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**THE ACTIVITIES OF CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF
NIGERIA (C.A.N) (A CASE STUDY OF THEIR RELIGION
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Say: "Truly my prayer and my services of sacrifice, my life and death are (all) for Allah the cherisher of the worlds".

Surah An'am
6:162.

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In His Name (Allah), I start for He says “is there any reward for good other than good” Surah Rahman 55.60. He also says “And remember! Your Lord caused to be declared (publicly) if you are grateful I will add more (favours) to you; But if you show ingratitude, truly punishment is severe indeed”. Surah Ibrahim 14.7.

More so, the prophet (S.A.W) buttressed the above declarations, by saying that “He who does not thank people, does not thank Allah” Musnad Ahmad bin Hambal, Abu-Dawud and Tirmidhi, authenticated by Albani in his Silsilatul Ahadith As – sahihah.

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CHAPTER ONE

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Praise be to Allah, the most merciful, the Holy sovereign as well as guardian of faith, and the exalt in might. He is the master of the day of judgement. He sent Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) with His message (Islamic religion) as a teacher, convener of his message and His mercy upon all human beings.

1.1 BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY:

Allah (S.W.T) sent Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) with the religion of Islam as a complete way of life of humanity. It is the process conveying this great message. Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) spent His life preaching, teaching and also fighting wars against the unbelievers who are disdainful and arrogant.

Successfully, the prophet (S.A.W) established an Islamic state. Immediately after the death of the Prophet (S.A,W), his Sahaba, under the leadership of the four rightly guided caliphs, continued with this mighty job. It is through efforts Islam entered Africa including Hausa land. But due to the absence revivalists and preachers, Islam was adulterated with innovations and some other religions practices which include Christianity, as a religion being practiced in every northern states of Nigeria is one amongst the most largest religion in the whole Nigeria after our religion (Islam).

Moreover, there're quiet a number of Christians in Kebbi state that are practicing the religion of Christianity and always thinking and

trying to propagate their religion in a systematic ways, which includes their meetings the do holds every now and then and thought their various worshipping destinations and even through the media. These, had brought backwardness in the religion of Islam which is already made for the purpose of propagation.

Being the religion of Islam always at its peals, that's why Allah (S.W.T) laid it a foundation on the basis of knowledge and propagating and calling or preaching to the religion. And the religion of Islam is the religion that is calling people upon guidance and the straight path of the prophet Muhammad (S.A.W). That's why Allah (S.W.T) has mentioned in the Glorious Qur'an telling and commanding the prophet (S.A.W) to call people upon the religion of Islam.

“Invite (all) to the way of your lord with wisdom and beautiful preaching and urge them in ways that are the best”¹

And to those who are against the Prophet and always disbelieving him and his calling towards the religion of Allah, Allah says:-

“And fight them on until there is no more persecution and the religion becomes Allah in it's entity”²

1.2 SCOPE AND LIMITATION:

The research is about the activity of Christian association of Nigeria (C.A.N), their activities religion and political activities.

Therefore, it is strictly going to function on it, with regards of these a brief history of Christian association of Nigeria (C.A.N) will be given together with their aims and objectives.³

1.3 SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY:

This work will serve as a source of awareness or knowledge on how the Christian activities or association of Nigeria are in existence. Therefore, according to my verification and understanding, there has never been a copy of these sort of little research or written work done by anyone. So, if this is the case, this research will serve as a source of information for anyone that will conduct a research concerning the activities of C.A.N, likewise, it will also serve as an guide for those who want to know about C.A.N.⁴

1.4 STATEMENT OF THE RESEARCH PROBLEMS:

Like any other research, the researcher is likely to encounter some problems. Such problems may include time factor as this not the only problem to be faced by the researcher. For instance, the researcher may be engage in other academic works such as class lectures, writing assessments, examinations, and so on. This coupled with the limited time given which are all considered as problems.

The research would face some financial problems as the scholarship can not take care of the whole expenses which would include photocopy of materials, typing and binding.

Lastly, most of the data to be gathered is through the internet and some other material and also through interviewing those who are well versed on the research topic.

1.5 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

The aims and objectives is to improve to people on how the activities of Christian association of Nigeria (C.A.N) is undergoing in so many of the Muslim state and Islam, such that we should which of the two religions to the true way to salvation and adhere, to it strictly and also to know the myth and falsehood contained there in, if any.

Apart from these, there are some specific aims and objectives to the research work which include:

1. To enable one to know more about his religion and abide by the decorum, or otherwise.
2. To help one in the evaluation of truth.
3. It is these a very effective tool of Hikmah (wisdom) in Da'awah (call to the way of Allah).
4. To help one understand other people's ways of life, and the different opinions they uphold.
5. Understand the disparities within other religion and thereby leads to nature respect and peaceful co-existence.

1.6 METHODOLOGY

This research would be carried out through the usage of primary sources, like internet and books, the research would also be carried out by using the two scriptures i.e. Qur'an and bible. Other written

materials, like articles, magazines, journals and other related works, found in the libraries would be considered In this research. Therefore, will only be carried out using internet and other written materials.⁵

1.7 STRUCTURE

The research work is divided into four chapters; chapter one all the preliminaries such as background, scope and limitation, significance of study, statement of research problems, aims and objectives, methodology, structure as well as literature reviews.

Chapter two discusses the history of C.A.N, their formation and aims and objectives and also their secret agenda.

Chapter three consist of C.A.N agenda in Kebbi State discovered, Christian religion political activities in Kebbi, CAN religion political chauvism and also a brief review of religions politicking of C.A.N and C.A.N versus Shari'ah.

Chapter four highlights the C.A.N dozens of protest, Qur'an and three Christian casualties, summary and them conclusion.

1.8 LITRERITURE REVIEW.

Indeed there are some works carried out by various authors that discussed the activities of Christian association of Nigeria which really shows the relevance to the same topic or research, this would no doubt assist to view relevant information contained in these works among them are:

The book titled “Nigerian crisis” this work highlighted some issues that talked about the Nigerian religious situation.

A book titled. “Christian Associations of Nigeria”.

