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Editor's Note

RAISING THE BAR TO EXPECTATIONS

Security, as often said, is not a one man's job, but a collective responsibility. It be hoves that all hands must be on deck, with each and everyone expected to play his or her own part for a peaceful environment and the safety of lives and property.

However, some organs of government are constitutionally saddled with the task, including the protection of the nation's territorial integrity from foreign aggression, protection of government critical infrastructures amongst others.

It would not be out of place to x-ray and showcase the breakthroughs and giant strides of the agencies of government that have lived up to, and even raised the bar beyond expectations in their respective assigned duties. This, will undoubtedly boost their moral, physically, pyscologically and spur them to go the extra mile.

Specifically, this edition beams its search light on the performances of the Nigeria Police Force, with particular focus on Rivers State Command and the supervising organ of the Police, the Police Service Commission (PSC).

It endeavoured to unveil the uncanny cutting edge leadership style of Dr. Solomon Ehigior Arase, CFR, which has changed the narratives at the Police Service Commission (PSC) within his one year in office as the chairman of the Commission.

Equally, the giant strides of the Rivers State Commissioner of Police CP Olatunji Ridwan Disu within a short time of assumption of office and the swiftness in crushing the notorious cultists kingpin and Iceland Secret Cult leader named Gift Okpara, famously known as a.k.a 2BABA and his gang, responsible for the tragically and brazenly assassination of the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) Ahaoda Division SP Bako Angbashim is a report that is dear to our heart, hence it merited the second lead story.

The scintillating edition is also spiced with stories from the Ogun, Lagos Police Commands, event from the Marine Unit of the Operations Department of the Nigeria Police Force, the Nigerian Navy amongst others for your reading pleasure.

Every of the stories, features and articles are well detailed and irresistible to read.

Sit back and enjoy the package.



Promoted senior officers during interactive session with PSC chairman, Dr. Arase

Dr. Arase interacting with the promoted senior officers.

Dr Solomon Arase: The Making Of A New PSC

The tenure of Dr. Solomon Ehigbator Arase, CFR, NPM, as the chairman of the Police Service Commission (PSC) has no doubt heralded an era of strategic development and advancement of the Commission. Our Editor-in chief Raymond Tedunjaye captured his exploit in this report.

To say that the Police Service Commission (PSC) has lately been transformed and now enjoying a new lease of life is an understatement.

Just within his one year in office as the chairman of the Commission, Dr. Solomon Ehigbator Arase, CFR, NPM, has leveraged on a consistent value of responsible, responsive, purposeful and courageous leadership to show that the PSC can regain its lost glory and surpass it. An ardent believer in the Nigeria project and its greatness, he has demonstrated his ability and capability of "I can do" and succeeded in the face of daunting challenges, where others faltered.

A tough, blunt and unrepentant disciplinarian in and out of service, Dr. Arase who is averse to all forms of criminalities has once averred that "I AM ETERNALLY COMMITTED TO THE NIGERIAN NATION; VOWS TO SUSTAIN THE FIGHT AGAINST CULTISM AND BANDITRY". In another instance, the PSC boss noted that discipline in the Nigeria Police Force is central to the standardisation,

perception, evaluation, trust and confidence by the Police system itself and the citizens it protects.

He observed that lack of discipline in the Police institution breeds corruption, human rights abuse, lack of accountability and accounts for the negative perception by members of the public.

Dr. Arase declared that "since discipline remains an imperative essence for the Nigeria Police Force, it behoves on the Commission as the Police Oversight body to constantly evaluate and re-evaluate our Disciplinary mechanisms, processes and set out standard operating procedures that will ensure that disciplinary decisions are not construed to be punitive but corrective and as well, must serve as deterrence to other officers".

It is not a hiding fact that prior to his appointment, the Commission and the then Inspector General of Police Usman Alkali Baba have been at loggerhead over who has the right to recruit Constables into the Nigeria Police Force. The imbroglio culminated into a legal tussle and the untimely resignation of the then chairman of the Commission IGP Smith [rtd] in a controversial circumstance.

Unfortunately, Alkali Baba did not see the end of the battle while in office following his retirement. The case was however resolved in favour of the Police Service. Dr. Solomon Ehigbator Arase was appointed chairman Police Service Commission (PSC) by former President



Dr. Arase and entourage pays courtesy visit on ex-president Muhammadu Buhari in Daura during his tour of Constables screening exercise in Katsina state

Muhammadu Buhari on 23rd of January 2023. He had served as the 18th Inspector General of Police after the sacking of Sulaiman Abba by President Goodluck Jonathan.

Before his appointment as IGP, Dr. Arase was head of the topmost intelligence gathering unit of the Nigerian Police, the Criminal Intelligence and Investigation Bureau.

Born in 1956 in Edo State, he attended Ahmadu Bello University and graduated with a political science degree in 1980. He was recruited into the Nigerian Police a year after on 1 December, 1981.

A trained lawyer, Dr. Arase served in various capacities – as Deputy Commissioner of Police DCP, SCID, Pantl Lagos, Commissioner of Police in Akwa Ibom State as well and in the intelligence gathering unit as Assistant Inspector General of Police. He is a Fellow of the Nigerian Defence Academy and had served in Namibia during the United Nations Peace keeping Operations.

It is of essence to state the function of the PSC. It is one of the Federal Executive Bodies established under section 153 (1) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Government of Nigeria, charged with among other things to appoint and promote persons of offices (other than the office of the IGP) of the Nigeria Police Force. Basically, it has power to appoint, promote, discipline and dismiss all officers of the Nigeria Police, except the IGP.

Upon his appointment as the Chairman of Police Service Commission (PSC) Dr. Arase hit the ground running by introducing novel ideas and initiatives that have transformed the Commission and change the narratives from the old order.

Importantly, Nigerians have never before now been having faith in the system, as the Commission begun to live up to expectations in line with its core mandate.

Quality leadership and ability to grow is of major concern to the PSC Boss, as any development that does not personally, directly and positively affect his personnel, is not his list priorities.

One of the greatest accomplishment of the Dr. Arase led administration that needed to be echoed to the high heaven is the completion of the corporate headquarters of the commission at Jabi, in FCT Abuja.

The completion of the imposing edifice, which began 12 years ago during the tenure of Sir Parry Osayande, a retired Deputy Inspector General of Police was completed barely two weeks of Dr. Arase in office as the 5th chairman of the Commission.

In the words of Mr. Ikchukwu Ani, Head Press and Public Relations of the Commission, "The story of the Commission has since changed for better, as it now leads the way, attracting a lot of goodwill and defining the road map for a new and vibrant policing sector."

Highlights of Giant Stride/ Achievements

- * Compliance with mandate of the Commission
- * Repositioning the Commission for effective service delivery
- * Training & re-training of personnel
- * Developing a successful template for recruitment in Nigeria Police Force
- * Restoration of the Lost harmonious working relationship between the Commission and the IGP
- * Immediate approval of promotions of deserving Police Officers
- * Clearing of promotion backlog
- * Engagement with Ex- Commission Chairmen/ facilitation of Committee of Ex-IGPs Retreat.

Dr. Arase can better be christened "Mr. Intelligence" as he has deployed intelligence gathering as a key factor in his operational modules. His leadership style and operational tactics, hinged on Emerging Technology has created a new vista of work attitude for the personnel, resulting in the gale of successes and achievements



recorded by the Commission under the period in review. This has equally engendered improved discipline and professionalism in the conduct of the personnel.

This has also percolated to the ranks and fabrics of the Nigeria Police Force, having been ensuring checks and balances in the performances and conducts of officers and men through its oversight functions.

It is instructive to state at this juncture that stagnation of promotion in the Nigeria Police Force has taken flight under the tenure of Dr. Arase.

Also the era of promoting a junior officer ahead of his superior has become a thing of the past, as he vehemently detest it. Any officer that claims to have suffered promotion stagnation under this dispensation is only economical with the truth. Such a claimant is either not due for promotion or has disciplinary issues.

*** Promotion of Deserving Officers**

Available records show that the Nigeria Police Force has recorded an unprecedented promotion galore to deserving officers under the Dr. Arase led PSC than any other of his predecessors.

To buttress this assertion, findings revealed that approval was given for the promotion of a total number of 1,897

senior police officers at a sloop, with the appointment of one Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) on Tuesday, January 23rd 2024, believed to be the largest ever.

