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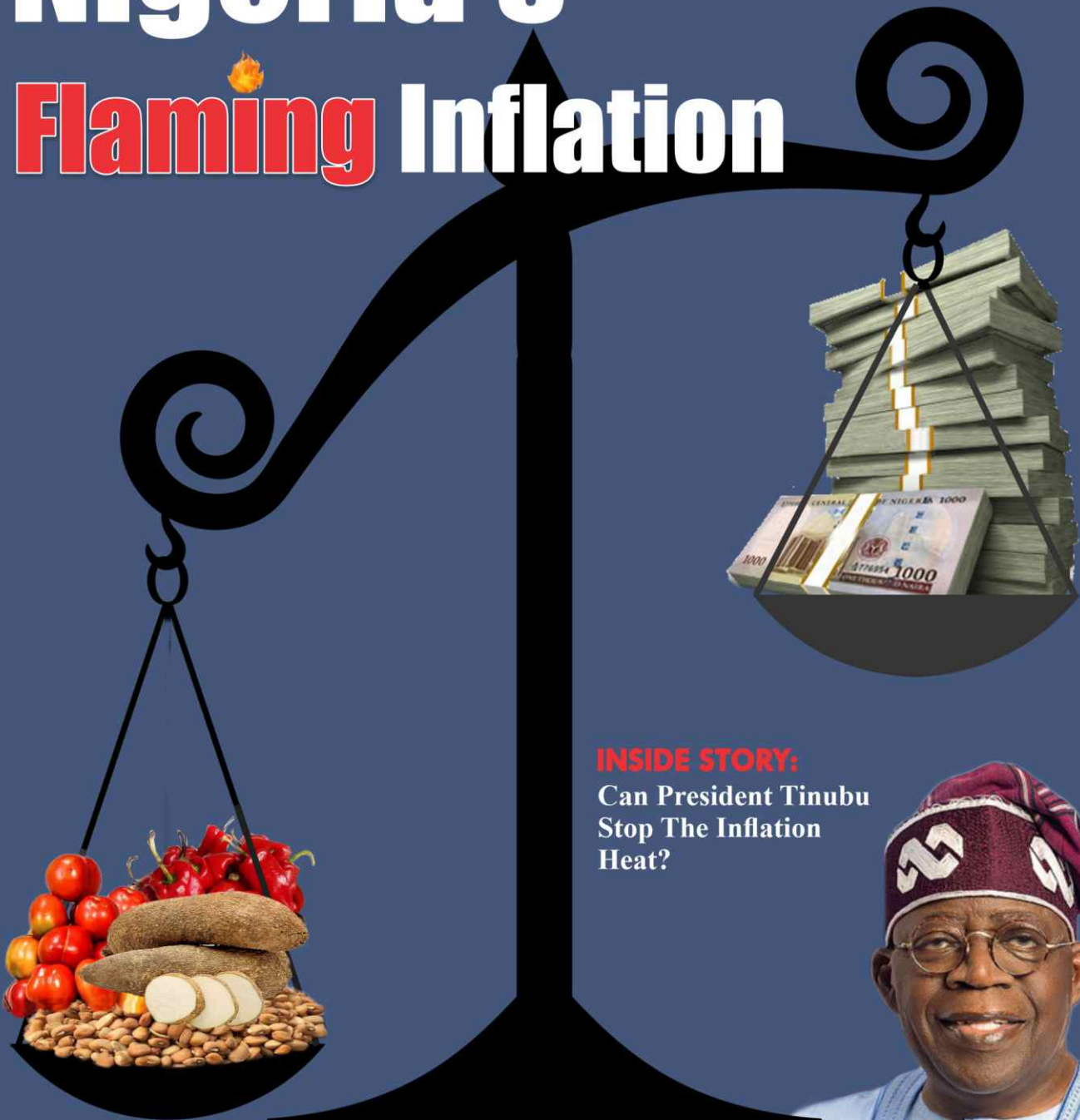
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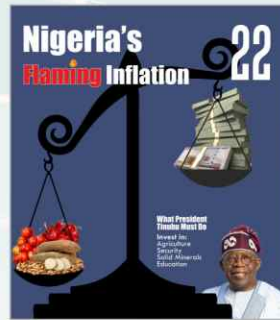
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# Africa Must Be Free

By Charles Awuzie

Why can't we stretch our minds beyond this box - for example, to consider death or ageing as mere diseases solvable through science and technology... I mean, even if this doesn't work (fortunately, it is working), at least you would have stretched your mind outside the box for once in a lifetime.

Don't you understand that the secret of creativity is Wild Imagination? What is your wildest imagination? Going to heaven? Or your haters burning in hell fire? Can't you see that the imagination of heaven and hell has filled your subconscious mind and now, you can't imagine anything further. You can't imagine



Charles Awuzie

solutions to diseases and death.. You can't imagine solutions to poverty and lack. You can only imagine one - heaven or hell. This is your problem oh Africa.

I wake up every morning with a renewed passion to lead my beloved continent and specifically my country of birth out of the darkness of ignorance created by religious illusions...

I wake up every morning desiring to tear the box enslaving our smart brains. And No, I am not an atheist. I have no label.

***What the brain of the African can create when released from the box of superstition is unimaginable.. Remember, this writeup is NOT against your religion but it simply challenges you to think outside your Religious Sentiments.***



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If you are reading to this point, I want you to decide that going forward, you will imagine the impossible and attempt to bring your wildest imagination into reality. If you think like this, you will have a reason to live every day.

My name is Charles Awuzie and I want to see more young Africans leading conversations on #ai , #Blockchain, #GreenEnergy #Biotech #Metaverse #Cybersecurity and spend less time on Religious debates



# Big Brian Naija

## Charles Awuzie's Bold Mission to Free Nigerian Youth from Mental Shackles

By Sonia Chiamaka Orjiako

In an innovative alliance merging entertainment and enlightenment, Senators Osita Izunaso and Mohammed Onawo have thrown their full support behind the revolutionary Big Brain Naija reality television show. Sen. Izunaso, wielding dual leadership roles as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Capital Markets and Institutions and Chairman of Big Brain Naija, lends unparalleled credence to his endorsement. He passionately champions the show's potential to catalyze positive change among the Nigeria youth, recognizing its vital role in fostering economic empowerment and global competitiveness.

As well, Sen. Onawo, at the helm of the Senate Committee on Arts, Culture, and Creative Economy, envisions Big Brain Naija as a vanguard of intellect, innovation, and ingenuity. He perceives the show as a crucible for nurturing visionary leaders and driving Nigeria towards a future defined by progress and prosperity.



Sen. Osita Izunaso

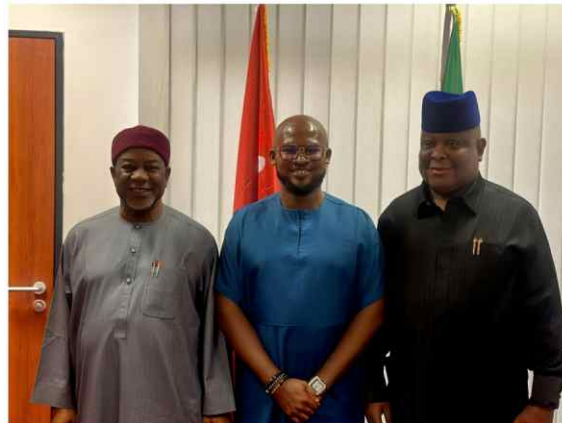
Sen. Mohammed Onawo

Both senators issue a clarion call to all Nigerians, government entities, and corporate stakeholders, urging resolute support for this transformative initiative. They acknowledge the profound impact Big Brain Naija holds in reshaping Nigeria's narrative and propelling its youth towards a brighter tomorrow.

At the heart of this breakthrough stands Charles Awuzie, the luminary driving force behind Big Brain Naija. His tireless dedication to liberating African minds from the clutches of mental enslavement resonates deeply with the senators' endorsement, marking a watershed moment in Africa's journey towards rebirth and renewal.

Awuzie's commitment to the cause was palpable even in his previous trailblazing initiative—the Evolve Conference held at Sky view Abuja. Here, he laid the groundwork for his mission, fueling the flames of

empowerment and enlightenment among African youth, particularly Nigerians, determined to free them from the shackles of religious indoctrination and societal constraints.



L-R: Sen. Mohammed Onawo, Charles Awuzie and Sen. Osita Izunaso

### Evolve Conference in Abuja organised by Charles Awuzie





## President Tinubu's Strategic Vision Sparks Economic Revival

*As Nigeria grapples with the complex task of rebuilding its economy, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has been steering the nation with a strategic vision and commendable leadership acumen. Under his guidance, Nigeria's economic revival has been marked by systematic reforms aimed at fostering sustainable growth and development. Tinubu's approach encompasses a multifaceted strategy, encompassing measures to enhance infrastructure, promote investment, and empower local industries. His emphasis on diversification and innovation has sparked a newfound dynamism within the Nigerian economy, laying the groundwork for long-term prosperity and resilience.*

### President Tinubu Champions People-Centric Progress As Lagos Red Line Rail Project Begins Operation

In a monumental move aimed at revolutionizing transportation infrastructure and enhancing the lives of Lagosians, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu inaugurated the initial phase of the Lagos Rail Mass Transit (LRMT) Red Line project. Stretching across 37 kilometers, this ambitious initiative promises to slash commute times and bolster logistical efficiency throughout the state. The ceremonious occasion also witnessed the official commencement of Phase 2 of the LRMT Red Line, marked by a symbolic contract signing between Engr. Abimbola Akinajo, Managing Director of Lagos Metropolitan Area Transport Authority

(LAMATA), and Jason Zhang, Chairman of CCECC Nigeria Limited. Amidst a bustling atmosphere, President Tinubu embarked on an inaugural train journey from the bustling Ikeja station to the vibrant Agege station, flanked by notable figures including Lagos State Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu, and Deputy Governor Dr. Obafemi Hamzat. The entourage further comprised state governors, members of the Federal and State Executive Councils, legislators, and Chinese Ambassador to Nigeria, Cui Jianchun, alongside a select cadre of journalists. Addressing a captivated audience at the Ikeja station, President Tinubu underscored the imperative of fostering robust collaboration between federal and subnational entities to furnish Nigerians with dependable, efficient, and accessible transportation networks nationwide. In a poignant declaration, he remarked, "Today marks a milestone in the annals of Nigerian infrastructure, particularly in Lagos, the epitome of excellence. This

auspicious occasion underscores the power of dreaming and serves as a poignant proof to democracy's intrinsic value as a governance model designed to serve the people." Reflecting on his tenure as Lagos State governor, Tinubu exuded pride in witnessing the fruition of a long-cherished vision for a modern and efficacious public transit system. "Twenty-five years ago, I assumed the mantle of leadership in Nigeria's most



President Bola A. Tinubu giving a speech during the occasion

populous state. Armed with little more than determination and a vision for transformation, my administration embarked on a journey to position Lagos as an economic powerhouse. Today, that journey continues with the realization of this monumental project." In a resounding commitment to his constituents, President Tinubu pledged firm dedication to steering Nigeria towards a future brimming with prosperity and opportunity. "It is with profound joy and gratitude that I stand before you today, not merely as a Lagosian, but as the first citizen of our great nation. Rest assured, we shall traverse this path with absolute resolve, guided by the principles of democracy and a steadfast commitment to the welfare of our people."



Gov. Babajide Sanwo-Olu and President Tinubu take a ride in the train



A group photograph of President Tinubu and officials during the Lagos Red Line commissioning





President Bola Ahmed Tinubu of Nigeria and His Highness, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar

## President Tinubu Leads Nigeria into Historic Multi-Sectoral Agreements with Qatar, Promising Investment Boom

In a diplomatic alliance, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu of Nigeria and His Highness, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar, orchestrated a series of important agreements aimed at bolstering cooperation across various sectors. The historic signing ceremony, held at the Qatar Presidential Palace, not only symbolizes the strengthening of ties between the two nations but also lays the groundwork for substantial investments and collaborations.

