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Editor's Note

STATE POLICE AND INSECURITY IN NIGERIA

There is no doubt, the issue of tackling the worsening insecurity in Nigeria is a pressing concern to every well-meaning Nigerian and needs to be addressed urgently. It might be that the current centralised policing system has proven to be inadequate in effectively combating crime and criminality across the length and breadth of the country. This definitely has far-reaching implications on the economy, job creation, sourcing of foreign investors and the general safety of lives and property of the citizens.

For the proponents of state police, it would allow for "a more localised approach to law-enforcement," which would enable an understanding of the needs of the people and effective combating of crime in respective states.

A civil society organisation, (CSO), Green Foundation, said the establishment of state police is key to addressing the increasing level of insecurity in the country. Executive Director of the foundation, Mr Gadi Peter, who stated this position recently in Abuja observed that the current debate on the establishment of state police was long overdue because of the increasing level of insecurity in the country.

According to him, the Federal Government has no capacity to run a federal system of policing in a large country like Nigeria. "You need a lot of manpower and resources to be able to police Nigeria effectively, which I believe the Federal Government does not have. "In several states in the country the governors or the government of the state usually supports the police financially and otherwise to about 75 or 80 per cent." This certainly is true!

However, there are concerns that politicians and particularly the state governors will likely hijack the state police structure, when created, and use it against their opponents.

There is also the issue of equipping the officers with sophisticated ammunition to be able to match the kidnappers, and terrorists they are expected to be up against.

In this edition, we also featured the Customs Officers Wives Association, Ogun I Command Chapter which Distributed food items to widows, orphans, and the less Privileged, how Ogun I Command made exploit with the seizure of life-threatening ammunition, harmful substances, and others, Nigboluwa Progressive Markets Association Signs Franchise Agreement with Hatch Global Business to provide Green Energy, the newly inaugurated executive of Ladipo Central Executive Auto Dealers Association, LACED, led by Hon. Prince Abbaus Ogulana, and lots more all for your reading pleasure.

Also, we feature top personalities who motivated awards as Mayor the President of Olansejo Idigbo Lagos State, Chief (Dr) Solomon Oghenna Agwue and the founder and Chairman of Olofin Group, Chief (Dr) Chidi Anyegwue (Driscoll) in Lagos State.

Relax and read more personalities.





ANTI-SMUGGLING: OGUN 1 COMMAND MAKES EXPLOIT WITH SEIZURE OF LIFE-THREATENING AMMUNITION, HARMFUL SUBSTANCES, OTHERS

The Ogun 1 Area Command of the Nigeria Customs Service has made a seizure of life-threatening ammunition, harmful substances and other prohibited items. This was disclosed by the Customs Area Controller (CAC), Comptroller Ahmedu Shuaibu while addressing some journalists at the Command's headquarters, Idiroko-on Friday, 15 March 2024.

According to a statement signed by the Public Relations Officer, Hammed Oloyede, Chief Superintendent of Customs and made available to journalists, Comptroller Ahmedu Shuaibu who is determined to wage a serious war against smugglers disclosed that, on Thursday 14 March 2024, while on anti-smuggling operation along the border line, the Command operatives intercepted smuggled 940 rounds of live ammunition ingeniously concealed in sacks of cassava flakes, commonly known as garri in local parlance.

He explained that the Command had been on its trail for more than 2 weeks, from the Republic of Benin, before it was eventually smuggled into the country. Speaking further, he stated that during the trail of the cartel, the received intel revealed the level of surveillance mounted and security beef-up by the unscrupulous elements, to safeguard the items and evade arrest, adding that the superior security network of the Command eventually aided the seizure but lost the suspects, as the items were abandoned by the suspected smugglers who absconded in a bid to evade arrest.

Furtherance to the above, he added thus: "The Command also recorded the seizures of 123 sacks and 3,172 parcels of cannabis sativa, commonly known as Indian Hemp; 380 pieces of donkey skin; 304 bales of used clothes; and 910 cartons of frozen poultry products, among others. These items were intercepted at the creek, border lines and other strategic locations across Ogun State, through our intelligence network and 24 hours patrol/anti-smuggling activities by our operatives. The Duty Paid Value (DPV) of the total seizure amounted to N557,120,828.00.

"We are pleased to state that, in recent times, we carry out our operations with zero-casualty and that is a great achievement in view of the circumstances. We value the lives of our people and we try our best to safeguard it. I would like to state emphatically, that our operatives bear arms to protect their lives where and when necessary, any threat to their lives will not be treated with levity. Let me sound a note of warning to recalcitrant smugglers that their days are numbered. They will never go unpunished with their nefarious activities. We shall keep uncovering their antics and very soon, they will be arrested and be made to face the full wrath of the law".

