

**SOKOTO STATE OF NIGERIA**

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

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## INTRODUCTION

In line with democratic principles, governments the world over constitute Executive Councils in order to facilitate the art of governance through delegation of powers from the top echelon of administrative hierarchy to the governed. Sokoto State is no exception.

When he was sworn in as the Executive Governor of Sokoto State on 2nd January, 1992 after his success at the polls, Governor Yahaya Abdulkarim made it categorically clear to all and sundry that he is here to work in the interest of the people and the State in general. Thus, in order to safeguard against suppression, insecurity, uncertainty; and blatant abuse of human rights; and, in the long run ensure unity and stability of the State and country in general, those chosen as members of the State Executive Council are men of proven integrity, seasoned administrators, and responsible citizens. Even the geographical spread of members ensures fair representation. This, no doubt, will go a long way towards instilling political stability, fairness, and respect in the body polity.

As Governor Yahaya Abdulkarim stated during the swearing in of members of the State Executive Council; they are expected to exhibit high sense of leadership, fairness and objectivity. They should also ensure that the rights of all people are safeguarded; and not to consider themselves as representing their geographical entities or personal interests.

He urged them to use the vast and abundant human and material resources available in their respective ministries for the development of the State; and to contribute positively in the implementation of Government policies in the State.

What you are about to read, therefore is the brief Biography of members of the Sokoto State Executive Council: the people responsible for steering the sheep of the State, under the Executive leadership of Governor Yahaya Abdulkarim. Happy reading.



**MALLAM YAHAYA ABDULKARIM, mni**  
Executive Governor, Sokoto State

**BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF MALLAM YAHAYA ABDULAKRIM(MNI)  
EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR, SOKOTO STATE**

Mallam Yahaya Abdulakrim was born at Talata Mafara in Talata Mafara Local Government Area of Sokoto State on the 24th of August 1944. He attended Junior Primary School, Talata Mafara from 1952 to 1953, and Kotorkoshi Senior Primary School from 1956 to 1958. In 1959, he went to the Provincial Secondary School Sokoto (now Nagarta College) and finished in 1964. In 1965, he was at the Federal Training Centre, Kaduna.

From 1965 to 1968 Mallam Yahaya Abdulkarim joined the Advanced Teachers' College, Zaria and later enrolled at the Institute of Administration, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. In 1980, Mallam Yahaya Abdulkarim was at the Institute of Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru - Jos.

A teacher and seasoned administrator, Mallam Yahaya Abdulkarim had worked under several Government Ministries and Parastatals. He was a Science teacher at Ahmadu Bello Academy, Farfara, Sokoto in 1968. In 1971, he was appointed Junior District Officer (D.O.) in the then North Western State and posted to Bida, Lapai and Minna all in the present Niger State. In the same year, he was posted to Kontagora in the same capacity to head the Community Development Department. In 1973, he was recalled to Sokoto and appointed Principal Assistant Electoral Officer. From 1974 to 1976, he was the Principal Assistant Secretary (PAS) in the State Ministry of Health. After the creation of Niger and Sokoto States out of the then North Western State in April 1976, he was posted to Argungu Emirate as Secretary, and in addition, to oversee the Gwandu Emirate. Thus, he served as Secretary to the two Emirates.

In 1977, he was posted to the State Ministry of Agriculture as Deputy Permanent Secretary. He was again posted to the then Federal Electoral Commission (FEDECO) as Senior Administrative Officer in-charge of Sokoto State.

He was later appointed Permanent Secretary, Administration and Political Affairs in the Governor's Office in 1979, and in 1980, he attended a

Course at the Institute of Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru, Jos. After the course, he was appointed Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health, Sokoto, in 1989. In 1982, he was posted to the Ministry of Education where he served as Permanent Secretary and was later moved to the Ministry of Works and Transport on the same post in 1983.

In 1986, Mallam Yahaya Abdulkarim was redeployed to the then Ministry of Education as Permanent Secretary in the Science and Technical Education Department, and again, posted to the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources as Permanent Secretary in 1987.

Under the Civil Service Reforms, Mallam Yahaya Abdulkarim was made the Director-General in the Budget and Economic Planning Department in 1988.

