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MEDICAL DIRECTOR, PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO GOVERNOR OF BAUCHI STATE

By Abdu Mohammed



The Medical Director, FMC Azare, Dr. Dauda Abubakar Katagum (L) with the Executive Governor of Bauchi State, Senator Bala Abdulkadir Mohammed during the courtesy visit at Government House, Bauchi

The Medical Director, Federal Medical Centre Azare, Dr. Dauda Abubakar Katagum, FWACS, led management team to pay a courtesy visit to His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Bauchi State,

Senator Bala Abdulkadir Mohammed in his office at Government House Bauchi on Wednesday 14th June, 2023.

In his speech, the Medical Director, introduced himself to the Governor, as the recently appointed Medical Director

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of Federal Medical Centre, Azare, Bauchi state, during the administration of former President, Muhammadu Buhari in August, 2022.

Dr. Katagum further congratulated the Governor for securing his second term as duly elected Governor of Bauchi State.

Dr. Katagum highlighted some of his achievement and challenges within the period, which includes collaboration and partnership with the Sa'adu Zungur University Gadau, serving as training ground for some hospital related courses.



The Governor of Bauchi State, Sen. Bala A. Mohammed responding to the Medical Director's speech during the visit

Finally, he requested the Governor, to pay a visit to the centre whenever he is allowed by the exigencies of work.

In his response, the Executive Governor of Bauchi State, Senator Bala Mohammed Abdulkadir thanked the management of the centre for the visit

and also apologized for the delay in granting permission for the visit.

Sen. Bala Mohammed appreciated the effort of the management for providing high level healthcare services to people of Bauchi state and our neighboring states.



A group photograph between the Medical Director with the Governor of Bauchi State and his council members during the visit

The Governor stated that the state Government is ready to support and collaborate with the centre to achieve its mandate

He continued by assuring the management that whenever the exigencies of work permits he will pay a courtesy visit to the centre.

Finally, he disclosed to the management that very soon he would approach the centre for the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOA) to provide Doctors and other healthcare

manpower to General Hospitals within Katagum zone.

FMC, AZARE MEDICAL DIRECTOR PAYS A COURTESY VISIT TO ATBUTH, BAUCHI



L-R the Chief Medical Director, ATBUTH, Bauchi Prof. Yusuf Jibrin Bara with the Medical Director, FMC, Azare Dr. Dauda A. Katagum

The Management of the Centre under the leadership of the Medical Director, Dr. Dauda A Katagum has paid a familiarization visit to the Management of Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital (ATBUTH) Bauchi.

Among those that accompanied the Medical Director, were Alhaji Aminu Nakaka Jibrin, Assistant Director, Administration who was sitting in for the Head of Administration and Mal. Mohammed Lamara Zailani, Head of Finance and Supplies Department.



A group photograph between the Medical Director, FMC Azare with the Chief Medical Director, ATBUTH, Bauchi with some of their management team during the visit

The Chief Medical Director of Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital Bauchi, Bauchi, Prof. Yusuf Jibrin Bara thanked the Medical Director and his team for the visit and wished them journey mercies back to their destination safely.

GEOGETOWN GLOBAL HEALTH NIGERIA (GGHN) PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO THE CENTRE.

By Sabo Nabalinga



Mrs. Pussam Linga Kyari, Leader of GGHN delegation

The Georgetown Global Health Nigeria, had paid a courtesy visit to the Centre on Wednesday, 21st June, 2023.

The leader of the delegation Pussam Linga Kyari briefed the Management on the purpose of the visit by saying Georgetown Global Health Nigeria is a local led entry it works with both Government and local organization to design the intervention and improve wellbeing, and health related conditions. It is also to accelerate control of HIV pandemic.

They also ensure there is good calibrations of activities, from various points in order to strengthen the services, and give accurate information's, communications, facts on clients on Diagnosis, linkages treatment, viral load services. GGHN have 16 adhoc staff that work in the facility (FMC Azare), consisting Eight (8) case managers, Two (2) data entries clerk, one (1) Data assistant, and ESM coordinator Hajiya Salamatu Yakubu Mohammed.

They also cover seven (7) Local Government Areas of Katagum zone which includes General hospital Azare, FMC Azare, Zaki, Itas Gadau, Gamawa, Shira and Dambam.



Dr. Dauda A. Katagum, Medical Director, FMC, Azare

In his remarks the Medical Director Dr. Dauda Abubakar Katagum welcomed the team and promised to give them maximum cooperation and assistance in the Centre. He promised to allow them use the Centres Molecular Lab for further investigation

Finally, he thanked GGHN for choosing the Centre to be one of its friends for health service delivery, and prayed for their safe journey back to their various destinations.



A group photograph between management staff with the visitors

HEALTH INSURANCE COVERS 80% CANCER TREATMENT – NHIA DG

The Director General of the National Health Insurance Authority (NHIA), Prof Mohammed Sambo, says the new NHIA Act has expanded coverage for cancer management.

He said with the new act and partnership with Roche and other pharmaceutical companies, 80 per cent of the cost of cancer treatment had been taken away from patients.

He stated this on Sunday 4th June, 2023 in Abuja, during a workshop on the NHIA Act for desk officers across ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs).

Sambo said some aspects of cancer care were covered under the old NHIS but that people didn't know.

Represented by Jonathan Ekeh, General Manager, Formal Sector Program, NHIA, he said the reforms were being done to ensure that every Nigerian irrespective of socioeconomic status had access to quality health services without bearing the challenges of paying for them. He said the new NHIA Act which was signed into law by former President Muhammadu Buhari

on May 19, 2022 made health insurance coverage mandatory for all Nigerians.

"The guideline is being developed including whether to pay directly to providers, and people may not need to get codes from Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) anymore," he said.

The DG said the NHIA would soon launch its branded drugs to address misconceptions of enrollees about generic drugs and ensure access to quality and safe medications.

Permanent Secretary, Service Welfare Office of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation who was represented by Dr Comfort Adeosun, Director Occupational Health, Safety and Environmental, said the workshop was geared towards sensitizing the desk officers to bridge the information gap about the new NHIA act among enrollees across the MDAs.

"The desk officers are the point of contact in every MDAs, as without serving them, the enrollees in the MDAs will be underserved, and not understand their rights as enrollees, so with the workshop they will know the things that have changed and this will help with effective implementation of the act," she said.

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SUSPECTED KIDNAPPER SLUMPS, DIES TRYING TO ESCAPE IN AZARE, BAUCHI STATE

A suspected kidnapper has slumped and died while trying to escape arrest in Azare, Bauchi state. Six of his gang members were however arrested.

They were caught at a checkpoint mounted by men of the 133 Special Forces Battalion based in Azare.

City and Crime learnt that the suspects were later handed over to the state police command.

The police spokesman in the state, SP Ahmed Wakil, who disclosed the arrest in a statement yesterday, said that preliminary investigation uncovered that the suspects kidnapped a 23-year student of the Bauchi State University, Gadau residing at the Federal Low Cost, Azare, and whisked him away in a snatched Toyota Camry 2010 and were heading to Misau when the soldiers flagged them down following a distress call.

Wakil explained that on receipt of the distress call, the soldiers intercepted the stolen vehicle, alongside the suspects, and rescued the victim unhurt.

Wakil said one of the suspects, Damilola James, of Turum area of

Bauchi, slumped while trying to escape before reaching the checkpoint and was taken to Federal Medical Centre Azare where he was certified dead.

He said the case would be transferred to the state Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) for further investigations, adding that items recovered from the suspects included eight mobile phones, knives and charms.

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