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FOREWORD

Seven years of IBB is to my mind a most commendable attempt to undertake a comprehensive and detailed assessment of the work and achievements of an incumbent head of state and government. The seven volume work with a picturesque compendium analyses virtually every initiative undertaken by the Babangida administration since coming to power in August 1985.

The contributors to the work have presented a well researched and analytical appreciation of the regime's bold effort at restructuring of the economy; its imaginative political initiatives designed to usher in lasting democracy and the administration's creative reorientation programmes intended to inculcate a new political culture conducive to the survival of democracy, and to the democratic way of life. They have also proffered suggestions on how to remedy the lapses they observed and identified.

The volumes cover Politics and the Transition, The Economy, Foreign Policy, Labour and Social Development, Arts and Culture, Education and Rural Development, and New Political Culture.

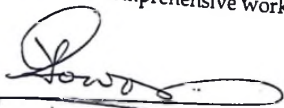
The editors have rightly observed that the Babangida Administration more than most embarked on a number of radical reforms in its seven years of existence. Each of the reforms embarked on by the Babangida administration, for example, the Structural Adjustment Programme, or the Transition Programme is major enough to occupy the full time of any administration. Yet the administration has made commendable efforts in realising the objectives of the reforms. The reforms became necessary as a result of the down-tum of the economy since the late seventies and due to the changing political landscape during that time. What must be remembered is that the political environment in the early 1960's soon after independence was a period of consolidating Nigeria's independence political and economically rather than indulging in any reform exercise at that time which would not have been acceptable. That is why, understandably, the first civilian political leadership was too preoccupied with maintaining a fragile political system to contemplate introducing anything radically different from what was bequeathed to it

the colonial regime. Inevitably, the unstable condition brought about a political change early in the life of the nation through military intervention for the first time.

Successive governments, especially our government after the civil war, did try to embark on reforms aimed at building a more united and economically strong and less dependent Nigeria where our economy is controlled by our nationals. The Economic Development Plan, the series of projects we executed and reforms we introduced in the early 1970's for example, our immediate post-war initiative at reconciliation and reintegration, rehabilitation and reconstruction, the 3R's, the Universal Free Primary Education and the Economic Enterprises Indigenization Policy were all attempts to address some of the questions that the Babangida administration, to his credit, took up with so much courage and decisiveness than his predecessors. Other governments too did recognize the need for reforms and in fact pursued policies meant to realize the objectives of the reforms. Little, however, has been recorded about the contribution of these governments other than what government-sponsored publications have done.

It is in this regard that I find the initiative of the publishers of this very comprehensive study very encouraging. It is an acknowledgement of the great contribution made by a leader to the socio-economic and political development of our fatherland. I hope that similar studies will be undertaken on the tenure of our leaders so that our future leaders will be encouraged to strive to do their very best being conscious of the fact that history is recording them even as they are still on the saddle.

Seven Years of IBB is an essential reading for any understanding of where Nigeria is today and from the foundation laid, what we hope it will be in the 21st Century. My congratulations to the Authors / Editors for a comprehensive work well done.



(Gen. Dr. Chief F. Gowon)
The Rare Argenta of Life

AWAITING THE VERDICT OF HISTORY

History is a product of continuous interaction between man and environment. Seven years is nothing much in the life of a nation particularly one with the size and complexity of Nigeria. But a seven year period during which fundamental assumptions were challenged and modified, when phenomenal changes were effected in Nigeria's social, economic and political scene, and during which issues hitherto reserved for the esoteric class, corporate bodies, and campus eggs heads became subjected to public debate and reactions deserve to be carefully documented and rationally analysed. The 1985-92 period is one that will be a fascinating subject in Nigeria's history books. Historians and social scientists will find the sheer weight and volume of decisions taken, their immediate and lasting effect on the country's outlook, economy and body politic too attractive to ignore. Even before the Babangida regime signs off, the men who captained the ship of state the policies they enunciated, the manner of implementation, the intended and accidental consequences are already being studied.

There has so far been a tendency towards an approach that is essentially biographical; one that seeks to explain the actions of the regime in the light of the vision of the leader. In the *Prince of the Niger*; Chidi Amuta analysed the 1985-92 period from the background of the knowledge of General Babangida's biographical condition because according to Chidi it is by so doing that we may be able to appreciate the deeper roots of the decisions that he had to make and policies he had to pursue. The Orphan at fourteen who through dint of hard work and persevearance came to occupy for seven years the highest position in the country's political hierarchy knows the difference between poverty and wealth, ignorance and knowledge, opportunity and the lack of it. Babangida was said to have for a long time been deeply concerned with the problems of Nigeria out of a patriotic commitment and consulted widely ever before coming to power with those who ought to know about th

multidimensional nature of Nigeria's socio-economic and political problems. These along with his personal experience must have influenced his attitude and policies. Events in the life of a nation are no doubt shaped by the perception of the leaders. These perceptions are in themselves influenced by personal experiences.

But it will be misleading to assume that the Babangida factor was the sole determinant of events in the 1985-92 period. Admittedly the regimented command structure of the armed forces compel instant obedience and does not leave much room for arguments and counter arguments particularly with superiors. But Babangida realised that the office of the Chief of Army Staff is not exactly like that of the President. In his maiden address Babangida denounced the Buhari-Idiagbon duo for disregarding the principle of discussion, consultation and cooperation. There was the Armed Forces Ruling Council, the Council of States, the Council of Ministers and the Presidential Advisory Council all of which were consultative bodies at different levels. Even though Babangida left no one in doubt as to who was in charge, the occasional change in aspects of policy formulation and implementation were clearly the result of inputs of individuals and groups to whose opinion Babangida deferred.

There were frequent changes in key personnel of government during the seven year period. But there were a few individuals such as Abacha, Aikhomu, Akilu, Chu Okongwu, Olikoye Kuti, Olagunju and to a lesser extent Jubril Aminu, Alhaji Alhaji, and Bola Ajibola who made inputs into policy formulation and who have clearly influenced events to some degree. Thus if a biographical approach were to be adopted to the study of the 1985-92 period, it will certainly not be complete without a biographical study at least of Vice President Aikhomu and General Sani Abacha. These two individuals will share with Babangida the praise and blame for the successes and failures of the regime.

But whatever judgement is pronounced must be against the background of the circumstances in which Babangida and his team found Nigeria. It is the environment and circumstances that make the man

and the government. It needed a defeated Germany suffering from the implementation of the Versailles treaty to produce a Hitler. Without a regimented and classless society which existed in the Soviet Union, there would not have been any need for Gorbachev to bring about Glamost or Perestroika. The Babangida era would not have had a "raison detre" had the massive corruption and prostitution of democratic values of the Shagari era not been succeeded by the authoritarianism and lack of proper economic focus of Buhari.

The seven books on seven years of IBB seek to record and analyse the interaction between men, ideas, circumstances and environment in the effort to make Nigeria a better place. The approach here is factual and analytical. It is an attempt to document and interpret actions taken by individuals who believed that the objectives suitable to be pursued in the Nigeria of August 1985 are those economic reconstruction, social justice and self reliance. The emphasis on the Nigerian situation before Babangida is one of the central issues being stressed by the editors and contributors of this series. We believe that any attempt to interpret and analyse contemporary situations should begin with an insight into the past. The present is a product of the past. Any balanced analysis of the Babangida era must take cognisance of the Nigerian situation before August, 1985. We need to know where we are coming from in order to appreciate where we are. Some of the critics of Babangida regime conveniently ignore the fact that by August 1985, a combination of the fall in world oil prices, inadequate policies of the past, and rising debt obligation produced a difficult economic situation which adversely affected both external and fiscal balance, they demonstrate a lack of awareness of the fundamental flaw in the structure of the economy which although made worse by the corruption and incompetence of the 1979-83 era needed much more than the "tough-guy posture of Buhari-Idiagbon". The situation called for a fundamental restructuring of the one legged economy operating within the parameters designed by the Breton Woods institutions as a result of which by 1985 44% of the revenue had to be spent on debt servicing.

The Structural Adjustment Programme was adopted by the regime following public rejection of the proposed IMF loan. The programme

was aimed at solving Nigeria's economic problem at its roots. The administration was of course aware that the positive results of SAP might be long in coming while the immediate effect would bring pains to the populace thus making the government somehow unpopular. But the regime realised that it was necessary to plan for Nigeria's long term future beyond the usual four to five year term after which the "buck is passed on". The situation called for courage to take on the established class who benefitted from the existing flaws in the economic structure e.g. import license and even some elements of the lower and middle class who had been accustomed to the usual 'government by patronage and subvention'.

Babangida's worst critics will find it difficult to accuse him of lack of courage to take decisions "Posterity will forgive us for taking wring decisions but will not forgive us if we fail to take decisions". SAP had not been very popular with the populace. The regime however sees it as central to our national economic and political recovery on the long run. It was prepared to be unpopular in order to bequeath an enduring foundation to the future generation of Nigerians.

The manner of implementation of certain aspects of SAP has been a source of concern. Some of the unavoidable extra budgetary expenses have tended to limit the gains of the programme. The long term nature of the measures taken are such that the positive effects cannot be that much visible as of now. But it will be hard to deny the fact that there is already evidence of a radical change in our consumption habits, an inculcation of maintenance culture, an acceptance of the idea of self employment, an increase in food production, the increase in local sourcing of raw materials, and of fundamental reorientation in the psyche of the Nigerian citizenry.

The domestic and international environment during the end of 80's was such that the only realistic approach to the problems of Nigeria was the adoption of SAP. The state of the Nigerian economy in 1985 was similar to those of many African and third world countries. Between 1985, Africa's economic performance recorded an average annual growth rate of GDP of only 0.4 percent capital income which was already low at the end of the 1970 had steadily declined by about

2,6%. Social services and welfare especially education, public health and sanitation rapidly deteriorated. This is why by 1988 about 30 Africa countries had to adopt structural Adjustment Programmes with the support of the IMF and the World Bank. Moreover the mid 80's coincided with the global resurgence of conservative economic and political philosophy and the final act of communism; a period dominated by Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan. The slogan then was and still is less government in business. What this means is privatisation of many government economic establishments which as has been rightly argued, are best left to the business class. If the former Soviet Union can now be talking of practising a free market economy, the Babangida regime must have right in refusing to get involved with unsequential commercial ventures. It was correct to see its role as that of maintaining law and order and thereby create an enabling environment that would protect investment and encourage productive planing on a sustained basis.

One of the unavoidable consequences of SAP is the economic strain it brought on the middle and lower classes who had to pay higher rates and utility prices arising first from the liberalisation of foreign exchange which devalued the Naira, and secondly the commercialisation of some public parastatals. The government realised the human dimension and the need not to marginalize the greater majority of the population. Babangida was aware that weaker segments of our populace could perish under the yoke of the emergence of a free market regime hence the various ameliorative policies and programmes that they pursued. The President promised that deliberate efforts will be made to ensure that those reform measures that have been put in place to cushion the difficulties at both the urban and rural communities are fully implemented. It was this concern for the welfare of the masses that brought about the establishment of programmes such as the Directorate of Foods, Roads, and Rural Infrastructures DFFRI, People's Bank, Community Bank, National Directorate of Employment and Better Life. Details of the manner of operation and effects of these establishments which have now become established aspects of our national life will be found in the volumes of this project. They constitute what can be described as the "Human Face of SAP" and to a considerable extent

an unconscious implementation of African alternative framework to structural adjustment programmes for socio-economic recovery and transformation as advocated by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa ECA.

The manner and style of Foreign policy implementation is one area in which the Babangida regime distinguished itself from its predecessors. While still retaining the essentially Afrocentric focus there has been a clear emphasis on the need to relate foreign policy to the domestic economic situation. The adoption of Economic diplomacy as the policy thrust meant that issues related to trade and investment came into sharp focus. While still placing emphasis on block unity, efforts were made to strengthen economic links with Africa and the diaspora. The volume on foreign policy will show that foreign policy is one area in which it will be extremely difficult to contest Babangida's claim to success. His performance and achievement as ECOWAS and OAU Chairman, and elections into the top positions at both the Commonwealth and United Nations are among the visible proofs. The technical aid corp programme (TAC) Introduced by the regime has brought so much goodwill to Nigeria in the receiving countries. There is virtually no programme that has ever positively projected Nigeria among the ordinary people in foreign countries. The positive contribution of TAC to the economic and social life of the receiving countries has reinforced Nigeria's image as the mecca for all black people and a country which means for all the black people what Israel means to the Jews.

The elaborate political transition programme is predicated on the belief that the Nigerian situation as at August 1985 was directly attributable accountability. Democracy as practised by absence of politicians of the first and second republics could not be described as the government the people, for the people. The administration pledged itself to the establishment of a new political order in which not only the letter but also the spirit of the constitution would be adhered to. There was the realisation that for the dreams of SAP to be realised, a stable political order was a necessity, "Our strategy" said General Babangida "has been to pursue a co-ordinated and multi pronged approach to our developmental problems. Our

economic problems also have their political under currents. You cannot solve one without the other”.

In seeking to create the new political order, there was a clear obsession with getting the system rooted with the majority of Nigerians. Right from the establishment of the political bureau to the inauguration of the constituent assembly, the creation of new local governments and the elections held into the local governments, state and national assemblies, there was this apparent preference for power to be seen to be derived from the people. It was in reaction to the often repeated allegation that the essence of people's power was often lost in the irregularities that feature in the manner in which electoral votes were cast and counted, that the regime opted for the controversial open ballot system. It was also the desire, to ensure that there is no return to the ethnic politics of the past that the regime decreed the formation of two grass root based political parties after dissolving the 13 political associations formed because they were mere recreations of the first and second republics. With the two parties controlling an almost equal number of states and with neither of both parties having a two thirds majority at the national assembly. it is reasonable to expect that the politics of the third republic will be one of consensus and compromise since no side would be able to go it alone.

It is tempting to regard a publication of 7 years of IBB by the DAILY Times as a mere government propaganda. Such an attitude is understandable given the fact of the government's control of majority shares in the company. The editors and contributors of the present volume are aware of the fact that the sheer weight and volume of activities that took place within the past seven years are such that would normally attract observation and comments particularly after the regime might have handed over. This is not an attempt to whitewash the Babangida era.

What we have tried to do has been to present the facts and analyse them as rationally as possible. We believe that whatever criticisms one may have against the regime will have more to do with implementation than the formulation of policies.

It will be difficult to fault the objectives of SAP. It was the only rational option considering the state of Nigeria's economy in 1985. The fact that 30 African and third world countries are implementing structural adjustment policies attest to the inevitability of the programme given our circumstance. The human face of SAP were the ameliorative programmes such as DFFRI, Better Life, NDE, People's Bank, Community Bank. Like all other aspects of SAP the manner of operation of some of these projects could have been better if not for the inconsiderate ambition and greed on the part of some Nigerians. The reckless manner in which loans were dispensed at the People's Bank, the unsubstantiated claims of DFFRI, the general attitude that government money is there for the taking limited the success of the implementation of some of these otherwise well-conceived programmes.

The chapter on DFFRI, while emphasising the revolutionary nature of the concept in articulating a national programme of rural transformation acknowledged the fact that actual implementation of the programmes had been flawed on several fronts and plagued by several implementation failure. But this, does not rule out the fact that DFFRI, established 25,000 ton storage facilities in selected urban locations, facilitated the procurement and distribution of fertilisers, constructed hundreds of thousand of feeder roads, and executed water supply projects. Despite its shortcomings DFFRI brought some of the good things of life to some elements of the rural community. The same goes for the much criticised Better Lifer for Rural Women Programme. The proposal to get it incorporated within the armpit of the National Commission for Women has the potential of depersonalising the programme and detaching it from the families of state and national political leaders. Whatever might be its shortcomings, the programme has launched 7,635 cooperatives, 997 cottage industries, 1,751 new farms and gardens, 1187 new shops and markets, 419 women's centres and 163 social welfare programmes. Perhaps of more importance is its success in arousing the social and political consciousness of Nigeria's womenfolk. The award of the prize for the sustainable end of hunger to the first lady in August, 1991 accorded the programme the international recogni-

tion and justification that it deserves.

It is obvious that the downturn in the economy which is a world wide phenomenon has resulted in the decline of the quality of social services e.g health and education. Teaching hospitals despite some of them having been designated centres of excellence lack necessary equipments. Some Nigerians have since been in the habit of going abroad to receive medical treatment, Critics of the Babangida administration are inclined to emphasis only this aspect of health sector but will carefully ignore or refuse to mention the fact that the government has been quite successful in its primary health care programme which emphasises the provision of essential medical and health facilities to the community. The primary health care programme deals with diseases and ailments that afflict the majority of Nigerians who live in the rural communities. The teaching hospitals deal mainly with the diseases of the affluence. One is not attempting to justify or rationalise the decline in the quality of health care. What is being said is that the government had tired to focus more on the requirements on the wider populace within the limits of resources available.

The chapter on education makes it clear that the sector took some beating during the Babangida era. But as the editors and contributions of these volumes have pointed out, some the problems which the regime faced and which tended to ignite negative feelings were inherited. The politicisation of university education by which every State Governor wanted to be Visitor started during Shagari era. The Babangida regime regrettably did not arrest the trend. Even State governments that have Federal Universities located in their territories did not feel satisfied until they had their own. Then there came universities of technology and agriculture despite the existence of faculties of engineering and agriculture in the existing ones. Meanwhile the decline in the value of the Naira coupled with the army of competing demands made it difficult for the government to meet its obligation to the universities with regards to funding. Nigeria's best brains left their natural habitat (campuses) either for the private sector or "checked out" to other countries.

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With the proliferation of merchant banks and the ease with which less educated Nigerians made money, the value and virtue of reading took a drive. It took a spirited and most constructive industrial action by Dr. Jega led Academic Staff Union of Universities to get the government agree to improve conditions of service for teachers and fund universities adequately.

The important thing is that by agreeing eventually to ASUU demands, the Babangida regime has laid a foundation for the survival of the country's university system. The drift from the country's universities to the other sectors is beginning to cease. As opportunities for easy money begins to decline, the educated man is likely to get the appreciation that he deserves from the society. It may take some time before the impact of the agreement reached between ASUU and government is felt. This may perhaps be one of the positive effects of the Babangida administration that will take some time to manifest itself on the society.

The Babangida regime had its shortcomings. The situation in the mid 80's till now is such that no regime could do without. In confronting the situations that it met the regime exercised sound judgement particularly in the selection of personnel to face the challenges. With Olikoye Kuti in Health, Jubril Aminu in Education, Adebayo Ajibola at the Justice Ministry, Kalu Idika Kalu in Finance, Babangida picked those who on paper seemed most qualified for the job. This is not to say that this attitude permeated every section of the public service. But with ministerial appointments Babangida seemed to have been a stickler for quality. As a systemsman, he left most of the implementation to his ministers who on some occasions even initiated policies. Some of the confusions that occurred in some national sectors such as the changing of school calendar, implementation of second tier and fuel distribution are more attributable to the ministers even though as President Babangida takes all the praises and blame.

It has not been an easy seven year period. The problem inherited were formidable. But equally formidable were the determination and resolve not only to overcome the problems but also to lay the

foundation for a greater tomorrow. The editors and contributors have attempted to present the problems and analyse efforts made to confront them. Whatever may be one's individual attitude to the personalities, it will be necessary to remember the magnitude of the problems which were largely inherited before one can be in a position to estimate the success of the efforts made to combat them. There is also the fact that because the regime chose to act with an eye for the distant future and plan for generations yet unborn, the effects of some of the measures it took are not yet discernible. The regime like all others before it will have to wait for the judgement of history.

Prof Ade Adefuye
Nigerian High Commission
London . 1993.

PREFACE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

It was ambitious in conception. Seven Books on Seven Years of President Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida, each having seven chapters, looked like an impossible order, especially when then Managing Director Chief Tola Adeniyi also directed that it be completed within four months.

The idea of the books had occurred to Chief Adeniyi, in London, early in 1992. Before he returned from that trip, his first as "Sole Administrator" of the Daily Times of Nigeria PLC, he had discussed the idea extensively with Professor Ade Adefuye, Deputy Nigerian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom. Extensive notes had been made, suggesting book subjects and chapters, as well as book editors and chapter writers. Professor Adefuye was, naturally appointed General Editor of the series. The first announcement of the project was made in the *Sunday Times* on March 1992.

I became involved in the project, when Chief Adeniyi, in a memo, asked me to take charge of the project. After discussions with our then Books Editor, Mr. Paul Akegwure, it was agreed that we needed to mobilise more fully the considerable intellectual power that resides in our Editorial Department, if the task was to be accomplished. A committee that included the Editor, *Daily Times* and most members of the Editorial Board, as well as the Books Editor and the Editor Times Home Studies, was set-up.

Then followed, in consultation with the General Editor, a somewhat drastic revision of book chapters, to cover more areas of the Babangida Revolution, and of Editors and writers on the basis of interest and ability to deliver. Then commissioning and re-commissioning, when some who had accepted failed to deliver. The Managing Director's fascination with the figure 7 was to prove somewhat problematic. But the committee persisted, cajoling contributors and Editors to submit copies, and looking for, and persuading new contributors, on the many occasions we had cause to re-commission chapters.

Co-ordinating this project has been a most educative experience for me. For that, I want to thank Chief Tola Adeniyi, Chairman/Chief Executive of Daily Times of Nigeria PLC for the opportunity. I should also thank our General Editor, Professor Adefuye for his keen interest and advice at every stage of the project. My thanks too to our contrib-

utors, and especially our Editors who had to attend several meetings in Lagos in the process of producing this series. His Excellency General Yakubu Gowon, at our request, wrote the Foreword. I thank him.

But perhaps this project might have been as impossible as it looked at the beginning without the exemplary commitment of members of the committee. Their enthusiasm was touching. So I must thank specially: Gbenga Odusanya and Dayo Alao who oversaw the production of the books; G. G. Darah, Omar F. Ibrahim, Ayo Olukotun, who wrote, edited and constantly revised theirs, and other contributors' copies; Tunji Okegbola, our brilliant and indefatigable Librarian who not only compiled the compendium, but also the indexes of all the books; Mallam Kabir for the cover design, staff of the Times Books & Periodicals Department, for industry and the numerous other colleagues who offered advice, suggestions and sometimes, sympathy.

For all of us who have participated in this project, this has been, I believe, a worthwhile experience. Believing that a good deal of the truly revolutionary programmes of the Babangida administration were either misunderstood or under-appreciated, we had set out to record and analyse the achievements of this period, in an attempt to place them in their proper perspective. It is perhaps indicative of the enthusiasm which developed, that we ended up with eight Books — The Seven Books, plus a Compendium.

