1.

I had the honour of inaugurating the Chairmen, Commissioners, and members of the Kano State Sharia and Zakkat & Hubusi Commissions.  
  
Speaking at the inauguration, I emphasised Kano’s influential status in the Islamic world, citing its large number of renowned scholars, Islamiyya schools, and Islamic study centers.  
  
I also noted that the appointees were selected based on merit, competence, and trustworthiness, expressing confidence that they would execute their duties with dedication, enthusiasm, and integrity.  
  
Specifically, I charged the Sharia Commission with the responsibility of fostering unity among Muslim faithful across different sects to enhance peace, stability, and socioeconomic development in the state.  
  
Similarly, I tasked the Zakkat and Hubusi Commission with devising effective strategies to collect alms (Zakkat) from wealthy individuals to support the less privileged, thereby reducing poverty to the barest minimum.  
  
The appointees are as follows:  
  
Sharia Commission  
  
• Chairman: Sheikh Abbas Abubakar Daneji  
  
• Permanent Commissioner I: Malam Yahaya Gwani Hadi  
  
• Permanent Commissioner II: Sheikh Ali Dan Abba  
  
• Members:  
• Malam Abubakar Mai Ashafa  
• Malam Naziru Saminu Dorayi  
• Sheikh Mukhtar Mama  
• Sheikh Ibrahim Inuwa  
• Malam Adamu Ibrahim  
• Alhaji Abubakar Sharif Bala  
• Alhaji Yawale Suleiman Gulu  
• Malam Aliyu Umar  
• Alhaji Muhammad Kabir Na’bi  
• Malam Nasiru Sheikh Aliyu Harazimi  
  
• Secretary: Sheikh Dr. Sani Ashir  
  
Zakkat & Hubusi Commission  
  
• Chairman: Barrister Habibu Dan Almajiri  
  
• Permanent Commissioner I: Sheikh Nafi’u Umar Harazimi  
  
• Permanent Commissioner II: Dr. Ali Quraish  
  
• Members:  
• Malam Yahaya Muhammad Kwana Hudu  
• Sheikh Hassan Sani Kafinga  
• Sheikh Arabi Tudun Nufawa  
• Malam Sani Sharif Umar  
• Professor Garba Muhammadu Tofa  
• Malam Adamu Muhammadu Andawo  
• Malam Surajo Usman  
• Sheikh Adamu Guda  
• Malam Inuwa Mustapha  
• Malam Nura Badamasi  
• Malam Abdullahi Sarkin Sharifai  
• Representative of the Kano State Civil Service Commission – Aky

2.

I was pleased to receive the Ambassador of the Republic of Tunisia to Nigeria, His Excellency Mohsen Antit, alongside a high-powered delegation of Tunisian government officials and business leaders.  
  
The visit, which coincides with the ongoing Tunisia-Nigeria Multi-sectoral Economic Forum, aims to foster deeper collaboration in key sectors such as agriculture, infrastructure, culture, and trade.  
  
Using the opportunity, I reiterated Kano State’s commitment to building mutually beneficial partnerships, describing Tunisia’s engagement with Kano as a significant step toward strengthening bilateral trade—particularly in agriculture, where both regions hold immense investment potential.  
  
I further disclosed that Kano will partner with Tunisia in the areas of garment production, dairy processing, and dyeing industries, leveraging the expertise and resources of both regions to drive economic growth.  
  
To facilitate the business interactions, I directed the State’s Ministry of Investment, Commerce, and Industries, along with the Ministry of Agriculture, to organise an exhibition showcasing Kano’s economic strengths to the Tunisian delegation.  
  
While expressing gratitude for Tunisia’s hospitality towards 17 Kano entrepreneurs who recently visited the country for business engagements, I assured that Kano would reciprocate by providing a welcoming environment for Tunisian investors.  
  
To further solidify this partnership, I instructed the Managing Director of the Kano State Investment Promotion Agency (KAN-INVEST) to accompany the ambassador on a tour of key economic sites across the state. – AKY

3.

I had the distinct honour of decorating 35 distinguished indigenes of Kano State, whose outstanding contributions have left an indelible mark across various fields, yesterday.  
  
The event was a night of pride, inspiration, and recognition, as it celebrated the brilliance and achievements of some of Kano’s finest individuals.  
  
