



## NUGA PRELIMINARY ZONE F KICKS OFF AS HOST KADUNA STATE UNIVERSITY HOLDS AHMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY, ZARIA TO A DRAW



The Nigerian University Games Association (NUGA) Zone F preliminaries kicked off in Kaduna on Monday with host Kaduna State University (KASU) and arch-rivals Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria, battling to a pulsating 1-1 draw in the opening football fixture.

The atmosphere at KASU's main field was electric as fans trooped out to witness the curtain-raiser of the week-long event featuring football, volleyball, basketball, tennis, and other sporting contests.

KASU dominated in the first half, delighting the home supporters with a well-taken goal that sent the stands into wild celebrations. But ABU clawed their way back into the game, levelling the score in the 81st minute to silence the home crowd and ensure both sides settled for a share of the points.

The clash, filled with intensity and drama, set the tone for what promises to be a fiercely contested tournament as universities from across Zone F go head-to-head for NUGA qualification.

Present at the opening ceremony were top officials of the host institution, including Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Yushau Ibrahim Ango; Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Muhammad Bashir Ali; Registrar, Barr. Samira Umar Balarabe Esq; and Bursar Hauwau Dalhat Muhammed, among others.

With the stalemate between the two giants, attention now shifts to the next round of matches as KASU and ABU look to stamp their authority in the preliminary games.









## KASU HOSTS DELEGATION AHEAD OF PRE-NUGA GAMES KICKOFF

A delegation of NUGA officials, led by the Sports Director, Kaduna State University, Prof. Simon Daniel paid a courtesy visit to the management of Kaduna State University on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025. The visit sought to develop a cordial working relationship with senior officials of the University as it prepared to host the zone F preliminary round of the 27<sup>th</sup> NUGA Games set to hold at the University of Jos later in the year.

Representing the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Prof. Yusha'u Ango, welcomed the visitors and expressed KASU's commitment to ensuring the games are conducted smoothly. He assured the delegation that the university values sports highly and will continue to extend hospitality to all student athletes and officials throughout the games.

Also present at the meeting were the Deputy Vice Chancellor Administration, Prof. Bashiru Ali; the Deputy Vice Chancellor Strategy, Innovation and Service Delivery, Prof. Helen Afang Andow; and the Dean of Students Affairs, Prof. M.K. Dauda.

Prof. Ali emphasised the need for harmony and prayed for a games period free of injuries or disputes, while Prof. Helen Afang Andow noted that management staff would follow up on the progress of the events, particularly in sports such as badminton.

Director of Sports, Umaru Musa Yaradua University Katsina (UMYU), Jafar Abba, commended the management of KASU, students, and the Kaduna State Government for their effort towards ensuring the commencement of the games. Delegates from Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria; the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) and the Federal University Dutsinma (FUDMA) Katsina were in attendance.

This visit set the tone for what promises to be a well organised and fun-filled competition.

*"The Nigerian University Games (NUGA Games) began in 1966 at the University of Ibadan after the success of the 1965 West African University Games held in the same location. Founded to foster sportsmanship, national unity, and talent development within Nigerian universities"*