It should, however, be stressed here that this is not a government information project. Although government officials, like many other citizens, knew about what we were doing, no government official asked for, or read any part of the series before they were published. Fully conscious that the debate about Babangida's place in history will rage for many years after the man has gone, we made efforts to invite contributors to write on subjects about which they are knowledgeable. What the contributors and the Editors have written represent, I believe, their observations and objective assessment of a period in Nigerian history, about which no patriot can be indifferent. This is our contribution to the prospective debate. I am assured by the General Editor, that Editors and contributors are prepared to bear sole responsibility for all errors of fact and judgement in this publication.

Onyema Ugochukwu,
Chairman,
Co-ordinating Committee.

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Introduction

INTRODUCTION

When the first advertisement for the Seven Books on Seven Years of IBB appeared in *SUNDAY TIMES* of 8th March 1991 I had a strong urge to contribute something to the project. As a librarian I felt that something might be missing on the documentation of information on the seven years.

The urge subsided, however, when I was coopted into the book committee and I was given an opportunity to contribute my quota to the project. My concern was to select some important and hitherto neglected materials in other publications on the Babangida administration.

The information listed covers the period from 27th August 1985 to 31st December 1992. However, because of space constraint, the number of the entries, especially those on bibliography and photographs had to be drastically reduced.

Arrangement of this work is done for easy reference. There are eight sections made up of the following:

- (i) compendium of select quotes of IBB;
- (ii) IBB in the eyes of others;
- (iii) cartoons published in some major newspapers and magazines;
- (iv) annotated bibliography of the Babangida years as reported by some Nigerian dailies;
- (v) chronology of major events of the period;
- (vi) awards and titles of IBB;
- (vii) progressive programmes of the administration and
- (viii) the IBB team(s).

Entries are accurately presented to the best of my ability. Even when they are grammatically incorrect they have been presented as they are in the original. Although the documentation is not exhaustive, I am convinced that justice has been done to most of the articles featured in the newspapers in the period specified.

This work is my little contribution to the growing body of information on the Babangida era. It is my hope that the compendium would readily meet the demands of "thirsty" information seekers about the Babangida administration.

Tunji Okegbola
December, 1992.

Chapter I

QUOTABLE QUOTES OF IBB

THE MAKING OF IBB AS PRESIDENT

"...When in December 1983, the former military leadership assumed the reins of government, its ascension was heralded in the history of this country. With the nation then at the mercy of political jurisdiction and on the brink of economic collapse, a new sense of hope was created in the mind of every Nigerian. Since January 1984, however, we have witnessed a desideration of that hope."

...IBB's Maiden address on justification for change of Government, August 27, 1985

Regrettably, it turned out that Major-General Bahari was too rigid and uncompromising in his attitude to uses of national significance. Efforts to make him understand that a diverse polity like Nigeria requires recognition and appreciation of differences in both cultural and individual perceptions only served to aggravate his attitude."

...Maiden presidential address August 27, 1985

"My Colleagues and I are determined to change this course of history. This government to unite this country. We shall not allow anything to obstruct us. We recognise that a government, be it civilian or military; needs the consent of the people to govern, if it is to reach its objectives. We do not intend to rule by force; at the same time, we should not be expected to submit to unreasonable demands. Fundamental rights and civilian liberties will be respected. But their exercise must not degenerate into irrational expressions that border on subversion."

...Maiden address, August 27, 1985

"We have witnessed our rise to greatness and a decline to the state of a bewildered nation. Our human potential has been neglected, our human resources put to waste."

...Maiden presidential speech, August 27, 1985.

"We must never allow ourselves to lose a sense of natural justice. The innocent cannot suffer the crimes of the guilty. The guilty should be punished only as a lesson for the future.

...Maiden presidential address, August 27, 1985

"We have assumed the reigns of government to serve, not be masters of our own people."

...National day broadcast, October, 1985



President Ibrahim Babangida stepping into the saddle of leadership on August 27, 1985



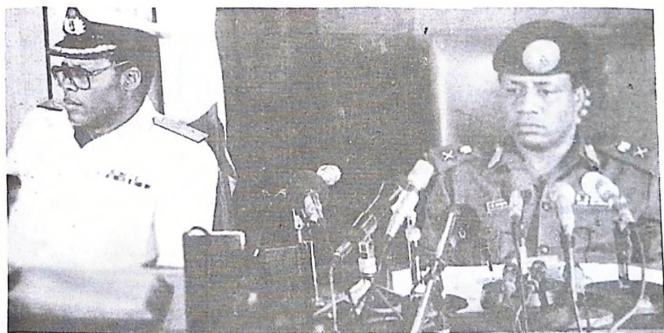
*President Babangida with Colonel Shagaya
on August 27, 1985*



*President Babangida leaving the
NTA station after the maiden
broadcast, August 27, 1985*



*President Babangida making his maiden
Broadcast, August 27, 1985*



*President Babangida with the Chief of
General Staff, Commodore Ebitu Ukiwe on
August 27, 1985*



*President Babangida swearing in members
of the Armed Forces Ruling Council
(AFRC)*



*President Babangida swearing in
Lt Col Ayuba as member of AFRC*



*President Babangida poses with members
of the Armed Forces Ruling Council*



*President Babangida addressing the
World Press on his mission*



*President Babangida with Chief of General Staff
Rear-Admiral Augustus Aikhomu*



*President Babangida with Vice-President
Rear Admiral Augustus Aikhomu*



*The President and the first lady,
Mrs. Maryam Babangida*



The Babangida family

IBB ON ECONOMY

"To reconstruct the economy through the efforts of citizens is both feasible and practicable... in spite of the realisation that this option will mean enormous sacrifice from all citizens."

"It is clear that the IMF issue is basically on whether this country should face the challenge of economic recovery through a structural adjustment based entirely on the efforts of our citizens or through a combination of efforts and help by way of a loan from the IMF."

...Address at the inauguration of the Presidential committee on the IMF loan, September 25, 1985

"These challenges involve not only a reduction in public expenditure and a general structural adjustment of the entire economy but also a fundamental and enduring shift in the attitude of our people; their tastes and demand profile should move towards our own resource-based goods and services. We must reduce the excessive link of our society from external impulses and move towards a more inward-looking development strategy."

"Some of those who had the special privilege and opportunity to effectively restructure while at the helm of affairs of this country, did not consider it necessary to halt the economic drift. They, instead actually paved the way for the downturn and are today lamenting what could have been prevented by them. Indeed, we are overburdened today and are trying to resolve the dilemma of our economic bondage whose chains were provided by those who now criticise every measure that is taken to correct the damage done."

...Address at the inauguration of the Obafemi Awolowo Foundation on 14/4/92 at Ibadan

"Thus despite the perceived pains of the Structural Adjustment Programme there is clear evidence of its gains in terms of reduction in the level of our external dependency, increased productivity increased opportunities for rural development and enhanced creativity and inventiveness of our people."

...Address to the nation, 27/8/91

We have attempted to unfetter private initiative and create a truly liberal economy in which enterprise spirit reinforces the spirit of democracy and vice versa.

Address to the Inaugural Meeting of Council of States in Abuja on 13/4/92

“It is very gratifying to observe that so far we have succeeded in implementing most of our programmes to the satisfaction of the generality of Nigerians. The physical and economic landscape of this country has been transformed to the extent that we now look inwards for a large measure of our requirements. We are beginning to be proud of ‘made-in -Nigeria goods’ which now compete favourably with the imported ones. Indeed, with the Structural Adjustment Programme (SAP) We have undeniably achieved the objectives of developing the spirit of self-reliance.”

Address to the nation, 27/8/91



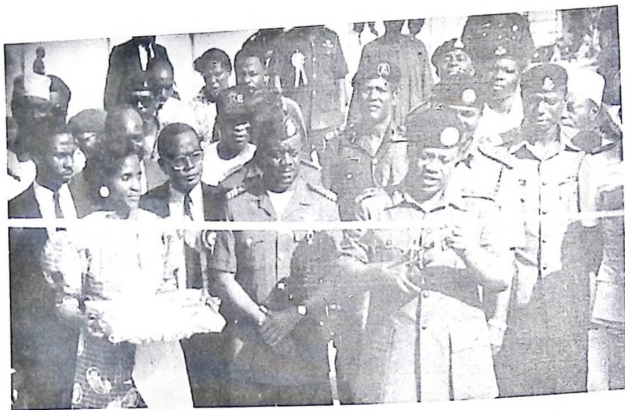
President Babangida commissioned the first People's Bank at Ajegunle on 3-10-89. The President, above, hands out a loan to the first recipient at the occasion. Maria Shokemu (Mrs.) the Managing Director, People's Bank of Nigeria watches with keen interest



The President, drawing water from the tap after commissioning the Oyun Dam at Offa, as part of his official visit to Kwara State



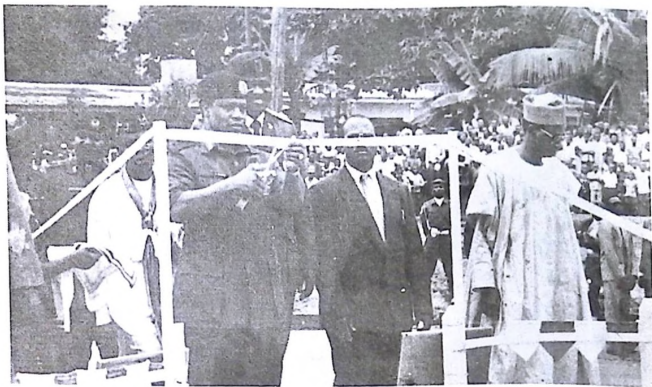
President Ibrahim Babangida cuts the tape to commission the Bendel Feed and Flour Mills Ltd, Ewu



President Ibrahim Babangida here cuts the tape to declare open Akwa Ibom Hall project during his visit to the state. Governor Idongesit Nkanga to his right watches keenly



President Babangida planting a commemorative tree during the national tree planting campaign launch at Bauchi



The President commissions IBB Way in Calabar



President Babangida cuts the tape to declare open the Trans-Ekulu fly-over in Emugu



Chief Odmsi about to decorate the president as the first patron of the Association of Advertising Practitioners of Nigeria at Abuja



Otunba Michael O. Balogun being introduced to President Babangida by the general manager of Gateway Pharmaceutical Company, Dr. Olufemi Olubayo



General Babangida welcoming NIB President, Professor Nwankwo to Dodan Barracks



President Babangida signs visitors' book at PZ Industries while Alihaji Shehu Malami, Chairman of PZ Industries Ltd (right) watches on with others at Ikorodu



A delegation of France-Nigeria Chambers of Commerce and Industries led by their chairman, Chief Molade Okoya-Thomas and committee president Mr. J. J. Engels called on President Ibrahim Babangida at the Dodan Barracks, Lagos, President Babangida is here receiving Chief Okoya-Thomas into his office



President Babangida giving out the People's Bank loan to one of the qualified people. With him is the Managing Director of the bank, Mrs. Maria Sokenu (right)

IBB ON POLITICS AND TRANSITION

"...apart from the immediate and more visible problems of salvaging our battered economy, our other task is to bring about a new political culture which, like a veritable fountainhead, would bring forth a stable, strong and dynamic economy."

...Address at the inauguration of the Political Bureau Abuja, 13th January, 1986

"...We need to learn a lesson from an abrupt handover of power to civilian politicians."

....Address at the inauguration of the Political Bureau Abuja, 13th January, 1986

"Dear Graduands... I hope that you will bring the gains to bear on your approaches to rulership. I expect you to be critical and creative. I expect you to be full of optimism and zeal to conquer our adversity. The nation expects, having regard to the diversity of your background, that you will use your expertise to help actively and generously in the task of moving this nation forward in every field of our socio-political activities."

... An address at the Nigeria Institute of Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru, 28th October, 1986

"...those who want the local government to have more powers at the expense of the state government may find that Nigeria's type of federalism might be significantly modified to such an extent that one might begin to think that the states should be jettisoned altogether in favor of local governments as federal units of government. This will be inellegant."

...An Address to the Constituent Assembly, May 11, 1988

"The new men' the new breed' or the unspoiled men who believe that government's confidence placed on them was or is misplaced may sooner or later have to be made to join those affected

by December 25 of 1987 unless they retrace their steps and shun antidemocratic and antisocial practices of the politicians of yester years."

...Address to the nation, August 27, 1988

"...the constitution-making is a political process which should be subjected to the interplay of political forces."

...Address to the nation on the Occasion of the promulgation of the New Constitution in Lagos on 3rd May, 1989

"In other words, societal goals must be distinguished from the goals of political parties. The goals of political parties expressed in their manifestoes and programmes are in fact the means for achieving societal goals which are rooted in the constitution. We should not confuse the two static and conservative postures for society....
Defining Nigeria as a welfare state will circumscribe future political operators who might consider the notion unnecessary.

...Address to the Nation on the Occasion of the promulgation of the New Constitution in Lagos on 3rd May, 1989

"... I had said: 'We expect the Constitution to have transitional provisions. They are transitional to the extent that these provisions will give way to the progressive reduction in the military participation in the political process'. This was a call to realism in the sense that as a military administration we clearly stated that we are committed to initiating a national process in which desirable political behavior and practice will progressively develop over time."

...Address to the nation on the Occasion of the promulgation of the New Constitution in Lagos on 3rd May, 1989

"...great countries are built only by leaders possessed of foresight, selflessness, utter dedication to their cause, and the fear of God."

...Address at the launching of the book on Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa on 30/9/91 at Lagos

"...the progress which we have so far made in implementing the political transition programme is sufficiently impressive to convince even skeptics and cynics of our sincerity of purpose and our commitment.

The two-party system has become effectively assimilated by the population at the grassroot. More importantly, the parties have themselves become instrument for engineering political consciousness and participatory democracy in our national political system."
...Address to the nation, 27/8/91

"We must strive to avoid violence which has already started to rear its disruptive head in electoral campaigns. Electoral contests must be seen as 'games' rather than 'battles' in which Nigerians victimize, harm, maim or even kill fellow Nigerians, and in which various forms of violent thuggery, hooliganism, and wanton destruction of property are used and directed against political opponents or adversaries"

...Address to the nation, 27/9/91

"In view of this unique condition in which we have found ourselves, it has become the task of military regimes to act as both architects and engineers in order to secure the integrity of democracy."

...Address to the inaugural meeting of Council of States in Abuja on 13/4/91

"When this Administration therefore, embarked on its Transition Programme which embraces both the economy and the polity, we were and still are sure that we had a correct reading of our history. What we were not very sure of was whether those lessons were learnt or taught."

...Address to the inaugural meeting of Council of States in Abuja on 13/4/91

"Indeed, great leaders shun temporary popularity and focus their minds on beneficial philosophies which may not be acknowledged during their lifetime but will surely be accorded due recognition and acclaim with the passage of time. This is one of the major advantages of adopting a true historical perspective."

**...Address at the launching of the book on Sir Abubakar on 30/9/91
in Lagos**

"....the present stage of our journey towards reinstating democratic rule bespeaks rediscovery possibilities of our common national aspiration and enterprises."

**...Address to the inaugural meeting of Council of State in Abuja on
13//92**



The President receiving NEC's report from Prof Nwosu, chairman



President Babangida addressing the Press on the outcome of AFRC meeting on registration of Political Parties



President Ibrahim Babangida displaying the manifestoes of the two Political Parties



President Babangida displaying the constitutions of the two Political Parties (SDP and NRC)

IBB ON NATION BUILDING

"We do not intend to have all the answers to the questions which our present problems have put before our nation. We have come with the strongest determination to create an atmosphere in which positive efforts shall be given the necessary support of lasting solutions."

...August 27, 1985. IBB maiden Address

"...self-reliance is the strategy for building a new society, where our people can develop the consciousness of being masters of their own destiny...."

"However it is our inherent right to map out our own options, arrive at decisions on our own initiative and through the full use of our talents. We must move from self-discovery to self-assertion, and be prepared to accept fully the consequences of our own mistakes."

...Maiden Address August 27, 1985

"It is our determination to break the vicious cycle of hope and despair, faith and doubt, affluence and poverty, stability and chaos, which characterised the last quarter century of our nation's life."

.... National Day Broadcast, October 1, 1985

"...every socio-economic order has a political arrangement appropriate to it. It will be the duty of the political bureau to suggest the economic development of our country... therefore you must see the search for the new political order as the launching pad for the new Nigeria...."

...Address at the inauguration of the Political Bureau in Abuja, 13th January, 1986

"I would switch my focus to those essential virtues which are necessary for our national survival, rather than to those callous rumours that tend to bring confusion, cynicism and despair."

...Address to members of the Nigeria Union of Journalists,
January 20, 1986

"We are convinced that self-reliance is the strategy for building a new society, where our people can develop the consciousness of being the masters of their own destiny. It does not mean anarchy; nor does it mean that we need no help from our friends abroad."

...Budget broadcast, December 31, 1986

"...we need a strong federal government, we also need development-oriented state and local governments."

...Inaugural address to Constituent Assembly, May 11, 1988

"All leaders must share, and be seen to share the miseries and joys of our nation's changing situation. The pains of Structural Adjustment must be adequately and equitably shared by both the leaders and the followers if the commitment to the goals of a greater Nigeria is to be attained."

...Address to the nation, August 27, 1988

"...the worst features in the attitude of the Nigerian elite over the last three decades or more have included: factionalism, disruptive competition, extreme greed and selfishness; indolence and abandonment of the pursuit of excellence..."

...An address at the Oxford and Cambridge Club
Annual Spring Lecture, N.I.I.A., Lagos. 16th March, 1986

"...I venture to suggest that it is the nature of the competition among us the so-called elite, our far-sightedness and breadth of vision or the lack of it, and our disparate definition of our genuine self-interests-narrow or enlightened - which have been at the root of our national problems. "

**--- An address at the Oxford and Cambridge Club
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"This Administration is determined to guarantee justice for all Nigerians of whatever religious persuasion. In furtherance of this, AFRC considered the various issues surrounding the Sharia and Customary Courts of Appeal and have come to the conclusion that we must provide for those who wish to come under the jurisdiction of the two courts and who strongly believe that they can get justice only from these courts. Our society is a multi-religious one founded on the principle of indivisible union. Each section of our community must accommodate the other in the wider interest of our nation."

**...Address to the nation on the occasion of the promulgation of
the New Constitution in Lagos on 3rd May, 1989**

"... only with a firm anchoring of Nigeria's plural character within a federal system can our nation's stability be guaranteed for posterity. We are firmly and fully committed to making our nation an example to the world of how a multi-ethnic and multi-religious society, such as ours, can be effectively and efficiently organized in a federal democratic system."

"We settled on Federalism because we firmly believe that it is only through this that our diversity can be accommodated. We have no alternative but to stay together."

**...Address to the nation on the occasion of the promulgation of
the New Constitution in Lagos on 3rd May, 1989.**

"The reform package of this administration is constructed on two pillars. The first is on the economy which some have seen as being concretised in the Structural Adjustment Programme. The second is the political programme which we have articulated in the Transition to Civil Rule Programme. These two elements mutually reinforce each other and both must be faithfully implemented for us to be able to construct a new social order that is democratic, viable and self-reliant."

...IBB on Economic Reforms and the Development Imperative

"All these (rural infrastructural and credit facilities) not only emphasise our deliberate efforts at resources redistribution with a bias for the rural areas and the urban poor, but they also demonstrate the spirit of social justice which informs our public policies and programmes."

...On Rural Development

"Since our most valuable assets are our human resources, their existence should be specifically oriented to the encouragement of scientific and technological excellence and advancement as a means of attaining socio-economic self-reliance."

"The Nigeria of our dreams can only be built by workers who apply themselves consciously to whatever legitimate vocation that pleases providence to make their own."

...IBB at May Day celebration on 1st May, 1992

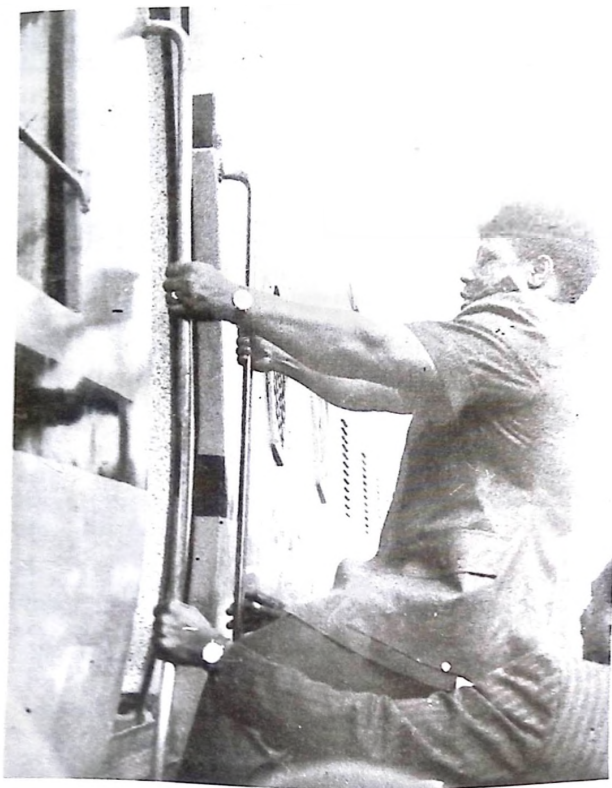
"Unless all actors desist from their anti-democratic practices and recognise the need for fairplay, the best and most acceptable candidates can never emerge. More importantly, the new socio-political order which we are all striving to establish will be denied the emergence of a new political leadership imbued with democratic ethos, patriotism and nationalism which are the necessary conditions for democracy to thrive and endure in this country."

...Address to the nation, 27/8/91

"The functions of the Council of States are such that, if properly attended to, they make irrelevant and constitutionally redundant talks of consensus government. For here is an institution that cuts

across our political firmament, our political differences and party affiliations in providing a forum for discussing and evolving common solutions to our national problems and for consultations on various aspects of intergovernmental relations."