A book titled. “Anatomy of Bible” the main aim of writing this book, according to another is to enable him identify, and discover the authenticity of the Qur’an and the Bible. He said and I quote: “in the course of my studies, I discovered that Bible is full of contractions, interpolations, obscurities and myths legends and written by some unknown authors who are neither men of God nor Holy Prophet.

A book titled. “Comparative religion; the texture of the glorious Qur’an and the Bible” a lot of things about comparative religion were discussed in this book, like the divinity, son ship and crucifixion of Jesus (P.B.U.H) in addition to author.

A book title “the teachings of Jesus on five pillars of Islam, the book was written, as a reply and rejoinder to a book “Who is Allah” by G. Moshey. Although the book/materials stated above are not in any way pointing directly to the stipulated topic of this research, but are relevant and still very useful in carrying out or making this research.

END NOTE.

1. Qur'an 3:
2. Qur'an 5:
3. Ibid p.40
4. A.M Gumi, op. cit. p91.

CHAPTER TWO

2.0 INTRODUCTION

In the name of Allah most gracious most merciful, Praise be to Allah cherisher and sustainer of the world. Peace and blessings of Allah be upon seal of the prophet and the leader of the messenger Muhammad (S.A.W) his family and his companions.

The project is attained to discuss the hostile relationship between Christian and Muslims in these northern states in particular and Nigerian in general. A situation which calls for prompts arrest. Throughout it's history of revelation and spread, Islam as a religion has always been enjoyed omnipotent inspire to ensure cordiality and a tolerant relationship with members at other sister religions. Notably Judaism and Christianity. Hence, both Jews and Christians referred to, in the holy Qur'an as "the people of the books" i.e who had received the revealed religions.

Allah says regarding all the religions brought by his prophets as one and same:

(a) "He hath ordained for you that religion which commanded unto Noah and that which He inspire three (Muhammad) and that which commanded unto Abraham and Moses and Jesus, saying: Establish the religion and be not divided therein." (Qur'an 42:13)¹

(b) "Say (oh Muslims): We believe in Allah and which is revealed unto us and that which was revealed unto Abraham and Isma'el and Ishaq and Jacob and the tribes

and Jesus received and that which the prophets received from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them and unto Him we have surrender”.

(Qur'an 2:136)²

Notwithstanding and for the purpose of upholding the tenets and dictates of Muslims conscience of religious belief, I felt its duty bound to discuss this issue in the light of some publications whose contents for intentions and indications are meant to under mind the cordial relation that should have otherwise existed between muslims and members of other religion especially Christians who came next in terms of population to Muslims in Nigeria.

Religious tension in Nigeria has in the recent past become sense of serious concern for all appropriates quarters. Reckless utterances motivated by ill counseling that emanates from some religious personalities and organization (Christian association of Nigeria) in Nigeria are moving vehicles that sparks off emotional religious tension which do not render any desirable service to any religion or society.

The little but important project is divided into four chapters.

The first chapter deals with a brief history of Christian association of Nigeria (CAN), the aims and objectives of CAN, the origin of Christian religion – political activities in Nigeria and the secrets agenda of CAN. In the second chapter, the project concerns itself with a brief review of Christian association of Nigeria (CAN) religion politicking, government appointment in subsequent government of Nigeria which CAN saw as reflecting religious affinities

and some Qur'anic ridiculing casualties. The third chapter is basically on the CAN versus shari'ah controversy and critics of shari'ah. While the fourth chapter deals with CAN protests against Muslims and anything that symbolized the religion of Islam.

2.1 BRIEF HISTORY OF C.A.N

Since independence of Nigeria in 1960 up to 1977, the only registered religious organization (association) that came into history was Jama'atu Nasril Islam (J.N.I). This association came into existence in 1962. But at the end of seventies, there emerged many religious organizations of both Islamic and Christian religions. In 1978 an Islamic an Islamic organization known as Jama'atul Izzatun Bid'atun wa Iqamatus Sunnah was found with its headquarters at Jos. The most fundamental aims and objectives of this organization were:

- (i) To promote the fundamental teachings of Islam as laid down in the holy Qur'an and teachings of the ahadith of Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W)
- (ii) To fight against all the innovations (bid'at) introduced in both religious and social norms by people and foster the Sunnah.
- (iii) To establish and promote a better and closer understanding among Muslims of all works of life and in all parts of the country and to unite them.

No sooner, this organization had been born and a new chapter begun in the history of Islam in Nigeria. The activities of this religious organization (JIBWIS) was so effective all over the country. It is a well

organized religious association, with executives and members in every states and local government. The scholars of this association made it a duty bound upon themselves to preach of their religious activities, many Muslims became conscious about their religion and many Christian including pastors and Reverend were converted to Islam.

2.2 THE FORMATION OF C.A.N

Christians and their leaders of different churches denomination of Nigeria felt the impact of Muslim religious activities in Nigeria. The leaders became jealous about it. Moreover, the Christian church leaders thought that the Muslim have dominated the political sphere of this country. As a result of this, the church leaders from different sects decided in 1978 to come together, forget their religious association which would check the activities of Muslims in the country and would promote and protect Christian interest.

In April, 1979 a meeting of all church leaders from different Christian dominations was held at Ibadan. More than hundred church leaders of different denomination attended this meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to unite all Christians regardless of their differences and face the Muslims religion political activities to achieve this; they (Christian) most form an association. This many names were proposed to the association of Nigeria. At last the association was named as CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (CAN).

It was also during the Ibadan meeting that the following officials of CAN were elected as caretakers but later became the confirmed officials:

- (1) President: Archbishop Dr. Olubunmi Okojie
- (2) V. President: Late Buba Aladura Jacob
- (3) Secretary General: Rev. Father J.A Odetoyo
- (4) Press Secretary: Rev. Father Osu
- (5) Finance Secretary: Rev. Dr. Idahosa

In 1980, another meeting of the association was held, this time at Jos. It was there that, the idea of forming C.A.N northern wing initiated and formed. Archbishop P.Y Jatau was entrusted with the chairmanship of CAN northern states. It was also at Jos meeting that all individual northern states were instructed to elect their officials at the state levels and were also instructed to check all the activities Muslims in their respective state, while every metropolis should be submitted to the CAN executive northern wing. Kaduna was the first state to elect its officials, in which bishop T.E Osbon Yomi was elected as the chairman of CAN Kaduna state.

