To this end, the consortium led by York University, Toronto, Canada, is assembling

and those in Nigeria, Chad, far north Cameroon, and Niger. One of the five-member steering committee of the project, from the Department of Politics & International Studies at the AUN, Prof Bill Hansen said the spadework is

intended to produce data on all aspects of the Chad basin region, including

education, health, environment, agriculture, politics, economics, religion, and

multiple other topics and sub-topics.

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"The intent is that it will create the most complete and comprehensive collection on Boko Haram and the entire Lake Chad basin."

Professor Hansen says the path-breaking joint project will ultimately be a

significant step forward for AUN and research on Boko Haram and insurrection in Nigeria. On the benefits of the Canadian-funded research project, he said: "Knowledge of

the causes and trajectory of the insurrection will allow for civil society and

governments to make policy decisions that might avert another similar episode." Prof Hansen has researched extensively and published critically-acclaimed studies on Boko Haram and Muslim-Christian relations in Northern Nigeria. His strong

argument is that the insurgency is directly fueled by social inequalities and mismanagement of the sociopolitical space by successive governments. He has published many research work on northern Nigeria with the most recent on Poverty and 'Economic Deprivation Theory': Street Children, Qur'anic Schools/Almajirai and the Disposed as a Source of Recruits for Boko Haram and

Perspectives on Terrorism, 10 (5). Included on the Canadian side of the research team are Prof Paul E. Lovejoy, one of the few global authorities on slavery in West Africa and the Atlantic slave trade. Lovejoy, who heads the steering committee, is the lead applicant for the grant.

other Religious, Political and Criminal Groups in Northern Nigeria published in

statement of endorsement of the university's leadership in research scholarship and humanitarian intervention as it was a recognition of Professor Bill Hansen's essential contributions to global understanding of the origins of the insurgency.

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and his fellow international scholars, said the choice of AUN was as much a

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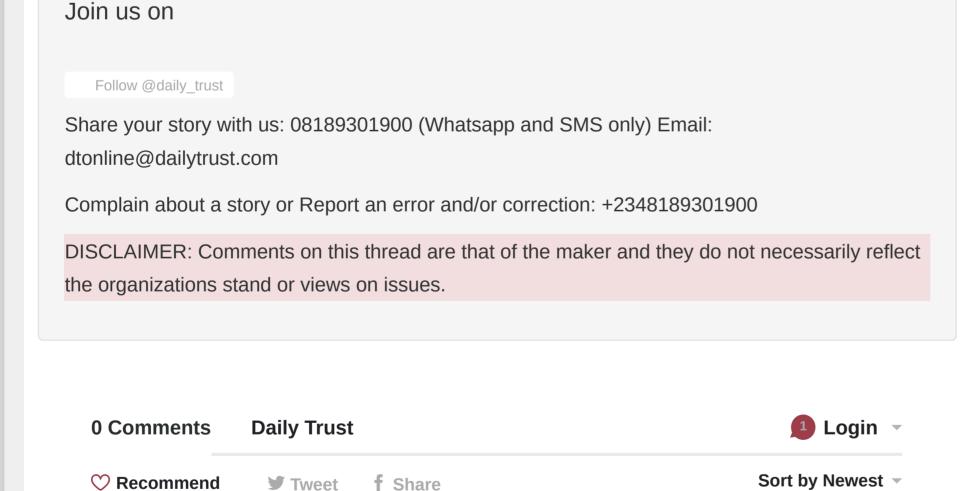
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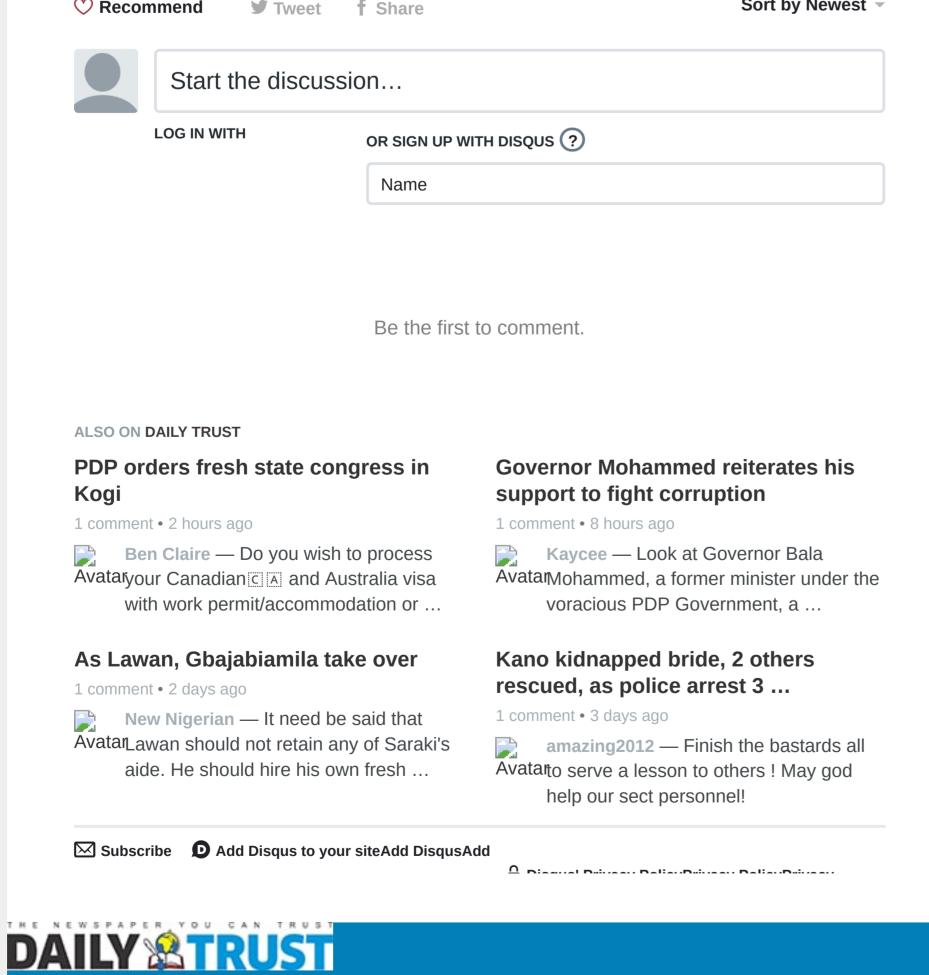
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