The prestigious gathering brought together dignitaries from diverse sectors, including military officers, academics, public servants, engineers, and business leaders.  
  
The honored individuals included Air Marshal Hassan Bala Abubakar, Chief of Air Staff; Prof. Shehu Ahmad Said Galadanci, CON, Murshid of the National Mosque and renowned academic; Dr. Nasiru Sani Gwarzo, Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, and esteemed medical professional.  
  
In academia and other professional fields, the honorees included Prof. Umma Abdullahi, the first female Professor of Mechanical Engineering from Kano; Dr. Hadiza Galadanci, a renowned Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology; and Prof. Nazifi Abdullahi Darma, a distinguished academic at the ECOWAS Commission.  
Also honored were CP Hajiya Hauwa Ibrahim, one of Nigeria’s highest-ranking female police officers and the first indigenous female Commissioner of Police from the Northwest geopolitical zone, as well as Engr. Mustapha Balarabe Shehu, President of the World Engineering Forum.  
  
Others recognised for their unwavering commitment to national defense were Major General M.S. Ahmed, Major General Sani Sumaila Ibrahim, and Air Vice Marshal M. Yusuf.  
  
It is worthy of emphasis that the ceremony was more than just an awards night, but a celebration of Kano’s enduring legacy of excellence. – AKY

4.

Our drive for rural transformation took us to Rogo Local Government, today, where I commissioned the nine-kilometre Fulatan-Zarewa-Danguzuri Road.  
  
The road was constructed by the Kano State Agro-Pastoral Development Project (KSADP) in collaboration with the Islamic Development Bank and other partners.  
  
Using the opportunity, I announced the approval of the reconstruction of the Rogo-Bari-Falgore-Mahangi road at the cost of N13,350,209,134.89.  
  
The project aims to facilitate the smooth movement of farm produce and boost economic activities in the region.  
  
I also disclosed that the five-kilometre dualised road in Rogo Local Government Area is being reviewed for reassignment to another company to ensure its timely completion.  
  
Reiterating our administration’s unwavering commitment to monitoring the execution of projects not only in Rogo but across the state, I further announced the approval of the Rogo Council Chairman’s appeal for the construction of the Sundu-Gwangan road.  
  
I was particularly pleased to witness the large population of primary and secondary school students who welcomed our entourage in Rogo, I also pledged to construct additional classrooms and provide learning materials to enhance the conducive learning environment in the area.  
  
I am grateful for the warm reception accorded to me today, and I reassure the community of our administration’s commitment to prioritising their needs for rapid development. – AKY

5.

I was pleased to attend the reopening ceremony of the Kura Garment Industry, in Kura Town.  
  
Using the opportunity, I disclosed that our government is set to create 63,360 jobs for youths in the garment industry across the state’s 44 local government areas.  
  
The reopening of the garment industry — originally established under Senator Rabiu Musa Kwankwaso’s administration between 2011 and 2015, marks a significant step towards fulfilling our campaign promises.  
  
With this initiative, we aim to create at least 63,360 jobs annually in the garment industry and the beneficiaries will earn an average monthly income of seventy thousand naira (₦70,000).  
  
I also issued a strong warning to unpatriotic individuals involved in the theft of machines deployed to the clusters in some local government areas, emphasizing that such actions would not be tolerated. – AKY

6.

I paid an unscheduled inspection visit to the site of the 5KM road project in Ungogo Local Government Area, where I was displeased with the pace of the construction.  
  
The contractor and project supervisors have been asked to see me on Monday. – AKY

7.

I was honoured to join thousands of Islamic faithful at the 2025 Maulud celebration, in commemoration of Shiekh Ibrahim Inyass, the Spiritual Leader of the Tijjaniyya Sufi Order, at the Sani Abacha Stadium, Kano.  
  
Using the opportunity, I praised the efforts of the Tijjaniyya brethren led by His Royal Highness, Khalifa Muhammad Sanusi II, the Emir of Kano in maintaining peace and harmonious relationship with people of different beliefs in Nigeria.  
  
I particularly praised the attendees for honouring our city by coming from far and wide despite the prevailing national climate.  
  
I thereafter prayed for the unity of Muslims around the globe and tolerance with believers of other faiths. – AKY

8.

