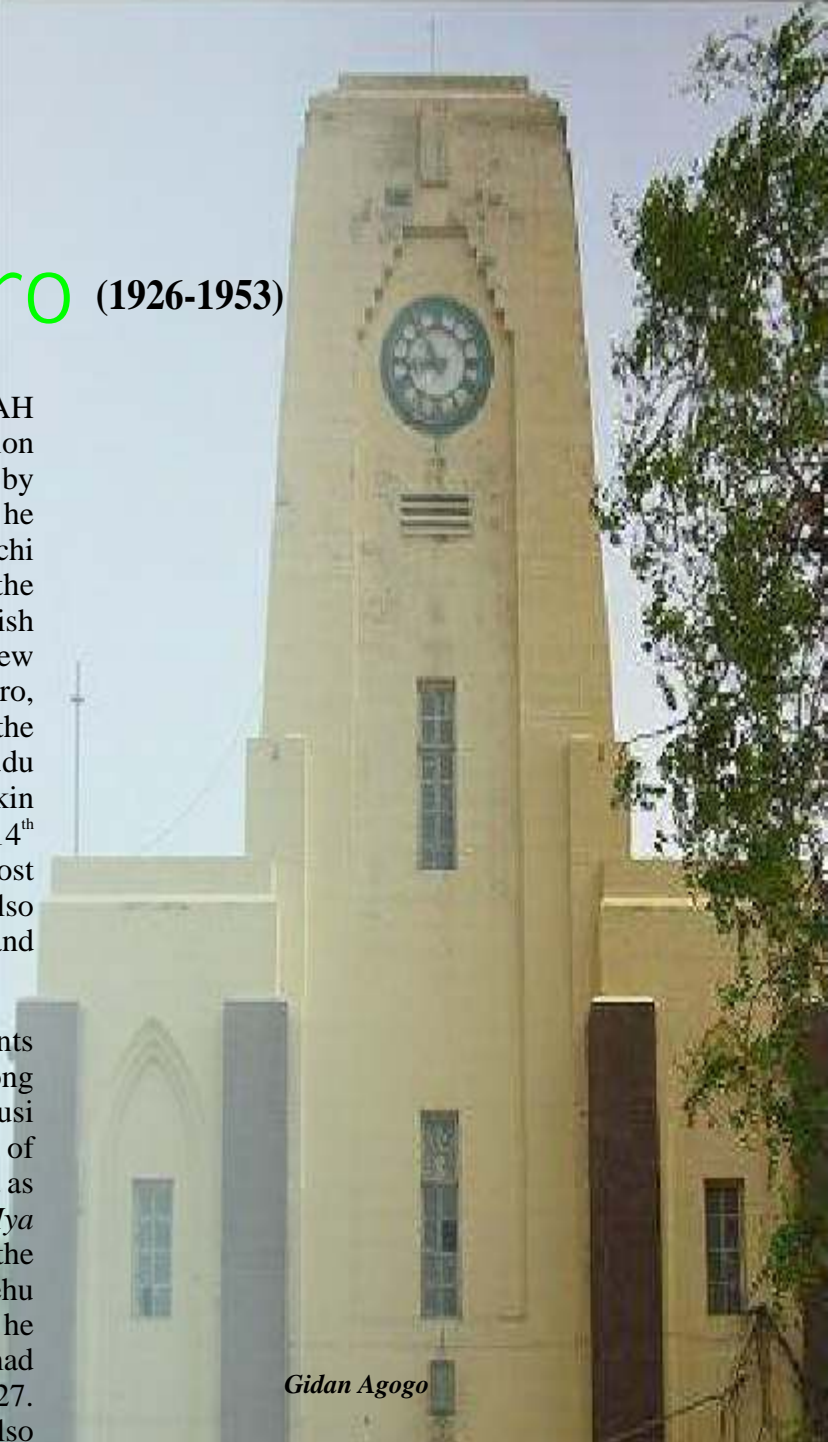


# Sarkin Kano

