

PROFILE OF NGAS POLITICAL OFFICE HOLDERS

1. Gen Yakubu Gowon:

Former Head of State and Commander-in-Chief of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (1966 - 1975).



The most prominent role of the Ngas on Nigeria political scene was played by Gen. Yakubu Gowon, generally regarded as the longest ruler yet.

Gen (Dr.) Yakubu Gowon, Nigeria's military Head of State from 29 July 1966 to 29 July 1975, was born on 19 October 1934 at Garram, Plateau state to Christian Missionary parents. He was educated at St. Bartholomew School, Wusasa, Zaria from 1939 to 1949 and Government College, Zaria (1950-53). He received his military training at Officer Cadet Training School, Teshie Ghana (1954); Eaton Hall, Chester, England (1955); Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, (1955-56); Young Officers' College, Hythe Warminster (1957; Staff College, Camberley, England (1962); Joint Services College, Latimer, England, (1965).

He was only 32 years old when he assumed leadership the country during its most turbulent political period. Presiding over the civil war of 1967 -1970, Gowon engineered an economic boom in the aftermath of the massive national dislocation engendered by the war.

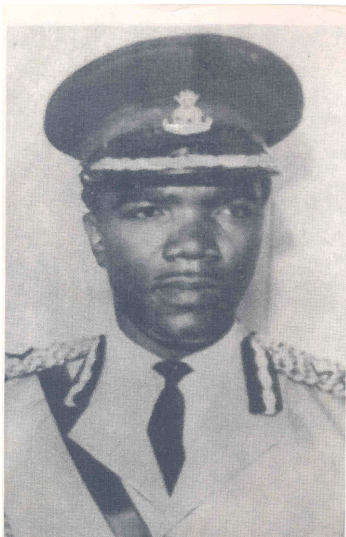
A detribalized National leader, he pledged during the war that "to keep Nigeria one is a task that must be done". In recognition of his meritorious service, Gen Gowon has been decorated with the following Honours and Awards:

- Passed Staff Course,
- Joint Service Staff Course.
- Congo Medal.
- Independence Medal.

- General Service Medal.
- Defence Service Medal,
- National Service Medal,
- Nigerian Independence Medal.
- Grand Commander Federal Republic

2. Joseph Dechi Gomwalk, The Visionary Leader

Governor, Benue - Plateau State (1966 – 1975).



Joseph Dechi Gomwalk was born at Amper, in today's Kanke LGA on April 13, 1935. He attended the Gindiri Boys' Secondary School (1950-1955) and the University of Ibadan where he studied Zoology with bias in Parasitology.

He graduated from University of Ibadan in 1961 with First Class Honours and was employed the same year by the then Northern Nigeria Government. A consummate administrator, he served as a Divisional Officer to the Sardauna Province in 1962 and a Principal Assistant Secretary in the Federal Ministry of Agriculture in

November 1965.

On February 21, 1966, he was seconded to the Nigeria Police Force and made Chief Superintendent of Police. He was at different time in 1967, in the UK and USA for special branch courses.

He was appointed the Governor of Benue –Plateau State following the state creation exercise of 1967. Gomwalk who was to attain the rank of Commissioner of Police during his 8-year rule deployed his robust intellect and abundant energy to the development of his State and people. Described as living ahead of his time, his vision for the state found expression in the various institutional and structural developments that sought to empower the people he led.

The following projects among several others were conceived, initiated and established by J.D Gomwalk:

- The University of Jos
- The Jos Main Market
- The Benue Plateau Marketing Board
- The Benue Plateau Publishing Company (now PPC)
- The Benue Plateau Television (BPTV). The first colored TV station in Black Africa
- The Elegant Plateau State Government Secretariat
- The Trunk A Jos-Pankshin-Yelwa (Shendam)-Ibi-Wukari-Katsina-Ala Road
- A Greater Jos Metro Masterplan: the vision of which was hardly comprehended or appreciated by subsequent administration and therefore left in the archives

3. Distinguished Senator Satty Davies Gogwim

Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (2007 - 2011)



Party: Action Congress (AC)

State: Plateau

Constituency: Plateau Central

Date Elected: 2007

Seat Up In: 2011

Date of Birth: 27/7/49

Marital Status: Married

Education:

Advance Diploma in Accounts/Budgeting USA, Diploma in Law University of Jos, Advanced Diploma in Law/ Conflict Management University of Jos.