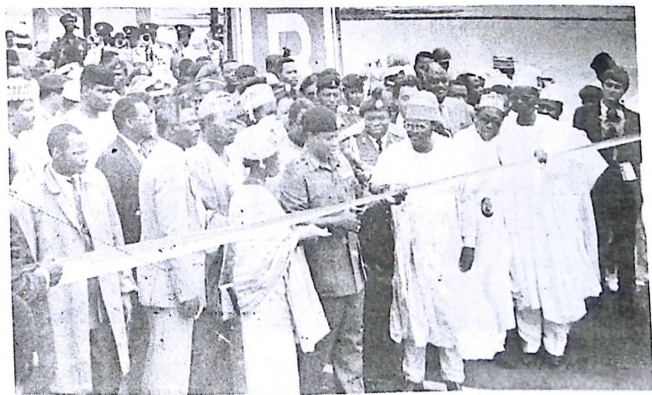
...Address to the inaugural meeting of Council of States in Abuja on 13/4/92



On 4th October, 1989 General Ibrahim Babangida visited the Nigeria Railway Corporation for an inspection of NRC's march to self-reliance. The president boards one of the refurbished coaches "River Sarki Power" for a historic train ride to Abeokuta, Ogun State



President Ibrahim Babangida cutting the tape to declare open the Imo Air -post. With him from left are Governor Anthony Oguguo of Imo state former Governor of the state Alison Madueke, Brigadier Chris Garuba of 82 Division, Enugu, Rivers State Governor Godwill Abbe and his Enugu State counterpart Herbert Eze



President Babangida cuts the tape to declare a section of the Third Mainland Bridge open



President Ibrahim Babangida being received on arrival for the conference on the African Economic Treaty by the Chief Justice Akinola Aguda



The Managing Director, Nigeria-Arab Bank, Chief Kingsley I. Ikpe, shaking hands with President Ibrahim Babangida during the occasion, next to him is Mr Ogala Osaka, MD NICON and Chief Emmanuel Ollisambu, MD First Bank of Nigeria. Behind the president is Science and Technology Minister, Professor Gordian Ezekwe.

IBB ON EDUCATION

"As the repository of the moral and intellectual energy of the nation, the universities must continue to strive collectively to lead the nation as it seeks to attain economic, social, political and technological self-sufficiency."

"Education is an issue of great importance and it is generally accepted as one of the best legacies that may be bequeathed to the people of a nation. The growth, development and evolution of a vibrant and stable economy is predicated on a well educated and informed populace."

"To be true centres of learning and thought universities need to have conducive environment with goodwill and harmony and with minimum standards of living conditions."

-IBB at 13th annual seminar of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities, held at the University of Ilorin

We should move into the 21st century, by giving due cognisance not only to the classic doctrine of education which is the pursuit of knowledge for its own sake, but significantly the utilitarian philosophy which espouses the means-end view of human action."

-IBB at the 4th Convocation Ceremony of the Federal University of Technology, Akure

"I would like to appeal to our own Universities to nip in the bud the culture of dependence that now appears to afflict them and to destroy completely the nascent culture of despair that is manifesting itself so ominously on the horizon. I do not see that anybody in this country, let alone our university system, has a reason to despair. Our universities are not dead and they are not dying. They are merely yearning for confidence and support from their own communities to grant them their independence and to sustain them through thick and thin."

...Address to the 15th Annual General Seminar of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities, 15/4/92

educated in and to graduate from universities that are vibrant centres of learning. That is what our elders worked hard and sacrificed to establish. That is what we are trying hard to sustain with faith and with as much generosity as we can..."

...Address to the 15th Annual General Seminar of the Committee of VC's 15/4/92

"As a layman, I believe that there should be a healthy rivalry between universities and governments. A rivalry which will nourish the academic instinct and the independent mind characteristic of all scholars over the ages. If our universities die, it will not be because government would have killed them. It is because the scholars would have done so. It would be because the Universities have fallen prey to the Andrews, the Pontios Pilates, the cynics, the misfits and the simply-not-up-to-the-tasks, from within their own walls."

Address to the 15th Annual General Seminar of the Committee of V.Cs on 15/4/92.

"I urge co-operation between our universities and government and guarantee that this Government will always do what it can to complement the efforts of the universities. But I deprecate any culture of dependence. There should be mutual co-operation, and universities may need material resources from government. But they must never as is now happening, give the sad impression that they owe their survival to any government".

Address to the 15th Annual General Seminar of the Committee of V.Cs on 15/4/92.

"I wish to make it abundantly clear that this government has not, in the past six years, incurred more debt than is necessary to service what was inherited as well as to provide the support for restructuring the economy".

...Address to the nation, 27/8/91

"On the economy, the Government has embarked on bold restructuring measures and on the reduction of excessive government participation in and control of the economy, thus giving freedom to our people to release their enterprising energy. It is always easy for the spectator to see himself as better than the player, but critics should learn to look beyond their learned noses and see what is happening to the economics of even the rich and powerful industrialised nations".



President Babangida at the University of Technology, Owerri.



President Babangida commissions University of Ibadan Water Project



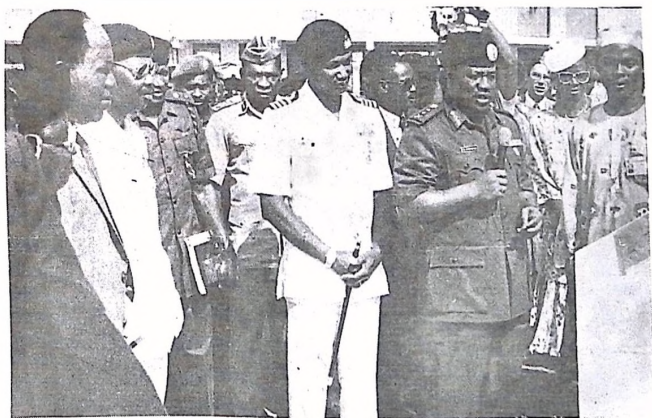
President Babangida at the Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony of the permanent Campus of Lagos State Polytechnic, Ikorodu



President Babangida at University of Benin with Prof. Alele Williams



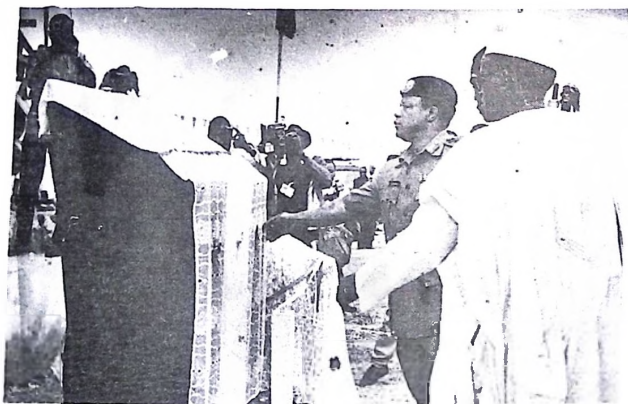
President Babangida at the University of Benin.



President Babangida commissioning the Mayland School Complex



President Babangida lays the Foundation Stone of the Federal Polytechnic Nassarawa, Plateau State



President Babangida at College of Agriculture, Obubra, Cross River State



President Babangida laying the foundation stone of the Administrative Building of Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka



President Babangida laying the foundation stone of a Junior Secondary School Nasko, Niger State

IBB ON THE MILITARY

"I am left with no doubt whatsoever in my mind of the commitment and sincerity of every one of you in joining hands to transform the Nigeria Army into a distinctive and different force, worthy of the justification of the political role of Nigeria in Africa and her noble place and responsibilities in the international world."

-Address at the closing ceremony of 3 Armoured Division Training week in Jos

"The Army will continue to control its force posture to reduce overhead costs in order to enable more money be available for research and development in the defence sector."

-Lecture On "Defence Policy Within Framework of National Planning" in Lagos

"Constant training builds up the confidence and morale of men and also closes the communication gap which presently exists between officers and their men. This gap, arising from lack of good understanding should not be allowed to grow further."

It is not enough to address troops on parade or hold occasional durbas. Commanders must keep their men busy with realistic training gear towards personnel and unit achievement. Lack of training aids and equipment must not be the excuse. Rather, initiative and relentless determination to achieve results must be the norm"

At Regimental Dinner Night held to mark the President's visit to 82 Div

"As at the present stage of development no magic wine has been found for effective performance of our roles, other than the excellent training and acquisition of vital military skills."

-At the opening of 82 Div Training Week at Enugu

"Sound and efficient administration of the unit with a good welfare program for the soldiers must all go along with training. Good administration will normally breed discipline and high morale among the troops. A major neglect of welfare and administration could destroy the image of a unit and make impossible the accomplishment of an assigned mission."

IBB on soldiers welfare

"One outstanding problem that has plagued the Nigeria Army is that of maintenance of those equipment in our inventory. The reason behind this is easy to explain-reliance on foreign procurement."

-IBB on maintenance system of Nigeria Army

"The future will be very demanding of officers' dedication, sense of commitment and self motivation. The present standard of most of us, I am afraid, is still not equal to the lofty ideals ahead. You must therefore strive hard to improve upon your present standard, if you must go along with all in this very trying time."

IBB on professional competence

"...the Custodian Theory of intervention ... impose on the Armed Force of any nation.... the duty to ensure that the constitution and the general well being of the people remain the only justification for governance...."

**-Address to the officers and men of the Armed Forces of Ghana
Accra, 12th January, 1989**

"One can take a limited view by simply saying that the assigned role of law and order, gave right to military intervention in politics, since the restoration of law and order was a duty. But this cannot hold true, because colonial rule was law and order par excellence, yet it induced minimal level of good governance. The military profession in African politics must therefore be approached from a conceptualization of its performance in ensuring economic growth and development, its role in promoting human rights as an advancement of the territorial integrity of African nations."

**-Address to the officers and men of the Armed Forces of
Ghana, Accra, 12th January, 1989**

"What then is the grand strategic problem of our time? For me, it is how we can systematically shed the public policy loads which had taken attention of the military away from the main task of defending society's peace against enemies, both internal and external. We need to take measures to correct the defects of the Armed Forces Organisation...the issue is internally a problem of load shedding; and externally, that of a transformation of political-economic system of our country."

-IBB, June 29, 1990, while addressing the 12th Graduation Ceremony of student of the Command and Staff College Jaji, against the background of the abortive coup of April 1990

"This approach takes the form that ultimately, power resides with the people and the military is just one of the useful arms of society. Intervention is justified on the objective reasons and conditions of the state, and once these have been put properly in place, the disengagement process is begun. The philosophy and theory of the ruler will constitute the underpinning values of this approach to military intervention. It is this limited approach in the past that has involved our current programme of the military and political transition in Nigeria."

-Address to the officers and men of the Armed Forces of Ghana, Accra, 12th January, 1989

"... the military alone does not organise or carry out coups. Coups are generally preceded by the mobilisation of public opinion, by circles outside the military against the Government of the day and its policies."

-Address to the officers and men of the Armed Forces of Ghana, Accra, 12th January, 1989



President Babangida at an Army shooting Competition



President Babangida-



Major General Babangida in a handshake with the former Head of State Major General Mohammadu Buhari after being sworn in as a member of the Supreme Military Council and the Chief of Army Staff.



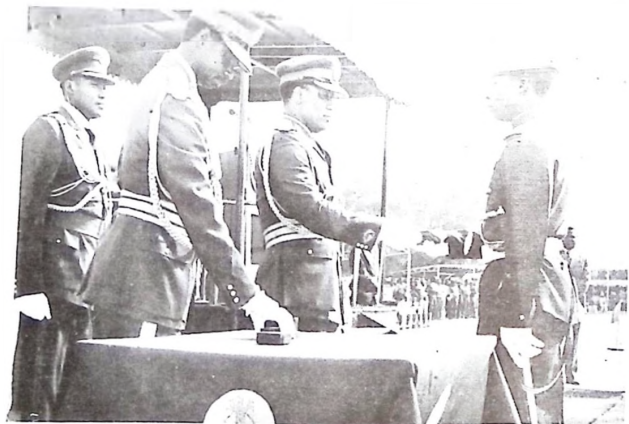
President Babangida at Army Medical Corps Training School Ojo, Lagos



President Babangida at Remembrance Day parade in Abuja, inspecting a guard of honour



President Babangida comissioning the multi million naira Dragon House of 82 Divisdn, Nigeria Army, Emugu



President Babangida at the passing-out parade of Nigeria Defence Academy, Kaduna



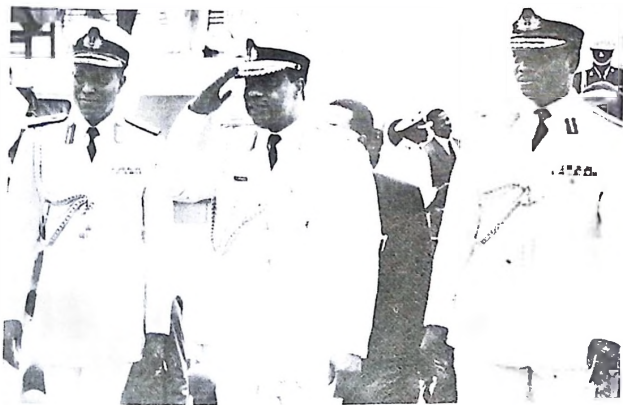
President Babangida addressing members of the Armed Forces at Alamala Barracks, Abeokuta



President Babangida declaring open the All Africa Conference of Armed Forces and Police Medical Services



From left Major Generals Babangida, Bali and Idiagbon



President Babangida at NNS Olokun after review of Nigerian Navy Fleet. With him from left Chief of Naval Staff Rear Admiral Preston Omatsola and Flag Officer Commanding Western Naval Command, Rear Admiral Franklin Nesima



President Babangida commissioning the Naval Dockyard, Victoria Island, Lagos

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President Bahangida addressing participants at the Chiefs of Air Staff Conference, 1990

IBB ON AFRICAN AND WORLD AFFAIRS

"Throughout our short and crowded history, we have had no desire to impose upon others the patterns of our thought and our institutions. Rather, we have always taken pride in the fact that our principles, no matter how conceived, are drawn from the role history has bestowed upon us. Hence, towards friends or potential foes, we will endeavour to act as a people, proud of our heritage, assured in our convictions and confident in our destiny."

- Patron's dinner address to the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs, November 29, 1985

"...When the African military begins to consciously address itself to these questions and seeks to answer them, it is then that the African military begins to be objectively involved in African politics. Sometimes this involvement takes the form of mere incorporation; at other times; it may take the form of a complete overthrow of the inherited constitutional economic foundations."

- Address to the officers and men of the armed Forces of Ghana, Accra, 12th January, 1989

"We are aware that the extent to which African countries are affected positively and adversely by the policies and actions of the industrialised powers must be constantly weighed in our programme design. We are, however also acutely aware that, ultimately, it is our own domestic system which holds the real key to our national salvation. Whatever Nigeria is to achieve in the rest of the world, it must first make its domestic political economy viable and prosperous."

-on the potentials for growth and development in Africa, with reference to changes in Western Europe, re-unification of Germany (budget address, 1/1/91)

"Africa is not and should not be made an irrelevant variable in the world development equation. The United Nations must play a decisive role in Africa's quest and determination to recover its stalled development."

- IBB addressing 46th Session of the United Nations General Assembly

"In many parts of the continent, conflicts are raging, causing enormous destruction to lives and properties, untold human misery and generating large - scale refugee problems. It is a matter of profound concern that while we should be building, we are busy destroying. Instead of collaborating, we are engaged in meaningless and futile antagonism."

- IBB on Africa in an address to OAU summit held at Addis Ababa, 10/7/90

"We as leaders of this continent have the obligation to liberate our people from the scourge of hunger, fear and want. If we can achieve that goal, it becomes possible to change the image of Africa as a continent, famous for being perpetually dependent on external charity with all its implications for ourself - respect."

- IBB on leadership in African in an address to OAU summit held at Addis Ababa 10/7/90

"In spite of appearances of change, the racist regime is yet to knock down all the pillars of that obvious system. The fight against apartheid is therefore far from over. We cannot afford to be complacent. The struggle, therefore demands our unflinching support."

- IBB on South Africa in an address to OAU summit in Addis Ababa 10/7/90

"If the developed countries can see the need and wisdom for greater co-operation, should there not be infinitely greater reasons for the developing countries of our continent to come together in collaborative ventures? We must show that necessary political will will facilitate the effective working of the enabling mechanisms and use them to build blocks for attaining the larger objective of an Africa Economic Community (AEC) as envisaged in the Lagos Plans of Action and the final Act of Lagos."

- Address to OAU Heads of States summit in Addis Ababa, 10/7/90

"We of course know that many countries in Africa are plural societies, but so are many countries in the world. After all no one country can be said to be homogeneous in the absolute sense. But ours is a special case. Statism, ethnicity, tribalism, religion, secrete societies and cults, and sometimes economic and other interest groups represent actual or potential threats to internal law and order, lives and property, stability and orderly development. Rather than condemn ourselves to the destabilising activities of these interests, we should put in place policies and measures aimed at harnessing their energies for building a strong and virile nation."

- Address to the 27th ordinary Assembly of OAU Heads of States and Government in Abujá, 3/6/91.



President Babangida with Namibian President Mr Sam Nujoma



President Babangida at the 9th Summit of Non-Aligned Movement in Belgrade



President Babangida at OAU Ad-Hoc Committee on South Africa in Lusaka meeting



President Babangida at Macarthy Square with Sir & Mrs Dauda Jawara of Gambia



President Babangida with one time South Korean envoy to Nigerian, Mr. Chai-rcob



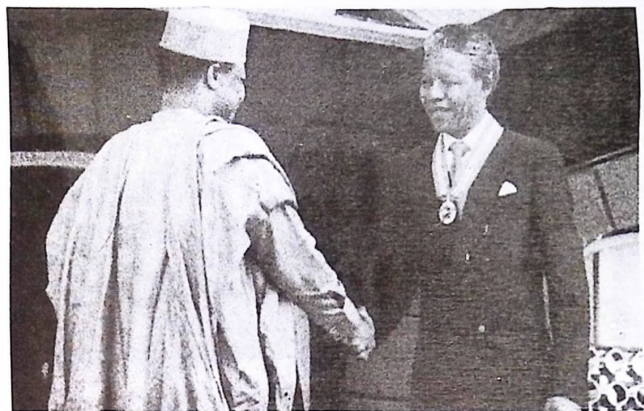
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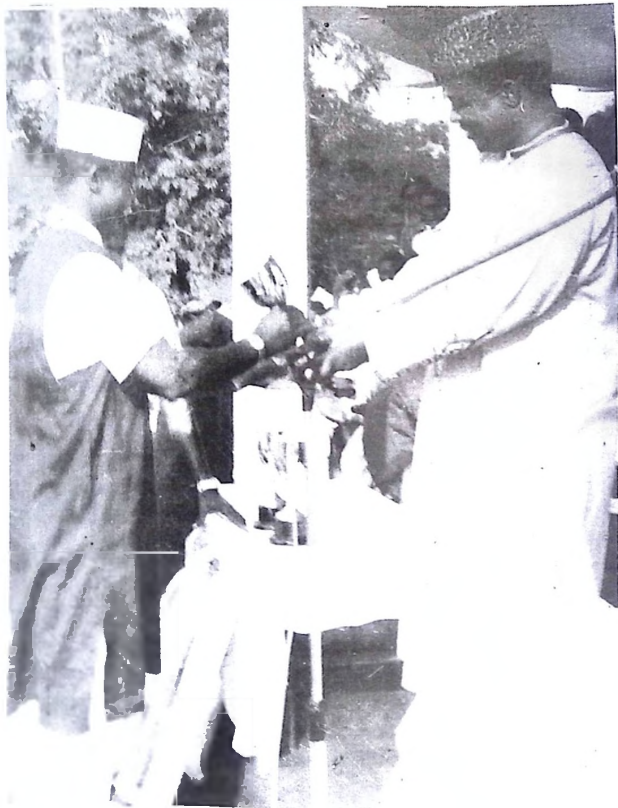


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President Babangida on a boat cruise with President Gaddafi of Libya

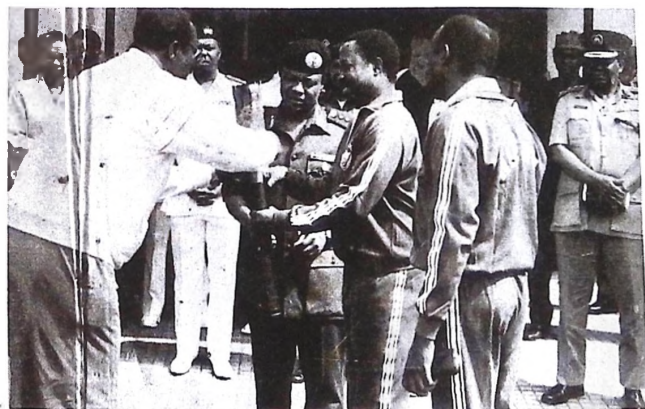
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President Bahangida presents the second best runner up prize to Governor Mark



President Ibrahim Babangida handing over the Torch of Unity to the National Athletics Captain Yusuf Ali at Dodan Barracks in Lagos



Games torch being lit by Mr President (9/1/88)



All for peace in the world . Mr President holds the Torch of Peace, accompanied by officials and Susan Stone an athlete from the US before the 1.61 kilometre race (22/10/86)



President Ibrahim Babangida in Bauchi attended the closing of the one week long Nigerian Army Sports Festival, Here, the President (second right) starts off the tug-of-war event which was won by the Artillery Corps (25/11/85)



A little jogging as Chief of Army Staff

Chapter 2

IBB IN THE EYES OF OTHERS

"As an officer who has served under president Babangida, as an officer who has been watching him closely, he has been highly inspirational to many of us in uniform. He has inspired many of us to go on, in spite of hardship here and there. I must tell you that if you are talking of military strategy of inspiration, I think you only need to go to General Babangida and you will be alright..."

"...And what makes him even greater to many of us is his concern for individuals, his concern for his subordinates, his concern for those under him. His concern does not go to you alone as a person working with him, but up to your family: the interest he shows including your wife and children. He gets to know them and welcomes them anytime. So he is a man who has leadership qualities which are very rare by African standards"

**Col Abdu Mohammed. One time Governor, Borno State
Times Forum 1st Sept, 1989**

"A very good listener whose mistakes can only be minimal. He is one of those people who listen to their innermost, and they are not very many in the world. Even at council meetings he allows everybody to make his contribution. Considering the fact that there are 21 of us governors, that is a rare attribute in a soldier. Mr President has a lot of capacity for listening and for human understanding. He appreciates the fact that as human we are bound to have our different chemistry, different interaction, different problems..."

"Oga sits back there and listens and appreciates the fact. Yes, there are bound to be differences among the Yoruba, the Hausa, Ibo, the Bendelite. In every human being President Babangida recognizes some goodness. To him, there is no totally useless person. He has friends right across the board in the nation."

