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Mr David Thomas-Baro (L) delivering his speech when Quest Television/FM came to inaugurate Ndokwa Vanguard Office as their representative in Ukwuani land

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# Delta CP presents over N26 million to slain officers' families

The Commissioner of Police Delta State, CP Muhammed Ali on Thursday presented a cheque of over N26 million to seven families of the deceased police officers in the state.

Presenting the cheque of N26, 170, 760 to the beneficiaries, CP

Ali sympathized with family of the deceased officers over the death of their loved ones.

He said, "The families we compensated today are the people that lost their family members in the course of their job.

"I'm presenting these cheque on behalf of IGP. It is a kind

gesture of IGP for your beloved one who died in the line of duty"

He urged the families to make good use of the money given to them, saying that the children the deceased left behind needed to be cared for even as he lamented the current economic hardship in the country.

In another development, CP Ali who decorated three newly promoted Chief Superintendent of Police to Assistant Commissioner of Police and five SP to CSP, charged them to see the promotion as more duty.

According to Ali, it is not easy to be promoted. Promotion

comes from God, promotion also come with a lot of responsibility because to whom much is given, much is expected.

While urging them not to see challenges as problem in order to overcome it, Ali noted that reward of hard work is more work, advising others who are still expecting to be promoted to work hard and wait patiently.

He commended them for the good work in the command.



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## NGO to establish food bank in Delta, says nobody deserve to be hungry

The founder of Hopap Food Bank initiative, Mrs Tinuola Babafemi-Nakey, has said the organization is aimed at reducing hunger by establishing food bank in Delta state.

Babafemi-Nakey who disclosed this in Asaba, said Hopap food bank initiative started in Canada, where she ran a successful food bank for the less privileged and later to Pakistan and South Africa.

She added that she decided to come to Nigeria, her father's land to establish it, knowing fully well that the people needed it.

She said, "It is a passion inside of me based on my past experience to provide good meals and groceries to some communities in the state.

"Nobody deserve to be hungry, and that is a way of giving back to the society because government alone can't do it.

"The organization will set up a new initiative known as House of Praise and Prayer Food Bank Initiative to help support families with low income and struggling to eat.

"The initiative will help to provide meals and groceries for them on daily basis. On arrival from Canada, I started in

Ibadan, Oyo state and will equally extend to other States in Nigeria.

"It will be established in the 25 Local Government Areas of Delta State and gradually move to other States"

She said her aim was to achieve zero hunger in the 32 States in Nigeria, saying that if she can successfully run food

bank in Canada, Pakistan and South Africa, that she would do better in Nigeria her father's land since she has been invited by some good Nigerians.

She said the initiative is open to good spirited individuals, corporate organizations that want to partner with the organization to better the lots of the less privileged.

## INEC says over 400,000 PVCs lying uncollected in Delta

The Independent National Electoral Commission has disclosed that over 400,000 Permanent Voters Card (PVCs) are lying uncollected at the Delta state office.

The Resident Electoral Commissioner, Mr. Monday Tom made the disclosure on Wednesday while inaugurating the Executive and indeed members of the INEC Press Corps, Delta State in Asaba.

He said, "As you may be aware, the Commission has stepped up its activities towards the conduct of the 2023 General Election, for which nine item, out of fourteen items has so far been attained in its time table and schedule of activities for the 2023 General Elections.

"Your induction into the Commission's value chain of stakeholder engagement matrix in Delta State, therefore testifies

to the commitment of the State Management of INEC here in the State to replicate what is happening at the national level, where an IPC already exists for over a decade to translate the gains of the robust relationship between the Commission and the media.

"It is significant to mention here that, your induction at the state level will benefit the media, particularly in understanding the language and nuances of political reporting and by extension activities of INEC, moreso now that, the Electoral Act 2022 is in place

"At the moment, the Commission carried over 244,715 uncollected PVCs from the 2019 general elections, while it has so far received about 69,946 PVCs, for those who registered between June – December 2021 and 17,000

transfer PVCs, bringing the stock of PVCs held by the Commission, at the moment to well over 300,000 cards lying in the Commission's 25 LGA offices in the state.

"The Commission expects that, by the end of November, we will receive more PVCs, hence our desire to embark on aggressive mobilization of registrants to collect their PVCs, through the PVC Collection/Political Campaigns Sensitization, which has so far taken us to the State House of Assembly"

He stressed that the level of cooperation and understanding between the commission and media in Delta State will hopefully lead to better information management, particularly in reporting with responsibility and not pandering to the whims and caprices of unscrupulous politicians.

## Police Arrests Son for Killing Father Over Harvesting Crops in Delta

A young man in his late 20s simply identified as Kido in Issele-Uku, Aniocha North Local Government Area of Delta State has been arrested for killing his father.

We gathered that Kido allegedly stabbed his father to death at their farmland in Issele-Uku area.

Source who did not want his name mentioned said that the incident happened in the farm when the suspect was confronted by his father for harvesting crops without permission. The situation had thrown the community into mourning.

Kido stabbed his father to death and the community vigilants have arrested and handed him over to the police.

In his confession, the suspect said he did not stab his father but only used firewood to hit his father in defence while threatening him (son) with cutlass" source explained.

When contacted the police public relations officer in the state DSP Bright Efade said the suspect is in the police custody while investigation was ongoing.

He said, "The son was arrested immediately and he is in detention. They were quarrelling over the farm and unfortunately he killed his father"



# Special Invitation

The entire members of the Women Wing of Ndokwa Neku Union (Ndiom Ndokwa) cordially invite the general public to her AGM taking place as follows;

**Date:** November 12, 2022

**Venue:** Ndokwa Daughters and Wives Association Hall 11/12 Umusadege road Kwale

**Time:** 10.00am

**Host:** Prof Adaobi Ugbomeh Woman Leader

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## Prof Achueni Commissions SUG Secretariat



The Rector, Delta State Polytechnic, Ogwashi-uku, Bldr Prof Emmanuel Achueni has commissioned an ultra modern SUG secretariat. The event held at the Palm Site on October 11, 2022. The Rector who was physically pleased to see a modern student Secretariat commended the foresight and creative ability of the SUG President Comr. Choice Uchenna Enebeli led Executive Committee. The erudite Professor said "the long desire of the students to have a befitting secretariat to properly coordinate their union activities has been realized at last," adding that he looks forward to a better organized SUG administration and student activities on campus. Speaking further, Prof Achueni disclosed his desire to raise Delta State Polytechnic, Ogwashi-uku to world class standard institution with highly trained and organized students. He therefore charged the students to be studious and avoid all anti social vices that are capable of derailing their carriers. "With this secretariat, Comr. Choice Uchenna Enebeli has shown herself as a trail blazer that subsequent SUG Executives should emulate," the Rector added.

In his contribution, the Dean, Students Affairs Mr Franklin Agetuc said with the creating of a befitting secretariat, Comr Enebeli has made a strong statement on the growth and development of SUG activities in Delta State Polytechnic Ogwashi-uku. Earlier in her welcome address, the SUG President Comr. Choice Uchenna Enebeli said it was a dream come true for her administration as she promised at her inauguration to put up a union secretariat before leaving office. She said the old saying 'that what a man can do a woman can do even better' still counts. The students union President asserted that the students want a development where members will have a rallying point with a true sense of belonging, stressing that she is not interested in just bearing the name president without a proper operational secretariat and that the union has been operating from a one room apartment. She thanked the Prof Achueni led administration for giving her the needed support and her Exco for being there for her. She called on her successor to endeavor to leave a legacy that peace on campus



and consultation with the school management on concerned matters are necessary. The high point of the ceremony was the cutting of the tape and inspection of the secretariat building by the Rector and the management team. The ceremony attracted a wide celebration from the student body and other stakeholders.



## EDITORIAL COMMENT

*Illiteracy cured by education*

# The Pains of 2022 Flood

The 2022 flood as it has hitherto been referred to has wrecked havoc in many homes. It came with attendant difficulties and hardships. Many people have been rendered homeless, many families have been dismembered as the ravaging flood washed them away. The death toll cannot be estimated.

Most of the roads have been cut off thus subjecting road users and travellers to untold hardships. Stories were told of how an 18-seater bus fully loaded with passengers and private cars were washed away by the ravaging flood.