The Christian association of Nigeria was not registered as religious association by federal government until during Babangida's regime in a 1986. Immediately the association was registered, it intensified its activities of the Christian association of Nigeria (CAN) openly plunged headlong into politics, ostensibly to protect Christianity and fight for the right of the Christians who CAN leaders claimed, are

being dominated by Muslims particularly the Hausa-fulani class. This development marked a new area of political rivalries by using religion sentiments in Nigeria. This was proved right by the better verbal exchanges between highly placed Muslims and highly placed Christians. For example, late Sheikh Abubakar Mahmud Gumi has asserted in one of his preaching that a Muslim minister promptly replied that Nigeria would burn if should such an event happen.

2.3 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF C.A.N

The aims and objectives of Christian association of Nigeria are as follows:

- (i) To promote and enhance the fundamental teachings of Jesus Christ as laid down in the bible.
- (i) To unite all the Christians of Nigeria irrespective of differences in Christian domination
- (III) To establish and promote a better and closer understanding among all Christians.
- (iv) To guard and protect Christian in all sphere of life, be it politics, religion and economic at all cost without any option for compromise.
- (v) To provide religion political and socio-economic security and encouragement by all Muslims.
- (vi) To revive in the minds of the Christ followers the actual duties of true Christian as are required of them by God.

These aims and objectives of CAN enumerated above were only laid down on paper in order to win registration act from the federal government in which they were successful. But actually the Christian association of Nigeria had many secret agendas against Muslims and Islam. This truth could be clearly seen by observing C.A.N activities throughout the federation. To bring this fact clearly one should read books titled 'Battle for Nigeria' the cross and the crescent by Rev. Father J.A Odo

2.4 THE SECRETS AGENDERS OF C.A.N:

Furthermore, the leaders of Christian association of Nigeria, for years have been using their agents in the Nigerian postal's services to block all correspondences related to Islam these correspondences could be either from or to any Muslims country, especially those correspondences addressed in Arabic writings. Four good years now correspondences related to Islam sent to or from Saudi Arabia, Iran. Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Jordan and other world wild Islamic organization were not been received. According to the horses mouth, the Christian association of Nigerian (C.A.N) had dominated the postal services of Nigeria and in almost each of the city Post offices, CAN has agents to run its activities.

To confirm then this fat, if you are one of the recipient of Islamic Book and magazine from any Muslim county how long now have you not been receiving any Muslim country, how long now have you not been receiving any.

The Christian associate of Nigeria involve in this dirty activity, thinking that big so doing, the effort of Muslim in the process of establishment of shari'ah in Nigeria will be properly checked off and crippled.

In this regard, the Christian association of Nigeria in particular and the Christian all-over the world in general, should know that, God the Most High, has ordained that, Islamic religion would over-shadow every religion on earth. To this effect God has says:

“It is He who has sent His messenger with guidance and the religion of truth, that He may prodain it over all religion, even though the association may detest (it) (Q 61:9)³.

Within decades the above promise became true Islam prevailed. The two super power of the day the, the Persia and the Roman empires crumpled at the hands of the Muslims. And for centuries the power of Islam predominated from the Atlantic to the Pacific. I am sorry to say, the Muslim are in the doldrums today. But fear not, the world of Islam is sup riving and arising. there is hope to dominate the world again. The superpower of today (America) and its allies will Insha-Allah (by the grace of God) crumple at the hands of the Muslims. In fact, there is hope. Even non-Muslims visionaries in the west have predicted it destiny to be in the skies.

“Africa is a field for all religion, but the religion which the African will cept is religion which best suits his needs: and that religion,

everyone who has a right to speak on the subject says is Islam”.

“The shape of things to come” H.G Wells⁴.

“If any religion has a chance of conquering England, nay Europe within the next hounred years, that religion is Islam”.

George Bernard Sahw⁵

Without any trouble on the part of the Muslim, we are told by the westerners themselves that Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world today. I hope, this pleasant news does hill us into emporia. The promise of God is true, the destiny is there, only a little exertion is required on our part. Allah can transform nations and people by His own will, but Dee (Religion) by personal self-sacrifice and effort making. To be an effective soldier in this battle, please arm yourself with John 16:7, 16:13, 15:26 and 14:16 in one or more language and watch how Allah fills you with more knowledge. It is one destiny to master, supersed and bulldoze every ISM, never mind how much the unbeliever maybe averse to the message or Islam.

(1) *“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is expedient for you that I go away; for if go not away, the comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you”⁶.*

C.A.N AGENT TO HIJACK THE VICE CHANCELORSHIP OF
NORTHERN UNIVERSITY

The race for the university of Maiduguri vice-chancellorship shows the irony tower is not immured to the religious bigotry of partism politics. The web of intriaves being moven by agents of primordial interest to corner for themselves the leadership of some tertiary institutions of the country, if it is realized, the educational sector will not only in disarray out the whole country will be plunged into chaos.

Investigations reveal that there is a C.A.N agenda, unwilling to hijack the vice-chancellorship of Northern university of Northern university by activity of the Christian Association of Nigeria, CAN. And none other than the minister of education, Dr Iyorechia Ayu indication are life that Ayu is bell-bent to ovefoist a less qualifies candidate on the leadership of the university of Maiduguri. This contenders for the chancellorship area professor Emmanuel Gadzanna and Idris Abdulqadir, former secretary of the Nigerian university commission, NUC. Seeing that Gadzama Ayus favored candidate will not make the coveted seat, criteria hore-up his chances. The new yard-stick include:

- (a) A candidate should be an office holder in university
- (b) He should have edited some journals
- (c) Must have been a council member
- (d) And must have member been a Dean/Director/Provost or have held the post of or either acted for Vice-chancellorship

(2) *“Howbeit when he, the spirit of truth is come, will guide you into all truth! For he*

shall not speak from himself but what so ever he shall hear that shall he speak.

John 16:13⁷

(3) "But when the comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the father, even the spirit of truth, which proceeded from the father, he shall testify of me".

John 15:26⁸

(4) "And I will pray the father and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever".