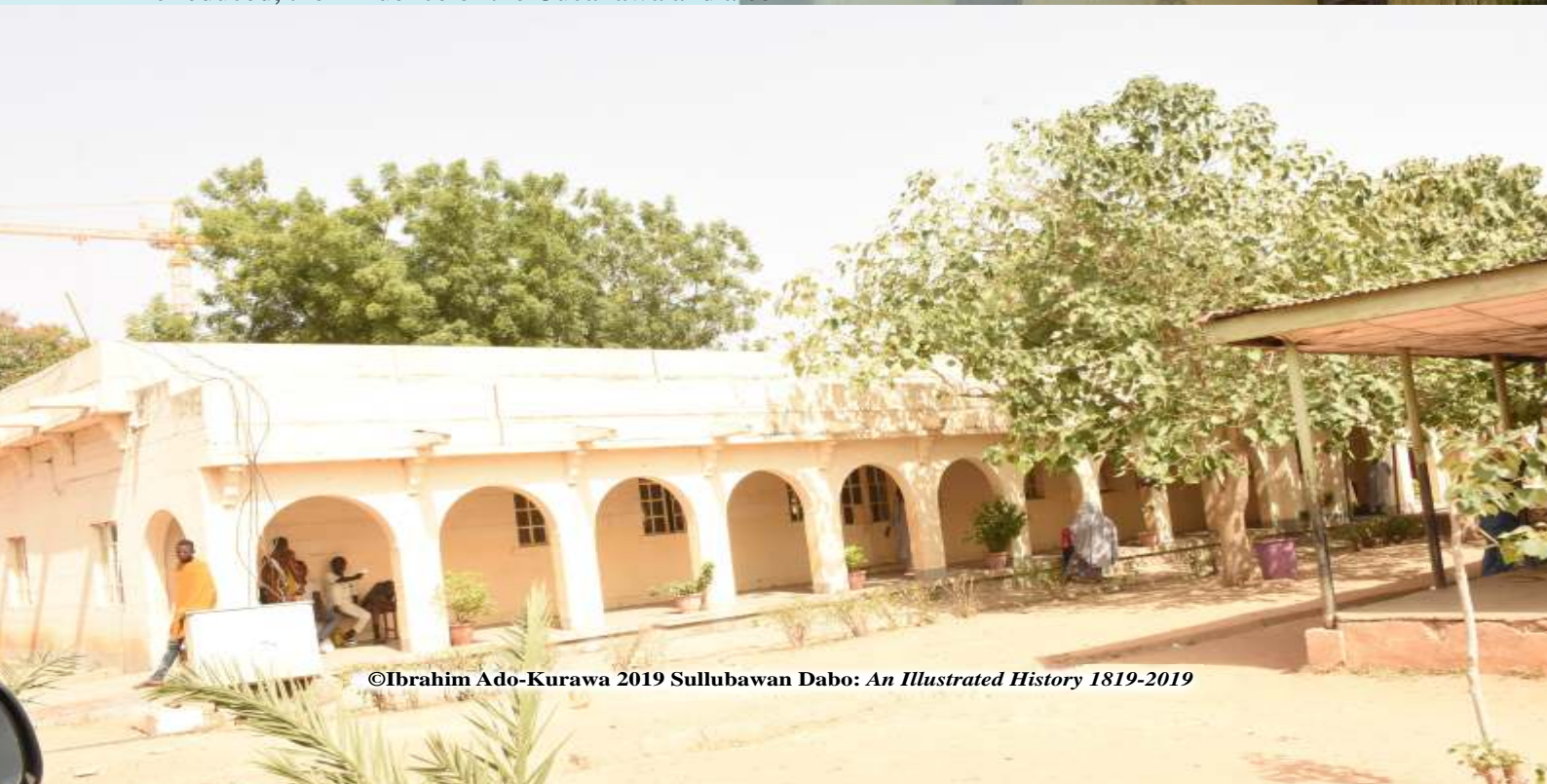
## Abdullahi Bayero (1926-1953)

