JIGAWA STATE: THE NEW WORLD

Jigawa is a state in central northern Nigeria. Its capital is Dutse. Jigawa State is one of the thirty-six (36) states that constitute the Federal Republic of Nigeria. It is situated in the north western part of the country between latitudes 11.00''N to 13.00''N to longitudes 8.00''E to 10.15''N.

Kano State and Katsina State border Jigawa to the west, Bauchi state to the east and Yobe State to the northeast. To the north, Jigawa shares an international border with the Zinder Region in the Republic of Niger, which is a unique opportunity for cross border trading activities.

Government readily took advantage of this by initiating and establishing a free trade zone at the border town of Maigatari.

Local Government Areas

Jigawa State consists of twenty-seven (27) Local Government Areas. They are:

- Auyo
- Babura
- Biriniwa
- Birnin Kudu
- Buji
- Dutse
- Gagarawa
- Garki
- Gumel
- Guri
- Gwaram
- Gwiwa
- Hadejia
- Jahum
- Kafin Hausa
- Kaugama

- Kazaure
- Kiri Kasama
- Kiyawa
- Maigatari
- Malam Madori
- Miga
- Ringim
- Roni
- Sule Tankarkar
- Taura
- Yankwashi

Government

In 1991, the government established the emirate of Dutse. Traditionally, the emir is the highest official. The *Nyangua* is the person that knows all the person in his families. The *Nyangbuas* work with the village heads (*Maiso*). There are also district heads. *Galadima* is the No. 1 officer of the Emir council. Before the introduction of LGA, there was Native Authority. The native authorities were replaced by Local Governments as introduce by a former Sultan of Sokoto. Family heads usually have contrast or conflict with cattle-rearers.

Jigawa State was created out of old Kano State in August 1991 and is one of the 36 states in Nigeria. The agitation for the creation of the state was led by Malam Inuwa-Dutse, a former commissioner in the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources during the governorship of late Audu Bako, the then governor of Kano State. By the 1999 constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the state comprises 27 Local Government Councils, which are divided into 30 state constituencies, grouped into 11 federal constituencies and 3 senatorial districts. These 27 Local Government Councils were further subdivided into 77 Development Areas per law No. 5 of 2004 of the State House of Assembly. In line with the democratic setting in the country, the governments at both the state and local government levels are elected, and comprise an executive with a

unicameral legislature. The state legislature has 30 elected members each representing one of the state constituencies. To complete the governance structure, there is an independent state judiciary as the third arm of government.

Draw the map of Jigawa State