Legislative Experience:

Distinguished Senator of the 6th Assembly (2007 -2011)

Committee Membership:

Water Resources
Privatization

Integration and Cooperation
Industry
Independent National Electoral Commission
Drugs Narcotics Anti Corruption

Awards and Honours:

Forces SVC Star

Legislative Interests:

Defence, Appropriation, Water Resources, Industry, Power & Steel, Police

Target Achievement:

Consolidation of democracy

Contact:

Constituency Address

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4. HON. LEONARD WAKKYAI WILLIAM DILKON

Federal House of Assembly (2007 – 2011)



Party: People's Democratic Party (PDP)

State: Plateau

Constituency: Pankshin/Kanke/Kanam

Date Elected: 2007

Seat Up In: 2011

Date of Birth: 1st January, 1967

Marital Status: Married

Education:

B.Sc. Accounting

Occupation:

Accountant

Legislative Experience:

Member of the 6th House of Representatives (2007- 2011)

Committee Membership:

Legislative Budget & Research

Finance
 FCT Area Councils
 Customs and Excise
 Millennium Development Goals

Previous Appointments:

Chief Executive, Hamtul Ventures Ltd

Legislative Interests:

Agriculture and Finance

Target Achievement:

Change in Agriculture Policy

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[Click here for the list of all Ngas Political Office Holders from 1960 to Date](#)