**Navy Captain Olabode George
Former Governor, Ondo State
Times Forum, 11th Sept, 1989**

"It may be right if Mr. President is said to be Maradona" for the simple reason that he is an achiever. But if as someone who dribbles, then no, he is so predictable. Mr. President, is the most predictable leader Nigeria has ever had, and I will tell you why. It seems that the pattern in Nigeria has been people taking action under pressure. When you want to do a thing, you toss from here and there. One Murtala Mohammed. Babangida doesn't rush through any decision. He will ask you, you will have your say. On a particular issue, there is so much consultation that even at certain times, people will wonder whether he will make a decision."

Prince Tony Momoh
Former Information Minister,
21st March 1990.

"I knew General Babangida before he became the President of Nigeria. That was one reason why it was so easy to accept the honour of serving with him. I can tell you that I have also had plenty to do with nearly all our heads of state. For example, General Murtala Mohammed was my classmate. So, I know them very well, not too well but fairly well. Working with him I can tell you this country is very fortunate to have a leader like him at this time because he has the qualities which Nigeria needs at this moment. Number one is that he has vision and if you look at a lot of things that have been going on in this country from 1985, the structural adjustment, the political adjustment, foreign policy, already he has been able to relate to almost everybody.

He also has the ability to understand. This is important now. Understanding is not just that somebody has the depth of goodwill to be able to appreciate why certain things happen. I find that the President is patient. The degree of accommodation he displays even in council or whatever, a number of times it comes to council debates, you will see him arguing with people, the degree of accommodation that he displays is the sort of degree that makes for a leader of a nation like this."

Professor Jibril Aminu
Former Minister of Education and later
Petroleum Resources.
30, March, 1990

"Anybody who claims to understand that man fully has not met him. The more you look, the less you see. That is the way I can describe him. Well I am impressed he is a good listener. He listens to all kinds of opinions. But he listens to you and agrees with you, don't take it as final agreement.

Two, he is a gamesman. He understands politics more than I was prepared to give him credit for. More than myself definitely. The range of understanding he has come to demonstrate in the last four years even on technical matters and financial matters, I am surprised, may be through reading papers. But there are so many forces to contend with even within his own constituencies, the military, and the outside constituencies, and his strategy has been not to rock the boat too much, to balance the various competing interests. That may tend to weaken him from the point of view of an idealist who would have said, 'that's it. It has its merit but he is not of the type. I think he is sitting on the chair at the most uncomfortable moment in our history from the point of view of policy design and policy implementation. I won't like to be in that position. That doesn't mean that he has not made his own mistakes.... Some of these we have seen from this side, we have pointed out to his and the way he accepts criticisms with grace, you really have to be impressed. Finally I think he is firmly in control, to the best that one could see. My fear is that whoever succeeds him has almost an impossible job. I won't like to. But that he is going in 1992, so far, there is not an iota of doubt in mind that he will. And, for the cynicism and lack of belief in this system, I think that hurts him more than anything else.

Professor Ojetunji Aboyade
Times Forum, April 20, 1990

"I am being very honest now, and I want people to get me quite correctly. The truth for what I know is that of all those who are prepared for high office in this country, he is the only one who did

a through preparation, including preparation of his immediate family. Anybody who knows my friend, the type of things he was reading, the type of things he got interested in, the type of life he led, the type of demands he made on himself over the years..,"

MKO Abiola

**Publisher, Businessman and
Chairman Concord Press Ltd.**

9th May, 1991

"I wish I had known him much longer, but to tell you honestly, I find President Babangida a rather contemplated man. He listens very attentively. He would ask few questions but well considered to give you the idea that he has possessed a lot of information that was given him. And he has the ability to very quickly get to the bit of a problem down the crux of an issue. He is rather very concerned and very sensitive to what the Liberian people want, even much more than what we portray as interest of the interim government..." "So I think you have a good leader"

**Professor Amos Sawyer,
Liberian Interim President.**

8th July, 1991

"I have else where in the past described Babangida as the mythical animal; which continues to graze at the plains without caring a damn about the roaring guns of desperate hunters. He is an enigma of some sort and that, perhaps, explains why he saunters where angles fear to tread. To the uninitiated (into the intricacies of scientific politics) Babangida is a political leader who understands the psychology of Nigerians."

Chika Onwudiegwu Sunday Times 29th Dec 1991

"My analysis of the man is that President Babangida has become the greatest phenomenon on contemporary Nigeria politics and history. His utterances, his political declaration, his economic politics may sound odd and unimpressive in some ears. But the reality is that he

and his team have changed a number of things. His deeds, actions and philosophies are a good omen to Nigeria's future."

Dayo Duyile Director General Nigerian Institute of Journalism.
(Issues of our Times) Sunday Times, 26th January , 1992.

"Babangida is someone who understands what he is doing. He is quite sophisticated in dealing with the domestic situation, not just the military situation alone. President Babangida has a sense of strategy and drama that are attributes of great leaders.

President Babangida has a charming quality of making everyone that visits him feel special.

President Babangida is a leader who is really at home with economic and political issues."

Lannon Walker: former U. S. Ambassador to Nigeria"
Times Forum 26th Sept., 1990

"I admire his person. He is very simple person and conversationally, is a very realistic man. We talk about issues as brothers and as friends, and I have been impressed by the sense of sincerity that I see in him. We have talked about returning Nigeria to civil rule and I have no doubt that he is doing it and by steering the programme the way he is doing it, the government elections, and two, there is going to be such an emergent, certain parameters that have been laid for people redeployed and people have to realise that although they are moving to a new system of democracy, at the same time, the country should be prepared for that democratic order. They should guard against those things that might move against the creation of this democratic order. Nigeria is the largest country that we have in Africa and it also has the largest problems."

Robert Mugabe: President of Zimbabwe
Times Interview, Zimbabwe, 1991
8th January, 1991

"Ever heard the name Diego Maradona before? If you have not or you have but cannot place him, then I will help you. He was the ace Argentine footballer who sealed up England's hopes for the 1986 World Cup and won it for his country. He scored the demoralising goal by using his hand and head together. When quizzed later, he said: It was the hand of God'. During the world cup series Maradona dribbled through clusters of defenders to get the goal post.

Nigeria has not got a footballer of his calibre but in the political field, we have a Maradona, IBB. As sturdy as Diego and as nimble and agile, he dribbled Nigeria from debates on the IMF until last week Wednesday. See where he landed us too..!"

"You are never totally suspicious. You never totally trust him, but you still take him on truth. No one has told me how good he is in the game of cards. But I guess he is: for a man to outplay a Katsina/Daura man as he did with Buhari, he must be a good player. IBB puts all his cards face up on the table, the joker is always in his breast pocket. Only IBB knows what it is, when to bring it out, wave it, place it, face down or face up. If you know when the joker face up on the table, then you will be the next elected president."

Victor Olabisi Onabanjo
(First Civilian Governor, Ogun State
1st October, 1979 to 30th December, 1983)
Curled from Aiyekoto, Nigerian Tribune
October 5, 1987.

"The focus is, and will be the politics of the Man. For the first time in our history we see a president as the practitioner of that high art called politics... You are never totally happy. But then, you are never totally unhappy. ... You feel free, but you also feel gagged"

Sina Odugbemi
Columnist,
The Vanguard 26/9/87

"The problems affecting the country were food, shelter, education, health, transportation, electricity, telecommunication, pipe borne water, employment, rule of law and democracy."

"The economic, political and social policies of Babangida's administration lack conscience. The policies have not addressed to the very fundamentals on which the very existence of the mass of our people depends. Before there can be any meaningful peace and stability, the government must address the issue of food, shelter, education, health, etc. Food is man's most important need. One out of every four is starving . This must stop."

"The on-going transition programme is chaotic and undemocratic. It is an imposition by the government on the people. Judging by the world-wide reaction to collapsing autocratic rules typified by the command system of parties and allow the people themselves to organise their own political parties with their free will. In this respect, we have a lot to learn from Western democracy."

Chief Gani Fawehinmi, Human Rights Lawyer and Activist
"The state of the Nation (Nigeria) today my stand"

The Vanguard
February 2, 1990

"Prolongation of military rule cannot be the answer under the present circumstances. The honour and integrity of the armed forces in whose name you have governed this country these past seven years are at great risk. The handing over of power to an elected civilian government on January 2, 1993, must proceed apace. There lies the honour of the military which must not be destroyed. All that needs to be done between now and then can be done if there is seriousness and honesty of purpose, and if the system is allowed to work without manipulation."

"Most of those who can with some respect and credibility speak out against the ills of the present, have become victims of the practice that has come to be called 'settlement'.

"As someone who was in the battle-field during Nigeria Civil War and who unexpectedly but providentially assumed the mantle of the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Nigeria and leadership of the government, I beg you in the name of Allah not to mistake the silence of our people for acquiescence or weakness and the sycophancy of the greedy and opportunistic people who parade the corridors of power as representative of the true feelings of our people. Nigeria needs peace and stability. It is too fragile to face another commotion. In God's good name drag it not into one. This is the time for you to have some honourable exit.

Gen(rtd) Olusegun Obasanjo

Memo to IBB

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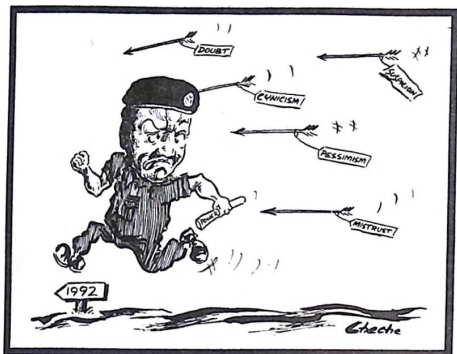
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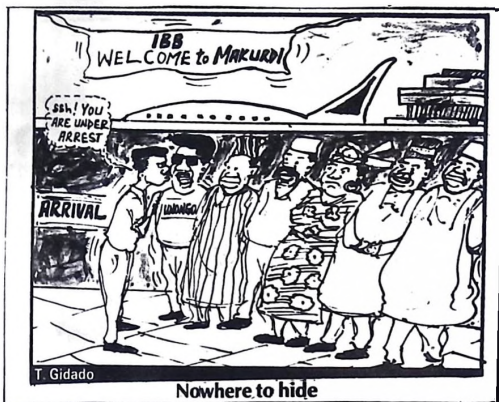
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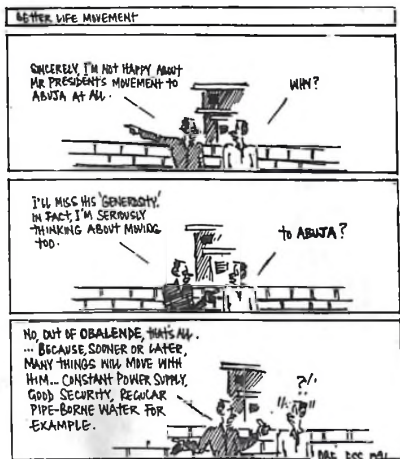
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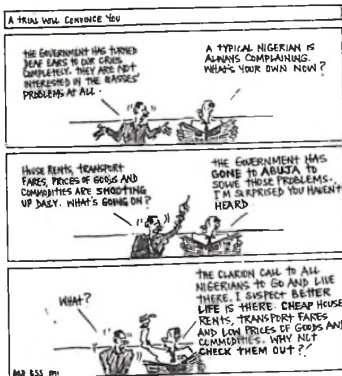
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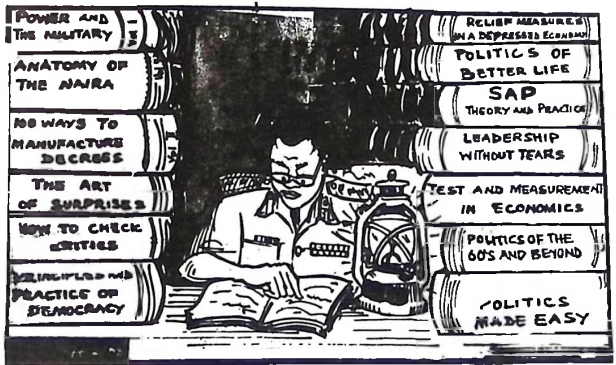
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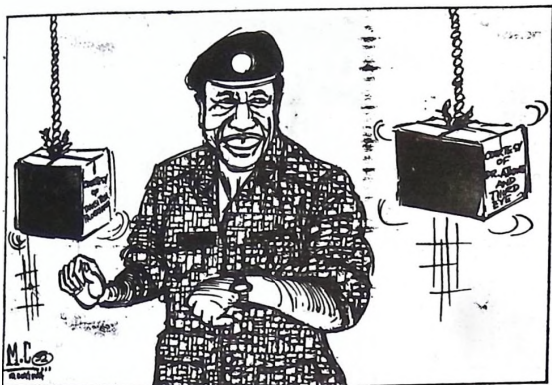
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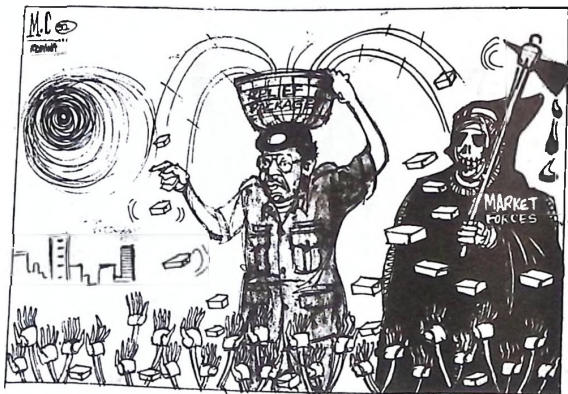


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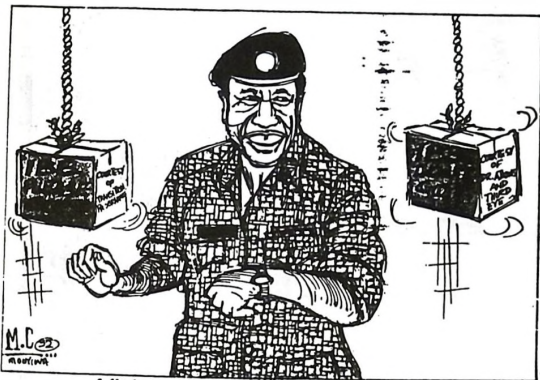


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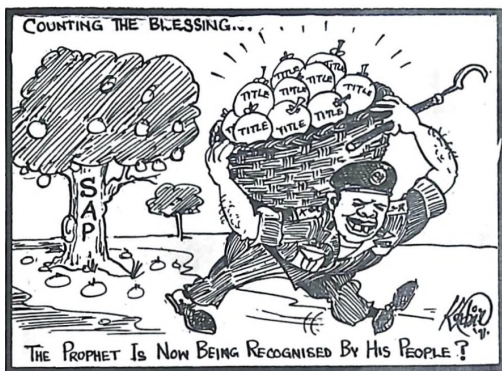
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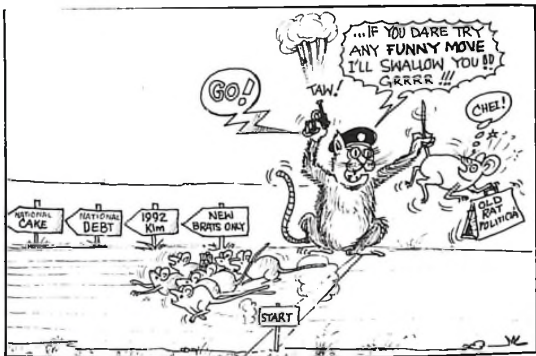


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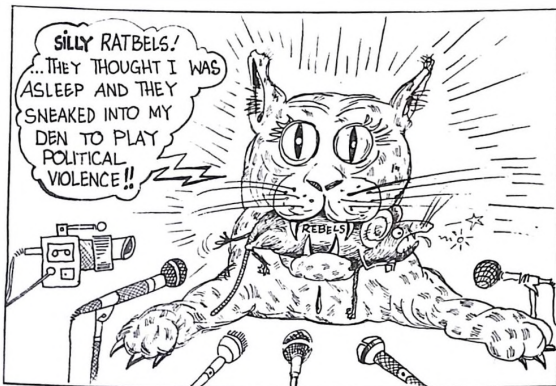
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Chapter 5

SELECTED CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS

August 27, 1985 Major General Ibrahim Babangida (General Buhari's Chief of Army Staff) assumed leadership as the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces after a reportedly bloodless coup d'etat on August 27, 1985 (Eid-el-Kabir) which ousted the government of General Muhammadu Buhari.

The desire to effect a change in the country's leadership, according to the new administration, centres principally on:

- (a) The incapability of the Buhari regime to bail the nation out of its economic and social predicament and
- (b) The rigidity, stubbornness and insensitivity to the yearnings of the populace.

August 28, 1985 The highlights of the Babangida administration announcement include:

- (1) The dissolution of the Supreme Military Council (SMC) and its replacement with the Armed Forces Ruling Council (AFRC).
- (2) The dissolution of the Federal Executive Council and the National Council of State comprising ministers and State governors respectively.
- (3) The abrogation of the Public Officers (Protection Against False Accusation) Decree No. 4.
- (4) Release of Political Prisoners.
- (5) The announcement of the retention in government of the Service Chiefs in the ousted Buhari regime.
- (6) The release of victims of Decree No 4 including Bukar Zarma, the Editor of the New Nigerian, Folu Olamiti, Editor of the Sunday Tribune, and Sule Katagun.
- (7) The release of political detainees including ex-governors Lateef Jakande and Ajasin, Dr Sola Saraki etc.

- (8) President Babangida sent goodwill greetings to the Flying Eagles in Moscow (Who were participating in the Junior World Cup Tournament).

- August 29, 1985 (i) The Nigerian Security Organisation (NSO)'s detention camp was thrown open.
(ii) Dusk to Dawn curfew imposed on the nation was lifted.
(iii) air and sea ports closed on 27th, of August 1992 was re-opened.
(iv) More detainees were released from prison custodies.
(v) President Babangida received greetings from British Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher.

August 30, 1985 President Babangida swore in the AFRC members drawn from Armed Forces and Police.

They are:

- (1) Major-General Domkat Bali-Minister of Defence and Chairman Joint Chief of Staff.
- (2) Major-General Sani Abacha-Chief of Army Staff.
- (3) Major-General Gardo Nasko.
- (4) Ibrahim Alfa - Air Vice-Marshal.
- (5) Rear Admiral Augustus Aikhomu
- (6) Major-General Mamman Vatsa.
- (7) Air Marshal Mohammed Yahaya.
- (8) Major-General Paul Omu.
- (9) Commodore Ebitu Ukiwe.
- (10) Brigadier Peter Ademokhai.
- (11) Brigadier Y. Kure.
- (12) Brigadier J. N. Dogonyaro.
- (13) Brigadier D. O. Diya.
- (14) Brigadier A. B. Mamman.
- (15) Brigadier D. O. Ajayi.
- (16) Air Commodore Bayo Lawal.
- (17) Commodore Aluko.
- (18) Air-Commodore Nura Imam.
- (19) Commodore Nyako.
- (20) Commodore Elegbede.

- (21) Brigadier O. Oni.
- (22) Air-Commodore L. Koinyan
- (23) Lt. Col. J. N. Shagaya..
- (24) Lt. Col. H. Akilu.
- (25) Lt. Col. R. Rasaki.
- (26) Lt. Col. Ayuba
- (27) Mr. Etim Inyang.
- (28) Lt. Col. Ukpo.

- (1) The abolition of the office of the Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters and the change of name of Supreme Headquarters (SHQ) to General Headquarters (GHQ).
- (2) The appointment of Commodore Ebitu Ukiwe (Navy) as Chief of General Staff, charged with the duties of the political administration of the country but with no control over the military.
- (3) The appointment of Major General Sanni Abacha as the Chief of Army Staff.
- (4) The appointment of the new military governors six of which were carried over from the Buhari regime.

September 2, 1985 President Babangida swore in the new governors:

They are:-

- 1. Group Captain S. E. Omeruah - Anambra State.
- 2. Lt. Col. C. A. Garuba - Bauchi.
- 3. Group Captain David Jang - Benue.
- 4. Navy Captain A. A. Madueke - Imo.
- 5. Lt. Col. T. M. Inienger - Bendel.
- 6. Major A. M. Aminu - Borno.
- 7. Col. Dan Archibong - Cross Rivers.
- 8. Lt. Col. Y. Madaki - Gongola.
- 9. Major M. D. Umar - Kaduna.
- 10. Lt. Col. A. M. Daku - Kano.
- 11. Wing Commander M. N. Umaru - Kwara.
- 12. Group Captain G. Mudashiru - Lagos
- 13. Lt. Col. O. Popoola - Ogun.
- 14. Lt. Col. David Mark - Niger
- 15. Commander O. M. Akhigbe - Ondo
- 16. Lt. Col. A. L. Olurin - Oyo.
- 17. Lt. Col. M. C. Alli - Plateau.

18. Police Commissioner F. E. Oyakhilome - Rivers.
19. Col. Garba Mohammed - Sokoto.

September 2, 1985 President Babangida told Nigerians that IMF Loan was open for debate.

September 10, 1985, The AFRC approved 22 Ministers. They were:

1. Lt. Gen. (rtd) Alani Akinrinade - Agriculture.
2. Lt. Col. A. T. Ayuba - Communication.
3. Maj. Gen. D. Y. Bali - Defence and Chairman Joint chief of staff
4. Proj. Jibril Aminu - Education.
5. Rear Admiral Patrick Koshoni - Employment, Labour and Productivity.
6. Prof. Bolaji Akinyemi - External Affairs.
7. Maj. Gen. Mamman Vatsa - Federal Capital Territory.
8. Dr. I. Kalu - Finance.
9. Alhaji Lawal Mala - Industries.
10. Prof. Olikoye Ransome Kuti - Health.
11. Lt. Col. J. N. Shagaya - Internal Affairs.
12. Lt. Col. A. S. Ukpo - Information.
13. Prince Bola Ajibola - Justice.
14. Alhaji A. Rilwanu Lukman - Mines and Power.
15. Dr. Chu S. P. Okongwu - National Planning.
16. Prof. Tam. David-West - Petroleum and Resources.
17. Lt. Col. Ahmed Abdullahi - Social Development, Youth, Sports and Culture.
18. Prof. Emmanuel Emovon - Science and Technology.
19. Major General M. G. Nasko - Trade.
20. Brig. J. I. Useni - Transport and Aviation
21. AirCommodore Hamza Abdullahi - Works and Housing.
22. Air Vice-Marshal A. I. Shekari - Special Duties.

September 12., 1985 The new ministers were sworn in by the President at the State House, Dodan Barracks.

