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**ALLEGED SQUANDERING OF AT LEAST N4.BILLION**

1. Before the appointment of His Highness, the Emir of Kano, Muhammadu Sanusi II, CON. The Kano Emirate Council has the sum of N2,875,163,431.17 under various Banks as Fixed Deposit Accounts, out of which N981,784,503.79 was withdrawn and used during the Late Emir of Kano, Alhaji Ado Bayero on 7/2/2014 for the payment of Ado Bayero Royal City Project leaving a Balance of N1,893,378,927.38 with various Banks.

The sum of N1,893,378,927.38 was the exact amount inherited by His Highness, Muhammadu Sanusi II against the alleged claim of N4 Billion.

2. **Payment of N152,627,723.00** This Amount was paid to Dabo Gate for the procurement of Furniture for the Palace. After the demise of the late Emir of Kano Alhaji Ado Bayero peace be upon him, all his belongings including the furniture were removed and distributed to his heirs in accordance with Islamic injunction.

The sum of N108Million was also paid to the heirs of the late Emir of Kano Alhaji Ado Bayero by the Emirate Council in respect of his personal Cars inherited by the present Emir of Kano Muhammadu



Sanusi II. The Cars now form part of Kano Emirate Council fleet of Vehicles in the Palace.

3. **Payment of ₦15,458,660.00** The amount mentioned is not for travelling expenses rather for the payment made in respect of Construction and Renovation of **Fadancin Dare** wing of the Palace.

4. **Payment of ₦12,559,435.00** It is true the Emirate Council raised two payments vouchers for ₦6,993,203.00 and ₦5,560,235.00 to Western Union being the cost of Air Tickets for the Emir's entourage alone excluding the Emir who used to pay for his ticket.

5. **Payment of ₦9,071,000.00** The Council chartered an Air flight only twice for His Highness for the following trips:-

- I. In September 2014 to Sokoto when the Emir paid a Traditional Homage ( Mubaya'a) to Sultan of Sokoto after his Turbaning as Emir of Kano and the Council spent ₦4,651,000.00
- II. In January 2015 to Benin for his Installation as Chancellor of Benin University and it cost the Emirate Council ₦9,071,000.00.

All the trips were made as a result of lack of schedule flight at that time to make this important and historical trips and it cost the Council the sum of ₦13,722,000.00 as against alleged ₦9,071,000.00

6. **Payment of ₦142,800,000.00** The two Bullet Proof Vehicles were surely purchased based on the advice and approval of the State



Government vide SSG's Letter No SSG/S/D/A/36/T1/109 of 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014. This was as a result of an attack on the Late Emir of Kano Alhaji (Dr) Ado Bayero on his way back from Murtala Muhammad Mosque to the Palace. See "Appendix A" attached for the approval.

7. **Payment of ₦154,873,000.00** This Amount was paid for the purchase and replacement of Vehicles that were destroyed when the Emir's convoy was attacked by Boko Haram Insurgents on his way back from Murtala Muhammad Mosque to the Palace.

8. **Alleged Purchase of 2 Rolls Royce Executive Cars for His Highness** The two Rolls Royce Cars were never purchased by the Emirate Council. The Cars were donated to His Highness by His Friends.

9. **Payment of ₦37,054,192.06 To Airtel** It is true that the sum of ₦37,054,192.06 was paid to Airtel due to the fact that the Emir has been identified with only one Local Mobile Phone which he uses within and outside the Country, majority of the charges are that of Roaming which are normal. The Telephones of the Palace <sup>are</sup> upset by the Council particularly when it comes within the provision of the Budget.

10. **Grants Received From the State and 44 LGC** The Emirate Council actually received the sum of ₦1,727,938,660.42 between 30/07/2014 and 01/03/2017 i.e. 2 years 8 months over and above the



alleged figure of ₦1,672,953,660.00. The Emirate Council should have received almost triple of this amount. In accordance with the law establishing Emirate Council Fund of 2004 which provides that **“the Emirate Council should receive 3% of the Total Statutory Grants of the 44 Local Governments and also 10% of what the 44 Local Governments contributed is to be paid by the State Government”**.

