

**REQUEST FOR THE CREATION**

**OF**

**JEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA**

**OUT OF THE PRESENT**

**KARIM-LAMIDO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA  
OF TARABA STATE**

**SUBMITTED BY**

**THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF THE  
PROPOSED JEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA OF  
TARABA STATE OF NIGERIA**

**MARCH, 2025**

## FACTS AT A GLANCE

Name of the existing Local Government Area: Karim-Lamido

Name of proposed Local Government Area: Jen

Name of Headquarter of existing Local Government Area: Karim-Lamido

Name of Headquarter of the proposed Local Government Area: Jen

Population of the proposed Local Government Area: 150,553

Landmass of the proposed Local Government Area: 2050km<sup>2</sup>

Main Economic Activities: Farming, Livestock, Fishing, Hunting  
& Trading.

Minerals Deposits: Quarts, barites, bauites, precious stones, salts deposit  
and lime stones.

Major Ethnic Groups: Jenjo, Bandawa, Dadiya, Munga Dosso, Bambuka.



**THE PROPOSED JEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA  
TARABA STATE OF NIGERIA**

The Chairman,  
House of Representatives,  
Committee on the Review of Constitution,  
Federal Republic of Nigeria,  
National Assembly Complex, Abuja, Nigeria.

Through:  
The Rt. Honourable Speaker,  
Taraba State House of Assembly,  
Jalingo.

Through:  
The Honourable Member,  
Representing Karim I Constituency,  
Taraba State House of Assembly,  
Jalingo.

Sir,

**MEMORANDUM ON THE CREATION OF JEN LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT AREA OUT OF THE PRESENT KARIM-  
LAMIDO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA OF TARABA  
STATE.**

**PROPOSED NAME: JEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA**

We the undersigned being loyal citizens and indigenes of the proposed **JEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** on behalf of ourselves and our law abiding teeming people thank the National Assembly for the laudable initiatives in putting necessary machinery on ground for the creation of Additional States and Local Governments in the country.

We need not to over-emphasize on the political and socio-economic objectives behind such initiatives. There is no gain saying the fact that various principles were dully considered in the course of States/Local Government creation boundary adjustments, such as social justice, even

development, allaying the fears of domination, government presence, balanced federalism; and a host of others.

It seems that despite the applicability of the foregoing principles, Karim-Lamido Local Government Area has been neglected. This glaring omission has prompted us to put this memorandum to enable you see the truth and hear our prayers; wishes and aspirations.

Please you may wish to permit us narrate the history of the present Karim-Lamido Local Government Area vis-à-vis our genuine request for the creation of **Jen Local Government Area**.

#### **History of Karim-Lamido Local Government Area**

Karim-Lamido Local Government Area was created in 1976 with its headquarters at Karim-Lamido. The local government is approximately 170km in length and 7191.98km<sup>2</sup> in area being the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest Local Government Area in the state and 9<sup>th</sup> in the nation. It has a population of over 333,549 people 2006 projected.

The Local Government Area is characterized by hills, valleys, streams and flood-plains. There is about 18km stretch of land from the River Benue into Local Government Headquarters; which usually submerged by flood yearly. It is no wonder that the above occurrence coupled with water from the streams dissecting the local government area tend to render the whole area inaccessible for seven months annually except by foot, canoe or tractor. The said natural barriers, hills, streams and flood from River Benue seem to have cut off the Local Government Area from not only its neighbours but the rest of the states.

It is discernable from the concise history that the Local Government would not certainly grow much in terms of socio-economic development. It is unfortunate situation but we have lived in such precarious state for a



period of about forty eight (48) years. Sir; you may wish to know that this is inconsistent with the ideal of a modern-day Nigeria. The Local Government Area could be likened to riverine areas obtainable in Bayelsa, Delta, Kogi and Rivers States. Thus we just have a glorified ward headquarters.

### **Justification for the Demand**

Having suffered all sorts of socio-economic backwardness under the present Karim-Lamido Local Government Area for over forty eight (48) years running, we are compelled to demand for the creation of **Jen Local Government Area** out of the present Karim-Lamido Local Government Area. Furthermore, suffice to state that our demand is motivated by a number of factors including the very need for accelerated development of the area.