September 21, 1985 President Babangida swore in a five-man panel set up by the Federal Military government to investigate

activities of the Nigeria Security Organisation
(NSO) they are:

- (1) Alhaji Umaru Shinkafi (Chairman)
- (2) Mr. Bernard Odogwa.
- (3) Mr. Festus Adesanoye.
- (4) Mr. S. B. Agoro.
- (5) Mr. Bukar Usman.

September 24, 1985 President Babangida assured foreign investors that urgent efforts would be made to streamline the procedures to eliminate bottlenecks and introduce workable incentive for industrial establishment in the country.

September 24, 1985 Chief Duro Onabule was appointed Chief Press Secretary. IBB told labour leaders that this administration was committed to creating job opportunities by listing jobs and expanding existing vocational institutions.

September 27, 1985 President addressed officers of the Armed Forces and Police at the National Assembly complex in Lagos.
The first national debate on IMF jointly organised by NTA news, Chase Merchant Bank and Vale Management consultants took place in Lagos.

October 1, 1985 President Babangida read the independence anniversary speech. Major highlights of the speech were:

1. The declaration of 15 months economic emergency period.
2. The ban on importation of rice.
3. The setting up of tribunals to review cases of political convicts and detainees.
4. The determination of the administration to make Rural Development a priority.
5. The re-alignment of the school calender-year.

6. The conferment of National Merit Award on Dr Akinola Aguda

- October 3, 1985
1. President Babangida received 16 man delegation of the Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs led by Alhaji Mustooha Umar-Elkanemi.
 2. Top Officials of NNPC were retired. They were:
 - (i) Managing Director-Chief Francis Marinho
 - (ii) General Manager (Commercials)-Mr Sam Akpe
 - (iii) General Manager (Project Engineering Division) - Mr. S. Kufeja - General Manager, Research and Development: Dr. Ibe Manager, Exploitation and Exploration Division Mr. Okonkwo.
 3. New Minister was also sworn in: he is Alhaji Bunu Sherif Musa who replaced Alhaji Lawan Mala (who was dropped) of the Ministry of Industries.
 4. Chief Press Secretary to the president, Chief Mojeed Durojaiye Onabule and Chief Principal Secretary, Mr. Amidu Wathanafa, were sworn in at Dodan Barracks.
- October 4, 1985
- Mr. Godwin Arettanekhai Adams was named Managing Director of NNPC.
- October 7, 1985
- President Babangida asserted that public support for his administration would be lost within 15 months if there was no positive results over Nigeria economy.
- October 13, 1985
- Alhaji Lawal Mala, the dropped Minister of Industries resigned his appointment as chairman of the Borno Chamber of Commerce.
- October 17, 1985
- Nigeria and nine other countries were chosen to draft a declaration on the world Order by Commonwealth heads of state. Others are: India, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Zambia and the Bahamas.

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the stabilisation or the correction of distortions in the country's economy during the period of the 15 months of National Economic Emergency.

November 22, 1985 The Chief Justice Chief Irikefe swore-in two commissions of inquiry: They are:

- (1) Commissions of inquiry to review cases of persons convicted by the Special Military Tribunal on the Recovery of Public Property (Decree 3) and persons conditionally released.

Members were:

- (i) Justice Mamman Bello - Chairman
 - (ii) Justice Lateef Dosunmu
 - (iii) Wing Commander Abubakar Salihu
 - (iv) Mr. C. Omeben (A. I. G.) of Police
 - (v) Chief (Mrs.) Folake Solanke (SAN)
- (2) Commission of inquiry to review cases of persons convicted under the Exchange Control (Anti-Sabotage) Decree 20, 1984.

Composition:

- (1) Dr. Akinola Aguda - Chairman
- (2) Mr. Justice Uthman Mohammed
- (3) Lt. Col. Lambert Iheanacho
- (4) Chief Theophilus Fagbola
- (5) Dr. Daniel Vembe.

December 1, 1985 President Babangida marked 100 days in office, said Policy formulation should take socio-economic and political factors into consideration. The Federal government signed 61.39 billion Yen (194.7m) loan agreement with Marubeni Corporation of Japan for the funding of the contractor -

financed fourth national refinery to be built at Alesa - Eleme, near Port Harcourt.

- December 2, 1985 The Alhaji Abubakar Abdulkadir - led panel on IMF loan submitted its report. (The panel was appointed September 16 and inaugurated by Commodore Ebitu Ukiwe then Chief of General Staff on September 25).
The IMF panel received 200 memoranda from different parts of the country, with debates and seminar organised by individuals, groups and institutions.
- December 5, 1985 Federal government stepped into Benue/Cross River State border clash as five Maduku children are reported missing.
- Justice Ayo Irikefe swore in members of the judicial panel to investigate cases of persons conditionally released from detention and persons still in detention under Decree 2 and 22.
- Composition:
Mr. Justice Samson Uwaifo - Chairman
Police Commissioner Abdullahi Jika
Major Cletus Emein
Squadron Leader Ibrahim Dada
Police Commissioner Emmanuel Ugowe
The panel was to look into cases under the state security (Detention of persons)
Decree 1984 and the Recovery of property.
- December 10, 1985 Public Property (Special Military Tribunals) Decree 1984. Student demonstrated against the IMF loan in Akure.
- December 13, 1985 General Babangida declared the sixth National Sports Festival open in Ilorin.

- December 20, 1985 The Defence Minister, General Domkat Bali announced the failing of a coup attempt. According to him, reasons advanced by plotters were:
- (1) Retention of some former public officers in government.
 - (2) The administrations' attitude towards man.
 - (3) Involvement of middle - level military officers in public offices.
 - (4) The rejection of the IMF loan.
- December 22, 1985 The Ministry of Defence set up a panel to investigate the abortive coup of December 20.
- December 24, 1985 The Nigerian Road Workers Transport Association and Drivers Union demonstrated in support of IBB administration.
- December 27, 1985 The Information Minister, Lt. Col. Anthony Ukpo at a news conference announced the coup plotter's suspect names

They were:

- (1) Maj. Gen. Mamman Vatsa - Minister, Federal Capital Territory.
- (2) Brig. M. M. Nassarawa
- (3) Group Capt. David Ikpeme (former Gov. Ondo State).
- (4) Group Capt. Salaudeen Latinwo (former Gov. Kwara State)
- (5) Lt. Col. Chris Oche
- (6) Lt. Col. Mike Iyorshe
- (7) Lt. Col. Musa Bitiyong
- (8) Lt. Col. Moses Effiong
- (9) Lt. Col. Emmanuel Obeya
- (10) Wing Commander Adamu Sakaba
- (11) Wing Commander Ben. Ekele
- (12) Commander A. A. Ogwuji
- (13) Squadron Leader Martin Luther
- (14) Major Martin David Bamidele

- December 29, 1985 Solidarity rally for IBB administration was held at Murtala Muhammed Square, Kaduna.
- December 31, 1985 President Babangida presented a budget of N10.935 billion for 1986.
- January 1, 1986 The President's budget highlights include the major thrust of structural adjustment programme for the economy
 (ii) The setting up of Political Bureau to collate and synthesise contributions of Nigerians on the search for a new political order.
- January 6, 1986 President Babangida announced an unconditional pardon for Tunde Thompson and Nduka Irabor both of the Guardian Newspapers.
- January 9, 1986 Former president Alhaji Shehu Shagari and his deputy Dr Alex Ekwueme were formally charged with criminal conspiracy before Uwaifo Review Panel.
- January 10, 1986 Some civilians were interrogated on the abortive coup of December 20, 1985.
- January 13, 1986 President Babangida inaugurated the Political Bureau at Abuja. He also announced the return of power to civilians in 1990. The ban on National Medical Association (NMA) and Nigeria Association of Resident Doctors (NARD) was lifted.
- November 3, 1986 President Babangida swore-in new Inspector General of Police Alhaji Gambo and announced government support for the fight against crime.
- November 17, 1986 President Babangida addressed the Nigerian Stock Exchange on its Silver Jubilee celebration in Lagos.

- January 1, 1987 President Babangida presented 1987 fiscal budget.
- February 4, 1987 President Babangida travelled to France for medical treatment.
- March 4, 1987 President Babangida returned home from France and thanked Nigerians for their sympathy on his illness.
- March 9, 1987 President Babangida received Chief Obafemi Awolowo at the State House, swore in new Chief Justice of the Federation, Justice Bello.
- May 19, 1987 President Babangida approved the appointment of a liquidation of the Nigerian National Supply Company (NNSC)
- June 6, 1987 President Babangida left for a diplomatic tour of Togo, Senegal and Cote d' Ivoire.
- July 1, 1987 President Babangida announced the time table for civilian take over and the political transition programme:
- July 4, 1987 President Babangida began a two-day state visit to Republic of Benin.
- July 7, 1987 President Babangida presided over ECOWAS summit in Abuja.
- July 9, 1987 President Babangida re-elected ECOWAS chairman for another one year.
- July 25, 1987 President Babangida launched MAMSER campaign in Lagos.
- July 27, 1987 President Babangida received the Golden Eaglets team for winning Silver at the Under 17 World Cup Football competition.

- August 10, 1987 President Babangida swore-in members of National Electoral Commission led by Prof. Erne Awa.
- September 7, 1987 President Babangida swore-in members of the Constitution Review Committee in Abuja.
- September 11, 1987 President Babangida received Sir Shrinath Ramphal, Commonwealth Secretary in Lagos.
- September 23, 1987 President Babangida addressed the nation and announced the creation of Katsina and Akwa Ibom States, office holders in this administration disallowed to participate in politics.
- October 7, 1987 President Babangida launched Technical Aids Corps Scheme in Lagos.
- October 21, 1987 President Babangida began a three day state visit to Kenya.
- October 28, 1987 President Babangida arrived Yola to begin a three day official visit to Gongola State.
- October 30, 1987 President Babangida commissioned N12.8 million Water Treatment Plant in Yola.
- November 6, 1987 President called on Nigerians to expose professional smugglers while declaring open 7th Lagos International Trade Fair.
- November 8, 1987 President Babangida's promise of 1 million Naira to 301 Local Government councils fulfilled.
- November 12, 1987 President Babangida received a delegation from Burkina Faso led by Captain Ye Boguessan Arsene at Dodan Barracks.
- November 14, 1987 President Babangida attended the state burial of Late President Seyini Kounche of Niger Republic.

- November 16, 1987 President Babangida met traditional rulers in Abuja.
- November 25, 1987 President Babangida declared open N40 million Nigeria Acceptance Ltd, Merchant Bank Headquarters in Lagos.
- December 8, 1987 President Babangida left Lagos for Yaounde to begin a three day official visit to Cameroun.
- December 11, 1987 President Babangida delivered a speech during the awards ceremony of 24 deserving Youth corpsers who served during the 1986/87 period.
- December 15, 1987 President Babangida launched the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme and the National Small Farmers Credit Scheme in Kaduna.
- December 17, 1987 President Babangida swore in Major General Sani Sami as a member of Armed Forces Ruling Council, presided over AFRC meeting on 1988 budget.
- December 21, 1987 President Babangida reshuffled cabinet, new ministry of Aviation created, President Babangida presided over a meeting of top officers in the Armed Forces in Abuja.
- December 23, 1987 President Babangida swore-in ministers at Dodan Barracks, Lagos. President Babangida assured Niger Republic's new leader Col. Ali Saibu of Nigeria's continued cooperation and cordial relations.
- December 26, 1987 President Babangida performed the foundation laying ceremony of the multi-million naira 60 Bed Dideolu Specialist Hospital at Ikenne, Ogun State.
- January 6, 1988 President Babangida performed lighting of the torch ceremony for the 7th National Sports Festival at Dodan Barracks Lagos.

- January 7, 1988 President Babangida received Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of Britain at State House, Lagos.
- January 12, 1988 President Babangida began a two-day official visit to the Republic of Benin.
- January 25, 1988 President Babangida declared open Chief of Army Staff Conference.
- February 16, 1988 President Babangida commissioned the N3.2 billion National Fertilizer Company (NAFCON) Onne near Port Harcourt.
- March 5, 1988 President Babangida received visiting President Richard Von Wazsacker of Federal Republic of Germany.
- March 19, 1988 President Babangida commissioned N100 million Agro-Allied Sack Industries, Asaba.
- March 22, 1988 President Babangida received task force on civil service reforms.
- March 25, 1988 President Babangida received Niger Republic President Col. A. G. Saibou in Abuja.
- May 6, 1988 President Babangida swore in chairman and secretary of the Constituent Assembly.
- May 24, 1988 President Babangida left for Addis Ababa for OAU summit and OAU 25th anniversary celebrations.
- May 27, 1988 President Babangida swore in new Director General for Federal Ministries and agencies.
- June 22, 1988 President Babangida attended 11th ordinary meeting of ECOWAS Heads of State and Government.

- July 13, 1988 President Babangida ordered the reopening of four universities shut down, they are Obafemi Awolowo, Jos, Calabar and Bayero, Kano.
- July 15, 1988 President Babangida began a two-day visit to Cape Verde.
- July 21, 1988 President Babangida appointed new Military Governors and five others redeployed.
- July 27, 1988 President Babangida swore-in new Military Governors.

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- February 22, 1989 President Babangida left Lagos to attend the last funeral rites of late Emperor Hirohito of Japan.
- February 28, 1989 Appointment of Professor Humphrey Nwosu as National Electoral Commission (NEC) Chairman announced. He replaced Eme Awa former commissioner. Other members brought into the commission include:
- (1) Ambassador Al. Gazali
 - (2) Prof. A. Jinadu
 - (3) Chief Yinusa Oyeyemi
 - (4) Dr. A. Kilyawa
 - (5) Ambassador G. Iyewere
 - (6) Alhaji Aliyu Kaidara
 - (7) Mrs. Eno Irukwu
 - (8) Mr. Dagogo Jack
 - (9) Alhaji Aliyu Umar-Secretary.
- March 2, 1998⁸⁹ President Babangida reshuffled the Federal Executive council. New members included:

Air Vice-Marshal Mohamed Yahaya
- Minister of Industry
Air Vice-Marshal Nura Imam
- Minister of Power and Steel
Mr. I. O. Graham-Douglas
Minister for Social Dev., Sports and Culture
Mr. S. J. Ukpanah
Minister of Trade.

- March 4, 1989 Nigeria played against Portugal in the final match of the FIFA U. 21 World Cup competition. President Babangida declared the day work free to enable Nigerians demonstrate their support for the Flying Eagles.
- March 5, 1989 President Babangida received members of the Flying Eagles team and gave a Federal government donation of N75,000 to each member of the team.
- March 6, 1989 President Babangida swore in the newly appointed ministers: - New qualifying age for NEC chairman was 45. This is contained in the amended National Electoral Commission Decree.
- March 31, 1989 N.25m Fine or 5 year jail term was the penalty for any banned politician who sponsored, campaigned or canvassed for votes on behalf of himself or another. This is contained in prohibition Amendment Decree 1989 gazetted.
- April 3, 1989 Armed Forces Ruling Council approved NEC's recommendations on guidelines for formation and registration of political parties.
- April 5, 1989 Report of the Constituent Assembly submitted to President Babangida in Abuja,

- Proposed Babangida Graduate School of International Relations at University of Liberia got one million dollars. Federal government donation. Donation made by president Babangida.
- April 11, 1989 Setting up of Namibian Relief Fund approved by President Babangida to assist Namibians during and beyond independence.
- April 22, 1989 The Air Beetle, Air Force Pilot aircraft commissioned by President Babangida.
- April 25, 1989 Federal government published white paper on the report of the judicial commission of inquiry into the affairs of the defunct Federal Electoral Commission (FEDECO) from 1979 to 1983.
- April 30 1989 A joint commission on the clash between Senegal and Mauritania convened by President Gnassingbe Eyadema and President Babangida visited Dakar, Senegal.
- May 3, 1989 President Babangida addressed the nation announcing creation of 49 new local government areas and the lifting of the ban on party politics.
- May 5, 1989 President Babangida said the killing of Dele Giwa is criminal and that investigations were then on.
- May 9, 1989 President Babangida began state visit to Britain.
- May 26, 1989 Federal Government promulgated Decree 15 of 1989 Local Government (Constitutional and Transitional Provisions).
- May 31, 1989 Riots in most parts of the country against the pains of Structural Adjustment Programme.

- June 8, 1989 John Hex Johnson, Publisher of Ebony Magazine refuted allegation that his magazine published a story on President Babangida in its May edition.
- July 7, 1989 Ooni of Ife, Oba Okunade Sijuwade Olubuse II and other traditional rulers and chancellors of universities visited President Babangida to plead with him to re-open closed higher institutions.
- August 4, 1989 National Computer Centre for the National Identity Card Programme inaugurated by President Babangida.
- August 30, 1989 Compensation package for late Sam Okwaraji's family announced by the federal government. Late Okwaraji died while playing football match against Angola. The compensation package included:
1. N250,000 cash award to the mother
 2. Scholarship to brother and sisters still in school.
 3. Automatic employment for jobless brother and sisters.
- August 30, 1989 Departing Japanese envoy, Mr. Mitsuro Donawaki conferred with national honour of Commander of the Order of Niger(CON) by President Babangida.
- September 3, 1989 President Babangida in Belgrade, Yugoslavia for summit of Non-Aligned Nations.
- September 6, 1989 Federal government received reports of Administration Panel of Inquiry on the death of Sam Okwaraji and five football fans on August 12. The panel forwarded five recommendations for consideration, adoption and implementation.

- September 18, 1989 An extradition pact between United States of America and Nigeria came into force, both countries also agreed to cooperate on drugs and criminals.
- September 26, 1989 In commemoration of 125th anniversary of International Redcross Crescent Movement, federal government released 26 students detained for participating in the anti-Structural Adjustment Programme.
- October 7, 1989 Federal government created two political parties- the National Republican Convention and Social Democratic party and rejected political associations in excess.
- October 17, 1989 Peoples Bank got Dr. Tai Solarin as its chairman but on the condition that there will be no remuneration.
- October 24, 1989 The Commonwealth of Nations appointed president Babangida and other heads of government to work what should be the organisation's future. The team called "High Level Appraisal Group" is headed by Head of Government of Malaysia, others are Heads of Government.
1. Austria
 2. Britain
 3. Bahamas
 4. Canada
 5. India
 6. Jamaica
 7. Nigeria
 8. Singapore
 9. Zambia
- November 3, 1989 Constitutions, manifestoes, party symbols and other infrastructural facilities recommended for the two parties by National Electoral Commission submitted to the federal government for approval.

- November 5, 1989 Foundation stone of the Centre for Women Development in Abuja laid by President Babangida. - Elder statesman and nationalist Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe confirmed alive contrary to reports claiming that he was dead.
- November 10, 1989 To reduce transportation problems in institutions of higher learning the federal government donated 190 buses to these institutions.
- November 16, 1989 A panel to review and finalise the draft constitutions and manifestoes for the political parties set up by the federal government.
- November 20, 1989 President Babangida donated N120 million to launch fund for organising 1991 World Youth Soccer championship.
- November 23, 1989 The house of late Aminu Kano acquired by Federal government for the Centre for Democratic Studies. President Babangida announced this in Kano. Nigeria's first motorised Bicycle (power bike) manufactured by Raleigh (Nigeria) Ltd. launched by President Babangida.
- December 4, 1989 Draft constitutions and manifestoes for SDP and NRC launched by President Babangida.
- December 8, 1989 Nigeria suspended for two years from all FIFA organised competitions with age limits. Nigeria was also refused the right to stage the 1991 edition of the FIFA under 20 world cup championship for allegedly using over aged players in the 1989 under 17 tournament.

- December 15, 1989 Federal government promulgated Local Government (Basic Constitutional and Transitional provisions (Amendment) Decree. It, amongst others, stipulated a two year jail term or N5,000 fine or both for every Electoral Official.
- December 18, 1989 A uniform price of 60 kobo per litre took effect abolishing the two-tier petrol pricing scheme introduced earlier in the year.
- December 29, 1989 President Babangida effected a major reshuffle of council of states, the Federal executive council and presidency. Major highlights include:
1. President Babangida took on additional responsibility of Defence Minister.
 2. Joint Chiefs of Staff Office independent and to be headed by a chairman.
 3. Security Services like state security services (SSS) now autonomous and directly responsible to the President.
 4. Alhaji Aliyu Mohammed appointed secretary to the federal government.
 5. New Governors appointed
 - (a) Col. A. J. Kazir - Kwara
 - (b) Lt. Col. Y. Madaki - Katsina
 - (c) Lt. Col. E. K. Atta - Cross River
 - (d) Col. M. I. Maina - Borno
 - (e) Group Capt. Salihu - Gongola
- January 2, 1990 Newly appointed service chiefs members of AFRC, Governors and Ministers took oath of office with President Babangida presiding.
- Thosesworn-in included:
1. Rear Admiral Murtala Nyako - Naval Staff.
 2. Air Vice-Marshal Nureni Yussuf of Air Staff.
 3. Mr. Aliyu Atta, Inspector General of Police.

- January 8, 1990 Commodore Lamba Gwom appointed and sworn in as Internal Affairs minister by President Babangida. He replaced Lt. Gen. Domkat Bali who was earlier appointed for the post but has retired from the Army.
- January 15, 1990 Federal government replaced Companies Act of 1968 with Companies and Allied matters Decree 1 of 1990.
- January 26, 1990 Federal government appointed secretaries for the two political parties at National, State and Federal Capital Territory levels. National secretaries of the two political parties are:
NRC - Mr. Stephen B. Agodo
SDP - Dr. Adamu Mohammed Fika
- January 31, 1990 National workshop for administrative secretaries of the two political parties declared opened in Abuja by President Babangida.
- February 1, 1990 Customs, prisons and Immigration services precluded from engaging in trade union activities. This is contained in trade (Miscellaneous Provisions Decree 25, of 1989 promulgated by Federal government.
- February 14, 1990 The presidency instructed Nigerian workers to work half day to enable them get involved in activities marking the release of Nelson Mandela from jail.
- Nigerians held Nelson Mandela solidarity rally in Lagos.
- February 26, 1990 President Babangida began state visit to France.
- March 12, 1990 An interest free credit of 20 million dollars negotiated for Universities by National Universities Commission and Federal Government. President

Babangida also announced special grant of N20 million to each of 21 Federal universities.