**A**bdullahi Bayero was born in 1299 AH (1881). He had his early Islamic education at the Sarki's palace and he was guided by the prominent Islamic scholars of the time. While he was the *Ciroma* of Kano and District Head of Bichi he became very closely associated with the prominent Ulama of his time. When the British colonial administrators decided to introduce the new district administrative structure, Abdullahi Bayero, who was then *Ciroma*, was appointed the Head of the Home Districts with Headquarters at Dawakin Kudu and later Panisau in 1914. He was appointed Sarkin Kano in April 1926 and was formally installed on 14<sup>th</sup> February 1927 (Fika 1978: 227). He was the most experienced contender for the Emirship he had also proved that he was honest, efficient, dedicated and upright.

Abdullahi Bayero made several appointments during his long and highly respected reign. Among those he appointed were his sons Muhammad Sanusi whom he appointed *Ciroma* and District Head of Bichi the position he held before his appointment as the Sarki, and Aminu who was appointed *Dan Iya* and District Head of Dawakin Kudu. After the deposition of Muhammad son of Sarkin Kano Shehu Usman from *Turaki* and District Head of Ungogo he appointed his brothers Abdulkadir and Muhammad Inuwa as *Galadima* and *Turaki* respectively in 1927. He reduced, the influence of the Cucanawa and also



Gidan Agogo



freed all other royal slaves, which was in line with the British anti-slavery policy. He also delegated some of his executive responsibilities to his councilors (Fika 1978: 226).

Abdullahi Bayero showed keen interest on Islamic education and he contributed morally and materially towards its development as a result of which Kano had many prominent Islamic scholars during his reign. Some of these scholars include Shehu Muhammad Salga and his students Abubakar Mijinyawa and Umar Falke. He established the Shahuchi Judicial School in 1348 AH (1929), the first of its kind in Nigeria with Shaykh Sulaiman his long time colleague and teacher, who initiated the idea as its first headmaster. The Kano Law School which later became the School for Arabic Studies grew from the Shahuchi Judicial School through the efforts of *Waziri* Gidado who was then the Chief Islamic and Legal Adviser of the Emir.

Abdullahi Bayero was the first Sarki to perform the Hajj hence he is popularly known as Sarki Alhaji. He was accompanied in this journey by his younger brother *Galadima* Abdulkadir and *Ma'aji* Mallam Sulaiman who later became the first *Walin* Kano. It was during this Hajj trip that they first met Shaikh

Ibrahim Niass of Senegal and they accepted him as their Shaykh. After the Hajj, Abdullahi Bayero visited Egypt where he saw many magnificent mosques. When he returned he began the building of the new Kano Mosque, the first of its kind in northern Nigeria and it is still one of the most beautiful Mosques in the area.

He was committed to the commercial and industrial development of Kano, thus he encouraged genuine industrial undertakings for example the establishment of Gwamaja Textile Mills, which was the first modern textile in Nigeria. He also encouraged indigenous individual entrepreneurs such as the highly successful Alhaji Alhassan Dantata. The social service sector was accorded the necessary attention by his Emirate Council.

Towards the end of his reign, NEPU was formed by the following Kano politicians: Abba Maikwaru, Bello Ijumu, Babaliya Manaja, Musa Kaula, Abdulkadir Danjaji, Musa Bida, Magaji Dambatta and Mudi Spikin (Abba 2000: ix). It was a radical political party that challenged the colonial rule and the traditional establishment. But Sarkin Kano Abdullahi Bayero was very cautious. When the NEPU stalwarts were brought