President Tinubu, in his address preceding the signing ceremony, expressed Nigeria's commitment to fostering an environment conducive to foreign investment. He highlighted the nation's ongoing reforms, emphasizing its vast potential in sectors such as education, enterprise development, youth empowerment, mining, tourism, and sports.

"Our greatest strength is our people. Our strength lies in the capacity of Nigerian youths," President Tinubu remarked, underscoring the nation's abundant talent pool and its readiness to engage in mutually beneficial partnerships with Qatar.

Echoing President Tinubu's sentiments, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani affirmed Qatar's openness to Nigeria's investment drive, citing Nigeria's strategic importance regionally and globally. He emphasized the need for thorough evaluation of



President Bola A. Tinubu being received in Qatar

investment opportunities to ensure sustainable returns for both nations.

"I have no doubt about the great capacity of the Nigerian people," Sheikh Tamim declared, expressing confidence in the future of bilateral cooperation.

As a proof to the commitment to action, President Tinubu promptly appointed Mr. Wale Edun, Nigeria's Coordinating Minister of the Economy and Minister of Finance, to lead the government's engagement with Qatari authorities in identifying and implementing investment opportunities.

During bilateral discussions, Dr. Dele Alake, Nigeria's Minister of Solid Minerals Development, presented lucrative opportunities in the mining sector, highlighting the potential for local processing and value addition.

The signing ceremony culminated in the endorsement of seven bilateral agreements spanning education, employment regulation, business cooperation, youth and sports, tourism, and combating illicit trade.

With both nations poised to capitalize on these agreements, the stage is set for a new era of prosperity and cooperation, driven by visionary leadership and mutual trust. **NG**



Qatar and Nigeria have signed several agreements and Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) during President Bola Ahmed's visit to Doha



## Renewed Hope City: President Tinubu's Gift To Nigerians

President Bola A. Tinubu assisted by Arc. Ahmed M. Dangiwa in performing a ground breaking Stone-laying for the Renewed Hope City

### *Minister of Housing and Urban Development, Arc. Ahmed Musa Dangiwa, Spearheads Ambitious Housing Project Amid Presidential Backing: Renewed Hope Cities to Redefine Residential Living Nationwide*



President Tinubu inaugurates Hope City

In a move towards addressing Nigeria's housing deficit, President Bola Tinubu marked the commencement of the construction phase for the Renewed Hope City in Karsana, Abuja, signifying the beginning of an ambitious endeavour to deliver 3,112 housing units.

The initiative, part of a broader plan to develop 20,000 units in the Federal Capital Territory, underscores the administration's commitment to providing decent and affordable housing for citizens across the country.

The groundbreaking ceremony, showcased President Tinubu's vision for dynamic, integrated communities equipped with essential amenities to enhance residents' quality of life.

Emphasizing the importance of accessible infrastructure, reliable utilities, healthcare facilities, and educational institutions, Tinubu outlined his administration's strategy to foster cohesion, improve citizen well-being, and alleviate pressure on urban centers.

With housing identified as essential

social infrastructure, President Tinubu highlighted its pivotal role in stimulating economic growth and job creation.

He underscored the potential for housing projects to generate employment opportunities, with an estimated 25 direct and indirect jobs per house, translating to 500,000 jobs for the planned 20,000 housing units in the Federal Capital Territory alone.

Central to the administration's approach is the promotion of Public Private Partnerships (PPP) to attract domestic and foreign investments, alongside innovative incentive schemes and capital market enhancements.

President Tinubu's decision to separate the Federal Ministry of Housing and Urban Development from Works underscores the government's renewed focus on addressing the nation's housing challenges.

Ahmed Musa Dangiwa, Minister of Housing and Urban Development, highlighted the collaborative efforts between the ministry and consortiums of companies, emphasizing the diverse

funding sources driving the ambitious housing program. With plans to construct 50,000 housing units in the first phase,

Dangiwa outlined various ownership options, including single-digit mortgage loans, Rent-to-Own schemes, and outright purchases.

The Renewed Hope Cities initiative aims to bridge social inequality by offering affordable housing options catering to diverse income brackets. Featuring a mix of housing types, including one-bedroom flats, terraces, and duplexes, the integrated communities seek to redefine residential living standards nationwide.

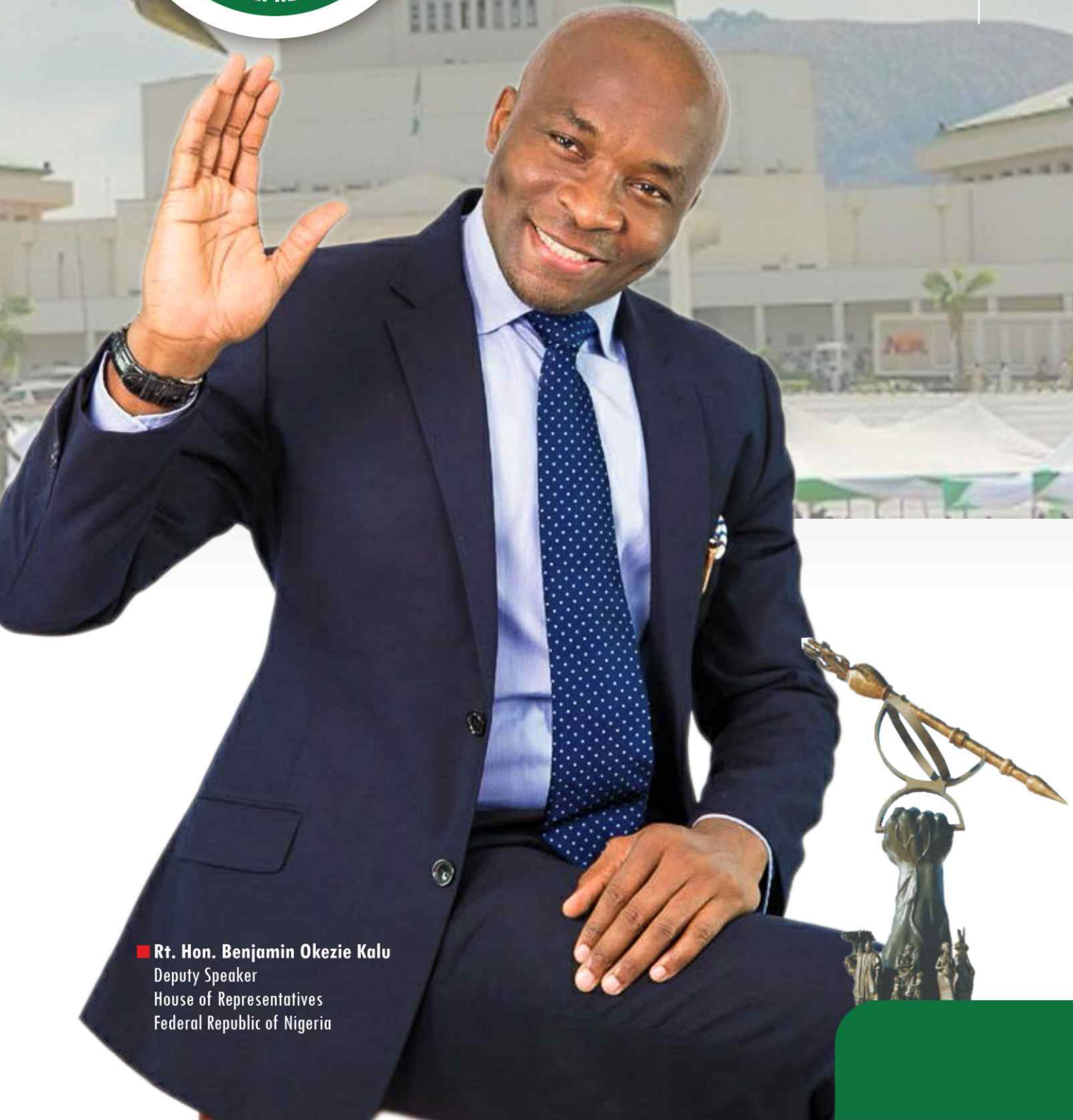
With the Minister of Housing and Urban Development at the helm, supported by presidential backing, the Renewed Hope Cities project heralds a new era in the country's urban development landscape. NG



# Kalu:

THE LIGHT

## *Bearer*



■ **Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu**  
Deputy Speaker  
House of Representatives  
Federal Republic of Nigeria

# Credibility On The Lead

*Reflecting on House of Representatives, Rt. Hon. Benjamin O. Kalu, offers a unique and thoughtful exploration of both the awesome reach and Deputy Speaker's powers*

*Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu, the Deputy Speaker House of Representative's leadership is characterized by a perfect blend of vigour and astuteness, guiding numerous motions, bills, and programmes that uniquely address the needs of Nigeria as a whole.*

## HERE ARE SOME OF HIS LEADERSHIP RESULTS:

### 1. Constitution Review

**L**in a noteworthy move towards the long-anticipated review of the 1999 Constitution of Nigeria, the House Committee on Constitution Review, under the adept leadership of Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu, has announced a call for memoranda from various stakeholders. This announcement came during a press conference convened by the Committee, aimed at inviting input from governmental bodies, civil society organizations, and the public at large, to facilitate further alterations in the existing constitution.

Rt. Hon. Benjamin Kalu, the Chairman of the Committee,

emphasized the importance of inclusive dialogue, advocacy, and active participation in this constitutional review process.

Under his leadership, the Committee pledges commitment to principles of unity and inclusivity, ensuring that the voices and aspirations of all Nigerians will be duly reflected in the revised constitution, and that the process will be conducted efficiently to meet the nation's needs.

"This call for memoranda signifies our dedication to facilitating a comprehensive and transparent review process," stated Rt. Hon. Benjamin Kalu. "We urge all



stakeholders to actively engage in this crucial phase, as we strive to craft a constitution that truly resonates with the collective aspirations of our nation."

The Committee's call for memoranda invites submissions on various aspects of the constitution deemed in need of reform or amendment, touching upon critical

By  
**Emeka Okonkwo**



Members House Committee on Constitution Review

***His steadfast commitment to fostering dialogue and ensuring broad-based participation has been lauded as instrumental in steering the constitutional review process***



■ Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu

**ANOTHER OF HIS UNCOMMON ACHIEVEMENTS:**

**Bill for South East Development Commission**

**RT. HON. BENJAMIN OKEZIE KALU LEADS CHARGE FOR SOUTHEAST RECONSTRUCTION:**

In a historic moment for the South East region of Nigeria, Deputy Speaker of the House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu, spearheads efforts to break a longstanding barrier of neglect and disrepair that has plagued the region for over 50 years since the civil war.

The pivotal moment arrives with the imminent establishment of the South East Development Commission, marking the dawn of a new era for the region's reconstruction and revitalization. Kalu, serving as the second in command of the Federal House of Representatives, has played a vital role in championing this cause, showcasing his commitment to the progress of his constituency and the nation at large.

Expressing his gratitude to the Senate for passing the South East Development Commission Bill 2024, Kalu extends his congratulations to the people of the South East, the Peace in South East Project, and the entire nation. This monumental achievement signifies

issues that impact the socio-political landscape of Nigeria. It signals a pivotal moment in the nation's constitutional evolution, presenting an opportunity for substantive changes that will reflect the evolving needs and values of Nigerian society.

Rt. Hon. Benjamin Kalu's leadership in spearheading this initiative has garnered commendation from various quarters. His steadfast commitment to fostering dialogue and ensuring broad-based participation has been lauded as instrumental in steering the constitution review process towards a more inclusive and representative outcome.

As stakeholders prepare to submit their memoranda, the nation anticipates a robust and constructive exchange of ideas,

ultimately culminating in a constitution that serves as a true reflection of the will and aspirations of the Nigerian people.

For further details on submission guidelines and deadlines, stakeholders are encouraged to reach out to the Committee through official channels.

***With unwavering leadership acumen, Kalu has spearheaded efforts to break a longstanding barrier of neglect and disrepair that has plagued the region for over 50 years since the civil war***



a significant step towards addressing the long-standing issues of infrastructure decay, economic stagnation, and social disparities that have plagued the region for decades.