John 14:16⁹

It is good for every Muslim to memorized and master these four verses of st. John from the New testament, which stand as and evidence about the coming of Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) should in case of any challenges from the Christian from the Christians. Most of the Christians are ignorant about these verses while some especially the clergies among them (Christians) have known the fact about these verses and others, but due to their selfish interest and desire deny the truth concerning the actual meaning of these verses.

The emphasis here is on the word "ANOTHER" and other, a different one and additional one, but of the same kind, yet distinctly different from the first, who is then the first comforter? The Christian world unanimous that in this case the speak himself-Jesus Christ (PBUH) is the first comforter then the other, the one to follow must be of live nature, subject to the same conditions of hunger.

However, all these marks were awarded and they are areas, where professors Danial Gadzana had an upper-hand. Professor Idris Abdulkadir was leading when the normal selection process was employed that Gadzama got the lead when the above mentioned yard-sticks were padded into selection process. After the manoeuvrings, professor Gadzama polled 84 points as against Abdulkadir's 77 points a slim lead of 7 points, notwithstanding the back-door tactics employed. The consensus of respondents hotline spoke to were unanimous in submitting that Abdulkadir, who has 70 publications to his name, thus dwarfing s the 40 that a prospective vice-chancellor is supposed to meet, and in addition was the secretary to NUC, in a better stead to head the university of Maiduguri, seeing that he is not only an academic but a seasoned administrator.

It is however, argued that much as Ayu would want to have his man at the UNIMAID helm of affairs he can only have his say, the final arbiter is the Provisional Ruling Council (PRC). These optimists point reading to the Bayero university Kano (BUK), election between professor Munzali Ibrin and Sani Zaharadin. According to them Zaharadin, when the games of the two men were submitting for verification. Zaharadin was subsequently chosen as the Vice-chancellor. They pray PRC will hear the voice of reason and rightly reverse the same election that took place and return professor Idris Abdulkadir as the V.C of UNIMAID.

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CHAPTER THREE

3.1 CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (C.A.N) AGENDA IN KEBBI STATE DISCOVERED

On 11th November 1993 another historical event was discovered, when general Sani Abacha unceremoniously task-over the leadership of this country. Within three weeks he posted army and police officers to take over the administration of the country states of Nigeria Colonel Tunde Salihu Bello was posted to Kebbi state, as Sole Administration.

Though claiming to be a Muslim Colonel Tunde's government is been teleguided by the Christian Association of Nigeria. CAN recently the state administrator has employed self style effort to turn Kebbi state as a Christian stte while having full knowledge that Kebbi state have 99% Muslim population. In short the activities of the site administrator in the state has indicated that, he is teleguided by CAN. Investigation revealed that colonel Tunde has concluded to:

- Building a Church in the government house
- To establish Christian pilgrims board
- Employ bible (christain) teachers in every primary and secondary school.

The idea of building church in the government house was initiated by the Sole administrator himself his agenda was made cleared at the government house when he declared that it is not justifiable to have a beautiful mosque at the government house while no church was built, his selfish excuse was that what if a Christian governor was posted to

Kebbi state. this has graved to us that the sole administrator has a hidden agenda to turn Kebbi state as a covertly Christian church, if this is not true, why should the administrator concern himself with building church in the government house. As far as he is a Muslim he should not do so because the idea is un-Islamic. The sole administrator should wait, until when Christian government/sole administrator is sent to the state in which the idea of building church in the government house may possibly arise.

Moreover colonel Tunde should know that building mosque in the government house is guide different from erecting a church. If church is erected in government house, that is means, at every Sunday the Christians from various quarters in the town would rush to cause in Christianity there no provision for an individual to go to the church and serve without a church leader moreover, the sole administrator is not a pastor or reverend father who can head the church.

Also, the sole administrator should know that if church is build in the government house, that has provided Christians with an opportunity of going to government house for service even if the government does not belong to the Christian faith and if any effort is made to stop them, it would lead to harmony.

On establish Christian pilgrims board, the sole administrator has already set the ball on play. Philip Dabo director general in the state and a dedicated Christian from Zuru local government have already sent to middle-east for feasibility studies to enable the christian

pilgrims board take off. And he also ordered the introduction of school fees for every students at secondary school, that he has done it intentionally, with full knowledge that the programme still effect muslim most.

ADVICE

Our emirs which include that of Gwandu, Argungu, Yauri and Zuru should vehemently reject all these programmes introduced by the sole administrator. The emirs report him to the head of state general Sani Abachafor his immediate change. If the emirs refuse to take any action on the activities of this sole administrator one day he will turn against them and install Christian on their throne.

State elders council should be formed in order to cheer the secrete agenda of this sole administrator this council of elders will include, retired army officers, police officers, civil servant, Islamic scholars and prominent business individuals allowed the state.

In short immediate action should be crush and crippled, the sole administrator ideology of transforming Muslim state to a Christian state investigation has revealed that this appointment as a sole administrator of this state was largely responsible of some Christian senior army officers from one area of the state, therefore their invest many top officials of CAN are now teleguiding his towards the administration of this state. I am sure that this activities, if not properly checked and arrested every Muslim in the state would start feeling the impact of his administration.

3.2 CHRISTIAN RELIGION-POLITICAL ACTIVITIES IN KEBBI.

The Christian do not care any more to live in conformity with what their religion originally taught instead they choose what they want first and then formulate the necessary laws to justify it. This was how the original revelations in the religion suffered many important modification in the past. Leading to the mix-up and erosion of values which one easily observed at present. The general principles of the church today have become too loosed to be a source of moral restraints or true spiritual guidance.

Against this background, one easily understand the source of religion-political and social conflicts which have often on sin in Nigeria in recent years, especially between Christian and Muslims such s problem began from time when the Muslim caliphate was conquered by British colonial forces at the two of the century. This was sheen Christianity was made the state religion in Nigeria and all the official policies by government were arranged in accordance with Christianity.

The European colonialist who come to Africa and other lands might have had other motives than evangelist, but they were under not fully colonial about Christian faith and the superiority of the European culture.

Various measure were, therefore, taken by the colonial administration to encourage the people to adopt the European lifestyle, including European beliefs and form of worship. Those who embraced Christianity were given a special welcome and made to believe that they had done the most natural and perfect thing by

becoming Christian. The idea was emphasized that being a Christian was next to being a white man who was considered to be highest reference in the culture of civilization.