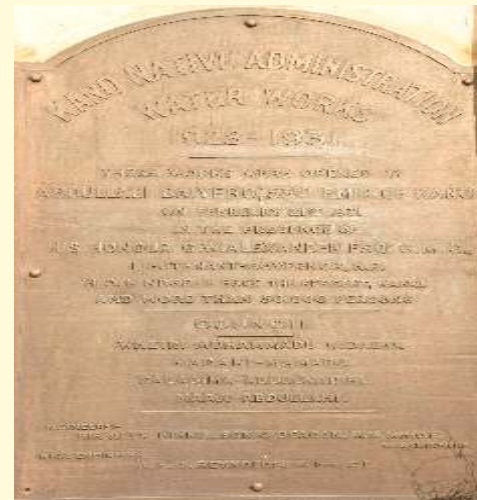




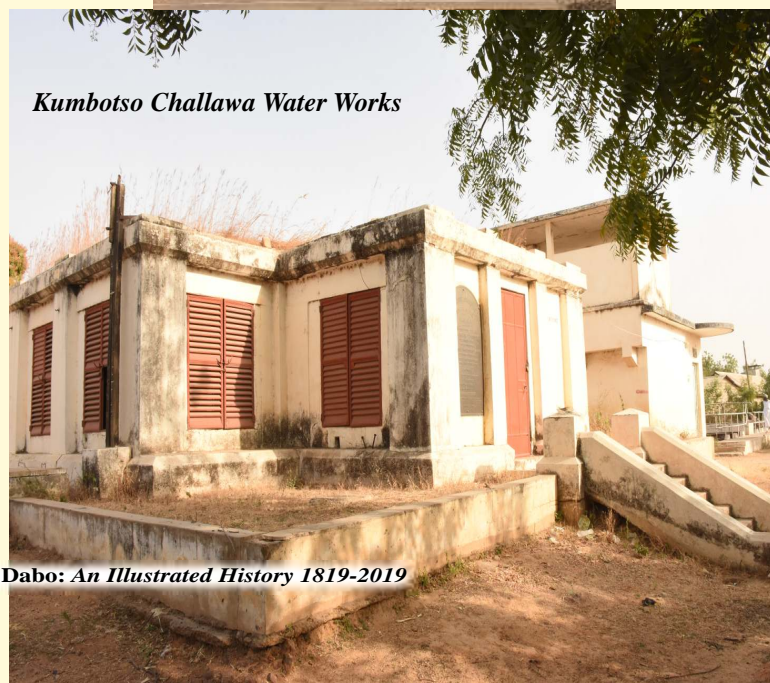
*S.A.S Kano*

to his court for alleged sedition and the palace officials, including Ulama, advised the Emir that they were not Muslims and that they deserved to die, he refused to accept the advice and stated that we must have done something wrong for this young men to challenge us.

Alhaji Abdullahi Bayero never compromised his Islamic convictions despite his progressive ideas (Yahya 1986). He was a man of great simplicity who used to sew his clothes. And he was very caring for his junior staff a good example was the case of Inuwa Nawali in which the Sarki directed one of the ward heads against the wish of the courtiers to ensure that he was given a house and he was eventually given a house at Mandawari quarters where he lived for more than fifty years. He died on Thursday Rabi al-Thani 13, 1373 (December 23 1953).



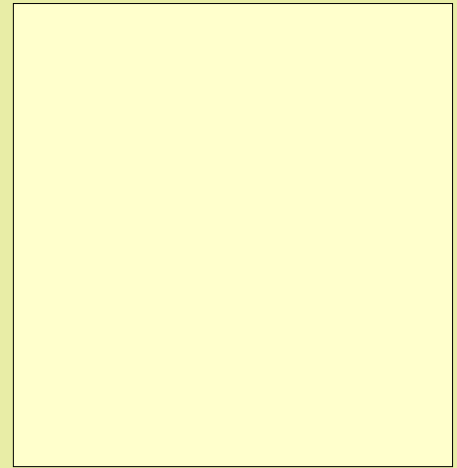
*Kumbotso Challawa Water Works*



# Dan Iyan Kano

## Alhaji Aminu Bayero

He had his Qur'anic education before joining the Shahuchi Judicial School. He was appointed *Dan Iya* and District Head of Dawakin Kudu by his father in 1927 when his uncle Abdulkadir was elevated to the position of *Galadiman* Kano. He was deposed from the position in 19 He was a member of the Northern Region House of Assembly from 1956 to 1965.



