

#Ex-Boko Haram Imam (spiritual leader) footage Complete translation (7,700 Words)

(1)#CLIP C0000/C0001 – 1'15"/9'23"

Question: Let me start with asking you to tell us, not really, full name, just your name and position(s) you held in this sect since from the begging till date?

Answer: Alright, we first of all thank God... (Opening prayer in Arabic), as you asked me to tell you my name and position I held. To begin with, my name is real name is Mohammed; and my nickname is Abu-Aisha. I held several positions in this movement right from the onset up until when – God tested my faith, I mean – I was arrested by Nigerian security agents and detained until when my stay with them – and with God's help and other reasons – I was released. So initially, I held a leadership position in this city that we're in right now, though I am originally from Zaria (town in Kaduna State). As things progressed, I was the leader of a district called Kiff where we were then staying. And from there, I was posted as leader of two separate places of Zaria and Kaduna; I remained the leader there until things progressed further, then Kano State and Katsina were added to my command, so I was controlling Zaria, Kaduna, Kano and Katsina – these three (3) States were under my command then. Briefly, this is the positions I held as of then before I was arrested.

Question: You said at the beginning, many people would think that this sect began in 2009 after the crisis that took place in that year. Could you explain when exactly this movement was initiated?

Answer: Alright, that movement, honestly speaking, did not start then; but many people only began to know about it at that time. The movement actually began in 2001 or 2002 I could say – it started after a fierce battle during the tenure of (former President Olusegun) Obasanjo by some people called Kanamma people (Nigerian Taliban). So a year or two before then, this movement started setting us structure for propagating its ideology. Ever since, we set into struggle to get established, though at that time, we were facing some differences within, because some of us had the opinion that it was not time to declare a war yet. While those who then declared war had the opinion that it was time already to so. And our only reason then was that people had not understood the (Islamic) religion well, and we thought we should excuse them since our main goal was to promote the religion. And so, we thought there was need to continue propagating and convincing people with facts till when they have no more excuse before what should happen happens. At those times, many happenings had taken place, whereby the late leader of the movement then – I mean in Mohammed Yusuf's

faction – Mohammed Yusuf himself was leading the movement but secretly and nobody knew that he was the leader.

Question: So since that time, he was the leader; and before him, was there any person who was said to be a leader of this movement?

Answer: That's Mohammed Ali, he is Mohammed Ali. And this is what I was trying to tell you. As of then, Mohammed Yusuf was the leader (spiritual) while Mohammed Ali was promoted and made known to the public (commander). Though this (Ali) was made known as the leader but secretly receives orders from this Mohammed Yusuf. As faith would it then, disputes ensued between them; he (Ali) parted and preached independently while Mohammed Yusuf parted and preached separately. And things continued like that up until on...

Question: Like what caused the dispute and then separation; and like you were saying that a faction thought could declare a war, while the other thought it was not time to do so yet?

Answer: This was main reason that caused that separation. And throughout that time, Mohammed Yusuf had the opinion that it was not yet a right time to declare a war against people then, but Mohammed Ali and his followers had understood it otherwise that if they would not declare a war, they should at least leave cities where people live, and relocate to bushes for further religious self-reorientation to prepare themselves and undergo self-training (on warfare) up until when they should get what they were supposed to get before they undertake what they want. And since that time, this movement began; and continued up till when the Almighty God made Mohammed Ali's faction obvious whereby clash erupted between them and some village dwellers and so on, and Government had to intervene in that fight and he (Ali) was killed (in crossfire).

Question: That was in 2004, right?

Answer: That's exactly; and that was what happened. Since then, there was that (Boko Haram) ideology and understanding in the minds of individuals among followers (of Mohammed Yusuf). So when he (Yusuf) left Indimi Mosque because of disputes between him and Izala sect, he was denied to preach there at Indimi Mosque. So he moved his preaching sessions to the front of his residence; you know, and continued tutoring his followers (informal Islamic education). And that continued till when he realized that some happenings in the country – according to his understanding – could not be correctly modified until Muslims renounce Government (related) works or anything related to the Western world, I mean Western education (Boko in Hausa language) and the rest.

