## Pakistan How I Saw It Memoirs & Reflections

## **Mohammed Bello Abioye**

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

High Commissioner of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan



IPS Press is the publishing arm of Institute of Policy Studies, Islamabad – an independent think tank dedicated to promoting policy-oriented research, dialogue, human & technological development for better governance. Pakistan Affairs, International Relations, Faith and Society, Governance and Leadership, and Science & Technology are some of the major study areas at IPS.

> Pakistan How I Saw It Memoirs & Reflections

Author: Mohammed Bello Abioye

ISBN: 978-969-448-835-6

Edition: 1st

© IPS Press 2024

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, translated, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted, in any form or by any means, without the prior permission in writing of Institute of Policy Studies, Islamabad.

Enquiries concerning reproduction should be sent to IPS Press at the contact details given below:

**IPS** Press

Institute of Policy Studies Nasr Chambers, 1, MPCHS Commercial Centre, E-11/3, Islamabad, Pakistan Tel: +92 51 8438391-3, 8438388 Email: publications@ips.net.pk | URL: www.ips.org.pk

> Cover Design: Asif Taimuri Layout: Abid Hussain

Printed in Pakistan by Premier Printers, Rawalpindi.

## About the Author

Administrator, public policy analyst, politician, businessman, and community leader. Prior to being appointed as Nigerian Ambassador to Pakistan, Alhaji Mohammaed Olaniyi Bello Abioye has been and remains the Managing Director of Mohlan International Limited, a company that is into transport, production, and property business. He once served as an Executive Secretary of Kwara State Muslims' Pilgrims Welfare Board. He holds a B.Sc. (Hons) and M.Sc. degree in Political Science from the Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaira and University of Ilorin, respectively.

Ambassador Abioye was employed into the Kwara State Civil Service as an Administrative Officer in 1984. He rose through the ranks, rising from Administrative Officer 2 to Deputy Director of Administration and Finance and served in those capacities in the State Health Management Board, Ministries of Health, Education, Lands and Housing, General Services department of Governor's Office. Before his retirement from the service in 2016, he rose to the position of Director of Administration and Finance, in which capacity he served in the ministries of Information, State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) Sport and Youth Development. Social Welfare and Culture, Health, Agriculture and Natural Resources. He once served as the Executive Secretary of Kwara State Muslims' Pilgrim Welfare Board.

Ambassador Abioye was born in Omu-Aran in the mid-50s and he is an active member of the community development association. He is also the current president of one of the town's premier clubs, named the Omu-Aran Social Club. Ambassador Abioye is the General Secretary of Muslim Community. As a politician, he is a member and leader of the All Progressive Congress (APC) in Kwara State.

In 2020, he was appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary by President Muhammadu Buhari (GCFR), President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Nigeria. Subsequently in 2021, he was assigned as Nigeria High Commissioner to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan with concurrent accreditation to the Republic of Maldives and Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan. He is married with children. His hobbies include debating, traveling and socio-political networking.

## Contents

٠

+

•	Foreword	07
•	Introduction	11
Chapter 1:	Arrival and Assumption of Duty	15
Chapter 2:	Notable Observables	27
Chapter 3:	Pakistan Economy	59
Chapter 4:	Pakistan and its peculiarities	93
•	Conclusion: What next for Pakistan	105
•	Bibliography	109
•	Index	117
•	Insert (Images, 30 nos.) between pp 64-65	