Dan Makwayon Kano  
ALH. SARKI ABDULLAHI AMINU

## Dan Makwayo

### Alhaji Sarki Abdullahi Aminu

Sarkin Kano Alhaji Ado Bayero appointed him *Dan Madamin Kano*. He was born in 1934. He attended Bichi Elementary School, Kano Middle School and Kaduna Polytechnic. He started his working career in the Kano Native Authority as a clerk in the Works Department. He became Chief Clerk of the Water Unit of the Kano Native Authority before the creation of Kano State, after which he transferred to the Ministry of Works. He was appointed the first Dan Madamin Kano and District Head of Tsanyawa in 1977. He was promoted to Dan Ruwata in 1984 and then Dan Makwayo and District Head of Gwaram in 1988. When Jigawa State was created in 1991, Gwaram District became part of Dutse Emirate. He returned to Kano and his uncle Sarkin Kano Alhaji Ado Bayero reappointed him Dan Makwayo and District Head of Tsanyawa in 1999 where he is still serving.

## Dan Darman

### Alhaji Isa Bayero

The third son of Sarkin Kano Alhaji Abdullahi Bayero who appointed him Dan Darman and after his retirement he became Wakilan Yamma during the reign of Sarki Kano Alhaji Ado Bayero a position he held until his death.



Dan Darman  
ALH. ISA BAYERO

# Dan Buram Alhaji Faruk Bayero

He was born in 1910. He was the first Wakilin Doka of Kano and before his appointment as Dan Buram and District Head of Gwaram in 1939. He was relieved of his position 1954.



Danmalikin Kano  
Yusufu Maitama Faruku  
1991 - 2007

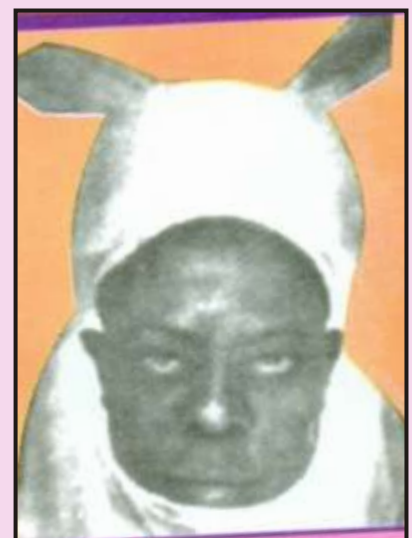
# Dan Malikin Kano Alhaji Maitama Faruk

Alhaji Maitama Faruk, grandson of Sarkin Kano Alhaji Abdullahi Bayero, was born in 1938. He attended Kofar Kudu Elementary School, Kano Middle School, Wudil Teachers Training Center and Katsina Teachers' College. He worked as a teacher in various schools in the Kano Province until he became an education officer in the Ministry of Education. He also served as an officer during the 1973 Nigeria Population Census. His uncle Sarkin Kano Alhaji Ado Bayero appointed him as the first *Dan Malikin* and District Head of Kunchi in 1991. He was

transferred to Takai in 1993 where he died in 2006.

# Turakin Kano Alhaji Abbas Maje Abdullahi Bayero

He was promoted to the title of *Turakin Kano* after the death of *Turaki* Hashim in 1957 he previously held the title of Dan Buram. *Turaki* Maje as he was popularly known was a parliamentary secretary in the Northern Regional Government in the First Republic after which he returned to Kano and continued to serve as a District Head until his death in 1975 in Jahun.



Turakin Kano  
Maje Bayero  
1957-1975

# Galadiman Kano Alhaji Sani Bayero

He was born in Bichi in 1925 while his father was the *Ciroman* Kano and when he became the Emir and Sanusi became the *Ciroma* the latter brought Sani up. Sani attended Shahuchi Elementary School and the Kano Law School from 1940 to 1944. He also studied under *Walin Kano* Sulaiman and Imam of Kano Mallam Muhammad Dan Amu. He worked in the *Ciroma's* office before his appointment as *Wakilin Yamma* in 1951 he remained in that position until his appointment as *Dan Buram* by Sarkin Kano Sir Muhammadu Sanusi in 1954 and posted to Minjibir from where he was transferred to Sumaila in 1961. He was later promoted to *Galadiman* Kano by Sarkin Alhaji Ado Bayero in 1965 and posted to Gwarzo after the death of *Galadima* Ibrahim Abbas. *Galadima* Sani Bayero died in 1990.