The CAC appealed to well-meaning and patriotic Nigerians, to join forces with the Command in its fight against smuggling of harmful substances, light weapons, arms and ammunition. He stressed that the items pose great threats to our national security and have the potential of destroying lives and

properties within the shortest time possible. He emphasized that the Command is open to receiving intel and assure prospective partners of maximum security. He appealed to the general public to join hands with the command to make the society a safe and peaceful place to live.

On the revenue drive of the Command, the CAC reported that from January till date, the Command generated the total sum of N24,283,788 as revenue. He emphasized that the sources of the revenue collection remain baggage assessment and auction sales of petroleum products.

Comptroller Shuaibu appreciated the continuous support of the CGC, Bashir Adeniyi, MFR and his management team. He underscored that the usual support plays a significant role in enhancing the Command's operations and contributing immensely to its achievements. He commended the efforts of his gallant operatives who are making the seizures, as well as the concerted efforts of our Customs Intelligence Unit and Customs Police Unit in enhancing the Command's operations. He recognized and appreciated the collaborative efforts of the various sister agencies and other critical stakeholders. He also specifically acknowledged the objectivity and professionalism often displayed by members of the press in their reportage.

Pictures Speak





OGUN CUSTOMS COMMAND SUPPORTS PRIMARY EDUCATION PUPILS WITH SET OF UNIFORMS, WRITING MATERIALS



The Nigeria Customs Service, Ogun 1 Area Command in collaboration with "Teach for Nigeria," a Non-Governmental Organization, (NGO), have provided educational support to 100 primary school pupils from five different schools in Idiroko axis of Ibeja Local Government Area, (ILGA) of Ogun State.

A press statement signed by the Public Relations Officer, Ogun 1 Area Command, Hammed Oloyede, a Chief Superintendent of Customs, and made available to newsmen on Wednesday, 20th of March, 2024 explained that the NGO through three of its members, Mrs. Akanbi Olatoyosi, Mr. Mathew Emmanuel and Mrs. Olati Aniebietabasi approached the Command with "Cloth a Child Initiative," a pet project of the NGO, and sought for its support.

While explaining the rationale behind the initiative, the delegation stated that, it was observed during a learning process that some pupils' school uniforms are tattered and are affecting their studies, and interaction with their fellow pupils, psychologically. They explained further, that 20 pupils from five schools, having such challenge, were identified for urgent attention. The selected schools for the programme include; Community Primary School

Igba Adiguns, Community Primary school Odan Aje, Ibeja Local Government, (ILG) School 1 & II Idiroko, and Ibeja Local Government School, Ibeja.

The Command commended the initiative and considered it a laudable project. As part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), the Command expanded the scope of the initiative by making the proposed pair of uniforms with only socks to a complete set and included writing materials such as books and stationery for the pupils. It also added chalks and white board markers for the selected schools to teach the pupils.

During the presentation ceremony held on Wednesday, 20 March 2024 at ILG school 1 & II Idiroko, the Customs Area Controller, Comptroller Ahmedu Shuaibu who was represented by the Deputy Comptroller Administration, DC Charles Ogunesan, congratulated the beneficiaries of the initiative. He urged their parents to reciprocate the gesture by taking their children's educational progression seriously and look after their well being keenly. He described children as great blessings from God Almighty which must not be taken for granted and applauded the NGO for introducing

such a great initiative.

The Ipoikia Local Government Education Secretary, Aihaja Odunsiyi Ireti, in her remarks highlighted the significant roles teachers play in impacting knowledge in learners. She emphasized that no one at the helm of affairs or corridors of power that do not pass through teachers before attaining their present positions. She congratulated the pupils that benefited from the educational support and their parents. She equally commended the collaborative efforts of the NCS and the NGO in uplifting the learning condition of the privileged pupils.

Similarly, the Education Officer, Mr Bankole Joseph, in his speech, appreciated the kind gesture of Ogun 1 Command and urged it to sustain the established synergy with the education board. He prayed for God's blessings and protection to abide with the Command. He extended his gratitude to the NGO for championing such a wonderful initiative in favour of their pupils and urged them to sustain the tempo and beseech God's blessing on them.

In his vote of thanks, Miss Hunnesi Florence, a primary 5 pupil of the Community Primary School, Igbo Adiguns, appreciated the Command for supporting them with set of uniforms and writing materials. The senior coach of the NGO, Mr Babatunde Atteh, who gave the closing remarks, disclosed that he was extremely overwhelmed with joy, realizing the huge success recorded with the propagated initiative. He expressed his profound gratitude to the Command for its enormous support which made the achieved success a reality. He congratulated the beneficiaries of the initiative and thanked everyone in attendance for gracing the auspicious occasion.