Question: So from there that name Boko Haram was incorporated, right?

Answer: Boko Haram? No, Boko Haram was just found very recently, because I still remember that the name was originated from some of our brothers (counterparts) there in Bauchi city. At that time, those brothers whenever they were preaching they often said Boko Haram, Boko Haram, Boko Haram (Western education is forbidden), they were some Islamic clerics of Izala and Salafiyya sects that opposing them (our brothers); and among those opposing clerics, there was a famous one – I will not necessarily name here – that his subject matter of every weekly Friday sermon was always on Yan-Boko Haram (Boko Haram members), also at that time if you would go to Maiduguri, they were called Yusufiyyah, if you would also go to those sides like Katsina, Kebbi and so on, they were called differently. But originally, it was from Bauchi that name Boko Haram. So it continued till after the turbulence (crisis) of 2009 and that when Media practitioners had been trying to use and publicize the name and thus the name continued with them.

(2)#CLIP C0005 – 1'20''

Question: If I could remember someone was said to be right-hand man of Mohammed Ali, and perhaps he is still around and effective – his name is Yusuf Ahmed; I don't know whether you know something about him?

Answer: Honestly, I don't know anything about this (particular) one – I mean don't who he is, as the Almighty God wishes.

Question: He's been said to be also a leader in this sect. After the crisis of 2004, he had perhaps returned to Saudi-Arabia then; do you know?

Answer: Honestly speaking, I didn't know about.

Question: He had, at that time, been said to be a go-between two separate groups within and outside the country.

Answer: Okay, okay.

(2)#CLIP C0006 – 2'26''

Question: As you were talking about that (de-radicalization) program of religious reorienting people and socialization?

Answer: What I was saying is that the program has been beneficial. They train people vocational skills like carpentering, tailoring, and how to make soap; and computer application and so on. They were trying to help, and many of us have benefited from. Though when the beneficiaries graduated were not given any start-up capital, but they came out with that knowledge and skills. Even some of us tried to train others who are currently benefiting from it. Therefore, I urge

authorities to really improve the program. Though most of us were students when joined the sect, but dropped out and burned the certificates, they did and did and many things had happened – may God make it better. So now some of us have returned to school, undergraduates of Bachelor Degree and National Higher Diploma have already graduated. There have who even proceeded to start their Masters Degree, and many of them have completed – just within these few years that we graduated from the (de-radicalization) program. So this is an initiative that authorities should make a topmost priority, because this program it self will be effectively beneficial for those upcoming ones who when grown up would learn from previous ones.

(3)#CLIP C0003 – 13'03''

Question: ...it was said that security agents had gone there and killed many people, like before this crisis of 2009, was there any indication that this sect – whether that crisis took place or not, – was planning to declare war?

Answer: It's true. This question you asked could be categorized into two – there were Kanamma people that scattered after battle, and some who still had that inclination came and joined this movement and tried to instill that thought into followers of Mohammed Yusuf; and many, many had understood. And at that time as you said, even without that crisis; for sure, there were who would part away from Mohammed Yusuf and declare war, and that was it. However, he (Yusuf) himself up until then, had the opinion that it was not right time yet, it was not its time. His reason was that if the war was going to be declared then, could be detrimental than beneficial. And his goal then, was never to desert the city completely for bushes; but he actually wanted it the way that none of his followers leaves the city, they would hold the city no matter what or how Government and foreign forces come together to fight them, they could not be dislodged from the city which is their base, they would just be expanding territory. (The second category was) those who saw it otherwise and could not be possible. And that made things extremely difficult for him among his followers, very close ones, while other far followers did not know what was happening and thinking all was the same. This definitely shows that the war wasn't declared then, I mean that even the security agents did not engage them, there was indication that those followers could as any time attack people. So this is what happened.