Galadiman Kano  
Sani Bayero  
1965-1990



Barde Kerariyar Kano  
Kabiru Bayero  
1960-1999

# Barde Kerariya Alhaji Kabiru Bayero

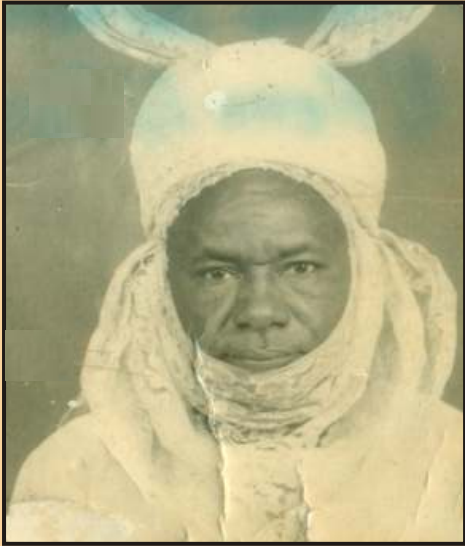
He was the first son of Sarkin Kano Alhaji Abdullahi Bayero to be born in Gidan Rumfa therefore he had a special position in the heart of his father as it was the tradition with most rulers of Kano. He attended Shahuci Elementary School, Shahuci Judicial School and the School for Arabic Studies. He also attended courses in the United Kingdom. He started his working career in Kano Native Authority where he became the Chief of Police and remained in that position until his promotion to *Barde Kerariya* and District Head of Garki. He later transferred his service to the Federal Government in 1964 where he rose to become an Ambassador before his retirement. He served on the boards of several companies. He was the Chairman of Brunneli Construction Company Limited and Pedrochi Limited. He died in 2000.

# Barde Kerariya Alhaji Shehu Kabiru Bayero

A retired Commissioner of Police, was appointed Barde Kerariya by his uncle Sarkin Kano Alhaji Ado Bayero. He was born in 1949. He attended Dandago and Dutsen Ma Primary Schools, Government Secondary School Katsina and Bayero University Kano. He joined the Nigeria Police Force in 1969. He rose through the ranks to become a Commissioner of Police and he served in Gombe and Osun Police Commands before his retirement in 2004. His uncle Sarkin Kano Alhaji Ado Bayero appointed him *Barde Kerariya*, the title of his late father, and he was posted to Takai as District Head; and in 2007 he was transferred to Gwarzo where he is still serving.



Barde Kerariyar Kano  
ALH. SHEHU KABIRU BAYERO



Danburan Kano  
Bello Bayero  
1988-1990

## Dan Buran Kano Alhaji Bello Bayero

He was born in 1928. He attended Kofar Kudu Elementary School and Kano Judicial School. He started his working career in the Kano Native Authority where he served in various capacities until the Local Government Reform of 1976 and the creation of new districts, when he was appointed the first District Head of Rimin Gado under the title of Dan Amar. He was promoted to Dan Maje in 1988 and Dan Buram in 1989. He died in 1990.

## Barden Kano Alhaji Ibrahim Cigari Bayero

He attended Kofar Kudu Elementary School, Shahuchi Judicial School and School for Arabic Studies. He started his working career as a forestry staff before he was appointed Magajin Malam by his uncle, Sarkin Kano Muhammadu Inuwa, in 1963. He was promoted to Barden Kano in 1964 and transferred from Kumbotso to Gwaram. He also served in Kura, Kiru and was then transferred by the Kano State Government to Kiyawa in 1981 where he died in 1982.