At the end of the occasion, the parents of the beneficiaries expressed their sincere appreciation to the Nigeria Customs Service and the NGO for providing educational support to their children. The event was well attended by the management team of Ogun 1 Command, representative of the Department of State Security, members of the education board, head teachers of various schools, parents, Idiroko youths and other important personalities.

Speaks speak









The Customs Officers Wives Association, Ogun I Command Chapter Distributes Food Items To Widows, Orphans, Less Privileged

In commemoration of the International Women's Day, (IWD) celebration, the Customs Officers Wives Association, (COWA), Ogun I Command chapter, celebrated their members and other women in the community by distributing food items to the widows, orphans, vulnerable and the less privileged on 13th March 2024. The distributed items include rice, noodles and beverages.

According to a statement signed by the Publicity Secretary of the association, Mrs Oforime Archibong, the association commenced their celebration at the Command's headquarters, Idiroko, by paying a courtesy call at the Customs Area Controller, Comptroller Ahmedu Shuaibu and his management team.

The acting chairpersons, Mrs Grace Adeola Ogunesan informed the CAC about the assembled food items meant to be given out as palliative to widows, orphans and the less privileged, to commemorate IWD celebrations. She appreciated the fatherly support of the CAC in securing the items.

The CAC, on his part, appreciated the visit of the association and commended their charity initiative. He emphasized that the gesture was conceived at the appropriate time; it was highly required to cushion the effects of the present economic challenges facing the country. He urged them to ensure continuity of their kind gesture.

He inspected the food items and joined the association in a group photograph before the commencement of the distribution. The

beneficiaries of the palliative expressed gratitude to the association for deeming it fit to reach out to them. Among the beneficiaries were the wives of late officers who died in active service.



THE SPIRITUALITY AND THE VITALITY OF PHYSICAL EXERCISE

GENESIS 1:27- So God created Man in His own Image. In the Image of God created He Him; Male and Female created he them.

GENESIS 2:7- And the Lord God formed Man of Dust off the ground and breathed into His nostrils the breath of life and Man became a Living Soul

Dear Readers, with the above words of God in Genesis 1:27 and Genesis 2:7, I want to draw your attention to The Spiritual Originality and Godly Concept of Man; You and I are made up of spirit, soul and body.

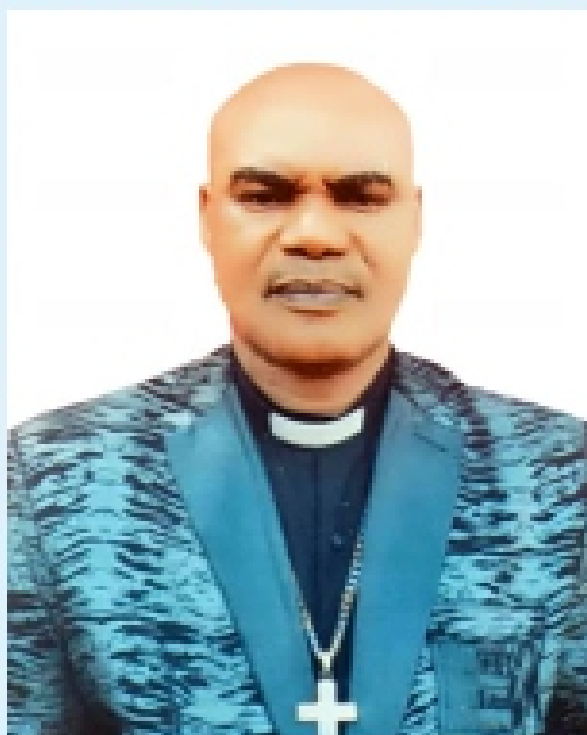
In this article, we will be discussing about our physical body, that is, The Body Anatomy and Exercise.

In as much as we work on our spiritual life and soul which belongs to our God the Creator who breath life in us, it is imperative to know that we must take good care of our body to live a healthy life. The Bible made us to understand that Body exercise has some profit (1 Timothy 4:7-8).

EXERCISE

This involves the engagement in physical activities and increasing the heart rate beyond resting levels. It plays an important part in preserving physical and mental health. This may include light exercises such as going for a walk or High intensity activities such as Uphill climbing, Weight training, etc.

Indeed, exercise is of huge benefits to the body and soul. Taking part in routine exercise of any intensity could help prevent alot of diseases and health issues.



REV DR ROOSEVELT RAYMOND (PhD)
The Bishop Chaplain Nigeria Customs Service.
A sports administrator and also a sport physiologist

LET US GO FOR A WALK no matter your age, rank, status and religious affiliation; I say to us today, "Let Us Go for a Walk!!".

We shall take a look into three broad categories of exercise:-

- Aerobic
- Anaerobic
- Agility Training.