A breakdown of the promotees shows that 14 Commissioners of Police (CP) were promoted to Assistant Inspector Generals of Police (AIG), 21 Deputy Commissioners of Police (DCP) to Commissioners of Police (CP), 20 Assistant Commissioners of Police (ACP) to Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), 109 Chief Superintendents of Police (CSP) to Assistant Commissioners of Police (ACP), 184 Superintendents (SP) to Chief Superintendents of Police (CSP) and 1,549 Assistant Superintendents (ASP) to Deputy Superintendents of Police (DSP).

This is aside the 1,607 Deputy Superintendents of Police (DSPs), inclusive of 158 professionals approved for promotion on Wednesday 6th March 2024.

In aligning with his passion for excellence, Dr. Arase at the interactive session with the officers, charged them to quickly settle down to their new ranks and go forth and win the war against banditry, kidnapping and violent crimes in the country.

Dr. Arase pointed out that the nation is facing an avoidable unprecedented wave of criminal assaults on



Dr. Arase in group photograph with officials and recruits at at Zone 7 Abuja during the medical test screening

all fronts and said the Commission is uncomfortable with the trend of events.

The PSC Chairman enjoined the Officers to settle down and crime map their various areas of responsibility by being conversant with trends and patterns of crimes in their domain and should be able to engage in predictive policing to mitigate the current criminal disorders by criminal gangs now marauding across the length and breadth of the country.

As senior Officers, he said they must be held responsible for any relapse in the security apparatus of the nation adding that they must see their new ranks as a call to greater dedication to the service of their fatherland.

"These promotions should further ignite the indomitable fighting spirit of the Officers and Men", he admonished the newly promoted Officers.

*** Conduct Of Seamless/Successful Recruitment**

In the area of recruitment of Constables for the Nigeria Police, the Dr. Arase led Commission has developed a successful template for recruitment, making the exercise seamless in a transparent manner.

During the screening process, the Commission ensured it was error-free. It upgraded and automated the process of the recruitment exercise to ensure its credibility and create a measurable standard for final selection of successful candidates. Results and outcome of the screening exercise were uploaded real time to the Commission's portal and monitored by the Situation

Room set up and led by Dr. Arase himself.

*** Robust Relationship With Police Management Team**

We've Stabilised Our Relations and Now Bonding-Arase

Consequent upon the cordial working relationship restored between the Commission and the Police, Dr. Arase received in audience the Management Team of the Nigeria Police Force led by the Inspector General of Police Kayode Egbetokun, PhD at the Commission's Corporate Headquarters in

Jabi, Abuja, on Tuesday 19th March 2024.

This is a rare and uncommon feat that was non-existing during the previous administration.

Dr. Arase confirmed that he has succeeded in stabilising the relationship between the Commission and the Nigeria Police, adding that the two Institutions are now bonding together in the interest of the nation's internal security.

*** Training & retraining.**

As at the last count, over 130 staff of the Commission have been trained both locally and internationally. Retreat for management Staff was successfully organized and held in Benin, Edo State. For the first time in the life of the Commission, its Directors were admitted into executive and strategic Management Courses in prestigious national institutions like National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS), National Defence College (NDC) and Institute of Security Studies (ISS).

*** Engagement with Ex- Commission Chairmen/ facilitation of Committee of Ex-IGPs Retreat.**

Deeply concerned like many Nigerians about the emergent, debilitating and protracted security challenges Nigeria currently faces, the Committee of Retired Inspectors General of Police, comprising the PSC chairman, left their comfort homes for a two-day retreat in the city of Ibadan, Oyo State to deliberate on and fashion out ways towards a more peaceful, united and progressive Nigeria through responsive and proactive security architecture.

The retreat, which held between August 21 and August 23, had as its theme: "Intervention of Ex-Inspectors-General of Police For Strategic Contributions to Effective Policing."

Initiated by the committee's Chairman, IGP Aliyu Attah, (rtd), facilitated by the Chairman, Police Service Commission (PSC), Dr. Solomon Arase, also a retired IGP, and sponsored by the Oyo State Government under the executive governor, Engr. Oluseyi Makinde, the retreat was held at the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Ibadan, to deliberate on the worrying trends and how to tackle them. Commendation

The giant strides of Dr. Solomon Ehigbator Arase, CFR, have indeed attracted commendations and applause from eminent Nigerians. His innovative leadership and improved relationship with the police has placed him shoulder high amongst leaders. Among the numerous admirers were a former Inspector General of Police (IGP) and chairman Association of Retired Inspectors General of Police, Alhaji Aliyu Attah GCON, and the pioneer Chairman of the Commission Chief Simon Okeke.

Alhaji Attah, who visited the Corporate Headquarters of the Commission in Jabi, Abuja on Tuesday, 13th February 2024, extolled Arase's innovative leadership, adding that it has taken the Commission to new heights.

The retired IGPs Chairman expressed happiness at the new found cordial relationship between the Commission and the Nigeria Police Force which he noted will surely impact positively on the Nigeria Police Force.

He commended Arase for his foresight in finally moving the Commission to its Corporate Headquarters after 12 years of its construction adding that the Commission's current Headquarters is a beauty to behold.

Alhaji Attah said he has always believed in the abilities of the PSC Chairman to deliver on his mandate and advised that he should not be distracted in this mission

to give the nation a Police Force that is not only efficient and effective but operates within the dictates of the law. Also applauding the successes of Dr. Arase, the pioneer chairman of the Commission Chief Simon Okeke during his visit to the Corporate Headquarters of the Commission on Wednesday August 16th 2023, declared that Dr. Solomon Arase, CFR, has made a huge success of his pioneering work in the Commission.



Dr. Arase welcoming Ex-IGP Aliyu Attah to the new Commission's headquarters, Jabi Abuja.

Chief Okeke who was fascinated with the total turn around of the Commission, pleaded with the Federal Government to kindly assist the new Chairman offset mounting debts currently facing the Commission in the form of unpaid allowances due the staff in the

course of their official duties for several years before his assumption of duty.

Chief Okeke said he was impressed with what he saw of the Commission at its Corporate Headquarters; "it is more of a pioneering work with what Arase is making of the Commission, doing it with zeal and persuasion to succeed and overcome which I know of him as a Police Officer. He has all the ingredients to overcome and his entry into this Office must have been a big obstacle but he has conquered" he noted.

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IGP EGBETOKUN COMMISSIONS STATE-OF-THE-ART COMMAND COMPLEX, APPROVES 3 NEW AREA COMMANDS IN OGUN



All roads penultimate week led to the Ogun State Police Command Headquarters, Elewera-Abeokuta, where the Inspector General of Police, IGP Kayode Adeolu Egbetokun, Ph.D., NPM, officially commissioned a newly built state-of-the-art Command Complex.

The commissioning ceremony took place during the IGP's three-day working visit to the state from Tuesday 16th April, 2024, where he also approved the establishment of three new Area Commands to enhance security operations.

The Force Public Relations Officer ACP Olumuyiwa Adejobi made the disclosure in a release on Wednesday.

According to the release, the newly commissioned Police Command Complex is equipped with 39 offices equipped with modern facilities and amenities aimed at improving the operational efficiency of the police in Ogun State.

The complex includes administrative offices, specialized units, and conference facilities designed to improve policing efforts and services to the people of Ogun.

In addition to commissioning the new complex, the IGP also commissioned a multi purpose Olukayode Adeolu Egbetokun Cooperative and Event center, a fully equipped Technical Intelligence Unit (TIU), and a fully equipped Complaint Response Unit (CRU) where members of the public can report police infractions and instances of incivility.

He equally approved the establishment of three new Area Commands in strategic locations across Ogun State. These Area Commands approved for Ife, Imeko, and Idiroko areas, are intended to decentralize operations, enhance response times, and improve security coordination in the state.

During his visit, the IGP visited HRM Oba Adedotun Aremu Gbadebo, CFR, the Alake of Egbaland, where he emphasized the importance of community policing and the need for synergy between the police and the host communities in combating crime.

The monarch similarly expressed the readiness of his people to collaborate actively with the Police for the prevention, detection of crimes, and apprehension of criminal suspects.

At the Command headquarters, Elewera, Ogun State Command, the IGP addressed officers, emphasizing the importance of professionalism, integrity, and dedication in policing.

He urged officers to uphold the core values of the police force, shun corruption, and refrain from behaviour detrimental to the image of the Force.

The Inspector General of Police expressed confidence that these initiatives will strengthen the partnership between the police and the community, ultimately contributing to a safer and more secure environment for all residents of Ogun State.