Many businesses have collapsed and many just managing to survive. Their business premises have been flooded and office machines, equipment, furnitures and so on have been swallowed by water. In some offices they cannot access their entry gate. The resultant effect is job loss. Yes many people have lost their jobs why some are reducing salaries. Who is to blame and who is to be blamed?

The animal kingdom on the other hand are not spared. Most of the wild animals in the bush have been consumed by the flood. Others like crocodile, snakes etc have found their ways to nearby bushes and construction sites in upland areas prompting hunters and fishermen to develop cold feat and phobia.

Farmers are counting their losses as well. Their crops such as cassava, yams, melon, fish pond, poultry farm, goat, pig farms and so on are not spared. Some farmers were tempted to harvest their crops prematurely.

Everywhere you go the talk of the town is the flood. The flood took everyone by surprise. We all underestimated it. Nobody thought it would take this shape. In comparing it with that of 2012 most people reasoned that this year's flood superceded.

As an intervention, Delta State government has established Internally Displaced Persons, IDP camps in many of the affected local governments. In Ndokwa there are two camps; one at Ashaka and the other one at Utagba Ogbe.

The effects of the flood would not be felt now. There is going to be hunger in the land. Petty thief and pilfering would be rampant in the not too distant future. There is also going to be unwanted pregnancies.

NDOKWA VANGUARD is thanking Delta State government for rising to the occasion by establishing IDP camps and also to corporate organizations and spirited individuals that have sent relief materials to the camps. We are also calling on the state government to have a precautionary measures to cushion to effects of the hunger that would threaten in few months to come.



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# NDOKWA VANGUARD NEWS

## Ndokwa Ladies League Debuts

A sociocultural group under the auspices of Ndokwa Ladies League has been formed. It was founded by eight visionary women namely Lady Theresa Ananyi, Mrs Mary Ogwu, Mrs Nkechi Olise, Mrs Sandra Ejechi-Iwere and Mrs Christabel Okeke. Others were Mrs Ndidi Opara, Mrs Benita Oshile and Mrs Edith Okpala.

According to a release made available to the press the group was formed out of deep desire to contribute to the emancipation and well being of women and girls of Ndokwa origin either by birth or by marriage spread in different parts of the world.

The sociocultural group was formed in tandem with The Sustainable Development Agenda by United Nation's member states in 2015 which set 2030 deadline for the advancement of gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls.

Ndokwa Ladies League was incorporated in 2021 and registered with Corporate Affairs Commission, CAC as a non profit, non governmental organization.

The membership of the group is in two categories ie Adult and Youth. The Adult members are women of Ndokwa origin by birth, marriage or from other Ukwuani speaking areas of Delta State who have attained the age of 25 years and possess a minimum qualification of OND Certificate or its equivalent while the youth membership is girls of Ndokwa origin either by birth, marriage or of Ukwuani speaking area of Delta State who attained the age of 18 years and possess a minimum qualification of B.Sc or its equivalent.

In the release signed by Lady Theresa Ananyi and Mrs Benita Oshile President and General Secretary respectively, the group is aimed at improving women and youths capacities as a driving force for social change through Girl Child Support, Women Empowerment, Preserving Ukwuani Cultural Heritage and Values, Advocacy for Ukwuani Women, Mentoring and Capacity Building and Medical Assistance.

The welfare of members through mutual cooperation, visitation of sick members, unity of purpose, bonding and love for one another would not be under estimated.

Ndokwa Ladies League is open to affiliates and would partner with organizations with similar philanthropic gestures in and outside Nigeria for the benefit of humanity.

Meetings are held at Lekki area of Lagos state.

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A delegation of members of 3A1 with some management staff of Delta State Polytechnic during the latter's courtesy visit the the school recently

## Flood ravages 19 LGAs, displaces thousands in Delta — Aniagwu

Delta State Commissioner for Information, Mr Charles Aniagwu has said that ravaging flood has sacked thousands of residents in several communities in nineteen local government areas of the state.

Aniagwu said that over sixty thousand Deltans have been displaced while goods and property worth billions of naira have been destroyed by the rampaging flood.

He stressed that the state

government through the State Bureau of Orientation had earlier alerted residents on low plain areas of the imminent flooding.

He added that Governor Ifeanyi Okowa immediately directed the setting up of camps and provision of food and relief materials to the flood victims.

He commended well meaning Deltans for their support to the flood victims and called for more assistance.

According to him, 19 out of

the 25 Local Government Areas of Delta state, have been largely submerged by water. That is not to say that the remaining 6 are entirely free but that those 6 are better off.

"We have been able to set up as much as 11 camps and we are still sending relief materials to individuals in some affected communities that are not in the camps.

"There are some communities that would not want to come to the camps because they see

their communities as their ancestral homes. So we also try as much as possible to send relief materials to them even when they are not in camps.

"We are hoping that the members of these communities, individuals and the private sector would try and see how they can come to the aid of these persons in camp.

"The state government is doing a lot and what has helped us so far to mitigate casualties, is that we started our sensitisation on time. The state Bureau of Orientation has been very busy in the last three months, making it known to the people that this flood would come.

"So that has helped some persons move away from flood prone areas before the flooding; otherwise, it would have been worst than what it is now.

"We do hope that as we make progress, the Federal government just like the Governor said, in the course of his visit, should come to take steps to address this issue of flood, by seeing how the rivers Niger and Benue can be dredged.

"There is also the need to establish dams to help contain some of these waters whenever it is released, so that we do not continue to go through this perennial crisis of flooding of different communities," he said.

On the total number of persons displaced by the flood, Aniagwu said it was difficult to estimate the figure because majority of the victims were not in camps.

"You can't easily put a number to those affected, because of communal spirit, some of them have moved to stay with their relations.

"In the camp we have over 20,000 persons as at few days' ago. The challenge is that more persons keep moving in on daily basis because the flood is yet to recede, you have more number of persons trooping to the camps so the number has gone beyond 26,000 at the moment.

"Displaced persons is over 60,000, their farmlands have also been submerged and the State Government has continued to provide electricity and other facilities in the camps to make them at least comfortable.

"The Governor transversed these areas even when it was raining to see a number of our people who have been displaced on account of the very disturbing flood."

## Group Rates Delta Poly Ogwashi-uku High

A group popularly referred to as 3A1, has rated Delta State Polytechnic, Ogwashi-uku very high among higher institutions of learning in Nigeria.

The group made this rating through its President, Apostle Patrick Nwanze while on courtesy call to the polytechnic recently.

Apostle Nwanze who described the Rector as one of the credible and creative members of the body lauded the developments on ground. He described the association as a body of professionals of Anioma extraction committed to the development and advancement of Anioma interests and that the body was officially registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission, CAC.

Speaking further, Apostle Nwanze said it was a thing of joy and pride for them that one of their esteemed members was appointed the Rector of the polytechnic. He disclosed the association's desire to partner with the institution in several areas to promote the current administration and make it most eventful in the history of the polytechnic.

The association commended the state government for finding

Prof Emmanuel Achueny worthy of the appointment and thereafter promised the polytechnic 500 blocks towards the perimeter fencing of the institution.

In his contribution, Engr. Victor Meju commended the management for the introduction of 24 hours solar light and N-power N-building Training Centre which is a familiar field to him, adding that the centre has produced Solar Generator that would soon be launched and branded in the name of DSPG.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Rector listed some of the structures and programmes his administration has accomplished in his one year in office and also enumerated some of the

challenges militating against his administration. Among the challenges are perimeter fencing of the school, poor road network, lack of modern library complex, lack of befitting Administrative Block, lack of laboratory equipment and infrastructures and lack of Staff Quarters.

Prof Achueny expressed joy for the visit, adding that he was motivated by it and promised to change the face of the polytechnic in his tenure.

Present at the occasion were the Deputy Rector, Engr Steve Ashibeluo, the Registrar, Mrs Florence Nweke, the Polytechnic Librarian, Dr Alex Obuh and other staff of the Rector's office.

## Quest Television/FM Lands In Ukwuani

In a desperate bid to give Ukwuani people a voice, Alaska Ekele, Publisher Ndokwa Vanguard has attracted one of the leading communication giants in Delta State to Ukwuani land. He struck a deal with the management of Quest Television/FM based in Ughelli to have an outlet in Ukwuani

land. The mandate areas are Ndokwa East, Ndokwa West and Ukwuani local governments.

