A BRIEF CHRONICLE OF KATSINA STATE FIRSTS



KATSINA STATE HAS RECORDED MANY FIRSTS, FROM MEDIEVAL TIMES TO DATE, WHICH CANNOT BE COMPARED TO ANY OTHER PART IN THE PRESENT STATES OF NIGERIA. THIS BOOKLET GIVES A GLANCE OF SOME OF THE FIRSTS RECORDED BY KATSINA AND DAURA OVER THE LAST 1,000 YEARS OF HISTORY

THIS BOOKLET CONTAINS VERY BRIEF INFORMATION ON THE GREATNESS OF KATSINA AND DAURA, AS EXTRACTED FROM FOUR BOOKS AUTHORED BY:

Prof. Sani Abubakar Lugga, MFR, FNIM The 5th Waziri of Katsina This Booklet relates in very brief terms, the Greatness of Katsina and Daura Kingdoms, the present two Emirates, the defunct Katsina Province and today's Katsina State. These two Kingdoms/Emirates led Hausaland and Northern Nigeria in several developmental areas.

The first Royal Palace was built in Daura in 910 AD. The first Ancient Islamic University was built in Katsina in 1493 AD that produced Muslim Scholars of international repute the type that were not produced in any Kingdom in Hausaland. Katsina Province produced the First College which produced the first set of leaders in Northern Nigeria in 1921; produced seven Ministers at the same time, produced the first Modern Islamic University in Nigeria, the first Pharmacy School, the first Treasury, the first Sports Club, the first Northerner to hold Military Political Office, the first Hausa/Fulani to become an Army General, the first Northerner to broadcast on an international radio station, the first Northern Civil Engineer, the first two Northern Chartered Accountants, the first female Hausa Doctor, the first Hausa/Fulani Inspector General of Police, the first Northern Veterinary Doctor, the first Northern Permanent Secretary, the first Emir to officially visit England, the first modern day Emir to perform the Hajj by Sea in 1921, the first West African to travel for the Hajj in a motor vehicle in 1929, the first two Northerners to become Lawyers, the first Northerner to become Chief Justice of Nigeria, the best Polo player in Africa, the best Polo team in Nigeria, the first Minister to move to Abuja from Lagos, the most famous sports gallery in Nigeria, etc, etc. Despite sharing a common boarder for over 1,000 years of organized settlements, Katsina and Daura were the only Kingdoms not to have fought any

inter-communal wars between them.

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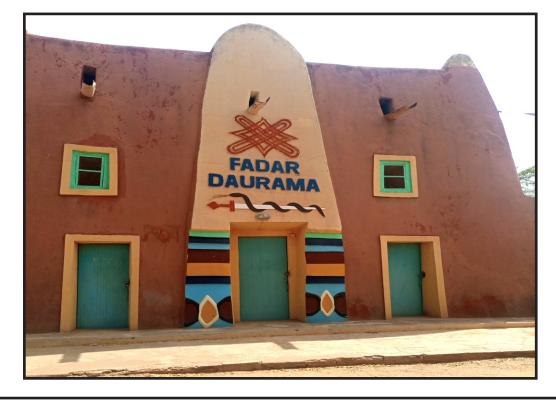
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THE FAMOUS KUSUGU WELL IN DAURA WHERE PRINCE BAYAJIDDA FROM BAGHDAD KILLED THE SPIRITUAL SNAKE THAT ALLOWED PEOPLE TO DRAW WATER ONLY ON FRIDAYS AROUND THE YEAR 900 AD. THAT GALLANTRY MADE QUEEN DAURAMA OF DAURA TO MARRY PRINCE BAYAJIDDA



QUEEN DAURAMA PALACE IN DAURA SAID TO BE THE OLDEST PALACE THAT IS STILL STANDING IN WEST AFRICA. IT WAS BUILT AROUND THE YEAR 910 AD



THE FIRST HAUSALAND SARAKUNA (KINGS) WERE THE GRANDCHILDREN OF BAYAJIDDA WHO RULED THE SEVEN HAUSA STATES AROUND 990 AD.