- March 13, 1990 In response to comments and criticisms, Federal government set up review panel to look into the cases of those detained under Decree 2 as amended by Decree No 2 of 1990.
- March 15, 1990 The heir apparent to the British throne Prince Charles and his wife princess Diana began state visit to Nigeria.
- President Babangida welcomed and showed appreciation of the Federal Government for the Super Eagles performance at the just concluded nation's Cup competition.
- March 21, 1990 Nigeria and United States agreed to co-operate on the fight against hard drugs. A pact to that effect was signed by both countries.
- April 4, 1990 Accomplished actor, theatre guru and National Troupe chairman, chief Hubert Ogunde passed on in a London Hospital.
- April 14, 1990 Sir Mobolaji Bank-Anthony, a notable philanthropist, businessman and community leader was conferred with the national honour of Commander of the Federal Republic by President Babangida. This is to acknowledge Sir Bank Anthony's exemplary humanitarian services.
- April 22, 1990 A coup to oust the government of president Babangida failed in Lagos. President Babangida addressed world press conference which he held on the coup and announced the killing of his ADC, Lt. Col. U. K. Bello.

- April 24, 1990 President Babangida received Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Ibrahim Dasuki and Ooni of Ife, Oba Okunade Sijuwade who came to pay him solidarity visit in Lagos.
- April 24, 1990 Suspected civilian sponsor of the abortive coup attempt named. He is Chief Great Ovwedje Ogboru.
- More officers declared wanted in connection with the abortive coup.
They are:
1. Major C. Idde
 2. Capt. G. A. Wahab
 3. Capt. B. I. Oziegbwe
 4. Lt. H. A. Ogboru
 5. Lt. A. E. Akogun
- Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher sent message to President Babangida expressing solidarity with the Federal Government.
- April 27, 1990 Nigerians warned on the danger of harbouring dissidents wanted in connection with the coup. Federal Government said it amounted to treason to do this.
- April 30, 1990 National Housing Policy approved by Armed Forces Ruling Council (AFRC) was released in Lagos. The policy provided for Nigerians to have easy access to decent housing accommodation at affordable costs.
- May 3, 1990 Federal Government announced the setting up of a panel to investigate the April 22 abortive coup based on available information.
- May 4, 1990 N150,000 reward declared by the Federal Government for the capture of any of the coup suspects..
- May 11, 1990 Federal government freed 12 soliders earlier detained in connection with April 22 abortive coup.

- May 12, 1990 Professional soccer began in Nigeria. It would exist alongside with amateur soccer.
- May 13, 1990 South African nationalist and ANC vice-President Dr. Nelson Mandela with his wife Winnie began visit to Nigeria.
- May 14, 1990 Dr. Nelson Mandela conferred with National Honour of Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger (GCON) by President Babangida.
- May 21, 1990 Trial of dissidents allegedly involved in April 22 abortive coup began in Lagos. Those standing trial before the Military Tribunal headed by Major General Nwachukwu included:
1. Major G. C. Orkar
 2. Capt. N. H. Empere
 3. Capt. P. A. Dalole
 4. Lt. A. E. Akogun
 5. Lt. N. E. Odey
 6. Lt. C. O. Ozealor
 7. 2nd Lt. A. B. Umukoro
 8. Sgt. J. Itua
 9. Sgt. M. Ademokhai
 10. Sgt. P. Illegar.
- May 27, 1990 President Babangida attended ECOWAS summit of heads of government in Banjul, Gambia.
- June 8, 1990 Lt. Col. Mohammed Marwa replaced Col. Mohammed Maina as Governor of Borno State. Federal government said Col. Maina was removed because his actions were not in consonance with its objectives.
- June 20, 1990 600,000 Kilowatt Shiroro Hydro-electric project on Kakuna River near Minna commissioned by President Babangida.

- July 1, 1990 Chief Anyaoku of Nigeria and First African Secretary General of the Commonwealth assumed office.
- July 9, 1990 Members of Armed Forces Ruling Council (AFRC), Governor and Ministers declared their assets to the code of conduct Bureau. Vice Admiral Aikhomu explained that this was in line with the provisions of the decree establishing the bureau.
- July 12, 1990 President Babangida was back home from Addis Ababa after attending OAU summit of heads of government. - Federal government published decree that made it an offence for any person to smoke in public places like cinema houses, office, stadium, theatre, medical establishment, etc. The decree was titled Tobacco Smoking Control Decree 20, 1990.
- July 19, 1990 Federal government removed from office, Alhaji Sidi Ali Sirajo Managing Director of New Nigerian Newspapers.
- July 27, 1990 42 coup plotters whose death sentence were confirmed by Armed Forces Ruling Council (AFRC) executed by firing squad.
- August 3, 1990 National Transition Committee nullified the election of Social Democratic Party's National Secretary. This followed an appeal filed against his election by some party members.
- August 5, 1990 A crucial summit of five nation ECOWAS Mediation Committee on Liberian crisis held in Banjul, Gambia, President Babangida led Nigerian delegation.
- August 7, 1990 Six nations agreed to contribute military personnels

for peace keeping mission to end the Liberian Civil War.

- August 9, 1990 Charles Taylor of Liberia warned by Nigerian government not to harm Nigerians. This followed his attacks on Nigerian Embassy in Monrovia.
- August 17, 1990 First batch of the Volunteers for Technical Aid Corps (TAC) honoured for credible service abroad. President Babangida's 49th birthday.
- August 22, 1990 Major Nuhu Bamali appointed aide de-camp to President Babangida. He replaced Lt. Col. U. K. Bello killed during April 22 abortive coup.
- August 27, 1990 President Babangida spoke on the fifth anniversary of his administration. Highlights of the broadcast included naming of Vice Admiral Augustus Aikhomu as Vice President.
- August 30, 1990 Council of State and Federal Executive Council reshuffled. Military Officers in the Federal Executive Council retired from service to further civilianise the council.
- September 3, 1990 President Babangida swore-in new appointees. They included the Vice President, Ministers and Governors.
- September 13, 1990 A new decree promulgated to reflect the present composition of the AFRC and the new titles of some of its members. The decree is titled constitution (Suspension and Modification) Amendment Decree, 1990.
- October 1, 1990 President Babangida addressed the nation to mark 30th anniversary of Nigeria's independence.

- October 9, 1990 Jones Savimbi, leader of Angola's UNTA movement arrived Nigeria to ask for help in resolving his country's 15 year old civil war.
- October 17, 1990 Visiting President Gnassingbe Eyadema of Republic of Togo received in Lagos by President Babangida. President Eyadema was on a two-day official visit to Nigeria.
- October 21, 1990 President Babangida signed a decree specifying the duties of the President, Vice President, Secretary to the Federal government, Governors and their deputies. The decree which took effect from October election by some party member was titled Executive powers (Constitutional Adaptation etc) Decree No 28 of 1990.
- November 12, 1990 11 NEPA men jailed on 1988 as a result of an industrial action which threw the nation into darkness ordered to be released by President Babangida. The president gave the order when officials of NCC visited him.
- November 16, 1990 Former Oil Minister, Prof. Tam David-West sentenced to 10 year jail term for corruptly enriching a U. S. based company Stinnes Inter Oil Incorporated.
- December 4, 1990 A three man Libyan delegation visited President Babangida to brief him on Libyan's position on developments in Chad.
- December 8, 1990 The take-off of community banks was approved by President Babangida.
- Elections into local government councils were held all over the country.
- December 17, 1990 Talks on the Gulf crisis held by President Babangida and visiting Yasser Arafat, PLO chairman.

- December 31, 1990 First Community Bank in Nigeria launched at the outskirts of Kaduna by President Babangida.
- January 2, 1991 Dr. Robert Mugabe, Zimbabwean President in Lagos on official duty to Nigeria.
- January 8, 1990 President Babangida conferred with the chieftaincy title of "nno Ochure Eleme" in Rivers State.
- January 27, 1991 An agreement to encourage the private sectors to mutually exploit economic opportunities signed by both Nigeria and Guinea Bissau. The agreement was signed by President Babangida and President Joao Bernado on behalf of their countries.
- January 29, 1991 A tripartite summit by Nigeria, Togo and Senegal held in Togo. President Babangida led the Nigerian delegation to the summit.
- February 5, 1991 Summit of frontline states and Organisation of Africa Unity (OAU) adhoc committee on southern Africa held in Harare, Zimbabwe. Nigerian delegation to the summit led by President Babangida.
- February 14, 1991 President Babangida delivered First Murtala Mohammed memorial lecture. The lecture which would be an annual event was organised by the Daily Times of Nigeria PLC to promote the ideals of the late Head of State,
- President Babangida also announced 3.5 million grant to aid the botanical garden set up in honour of the late leader by his widow.

- March 13, 1991 President Babangida conferred national honour, order of the Niger (OON) on Mudashiru Lawal for his contribution to the development of soccer in Nigeria.
- 10 - storey Ondo State Owena also commissioned in Lagos by President Babangida.
- March 27, 1991 Brigadier Stephen Ogbehe Ikya (rtd) appointed as the Sole Administrator of Mass Transit Programme.
- March 27, 1991 The restoration of military and police ranks to some senior military Governors of the Gowon regime clarified by federal government. Those involved included:
1. Brig. Sam Ogbemudia
 2. Brig. M. Usman
 3. Brig. U. J. Esuene
 4. Brig. D. Bamigboye
 5. Brig. Abba Kyari
 6. Police Comm. Usman Farouk
 7. Late Police Comm. Audu Bako
- March 28, 1991 Open Ballot System approved by AFRC for subsequent elections in the country.
- April 19, 1991 Widespread religious riots took place in parts of the country. Those involved were to appear before Civil Disturbances Tribunal.
- April 26, 1991 The establishment of a National Institute for Cultural Orientation approved by President Babangida.
- May 6, 1991 Central Bank introduced new coins into the economy. The coins are:

1. 1 Kobo
2. 5 Kobo
3. 25 Kobo
4. 50 Kobo
5. 1 Naira

↳ 26,000 Railway junior workers embarked on strike.

- May 8, 1991 The N10 million Sardauna Endowment Fund attracted Federal government donation of N35 million. The Fund was to transform Arewa House (Sardauna's official Residence) into an international research centre.
- June 3, 1991 President Babangida hosted African heads of State as 27th OAU summit kicked off in Abuja.
- June 5, 1991 President Babangida elected OAU chairman and African leaders signed African Economic Community Treaty.
- June 29, 1991 London Financial Times reporter, William Keeling, deported by Federal Government for writing unfounded stories on the use of additional proceeds from sale of oil during the Gulf War.
- July 11, 1991 247 Nigerian pilgrims died in plane crash on their way from holy pilgrimage to Mecca and Medina.
- August 8, 1991 Prof. Tam David-West freed as Justice Dahunbe Coker Special Appeal Tribunal quashed the 10 year jail term.
- August 17, 1991 President Babangida celebrated 50th birthday.
 - Lagos Third mainland bridge commissioned by President Babangida.
 - Third mainland bridge named after President Babangida by Lagos Governor, Col. Raji Rasaki.

- August 27, 1991 President Babangida addressed the nation on the occasion of the sixth anniversary of his administration. Highlights of the broadcast included the creation of nine additional states.
They are:
1. Abia
 2. Anambra
 3. Delta
 4. Jigawa
 5. Kebbi
 6. Kogi
 7. Osun
 8. Taraba
 9. Yobe
- October 2, 1991 189 new local government areas created by Federal Government.
- October 21, 1991 Widespread riots in Kano over the invitation of Evangelist Bonke to the town by Christian Association of Nigeria.
- November 17, 1991 The launching of N50 million Nnamdi Azikiwe Centre, Zungeru held at Minna Township Stadium. The occasion was graced by President Babangida.
- November 27, 1991 National Census exercise took place nation wide. Public holiday declared by Federal government for the success of the exercise.
- December 2, 1991 12 banned politicians detained for participating and interfering with politics in the transition period, appeared before Transition Tribunal chaired by Justice Fred Anyaegbunam.
- January 1, 1992 The President, General Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida announced N27.5 billion Budget for 1992. The first budget speech at Abuja, Highlights of the budget included:

- tariff exemptions on importation of cements, spare parts etc.
- Local governments shares of distributable pool increases from 15 to 20 percent.
- Local government service commission abolished.
- Ceiling on banks lending lifted
- Rationalisation of Federal ministries into 16 and 9 commissions.

January 1, 1992

Elected civilian governors and their deputies in the thirty states were sworn into office. They were:

NO	STATE	GOVERNORS	DEPUTIES
1	ABIA	DR. OGBONAYA ONU	CLEMENT CHINA NWAFOR
2	ADAMAWA	ALH. ABUBAKAR MICHKA	LYNN NATHAN
3	AKWA-IBOM	CHIEF AKPAN ISEMIN	ETIM JACK OKPOYO
4	ANAMBRA	DR. CHUKWUEMEKA EZEIFE	CHUDI NWIKE
5	BAUCHI	ALH. DAIRU MOHAMMED	UMARU AHMED
6	BORNO	ALH. MAJI LAWAN	ALH. MOHAMMED HASSAN
7	C/RIVERS	CLEMENT EBRI	CECILIA EKPENYONG (MRS)
8	EDO	CHIEF JOHN OYEGUN	REV. PETER OBADAN
9	ENUGU	DR. OKWESILIEZENWODO	ITUMA EMMANUEL
10	JIGAWA	S'AD BIRNI KUDU	ALH. SHEHU I. KWAFALO
11	KADUNA	ALH. MOHAMMED DEBO LERE	JAMES BAWE MAGAJI
12	KANO	ALH. KABIRU GAYA	AHMED USMAN
13	KASTINA	ALH. SAIDU BARDA	ABDULAH I. AMIDU
14	KEBBI	ALH. ABUBAKAR MUSA	SANNI A. MOHAMMED
15	KOGI	PRINCE ABUBAKAR AUDU	SAMUEL O. AKANDE
16	KWARA	ALH. SHAABA LAFIAJI	PRINCE JOFADUMILA
17	LAGOS	SIR MICHAEL OTEDOLA	ALH. SINATU A. OJIKUTU
18	NIGER	DR. MUSA INUWA	ALH. JIBOGARBA
19	OGUN	CHIEF SEGUN OSOBA	RAFIU. OGUNLEYE
20	ONDO	DELE OLUMILUA	DR. AGAGU OLUSEGUN
21	OSUN	ALH. ISIAKA ADELEKE	CLEMENT A. HASTRUP
22	OYO	CHIEF KOLAPOISHOLA	ALH. AHMED GBADAMOSI
23	PLATEAU	MR FIDELIS TAPGUN	ALH. HALILU BALA USMAN
24	RIVERS	RUFUSADA-GEORGE	DR. PETER ODILI
25	SOKOTO	ALH. YAHAYA ABDULKARIM	AHMED M. GUSAU
26	TARABA	REV. JOLLY I. NYAME	ALH. S.D. GANI
27	IMO	CHIEF EVEN ENWEREM	DOUGLAS ACHOLONU
28	DELTA	CHIEF FELIX IBRU	SAMSONO. EBONKA
29	BENUUE	REV. FR. MOSES ADASU	YAKUBU AGADA
30	YOBE	ALH. ABBA IBRAHIM	GONI MADU ZAMABURA

- January 2, 1992 President Babangida dissolved the National Council of Ministers and announced the rationalisation of Ministries from 26 to 16.
- January 6, 1992 The Central Bank of Nigeria took over National Bank of Nigeria.
- January 13, 1992 President Ibrahim Babangida swore in his reconstituted cabinet. They were:
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| Alhaji A. Hashidu | - Agriculture, Water Resources and Rural Devt. |
| Avm M. Yahaya (rtd.) | - Commerce and Tourism |
| Gen. Sanni Abacha | - Defence |
| Prof. Aliu Fafunwa | - Education & Youth Development |
| Alhaji Bunu Sherif Musa | - Labour and Productivity |
| Prof. Jibril Aminu | - Petroleum and Mineral Resources |
| Maj. Gen. Ike Nwachukwu (rtd.) | - Foreign Affairs |
| Ambassador Z. Ibrahim | - Minister of State for Foreign Affairs |
| Prof. Sam Oyovbaire | - Information and Culture |
| Mr. Clement Akpangbo | - Justice |
| Alhaji Abubakar Alhaji | - Finance |
| Avm Nura Imam (rtd) | - Power and Steel |
| Olawale Ige | - Transport and Communication |
| Maj. Gen. Mamman Kontagora | - Works and Housing |
| Maj. Gen Gado Nasko (rtd) | - Federal Capital Territory |
| Mr. Senas Ukpanah | - Establishment and Management Services |
| Dr. Chu Okongwu | - Special Duties and National Planning Commission |
| Alhaji Ismaila Gwarze | - Police Affairs |
| Chief Alex Akinyele | - National Sports Commission |
| Prof. Gordion Ezekwe | - Chairman, Agency for Science and Engineering. |
- January 23, 1992 - President Babangida swore in Major Gen. Ike Nwachukwu (Foreign Affairs Minister) and Alhaji Ismaila Gwarze (Minister of State for Police Af-

- fairs). They were absent when the other ministers were sworn in.
- February 20, 1992 - Government promulgated Housing Fund Decree, known as National Housing Fund Decree No. 3, 1992.
- February 24, 1992 - President Ibrahim Babangida left Abuja for Bonn, on a 5-day state visit to Germany.
- February 27, 1992 - President Idris Berby of the Chad Republic paid a one-day visit to the country.
- March 7, 1992 - IBB attended first PMAN Award night held in Abuja. Federal government donated N10 million to PMAN.
- March 19, 1992 - IBB announced the provisional result of the 1991 National Census, (Nigeria's population is 88.5 million).
- April 1, 1992 - Federal government promulgated Customs & Excise etc. (Miscellaneous Provision) Decrease 1992 to give legal backing to the relief package on inflation.
- April 8, 1992 - Nigeria and Spain signed Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Sales agreement.
- April 9, 1992 - South African President, Frederick De Klerk, arrived Abuja on a two-day working visit (the first time a South African President visited Nigeria).
- IBB announced N575 million Life-line to Universities. N25 million to each of the Federal Universities. Concord Press(Nigeria) Limited closed down on the orders of the Federal Government.
- April 24, 1992 - Concord Press re-opened. (The Publisher, Bashorun M. K. O. Abiola, apologised to the President in a handwritten letter).

- May 3, 1992 - Israeli foreign minister, David Levy, arrived Nigeria on a historic visit to restore diplomatic ties between both countries.
- May 3, 1992 - Government introduced new currency to replace the old ones. New N1.00 and 50k coins came into circulation.
- May 4, 1992 - Nigeria and Israel restored full diplomatic relationship after a 19 year break.
 - Federal government set up a Judicial Commission of Inquiry into causes of fuel shortage.
 Members:
 * Justice Alfa Belgore - Chairman
 * Justice Yean Omokre
 * Mr. Pascal Bafyau
 * Mr. O. Kusamotu
 * Mr. Bello Lafiagi
 * Chief H Ogbodo
 * Mr. Williams Anumiedu
 * Mr. S. B. Agoro - Secretary
- May 12, 1992 - Federal government directed that all fuel stations within 25 kilometres range to all borders be closed down immediately.
- May 13, 1992 - Riots in Lagos (as hoodlums hijack an otherwise peaceful student's demonstration).
- May 22, 1992 - AFRC met in Abuja over the situation in the country.
 Federal government said rioters would face special Tribunal.

- May 25, 1992 - Registration of voters ends. - Federal government announced the formation of the National Guard.
- June 5, 1992 - Alhaji Abubakar Alhaji, Finance Minister and Prof. Jibril Aminu, Petroleum and Mineral Resources Minister dropped from the Federal Cabinet. (Prof. Aminu resigned while Alhaji Alhaji was re-assigned).
- June 15, 1992 - Gani Fawehinmi, Beko Ransome-Kuti, Femi Falana, Baba Omojola and Olusegun Maiyegun charged with treason by the Federal government, before the Chief Magistrate Court, Gwagwalada.
- June 26, 1992 - National Electoral Commission (NEC) disqualified 32 aspirants from the National Assembly Elections. Senatorial - 9 (SDP) 9(NRC) House of Representatives - 10 (SDP) 9 (NRC).
- July 1, 1992 - 28th Summit of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) commended IBB for his relentless efforts in sensitising the international Community on Africa's external debt crisis. (The summit ended IBB's tenure as OAU Chairman).
- July 2, 1992 - Dr. Nelson Mandela in Abuja (held talks with Nigerian authorities on efforts at reviving stalled CODESA talks in South Africa).
- July 4 1992 - National Assembly, Senate and House of Representative elections held in the country.
- July 9, 1992 - Alhaji Waziri Ibrahim leader of defunct Great Nigeria People's Party (GNPP) in the Second Republic died in a German hospital.
- July 10, 1992 - First Media Merit Award presentation took place in Lagos. IBB in attendance.
- Waziri Ibrahim laid to rest.

- July 22, 1992
- AFRC met in Abuja to discuss whether the National Assembly would be inaugurated during the remaining part of the transition or after it.
 - AFRC decided that the National Assembly be inaugurated in January 1993.
 - AFRC proscribed ASUU whose members were on strike over salary increment.
- July 23, 1992
- President Yeweri Museveni of Uganda arrived Abuja on a four day state visit to Nigeria.
- August 1, 1992
- Staggered presidential primaries of the two political parties kicked off in zone A. (Borno, Kwara, Abia, Katsina and Delta states).
 - IBB laid the foundation stone of the N200 million Tarka Foundation at Makurdi.
- August 4, 1992
- Nine SDP Presidential aspirants called for the cancellation of the zone A presidential Primaries, alleging massive fraud and gross irregularities. They asked NEC to take over the conduct of the primaries in order to regain and instil confidence in the whole electoral process.
- August 4, 1992
- President Babangida announced the reconstitution of the Ecological Fund Commission to fight environmental degradation.
- August 5, 1992
- National Republican Convention (NRC) cancelled the primaries in Delta and Abia States.
- August 7, 1992
- National Electoral Commission Cancelled Zone A Primaries and fixed fresh primaries for September 5, 12 and 19 in three zones.
- Zone A: Ondo, Jigawa, Edo, Cross River, Plateau, Kebbi, Ogun, Taraba, Kogi and Imo States.

Zone B: Anambra, Katsina, Lagos, Bauchi, Akwa Ibom, Kaduna Benue, Oyo, Rivers and Yobe States.