On the 31st of May, 1989, Mallam Yahaya retired from the Civil Service. He later joined Politics and was elected as the 1st Civilian Executive Governor of Sokoto State in the third Republic. He was formally sworn-in as the Governor of Sokoto State on 2nd January 1992.



**ALHI AHMAD MUHAMMAD GUSAU**  
Deputy Governor, Sokoto State

A seasoned administrator and labour leader, Alhaji Ahmad attended Gusau Township Primary School from 1960 to 1967, Government Secondary School, Gusau from 1967 to 1972, and the Clerical Training Centre Sokoto where he obtained a clerical certificate in 1973. Between 1974/75 Alhaji Ahmad was at the Kaduna Polytechnic where he obtained a Diploma in Local Government Administration. He joined the Nigeria Institute of Management where he got a certificate on Personnel management (N.I.M) in 1981. In 1982, he was again at the N.I.M. where he also got a certificate on Improving Managerial performance.

In 1983, Alhaji Ahmad obtained a Diploma in Industrial Relations from the High School, Moscow. In 1987, he attended a workshop at the College of Education, Sokoto and was awarded a Certificate on Human Side of Management.

He did a post-graduate course on Modern Management at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria in 1985

Alhaji Ahmad Muhammad Gusau worked with the Sokoto Local Authority as a scribe in 1973. He was also the examiner of Accounts in the same Local Authority.

He was transferred to North Western State Government Service as the Assistant Executive Officer in 1975, and rose to the rank of chief executive officer in 1989. He was Secretary to the North Western and Sokoto State Staff Housing Loan Scheme, Board of Survey, and New Sokoto Central Market, Sokoto State Revenue General Committee and Ministerial Tenders Board, Ministry of Finance.

Alhaji Ahmad was a Staff Officer with the Ministry of Lands and Housing, Sokoto, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance. He was also the Logistics Officer, Federal Electoral Commission, Sokoto.

Among other experience, Alhaji Ahmad Muhammad Gusau was the Chairman to Nigeria Civil Service Union and Nigeria Labour Congress Sokoto State, and also a National Chairman to the Nigeria Civil Service Union

**BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF ALHI AHMAD MUHAMMAD GUSAU**  
DEPUTY GOVERNOR, SOKOTO STATE

Alhaji Ahmad Muhammad Gusau was born on the 1st of January, 1950 at Gusau in Gusau Local Government Area of Sokoto State.

He attended a short Seminar entitled "Public Service International" in London and also the International Confederation of Free Unions in (Brussels), Belgium.

He represented Ministry of Finance as a Board member of various Government parastatals such as, Rima Radio, Sokoto, College of Education , Sokoto, Hotel Management and Tourism Board, and Health Services Management Board. He was also a member of the MAMSER Advisory Council.

Alhaji Ahmad Muhammad Gusau is married with children.



**ALH. TAMBARI MADAWAKI**  
Secretary to the Sokoto State Government (S.S.G.)

**BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF THE SECRETARY TO THE SOKOTO STATE  
GOVERNMENT, ALHAJI MUHAMMADU TAMBARI MADAWAKI**

Alhaji Muhammadu Tambari Madawakin Sokoto was born at Sokoto town in Sokoto Local Government Area of Sokoto State in 1944. He attended Sokoto Primary School from 1951 to 1957, Provincial Secondary School, Sokoto from 1958 to 1963 and Okene Secondary School from 1964 to 1965 where he obtained a Higher School Certificate (H.S.C.). He also attended Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria from 1966 to 1969.

From 1970 to 1971 he went back to Zaria for administrative management training course. He also attended University of Ife for post graduate diploma in public administration from 1972 to 1973.

A seasoned administrator, Alhaji Muhammadu Tambari Madawaki worked in a number of Ministries and parastatals among which are: Establishments, Cabinet Office and Finance from 1971 to 1976. He was secretary to Kaura Namoda and Gwadabawa Local Governments from 1976 to 1980. In February 1977, he was turbaned as the Madawakin Sokoto by the then Sultan of Sokoto, late Alhaji Sir Abubakar III.

In 1980 he was redeployed to the Local Government Service Board as Secretary, the position he held up to 1984 when he was posted to serve in other Ministries including Lands and Housing, Information, Commerce and Ministry of Education in the same capacity, and sometimes acting as Permanent Secretary up to 1988.