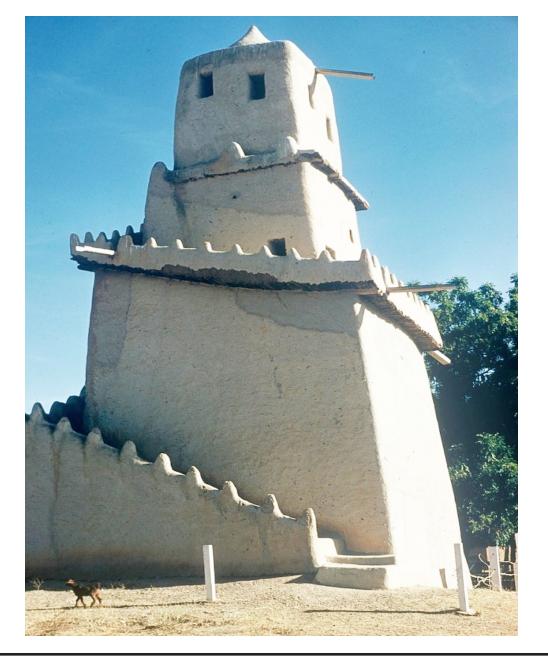
Prince Bayajidda and Queen Daurama gave birth to the famous "Seven Hausa States", which were founded by the sons and grandsons of Bayajidda. In addition to these Seven Senior Hausa States (Hausa Bakwai), there were the Seven Junior Hausa States (Kanne Bakwai) that were established by the sons of Karbagari, the son of Bayajidda and his slavemaid, Bagwariya.

The Seven Senior Hausa States (Hausa Bakwai) were: Daura, Kano, Katsina, Zazzau, Gobir, Rano and Biram (Hadejia). The Seven Junior Hausa States (Kanne Bakwai) were: Zamfara, Kebbi, Yawuri, Gwari, Kwararrafa, Nupe and Yoruba.



KATSINA: CENTER OF EDUCATION IN HAUSALAND

THIS IS THE STILL STANDING MINARET OF THE FAMOUS GOBARAU MASJID AND ISLAMIC CENTER, KATSINA, THE EQUIVALENT OF TODAY'S FORMAL UNIVERSITY. IT WAS THE GREATEST AND THE OLDEST IN HAUSALAND THAT WAS BUILT IN THE YEAR 1493 AD UNDER KING MUHAMMADU KORAU OF KATSINA. THAT CENTER WAS AFFILIATED TO TIMBUKTU AND IT WAS ONLY SECOND TO TIMBUKTU IN WEST AFRICA



THE FIRST SCHOLAR TO PROPAGATE ISLAM TO YORUBALAND AND TO WRITE MANY BOOKS THAT ARE STILL IN USE, INCLUDING THE ONE ON THE HISTORY OF THE YORUBA, WHICH IS THE FIRST MENTION IN WRITING OF THE YORUBA TRIBE, WAS THE KATSINA SCHOLAR SHEIKH ABU-ABDULLAH MUHAMMAD BIN MASANI BIN GAMIHI BIN MUHAMMAD BIN ABDULLAH BIN NUHU AL-BARNAWI AL-KASHINAWI, KNOWN AS DAN MASANI (1595-1667). BELOW IS A COPY FROM HIS FAMOUS BOOK ON THE COMMENTARY OF ISHIRINEEYAT BY SHEIKH ALFA ZAZI