The English language was imposed as the official language in the country for better control and its cultural effect in the long term. It was also made the language of teaching in schools of the missionaries with the full support of the colonial government large official grants were made available to them under various guises to establish schools which were used in the propagation of Christianity and in order to attract Christians. The idea was eventually established in the mind of the people that to be educated in the western schools one had to be Europeanized and likely to be Christianized.

This subsequently created the bias against the schools among large sections of our people which in turn resulted in the educational imbalance between Christians and Muslim areas still noticeable in the country today.

Unfortunately, this fear and bias brought into the country by the colonialists, it also became apparent to them that the Muslim areas were united against them in matters of ideology and culture from the outset, the only way colonial rule could succeed therefore, was to undermine those Muslim states while working to promote Christian interests. This was when the policy of "indirect rule" found second justifications in the north. Any emir who refused to be a stooge was promptly removed and replaced by someone more friendly to the administration. The arrangement went smoothly for the colonial masters, who discovered

they could manipulate the people for more effective than they would ever hope to do, if they themselves rule directly.

However, all this had to come to an end once independence was achieved much damage had been done before then, of course some of it beyond repair for many years to come.

The damage were even more profound in the case of Muslims from the northern part of the country, because there had traditionally been fewer people who attended the water-oriented schools under colonialism the north has often been left out in the country affairs this way in spite of its size and population there was a time when the entire senior staff of northern origin, both in the federal and private employment were less than the roll-call from one local authority in the south.

But now all that have change the Muslims have full representative in religious-political program of this country particularly in the north, hence the position from those Christian who has gained reputation from the former arrangement, who would ward to maintain the old order at all cost. Some would rather throw this country into crisis than allow the Muslim dominate the religious-political activities in the country.

3.3 CAN RELIGIO-POLITICAL CHAUVISM

As regard the religio-political chauvism and fundamentalism now culminating among the Christians in Nigeria, it was ignited by the militants oriented Christian Association of Nigeria in around mid seventies covertly lusted by foreign influence, it might be recalled

that Christians in Northern Nigeria among who this silent movement sparked were some few decades ago basically animists and pagans and after conversion into Christianity they remained unreconciled with pocket of a countable families but when the choice of the military cum-political leadership of this country of course not an account of any religion consideration fell on one of them, i.e. the retired general Yakubu Gowon to their surprise it built in them sense of confidence and relief of inferiority complex those complexes were generated out of numerous causes which could mainly be summarized as follows:

- Complex of being minority aids the predominantly Muslim communities
- Lack of an independent separate socio-religious culture. They are engulfed in a society with an Islamic background, hence they have no choice but to adopt norms and practices as of the majority Muslims such as practices of polygamy mode of dress, use of names e.g Audu (Abdullahi, Yakubu, Yusuf, Danjuma, Tanko, Samaila e.t.c. and for families name such as Fatima, Aminatu, Hadiza, Zainabu, Rakkiya, Mero e.t.c.

Sense of victimization in the past by the autocratic nature of the traditional leadership which had prevailed in the North and which they erroneously linked up with Islam through misguided information dissemination to them by the missionaries.

Suspicious arising out of being swallowed up by the surrounding Muslim environments e.t.c but the most important of all was the grounded incitements by some groups or factions in the

country who want to create religious factionism in the north in order to achieved political ambitions.

This group of people quickly penetrates academic sector and educational institutions especially university campuses where they initiated their industrialization exercise and mobilization of Christians through the following organizations.

1. The Christian Fellowship (CF)
2. The Fellowship Society (FS)
3. The Scripture Union (SU)
4. Use of Slogans such as

“I found it” “I am reborn” or “I am horn again. The only option left to us is to asset that the Christian region has from its inception started as a controversial faith. It has lived with that audit will continue as such forever. The general secretary of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) observed in his introductory remark in a book title “LEADERSHIP IN NIGERIA”, that we Christians have been exposed gratitude to God for the works of missionaries who brought us the gospel and mounted our feet on solid ground.

3.4 A BRIEF REVIEW OF RELIGIO-POLITICKING OF CHRISTIANS IN NIGERIA

Although the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) has maintained by virtue of its constitution entity and registered act to be religious, non-profit making organization (in it legal perception) but the books titled “LEADERS IN NIGERIA and BATTLE FOR NIGERIA→

THROSS AND THE CRESCENT” which were sponsored by the Christian Associations of Nigeria have indicated beyond any doubt that its extent is nothing but politics and it is also revealed that extend to which the association is prepared to go in that pursuit at the expense of religious co-existence and establishment of peace in this country, but since to the best of Muslims knowledge, this issue within the realm of religious cold war has been and adequately dealt with by a number of Muslim individuals and organizations through press and other publications. In deem it appropriate to treat only silent topics discussed by the Christians association of Nigeria while trying as much as possible to de-emphasizing religious sympathy and personal influence relaying to a great extend on some Christian sources and information provided by the association my reasons for adopting this are the following:

- a. To try to prove to the association that its approach in dealing with matters concerning its members, their grievance and plight (if any) is wrong and would rather aggravate the situations.
- b. That the very faith and religion it has (the association) set out to allocate per and safe-guard its interest does not in principle corolone such move, as demonstrated by the association in many occasions.

Jesus Christ did discourage his followers to involve themselves too much I any form of political confrontation with national or other prevailing authorities, the advised his disciples to be loyal to the authorities and law abiding when they approach his saying: “Teacher, we know that you are truth and teach the way of God faithfully and

care for no man for you do not regard the position of their (thinking he would advise them to be rebellious against the authority). Tell us then what you think, but Jesus aware of their malice, said in all humility discretion and respect to the authority said, why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Then he said to them.

“Render”

“Render therefore to ceaser the things that are ceaser’s and to god the things that are god’s when they heard it, they marvelde and let him and went away”¹.