S/N	Period	Political Office Holder	Portfolio
1	First Republic (1960 – 1965)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nde Modecai Bawa • • Nde David Dimka • • Nde Gabriel Deshi Toklen 	<p>Federal House of Representatives</p> <p>Northern House of Assembly</p>
2	The Military Era (July 1966–July 1979)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Yakubu Gowon • Mr. J.D. Gomwalk • • Nde Hycienth Sati Gogwim) • Nde Sati Clement Gerlong 	<p>Head of State</p> <p>Military Governor of the old Benue-Plateau State</p> <p>Commissioner (1968–1974)</p> <p>Chairman of Pankshin Local Government</p>
3	The Second Republic (1979 – 1983)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nde (Chief) Samuila S. Gofwen • Nde Gideon G. Barde • • Nde Gregory G. Golu • • Hon. Anthony Goyol 	<p>SSG (1979 -83)</p> <p>Commissioner for infor (1979–1983)</p> <p>Com for Justice and Attorney Gen 1980–1983</p> <p>Fed House of Rep (Oct– Dec 1983)</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Joseph Jibi • Hon. Daniel Koproda • Nde Bala Jatau • Nde Elisha Semlek • Nde Katji Kamyal 	<p>Plateau House 1979 – 83 Plateau House of Assembly 1979 – 1983</p> <p>NPP Chairman, Pankshin LGA</p> <p>Chairman Jing LGA</p>
	The Military Era (1984 – 1991)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nde James Dimka • Professor Nenfort Gomwalk 	<p>Commissioner (1985–1988)</p> <p>Commissioner (1989 – 1992)</p> <p>-</p>
	The Abortive Third Republic (1991– 1993)	<p>Hon. Suwa Gobum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. (Barr) Bawa Dakup • Dr. Haruna Dabin • Nde Emmanuel Jankanwa • Mrs. Helen Gomwalk • Mr. Celestine Danjuma • Barr. Isaac Dimka 	<p>Federal House of Rep.</p> <p>Plateau House of Assembly</p> <p>Special Adviser</p> <p>Commissioner of finance</p> <p>Plateau State Chairman, NRC</p> <p>elected to the Constituent Assembly</p> <p>Commissioner (1993 – 1996)</p>
	The Military Era (1993 – 1998)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Hon.) Dominic Wakgung 	<p>Chairman, Pankshin 1997– 1998)</p> <p>Federal House of Rep</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon (Chief) Anthony Goyol • • • Lt. Col. William G. Bemana (rtd) 	Chairman, Pankshin LGC (1994 – 1996)
	THE Fourth Republic (1999 to date)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator Satty Davies Gogwim • Hon Leonard Dilkon • Hon. Josiah Gobum • Hon. Zacharia Goshang • Hon. Meshack Chindaba • Hon. Gambo Nbilamut • Hon. Emmanuel Goar • Hon. Emmanuel Jatau Plateau State House of Assembly • Rt. Hon. Emmanuel Goar • Hon. Amos Goyol Gombi • Nde Ezekiel Gomos • Nde (Chief) John G. Gobak • Nde Samson Jidauna Dimka 	<p>Federal House of Senate (2007 -)</p> <p>Federal House of Rep(2007-</p> <p>Federal House of Rep(1999 – 2003)</p> <p>Plateau House of Assembly (1999-2003)</p> <p>Plateau House of Assembly (2003-2006)</p> <p>Plateau House of Assembly (2003-2006)</p> <p>Plateau house of Assembly (Nov. 2006 – April 2007)</p> <p>Plateau State House of Assembly</p> <p>Speaker Plateau State House of Assembly (2007)</p> <p>Plateau State House of Assembly (2007 -</p> <p>SSG (1999 – 2003)</p> <p>SSG (2003 – 2006)</p> <p>SSG (2008 -)</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nde Alexander Molwus • Justice Daniel Longji • Nde (Chief) John G. Gobak • Nde Na'Allah Mutbam • Nde Toma Gofwan • Mrs. Hannatu Beyura Pam • Hon. Simon Ngwan • Hon. Dr. Danlami Lengkop, • Hon. Emmanuel Yilluk • Chief Anthony Goyol, Chairman, 	<p>Chief of Staff Government House (1999 – 2006)</p> <p>Commissioner for Justice) (1999– 2002)</p> <p>(Commissioner for Special Duties) (2002 – 2003)</p> <p>Commissioner for Commerce and Industries (2007 -)</p> <p>Special Adviser (NGOs) (2007 -)</p> <p>Special Adviser (Women Affairs) (2007 -)</p> <p>Chairman, Kanke LGC (1999 – 2002)</p> <p>Kanke LGC (2004 - 2007) Chairman,</p> <p>Chairman, Pankshin LGC (1999 – 2002)</p> <p>Pankshin LGC (2004 - 2007)</p>
	Career Ambassadors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amb Ezekiel Dimka • Amb Rhoda Mohammed (First Woman Ambassador in Nigeria) • Ambassador Agwom Gotip 	
	Constitutional Drafting Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nde David D. Dimka - (1977) • Nde Celestine Danjuma (1988) 	

Two prominent Ngas politicians have their biography published in "AFRICA WHO IS WHO," publication (1980 & 1982 editions). They are:

- Nde David D. Dimka
- Nde Gideon G. Barde

When talking politics in Ngasland, mention must be made of these people who were never elected or appointed into influential political offices. They include the following:

Baba Yakubu Chigwong
Nde Daniel Longs Dimka
Adamu Gobum
Professor Umaru D. Gomwalk
Nde Yakubu Deshi
Nde L.G. Mutbam
Nde Daniel Gopep
Dr. Charles Gonyok
Nde Samuel Goar

Nde Danladi Shemu
Nde Joseph Bango
Dr(Mrs) Philomena Mutbam
Nde Rankim Wophill
Nde Joshua Waklek
Nde Paul Dewa
Dr. Alexander Kebang
Nde Sudan Nyelleng