Question: Like this group that called Jama'atu Ahlissunati Lidda'awati Wal Jihad, what ideologies, religious inclinations and teachings do they have that could attract people to join?

Answer: Honestly, as it were, there have only strong beliefs from Qur'an and teachings of the Prophet Mohammed as well as revelations and books by Islamic scholar-predecessors. Those were teaching materials that the sect uses, especial there were Qu'anic revelations of Islamic scholars that rely on often; like

the Qu'anic revelation book written by Ibn Katheer book and the rest of that kind of great books in Qu'anic revelations that it uses (to attract people). Sincerely speaking if we're going to do justice for our selves, the truth is always truth, except you're mixing with your personal interest. So if it were to be studied the books with the sole purpose, you would influentially feel the effect of the study in your thought. Also you would understand that the best standard of religious state of affairs and practice contained in those books, were very right; but where a different thought comes up was how we apply or how would it be if we have to apply now. This sect had tried hard to enlighten people on how to embrace Qur'an and practicing of the Prophet Mohammed, it really tried to convince; and that had impacted people. Everything, even if it were a false, that you are told repeatedly everyday, you must affect your mind, let alone the truth. This unrelenting explanation on a single mission had helped the sect to influence many youth. I will never forget a time when Mohammed Yusuf while preaching, said it Government were to allow us use and preach through its radio station for only one month, everybody in Maiduguri would have understood and and embrace our teachings except just few ones that would turn back. But because, Government knows that if something specific were to be said repeatedly everyday, must effect minds of people; hence, they denied us access to public radio station. Besides, honestly speaking another one thing the sect members were doing to endear themselves to others is that everyone among them that you make friends with, you cannot say he defrauds or cheats on you; he would even treat you well in away that if you don't have something, he would gives his. You know, as the say goes, mind likes who treats it well. And if you have nothing and equally does, even if he were to go out for a day laborer, he would go, do and bring the only money and give you. So this had made it possible to attract destitute who could not help themselves, now had someone assisting them; and that makes them followers of the sect.

Question: Let's revisit happenings that occurred after Mohammed Yusuf died in 2009, when Abubakar Shakau took over as leader of this sect. before then, many people didn't know who Shekau is, except video clips that people watch. Who is Abubakar Shekau?

Answer: Honestly, Abubakar Shakar, as we all know, is one among God's creatures that during the preaching sessions of Mohammed Yusuf while alive, whoever attends the preaching centre of Mohammed Yusuf, would say a good thing about Mallam Abubakar Shekau. Except one thing that everyone who knew him, would tell you that he (Shekau) if reads something and understand as it is, he sticks to that particular thing and only Mohammed Yusuf could make him change his mind. And even he (Yusuf) could not dislodge that opinion in his mind as it is, but he Shekau could only steps down and relaxes because he respects Mohammed Yusuf as his leader (laughter).

Question: Does that make him look stubborn?

Answer: Yes, this is what it is. Also as God wishes, he had been hitherto trying his best to propagate the ideology to the core. And then, as I was telling that he is a person of that character. So before Mohammed Yusuf died, he gathered all his adversary committee for a meeting and nominated three persons who succeed him when passes away, among those three, there was Abubakar Shekau, Mallam Mohammed Auwal who was killed in a fight among the sect's followers, and then Mallam Salisu Wudil whose whereabouts remain unknown since then. These were said to chosen as leaders when Mohammed Yusuf dies. Even before then, Mamman Nur and Shekau had differences over many issues, due to Shekau's extremism while Mamman Nur had never been with him where he went extremely; and that how they had been hitherto doing. So this when Mohammed asked who was succeeding him when died, Shekau and Mohammed Auwal were nominated. The duo was the only set of senior and close followers who could perfectly preach as Mohammed Yusuf himself does. At that time Auwal described was too young while Shekau was much older. Also, Shekau was categorized as experienced while Auwal had just joined the movement two years earlier; and so, Shekau was accepted, and he led. Ever since, Shekau changed from the character he was in the past. Anybody knew Shaka then, he would tell Shaka was very kind in his interactions among brothers; but when it comes to issues of religious unbelief, if he understands something nobody could ever change him from that stand, even all of you would oppose him, he would not adjust. Equally, if he understands something differently, you would just leave him that way.

