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### **NIGERIA HIGH COMMISSION DENIES ALLOCATION OF £30,900.00 TO THE MUSLIM ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA, UNITED KINGDOM.**

The attention of the High Commission has been drawn to a report which purports that the Muslim Association of Nigeria, United Kingdom has alleged that, “the High Commission through CANUK/NIDOE was to have given the Association thirty thousand, nine hundred pounds (£30,900.00) to fund the celebration of Nigeria’s 50<sup>th</sup> Independence Anniversary on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 and that the said amount had not been received”.

2. The High Commission wishes to use this medium to describe the allegation as baseless and mischievous, as the Mission did not at any time give money to any association or organisation to pass to any religious body, nor is it privy to the allocation of funds for celebration to any religious organisation anywhere. The report could only have arisen out of the figment of the imagination of its authors, motivated by greed and malcontent.

3. Therefore, the Mission urges Nigerians in the UK to discountenance such reports and continue their ongoing peaceful celebration of Nigeria at 50 across the country, without allowing any distraction that could tarnish the image of our country.

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