With the successful passage of the South East Development Commission Bill through its third reading in the Senate, Kalu emphasizes the dedication of the 10th Assembly to upholding principles of fairness and promoting inclusivity and progress. This legislative milestone reflects a collective commitment to ensuring that every region of Nigeria experiences growth and development, leaving no one behind.

Optimism fills the air as Kalu looks forward to the President's assent to the bill, which would pave the way for the much-needed revitalization of the southeastern region of Nigeria.

As the nation strives towards unity and prosperity, Kalu's leadership shines brightly, guiding the way towards a future where promises of progress are finally fulfilled.

The establishment of the South East Development Commission heralds promising times ahead for the South East, marking the beginning of a transformative journey towards reconstruction and prosperity. With Deputy Speaker Benjamin Okezie Kalu at the helm, the region stands poised to overcome its challenges and emerge stronger than ever before.

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**KALU ON INTERNATIONAL SCENE:**

**NIGERIAN DELEGATION'S DIPLOMATIC TRIUMPH: STRENGTHENING AFRICAN TRADE AT THE HEART OF WTO**

In a diplomatic triumph that underscores Nigeria's commitment to bolstering African trade, the Nigerian delegation to the 148th Inter-Parliamentary Union was warmly received by officials at the World Trade Organization (WTO) Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Led by Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, the delegation engaged in a crucial discussions with the WTO officials, spearheaded by none other than Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, a revered figure in international economics and the Director-General of the WTO.

The rendezvous was not merely ceremonial but rather a proof to Nigeria's proactive approach in addressing the challenges plaguing the African trade market.

As the delegation engaged in deliberations with Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala and her team, a palpable sense of determination to confront these challenges head-on permeated the atmosphere.

Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu, in his capacity as the Deputy Speaker,



Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu



148th Inter-Parliamentary Union



Nigerian delegates at the 148th Inter-Parliamentary Union meeting

House of Representatives, Federal Republic of Nigeria, showcased remarkable statesmanship and acumen during the discussions. His contributions underscored Nigeria's commitment to leveraging legislative measures as potent tools for strengthening inter-African trade.

The discussions delved into multifaceted challenges confronting the African trade market, ranging from regulatory barriers to infrastructural deficiencies. However, amidst the daunting challenges, the delegation and the WTO officials identified promising avenues for collaboration and resolution. There was a collective resolve to explore innovative solutions and policy frameworks that would facilitate seamless intra-African trade and foster economic growth across the continent.

The meeting culminated in a reaffirmation of collective commitment from both the Nigerian delegation and the WTO officials to work tirelessly towards the realization of a vibrant and dynamic African trade ecosystem. It was a momentous occasion where diplomatic prowess, legislative vision, and global cooperation converged to chart a course towards a brighter economic future for Africa.

In praising the efforts of Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu and the Nigerian delegation, it's evident that their remarkable engagement at the heart of the WTO has not only elevated Nigeria's stature on the

global stage but also reaffirmed the nation's pivotal role in shaping the future of African trade. As Africa navigates the complexities of the global economy, such diplomatic endeavors serve as hope, illuminating pathways towards prosperity and progress.

#### **ON SECURITY:**

#### **RT. HON. BENJAMIN OKEZIE KALU PROPELS NIGERIA TOWARDS DECENTRALIZED SECURITY: STATE POLICE BILL PASSES SECOND READING**

In a groundbreaking move aimed at reshaping Nigeria's security landscape, Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu, distinguished as one of the nation's foremost leaders, spearheaded the passage of a pivotal bill through its second reading. Kalu has emerged as the Hope of change in Nigeria's leadership circle, advocating for reforms that resonate with the aspirations of millions.

The bill in question, focused on the alteration of the Constitution to pave the way for the establishment of State Police and Related Matters, represents a seismic shift in governance dynamics. With Nigeria grappling with escalating security challenges, the urgency for localized security solutions has never been more palpable. Kalu, alongside a coalition of like-minded colleagues, has recognized this imperative and taken decisive action to address it.

The proposed legislation seeks to transfer policing authority from the Exclusive to the Concurrent

Legislative List, thereby endowing states with the autonomy to effectively tackle local security issues. By decentralizing policing functions, the bill aims to empower states to proactively respond to evolving threats, ensuring swift and targeted interventions where they are most needed.

Crucially, the bill introduces a comprehensive framework for coordination, accountability, and standardization between Federal and State Police entities. With a focus on enhancing collaboration while safeguarding against undue interference, Kalu's vision for a harmonized security apparatus embodies a pragmatic approach to governance.

Moreover, the bill envisages the establishment of distinct State Police Service Commissions, delineating clear roles and jurisdictions to streamline operations and foster accountability. By institutionalizing robust mechanisms for oversight and governance, Kalu and his allies seek to instill public trust and confidence in the law enforcement apparatus.

As Nigeria navigates the complexities of contemporary security threats, the passage of this bill represents a pivotal moment in its quest for stability and prosperity. With Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu at the helm, Nigeria stands poised to embrace a future where security is not just a federal prerogative but a collective responsibility shared by all levels of government.

In the annals of Nigerian leadership, Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu's legacy as a catalyst for change and progress is indelibly etched. Through his unwavering commitment to service and his relentless pursuit of excellence, Kalu exemplifies the very essence of visionary leadership, inspiring a nation to dare to dream of a brighter tomorrow. **NG**

# NewsGlobal Person *of* THE YEAR 2023



**Dr. Ben** ORAMALUGO  
Comptroller, Nigeria Customs Service  
Oyo/Osun Area Command



# Quintessential Administrator



**Dr. Ben Oramalugo**

In a remarkable display of fiscal prowess, Dr. Ben Oramalugo has left an indelible mark as the Comptroller of the Nigeria Customs Service Oyo/Osun Command. His tenure, spanning just a year, witnessed an unprecedented surge in revenue generation, culminating in a staggering N71.3 Billion Naira contribution to the Nigerian government's coffers. This achievement not only underscores his exceptional competence but also reaffirms his commitment to national development.

*His tenure, spanning just a year, witnessed an unprecedented surge in revenue generation, culminating in a staggering N71.3 Billion Naira contribution to the Nigerian government's coffers*

Dr. Oramalugo's remarkable feat has rightly earned him the prestigious title of NewsGlobal Person of the Year 2023. His unique blend of strategic insight, operational efficiency, and dedication has not only bolstered the financial health of the nation but has also set a new standard for excellence within the customs service.

In celebrating Dr. Ben Oramalugo, we commend not only his remarkable accomplishments but also his profound impact on Nigeria's economic landscape. His exemplary performance serves as an evidence to the transformative power of effective leadership and serves as a source of pride for the nation. As we look to the future, Dr. Oramalugo stands as a shining example of what is possible when integrity, expertise, and steadfast resolve converge in service to the greater good.



Oyo/Osun Customs Area Command displaying seized items

## *Unveiling Results of Credibility and Commitment to Nation Building*

# Oyo/Osun Customs Command Nets ₦71.3 Billion in Fiscal Year 2023

In an uncommon fiscal performance, the Oyo/Osun Area Command of the Nigeria Customs Service announced a staggering cumulative revenue collection of ₦71,292,530,398.17 for the year 2023. Revealed by Dr. Ben Oramalugo, the Customs Area Comptroller, during a press briefing at the Command's headquarters on January 19, 2024, this achievement underscores the command's pivotal role in contributing to the nation's economic growth.

The breakdown of collections highlights the Command's robust revenue generation efforts. Notably, a total of ₦5,030,694,597.05 and ₦7,173,852,130.48 were remitted to the Federal Government coffers in November and December 2023 respectively. These figures, coupled with the earlier collection of ₦59,087,983,670.64 from January to October 2023, culminated in the substantial sum reported for the fiscal year. Comptroller Oramalugo attributed this success to several factors, including fair and efficient revenue collection practices, ongoing efforts to streamline customs processes, and the dedication of Command



Dr. Ben Oramalugo addressing the press

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**Dr. Ben Oramalugo highlighting the specifics of contraband goods his command seized**

Officers and Men. Emphasizing the enforcement of new extant laws, particularly the NCS ACT 2023, aimed at facilitating legitimate trade, he underscored the importance of customs duties and taxes in driving economic prosperity.

Moreover, the Command's relentless pursuit of anti-smuggling activities in 2023 and 2024 has yielded significant results. Through coordinated border management, intelligence-driven risk management, and vigorous patrol and enforcement operations, numerous contraband goods have been intercepted and seized. These efforts have not only curbed illicit trade but also safeguarded national security and protected local industries from unfair competition.

Highlighting the specifics of contraband seizures, Comptroller Oramalugo detailed a range of intercepted goods, including cannabis sativa, premium motor spirit (PMS), foreign parboiled rice, used vehicles, second-hand clothing, used tires, and uncut timber. The cumulative duty paid value (DPV) of these seizures for the fiscal year 2023 amounted to ₦454,235,559.00, further illustrating the Command's commitment to upholding customs regulations and securing the nation's borders.

As the Oyo/Osun Area Command continues its vigilant efforts to maintain fiscal integrity and combat illicit trade, its performance stands as a proof to the dedication and professionalism of Nigeria's Customs Service in contributing to national development and prosperity. **NG**





# Barde Gets Award of Excellence

By Comr Kelvin E.

The Coordinator of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (Nimasa) Eastern Zone, Yusuf Ismail Barde has received an Award of Excellence for his massive contributions in Administrative matters.

The event, organized by the Institute of Corporate Administration (ICA) was held at the Adgate Congress Hotel, Port Harcourt on Saturday 16th March, 2024.

Barde was also presented with a Certificate of Fellowship of the ICA.

A brief statement culled from the certificate presented to Barde reads,

" The Governing Council of the Institute of Corporate Administration of Nigeria takes pride in certifying that YUSUF ISMAIL BARDE has been elected a FELLOW, having satisfied the requirements for admission and in recognition of competence in Administrative functions, leadership strategies and outstanding performance as an ADMINISTRATOR ".

However, in a separate statement made by Prof. Sam Ugo Onyeka, a



**Yusuf Ismail Barde**  
Coordinator, Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (Nimasa) Eastern Zone

guest speaker at the event said, "The Award recipients have been good Ambassadors, you have been doing good before now, with this Award, you are now expected to do more", he said.

Prof. Onyeka who also presented the Awards to the recipients said with the latest recognition, Barde will now append the initials (fcia) to his signature.

# Nigeria's Flaming Inflation:

## What President Tinubu Must Do and What He Is Doing

*Can he replicate his Lagos achievements for Nigeria as a whole?*

By: Orjiako Sam Orjiako

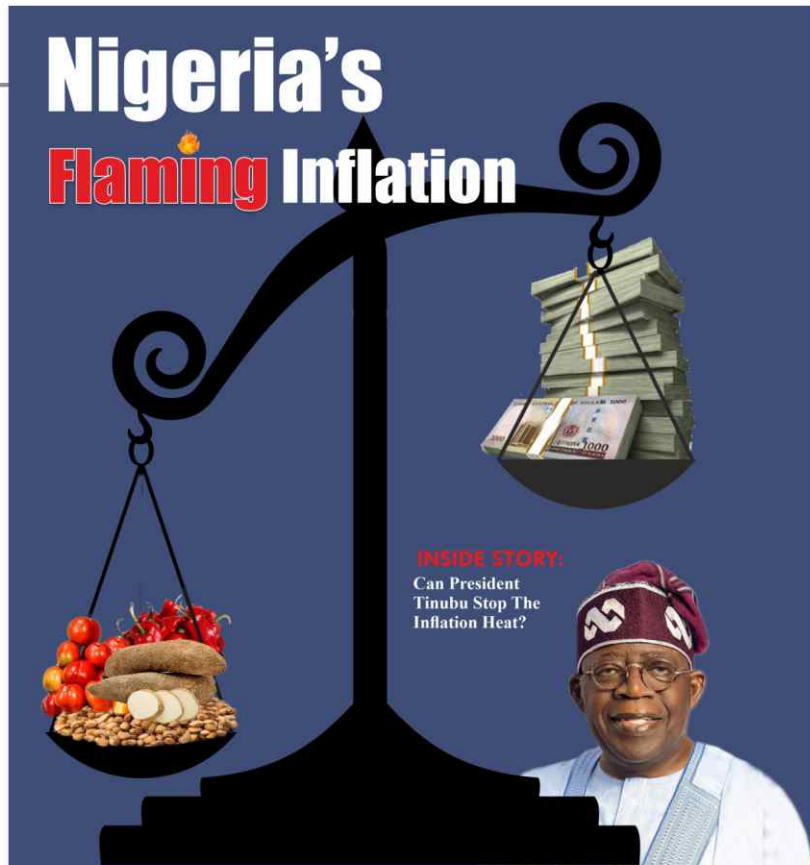
In recent years, Nigeria has been grappling with a formidable adversary: inflation. The nation's economy has been besieged by soaring prices, dwindling purchasing power, and economic instability. This insidious force has crept into the lives of ordinary Nigerians, exacerbating poverty and undermining the country's economic potential. As the country eagerly awaits the results of President Tinubu's policies, there is a pressing need for decisive action to address this "Monster" inflation. In this piece, I delve into the root causes of Nigeria's flaming inflation and propose strategies that President Tinubu should adopt to steer the country towards economic stability and prosperity.

