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## ABIA @ 32



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On this joyous occasion of Abia State's 32nd anniversary, I, Chief Dr. Innocent Chukwuma CON, Chairman/CEO of Innoson Vehicle Manufacturing Limited, extend my warmest Congratulations to the people of Abia State. Your steadfast dedication and resilience over the years are truly remarkable and deserve to be celebrated with great pride.

I am also delighted to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Governor Alex Otti on the successful completion of his first 100 days in office. Your tireless efforts, visionary leadership, and commitment to the betterment of Abia State have not gone unnoticed. You have hit the ground running, making significant strides in such a short period.

At Innoson Vehicles Manufacturing Limited, we are not only manufacturers but also partners in the growth and development of our great nation. We are immensely proud to have played a role in contributing to Abia State's progress. It is heartening to note that Abia State has been a valued patron of our great company, acquiring vehicles that showcase the quality, durability, and innovation synonymous with our brand.

Governor Alex Otti, your choice to support locally-made products, like those manufactured by us, demonstrates your commitment to promoting Nigerian industries and fostering economic growth within the state. Your vision aligns perfectly with our own, as we continually strive to raise the standards of excellence in vehicle manufacturing.

As we celebrate this dual milestone of Abia State's anniversary and Governor Alex Otti's 100 days in office, let us reflect on the journey so far and look ahead with renewed determination to achieve even greater heights. Together, we can build a future that is prosperous, inclusive, and built on the principles of progress.

Once again, congratulations to Abia State on its 32nd anniversary, and hearty congratulations to Governor Alex Otti on his remarkable first 100 days in office. May the bond between our company and the state continue to flourish, and may Abia State's journey toward prosperity be marked by unwavering success.

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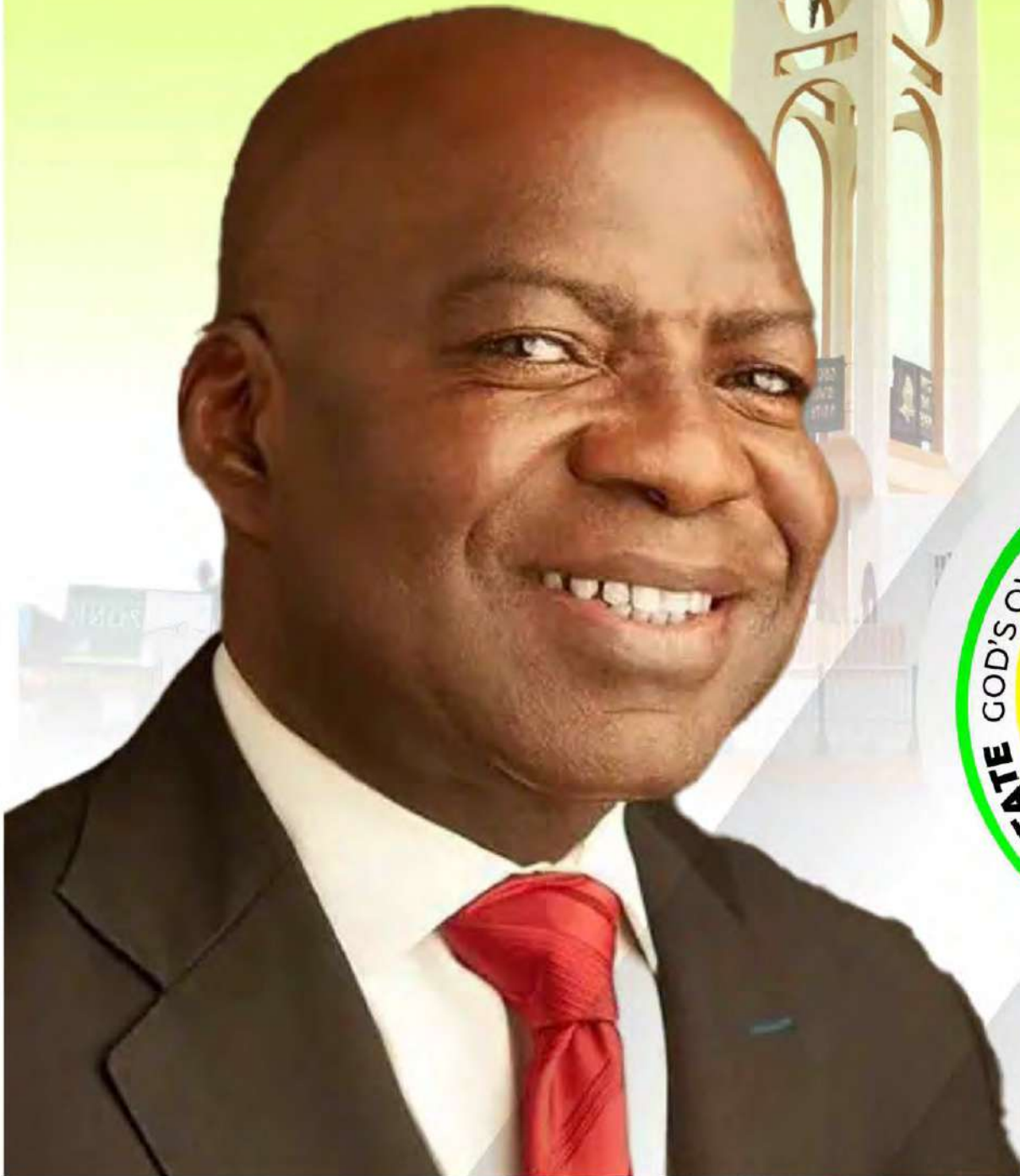


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## GOODWILL MESSAGE

The Board, Management and Staff of U.O.O. Nigeria Plc. Congratulate the People's Governor, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti of Abia State on the celebration of the state at 32 and his 100 days in office. We wish you more years of progress, our beloved governor.

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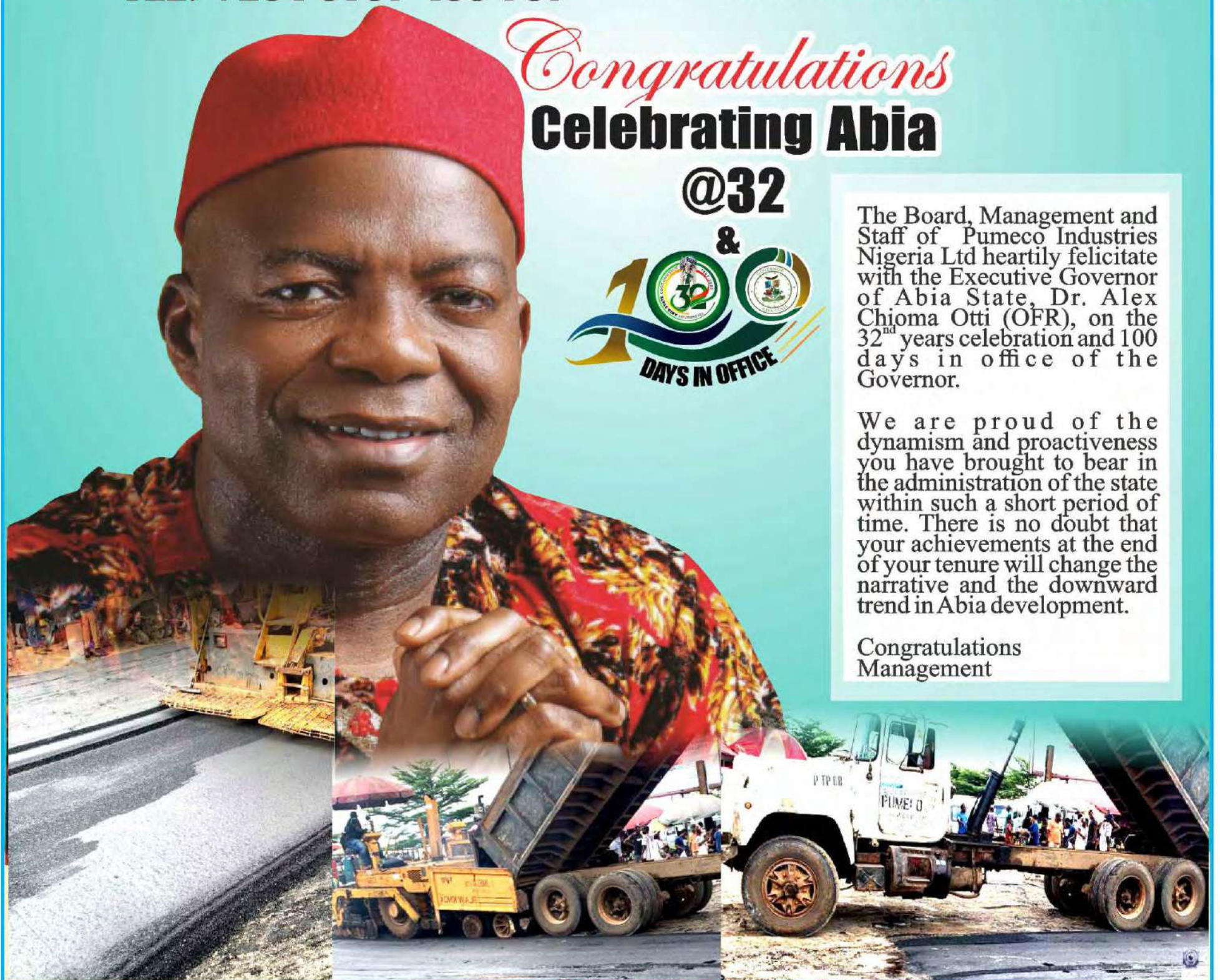
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**Celebrating Abia**

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The Board, Management and Staff of Pumeco Industries Nigeria Ltd heartily felicitate with the Executive Governor of Abia State, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti (OFR), on the 32<sup>nd</sup> years celebration and 100 days in office of the Governor.

We are proud of the dynamism and proactiveness you have brought to bear in the administration of the state within such a short period of time. There is no doubt that your achievements at the end of your tenure will change the narrative and the downward trend in Abia development.

Congratulations  
 Management







# Viva! God's Own State is 32

The geographical entity called Abia, God's Own State, was created on August 27, 1991 by the retired Gen. Ibrahim Babangida Administration, alongside seven other states - Enugu, Delta, Taraba, Kogi, Kebbi, Osun and Adamawa.

Abia was carved out from Imo State, which was created in 1976 by the late Gen. Murtala Muhammed administration. Abia derives its name from the acronym formed from the initials of then four existing constituent groups - Aba, Bende, Isuikwuato and Afikpo.

In 1996, the name Abia still stood, though Afikpo is now part of Ebonyi. Abia is also mentioned in the Bible. For the avoidance of doubt, Abia is properly located in Matthew 1: 17 and Luke 1:5, hence the state adopted God's Own State, as its slogan.

Against the peculiar circumstance in which Abia was created, it represents several things. It has special significance for the founding fathers, fallen heroes and valiants who toiled, fought from the sweat of their brows for the creation of the state. And for those heroes - most of them now quiet in their graves - the creation of Abia State remains a crowning glory and consummation of life-long ambition to have a place for a people who share same cultural and historical affinity.

Here such names as the late Dr. M. I. Okpara ("M.I Power"), Dr. M.O. Agbara, Chief Ugorji Eke, Chief Nnanna Kalu, Ezeogo Dr. Anagha Ezikpe and Eze Abel Egesi, Chief S.N.Okpi, Dr Nwakanma Okoro, Chief K.O.Onyioha, Sen Simon Ojukwu etc, all of blessed memory among others, readily call to mind.

And for those of them who are still alive, they deserve nothing less than honour and gratitude. To Ndigbo one of the dominant ethnic groups in Nigeria, the creation of Abia represents and symbolizes righting an historical wrong, perpetrated by past Nigerian leaders. It was part of a redress of proverbial Igbo marginalization in the nation's dispensation,

indeed an issue that is yet to be properly and comprehensively addressed by the Federal Government.

The creation of Ebonyi State in 1996, did nothing to bring the South-East nay Ndigbo at par with other five geopolitical zones in the country with six states each. And to the entire citizenry of the state, the existence of Abia remains a dream come true and a daunting challenge on ways to make her to compete favorably with other states. Here we recall that the Founding Fathers' dream was that the state should be developed rapidly and run on the basis of Onye Aghala Nwanneya (Be Your Brother's Keeper).

They also dreamed of Abia administrative style to be open at all times, where no one would be oppressed or discriminated against. They encapsulated and crystalized all these in a Constitution and Memorandum both of which are known as the "Charter of Equity" in the hope that this would guide any ruler of the state.

It is disheartening to note however that in spite of the noble aims of its founding fathers, Abia state has not been lucky to have altruistic and visionary political leaders who could transform such noble visions into reality. Such leadership failures have brought the state to its present position of an erstwhile dilapidated, decrepit and neglected state since its creation.

It is against this background that Dr Alex Otti's outing this past few months could be said to have restored hope to a beleaguered people.

While this write up is not reeling out Otti's litany of achievements so far in so short a space of time (in his First 100 Days in Office), we make bold to say that majority of Abians are already seeing him as a 'godsend', a messiah on a mission to develop Abia. All we ask of the people so far is to lend their cooperation to the government in order to afford her an enabling environment to soldier on with its achievements.

The birthday anniversary of Abia at 32 years is like no other one. Its coupling with 100 days of action from a very focused and determined political leadership indeed calls for plenty and joyful celebrations

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## Opinion

# From crevices to dawn of a new era

By Abia Onyike.

Great men and great philosophers grow from the pressing frustrations of their epoch."-Victor Kalu

Abia State is a complex and complicated story of failed leadership. The people of the state have demonstrated high resilience and survival instinct. A great people, known for their individual exploits and personal achievements, but were somehow unlucky to be visited by leadership vicissitudes. Abia State is a wonderful community of excellent men, women and youths. They were known for their vibrancy in all fields of human endeavours.

As Abia State celebrates the 32 years of the creation of the state by Gen. Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida, we cannot but engage in some measure of stock taking. We must go down memory lane to inquire into our past, to fathom where the rain began to beat us.

Abia State was governed by five military administrators since it was created on August 27, 1991.

The first Military Administrator, Frank Ajobena was barely in office for about four months, starting from 28 August, 1991 to January 2, 1992.

The first civilian governor was Dr. Ogbonnaya Onu, a Chemical Engineer trained, at the University of Lagos and University of California in Berkely USA.

Other military leaders who held sway were: Col. Ike Nwosu(Dec.9, 1993 to Sept. 14, 1994), Navy Commander Temi Ejoor(14th Sept.1994 to 22nd August, 1996. The next was Moses Fasanya(22nd August, 1996 to August, 1998 while the last military helmsman was Anthony Obi(August, 1998 to 29th May, 1999.

