

BIOGRAPHY OF LATE SHEIKH ABDULKADIR MUSA JAHUN-BAUCHI STATE

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SHEIKH ABDUKADIR MUSA JAHUN, BAUCHI.

Sheikh Abdulkadir may Allah have mercy on him - was one of the greatest Islamic scholars and Imams of guidance. He was an important figure in the field of Theology [Tauhid] & jurisprudence in Bauchi city. He was one of those shining stars that contributed to the learning and scholarship. He came from a family of scholars and led a life full of hard work and sacrifice for the sake of his religion, which is typified by his zeal for the realization of a good Muslim society that cherishes the true teachings of Islam as taught by our noble Prophet Muhammad (sallallahu 'alaihi wa alihi wa sallam) and understood by the early pious Muslim generations. A follower of Ash-arites' & Malikaites' teachings, to this he gave his rather short life through disseminating the teachings of Islam by giving lessons, lectures, participating in seminars, issuing fatwas and other talks on various topics at different occasions.



SHEIKH ABDULKADIR MUSA JAHUN

[The Hero of Islamic Educational Development]

Sheikh ABDULKADIR MUSA JAHUN

Born: 1938 AD

Birth place: Jahun ward of Bauchi

Died: Monday 24rd March, 2008. /17th Rabi' al-Auwal 1429

Years: 70

Place of death Bauchi

Buried: Jahun, Bauchi

Wives: Nana Maryam

Nana Rabi'atu

Nana Atika

Nana A'ishatu

Offspring: 16 children including: Muh'd Atiku, Muh'd Dahe, Muh'd Safiyyu, Muh'd Mujtaba, Muh'd Muntaqa, Muh'd Fadhilu, Muh'd Muhyiddin, Bariratu, Hasna'u, Abdurrashid, Laila, Ramlatu, , Sakinatu, Muslihu Annasihatu & Faidatu.

BIOGRAPHY

His full name Malam, Abdulkadir bn Musa bn Hamid bn Aliy (Galadima) bn Umar Alfaruq (Galadima) bn Abdullahi the Fulani from Jahun.

Sheikh abdulkadir was born in 1938 AD in Jahun ward of Bauchi Local Government of Bauchi state. His family was originally from the Fulani tribe of

Jahun, the then Kano state, and now Jigawa state, but his great grandfather who said to be a scholar relocated the family to Bauchi.^[1]

Malam Umar one of his great grandfathers became Galadiman Bauchi and settled at Jahun. Malam Abdulkadir also, settled at Jahun ward throughout his life. Jahun is located in the

southeastern of Bauchi town.

The title of Galadima is the symbol of their entire family, the present Galadiman Bauchi Alhaji Ado Musa Jahun is Malam's brother.

He grew as an orphan, from his childhood; he was self control, well behaved, obedient to his elders and teachers, and devoted to learning. Even as small boy he set his heart on wanting to learn. He started his early education under his Uncle *Malam Hamid* [The Imam of Galdima's Mosque, Jahun]. and acquires a great deal of proficiency in the recitation of the glorious Qur'an and Arabic language.

He memorised the Qur'an by heart, learned grammar, Theology [Tauhid] Jurisprudence & Hadith. He memorised in these subjects and received certification in them. He further treated Kaukabu, Iqdhul al-Farid, Uqudul al-Juman.

During those studies Malam Abdulkadir proved to be hard working and dedicated person.

PERSONALITY

His contemporaries praise his memory endowed by nature with great intellectual powers. He possessed a sharp memory and a great tenancy of purpose, which served him well in his academic life. He listens to the people and gives more of his effort to the society building.

- In addition, Malam Abdulkadir hold the view of cleanness is part of iman that is why Malam always remained cleaned and encouraged his students to

remain in clean and pure. On the issue of Islam and modern science, Malam encouraged in his students in learning the modern sciences,. He always relates the verses & prophetic traditions that are relevant with the modern science.

- Malam Abdulkadir always bring youth closer to him and advise them to use their time for future benefit.

TEACHERS

Living in Bauchi town gave Malam Abdulkadir access to some of the most learned minds of Islam in Bauchi town because Bauchi city was the centre of learning.^[3] He memorised the Qur'an in his youth, learning jurisprudence, Hadith, Advance Arabic from Imam Mahmud bin Muhammad Bello bn Ahmad bn Idris[the chief Imam of Bauchi Central Mosque] Imam Mahmud bn Muhammad Bello was among the prominent scholars in Nigeria during his time.^[4]

Malam Abdulkadir remained always in the circle of his teacher he got a lot of advantages because of his attitude to stay always with the teacher, at the age of twenty. After the death of Malam Mahmud, he continued his studies with Malam Ahmad Baban Inna who succeeded Imam Mahmud bn Muhammad Bello. Imam Baban Inna gave too much regards to Malam Abdulkadir because of his deep reasoning. He studied under various famed scholars including Sheik Mahmud bin Muhammad Bello bin Ahmad bin Idris and his uncle Imam Hamid Jahun.