In our bid to widen the scope of the agricultural value chain in Kano, I launched some groundbreaking initiatives in the sector, yesterday.  
  
Starting with the graduation ceremony and distribution of empowerment packages for 340 graduates of the Institutes of Horticulture and Livestock, in Bagauda.  
  
To make them self-reliant, all graduates of the Horticulture Institute have been provided with the necessary tools, training, water pump machine, a location for establishing their business and a seed capital of 100,000 naira.  
  
While on the other hand, from the 140 graduates of the Livestock Institute, 50 of them have been given 2 cows each and 90 beneficiaries get 2 rams each. The graduates have also been provided with 3 months animal feed, and a seed capital of 100,000 naira each.  
  
Similarly, I had the opportunity of launching the second phase of a women empowerment initiative under the Livestock Fattening Programme of the Kano Agro-Pastoral Development Project (KSADP).  
  
The program involves the distribution of livestock to women across the 44 Local Government Areas of the state.  
  
Each beneficiary received three small ruminants to support their small scale livestock entrepreneurship.  
  
This initiative reaffirms our administration’s commitment to addressing poverty through innovative and inclusive approaches. A total of 7,158 goats have been distributed to 2,386 women beneficiaries. Additionally, the program will provide 1,342 cows and 1,822 rams to women and young men in subsequent phases.  
  
By integrating women and youth into the agricultural value chain, the program aims to enhance household income and reduce dependency on government aid.  
  
I thank our partners from the donor agencies for being particularly consistent in our bid to provide more ways for our most vulnerable citizens to be treated as equal and important. – AKY

9.

In continuation of the Kano Rural Rebirth Mission, I was most pleased to commission a five-kilometer road network project in Dawakin Tofa Town, last night.  
  
This project, which faced neglect in the past, is a component of our administration’s dedication to providing essential amenities for the people of Kano State.  
  
It is also worthy of note that this project, which we are currently replicating in other local government areas of Kano is aimed to improve commercial development in the rural areas of the state.  
  
Consequently, I urged the residents of Dawakin Tofa to make good use of the new facilities and remain vigilant to protect them from vandalism. – AKY

10.

Reaffirming our administration’s commitment to supporting security agencies in ensuring the safety of lives and property across the state, I hosted a delegation from the Police Officers Wives Association (POWA).  
  
The executive members, led by the wife of the Inspector General of Police (IGP), Mrs. Elizabeth Kayode Egbetokun, were on a courtesy visit to my office as part of their engagements in Kano.  
  
I used the opportunity to highlight our government’s continuous support for the police in discharging their duties effectively, particularly through the provision of logistics and operational vehicles.  
  
We remain steadfast in supporting the police and other security agencies because the safety of lives and property is critical to the progress and well-being of our people.  
  
I also commended Mrs. Egbetokun’s dedication to improving the welfare of police officers and their families.  
  
As a demonstration of our administration’s support for the police, I announced the approval of the allocation of land and financial support for the construction of a POWA Secretariat in Kano. – AKY

11.

I was honoured to commission the 7.3km Dawakin Kudu Township road, equipped with solar-powered streetlight, last night.  
  
This is the fifth rural road of this standard that we have commissioned since the inception of our administration, and it was heartwarming to fulfill one of our campaign promises.  
  
I am particularly delighted that this project will significantly enhance the socio-economic well-being of the community and give a boost to the community’s welfare.  
  
We are grateful to the good people of Dawaki for their exemplary reception, as I assure our people that we shall continue to bring infrastructural development to both urban and rural areas of our state. – AKY

12.

Forming a critical part of our cardinal plan to reduce the out-of-school population in Kano, I had the pleasure to launch an initiative to distribute free school uniforms to 796,092 primary school pupils across 7,092 public schools in the state.  
  
Speaking at the launching on Tuesday, I explained that the initiative was to promote education and alleviate financial burdens of families struggling to meet their children’s education needs.  
  
Emphasising the importance of education to our administration, I urged parents and guardians in Kano to ensure that their children attend school regularly.  
  
While this gesture will also boost the pupils’ morale, I encouraged them to focus on their studies and improve the teaching and learning process.  
  