All the above plays its own important role in our body chemistry as well as in our social and psychological well-being. Exercise does not only

impact on our physical body but it touches every area of our lives. It is a holistic approach that benefits our mental health and destroys depression.

Biblically, it is a known fact that our body is the Temple of God, so we ought to do every possible thing to maintain it.

Therefore, I advice you from a professional point of view to understand your body chemistry because our body differs in some ways; We have three body fitness types which are : Mesomorph, Endomorph and Ectomorph.

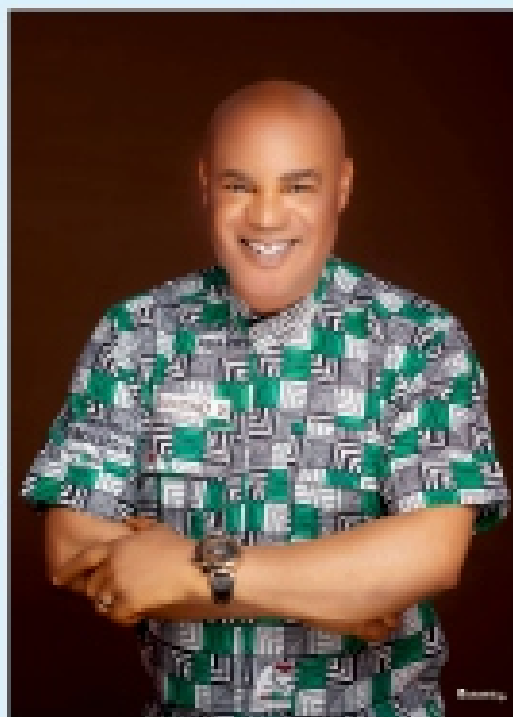
All the body types come from God and has its own advantages. To be more objective, they have to do with Hip and Shoulders comparative measurements.

However, when it comes to body chemistry and metabolism, the individual body differences should influence the type of exercise we'd engage in, just as the kinds of food we eat—while some people don't like Beans, some like Yam and 'Swallow'.

Brothers and Sisters, Ladies and Gentlemen, studies and deep researches have shown that many illnesses that confront man created by God could be eradicated through the engagement in well organized simple exercises.

Some of the numerous benefits of routine exercise are:-

- Maintains Heart Function
- Strengthens Lungs Function
- Improves the Neuro(brain) Function
- Aids the Digestive System
- Nourishes the Skin



- Improves Mental Agility
- Stimulates the Production of Endorphins(Hormones that trigger Happiness)
- Increases Relaxation
- Aids in Anger Management
- Reduces the Feeling of Depression
- Promotes Better Sleep

To my Co-degymers and Religious Leaders, the complexity and stress of the world today has a significant impact upon our physical well-being. To add to it, we majorly lead a sedentary lifestyle—sitting behind a desk for hours ministering to people. This could be deleterious to our health. Therefore,

we need to pay close attention to exercise; You can go to the gym, take a run, jog, swim or do some Prayerwalk.

I hereby salute and give complimentary kudos to my co-competent Officers and Men of the Military and Paramilitary out there. The Physical vitalities of exercise was takes to another level on the 23rd of September 2023 at the Nigerian Customs Hq, Wuse Abuja. The Able CSC of Customs, Mr. B.Adiwale led the Officers and Men of the Military and Paramilitary Agencies to a 5km 'Walk-For-Life' exercise. Kudos! I give to you all once again for your gallantry and agility.

Finally, keeping fit is what differentiates us (Military and Paramilitary) from the ordinary Civilians out there and as well could keep several ailments far away from us. Therefore, Let Us Make Keeping Fit our Trademark!!

Thanks and remain blessed.



Lagos Police Boss Reels Out Achievements, Apprehends 2,329 Suspects In 100 Days, Recovers 20 Firearms

The Lagos State Commissioner of Police CP Adegoke Fayode, on Wednesday, 27 March, 2024, reeled out his achievements since assumption of office, disclosing that a total number of 2,329 suspected criminals were arrested within the period.

Fayode, who clocked 100 days in office, also disclosed that a total number of 2,253 out of the figure have been prosecuted, while many others are being processed for prosecution.

Addressing newsmen at the Police Officers Mess, GRA, Ikeja where he unveiled the successes, the Police Commissioner hinted that the suspects were arrested for various crime offences ranging from cultism, armed robbery, kidnappers among others. He added that some stolen property were also recovered under the period in review.

Specifically, Fayode disclosed that 64 suspects were arrested in February for their involvement in varying crimes which include armed robbery, cultism and unlawful possession of firearms, unlawful possession of illicit drugs among others. Additionally, he said a total of number of 20 firearms, including four toy guns, 120 rounds of toy ammunition, twenty-eight 28 live ammunition, fifteen 15 live cartridges and three expended cartridges were recovered.