This no doubt shows us the decreitive approach that Jesus Christ will take all Christians to take in pursuit at national cum-political issues where controversies arise. If it were Archbishop then would have quickly run to churches and press mobilized mobs to go into senseless demonstration and protest to pressed hypocritical plea and petitions in false defense in the name of Jesus Christ, such fake-self styled peace loving ambassadors should be advised to emulate archbishops Desmond Tutu of the South Africa who because of his son violent and non-trouble inciting approach won the respects and sympathy of all peace, loving people all over the world irrespective of religious affinity as did also by Martin Luther King of USA. He did not come in defense of criminals who have attempted an or act cause the loss of numerous innocent lives, but the intolerant bishop and archbishops, reverends, pastors and terrorists such as Zamani Keknot, James Atomic Kude, Yohana, Koran Kibori, Markus Mamman, Yahaya Duniya, Julius Sarki, Zaman Babo etc. who hae cause the death of thousands innocent muslims at Zangon Kafat.

In the same vein Jesus Christ advised in this love of pacific approaches national or personal issues which are capable of causing disorder. He said "But I say to you do not resist one who is evil but if anyone strikes you on the the cheek, turn to him the other also and if anyone would due you and take you coat, let him have your cleak as well, and if anyone force you to go one mile go with him two miles (Mathew 5:39-43)².

In violation of the above and other moral teaching of Jesus Christ, the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) who took over the activities of Christian European missionaries in words and practice are malting every effort, here in Nigeria to change this Islamic value and replace it with those European patterns of the Judeo-Christians an values.

There was not a single African Muslim country which was left alone to chose its own constitution that conform with the need and institution aliged aspiration of its people colonial masters have constitutionally detect a secularism for all those countries before granting them independence where as countries with Christian ideality while the status of Islam is left in such a very pre carious conditions to prelude any service impact making by Islam.

It is therefore not a matter of confidence when the general secretary of the Christian association of Nigeria (CAN) observed in this introducing remakes in the book entitled "Battle of Nigeria the cross and the crescent" that we (the Christians) have to express gratitude to God for the work of missionaries who brought us the gospel and planted in our feed on solid ground. "However, they

“forget” to transmit this basic truth to us. One they forget to teach us our basic financial responsibilities toward the gospel. Secondly the missionaries did not impact to us the techniques of governance” the secretary of the Christian Association of Nigeria here admits that the Christians missionaries who were the progenies of the Christians colonial administration, have planted their own products on a firm ground before they departed from the continent at least officially after political independence.

But the secretary general ironically lamented that the European Christians missionaries have forgotten to teach the African Christian the techniques of perpetuating total encougous with the existing fact of the prevailing situations in the continent, especially Africa South of the Sahara.

Taking Nigeria which in terms of population is the biggest African country, as a case study we find that the first population census conducted soon after independence was in 1963 and according to the available data the out come of the census on the country’s population identify in terms of religious groupings was as follows:

1. The ancestral and animist workshop 18% (eighteen percent)
2. Christianity 35% (thirty five percent)
3. Islam 47% (forty seven percent)

However, with the availability of this relatively reliable source of information and in spite of the fact that it was only available population

census data provided some on religious groupings. The Christians association of Nigeria has the guts in a naked lie to tell the whole world that Christians in Nigeria are in the majority (see leadership in Nigeria page 25), thirty one years have since passed from the date of conducting the population in the country was by 12% (twelve percent) ahead of that Christians, besides considering the polygamous nature of the prevailing phenomenon among the Muslims as against the monogamous situation of the Christians want to make the whole world believe that Christians are in majority in Nigeria. Nevertheless, with all the information mentioned above no honest Nigerian or non-Nigerian who know the country.

Political history would deny that has always been regarded as the leading religion in the country while admitting at the same time that all administrative, educational, economics, machineries as well as social set ups are in fact on Judeo-Christians systems for instance, out of every seven days i.e. Saturday and Sunday are the Judeo-Christian days for worship, that are set aside as nation-wide work free day. No body would of course argue the fact that the erstwhile colonial administrators did not find this practice in existence when they first came and occupied the country. It is a practice which they imposed inline with the practice in their country of origin whose nationals were predominantly Christians. The purpose of setting those two days as work free day was to satisfy the spiritual aspirations of the colonial administrators while they were here as well as for those who share the same faith with them despite these aspects of justice, equity and respect for the other persons faith which they professed they failed to

recognized the status of Friday which they met was being observed, among the Muslim as week holyday.

In assessing the Nigeria secularism or neutrality as acclaimed on this issue. It is only far to mention that while all countries of the work with predominantly Christian population and/or when Christians are in the majority Saturdays and Sundays are declared work free days. On the other hand all countries of the world with predominantly Muslim population and/or where Muslim are in the majority Friday is set aside as the holy days of the week hence work free day for worship the two groups i.e. Christians and Muslims of course have their aims and objectives realized and aspiration achieved. They have a whole they (work-free) to organized themselves, physically and physiologically without any let or hindrance involving members of their families households and friends in preparation for the religious services.

This no doubt, contributes to a greater extend in facilitating the up bringing of both Christians and Muslims families, spiritually. Now here does the Nigerians neutrality or secularism therefore stands since the status of Friday remains still un-recognized.

Secondly, coming to the level of the state and parastatal institutions and administrative machineries Christian representation has been tremendously well consolidated, its feed groundedly panted while Islam representation is designated with camouflage figures head position which dome times falls into preys of becoming a scope

goal(s) of pranchulent deles, malpractices, deliberate mismanagement and undermining.

It is pertinent at this juncture to observed that the Christian Association of Nigeria is disilutional in its false claim that Christians are in the majority in Nigeria by the general outlooks of the composition of civil servants in Nigeria, which represents approximately 7% (seven percent) of the Nigeria population out of which only 2.5 are Muslims.

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CHAPTER FOUR

4.1 CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA: DOZENS OF PROTESTS

The Christian association of Nigeria (CAN) is indeed an admirable association where main purpose is to harmonise and coordinate Christian worship in the country. But not until when the association suddenly divided from its traditional role in making religious harmony that they venture into an unnecessary religion-political protest against anything Islamic and Muslims since the time when the Shari'ah issue started during Murtala regime, the Christian association of Nigeria started a new game of protest.