Alhaji Muhammadu Tambari Madawaki was appointed Permanent Secretary in 1987 and was posted to the Establishment Department where he served from 1987 to 1988.

With the introduction of the new Civil Service reforms, he was sworn in as Director-General (D.G.) in the Ministry of Finance from 1989 to 1991.

In September, 1991 the State Military Government appointed Alhaji Tambari as the acting Commissioner of Finance and Economic Planning, the position he held until February 1992 when he was sworn in as the Secretary to the Sokoto State Government (S.S.G.).



**ALH. ABUBAKAR SHEHU TAMBUWAL**  
**Commissioner of Education**

**ALHAJI ABUBAKAR SHEHU TAMBUWAL**  
**HON. COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION**

Alhaji Abubakar Shehu Tambuwal was born on the 20th April, 1958 at Tambuwal, in Tambuwal Local Government Area of Sokoto State.

He attended Tambuwal Primary School from 1965 to 1971, Government Secondary School Farfara, Sokoto from 1972 to 1976 and the State College of Arts and Science Sokoto from 1976 to 1977. Alhaji Abubakar proceeded to Bayero University Kano from 1977 to 1981 where he obtained a degree in Education (B.Ed. Hons) and came out with a Second Class Upper Division. He was posted to Oyo State for the National Youths Service Corps.

He did his primary assignments at Oyo State Central School Board, where he taught at Ipele Community Grammar School.

After completing the NYSC, Alhaji Abubakar joined the Sokoto State Ministry of Education as Master II with the Defunct Government Teachers College, Tambuwal, where he held two important positions. He was head of Education Department, and later the Vice Principal. He voluntarily resigned his appointment in October, 1985.

From 1986 to 1988, he was the Personal Secretary to Alhaji Ibrahim Gusau, a Second Republic politician and high level of contacts with private and public organisations. This drove him into business, and he was made the Director of Tambuwal Construction and Trading Company Ltd in 1985, the position he held up to 1990.

Politically, Alhaji Abubakar Shehu joined the defunct Nigerian National Congress (NNC) from 1988 - 1990 and held the position of protem co-ordinator and Assistant Secretary Tambuwal Local Government. He also held the same position in the National Republic Convention (NRC). After his success at the polls in 1991, Alhaji Abubakar was sworn in as the Executive Chairman, Tambuwal Local Government Area.

Alhaji Abubakar Shehu attended various conferences, where he actively participated. Among them was the conference of Sokoto State Local Government Chairmen. He was also the State co-ordinator National Conference of Local Government Chairmen (Sokoto State), and member, National Contact Committee of Local Government Chairmen (NCLGC). In addition to this, he was also Chairman to the National Council on Education, Speech Committee on Funding Management of Primary Education, and appointment as the Honourable Commissioner of Education, Tambuwal. Alhaji Abubakar Shehu Tambuwal was the Executive Chairman of Local Government. He is married with one wife and five children.



**ALH. ABUBAKAR SHEHU WURNO**  
Commissioner of Agriculture

**ALHAJI ABUBAKAR A. SHEHU WURNO**  
THE HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES

Alhaji Abubakar A. Shehu Wurno was born on the 6th March, 1950 in Wurno Local Government Area of Sokoto State. He attended his primary education at Senior Primary School Farfaru, Sokoto from 1958 to 1964, Government Secondary School, Farfaru, Sokoto, from 1964 to 1967. From 1969 to 1973 he attended the Institute of Community Development, Benin in the then Bendel State, where he obtained a certificate in community development. From 1979 to 1981, he proceeded to Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria for a



Diploma in community development and adult education. Within the same period, he got a National Diploma in Local Government Administration, and later, in 1983, he obtained an advanced Diploma in Local Government Administration, in the same University.

A seasoned Administrator, Alhaji Abubakr Wurno was a senior Community Development Assistant from 1975 to 1977. From 1978 to 1980, he was the Assistant Community Development officer. He was also Community Development Officer from 1980 to 1981. From 1983 to 1985, he held the post of a Principal Assistant Secretary to Yabo, Sokoto, Silame and Isa Local Governments. From 1986 he served as Secretary to Sokoto, Isa and Wurno Local Governments; the post he held up to the end of 1991 when he became the Honourable Commissioner of Agriculture and Natural Resources in January, 1992.