Then the second civilian governor came in the wake of the return to civil rule in 1999. He was Chief Orji Uzor Kalu(1999 to 2007). After Chief Kalu came Chief Theodore Amaefule Oji(2007 to 2015), while Dr. Okezie Ikpeazu took over in 2015 and left in 2023, paving way for the incumbent, Gov. Alex Otti. The crisis of governance in Abia State reached its nadir during the period when Chief T. A. Oji held sway. A hitherto unknown civil servant, he was brought into political relevance by his predecessor, Chief Orji Uzor Kalu. Chief T.A. Orji tightened the nooze on the neck of the citizens, squeezed up the entire state and castrated the civil society. There are those who equally blame Orji Uzor Kalu for the sorry state of affairs in Abia. Yes, his endorsement of T.A. Oji in the first instance marked the beginning of the Abia conundrum.

The prospects of Abia State as an oil producing state were frittered away because of greed and avarice. Even the Chief T.A.Orji's successor in office Dr Okezie Ikpeazu proved not to be better than his master.

He could not rise above the cult of mediocrity in power circles in Umuahia. He inherited and continued with Orji's politics of exclusion and the transactional culture of sharing the common patrimony amongst the cliques in government. The Abia citizens were subjected to monumental degradation.

The civil service was bastardized and became an eye sore. The local government councils were not spared by the greedy state officials who used the joint allocation



semantics to loot the resources of autonomous council authorities in their brazen disregard for decency.

The political class in Abia operated as mercenaries in their own land. They became pompous, vicious, uncontrollable, meretricious, majestic and full of perfidy while the masses groaned and yelled for a change to the status quo ante. Social amenities and road infrastructure collapsed in Abia, while the political mandarins looked the other way.

They had lost their human conscience. It is on record that Owerri, Aba and Umuahia had the best organized city-master plan and layouts which were initiated and developed by the former governor of old Imo State, Chief Sam Onunaka Mbakwe. But because of decrepit leadership, the cities of Aba and Umuahia and their environs were neglected and pushed asunder. Umuahia became a glorified village and lost its vibrancy as a state capital.

Aba was transformed into a rotten

enclave with dilapidated roads which became an eye-sore. In the midst of all these, it became clear that Abia State could not replicate what was happening in Anambra State where Peter Obi had cleaned up Onitsha and the state was acknowledged in the South-East as one with the best urban and rural networks. It was within the context of the pervading crisis of leadership that Chief Alex Otti emerged after a long drawn titanic struggle for power as the new Governor of Abia State on 18th March, 2023. Infact Dr Alex Otti defied all odds to secure a landslide victory in that governorship election.

Dr Alex Otti represents a cumulation of nascent political forces that are hell-bent on salvaging Abia State from the decadence of the past. However, the real challenge is about to begin. The crisis of development in Abia State had reached a boiling point.

The crisis in itself represented a boiling-over conflict. According to Festus Iyayi, "the essence of a crisis is that it reflects an unresolved, ongoing and critical contradiction. The critical element in the contradiction means that its resolution is significant in the development of a phenomenon and unless it takes place, the phenomenon is flawed".

Yes, the retort of former Governor Ikpeazu, signaling his resistance to the committee created by the new Abia Government to get past leaders to account for their stewardship is condemnable. Those who engaged in the mindless looting of the resources of Abia State should volunteer to return the loot to the state coffers. Let us begin with the admonition of Socrates who said that: "He who does no wrong will not fear the investigations of justice".

Fellow Abians, welcome to a new dawn, for the future of any community of people still lies in its past and present. Abia State is on the march again.

Abia Onyike is a veteran journalist and former deputy National President, Nigerian Union of Journalists







**HE. DR ALEX OTTI OFR**

# Congratulations @ 100 DAYS IN OFFICE

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18th August, 2023

#### CONGRATULATIONS FOR 100 DAYS IN OFFICE AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY ABTA STATE

On behalf of the Governing Council, Management, Senate, Staff and Students of Abia State University, we most warmly congratulate the Executive Governor of Abia State and Visitor to Abia State University, *His Excellency Dr. Alex Chioma Otti*, and his dear wife, *Her Excellency Mrs. Priscilla To*, on the impactful and successful 100 days in office as the 5th democratically elected Governor of the State

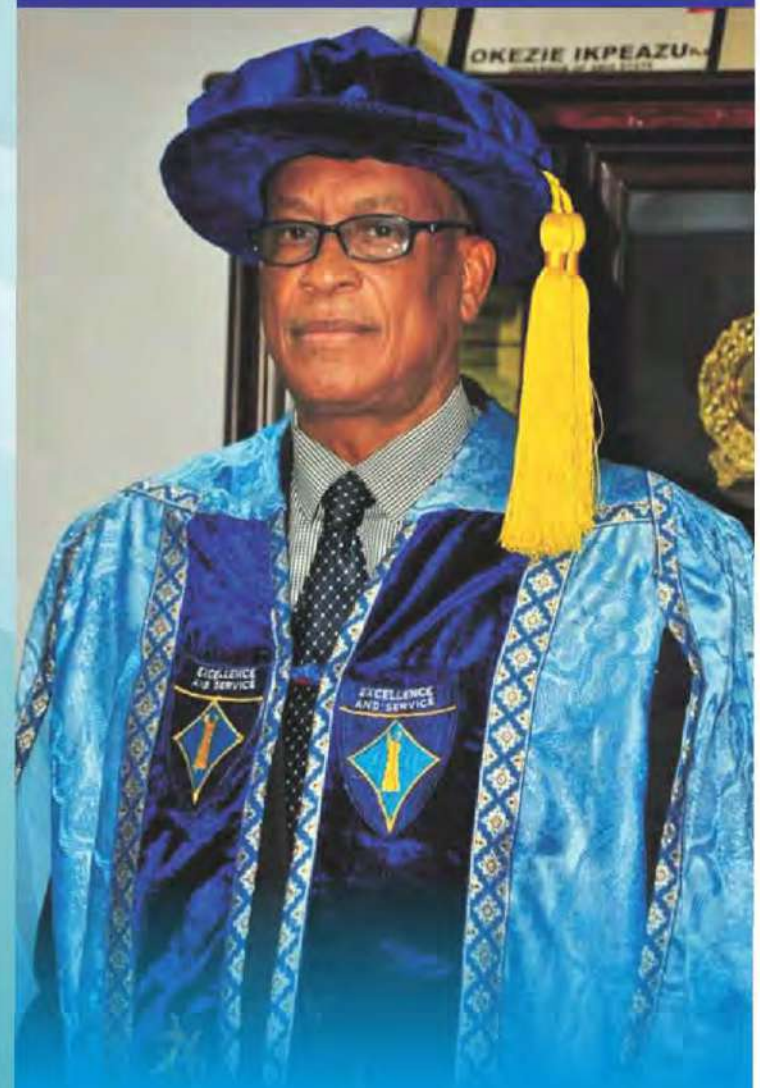
We also rejoice with the Government and people of Abia State on the auspicious occasion of the commemoration of the 32 anniversary of the Creation of the State, God's own State.

We, in Abia State University, are very delighted to be associated with Your Excellency's pragmatic, visionary and purposeful Administration and monumental achievements in the following areas: infrastructural development; improved security network, with the launching of "operation crush education and workers-friendly disposition, with regular payment of salaries and subventions, restoration of health facilities and friendly business environment, among others.

We wish you divine wisdom, good health and grace for greater accomplishments in the years ahead.

Congratulation sir.

**Distinguished Professor Onyemachi M. Ogbulu**  
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# Abia @ 32: An overview

By Kelechi Eme-Ogidi

Abia State was created on August 27, 1991, by General Ibrahim Babangida (Rtd), alongside Enugu, Jigawa, Kebbi, Kogi, Osun, Taraba and Yobe states. The state was carved out from Imo State.

Abia was coined from the first alphabets in the name of four constituents areas of the state, viz: Aba, Bende, Isuikwuato and Afikpo (Afikpo is now part of Ebonyi state).

Abia is mentioned in the Bible, which explains why it adopted God's Own State, as the state's slogan.

Abia, located in the South-East geographical zone, is strategically located as it shares boundaries in the north with Enugu State, north-east with Ebonyi and in the west with Imo state.

Abia also has common boundaries in the east with Cross River State, south-east with Akwa Ibom and Rivers State in the south.

In addition to Umuahia as the capital city, and Aba as the commercial nerve centre of the state, Abia has other emerging towns, such as Arochukwu, Uzuakoli, Isuikwuato, Mbawsi, Item, Ohafia, Igbere, Abiriba, among others.

Abia occupies a land mass of 5,833.7km<sup>2</sup> and ranks 27th out of 36 states in Nigeria. In terms of land mass, Abia is one of the smallest states in Nigeria.

Abia, according to the 2006 official census figure, has a population of 2,843,380.

With a projected annual growth rate of 3.2%, the estimated population for 2020 was put at 4,183,359 and 4,808,498 by the end of 2023.

The Abia State Long Term Development Plan, 2020-2050

(ABSLTDP) prepared by the Abia State Planning Commission, gave further details of the projected population.

It projected the male and female population to be 2,417,106 and 2,391,392 respectively by the end of 2023. The state also ranks as the 27th most populated state in the country.

Abia has 17 local government areas, while 10 chief executives, comprising five 5 military administrators and five executive governors have governed the state. Retired Group Captain Frank Ajobena was the pioneer military administrator, while Dr. Alex Otti is current executive governor.

Abia, located within the rainforest zone is rich in mineral and forest resources.

Official statistics listed the resources as: crude oil, natural gas, lead, zinc, copper, limestone, industrial sand, gypsum, etc

As a result of abundant arable land, cultivation of crops like cassava, yam, cocoa-yam, maize, plantain, oil palm, rubber, cocoa, among others thrive very well in the state.

According to a 2020 data, obtained from the Forestry Department, Abia State Ministry of Environment, the state has 8,244.24 hectares of forest reserves, while only about 2,056.06 hectare (25%) have been developed.

The two main rivers, the Aba and Imo rivers, that transverse many communities in the state encourage fishing. Animal husbandry also thrive in the state.

On the education sector, Abia ranks as one of the educationally advantaged states in the country. The literacy level is put at 94.24 %, making it one of the States with the highest literacy level in the country.

Some of the tertiary institutions in the state are: Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, Abia State University,



Abia war dance

Uturu, Rhema University Aba, Abia State Polytechnic, Aba, Clifford University, Ihie, Isiala Ngwa North Local Government Area, (LGA), Gregory University, Uturu, School of Nursing, Amachara, Umuahia etc.

The state also boasts of Research Institutes, like the Root Crops Research Institute, Umudike, Rubber Research Institute of Nigeria, Akwete, among others.

Abia also boasts of health institutions, both government and privately owned located across the state. They include, the Federal Medical Centre, Umuahia, Abia State University Teaching Hospital (ABSUTH), Aba, Abia State Specialist Hospital and Diagnostic Centre, Umuahia, general hospitals, public health centres scattered across the state.

However, with 86 deaths per 100,000 births, Abia State is among the states with high under 5 mortality rate in Nigeria and second in the South-East.

As should be expected, Abia, with Aba as its commercial hub, is home to Medium, Small and Micro Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country.

Aba, popularly called the Japan of Africa, is the epicentre of fabrication, manufacturing, distribution and retailing of goods.

Abia as a city is synonymous with creativity. The commercial city, unarguably, has the largest number of producers and markets of footwears, leather works and garments in sub-sahara Africa.

With a very vibrant MSMEs and indigenous innovations, without doubt, Abia has one of the highest potential for independent and private sector driven economic activity.

This is even evident in the establishment of different companies, including a power plant (geometric power plant) for power generation, presence of almost all the commercial banks in the country within the state.

As a result of high economic activities in the state, there are many markets scattered across the state. They are: Ariaria International Market, Ekeoha Shopping Complex, Ngwa Road Market, Cemetery Market, Asa Nnetu Spare Parts Market, (all in Aba), Timber Industrial Market, Umuahia, Ubani Ibeku Ultra Modern Market, Umuahia and other specialized markets, that attract huge patronage from other African countries.

Further, statistics from 2022 edition of BudgIT, on fiscal performance ranked Abia as 18th out of 36 states and still very dependant on Federal Account Allocation Committee

(FAAC) for its operating cost, as 78.5% of its total recurrent revenue came from FAAC.

It is also the 18th most indebted state in the country, with a total debt of #136.98billion.

Abia is blessed with wonderful tourist sites like the Azumini Blue River, the National Museum of Colonial History, Aba, The Akwete Weaving Cooperative, Akwete, Ukwu East LGA, The National War Museum, Umuahia and the Ojukwu Bunker, Umuahia, Ibom Waterfalls, Arochukwu etc.

The different communities that make up Abia State have different cultures and festivals that are peculiar to them. But then, there are certain festivals that are common to all Abia people, but with a little variation across the communities.

Some of the cultural festivals and dances in Abia State are the iri ji festival (mew yam festival), the ekpe (masquerade) dance, the okonko society, age grade system, traditional retirement (Igboto nma or Ime Uche) and so on.

Abians are predominantly Christians with a handful of Muslims and traditional worshippers. The state draws its strength from being relatively peaceful. Its strategic location, highly educated workforce and a vibrant population, put the state in a vintage position for accelerated development.

With the coming of a new administration under the pragmatic leadership of Dr. Alex Otti, Abians are expectant that it is a New Dawn.

They are optimistic that the visions and dreams of the founding fathers which is to make Abia the first among equals, in the achievement of human development and a state of abundant opportunities for its citizens, will be realized.

Eme-Ogidi is the Head, Business and Economy Desk, National Ambassador



The famous Akwete traditional cloth weaving



## Milestone

# Our Duty to the Next Generation

Being A speech Delivered on the 32nd Anniversary of the Creation of Abia State on Sunday, August 27, 2023, By HE. Dr. Alex Otti.

1. My fellow Abians, let me begin by thanking the Almighty God for preserving our lives as we mark the 32nd anniversary of the creation of our dear state, Abia, by the Gen. Ibrahim Babangida military administration.

2. I must also express my deepest gratitude for the efforts, commitment and immense sacrifices of the founding fathers of this great state, the individuals who tasked themselves and contributed in diverse ways to the creation of the state we know today as Abia, God's own state.

3. We cannot thank these celebrated heroes of the struggle enough for leveraging everything at their disposal to ensure that Abia was created. I also thank them for their vision and for insisting that justice and fairness must be the basic conditions of our existence as a people.

4. All the military administrators and governors we have had in the last 32 years are also worthy of appreciation for contributing individually and collectively to the growth and development of our state; we thank them for offering themselves to serve and for giving the best they could.

5. Words of deep gratitude must also go to the prominent sons and daughters of our dear state for consistently telling the world, through their commitment to excellence and sound leadership values, that we are indeed, a land of great men and women.

6. Your contributions to the development and evolution of modern science, medicine, finance, economics, law and jurisprudence, diplomacy and several other fields of human

endeavour have not only brought immense sense of pride to Abia but have enriched human experiences across frontiers.