CP Olatunji Disu Deploing Intelligence To Subdue Criminalities In Rivers

** Wins Command Commissioner
of Police of The Year Award*

Since the assumption of CP Olatunji Disu as the Commissioner of Police Rivers State Command, policing in the state has taken a new dimension, witnessing a new lease of life. Our Editor- Chief Raymond Tedunjaye captures the uncanny approach in this report.

Rivers State, unarguably, the richest oil producing state in Nigeria, is home to various criminal elements of high magnitude. Undoubtedly too, it tops the list of states where Policemen have paid the supreme price in line of duty, while combating high profile criminals in recent time. If fact one of the most excruciating loss to have struck the police family and indeed Nigeria at large was the gruesome murder of the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) Ahaoda Division SP Bako Angbashim. He was tragically and hardheartedly brazenly assassinated on September 8, 2023 in Odiemude Community, Ahoada-West LGA of Rivers by a notorious cultist named Gift Okpara, famously known as a.k.a 2BABA and his gang, affiliated with the Iceland Secret Cult.

It was in the wake of unraveling the debacle surrounding the callous assassination of the SP Angbashim that CP Olatunji Rilwan Disu was deployed to Rivers State as the 45th Commissioner of Police in a major shake up effected among senior cadre of the Nigeria Police Force by the Inspector General of Police Kayode Egbetokun, PhD.

Basking in an euphoria of his capacity and competence to effectively police the State, CP Disu wasted no time in taking over the mantle of leadership of the Command

since the appointment takes immediate effect as directed by the IGP.

Few days later, precisely on Wednesday, 15th November 2024 CP Disu officially assumed duty at the Command, with a promise to police the state with intelligence and proactive strategies for improvement in security of lives and property.

A crime buster per excellence, CP Disu assured that he will improve the level of security through an effective policing of all forms of crime across the state.

He also promised that efforts would be put together to ensure that residents could move anytime within the state without nursing any fear of being harassed, dispossessed of personal belongings, and other forms of crime in the state.

The Lagos born articulate Commissioner of Police called for the support and collaboration of the general public in the fight against crimes and criminality in the state.

While addressing officers and men, CP Disu stressed that under his watch, new policing strategies would be deployed to ensure that new trends and patterns of crimes were nipped in the bud before they escalate in any part of the state.

Disu added that security team patrols of all nooks and crannies of the state would be intensified to apprehend and prosecute in accordance with the law, criminals that may be terrorising communities across Rivers.

He equally allayed residents' fears on activities of cultists and others, promising better improvement in security of lives and property.

"I am dedicated to implementing proactive policing strategies, intelligence policing, and most importantly policing by consent to ensure a safer and more secure Rivers State", he stressed.

While trying to settle down for the daunting task ahead of him, CP Disu was welcomed with the shocking and sad news of the gruesome murder of a prominent community leader, Mr. Ndidi Livingstone on Saturday, 13th January 2024.



CP Disu on a condolence visit to the family of slain Mr. Ndidi Livingstone, chairman of the Community Development Committee (CDC) of Mgbuosimiri Community, in Obio-Akpor Local Government Area

Until his death, Ndidi, chairman of the Community Development Committee (CDC) of Mgbuosimiri Community, in Obio-Akpor Local Government Area of Rivers State, was reportedly assassinated while exiting a church by some young men believed to be members of a notorious cult group in the area. He was said to have been trailed by the gunmen before he was shot dead point blank when he was coming out of the compound of the Church known as Peculiar Faith Ministry.

Rattled by this audacious act and some other pockets of criminalities that have reared their heads to test the might and capability of the studded crime buster, CP wasted no time in turning the table against the criminals by igniting his winning streaks.

A versatile, articulate and quintessential combatant, CP Disu had assumed his new role with wealth of knowledge and experience, having served in critical sections and units of the Force, in his career spanning 32 years.

In rising to the occasion, the award winning super cop put his officers and men on their toes, utilising his wealth of experience acquired over the years, which paid off, resulting in rope falling in good place for the Command and the State at large.

Those who dared the might of the new formula cum winning streaks, who taught it was business as usual, has paid with their lives, while the lucky ones apprehended are regretting their actions in prison custody.

In response to the heinous murder of SP Bako Angbashim, CP Disu, in synergy with other law enforcement agencies, comprising the Police, Military, and relevant stakeholders, have been unwavering in their commitment to apprehending the culprits responsible for the act and ensuring justice is served.

The well thought-out strategic partnership, no doubt yielded the anticipated heart-gladden result, leading to the killing of the wanted kingpin of the notorious Iceland Secret Cult popularly known as 2BABA, responsible for the assassination of SP Bako Angbashim.



Alive and death picture of Gift Opara a.k.a (2 Baba) the notorious Iceland Cult leader

It was gathered that the infamous killer was neutralised on February 17, 2024 at about 2.00am in a fierce gun battle after an attack on Okogbe town and Odiokwu community, where several pipelines were destroyed along with his gang members.

According to the Rivers State Police Command Spokesperson, SP Grace Iringe-Koko, who gave a bit by bit operational activities that led to his Waterloo after several failed attempts, several assorted firearms and ammunition which include one AK47 rifle, one G3 rifle, a scorpion rifle, a Double Barrel locally made gun, two locally made pistols, one cut-to-size double barrel gun, one bulletproof vest, 13 pieces of Dynamites, five rounds of .9mm live ammunition, Army camouflage, assorted charms, a human skull and one jack knife were recovered from his camp.

With the death of Gift Opara (a.k.a 2BABA) and other criminals of his ilk and arrest of others, Rivers State has remained peaceful, even as the Command is not resting on its oars to wipe out the remnants of criminals rearing their ugly heads.

Succinctly put, it is an undisputed fact that one of the greatest appointments so far carried out by the Inspector General of Police, Kayode Egbetokun is appointing Tunji Disu as the Commissioner of Police in charge of River State Police Command.

Many who have followed the story of the super cop would definitely agree that Rivers could not have asked for a better Police Commissioner.

Indeed, since he took over the reins of policing the state, CP Disu has taken his duties with the seriousness, officious dedication and total commitment that it deserves. He has been a thorn in the flesh of the undisciplined elements in the state, while also ensuring peace and security of lives in the state.

Without any shadow of a doubt, it is evident that he shares in the vision of the IGP and the state governor – to stamp out crimes from the state. In no time, he has dealt a sucker punch to the criminals in the state while he has recorded unprecedented success as the crime in the state reduced to the barest minimum.

He has showcased his bravery, gallantry and heroism, thereby warming himself into the hearts of many. With these successes, he has become one of the most popular cops in the country, while also rebuilding the confidence of the citizens in the Police Force by projecting its image that has been battered in the past. The super cop is not only about fighting crime, he has also shown that he is compassionate about the plight of his fellow citizens.

On February 14, the CP commemorated this year's St Valentine Day's celebration when he hosted 200 widows of late police officers to a love feast, reassuring them that they are not forgotten and that they are cherished. The widows were feted as well as stocked with food palliatives and money.



CP Rivers celebrating widows of deceased police officers on valentine day.

He also expressed the readiness of the state police command to always honour the wives of the late police officers at all times, considering the roles their late husbands played in the fight for a better Rivers while alive.

That his valour has fetched him encomiums from far and wide is stating the obvious. If torrents of accolades that were poured on him recently could be used to gauge the level of his rising profile, then, one could say that he is a super cop.

To cap his great exploit, CP Tunji Disu won the Command Commissioner of Police of the Year Award at the Nigeria Police Awards and Commendation Ceremony held recently at the Congress Hall of prestigious Transcorp Hilton, Abuja.



CP Disu being presented with the award of Command Commissioner of Police of The Year by Senate President Sen. Godswill Akpabio.

Speaking at the event, the Inspector General of Police, IGP Olukayode Egbetokun said this award demonstrated the meritorious, guided principles that should shape everyday of personnel actions and decisions.

He said recognition will be given to discipline officers who diligently carried out investigations and prosecutions, whose meticulous attention to detail and unwavering pursuit of justice in our criminal justice system.

In appreciation of his giant strides in securing the State, the Orashi Community rolled out drums to the Rivers State Police Command Headquarters recently to honour CP Tunji Disu for his exceptional leadership in enhancing the security architecture of the state.

The commendation came in light of recent successes, including the apprehension of the notorious cult leader Mr. Gift David Okpara (2 Baba) in Ahoada.

The Orashi Region, comprising Abua/Odual, Ahoada East, Ahoada West, and Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni Local

Government Areas, was united in praising the Commissioner of Police and the Rivers State Police Command for bolstering confidence in law enforcement and fostering unity within the community.