Equally, the Police boss said four vehicles, POS machine, seven cutlasses, illicit drugs and various charms were recovered from the suspects.

According to him, total of 4,502 motorcycles have so far been impounded on banned routes by the command and have been handed over to the state government for crushing.

On the strategy behind the remarkable achievements, he said, " In the past days, I have piloted the affairs of the Command with all sense of professionalism, charging my men to be up and doing and not spearing the big stick on officers found wanting.

" We have rejigged our township patrol, paying special attention to high-risk areas especially at peak periods. This has helped a lot to reduce traffic robberies.

" The enforcement on the ban of motorcycle is not left out as our continuous enforcement drives have been yielding positive results."

Suspects



regularly reviewing its strategies, re-jig its men and motivate them for better performance .

Quoted New Nigerian Newspapers

The Lagos State Commissioner of Police
CP Abiodun Fajana, addressing journalists





CHIEF AGUENE, CHISCO CHAIRMAN BAG INTERNATIONAL AWARD AS LORD MAYOR OF PEACE AMBASSADORS

Top personalities converged and witnessed the bestowing of awards as Mayor to two foremost Nigerians, the President of Ojhaeze Ndigbo Lagos State, Chief (Dr) Solomon Ogburne Aguene and the founder and Chairman of Chisco Group, Chief (Dr) Chidi Anyangwu (Chisco) in Lagos State.

RIMEXPRESS reports that the award was given by the International Association of World Peace Advocates and was held on 25th March, 2024 at Villa Dome Event Centre, Ikoyi area of Lagos, for their outstanding performances for global peace.

Some of the top personalities who attended the event included the President of the association, Amb. Per Stålsen, who flew all the way from Denmark for the event, the wife of Ooni of Ife, Chief Mike Umoh, Eze Lawrence Nnamdi Eze, who led other traditional rulers, captains of industry, friends and wellwishers of Chief Aguene and Chief Anyangwu including others.

Before the presentation of the awards, the association's president, Amb. Stålsen, explained that the recipients were nominated for what they have done for global peace and by the awards as Mayor, it was more work for humanity. He stated that by the award, the recipients have been inducted into the hall of fame and they will continue to be Ambassadors for World Peace.

Chief Solomon Aguene, is the Chairman, Board of Trustees, Aguene Art Foundation and President of Ojhaeze Ndigbo Lagos State, has used his business connections and leadership position as Ojhaeze President to touch many lives especially the less privileged people in the society through philanthropic gestures over the years.

Chief Aguene has been described by many as a bridge builder and lover of peace and that was why he was given the chieftaincy title "Udachia Ndigbo", which literally means let peace reign. He is a

recipient of several awards both National and International and has capped it up with the Mayor of Peace-Ambassador.

Dr Chidi Anyaegbu is a Nigerian businessman and transport mogul. He is the founder and Chairman of Chisco Group Ltd and Haveli Air.

The Amichi, Nnewi South Local Government Area of Anambra State-born Chief Anyaegbu has attended several Management and Entrepreneurial institutions in France, USA, Brazil, Germany and United Kingdom.

He was conferred with a Doctorate Degree in Business Administration (Honoris Causa) by Penn State University, USA.

He ventured into business, started Chisco Transport Nigeria Ltd and subsequently diversified into oil and gas, hospitality, courier services, real estate and other sectors.

Chidi Anyaegbu founded "You Too Can Do It, a nongovernmental organization with the aim to assisting members of the society.

He also built the Chisco Building, a \$28 million business facility at the Nnewi Azikiwe University, Awka, for Transport Studies.

Chidi Anyaegbu is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (International) London. He is also an honorary fellow of the Institute of Internal Auditors of Nigeria. He was conferred with the Member of the Order of the Federal Republic (MFR) and the Distinguished Leadership Award by the Nigerian Police Community Relations Committee, Zone 7.

Chief Anyaegbu is a receiver of the National Merit Award in Transport at the Institute of Internal Auditors of Nigeria. He is conferred with the traditional title of Obaipi Amichi and now the global Lord Mayor of Peace-Ambassador.

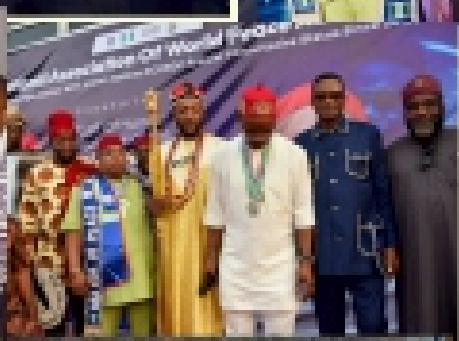
The Award takeaway honour given to the duo as recognition were a United Nation Red International Passport, UN Identity Cards that will give them access to travel to any country without visa, Certificate of Award and others.

