

**THE STEWARDSHIP OF REMI BABALOLA AS SUPERVISING
MINISTER OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY**



1. Mr. Remi Babalola took over the supervision of the administration of the Federal Capital Territory precisely on 29th October 2008, where he publicly declared that critical areas needing urgent attention would be aggressively addressed.
2. Prominent among them were the need to restore the Abuja Master Plan, upgrade, maintain and enhance infrastructures and ensure security of lives and property of all residents in the Territory. These were effectively executed.
3. Right at the onset, he endeavoured to ensure that shanties that were history in the Territory did not re-emerge. He focused attention on ensuring that street lights and traffic lights remained functional.
4. In consideration of observed leakages in the revenue generating capability of the Territory, Remi designed ways of ensuring that the Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) capability of the Territory was enhanced through the centralisation of revenue collection and documentation by the Department of Treasury and introduction of e-payments.
5. For the first time in a long while, a review of the 2008 Budget performance as well as the FCT Draft Budget for 2009 was prepared in record time.
6. He obtained the approval of the Federal Executive Council for the renovation of the residences of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of the Federal House of Representatives which had been pending since the inception of this administration.

7. Other specific achievements are:

- Remi upscaled arrangements for the speedy resolution of issues confronting FCT Muslim and Christian pilgrims.
- Reorganised the structure of the FCT Administration for enhanced efficiency.
- Ensured the cleaning of markets and recreational centres in Abuja, and removed wastes hitherto littered all over the City.
- Relocated destitute persons and hawkers from the streets of Abuja.
- Removed shanty markets and settlements across the City.
- Increased the fees payable to the Refuse Contractors as an incentive for improved service delivery.
- Resolved the long-standing problem of the management of the proceeds of the Sale of Federal Government Houses in the FCT and transferred the proceeds from Commercial banks to the Consolidated Revenue Fund account with the Central Bank of Nigeria.
- The Security Vote of the Territory remained intact throughout Remi's tenure in FCT.
- No new plot of land was allocated during the short stay, neither was any revocation made.
- Ensured that Abuja remained safe and peaceful for all, especially during that end of year period.