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**Speech by the New Democrats (ND) National Secretary Dr. Baba Jibrin Adamu during the Launching/Dinner Party of the ND at the Grand Palace Banquet Hall 5511 Steeles Avenue West Toronto, Canada - Saturday, Jan 25, 2003**

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Mr. Chairman, the Honorable guests, fellow Nigerians.

We have a Great cause for concern:

The reason for having formed ND is to meet the challenges of a new world. New Democrats (**ND**) is a broad-based movement for progress and justice, and the political arm of none other than Nigerians in Diaspora and in Nigeria. The purpose of ND is to give Nigeria a different political choice: the choice between failed political platforms exhausted and divided in everything other than its desire to cling on to power, and a new and revitalized New Democrats that is resolute in transforming itself into a party of the future.

I am sure you are aware now that the political institutions and system are in a state of paralysis, the economy is in coma, the notion of the security of lives and property is more of a linguistic parable than a justifiable legal entity and nobody feels safe to caution those in leadership positions for the fear of being trodden.

Our political parties which are, ideally, the vehicles for mass mobilization are today nothing more than barren structures. They are devoid of vision, mission and ideology. The existing parties are part of the grand contraption which constitutes the blinkers needed to prevent their members from comprehending the actual character of the political process.

The parties have been reduced into becoming mere stepping stones for people with electoral ambition. The lack of internal democracy which largely characterizes the nature of relations between the leadership and the membership of those political parties has further accentuated the feelings of helplessness, desperation, and sadness among their rank and file.

The very fact that Nigeria entered the twentieth century with the hoe and cutlass, and at the end of that century and in this millennium have not improved on these 'primitive' tools, is an index of

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complete neglect, lack of stability, organizational problems and as a whole an economic disaster. We decided we cannot seat and watch. We choose to fight not watch. We choose to confront future challenges to us as a people; in a well-structured manner. We feel that is the wish of most Nigerians, and by far the wish of all Nigerians in Diaspora. That is the reason why ND was formed, the reasons why we make this noble call, and the reasons why we must define our destiny, our goal together as Nigerians.

So, Ladies and Gentlemen, the formation of ND was sequential: First we set a goal. We tried to minimize the obstacles that would prevent us from reaching our goal. We tried to maximize the resources available to us. And we made a plan that used the resources to overcome the obstacles and reach the goal with minimum cost, in minimum time. Then we acted, fulfilling all the required conditions. Now that we have begun, now that we have been registered, we check in to see that we are on track by bringing in those who want to come on board in the name of National unity and progress before moving into the second stage.

The second stage Ladies and Gentlemen entails checking not to leave messes behind that will make reaching the next goal more difficult, but by fulfilling ND commitment to integrity, honesty, openness and change – to ensure that true democracy prevails in Nigeria. Our policies are:

### **Where We Stand**

In keeping with our party's grand principle, we intend to carry on our insistence upon new means to achieve progressive ideals.

We believe in opportunity for all, responsibility from all, and community of all. We believe in free enterprise to stimulate economic innovation and growth and in public activism to ensure that everyone can share in Nigeria's prosperity.

We believe that government's proper role is to equip Nigerians with new tools for economic success and security. We must provide tools of empowerment to the younger generation including women.

We believe in expanding trade and foreign investment because we **must** be a party of economic progress, not economic reaction.

We believe that fiscal discipline is fundamental to sustained economic growth as well as responsible government. We believe that Nigeria must be strong technologically.

We believe that all Nigerians must have access to healthcare that balances governmental and individual responsibility. We believe in preventing crime and punishing criminals and that Nigeria's criminal justice must be responsive to the communities it serves.

We believe in a fighting corruption and in new social compact that requires and rewards work in exchange for public assistance.

We believe that the current religious and tribal crisis is largely due to poverty. That is why we believe in shifting the focus of Nigeria's anti-poverty and social programs from transferring wealth to creating wealth. We believe government should harness the forces of choice and competition to achieve public goals.

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We believe in enhancing the role that civic entrepreneurs, voluntary groups, and religious institutions play in tackling Nigeria's social ills. We believe that the common civic ideals Nigerians share transcend group differences and forge unity from diversity.

We believe in progressive nationalism -- the bold exercise of Nigerian leadership to foster peace, prosperity, unity and democracy.

Finally, we believe that Nigerian citizenship entails responsibilities as well as rights, and we mean to ask our citizens to give something back to their communities and their country.

Our contract with the people: Tough on crime, achieve 8-10% GDP growth, set tough inflation targets, invest in education, agriculture and technology, create a new and efficient National Health Service, and significant reduction in unemployment.

Please log on to [www.ndnigeria.com](http://www.ndnigeria.com) for comprehensive information. Thank you, God bless

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## SHORT BIO

**Dr. Engr. Baba J ADAMU:** was born in Kaduna (Unguwan Liman), Kaduna State, Nigeria. Dr. Baba Jibrin Adamu is the youngest son of the late Malam Alhaji Adamu Jibrin Imam, the former Chief Imam of Kaduna State Central Mosque located in Kano Road Kaduna. Dr. Baba J Adamu represented Kaduna State based on academic qualification to go on a scholarship program to study Civil Engineering up to Masters Degree in Poland in 1986. Having completed successfully his M.Sc in 1993, again based on academic excellence received a Polish Government Scholarship to continue to do Doctorate degree in Industrial Research and silo/bunker Technology. Dr. Adamu specializes in Silos and Security Bunker technology and completed his Ph.D in 2000 with Excellence. He then moved to Toronto, Canada in 2000, where is acquired various Certificates in IT, Management and Business at Humber College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning, Toronto Ontario, as well as at the Banf Academy for Business, Calgary, Alberta, CANADA. He now lives and works in Canada as an Engineering/Security Consultant and as the President and CEO of iNetworks Canada, a Managed Technology Solution company based in Toronto. As of this writing, dr Adamu is undergoing United Nations training on Global Terrorism, Law of Arm Conflict and UN working System through the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR POCl), New York, USA.

Dr Adamu has tremendous experience in management of men and materials in private sector, good knowledge of international and Nigerian political, economic and social environment, high level of integrity, evidence of personal discipline as well as courage of conviction. He has a strong conviction for the respect for the rule of law, respect for human rights, beliefs in popular participation and consultation, knowledge and understanding of the working of the international system, voluntary service to the community, sense of history and lesson, competence in concepts and tools of development and respect for African value and cherished all Nigerian traditions. Dr Adamu is an expert both in Structural engineering and . In his own words:

"Where despair and hopelessness exist, those who have the ability to take action have the moral responsibility to take action to help those who live on the bare edge of survival. And democracy is more than the creed of our country, it is the inborn hope of our humanity, an ideal we must carry, a trust we must bear and pass along. And even after all these years, we have a long way yet to travel, that is why **We must all be involved ...**" - *Baba Jibrin Adamu, Ph.D Engr.*

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