Firstly, the association protested twice against the establishment of federal Shari'ah court of appeal, both during Murtala and Babangida regimes. Secondly C.A.N protested that general Ibrahim Babangida has not missed any opportunity in paying lip-service to the unity of this country and the right of freedom of work ship of Nigerians. C.A.N protested that Ibrahim Babangida (ex-president) has single – handed dragged Nigeria into organisation of Islamic congresses (I.S.C) in an attempt to initiate this nation to the religion of Islam. But the association did not know that Nigerian membership in the organisation of Islamize Nigeria, but rather serve as a forum for discussing Muslims affairs of common interest in the make of domination of countries and people by the European colonial forces. The organisation of Islamic conference was founded on the 23rd July, 1952 by late Abdul-Naseer of Egypt, to serve the very purpose.

Also another blind protest, the association was against what Nigeria has subscribed to the share-holding of the Islamic development Bank (IDB) at 0.32 percent of the total shares.

The association is also not aware that the organisation of Islamic conference and Islamic development Bank both are more of economic and socio-political than purely religions by which the changes levelled against them CAN are vended baseless. The association could have been honest in its as session than superficially relied on speculation.

The Islamic development Bank was established in 1970 with the sole purpose of assisting Muslims and or their countries especially those who fall within the following category:

- a. Countries with the Muslims in majority but under non-muslims leadership.
- b. Countries whose parts or their population are Muslims.
- c. Minority Muslims communities in non-muslims countries.

GIVEN FOR BUILDING MOSQUES: they protested against the constructions of the city's pedestrian's park in a crescent shape in Abuja, which looks as an "Islamic symbol". C.A.N has protests against the construction by the Kaduna State Government of its new government house wall fenced like a dome shape, having an Islamic image. CAN protested to the Kano, Borno, Katsina, Jegawa, Yobe and Sokoto governments that churches are not allowed to spring in the state capitals and some local government headquarters in the same way as mosques are allowed to be erected. They also protested

that the Kano State own radio station and Sokoto state own radio station are not allocating equal and fair air-time for Christian programmes.

The Christian association of Nigeria (Northern wing) has also protested against televising Sheikh Ahmad Deedat debate cassette's in the Nigerian television authority, NTA stations in the country especially that of Kano and Sokoto. Also in 1990, the Northern Muslims invited Sheikh Ahmad Deedat, a South African Muslims scholar nickname by the western media as "the Muslim scholar of the Christian Bible" but refused the permission to enter this country, simply because C.A.N had protested against his coming in spite of the fact that a number of Christians foreign missionaries have been and are still being allowed into the country to perform the same mission which Sheikh Ahmad Deedat wanted to accomplished. What is more surprising was that immediately after Christians were successful in blocking a way for Deedat to enter Nigeria soil, the Christian association of Nigeria (CAN) invited a German evangelist, one reverend Reinhard-Bonue to come to Nigeria and to preach in various part of Northern Nigeria, with special attention to Kano. The Christian association of Nigeria under the leadership of P.T. Jatau used the media widely to advertise this campaign. It posted posters all-over the place which contained provocation to non-christians, particularly Muslims. In those posters and other materials advertising this preaching campaign, it was read "Jesus for all by the year 2000", another one said "the Christian crusader" on Islam and not just for the propagation of Christianity. These written in English, Hausa and

Ajami, surely and visibly the Christian association of Nigeria organise this programme of preaching campaign in order to ignite violent disturbance in the name of religion which is used to get financial aid from abroad.

The Christian association of Nigeria (CAN) has also protested to the federal government for enabling Muslim to collect the ten million Naira, federal government grant for building the national mosques at Abuja, a gesture equally extended to the C.A.N: and also after a mass killing of about 300 Muslims Christian at Zango Kataf in ma, 1992, two tribunals were inaugurated by the federal government and members of the both tribunals consisted muslims and Christians but still CAN protested against the composition of the tribunal members although Justice Okadigbo a Christian was heading the tribunal. More – over, the sentence of General Zamani Leuwot and other leaders to death in cited protest against by Christian association of Nigeria Northern state.

It is constitutional provision that whatever federal parastatals or body sited, workers of graded level six (06) and below are supposed to be recruited from the beneficiary state. But how many parastatals observe or adhere to this law it is our strong conviction not that Christiana the North and the southerners have shows how much interested they're in the federal (religious) character that the federal government should established a body to be know as federal character monitoring direction under the presidency and given the legal power to monitor, collects and enforce the federal character in all federal government organs as well as state and even local

government levels. Their report may be on quarterly basis to tell the nation the existing staff distribution as well as new requirement for that respective quota that way we shall know who is right to protest.

The Christian association of Nigeria know that this is a country of many religious but non Christians have tolerate without complaining and for a long time a Christianity dominated life out year begins with Monday because we rest on Saturday and Sundays when to resting days are accordingly Fridays (Islam) Saturdays (Jews) and Sundays (christians) our hospital bear the sign of the cross, a Christian symbol. While even our legal system is patterned along line with the British common law, which is a deviation of the Christianity.

4.2 QUR'AN AND THE THREE CHRISTIAN CASUALITIES:

Two foremost Nigerian vernacular news paper e.g. Garkiya tafi kobo and Amana a monthly magazines in their February 1990 edition and an intentional Arabic magazine, Al-firng Al-Islamy published in Saudi Arabia in its march 1990 issue have respectively carried two interesting stories said to have occurred in Gongola state in federal republic of Nigeria in 1986 and in December 1989 respectively the stories now as follows:

EPISODE ONE:

In June 1989, in the township of Lankaviri of Gongola state and expatriate European christian missionary by name Reverend Wilbforce reacting to an irritating question raised by member of his audience during a church ordered a copy of the Qur'an to be brought which he promised to set ablaze in order to prove to them that it not

methane a were book. During demonstration he poured some kerosene liquid over the Qur'an and set out to burn it. On igniting the flame of the fire raised instantly and caught up with the hands and face of the reverent who sustain the serious injuries as a result. He was rushed to the nearby missionary hospital. On seeing that the chanting who were hailing their hero leader who had decaled war against Qur'an and releaser, could not believe their yes and out of shock took to their heals. Amidst the uproar that ensured and hailing "good Samaritan" came out of the church building and beat up his cost to match forward to the resource of the drown pastor but unfortunately for him he slipped and fell into drainage also. The two victims were taken to the missionary hospital as having died. Their remains were collected by their relatives and bound on Monday, 1st Jan. 1990, at the Baptist cemetery in Mubi. Many people in the town and settlers of at least three nearby villages were reported to have embraced Islam after the incidence.