Alhaji Abubakar Shehu Wurno, likes reading and travelling as his hobbies. He is married with two wives and a child.



**ALH. ABDULLAHI MOHAMMED KIRYU**  
Commissioner of Works & Transport

**ALHAJI ABDULLAHI MUHAMMADU KIRYO**  
HON. COMMISSIONER OF WORKS, TRANSPORT AND  
WATER RESOURCES

Born on the 17th July, 1958, in Yabo town, of Yabo Local Government Area of Sokoto State, Alhaji Muhammadu Kiryo attended Yabo Model Primary School from 1963 to 1969, and Sultan Abubakar College, Sokoto from 1970 to 1974. From 1976 to 1977, Alhaji Kiryo was at the Community Development Institute, Birnin Kebbi. In 1978, he joined the Kaduna Polytechnic, College of Administration and Business Studies, and finished in 1981. In the same year, he enrolled at the Ahmadu bello University

(A.B.U.) Zaria and graduated in 1983. In 1984, he went back to the A.B.U. for Post graduate diploma in public administration (PGDPA) and left in 1985.

A seasoned administrator, Alhaji Muhammadu Kiryo held several administrative positions in the Civil Service. He was once a Primary School teacher in 1974. From 1975 to 1977, he was a Community Development Officer with the Arugungu Local Government Area

In 1978, he was promoted to the position of Community Development Inspector. He held this position until 1981. In 1982, he was made an administrative Officer, and served in this capacity, up to 1986.

In 1987, Alh. Muhammadu Kiryo was appointed a Local Government Secretary, and served various Local Governments up to 1991.

In January, 1992 he was sworn in as the Hon. Commissioner, Ministry of Works, Transport and Water Resources, Alhaji Kiryo is married, with five children.



**ALH. AHMED UMAR BIRNIN MAGAJI**  
Commissioner of Commerce & Industry

**ALHAJI AHMED UMAR B/MAGAJI**  
HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRIES  
AND COOPERATIVES

Alhaji Ahmed Umar was born in 1956 in Birnin Magaji, Kaura Namoda Local Government Area of Sokoto State. He attended Birnin Magaji Primary School from 1964 to 1970, Government Secondary School Kotorkoshi from 1970 to 1971, Government Secondary School Gusau from 1971 to 1975.

From 1976 to 1977, he attended Kaduna Polytechnic, from 1988 to 1989 he was at University of Jos for Advance Diploma in Public Administration

(ADPA).

Alhaji Ahmed worked with Kaduna Polytechnic as the Assistant Executive Officer. He was also the Assistant Chief Executive Officer in Kaduna Polytechnic. From there he joined the Sokoto State Civil Service on secondment as the Head of Department, Works on USS 11.

A widely travelled Administrator, Alhaji Ahmed Umar visited a number of countries officially and unofficially which include; Saudi Arabia, Czechoslovakia, Taiwan and England.

Poultry and Livestock Production are his hobbies. He is married with five children.



**ALH. MUSA IBRAHIM SOKOTO**  
**Commissioner of Finance**

**ALHAJI MUSA IBRAHIM SOKOTO**  
**THE HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE**

Alhaji Musa Ibrahim was born in May 1940 in Sokoto Local Government Area of Sokoto State. He attended Sultan Ward Elementary School, Sokoto from January, 1951 to December 1953, Sokoto Middle School, Sokoto from January 1954 to December 1956, Junior Secondary School Birnin-Kebbi from January, 1957 to December 1958 and from January 1959 to December, 1962, he attended Provincial Secondary School, Sokoto which is now Nagarta College, Sokoto

From June, 1963 to March, 1964, Alhaji Musa Sokoto proceeded to Ahmadu Bello University Zaria for a cooperative Basic Training Course at the Institute of Administration.

From October, 1965 to March 1966, he was at Co-operative College, Zaria for a cooperative certificate course. In the same college also, he attended a co-operative Management course from June 1967 to September 1967.

