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## SPEECH OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT, NBM OF AFRICA TO SHEHU OF **BORNU**

His Royal Highness, Shehu Abubakar Ibn Umar Garbai El-Kanemi The Shehu of Bornu

It is a very special pleasure to be here in Borno State and in your sacred and respected palace; please accept the esteemed greetings from me on behalf of the patriotic members of the NBM of Africa. From the depth of my heart, I feel overwhelmed with your warmth reception, and I want to say we are arateful.

We have come here today not for sight-seeing but to fulfil the mandate and uphold the esteem regards to traditional institutions; NBM of Africa also known as the Neo Black Movement of Africa is a Pan African Organization and a Non-Governmental Organization duly registered within the laws of Nigeria. The Organization is obliged to engage efforts, provide resources, and envisage ideas that are capable of reviving, preserving, and promoting African cultures and traditions across the globe.

One of the major objectives of the organization is to carry out humanitarian services wherever we find ourselves, thus our visit to Bornu State.

Between October 2022 and January 2023, the Organization visited 13 States within Nigeria and provided succor to persons that were internally displaced by the flood that ravaged most parts of Nigeria, namely:-

- 1. Nassarawa State
- 2. IMO State
- 3. Kaduna State
- 4. Benue State
- 5. Kogi State
- 6. Delta State
- 7. Bayelsa State
- 8. Abia State
- 9. Anambra State

- 10. Edo State
- 11. Ondo State
- 12. Rivers State
- 13. Cross River State

Providing succor to the vulnerable is part of nation building; and nation building should not be left alone in the hands of the government. Organizations should also be encouraged to assist the government no matter how little they can. It is on record that within the last 2 years, the Organization has carried out more humanitarian service than any other organization in the world.

In line with our mandate, we have also engaged the documentary of our rich cultures and traditions; sequel to this, I have instructed our research team to visit Bornu to document her rich culture and tradition and unveil to the world. Kanem Bornu dynasty is ancient, You will agree with me that our rich cultures and traditions are gradually going into extinction because of the inability of our children and upcoming generations to access factual information about them. This is why the NBM had engaged in the documentary of our cultures and traditions; we have been to the **West**, **East**, **South** and the **North**, where we documented the **Ancient City Walls of Kano** (**Badala Walls**).

Your Highness, be rest assured that the NBM will do all it takes to preserve, protect, sustain, and promote the rich culture and tradition of the Bornu people.

Our visit to Borno State is not a show off, but an act of patriotic service to humanity; we feel the pains of our brothers, sisters, fathers and mothers who have lost their lives, homes and properties to this devastating flood. The NBM of Africa sees this as a priority to be here to fulfill the mandate of helping ourselves from the grave effects of the flood. To this effect, we are giving the sum of N5,000,000, 400 tubers of yam,100 bags of rice, and 50 bags of beans to the displaced persons in Bornu State.

This might be little, but we know it will go a long way in cushioning the effects of the flood on the displaced persons.

My Highness, on behalf of the **NBM of Africa**, **Worldwide**; I humbly solicit your words of prayers to aid us succeed in our quest to revive African culture and tradition.

Your Highness, thank you very much for the warm reception, and may you live long on the throne...insha Allah

Signed:

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