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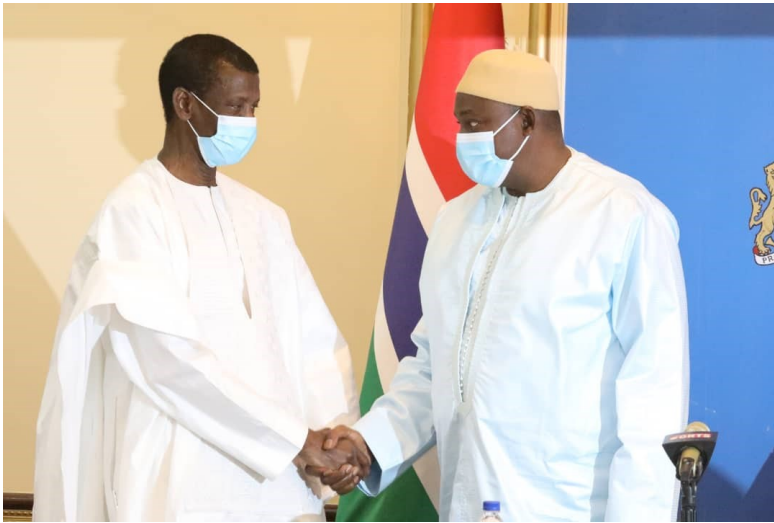


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“Badara Will be Remembered as a very Good Man who contributed to the Country’s development”—President Barrow



The death of the late Vice President of The Gambia, H.E Badara Alieu Joof, on 18 January 2023 sent shock waves across the country. Tributes started pouring in on social media following the announcement by the President on his official accounts.

Hundreds of people signed the Book of Condolence at the State House after President Barrow declared seven days of mourning in his honour. The President was the first to sign, followed by the Speaker of The National, Cabinet Ministers, high-profile politicians, diplomats, dignitaries, and a cross-section of the Gambian society.

The Late V.P. was honoured with a State Funeral during which the President posthumously awarded him the Grand Commander of the Order

of the Republic of The Gambia (G.C.R.G) in appreciation of his patriotic service to the country.

Many people remembered VP Joof as a patriotic, committed, honest and hardworking Gambian but President Barrow, Badara would be remembered as a very good man who contributed to the country's development. We were together during the five years transition because of his competence, commitment, contribution, and loyalty to the country.

He was my able Vice President, and the journey was for us to work together and develop this for another five years because it was a promise that we would serve this country and impact the people's lives. That journey was from 2022 to 2026, but unfortunately, he could not make it. I will encourage my colleague cabinet members to continue working together to fulfil the ambition that Badara had for the country.

President Barrow Receives Over 40,000 bags of Rice from China



Since President Adama Barrow took office in 2017, The Gambia's relationship with the People's Republic of China has grown from strength to strength.

President Barrow has reiterated that The Gambia's partnership is founded on mutual trust and benefit. During a presentation at the Statehouse on January 5, 2023, the President received over 40,000 bags of rice from China.

The rice donation was intended for distribution to needy families, the differently abled, and Madrassas as part of the country's food security effort.

President Barrow complimented China at the ceremony, citing significant infrastructure developments as evidence of the two countries relationship.

The Chinese Ambassador H.E Liu Jin, , echoed similar views on China-Gambia ties. He said China would send agriculture experts to The Gambia to share best agricultural practices with farmers and students to contribute to the government's food self-sufficiency effort.

President Barrow Receives Senegalese Culture Minister

President Adama Barrow renewed his commitment to strengthening the bilateral ties between The Gambia and Senegal when he received a Ministerial delegation headed by the Minister for Culture and Historical Heritage, Professor Alioun Sow, at the State House on Friday, 6th January.

President Barrow embraced the friendly and brotherly relations with his colleague President Macky Sall, the government and the people of Senegal, reiterating the socio-cultural bond he described as 'natural'. "We should be proud of who we are and believe in ourselves," he added

The Gambian Leader urged the two authorities to work closely to bring the people together through the policies they developed to strengthen the excellent neighbourliness between the two countries.



He stressed the importance of the relations, saying, **"Your immediate neighbour is your strongest partner, and we will succeed together,"** while praying for peace to continue to prevail in the region.

Expressing his delight and reception in The Gambia, Professor Sow extended sincere felicitation from the Senegalese Leader to President Barrow, describing him as a 'Man of action without Making noise.'

The Senegalese culture Minister emphasised the importance of having loyal officials to influence government policies and cited the partnership they enjoy with The Gambia Navy and the National Council for Arts and Culture in The Gambia.

He revealed the plans to host joint annual Cultural festivals in border communities between the two countries and celebrate the Senegambia heritage.

The Minister of Tourism and Culture, Hamat Bah, said the visit was historic and demonstrated President Barrow's desire to preserve, promote, and advance the Senegambia culture. He added culture could be a source of inspiration to promote national development.

Honourable Sow is in The Gambia on the invitation of the Gambian Minister of Tourism and Culture, Honourable Hamat Bah, and was accompanied to the State House by the Senegalese Ambassador to The Gambia, H.E Bachirou Sene.

President Barrow Urges Educated Women to Join Politics



The team to the Presidency comprised the former Vice Presidents, H.E Fatoumatta Tambajang and Dr Isatou Touray, Minister of Women Gender and Social Welfare, Honourable Fatou Kinteh, Mayoress of Banjul Rohey Malick Lowe, and women in the private sector. The Steering Committee was accompanied to State House by the UN and ECOWAS representatives in The Gambia.

President Adama Barrow Tuesday, 17th January received the steering Committee of the African Women Leaders Network (AWLN), who came to the Presidency to seek his support for advancing its agenda.

The President described the group as a diverse one that represents strength, urging that intellectual women should have the courage to join politics.

At the policy level, President Barrow told the AWLN members that his government is considering fulfilling a quota system in promoting gender

representation. He assured the team of his support and that of his government through the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Welfare.

The AWLN Gambia National Coordinator and Co-Chairperson, Muna Jallow, said they had a fruitful discussion with the President regarding the Network launch slated for 7 February 2023. She added The Gambia Network is the 35th in Africa to be launched, supported by AU in collaboration with UN Women to promote the Africa agenda 2063 and 2030 sustainable Development Goals.



AWLN Gambia Coordinator Muna Jallow

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President Barrow Calls for the Implementation of the Anti-Littering Law



On Saturday 28th January, President Barrow led the re-introduction of the National Cleansing Exercise ‘Set Settal’, calling on the relevant authorities to implement the anti-littering law.

President Barrow said that many people are in the habit of indiscriminate littering, which renders the environment dirty. “We have the laws and should use them to stop littering. That is what democracy is about,” he said.

The President, however, expressed delight at the turnout of the people to clean even though it was a voluntary exercise, saying, “We cannot force people to come; we can only encourage them”. He added

that people must not wait for the exercise to clean their environment; they must do it daily to ensure clean and healthy surroundings.

On him leading the exercise, President Barrow said leadership is a big responsibility and a position of trust, thus the participation to join the citizens. He thanked the Lord Major of Kanifing Talib Ahmed Bensouda, the Cabinet members and all the people that came out to join him.

President Barrow urged the journalists to lead the advocacy in the exercise.