He obtained a diploma in commercial accounting and cooperative management at the Institute of Administration, Zaria where he attained a special merit class certificate from June, 1968 to March 1969.

Alhaji Musa Ibrahim Sokoto's first appointment in the civil service was on the 12th May, 1963 as Government Cooperative Inspector Grade III, the post he held upto 31st December, 1969 when he transferred his service to the North-Western State Audit Department for the post of Assistant Cooperative Officer to the post of Auditor-in-Training.

He served the State Audit Department in various capacities from the post of Auditor in Training to the post of Chief-Auditor from 1st January 1970 to February, 1985 when he voluntarily retired from the civil service.

Alhaji Musa Ibrahim Sokoto, an active administrator, had served as a member of various government parastatals. He was once a member, Board of Directors of the National Provident Fund from 30th April, 1985 to December 1985; and later re-appointed in the same position from 1st April, 1986 to 30th June 1989. He was also a member, Board of Directors of the New Nigerian Newspapers Ltd from 1st November, 1986 to 31st October 1987.

From 12th June 1986 to 31st October, 1987, Alhaji Musa Sokoto was appointed as a part-time councillor for Sokoto Local Government. He was the Sole Administrator of Sokoto Local Government from 1st November 1987 to 31st December, 1987. He once chaired the Task Force Committee for payment of land compensation to farmers affected by the acquired site for Army Barracks, in Sokoto. He was also appointed as a member of investigating committee for payment of land compensation for Goronyo Dam project.

He was made the Hon. Commissioner of Finance in January, 1992. The position he holds to date.

Alhaji Musa Ibrahim Sokoto likes reading and propagation and promotion of co-operative societies with particular reference to co-operative consumer societies which he takes as his hobbies.

He is married with children.



**ALH. SANI SALIHU ANKA**  
Commissioner of Health`

**ALHAJI SANI SALIHU ANKA (MNIM)**  
**THE HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER FOR HEALTH**

Born on 29th November 1953 at Maradun, in Maradun Local Government Area, of Sokoto State, Alh. Sani Salihu Anka attended Anka Primary School from 1961 - 1965, and Kotorkoshi Senior Primary School from 1966 - 1967. He went to Government Secondary School, Birnin-Kebbi from 1968 to 1972 where he obtained his General Certificate of Education. In the same year, Alhaji Sani also obtained a Diploma in Business Studies, with English. He then proceeded to England where he joined the Centre for Economic and Political Studies, London from 1974 to 1977 where he obtained a Diploma in

Advanced Marketing and Professional Certificate of the British Institute of Marketing.

In 1978, Alhaji Sani enrolled at the Thames Polytechnic, London where he obtained a Post-graduate Diploma in Industrial Administration.

Alhaji Sani Salihu Anka did his NYSC at the Textile Printers Ltd, Kano from 1978 to 1979 where he served as Marketing Officer. He joined the then Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) Ltd in 1979. At the BCCI, Alh Sani attended the Trainee Officers Course at the BCCI Cairo Academy, Egypt from December 1979 to May 1980. He was the Credit Officer of the BCCI, Kano Main Branch from June 1980 to March 1982 when he was made the Assistant Manager, Sokoto Branch. He was made Branch Manager of the Bauchi Branch where he served from March 1983 to March 1986.

From March 1986 to October, 1987, Alh Sani was the Systems and Operations Manager at the BCCI Head Office in Lagos, when he was promoted to the rank of Senior Manager: Systems and Operations where he was until 1990. In April of the same year (1990), he was appointed Area Manager of the BCCI, Kaduna Area, in-charge of Kaduna, Sokoto, Plateau, Gongola States and FCT Abuja; the post he held up to September 1991.

In October 1991, he was appointed the Chief Manager in charge of Administration, Properties and Personal Management at the Lagos head Office, the post he held until his appointment as the Honourable Commissioner for Health in February 1992.

During the period of his working experience, Alh Sani attended several professional courses both within and outside the country. He attended the Annual Banking Seminar of the Nigeria Institute of Bankers, and the Credit Administration and Foreign Exchange Courses at the BCCI Academy London in 1981. In 1985, he participated in the Nigeria Institute of Bankers Management Workshop. He also attended an Advanced Management Workshop, FITC in 1990.