Barden Kano  
Ibrahim Cigari Bayero  
1964-1982



Wamban Kano  
Tijani Bayero  
1980-1981

## Wamban Kano Alhaji Tijani Bayero

He was born in 1930, and attended Kofar Kudu Elementary School and Kano Judicial School. He was appointed *Wakilin Kudu* in 1971 and he remained in that position until his appointment as Wamban Kano. The PRP Government of Alhaji Muhammadu Abubakar Rimi appointed him *Wamban Kano* and District Head of Nassarawa in 1980. He died that same year.

# Galadiman Kano

## Alhaji Hamidu Bayero

He was born in 1932 in *Gidan Rumfa* while his father was the Sarkin Kano. He attended Kofar Kudu Elementary School from where he proceeded to Kano Middle School. He also attended the citizenship and leadership-training course of the Man 'O' Bay in Southern Cameroon.

Hamidu started his working career with the Kano Native Authority as a veterinary assistant, he then became an Adult Education organiser and later he was appointed Clerical Officer in Madaki's Office. He was an elected member of the Federal House of Representatives of the first Republic.

He was turbaned Dan Amar and appointed District Head of Gwaram in 1966. He was transferred to Kura as District Head in 1969 where he was promoted to Dan Isa and later Barde. And in

1990 he was turbaned Galadiman Kano and transferred to Dawakin Kudu as District Head and automatically he became member of the Emirate Council. He died on August 7, 1991 at Nassarawa Hospital.



Galadiman Kano  
Abdulhamidu Bayero  
1990-1991



Danburan Kano  
Abubakar Bayero  
1985-1986

# Dan Buran Kano

## Alhaji Abubakar Bayero

Sarkin Kano Sir Muhammadu Sanusi appointed him Dan Amar in 1959. Abubakar was born in 1932 in the Palace. He attended Kofar Kudu Elementary School and Shahuci Judicial School. He started his working in the Kano Native Authority Judicial Department in 1951. He was first appointed *Wakilin Yamma* by Sarkin Kano Muhammadu Sanusi when Sani Bayero was promoted to the title of *Dan Buram*. And when Sani was promoted to *Galadima*, Abubakar was promoted to *Dan Buram* by Sarkin Kano Alhaji Ado Bayero. Abubakar was also a Member of the Federal House of Representatives representing Dambatta/Kazaure and later

Kura Constituency. He served in Government Boards including Kano Television in 1976 and as Chairman of the Kano Urban Development Board in 1982. He was very close to the Kano State Governor Alhaji Muhammadu Abubakar Rimi who elevated him to *Wambai* without the consent of the Emir. He was reverted to his title of *Dan Buram* after the fall of Rimi. He died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 1986.



# Barden Kano

## Alhaji Mahmud Bayero

He was born in Kano in 1932. He attended Kofar Kudu Elementary School, Kano Middle School and Kaduna College (Barewa College). He started his working career in the Kano Native Authority as a clerk, then he became an officer and later Head of Department or *Wakili*. He was also a Member of the Federal House of Representatives. After the collapse of the First Republic, he returned to Kano and continued to serve as Head of Department or *Wakili* until 1976, when he was appointed Dan

Majen Kano and District Head Gabasawa. He was later promoted to Tafida and District Head of Waje in 1984. He was promoted to Turaki in 1990 and then Barde and District Head Nassarawa in 1991, where he remained until his death in 1996.



Barden Kano  
Mamudu Bayero  
1992-1996



Dan Iyan Kano  
ALH. YUSUF BAYERO

## Dan Iyan Kano

### Alhaji Yusuf Bayero

He was born in 1933. He attended Kofar Kudu Elementary School and Kano Judicial School. He was a scribe in the Kano Native Authority and had served in sub-district offices of the city of Kano. He was a Member of the Northern Region House of Assembly where he became Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Kaduna Affairs. He returned to Kano after the Military Coup of 1966 and was appointed *Dan Ruwata* and the first District Head of Ajingi. He was retired by the PRP Government of Alhaji Muhammadu Abubakar Rimi in 1981, but was

returned by Sarkin Kano Alhaji Ado Bayero in 1983 as the *Dan Ruwata* and the District Head of Bichi. He was subsequently promoted to *Dan Isa*, *Dan Buram* and then *Barde*, but in all cases remained in Bichi until he was promoted to *Dan Iya* in 1993 when he was transferred to Dawakin Kudu where he is still serving.

