



My Life, My Sacrifice for Allah



In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful

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## Preamble

As part of their religious and/or civic duties, the Islamic Welfare Foundation, in collaboration with Centre for Ilorin Studies, University of Ilorin and the Nigeria Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs held a 4-day conference at the University of Ilorin Auditorium on 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 on the theme: "**Islam and the Nigerian State: A Centenary of Bridging Theocracy and Secularism**", partly to mark Nigeria's centenary celebration. The opening ceremony chaired by Professor Daud Noibi, Executive Secretary, MUSWEN also had in attendance the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Professor Abdulganiyu Ambali and other Principal Officers of the University, the National Co-ordinator of the Islamic Welfare Foundation, Mallam Aliu Badmus, the Secretary-General of Nigeria Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs, Professor Ishaq O. Oloyede (OFR) who delivered key note address, and the representatives of other numerous Islamic organisations. Scholars from the academia, civil societies, and religious organizations from across Nigeria presented papers that explored numerous contributions of Islam and Muslims to the evolution and development of Nigeria and identified the challenges encountered. Bearing in mind the need to preserve the unity of Nigeria and accelerate her progress, the participants made pertinent and critical observations and recommendations.

## Observations

1. Nigerian Muslims are surprised and astonished by the continuous association of the activities of the Boko Haram insurgency in Nigeria with Islam and Muslims.
2. Insecurity has become so pervasive to the extent that people do not feel safe anywhere in Nigeria especially in Muslim dominated areas. Yet the Federal Government appears helpless and clueless on how to cope with our security challenges.
3. Youth restiveness is on the increase in Nigeria and this is a reflection of leadership failure at all levels.
4. Corruption has heightened in recent times and this is largely attributable to the near-complete breakdown of moral values in our society. Sadly, efforts to contain the scourge of corruption are feeble or mere rhetoric.
5. There has been a sustained media campaign against Islam and Muslims in Nigeria with a view to intimidating them.
6. It was noted that Muslims and Islamic organisations have invested heavily on education and health in Nigeria to supplement provisions by government which are increasingly becoming inadequate.
7. Arabic language which was the official language in Muslim populated areas in Nigeria has significantly declined due to unfavourable government policies.