7. Thank you for using your skills, talents and high sense of professionalism to bring honour to our land and most importantly, for being worthy role models to the present and future generations of Ndi Abia.

8. Going further, I am obliged to salute the courage and resilience of ordinary Abians. The Abia we are celebrating today could have been entirely different but for your efforts and commitments to doing your honest day's work in dignity.

9. Thank you for being cheerful and optimistic even in the darkest nights, for believing that a brighter day would come. You have done great things and generations unborn shall continue to celebrate you.

10. Many who began with us in 1991 have since gone to be with their Maker but we shall never forget all that they gave that we might have a better society. As a people, we shall continue to honour and venerate their memories for all the great things they represented in their lifetimes.

11. Dear brothers and sisters, today offers us an opportunity to think deeply and reflect. To look at how far we have come and think about how farther we can go.

We have come a long way but the road ahead is still far. While we pat ourselves on the back for having come thus far, we must have it at the back of our minds that our founding fathers expect so much more.

12. As you are



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aware, a new chapter was opened for us on the 18th of March this year when we trooped out in our numbers to elect the kind of leadership we believe the state deserved for so long but has never had; a leadership that is dedicated to unlocking the dormant potentials of our land.

13. In your resolute determination to break away from the past, you braved endless intimidation and blackmail while insisting that it was about time we began the next phase of our journey, towards the destination our founding fathers had in mind.

14. I must thank you all again for demonstrating that peculiar courage that had long defined us.

All throughout history, the people that lived in the geographical area now known as Abia stood at the forefront of every struggle against injustice.

15. The events of that very special Saturday in March and the days of anxiety that followed, once again showed that indeed, we are a people who will always meet danger with unmatched courage.

16. Thank you umunem for insisting with your ballots that we had stayed in the wrong station for far too long and must now march

forward, no matter the opposition. In the end, the old Igbo saying "na onye kwe, chi ya ekwe" became our living reality.

17. Today as we celebrate the 32nd anniversary of the creation of our dear state, we must hold our heads high for being living testimonies that indeed, you cannot defeat a determined people.

18. You made it possible and I am humbled to be bequeathed with the kind of trust no single individual has ever enjoyed in our long political history. My promise, which is renewed daily, is that I would spend every waking hour of my days in office working to justify the confidence.

19. I am glad to report that I have committed the last 12 weeks since May 29 setting up a governance architecture that is a marked departure from the past.

20. We will be hundred days in office within the first week of September and I am excited that on the testimony of several honest observers, the state is clearly on the right track.

21. By assembling some of our most accomplished sons and daughters to join me in the

onerous task of leading the state along the path that guarantees superior outcomes, I made it clear that it would no more be business as usual and that Abia must work, this time for everyone.

22. On assumption of office in May, I quickly identified critical areas that required urgent government intervention to restore normalcy in the midst of chaos and general sense of helplessness.

23. I declared a state of emergency on refuse disposal in Aba and Umuahia and appointed a team to execute the mandate and deliver results as quickly as possible. I am glad to report that our environment is getting cleaner.

24. When we came in, doctors working in the public health facilities in the state were on strike and the system was in a state of general collapse as the hospitals were shut down for months and patients, even those in very critical conditions, were turned away.

25. Before declaring a state of emergency in the health sector, I appealed to the striking doctors to call off their strike and gave them my word that it would be an anathema for any health worker in the state to be refused their legitimate entitlements under my watch.

26. I thank the doctors for heeding my call and for returning to work shortly after. We have since commenced the immediate rehabilitation of three major secondary health facilities across the three senatorial zones in the state.

The rehabilitation efforts have reached advanced stage and I am very happy with the progress of work.

27. We commenced

free medical services across selected general hospitals in the state last July and this would continue until the end of the year. This exercise covers free medical checks and examination, provision of drugs and medicated glasses for eye patients at no cost, subsidized surgery and varieties of other medical services as part of our efforts to give the population, especially the indigent, an opportunity to access quality care for themselves and their families.

28. Since the exercise commenced, thousands of people across all demographics, pregnant women, nursing mothers, newborn babies and infants under the age of five and several other groups with varying medical conditions have all benefited and thousands more will still be reached in the weeks and months ahead.

29. I encourage you to take advantage of this window of opportunity to see competent medical personnel in a public health facility near you. I am also glad that since the launch of the initiative, several other individuals and groups have taken a cue from the government by sponsoring free medical programmes for communities across the state.

30. Presently, we are engaging several multilateral agencies and organizations to further support our primary healthcare centres for optimal service delivery, especially in the rural communities.

31. Our goal is to radically improve all major health indices for the general population, cutting down such disturbing trends as maternal and infant mortality, prevalence of common diseases and the incidence of new threats such as cancer, cardiovascular and renal conditions through prevention and early detection.

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## Milestone

# Our Duty to the Next Generation

Being A speech Delivered on the 32nd Anniversary of the Creation of Abia State on Sunday, August 27, 2023, By HE. Dr. Alex Otti.

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32. Because of the importance of education to our agenda, we declared a state of emergency in the sector in the first week of our administration and have since earmarked appropriate funding to match our commitment.

33. Education for us is the future and it is our goal to see that every child gets the opportunity to be taught and mentored to take advantage of the opportunities that abound in the 21st century economy which favours mostly the skilled and properly educated.

34. We also hope to provide parents with the right incentives to be able to send their children to school and allow them to read at home when they come back.

We understand the economic exigencies that often push parents to forsake the education of their children but we must realise that failure to make sacrifices today would certainly limit our opportunities tomorrow.

35. In Aba, the condition of so many important roads had been terrible for years and on assumption of office, it became clear to me that I would be failing the good people of Enyimba City if I did not make the repair of those roads a priority.

36. Marshalling out everything at our disposal, we went to work quickly and gave strict instructions to those in charge that we must start seeing results immediately.

37. It gives me great amount of joy to report that across major parts of Aba, we are reclaiming roads that had been abandoned for decades, de-silting drainages and making vehicular movement within the city much easier.

38. Our plans and programmes for Aba are far more strategic and as the days go by, you would be seeing demonstrable proof that indeed, Aba's time has come.

39. From business digitization processes that would put Aba on the global enterprise map to structured real estate developments, urban renewal programmes and investments in energy and power infrastructure for improved industrial output, you will, before the end of the year appreciate that indeed, we are going somewhere.

40. Security challenges became a concern in several parts of the state in the last two years and I mentioned on assumption of office that not one inch of space shall be yielded to criminals anywhere in the state.

It was not an empty threat; it was a statement of my commitment to securing the life and property of the general population.

41. For the simple reason that all what we intend to do can only come to fruition if we give people the confidence that the state is secure and open for business, I made it a priority to work with major stakeholders across frontiers to set up a robust system for tracking and smoking out criminals from their hideouts.

42. The recent launch of "Operation Crush" is the culmination of our very determined efforts to make the state very uncomfortable for criminals and their sponsors.

43. By committing significant resources to



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set up the taskforce, we are boldly telling residents and investors in the state that we are determined and ready to keep them safe.

44. I am pleased to report that in the last two months, we have got hundreds of very interesting proposals from national and global conglomerates that are seeking to do business in the state.

45. We are looking at hundreds of new production facilities and plants across all parts of the state with interests that cut across all sectors of the economy. From agriculture to clean energy, entertainment and beverages, real estate and much more, Abia, I can say is open for business.

46. I am already excited with the prospects of these for job creation, opportunities for local contractors and multiple streams of support to the local economy.

47. Beyond what we have achieved in terms of tangibles, it may interest you to note that we are also very keen on refining governance processes and systems for efficiency and transparency.

48. We are currently

working on a raft of reforms that would streamline procurement processes in the public sector to cut out abuses.

The new framework will give genuine businesses operating in the state a pathway to enjoy significant patronages from the government as part of our initiative to support and grow local businesses.

49. We are also working on several projects that would benefit MSMEs, small holder farmers, and cooperatives in all parts of the state. Our priority is to expand the frontiers of opportunities in ways that deepen the traditional entrepreneurial capacities of our people.

50. The attorney general's office, in line with my campaign promise, is concluding the draft of major reforms initiatives which are designed to strengthen institutions and enhance their capacities to meet our development agenda.

51. For effective and accountable management of funds and support from multilateral organisations

and agencies, I have set up a dedicated office to specifically coordinate and interface with the global and regional institutions to enable us make the most of intervention funding opportunities for critical projects in the state.

52. While the intervention programmes and projects had been rife with procedural abuses in the past, I am now determined to make sure that going forward, no individual or group is allowed to exploit our people nor expose the state to situations that weaken our capacity to negotiate and get fairer deals when the opportunities arise.

53. In the last 90 days, the executive branch of government has continued to forge special but respectful relationships with the other arms of government for the purpose of strengthening our democratic experience and I am grateful for the support and cooperation I have got thus far from the leaders of the legislature and judiciary in the state.

54. I shall continue to work hard to deepen these relationships while ensuring that disagreements, which are common in democratic engagements, are quickly resolved and the energy of every stakeholder channelled to serving the public with sincerity.

55. I pledge to remain prudent in the management of your resources and do hereby assure that accountability and responsibility shall remain central to my administration. Your resources shall be used to work for you.

56. While I pledge to

continue to do my part, may I also invite you to do your own part because getting it right is a collective obligation.

Support the government by paying your taxes and other statutory fees, especially now that we have set up series of systems that support smooth and seamless payments across digital platforms for formal and informal sector payments.

57. Join the fight against crime by quickly reporting any suspicious movement or persons within your vicinity to the nearest security agency because as you know, security is everyone's business.

We cannot have a secure Abia if we are indifferent to events that may threaten the security of our neighbourhoods.

58. I reaffirm the commitment of this administration to prompt and regular payment of salaries. However, the workers across state institutions must recommit themselves to being diligent in their duties; actively supporting the reform initiatives and programmes of the government.

59. Our fathers fought for the creation of this state in the confidence that its potentials for greatness would be best actualised by becoming a distinct entity, defined by peculiar traditions and values of the people.

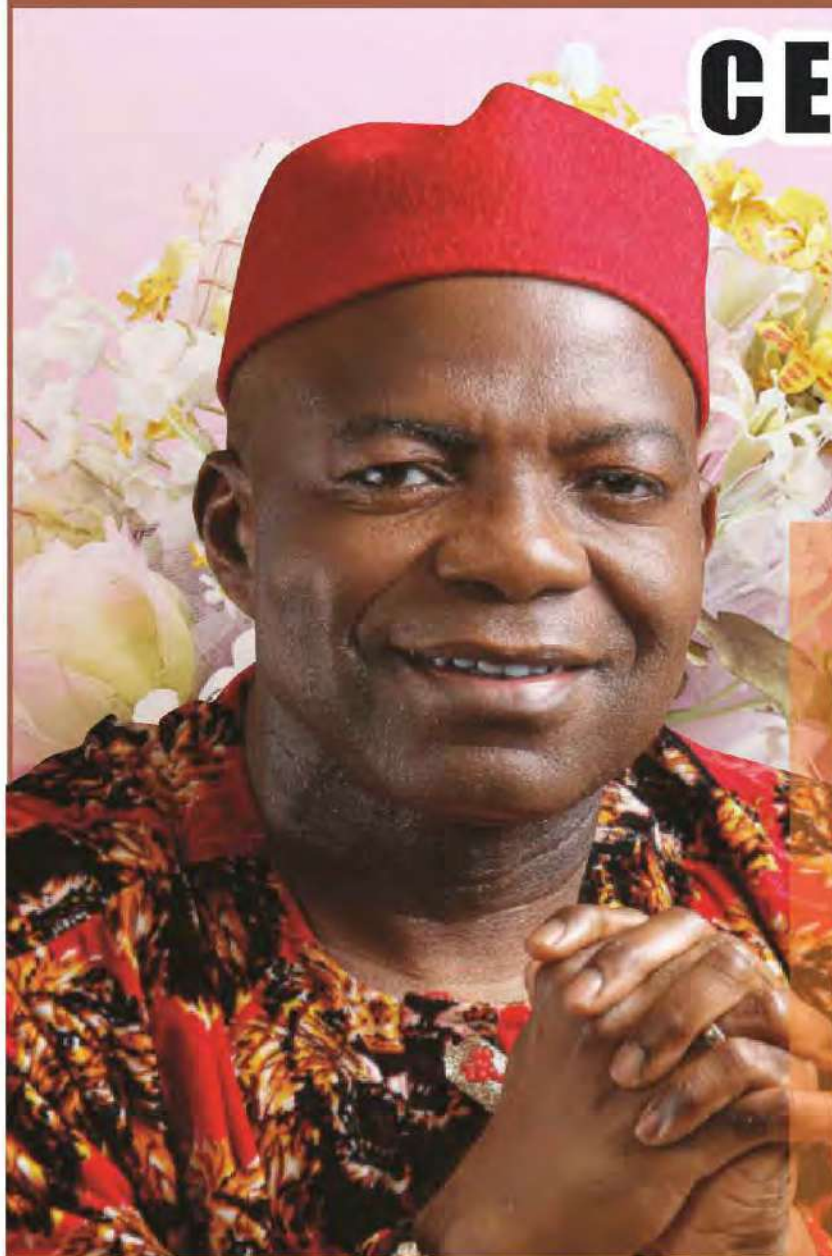
Actualising this potential has become a sacred obligation, a duty we owe the next generation and we cannot afford to fail for that would be the ultimate betrayal.

60. The torch has since been handed down to us and we must keep it shining. Happy Abia Day Ndi Abia and may the blessings of God remain with us for the great journey ahead. Thank you for listening.

*Dr. Alex Otti OFR,  
Governor, Abia State.*



# Felicitations!



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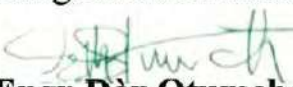
I on behalf of my family, Director in-charge, Management and Staff of Ministry of Works profoundly felicitate with our pragmatic and visionary Executive Governor of Abia State, His Excellency, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti (OFR) and the good people of Abia State on this auspicious milestone of the 32 Anniversary of the creation of Abia State (God's Own State), which divinely conceded with the 100 Days in office of the Governor which has been action packed and people-oriented.

Your Excellency Sit, we salute you for the renewed hope that has offered Abians a breath of fresh air. We in Ministry of Works are proud of your transformational agenda that are made manifest on daily basis, as it unfolds in the area of rejigging the Civil Service that has been riddled with corruption, the economy that has been in comatose, and particularly the on-going construction and rehabilitation of numerous roads that crisscross the State. There is no doubt in our minds that with you at the helm of affairs, given your antecedent and sterling leadership acumen, Abia State will soon take its pride of place among the comity of nations.