Our government’s commitment to quality education is evident in our efforts to train and retain personnel, as well as provide timely supplies of teaching and learning materials.  
  
We shall continue working to ensure that our people get all the support they need to be properly educated through provision of quality facilities, scholarship programs and training for teachers, among other things. – AKY

13.

Reaffirming our administration’s commitment to the welfare of retirees, we commenced the third phase of gratuity payments amounting to N5 billion to pensioners in Kano State.  
  
This latest distribution brings the total amount disbursed to pensioners under our administration to a remarkable N16 billion.  
  
The flag-off signifies our continued dedication to clearing outstanding pension liabilities and ensuring financial security for Kano’s senior citizens.  
  
I wish to assure our citizens that each retiree would receive their entitlements without delay, and I wish to emphasise that their sacrifices and contributions to the state would not be forgotten. – AKY

14.

The Kano State Executive Council at its 23rd meeting on Wednesday has approved the upgrade of primary health centres to the status of general hospitals in Gabasawa, Kiru and Shanono local government areas at the cost of N920,960,250.9.  
  
The Council has also approved the establishment of a Government Girls Secondary School at Dan Gwauro, Kumbotso L.G.A at N411,411,830.39.  
  
Other important approvals are listed below: - AKY

15.

We welcomed the newly appointed commissioners into the Kano State Executive Council, today.  
  
Opening the 23rd Executive Council meeting at the Government House, I issued a caution to members of the council against disunity and lack of team work, while equally reminding the commissioners of the standing culture of loyalty, honesty and mutual respect in the cabinet.  
  
Reviewing our recent successes, I specifically cited the successful return of 150 students under the state foreign scholarship scheme from Indian universities after the completion of their second degree programs.  
  
Our government is still committed to fulfilling the pledge to offer automatic employment to those with relevant specialties in medical and health related fields as well as the engineering major.  
  
In actualising the promise, the State Head of Civil Service and Commissioner for Health have been directed to perfect all arrangements that will see to the immediate absorption of the foreign trained professionals into the state service. – AKY

16.

I received with deep sorrow, the passing of Engr. Ahmad Ishaq Bunkure, the newly appointed Special Adviser to the Kano State Governor on Works, in Egypt.  
  
The death of Engr. Bunkure on Tuesday is a tragic and irreplaceable loss to Kano State, his family, and the wider political community.  
  
Engr. Bunkure was a dedicated professional, whose expertise and contributions were expected to drive our administration’s vision for development. His loss is deeply felt.  
  
May the Almighty Allah grant him Jannatul Fridaus. Ameen. – AKY

17.

I was pleased to chair, as seven new commissioners took the oath of office and allegiance, today, as part of our strategy to improve service delivery in Kano.  
  
During the occasion, 13 Special Advisers and 6 Permanent Secretaries also took the oath of office.  
  
I took the opportunity to task the commissioners to foster team spirit and work in synergy to deliver expected results.  
  
I also explained that the choice of the new set of State Executive Council members was duly considered to accelerate our administration’s vision centred on good governance, sustainable development, and well-being of the citizens.  
  
In the new portfolios, the former Chief of Staff, Alhaji Shehu Wada Sagagi, is assigned to Ministry of Investment, Commerce and Trade; AbdulKadir Abdulsalam, former Accountant General is now the Commissioner in charge of Rural and Community Development while Ibrahim Abdullahi Waiya is deployed to the Ministry of Information and Internal Affairs.  
  
Additionally, Dr. Gaddafi Shehu Sani is to manage the newly established Ministry of Power and Sustainable Energy; Dr. Dahiru Hashim is the Commissioner for Environment; and Dr. Ismail Aliyu DanMaraya is now in charge of Finance, while Nura Iro Ma’aji assumes at the Ministry for Procurement and Project Monitoring.  
  
In the same vein, Jibrin Oyoyo will serve as Special Adviser on Students Matters, Prof. Tijjani Muhammad Naniya (Emirates Council), Sani Musa Danja (Youths and Sports), Barr. Aminu Husaini Sagagi (Justice and Constitutional Matters) Sani Adamu Yola (Local Government Projects), and Dr. Ibrahim Musa is now the Special Adviser on Health Services and Personal Physician to the Governor.  
  
