

**Colonel Abubakar Dangiwa Umar (rtd)** was the governor of Kaduna state in Nigeria from August 1985 to June 1988 during the military regime of General Ibrahim Babangida.

Col Abubakar Dangiwa Umar (rtd) was born on 21 September 1949 in Birnin Kebbi, Kebbi State. His father was a school teacher and administrator with the traditional title of Wazirin Gwandu who became a member of the House of Representatives in Lagos (1954 - 1964) and Commissioner for Works in the North-Western State (1968 - 1975). He was educated at Government College, Sokoto (1964 - 1968), Nigeria Defence Academy, Kaduna, (1967 - 1972), Nigeria Army Armored School, Ibadan, (1972), US Army Administration School, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, USA (1976), Royal Armour School, Kentucky, USA (1977 - 1978), Command and Staff College, Jaji (1978 - 1979 and 1982 - 1983), Bayero University, Kano(1979 - 1981), Harvard University, USA (1988 - 1989).

Col Abubkar Dangiwa Umar joined the Nigerian Army in 1967 and was commissioned as Second Lieutenant in March 1972. He held various positions, including ADC to Major General Hassan Usman Katsina, Deputy Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters.<sup>[3]</sup> Umar was appointed General Staff Officer in the Department of Armor, Army Headquarters. In 1993 he was Colonel and Commander of the Armored Corps Center and School.

After retirement, Col Abubakar Dangiwa Umar became Chairman and Chief Executive, Work and Worship (Gas Company) Nigeria Limited, Kaduna. He joined Kaduna Golf Club in 1989, he is an active golf and polo player. He is a member of Kaduna Golf Club Board of Trustees.