GOVERNOR ABDULRAHMAN ABDULRASAQ GIANT STRIDES IN KWARA STATE, THE IMPERATIVES OF CONTINUITY .

TEXT OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE ADDRESSED BY THE ELDERS OF THE ALL PROGRESSIVES CONGRESS (APC) ON MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER, 2022, AT THE NUJ PRESS CENTRE, ILORIN.

Gentlemen of the press: How time flies! On November 29, 2022, MALLAM ABDULRAHMAN ABDULRAZAQ would have served creditably well as the elected governor of the good people of Kwara State for 3 years and Six Months. Within this short period of time, he has made a big admirable difference to governance  under a practically beneficial administration in the fifty-five - year-old State.

In the next four months or so, Kwara State citizens, along with citizens of other States throughout the nation, will have another opportunity under the INEC - scheduled National General Elections, to vote for their choice governorship candidate among the myriad of candidates contesting the governorship election. What determines (or what should determine) the electorates' choice in the election?

In the not too distant past, Kwara State has passed through the despicable culture of money politics whereby electorates were treated as purchasable commodities in the hands of a Dynasty that turned itself into Lords of the Manor and had reigned for close to five decades. Glory be to the Almighty God, that era expired three and a half years ago via the political will of the populace who voted against continued political enslavement. It was that political will of the people that brought Mallam Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq into power. It was that same strong political will that has resulted in the current positive, progressive change Kwara citizens are enjoying today.

While time and space will not allow us to give comprehensive fact laden geo - political details / accounts of what benefits Kwarans have enjoyed in terms of infrastructural development, education and human resources development, health programmes and political freedom. However, it is necessary to enumerate a very few, as solid and visible evidence of the numerous projects successfully executed in the Sixteen Local Government Areas of the State by this administration in less than four years of assumption of office. Our people should not allow themselves to be returned to Egypt via the sale of their votes, rather our people in Kwara State should come out in their THOUSANDS to vote in order to ensure AbdulRahman AbdulRasaq landslide victory in the coming election.

**HIGHLIGHT OF SOME PROJECTS & PROGRAMMES EXECUTED**

**A. EDUCATION**

1. Renovation and construction of Classrooms in Public schools in all the 193 Wards.

2. Employment of Teachers for School under TSC / SUBEB

3. Payment of Outstanding Salary arrears of Teachers of Higher Institution in the State.

4. Development of the Satellite Campuses of KWASU at Ilesa Baruba and Osi in Baruteen and Ekiti Local Government Areas respectively.

**B. HEALTH**

1. Renovation of Primary Health Centers across all the Local Government Areas of the State.

2. Supply of Medical equipment to Hospitals and Health Centres across the Local Government Areas.

**C. WATER**

1. Rehabilitation of Dams and drilling of boreholes across the states. It would be recalled that before the coming into office of His Excellency, Gov. AbdulRahman AbdulRasaq there was acute shortage of portable water supply in Kwara State most especially at the State Capital. However, within few weeks of assumption of office, the Governor tackled the problem of water supply.

2. The Jebba Water works which is being constructed anew by the Governor after being abandoned by previous administrations.

**D. ROAD**

It is common knowledge that there is problem of road network in Kwara State especially at the rural areas and even cities outside the State Capital. However, upon coming into power, Gov. Abdulrasaq made rehabilitation of roads a top priority. For instance, the following roads were given attention;

**A. KWARA NORTH**

1. Ilesa Gwanara Road in Baruteen Local Government Area.

2. The Roundabout to General Hospital Road/Emir's Palace in Kaiama Local Government Area.

3. The Shao, Lanwa and Oloru Township roads in Moro Local Government Area.

4. The Lafiaji & Tsaragi Township Road in Edu Local Government Area.

5. The Emir's Palace Road in Pategi Local Government Area.

**B. KWARA CENTRAL**

1. The Yebmot/Al-Hikma/Oloje Dual Carriage Way, General Tunde Idiagbon overhead bridge among many other roads in Kwara Central.

Importantly are the numerous inter-locking works within Ilorin Metropolis.

**C KWARA SOUTH**

1. The Esie Museum Road, the G.S.S-Nitel Road, Oro and Omu-Aran Township Road in Irepodun Local Government Area.

2. The Osi-Obbo-Aiyegunle Road in Ekiti Local Government Area.

3. The Ile-Ire District Road and Orisa Bridge Road in Ifelodun Local Government Area.

4. Oko-Idofin-Igbanca Road in Oke-Ero LGA.

5. The construction of Town Hall/Station Road, Alwal Jauji Kazir Road, both in Erin-lle and Ansarudeen College Road, Ijagbo in Oyun Local Government Area.

5. The Amuyo Ring Road and St. Claires-Ojoku Road, in Offa Local Government Area.

D. In addition to the physical projects are the various programmes of the government targeted at alleviating

poverty and empowering the citizens in the State.

E. Similarly, the Governor have been consistent in payment of Salary of Workers and Pensioners as at when due. Most importantly, the Governor eradicated the era of mutilated

salary, code named "Geri GedI".

We, Elders -after an in depth, thorough, honest and selfless assessment of the past three and a half years of governance and administration of Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq, have no alternative-but to give our full, unalloyed and unreserved support for his second term as governor of our beloved Kwara State. This is our unadulterated recommendation to the entire patriotic populace of Kwara State.

On the issue of zoning arrangement, it would be better for Kwara Central Senatorial District to have another shot at the Gubernatorial seat through the incumbent Governor AbdulRahman AbdulRasag, who has just four more years to complete his Constitutionally guaranteed 8years tenure, than for someone coming afresh from the same senatorial zone. It is our belief that this arrangement will be of greatest benefit to the party as it will go a long way to ensuring equity and fairness in the geopolitical allocation/sharing of our common patrimony.

In conclusion, we, as APC ELDERS in Kwara State, hereby advisedly call on the eligible voters of Kwara State who have acquired their PERMANENT VOTERS CARD (PVC), never to part with it under whatever circumstances and at no monetary price it is your future; it is the future of your children and of your posterity, generations, yet unborn. Do not sell it or exchange it for any ephemeral and the: most evanescent financial gift.

Gentlemen of the Press, we thank you for your patience. We thank you for your professional ethics and anticipated unbiased and unprejudiced handling of this press conference material.