"Under the arrangement, all transactions with the company has to be channeled through our office at 1st Pipeline Along Kwale/Ogume Road, Azunze, Utagba Ogbe, Ndokwa West local government, Delta State.

They would also create airtime of between 30minutes weekly to discuss issues bordering on our land. On our part we will create content, feed them with news and arrange live streaming of events such as Birthdays, House Warmings, Festivals, Chieftaincy Titles, Funeral Ceremonies etc for fees."

The office was inaugurated on Friday, October 7, 2022.

# Omo-Agege, Delta Govt Disagree Over Standard Of Edu In Delta State

The Deputy Senate President, Hon. Ovie Omo-Agege, has painted a gloomy picture of the state of education in Delta State.

He lamented that public schools in the state are neglected, standards are on a free fall, while uneducated and poorly educated minds preside over the education of our children.

But the Commissioner for Works (Highways and Urban Roads), Noel Omodon disagreed saying in a bid to expand the frontiers of its educational development, Delta State Government (DTSG) has approved the establishment of 22 new schools comprising nine primary and 13 secondary schools across the state.

Omo-Agege, the APC

## Too Many Things Wrong With Health, Edu Sectors In Nigeria —Okowa

Delta Governor and Vice-Presidential Candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Senator Ifeanyi Okowa, has disclosed that there are too many things going wrong both in the health and education sectors in Nigeria.

Okowa disclosed Thursday when he received members of the Committee of Chief Medical Directors and Medical Directors of Federal Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria led by Prof. Abubakar Auwal who visited him at Government House, Asaba.

He lamented the exodus of medical doctors and nurses from the country in search of greener pastures, saying that healthcare providers should be provided with facilities to enable them discharge their professional duties as a way of halting brain drain in the country. "As a nation, there are too many things going wrong both in the health and education sectors. And truly, I am one person that believes that we must prioritise health and education in this nation if we are to do well."

While reiterating the need for government to improve the condition of service for doctors and other health personnel, the governor noted that their exit, if not checked, will culminate in loss of capable hands to render critical medical services to patients.

According to him, the federal and sub-national governments should do the needful by prioritising healthcare delivery through deliberate policy framework that would enable the country to retain its healthcare professionals.

The governor said federal and state governments should place high premium on the healthcare needs of the masses, their education and welfare scheme as a veritable means of enhancing their living standard.

"I am calling for improved condition of service for healthcare professionals so as to discourage their migration from the country in search of greener pastures. Every visionary government must take proactive steps aimed at providing qualitative and affordable healthcare delivery system that will take care of the vulnerable segment of the society.

"I am glad that you have a strong committee, especially in the current times that we are in with lots of issues in our nation. I believe that your work is not easy and you realise the challenges we face in medical institutions.

"So, I believe that when you continue to sit together, you will be able to proffer solutions to issues, share ideas as to what to do to help this country at this time when it appears that things are going wrong in every facet.

He, therefore, urged the Federal Government to do the needful so that the union's strike would be called off to enable students resume studies.

Earlier, leader of the team, Prof. Auwal had said that they were in



the state for their meeting and thanked Governor Okowa for prioritising healthcare delivery for residents of the state and his giant strides in other sectors of the state's economy.

He called on other sub-national governments in the country to emulate Okowa's developmental policies and programmes.

Auwal observed that the collaboration between FMC, Asaba and the Delta State Government had significantly helped in reducing the burden of healthcare delivery services.

He noted that the free medical care for pregnant women and children under five years of age in Delta state was a model for other states to emulate, adding that the healthcare policy was a right step in their right direction.

While pledging the readiness of the committee towards improved healthcare delivery in the country, Prof. Auwal called on government at all levels to assist in making healthcare services available and affordable for the masses.

## Tricycle Rider Absconds With Two Children After Picking Them From School

A tricycle rider has absconded with two children he picks to and from school daily in Warri, Delta state.

He picked them from school about three days ago and as we speak, the children have disappeared and his phones have been switched off.

He was trusted and has been the one carrying the two children of a lady to school but has relocated from the house he stays and no one knows anything about his whereabouts.

A rights activist in Delta state, Comrade Israel Joe, said: "a report came to me Wednesday about a keke man who we are trailing right now but we are close to getting him.

"Don't trust your keke man please. Our prayer is that he shouldn't have sold the children for rituals as children are of high demands by politicians for sacrifice now

According to him, "people get missing in the society daily and

gubernatorial hopeful, who made the assertion in a tweet titled, 'The Case For A New Delta' stated: "The PDP has instituted a system that drives old and ageing Deltans, including teachers and health workers who have dedicated their lives to serve our people, to die before their time.

The All Progressives Congress Governorship candidate in Delta State in the 2023 polls, stated it is ironic and troubling that some people in government who had the opportunity of free standard public education are now the ones actively destroying the public school system which has

historically offered the children of the poor hope of good education and a decent future.

"These only reaffirm the dangerous governance decay that the PDP represents.

"Today's Delta is a place where workers and retirees/pensioners are insulted and denied their rights, entitlements and benefits, and abandoned to die"

Omodon pointed out that the new primary and secondary schools were approved by the state exco in response to the demand for schools in areas where such educational facilities were lacking.

Apart from the approval for the establishment of the new

schools, he said, Exco also approved the change of name and status of some of the existing primary and secondary schools in the state.

According to him, the payment of the counterpart funding for the UBE 2022 cycle was approved by the Exco to strengthen the delivery of qualitative educational services aimed at further promoting mass literacy in the state.

The Works Commissioner also disclosed that approval for the supply of laboratory/workshop equipment to University of Delta was equally approved by Exco to enhance academic activities in the university.

## EFCC Recovers 15 Cars Worth #300 million From Suspected Internet Fraudsters In Delta

Operatives of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), have arrested 95 suspected internet fraudsters in Warri, Delta State.

Phones of different brands, laptops and 15 vehicles of different brands worth #300 million were items recovered from the suspects.

The suspects were arrested in a sting operation by personnel of the Port Harcourt Zonal command of anti-graft agency.

According to spokesman of the agency, Mr. Wilson Uwujerem, the suspects were arrested at Adesa Ughonton and Jedda axis of Warri, Delta

state for suspected fraudulent internet-related activities.

While saying that the suspects would be charged to court once investigation was concluded, he disclosed that cars and other items recovered from them are also being investigated.

## Indian boss drugs, rapes teenager, locks her inside wardrobe in Delta

A 17-year-old girl (name withheld) has allegedly been raped by her boss in Asaba, the Delta State capital.

It was gathered that the incident which happened on Sunday had devastated the teenager as she goes through pains at the hospital.

Family source simply identified as Mr. Chigozie narrating the incident to our correspondent, said that the Indian boss called on his niece on Sunday morning to assist him in cooking.

He said, "Two of my niece as

they finished SSCE exam, they went to look for job instead of staying at home.

"They went to the company 'Wonder Pack' along Onitsha-Asaba expressway, the company offered them cleaning job as only vacant job available and told them that they will be helping them in cooking also when the need arise.

"On Sunday morning, one of the India bosses Mr. Gange called my niece to come to the company and assist on going to market and cook because they stayed in

the lodge inside the company.

"My niece went there around 9am and we waited for her till 6pm without hearing from her. We tried her number it was switched off.

"Around 7pm the family members moved to the company, on getting to the gate, the police officers guiding the India man, refused us entry into the company, saying that our sister was not there.

"We left and reported the matter to police station but the police asked us to go home and wait till Monday morning that the girl might come back.

"Fortunately, around 2am, her number rang but nobody picked. We could not sleep that night. She later called us back around 8am screening that she was dying.

"We quickly moved to the company and on getting there saw the police officers who earlier denied knowledge of my niece present, pushing her with her naked looking pale.

"My niece said when she came that Sunday morning, her boss offered her drink praising her for hard work, after drinking, she did not remember anything again until around 4am when she saw herself inside wardrobe. As I speak she is still in pains at the hospital.

He said the family informed the police who stormed the company and arrested the India man whom they wanted to smuggle out of the company.

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer in the state DSP Bright Edeafe said the suspect has been arrested.

He said, "Yes, it happened but now we are yet to ascertain whether he did it or not until the investigation is concluded. The suspect has been arrested"

Source: PUNCH Metro

Continuing, "Too much partying, hanging out late and staying out in bars at night should be avoided by all means. There are some clean guys we see during the day who masquerade as yahoo yahoo but are kidnapers and armed robbers at night. They pretend to be into genuine hustle but are actually dangerous fellows."