Malam Abdulkadir studied and covered

the following books/areas.

- i. Kutubu at-Tauhid:
Sharhuddasuqi fi Ummil
Barahin, Nazmul Kubra, al-
Manha Dalilul Qa'id, al-Manhal.
etc
- ii. Ulumul Qur'an [tajweed &
Tafsir]
- iii. Sahihu Bukahri, Sahihu
Muslim ,an-Nawawi 40 Hadith
collections, mukhtaral al-
Hadith, Riyadhu as-Salihin,
Bulugu al-Maram.etc
- iv. Mudawwanah al-Kubra, ,
Risala, Askhari, MUKhtasar
Khalil, Fathu al-Alee al Maliki,
Ahdhari, Ishmawee and
Izziyya
- v. Ajarumiyya Milhatu l'irab,
Alfiyyatu bn Malik and that of
Suyuti, Sharhul Amiyah by
Abdullah bn Fodio,
Hisnurrasim, & Miftahuttafsir
- vi. Hayatu al-Islam, Usulul al-
Eeman
- vii. Ishiriniyya, Muqamatul Haririy,
Ra'yyatul Kubra, Ashriya,
Alburdah 7 Iqdulfarid.
- viii. Nurul Absar .Other notable
books of Usman B. Fodio etc

He also, attended a number of seminars, conferences & other public gatherings both within and outside the state.

2. In this centre notable students
learned directly from him. Among
are:
 - i. Dahiru musa Jahun.

Among the scholars he met and shared ideas with them are:

- a. Sheikh Nasir Kabara Kano.
- b. Dr, Aliyu Abubakar.
- c. Sheikh Abubakar Mahmud Gumi.
- d. Dr, Ahmad Muhammad Ibrahim
BUK.
- e. Malam Lawal Abubakar Kaduna.
- f. Dr, Dahiru Maigari. etc

In addition, he maintained good relationship with some academic staff of Arabic and Islamic studies of Bayero University Kano, Ahmadu Bello University Zaria and University of Jos.

He also, visited places both within and outside the country among are Cameroon, Lagos, Birnin Kano, Mubi, Jos, Zaria and Niger Republic etc.

HIS CONTRIBUTIONS

1. *Establishment of school:*

following the development that took place at his circle/ Zauru. Malam decided to build a formal school. In 1399 AH/ 1979 Madarasatu Ihya'uddinil Islam. Jahun, Bauchi was founded by malam and the school was formally opened on 29th Jumada al-Ula, 1399/ 28th March, 1979 by his teacher Imam Ahmad Baban Innah.

- ii. Ibrahim Idris [chief Imam of
Gwallaga Mosque, Bauchi]
- iii. Ustaz Ibrahim yakubu.
- iv. Khadi Abubakar Jibrin.

- v. Musa Abubakar [High Court of Justice, Bauchi].
- vi. Alhaji Hamma [Inspector of Police]
- vii. Alhaji Zubairu Sokoto.
- viii. Alhaji Abdulkadir Fate.
- xii. Musa Chindo Director [NPC] etc

Many developments took place gradually in the school. For instance the school operates based on guided syllabus & designed curriculum in order to educate children from the grassroots to the certain levels which is also, on the same line with the new National System of Education. Still training and disciplinary measures of disobedient children are also taking in the school. In addition to his great efforts in caring for students, he used to secure admission into Higher Islamic Schools for those who deserve.

- 3. Teaching after every *Subh* prayer.
- 4. Teaching Qur'anic recitation in the noon session.
- 5. Teaching in the afternoon session.

- ix. Late, Malam Aliyu Yakubu [a former staff Arabic Unit, Voice of Nigeria]
- x. Malam Adamu Mai.goro
- xi. Sulaiman Umar [Imam Dutsen Tanshi Mosque]

- 6. Night session after every day except on Wednesdays.

His mode of teaching includes both theoretical and practical aspects. e.g demonstration of different salats, like salat al-Janazah, preparing the death body, ablution and other acts of ibadat.

