



ASSOCIATION OF YORUBA TRADITIONAL LEADERS/OBAS

19 NORTHERN STATES AND FCT

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DISCLAIMER

This is to clarify that "Ambassador" Muhammed Arigbabuwo is not the Chairman of the Council of Yoruba Traditional Obas and Chiefs in the 19 Northern States and Abuja, contrary to his claims in a letter purportedly addressed to the First Lady, Senator Oluremi Tinubu, thanking her for her initiative to support women in Kaduna State.

The only legally recognized umbrella body for Yoruba sons and daughters in the Northern States and the Federal Capital Territory is the Association of Yoruba Traditional Leaders and Obas in the Northern States and the Federal Capital Territory, chaired by Sarkin Yorubawan Funtua in Katsina State, Alhaji Murtala Sani Adeleke. The Secretary-General of the Association is Oba Abdulrahim Jimoh Alao Yusuf, Oba Yoruba of Gombe.

It is also worthy of note that the only officially verified Chairman of the Association, Alhaji Murtala Sani Adeleke, was elected and turbaned recently in Abuja.

To this end, the Association disassociates itself from the statement issued by Mr. Arigbabuwo, and requests that he cease to parade himself as the Chairman of the Council of Yoruba Traditional Obas and Chiefs in the 19 Northern States and FCT.

We declare that his actions are spurred by clear mischief and fraudulent intentions. For the avoidance of any doubt, Mr. Arigbabuwo is not an Oba anywhere in northern Nigeria.

We hereby alert the general public to be wary of this imposter, as we take decisive actions to stop his antics from our side.

Please accept the assurances of the association's warmest regards

E- Signed

ALH. Abdulrahim J. Alao Yusuf,

Oba Yoruba of Gombe,
Secretary General