"Also, this is election watch-night (year before election) which carries along with it, the burden of rituals and countless evils as politicians' quest to cling to power increase. They want to do anything including sacrificing human beings to gain power so we must all be careful including my humble self Joe, who is right now giving this advise," he added.

Bright Edeafe, Delta Police Public Relations Officer, (PPRO) confirmed it that they are on the trail of the tricycle man whose whereabouts is still unknown.

## 2023: Perceived 'structure' will fail APC, PDP, Says YPP

The All Progressive Congress, APC and the Peoples Democratic Party, PDP that are banking on perceived 'structure' will be disappointed in 2023, the governorship candidate of the Young Progressive Party in Delta State, Mr. Sunny Ofehe, has said.

Ofehe stated this while unveiling the deputy Governorship candidate, Mrs Elohore Edefe-Erede in Asaba.

He said, "When people talk about structure, I wonder what they mean by structure.

"The so called big party banking on structure, I tell you that come 2023, the structure they are banking on will fail them.

"Nigerians are wise now and it won't be business as usual following the new Electoral Act, so these party that think they have structure will be disappointed come 2023.

"YPP unveiled my running mate to the public, a young lady who has distinguish herself. I present my running mate Barr. Mrs Elohore Edefe-Erede to you.

"It is time for us to take the leadership of our state and give to our state what our state duly deserves."

"We are blessed as a state and blessed as a people. We have enormous human resources and enormous mineral resources, but today what we see is a complete failure in leadership. And if we get it right, we can take Delta State to international glory"

Ofehe who denied rumours of being

sponsored to dislodge a particular candidate, said he is in this race to make a difference.

## S'Court Verdict: Test for greater responsibility, Okowa charges Oborewori

Delta Governor, Senator Ifeanyi Okowa, on Friday, charged Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) gubernatorial candidate in the state, Rt. Hon. Sheriff Oborewori, to see his victory at the Supreme Court as a test of his preparedness for greater responsibilities in governance.

Okowa who is the Vice-Presidential Candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), gave the charge in Asaba, at a special thanksgiving service to appreciate God for the resolution of the party's gubernatorial candidacy of the party in the state by the apex court.

He noted that it was God who saw the gubernatorial candidate through the difficult stages of the court process, adding that

he should always put God first in all his dealings.

"I am happy that I am present at this thanksgiving because I was away at the last one and I give all the glory to God for this.

"I must thank all of you for coming to rejoice with the Speaker and also for coming to rejoice with me, my family and the entire PDP family in Delta State.

"Whatever has been happening in the last few weeks is a test of our faith. And I thank God that you have stayed alive and that you have stayed hopeful in God," he said.

The governor urged Oborewori to be magnanimous in victory by carrying everybody along in the scheme of things, and appealed to members of PDP in the state to put their differences aside and work

together for the collective interest of the party.

"We give thanks to God. One joy I have in my heart is that from the beginning, I knew that it was a battle of the altar, and I remained confident in God.

"There are many things that happen sometimes you almost begin to shake. But I know that since 2015, we have always prayed.

"And, I have always said that if any Governor is coming here and would not glorify the name of God in Heaven, Lord do not create a path way for that governor to come.

"This place is the altar of God; so, the altar in this Government House Chapel must remain alive. I pray that each and everyone of us will find the God that is in this altar because He is alive.

## Court Could Overturn NFF Elective Congress

By Godwin Aikigbe

The last has not been heard of the face-off between Seigha Obiene, board member of Nembe City Football Club of Nembe, and the Nigeria Football Federation in respect of the 2020 Annual General Assembly and subsequent elective congress.

The legal battle has now been capped by the Plaintiff's recourse to court, filing a Motion on Notice dated October 19, 2022, praying the court to set down the case due to the Respondents' failure to honour the terms of settlements between both parties at the instance of the court, upon which the Annual General Assembly was convened in Lagos in September.

The Plaintiff's action, which outcome could annul the outcome of the 2022 elective congress on September 30 in Benin-City, which ushered in the

Ibrahim Musa Gusau-led Board, is pursuant to section 36(1) of the 1999 Constitution as amended and Order 26 of the Federal High (Civil Procedure) Rules 2019 and under the inherent jurisdiction of the Federal Court.

The Plaintiff had on December 10, 2021 instituted an action in suit No. FHC/YNG/CS/133/2021 against Amaju Pinnick, NFF and others at the Federal High Court of Nigeria in the Yenagoa Judicial Division, Holden at Yenagoa, to stop the NFF Annual General Assembly slated in Lagos.

The court had granted the Ex parte Order on December 10, 2021, restraining the respondents, especially the 1st-6th Respondents, from proceeding with the Annual General Assembly or any congress of the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) Executive Committee. The said Order was extended by the Order of the court, with the respondents

responding in their counter to the originating summons on January 10, 2022.

It was on this premise that the honourable court strongly advised the parties to amicably settle the suit and steps were taken in that regard.

The Plaintiff then filed a notice of discontinuance dated July 8, 2022 based on the terms of settlement filed. The Respondents having failed to fulfill the terms of settlement earlier agreed upon, the Plaintiff through his counsel Victor Lokor Esq of Onabville Attorneys, informed the court in a letter dated September 27, 2022, asking for a date for hearing of the suit.

According to an affidavit by the Plaintiff sworn to at the Federal High Court Registry, Yenagoa, and dated October 19, 2022, the Respondents were duly informed in a letter dated September 29, 2022, abandoning the Notice of discontinuance.

The respondents were in the affidavit reminded that the honourable court has the jurisdiction to nullify and set aside the election of September 30, 2022 in Benin-City, Edo State, saying the same was done in disobedience of the court.

One of the issues in contention is the amendment of NFF Statutes, especially the abnormal constitution of the NFF General Assembly and the elective congress, which do not reflect the five major stakeholders of Nigerian football, with 37 of 44 voters being State Football Association chairmen.

The Federal Government had through the Minister of Sports and Youth Development, Sunday Dare instructed the NFF to amend the Statutes by enlarging the elective congress before embarking on the electoral process, a directive that was violated by the then Amaju Pinnick-led NFF Board.

"As I congratulate Rt. Hon. Sheriff Oborewori and his wife, the greatest joy you can give to me is that when you eventually get sworn in, you must make sure that the fire in this altar remains aglow," he said.

Okowa said that his vice-presidential ambition would not in anyway hamper the developmental agenda of his administration, and called on Deltans to rally round him in advancing the Stronger Delta vision.

He lauded politicians and civil servants in the state for their input and sustained support towards the Stronger Delta vision, emphasising that there was need for them to redouble efforts in taking the state to a greater height.

The governor used the forum to call on Deltans to extend hands of fellowship to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) who are in 11 camps across the state as a result of flood that had wreaked havoc in parts of the state, affirming that his administration would spare no effort in making IDPs comfortable in the camps.

"I want to thank all of you who have been holding forth in the state, both politically and the government. I have not abandoned my duties, I am only on a multiple assignment.

"I thank those who have been very strong down here in the state and kept the government running, especially those who have been handling the people in the IDPs' camps.

"I was happy to see that they are well taken care of when I visited them. I thank the SSG and his team and all those who have supported the state government by donating foodstuffs and other materials," Okowa added.

In an interview with journalists shortly after the victory thanksgiving service, the PDP gubernatorial candidate and Speaker of the State Legislature, Oborewori, said that his victory at the apex court was for all Deltans, adding that there was no victor, no vanquished.

He said that the litigation that ended up at the Supreme Court was a family affair, and expressed hope that all the actors in the case and their supporters would soon join forces to enhance the electoral fortunes of PDP in the state and in the country.

"First of all, we have God, so we were sure of victory and this victory is for all of us in Delta State. I believe that my brothers on the other side will come and join us as a family in no distant time.

"And, I want to say with all due respect, that nobody is good enough to be my enemy neither do I have the ability to hate anybody. So, we are one as a family," Oborewori said.

## How God Saved Me From Unknown Assassins —Delta Monarch

The Pere of Tarakiri Kingdom in Patani local government area of Delta State, HRM Danladi Owoupele, Angulu I, has revealed how he escaped assassination attempt by unknown gunmen along Bomadi-Ohoror road, Delta state

Owoupele alleged that the hired assassins were sent to end his life.