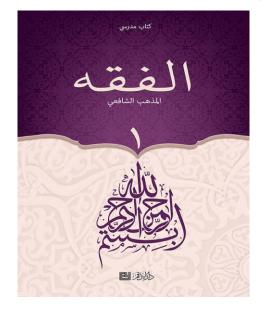
بهالبعرواندا وبحتمروا حداومعاوقا التزافاكنتمو العلك وحدير يعم بعمع فالمع الولاة الهداح ... ٢، كارالمصرالمستنجر محمد عد عرب أور الرابعات. كارسابالمساله لما ورالرابعات وغار فرو الماك والجراد بالهلك جره النبرط الده عليه وسلم في الاطر والمعيلا عنه ، وماانتهر وروالحاد ورياء محرف مالعسن عارود ببه النصال رح العش تباليف لماجرة مومدم عدم حلام والسلام جرهرو الكله اربداريشرع م صرف السلام الاماعل ماجا مرفع مرف الشيخ محمد طنمسني الكشناوي الشبابة بإصلام والممرالخ برجالعر بالمخبرا بارماقا م دارالصبا معانه بدری بعدید صرالله علیه سلمولذافاوظرالع الجشزوالثابي وضر فرغواد معمد فغله تعدقد ذافضيتره و مع معمور به ننغد بره جري العلب وادر حربوت ing. Yar مبدلا بسیر عار عرف ما غیرالمرو محدمها واحالیه سماه و از امرام امترو مید ابره شام مرابع ما استار ما معرف ما می ما فمزمر حداثة السرفار في الانفدا الغضا ورد على وداعدد والتعه التهوفعة عليما حصر عل اوجه العراع وإذافضيتم مناسككم والامد اذالأشرامراء والاجر فمنهم مرفض عبه والعص النسيار علر المشخر مور العفيه إلعالم الغلامة معت المربية وينكى والمعتر ليغضر الممامراكان المرد ومرالع في المولد محمد برمسنه ر وبعوناوالمملاك لغض أنبهم أجلمي والوجعب الله، اميرونجعنابيركة موبركة امتاله، امي لماقضرالامدوالابرام بجزيعي بعفو بقضورا والا علام وفضينا الربن السرا بروالوصية وففر وكالأغدور ما يوم الاحدوموريوم الناب خدوم ري ب الاابدة، والمعر عطم عدية، والنزور علما فغنباعليه فبيرالظمرعام فامر فيسبعير فحدالال فهران المون، وتخلو فغضم سبعسهوان والععركالمل ولممرالسنبرم سلطا وإبر خمس وسبعرست فمواامده بعنه حقالم يعور والعصداد فضبنا علرما لااله وبنجسه علان الماب فممرسنبرم المعالام ولاشيب فالاصمع الشيب بباض سلطار الشنه المسم سلينما والرار فيمه فيرما الشعروالمشيب دخو الرجرج دد الشيب والاشيب مر المعدد والبد منسخه على بداللبدالخير الراجم مرالد حرا (المبيم الداس والانشمط مراف للطشع وفيرو غلب بيان سواد موالهذا عوم شاب فالخ واسم عصد ومفاود مخ وزمار سنع بسائحت بناصبالثام رفور جناوذ بالنبار عد النسب اي يعظم بنوك مال ليه بعلم منه ووفاره اور مدد النبيب ابراهم عدبه السلام مريط وبغارها الماو فرالله علوالنب هده برب فاروفار البراهم مفاازدن وفاراام والكرب كالبه العرعبد وفد عمد النسب وعرانسا يحملك رضر المدعنوان (البالغ ابرالع معمود) ر المرصوم الفعر مرد المر بروم الفعر مرد and do

THE FIRST RECORDED POEM FROM HAUSALAND (ON DISPLAY AT AREWA HOUSE KADUNA) WAS BY THE KATSINA SCHOLAR SHEIKH MUHAMMAD BIN MUHAMMAD AL-SABBAGH AL-KASHINAWI KNOWN AS DAN MARNA (1630-1675), WHO WROTE A POEM IN PRAISE OF KING OF KATSINA KARYA GIWA FOR HIS JIHAD ON 24TH SAFAR 1070 AH (10TH NOVEMBER 1659 AD). HIS OTHER POEM WAS IN PRAISE OF SULTAN ALI IBN UMAR OF KANEM-BORNO (1639-1677) FOR DEFEATING THE JUKUN KINGDOM OF KWARARRAFA IN 1668