President General of Orashi National Congress, Comrade Emeni Ibe, presenting award of appreciation to CP Disu

Comrade Emeni Ibe, the President General of Orashi National Congress, lauded Commissioner Disu as the most distinguished holder of the position in Rivers State, highlighting the unprecedented achievements made under his stewardship. He extended gratitude to the Inspector General of Police and other security agencies for their support.

Born on April 13, 1966, in Lagos State, CP Disu has had an illustrious career within the Nigeria Police Force since joining as a Cadet ASP in 1992 at the prestigious Nigeria Police Academy Kaduna Annex.

He has previously served in Rivers State in the capacities such as Anti-Kidnapping Squad leader, Divisional Police Officer in Eilumbu and Elelenwo, Commander SARS, and Assistant Commissioner of Police in charge of the State Criminal Investigations Department.

Prior to this, CP Disu has served in various key positions across the nation, including OC Anti-Fraud, State CID Katsina; Aide de Camp to the former Governor of Lagos State; Training Officer at the NPF Peacekeeping Department, leading the contingent during the Darfur crisis; Divisional Police Officer in Owo and Ikare in Ondo State; Head of Special Anti-Robbery Squads in Oyo and Ondo States.

CP Disu, who later served as Commander, Lagos Rapid Response Squad (RRS), Head of IGP's Intelligence Response Team (IRT), and Principal Staff Officer to the 21st indigenous Inspector-General of Police, IGP Kayode Egbetokun, PhD, NPM, is undoubtedly full loaded and a potential Inspector General of Police.

He has undergone extensive training both domestically and internationally, including courses on Small Arms and Smuggling in Botswana, Internet Fraud at Cambridge University, and the Strategic Leadership Command Course at Police Staff College Jos.

His educational achievements include a Bachelor's degree in English (Education), a Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations and Strategic Studies, an Advanced Diploma in Forensic Investigation and Criminal Intelligence, a Master's in Criminology, Security, and Legal Psychology from Lagos State University, and a Master's in Public Administration from Adekunle Ajasin University, Ondo State.

He is affiliated with esteemed professional bodies, including the International Institute of Certified Forensics Investigation Professional (IICFIP), International Academy of Forensics (IAF), National Association of Investigative Specialists, USA (NAIS), Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR), Chartered Institute of Personnel Management (CIPM), and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP).

Beyond his law enforcement duties, CP Disu is an accomplished athlete, holding medals from prestigious events such as the US Open Judo Championship, Police Games, National Sports Festival, Nigeria Police First Veteran Championships, and the Armed Forces and Police Games. He holds a Third Dan Black Belt in Judo and serves as the Patron of the Nigeria Police Judo Association.

Harvest of Achievements

Without mincing words, CP Olatunji Rilwan Disu has proved his worth in the trade of combating crime and all forms of criminalities within the short time of assuming the leadership of the Rivers State Police Command. His of breakthroughs, just within four months in office, not limited to the underlisted, are testament of his spartanship, sagacity, competence and a distinguished asset to the Nigeria Police Force.

*** Notorious Kidnapper, Accomplice Gunned Down As Rivers Police Smashes Gang, Rescues 4 Victims**



The Rivers State Police Command has given details of how a notorious wanted kidnapper and an accomplice was killed, with four kidnapped victims rescued.

The command in a statement by the Spokesperson, SP Grace Iringe-Koko disclosed that they

were killed in a gun battle with the police.

According to her, the gang members numbering six were engaged in a shoot out on Wednesday along Port Harcourt Road, where they had kidnapped their victims.

It reads, "In the early hours of Wednesday, December 14, 2023, men of the Rivers State Police Command engaged a notorious gang of kidnappers and rescued four victims from their clutches.

"Gunshots rang out as the four blindfolded men scrambled in confusion. When the gunshots ceased, the four men were eased off their blindfolds and realized that they had been rescued by the Police from an ordeal in which they had lost hope. Despair had immediately translated to jubilation. They had just been rescued after spending 48 gruelling hours in the den of an infamous kidnapper and his gang.

"According to one of the victims, a commercial driver, he was on one of his routine trips back to Port Harcourt when he noticed an obstruction caused by a large tree trunk placed across the road.

"He was driving a Sienna, and an Audi car was in front of him. Whilst he was contemplating reversing, some men emerged from the bush and fired bullets at the tyres of his vehicle and that of the Audi.

"The men, numbering six, asked them to lie on the ground but grabbed them and took them through strange bush paths as they noticed a Police van approaching. The Police shot several times, but they had been taken too deep into the forest.

"The kidnappers tortured them and extracted funds from them via their ATM cards and from their families. They removed the sum of Eight Hundred Thousand Naira (NGN 800,000) from one of the victims' accounts and One Million Nine Hundred Thousand Naira (NGN 1,900,000) from another.

"Throughout their stay, the kidnappers only gave them tiny pieces of bread and sachet water. The victims also informed the Policemen who rescued them that they had been blindfolded all through their travail.

"The Policemen on Patrol on the day of the kidnapping did not stop searching for the victims and were pleased to discover the camp of the kidnappers on the third day of searching.

"They proceeded to conduct prompt but thorough surveillance to eliminate the incidence of collateral

damage before engaging the criminals.

"In the confrontation that ensued, two of the kidnappers were killed, including the leader of the gang, Sunday Amadi, aka 'Occasion', who had had a Two Million Naira bounty placed on him by the Chairman of Emohua Local Government Area."

*** Rivers Police Neutralises Wanted Cultists Kingpin, Accomplice, Recovers G3 Rifle, 7.62x51mm Ammunition**



Police operatives in Rivers State have recorded a major breakthrough in the fight against cultism, with the killing of a wanted notorious cultist kingpin and an accomplice in a gun duel.

Identified as Silas Oderereke, popularly known as "General" in Oderereke, the deceased notorious cultist, who has been elusive in the last four years, was said to have engaged police detectives in a shoot out in company of three others where he met his Waterloo and one other.

Our correspondent gathered that the exchange of gun battle occurred outside town of Oderereke, on 12th January 2024 after a robbery attack and vandalization of the property of the late monarch, Eze Robinson O. Robinson along with members of his gang.

Two other clan leaders, identified as Danger-boy and 2-Man, who frequently collaborated with Oderereke were said to have escaped from the scene and are currently at large.

The Rivers State Police Command Spokesperson SP Grace Iringe-Koko made the disclosure in a release on Sunday.

It reads, "In a major breakthrough, the Rivers State Police Command successfully apprehended a notorious armed robber and cult leader, Silas Oderereke, in Oderereke, Ahoada-West Local Government Area. Oderereke, also known as 'General,' had been on the run for the past four years, evading arrest.

" However, his reign of terror came to an end when he resisted arrest and opened fire on the police, resulting in his death.

" As the head of the Greenlanders' cult group in the Ubie clan of Ahoada West, Oderereke and his gang were infamous for their criminal activities, which included armed robbery, land grabbing, unauthorized sales of buildings, and brutal attacks on those who dared to oppose them.

" The cult leader would even order the destruction of houses in communities that resisted his criminal enterprises.

" On January 11, 2024, the police received information about Oderereke's gang's robbery operation, which also involved vandalizing the property of the late monarch, Eze Robinson O. Robinson.

" Responding swiftly, the police chased the criminals out of town. However, the defiant 'General' rallied his gang and launched an attack on a community-owned tank farm in Oderereke, intending to loot its contents. It was during this sabotage attempt that the police managed to apprehend the gang.

" Silas Oderereke and one other member of his gang opened fire on the police team, leading to an exchange of gunfire. In the shootout, Oderereke and his accomplice were neutralized while others sustained injuries.

" Two other clan leaders, Danger-boy and 2-Man, who frequently collaborated with Oderereke, managed to escape and are currently at large.

" Upon searching the gang's hideout, the police discovered a G3 Rifle and nineteen 7.62x51mm ammunition.

" Further investigations uncovered a camp Oderereke had established between Oderereke and Olokuma Communities. This camp served as a base for the cult leader and his numerous followers, from where they launched robbery attacks on innocent members of neighboring communities.

" The affected communities expressed their relief and shared accounts of residents who had relocated to Port Harcourt due to the mayhem caused by the cult group.

* Rivers Police Busts Child Theft Syndicate, Arrests 2 Suspects, Rescues Day Old Baby



Police operatives in Rivers State have bust a child theft cum trafficking syndicate, arresting two suspects with a day old baby concealed in a sack.