Narrating the incident, he said: "I was on my way back from a meeting of traditional rulers at Patani, when the assailants struck.

"When we got to the bad spots

between Uduophori junction and Odorubu along Bomadi-Ohoror road, at about 7.30 pm, a vehicle that was behind us immediately speed towards my car and began to fire at the owner's seat through the tinted glasses.

"Unfortunately for them, I was not there, I was the one driving with one other person at the front seat, while the back seat was empty and I struggled to escape. They thought I was at the owner's seat but God rescued me from their evil plan.

"I want to also use this medium to call on the governor

of Delta State, Dr Ifeanyi Okowa, to intervene in the brewing intra-communal crisis in Uduophori community.

"Uduophori is in Tarakiri Kingdom but the brewing intra-communal crisis needs state intervention, I urge Gov. Okowa to do so because we want peace and would not want it degenerate into a full-blown crisis that would disturb the peace in the state".

Delta State Police Public Relations Officer, he PPRO, DSP Bright Edeafe, said the command is on trail of those who ssries out the operation.

# **CONTINUE** TO REST IN **PEACE**



***My wife, Mrs Gladys Omenebele Agha was a wife and mother who was so special and who was loved so much. She brought so much happiness to the many hearts she touched. She was always kind and caring with understanding so supreme, if help was ever needed, it so freely came from her. She was a true blessing to all she touched, which is almost everyone.***

***The consolation is that at the end we will meet to part no more.***

***Continue to Rest In Peace.***

**Signed:**

**Engr Chris Agha**

**Late Mrs Gladys  
Omenebele Agha**





# NDOKWA EAST ravaged by flood

Ndokwa East Local Government Secretariat



# NDYCN Urges Buhari to Inaugurate NDDC Board confirmed by Senate Since 2019

By Agbamu Onos

The Niger Delta Youth Council of Nigeria (NDYCN) has called on President Muhammadu Buhari to inaugurate the substantive board members led by Dr Pius Odubu as Chairman and Chief Bernard Okumagba as Managing Director for the Niger Delta Development Commission NDDC screened and confirmed by the National Assembly since 2019.

The call was made by the chairman of the Delta State chapter of the group, Comrade Omoniyi .U. Freedom, in a statement on Thursday in Warri, Delta State, emphasizing that the failure of Mr President to inaugurate the already screened and confirmed NDDC board, would make APC campaign difficult in the Niger Delta Region.

According to Omoniyi, "because the NDDC board, whose core mandate is the development of the region, was not in place, nothing has been achieved under the leadership of Sole Administrators who have been at the helm of affairs of the commission because there is little they can do since they have no legal authority to

perform, unlike a legally-constituted Board.

The Niger Delta Activist, expressed sadness over the way and manner activities of the Commission was administered by the Buhari administration, which used Sole Administrators and Interim Committee Chairmen in the past seven (7) years, contrary to the Act Establishing the commission.

He maintained, "What is more worrisome is that the 2023

General Elections is fast approaching and the Ruling party APC is going to find it very difficult in its campaign to convince the people of Niger Delta Region if the substantive board is not in place.

"We have been patient for a very long time thinking that President Buhari will in the interest of the people of the Niger Delta Region inaugurate the Dr Pius Odubu and Chief Bernard Okumagba-led NDDC

board, which was duly screened and confirmed by the National Assembly. Sadly, up till now it has been one ad-hoc arrangement or the other, which is against the Act Establishing the Commission!.

"We are approaching another election next year; what is the President and the APC going to tell our people in the Niger Delta Region? That NDDC could not perform because there is no substantive board? As we

speaking, a lot of persons are angry and disappointed that Mr President is yet to inaugurate the NDDC board which was duly screened and confirmed by the National Assembly since October 2019." He added.

Omoniyi, while commending President Buhari over Thursday's approvals for the disengagement of the Effiong Okon Akwa-led interim Administration of the NDDC, however cautioned against the re-constitution of a new interim management Team and Governing Board of the NDDC.

According to Omoniyi, Dr Pius Odubu and Chief Bernard Okumagba have all it takes to move NDDC to the next level.

## ADMISSION: Ezewu Warns Principals Against Unapproved Fee Collection

BY MAGNUS EMUJI

Delta State Commissioner for Secondary Education, Mrs. Rose Ezewu has urged principals of public secondary schools in the State to shun any act capable of jeopardising the education system in the State.

Mrs. Ezewu, who stated this in Sapele when she paid unscheduled visit to some schools in the area, warned them to abstain from illegal

collection of admission fee from parents for their children.

She described as unfair and unacceptable, the activities of some principals who resort to exorbitant levy collection in the name of admitting students into their schools.

Mrs. Ezewu said that the State Government would not condone anything that could bring its achievements in the education sector to disrepute.

The Secondary Education Commissioner, who stated that the administration of Senator

(Dr.) Ifeanyi Okowa had been sensitive to the plights teacher by ensuring that issues that had to do with their welfare was given the needed attention.

Mrs. Ezewu, however, called on them to effectively discharge their duties for which they were employed, adding that the Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education would intensify its monitoring visits to schools so as to checkmate the activities of principals and teachers.

She said that disciplinary

action would be taken against any principal found to be involved in illegal collection of admission levy.

Schools visited by the Commissioner in Sapele included Gana Mixed Secondary School, Oton-Sapale, Okotie-Eboh Grammar School, Sapele, Ufuoma Mixed Secondary School, Sapele and Eradajaye Secondary School, Adagbrassa-Ugolo in Okpe Local Government Area of the State

# Twin Celebration for Chief Ozonuwe



Chief Sunday Ozonuwe of Ndemili, Utagba Uno recently had a twin celebration. One was his 60 years birthday and the other his retirement from service after 30 years of meritorious service. He retired from Petroleum Training Institute, PTI as the Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering. During the ceremony, he reflected on the employment of yesterday and linked it with the present. He said in their time you don't stay long after graduation before getting a job, stressing that in most cases they select jobs. The story according to him is different today. He noted that there is great deal of unemployment in Nigeria today. "Today, graduates are forced to do menial jobs such as okada riding, visiting construction sites to look for daily jobs and hawking in the streets. The situation calls for great concern," he intones. He said it was a great joy for him to retire honourably. "The journey of my employment started 30 years ago and has come to an end through retirement. I give God the glory especially for the gift of sound health and for bequeathing education on my children." He disclosed that the initial stage of the employment was not palatable because of the meagre salary and that after a while things turned out for better. Asked what next after retirement, he said it is the time to reflect on the past, take good care of



himself and family and develop a workable concept that he would use to give back to the society. He used the occasion of the interview to wish his children well and that they should retire honourably like him at the ripe of age. His advice to younger generation was that they should keep faith in God, stay focused and never to see education as a scam.



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# Anniversary CELEBRATION

Date: SAT. 12th November 2022

Time: 12NOON

VENUE: SURULERE LOCAL GOVT. COUNCIL PREMISES  
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**AMB. FELIX JOHNSON OSAKWE**

Father of the Day  
**REAR ADMIRAL MIKE OJINIKI ONAH (RTD)**

Chairman Organizing Committee  
**HIGH CHIEF EMEKE CHUKWUMA**

Royal Father of the Day  
**HRM ENYI FRIDAY O. ABAJA**  
Ukwata 1 of Umukwata Kingdom

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- Competition & Live Band

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With gratitude to God Almighty for a fulfilled life,  
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### FUNERAL CEREMONY

Of our beloved Wife, Sister, Mother, Mother In-Law,  
Grandmother and Great-grandmother.

LATE MRS.

## ESTHER OKUKU



THURSDAY 10TH NOV.2022  
**VIGIL MASS II TIME: 4:00 PM**  
@ Corpus Christi Catholic Church,  
Ghana Quarters Obiaruku.

SATURDAY 12TH NOV.2022  
**Condolence continues by In-law,  
Friends and Well-wishers.**

FRIDAY 11TH NOV.2022  
**FUNERAL MASS II TIME: 10:00AM**  
@ Corpus Christi Catholic Church,  
Ghana Quarters Obiaruku.

SUNDAY 13TH NOV.2022  
**THANKSGIVING MASS**  
@ Corpus Christi Catholic Church,  
Ghana Quarters Obiaruku.