- August 11, 1992 - IBB laid the foundation stone of the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria, Abuja head office building.
- August 12, 1992 - Nigeria's contingent to the Barcelona Olympics returned home with 3 silver and 1 bronze medals in the following events.
- Boxing - 2 Silver Medals
 - 4 x 100m Relay men - A Silver Medal
 - Nigeria placed 39th on the medal table.
- August 13, 1992 - NDLEA former director Fidelis Oyakhilome cleared of "all wrong doings arising from the Jennifer Madike saga" (as announced by Information Minister).
- August 18, 1992 Hungary deported 14 Nigerians in chains.
- August 20, 1992 Federal government and University teachers began negotiation.
- August 24, 1992 Presidential Primaries rescheduled for September 12, 19 and 26, Run-offs if any to hold in October. NEC, SDP and NRC leaders held meeting with Vice president, Augustus Aikhomu and resolved to use accreditation slips for presidential Primaries instead of revised membership list.
- September 1, 1992 Information and Culture Minister, Prof. Sam Oyovbaire announced that the decree legalising private broadcasting in the nation had been signed by President Ibrahim Babangida.

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- October 25, 1992 A-50-member Nigerian Economic Mission left Lagos for Tel-Aviv, Israel to re-establish the old business contracts between private sector of both countries.
- November 17, 1992 Handover date from military to civilian government shifted from January to August 27, 1993.
- All former 23 presidential aspirants disqualified.
- Option A4 adopted by the AFRC.
- December 5, 1992 Dr. Iyorchia Ayu elected Senate President after the inauguration of the National Assembly by President Babangida.
- December 16, 1992 Transitional Council constituted.
- December 22, 1992 President Babangida listed functions of the Transitional Council
- December 23, 1992 Chief Ernest Shonekan chairman/MD UAC, elected chairman of the Transitional Council.
- December 29, 1992 The Vice-President Augustus Aikhomu inaugurated the board of the Nigerian Press Council (NPC) in Abuja.
- December 29, 1992 Chairman of the Transitional Council, Chief Ernest Shonekan headed government.

Chapter 6

IBB HONOURS AND TITLES

1. Member, National Institute, Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies Kuru, Jos (mni) 1980
2. Forces Service Medal (FEM)
3. Order of the Federal Republic (OFR)
4. Defence Service Medal (DSM)
5. National Service Medal (NSM)
6. Royal Service Medal (RSM)
7. Forces Service Medal (FSM)
8. General Service Medal (GSM)
9. Commander of the Order of the Federal Republic (CFR) by President Alhaji Shehu Shagari
10. Citizenship of Yaounde City, Cameroon, December 10, 1987 by Mr Paul Biya, the Camerounian President
11. Grand Patron, Nigerian Academy of Science on 14th August, 1988 at UNIBADAN by Dr (Mrs) Y. O. K. Osikalu, President of the Science Association of Nigeria
12. National Patron, Boys Brigade, November 4, 1988 by Justice G.B.A. Coker, the President of Boys Brigade of Nigeria
14. Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath (GCB), UK, May 1989 by Queen Elizabeth II of England

15. Gold medal of the Supreme Council for Sports in Africa (SCSA) on 5th March, 1989 by Mr Abraham Ordia
16. The Freedom of the City of Harare, Zimbabwe on 19th July, 1989 by President Robert Mugabe
17. Medal of the Order of Independence (Equatorial Guinea Highest Honour) on 12th December, 1990 by President Mbasogo
18. Honorary Citizen of Malabo by handing him the keys to the City on 12th December, 1990 by President Mbasogo
19. "Onne Ochure Eleme" (Redeemer of Eleme People) in Rivers State 3rd January, 1991 by the Chairman of the State Traditional Council of Chiefs, Ngei, A. O.
20. "Grand Patron" of the Abuja Chamber of Commerce, Industry Mines and Agriculture (ABUCCIMA) on 3rd May, 1991 by NACCIMA
21. Obom (The Pillar of Akwa Ibom) on 3rd May, 1991 by the Nsobom of Uyo, Obong Michael Udo Eka
22. "Bawa jan Gwarzo" of Nigeria on 24th May, 1991 by Emir of Suleija, Alhaji Ibrahim Dada Musa
23. Madakin Minna (Chief Councillor to the Emir of Minna) on 21st May, 1991 by Dr. Umar Farouk Bahage
24. "Zanna of Borno" on 24th July, 1991 by Emir of Borno, Alhaji Shehu Mustapha El-Kanemi
25. Honorary Citizenry of Ibadan by Mayor of Ibadan Municipal Government Mr. Niyi Adelu, on 2nd August, 1991
26. Ajagunla of Ibadanland on 2nd August, 1991 by Olubadan of Ibadan, Oba Oloyede Asanike
27. Jagunmolu of Oyo State on 2nd August, 1991 by Oyo State Council of Obas (vis three natural rulers-Ooni of Ife, Oba Okunade Sijuwade II, Alafin

of Oyo, Oba Lamidi Adeyemi III and the Owa Obokun of Ijeshaland, Oba Adekunle Aromolaran on 4th August, 1991

28. Bobagunwa of Ogbomosholand on 4th August, 1991 by Shoun of Ogbomosho, Oba Ajagungbade
29. Oguguo Ndi Igbo (the consoler of the Igbos) on 15th August, 1991 by Deputy Chairman of Imo State Council of Chiefs, Eze Onu Egwunweke
30. Babaiyero of Lagos State on 17 August, 1991 by Oba of Lagos, Oba Adeyinka Oyekan
31. Izhan Tarok (Shining star of Tarok Land) Langtang on 4th September, 1991 by Paramount ruler in Langtang local government, Mr Edward Jatua.
32. Kagama of Laria on 3rd September, 1991 by Emir of Lafia, Alhaji Mustapha Aguni I
33. Jarmai (Here) of Nasarawa on 3rd September, 1991 by Emir of Nasarawa, Alhaji Jubril.
34. Sarkin Noma of Eggan (Head of Farmers) by Aren Egganin Plateau State, Mr Bala Angbaze on 3rd September, 1991
35. "Suga Jos" (War hero of Jos) on 3rd September, 1991 by the Gbong Gwon of Jos, Dr. Fom Bot
36. Honoured with a plaque by members of the United States Black Congressional Caucus to commemorate his efforts at establishing a lasting democracy in Nigeria by the leader of the Massachusetts State Senate, Senator William Owen on 14th December, 1990 at State House, Marina
37. Honorary Fellowship of the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria on 16th September, 1989 by Prof A. Akinkugbe, the President of the college

38. Honorary Fellowship and Medal of Honour of the African Mathematical Union and for their formal investiture as patron of the Union on 23rd September, 1991 by Professor Aderemi Kuku, the president of the Union
39. Honorary Fellowship of Academy of Education 19/9/91
40. "Oyame One" of Yala by people of Yala Local Government in Cross River State on 8/11/91
41. Initiated into "Icinima" age grade in Yala (Cross River State)
42. Presented with Ceremonial Key to Lagos at City Hall by Oba Oyekan on 11/12/91
43. Presented with Master-Key of the city of Abuja by Major General Gado Nasko (rtd) Federal Capital Territory Minister on 12/12/91.
44. Honorary Fellowship of the Chartered Institute of Bankers by the President of the Institute, Chief Femi Adekanye at Abuja on 23/6/92
45. Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science (DSc) in Agriculture by the University of Agriculture, Abeokuta on 23/4/92 (deferred to a later date)
46. "Obu Omu Alabo"(Great King of War) by the people of Rivers State on 30/6/92
47. Honorary Fellow of the Economic Society of Nigeria (FNES) by Nigeria Economic Society October 1992 (Award ceremony deferred)
48. Ukpohore Uwana (Key of progress) by City Fathers in Calabarland on 5/11/91

Chapter 7

THE PROGRESSIVE PROGRAMMES OF THE BABANGIDA ADMINISTRATION

1985 - 1992

- (1) Abrogation of the Public Officers (Protection Against False Accusation) Decree No. 4
- (2) Establishment of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA)
- (3) Establishment of the Nigeria Agricultural Land Development Authority (NALDA).
- (4) Establishment of the Peoples Bank of Nigeria. (PBN).
- (5) Establishment of the Community Bank (National Board for Community Banks) (NBCB).
- (6) Establishment of the National Directorate of Employment (NDE).
- (7) Establishment of the Better Life Programme for Rural Women (BLP).
- (8) Establishment of the Better Life Programme for Rural Women (BLP).
- (9) Establishment of the Directorate of Foods, Roads and Rural Infrastructure (DFRRI).
- (10) Federal Urban Mass Transit Programme (FUMTP).
- (11) Creation of New Local Government system/Creation of 136 local governments (NLGAS).
- (12) Establishment of the Raw Material Research Council (RMRC).
- (13) Introduction of Structural Adjustment Programme (SAP).
- (14) Establishment of the Political Bureau (Jan. -Dec., 1986).

- (15) Establishment of the National Productivity Centre
- (16) Introduction of Economic Diplomacy.
- (17) Introduction of Technical Aid Corps (TAC).
- (18) Introduction of Primary Health Care.
- (19) Introduction of Political Transition Programme
- (20) Establishment of the National Economic Reconstruction Fund. (NERFUND).
- (21) Establishment of the Centre for Democratic Studies
- (22) Introduction of Civil Service Reforms.
- (23) Introduction of Deregulation of Finance and Money Market
 - Banks
 - Mortgage Banks
 - Finance Houses
 - Bureaux de change
- (24) Creation of 11 New States.
- (25) Movement to Abuja.
- (26) Creation of Export Processing Zone.
- (27) Establishment of the Federal Road Safety Commission.
- (28) Conducting of the National Population Census (NPC).
- (29) Creation of the Presidency.
- (30) Introduction of Debit Conversion Programme.
- (31) Introduction of Gifted Children's Programme

- (32) Introduction of Nomadic Education Programme.
- (33) Establishment of the National Electoral Commission (NEC).
- (34) Creation of Two Political Parties; the Social Democratic Party and the National Republican Convention .
- (35) Establishment of the Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC).
- (36) Establishment of the Technical Committee on Privatisation and Commercialisation (TCPC).
- (37) Establishment of the Privatisation Programme.
- (38) Establishment of the Agriculture Development Programme (ADP).
- (39) Introduction of National Orientation Movement (NOM).
- (40) Establishment of the National Guard.
- (41) Establishment of the National Food Security and Storage Scheme.
- (42) Establishment of the National Small Farmers Credit Programme.
- (43) Establishment of the Food Market Information Dissemination Service.
- (44) Establishment of the Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC)
- (45) Establishment of the Crop Monitoring / Early Warning System.
- (46) Establishment of the Nigeria Export - Import Bank (NEXIM).
- (47) Establishment of the National Planning Commission.
- (48) Establishment of the National Women's Commission.
- (49) Establishment of the Federal Environment Protection Agency (FEPA)

- (50) Introduction of Private Broadcasting.
- (51) Enactment of Oil Prospecting Acreages to Nigerian Oil Companies.
- (52) Enactment of the Copyright Law and Establishment of the Copyright Council.
- (53) Movement of the Presidency to Abuja.
- (54) Normalisation of the relations with Israel.
- (55) Establishment of the Urban Development Bank.
- (56) Establishment of the National Defence and Security Defence Council (NDSC)
- (57) Introduction of Transition Council

Chapter 8

BABANGIDA'S TEAM

A ARMED FORCES RULING COUNCIL AF RC.

1985

- 1 Major-General Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida - The President, Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces
- 2 Major-General Domkat Bali — Minister of defence and Chairman joint Chief of Staff
- 3 Major-General Sani Abacha — Chief of Army Staff
- Major-General Cardo Nasko
- 5 Air Vice-Marshal Ibrahim Alfa
- 6 Rear Admiral Augustus Aikhomu
- 7 Major-General Mamman Vatsa
- 8 Air Marshal Mohammed Yahaya
- 9 Major-General Paul Omu
- 10 Commodore Ebitu Ukiwe
- 11 Brigadier Peter Ademokai
- 12 Brigadier Y. Kure
- 13 Brigadier J. N. Dogonyaro
- 14 Brigadier D. O. Diya
- 15 Brigadier A. B. Mamman
- 16 Brigadier D. O. Ajayi
- 17 Air Commodore Bayo Lawal
- 18 Commodore Aluko
- 19 Air-Commodore Nura Imam
- 20 Commodore Nyako
- 21 Commodore Elegbede
- 22 Brigadier O. Oni
- 23 Air-Commodore L. Koinyan
- 24 Lt Col J. N. Shagaya
- 25 Lt Col H. Akilu
- 26 Lt Col R. Rasaki
- 27 Lt Col Ayuba
- 28 Mr Etim Inyang
- 29 Lt Col Ukpo

1986

- 1 Major-General Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida
The President and Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces
- 2 Rear-Admiral Augustus Aikhomu
Chief of General Staff
- 3 Major-General Domkat Bali
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff and Defence Minister
- 4 Major-General Sani Abacha
Chief of Army Staff
- 5 Rear Admiral Patrick Koshoni
Chief of Naval Staff
- 6 Air Vice-Marshal Ibrahim Alfa
Chief of Air Staff
- 7 Mallam Mohammed Gambo
Inspector-General of Police

8	Air Commodore Ibrahim Abdullahi	Minister, Federal Capital Abuja
9	Major-General M. G. Nasko	Minister of Trade
10	Major-General Paul Omu	Commandant, Staff and Command College
11	Brig Peter Igezunya Ademokhai	G.O.C. Commanding 1 Mechanised Division
12	Brig Yohanna Y. Kure	G.O.C. Commanding 2 Mechanised Division
13	Brig Joshua Nimyel Dogonyaro	G.O.C. Commanding 3 Armoured Division
14	Air Vice-Marshal Mohammadu Yahaya	Commanding Officer, Air Training Command
15	Brig D. O. Diya	General Officer, Commanding 82 Division
16	Brig Abdullahi Bagudu Mamman	Commander, Army Corps of Artillery
17	Brig Duro Ola Ajayi	Commander, TRADOK
18	Air Commodore Adebayo Hammed Lawal	Commander, Air Tactical Command
19	Navy Commodore Stephen O. Aluko	Flag Officer, Commanding Eastern Command
20	Air Commodore Nurudeen Mohammed Imam	Commander, Air Force Logistics Command
21	Navy Commodore Murtala Nyako	Flag Officer, Commanding Western Navy Command
22	Navy Commodore M.B.A. Elegbede	Director, Defence Intelligence Agency
23	Lt Col Haliru Akilu	Commanding Officer, Directorate, Military Intelligence
24	Lt Col. Tanko Ayuba	Minister of Communications
25	Prince Tony Momoh	Minister of Information
26	Brig. Joseph Ola Oni	
27	Air Commodore Larry D. Koinyan	
28	Air Col. John Nanzip Shagaya	
29	Lt-Col Raji Rasak	Commanding Officer, 9 Mechanised Brigade, Army Headquarters Signals Group

1988

1	General Ibrahim Badamosi Babangida	The President and Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces
2	Vice-Admiral Augustus Aikhomu	Chief of General Staff
3	Lt-General Domkat Bali	Defence Minister & Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
4	Lt-General Sani Abacha	
5	Vice-Admiral Patrick Koshoni	Chief of Naval Staff

6	Air-Marshal Ibrahim Alfa	Chief of Air Staff
7	Alhaji Muhammadu Bello	Inspector-General of Police
8	Maj-General Y. Y. Kure	
9	Maj-Gen. D.O. Ajayi	
11	Rear-Admiral Murtala Nyako	
12	Air Vice-Marshal Nurudeen Imam	
13	Major-General Sani Sami	
14	Air Vice-Marshal Muhammed Yahaya	
15	Major-General Peter Ademokhai	
16	Major-General M. Gado Nasko	
17	Major-General Garba Duba	
18	Air Vice-Marshal Nureini Yusuf	
19	Brig. Oladipo Diya	
20	Navy Commodore Godwin Ndubuisi Kanu	
21	Navy Commodore M.A.B.Elegbede	
22	Navy Commodore S. O. Aluko	
23	Brig Joshua Dogonyaro	
24	Brig Ola Oni	
25	Col John N. Shagaya	
26	Col H. Akilu	
27	Col David Mark	
28	Air Vice Marshal Larry Koinyan	

DECEMBER 1989

1	General Ibrahim B. Babangida	The President, Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces/Minister of Defence
2	Admiral Augustus Aikhomu (rtd)	Vice-President
3	General Sani Abacha	Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff
4	Vice-Admiral M. Nyako	Chief of Naval Staff
5	Lt-Gen. Salihu Ibrahim	Chief of Army Staff
6	Air Marshal N. O. O. Yusuff	Chief of Air Staff
7	Brig A. A. Abubakar	GOC 1 Mechanised Division
8	Col J. M. Inienger	GOC 2 Mechanised Division
9	Col A. Olurin	GOC 3 Mechanised Division
10	Col C. A. Garuba	GOC 82 Division
11	Alhaji A. Attah	Inspector-General of Police
12	Air Commodore A. Daggash	Air Officer Commanding Training Command
13	Major-Gen Garba Duba	Commandant, Nigeria Defence Academy
14	Major-Gen Joshua Dogonyaro	Director, Training & Operations
15	Rear-Admiral M.A.B. Elegbede	Flag Officer Commanding Western Naval Command
16	Rear-Admiral C. Kaja	Chief of Logistics
17	Brig U. Unima	Adjutant-General
18	Air Commodore C. A. Dada	Air Officer Commanding Tactical Command
19	Brig R. M. Kupolati	Quartermaster-General

1990

1	General Ibrahim B. Babangida	The President, Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces
2	Admiral Augustus Aikhomu (rtd)	Vice-President
3	General Sani Abacha	Chief of Defence Staff and Minister of Defence
4	Vice-Admiral M. Nyako	Chief of Naval Staff
5	Lt-General Salihu Ibrahim	Chief of Army Staff
6	Air Marshal N. O. O. Yusuff	Chief of Air Staff
7	Brig. A. A. Abubakar	GOC 1 Mechanised Division
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9	Col A. Olurin	GOC 3 Mechanised Division
10	Col C. A. Garuba	GOC 82 Division
11	Alhaji A. Attah	Inspector-General of Police
12	Air Commodore A. Daggash	Air Officer Commanding Training Command
13	Major-General Garba Duba	Commandant, Nigeria Defence Academy
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1991

1	General Ibrahim Badamosi Babangida, CFR	The President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces
2	Admiral Augustus Aikhomu (rtd)	Vice President
3	General Sam Abacha	Chief of Defence Staff and Minister of Defence
4	Lt-General Salihu Ibrahim	Chief of Army Staff
5	Rear Admiral Dan-Preston Omatshola	Chief of Navy Staff
6	Air Vice Marshal Akin Dada	Chief of Air Staff
7	Brigadier A. A. Abubakar	GOC 1 Mechanised Division
8	Col J. M. Inienger	GOC 2 Mechanised Division
9	Col Adetunji Olurin	GOC 3 Armoured Division
10	Col Chris A. Garuba	GOC 82 Division
11	Rear Admiral C. Kaja	Chief of Logistics
12	Rear Admiral M. A. B. Elegbede	Flag Officer Commanding, Western Naval Command, Apapa
13	Major-Gen Joshua Dogonyaro	Director, Training and Operations
14	Air Commodore A. Daggash	Air Officer Commanding Training Command

1985

1	Agric, Water Resources and Rural Development	Lt Gen Alani I Akinrinade
2	Communications	Lt Col A. T. Ayuba
3	Defence	Major-Gen Domkat Y. Bali
4	Education	Prof Jibril Aminu
5	Employment, Labour & Productivity	Rear-Admiral Patrick S. Koshoni
6	External Affairs	Prof Bolaji Akinyemi
7	Federal Capital Territory	Air Commodore Abdullahi
8	Finance	Dr S. P. Okongwu
9	Health	Prof Olikoye Ransome-Kuti
10	Industries	Alhaji Bunu Sheriff Musa
11	Information	Lt-Col Anthony S. I. Ukpo
12	Internal Affairs	Lt Col John N. Shagaya
13	Justice and Attorney General	Prince Bola Ajibola
14	Mines, Power and Steel	Prof Tam David-West
15	National Planning	Dr Kalu I. Kalu
16	Social Dev, Youth, Sports and Culture	Lt-Col Ahmed Abdullahi
17	Science and Technology	Prof Emmanuel Emovon
18	Trade	Major-Gen M. G. Nasko
19	Transport and Aviation	Brig Jeremiah T. Useni
20	Petroleum Resources	Alhaji Rilwanu Lukman
21	Works and Housing	Alhaji Abubakar Umar
22	Special Duties	Air Vice Marshal A. T. S. Shekarni

1988

1	Agriculture, Water Resources and Rural Development	Major-Gen Gado Nasko
2	Communications	Col David Mark
3	Defence	Lt-General D. V. Bali
4	Education	Prof Jibril Aminu
5	Employment, Labour and Productivity	Alhaji Abubakar Umar
6	External Affairs	Major-Gen Ike Nwachukwu
7	Fed. Capital Territory	Air Vice Marshal Abdullahi
8	Finance and Economic Planning	Dr S. P. Okongwu
9	Health	Prof Olikoye Ransome-Kuti
10	Industries	Lt-Gen Alani Akinrinade (Rtd)
11	Information	Prince Tony Momoh
12	Internal Affairs	Col John Shagaya
13	Justice & Attorney-General	Prince Bola Ajibola

4	Youths and Sports	Major-Gen Y. Y. Kure
5	Works and Housing	Major-Gen Mamman Kontagora (rtd)
6	Mines, Power & Steel	AVM Nura Imam
7	Industries	AVM Mohammed Yahaya
8	Transport	Air Commodore Anthony Ikhazoboh
9	Culture and Social Development	Commodore Lamba Gwom
10	Justice and Attorney-General	Prince Bola Ajibola
11	Science and Technology	Prof Gordian Ezekwe
12	Communications	Mr I. Olawale Ige
13	Aviation	Mr I. O. Graham-Douglas
14	Information	Chief Alex Akinyele
15	Health	Prof Olikoye Ransome-Kuti
16	Petroleum Resources	Prof Jibril Aminu
17	Finance and Economic Development	Alhaji Abubakar Alhaji
18	Water Resources	Alhaji Abubakar Hashidu
19	Agriculture and Natural Resources	Dr Shettima Mustapha
20	Employment, Labour and Productivity	Alhaji Bunu Sheriff Musa
21	Budget and Planning	Dr. S. P. Okongwu
22	Education	Prof. Babatunde Fafunwa
23	Trade	Mr. Senas Ukpanah
24	Special Duties	Dr. Tunji Olagunju
25	Minister of State, External Affairs & Police Affairs	Alhaji Ibrahim Zakaw

1991

1	Agriculture, Water Resources and Rural Development	Alhaji A. Hashidu
2	Defence	General Sami Abacha
3	Education & Youth Development	Professor Aliu Fafunwa
4	Labour & Productivity	Alhaji Bunu Sheriff Musa
5	Petroleum & Mineral Resources	Prof Jibril Aminu
6	Foreign Affairs	Major-Gen Ike Nwachukwu (rtd)
7	Foreign Affairs (Minister of State)	Ambassador Z. Ibrahim
8	Health and Human Resources	Prof Ransome-Kuti
9	Internal Affairs	Dr Tunji Olagunju
10	Industry and Technology	Maj-Gen Bagudu Mamman (rtd)
11	Information and Culture	Prof Sam Oyovbaire
12	Justice & Attorney-General	Mr Clement Akpamgbo
13	Finance	Alhaji Abubakar Alhaji
14	Power & Steel	AVM Nura Imam (rtd)
15	Transport & Communication	Mr Olawale Ige

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| 15 | Major-Gen Garba Duba | Commandant, Nigeria Defence Academy (NDA) |
| 16 | Air Commodore C. A. Dada | Air Officer Commanding Tactical Command |
| 17 | Brig. E. U. Unimna | Adjutant-General |
| 18 | Brig. R. M. Kupilati | Quartermaster-General |
| 19 | Alhaji A. A. Attah | Inspector General of Police |

1993

NATIONAL DEFENCE AND SECURITY COUNCIL (NSDC)

- 1 President Ibrahim Badamosi Babangida
Head of State and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces,
- 2 Chairman Admiral Augustus Aikhomu (rtd)
Vice President
- 3 General Sani Abacha
Chief of Defence Staff
- 4 Vice Admiral Murtala Nyako
Deputy Chief of Defence Staff
- 5 Lt-Gen Salihu Ibrahim
Chief of Army Staff
- 6 Vice Admiral Dan-Preston Omatshola
Chief of Air Staff
- 7 Alhaji Aliyu Atta
Inspector General of Police
- 8 Chief Ernest O. A. Shónekan
Chairman, Transitional Council
- 9 Chief M. T. Mbu
Secretary of Foreign Affairs
- 10 Alhaji Abdulrahman Okene
Secretary of Internal Affairs
- 11 Mr Clement Akpangbo
Attorney-General of the Federation
- 12 Lt-General Aliyu Mohammed
National Security Adviser
- 13 Lt Gen Joshua Dogonyaro
Commandant, Command and Staff College, Jaji
- 14 Air-Marshal Akin Dada
Chief of Air Staff

The 14-member National Defence and Security Council (NSDC) was constituted on Monday, January 5, 1993 to replace members of the Armed Forces Ruling Council.