Identified as Daniel Destiny Onyegbulem, a 28-year-old male from Umuoye in Etche LGA, Rivers State, and Uzodinma Eze, also known as Thank-God, a 33-year-old male from Omanwa, Ikwerre LGA, Rivers State, the suspects were reportedly nabbed with the newly born baby, concealed in a sack with blood all over his body. According to report, the suspects were apprehended on Monday by the eagle-eyed operatives attached to the C4i Intelligence Unit of the Rivers State Police Command while conducting a routine stop and search operation along Igwuruta-Eneka Road.

While confirming the arrest, the Spokesperson of the Command, SP Grace Iringe-Koko in a statement, said that the suspects were intercepted when conveying the baby on a commercial motorbike (Okada) from Chokocho, Etche, to Eneka.

The police image manager, who named Daniel as the major trafficker, disclosed that he has confessed to the crime and revealed crucial information about the criminal network involved in the act.

She added that the suspect also revealed that he was enticed with the sum of N10,000 by one Mama Destiny who enlisted his services to transport the sack bag containing the baby to Eneka junction, with instructions to await further contact from an associate who would receive the bag.

It reads, " The Rivers State Police Command has successfully apprehended two suspects involved in a disturbing case of human trafficking in Port Harcourt.

"The arrested individuals are Daniel Destiny Onyegbulem, a 28-year-old male from Umuoye in Etche

LGA, Rivers State, and Uzodinma Eze, also known as Thank-God, a 33-year-old male from Omanwa, Ikwerre LGA, Rivers State.

"On Monday, 22nd January 2024, diligent officers from the C4i Intelligence Unit of the Rivers State Police Command conducted a routine stop and search operation along Igwuruta-Eneka Road.

"During the operation, their sharp instincts led them to intercept and question Daniel and Uzodinma, who were riding a commercial motorbike (Okada) from Chokocho, Etche, to Eneka.

"In the course of the search, the officers made a shocking discovery. Daniel was found carrying a sack bag that contained a one-day-old baby. The baby, still covered in blood, was struggling for breath inside the sack, with the placenta also found alongside.

"Promptly recognizing the urgency of the situation, the officers swiftly provided immediate medical attention to the infant, ensuring his safe transportation to the Police Hospital.

"The dedicated medical personnel at the hospital skillfully resuscitated the baby, who is now in stable health and receiving the necessary care.

"Following the apprehension, Daniel cooperated with the investigating officers and revealed crucial information about the criminal network involved in this abhorrent act.

"He disclosed that he had been contacted by a woman known as 'Mama Destiny,' a pastry vendor in his locality. Mama Destiny had enlisted his services to transport the sack bag containing the baby to Eneka junction, with instructions to await further contact from an associate who would receive the bag.

"In exchange for his involvement, Daniel was enticed with a payment of 10,000 Naira.

"Further revelations emerged through Daniel's account. He explained that he was summoned to a location along Egbi Road to finalize the transaction. Accompanied by Mama Destiny's husband, he was driven to Chokocho junction, where he met Uzodinma, the operator of the commercial motorbike they used for the delivery."

* Rivers Police Crushes Criminal Kingpins As CP Disu Moves To End General 2man's Reign



Lifeless bodies of two close allies of cultists Kingpin ThankGod a.k.a General

Two notorious deadly cultists, said to be close allies of a cultist kingpin named ThankGod in Ogbologbo community of Ahoada West Local Government Area of Rivers State have sustained fatal gunshot injuries in a gun duel with police operatives.

This is sequel to the efforts of the police at bringing an end to the reign of ThankGod popularly known as General 2man.



Our correspondent reliably learnt that the duo of the lieutenants identified as ThankGod Uchechi aka, 'Pastor SP,' second in command and Okpo Emenike, a.k.a Western King, his third-in-command, were fatally wounded in an operation on Monday 8th April, 2024, during an exchange of gun shots with Police Tactical Team.

Several gang members were said to have escaped with gunshot injuries during the duel, while two loaded AK-47 rifles and eight magazines were recovered from them.

The Rivers State Police Command Spokesperson SP Grace Iringe-Koko, who made the disclosure in a release on Monday, hinted that General 2man escaped during the operation.

It reads" The Rivers State Police Command has taken another giant step in its ongoing onslaught against cultism and other related crimes in the state. Today, April 8, 2024, a team of police officers was deployed to the Ogbologbo community in Ahoada West Local Government Area to bring an end to the reign of terror of one Ikem ThankGod, popularly known as General 2man.

" General 2man, a close ally of the now neutralized 2Baba and General Odereke, was a terror in the Ahoada West Local Government Area and neighbouring Local Government Areas.

" Some of his nefarious activities include the shooting to death of Inspector Usang Ude on April 13, 2023. On March 5, 2024, he also murdered four persons, namely, Henry Kirika, Patience Henry, Abigail Victor, and Chigozie Okpo. He also slaughtered one Samuel Philip without provocation. Last month, he buried several persons alive, including Christmas Ede and Agode Gamany.

" He has carried out a lot of kidnapping activities within and outside the Ahoada West Local Government Area. His catalogue of criminal activities also includes armed robbery and vandalism of valuable properties. He coordinates the deroofting of public buildings and the selling of the roofing sheets. He also constituted himself as an authority that approves social events within the Local Government Area. This has made him attack and disrupt weddings, burials, etc., which he did not approve of.

" During the operation, General 2man and his gang opened fire on the Police tactical team. Though he was able to evade arrest, his second-in-command, ThankGod Uchechi aka, 'Pastor SP,' and his third-in-command, 'Western King' Okpo Emenike were fatally wounded.

" Several gang members escaped with gunshot injuries, and two loaded AK-47 rifles and eight magazines were recovered from the gang.

"Concerted efforts are in top gear to bring General 2man and his fleeing gang members to justice and put an end to his reign of terror."

"In appreciation of his giant strides in securing the State, the Orashi Community rolled out drums to the Rivers State Police Command Headquarters recently to honour CP Tunji Disu for his exceptional leadership in enhancing the security architecture of the state."



Pix of the cultist with ransom collected



Suspected kidnappers apprehended by operatives of Rivers State Police Command

FMO SENDS FORTH PREDECESSORS IN GRANDSTYLE, PRESENTS APPRECIATION AWARDS



Lf-Rt: CSP Chinedu Iwuozo (rtd) FMO CSP Nwosu Benedict and ACP Benjamin Ogungbure (rtd) showcasing the awards of appreciation presented by the FMO.

It was glitz and glamour weekend in Lagos as the Force Marine Officer (FMO) CSP Benedict Nwosu organised a colour party to send-off two of his predecessors, ACP Benjamin Ogungbure and CSP Iwuozo Chinedu Callistus, who retired meritoriously from service of the Nigeria Police Force after 35 years.

While Ogungbure, an Assistant Commissioner of Police, the immediate pass FMO retired on 12th March, 2024, Iwuozo a Chief Superintendent of Police retired on 1st April 2019.

The ostentatious occasion, held at the Onikan Jetty of the Marine Police Headquarters, Lagos Annex, drew guests from within and outside the shore of Lagos as far as Kogi, Ondo, Imo, Abuja among others.

It had in attendance former State Marine Officers (SMO), Divisional Marine Officers (DMO) which include a former Kogi, Rivers State SMO, SP Eremiye, PMO Emiloju Eretan, DMO, SP Ojutiwon, DSP Timothy Kolawole, SP Adeleke, DSP Clement Austin, DSP Steve Imodu, Chief Abu Isele, ex-Station Officer, Engr Omojaye amongst others.

The colourful event was also graced by eminent

personalities outside the police circle, amongst them are Hon. Raymond Tedunjaye (JP) and his wife Deaconess Ajoke Tedunjaye, Prince Surulere Akinbule, President Artisans and Fishermen Association, Amb. DCN, Poly. C Ewuoha, a former governorship aspirant in Imo state and Secretary General Orodio Development Foundation, Mbaitoli, the Baale of Apollo - Makoko Chief Ogungbure, Bishop Jato, DSP Mike Ijakpa (rtd).

Serving police officers, which include the former Divisional Police Officer (DPO) Anthony Division, Lagos, CSP Patricia Amadin Idahosa, the State Marine Officer SP Ekure Pedro Irikefe and personnel of the Unit were also not left out of the glamorous occasion.

In his opening remarks, the FMO CSP Nwosu noted that the reception was organised to appreciate and honour the celebrants for their contributions and meritorious service to the nation through the Marine Unit of the Nigeria Police Force.

