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Following the application of ALHAJI BABA AHMADOU of NDAWARA in view of creating a cattle Ranch at NDAWARA, members of the following Commission formed by the Divisional Officer of Fundong Sub-Division left for NDAWARA on the 12/12/85. The aim was to make an on-the spot study of the problem.

The Commission was made up of :-

- The Divisional Officer, Fundong Sub-Division as Chairman
- The Chief of Sub-Sector for MINEPIA, Fundong Sub-Division as Secretary
- His Royal Highness the Fon of Kom - member
- Member of Parliament - Honourable Fugwo - member
- The C P D M, W C P D M and Y C P D M Sub-Section Presidents - members
- The Sub-Delegate of Agriculture Fundong - member
- The Brigade Commandant of the National Gendarmerie, Fundong - member
- The Chief of Post for Public Security, Fundong - member
- Alhaji Baba Amadou - Proprietor of the proposed Cattle Ranch - member
- Ardo Hassan a notable Cattle Grazier on the proposed Ranch Site at NDAWARA - member
- The village chief of Belo and some members of his traditional Council - members

OPENING: The occasion started at about 10 a.m. with a heavy population made of the Fulanis who are graziers in Ndawara, members of Alhaji Baba Ahmadou's family, the natives of the neighboring village of Afuo, To our surprise even natives from the village of Babungo a neighbouring village of Ndop Sub-Division. The master of Ceremony, Mr. Ngong Martin of MIDENO BAMENDA, On behalf of the family of Alhaji Baba Ahmadou introduced Alhaji Baba Ahmadou to the Commission, who in turn also introduced some brothers and sisters and regretted the absence of most of his family members whom he said numbered up to about 500 persons resident within and outside Cameroon. This occasion was held in a well prepared grand-stand in Alhaji Baba Amadou's compound within the proposed Ranch premises in Ndawara - Belo.

Following the introduction, was a three page well-Come address read on behalf of the Ranch Proprietor by a Sister to Alhaji Baba Amadou. Prominent and most well-Come in the address was a promise in which Alhaji Baba Amadou assured compensation and resettlement within Ndawara to any Grazier who shall be displaced from the Ranch area of operation. This was in the presence of many native and Fulani/Bororo observers who were in attendance.

Speaking immediately after the address was the Municipal Administrator, Fundong Rural Council who said the Republic of Cameroon is a peace loving and law abiding country and wished that the graziers of Ndawara who fall in his Municipality live in Peace, love and Unity. He added lamentably that it was a heavy lost to the Council for the sudden drop in the cattle population from 12,000 in the Sixties to barely 3000 cattle now. He stress that co-existence was very necessary and that he was glad Alhaji Baba Amadou has promised in his address to co-exist with his graziers. He assured the graziers of Ndawara of the Council's continuous assistance and wish them a very peaceful co-existence.

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In another introductory speech the C P D M Sub-Section President Mr. Ngam traced the history of late Ardo Amadou Danpulle whom he said first settled at Fajua in Fundong during the reign of late Fon Ngam of Laikom-Kom, who aided Amadou Danpulle (father of Alhaji Baba Amadou) to succeed as a prominent cattle Breeder, Tailor and also trading between Cameroon and Nigeria in those days.

After Fon Ngam, came late Fon Ndi of Kom who gave Amadou Danpulle one of his daughters to marry, a very successful Union from whom we today have Alhaji Baba Amadou prominent among their many children and grand-children as well.

#### FON OF KOM'S WELCOME ADDRESS ON THE OCCASION

In a well worded 2 page address Fon NJINABOH II Michael of Kom extended warm greetings to the Commission members and in his fatherly tone of "COOL HEART MY PIKIN DEM" sounded more like the Biblical Angel who announced the birth of Christ the Saviour. And with these sound words of PEACE to everyone present, the Fon said he had come to introduce to all inhabitants of Ndawara their son and brother, Alhaji Baba Amadou, who with patience had returned to resettle in Ndawara as a tough beater for the development of Kom and Babungo. In a nutshell, he then declared that he had not come to allocate land to Alhaji Baba Amadou because he is resettled on the late father's grazing land. And so he the Fon had only come but to congratulate him on his brilliant efforts as well as all the Ndawara people for supporting him to establish his cattle Ranch without disorder.

Appealing for the support of everyone in Ndawara the Fon in very strong terms warned gossipers and trouble-makers to stop false rumours and other vices which attempt to disturb progress of the project.

#### A SHORT SPEECH BY THE DIVISIONAL OFFICER FUNDONG S/DIVISION

Addressing the audience the Divisional Officer, Fundong Sub-Division, said he was happy to be present in this inspection tour with the Fon of Kom member of Parliament C P D M Sub-Section presidents and other members of the Commission. Furthermore, he was particularly happy to note that Alhaji Baba Amadou was an indigenuous of Kom who had worked hard to come back home and establish a cattle Ranch which is an important economic investment the Government can support.

As with any other development project the Divisional Officer said this project is bound to create a Social problem, that of displacing some Graziers from the Ranch area of operation, but nevertheless, he was particularly happy and took special note of the very important assurance by the Ranch Proprietor - Alhaji Baba - that he is prepared to COMPENSATE, RESETTLE any Grazier displaced by his project, as well as CO\*EXIST with those and develop Ndawara together, for which reason he said there should be no fear of disorder by any body in the area.

Without much to say again the Divisional Officer thanked Alhaji Baba for setting such a good example which will go a long way to curb rural exodus and reduce unemployment as desired by the Government.

