

Abuja, Nigeria, November 25 (Infosplusgabon) - Nigeria's President Muhammadu Buhari on Friday met with Moslem clerics from various African countries in Abuja, urging religious movements to assist African countries rid themselves of the scourge of corruption.

President Buhari enjoined the clerics, led by the Grand Khalifa of Tijjaniyya Islamic Movement Worldwide, Sheikh Muhammadul-Kabir, to work for “the cementing of our continental relationships and peaceful coexistence.”

He commended the movement's commitment to spiritual cleansing.

According to him, “while the evil of material corruption seeks to undermine the dignity and worldly existence of man, moral and spiritual corruption seek to destroy man and condemn him to perpetual punishment by his Creator”

President Buhari also lauded the peaceful conduct of the Tijjaniyyah Islamic movement in Nigeria.

“The Tijjaniyyah adherents are peaceful and never found to be in breach of peace nor associated with extreme religious views or terrorism,” he said, noting in particular, “the peaceful way you have conducted all your celebrations without disturbance to the public. This is commendable.”

While expressing appreciation for the prayers from congregations such as the Tijjaniyyah, the President appealed to all religious groups to continue to preach peace, particularly among the youth.

Sheikh Muhammadul-Kabir, and other clerics accompanying him from several African countries, commended President Buhari for nurturing peaceful coexistence among all religious adherents in the country.

He said they had come to Nigeria to observe their Maulud celebration of the birthday of the Holy Prophet Muhammad which took place peacefully in Bauchi.

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