Question: As a leader at that time, so whatever he understood was going to be implemented, right?

Answer: Absolutely, he was the leader and that his understanding. So he only got the opportunity to do what he currently does after those who were previously with him had left – I mean some have been arrested, and he's instill fear in them in away if someone does something wrong he could be killed; and that makes them to be fearfully quiet on anything they see things going wrong.

Question: I want to take us back a little bit to a point when Mohammed Ali was like a leader of this movement, some people were said to be assisting him, was it Ibrahim Harun who was said to have come to promote this movement, and there was also other names I could not remember. Was there any form of exchange of fighters for training and other things from like Pakistan and other countries?

Answer: It's true, there was. And you know, Jihad's activities, especially nowadays of globalization, it's like that once you start declare it here for example, before the year runs out, it blinks you up with other parts that supposed to; and sincerely speaking is that they have some special ways and wisdoms that they only apply them. There was a whole book written in two volumes that teaches nothing than Jihad's activities in the contemporary world.

Question: Jihad's activities like how?

Answer: If I say Jihad's activities, I mean like now they claim to have been fighting Jihad, I hope you understand; so also if you look at Government's part, they see it as terrorism. For instance, when you attack and destroy people's market, you come, find a woman and kill, and find a boy and kill. This is terrorism not Jihad, and this automatically goes out from the process of Jihad. Those Jihadists have their own excuses like to retaliate on those non Muslims that had once attacked them. Both think their own ways. So this has brought to the question on exchanges, it could happen. Previously, there was not tight security at borders, people from Niger and Cameroon cross to Nigeria, and from Nigeria cross to other countries with checking. There were also ways no one would check things you bring in, crossed and met the people they want to relate with. Honestly, I don't whether those people you mentioned had a relationship with him. But what I only know is that he was man who had a mass-reading culture, and I know there were many books written by Osama, Aiman Al-Zaawahiri, Abdullahi Al-Shaami, Abu-Mohammad Al-Maqdasi all had written about Jihad in this contemporary world. You could also find those who were interested about Jihad, reading those books at that time; and those books have been effective. In that part of the world, Jihad's activities have been in existence for long, before it came here. So reading those books make one to understand things that help him think that it hasn't been established here yet, let him acquire that knowledge and implement. This is what I could only know...

Question: Let's turn to what currently happening (insurgency), do you think that these killings and other things taking place, could be ended in this country?

Answer: It's true; because anything that was initiated could be ended. And ending it could be easy and difficult as well. Being easiness is when Allah bring it to at ease it will be ease, the difficult part of is if we failed to understand each other, between us and when we cannot be patients or feel at ease with each other, if you did anything to me and I said I most take revenge It will take along time before we could finish it. For example before we were arrested we are so many in the movement, we believe that it will be difficult to end the activities of this movement, because I used to say even if I die.....

Question; at that time when you said you were so many that's means?

Answer'; if I told you we are many we are about 50, 70 or 100, at that time we believe nothing will stop us from this movement no one will change it, at that time that was when we were arrested in Zaria, they took us to Prison we feel no one will stop the movement, even that were taken to prison we have no intention to stop it, because we feel anytime we came out we will continue with the struggle, but with the help of Allah, I can recalled that when we were in Prison there are some scholars that used to visit us may be it was a Federal Government Programme that sent these kind of Scholars to the Prison, they come to correct

