



## BUK Warns Against Frequent Theft on Campus, Plans to Prosecute Offenders

By Lamara Garba & Nura Garba



**W**orried by the frequent theft of property and office equipment in the University's environment and staff quarters, Bayero University has issued a strong warning to the perpetrators of this heinous crime. If arrested, such perpetrators would be prosecuted.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, summoned an emergency security meeting with the Principal Officers and the Director of Security on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 to discuss and deliberate on the new strategies to curb this incessant menace that has been bothering the University.

He explained that it was quite disheartening to see university property being frequently stolen by some unscrupulous elements. He warned that if such people are arrested, they would not only be prosecuted, but their names would be published in the media to serve as a deterrent to others.

The Vice Chancellor frowned at the recent theft of the armory cable at K. Dada Sub-station; the cables were stolen on six occasions. That was in addition to frequent stealing in the offices and the staff quarters. He attributed the theft to complicity, encroachment into the University by unknown persons and compromise by some unscrupulous staff and children of the staff.

The meeting exhaustively discussed and resolved that the University would intensify its surveillance in all strategic locations and beef up security in order to address this

problem.

The meeting tasked the Director of Security and his team to re-strategize in their duties and work towards protecting University property. The University warned the security personnel against negligence, noting that staff found guilty would not be spared.

It further charged the security personnel to be more professional in handling their duties and called on all the staff and other members of the University to be vigilant and help the University in identifying those criminal elements by promptly informing the security personnel.

The Vice Chancellor later prayed that with the recent measures taken, the University would witness a drastic reduction in the theft of property.

In a related development, the University Management has vowed to revoke the contractual agreement of any of the Security outfit whose personnel was found compromising in its undertakings and/or got any of the university property under their care missing.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, who handed down the warning during an emergency meeting on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 he summoned with heads of outsourced Security firms engaged by the University, disclosed that renewal of their contract services would be based on excellent performance.

“Henceforth, our agreement will be based on satisfied

performance of your personnel after careful review of your operations for the year under review,” said the Vice Chancellor.

He charged them to sit up or be shoved out, warning that the University would no longer tolerate laxity and unprofessionalism. He also said the companies would take full responsibility of any theft or damage incurred in the areas of their jurisdiction.

As part of measures to improve on the operations of the security personnel, the Vice Chancellor revealed that the management would organize a special training for them with a view to making them more proactive.

In their separate responses, the heads of security firms assured to redouble efforts and be more vigilante so as to safeguard the lives and property of the university. They equally promised to scrutinize their personnel with a view to flushing out bad elements in them.

## **BUK VC, Prof Sagir Abbas Elected Alternate Chairman Committee of Vice Chancellors**

*By Lamara Garba*



Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas has been elected as the Alternate Chairman of the Committee of Vice Chancellors of Nigerian Federal Universities.

A statement signed by the Secretary General of the Committee, Professor Yakubu Ochefu, in Abuja on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 equally announced the Vice Chancellor of University of Benin, Professor Lilian Salami, as the Chairman of the Committee of Vice Chancellors.

He said the duo were unanimously elected during a virtual/physical meeting at its secretariat in Abuja.

Until her election as the Chairperson, Professor Lilian was the Alternate Chairperson to Professor Suleyman Abdulkareem of the University of Ilorin, who will finish his tenure as Vice Chancellor on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The statement while congratulating the newly elected members of the Executive Board, prayed for their successful tenure in office.

Professor Lilian was the second female Vice Chancellor to occupy the position since the establishment of the committee about six decades ago.

The Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (CVNU) was established in 1962 by a resolution adopted at a meeting of Vice-Chancellors of the five Nigerian Universities at that time – (University of Ibadan(UI); University of Nigeria, Nuskka (UNN); Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria (ABU); University of Lagos, Akoka and University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife) (OAU) held in October 1962 at the University of Ibadan.

# No University Can Survive Without TETFUND ...Prof. Gumel

By Lamara Garba

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has stated that none of the Nigerian universities and other tertiary institutions could have functioned without the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) Intervention.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the DVC (Academics), Professor Sani Muhammad Gumel, on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022 in his office when he received the North-West Zonal Director of TETFUND, Dr. Bilkisu Zangon Daura, noted that the establishment of TETFUND was the best ever initiative of the government in addressing the problems of the education sector.

“Without any fear of contradiction, I am of the firm belief that if not for the coming of TETFUND only God will by now know what would have been the fate of Nigerian tertiary institutions, particularly the universities. Certainly, it is your organization that is keeping the university system alive,” he noted.