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THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL FAMOUS BOOK FROM WEST الدرر المنظوم ARICA WAS WRITTEN ON وخلاصة السر المكتوم ASTROLOGY, ASTRONOMY, MATHEMATICS, ETC, BY A حر والطلاسم والنجو HAUSALAND SCHOLAR FROM تألف KATSINA SHEIKH MUHAMMAD محمد بن محمد الفلاني BIN MUHAMMAD AL-FULANI الكشداوي الكشداوي (المتوفى ١١٥٣ مجرية - ١٧٤٣م) AL-KASHINAWI (1660-1743). الجزء ١-٢ THE BOOK WAS WRITTEN IN شركة مكتبة ومطبعة مصطفى الباني وأولاده ب CAIRO, EGYPT, AND IS STILL **BEING USED IN AL-AZHAR UNIVERSITY, EGYPT** الطريق التاسع E 00 خذ قطعهٔ جلد من أي حيوان شئت بشرط أن تكون غير مدبوغة وأن تكون منتنة لمديدة النبن فابسطه جيدا واكتب عليه بحديدة هذه العقد ، ثم خذ وزن مثقالين من مرارة سنور أسود (١) اغمع ذلك على مجمرة عليها جمرة فإذا قام الدخان فخذ الجلدة واجعلها من فوق المجمرة على شيء له ثقب ينفذ منه الدخان إلى الجلدة وأنت تقول من حين يقوم الدخان : سكو ثايالاها كيوانا هلماذا غليب وبشام كيوانا بغضاء غضيب بغضاء ورمثاثا عليها لاياها كيوانا ويرانا غضبانا لاها حيرانا كيوانا ظلما وكبث حماكيوانا سهاما كيوانا حملانا سمسا حملان سكوثالنا وبغضا كيواذا ليلا وهطا هدس سندا بغضا وسيمو اكيوانا سيدا علبث روحاكيوانا وقعشا فرقت وقطعت بين فلان بن فلانة وهيجت قلبه بالعداوة والبغضاء بقوة هذه الأرواح الروحانية تفارقا وتقاطعا وتدابرا وتنافرا آمين آمين وهكذا إلى أن يفرغ الدخان أو ينقطع ثم ادفن الجلفة قريبا من جوبة الحمام أو في مجرى الحمام أو في موضع تبول عليه الحمير فإنه جيد نافذ ه

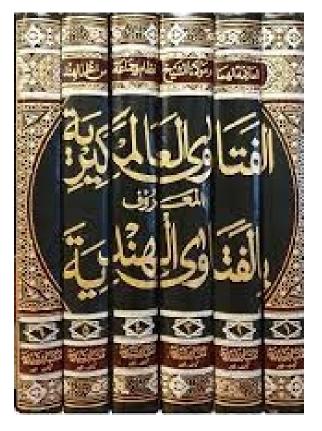
FIRST BOOK ON FIQH (ISLAMIC JURISPRUDENCE)



The First Book On Islamic Jurisprudence That Was Widely Used In Hausaland Was Written By Katsina Scholar Sheikh Abdullah Ibn M u h a m m a d I b n Abdussalam Al-futi Alkashinawi Known As Abdullah Thiqah (1741-1802)

THE MOST FAMOUS TEACHER OF SHEIKH USMAN DANFODIO IN HAUSALAND

The most famous Hausaland teacher of Sheikh Usman Danfodio was the Katsina Sheikh Malam Kisko of Gambarawa Quarters Katsina (1745-1825), who taught Sheikh Danfodio in the 1790s, before the famous Sokoto Fulani Jihad of 1804



The first Treasury to be established in Northern Nigeria was at Katsina in 1906/7; and its building still stands near the Emir's Palace. The first Pharmacy School in Northern Nigeria that was called Medical Class was built near Katsina College in 1927.