### Understanding Nigeria's Flaming Inflation

In Nigeria, inflation has been on an alarming upward trajectory, reaching staggering levels in recent years. According to data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), Nigeria's inflation rate surged to 17.33% in February 2023, marking the highest level in more than a decade. This relentless rise in prices has inflicted untold hardship on the populace, eroding the value of their earnings and savings.

Several factors have contributed to Nigeria's flaming inflation. One of the primary drivers is the persistent depreciation of the Nigerian Naira. The country's overdependence on oil exports renders its economy vulnerable to fluctuations in global oil prices. As oil prices plummeted in recent years, Nigeria's foreign exchange reserves dwindled, exerting downward pressure on the value of the Naira. Consequently, imported goods became more expensive, fueling inflationary pressures. Furthermore, structural deficiencies in Nigeria's economy

# Nigeria's Flaming Inflation



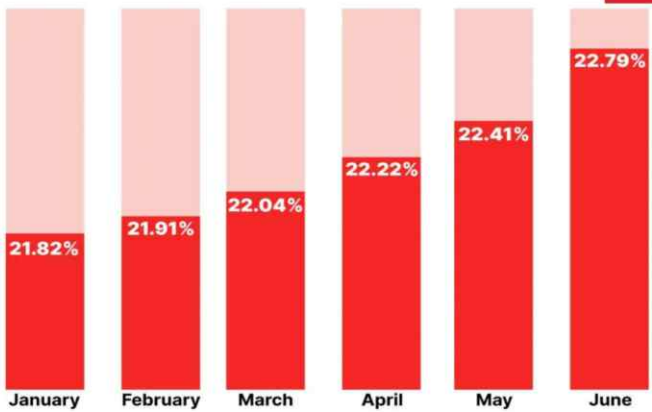
have worsened inflationary tendencies. The country's over-reliance on imports for essential commodities, including food and fuel, has made it prone to supply chain disruptions and external shocks. Inadequate infrastructure, bureaucratic bottlenecks, and corruption have hampered agricultural productivity and stifled domestic production, leading to a persistent supply-demand mismatch and inflationary pressures.

As President Bola Ahmed Tinubu navigates the tough terrain of piloting the affairs of Nigeria, sure he faces the Herculean task of taming Nigeria's flaming inflation and restoring economic stability. To achieve this monumental feat, he must adopt a multifaceted approach that addresses the root causes of inflation and implements structural reforms to foster sustainable economic growth.

**Stabilizing the Naira:** One of the foremost priorities for President Tinubu should be to stabilize the Nigerian naira and restore confidence in the country's currency. This entails implementing prudent monetary policies, including tightening monetary supply, curbing excessive money printing, and enhancing foreign exchange management.

**Promoting Domestic Production:** To mitigate the adverse impact of import dependency on inflation, President Tinubu must prioritize the revitalization of Nigeria's agricultural and manufacturing sectors. This entails investing in critical infrastructure, providing incentives for private sector participation, and implementing policies that facilitate ease of doing business.

How Nigeria's Inflation fared in H1'2023



**RIPPLES METRICS** RipplesMetrics: How Nigeria's Inflation rate fared in H1'2023 Published 8 months ago on July 19, 2023 By Ripples Nigeria

In the first six months of 2023, several economic policies, amid an election and change in administration, have had an impact on the country's inflation rate which has increased consecutively.

Nigeria's Consumer Price Index (CPI) which measures the average change over time in the prices of goods and services consumed by people for day-to-day living was reported by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) to have increased to 22.79 per cent in June 2023.

**Combating Corruption and Bureaucracy:** Corruption and bureaucratic inefficiencies have long plagued Nigeria's economy, impeding growth and worsening inflation. President Tinubu must demonstrate zero tolerance for corruption and institute comprehensive anti-corruption measures to root out graft at all levels of government.

**Investing in Human Capital Development:** Education and healthcare are indispensable pillars of economic development. President Tinubu must prioritize investments in education and healthcare infrastructure to empower the Nigerian workforce with the requisite skills and improve productivity.

**Fostering Regional Integration and Trade:** Nigeria's economic fortunes are intricately linked to those of its neighboring countries and the broader West African region. President Tinubu should leverage regional integration initiatives such as the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) to enhance trade relations, promote cross-border investments, and unlock new markets for Nigerian goods and services.

Nigeria's flaming inflation poses a formidable challenge to its economic prosperity and social stability. As President Bola Tinubu continues in this leadership journey, he must confront this pressing issue head-on with resolve and determination. By implementing a comprehensive set of policy measures encompassing monetary stabilization, domestic production promotion, corruption eradication, human capital development, and regional integration, Tinubu can chart a course towards economic stability and prosperity for Nigeria. The road ahead may be fraught with challenges, but with visionary leadership and decisive action, Nigeria can overcome its inflationary woes and realize its full potential as the giant of Africa.

*and key political observers believe that pandering to the temporary cry of the masses will not take the country out of the woods because of the long time rot in the system. Here attempt was made to capture how Bola Tinubu's administration has remained fixated on taking the country out of Egypt*

**TINUBU'S ACTIONS TO EASE ECONOMIC HARDSHIP**

By Dayo  
*To remain focus on the goal of government and achieving the desired results, despite the momentary hardship has been identified as the only life line for Nigeria, this some commentators*

In the face of growing anger and hunger in the land, President of Nigeria Bola Ahmed Tinubu, in a clear departure from the business of buck passing and deflection of peoples angst against the harsh impact of his economic policies recently owned up to the hardship trailing the policies. As he takes responsibility for everything with a promise that there will be light at the end of the tunnel.



Nigerian Currency



Assorted Food stuff in Nigerian Market

President Bola Tinubu says his administration is working to ensure that Nigeria is reformed for greater efficiency with a particular emphasis on

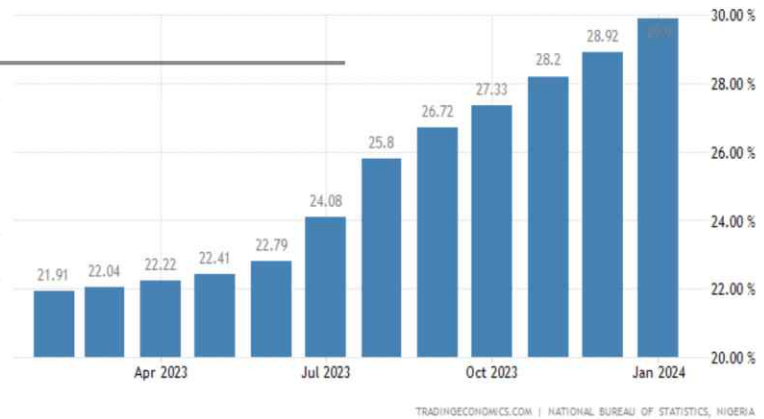
systematically inculcating fairness and equity in all aspects of the national life. Addressing Afenifere leaders at the residence of Pa Reuben Fasoranti in Akure, Ondo State, on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> of February, 2024, the President emphasized his commitment to leading Nigeria towards economic and social prosperity.

Asiwaju said "Nigeria will survive the current economic challenges. There is light at the end of the tunnel. I requested the job, and I am not complaining about it. I take full responsibility. Recalled that during the electioneering, Asiwaju Bola Tinubu had been similarly quoted to have told Nigerians from different walks of life that he needs nobody's sympathy in whatever becomes of him as Nigeria President. He said "I campaigned for this office to serve Nigeria's interests, and I was elected. Some said I would not last in the tribunal and came up with all sorts of predictions, but even when in court, I remained focused.

"We cannot allow Nigeria's economy to be exploited. We cannot abandon our economy to marauders. I am determined to re-engineer our finances and curb selfish interests permanently," he stated.

The President told the leaders of the South West socio-political group that "we are meeting our obligations to the international community. To lenders, we have not defaulted, and we are not going to default. We are navigating the twists and bends on the road to Nigeria's prosperity," the President affirmed. The following day before heading to Qatar on invitation to a business summit, the president commissioned Lagos Red line rail, where he again assured the country that his administration is not contemplating backing down on what he believes is the right cause for the nation.

Asiwaju said "the Labour has gone on strike 4 times within my nine months in government. That's a record. However, they should join us to make Nigeria work as we are currently doing, otherwise if they want to be political, they should meet us in 2027." According to him, "democracy and governance are and must be for the people. As



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Nigeria's annual inflation rate climbed further to a near 28-year high of 29.9% in January 2024, up from 28.9% in December and above market forecasts of 29.5%. Food inflation, which accounts for the bulk of Nigeria's inflation basket, quickened again to 35.4% in January from 33.9% a month earlier, with higher prices across a broad range of items including bread, fish, meat, fruit and eggs. On a monthly basis, consumer prices inched up by 2.6% in January, the most in five months, following a 2.3% rise in the previous month. source: National Bureau of Statistics, Nigeria

for our policy, it will continue. We will not stop it. Corruption must end in Nigeria. Yes, Corruption will fight back, we will fight it and ruin it. We will exterminate it! Nigeria money must be for the majority of Nigerians to build good education, healthcare and modern transportation for majority of the people. We are focused and determined and we are on track. In the end, all of us will be happy for all the sacrifices we made. The Hope is here, Nigeria will be out of economic problems."

Early in February, with the growing cost of food items in the country, the President after a meeting with Presidential Committee on Emergency Food Intervention **directed the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security to release about 42,000 metric tons of maize, millet, and other commodities in strategic reserves to address the rising cost of food in the country. This is apart from the assurances from the Rice Millers Association of Nigeria to release about 60,000 metric tons of rice to the markets.**

This notwithstanding, Tinubu has also put forward an economic advisory committee, making the list were prominent members of the private sector, including the Chairman of United Bank for Africa,



Mr. Tony Elumelu, and the Chairman of Dangote Group, Aliko Dangote. At the maiden meeting with the advisory committee, Tinubu said the goal “is to provide additional efforts” in stabilising the economy and ensuring the “best economic future” for Nigerians.



According to Mr. President, he said “Let's look at what we're doing right and what we're doing wrong to bring life back to the economy. As I have said many times, the people of this country are only the people we have to please.” Not playing the role of Nostradamus, Asiawaju emphasized that “we are not saying that we have all the answers. But we will not be blamed for not trying. We assure Nigerians that we will do our best to get our marshall plan in place and fashion out the best economic future for this country.”

Also attracting the attention of the government was the creation of Social Security Unemployment Programme by President Bola Ahmed, where unemployed youths will be paid to ease economic hardship. This initiative by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu is considered to have potential to significantly impact Nigeria's unemployed youth and the nation's economy. By providing a safety net for those struggling to find employment, the Social Security Unemployment Programme could help alleviate poverty and reduce income inequality.