## Dan Isan Kano

### Alhaji Bashari Bayero

He attended Kofar Kudu Elementary School, Shahuchi Judicial School and School for Arabic Studies. He started his working career in the Kano Native Authority where he served in various capacities. He was appointed Wakilin Gabas in 1988; and in 1989, he was appointed the first Yariman Kano and the first District Head of Takai. He was promoted to Dan Darman in 1990; and in 1995, he was transferred to Kunchi Local Government. He was promoted to Dokaji in 2007, and in the same year he was again promoted to Dan Isa.



# Sarkin Shanun Kano Alhaji Hamza Bayero

He was born in 1935. He attended Kofar Kudu Elementary School, Kano Middle School, School for Arabic Studies and School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. He started his working career in the School for Arabic Studies in 1954; and in 1961 he transferred his services to the Ministry of External Affairs where he served as Consul General at the Nigeria Consulate in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia. He retired from service in 1984 and returned to Kano to work on contract in the Kano State Ministry of Education until 1997 when he was appointed *Bauran Kano* and District Head of Garun Mallam. He was promoted to Sarkin Shanu in 2000 and transferred to Kiru where he dead in 2018.



Sarkin Shanun Kano  
Hamza Bayero  
2000-

# Barden Kano Alhaji Idris Bayero

He was born in 1934. He attended Kofar Kudu Elementary School, Kano Middle School and Institute of Administration Ahmadu Bello University Zaria. He started his working career in the Kano Native Authority and served as Secretary of the Emirate Council. He also served as Secretary of various Local Government Councils before joining the Nigeria Arab Bank. He was appointed Dan Darman and District Head of Rimin Gado in 1990; and in 1992, he was promoted to Dan Buram and District Head of Bichi, and later elevated to Barden Kano in 1996, a position he retains presently (2019).



Barden Kano  
ALH. IDRIS BAYERO



# Dan Buran Kano Alhaji Salih Bayero

He was born in 1937, and attended Kofar Kudu Elementary School, Kano Middle School, Institute of Administration Ahmadu Bello University Zaria and University of South Wales Australia. He started his working career as clerk in the Kano Native Authority and he later became the Private Secretary of Sarkin Kano Sir Muhammadu Sanusi. And with the Local Government Reforms, he became an Administrative Officer reaching the peak of his career as a Permanent Secretary in the Local Government Service Commission. He was appointed Dan Buram and District Head of Nassarawa in 1995, a position he held until his death in 2007.

# Dan Ruwatan Kano Alhaji Halliru Bayero

He was born in 1941. He attended Kofar Kudu Elementary School, Kano Middle School and Swansea University United Kingdom. He started working in the Kano Native Authority before moving to R.T. Briscoe, a private company, where he reached the position of Manager before he moved to 7UP Bottling Company. In 1990, his elder brother Sarkin Kano Alhaji Ado Bayero appointed him Dan Ruwata and District Head of Kumbotso where he remained until his death in 1998.



Danruwatan Kano  
Halliru Bayero  
1990-1998



# Dan Amar Alhaji Sani Bayero

He was born in 1946. He attended Kofar Kudu Elementary School, Federal Training Center and the Sokoto Clerical School. He started his working career in the Kano Native Authority Police Department before he transferred to the Federal Prisons Service, and then to Bayero University Kano. He was appointed Yariman Kano and District Head of Rimin Gado in 1990. He was transferred to Gwarzo in 1994 and Minjibir in 1996. He was promoted to Dan Amar in 2001, while still maintaining his position of the District Head of Minjibir. He dead in 2017.