our thinking through deradicalisation programme, it help us a lot because after we came out from Prison I don't think there is anybody among us that go back and link with these people. Even if there is anyone that return to them we are not aware , when they released us no one give us a kobo , but the importance of the knowledge we acquired in the prison and the way the thought us how to understand your self as a human being and the importance of living, and we were thought that we can enter paradise even if you didn't joined the movement once you did what Allah commanded you to do and live what he prohibited you will enter paradise, the scholars try to educate us It took us over one year under going such programme, it help us a lot, in the past whenever we go out people fear us they saw us like a lioness we saw them like a rabbit, but with the help of Allah we saw the difference clear we were free with them, they were free with us they didn't show us any stigma, they interact with us freely, since they interact with us without any stigmatization how can you stigmatized him? They came and spend an hour with us we discussed a lot on almost the topics that were very interested on, he listened to you attentively and later he will tell you how he understand things, we have knowledge they also give us other verses and advised us to compare with the one we learn, we asked them everything we want to know or we want to be educated on. they explained to us , I came out all of us but we thank God we were integrated with our families , we thank God, to me this your question we can refer it to those at hand presently and asked them how are they seeing everything now? Because all these stories that I gave you was about seven years ago I spent four or five years in orison after I was released I spent between one to two years now, because I don't know what happened after I was arrested and I can only explained to you what I know before I was arrested and my life in prison , you can asked those presently at hand to tell you how they see things, even when we were released from prison we are many., we thank God because there was relief, in the past when you release them they go back but now we reach a situation where when you release them they will not go back. That's show that there is a relief, now if they release people they have no interest to go back to the movement activities, even if one is interested to go back what they did to him has weakened his mind, so I think this deradicalisation programme , should be intensified , secondly Government also succeed on public opinion on Boko Haram , if you pointed someone and said this man is a Boko Haram member people will feel somehow in their mind, and what ever he will do people will pay attention on them, even we that were released people watched over us what are we doing , even if we travel they will know where we have travel to and whatever we did people are watching and they are investigating us ,unlike before if you come nobody cares, its not authorities that watches us but the people that we live with unlike before when you come nobody cares, thins thing happens because of the enlightenment I think government should intensified a programme watch your neighbour

Question; what's is the true position of things now , Government claimed that they are winning the war , while others said its not true as a one who has knowledge of the organisation what can you say.

Answer; Presently I have no contact directly or indirectly with any member of the movement, for that I will not know what they are doing, for that I cant say anything on their activities, but if you observed in the past within a week there would be attack in kano kaduna, Bauchi, Zaria, Abuja and many places but presently you will spend two months without any attack this shows that the strength of the group has gone back, the effort of government succeeded in reducing the activities of the organization, in the past within one week you will heard that attacked was carried out twice or three times in one city , but today you can sleep in front of your house without any fear . this shows that the activities of the group has reduced, but since this thing has started it will come to an end gradually, because injuries heal gradually. Everything has its time, and if two people were fighting no one will like to be a looser, but the people that watch from behind can assess the situation with reference to peace and stability they are enjoying presently, and the areas that up till now they didn't get relief they should continue to pray if God help they will get relief.

Question; How can you describe the disagreement between Shekau and Mamman Nur?

Answer; The disagreement between them was something that most happen, and the disagreement between them is one of the success recorded in the fight against insurgency, because the people that were fighting you they now turn back fighting themselves they reduce the burden of fighting them by the federal government, because their internal squabble is enough for them even scholars talk about this kind of situation, if you were going together don't allow faction among your self but if you divide yourself then you are weakening the person you are fighting may emerge victorious.

Definitely division takes them back , but if they were together then they will do more than what they were doing today., in the past when they were together everyone saw their performance,, they take command from one person, thousand of them all of them takes command from one person , and they are in different places. Every body will do his work where ever he is. But now they were divided in to two five hundred here and five hundred there, when you command only 500 that were with you will carry out the command they other 500 were waiting for command from their master, and when you look at whats going on as I had earlier said they have different political ideology, each one of them think he has his own way that he will follow and get people under him.

QUESTIOIN; I don't know if you have any information you intend to say which I didn't ask you , or you anything that you want to enlighten public with?