The first Forestry and Irrigation Training Centres in Northern Nigeria were established at Jibia, Kaita, Kafinsoli, Dankama, Kankia and Malumfashi between 1927 and 1930.





The first Agricultural Research Centre in Northern Nigeria was the Cotton, Groundnuts, Millet and Guinea-corn Improvement Center at Daudawa near Funtua established in 1920. It was later moved to Ahmadu Bello University Agricultural Research Center, Samaru, Zaria.



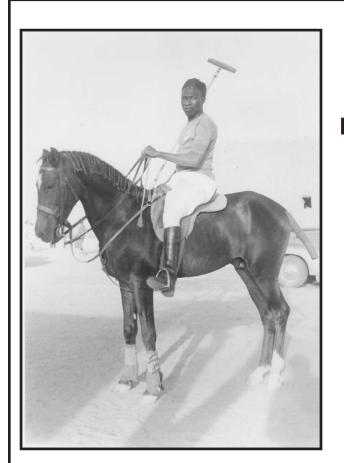
1. The first Nigerian to receive an international medal was the Emir of Katsina Muhammadu Dikko when he was awarded the Medal of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, London, in 1920.

2. The first Nigerian Traditional Ruler to officially visit the King of England was the Emir of Katsina Muhammad Dikko in 1921.

3. The first Nigerian to receive the King's Medal for African Chiefs in England was the Emir of Katsina Muhammadu Dikko in 1921.

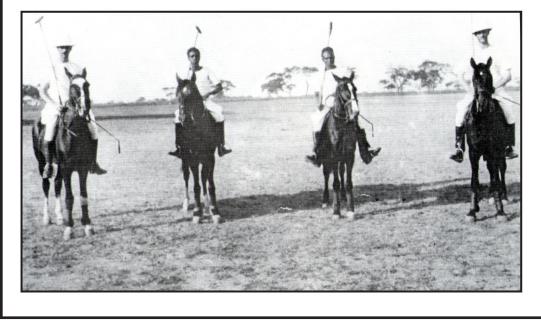
4. The first modern day Emir to perform the Hajj by Sea Travel in Saudi Arabia was the Emir of Katsina Muhammadu Dikko in 1921.





HRH Alhaji Sir Usman Nagogo, Emir of Katsina, was the best Polo player in Africa; whose 1926 handicap +7 is still the African Polo record that has not been broken

The 1926 Katsina Polo Team with Nigeria's highest Handicap of +20. From Left: Mr R.E. Beevon, Yusuf Lamba, Usman Nagogo, Mr S.J. Hogben



HRH THE EMIR OF DAURA ALHAJI ABDURRAHMAN

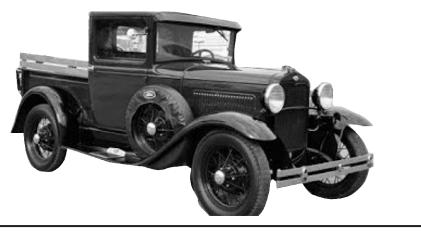
As at the time of his death, the longest reigning Emir in Nigeria was late Sarkin Daura Abdul-Rahman who ruled from 1911 to 1966 (55 years).





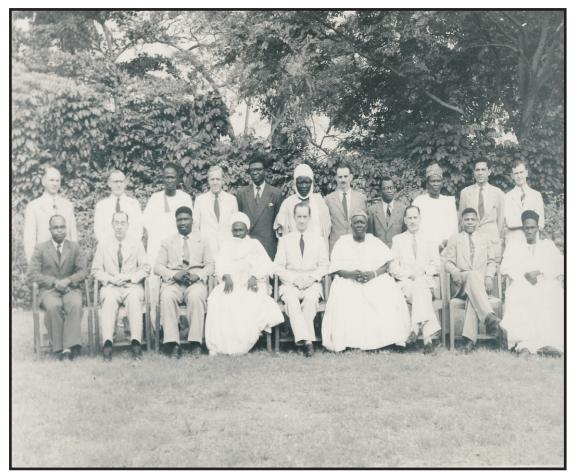
THE WEST AFRICAN RECORD OF THE FIRST HAJJ BY MOTOR VEHICLE BY THE FIRST WAZIRI OF KATSINA, SHEIKH ALHAJI HARUNA, IN THE HAJJ YEAR 1347 AH (1929)