16	Works & Housing	Maj-Gen Mamman Kontagora (rtd)
17	Federal Capital Territory	Major-Gen M. G. Nasko (rtd)
18	Establishment and Management Service	Mr Senas Ukpanah
19	Special Duties & National Service	Dr Chu Okongwu
20	Police Affairs	Alhaji Ismaila Gwarzo

JANUARY 1993

TRANSITIONAL COUNCIL

CHIEF ERNEST O. A. SHONEKAN
Chairman and Head of Government

	MINISTRY	NAME	PORTFOLIO
1	Agric, Water Res. and Rural Development	Alhaji G.J. Abdulkadir Alhaji Isa Mohammed	Secretary Sec. of State
2	Commerce and Tourism	Alhaji Inuwa Zakari	Secretary
3	Defence	General Sani Abacha	Secretary
4	Education and Youth Development	Prof. Ben. Nwabueze Alhaji Bello Dogondaji	Secretary Sec. of State
5	Finance	Chief Dele Olashore	Secretary
6	Federal Capital Terri.	Maj-Gen M. G. Nasko	Secretary
7	Foreign Affairs	Dr M. T. Mbu Alhaji Saidu Isa	Secretary Sec. of State
8	Health and Human Resources	Dr Christopher Okojie Mrs Labara Dagash	Secretary Sec. of State
9	Internal Affairs	Aih. Abdulrahaman Okene	Secretary
10	Ind. and Technology	Alhaji Aminu Sale	Secretary
11	Inför. and Culture	Com Uche Chukwuernerije	Secretary
12	Justice and Attorney General	Mr Clement Akpamgbo	Secretary
13	Petroleum and Mineral Resources	Alhaji Hassan Hadeja	Secretary
14	Labour and Produc.	Chief Francis Elta	Secretary
15	Power and Steel	Air Vice Mars. Nwa Imam Alhaji Oladunni Ayandipo	Secretary Sec of State
16	Police Affairs	Chief Francis Orji	Secretary
17	Transport and Comm.	Chief Oluwole Adeosun	Secretary
18	Works and Housing	Engr Barnabas Germade	Secretary

19	National Planning Com.	Alhaji Mustapha Umara	Chairman
20	Estab. and Mgt. Ser.	Alhaji Zarma Gogaram	Secretary
21	States and Local Govt. Affairs	Alhaji Macado Dalhat Mrs Emily Aig- Imoukhuede	Secretary Secretary of State

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BABANGIDA'S GOVERNORS

1985

STATE	GOVERNOR
1 Anambra	Group Capt Samson Emeka Omerua
2 Bauchi	Lt-Col Chris A. Garuba
3 Bendel	Lt-Col John Mark Inienger
4 Benue	Group Capt David Gang
5 Borno	Major Abdul Muminu Aminu
6 Cross River	Col. Dan P. Archibong
7 Gongola	Lt-Col Yohanna Madaki
8 Imo	Navy Capt Allison A. Madueke
9 Kaduna	Major Abubakar Umar
10 Kano	Lt-Col Ahmed Mohammed Daku
11 Kwara	Wing Commander Mohammed Niumaru
12 Lagos	Group Capt Gbolahan Mudashiru
13 Niger	Lt-Col David Mark
14 Ogun	Lt-Col Oladayo Popoola
15 Ondo	Commander Mike Akhigbe
16 Oyo	Lt Col Adetunji I. Olurin
17 Plateau	Lt-Col Mohammed C. Ali
18 Rivers	Mr Fidelis Oyakhilome
19 Sokoto	Col Garba Mohammed

1986

1 Anambra	Group Capt Samson Emeka Omeruah
2 Bauchi	Lt-Col Chris A. Garuba
3 Bendel	Lt-Col John Mark Inienger
4 Benue	Group Capt David Gang
5 Borno	Lt-Col Abdul Muminu Aminu
6 Cross River	Navy Commander Ibun Princewill
7 Gongola	Col Ishaya Bakut
8 Imo	Lt-Commander Amadi Ikwechegh
9 Kaduna	Lt-Col Abubakar Umar
10 Kano	Wing Commander Mohammed Umaru
11 Kwara	Lt-Col. Ahmed Abdullahi
12 Lagos	Navy Captain Mike Akhigbe
13 Niger	Lt-Col Ali Mohammed
14 Ogun	Col Raji Rasaki

15	Ondo	Lt-Col Ekundayo Opaleye
16	Oyo	Lt-Col Adetunji Olurin
17	Plateau	Lt-Col Lawrence Onoja
18	Rivers	Col Anthony Ukpo
19	Sokoto	Lt-Col Ahmed Mohammed Daku

1988

STATE	GOVERNOR
1 Akwa Ibom	Col Godwin Abbe
2 Anambra	Col Robert Akonobi
3 Bauchi	Col Joshua Madaki
4 Bendel	Col Tunde Ogbeha
5 Benue	Lt-Col Fidelis Makka
6 Borno	Lt-Col Mohammed
7 Cross River	Navy Capt Ibim Princewill
8 Gongola	Wing Commander Isha Mohammed
9 Imo	Commander Amadi Ikwechegh
10 Kaduna	Col A. S. Mukhtar
11 Kano	Col Idris Garuba
12 Katsina	Col Lawrence Onoja
13 Kwara	Group Capt Ibrahim Alkali
14 Lagos	Col Raji Rasaki
15 Niger	Lt-Col Lawan Gwadabe
16 Ogun	Navy Capt Mohammed Lawal
17 Ondo	Navy Capt Olabode George
18 Oyo	Col Adedeji Oresanya
19 Plateau	Lt-Col S. Karma
20 Rivers	Group Capt Ernest Adeleye
21 Sokoto	Col Ahmed Mohammed Daku

MAY 1991

STATE	GOVERNOR	DEP. GOVERNOR
1 Akwa Ibom	Wing Comm. I. O. Nkanga	Mr U. J. Ekaete
2 Anambra	Lt-Col N. O. Ezen	Mr Vincent Aniago
3 Bauchi	Col A. Ali	Alh U. Shehu Wunt
4 Bendel	Col J. E. Yeri	Mr John Edozien
5 Benue	Lt Col F. A. Makka	Mr Asonbur
6 Borno	Lt Col M.B. Marwa	Alh. Mustafa Umaru
7 Cross River	Lt Col E.K. Atta	Prof S.O. Unon
8 Gongola	Group Capt A. Salihu	Amb I. S. Jimeta
9 Imo	Comm A. E. Oguguo	Chief Franas Orji
10. Kaduna	Col T. Ayuba	Mrs Pamela A. Sadauki
11. Kano	Col Idris Garba	Alh Abba Abdullahi
12 Katsina	Col J. Y. Madaki	Alh Aminu Z. Rafindadi

13	Kwara	Col A. J. Kazir	Chief Ezekiel A.O. Oyeypipo
14	Lagos	Col Raji Rasaki	Alh (Mrs) Lateefat M. Okunnu
15	Niger	Lt-Col L. Gwadabe	Alhaji Jibo Garba
16	Ogun	Navy Capt O.O. Joseph	Alhaji Adeolu Balogun
17	Ondo	Navy Capt S. A. Olukoya	Alh M.A. Ayeni
18	Oyo	Col A. K. Adisa	Mr David Abinusawa
19	Plateau	Col Joshua Madaki	Alh I. R. Abubakar
20	River	Col Godwin O. Abbe	Mr S.K. Dagogo Jack

AUGUST 1991

	STATE	GOVERNOR	DEP. GOVERNOR
1	Abia	Group Capt Frank Ajobena	C
2	Adamawa	Group Capt A. Salihu	Amb I.S. Jimeta
3	Akwa Ibom	Wing Comm I. O. Nkanga	Mr U.J. Ekaette
4	Anambra	Navy Capt Joseph O Abulu	Mr V. Aniagon
5	Bauchi	Col A. Ali	Alh U. Shehu-Wunti
6	Benue	Lt-Col F. A. Makka	Mr Ason Bur
7	Borno	Lt-Col M.B. Marwa	Alh M. Umaru
8	Cross River	Lt-Col E. K. Attah	
9	Delta	Group Capt. S.C. Ochulor	
10	Edo	Col. J. E. Yeri	Mr John Edozien
11	Enugu	Lt-Col H. O. Ezech	
12	Imo	Comm A. E. Oguguo	Chief F. Orji
13	Jigawa	Col M. Olayinka Sule	
14	Kaduna	Col Tanko Ayuba	Mrs Pamela Sadauki
15	Kano	Col Idris Garba	Alh Abba Abdullahi
16	Katsina	Col J. Y. Madaki	Alh A. Z. Rafindadi
17	Kebbi	Col Patrick	N. Aziza
18	Kogi	Col Danladi M. Zekari	Mr Samuel Akande
19	Kwara	Col A. J. Kazir	Chief E.A.O. Oyeypipo
20	Lagos	Col Raji Alagbe Rasaki	Alh Lateefat M. Okunnu
21	Niger	Lt-Col L. Gwadabe	Alh Jibo Garba
22	Ogun	Navy Capt O.O. Joseph	Alh Adeolu Balogun
23	Ondo	Navy Capt S. A. Olukoya	Alh M. A. Ayeni
24	Oshun	Col L. Ajiborisha	
25	Oyo	Col A. K. Adisa	Mr David Abinusawa
26	Plateau	Col Joshua Madaki	Alh I. R. Abubakar
27	Rivers	Col Godwin O. Abbe	Mr S.K. Dagogo-Jack
28	Sokoto	Col B. Magashi	Alh Isa M. Wasagu
29	Taraba	Navy Capt. Adeyemi Afolabi	
30	Yobe	Alh Sani Daura Ahmed	

14	Mines, Power & Steel	Alhaji Bunu Sheriff Musa
15	Social Development, Youth, Sports and Culture	Air Commodore Bayo Lawal
16	Science and Technology	Prof Emmanuel Emovon
17	Trade	Alhaji Ismail Mamman
18	Aviation	Air Vice Marshal Anthony Okpere
19	Transport	Dr. Kalu I. Kalu
20	Petroleum	Alhaji Rilwanu Lukman
21	Works and Housing	Brig Mamman Kontagora
22	External Affairs	Alhaji Mamman Anka

1989

1	Agriculture, Water Resources and Rural Development	Alh Ismaila Mamman
2	Communications	Col David Mark
3	Defence	Lt General D. V. Bali
4	Education	Prof Jibril Aminu
5	Employment, Labour and Productivity	Alhaji Abubakar Umar
6	External Affairs	Major-Gen Ike Nwachukwu
7	Federal Capital Territory	Major-Gen M. C. Nasko
8	Budget and Planning	Dr S. P. Okongwu
9	Health	Prof Olikoye Ransome-Kuti
10	Industries	Air Vice Marshal Mohammed Yayaya
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12	Internal Affairs	Col John Shagaya
13	Justice and Attorney-General	Prince Bola Ajibola
14	Power and Steel	Air Vice-Marshal Nura Imam
15	Social Development, Youths, Sports and Culture	Mr I. O. Graham-Douglas
16	Science and Technology	Prof Emmanuel Emovon
17	Trade	Mr S. J. Ukpanah
18	Aviation	Alhaji Bunu Sheriff Musa
19	Transport	Lt-Gen Alani Akinrinade (rtd)
20	Petroleum	Alhaji Rilwanu Lukman
21	Works and Housing	Brig Mamman Kontagora
22	External Affairs	Alhaji Mamman Anka
23(a)	Special Duties (uptill 14/11/89)	Air Vice Marshal Hamza Abdullahi
23(b)	Special Duties	Dr. Tunji Olagunju

1990

1	Defence	General Sani Abacha
2	Internal Affairs	Major-Gen Bagudu Mamman
3	External Affairs	Major-Gen Ike Nwachukwu

CIVILIAN GOVERNORS

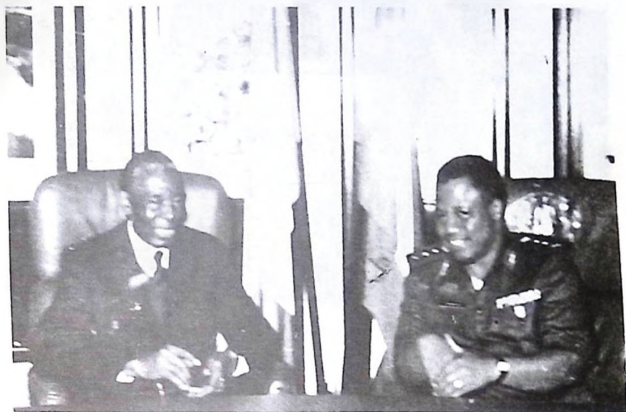
JANUARY 1992

STATE	GOVERNORS	DEPUTY GOVERNORS
Abia	Dr Ogbonnaya Onu	Clement Nwankwo
Adamawa	Alhaji Sale Michika	Mr Lynn Nathan
Akwa Ibom	Obong Akpan Isemin	Etim Okpoyo
Anambra	Dr Chukwuemeka Ezeife	Dr. Chidi Mwike
Bauchi	Alhaji Dahiru Mohammed	Alh Umaru Ahmed
Benue	Rev F. Moses Adasu	Mr Yakubu Agada
Borno	Alhaji Maiji Lawan	Alhaji Hassan
Cross River	Mr Clement Ebr	Mrs Cecilia Ekpeyong
Delta	Chief Felix Ibru	Mr Samson Ebonka
Edo	Chief John Ovegun	Rev Peter Obadan
Enugu	Dr Okwesiljeze Nwodo	Dr Icha Ituma
Imo	Chief Evans Enwerek	Dr Douglas Acholonu
Jigawa	Alhaji A. S. Biminkudi	Alhaji Shehu Kwatalo
Kaduna	Alhaji Muhammed Lere	Mr James Mugaji
Kano	Alhaji Kabiru Gaya	Alh Ahmed Usman
Katsina	Alhaji Saidu Barda	Alh Abdullahi Amidu
Kwara	Alhaji Shaaba Lafiagi	Prince Ojo Fadumila
Kebbi	Alhaji Abubakar Musa	Alhaji Aliyu Mohammed
Kogi	Alhaji Abubakar Audu	Mr S. Ola Akande
Lagos	Sir Michael Otedola	Alhaja Sinatu Ojkutu
Niger	Dr Musa Inuwa	Alhaji Jibo Garba
Ogun	Chief Olusegun Osoba	Alhaji Ratu Ogunleye
Ondo	Mr Bamidele Olumilua	Dr Olusegun Agagu
Osun	Alhaji Isiaka Adeleke	Mr Adesuyi Haastrup
Oyo	Chief Kolapo Ishola	Alhaji Ahmed Gbadamosi
Plateau	Mr Fidelis Tappun	Alh Bala Usman
Rivers	Mr Rufus Ada-George	Dr Peter Odili
Sokoto	Alh Yahaya Abdulkarim	Alh Ahmed Gusau
Taraba	Rev Jolly Nyame	Alh S. D. Gani
Yobe	Alh Abba Ibrahim	Alh Coni Bura
(FCT)	(Chairman) Maj-Gen Gado Nasko (rtd)	

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(A) LINKING WITH THE PAST



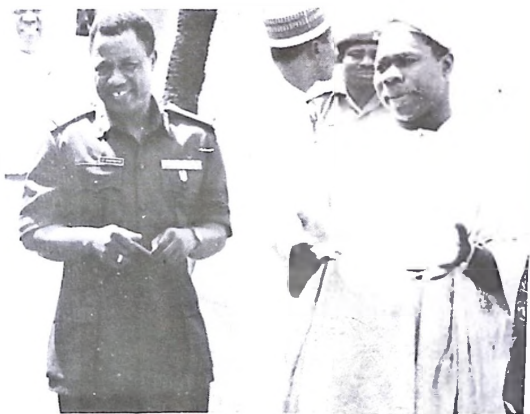
*Conferring with Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe,
Nigeria's first indigenous Governor-
General and President.*



*President Babangida with former Head
of State, General Gowon, at a public
function.*



Lt. Col. I. B. Babangida



President Ibrahim Babangida with General Olusegun Obasanjo, former Head of State.



President Babangida with former President, Alhaji Shehu Usman Shagari at a public function.



President Babangida with Transitional Council Chairman, Chief Ernest Shonekan.



President Babangida and Senate President Dr. Iyorchia Ayu, in an intimate discussion..

(B) IBB ON CULTURE AND TRADITION



*The President and First Lady
Mrs Maryam Babangida .*



President Ibrahim Babangida, accompanied by his wife, Maryam drove down in his Range Rover to the National Theatre, Iganmu to watch the premiere of the film "THE STORY SO FAR" a documentary on the Better Life Programme. Here Gen. Babangida behind the wheels in a chat with the first lady as he pulled up at the theatre.



President Ibrahim Babangida on a visit to Bauchi State received a calabash on arrival in the state capital, Bauchi.



Oba of Benin with President Babangida



The President, General Babangida, shaking hands with Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji Sulu Gambari while from left, Mohammed Aliyu, GOC 2nd Mechanised Division, Nigerian Army, Ibadan and others watch at the main campus of the University of Ilorin where the president declared open the conference of committee of vice-chancellors of Nigerian Universities.



The Ohi of Onitsha, Ofala Okagbue takes his turn as Governor Akonobi introduces senior Anambra state officials and traditional rulers to president Babangida at Enugu airport.



Traditional rulers from Akwa Ibom state called on President Ibrahim Babangida at Dodan Barracks at the weekend. Here the chairman of the council of Akwa Ibom state traditional rulers Ohong Nya Udo Inua-Eyen presenting president Babangida a carving.



President Ibrahim Babangida here launches a book on life and culture in Lagos State .



Chief host, Gov. Lawal introducing the Alake of Egbaland to Mr. President in Abeokuta. On the Alake's right is Sir Adetokunbo Ademola .



Son of U. K. Bello, late Aide de camp to the president, Hamidu presenting a calabash of kolanuts to the president during the commissioning of the theatre named after his father in Minna.

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IBB in regalia as 'Oguguo Ndi Igbo' (Consoler of the Igbo Nation).



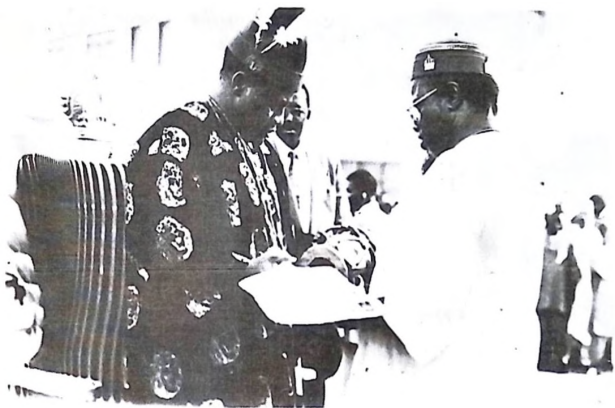
The Ooni of Ife, Oba Sijuwade decorates IBB as 'Jagunmoh' of Yorubaland in Ibadan.



Being decorated as the 'Ohu Onu Alabo' (Great King of war) by the chiefs of Rivers State .



In his regalia as 'Baasaiye' (upholder of the world) of Lagos.



President Babangida in Izu-Atu regalia receives a carved bronze present from Governor Chukwuemeka Ezeife after installation as Izu-Atu of Anambra State.



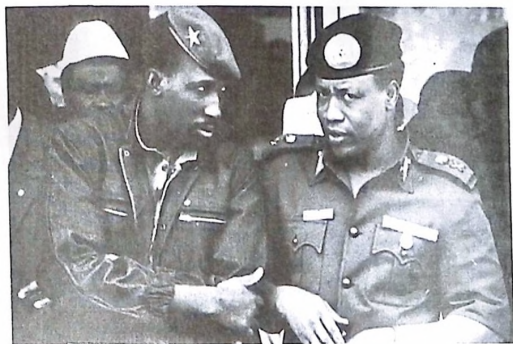
President Ibrahim Babangida in the traditional regalia of Obom (Pillar of the nation) the title conferred on him by the Akwa Ibom Council of Chiefs.



President Ibrahim Babangida (left) and Governor Ogbonaya Onu of Abia State after the conferment of the title 'Okaa Ome' of Abia State on the President.



President Babangida with President De Clerk of South Africa.



President Babangida confers with Burkinabe leader, late Capt Thomas Sankara

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