In spite of the endowment of abundant natural and human resources, our area has remained backward over the years due to neglect, oversize and maladministration. Jen the proposed headquarters of the Local Government Area is the only town along River Benue used as trade post by **U.A.C** or **John Holt Trading Companies** that has not been up-graded into either state capital or local government headquarters, these towns are Makurdi, Lokoja and Yola, while Numan, Lau, Ibi and host of others are now local government headquarters.

For the purpose of clarity, we list below some of the key reasons for the demand viz:-

#### **(i) Economic Viability**

The area covering the proposed Local Government has agriculture as the main economic activity. The area is blessed with fertile land suitable for the production of food and cash crops in large scale. Presently it is one of the food producing areas in Taraba State. It is our belief that if given

requisite incentives and modern facilities the area will produce food for local consumption nation-wide and export.

Conservatively, the area could boast of not fewer than 1 million heads of cattle, about 1 million sheep and goats. It is expected that the creation of the proposed Jen Local Government Area will encourage the diffusion of agriculture to boost food production for the sustenance of the teeming population of the area.

The area is also endowed with minerals resources such as precious stones, salt deposits, quarts, barites, bauxites and lime stones. These minerals if properly harnessed will boost the economic activities of the proposed Local Government Area.

(ii) **Cultural Affinity**

The people (ethnic group) inhabiting the area under the desired Local Government Area include:- the Jenjo, Bandawa, Dadiya, Bambuka and Munga Dosso who have common culture and traditional affiliation to the extent that one can hardly differentiate or distinguish them e.g the Munga and Bandawa people do not only speak related dialects but are believed to have relations in Jen, others are the Hausa/Fulani and the Jukun (Jukun Banu).

(iii) **Communication / Transportation**

The communities in the proposed Jen Local Government Area are linked by network of seasonal roads, foot-paths and water ways. The area is blessed with social network providers such as MTN, Airtel, Glo and Etisalat. Therefore, the area is accessible throughout the year through the above means.

(iv) **Manpower / Human Resources**

The proposed Jen Local Government Area has more than enough human resources considering the number of graduates and higher school leavers



in the area. There are over 1,000 graduates and over 15,000 school leavers. Currently, there are over 2,000 undergraduates in various institutions of high learning.

Similarly, the proposed Local Government has produced top government and political functionaries from the defunct Northern Region to Taraba State. The present pool of manpower is more than enough to enable the immediate take off of the Local Government if created.

(v) **Infrastructure Facilities**

The proposed Local Government Area is endowed with the following:- Pipe born water, Rural Electrification/Solar power, and wiring of National Grid (abundant) internet facilities Micro-Finance Bank, Police Outpost, MDG, Clinic, Federal Cottage Hospital, Maternity, Dispensaries from local authority and World Bank Assisted Projects (CSDP), 8 Nos of secondary schools and many public and private primary schools.

It has good sporting activities venue with the Jen Mini stadium sport complex and the modern community secretariat complex to serve as the secretariat of the proposed Local Government Council.

Most of the infrastructures mentioned above are located in the proposed Local Government Headquarters. Therefore, accessing them become problematic because of the nature of the terrain.

Against this backdrop, if Jen Local Government Area is created feeder roads will be constructed to link other villages to these facilities.

(vi) **Physical Features**

The proposed Jen Local Government Area lay within altitude  $9^{\circ} 16''$  minute north and  $9^{\circ} 31$  minutes north and longitude  $11^{\circ} 18$  minutes east and longitude  $11^{\circ} 20$  minute east. It is boarded to the north by the Dadiya hills.

On the boundary with Kaltungo Local Government boundary in Gombe State, to the east by boundary line of Lamurde Local Government Area of Adamawa State, to the south by the River Benue which is the natural boundary between Lau and the proposed Local Government and to the west by river Zau which empties into the Fadama then to the River Benue. The proposed Local Government Area has a landmass of about 2050km<sup>2</sup> which is approximately more than (1/4) one quarter of the entire landmass of the present Karim-Lamido Local Government Area (see map, appendix A). River Bolere, River Zau and River Benue traverse through the proposed Local Government Area with a lot of ponds and flood plains which allows for farming and fishing activities.

