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NIGERIA, GHANA DEEPEN TIES AS AMBASSADOR SHEHU ILU BARDE PRESENTS LETTERS OF CREDENCE TO PRESIDENT MAHAMA

Nigeria and Ghana have reaffirmed their commitment to deepening bilateral relations following the presentation of Letters of Credence by His Excellency Ambassador Shehu Ilu Barde to His Excellency John Dramani Mahama, President of the Republic of Ghana, at the Jubilee House, Accra, on 11 November 2026.

Ambassador Barde presented his Letters of Credence to President Mahama alongside Ambassadors representing ten other countries.

During the ceremony, H.E. Barde conveyed the warm greetings and best wishes of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, to President Mahama, the Government and the people of the Republic of Ghana. He reaffirmed Nigeria's commitment to consolidating the longstanding bonds of friendship, solidarity and cooperation between both countries.

President Mahama, in his remarks, reiterated Ghana's commitment to strengthening diplomatic relations, deepening bilateral cooperation and exploring new areas of partnership with the countries represented by the newly accredited envoys. He emphasised the importance of building on existing historical, political, cultural and economic ties to advance shared interests. The Ghanaian President also called for enhanced international cooperation on issues of mutual concern, particularly Africa's development, reparatory justice and investment opportunities.

The ceremony marked the formal accreditation of Ambassador Barde as the 16th High Commissioner of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Republic of Ghana. It also underscored both countries' commitment to strengthening their enduring fraternal ties, and advancing mutually beneficial cooperation across various spheres of bilateral engagement.

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