The programme could also stimulate the economy, as the increased purchasing power of the beneficiaries may lead to higher consumer spending. Even though its success will depend on effective implementation, including

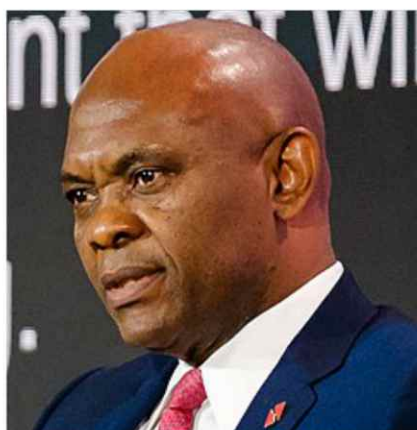
transparent eligibility criteria, efficient distribution of funds, and strict monitoring to ensure the benefits reach the intended recipients.

Similarly, in a classical display of commitment to addressing the brain drain syndrome in the country, President Bola Tinubu on Tuesday February 27th, 2024 launched the Expatriate Employment Levy (EEL) to facilitate home-grown skill retention and technology domestication and to balance employment opportunities between Nigerians and expatriates. Speaking at the launch of the Expatriate Employment Levy handbook, the President also said the aim is to close wage gaps between expatriates and the Nigerian labour force, while increasing employment opportunities for qualified Nigerians in foreign companies operating in the country.

According to a statement issued by Chief Ajuri Ngelale, Special Adviser to the President on Media & Publicity, Tinubu, however, warned that the scheme should not be used as an impediment nor as a cudgel wielded to discourage foreign investors. “We expect improved revenue generation; improved naturalization and indigenization; we anticipate the employment of more qualified Nigerians by foreign companies operating in this country. We seek a greater balancing of



Aliko Dangote  
Chairman of Dangote Group



Mr. Tony Elumelu  
Chairman of United Bank for Africa



Chief Ajuri Ngelale  
Special Adviser to the President on Media & Publicity

employment opportunities between Nigerians and expatriates and the closure of the wage gap between expatriates and the Nigerian labour force by making it more attractive to hire

Nigerians. "I declare my support for the Expatriate Employment Levy scheme, and I will continue to encourage the operators, practitioners of immigration matters and expatriate quotas, but I emphasize: do not use it as a bottleneck; do not use it as an obstacle to frustrate potential investors.

Despite the frantic effort on the part of the nation's economic team, it appears that detractors are not resting, prompting the Office of the National Security Adviser to sound a note of warning that it will confront the saboteurs headlong. For instance, on 20<sup>th</sup> of February, a statement by Zakari Mijinyawa, the head of Strategic Communication at the Office of the National Security Adviser says the measure is part of efforts to restore sanity to the nation's foreign exchange market and stabilise the economy. It further stated that *in a concerted effort to safeguard Nigeria's foreign exchange market and combat speculative activities, the Office of the National Security Adviser (ONSA) and the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) are joining forces to address challenges impacting the nation's economic stability. Stressing further that The CBN's proactive measures to stabilise the foreign exchange market and stimulate economic activities have been commendable.*

*The statement noted that despite the move, its effectiveness is being undermined by the activities of speculators, both domestic and international, operating through various channels, thereby exacerbating the depreciation of the Nigerian Naira and contributing to inflation and economic instability.*

*Accordingly, the office of the National security Adviser added that intelligence reports have highlighted continued illicit activities within the Nigerian foreign exchange market, the ONSA and CBN are therefore embarking on this collaborative*



The Presidential Committee  
on Emergency Food Intervention in a meeting

*approach to tackle these infractions. This partnership will involve a coordinated effort with key law enforcement agencies, including the*

*Nigeria Police Force (NPF), the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), the Nigeria Customs Service and the Nigeria Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU).*

*The primary objective of this alliance is to systematically identify, thoroughly investigate and appropriately penalise individuals and organisations involved in wrongful activities within the Forex market,*

Truth to this promise, news emerged on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> of February that two senior executives at Binance were reportedly detained in Nigeria, The executives flew to Nigeria following the country's decision to ban several cryptocurrency trading websites last week but they were detained by the office of the country's national security adviser and their passports seized. Already, apart from some unscrupulous bureau De change agents, fingers have been pointed in the direction of binance as one of the saboteurs who used the cyberspace to literally hijack the role of the CBN on currency. The crackdown follows a period after several cryptocurrency websites emerged as platforms of choice for trading the Nigerian currency, which has suffered chronic dollar shortages.

Also among the effort at fastening the loose end of the economic policy of the government is a recapitalization done by the Central Bank of Nigeria penultimate week, in the news recapitalization, minimum capital requirements for BDC operators in Nigeria will be N2 billion for Tier 1 license holders. The bank added that the requirement for a Tier 2 license would be N500 million, marking a departure from the previous threshold of N35 million for a general license. Economic watchers believed this is a move in the right direction, yet it is not without element of challenge.

# Airpeace Airlines' Isi Agu Attire Initiative: Elevating Igbo Cultural Identity Globally



In a bold move aimed at celebrating Igbo heritage and promoting cultural diversity, Airpeace Airlines, under the visionary leadership of its owner, Allen Onyema, has introduced the iconic Isi Agu attire as part of its air host uniform. This decision not only reflects Onyema's pride in his people, culture, and tribe but also serves as a significant step towards showcasing Igbo identity on a global scale.

The Isi Agu, characterized by its distinctive lion head embroidery and vibrant patterns, holds profound cultural significance among the Igbo people of Nigeria. Historically worn by royalty and leaders, the Isi Agu represents strength, resilience, and cultural pride. By incorporating this traditional attire into the uniforms of its air hosts, Airpeace Airlines is not only paying homage to Igbo heritage but also fostering a sense of cultural belonging among its staff and passengers.

Allen Onyema, a prominent Nigerian businessman known for his philanthropy and commitment to social causes, has long been an advocate for celebrating Nigeria's diverse cultural landscape. Through his leadership, Airpeace Airlines has continuously sought innovative ways to promote unity and inclusivity within the airline industry. The introduction of the Isi Agu attire stands as a testament to Onyema's dedication to showcasing Nigeria's rich cultural tapestry to the world.

The decision to embrace the Isi Agu attire goes beyond mere aesthetics; it carries profound implications for the perception of Igbo culture on a global scale. In an era where cultural representation and inclusivity are paramount, Airpeace Airlines' initiative sets a commendable example for other companies to embrace and

celebrate cultural diversity in meaningful ways.

Furthermore, by adorning the Isi Agu attire, Airpeace Airlines' air hosts serve as cultural ambassadors, proudly representing Igbo heritage to passengers from all corners of the globe. This not only fosters a sense of pride among Igbo employees but also provides an opportunity for cultural exchange and appreciation among passengers.

The impact of Airpeace Airlines' Isi Agu initiative extends far beyond the confines of the aviation industry. It sends a powerful message of inclusivity, acceptance, and cultural pride, resonating with individuals of Igbo descent worldwide. In a world where cultural identities are often marginalized or homogenized, initiatives like this serve as a beacon of hope for preserving and celebrating cultural heritage.

As the global community continues to navigate the complexities of cultural identity and representation, Allen Onyema and Airpeace Airlines' unwavering commitment to celebrating Igbo culture sets a commendable example for businesses and organizations worldwide. By embracing and promoting cultural diversity, they not only enrich the travel experience but also contribute to a more inclusive and interconnected world.



**Allen Onyema**  
MD/CEO Airpeace Airline



Allen Onyema MD/CEO Airpeace Airline, leading the crew members at the launch of Lagos - London flight



Airpeace Crew on Isi Agu Attire



Governor Nasir Idris of Kebbi State, Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa, the Managing Director, National Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (N-HYPPADEC), and other stakeholders proceeding to lay the foundation for construction of a 30-unit resettlement housing scheme in Ganten Fadama, Bagudo Local Government Area

## N-HYPPADEC MD Yelwa Leads Resettlement Efforts, Governor Nasir Hails Unprecedented Performance



Dr. Nasir Idris (Kauran Gwandu) Executive Governor, Kebbi State

In a resounding display of commendation and appreciation, Governor Nasir Idris of Kebbi State lauded the exceptional leadership of Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa, the Managing Director of the National Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (N-HYPPADEC). Speaking at the foundation laying ceremony for the construction of a 30-unit resettlement

housing scheme in Ganten Fadama, Bagudo Local Government Area of Kebbi State, Governor Nasir extolled the relentless efforts of Yelwa in driving forward transformative projects aimed at bettering the lives of communities affected by hydroelectric dams. Governor Nasir emphasized that Yelwa's performance is unparalleled, demonstrating an unwavering

commitment not only to Kebbi State but to the entire nation. He praised the N-HYPPADEC's interventions across the state, addressing the challenges faced by communities affected by the operations of hydroelectric dams. Such initiatives, according to Governor Nasir, epitomize a new era of selfless service in governance, urging other elected and appointed officials to emulate Yelwa's dedication to serving the people.



Dr. Nasir Idris performing the ceremonial foundation laying for the 30-unit resettlement housing scheme

HYPPADEC, underscored the project's alignment with the Commission's vision of relocating flood-prone communities to safer grounds, thereby curtailing the incessant cycle of flood disasters. He highlighted the design of the two-bedroom flats, tailored to suit the needs of the ecosystem while leveraging local labor and available materials.



Gov. Idris during foundation laying



Governor Nasir Idris and, Alh. Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa, during the occasion

Yelwa expressed gratitude to the Kebbi State Government, members of the National Assembly, and other stakeholders for their instrumental roles in initiating and supporting the project. He further revealed similar projects underway in other N-HYPPADEC member states grappling with devastating flood disasters.

The collaborative efforts between N-HYPPADEC and various stakeholders, spearheaded by the exemplary leadership of Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa, stand as a beacon of hope for vulnerable communities, setting a precedent for effective governance and impactful development initiatives. **NG**

Expressing his satisfaction with the initiative to resettle communities displaced by floods, Governor Nasir acknowledged the gradual yet impactful nature of the project, foreseeing a significant reduction in flood-related burdens in affected areas. He pledged continued support and cooperation from his administration to N-HYPPADEC, affirming their shared commitment to uplifting communities and mitigating the effects of natural disasters.



Alh. Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa supervising the on-going work of the construction of the 30 Unit resettlement scheme

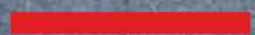
Abubakar Sadiq Yelwa, the MD of N-



Demonstrating astute managerial skills, Osidi spearheaded transformative initiatives that propelled the institution towards unprecedented growth and efficiency



■ Shehu U. Osidi  
MD/CEO, FMBN



# Shehu U. Osidi

## A Visionary Leader in Banking and Housing Development

### MD/CEO FMBN

**A**lhaji Shehu Usman Osidi stands as a towering figure in Nigeria's banking and housing sectors, with a career spanning over three decades marked by exceptional leadership and visionary initiatives. Born on May 10th, 1965, in Shafa Abakpa, Toto Local Government Area of Nasarawa State, Osidi's journey is an evidence to dedication, innovation, and firm commitment to excellence.

Educated with a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Bayero University, Kano in 2002, Osidi's professional trajectory began in banking, where he showcased remarkable prowess. His illustrious banking career saw him serve as Branch Manager/Head of Marketing in prestigious institutions such as Lion Bank of Nigeria Plc, Diamond Bank Plc, Intercontinental Bank Plc, and Afribank Nigeria Plc. With a wealth of experience garnered from diverse banking environments, Osidi transitioned seamlessly into leadership roles, leaving an indelible mark at each juncture.


Osidi's tenure as an Assistant General Manager at the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria (FMBN) marked a pivotal moment in his career. Demonstrating astute managerial skills, he spearheaded transformative initiatives that propelled the institution towards unprecedented growth and efficiency. Notably, his contributions as SA (Housing)/Chief of Staff to the Honourable Minister of Housing & Urban Development accentuated his strategic foresight and innovative thinking. Collaborating closely with stakeholders, he played a pivotal role in crafting blueprints aligned with national agenda, fostering institutional capacity, and driving initiatives to address housing challenges.

A distinguished scholar, Osidi's quest for knowledge led him to prestigious institutions such as the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and the Wharton School, University of

Pennsylvania. Complementing his academic achievements are numerous accolades and certifications, including memberships in esteemed professional bodies like the Chartered Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria and the Nigerian Institute of Management.

