject,



Alh. Shaibu Usman Ahmed

Ag. Ejeh of Ankpa &

Chairman Ankpa Traditional Council

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