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Pictorial speech



Partners speak





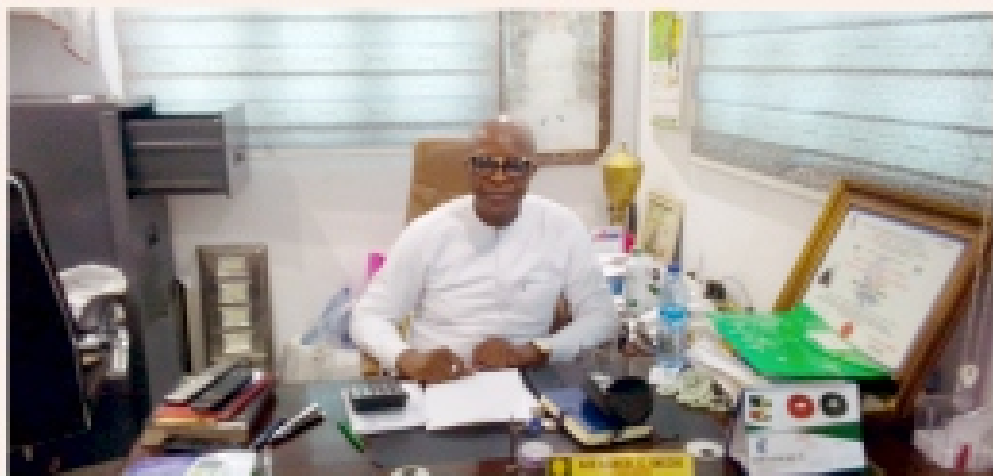
**HER EXCELLENCY, LADY DOJA OTEDOLA
THE MOTHER OF FEMI OTEDOLA 92 BIRTHDAY**

**United Nations Ambassador for Peace Advocate,
Lord Mayor Solomon Ogbonna Aguene,
Ohanaeze Ndigbo President Lagos
State was present and others**



The above is a master piece art work presented to Her excellency, Lady Doja Otedola the mother of Femi Otedola on her 92 birthday at their Epe country home today 3rd April 2024 by the Lord Mayor, Amb of Peace, Chief Solomon Ogbonna Aguene President Ohanaeze Ndigbo Lagos state .

Lady Otedola in her appreciation, describe Chief Solomon as a grassroots leader who also recalled the relationship between her late husband and the Igbos in Lagos State



WE ARE PARTNERING WITH LAGOS STATE TO REMODEL THE MARKET TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARD - NZE MARCEL OKEZUE

Nze Marcel Okezie, is the President of Electrical Dealers Association, Alaba, who also doubles as the Vice President Nidigboamaka Progressive Market Association.

In this interview with *The Unique Model Magazine*, he speaks on his achievements so far, provision of infrastructures, plans to partner with the Lagos state government to remodel Alaba market in an international standard and many more.

Excerpts:

Sir, can you introduce yourself to the Unique Model Magazine?

'Well, my name is Nze Marcel Okezie, the President of Electrical Dealers Association, Alaba, and I double as the Vice President Nidigboamaka Progressive Market Association, comprising almost 58-markets in Lagos state.

Since you took the mantle of leadership of the Electrical Dealers Association, Alaba, on March 1,

2022, can we look at some of the achievements you have recorded?

Since March 1st 2022, when I took the mantle of leadership which has not been easy but God being on our side, we have been able to achieve so much. When we came in, we saw some of the challenges that the market was facing, we started tackling them one after the other; the first major one we had to tackle was the issue of light, because we were using only one transformer as big as the market. But, we were able to acquire a new 500 KVA transformer, in a period of six months which is lightening up the market now, and that issue is settled. There was also the issue of flood around block 22 to 23, which we also tackled, and there is no flood again. Before now, whenever it rained, those people around there would cry and complain because at the end of the rain, the flood would enter their shops and destroy their goods. In terms of putting the street lights inside the market, we have also been able to achieve that, by lightening up the market for security purposes, which will help the security men to work. So, there have been a lot of other things that we have been able to achieve and we will continue to achieve more and more as the day progresses.

The achievements could not have been done by only you personally, who are your supporters in achieving these successes?

Actually, I have my executives, I have my stakeholders, and they have been very supportive and some of the people say that whenever we run out of finances in any project we have, we run to them and they would give us assistance, the market has been cooperating this time.

There is no success without challenges, how are you surmounting these challenges and how do you want the government to assist the market?