Your Excellency Sir, we affirm our unalloyed commitment, loyalty and unflinching Support to ensure that the cardinal trust of your administration through the Ministry of Works is achieved. Our ceaseless prayer is that God will give you, your family and your carefully selected team the wisdom, strength and political will to fulfill your Divine Mandate of liberating and taking Abia to a greater height.

Long Live Abia State!!!

Long Live the Federal Republic of Nigeria!!!

  
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Hon. Commissioner for Works.



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# Forum

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## Abians and the struggle for change

**A**bia State was created on August 27 1991, during the military dictatorship of Ibrahim Babangida. There was no dramatic development in the state during the short-lived military administration. Dr. Ogonnaya Onu was elected the First Executive Governor of the state. He was on the saddle between January 1992 to November 1993, when he was ousted from power.

The subsequent military administrations in the state could not develop the political and physical infrastructure needed to nurture any meaningful development. No matter the shortness of the first civilian administration, and the years of military administration, the state did not witness open and accountable leadership. These periods also witnessed a titanic struggle to restore democracy in Nigeria. Many Abia indigenes were in the forefront of the struggles that dismantled military rule with resultant return to democratic rule on May 1999. Abia has a rich legacy of outstanding political leaders especially in the first and second republic. Abians still remember prominent indigenes who struggled to have the state created in order to boost development at the grassroots.

Abians have good memories of such political leaders as: Dr. Michael Okpara, Dr. Jaja Nwachukwu, Chief O.C. Ememe, Chief Ubani Ukoma, Dr. J.O.J. Okezie, Dr. K.O.K Onyioha, Dr.K.K. Ogba, Senator Simon Ojukwu, Dr. Kalu Ezera, Chief Aguocha, Dr. Alvan Ikoku, Mazi S. G. Ikoku, Chief Smart Ndem Okpi, Dr. O.O. Oreh, etc.

When democratic rule was restored in 1999, it was assumed and taken for granted that the new civilian democratic leaders who inherited power from the departing military will continue the past tradition of good leadership that was established by Igbo nationalists and first republic political Igbo leaders. At the dawn of democratic rule in 1999, it was generally hoped that the new civilian democratic rulers will dismantle the bad governance structure entrenched in the state as a result of military rule in favour of a good governance structure that will enhance the rapid development of the state. Such positive expectation did not materialize, rather the bad governance structure inherited from the departing military was expanded and perpetuated. Most of the democratic norms were observed and practiced mostly in breach.

The consequence was that Abia State from the start 1999, recorded a new round of decline in its development indices. Such decline reached a crescendo during the eight years of Dr. Okezie Ikpeazu's administration. It has to be mentioned that the anti-democratic culture and the perpetuation of a bad governance structure which the practice of democracy presented had itself generated an anti-thesis in a struggle for good governance which has taken decades to achieve. Political theorists are not quite agreed on the origins of this struggle for change in Abia.

However, there is a near consensus that it is traceable to Chief Enyi Abaribe's "Otu Onu Movement" which struggled to gain power in the 2003 Governorship Election with Chief Enyinnaya Abaribe as its governorship candidate. They also contend that their insular philosophy as well as their limited political base constrained this early movement from gaining power in 2003.

The struggle for change was to gain further boost amongst many conscientious Abians when they converged around the political aspiration of Chief Onyema Ugochukwu in another big push to bring change to Abia between 2006 to 2007. The defeat of Chief Onyema Ugochukwu in the 2007 Governorship Election by

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Gov. Alex Otti of Abia State

Chief T. A. Orji who contested the 2007 governorship election under the banner of the Progressive Peoples Alliance (PPA), while still being incarcerated in Kirikiri Prison on corruption allegations, dampened the enthusiasm of the early agitators for change. The situation was made worst when the political crises that occurred within the ruling PPA, led to the defection of then incumbent Governor T.A Orji back to the People's Democratic Party.

Such defection had the unintended consequences of neutralizing the bludgeoning opposition that had for years opposed the bad governance system in the state and held banner of hope for millions of Abians who remained fervent in their positive hope for their future.

On the other hand, the bad governance system was given added impetus after the merger with the PPA elements in the now new PDP. The PPA leaders emerged as senior partners of the alliance, while the former PDP opposition members of the alliance were muscled to become a junior partners in the alliance whose motive was sharing of the spoils of office.

Under this circumstance of the politics of sharing of the spoils of office, not much thought was given to the fundamental essence of politics, which is to improve governance and engender development.

The consequence was that while the political leaders enjoyed the spoils of office, most of the state's development indices nose dived. It was these scenarios that attracted the attention of another group of Abians, that made them to take more than a passing interest in the political developments in their state. Such groups included the Abians in diaspora, the business group, the professionals and the intellectual group.

These groups seemed to be worst bit by the negative development indices that continually oozed out of their state. They were mostly affected by the lack of an enabling environment that could enable them bring or attract investments to their home state.

They were affected by the insecurity that the bad governance structure bred. They felt the pressure of the high poverty rate as they spent more money subsidizing the cost of living of their many dependents. They felt the pressure of the high unemployment figures as their dependents could not secure jobs at home.

They experienced first hand the poor roads, electricity as they returned home. It was these reasons that informed their joining the political fray with a determination to wrestle out political power from the hands of what they considered to be a thieving political elite. These Abians in 2014 organized and queued behind one of their best, Dr. Alex Otti, in a new bid to change the bad governance structure in the state, with a new one that will engender development.



Map of Abia State

Such bid did not succeed in 2015, leading to another round of a titanic political struggle in 2019 which also failed. Such failures were all thanks to a defective electoral system in Nigeria.

Meanwhile, the bad governance structure in the state got an added boost under the regime of Dr. Okezie Ikpeazu in 2015, which lasted till May 2023. In fact, as at the time of the change of baton on May 29, 2023, Abia State was rated as the worst managed state in Nigeria. Its unemployment rate was 50%. It was higher than the Nigerian average of 33%.

Most of its roads both urban and rural were in various stages of dilapidation. There was no any functional public water scheme in the state, while most of its cities were enveloped by darkness at night. Mountainous of refuse heaps dotted many streets in the urban areas. There was also no functional health care system. In fact by the time of the change of baton on 29th May 2023, most of the medical personnel in the State Hospital System were on strike as a result of a long drawn industrial dispute. The same way that all the offices of the MDAs were under lock and key, due to the strike action embarked upon by the Nigerian Labour Congress. In fact, the offices were opened by the labour unions after May 29 as a mark of good will and respect to the new Governor Dr. Alex Otti after his inauguration. It will be trite to say that Abians under the past bad governance structure that reigned supreme, were an unhappy and gloomy lot. It is within this context that the success of the struggle for change which took several years to achieve can be appreciated. The spectacular and unprecedented frenzy of joy and celebrations which greeted the Labour Party's win in Abia on April 22, 2023 with Dr Alex Otti emerging as the winner of governorship elections was an indication of a sense of great achievement by Abians. The same could be said about the huge number of people that attended the inauguration and banquet which heralded the change of baton on May 29. It is now three months plus or an equivalent of 100 days since this change of baton occurred. This period roughly coincides with the 32nd anniversary of the creation of Abia State. The state government declared the double event a week long affair.

Taken the above scenario into consideration and the fact of the liberation of the State from the strong arms of a notorious thieving elite vis a vis the positive indications that is now coming out of the young regime which has only be in office for an equivalent of 100 days. Abians have all the right reason to roll out the drums.

It is indeed a birthday celebration like no other. It is a new session of hope and Abians have all the right reasons to celebrate the double event.



**Sectoral Glance**

# A sectoral peep at Dr. Alex Otti's 100 days in office

**T**hree months plus or an equivalent of 100 days in the life of an administration that has a four-year tenure could be considered too short a time to have any meaningful assessment of how well such a government is faring, but it is a period that could be used to have a glimpse into the direction the government is going and to determine if such direction is right one or not.

More importantly, it is quite enough period to determine if the structures for a good governance system has been put in place or not.

However, an objective assessment of Dr. Otti's outing within the first 100 days can only be arrived through a peep at the sectoral performance of his government.

It is also good to note that Dr. Alex Otti prepared for the challenge of running a very badly mismanaged state, when he started his campaign with a 42-paged manifesto document which he personally authored.

One of the first thing he did when he ascended into office was to operationalize the manifesto document into an implementable programme of action through the constitution of 101 transition council members that sat for one month. The transition council was made up of very brilliant minds and top professionals that were drawn from diverse fields of endeavour. It was this council members that translated and expanded the manifesto document into a workable instrument for public policy action.

It is also necessary to restate the fact that his inauguration into office on May 29th was overshadowed by a lingering industrial action, embarked upon by the organized labour to protest the rascality



■ The wife of the governor, Mrs Priscilla Otti, Abia Deputy Governor Engr kechukwu Emetu, SSG Prof Kenneth Kalu and others in a group pics with during the Abia 32th service held at Seven Day Adventist, Umuahia.

of the last regime over matters concerning wage bills and general fiscal indiscipline. One of the first things, Dr. Alex Otti did on coming into power was to retool the machinery that will ensure that the state public sector workers earn their wages by the 28th of every month as promised during the campaigns.

Three months plus into the tenure, a lot of public sector workers can attest to receiving their pay on the 28th day of the month, though there are still hitches. The



■ The Commissioner for health, Dr. Ngozi Okoronkwo, synergizing with the GM, Abia Newspapers, Hon. Jones Ike on how to realize government health programme

administration is making strenuous effort to ensure that the challenges which the new system is facing is tackled, so that all the workers would receive their salaries same time. It is also good to mention that the administration is making concerted efforts to ensure that the huge arrears of workers' salaries which has been put at over 50 billion naira is cleared before December 2023 ending.

**REFORM OF THE INSTITUTIONS OF GOVERNANCE**

One of the significant things, Dr. Otti did on coming into power was to change

the system of appointment of political appointees into the public service. In the past, such appointments were used to reward political loyalists not minding the capacity to do the work. It is in this sense that his careful selection of top professionals and brilliant people with requisite academic and professional experience could be understood. The people who now manage the critical sectors of the state public sector are also people of unquestionable integrity.

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■ The Chairman, Judicial Panel of Inquiry on recovery of government property, Rtd Justice Duruoha during the inaugural sitting recently in Umuahia



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# Sectoral peep at Otti's 100 days

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The meritocracy selection process has also been accompanied by a vigorous reform of other critical sectors of the public sector as the following examples will depict:

(a) Strengthening the state's Accountant-General office to ensure proper and accurate record keeping as well as audit and ensure publication of the state's financial reports possibly on quarterly basis

(b) Conversion of the state's accounting system

(c) Staff audit, including biometric verification exercise across the state for LGA and state employees

(d) Disengagement of third-party receipts with the development of a centralized direct remittance by market stall and place holders

(e) Plans have been concluded for the September take-off of the Treasury Single Account (TSA) to ensure that all revenues accruable to the state are received into a single/central pool, which can be accessed online by the governor and other authorized persons.

Another notable reform that has been strengthened and made functional is the Due Process Office. Before now the law on public procurement was observed in breach, but now all the relevant mechanisms have been put in place, to ensure that public procurement followed due process requirements.

### REFORMS OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

Another realm in which Dr. Otti's reform agenda has impacted positively is the justice sector as could be glimpsed from the following activities.

(a) Engagement and negotiation with the Judiciary Staff Union of Nigeria, (JUSUN) Abia State chapter, over the industrial action embarked upon, over areas of the consolidated judiciary salary scale, since 2015. Such engagement paid off with an amicable resolution of the dispute, which led to the calling off of the strike action and the opening of the courts for judicial and related activities.

(b) To ensure that administration of civil justice is more efficient and effective, Dr. Alex Otti on the recommendation of the chief judge of Abia State, issued an executive order increasing the monetary civil jurisdiction of magistrate courts in Abia State aimed at reflecting the current realities.

(c) Creation of a desk on gender-based violence cases at the Ministry of Justice as well as the reorganization of workers within the ministry. The process is still ongoing and payments will soon start.

(d) The procurement process is ongoing to update and digitalize the law of Abia State when completed as well as to train law officers on the operations and importance of the data desk.

(e) The Abia State Government has since 2007 failed to pay the retirement benefits of retired judges. These include gratuities, consolidated advances, severance package, pension and



■ Dr. Otti acknowledged cheers from enthusiastic Abians

miscellaneous entitlements. These matters had lingered since 2007. The past administrations had made several promises either by way of making authorization for payment of retirement benefits or giving approval to make payments by installments, but none of them fulfilled their promises, compelling the judges to file an action at the National Industrial Court of Nigeria in 2020. Sadly, while the case was pending, some of the judges died without receiving their benefits. The immediate past government of Abia State promised to pay N10 million every month in other to gradually offset these areas, but only did so for one month.

Upon assumption of office, Dr. Otti set up a committee to recalculate these outstanding retirement benefits of the judges with a view to clearing it.

The process is expected to improve access to justice

(f) Again, there is an ongoing procurement process to provide law integrated information technology hub at the Ministry of Justice, to enhance the efficiency of law officers

(g) The ministry has also commenced an upgrade of the physical infrastructure at the Ministry of Justice, Umuahia.

(h) The ministry has also within this period under review drafted the following bills to be presented to Abia State House of Assembly.

1. ABIA STATE MEDIATION BILL
2. ABIA STATE ROAD MAINTENANCE AGENCY
3. ABIA STATE JUDICIARY FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE AND FUND MANAGEMENT BILL
4. ABIA STATE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT BILL
5. GREATER ABA DEVELOPMENT (ESTABLISHMENT) BILL
6. ABIA STATE PLANNING COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL
7. ABIA STATE EDUCATION BILL
8. ABIA STATE SECURITY TRUST BILL.

All these bills, when passed into law are expected to beef up the framework for the establishment of a strong and proper good governance structure in the state.

Other sectors that have been impacted positively within the period include the following:

### WORKS

Abia, probably has the worst road infrastructure in the country. The present administration led by Dr. Alex Otti is determined to provide a modern road infrastructure in the State.

It is to realize the governor's ambition that informed the current effort of the ministry of works to develop an elaborate master for the state.

Such master plan will be the road map towards tackling the issue of dilapidated road network, the menace of flooding as a result of non-existing or blocked drains and reengineering of road networks, especially in Aba, being the economic hub of the state, Umuahia and other cities.

To align with the agenda of rebuilding Abia, Dr. Otti has within his 100 days in office awarded several road contracts for construction, rehabilitation and distilling of drains to reputable contractors.

Some of these roads which were hitherto in intolerable state of disrepair have been completed with the first 100 days of the Dr. Otti's administration, while others are still ongoing and at various stages of completion.

Some of these road projects include the reconstruction/rehabilitation of failed portion of Aba Road, Ndume-Otuka Road, Ikot Ekpene Road, BCA Road, Ahiaukwu, Olokoro road all in Umuahia. Those in Aba include Cemetery Road, University Road, Green Road, Emelogu Road, just to mention a few.