Answer; its true, what I want to say Government should pay more attention on the welfare of the people , now when you look at me I am with my family doing my business , I am living peacefully , but government should look in to the welfare of people they released, some joined them because of they believe with what they were educated with, others enter because of bravery they just want to

make name while some joined them because of poverty , I saw my friend with luxury things , he gave him money and everything, he will asked him what business are you doing , he will say come lets go so that you would see what I am doing, if they went he saw the money and everything he will say me too I want to join them to earn a living. Recently I heard it over the Radio some one said those people who has these ideology they will never drop the ideology , what he said was not true people can drop their ideology once they understand that its not good, now you can make a phone call Bauchi, Kaduna, Zaria, Abuja, Kano and asked anyone among us that drop the idea where he is he will tell you he is in the middle of his family, if he didn't drop the ideology he will not be with his family. Every one of us we are over 200 started doing something to earn a living, even those that didn't start anything ,the prepare to be patience with their situation and get little job so that they can feed their families and worship Allah who created him as he can afford.. I always see the mistake of the people that said people cannot drop the ideology its not true. And I want government to look back and understand that they release people, they should look back and look at the plight of these people they released from detention. some spent three four up to nine years some of them they are our relatives some of them were arrested since 2009 some they don't even know what had happened they were detain tome its good if government can look in to the flight of these people. They should pity their situations and assist them, even we that spent between to four years in detention when we came out we saw the life change talkless of the one that spent nine years in detention. Government should look back and assist them, and we are appealing to government to take this deradicalisation programme to everywhere members are in detention,

Question; if you asked to appeal to Boko Haram fighters that are in the bush what will you tell them?

Answer; ; I will advise our brothers in Islam they are our brothers, to fear Allah , who ever did a good thing he knows he did a good thing if he did a bad thing he knows he did a bad thing, I can recall in years back in 2010 or 2011 they were advised to extend their hands with government and discuss, so that they themselves can have a chance to be doing their curricular activities like the way other people were doing, I will like to advise them when ever Government called them for dialogue they should accept the call because in the past some people before us accept dialogue and they see its importance, but to be on one side opening fire for fire will not be good for us in future., but if we continue llike that everyone will do his best and pass another person will also come and his best and left , but with dialogue we can reach mutual understanding , but if you said no retreat no surrender , then if I didn't forget Prophet Mohammed Peace be upon his said who ever become too strange extremist in religion, then religion will be strange to him , I can recalled in the past Government give vthe offer of swapping prisoners and observe seize fire but the effort was not successful , I am appealing to them to for the sake of Allah they should cooperate,

And we want the authorities to fear Allah and treat people that come for dialogue with respect they deserve they should remember that they didn't arrest them in war front but they brought themselves for peace and dialogue they should be treated with respect. If you didn't capture him in war front and you held him badly it will remain in his mind, if you treat him with kind he will regret even joining the movement at the beginning many of us during the radicalization programme, the security that guard them change their behaviors to them , they sat with them discuss with them and assist them within short period of time they won the heart of many of the members,.

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Question; There were some people that alleged that since the beginning of this movement some foreign organizations and Usama Bin Ladin has a hand in the beginning of this movement, some people said there was a time when Usama bin Ladin sent some People to Mohammed Yusuf they sat together with some scholars what can you said about that ?

Answer; well even we heard these talks but the reasons why we will not explain that situation the people that matters were not around presently, except if we can explained what we heard from them, I can recalled that one of the close confidant and close aid of Muhammad Yusuf once told me that he received a visitors and he accommodated them for Muhammad Yusuf, the visitors were not from this country, he told me they discussed with Mohammad Yusuf , they explained what they want from him , he accepted some of their request and rejected some, this shows there are link between him and other people, from what he told us he said the visitors try to convince him to link his organization with their own but he said he will not link his organization or the people he led with foreign organizations, but he told them there were differences in places and cultures, may what will bring good for them if they put it here it may not be good for our people it may not help them in performing their religion, that was what happened between them, but he received them as his Muslims brothers who have a common goal , meaning their goal is to ensure that Islamic legal system is being observed on earth, and the entire world, that was the agreement they reach, after they returned to their countries and he told me there are some people that were sent to their countries to go and observe their activities to see if they will see something that will be benefit them, that was all we discussed with them.