Well, the challenges are enormous but we have to be able to take them one after the other; to be in a leadership position is not easy because some people are trying to bring the leader down, condemning everything you. But you have to move ahead because being a leader, you must have to accept criticisms. Then in the government, you can see our road is not motorable, and because of the bad road, we are losing a lot of customers, instead of them coming to Alaba to buy now they go elsewhere, where they can locate easily. But coming to Alaba, it is difficult, though it has improved because we had to fight last year, we had to clear the road because we were not able to come to our secretariat.

On the security aspect of it, we got them to partner

with us. There is rampant robbery and vandalisation of many things by miscreants, so we need security from the government side, and we are trying on our own side to maintain some level of security inside. So there are other things we would like the government to help us with. But, let the government, at least, help us with these ones.

You are the vice president of Ndigboamaka, and since your team took over the leadership of the association, there have been lots of successes under the leadership of Hon. Comrade Uliata, what have you learnt from him?

My brother, I must give Kudos to our president,

Hon. Comrade Chinedu Uliata, he has been a good leader and I have been learning a lot from him because he is a strong man, I don't see any situation that he cannot handle. He always overcomes challenges. So, I must give Kudos to him, you were there at Garden Top Hotel, when we launched the products we partnered with a Chinese company, Hitech Company, WorldWide to market some of these products and the other ones. It has been a success story. I give kudos to him because he does things accurately and timely, he always thinks on the way forward. And I have been learning from him, because at least, he prepared me to bring some of his system of doing things to this place. We have to continue working for the people to give our success whenever we find ourselves. So that is it, it hasn't been easy, but it's always a success story as whatever we are doing.

What are your future plans and possible legacy to leave behind after your tenure?

Well, when I came in, I knew I wanted to leave a good legacy that people will marvel at, and appreciate our contributions within the period of our tenure, and that somebody created an impact, and that is what I am trying to do. And very soon things will unveil, we are planning with Lagos state to remodel the market to an international standard, which is something that is on pipeline now. Maybe, by next year when you come here you

will see how, because the way it is, the structures don't look international, so we want to put the structure to look international. So, by next year, you will see it physically.

You were among dignitaries present at the dinner/interaction with Hitech, you are one of those that bought their products, how has it

been in terms of efficiency?

I have not seen such a product of high efficiency, I am a living witness to that, I told you that I have not connected my own that day. Now that I have connected it, it is very marvelous, in short, it's in my house now working 24/7 light. No darkness in my house, once this one is off, this one automatically switches itself on, so it is something to invest in so



rather the amount, I cannot buy fuel again, I know how much I consume in fuel every day, that product is good. I advise everybody to go for it. It is better and it is 15 years lifespan, and three years warrant, that means nothing will happen to the battery for 15 years.

So why not buy it. So in 15 years now, if you calculate how much fuel you are going to buy or buy a substandard battery and all those things. After two years you change it, unlike this one which has a 15 years lifespan. So, I advise everybody who can afford it, to buy even though it is on a high side but



the price is worth it. So, I am enjoying it now, my fridge is always open 24 hour, and all electrical gadgets in my house are functioning. It is a new dawn in my house.

What is your relationship with Ojo Local Government Chairman, Hon. Rasulu?

Oh! the man, Hon. Rasulu is a wonderful man, it's only when you come near him that you will know the kind of person he is, and I was with him recently, all what he is thinking and talking about is how to make Ojo Local Government to be one of the best Local Governments in Lagos. And I know he will achieve it.

He is a good man, we are working with him and I believe by the end of the day, Ojo will be one of the best Local Governments in Lagos State.





My Executives and I Will Bequeath Worthy Legacies to our Successors and Successive Generations -Hon. Prince Africaus Ogudoro

The newly inaugurated executive of Ladipo Central Executive Auto Dealers Association, LACEC, led by Hon. Prince Africaus Ogudoro, has promised that his administration would leave behind a worthy legacy at the expiration of his tenure.

Hon. Ogudoro who stated this in his address during the inauguration ceremony recently in Ladipo market, Lagos state, acknowledged the immense contributions of previous leaders of the association and promised to build on their foundation.

He noted that the spontaneous outbreak of joy, singing and dancing which lasted for days when he was declared the winner of the just concluded LACEC election is a testimony of the hunger in the heart of traders for the sustenance of good governance in Ladipo Market which he represents.

Hon. Ogudoro who also acknowledged the enormity of the task ahead of him and his team stated that there would not be a quick fix but that his administration would hit the ground running.

He extended a hand of friendship to the Presidential Candidates of the other political parties in the last LACEADA General Elections alongside their supporters to join him in the quest for a safe Ladipo Market.

See full address below:

Disseminated past president of (A/ko. LACEC), SoT members ably led by Hon. Humphrey Obiwski, the Babalajo of Ladipo Market, (Exe Monday Obijogu - J.F.) United Heads, Warehouse Owners, Directors and Managers and other stakeholders in



our dear market, I greet you all.

