

# Nigeria primary teachers fail exams set for pupils

**Situation.** State governor Nasir El-Rufai says 21,780 teachers failed to score 75 per cent or higher on assessments given to pupils.

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**NIGERIA.** Thousands of primary school teachers in Nigeria's northern Kaduna state are to be sacked after failing the exams they set for their six-year-old pupils.

State governor Nasir El-Rufai said 21,780 teachers, two-thirds of the total, had failed to score 75 per cent or higher on assessments given to pupils.

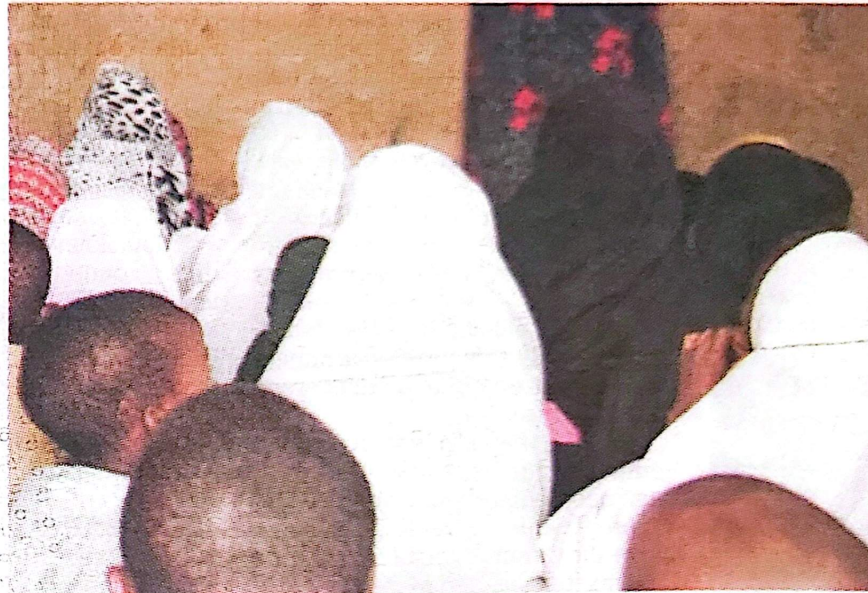
He said 25,000 new teachers would be recruited to replace them.

## Politicised

Mr El-Rufai made the comments at a meeting with World Bank representatives in the state capital, Kaduna.

"The hiring of teachers in the past was politicised and we intend to change that by bringing in young and qualified primary school teachers to restore the dignity of education in the state," he was quoted as saying by Nigeria's *Daily Trust* newspaper.

Mr El-Rufai said problems with



**Ratios.** Pupils attend class. Kaduna governor promised to iron out discrepancies in teacher-pupil ratios to promote quality education in the area. PHOTO BY AGENCIES

## 25,000

**Plan.** According to state governor, new teachers would be recruited to replace those who failed the exams.

pupil-teacher ratios across the state would also be addressed.

## Pupil-teacher ratios

He said some areas currently had one teacher for every nine pupils while in other areas the ratio was one to 100.

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