**INTERMENT:** Follows at family premises,  
Ghana Quarters Obiaruku

**Dr. Okuku Boniface** (for the family).  
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**ENTERTAINMENT OF GUESTS**

From 12:00PM Noon.  
@Boys Grammar School Compound, Umuebu Road,  
Close to the Police Station, Obiaruku.

R.S.V.P:

**Engr. & Lady Amuchi, GOC**  
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God bless you all, as you join to honour our matriarch

# Sam Mariere: Making Good water Available to Deltans

By Justice Iyasere

One major cause of diseases and sicknesses in the developing nations of the world is lack of clean and portable water for use by the people. There is water everywhere particularly in southern Nigeria yet there is no good water good enough for human consumption in many Nigerian homes. Most people fall sick because of the bad water they drink and use for domestic purposes. Many lives are lost annually to water-borne diseases arising from unmitigated poor access to safe drinking water.

Statistics show that 36% of urban dwellers and 61% of rural dwellers are totally unserved safe water. Protected dug wells are available to only 7% of urban dwellers, while 17% of rural dwellers have access to it. Borehole water pumps are available to 11% of urban dwellers and 7% of rural inhabitants. Yet a great percentage of boreholes or pipe-borne water as personal initiative of individuals cannot guarantee good or clean enough water in homes. Some people drink 'poison' in the name of pipe-borne water because many of those facilities pump water with so many impurities that are not visible to the eyes.

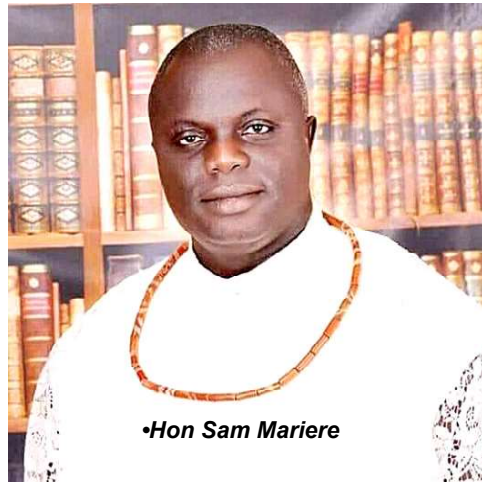
People fall ill every day, contracting malaria, dysentery, cholera, typhoid fever and other related diseases which account for most of the cases in our hospitals because of the lack of good and well treated water they take in their homes. Many people in the riverine area of the southern belt live on top of water yet have no access to good water. Quite often, you see people swimming in the river while water is being fetched from the same river on the other side. In some cases, water for use in homes is collected from the river with a lump of human excreta floating on top of the river. The bucket is used to roll away the floating excreta before the water is collected and the water will not be treated or boiled before being drunk by the household. This is one of the many ways diseases are contracted by the people who are surrounded by water or practically live on top of water in riverine (rural) communities.

The sources of most water we take as sachet and bottled water are also questionable. Many of the water we take with pride are packaged in an unhygienic environment with the possibility of spreading diseases. Many people have borehole water in their homes yet still resort to sachet and bottled water for drinking purposes because of the strong conviction that the water in their homes is not safe enough for drinking. The curious aspect of the saga is that they will not mind the state of the so-called pure water (sachet water) they take so long as they are not aware of the sources.

Statistics has shown that there are approximately 4 billion annual cases of diarrhoea, causing 2.2 million deaths mostly among under-5 children (equivalent to a child dying every 15 seconds). Intestinal worms infect about 10 % of the population of the developing world. These intestinal infections can lead to malnutrition, anaemia and retarded growth, depending on the severity of the infection. About 6 million people are blind from trachoma and at least 500 million are at risk of this disease. Adequate quantities of water reduce the median infection by 25 %. Approximately 200 million are infected with schistosomiasis, of whom 20 million suffer severe consequences.

Well-designed water and sanitation interventions reduce the median infection by 77%. Arsenic in drinking water is a major public health threat. Cholera is a worldwide problem that can be prevented by ensuring that everyone has access to safe drinking water, adequate excreta disposal systems and good hygiene behaviours. Adequate quantities of safe water and good sanitation facilities are necessary conditions for healthy living.

The Delta State Government, over the years had sunk so much funds in the water sector in order to make safe drinking water available to the people. However the impact has been negligible. Provision of water for



•Hon Sam Mariere

the citizens is big business in the developing world. It is the government responsibility to ensure the citizens have access to safe and well treated drinking water. People drink water every day. Water is the best drink anybody can take, better than the choicest wine in a grocery store. Water is life yet cheap. Water is a basic nutrient of the human body and critical to human life. It supports the digestion of food, absorption, transportation and use of nutrients and the elimination of toxins and wastes from the body. Water is also essential for the preparation of food stuffs. The sources and handling of water from the source to end users are the issues of grave concern to responsible governments the world over.

The Ministry of Water Resources Development, together with her development partners including the World Bank, the European Union, WHO, UNICEF and other global organizations have demonstrated appreciable concern for the water and hygiene demands of the people in Nigeria and other nations of the world. Multi-national companies like SPDC, Chevron etc, operating in the country are not left out, intervening in many critical aspect of

the water and environmental safety of the people. Evidence of their intervention are everywhere in Delta state yet, the role of the Ministry of Water Resources remain unsung.

On resumption of duties, Hon Chief Samuel Oghenwogaga Mariere, Honourable Commissioner for Water Resources Development, Delta State demonstrated unprecedented doggedness in the pursuit of the state government goals of making safe drinking water available to the people. His first step was to hold crucial meetings with critical staff of the ministry, heads of the various agencies and corporations in the ministry to get first hand information on the prospect and challenges in government efforts at making water available to the people. His major concern is to return Delta State to those glorious years of the past when 'water board' was pumping safe and well treated water to streets of major towns in the then Bendel State.

In no time, Hon Sam Mariere visited the multi-billion naira Don Domigo Water Company yard in Warri for on the spot assessment of facilities in the yard, the level of works done so far and issues hampering the delivery of the project which had been on course for over 30 years. He charged the company to expedite action in getting the project off the ground for the people to enjoy safe and portable pipe-borne water in the area. He promised to do everything within his powers to get the State Government to provide the needed support to boost the campaign for provision of public water for the people. With the level of work done so far covering about 95% of the project component, there were assurances from the company that when completed in a matter of months, the project will ensure public

water is delivered to about 3,000 homes in Warri by January 2023 as first phase of the project while at completion in a year's time, it would serve about 22,000 households in Warri and environs. As at the time of writing, Hon Sam Mariere had succeeded in getting the State Exco approval for the guarantee needed for the company to drive the Warri water project in the needed direction.

Hon Sam Mariere had also visited water facilities in the State to see for himself, the state of many of the water schemes across the state. The places visited include the Ogwashi-Uku water Dam built by the Federal Government with plans to secure the release of the dam to the state government, different water schemes at Orogun, Agbarha, Ogor, Ughelli Towns in Ughelli North LGA and some towns in Udu and Ethiope East local government areas. The ATM Water dispensing scheme at Okpanam has also been visited. The Urban Water Corporation, Small Town and Rural Water and Sanitation Agencies are all being galvanized to up their game with plans in place to design a Public Private Partnership to manage the different major water schemes in the state towards better service delivery.

Hon Mariere's determined approach sure signposts a watershed in managing the water delivery efforts of the state government. He is leaving no stone unturned in pursuing the state government's dream of improving access to potable water in Delta State including protection of water sources, control of water treatment processes and management of distribution and handling, analytical monitoring of water quality, and periodic impact assessment of portability level of water consumed in communities across the state, with many having miscellaneous sources of domestic water supply.

The message is clear. It can never be business as usual. Hon Sam Mariere is determined to effect changes in the water and sanitation drive of the state government. His target is to get the Don Domigo Water Scheme in Warri functional before the end of this administration. He is also determined to ensure some critical water schemes in designated Local Government Areas take off under his watch. Ughelli, Warri and Agbor are receiving critical attention. Many schools and communities are surely going to get water and toilet facilities in the next few months. His battle cry is that he cannot be in the Ministry of Water Resources without evidence of having provided water for some areas where water had not been available. It is a battle he surely desires to win so Governor Ifeanyi Okowa could finish strong, not only as the Road Master but also as the 'Water Master'.

Hon Justice Iyasere is Special Assistant to the Honourable Commissioner for Water Resources Development, Delta State.