Alh Sani is an Associate Member of the British Institute of Marketing and a Member of the Nigerian Institute of Management. He is married with children.



**ALH. AMINU AHMED**  
Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice

**ALHAJI MUHAMMED AMINU AHMAD**  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND COMMISSIONER FOR JUSTICE

Alhaji Muhammad Aminu Ahmad was born in 1944 at Sokoto town in Sokoto Local Government Area of Sokoto State. He attended Sultan Ward Junior Primary School, Sokoto from 1954-1957, Senior Primary School Farfaru, Sokoto from 1960-1964 where he had his WASC certificate.

In 1966 Alhaji Muhammad Aminu proceeded to ABU, Zaria where he obtained a diploma in Law. This earned him admission into the University's Faculty of Law where he obtained an LLB (Hons) degree from 1967-1970.

From 1970-71 he was at the Nigerian Law School, Lagos for his Barrister at Law (B.L.). He also attended a special course for Commonwealth Magistrates at the School for African and Oriental Studies, University of London, U.K.

From 1971 to date, Alhaji Muhammad Aminu Ahmad has held a number of legal posts in Sokoto State. He was Inspector for Area courts in 1971, Magistrate Grade II, in 1972 and Chief Magistrate in 1974. He rose to the rank of Chief Registrar, High Courts, Sokoto in 1976.

By 1977, he was the Director of Public Prosecution, Sokoto. In 1978, he was appointed Solicitor-General and Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Justice Sokoto.

During the Second Republic, from 1981-1983, Alhaji Muhammad served as the Sokoto State Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice. For five years, 1985 to 1990, he was the Chairman, Sokoto State Law Reform Commission. Alhaji Muhammad Aminu Ahmad's hard work earned him second term as the Sokoto State Attorney-General and Commissioner of Justice in 1992, the position he holds to date.

A widely travelled lawyer and Administrator, Alhaji Muhammad visited a number of countries which include the United Kingdom, Kenya, Niger Republic, France, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, the Netherlands, Egypt, Sudan, Pakistan, India, Saudi Arabia and United States of America.

He is married with children.



**ALH. ADAMU UMAR**  
Special Assistant Deputy Governor's Office

**ALHAJI ADAMU UMAR**  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT, DEPUTY GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Alhaji Adamu Umar was born on the 1st of January, 1946 in Gusau town, Gusau Local Government Area of Sokoto State. He attended Junior Primary School Gusau from 1955 to 1958, senior primary school Kotorkoshi from 1959 to 1961, and Maru Teachers College from 1962 to 1967, where he obtained a Grade II Teachers Certificate.

In 1986, Alhaji Adamu taught at Rabah Primary School and left for Talata Mafara primary school in 1969. In 1970, he was the Headmaster,

Kanoma Primary School in Anka Local Government and Headmaster, Maru Town Primary School in 1971.

From 1971 to 1974, he went to the Advanced Teachers College Sokoto where he obtained a certificate in Education. He taught in Government Secondary School Gusau and Teachers College, Gusau in 1974.

From 1975 to 1978, he went to Ahmadu Bello University Zaria where he obtained a Bachelor of Law (LL.B) degree with a second class honours (lower division). From 1978 to 1979 he was at Nigerian Law School, Lagos for his Barrister at Law.

Alhaji Adamu Umar was the Inspector of Area courts, Sokoto from 1979 to 1980 and State Council, Sokoto State Ministry of Finance, from 1980 to 1981. He was the Secretary, Sokoto Investments Company Limited, from 1981 to 1984, General Manager, Sokoto Investments Company Limited from 1984 to 1986.

From 1987 to 1989, Alhaji Adamu was the Chairman, Gusau Local Government Area and between this period, he went for a course in Planning and Budget preparation and implementation at Local Government level and obtained a certificate in 1988. In 1989, he was the National Secretary of the Defunct Republican party of Nigeria during this period, he also went for a course in Public Relations Development.

In 1989, Alhaji Adamu Umar took to his profession as a private legal practitioner and politician. He was later appointed as the Special Assistant, Deputy Governor's Office in January, 1992. The post he holds to date. He is married with children.