(vii) **Population**

The proposed Local Government has an estimated population of about 150,553 people 2006 projected.

**The major settlements in the proposed Jen Local Government Area**

The Local Government Area consists of five (5) proclaimed Districts of Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2005 namely:- Jen Ardido, Jen Kaigama, Bandawa, Sabon Garin-Jen and Munga Dosso.

**Villages in Jen Ardido District**

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|------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1. Pukwah  | 8. Mbonoh      | 15. Nwamunshi    |
| 2. Huru    | 9. Nwkwabuteh  | 16. Garin Jarumi |
| 3. Noh     | 10. Kula       | 17. Wuro Guga    |
| 4. Ngwashi | 11. Jen-Petel  | 18. Buleh        |
| 5. Fagha   | 12. Pitowa     | 19. Nwadah       |
| 6. Passoh  | 13. Nwa-won    | 20. Buh-vuh      |
| 7. Ngbhen  | 14. Garin Kodi | 21. Pun-tweh     |
|            |                | 22. Yun-hua      |



### **Villages in Jen-Kaigama District**

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|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. Gwae       | 8. Hah           | 15. Nwhanwin     |
| 2. Nae        | 9. Whaka         | 16. Kwanka       |
| 3. Hyambu     | 10. Tanwin       | 17. Whanghin     |
| 4. Whah       | 11. Mission Area | 18. Nwhanbu      |
| 5. Bundja     | 12. Njiko        | 19. Nwha-kuyan   |
| 6. Hwah       | 13. Keru         | 20. Pukaokah     |
| 7. Ngwawin    | 14. Nwhateh      | 21. Pun-tsin     |
| 22. Nassarawo | 25. Bulleh       | 28. Banji        |
| 23. Fah-pwih  | 26. Pampah       | 29. Payha        |
| 24. Pantah    | 27. Bambuh       | 30. Vah Kachalla |
| 31. Wangheh   |                  |                  |

### **Villages in Bandawa District**

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|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Gwasiva          | 9. Nkwankwaih            | 17. Angwan Falaka |
| 2. Ngwazingh        | 10. Ndibbuh              | 18. Lagwashin     |
| 3. Ngwantongh       | 11. Ngwutai              | 19. Gweizu        |
| 4. Sabon layi Nashi | 12. Nangwai              | 20. Danghang      |
| 5. Ngwabeigh        | 13. Nsinghkwei           | 21. Kwata Lau     |
| 6. Ngwavi           | 14. Ngwakai              | 22. Nyanpi        |
| 7. Ngwabei          | 15. Lashwui/Kwatan Langa | 23. Jeneji        |
| 8. Garin Saibu      | 16. Soba Lingu           | 24. Simgah        |

### **Villages in Sabon Garin-Jen District**

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|-----------|---------------|----------------------|
| 1. Kukah  | 7. Puveh      | 13. Tunga Dadiya     |
| 2. Fahsen | 8. Chubweh    | 14. Lokom            |
| 3. Nwashi | 9. Sabon Layi | 15. Tsamiya          |
| 4. Bokko  | 10. Wakah-wan | 16. Gwalan-jaki/Fabi |
| 5. Kaduna | 11. Tsubweh   | 17. Lofah            |
| 6. Tukura | 12. Nwagbeh   | 18. Mararraba-Jen    |

### **Villages in Munga Dosso**

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| 1. Munga Dosso | 5. Gbugbamui | 9. Woitan |
| 2. Sakandare   | 6. Jeyin     | 10. Gboi  |
| 3. Bunkachi    | 7. Tunga     |           |
| 4. Gbun-kaibu  | 8. Mudang    |           |

### **The proposed Headquarters of Jen Local Government Area**

It is unanimously agreed that Jen becomes the headquarters of the proposed Jen Local Government Area.

The choice of Jen as the proposed Local Government headquarters stems from the undisputable facts that the town is the largest in size, population and most developed. Beside the town offers the most convenient accommodation facilities sufficient enough for both offices and residential purposes. Indeed it is the only town in Karim-Lamido that can surely provide the needed infrastructure for immediate take off for a new local government (if created).