- 7. In his effort to contribute towards Islamic education, he built a mosque in 1980 CE which became a centre of learning in Jahun ward, Bauchi. He also initiated the building of many mosques in the town.



This mosque was founded by Sheikh Abdulkadir Musa Jahun

8. At his mosque the following books were thought and treated:

Risala, Fathul al- Jawad, Ashalul Madarik, Riyadussalihin, Bulugul al-Maram and Sahihul al- Bukhari.

In his effort to treat the different volumes of Al- Jami'i, al-Sahih He felt sick while before treating the last chapter of Kitab al- Tauhid. Despite the condition of his health, he managed to attend public preaching at Nabordo, Bada-romo, & other neighbouring Villages.

Moreover, Malam Abdulkadir used to deliver lectures at Bauchi central Mosque once every week. He also, on the request of Emir of Dass visited his mosque at Dass to give lessons once in

a week.

WORKS

1. MIFTAHU AL- TAUHIDU

This is the basic work of Malam. He discussed the issue of coming back of Jesus Christ as against the views of Sheikh Sunusi Gumbi. Malam supported his view with the relevant Qur'anic verses and prophetic traditions and criticized the whole views of Sheikh Sunusi Gumbi.

2. RISALA ANIL MASJID

This work shed more light on the rewards of those who devoted their services to mosque.

3. *RISALA ANIL IMANI WAL IHSSAN*

This work dealt with good intention in respect to action, Ihsan and Taqwa [Acts of piety].

4. *AKA'IDU ATTAULHID*

This work discussed the concept and scope of Kalimatushshada [La'ilaha Illal 'Lah']

5. *RISALA [Yarab]*

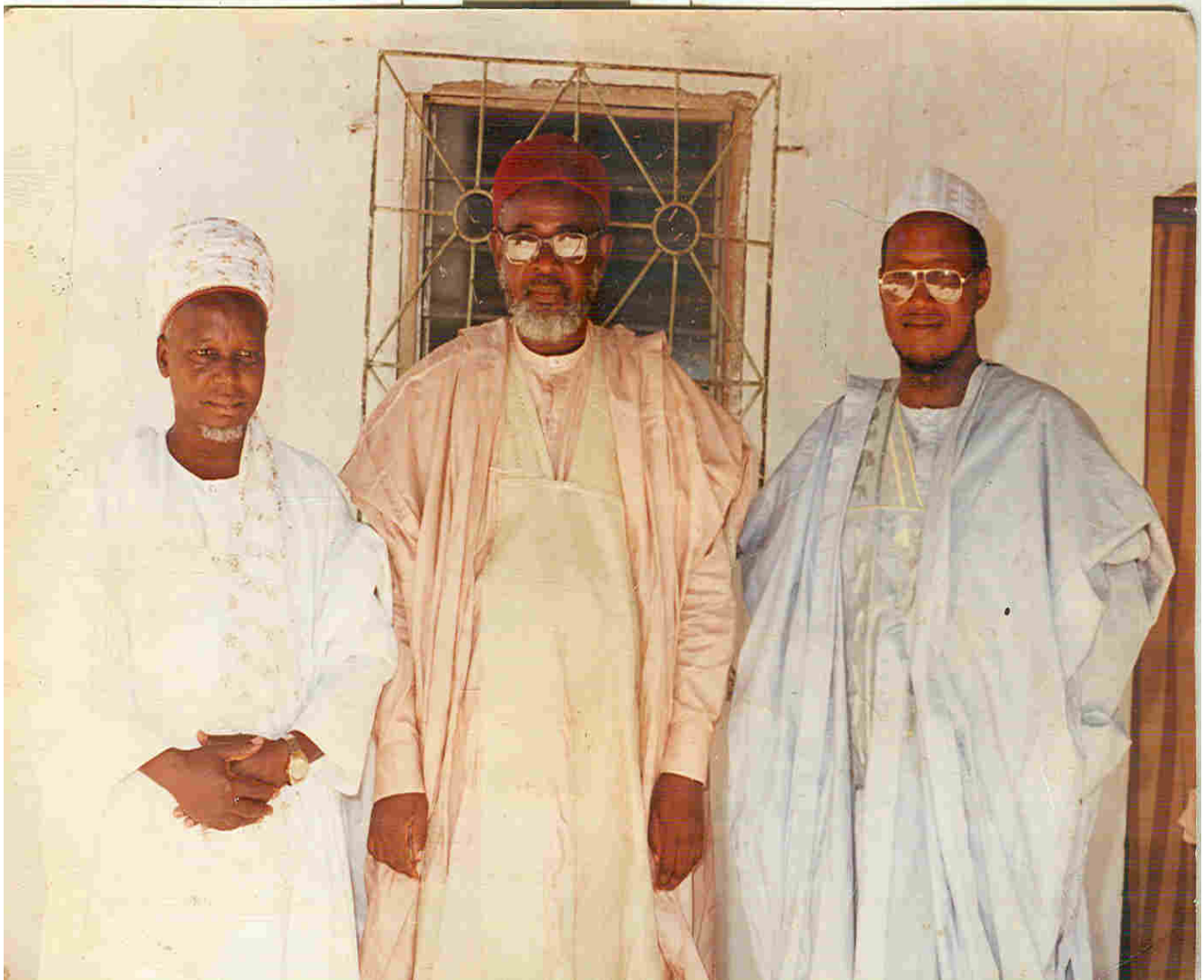
This work dealt with the attributes of Allah and other forms of supplication.