The peaceful transfer of authority is rare in history yet common in our market. With a simple oath, we affirm old tradition and make new beginnings.

I am honored and humbled to stand here where so many of LACEC leaders have come before me and so many will follow. In thanking the Almighty God for making this day possible, I most sincerely thank all the people who have encouraged and sustained me in my political life's journey – people like my boss (Hon. Jude Nwanikwa, Ike Kingsley Ogunor).

This day was made possible through the tutelage and mentorship of many people too numerous to mention here, I am most grateful. I pray to God for wisdom, grace and grit to effectively bear the torch that has been handed over to me. Success can only be achieved if we all work together and reinforce one another.

It is with great pleasure and immense gratitude to God that I address you today as the 10th Democratically Elected President-General of Ladipo International Market, a.k.a. LACEC. Your spontaneous outbreak of joy in rejoicing and singing and dancing which lasted for days when I was declared the winner of the just concluded LACEC election is a testimony of the cry and hunger in your heart for the substance of good governance in Ladipo Market. Thank you for this show of confidence in us. Thank you for the privilege and honour you have given us to serve you.

We know you are expecting much from us. Today is not just my inauguration but our inauguration as it marks the beginning of our collective quest for good governance in our market.

I recall with nostalgia as all my team and I traversed the length and breadth of Ladipo Market, communicating our vision of a peaceful, progressive, prosperous, united and a well secured market. We emphasized the Ladipo Brotherhood irrespective of state, tribe and faith. I want to assure that I will use these identities as positive values to enhance our common good, I therefore, welcome you all to Ladipo



Market where tribe, state and faith will no longer be tools for division but multi-coloured threads to be weaved into strong ropes that will bind us together for unity and progress.

Let me take this moment to appreciate our founding fathers and past leaders,

those with us and those departed, for their great sacrifices and services for our dear market. Indeed, they used their intellect, time, energy and zeal to lay foundations, emancipate and redeem our people. We can look back and say indeed, they contributed their quotas to the growth and development of our market. Today, we can build upon what they had done and we say thank you sir.

I understand clearly the enormity of the task before me, and I have no illusions that it is going to be an easy ride. I must mention that there are no quick fix solutions to these challenges but one thing is certain, we are prepared to take the challenges head-on, and we must hit the ground running immediately.

Fellow traders and business men and women, we have the resolve and we are resolute in our desire for sustenance of good governance in our dear market. Let me re-affirm that we will summon the political will to initiate policies and programmes that will engender progress and prosperity in our market. This is my solemn commitment and you can hold me with my word. Our plans are audacious and our programmes will be transformative but the smooth execution of these plans and programmes are predicated for peace, this is because development can only exist where peaceful co-existence thrives.

However, criminal elements, invaders hell-bent in destruction will be decisively dealt with. Also, crime-marchants will not go unpunished, we shall be strong on the rule of law to ensure that criminality under whatever guise is curtailed. It is also necessary to reassert that campaigns are over and gear has shifted to governance.

Again, I extend a hand of friendship to the Presidential Candidates of other political parties in the last LACECADA General Elections alongside their supporters to join me in the quest for a safe Ladipo Market. Fellow



traders, the time is now to unite in the face of a common adversary. We must learn to live together as brothers, or perish together as fools. We are only as strong as we are united, and as weak as we are divided. Our strength is in our unity, not in our numbers. A united minority is stronger than a divided majority. The Holy Bible upholds this truth as it stated that "a house divided against itself cannot stand."

In addition, my executives and I are focused and single-minded in our quest to bequeath worthy legacies to our successors and successive generations. Legacies that will live long in the hearts of our people.

Conclusion: As I conclude this address, let me express my profound appreciation to the leadership of my great party, party elders and members, our supporters, campaign teams, loc staff, security agencies, traditional rulers and my family members for their unwavering support that led to my election victory.

I want the Ladipo traders to trust me to be there for them in the next three years.

Welcome to a New Era!

Welcome to the Ladipo of our collective dreams, indeed, the time is now!!

God bless Ladipo International Market!!

God bless Lagos State!!

God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria!!

Thank you all.

LADIPO CENTRAL EXECUTIVE AUTO DEALERS ASSOCIATION

(A.K.A LACE)

Motto: United we stand

2024 General Declares

LACE Elected Executive

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2. **Mr. Chris Olatunji** – Vice President General
3. **Mr. Nneji Amankwili Nneji** – Assistant General Secretary
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7. **Mr. Chinedu Okah** – Assistant PR
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9. **Mr. Chinedu Richard Okorika** – Assistant Provost
10. **Mr. Uche M. Okoye** – Welfare
11. **Murikale Bamighade** – Assistant Welfare
12. **Alhaji Jamis Adajani** – Ex-Officio 1
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