### **Conclusion**

The creation of the proposed Jen Local Government will bring government closer to the people and enhance development.

The communities in the proposed Jen Local Government Area have similar cultural affinity with each other and are desirous to live together. Given this understanding and cooperation it will facilitate the much desired socio-economic development, peace and harmony in the area.

In line with the policy of the Federal Government, the renew hope agenda administration for fairness, equity, social justice and the need to bring development nearer to the people, we strongly believe and hope that our request for the creation of the proposed Jen Local Government Area will receive your favourable consideration.

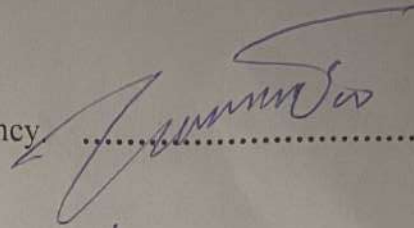
Long live Federal Republic of Nigeria

Long live the people of the proposed Jen Local Government Area.

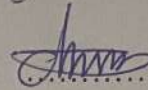


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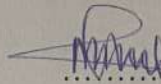
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Member Representing Karim I Constituency.



Hon. Christopher Titus,  
Councilor Representing Jen Kaigama Ward.

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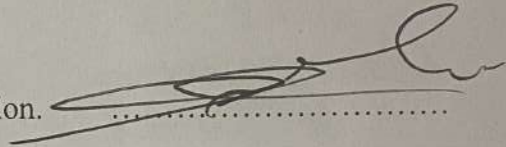
Hon. Matheson Christopher,  
Councilor Representing Jen Ardido Ward.

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Hon Musa Idris Bandawa,  
Councilor Representing Karim B Ward.

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Barr. Enoch B. Kanawa,  
National President,  
Jen Community Development Association.



**For and on behalf of the good people of the proposed  
Jen Local Government Area of the Taraba State  
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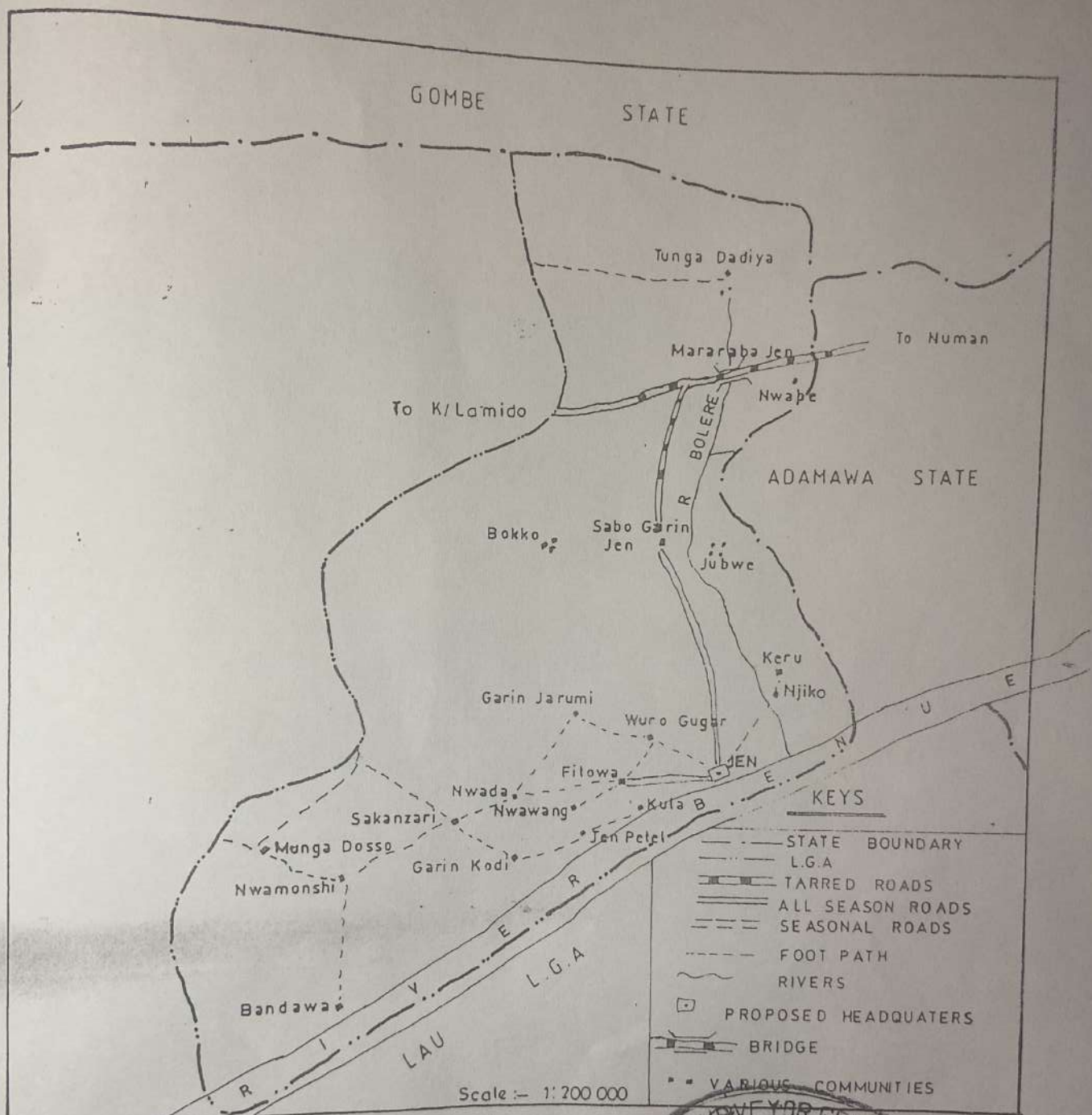
### **PROMOTERS OF THE REQUEST**