Osidi's career achievements are a proof to his dynamic leadership style and resolute dedication to progress. Under his stewardship, the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria will witness remarkable milestones, from the implementation of robust risk management frameworks to the successful completion of stalled projects. His visionary approach to housing finance, exemplified by the introduction of innovative products like the FMBN Home Renovation Loan and Rent-to-Own scheme, has revolutionized access to affordable housing for Nigerians.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Osidi finds solace in hobbies such as reading, traveling, and playing badminton. A devoted family man, he balances his illustrious career with a fulfilling personal life.

In sum, Shehu Usman Osidi epitomizes the qualities of a visionary leader—a strategic thinker, an innovative problem-solver, and a catalyst for positive change. His legacy in banking and housing development serves as an inspiration for future generations, emphasizing the transformative power of leadership driven by passion, integrity, and excellence. 

# The Trailblazer

Hon. Oyetunde Ojo



■ **Hon. Oyetunde Ojo**  
Managing Director/Chief Executive  
Federal Housing Authority (FHA)



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## President Tinubu's Strategic Move:

## Oyetunde Ojo's Appointment To Lead Federal Housing Authority Signals Promising Future for Nigerian Housing Sector

In a strategic move aimed at bolstering Nigeria's housing sector, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has appointed Hon. Oyetunde Ojo as the new Managing Director of the Federal Housing Authority (FHA). This appointment, widely regarded as a testament to Ojo's proven track record and expertise, has ignited a surge of optimism among stakeholders, heralding a new era of development and progress in the nation's housing landscape.

Ojo's extensive experience, spanning over a decade in both the housing and hospitality industries, coupled with his academic prowess, underscores his suitability for the pivotal role. Holding a Master's degree in Peace and Conflict Studies from the University of Greenwich, United Kingdom, and boasting affiliations with prestigious institutions such as Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Housing Finance, Ojo brings a wealth of knowledge and insight to his new position.

As a former Member of the House of Representatives, Ojo demonstrated exemplary leadership during his tenure, notably serving as the Chairman of the House Committee on Communication. His commitment to public service and his deep understanding of legislative intricacies equip him with the acumen necessary to navigate the complexities of housing development in Nigeria.

With Ojo at the helm, the Federal Housing Authority is poised to undergo a transformational journey aimed at reshaping and revitalizing the nation's housing landscape. His vision encompasses not only the provision of affordable housing for all Nigerians but also the implementation of sustainable and inclusive development strategies.

Furthermore, Ojo's familial ties to President Tinubu, being married to his eldest daughter, Mrs. Folashade Tinubu-Ojo, further underscores the confidence placed in his leadership abilities. This appointment signifies a strategic alignment of talent and vision, as President Tinubu entrusts Ojo with the crucial task of steering the Federal Housing Authority towards achieving its mandate.

In the wake of Ojo's appointment, stakeholders and citizens alike express optimism for the future, anticipating a period of unprecedented progress and prosperity in Nigeria's housing sector. As Ojo assumes his new role, all eyes are on him, poised to witness the realization of his vision and the fulfillment of the nation's housing aspirations under his capable leadership.

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## MD/CE Hon. Oyetunde Ojo Spearheads Nationwide Consultation for Affordable Housing Solutions

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In a concerted effort to address the pressing need for affordable housing across Nigeria, the Managing Director and Chief Executive of the Federal Housing Authority (FHA), Honorable Oyetunde Ojo, has embarked on a series of familiarization tours to various states of the country. With a commendable focus on consultation and collaboration, Hon. Ojo's endeavors aim to lay the groundwork for inclusive and effective housing solutions under the Renewed Hope Agenda of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

Commencing his tour in the North Central states after a successful engagement in the South Western region, Hon. Ojo's proactive approach underscores a commitment to engage with stakeholders at all levels. During his visits to Niger and Benue States, the MD emphasized the importance of working closely with state governors to ensure that housing projects align with the cultural and socioeconomic needs of local communities.

The collaborative spirit of the tour was palpable as governors Umar Bago of Niger State and Rev. Fr. Hyacinth Alia of Benue State pledged their support and collaboration with FHA initiatives. Recognizing the pivotal role of governors as custodians of land



■ Hon. Oyetunde Ojo



Hon. Oyetunde Ojo and Gov. Siminalayi Fubara



Alh. Abdullahi Umar Dankani



Hon. Oyetunde Ojo with Gov. Umar Bago of Niger State

and representatives of their people, Hon. Ojo reiterated the significance of their input in the planning and execution of housing projects.

Moreover, Hon. Ojo's commitment to inclusivity was evident in his assurance to cater to Nigerians across income brackets. By offering a variety of housing formats, including studio apartments and carcass structures, the FHA aims to empower allottees to customize their homes according to individual preferences and resources. Additionally, plans for Diaspora estates underscore a dedication to meeting the diverse housing needs of Nigerians both at home and abroad.

Continuing his engagement with state governors, Hon. Ojo recently visited Abia and Imo States, where he met with governors Alex Otti and Hope Uzodinma, respectively. The unwavering support pledged by these governors further solidifies the collaborative efforts towards realizing President Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda.

As Hon. Oyetunde Ojo leads the charge in fostering partnerships and consultations nationwide, his proactive approach sets a commendable precedent for inclusive governance and sustainable development. With a focus on affordability, accessibility, and inclusivity, the FHA under his leadership is poised to make significant strides in addressing the housing deficit and improving the quality of life for all Nigerians. **NG**



Hon. Oyetunde Ojo with Rev. Fr. Hyacinth Alia of Benue State



Hon. Oyetunde Ojo with Gov. Alex Otti of Abia State



*Dankane U. Abdullahi epitomizes leadership and innovation*



**Dankane U. Abdullahi**  
**Executive Director**  
**Business Development, FHA**

# Dankane U. Abdullahi

## Championing Business Development at FHA

### Executive Director Business Development

*Dankane Umar Abdullahi stands as a luminary figure in the realm of financial and general management, adorned with over two decades of profound expertise.*


Currently serving as the Executive Director, Business Development at the Federal Housing Authority, Abuja, and previously acclaimed for his role as the Executive Director, Business Development & Portfolio Management at the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria, Abdullahi epitomizes leadership and innovation in the housing sector.

A distinguished alumnus of Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto, Abdullahi's academic journey culminated in both bachelor's and master's degrees, laying the foundation for his illustrious career. His professional voyage commenced as a stalwart in governmental financial management, having served as Chief Accountant and Principal Accountant with the Kebbi State Government. It was during this tenure that his adeptness in financial stewardship was further embellished, notably as the Project Accountant for Kebbi State's World Bank-Assisted Project.

Recognized as a dynamic team player and change agent, Abdullahi's tenure as a Special Adviser on Housing to the Executive Governor of Kebbi State underscored his commitment to leveraging both professional acumen and political insight for the betterment of public service. His appointment as the Executive Director of Business

Development at the Federal Housing Authority marks another milestone in his journey towards fostering efficiency and progress within the public sector.

Beyond his professional realm, Abdullahi embodies a multifaceted persona. A connoisseur of sports, his interests span across football, volleyball, and tennis, mirroring his fervor for teamwork and competition. As a member of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Nigeria and an Associate Member of the Nigeria Institute of Management, Abdullahi continually seeks to enhance his knowledge and skills, participating in numerous management training programs both locally and internationally.

In his personal life, Abdullahi finds solace and joy in his role as a devoted husband and father. His firm commitment to his family mirrors the dedication and resilience he brings to his professional endeavors. With a fervent dedication to driving development and progress, Dankane Umar Abdullahi stands as aideal of excellence in the Nigerian housing sector, poised to shape the future of public service and community advancement. 

# Dr. Nasir Idris Mohammed

**A Quintessential Leader  
At the Helm of Affairs  
in Kebbi State**

**Executive Governor  
Kebbi State**

*In the heart of Nigeria's northwestern region, Kebbi State is experiencing a remarkable transformation under the astute leadership of Governor Dr. Nasir Idris Mohammed, affectionately known as the Kauran Gwandu. His journey from the helm of the Nigeria Teachers Union to the pinnacle of state governance reflects a lifelong dedication to public service and a deep-rooted commitment to the betterment of society.*

*Governor Nasir Idris Mohammed's tenure as the governor of Kebbi State has been marked by a series of visionary initiatives aimed at fostering inclusivity and equality across all strata of society. Through strategic policies and targeted investments, he has embarked on a mission to turn Kebbi into an egalitarian state, where opportunities abound for every citizen, regardless of background or circumstance.*







## Chronicling Gov Nasir Idris's incisive strategy to strengthen security in Kebbi State

*Security is very paramount to all facets of development in any clime, either in Nigeria or other parts of the continent and worldwide. Consequently without it, nations will not prosper, societies will stagnate without growth.*



Procured motorcycles for security agents

In Nigeria, the story is the same and has in the most recent years, become a quagmire in most parts of the country.

Although security is on the exclusive list of Nigeria's 1999 Constitution (as amended), yet it is everybody's responsibility in need of collective effort by the three tiers of government to ensure peace and serenity.

The provision of security to safeguard the lives and property of the citizens is thus one of the basic principles enshrined in the constitution of Federal Republic of Nigeria, so that they can live in peace and go about their day to day activities without threat to their well-being or any hindrance.

Therefore, the crux of the matter is that there will never be development

without security.

It is on this background that I feel it is pertinent to Xray the proactive and curative approach of the Governor of Kebbi State, Comrade Dr. Nasir Idris, Kauran Gwandu towards addressing the security challenges in the State particularly in the Southern parts of Kebbi where the activities of bandits have become disturbing and incessant



in spite of efforts to surmount the trend by the Governor and the gallant security operatives.

Without mincing words, the measures taken by Kauran Gwandu immediately he assumed office on 29th, May, 2023 to curtail recurring attacks from the unrepentant bandits and ensure safety of people of the state, have started yielding positive results. This is as evident as it is glaring.

Hitherto, the heinous activities of bandits and other criminal elements engaged in cattle rustling, kidnapping for ransom and the recurring attacks on innocent villagers have drastically reduced through neutralising some of the dreaded kingpins of the bandits such as 'Mainasara' in Danko Wasagu, and 'Dogo Oro' who were felled in Tunga village of Bunza Local Government by the combined efforts of joint security operatives comprising the military, police, Civil Defence Corps, NSCDC, and the local vigilantes in their various communities.

Most of the attacks by the hoodlums were averted particularly in several locations in Kebbi South, Danko Wasagu, Zuru, Fakai, Yauri, Shanga and Ngaski local Government Areas. Although local Government Areas like Suru, Bagudo, Bunza, Arewa and Augie have witnessed pockets of banditry but not as unprecedented as the former.

Interestingly, in areas where farming activities have hitherto been abandoned due to the criminal activities of unscrupulous elements, farmers have returned to their farms with normal farming activities now at their peak.

Rural dwellers in villages are now more consciously responsive to matters of their community security by cooperating with the various security agencies as well as forming and supporting vigilante groups as advocated by Governor Nasir Idris during his visits to communities



SUVs for security outfits

affected by banditry.

These are really commendable efforts that should be hugely sustained and replicated across the state.

Though the previous Governments did their best in the area of security in the state, the priority given by Kauran Gwandu-led administration to tackle the menace in all its ramifications has been more explicit and result-oriented.

When he took over the mantle of leadership as the Chief Security Officer of the State, Comrade, Dr. Nasir Idris, Kauran Gwandu started by holding regular security meetings with the heads of security agencies in the state including vigilante groups to listen to their challenges with a view to addressing them.

This has been beneficial and the meetings have been regular, courtesy of the dexterity by the magnetic personality and charismatic leader, Comrade, Dr. Nasir Idris.

He increased the payment of allowances to security services engaged in the theatre of operation in the state which galvanised and emboldened the combatants to exhibit valour.

The Governor further approved the formation of a joint security operation comprising of all security agencies including the vigilantes for total victory.

He also increased budgetary allocation to support the logistic requirements of security operatives to diligently carry out their mandate of protecting lives and property of

the citizenry.

In addition, the measure has led to deployment of increased presence of security personnel to black spots and other flash points across the State.