BELOW IS THE 1927-1932 FORD MODEL AA STAKEBED TRUCK THAT WAS USED BY WAZIRI HARUNA FOR THE HAJJ TRIP



EMIR SIR USMAN NAGOGO WAS THE FIRST NIGERIAN TO BE APPOINTED INTO THE COLONIAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN 1947

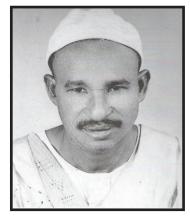
BELOW ARE THE MINISTERS OF THE NIGERIAN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN LAGOS IN 1952



HRH EMIR OF KATSINA ALHAJI SIR USMAN NAGOGO WAS THE FIRST NIGERIAN TO BE APPOINTED A MINISTER IN LAGOS IN 1947. LATER, OTHERS WERE APPOINTED INCLUDING MR. ENI NJOKU; MR. BODE THOMAS; OBA ADESOJI ADEREMI; MR. NWAPA; SIR ABUBAKAR TAFAWA BALEWA; ALHAJI SHETTIMA KASHIM IBRAHIM; MR OKOI ARIKPO; MR. S.L. AKINTOLA; CHIEF A. PREST. THEY ARE SHOWN ABOVE WITH THE GOVERNOR OF NIGERIA SIR JOHN MACPHARSON AND OTHER BRITISH COLONIAL OFFICERS IN NIGERIA IN 1952



THE FIRST NORTHERNER TO BECOME A PERMANENT SECRETARY WAS ALHAJI AHMADU KUMASI IN 1960

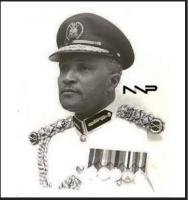


THE FIRST NORTHERNER TO BECOME A CIVIL ENGINEER WAS ENGINEER MAHMUD ARMIYA'U IN 1953





THE FIRST NORTHERN RADIO BROADCASTER WAS ALHAJI ISA KAITA ON BBC SERVICE IN 1941



THE FIRST HAUSA/FULANI TO BECOME INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE WAS ALHAJI M.D. YUSUF IN 1975



THE FIRST NORTHERNERS TO BE BECOME LAWYERS WERE JUSTICE MUHAMMDU BELLO AND JUSTICE MAMAN NASIR IN 1955 KATSINA PROVINCE WAS THE ONLY PROVINCE IN NIGERIA WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF SEVEN MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS AT THE SAME TIME IN1966. THAT RECORD STILL STANDS AS NO STATE IN NIGERIA EVER HAD SUCH NUMBER OF MINISTERS



THE PROVINCE WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS IN NIGERIA WAS KATSINA PROVINCE. NO OTHER NIGERIAN PROVINCE OR STATE EVER PRODUCED UP TO SEVEN MINISTERS AT THE SAME TIME, EXCEPT KATSINA (1960-66). THE SEVEN KATSINA PROVINCE MINISTERS WERE THE EMIR OF KATSINA ALHAJI SIR USMAN NAGOGO, WAMBAI OF DAURA ALHAJI MUHAMADU BASHAR, WAZIRI OF KATSINA ALHAJI ISA KAITA, TAFIDA OF KATSINA ALHAJI MUSA YAR'ADUA, JUSTICE MAMMAN NASIR, ALHAJI SHEHU SARKIN MASKAAND ALHAJI USMAN LADAN BAKI.