**ALH. SA'ADU HARUNA GOBIR**  
Special Assistant - Information

**ALHAJI SA'ADU HARUNA GOBIR**  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION &  
CULTURE

Alhaji Sa'adu Haruna Gobir was born at Sabon Birni Gobir, in Sabon Birni Local Government Area of Sokoto State. His father is Malam Haruna Sarkin Baura. He had his elementary education at Sabon Birni and Kotorkoshi between 1957 and 1963. He then proceeded to Government College Sokoto (now Nagarta College) from 1964 to 1970 where he obtained both the West African School Certificate (WASC) and Higher School Certificate (HSC). In 1972, Alhaji Sa'adu undertook a Diploma course in Islamic studies at the Abdullahi Bayero College (now BUK) Kano.

In 1970, Alhaji Sa'adu Haruna took up appointment with the then Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation, Kaduna. In 1975 he transferred his services to the Nigerian Television Authority Sokoto as a presentation officer. He later rose to the post of programme producer.

He was the principal research officer in charge of public enlightenment unit of the Cultural Division in the Ministry of Information and Culture, Sokoto, where he was also in charge of the production of the cultural publication - ZARUMA. He was later appointed the Chairman, Isa Local Government Area.

A prominent Gobir prince, Alhaji Sa'adu Haruna has in addition to his normal duties, served in various committees both at the State and Federal levels. He was a member of the Committee on Control of Beggars in Sokoto State, the Task Force Committee on Keep Sokoto Clean, and the Board of Directors, Nigerian External Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) Lagos.

Alhaji Sa'adu has attended various courses among which are: Radio Production course at N.B.C. Lagos, and public communication course at the Institute of Public Information, Lagos. He also attended a P.R. course in 1992 at the Holborn College, a Constituent of the University Stirling, U.K. Alhaji Sa'adu Haruna Gobir was appointed the Honourable Special Assistant, Department of Information and Culture in February 1992.





**ALH. BELLO JIBRIN GADA**  
Special Assistant - Social Dev. Youths and Sports

**ALHAJI BELLO JIBRIL GADA**  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, YOUTH AND  
SPORTS

Alhaji Bello Gada was born in 1954 in Kadadin-Buda In Gada Local Government Area of Sokoto State. He attended Gada Town Primary School from 1963 to 1970 and Kanta College Argungu from 1971 to 1975.

From 1975 to 1978, he attended College of Education, Sokoto, where he obtained the Nigeria Certificate in Education (NCE), after which he went for the one year National Service (NYSC) from 1978 to 1979.

His first appointment as an Area Education Officer in charge of Illela under the then Gwadabawa Local Government was from 1979 to 1981. He went for further Education at the Bayero University, Kano for a Diploma in Public Administration from 1979 to 1981. From 1981 to 1984, he was the Education Secretary, Kware Local Government, from 1982 to 1983 he also attended Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria for an Advanced Diploma in Public Administration.

From 1984 to 1991, he was Education Secretary to various local governments such as; Gummi, Argungu, etc. He later served as Local Government Secretary to Bodinga, Yauri, Gummi and Illela

Alhaji Bello Gada attended a lot of Seminars, Courses and Conferences in Administration and Management from 1985 to 1989. He also attended Conferences and Courses in Public Relations from 1989 to 1990 such as the 1st Commonwealth Public Relations Conference sponsored by the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations and the International Public Relations Association, Abuja and also a Policy Making Course organized by Usmanu Danfodio University, Sokoto.

Alhaji Bello Jibril Gada is presently the Honourable Commissioner of Social Development, Youths and Sports.

He is married with children.



**ALH. ABUBAKAR MOHAMMED GUMMI**  
Special Assistant - Rural Development & Special Duties

**ALHAJI ABUBAKAR MUHAMMAD (MNIM)**  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL  
DUTIES

Alhaji Abubakar Muhammad was born at Gummi, in gummi Local Government area of Sokoto State in 1950. He attended Town Primary School, Gummi from 1957 to 1959, Senior Primary School, Farfaru from 1960 to 1962. From 1963 to 1967, Alh Muhammad went to Government College, Sokoto (now Nagarta College). In 1968, he was at the Railway Commercial School, Zaria. In 1970, he joined the National Training School, Lagos. In 1981, Alh Muhammad enrolled at the Sokoto State Polytechnic, which he finished in

1983. he also attended many in-service courses, workshops and seminars on Financial Management, Accounting and Banking.