It is also on record that Kebbi State Government expended the sum of billions of naira on the purchase of 27 hilux vehicles and land cruisers, distributed to the Army, Police, DSS and Civil Defence. The vigilantes groups received hundreds of motorcycles, precisely Seven Hundred and Thirty motorcycles were purchased to facilitate surveillance and field engagement.

This would encourage community policing by the vigilantes through the use of such motorcycles in all the 21 local Government Areas of the State.

In the effort to keep Kebbi State safe, both urban centres and rural areas, Governor Nasir Idris extended moral and material support to Nigeria Hunters and Forest Security in order to keep bandits and other criminal elements at bay.

This was testified by the State Commander of the Security outfit at a press briefing in Government House, Birnin Kebbi recently.

Amb. Musa Hussaini Rambo told journalists that, Comrade Dr. Nasir Idris, Kauran Gwandu has demonstrated an utmost commitment of his administration to prioritize security by supporting the organisation to carry out its activities in the state particularly its efforts in the forests to get rid of criminal elements as well as organising conferences to enlighten their members on the modern rudiments of

security techniques.

In addition to all these measures, the Governor has kept constant touch with his people particularly those affected by banditry through constant visits, no matter the distance or difficult terrain to commiserate with the victims and offer relief assistance to them. This is the characteristic of a compassionate leader.

Governor Nasir Idris has hit the ground running within his 100 days in office with massive infrastructural development, empowerment of people for self reliance and improved agricultural growth in the state which have been made possible with prevailing security in the State.

Security has remained top most on the 5 point agenda of the people's Governor.

At the Armed Forces Remembrance Day Celebrations, Comrade, Dr. Nasir Idris doled out N80 million and hundreds of bags of grains to the members of the Nigerian Legion, widows of departed soldiers and serving NYSC members.

The recent trip by Governor Nasir Idris to Gusau, with his counterparts from the North-West Geopolitical Zone, to witness the launching of the Zamfara State Community Protection Guards, is a clear zeal, vision and intention of the Governor to partner with all the chief security officers of the zone to holistically address security matters to secure their people as well as appraise the preparedness of the states to set up similar security outfits leading to regional security body.

Comrade, Dr. Kauran Gwandu requests people of the state to sustain prayers for the administration for the full return of peace, security, tranquility, growth, and economic prosperity in abundance to all communities, towns and villages in Kebbi State, because without security, there will never be development.



Gov. Nasir Idris, Sen. Kyari, Bagudu and Alh. Mohammed Idris commissioned GB Foods Tomato factory at Gafara in Ngaski Local Government Area

## GOV IDRIS, THREE MINISTERS COMMISSION MEGA TOMATO FACTORY IN KEBBI

Governor Nasir Idris of Kebbi State, the Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, Senator Abubakar Kyari, Minister of Budget and Economic Planning, Senator Atiku Bagudu and Minister of Information and National Orientation, Alhaji Muhammad Idris have commissioned a tomato farming and processing facility of a private company, GB Foods, at Gafara in Ngaski Local Government Area of the state on Friday.

Governor Nasir Idris, remarked that his administration would give an enabling environment for businesses of private investors to thrive in the state.

He thanked Spain for finding Kebbi worthwhile for establishing such huge investment in the agricultural sector in the state.

He further commended the president, Sen. Bola Ahmed Tinubu for sending a high-powered delegation to the state to obtain first hand information and see things for themselves about the activities of the largest tomato processing plant in Africa similar to WACOT rice mill in Argungu local government area of the state.

He gave an assurance that the the state would remain hospitable to all investors with the necessary enabling environment for profitable business.

Kauran Gwandu requested the company to process its end product in the state without referral to Lagos State for processing.

The representative of the President, Sen. Abubakar Kyari, the Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, reiterated the commitment of President Tinubu to providing conducive environment and necessary encouragement to private investors to invest in the agricultural sector in line with his eight-point agenda.

Kyari, commended the company for its huge investment in the country as demonstrated by its planned expansion of its processing facility.

The Minister thanked the Spanish



Ambassador to Nigeria, Mr Juan Sell, for personally visiting the Federal Ministry of Agriculture to invite the president to the commissioning ceremony.

Similarly, the Minister of Information and National Orientation, Alhaji Muhammad Idris, said President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has invested enormous resources in Agricultural Development and created enabling environment for investors to invest in agriculture towards attainment of food security in the country.

Idris said that the establishment of the company and its sustainability was an indication of political collaboration between President Tinubu and Kebbi governor in their penchant for improved agricultural production, food security and wealth creation.

The minister thanked the company for its belief in Nigeria, assuring that the President would provide it with the necessary support and encouragement .

"I am happy that GB foods is the largest tomato processing plant in Africa as it processes, Two thousand, hundred (2,400) metric tones of tomato per day.

" I urge you to remain dogged and I call on other investors to invest across the country," he said.

Idris immensely commended Gov. Nasir Idris for providing necessary

***Idris assured the company that the state government would create an enabling environment for them to conveniently carry out the project for the benefit of the state***



GB Foods Tomato factory at Gafara

support and encouragement to the company initiated by former Governor, Alhaji Atiku Bagudu.

Also speaking, the Minister of Budget and National Planning, Senator Atiku Bagudu commended the president for placing premium on agricultural production and food security that manifested in GB foods making significant contribution to food security.

"From national planning perspective, Nigeria is a huge investment destination that can absorb thousands of private investments.

In his royal blessing, the Monarch, Zayyanu-Abdullahi, commended the governor for upholding the legacy of his predecessor by providing necessary support to investors, especially GB foods.

mark, the Spanish Ambassador, reiterated the commitment of Spain to partner with Nigeria in various sectors of the economy in spite of the challenges in the country.

The Managing Director of the company, Mr Vincent Egbe, on behalf of tomato farmers, donated a crate of the commodity to the Minister of Agriculture for onward delivery to President Tinubu to sample the quality of their cultivation.

Kebbi as one of the states for independent power plant.

"China Power Company will shoulder the responsibility of this project, approval has already been given by China Government to construct an independent power plant in Kebbi because Fadel International Holding Group is doing business in the state," he said. **NG**

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Gov. Nasir Idris and other stakeholders in a group photograph

# The Working Governor

## *Kauran Gwandu Is Working*



Gov Nasir Idris inspecting the ongoing construction of Ultra modern State Secretariat complex at Gwadagaji, work has reached over 80 percent completion



Construction of township roads in BirninKebbi, the State capital also solar street lights are installed



Newly constructed primary schools



One of the beneficiaries of Kauran Gwandu's benevolence displaying the some of the palliatives he received from Kebbi State Government free of charge



Newly constructed primary schools



Front entrance of the ongoing construction of the Ultra modern State Secretariat complex in Birnin Kebbi



Newly constructed and renovated schools across the state



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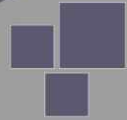


The renovated Kebbi State Government House, now looking as a magnificent edifice



# Dr. Odiraa NWANKWOR

—  
Agu Nnaya I  
of Nanka



# The Making Of Agu Nnaya 1 Of Nanka

**DR. ODIRAA NWANKWOR:**

*From the Heart of Anambra (Nanka)  
to Global Healthcare Leadership*

By Orjiako Sam Orjiako

In the heart of Nanka, Anambra, the city of great minds gathered cream-de-la-cream on the 4th of January 2024. The air was charged with excitement and anticipation as esteemed individuals from across the state, Nigeria and beyond convened for a momentous occasion. It was more than just a gathering; it was a convergence of the elite class, a celebration of excellence, as Dr. Odiraa Nwankwor, Associate Professor was bestowed with the prestigious chieftaincy title of Agu Nnaya 1 of Nanka by none other than HRH Igwe Godwin Ogo Ezeilo, the revered Ezekunie Ezeadisonu Obunanka of Nanka.

Dr. Odiraa Nwankwor, a luminary in the field of medicine, boasts a distinguished career as a global physician, particularly acclaimed for his expertise in pediatrics. A Fellow of the esteemed American College of Critical Care Medicine, Dr. Odiraa's presence at the ceremony was nothing short of majestic. As he entered the hallowed space, the council of chiefs of Nanka welcomed him with reverence, affirming his status as the first Agu Nnaya of Nanka amidst jubilation and fervent support from the people of Nanka.

Yet, this recognition is more than just a ceremonial accolade; it is a proof to Dr. Odiraa Nwankwor's untiring commitment to the advancement of healthcare, both within his community Nigeria and globally. With a heart as vast as his accomplishments, Dr. Odiraa stands as a quintessence of compassion, a philanthropist whose generosity knows no bounds, and a patriot dedicated to the betterment of his homeland.

Notably, Dr. Odiraa's impact extends far beyond the borders of Nigeria. His endeavour in the United States reflect his dedication to excellence and innovation in healthcare practices. As a leader in critical care medicine, he has left an indelible mark on the global medical community, earning him best



# Dr. Odiraa NWANKWOR

*Agu Nnaya I of Nanka*



widespread acclaim and admiration.

Moreover, Dr. Odiraa Nwankwor's contributions to Nigeria's healthcare landscape are profound. His visionary initiative, the Nigeria ICU Project at the University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital, Enugu, Nigeria stands as a demonstration to his commitment to revolutionizing healthcare delivery in his homeland. Through this project, Dr. Odiraa seeks to elevate the standard of critical care services, ensuring that every Nigerian child has access to world-class medical treatment.

As Agu Nnaya I of Nanka, Dr. Odiraa Nwankwor embodies the spirit of leadership and service, inspiring generations to come. His journey from the heart of Anambra to global healthcare leadership serves as an inspiration of hope and a reminder of the transformative power of dedication and

compassion.

Dr. Odiraa is a Member, American Academy of Pediatrics Advance Pediatrics Life Support Global Steering Committee, and Committee Member, World Sepsis Congress of the Global Sepsis Alliance.

He is a great teacher and an enthusiastic scholar; a Visiting Scholar at the College of Medicine, University of Nigeria, Enugu Campus and a Fellow, Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program. He has won numerous academic and community services awards including Faculty Teaching awards (2017 & 2018), South Jersey Magazine Top Doc (2020 & 2021), African Community Service award (2021) and Deans Award for Excellence in Education.

NewsGlobal presents to you Agu Nnaya I of Nanka, Dr. Odiraa Nwankwor, an Associate Professor of Medicine.

***Dr. Odiraa seeks to elevate the standard of critical care services, ensuring that every Nigerian child has access to world-class medical treatment***



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# The Making

Of Agu Nnaya 1 Of Nanka

DR. ODIRAA NWANKWOR







**HRH Igwe Godwin Ezeilo:**  
*A Model of Leadership and Tradition in Anambra State*

## NANKA AND CHIEFTAINCY TITLE/CONFIRMMENT

Nestled within the historic enclave of Orumba North region in Anambra State, Nigeria, lies the vibrant community of Nanka, the home of great men and women, the town that has produced some of the best brains in the Nigeria and the World all over Nanka, indeed is a town where the tradition of chieftaincy installation is not just a ceremonial affair but a sacred legacy intertwined with centuries-old customs and values. Here, the Igbo people's rich cultural heritage is meticulously woven with a deep reverence for lineage, ancestral ties, and communal governance structures.

At the heart of Nanka's societal organization is the concept of "Chieftaincy Conferment," venerable titles bestowed upon individuals of exceptional merit, marking them as custodians of tradition and pillars of community leadership. The installation of a chief in Nanka is far more than a symbolic gesture; it is a solemn ritual steeped in tradition, reflecting the community's commitment to preserving its heritage and values.

Throughout the annals of history, chiefs in Nanka have served as guardians of tradition, mediators of disputes, and patrons of cultural practices, embodying the essence of servant leadership and stewardship.



Dr. Odioraa being conferred with the title of Agu Nnaya I of Nanka by HRH Igwe Godwin Ezeilo

The selection process for a chief is a meticulous endeavor guided by age-old norms and communal consensus, ensuring that only the most deserving individuals ascend to positions of authority.

The chieftaincy installation ceremony in Nanka is a spectacle of reverence and celebration. Against the backdrop of communal feasting, drumming, and dancing, the vibrancy and unity of the people are palpable, reaffirming the resilience of Nanka's cultural heritage.