GENERAL HASSAN USMAN KATSINA, WAS THE FIRST NORTHERNER TO HOLD A MILITARY POLITICAL OFFICE, THE FIRST HAUSA ARMY GENERAL AND THE FIRST AND ONLY MILITARY GOVERNOR OF NORTHERN NIGERIA







The most famous sports gallery in Nigeria is that at the Emirs Palace Katsina with over 500 trophies garnered between 1921 to date by Katsina Polo and Horse Racing Teams, and other Sports



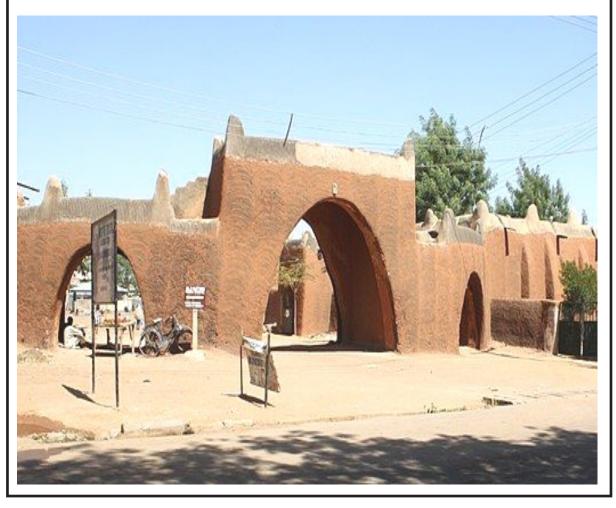
THE FIRST HAUSA FEMALE MEDICAL DOCTOR

The first Female Hausa to become a Medical Doctor was Dr. HalimaYalwa Aliyu in 1976.

KATSINA: CENTER OF EDUCATION IN NIGERIA

"KATSINA COLLEGE" WAS THE FIRST COLLEGE IN NORTHERN NIGERIA WHERE THE FIRST SET OF NORTHERN LEADERS WERE TRAINED BY COLONIALISTS. IT WAS BUILT IN 1921 ON THE FARMLANDS OF THE EMIR OF KATSINA ALHAJI MUHAMMADU DIKKO AND THE WAZIRI SHEIKH ALHAJI HARUNA

Some of those trained at the Katsina College included, Prime Minster of Nigeria Alhaji Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, Premier of Northern Nigeria Alhaji Sir Ahmadu Bello, Governor of Northern Nigeria Alhaji Sir Kashim Ibrahim, Minister Alhaji Isa Kaita, Minister Alhaji Aliyu Makaman Bida, Minister Alhaji Musa Yar'adua, Minister Alhaji Yahaya Ilorin, Minister Alhaji Aliyu Turakin Zazzau.



KATSINA: THE PILLAR IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AHMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY, ZARIA



Ahmadu Bello University Zaria is the first University in Northern Nigeria. Alhaji Isa Kaita the Waziri of Katsina presented the Bill for the establishment of the University to the Northern Nigerian Parliament in 1961, as the Northern Minister for Education. He also led it to its first Graduation Ceremony in 1965.

KATSINA: PIONEER ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY IN NIGERIA



Katsina Islamic University (now Al-Qalam University Katsina) is the first Islamic University in Nigeria, the first Community Owned Islamic University in West Africa and the first University in Katsina State. The establishment of this great University was pioneered by Professor Sani Abubakar Lugga, the 5th Waziri of Katsina, on 1st August 1999. The Waziri also received the University's Licence from the Federal Minister in Januray 2005

THE FIRST UNIVERSITY GRADUATE NIGERIAN PRESIDENT WAS PRESIDENT UMARU MUSA YAR'ADUA, GCFR, MUTAWALLEN KATSINA, WHO WAS SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT OF NIGERIA IN 2007



THE FIRST ISLAMIC BANK IN NIGERIA, JAIZ BANK PLC, WAS ESTABLISHED BY ALHAJI UMARU MUTALLAB, A SEASONED ACCOUNTANT AND BANKER FROM KATSINA