I wish the appointees the very best in their respective assignments. – AKY

18. Arising from concerns raised by residents of Tal’udu and Sani Mai Nagge areas over compensation for the construction of a flyover bridge at Tal’udu roundabout, I convened a stakeholders’ meeting last night with senior government officials, contractors and leaders of the affected neighbourhood.  
  
During the meeting, I assured that we shall review the present situation and make a reasonable compensation for all affected residents in the area.  
  
I also announced the provision of a new layout of plots for the affected residents, this gesture would not be counted as part of the compensation plan.  
  
At the end of the meeting, a joint committee was set up to revisit the ongoing compensation dispute for the community.  
  
I thank the good people of Tal’udu for their patience and understanding, while imploring them to continue to support our efforts to make life better for everybody through the provision of critical infrastructure in Kano. – AKY

19.

I led a delegation from the Kano State Government on a condolence visit to Governor Bala Muhammed, over the passing of his stepmother, in Bauchi today.  
  
The late matriarch was a kind and devoted figure, whose contributions to her family and community would not be forgotten.  
  
May the Almighty Allah grant her eternal rest and grant the family the strength to endure the loss. – AKY

20.

I joined other state governors at President Bola Tinubu’s residence in Lagos, yesterday, Wednesday 1st January, 2025, to commemorate the occassion of the new year, alongside other Nigerians.  
  
The state governors, under the leadership of the Chairman of the Nigeria Governors’ Forum, Dr. Abdulrazaq Abdulrahman, in celebrating the start of the new year, expressed hope for greater progress and development across the country.  
  
I also used the opportunity to urge President Tinubu to channel more dividends of democracy to Kano State, emphasising its status as one of Nigeria’s most populous and economically significant states.  
  
I also reaffirmed our commitment to working closely with the Federal Government to ensure that Kano residents benefit fully from governance, particularly in the areas of infrastructure, education, healthcare, and economic opportunities.  
  
Thereafter, we joined our colleague, H.E Dapo Abiodun of Ogun State at a special new year lunch he hosted.  
  
We thank Governor Abiodun for his warm hospitality. – AKY

21.

In line with the standard appropriation plan, I assented into law the budgetary allocation for the 2025 fiscal year in the sum of N719, 755,417, 663.  
  
Of the total budget size, the sum of N262, 670,660,562.68, representing 36 percent is dedicated to recurrent expenditure, while the cumulative sum of N457, 804,757,100.32 which stands at 64 percent is appropriated on capital expenditure.  
  
The Budget of Hope, Human Capital and Economic Development renews our pledge to stimulate economic growth, quality education and functional healthcare development, among other top priorities in the 2025 budget.  
  
We also plan to dedicate a substantial allocation to social welfare and poverty alleviation through series of empowerment initiatives in the year 2025.  
  
Our government is also committed to deliver quality healthcare services, agricultural growth and social welfare. We shall implement the plan to build a prosperous and inclusive development in Kano in the next twelve months. – AKY

22.

We welcomed 150 beneficiaries of the Kano State foreign postgraduate scholarship programme, whom are back in Kano after completing their master’s degree program in India.  
  
The beneficiaries represent a diverse group of institutions, with 150 graduating from Sharda University, India, as part of 420 first class holders whom are sponsored by Kano state government under the 1001 foriegn postgraduate scholarship scheme.  
  
Apart from the 150 graduates from Sharda University, there are 98 from Mewar University, 58 from Symbiosis University, 30 from Kalinga University, 29 from SR University, 23 from Swarnim University, and 33 from the Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU), among others.  
  
In a reception held at the Government House, I commended the students for their hard work, dedication and outstanding performance, noting that the foreign scholarship programme is a cornerstone of our administration’s vision for human capital development.  
  
I also announced automatic employment for graduates in engineering, medicine, pharmaceutical, and other health-related fields.  
  
This move underscores our administration’s commitment to addressing the shortage of skilled healthcare professionals, and improving the state’s healthcare system and infrastructure development. – AKY

23.

Today, I joined the loved ones and associates of His Excellency, Governor Umar Namadi of Jigawa State for the burial of his dear mother, Hajiya Maryam Namadi Umar, in Kafin Hausa Town.  
  
May the Almighty Allah grant her Jannatul Firdaus. Ameen. – AKY