

FUK Hosts Investigative Journalist: Anas A. Anas

by Dalhatu Abubakar

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Umaru A. Pate hosted a one-day interactive session with the renowned Investigative Journalist, Anas Aremeyau Anas at the Entrepreneurship and Service Learning Centre of the University, recently.

Prof. Pate who said the purpose of the interactive session was to provide Staff and Students the opportunity to engage with the leading figure in investigative journalism, also explained that investigative journalism is not a tea party, but rather an investigative tool for uncovering hidden truth.

He further stated that, to be a journalist one must venture into Investigative Journalism



Prof. Umaru A. Pate

despite the time and risk involved. Adding that, people often mistake Journalism for courtesy visits and reporting of government activities, but according to him, it is a profession that goes in-depth to uncover

illegalities.

The Vice Chancellor further described Anas Aremeyau Anas as, a journalist of international repute and a fearless one. He also praised him for his exceptional work, noting that it was a rare privilege to gain from his wealth of experience, stressing that the reward of such an individual could only be the gratifying feeling of saving lives and bringing about positive changes in the society.

In his address, Anas Aremeyau Anas praised the Vice Chancellor Prof. Pate whom he described as a Mentor and Champion of Journalism in Africa for his genuine passion and positive impact in

Journalism in the Continent as a whole.

To the students Anas said "as student journalist you are the product of your society, journalism has to be defined by you. No one can tell your story better than you". He further stated that Journalism is a serious business that requires resilience.

He emphasized that as an investigative journalist one's role is not to make arrests, but rather to expose

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Cross section of FUK Staff and Students of Mass Comm.

300 Dollars for Best Mass comm. Graduating students

By Ganiyat Abdulalam

Best graduating students of Mass Communication Department from the Federal University of Kashere and North Eastern University Gombe would be rewarded



Prof. Pate

with 300 dollars scholarship annually.

This was revealed at the international conference on Trends in investigative journalism in northern Nigeria, organised by the North- Eastern University, Gombe, in collaboration with Wikki Times Newspaper and Tiger Eye Foundation, Ghana; on the 4th of March, 2025, in the North Eastern University premises.

Delivering a keynote address at the occasion, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Umaru A. Pate, who spoke on artificial intelligence and journalism practice, maintained that AI is an enhancer to the

world of journalism.

He explained that corruption has eaten deep into the society and it is only fair for the upcoming journalists to work hard and desist from this menace.

Prof. Pate outlined few negative effects of corruption in the society amongst which are poverty, rise in inequality between the rich and the poor, terrorism, banditry and kidnappings and sectoral corruptions. He explained that for the upcoming journalists to be successful, they have to venture into investigative reporting.

This, he described as “the form of journalism which involves uncovering matters that are concealed either deliberately by someone in a position of power or accidentally behind a chaotic mass of facts and circumstances and thereby analysing and exposing all relevant facts to the public”.

Prof. Pate however recommended that to curb the menace of corruption in the society, the upcoming journalists should leverage on technology. That is, using digital tools to track financial



Mr. Anas Aremeyaw Anas

transactions, procurement processes, and budget allocation; and holding those in authorities accountable.

Also presenting a paper titled Radical approach to journalism, the lead speaker Mr. Anas Aremeyaw Anas, a veteran undercover journalist from Ghana, said journalism should be a product of a particular society. He Maintained that a good journalist should be able to know and identify the problem of the people. He affirmed that a journalist's role in the society cannot be downplayed, as sometimes, the efforts of the security agency could fail, while the investigative journalists can uncover the hidden story, thereby bringing the bad guys to book. Mr. Anas cautioned that, investigative reporting is not a tea- party and that the dangers are real. He urged the upcoming journalists to push on the curtains of democracy and hold the people accountable for their actions.

Barrister S. G. Idrees, explained that everybody needs to take responsibility in the society. He opined that it is better to have a bad act and law while having a good judicial system than to have a good act and law with bad practitioners. Barrister Idrees held that for a successful reportage, there is a need for a good legal team and even a security backings.



Cross section of participants

New Solar-Powered Water Project transforms Garin Jeri

By Ganiyat Abdusalam

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Kashere, Professor Umar Pate, has celebrated with the people of Garin Jeri, a neighbouring community, by commissioning a solar-



VC, & Turkiye Founder Team Leader Commissioning the water Project

powered water project to serve the community, on Monday, 3rd March, 2025.

The initiative which was spearheaded by the Turkish humanitarian organization, Türkiye Diyanet Vakfı, aims to provide access to clean water to the residents of the areas.

During the commissioning ceremony, Prof. Pate lauded the efforts of Türkiye Diyanet Vakfı, highlighting the critical role access to water plays in human survival and development. He emphasized that water is a fundamental necessity and that such interventions was timely. He commended the foundation for its dedication, noting that the organization is not a small player in humanitarian aid and called for the



VC, & Turkiye Founder Team Leader and members at the Commissioning the water Project

extension of similar projects to other areas in need.

Sheikh Hussain Ortog, the team leader of the foundation, who expressed his appreciation for the warm welcome, congratulated the local community for yet another milestone in their development.

Sheikh Ortog reiterated that the foundation is committed to uplifting communities through various humanitarian services. These include water projects, educational scholarships, and school feeding programs, particularly during the holy month of Ramadan. He encouraged the community to make judicious use of the facility and to

work collectively to ensure its Sustainability.

Expressing gratitude on behalf of the Garin Jeri community, the Hakimi, Alhaji Mohammed

Dankade, extended appreciation to both the foundation and the university staff and management. He acknowledged that the community has long struggled with access to clean water, and this intervention would greatly ease their burden.

The community members also showed gratitude by presenting symbolic traditional gifts, such as calabash and a live sheep. This gesture was met with warm reception, reflecting the deep appreciation of the residents for the foundation's continued support



VC, & Hakimin Garin Jeri at the water project commissioning



Prof. Pate addressing the people of Garin Jeri

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wrongdoings by reporting it to law enforcement agencies with core evidence which will be very difficult to put one into trouble.

The Investigative Journalist further advised students pursuing career in investigative journalism to take the profession very seriously because of the significant importance journalist played to the society, and be fearless in order to see the positive

impact in life.

Anas played many roles as an investigative journalist, highlighting some of the successes; how he brought to book some Nigerian

doctors who are using already used syringe to inject patients, how some corrupt judges were hunted, bribes collection in favour of other teams in the African football, as well as the report he did in Malawi where some bad elements engaged in human organ harvest for rituals among others.

He called on the Judges to ensure fair trials allowing investigative journalist to uncover the truth.

In a remarks, the Head of department, Mass communication Federal university of Kashere,



Mr. Anas Aremeyau Anas

Prof. Wilson Joseph expressed delight for having a respected and known investigative journalist not only in Africa, but globally in FUK, assuring him that the relationship they have built over time will always be maintained.

He equally advised the Mass communication students not to take the knowledge gained during the one day lecture for granted, encouraging them to put it into practice.