#### WORKING SESSION BY THE COMMISSION

After all the aforementioned deliberations outside, the Commission then went into a house for a special working Session with a few notable Graziers of Ndawara including three staffs of the Zootechnical and Veterinary Centre, Belc.

Opening this special Session the Divisional Officer, Fundong, declared that the Session concerned only the Commission members, and special invited guests and the affected graziers, hence Ardo Hassan,

Alhaji Saidu Bi Tata and Wakili Adamu were then included to represent the affected graziers of Ndawara.

Continuing deliberations here the Divisional Officer said the venue was the most conducive as no other place would have been suitable for discussions on an important issue as this. And referring to the address of Welcome he said the important things to note from there were Alhaji Baba's assurance to COMPENSATE and RESETTLE any displaced Graziers within Ndawara, as well as to CO-EXIST WITH neighbour graziers. He then hoped that with the above assurances by the Ranch Proprietor Ardo Hassan and his affected graziers should be happy, hence the floor was then open for Ardo Hassan and other Fulani/Bororo people to express their own views or feelings on the matter.

Taking the floor Ardo Hassan Welcomed Alhaji Baba Amadou and said they were both Cameroonians in the Cattle rearing occupation who must be happy to live together in Ndawara, recounting how their both parents co-existed in those days. He said he had feared expulsion from Ndawara, but now with the assistance of the Commission and the Veterinary service, was sure of resettlement in Ndawara as also assured by Alhaji Baba. He then promised full cooperation to co-exist with him and support his project to succeed.

Wakili Adamu - the son and representative of Ardo Bangoji - also of Ndawara (Atuiuwu) and Alhaji Saidu bi Tata both talking on behalf of other graziers expressed the same views and promised fullest support for the success of the Ranch from which they can learn better methods of Cattle husbandry.

Mr. John Bangha, the Quarter Head of Afua, expressed the same views on behalf of the Afua people, also promising fullest support for success of the project. But he complained that the Afua market fence had been destroyed by Bororo cattle and especially those of Ardo Hassan's children in an attempt to lay blame on Alhaji Baba's cattlemen.

Mr. E.N.C. Ndi, the Municipal Administrator of Fundong Rural Council, welcomed the project but regretted the great reduction of the cattle population from 10 thousand in the Sixties to barely 3000 cattle now as contained in the welcome address. He then asked the Technical service concern to work hard and show people the real carrying capacity of Ndawara. In conclusion, he warned graziers for damaging the Afua Market fence which is a Council property.

Ranch Proprietor, Alhaji Baba, repeatedly told the Commission that he had no intentions whatsoever to inconvenience any grazier and cause him to leave. For that reason he prayed that the Commission should examine how his modern Ranch can be established in the area and at the same time resettle the displaced persons around him in Ndawara.

Honourable member of Parliament, Mr. Fugwo, observed that minor problems do exist between farmers and graziers or even just amongst graziers themselves, but as usual the Technician concern know how to compromise them so that both parties can co-exist to develop in Unity and Peace for their own progress. He then asked to know how the former settlers in the area first lived in harmony, so that no trouble in the area nowadays should be attributed to the new comer.

The Sub-Section President of the C.P.D.M, Mr. Ngam, expressed happiness that all the Fulani/Bororo graziers had each shared the same views, welcoming Alhaji Baba back to Ndawara and all promising a peaceful co-existence with him but asked that they should distinguish between traditional cattle rearing and modern cattle Ranching from which they can learn a lot of new husbandry methods. He then advised and warned against trouble making and said he would expect them all to live up to their promises of peaceful co-existence with Alhaji Baba.

The Chief of Sub-Sector for Livestock, Fisheries and Animal Industries Fundong, Mr. Acha Tita David, promised that his service is also going to work hard to ensure the establishment and success of the proposed Ranch, in keeping with the AGREEMENT and aspirations of both parties to co-exist in peace and harmony for better livestock production in the area.

He also advised the would-be Ranch Proprietor to ensure that his Ranch had prior approval from the Hon Minister of Livestock, Fisheries and Animal Industries, Yaounde, as contained and defined in Presidential Decree No.75/527 of 26th July, 1975. He then handed to the Ranch Proprietor the list of relevant documents required for such prior approval.

In conclusion the Divisional Officer, Fundong, observed that this commission was mainly out to see to it that Alhaji Baba's new establishment does not bring disorder in Ndawara, and since they graziers were all in AGREEMENT the Administration and the concerned Technical services have to follow suit and work hard for their co-existence, Peace and Unity in Ndawara for rapid development.

Thus before closing its deliberations the Commission had established a few concrete facts, namely:

- 1) That Ndawara graziers are in full agreement to co-exist with Alhaji Baba Amadou, and hence they all support the establishment of his Modern Cattle Ranch at Ndawara.
- 2) That Ranch Proprietor - Alhaji Baba - has assured compensation for any displaced grazer to ensure the success of his project.
- 3) That PEACE and stability in Ndawara will continue undisturbed as shown above.

The day then ended with heavy entertainment offered by the Ranch Proprietor and family, while native dances from Kom and Babungo also gear the occasion.

There was also a thrilling Horse riding display by many Fulani/Bornu Horse Riders from all over Ndawara.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF this minutes have been recorded this Thursday December 12th in the year 1985 at Ndawara to serve whatever and wherever it deserves and useful wherever and whenever need be

Sign ACHA TITA David  
Chief of Sub-Sector  
(MINEPIA) Fundong

Secretary



Emmanuel Kainga WOUEMGNIE  
DIVISIONAL OFFICER

CHAIRMAN