**Exit Of An Icon**

The Families of  
**UMU-OJUGBELL**  
& **AKPU FAMILY**  
Both Of Ndokwa West L.G.A., Delta State

Cordially Request The Presents of  
**The General Public** to the


**Burial ceremony**  
of their Beloved Wife, Mother, Grand Mother, Sister and Aunt

**LATE MRS**  
**AKPU ROSE**  
Who died on the **27th, July, 2022**

**Burial Arrangements.**

Thursday 3rd Nov., 2022,  
4:00 Pm Service of Song @ Igbe - Ogume, Opp. Obiogwa  
Friday 4th Nov., 2022,  
9:00 am Body leaves ST. LUKE MORTUARY Kwale to her own town  
Igbe-Ogume, for lying in state, in her compound.  
12:00 Noon: Interment/ Entertainment of guest follows  
Sunday 6th, Nov. 2022.  
Thanksgiving service @ WINNERS CHAPEL

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With gratitude to God for a life well spent, we announce the transition to glory of our Father. Grandfather, Brother and Uncle



**CHIEF (DR.)  
FESTUS OSY ADAH**  
AGED: 82 YEARS

## — FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS —

### SERVICE OF SONGS

Thursday, 27th October, 2022  
Venue – Adah Family Compound  
Ndemili, Ndokwa West Local Government Area  
Delta State  
Time – 5.00pm

### INTERMENT:

Friday, 28th October, 2022  
Adah Family Compound

Reception follows immediately at  
Adege Primary School, Ndemili,  
Ndokwa West Local Government Area,  
Delta State

### FUNERAL MASS

Friday, 28th October, 2022  
Venue – Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church,  
Ndemili, Ndokwa West Local Government  
Area Delta State.  
Time – 10.00am

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# EXIT OF AN ICON

The Family Of Late Okwa Chief Micheal Nzajugbo Omodu Of Umuegwunwu In Umuokpala Family Ogbu-uku, Ogbu Ogbu In Ndokwa West LGA Of Delta State Wish To Announce The Passing On To Glory Of Our Dearly Beloved Husband, Uncle, Father, Grand Father And Great Grand Father.

## OKWA CHIEF MICHEAL NZAJUGBO OMOGU

Who Slept In The Lord On The 12th August, 2022  
He Is Survived By Wives, Sons, Daughters And Many Grand Children

### *Funeral Arrangement*

**THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER, 2022**

Novelty Football Match In Honour Of OKWA CHIEF MICHEAL NZAJUGBO OMOGU  
MN OMOGU'S TEAM VS OGBU ALL STARS TEAMS

**VENUE:** Ezedogume Model Primary School Ogbu.

**TIME:** 4:00 Pm

**FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER, 2022**

Celebration Of Life

**VENUE:** Ezedogume Model Primary School Ogbu.

**TIME:** 12:00 Noon

**SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER, 2022**

Thanksgiving Service at ASSEMBLIES OF CHRISTIAN EVANGELIST MINISTRY  
Ogbu- uku, ogbu ogbu

**TIME:** 8: 00 Am



**AGE**  
**92 years**  
(1930-2022)

**CHIEF KENEDY OMOGU**  
FOR THE FAMILY

**OKWA CHIEF MICHEAL NZAJUGBO OMOGU**

*May His Soul Rest In Perfect Peace*

# TINUBU: FROM DECEPTION, FRUSTRATION TO CONFUSION

## HARD FACT

with **Gozie Irogboli**

BY GOZIE IROGBOLI

The feelers from the Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu camp indicate that all is not well in his camp now what with the concatenations of many events that has taken place since his controversial emergence as the All Progressives Congress (APC) presidential candidate and his many gaffes that seem to question his state of health and mind. The erstwhile Lagos State governor has declared his intention to contest for the highest office in the land apparently on the grounds of false sense of entitlement (emi lokan—it is my turn), the help of the power of incumbency and the dominance of the press and media propaganda as heretofore but the APC's woeful performance in the last seven years, the declaration by Mr. Buhari, the incumbent president to conduct free and fair election, the inability of his media group to contain the amorphous social media tsunami, the Tinubu's deteriorating health condition that his team has tried unsuccessfully to conceal from the public knowledge, the result of the Osun State gubernatorial election and many other issues that will be highlighted in this piece seem to confront them frontally putting his camp in a state of quandary. And Mr. Festus Keyamo, the erstwhile "social activist and advocate" the current Minister of State for labor under whom the country has witnessed the longest industrial action by the university lecturers and the Tinubu campaign spokesperson is having a herculean task playing the devil's advocate, defending the indefensible.

Evidently, what is happening in the Tinubu camp now is outright confusion. The campaign for the 2023 presidential election has started officially since 28th of September and Tinubu is nowhere to be found. He is yet to inaugurate his presidential campaign council and he was visibility absent during the signing of the peace accord by the presidential candidates of the parties. And there was no official explanation for his absence fueling the speculation that he was smuggled out of the country for medical treatment. And in another futile bid to explain the state of affairs concerning him, his campaign organization released a video of Mr. Tinubu purportedly riding on a treadmill in a gym in UK. But the opposition said it was an attempt to mislead and hoodwink members of the public since the said video was something that was aired 9 years ago when Tinubu was recuperating from knee surgery in the US. And concerned observers have asked that even if the videos were recent events as claimed by his team, why would Tinubu indulge in the folly of traveling to UK to ride on a treadmill just to prove that he is healthy while he has importance functions to attend to at home? Is it not a misplaced priority? If he is elected Nigerian president, would he not do the same: fritter away time and resources indulging in frivolities while important state duties suffer?

Clearly, the concatenation of events since his emergence depicts desperation, deception, frustration and everything is snowballing into total confusion. Shortly, before his emergence as the party's flag bearer he had blatantly declared to the consternation of Nigerians that it was his turn to be the president of the country and that he was ready to fight dirty to achieve his vaulting ambition. Also,

he declared that if elected, he would sustain Mr. Buhari's policies apparently indicating that he has no programs other his selfish ambition to be president. In a desperate bid to cajole and woo the Moslem North, he chose as his running a fellow Moslem, something that elicited much

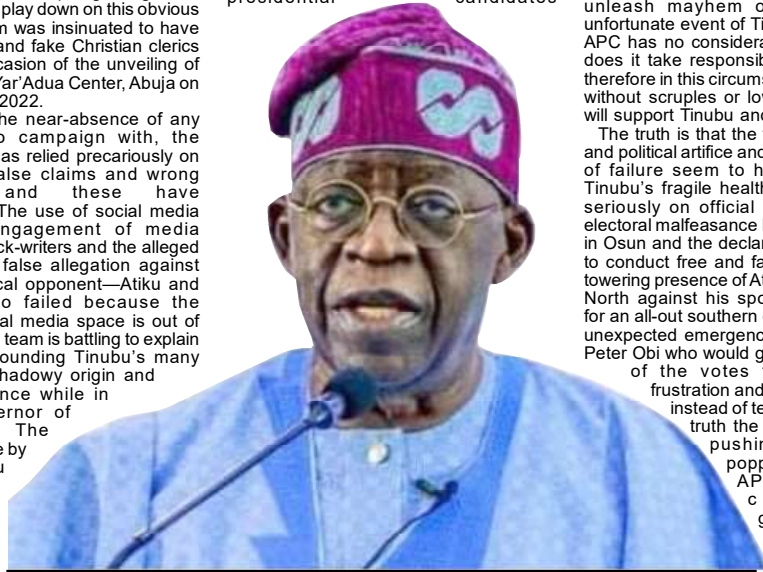
unsavory reaction and debate more so as Kashim Shettima whom he picked was a notorious Bokoharam apologist. Again, in a vain attempt to play down on this obvious blunder, his team was insinuated to have hired unknown and fake Christian clerics to grace the occasion of the unveiling of Shettima at the Yar'Adua Center, Abuja on the 20th of July, 2022.