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| 1. Hon. Dr. Mohd. M. Shata      | 23. Alh. Hamidu Buba Jen         |
| 2. Rt. Hon. T.T. Khanin         | 24. Mr. Henry W. Niyo            |
| 3. Rev. Dr. Philemon A. Saredau | 25. Hon. Jerry S. Mamwe          |
| 4. Hon. Kabiru Yusuf            | 26. Mr. Obida James Bitrus       |
| 5. Mr. Lot Bwemi                | 27. Hon. Oliver Suleiman         |
| 6. Hon. Dr. Hilkihah B. Mafindi | 28. Surv. Simon Bodi Jen         |
| 7. Hon. Charles Maijankai       | 29. Hon. Mary Sinjen Jen         |
| 8. Hon. Albert Sase             | 30. Hon. Barr. Sani Marke        |
| 9. Mr. Gilbert W. Makka         | 31. Mr. Aggrey N. Makka          |
| 10. Hon. Thomas Lato            | 32. Bishop Johnwesley Yohanna    |
| 11. Mr. Paulinus S. Sandari     | 33. Mr. Costa Andrew Jen         |
| 12. Hon. Graham E. Vadule       | 34. Hon. Barr. Amfani S. Bandawa |
| 13. Mr. Godspower Danladi       | 35. Wing Cdr Mike Aliyuda        |
| 14. Capt. Peter P. Bakari       | 36. Rev. Dr. Danladi Y. Balutu   |
| 15. Mal. Yakubu Halilu Inuwa    | 37. Mr. Henry Jonah Masari       |
| 16. CSP Gideon G. Nicholas      | 38. Hon. Antibas El-Nathan       |
| 17. Hon. Othaniel Stephen       | 39. Hon. Jediel A. Balanko       |
| 18. Dr. Saidu Umaru Jen         | 40. Hon. Markus Hamidu           |
| 19. Hon. Bakari Mailanbu        | 41. Rev. Dr. Abraham Sakati      |
| 20. Hon. Richard Manjabu        | 42. Hon. David D. Babale         |
| 21. Hon. Abner Shittu           | 43. Hon. Apollos Jediel          |
| 22. Bishop Silas Usman Jen      | 44. Hon. Silas Jafta Jen         |

**FIND ATTACHED THE PROPOSED MAP OF JEN LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT AREA**



# MAP SHOWING THE PROPOSED JEN LOCAL GOVT. AREA



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