Arrangement are in top gear to commence the 6-lane dualization of the Ossa expressway with a flyover at Abia Umuahia tower.

It is expected that with the receding of the rains and the expected dry season, massive reconstruction and rehabilitation of several road infrastructure in the state, will commence.

It is also good to note that the government has declared zero tolerance on port holes, while the Ministry of Works has mobilized engineers to tackle the menace. The ministry has also been consistent in monitoring and assessing works done in order to ensure good quality work is done.



■ Governor Alex Otti Congratulating HRH Eze Linus Nto Mba the new Chairman Council of Ndi Eze

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### HEALTHCARE

Dr. Alex Otti, in his inaugural speech declared an emergency in the health sector. He also mentioned severally that improving health care delivery system in the state is one of his priorities. The government has through practical policies and actions undertaken to improve the sector. One of such practical actions was the flagging off of a free medical scheme. The free medical scheme has no doubt created access to healthcare services for thousands of individuals across different parts of the state. It was first launched at the Aba General Hospital on July 15, 2023. The programme now holds every Saturday of the month. The exercise has also been extended to the General Hospital Amachara, Umuahia. More general hospitals are expected to be keyed into the programme as the government increases its capacity to do so.

The government has within this period also embarked on the rehabilitation of three general hospitals at Aba, Umuahia and Ummunochi.

One other noticeable improvement in the healthcare delivery system within this period, is the re-organization of the service structures across the healthcare establishment to drive operational efficiency and easy access to healthcare for all. The aim is to improve the process of delivery across the healthcare value chain, with special consideration for vulnerable groups, including pregnant women, nursing mothers, infant and the elderly.

### EDUCATION:

Education was also declared as one of

the priority areas of the present administration. It is towards realizing this objectives that the Ministry developed an Education Agenda that will enable it achieve the following:

#### Infrastructure Enhancement:

**Modern School Facilities** - launch a comprehensive programme to modernize school facilities including classrooms, laboratories, libraries and sports amenities, thus ensuring conducive environment for learning.

**Digitalize Learning**- introduce a state wide initiative to integrate digital learning platforms, facilitate e-libraries and interactive educational content delivery. This will be executed in pilot phases of a model school structure and will be rolled out in phases, starting with the urban primary and secondary schools.

#### Quality Teaching and Professional Development-

An agendum to enhance quality teaching and professional development has been rolled out and the policy is meant to enhance the following;

#### Teaching Training Programme

Establishment of regular teaching programme targeted at professional development for teaching methodologies, technology, integration and student-centered approaches.

**Merit Based Recruitment**- implement a transparent and merit -based recruitment for educators, attracting and retaining the best talents in the field.

#### Vocational and Special Needs Education:

Develop inclusive educational



■ Dr. Otti (Centre), Sen. Darlington Nwokocho and Prince Uzor Nwachukwu, the Commissioner for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs at a public function recently.



■ A cross section of patrol vans for the Operation Crush Security Initiative recently launched by Gov. Otti



■ One of the free medical programmes organized in the last 100 days by the Governor.

programmes, catering for students with special needs, providing requisite resources and training for educators and support staff.

**Scholarships and Grants:** Expand scholarship and grant opportunities to ensure equal access to quality education, particularly for marginalized and rural students.

#### Community Engagement: Parent - Teacher Associations:

Strengthen the cooperation between schools and parents through active Parent - Teacher Association (PTA) to foster a cooperative approach to student education.

**Community Support** -Promote community involvement by instituting mentoring initiatives skill- sharing workshops and career guidance session.

#### Data Informed Decision Making.

**Educational Data System** -Establish a comprehensive educational data system to monitor students' performances, teachers' effectiveness and infrastructure requirement.

**Monitoring and Evaluation:** Implement regular monitoring and evaluation processes to gauge the impact of educational initiatives and make necessary adjustments.

#### Collaborative Partnership:

**Public - Private Partnership, Foster Public - Private partnerships to leverage external resources for the enhancement of**

the education sector.

#### University and Industry Collaborations:

Facilitate collaboration between educational institutions and industries to bridge the gap between theoretical learning and practical application.

In summary, it could be said that the agendum embodies a comprehensive approach to rejuvenating the education sector in Abia State by prioritizing the enhancement of infrastructure, empowerment of teachers, ensuring inclusivity, fostering community engagement, basing decisions on data, promoting collaboration and encouraging innovation. The aim being to establish an education system of global excellence that prepares the students for success in the ever-changing global landscape.

It is also worthy to note that the Dr. Alex Otti's administration is making serious efforts to reposition the Ministry of Education to become a transparent and reform-oriented government entity, fostering trust and maintaining sustainable multi-stakeholders funding model, in order to be an effective executor of the reform agenda

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### INFORMATION AND CULTURE

The Ministry of information and culture has been repositioned to effectively carry out its statutory responsibility for the management and dissemination of information on government policies, programmes and activities as well as preserving and promoting the rich culture of the state. It is towards this end that the ministry has recorded the following achievements:

The Ministry of Information and Culture is statutory responsibility for the management and dissemination of information on Government policies, programmes and activities as well as preserving and promoting the rich cultural heritage of the State.

Some of the achievements of the Ministry recorded within 100 days of Governor Alex Otti's administration include:

1. Information dissemination: The ministry has effectively disseminated information to the public through various channels which includes the state print media, Abia Newspapers and Publishing Corporation ("National Ambassador") and the State owned television/radio station "Broadcasting Corporation of Abia" (BCA).

It has ensured that only accurate and timely information is provided to the citizens of Abia State, thereby promoting transparency, accountability, trust and sustainable goodwill among the State Government, the public and various stakeholder groups in the state.

2. Social Media: The Ministry has successfully established and is currently running five social media platforms to keep the general public especially those in the social media space abreast with the State government activities. These platforms include Facebook, Tiktok, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube.

3. Promoting cultural heritage: The ministry has played a significant role in preserving and promoting the rich cultural heritage of Abia State by showcasing the diverse cultural traditions and practices of the state as exhibited during the recent commemoration of the 2023 World Day for Cultural Diversity held at Michael Okpara Auditorium.

4. Tourism development: The ministry is actively working towards the development of tourism in Abia State. It has identified and has plans to revitalize tourist sites, such as the Azumini Blue River at Ukwu East, Arochukwu Long Juju Slave Route, the famous Ngodo Isuochi Cave and the Amakama Wooden Cave with a view to attract visitors and investors that will boost the local economy and the State IGR.

5. Media development: The ministry supports the growth and development of the media industry in Abia State with plans to organise capacity building programs aimed at ensuring professionalism and ethical standards in media practice for state information officers.

Overall, the Ministry of Information and Culture in Abia State has made

significant achievements in promoting cultural heritage, disseminating information, developing tourism, facilitating cultural exchange programs, supporting media development, promoting arts and entertainment, and preserving historical sites.

### AGRICULTURE

The Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources had sought to ameliorate the problem of food insecurity through robust and reformed agrarian policies and actions which has informed the articulation of the challenges bedeviling the sector that include the following:

- a. Abandoned and dilapidated Agro centres and Warehouses
- b. Illegal lease arrangement/occupation of the farm estates / settlements and warehouses
- c. Non functional equipment and vehicles
- d. Poorly motivated staff
- e. Decayed infrastructure
- f. Dilapidated buildings, offices and working materials

The Ministry has adopted measures in tackling these challenges geared towards the fulfillment of the objectives and aspirations of the present administration under the agricultural friendly Governor, Dr. Alex Otti including:

1. Considerable and consistent improvement of infrastructure
2. Promotion of socio-economic wellbeing and industrial development of the state.

3. Recovery of government land that past administration shared among themselves as false investors in the sense that farm estates at Abia Palm Plantation, Ohambele, Ulonna North / South settlements, Abia Rubber Plantation, Abam, Abia Cocoa Plantation, Agbozu are all in the hands of past administration's cronies and stooges.

4. With the restorations of government's lands, discussions are on top gear with some investors to enter into Memoranda of Understanding (MOU), so that state government could benefit from the plantations/estates.

5. The Ministry has succeeded in reclaiming her warehouses that were confiscated by individuals who have been stocking fertilizers and selling for gains

6. The Ministry now stocks fertilizers in these warehouses and invite farmers to buy at subsidized rates.

7. Genuine farmers in the 17 LGAs are now encouraged register and a data base have now been created for all farmers who are however encouraged to form cooperatives for ease of operations.

8. Unscheduled tour of Agro centres at Cocoa Research Institute, Umuahia, Bende Rice Field, Okoko Item Cassava and Livestock Centre, Acha Rice Mill, Abia Rubber Plantation at Abam, Uzuakoli Rice Mill and Integrated Cassava Plant at Olori.

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■ Gov. Otti inaugurating Operation Crush to beef up security in the state.



■ Gov. Otti with the players of National Female Football team - The Falconets who are Abians



■ The wife of the Governor, Mrs Priscilla Otti identifying with the disabled women in the state during an event



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■ Gov. Otti addressing the public at a function recently.



■ Gov. Otti with his wife Mrs Priscilla Otti during the last August Women's meeting



■ The wife of the Governor, Mrs Priscilla Otti identifying with some disabled women in the state during a public gathering



■ The Azumini Blue River, one of the tourist site in the state.

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9. Series of engagement with stakeholders like the Umuahia Domestic Export Warehouse (Southeast EPZ), Oil Palm Growers Association of Nigeria (OPGAN), Rice Farmers Association of Nigeria, Abia State (RIFAN), Ulonna Landlords Association, Abia Palm Plantation, Ohambele Land Donors, Abia Rubber Plantation, Ameke-Abam Land Donors and Green Wealth Cooperative Society, Ugwuoke.

10. Advanced move to recover Ministry's tractor and pay loader abandoned in a mechanic workshop at Osisioma Ngwa LGA.

11. Inter-ministerial working relationship with Ministries of Justice and Trade/ Investment respectively.

The Ministry has engaged the services of Agro Vamas and Logistics Ltd for supply of 25 trucks fertilizer with effect from this August 2023.

12. Series of trainings for various sectors of crop production

13. Rehabilitation of fish ponds, poultry farm, layer battery cages etc as demonstration farms.

14. Renovation of offices and warehouses across the seventeen LGAs.

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### TRADE AND INVESTMENT:

This sector witnessed a lot of robust activities within the period under review, the summary includes the following.

i. Establishment of organized market executive thereby reducing restiveness in the markets.

ii. Interfacing with the Abia State Internal Revenue Services (ABIRS) to generate revenue for the state from the markets and industries.

iii. Attracted both foreign and local investors to the state.

There are ongoing plans to reactivate moribund industries in the state.

Setting up of Abia Innovation and Industrial Park as an investment/industrial hub of the state.

Conducted market familiarization visits that made for purposeful interactions which enabled a first hand appreciation of the problems and conditions associated with the traders.

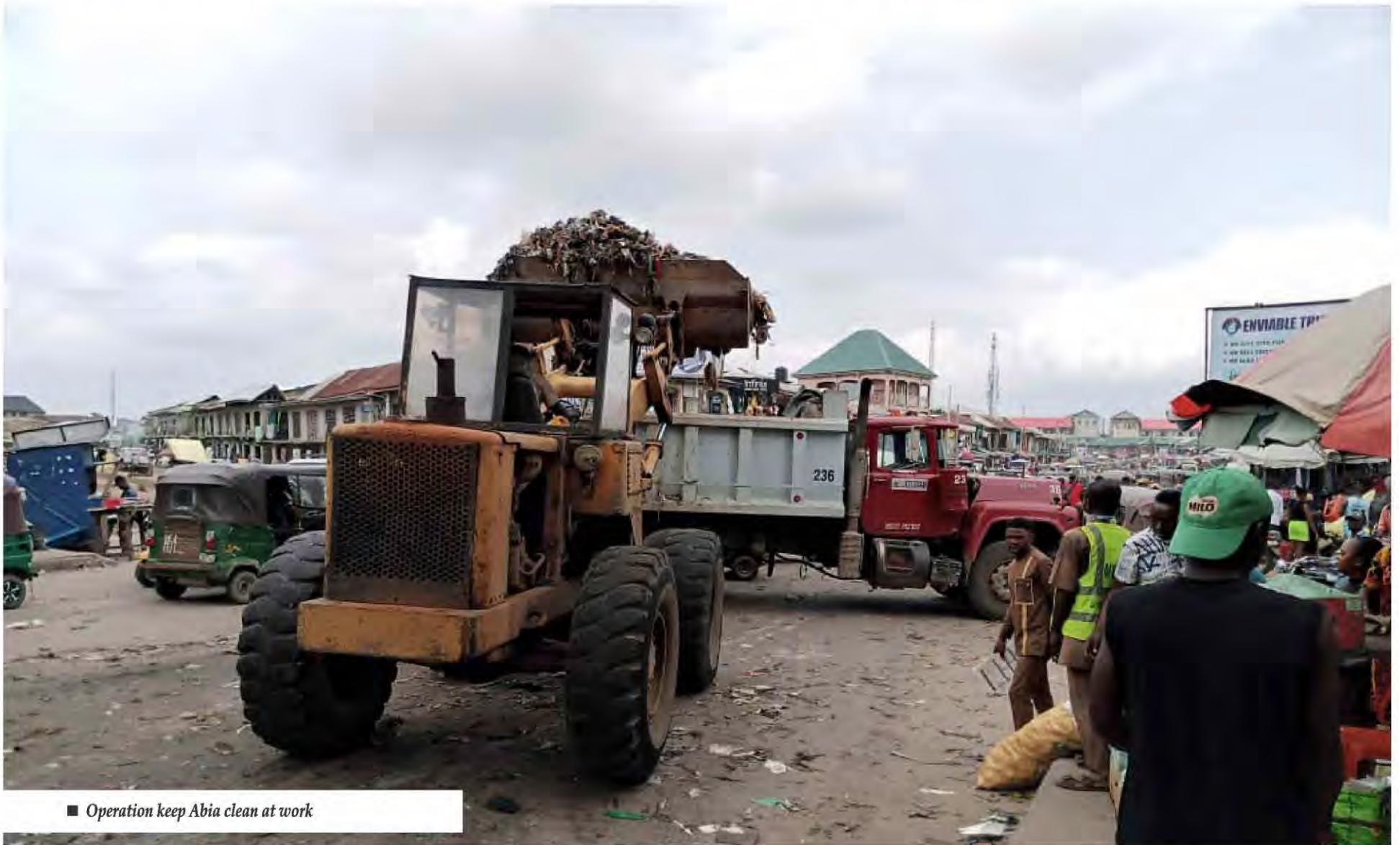
Continuous advocacy on maintaining peace and order in the various markets that abound in the state particularly Aba and Umuahia.