Despite the winds of change brought by shifting socio-economic dynamics and colonial influences, the institution of chieftaincy in Nanka remains steadfast in its commitment to preserving tradition, fostering community cohesion, and nurturing the next generation of leaders. At the helm of this timeless legacy stands the Igwe of Nanka, a pillar of leadership whose exemplary stewardship serves as a guiding light for others to emulate.

In acknowledging the Igwe Godwin Ezeilo, the Ejinaka of Nanka's firm commitment to his people and the preservation of their cultural heritage, one cannot help but commend his leadership acumen and dedication to upholding the values that define Nanka society.

His reign is not only a proof to the enduring strength of tradition but also an evidence to the transformative power of visionary leadership. As

Nanka continues to navigate the complexities of the modern world, the Igwe's leadership serves as an anchor, ensuring that the community remains rooted in its heritage while embracing the opportunities of the future.

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Distinguished Nanka natives, including Chief Pastor Peter Ebere Nwosu, the Managing Director of Greenlife Pharmaceutical Ltd and Clinix Health Diagnostics Ltd in Lagos, were instrumental in assisting Igwe Godwin Ezeilo during this year's chieftaincy conferment. Among the notable figures present was Chief Hillary Ezeibe, also known as Asiwaju, of Afu Nwa Elota Nna Nanka, who facilitated the seamless transition of the new chiefs as they approached the Igwe to receive their titles. Their presence not only added vibrancy to the ceremony but also ensured its smooth and well-coordinated progression. **NG**

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**Hon Salisu G. Koko  
(Jarman Koko)**  
Member representing Koko-Besse/Maiyama  
Federal Constituency, Kebbi State

# Hon. Joshua C. OBIKA

## An Epitome of Leadership and Community Service



■ **Hon. Joshua Chinedu Obika**  
Member representing AMAC/BWARI Federal Constituency

**H**on. Joshua Chinedu Obika, the distinguished representative of the AMAC/BWARI Federal Constituency in the House of Representatives, has once again demonstrated his exceptional leadership and commitment to serving his constituents. In a remarkable display

of empathy and solidarity, he visited the Hausa/Fulani Chiefs in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) at the palace home of the Emir, Alhaji Umar Mohammed Dangaladima, during the Ramadan Fast.

Hon. Obika's visit was not merely a customary gesture; it was a proof to

his dedication to fostering unity and understanding among diverse communities within his constituency. Understanding the significance of seeking blessings from elders during the holy month of Ramadan, Hon. Obika exemplified the adage "He who must go to the elderly for blessings, must not go empty-handed." In line

with this principle, he arrived bearing rice palliatives and cash as tokens for the Salah Celebration, ensuring that those in need were supported during the auspicious time.

This act of generosity and



Hon Obika visited the Hausa/Fulani Chiefs in FCT at the palace of the Emir, Alh. Umar Mohammed Dangaladima. He also gave them rice palliative and cash token for Sallah celebration

they expressed gratitude for his firm commitment to improving the lives of those he represents. Such a demonstration of selflessness and empathy has set a new standard for representation in the AMAC/BWARI Federal Constituency, earning Obika the admiration and support of both constituents and community leaders alike.

Moreover, Hon. Obika's dedication to serving his constituents extends beyond ethnic boundaries. In a similar gesture of goodwill, he continued the distribution of rice palliatives to his constituents, this time extending his outreach to the Igbo Chiefs in the FCT.

Led by the Eze-Igbo I of FCT, the Igbo community received Hon. Obika's gesture with gratitude and

appreciation, further cementing his reputation as a representative who transcends ethnic divides in his pursuit of progress and unity.

In light of Hon. Joshua Chinedu Obika's exemplary representation and commitment to community welfare, it is imperative that his fellow members of the House of Representatives emulate his leadership by example.

His dedication to bridging divides, addressing community needs, and fostering unity serves as a shining example for all public servants. As such, it is incumbent upon his colleagues to follow suit and prioritize the interests and well-being of their constituents, guided by the sterling example set forth by Hon. Obika. **NG**



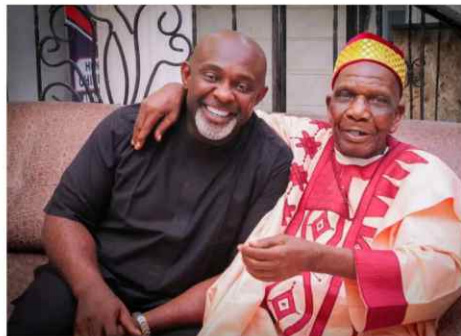
Hon Obika preaches cultural preservation to indigenous people of FCT, Abuja



Hon Obika visits the leadership of Igbo led by the Eze Igbo I of Abuja

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compassion did not go unnoticed. The Chiefs, deeply moved by Hon. Obika's gesture, lauded his exemplary leadership style. Their commendation echoed throughout the community, as



Esu of Ushafa showered Royal blessing on Hon. Joshua C. Obika



Hon. Joshua C. Obika and Eze Igbo I of Abuja



HRH Alh. Umar Mohammed Dangaladima and Hon. Joshua C. Obika



Hon. Joshua C. Obika visits FCT Command of Nig. Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC), Olusola Odumosu seeking collaboration to tackle insecurity in FCT

House of Reps.



**Hon. Obi Aguocha**

Member Representing Ikwuano/Umuahia  
Federal Constituency, Abia State  
House of Representatives  
Federal Republic of Nigeria

# Hon. Obi Aguocha

## *Champion of the People and Voice of Opposition in the Green Chamber*

In the hallowed halls of the Green Chambers, amidst the cacophony of political schedules and partisan bickering, one name stands out as an example of competence and untiring advocacy for the oppressed: He is Hon. Obi Aguocha, Member representing Ikwuano/Umuahia Federal Constituency.

A meticulous investigation into his activities reveals a trail of legislative prowess, and firm commitment to the people, and a resolute stance against injustice.

In an unprecedented display of legislative acumen, Hon. Aguocha has sponsored an impressive eight bills within a span of mere months. Among these crucial pieces of legislation are the Petroleum Equalization Fund Act (Repeal) Bill, the Federal Lands Registry Act (Amendment) Bill, and the National Programme on Immunization Act (Repeal) Bill. Each bill is a proof to his dedication to addressing pressing issues facing his constituents and the nation at large.

However, Hon. Aguocha's contributions extend beyond the realm of legislative drafting. At the core of his agenda lies a commitment to human capital development, recognizing that empowering the youth is paramount to fostering societal progress and curbing unrest. His resolute dedication to this cause underscores his vision for a more equitable and prosperous society.

Yet, perhaps most notably, Hon. Aguocha has emerged as the lone voice of opposition in a sea of political conformity. Amidst the fervor surrounding the detained IPOB leader, Mazi Nnamdi Kanu, he has stood steadfast in demanding justice and advocating for his release. In a political landscape marred by silence and complicity, his courageous stance serves as an evidence to his moral fortitude and staunch commitment to justice.

Hon. Obi Aguocha's ascendance to the forefront of the political arena marks the end of an era characterized by lackluster representation in the Ikwuano/Umuahia Federal Constituency. With his leadership, a new standard has been set, one defined by competence, compassion, and an unyielding dedication to the people.

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Grand opening of Signature Television by former Akwa Ibom State Governor Obong Victor Attah flanked by Sen. Enyinaya Abaribe (frm Senate Majority Leader), frm Gov. of Comrade Vin Martin Ilo, President and CEO, ifeanyi Osai (Deputy Gov.)

# Signature Television: An Ideal of Ethical Journalism Emerges in Nigeria's Media Landscape



Signature Television

In a momentous stride towards reshaping Nigeria's media landscape, Comrade Vin Martin Ilo, President and Chief Executive Officer of Signature Communications Ltd, proudly unveiled the imminent launch of Signature Television. A seasoned journalist, Comrade Ilo, expressed his vision for ethical journalism through the establishment of Signature TV, set to commence broadcasting in April this year.

During an exclusive facility tour of the Enugu office, aptly named the 'Raymond Dokpesi Broadcasting House' located in the bustling Thinkers Corner axis of Enugu metropolis, Comrade Ilo shared insights with a select group of journalists. He revealed, "We are a new station. We have everything in place to start. Content is our major product. We are going on air in April.

Our studios are ready. We are using the next one or two months to dot the I's and cross the T's. We want to continue to sensitize our people on the new station that is coming."

Emphasizing a commitment to professional and ethical standards,

Comrade Ilo assured that Signature Television would uphold journalistic integrity, being founded and managed by professionals in the field. He lamented the prevalent dilemma in Nigerian journalism, where media outfits are often controlled by businessmen with vested interests,



Sen. Enyinaya Abaribe (frm. Senate Majority Leader), frm Gov. of Comrade Vin Martin Ilo, President and CEO, ifeanyi Osai (Deputy Gov.)



**Signature Television aims to be a catalyst for change, providing a platform for aspiring journalists to hone their skills through intensive internships**

compromising ethical standards for profit.

"We are going to follow stories from the beginning to the end. For the first time in the South East zone, a medium is founded by a journalist, funded by a journalist, managed by journalists, and controlled by journalists," stated Comrade Ilo, underscoring the significance of this shift towards journalist-led media enterprises.

Addressing concerns about the choice of Enugu over Lagos as a location for one of the offices, Comrade Ilo highlighted the under representation of the South East zone in mainstream media. He emphasized the need to amplify the voices and stories of the region, ensuring

that issues such as gully erosion and untapped talents receive the attention they deserve.

Signature Television aims to be a catalyst for change, providing a platform for aspiring

journalists to hone their skills through intensive internships. The Enugu office was ceremoniously inaugurated on January 31st, graced by dignitaries including Enugu State Governor Dr. Peter Mbah and former Akwa Ibom State Governor Obong Victor Attah. The occasion, which coincided with Comrade Vin Martin Ilo's 60th birthday, 25th wedding anniversary, and the public presentation of his book 'In Your Own Words,' marked a momentous milestone in his illustrious career.

Comrade Ilo's journey in journalism, spanning from Radio Nigeria Enugu to DAAR Communications (AIT), reflects a steadfast commitment to the profession. His tenure as Special Adviser on Media Matters in the administration of former Enugu State Governor Sullivan Chime underscores his dedication to public service through media advocacy.

As Signature Television prepares to illuminate the airwaves, it heralds a new era of journalistic excellence, integrity, and unwavering commitment to truth—a beacon of hope in Nigeria's media landscape.



**Sen. Enyinaya Abaribe**  
Former Senate Minority Leader

## Senator Abaribe Urges Igbo Community to Embrace Entrepreneurship Amidst Marginalization Concerns

Former Senate Minority Leader, Senator Enyinaya Abaribe, has issued a compelling call to the Igbo community, urging them to shift focus from lamenting marginalization to embracing their renowned entrepreneurial spirit. Speaking at the 60th birthday celebration of veteran broadcaster Vin Martin ObioraIlo in Enugu, Abaribe acknowledged the challenges faced by Ndigbo in Nigeria but emphasized the need for proactive action rather than dwelling on grievances.

Abaribe emphasized the historical resilience and industrious nature of the Igbo people, urging them to harness their entrepreneurial skills to tackle socio-economic obstacles. He encouraged a departure from self-pity and complaints, advocating instead for a commitment to shaping a brighter future through industry, entrepreneurship, and skill acquisition.

Reflecting on the Igbo ethos of resilience and determination, Abaribe stressed the importance of self-reliance and unity within the community. He urged a collective effort to drive growth and development, emphasizing the need for a positive outlook and forward-thinking mentality.

Furthermore, Abaribe called upon South East governments to prioritize skills acquisition in the education curriculum, emphasizing its role in combating unemployment and insecurity in the region. This sentiment was echoed by former Minister of Labour and Productivity, Dr. Chris Ngige, who highlighted the critical importance of skills acquisition in addressing socio-economic challenges.

In essence, Senator Abaribe's message underscores the imperative for the Igbo community to channel their energy towards constructive endeavors, leveraging their inherent strengths to navigate the complexities of contemporary Nigeria. **NG**

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