The FMO applauded their leadership and mentorship acumen, saying it will remain a reference point in the history of the Unit, just as he wished them well in all their endeavours.

Also speaking at the event, the Secretary General

Umudimodu Amaukwu-Orodo Development Community, Mbaitoli, Amb. Deacon Poly. C Ezumohia, described CSP Iwuozo as a selfless, compassionate and God fearing leader, with passion for development and assistance to mankind.

He hinted that the Umudimodu Amaukwu-Orodo Development Community has also concluded arrangements to honour CSP Iwuozo on 27th December 2024 for his developmental stride for the community.

In his appreciation speech on behalf of the celebrants, CSP Iwuozo appreciated God for counting them worthy for the honour and appreciation and the grace to serve meritoriously.

He also applauded the FMO CSP Nwosu for his resolve to generate resources to organise the event inspite the hatcheconomic situation.

The former FMO, now a consultant in maritime security expressed joy for the presence of erstwhile heads of the Unit, lauding their mentorship in the police culture.

"I want to appreciate all these my ogas for their presence because they taught us the act of effective policing such as investigation, crime detection and others. These are the people that mentored us in the Nigeria Police culture.

Highlight of the event was the presentation of awards of appreciation and sent-forth to the celebrants by the Force Marine Officer (FMO) CSP Nwosu Benedict.

PICTURES OF THE EVENT



Lf-Rt: Former Vice President Crime Reporters Association of Nigeria (CRAN), Comrade Raymond Tedunjaye, Mrs. Iwuozo, CSP Chinedu Iwuozo (rtd) and Princess Tedunjaye.



ACP Benjamin Ogungbure in handshake with the Baale of Apollo-Makoko Lagos, Chief Ogungbure.



ACP Ogungbure and his predecessor CSP Iwuozo exchanging pleasantry seeing each other after five years of handing over by the later



L-R: Secretary General of Oredo Development Foundation, [ODF] DCN Poly. C. Enuasha, Politician, Human Resources/ Management Consultant, CSP Patricia Amadi Idahosa, Dr. Iwuozo (son of celebrant), Wife, CSP Iwuozo and other guests.



Lf-Rt: Former DPO Anthony Division CSP Patricia Amadi Idahosa, CSP Chinedu Iwuozo, his wife, ACP Benjamin Ogungbure and his wife.



Lf-Rt: DSP Ijakpa (rtd), CSP Patricia Amadi Idahosa, Mrs. Iwuozo and CSP Chinedu Iwuozo (rtd).



FMO CSP Nwosu Benedict (middle) with former and serving officers of the Unit



Nigerian Navy Takes Delivery of State-of-the-art Offshore Survey Vessel

The Nigerian Navy (NN) has taken delivery of a state-of-the-art Offshore Survey Vessel (OSV) towards optimizing the functionality of Nigeria's Blue Economy and the Maritime domain.

The Director of Information Nigerian Navy, Commodore Adams Aliu who made the disclosure, said the French shipbuilding company OCEA SA, successfully delivered the cutting-edge OSV 115 vessel to the NN in Apapa Lagos Wednesday, 17 April 2024. He averred that the vessel is primed to conduct in-depth surveys in shallow and medium waters.

Aliu said the OSV 115, was designed and manufactured by OCEA SA, with a 35-meter vessel built for scientific hydrographic and oceanographic missions.

The vessel is equipped with progressive technology, including medium/shallow water multi-beam echosounders and other essential survey equipment.

According to Commodore Aliu, the new vessel alongside the other delivery would complementarily boost the NN operations in the Maritime domain, noting that the acquisition of the vessel is a game changer.

"This latest addition to the NN fleet will operate in tandem with the OSV 190 "NNS LANA," also built and delivered by OCEA in 2021.

"The primary role of the new vessel is to conduct hydrographic and oceanographic surveys, supporting the ongoing NN efforts to safeguard Nigerian territorial waters and optimize the current administration's Blue Economy initiatives.

"It should be recalled that the NN commenced local production of internationally recognized nautical charts in 2019 and the newly acquired OSV will further improve NN hydrographic charting proficiency. The delivery of the OSV 115 vessel comes with comprehensive support services, including training, spare parts, tooling, and necessary documentation, ensuring seamless integration and operation within the Nigerian Navy's

fleet."

The Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Emmanuel Ogalla has commended the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of

Nigeria, His Excellency, Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, for his unwavering support to the NN in her fleet renewal aspirations and pledged the commitment of the NN to securing and defending the country's territorial waters.

PHOTO EXTRA

President Crime Reporters Association of Nigeria (CRAN) Editor - in -Chief Unique Model Magazine Comrade Raymond Tedunjaye (JP) at the Book Launch of Mrs. Juliana Francis held at the POWA Event Hall, GRA Ikeja, Lagos.



Rivers State Commissioner of State Police CP Olatunji Disu and his amiable wife displaying the Command Commissioner of 'The Year Award.

All Hail Quintessential Lagos Super Cop, Subduing Criminals With God's Armour

Policing with the fear of God, as being canvassed, has been his watch words. While many lust after worldly inheritance to enrich themselves through their ranks and position, his has been how to enforce the law, reduce crimes to the barest minimum, using the armour of God. The above description is for no other person than the incumbent Divisional Police Officer of Denton Police Station CSP Joseph O. Egwuonwu, a quintessential, articulate and God fearing distinguished Police Officer.



CSP JOSEPH O. EGWUONWU

An incorruptible cop, yet of high esteem of international standard, his service years in the Nigeria Police Force spanning over 35 years have been characterised by spectacular achievements, with particular reference to the bursting of the criminal infested enclave called Okobaba in Ebute-metta, a hitherto renowned criminal entity, demystifying of criminals and restoration of peace in the entire Mainland Local Government Council area of Lagos.

Armed with the God's assurances in Psalm 25 verse 1 and Isaiah chapter 31 verse 4, coupled with that of Psalm 23 verse 4, which says "I shall fear no evil", CSP Egwuonwu's logic at resolving complicated issues is next to none. His passion for the job, commitment to duties and candour has always endeared him to all his superiors and those that have come his way. Little wonder he was spotted and discovered by the then Commissioner of Police Lagos State Command CP Abiodun Alabi and deployed as the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) Denton Division on 31st March, 2022.

Since his assumption of office at the Division, it has been a win, win situation for the Police, deploying his wealth of experience and uncanny knowledge acquired on the job plus the armour of God to regain the public space from criminal elements in his jurisdiction.

It is important to note that CSP Egwuonwu on arrival was confronted with the challenge of logistics, the

absence of the necessary tools to work with. Some of the infrastructure was not befitting of a modern police station.

With his good will and networking with stakeholders, from one met on ground, CSP Egwuonwu has graciously increased the number of patrol vehicles to five, laced sirens, acquisition of communication gadgets for three patrol vehicles, base set, emplaced sand baggage and new security post in at Station, amongst others.

In the same vein, the amiable senior officer has reconstructed a badgate with blocks, replaced a bad cell notice board with a brand new one,

just to mention a few.

As part of strategy to win the confidence of the stakeholders, replace the lost trust in the Police, CSP Egwuonwu mobilised and sensitised of critical stakeholders to buy-in to his agenda, using the community policing mantrax and template of the Inspector General of Police IGP Kayode Egbetokun and the Commissioner of Police.

Consequently, series of engagements were held, culminating into the formation of periodic separate monthly security meetings with such groups as Community Development Association/ Community Development Committee, Police Community Relations Committee (PCRC), Pastors/Imams, Corporate Organisations, Market men/women, Teachers, Youths Initiative, Artisans, Ohaneze- Ndigbo, Transport Unions, amongst others.

In tandem with the saying that security is everybody business and efforts to make securing the communities participatory, CSP Egwuonwu his pace-setting manner, recently launched a community policing initiative tagged "Operation Show Your Works" which put the entire community on its toe to accomplish many quick-wings project such as: building security gates, training hoodlums on self acquisition skills, training of the Baales, reconciliation of youths with the elders who have been farther apart and lightening of the streets.



ICAN management team during the handing over of Siener bus to DPO and men for restoring peace in Ebutemeta East

Aside his achievements battling crime to standstill, one other quality that distinguished CSP Egwuonwu amongst his contemporaries is his ability to solve complicated issues.

From findings, CSP Egwuonwu remains one of the valued assets of the Nigeria Police Force based on his stellar performances on the job, coupled with his exceptional activities in the Christian Police Fellowship of Nigeria (CPFN).