Evidently, in the near-absence of any major thing to campaign with, the Tinubu's team has relied precariously on propaganda, false claims and wrong attributions and these have boomeranged. The use of social media influencers, engagement of media hirelings and hack-writers and the alleged sponsorship of false allegation against the major political opponent—Atiku and Obi—have also failed because the amorphous social media space is out of their control. The team is battling to explain the issues surrounding Tinubu's many scandals, his shadowy origin and poor performance while in office as governor of Lagos State. The footless narrative by

Tinubu supporters about Tinubu building and transforming Lagos was ruptured by the Nigerian public that proved assertively that Lagos is the creation of the colonial government, the Federal government as well as enterprising individuals and that no one individual and no governor can claim to have built Lagos singlehanded and that of all the governors that Lagos has produced, Tinubu's contribution seems to be the most insignificant. Again, the hypothesis about Tinubu developing people was also torn to shreds by concern Nigerians who pointed out that giving political appointments which is a constitutional requirement of public office holders is not akin to developing people and that appointing people to advance one's political interest is not equivalent to developing people. Moreover, available records show that Tinubu build no schools, no skills acquisition centers or had any man power development program for the area boys of Lagos during his tenure. By the time he left Lagos, it was still ranked as educationally disadvantaged state with hordes of area-boys and street urchins everywhere. So, whither is his human development credential? Added to this is the fact that under him, there was the establishment of agencies that made life unbearable for the people and the preferment of area-boys. And extortion, touting and swindling became a burgeoning business.

Perhaps the most difficult matter confronting Tinubu's camp was how to handle his health status. The few public appearances that he had made after his emergence as the APC standard bearer were a total disaster and that probably informed the decision by his team to bar him from interviews and public appearances. There are video

footages of his trembling hands, wobbly footstep, incoherent voice, slurred and uncoordinated speeches. At the Emir of Gombe Palace where he had gone on a courtesy call, he was videoed dozing off while in a meeting. In the mosque he has been spotted sitting on a chair during Jumat services; something that is allowed only for the very old and very sick. And that explains why he could not attend the NBA and the LCCI conferences attended by the presidential candidates



of the other political parties even when the conferences were held in Lagos where he resides. They were also said to be unsettled by the Pirates' Emi Lokan song that satirized Tinubu's health condition.

Other signs of desperation by Tinubu and his team include his romance with the Nyesom Wike, the River State governor and PDP stalwart his visit to Jonathan whom he had described in 2015 as a clueless president. It was like the MKO Abiola eating the humble pie by visiting Chief Francis Arthur Nzeribe whom he had thoughtlessly scoffed and told that he can do without him and his people earlier, after his return from the US. The likes of Tinubu may appear smart but they are myopic and dyslexic in their thoughts and conducts. They think of now and now without consideration for the future. They are blinded by fleeting considerations, greed and inordinate ambition. Tinubu's visit to Jonathan whom he once despised, vilified and demonized portrays Tinubu as an inconsistent, hypocritical and a desperate power monger.

Furthermore, obvious signs of frustration can be seen in the utterances and behaviors of members of his team and button boys in search of scapegoats for the imminent failure. The area-boys of Lagos have been placed in overdrive mode and they harassing and extorting Ndigbo in Lagos. There are reported cases of the extortion of the Lagos State Keke operators by the imposition of Tinubu/Shettima stickers and the planned closure of Oyingbo and Ladipo markets on flimsy excuses by the Lagos State government all in an ill-conceived attempt to muzzle the people. Tinubu's daughter

Folashade Tinubu-Ojo was reported in the media to have insulted the Igbo calling them ingrates and she was also reported to have perforce dragged all the market women in Lagos to a rally in honor of her ailing father. Tinubu's wife Oluremi who is supposed to be a senator was captured in a video threatening to expel the Igbo from Lagos if her husband loses the presidential election. Added to this is the report that there is ban on advert signage for Obi and Atiku in Lagos. No doubt, these are luminous signs of frustration and politics of bitterness and rancor.

But Tinubu and his acolytes in Lagos have short themselves in the foot by their continued threat to force Ndigbo out of Lagos if Tinubu fails to achieve his vaulting ambition. His hatred for Ndigbo and his resort to ethnic demagoguery will be his ultimate undoing. As it stands now, the only way out of the thrall of area boys in Lagos is to vote against Tinubu otherwise the area-boys will be more emboldened to unleash mayhem on others in the unfortunate event of Tinubu's victory. The APC has no consideration for us neither does it take responsibility for its actions therefore in this circumstance it is only one without scruples or low self-esteem that will support Tinubu and APC.

The truth is that the failure of his guiles and political artifice and the looming reality of failure seem to have exacerbated Tinubu's fragile health. He had banked seriously on official manipulation and electoral malfeasance but when that failed in Osun and the declaration of Mr. Buhari to conduct free and fair election and the towering presence of Atiku Abubakar in the North against his sponsored campaign for an all-out southern candidates and the unexpected emergence of the enigmatic Peter Obi who would grab a huge swathe of the votes from the South,

frustration and despair set in. And instead of telling the people the truth the campaign team is pushing out the poppycock tale of the APC presidential candidate gallivanting in Europe while the inauguration of his presidential

council is postponed indefinitely because of his glaring absence. This is pure deceit. And the implication of this is that if they cannot come out clean to tell Nigerians the true state of affairs concerning Tinubu, it means that if Nigerians are unfortunate to elect him, they will not be transparent and would not be accountable to the people. Honesty and integrity are adjunct to the qualities of a leader.

However, one thing is clear now Tinubu camp media dominance is broken. Nigerian will not be deceived by media propaganda and fake political activism and advocacy by charlatans and mealy-mouthed political pettifoggers pretending to be working for the masses as heretofore. The yoke of hypocritical siege is broken for good.

At this critical phase of our checkered political history, Nigeria needs a leader with character/integrity, competence (mental and physical) and capacity (the patriotic zeal, the willingness and the drive) to work for the unity and progress of the country. Nigeria will not vote for the dotard who would fritter our time on medical tourism abroad, who would sleep when vital state meetings are going on, who would wear diaper, catheter and probably carry potty-chair about for eventually.

I have reiterated it for the umpteenth time that the adoption of Tinubu by the APC hierarchy is an affront on Nigerians for it implies that the party wants to sustain the status quo and so voting against Tinubu and his party will be the condign reward for their deception and treachery. Tinubu should withdraw from the race immediately and apologize for attempted political fraud or face disgrace at the polls. Indeed, Nigeria must break free from this vicious circle of making electoral mistakes and regretting later.

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# NDOKWA LADIES LEAGUE CONDUCTS ELECTION

The members of Ndokwa Ladies League conducted the maiden edition of her general election recently to steer the affairs of the group in the next three years. The election which was keenly contested under convivial atmosphere produced the following Executive Committee members.



**Lady Theresa Ananyi.**  
President

President  
Deputy President  
Matron  
Secretary  
Assistant Secretary  
Treasurer  
Legal Adviser

LADY THERESA ANANYI  
NKECHI OLISE  
MADAM OGWU MARY  
BENITA OSHILE  
ADAEZE UDEZI  
EDITH OKPALA  
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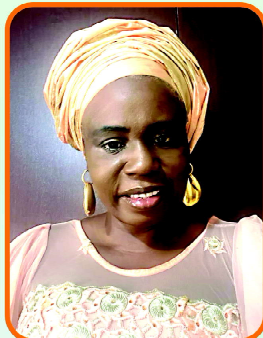


**Mrs Katherine Olofuke.**  
Director Projects

## Directors

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CHRISTABEL OKEKE  
KATHERINE OLOFUKE  
STELLA-MARIS OSUGBA  
NGOZI EGBONOWU  
VICTORIA OGWU  
SANDRA EJECHI  
JENNIFER ONAH  
ELIZABETH ASHAKPOKE



**Mrs Nkechi Olise**  
Vice President

In her acceptance speech on behalf of other elected officers, Lady Theresa Ananyi the pioneer President thanked the Electoral Officers for the maturity and peaceful conduct of the election. She said they are out to serve and enjoined other members to give the Executive Committee the needed support. She also assured that her administration would take the group to enviable height before the end of her tenure.



**Mrs Christabel Okeke**  
Director Programmes



**Madam Ogwu Mary**  
Matron



**Ms Benita Oshile**  
Secretary



**Mrs Adaeze Udezi**  
Assistant Secretary



**Mrs Edith Okpala.**  
Treasurer



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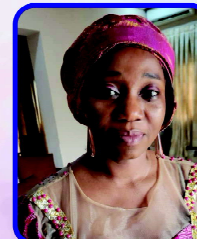
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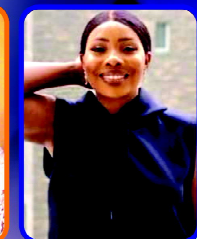
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**Mrs Jennifer Onah**  
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