Question; Some analyst said there was sign that shows when Muhammad Ali was Learning In Sudan, he met with Osama Bin Ladin and he even assured him of his loyalty, some said he was not alone they were together with Khalid Al Barnawi , did you know anything about that?

ANSWER: yes but what we know its true Mohammed Ali studied in Sudan , but not that he pledged his loyalty to Osama bin Laden, but what had happened he

read the books written by Osama bin and the books written by scholars that were together with osama and what he learn in the books has great infact on him, and as you know that is the result of learning especially if is reading different books he will learn so many things from their book always. Sometime you are on the wrong path if you read the book you will go to the right path, and some times when you are on the right path if you read the book it takes you somewhere. So also khalid Al barnawi as we heard from the top ones , he went to Mauritania and Algeria and others he studied there and he met with some Scholars from Usama bin laden, that's all I know.

Question; can you shed more light to us on what happened in 2004 up to the time they killed Mohammed Ali as you had earlier said there was disagreement between him and some people in some villages which led to Government to came in., the securities were worried because they understood that people were trained for war in that place.

Answer; Yes its true, it had happened at that time but what actually happened was there was mist understanding, but it was not mist understanding , you know a security personnel it was his duty if he saw any person that he didn't agree with him should investigate him and find out who that person was so that that he will not cheat the society,, but what I know at that time they were reading their books and they were conducting some exercise like running, and other drills like jumping , running and others, since it was a bush , and up to the time he sent some of his boys to the town , then security blocked them on the road it led to disagreement between them, and by that time they see every body as unbeliever ,infidel, the disagreement led to the arrest of two disciple of Mohammed Ali they asked the security to release them to them, the security refused and said they will not release them until after they investigated them, the followers of Mohammed Ali became impatient, in the evening they went and attacked the Police station and released their brothers , to security men they will not allow this to happen to them and live it like that, that was the beginning of this problem up to the time it escalated and it takes many days before it was brought under control,

Question; lets talk about the crises that occurred In 2009, why did it happened, some people said it was as a result of their refusal to put helmet

Answer; there are many causes, but is like everyone was waiting for the time to begin the fracas, because many people that listened to the preaching of late Muhammad Yusuf, from 2006 -2007 there was difference, also his preaching between 2007 – 2008 there was a difference, also when you listened to his preaching between 2008 there was a difference to the beginning to the fracas in 2009 .his preaching has changed, many things had happened, since he left Indimi Mosque, he understood that there was nothing he will do to bring the changes he wanted to bring in the country, like being just to the poor , oppression, corruption and many other things that were not good until after they

waged a Jihad and Islamic War , eradication of innovations and worshipping God with someone and others, then people should go back to Worship alone Allah and carry out their curricular activities as commanded by Allah as its in the Islamic legal system, he said that's the only way to bring the change and correct the ills in the society and people can be self reliant.

And whenever he was preaching he always spoke about the ills of government every body knows his with that , he spoke on what concerned government directly, and the position of Working in the Government and the Position of workers in Islam and many other things after he finished he will query and explained what is the reason why people went astray, then that was where he came and accused western education, he explained that the workers were products of western education that was the reason why they always think and act like western Europe, they think religion cannot bring any development until you merge it with western life and ideologies, and other things