CSP Egwuonwu enlisted into the Nigeria Police Force, through the Cadet Inspectorate Scheme on 1st May, 2000 and was trained at Kano Police Staff College, Wudil, Kano State after his Primary, post Primary and training at the Federal College of Education, Osiele (FCE), Ogun State between 1994/1996 and came out in flying colours.

In his quest for further studies, the easy going officer gained admission into the University of Ado-Ekiti, where he bagged second class upper degree in B.A EDU in Fine and Applied Art. Not satisfied with the accomplishment, he enrolled into postgraduate Diploma Degree in Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Osun State and bagged second class upper. He is now at the last lap of his Master's Degree Programme in Public Administration at the Ado-Ekiti University.

GIANT STRIDES

Any attempt to encapsulate the myriad of breakthroughs/ successes recorded in the policing career of CSP Joseph Egwuonwu would amount to publishing his biography which this publication was not intended because of lack of space. However few of his achievements will be uploaded for reading pleasure and posterity sake.

Within the short space of time as DPO Denton Police Station, no fewer than 83 suspected criminals have

been arrested, including two notorious armed robbers.

- * Conquered a notorious crime infested Community called Okobaba.

- * Recovery of locally made double barrel guns

- * Recovery of one pump action gun

- * Recovery of one sophisticated electronic firearm

- * Arrest and prosecution of a fake soldier amongst others.

- * Impoundment of over 100 commercial motorcycles popularly known as "okada" and transfer to Taskforce.

COURSES ATTENDED

A world class certified trainer and Certified Community Policing Expert, CSP Egwuonwu has attended several courses within and the diaspora, which has boosted his knowledge and experience as a professional/career senior police officer of international repute.

- * Certified Specialist in Corporate and Industrial Security (SCIS) (UNILAG), Lagos Nigeria.

- * Peace Operation Training Institute, introduction to United Nations System International Humanitarian Law and of Conflict, Integrated Induction Training Certificate (Dafur UNAMID SUDAN)

- * UN Prevention of Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Abuse of Authority in workplace, Peace keeping and international Conflict Management

- * United Nations Police Restoring Civil Order following Hostilities logistical Support to UN Peacekeeping Operation

- * Principle of peace support operation, Human Right Course, Advanced Security in the Field.

- * Certificate on Crime Prevention and Control for Officers from Ministry of Public security of the PR China, amongst others.

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

- * Fellow of the Institute of Criminological Studies Security Management (ICSSM)

- * Member of International of Police Chiefs (IACP)

- * Member of United Nations African Union Missions in Darfur (UNAMID),

- * Member Certified Conflict and Peace Manager by Center of Excellence for Stability Police Unit ITALY (COESPU)

- * Member Guangdong Police College for Police Reforms Republic of China

- * Member of Peace Operations Training Institute

(USA).

WORKING EXPERIENCE

- * O/C Police Secret Registry
- * Staff Officer Junior (SOJ)
- * Operations Officer (In Several State Commands)
- * O / C Confidential Inspectorate, Operations/ Administration
- * Divisional Crime Officer (DCO) Ikoyi Division, Lagos.

United Nations Duties

- * Coordinator--Al-Salaam Community Police Center (UN)

* Deputy Coordinator, Al-Salaam CPC (UN) Reform and Restructure El-Fasher Darfur Sudan.

He has won many medals locally and internationally. CSP Joseph .O. Ekwuonwu is a world class certified trainer and has been able to distinguish himself among other officers based on his training within and outside the country, having trained thousands of Police Officers and personnel of many organizations. He has consistently showcased his long years of service and experience in many environments hence; he is presently the **AWARDS & COMMENDATION**

In recognition of his outstanding performances, CSP Ekwuonwu has received applauses, several commendations and Awards from prominent individuals, reputable organisations, corporate and religious bodies within and beyond the shores of Nigerian border. Notably amongst them are;

- * African Emerging Leadership, Research and Development
- * African Blue Print Magazine
- * Nigerian Institute for Industrial Security
- * Assemblies of God Nigeria Apapa District
- * Crime Victim Foundation CRIVIFON
- * Oshanaeze Ndigbo Mainland LGA, chapter Lagos
- * National Media Community Award 2023
- * International Association of World Peace Advocates
- * Crime Reporters Association of Nigeria 2023
- * Two Commendation Letters By Oke- baba Community, amongst others.

Accolades and encomium have continued to pour in torrent for the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) Denton Division CSP Joseph Ekwuonwu for bolstering confidence in policing, fostering peace and unity within the communities within his jurisdiction. An eminent son of the soil Barrister Tajudeen Ajayi in a chat with our



editorial crew submitted that the DPO should be retained for his wealth of experience and uncanny approach to solving complicated issues.

He described CSP Ekwuonwu as a distinguished Police officer, full of logic, wisdom and an asset to the Nigeria Police.

The legal luminary implored the Police Authority to reward him with promotion to his next rank before his retirement.

His words, " I have been interacting with DPOs here at community level. I can count like eight of them, but one thing that is unique about CSP Joseph is that he does his things very quietly, painstaking with a lot of logic and he has achieved so much, particularly when you expect crises to happen. He has a way of mediating, I am not surprised he has all the awards he has received. There's a way he will put things that when you agitate, your system will calm down. God has really assisted him, that we had not heard any major issues since he came here because of his relationship with different levels of community leadership and followership too.



CSP Egwuonwu Has Changed Face Of Policing In Denton Division - Mr. Ramon CDC Mainland LG 1st Vice Chairman

In his usual characteristics, the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Denton Division in Lagos State Command has sustained his control of the security architecture and dominating the public space in Mainland Local Government, nipping criminals to the bud through his monthly security meetings with various strata of the community.

Speaking with the Unique Model Magazine crew at the monthly April meetings, stakeholders lauded the several uncanny initiatives of CSP Egwuonwu at reducing crime to the barest minimum, adding that he was God sent to the area.

In response of the CSP Joseph Egwuonwu thanked them for observing his attitude, and advised them to be law abiding, promising his continued efforts in eradicating crimes in the community. He also promised to give the community some crime tips by next meeting coming up by May, 2024.

While baring out his mind of the strides of the DPO, the 1st Vice Chairman of the Community Development Committee (CDC) Mainland LCDA Mr. Adisa Taiwo Ramon declared that he has changed the face of policing in the Division. Excerpt.

UM: Can we meet for the interest of our readers?

Ans: My name is Mr. Adisa Taiwo Raron, 1st Vice Chairman CDC Lagos Mainland Local Council Development Area. I was born and breed in this community over 60 years ago.

UM: What can you say about the novel initiatives of the DPO?

Ans: I can tell you without exaggeration that this Denton Police Station happens to be a no go area before the

coming of CSP Joseph Egwuonwu. But today the gate of the station is opene

d to the community to come and interact with the him. He even created a platform with the community to deliberate on issues concerning ways to reduce crime. Today all the crimes that was happening in the past 10 years are no longer happening in my community since he resumes and put measures to check mate them.

Another of his novel ideas is that we are now having good relationship with the police, and truly now, police is our friend from what CSP Egwuonwu has proved to us.

UM: What request are the stakeholders looking up to?

UM: Now, the whole community is in unison to say that we don't want CSP Egwuonwu to leave the service without being promoted to his next rank, we want him to grow and he must grow because he has and still planting a good seed in making the community to sleep with their two eyes closed.

Secondly, if he leaves we don't want any police officer either DCO or whoever that will replace him to come and do otherwise, he has to follow the attitude of CSP Egwuonwu.

Presently, police officers working here now have good relationship with people. Before they used to roar like lion when asked question. I am sure they are emulating the good approach learnt from CSP Joseph Egwuonwu. In response of the CSP Joseph Egwuonwu the thanked them for observing his attitude, and advised them to be law abiding, and he will continue to support in eradicating crime in the community not only reducing crimes, he also promised to give the community crime tips by next meeting coming up by May, 2024.





CSP Egwuonwu Operates With Logic, Deserves To Be Retained

Accolades and encomium have continued to pour in torrent for the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) Denton Division CSP Joseph Egwuonwu for bolstering confidence in policing, fostering peace and unity within the communities within his jurisdiction. An eminent son of the soil Hon. (Barr) Tajudeen Jaiyeola Agoro is in a chat with our editorial crew submitted that the DPO should be retained for his wealth of experience and uncanny approach to solving difficult issues. Except:

UM: Can we meet with you sir?