Alh Muhammad is a man of varied professional experience. Between October 1969 to July 1970, he was an Accounts Clerical Officer at the Nigerian Railway Corporation, Kano. From September 1970 to August 1973, he was at the National Bank of Nigeria as cashier. In September, 1973, he joined the Central Bank of Nigeria, Kano where he served up to August 1976.

In May 1977, Alh Muhammad transferred his services to the State Ministry of Finance, and was posted to FEDECO as Accountant, where he served up to December, 1979. In January 1980, he was posted to Yauri as sub-treasurer, and was there up to November 1980. In December of the same year, Alh. Abubakar Muhammad was posted to the Government House, Sokoto as Finance Officer, where he served until August 1982 when he was posted to another ministry as Principal Accountant (Admin); where he was up to September 1985.

In October 1985, he was made Finance Officer of the State Judiciary. He was there up to 1987 when he was appointed as Chairman Gummi Local Government where he served until December 1987 when he was made Chief Accountant, MAMSER, the post he held until October 1988 when he was made the Chief Finance Officer, Sokoto State Housing Corporation; where he served up to October 1989.

From February 1990 to December 1990, he was at the Science and Technical Education Board, Sokoto (STEBS) where he served as the Ag Director of finance. He was transferred to the Ministry of Education in February 1991 where he also acted as the Director of Finance, the post he held until his appointment as the Honourable Special Assistant, Rural Development and Special Duties in February 1992.

Alh. Abubakar Muhammad had served in various State Government's Committees on External Finance, currency Exchange, Government Boarded

Properties, etc. His hobbies are religious affairs, travelling. Thus, he had visited many countries among which are Saudi Arabia, United Kingdom and Chad. He had also visited 18 states of the Federation.

Alh Muhammad is married with children.



**ALH. MUSTAPHA ZURMI**  
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**ALHAJI MUSTAPHA ABUBAKAR ZURMI**  
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Alhaji Mustapha Abubakar Zurmi was born in January 1941 in Zurmi town, Zurmi Local Government Area of Sokoto State. He attended Zurmi Elementary School from January 1949 to December 1952, Sokoto Middle School from 1953 to January 1954, senior primary school Kotorkoshi from 1954 to December 1956.

From 1956 to 1957, Alhaji Mustapha Zurmi attended Junior Secondary School Birnin Kebbi from 1958 to 1959, he worked as a clerk with Sokoto

Native Authority (N.A.) and later left for a C.T.C. course at the Institute of Administration, Zaria, from 1960 to 1961. After the course, he resumed work with Sokoto Native Authority as an Assistant Supply Officer from 1962 to 1963. In 1963, he got admission into Jos Revenue Centre for a course in personal income tax. After which he became the supply officer of Sokoto Native Authority from 1964 to 1968.

Alhaji Mustapha Abubakar went for an executive grade course in Accounts and Administration at Federal Training Centre, Kaduna from 1969 to 1970, which qualified him for the post of a staff officer in the Sokoto Native Authority, the post he held for a year (1970 to 1971) before joining the North West Civil Service.

Alhaji Mustapha Zurmi served the North West Civil Service in various capacity. From 1972 to 1973, he was the Executive Officer, Higher Executive Officer from 1976 to 1978 and Assist Chief Executive officer from 1979 to 1980.

From 1980 to 1981 he went for a course in leadership and motivation at the Nigerian Institute of Management Lagos. He became the Secretary, Sokoto Urban Development Authority (SUDA) from 1981 to 1982, secretary, Sokoto State Housing Cooperation from 1982 to 1985, and Chief Executive Officer Sokoto State housing Corporation, the post he held before he voluntarily retired from the civil service to private business and politics.

Alhaji Mustapha Zurmi, was elected a member, Constituent Assembly, Abuja, Kaura Namoda and Zurmi Federal Constituency from 1988 to 1989 and in 1991, he was elected State Publicity Secretary, NRC Sokoto, the post he held before his appointment as the Special Assistant to the Governor on Land and Housing.

His hobbies are solitude and farming. He is married with children.