Muhammad Yusuf started thinking for Jihad since 1991, since he was going to Kano sale caps, he said since that time, he always think about how are we going to do the Jihad in this country, , when ever he read books he also think about how are we going to wage a Jihad Islamic war in this country, for that reasons he tried to live anything that has to do with government since he don't want them, they brought the issue of helmet, there were two or three things that disturbed him first there were some of our brothers in Kebbi they were not deep in the propagation and preaching at that time , he went out and visited some brothers and preaching , at that time he went to Sokoto, and Argungu in Kebbi State, after he came back one day security arrested them , he was disturbed by their arrest and in between two or three days some brothers were also arrested in Biu these two arrest disturbed him a lot, within one Week security men arrested his followers four or five times at that time , he was trying to send representatives for dialogue with them and to seek for their release because what ever happened he used to sent his representative and they discussed and they released them , he was trying solve the problem, when they took corpse for burial and that was when the incident of helmet came that led to shooting by security agencies, before the shooting there was agreement that Muhammad Yusuf will met with top Government official in Abuja, at that time I recalled that Muhammad Yusuf representative in Benue Mohammed Yusuf I will not call his name for security reasons, he sent him to seek for the meeting it was agreed they set a date for the meeting when such incident of shooting occurred. Just they are about to sat this incident occurred even though there was agreement with the representative he sent that security men will stop arresting his people and they will sit and makes agreement, So that they will allowed everyone to practice his religion without hindrance of any kind. But when such incident happened he was angry in his Jumma'at sermon , because he was in Abuja writing his second Book after he finished his first book called Hazihi Aqidatuna Wa Manhaji Da'awatina " Meaning this is our belief and the way we preach and practice" before then he sent his representatives that made the first agreement with them and asked them to know why this things happened ? they didn't give him any satisfactory answer, when he came back he delivered a Jumma'at sermon in his sermon he said in Arabic

language, after this sermon from now he will not listened to any body, he will not sit with them again, and even if they called him he will not honour their invitation, he has his own way of doing his things in every town or city he has his representative called Amir meaning a leader of his followers, and their deputies , and under the leader there are Police of the movement who were like first aid group they are responsible for helping the smooth running of their activities they took preaching materials to the place of preaching, under them he ordered that he want them to get for him the best hands among the group Police whom he will start to give them military training. Many people answered the call to received army training, that was what actually happened but he didn't take any action but the attacked on our brothers in Bauchi angered him much and he took the first action on that day , because he didn't disclosed the date he intend to go out , but people spread rumours that he said he will do his Jihad before fasting period. Or he said he will do it on Monday .or any day actually who ever saw him knows that he will definitely go out and it will not take time since the authorities too were ready for him because they understand that he was a threat to them.

Question' Can you tell us the actual things that happened in Bauchi , because we had so many stories about it , some said they arrested the members of the movement?

Answer; well from the information we received, the movement in Bauchi has their leader Abu Muhammad who was killed in 2013 or 2014 in zaria, at that time there was transfer of people from one town to the other , he was given some people to bring them to Bauchi while some from Bauchi will be taken to either Maiduguri or Gombe , so the people that will come to Bauchi from Maiduguri they were arrested on their way to Bauchi after they were arrested they were taken to the Criminal Investigation Department of the Bauchi State Police Command, they said they will investigate those that they didn't have any incriminating items they were released but those that has knives or has any sign of uniform they were detained there, as a result of the investigation they understood that those people brought to Bauchi , they were brought to the State to carried out attack or to organise attacks. The security saw that they cant sit and wait instead they should take measures to avert their plans. On that week many people were trooping to Bauchi from Maiduguri , even you yourself if you went to their mosque and you see the number of people in the mosque you will be scared and asked questions are they going to preach or what, are they going to do. And the security agencies takes prompt action in their effort to stop them from carrying out any attack in the state, when security men attacked them the attack on that day, he said he will not live it because , where ever he was preaching apart from Maiduguri his preaching was accepted in Bauchi. And it was in Bauchi that he has youths who were very loyal to him they are always ready to do what ever he commanded them to do, they were very loyal to him.. then they were attacked on thst day he told his representatives where ever they are they should take revenge on what had happened in bauchi and he called all his leader to do something on that day , if they have nothing to do they should go to Maiduguri they will have work to do there.