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■ Operation keep Abia clean at work

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### SANITATION AND WASTE DISPOSAL:

One of the first things Dr. Alex Otti did on coming into power was to declare a state of emergency on refuse in Aba and Umuahia. This was soon followed with the setting up of a special task force to tackle the problem. Prior to this time, the cities of Aba and Umuahia were overwhelmed with refuse heaps that dotted many parts of the two cities.

Since the war started, the government has been steadily winning it with massive cleanup and evacuation of accumulated refuse in Aba and Umuahia, which was achieved with the disposal of over 3,000 truckloads of refuse by the end of June.

The Abia State Environmental Protection Agency has been revitalized with its integration with the Special Task force on Refuse Disposal.

The agency has fully deployed its personnel and equipment to ensure that the state is kept clean. It has also been aggressive in acquiring equipment needed for the job. This is coupled with a massive enlightenment campaign and stakeholders' engagements towards better waste management practice.

The agency has also put in place an appropriate mechanism that will ensure modern and sustainable waste management system, through the engagement of contractors, who will help do the job. It is also instructive to note that these contractors were engaged through a

rigorous, open and transparent bid process that was in line with the Public Procurement Act.

### SECURITY

Dr Alex Otti had on inauguration made it clear that there shall be zero tolerance for any form of criminality in Abia. Such declaration was in appreciation of the centrality of security as the foundation of any meaningful prosperity. His government walked the talk through the launching of a special security scheme code named "Operation Flush". Operation Flush is a strong and coordinated response to the lingering challenges of security in many parts of the state which had made life very difficult for so many people.

The scheme is a joint task force with membership drawn from the various military formations including operatives of the Nigeria Army, the Nigerian Navy, the Nigerian Police, the Directorate of the State Security Services and the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps.

This special operation has been technically set up to swiftly identify, analyses and respond to security threats from and within any parts of the state. The goal being to counter with necessary force any incidence of kidnapping, armed robbery and other forms of violent crime anywhere in the state. The operation has also been oriented to devote special attention to the flash points around communities within the Isuikwuato and Umunneochi axis as well as Aba, Umuahia

and Ohafia.

### THE REJUVENATION OF ABA AS MEGA CITY

The development of Aba as a mega modern city is one of the top priorities of Dr Otti's administration. It was towards the realization of this that an institutional structure has been set up with a very vibrant and brilliant young man as its head. Other activities that has been worked upon towards the realization of this noble objective include the following:

1. Commenced the enumeration for the preparation of Aba structure/master plan.
2. Commenced the recovery of public schools fraudulently converted to private use in the greater Aba area.
3. 14 roads are currently under construction in Aba.
4. Desilting of drains along the major roads in Aba.
5. Commenced operation light up Aba.
6. Commenced the process of grading and refurbishing of existing markets.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CHIEFTANCY AFFAIRS

The reforms of the Dr. Alex Otti's administration has been carried forward into the local government system with the following activities:

1. Reforms in the Traditional institutions and Community management systems. This has ensured standardization and harmonization of traditional rulership council structures

across the Local Government Areas; and the implementation of the 5% LGA monthly accruals payment to Traditional Rulers.

Under these reforms, salaries of the State principal Officers of Traditional Rulers Council have been removed from the State payroll, and located it squarely under the Local Government funds, where it rightly belonged.

2. Enumeration of Traditional Rulers in Abia has been carried out with a view to producing a comprehensive and reliable digital directory.

3. Strategies are currently been developed that will ensure that all communities are impacted positively by government intervention projects.

4. Mediation as major tool for resolving numerous Chieftaincy tussle, and Community disputes have been adopted. This is yielding tremendous fruits, as there it has recorded significant wins in this regard.

5. Re-organisation and reconstitution of the State Traditional Rulers' Council with credible entrepreneurs as principal officers at the helms of affairs has brought stability and capacity to the Council.

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■ The wife of the Governor, Mrs Priscilla Otti during a visit to Ahiaeke Motherless Babies Home as part of the Abia @ 32 celebration



■ Dr. Otti Interacting with food vendors



■ The wife of the Governor, Mrs Priscilla Otti distributing items to disabled women in the state

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**WOMEN AFFAIRS AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION**

There has been a renewed activism aimed at uplifting the affairs of women as well as poverty eradication in The Women Affairs Ministry ably manned by a seasoned technocrat, Mrs. Ngozi Felix.

Such activism has led to a renewed emphasis on a strong government support for Abia women and the girl child.

In all, it could be said that the past 100 days of Dr Otti's administration has witnessed a very strong determination to reposition structures of government as an instrument for development. In doing this, Dr. Otti has led from the front,

demonstrating with practicable examples of what he believes in and preaches through a life of decency, discipline and respect for rules and regulations governing government processes. He has so far demonstrated strong leadership.

He is ably complemented by his wife, Mrs. Priscilla Otti who presently symbolizes the best of the Abia womanhood.

His advocacy for an all-round support for the poor, the weak, the vulnerable, the needy and the messianic desire to offer help are all activities that is presently casting her in a positive way before the general public.

Perhaps the most fundamental achievement of Dr Otti led administration within this period might yet be reckoned

with as the restoration of hope among the civil populace.

Today, many Abians are beginning to walk tall again. People are increasingly regaining confidence in the ability of government to guarantee a better future. The positive gaits are back. In Abia, under Dr Otti led administration, the cries and the sighs of the immediate are reducing. All these have been made possible because of the positive changes which is being witnessed on a daily basis under the leadership of Dr. Alex Chioma Otti OFR.

100 days might be considered too short a period to engage in any objective assessment of any government that has a

four years tenure but it's enough time to determine the direction of the government.

From happening of events in Abia since Dr Otti took over the mantle of leadership, most conscientious and objective analyst will have the near consensus that Abia state government under its present leadership has done particularly well in laying the foundation for a good governance system in Abia State.

By Jones Nnanna Ike  
General Manager/Editor-in-Chief, Abia Newspaper and Publishing Corporation



## Interview

# We are delivering on our mandate – Alloy Okezie

*Alloy Okezie is the Rector of Abia State College of Health Sciences and Management Technology (ABSCOHMAT) Aba. In this interview with a team of National Ambassador correspondents, he reeled out the achievements the school has recorded within the 100 days of Gov. Alex Otti's administration in Abia. Excerpts:*

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS WITHIN ONE MONTH IN THE OFFICE AS THE RECTOR OF ABIA COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY ABA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. ATTRACTED ADVANCED DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME FOR OUR COLLEGE WHERE NON-ACADEMIC AND ACADEMIC STAFF WERE TRAINED ON DIGITAL SKILLS, CYBER SECURITY AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES. IT WAS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NIGERIA COMMUNICATION COMMISSION (NCC)
2. THE RESTORATION OF POWER (ELECTRICITY) WITHIN ONE MONTH IN THE OFFICE AS THE RECTOR OF THE COLLEGE. RECALLED THAT THE COLLEGE HAS BEEN IN DARKNESS FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS WITHOUT LIGHT.
3. RESTRUCTURED AND SANITISED THE BURSARY DEPARTMENT FOR EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE SERVICE DELIVERY
4. (4) KEYED INTO THE LEGACY PROJECT OF THE GOVERNOR ON EDUCATION BY SETTING UP A FIVE (5) MAN COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE CURRICULAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATIONAL BOARD FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL BODIES LIKE PSN, MLSCN, etc POLICY ON EDUCATION.
5. YOU ESTABLISHED AN ACADEMIC CONGRESS WHERE LECTURERS WILL COME AND DEFEND THEIR ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS FOR GENERAL ACCEPTANCE AMONG OTHER THINGS.
6. SET THE MECHANISM FOR THE PRODUCTION OF COLLEGE JOURNAL ON RESEARCH.



7. RESTORED WATER SUPPLY IN THE COLLEGE TO ENABLE THE STAFF AND STUDENTS HAVE CONGENIAL ERGONOMIC ENVIRONMENT FOR QUALITY ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.
8. STRATEGICALLY CONSTITUTED A BOOK REVIEW COMMITTEE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE BOOKS PUBLISHED FOR THE STUDENTS ACADEMIC

LEARNING CONFORMED TO THE STANDARD OBTAINABLE IN OTHER HIGHER INSTITUTIONS AND POLICY THRUST GUIDELINES IN EDUCATION

9. AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH ND 2 STUDENT WHO ASSISTED A PREGNANT WOMAN TO DELIVER A BABY SAFELY IN A LAGOS BOUND BUS. THE AWARD WAS IN TANDEM WITH MANAGEMENT DECISION AND AIMED AT PROMOTING AND REWARDING HARD WORK AND EXCELLENCE.
10. CONTINUALLY ENGAGE THE STAFF OF THE COLLEGE IN TOWN HALL MEETINGS TO BRAINSTORM ON HOW TO MOVE THE COLLEGE TO AN ENVIABLE POSITION. (10) YOU HAVE INSTILLED STAFF ORDERLINESS AND DISCIPLINE AMONGST THE STAFF OF THE COLLEGE.
11. HAVE PRACTICALLY RESTORED AND SERVICED THE MORIBUND GENERATING POWER MACHINES IN THE COLLEGE. THE POWER GENERATING MACHINES ARE NOW ENERGISING CONSTANT POWER SUPPLY TO THE COLLEGE.
12. HAVE ENSURED IN PROMPT PAYMENTS OF SALARIES AS DIRECTED BY THE VISITOR OF THE COLLEGE, HIS EXCELLENCY DR. ALEX CHIOMA OTTI OFR.
13. PROACTIVENESS IN MAKING SURE WE HAVE HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT THAT LEAD TO CONSISTENCY IN CLEAN UP EXERCISE IN THE COLLEGE IS SECOND TO NONE.
14. HAVE INITIATED EFFECTIVE MECHANISM FOR THE RESURFACING OF THE COLLEGE PREMISES AND INSTALLATION OF SOLAR ENERGY LIGHT TO LIGHTEN UP THE COLLEGE COMPOUND AS SHOWN IN THE 3-D GRAPHIC DESIGN BELOW.
15. INSTILLED DISCIPLINE AMONG STAFF AND STUDENTS AND ENSUED DUE PROCESS IN ALL COLLEGE OPERATIONAL MECHANISMS.
16. HAS INITIATED A WASTE TO WEALTH MECHANISM IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OF THE COLLEGE FOR EFFECTIVE AND ENDURING SANITATION IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNOR OTTI'S LEGACY POLICY OF CLEAN ABIA STATE.
17. INITIATED COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS WITH FOREIGN DONORS FROM UK AND AMERICA TO STRENGTHEN ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS.
18. INUAGURATED A STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE FULL ACCREDITATION OF ALL COURSES AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUT RELEVANT COURSES LIKE:
  - i. DENTAL TECHNOLOGY
  - ii. X-RAY TECHNOLOGY/RADIOGRAPHY TECHNICIANS
  - iii. NURSING SCIENCE
  - iv. ENT-TECHNOLOGY
 AMONG OTHER THINGS



■ **PROPOSAL FOR CONCRETE FLOORING OF ENTRANCE DRIVE WAY, RENOVATION/PAINTING OF SECURITY POST WITH SURROUNDING FENCE, STATUE/SITTING AREA AND GRADING OF ROADS**



## Interview

# Pictorial activities of the Rector (Abia College of Health Tech, Aba)



Flag off of the Nigerian communication Council NCC training at the college, July 2023



Chairman curriculum review and standardization committee Dr Andrew Ukwuiwe presenting the committees report to the rector Mr Okezie Aloy at the Rectors office



Evaluation of the repair of the NEPA transformer that has been moribund for years by Rector Mr. Alloysius Ekeleme Okezie Administration



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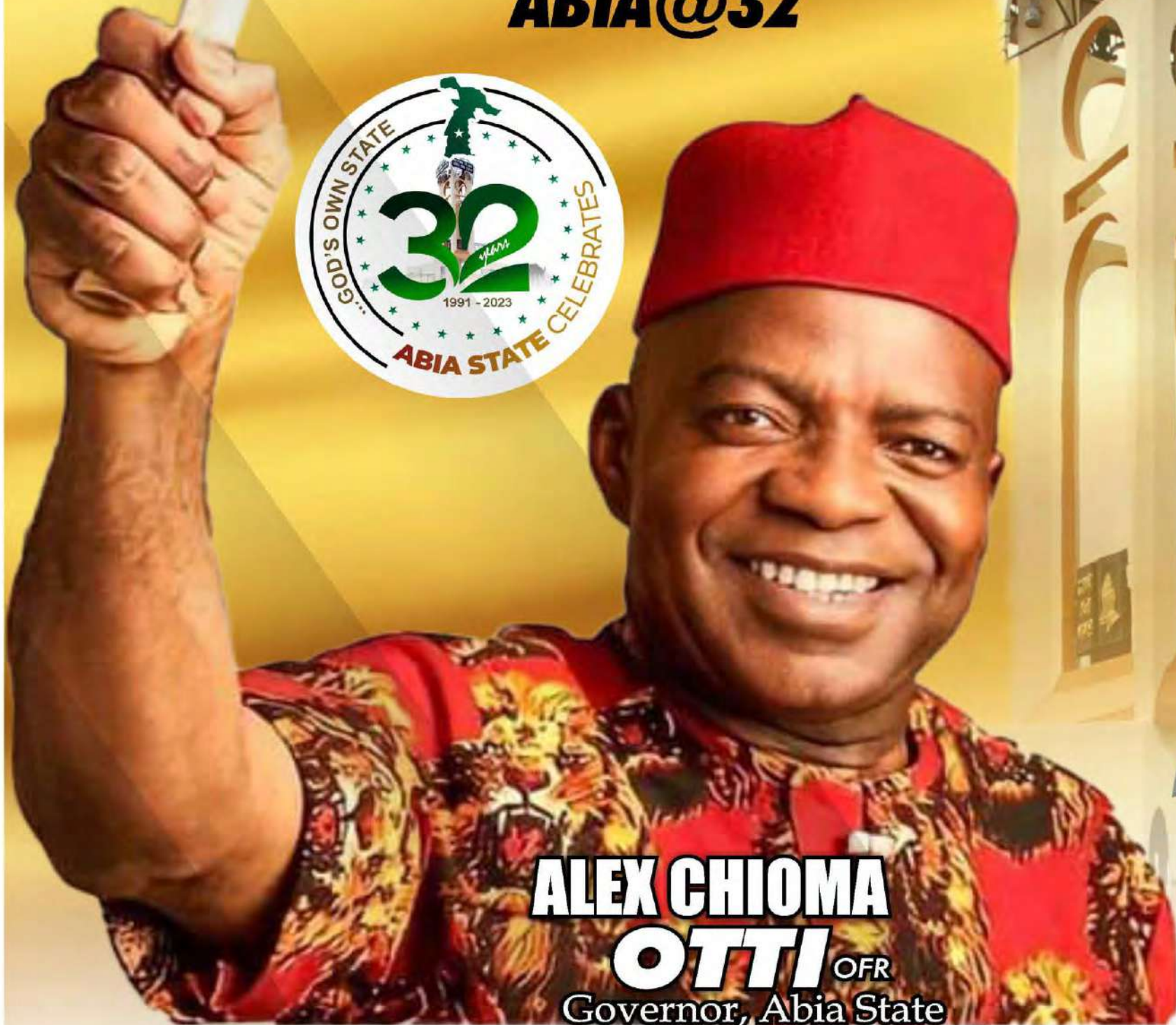


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 Governor, Abia State

***Congratulatory Message***

The management, staff and students of Abia State College of Health Sciences and Management Technology (ABSCOHMAT) Aba, heartily felicitate with his excellency, Governor of Abia State and Visitor to the college Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, OFR, on his one hundred (100) days in office and Abia @32.