From 2012 to date as I said earlier, the Council has been denied of this contribution where the sum of ₦1,142,938,660.42 was spread and released over a period of 2 years i.e. 2014 and 2015 with an average monthly release of ₦23,811,222.09. The release is for the year 2012.

In 2016 to date, the contribution started to improve from the average of ₦23 Million per month to ₦40 Million and the Council received the sum of ₦585 Million within 13 months. This amount covered the period of 2013 and part of 2014 which brings the sum of ₦1,727,938,660.42 as total amount received between 30/07/2014 to 01/03/2017 as earlier mentioned. From our calculations between January 2012 to September 2016 the sum of ₦6,527,013,061.00 has been held by the State Government. See **Emirate Council Law of 2004 at “Appendix B”**

**11. Review of Salary and Remuneration Allowances** On the appointment of the present Emir of Kano Muhammad Sanusi II, he introduced certain reforms, appointed a Committee to look into the



structure of the Emirate Council including their remuneration. The Committees submitted their report which was deliberated and approved by the Council. These include the new salary structure of the Council Members, District Heads and all other Employees of the Council. The total monthly pay was ₦36 Million as against ₦9.910 Million before September 2014, the Government was duly informed vide our letter KEC/CF/FIN/1/96 of 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014. See "Appendix C" Attached.

In July 2016, due to non full payment of Emirate Council Grants by the State Government, certain Allowances were temporarily withdrawn and salaries and allowances as at January 2017 dropped and stand at ₦27,467,206.01. See Council Conclusion "Appendix D"

**12. ALLEGED ₦6 Billion Expenditure Between 8 June 2014 to 11/04/2017** The Council within the above period spent the sum of ₦4,314,476,542.94 as against the alleged ₦6 Billion. Kindly take note that the Council operates a Budget as approved every year by the Council and no expenditure is ever made outside the budgetary provision.

In 2013 during the Late Emir of Kano Alhaji Ado Bayero, the Emirate Council received a letter No. SSG/SD/SA/42/1/23 of 16<sup>th</sup> May 2013 as per "Appendix E" from the State Government conveying Government's consideration for the provision of 44 Local Governments



Council Grants to the Council. This is on condition that the Council on its part is to ensure the payment of the following:-

1. Medical Allowances of all its Council Members and District Heads
2. Renovation/Maintenance of Traditional Houses in the State
3. All required Medical expenses of His Highness the Emir should also be entertained.
4. Renovation and Maintenance of 3 Palaces i.e. Nassarawa, Dorayi and Main Palace from the funds

With the above additional burden to the Council, the Council responded and accepted the Government directives and reviewed its budget and request that there is a need for the Government to consider and release the usual funds to enable the Council to continue its operation. This is vide our letters:-

- i. KEC/CF/FIN/VOL.1/T.11 of 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013 see "Appendix F"
- ii. KEC/CF/FIN/1/96 of 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014 see "Appendix G"
- iii. KEC/CF/FIN/13/6/ of 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014 see "Appendix H"
- iv. KEC/CF/FIN/13/7 of 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 see "Appendix I"
- v. KEC/CF/FIN/1/117 of 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014 see "Appendix J"
- vi. KEC/CF/FIN/13/16 of 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015 see "Appendix K"
- vii. KEC/CF/FIN/13/26 of 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015 see "Appendix L"
- viii. KEC/CF/FIN/1/137 of 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016 see "Appendix M"



The Government responded only twice vide their letters No. SSG/SD/A/36/T1/109 of 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014 and SSG/SD/A/36/T1/93 of 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015 in which they advised the Council to utilize its available funds with additional requirements for the Council to execute as follows:-

- a) Improve Personal Security of His Highness
- b) Installation of CCTV Cameras
- c) Effective Radio Communication
- d) Establishment of Uniform Security Outfit with Salary and Allowances
- e) Procurement of Bullet Proof Vehicles.

On 10% and 3% of State and Local Governments contribution, the Council was also advised to liaise with the Office of the Accountant General for details with regards to implementation of the contributions even though there are no improvements up to the time of writing this report. See “**Appendix A**” as earlier mentioned above and “**Appendix N**” against 10% and 3% State and Local Governments Contributions.