EPISODE TWO:

On Sunday, 31st December, 1989, which corresponds to 3rd of Jumada-Akhir, 1410 Hijrah, a christian preacher name pastor Umar Gemu of the 2nd Baptist church in Mubi township also of Gongola State in the federal republic of Nigeria declared during one of his congressional preaching and said: in the name of the lord Jesus Christ (with a copy of Qur'an in his hand) if this so called Qur'an is truly revealed by God as claimed by the Muslims his life which is dearest to him than anything be not spared the rest of the day. Pastor

Gemu had invited irreversible divine wrath which has defiantly befallen him earlier than what he had calculated.

Nevertheless, hardly some few hours had elapsed than the pastor stumbled while making across a bridge contributed over a drainage at the entrance of a church building in the Mubi town and fell to the drainage.

4.3 SUMMARY:

Religious tension in Nigeria has in the recent past become source of serious concern for all appropriate quarters. Reckless utterances motivated by ill-counseling that emanates from religious personalities and organisations in Nigeria are the moving vehicle that sparks off emotional religious conflicts which do not render any desirable service to any religion or society.

However, it is necessary to draw the attention of all concerned to clear point, that Muslims are by injunction of the Qur'an obliged to show utmost respect and love to all the prophets of God including Moses through whom Judaism was founded and Jesus through whom Christianity was founded, (may Allah peace and blessings be upon them all) and I quote:

*(a) "We believe in Allah and that which is revealed unto Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and the tribe and that which the Prophets received from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them and unto them we have surrendered"*¹

Qur'an

(b) "He hath ordained for you that which He commanded unto Noah and that which He inspire in the (Muhammad) and that which commanded unto Abraham and Moses and Jesus, saying: Establish the religion and be not divided I herein"²

Qur'an 42:13

Muslims therefore do recognise the religion revealed to mankind through all those former prophets for the fact that all the religion are in essence one and the same and whose cardinal principles summarily comprise.

1. Belief in the existence of God who should be one with no partner or association whatever.
2. Belief in revelations from this, the only one God with chosen prophets
3. Belief in the occurrence of the day of judgement or resurrection day e.g. in the life hereafter.
4. Belief in the every person will be rewarded of his or her good or bad deeds performed during his or her life time.

With this general background information the Christian association should know that the Qur'an has openly extended cordial invitation to members of Christian and Jewish religious to join hand in the true worship of the only one God who deserves not be associated with any other things or given any partner since He is the only creator of all other things having authority and sovereignty over the control of those things He has created alone. This notion that God should be given a partner must be inconceivable to any sound and just mind.

Allah says in directing members of other religious i quote”

“O people of the scripture Jews and Christians come to and agreement between us and you that we shall worship none but Allah and that we shall ascribed no partner unto him, and that none of us shall take other for lords besides Allah”³

Qur’an 3:64

To bring home these moderate view of Islam versus Christians and members of other religious that Muslims should be exemplary in showing respect to all other religious and their prophets except those who Allah himself has declared enemies because of false claims atrocities committed (The Christians of Nigerian are among the declared enemies because of false claims atrocities they committed).

As a Muslims brothers, i would like to enjoin Muslim youth to be conscious of their religion to use every possible means to defend their religion in case where mere speeches could not solve the problem, the use of blood and iron should be the last alternative.

4.4 CONCLUSION:

The religion – political activities of Christian association of Nigeria is worst enough to muslims. The association activities should be properly checked and monitored by every Muslims. This should be a duty upon the emetine Muslims of Nigeria. As it is now understood that the government could not protect the lives of its muslims citizens against the Christian infidels of Nigeria, we should not be allowed to be cheated again. The massacre of Muslims by Christians at Kafanchan and Zamgon Kataf is a great sign for the Muslims to be

alert and ready for militant action. Thus, the Muslims should not malt for the government anymore in taking action against their enemies in case of any damage. The policy of tit-for-tat should be employed in matters dealing with our faith. It is better we die together and be buried together without enemies (Christian) than to die allow them to be tried in Nigerian court of law.

Furthermore, i would like to enjoin all Muslims to strictly follow the shari'ah in all ratifications of life and then start the campaign for the establishment of the shari'ah in this multi-religious country of ours by ensuring its just and fair application in the court that we have now. The Muslims should first seek to this and emancipate ordinary people of the Islamic faith from the abuses and oppressive practices they suffer in the Alkali and Khadi court, where presently sections of the shari'ah dealing with marriage inheritance and adoption are adjudicated. If they do this and succeed in making these courts just, fair and human in their application of the shari'ah, even those of our fellow countrymen and women who are not Muslims are liking to be attracted to the shari'ah and accept its full application on Muslims signed after all, it is justice and fairness that all human beings want.

The Christian association of Nigeria has for many years, through its representatives in the Nigeria army, given military training to young Christian (boys bridged) in other to prepare them military against Muslims. Many churches have been fenced for this purpose the government have done nothing to check-off this military activities planed by Christian association of Nigeria to destroy our mother country.

All Muslims and Christian all over this country and not in Kebbi state and north Nigeria as whole should think deeply and reflect on the problems of the facts that our country has a large multi-ethnic and multi-religious population and abundant natural resources which make it an elephant on this continent of Africa. These fours about our country make it evitable that the countries of Europe will not sit–down and fold their arm and allow it to realise its full potential on the world stage. They are bound to try and continue manipulating our religious and other political economic affairs to sabotage our unity and progress by all means as they are doing to all weaker countries even to some of their fellow Europeans just in order to enhance their economic wealth, power and dominance in the world.

There should be no doubt in anybody’s mind that if violent conflicts over religious differences the country apart, Nigerians and Christians faith would not gain anything instead gaining they would loss.

Both the muslims and the Christians should know that, the facts of geography and history have chide it in evitable and in escapable that Nigerian Muslims have to together in this country with Nigerian Muslims of different religious faiths.

May Almighty Allah save Muslims and our country may Allah give us the foresight and strength to save Nigeria from those who want to destroy it, may Allah help us to ensure peeve and peaceful conditions by establishing shari’ah in this our country Nigeria! Amen.

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