Your excellency, sir, your monumental achievements in just one hundred (100) days in office is laudable and a testament to the fact that you have come to rescue and rebuild Abia state of our pride. You are indeed the true light and authentic hope of all Abians. We wish you God's grace, guidance, wisdom, and protection as you lead the state to greater lustre. **Congratulations sir!** Our political game changer and hero of true democracy.



**Okezie Aloy E**  
 Rector (ABSCOHMAT)





## Compilation

# Diary of events within Dr Alex Otti's 100 days in office

*By Kingsley Ugorji*

On May 29, Dr. Alex Otti was sworn-in as the fifth Governor of the state and he hit the ground running almost immediately, as he held a meeting with permanent secretaries in the state civil service the following day, May 30.

On the same May 30, Gov. Otti announced the appointment of the Secretary to State Government, Chief of Staff, Chief Press Secretary, Special Adviser, Media and Head, Special Taskforce on Clean-up of Aba and Umuahia.

Also on the same May 30, government announced the dissolution of all boards, LGA transition chairmen and freezing of government's accounts in all financial institutions.

Twenty-two Special Advisers and Senior Special Assistants who were given the status of cabinet members were appointed on June 2.

On June 3, a thanksgiving service was organised to thank God for Otti's successful election and swearing-in.

On June 9, Dr Otti, through the Special Adviser on Public Communication visited Abia Newspapers and restated his commitment to revamp the newspaper.

The governor on June 15, inaugurated the 8th Abia House of Assembly and charged them not to disappoint their constituents.

On June 28, the governor inaugurated a Judicial Panel of Inquiry to recover all government property, among others.

On June 29, the Muslim community paid Gov. Otti Sallah homage.

On June 30, Gov Otti received the victorious Enyimba International FC that won the Nigeria Professional Football



■ Governor Alex Otti of Abia

League (NPFL) title and assured them of support.

Also on June 30, the Head of Service and all the Permanent Secretaries in the state civil service were sent on suspension and Lady Joy Maduka was appointed the new Head of Service.

The same day, Gov Otti through the SSG, Prof. Kenneth Kalu, received a delegation of ICAN executives and pledged commitment to improve the development index rate of the state.

Gov Otti on July 4, launched a new digital tax system for transporters, traders and also met with traditional rulers and charged them not to harbour criminals in their communities.

On the same July 4, Gov. Otti received members of the Pharmaceutical Council of Nigeria, and restated government's

intention to improve health care services.

Gov. Otti on July 6 flagged-off the construction of some roads in Aba and visited the Ogbor Hill gully erosion site, with a promise to tackle it.

The governor same day through the Special Adviser on Information, unveiled

The same day, the governor through his wife, Mrs Priscilla Otti assured rural Abia women of empowerment in partnership with donor agencies.

The government also announced plans to train over 2,000 youths on



■ Governor Alex Otti with Hungarian embassy officials during their visit.

Hon. Jones Nnanna Ike as the new General Manager of Abia Newspapers and Publishing Corporation.

The governor on July 7, sworn in 16 newly appointed commissioners.

On July 10, the governor approved the payment of April salary to Abia workers and June pension to retirees.

Former Nigeria international, Kanu Nwankwo was same day appointed Chairman of Enyimba International FC.

The governor on July 11 inaugurated the seven-man screening committee for Abia Vigilante Services and Homeland Security watch.

The governor on July 12, appointed 30 additional SSAs, SAs, among others.

Also the same day, the governor consoled Ariaria traders over the fire outbreak in the market and through the Commissioner for Trade and Investment, assured the displaced traders at A-Line of justice.

On the same July 12, the governor expressed willingness to partner with the Institute of Town Planners on adherence to building rules.

Also on July 12, the governor through his Chief of Staff, received the FRSC officers and tasked them on accident reduction on our roads.

On July 13, National Assembly members from the pledged their support and cooperation to Gov. Otti.

On July 14, the state government opened bid on waste management.

entrepreneurship.

The governor through the Special Adviser on Health, Dr. Ngozi Okoronkwo, on July 15, declared a state of emergency on the health sector and flagged off a free medical programme.

On July 17, the state government through the Accountant-General, Mrs Njum Onyemenam, announced that N200million has been saved from 2,000 phantom names discovered in the state payroll.

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■ Governor Alex Otti displaying his certificate of return issued by INEC after been declared the winner



■ One of the roads under rehabilitation



## Compilation

# Diary of events within Dr Alex Otti's 100 days in office

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On July 18, the governor through the Commissioner for Information and Culture, Prince Okey Kanu, announced of plans to expand the Ossah Road to Okpara Square, Umuahia to a six-lane express road.

On July 19, the governor met with the newly appointed Abia Warriors FC Chairman, Mr. John Obuh and restated one of his campaign promises to revamp Nsulu Games Village.

Same day, the governor hosted the Managing Director of Zenith Bank, who came to seek the bank's areas of partnership with the state government.

Still on the same day, the governor directed the immediate closure and evacuation of collapsed stalls at Ekeoha Shopping center, Aba.

On July 24, the governor hosted a renowned private sector developer and an economist, Dr Uma Eleazu.

The governor on July 25, sworn in two senior members of his government and advised them to maintain current governance standard.

On July 26, after an Exco meeting, the Commissioner for Information and Culture, Prince Okey Kanu, announced plans to build innovation parks.

On July 27, the government announced the setting up of a seven-man committee for the 82nd Plenary Meeting of Joint Consultative Committee on Education.

On the same day, the governor joined other Nigerians to pay last respect to late Prince Vincent Ogbulafor and said that the politician introduced him to politics.

On July 29, Gov. Otti through some of the top managers of his government spearheaded an active citizenry's participation in clean up exercise.

The governor, on August 2, through the



■ When Innoson Motors Chief Executive came calling on Governor Alex Otti

Commissioner for Information and Culture, Prince Okey Kanu vowed not to allow the immediate past Abia Governor, Dr. Okezie Victor Ikpeazu to stop proceedings of the Judicial Panel on Recovery of Government Property.

Same day, the government unfolded plans to reform the education sector and re-accreditation of private schools and also announced a week long event to celebrate Abia at 32.

On August 7, the government unveiled a multi-faceted initiative on climate change.

On August 8, the governor launched Operation Crush to combat the surge in violent crimes and criminal activities as well as donated 20 Hilux vans to security agencies.

On August 11, the Civil Service Reform Committee was inaugurated.

The government on August 14, announced adjustment date for demolition

of affected buildings on the proposed expansion of Ossah six-lane road project.

On August 15, the Judicial Panel of Inquiry held inaugural sitting, while the Chairman, Justice Florence Duruoha-Igwe appealed for support in the panel's effort to recover missing government funds and property.

Same day, the governor inaugurated the 9th State Council of Traditional Rulers with Eze Linus Mbah Ntoh as Chairman.

The governor also flagged off the 2023 Abia Women August Delegates Conference (AWADEC).

The verification of Abia workforce was flagged off on August 17.

Gov. Otti played host to the Chairman, Innoson Motors Ltd, Chief Innocent Ifediaso Chukwuma (CON) on August 18, and pledged support to the

proposed Innoson vehicle plant in Aba.

On August 22, the governor pledged commitment to open government initiative for good governance.

On August 23, Abia Government confirmed receipt of 3000 bags of rice and N2 billion as Federal Government's fuel subsidy palliatives.

The same day, the governor received report of the seven-man committee for Audit of Arms and Personnel of the Abia Vigilante Services and Homeland Security watch.

On August 24, the wife of the governor, Mrs Priscilla Otti, assured that the governor will fulfill his campaign promises as she declared open Eziana Nvosi Isiala Ngwa South women's August conference.



Recovery of Public School that was converted into private property in Aba



■ Governor Alex Otti with principal officers of Abia Traditional's Rulers Council

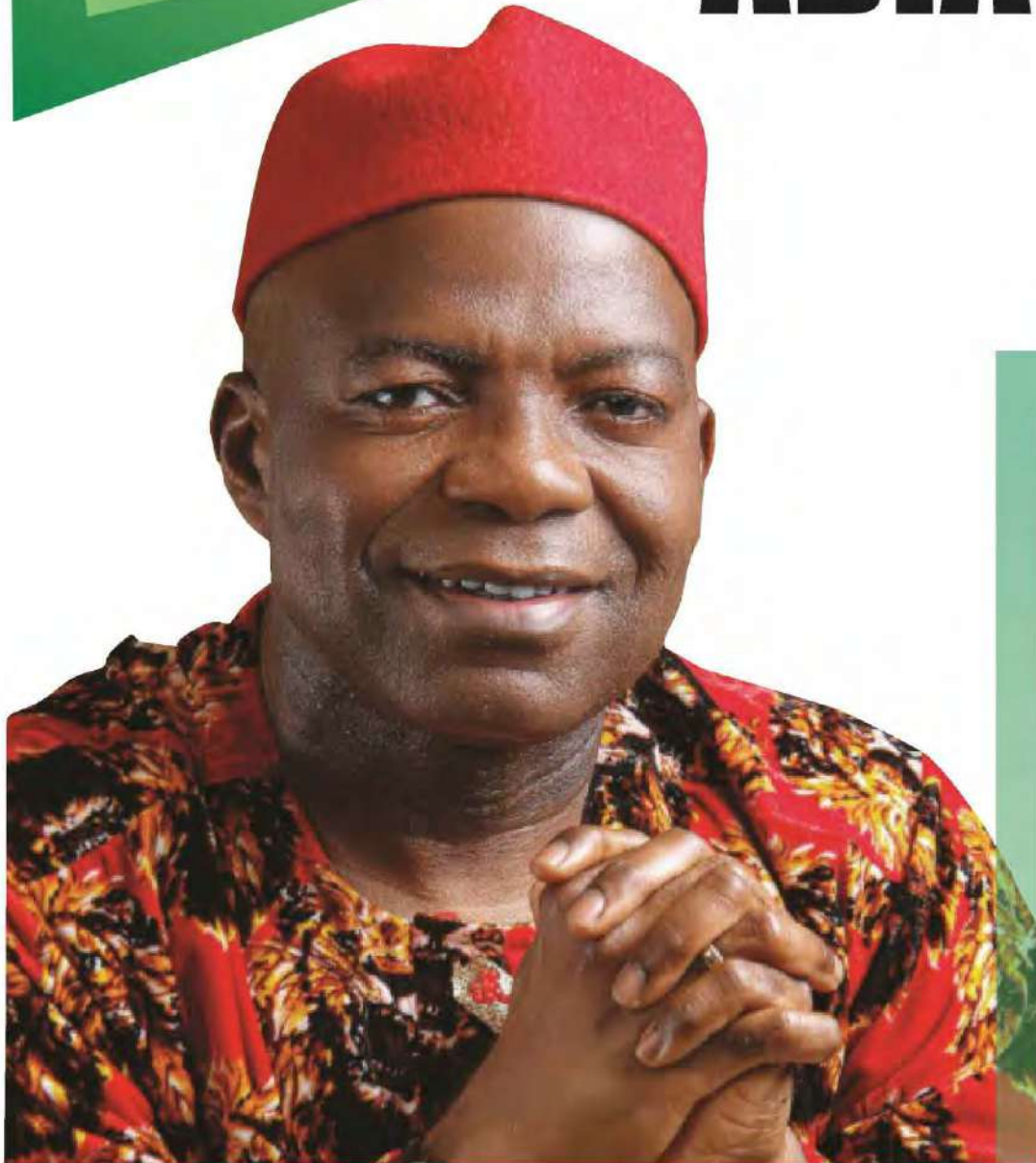
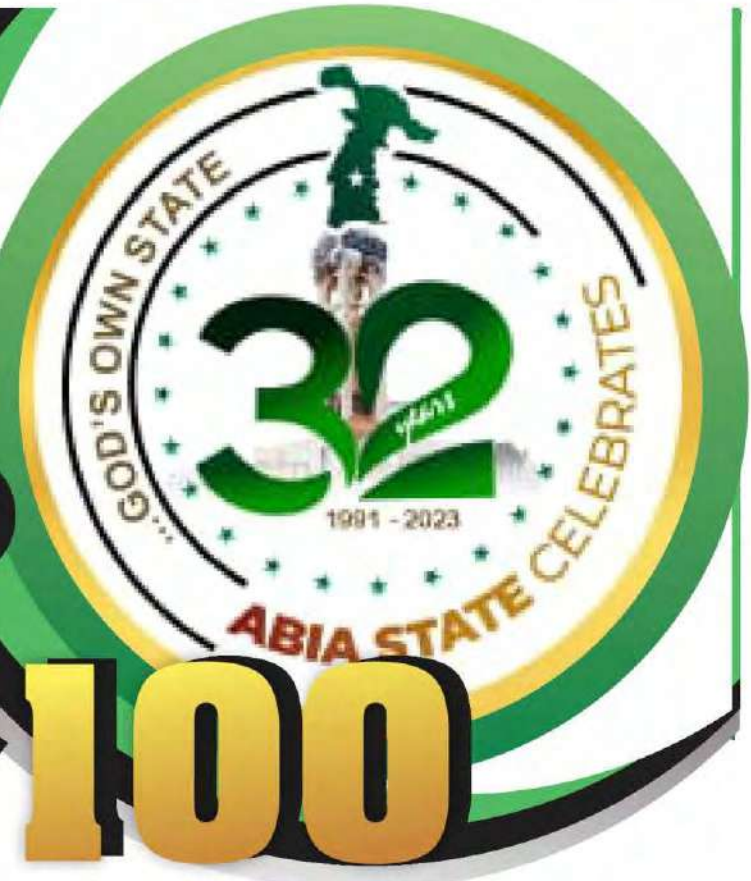


■ Operation keep Abia clean at work



# Congratulations CELEBRATING ABIA @

# & 100 DAYS IN OFFICE



**ABIA STATE HOUSING AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

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August 23, 2023

The Management and Staff of Abia State Housing and Property Development Corporation heartily congratulate His Excellency, Dr Alex Otti on his landmark achievements in his 100 days in office and the celebration of Abia State @ 32.

