



One thing is clear the former Governor of Zamfara State who is now the Minister of State Defence, Bello Matawalle has done his bit as the former Governor of Zamfara state and believe it or not he has made his impact in the lives of the people of the state. It will be completely out of place for anyone to assume or argue that his impact was not felt in those past four year during which he held sway. The footprints he left behind through his popular policies on education, health and infrastructural development are visibly on ground there for all to see.

Notwithstanding the accusations against him by his successor whether real or perceive, whether imaginary or born out of patriotism or hatred for his person or guts, in the four years he lead his people he made an impact and did all that was humanly possible to make his mark on the sand of time and leave the state better than he met it. At least, he came as a Governor, he saw and within the limits of the resources available to the state and his four years tenure he did his possible best to conquer and only posterity and his people will judge him whether or not he met their expectations.

The incumbent Governor Lawal Dauda has come from an obscure background with less political experience. Not much was known of him apart from his flourishing banking and financial engagements. As soon as he got into the saddle as Governor, he began to cast aspersions and throw stones at his predecessor.

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As your Deputy Governor in the last seven years, I have had the privilege of working closely with our amiable Governor, His Excellency Governor Godwin Obaseki, to lay a solid foundation for progress in Edo State. Under our administration, we have seen remarkable achievements and milestones, but there is still much work to be done. I am aware of the need by the greater Edo people for a more inclusive government, a government of the Edo people, by the Edo people, and for the Edo people. A government of individuals who have been there and know the pains and wishes of an average Edolite. A government, together, with the greater Edo people will reignite the Edo Spirit and transform our tomorrow!

Since my foray into politics three decades ago, I have lived among you and you have loved me as your very own son. I have felt your pains at close quarters, sat with the elders to benefit from their words of wisdom, led the youth in many struggles for their rights, visibility and freedom, learned the intricacies of modern governance and built adequate service capacity. You all are witnesses to my antecedents in government. When the waters of the Lagdo dam flooded our lands and threatened our means of livelihood, I led the emergency response team that managed the impact and kept it in check and continued to be involved in most humanitarian issues within the state. When COVID-19 came to threaten our very existence, I put my life on the line in its very early days when protection was not available and worked to restore calm and order at the isolation centres.

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