Professor Gumel, while appreciating the numerous intervention of the agency to the development of Bayero University, pointed out that the leadership of the agency needed special applause for their steadfastness and keen interest at educational growth and development. “I must confess that without you, we can't survive.”

He congratulated the Zonal Director on her posting and promised to work together for greater success.

Earlier, the Zonal Director of TETFUND, Dr. Bilkisu Zangon Daura, said she was in Bayero University as part of the sensitization tour of beneficiary institutions

to intimate them about the new operational policy of the agency.

Dr. Zangon Daura said that the new Executive Secretary of TETFUND had revived the operations of zonal offices in which institutions from the zone needed not to travel to Abuja headquarters for the submission of any request as they would now channel their requests through the zones that would in turn take it to headquarters.



DVC (Academics), 3rd left in a group photograph with TETFund Zonal Director and her staff

She equally disclosed that there had been a dedicated website in which all submissions should be sent online while hard copies should be taken to the zonal office.

Dr. Bilkisu Zangon Daura, in particular, commended Bayero University for its promptness as well as judicious utilization of all the funds allocated to it which she charged other institutions to emulate.

## BUK Extends Tenure of 2 Acting Directors

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has approved the tenure extension of two acting Directors for another six months.

The two acting Directors are: Binta Yahaya Kofar Naisa (Directorate of Establishment Matters) and Sheriff A. Ahmed (Vice Chancellor's Office).

In separate letters signed by the Registrar, Malam Jamil Salim conveying the approval, said “having satisfied with your performance as Acting Director for the six months you served, I am pleased to inform you that the Vice Chancellor has approved the extension of your appointment.”

The extension period took effect from 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas invites members of the University community and general public to the wedding fatiha of his brother, Dr. Muhammad Adamu Abbas (M. Abbas), and his fiancée, Eman Maikano Khalid, scheduled as follows:

**DATE:** Saturday, 1st October, 2022

**TIME:** 2:00pm

**VENUE:** Umar Bn Khattab Mosque, Dangi Zaria Road, Kano State.

## Muhammad Bello Garba: Mourning the Demise of Quintessential Administrator

By Nura Garba

Bayero University, on Monday, 13th September, 2022 was sent into mourning following the demise of one of its foremost administrators, Muhammad Bello Garba.

The deceased was highly regarded by his colleagues, friends, classmates, associates and subordinates as a humble man, who shared decency, modesty and gentility.

Staff members from all the four unions in the university, especially those who knew him, had kept recalling moments with him, showering encomiums on his good attitude, hospitality, religiosity and fear of God.

Mohammad Bello Garba would treat you like a friend and/or member of his immediate family the first time he met you. Many people believed that it would be quite difficult to see his anger even when someone faulted him.

"He was an accommodating personality," a senior administrator in the Registry Department said.

Muhammad Bello Garba joined the services of Bayero University, Kano in 1999 as an Administrative Assistant and was posted to the Information, Public Relations and Protocol Unit.

He was later redeployed to the Students Affairs Division as NYSC Carrier Officer. While in the Students Affairs Division, he was also transferred to Old Campus as Hall Administrator.

As an Assistant Registrar, in the year 2007, he was redeployed to the University Library as Admin Officer. Similarly, the late Muhammad Bello worked in the Directorate of Establishment Matters ( Pension Unit) under the supervision of the late Alh. Garba Dan Kano. Upon the expiration of contract of Dankano, Muhammad Bello was subsequently directed to head the Pension Unit and also serve as Secretary, University Housing Unit.

Muhammad Bello rose through the ranks to become a Deputy Registrar in the year 2020 and was posted to

the International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance (IIIBF) in the year 2021 as its Admin Officer up to the time of his death.

As a seasoned administrator, he worked with various staff from all the unions and the positive encomiums coming from them are absolutely encouraging.

Bello Garba was regarded as a highly competent administrator in the university due to his amazing didactic proficiency, seamless communication skills, robust knowledge and exceptional turning point in human relations. These exceptional attributes and traits singled him out as a versatile figure of uncommon integrity.

Indeed, the University has greatly missed an icon with timber and calibre whose services will forever be remembered.

The history of the Registry Department will not be complete without making reference to the unquantifiable contributions, sacrifices, exemplary administrative tactics and techniques, as well as immeasurable resilience of Malam Mohammed Bello Garba.

May Allah in his infinite mercy grant him Aljannat Firdausi and give his family the fortitude to bear this loss.



Late Muhammad Bello Garba