Ans: My name is Hon. (Barrister) Tajudeen Jaiyeola Agoro (former member, Lagos State House of Assembly, Alausa, Ikeja. (National President, Ahmadiyya Nuruul Islam Society, Nigeria. Legal practitioner, I was the State Coordinator of NAPTEB, I worked with the Presidency, under the President Olusegun Obasanjo. I was the Campaign Director General of All Progressive Congress (APC) in Lagos Mainland Local Government for the House of Assembly 2023 Election. At the moment, I practice law, I used to have my office at my father's house here, at No. 24 Market Street, Oyingbo, but I have now moved to my own property at Onike. I am a community person, this community made me. If not for this community, I wouldn't have been whom I am today. That is why any time I am called upon, I will not hesitate to put on my little

support to whatever is needed to be done.

UM: How would you rate the performance of the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Denton Division CSP Joseph Egwuonwu?

Let me start by saying we are lucky to have him. We have had so many DPOs who served here, so many. You can imagine since 25 years ago, I have been interacting with DPOs here at community level. I can count like eight of them, but one thing that is unique about CSP Joseph is that he does his things, very quietly, painstaking with a lot of logic and he has achieved so much, particularly when you expect crises to happen. He has a way of mediating, I am not surprised he has all the awards he has received. There's a way he will put things that when you agitate, your system will calm down. God has really assisted him, that we had not heard any major issues since he came here because of his relationship with different levels of community leadership and followership too.

UM: What is your wish for him?

Ans: What I can say is that God will continue to strengthen him, God will continue to reflect all those good things he has been doing for us in this community in his family. Because in life, there is what is called the law of Karma, what you do to others shall come unto you. He might not make money here, because I know him very well, but the good things that will happen to his offsprings when they will be enjoying a lot of things. Then, they will be imagining that how they come about it, they wouldn't know that it is what their father has

sowed that they are reaping.

By my own standard, I give him excellent in rating for what he had done for us in this community.

UM: Based on his excellent performance, how do you advise the Police Authority to reward him?

Ans: The CP is a very well known person, even most of them up there are well know people. If I have a slightest opportunity to talk to them what I said is what I am going to tell them. People like this shouldn't be allowed to leave the management of securing the communities. Their wealth of experience should be taped into, may be by engaging them as consultants when the retired, because what they have upstairs, you cannot buy it. It's an experience gained over years, and if you are able to tap into them, they will then share those experiences and ideas with the up coming ones, so those ideas will not die with them.

For example, the Federal Government just made a very wonderful appointment of a former Deputy Inspector General of Police, Babatunde Johnson Kokumu, as the Coordinator of the National Centre for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons under the Office of the National Security Adviser. You will see what will happen about that office now. Those are the things we should do, we shouldn't allow them go with all these experiences, we should tap into it.

Let me also use myself as an example. I am a lawyer, but in most of my law activities, I use a lot of my experiences acquired over the years, when I was a teacher, when I was a lecturer, when I was an administrator, I put them together to help in achieving my goals. When I was with the DPO last Sunday. I told him I don't want him to charge a case to court, why, because I am a community man. If I made a mistake of saying let them charge the case to court, I can assure you that before the end of the day, I will get up to 20 or 25 visitors. Or they will go to my family house to report me, that your son wants to send our son to jail. But I did peacefully to avoid tension in the community. That is the idea he has.

Each time I come to see him and I look at him, I will just be wondering why this man did not come from my place in Ebute Metta here, why did he come from the place he came from? He is calm, so cool headed, and if you are patient with him, you will get to that goal you want to get. But just be patient with him.

So, I wish the government can look at that, not only him. I have given you example of D/G

Johnson, there we have so many of them, people have confidence in them and bring information to them, because they know that when you give them information, they will work with it quietly and will not reveal the source. He will behave as if he doesn't know what you talking about, he will be listening to you. By the time he will respond, you will know that he has a lot of deep knowledge of what you are talking about.

UM: How would you assess him in terms of community policing practice

Ans: In terms of community policing, CSP Egwuonwu has an extensive and deep knowledge of it, he has experience of working on such things locally and internationally. I have been talking about my experience with him. When the community have confidence in Nigerian Police it will be very difficult for anybody to come from outside and commit crime in that community. The Community will be the one that will come tell the DPO this things want to happen now.

Thank God the Federal Government wants to start Community Policing now, he will be very useful because you cannot buy experience with money.

UM: Can you identify one feature that he is known for?

Ans: One important feature about him is pro-activeness. These successes you see him achieved is because of his pro-activeness.

What about the operation show your work he introduced, that is very wonderful indeed. He has challenged a lot of us, to ensure that we show our work, as the Police are doing their own work. Tell me the Baale that he doesn't relate with, tell me the CDAs, tell me the politician across party. All these happened because he is not tribalistic and does not get himself involved in politics, he listens to everyone



CSP Egwuonwu DPO third from left in group picture with Community leaders after Community Relations meeting



Money is not a limitation to anybody who trusts in Christ, says CSP Joseph Egwuonwu

CSP Joseph Egwuonwu is the Divisional Police Officer, at the Denton Police Station and a devoted Christian, a Pastor and a strong member of the Assemblies of God Church, whose zeal and passion for Christ stands out everywhere he finds himself.

CSP Egwuonwu has traveled across the globe with other heroes of CPFN of Nigeria. His posting to Denton Police Station has been a blessing to the Nigeria Police Force and the Christian Police Fellowship at large. Within his short period in Denton Police Station, God has used him to do great exploits and still doing more. In a chat with the The Unique Model, magazine, he revealed how he was inspired, how he is sourcing funds and people that helped him. Also, he encouraged other State Coordinators to talk to people for support in God's project, assuring that God would touch them to support the growth of his kingdom.

Excerpts:

What inspired you to build a chapel in Denton Police Station within a short period you were posted?

By God's grace I came into the station divinely, God used

DIG Sylvester Alabi to bring me here. When I was about coming in as the DPO to Denton, I heard a lot of discouraging reports. Some people said I would be killed, that miscreants would attack me, and that it is not a peaceful community. But I looked upon God to help me serve him and do my official work diligently. I made a promise to God that if HE answers my prayer, I will build a chapel in the station.

There was a serious fight in the community, the miscreants hate one another, when they start their fight, the area will be an isolated zone.

It was only God that saved me, and enabled me to handle the sad situation. I keep records that, God if you relieve me out of this situation and use me to make the environs peaceful, I will build a chapel. And I came out and conquered, that I am going to make a temple for you, a temple which I have already called, "THE COVENANT CHAPEL" under the Christian Police Fellowship of Nigeria, Lagos State Chapter.

Who are your supporters, because building materials are expensive now?

Well, money is not a limitation to anybody who trusts in Christ, when people are shouting there is scarcity of money, people of God are shouting there is money, and that is the thing that is working for me. While others are crying that there is no money, God knows that I have not asked anybody to give me money but I will not fail to commend my Reverend, Ojojo Okezie, the District Superintendent of Apapa, Lagos, who is almost opposite the station. When I shared the vision to him, he gave me maximum support, he gave all the wood I needed for the roofing, gave me blocks, and gave me Zinc, the long pan that is very scarce now. That was how I started before I started informing other people and they continued to respond positively. My supporters are not limited to Christians, Moslem friends also supported me. I have prayed here, and God delivered me so a combination of resources from both Muslims and Christians are contributing towards the building of the chapel. We did the foundation and the ceremony and then the church began to march forward to the extent it is now.

The building is almost completed, how do you feel?

I feel happy that God answered my prayers, I feel happy that people came to support me when I asked for assistance. At the stage it is now, I even feel it is slow because they are supposed to complete the ceiling from outside and then put in windows and tiles.

Though we have started using the place for worship now, we have had a three days programme, we do prayer and worship inside, and do every Thursday from 9.00 to

10am. Some churches have started coming to partner with us because it's one thing to build the temple and another to get people to worship in the chapel. So the members of this station have begun to know that every Thursday 9am to 10am is worship time. By the grace of God, it will be completed very soon.

What is your advice to state Coordinators?

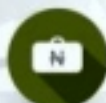
Well, my advice to state coordinators is that they must

know that to whom much is given, much is expected, you can't say you're a coordinator and you are waiting for manner to fall from heaven, speak out, the word of God said we should stand out in every where we get to, we should open our mouth and God will answer, if you have a landed property and you have a place to build for God, don't say, I don't have money to build, talk to somebody and God will assist you.



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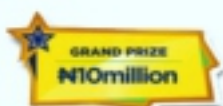
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