During his life time, Sheikh Abdulkadir remained peacefully with people and the community at large. He served his community throughout his life. He love to his brothers what

loves to himself. He also, served as an adviser of Jama'atu Nasril Islam and works tirelessly for the development of this great Islamic Organization in state branch.

Sheikh AbdulKadir was quite influential and a reputable scholar during his life renowned scholars also paid to him a courtesy call.

- Sheikh Ibrahim Idris [the present Chief Imams of Gwallaga Mosque, Bauchi] informed us that when Sheikh Abubakar Mahmud Gumi arrived at Bauchi he visited him once. Other scholars who visited him include:
- Dr Ahmad Muhammad Ibrahim and Malam Ja'afar Mahmood Adam all from Kano in 1998



Malam Abdulkadir while receiving Dr, Ahmad & Sheikh Jafar Mahmood Kano.

- Two Scholars from Pakistan 2002 CE
- Sheikh Sa'ud b. AbdulAzeez al-Khalaf from Islamic University of Madina 2002 CE
- Sheikh Ibrahim El-Zakkaky to mention but few.
- He attended the Sharia campaign launched by the Zamfara state Government, where he personally presented a paper containing the guide line of an Islamic law & Jihad



Left Alhaji Sani Yerima the governor of Zamfara attending M. Abdukadir musa jahun.

HIS LAST WASIYYA

Malam Abdulkadir felt sick for almost six years and six months. The sick became seriously to the level of paralyses where he loosed part of

his body. He used to say my time is soon approaching.

The following **Wasiyya** was found at his custody which was originally written in his hand writing:

testified that there is no deity of worship except Allah and Muhammad is his slave and messenger. I strongly believe that paradise is true, the hell is true, and the day of resurrection is true without any doubt. Really all mankind would rise up from their graves in accordance with the order and decree of Allah on the day that there is no doubt. Really Allah fulfil the promise. This is the rope we strongly hold in our life and died upon it and on this doctrine we are going to rise.

He indicated this date 26th Rabiul-Thani, 1410 AH/ 25th November, 1989 at the back of the paper. Praise be to Allah, the Lord of mankind Jinn and all that exist.

HIS LAST DAYS

On Saturday and Sunday, three days before he died his temperature rose so high signalling the severeness of his disease. On Monday he managed to eat few things and got relief, but unfortunate in the night 24rd March, 2008. /17th Rabiul-Auwal 1429 he died while in the presence of his sons Muhammad Safiyyu and Muhammad Mujtaba.

Following his request his son Malam

- i. Many of his works were unpublished.
- ii. He strictly adhered to Maliki doctrines.
- iii. His work in Arabic language is little.

Safiyyu led his funeral prayer and he was buried at his home on Tuesday 24th March, 2008. May Allah have mercy on him.

SOME FEW COMMENTS ABOUT HIM:

- *Sheikh Abubakar Jibril Imam of central Mosque Bayero University Kano Said: " He was the best exemplary scholar of his time in Bauchi town"*
- *Sheikh Tahir Usman Bauchi Said: " A famous scholar who dedicated his life to the revitalisation of his community has answered the call of his lord.*
- *Malam Ibrahim Idris the chief Imam of Gwallaga mosque described him as " the hero of Islamic educational development, a trustworthy, hard work & a beloved teacher. May Allah have mercy on him.*

OTHERS VIEWS ON SHEIKH

His contemporaries especially the scholars point out the following criticism against him.

- iv. He openly opposed the government policies, whenever expressing his views.
- v. Unlike others scholars, he received almost his education from the scholars in Bauchi city without going far and wide.

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