In less than 100 days, your administration has proposed the commencement of the development of 108 housing units of 2 and 3-bedroom units at DOVI Gardens Housing Estate, Aba, accorded premium attention to the welfare of Abia workers and retirees, the launch of "Operation rush", a security initiative designed to tackle crime and insecurity in the State and the construction of some major roads within the State, amongst other key achievements.

We thank and appreciate the Governor and His Deputy in their giant strides towards the birth of a new Abia.

Hurray!!  
Long Live Abia State!!!  
Long Live God's Own State!!!

SIGNED:   
MANAGEMENT



**Pictorial Activities of the Dr. Alex Otti's Administration Within the last 100 days in office**

*Inauguration ceremony and banquet*





**Pictorial Activities of the Dr. Alex Otti's Administration Within the last 100 days in office**





**Pictorial Activities of the Dr. Alex Otti's Administration Within the last 100 days in office**



*Dr. Alex Otti amidst members of the Transition Council*



*Swearing in of Commissioners*



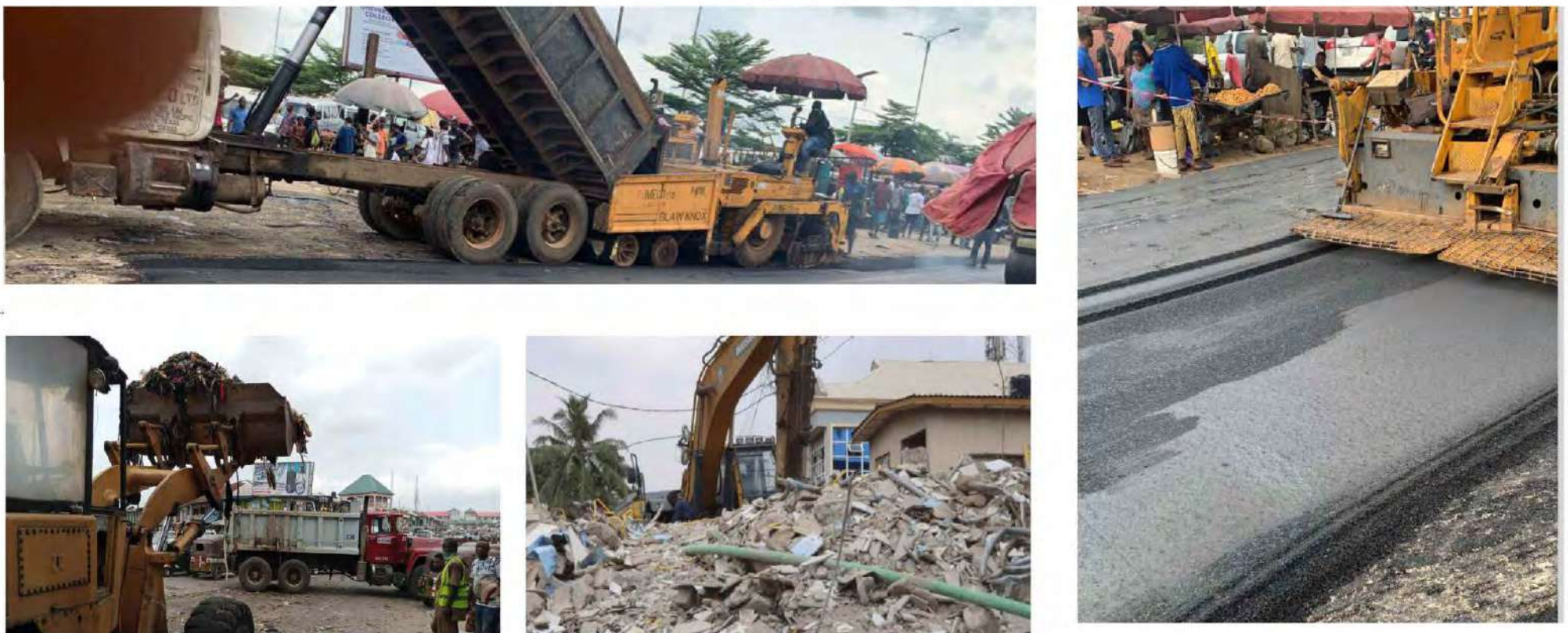
*Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC), Abia Chapter on a Thank You visit to Gov. Alex Otti over the payment of salaries owed to Civil servants in the state.*



**Pictorial Activities of the Dr. Alex Otti's Administration Within the last 100 days in office**



*Gov. Alex-Otti empathizing with patients at the Federal medical Centre, Umuahia.*



*Aggressive pursuit of roads reconstruction/rehabilitation in various parts of the state.*



*The Commissioner for Trade, Commerce and Industry, Dr. Chimezie Ukaegbu being conducted around facilities of Modern Ceramic Industry, Umuahia with some prospective investors.*



**Pictorial Activities of the Dr. Alex Otti's Administration Within the last 100 days in office**



*Swearing in of the Interim Market Executives.*



*Flagging off of the free medical care scheme at the general Hospital Aba*



*Gov. Alex Otti with the Chairman of Innoson Group of Companies.*



*Dr. Alex Otti with foreign investors from Hungary*



*Swearing I of the Judicial Panel on Recovery of looted Government Property.*



**Pictorial Activities of the Dr. Alex Otti's Administration Within the last 100 days in office**



*Dr. Alex Otti Commissioning Security vehicle for operation crush*



*HRH. Eze Linto Nto Mba, The Chairman Abia Council of Traditional Rulers*



*Reconstitution of the Council of Traditional Rulers*



*HE. Dr. Alex Otti & Wife attending the August Meeting of Abia Women*



*Dr. Otti & Wife with Pst. Jerry Eze Founder of The Streams of Joy Int'l Church*



*Dr. Alex Otti & Wife, Deputy Governor felicitating with the Victorious Falconet member of Abia Origin*



*The Head of Service Lady Joy Maduka making a speech during a staff verification exercise*



*Mr. Kingsley Anosike The Commissioner for budget and Planing Expressing Abia State commitment to open Government Partnership Initiative with some CSO's in the State*



*The Deputy Governor HE. Engr. Ikechukwu Emetu flanked by the leadership of the Hausa Community at the 32nd Birthday Celebration of Abia State*



*Abia First Lady, Mrs. Priscilla Otti visited Motherless Babies Homes in the state as part of Abia @ 32 celebration.*



*Her Excellency Mrs. Priscilla Otti Flanked on the right by The Deputy Governor HE. Engr. Ikechukwu Emetu and On the Left By The SSG. Prof. Ken Kalu during The Church Service marking the 32 Birthday Celebration of Abia State*





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## Echoes of Abia State @ 32 :

# The expectations of the people are high... — *Abia indigenes*



■ Coach John Obuh



■ Iroham Nwoke



■ Dr. Sunday Ori

**A**t 32, Abians are expectant and eager for a lot of developmental milestones from the state chief executive, Dr Alex Otti.

This is because for the past decades, Abia has witnessed a snail pace development wherein all the indices of development remain at abysmal level.

Some Abia indigenes who reside outside the state, said that though the high expectations of the people might not have been met but they are hopeful, there will be turn around.

A spare part dealer at the Ikeokwu market in Port Harcourt, Mr. Ebenezer Ndubuisi in an interview with our Reporters said that Governor Alex Otti's administration has brought a new dynamic to leadership while laying a solid foundation for Abia's recovery from the mess it was plunged into in the past 24 years. He said the emergence of Dr. Otti as the governor of Abia State was timely and strategic emphasizing that he was very impressed with the administration of the state.

He said the task to rescue Abia from the mess it was thrown into was not an easy one but hopeful that Dr Otti clean the Augean table and restore the state's pride of place.

Mr. Ndubuisi expressed gladness on the ongoing verification of civil servants stating that lots of ghost workers would be fished out and the money realised channeled towards the development of the state.

The spare part dealer further said that judging from his antecedents in the private sector, and how successfully he worked in the banking sector, Otti would bring to bare his administrative acumen in piloting the affairs of the State.

The spare parts dealer said that Abians should expect tremendous development as Otti

would reduce the cost of governance.

Other Abians interviewed stated that the expectations of the people from the present administration are high giving that Otti's administration came with new visions and administrative plans geared towards the upliftment of the state. He said that with Governor Otti coming from a political party with different manifesto is believed will take Abia to a new developmental height.

We believe Gov Otti will make Abia great again.

In his assertion, the President of the Igbo community and non-indigenes in Akwa Ibom State, Dr Sunday Ori has expressed optimism that Abia State will be great under the leadership of governor Alex Otti of the Labour Party.

In an interaction with our correspondent in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State in commemoration of the 32nd anniversary of Abia State creation, the Igbo president who is also an indigene of Umunneochi, Abia North regretted that development in Abia has been at snail pace since the state creation.

Orie who attributed what he described as "rape of development" in Abia State to bad leadership expressed hope that things would change for better with a new and independent minded person on the saddle adding that the crop of people, known to be highly cerebral that formed governor Otti's cabinet was an indication that he had planned to succeed in rebuilding the State.

He noted that many of them moved out of Abia because of bad government saying that, time has come for some people to return to the state.

The Igbo president reminded governor Otti that Abians do not necessarily need government handouts but an enabling environment for their

bussiness to thrive such as good and accessible road network, constant power supply, building of industries, prompt payment of workers salaries, free and compulsory education.

He, however urged the governor not to disappoint the people who voted him massively during the 2023 elections warning that the people could also vote him out in 2027 if he fails to meet up with their expectations.

His words, "because of what was happening in Abia, a lot of us left but the season has come for us to come back to our state because we have seen a man with vision who can make Abia smile again.

Right from the campaign time you saw the tears of Abians, they were tired of bad leadership.

Abia people have found a man whom the messiah will use to take us to our promise land. We all know that His Excellency, Peter Obi is strongly behind him and he will guide him to make Abia great.

"Abians are not looking for money but for good roads. A man that can do good drainage, a man that can help us build industries, industrialize Abia state which we are known for."

While urging the people to support and be patient with the governor, the President said: "You have made it to bring a man of your choice, do not join hands to pull him down, let us support him and be patient with him to work for us, if he fails to perform in four years you can throw him out with your votes, but if he performs you can return him."

The chairman congratulated the governor and the state for the 32 years celebration and the Governor's 100days in office, stating that the governor has done much well within this

period of time.

Mr. Iroham said that, to compliment the efforts of the governor, he and his executives have begun the cutting of grasses around the market, filling of potholes on the roads in the market, strengthen the security of the market by regular training of vigilante group in the market, rehabilitation of collapsing stalls in the market and so on.

He called for government's attention on the market to improve the state's socio-economic activities especially in areas of roads.

Also speaking, the chairman of Ubani Market, Ubani, Mr. Iroham Nwoko said that from what are on the ground, indicate that Dr. Otti meant well for Abians.

Mr. Iroham stated that the new administration has brought transparency and capacity in governance and his penchant for cleanliness were indication the governor wants to place the state on the pinnacle of progressing states.

He commended the governor for picking best technocrats to assist him in running the affairs of the state.

Also speaking, the Chairman of Abia Warriors Football Club, Coach Obuh John commended the significant progress the state has recorded within this short period of Gov. Otti's ascension to power stating that the governor has taken governance back to the people, a significant index to accelerate development.

He commended the governor for appointing those who would help him turn around the fortunes of the state for better assuring that on his part, he would not disappoint the state and the Governor, whom he described as a man of excellence.

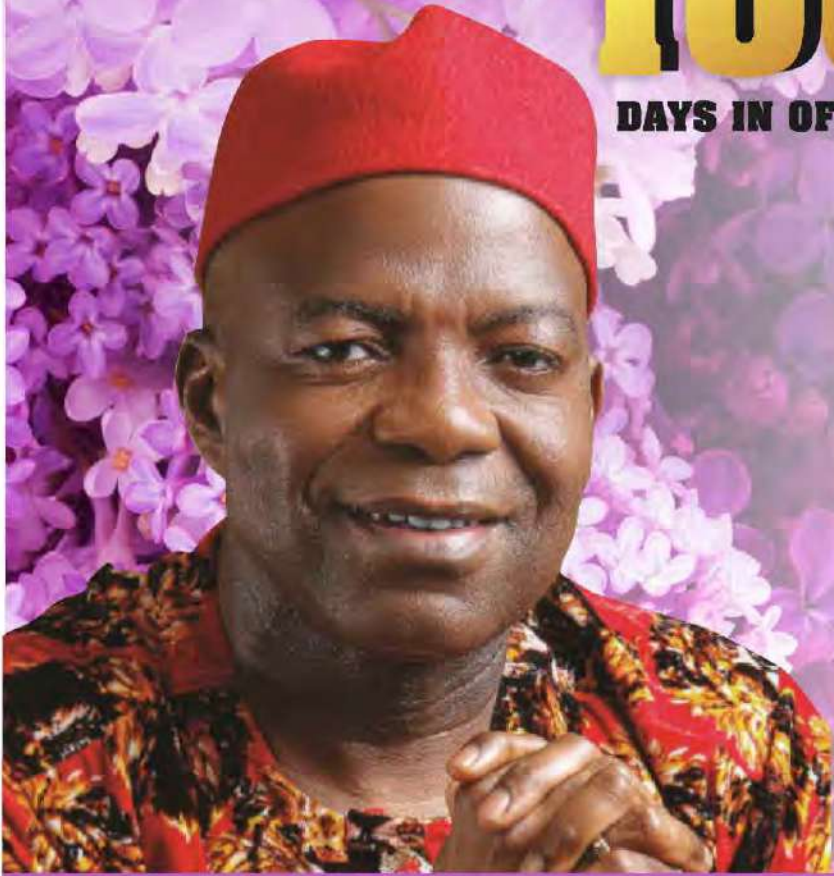
"If you take a look at the personality of the Governor, you will discover that he does not condone failure. He is that person who always like to have round pegs in round holes. If you follow all his appointments, you will observe that he has never made any appointment that is far away from the specialty of the person being appointed and I think that's why I am here" he said.

According to him, he would place much emphasis in signing in players who are young, disclosing that he would reposition the club's youth and academy teams to make them more competitive. He said it is only through this model that the young players could become stars who could replace some ageing ones in the main team every other season.

He said that the club management team would work round the clock in liaison with the technical crew to prepare the team well ahead of the forthcoming season and called for all hands to be on deck in order to take the team to the next level.



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### GOODWILL MESSAGE TO THE GOVERNOR OF ABIA STATE ON HIM 100 DAYS IN OFFICE AND THE OCCASION OF ABIA DAY CELEBRATION 2023.

The Rector on behalf of Management, Staff and Students of Abia State Polytechnic, Aba, wishes to felicitate with the quintessential and action Governor of Abia State Dr. Alex Chioma Otti (OFR) on the occasion of his one hundred days in office and Abia Day celebration.

Abia State Polytechnic community is delighted to be associated with these momentous and remarkable occasions. We are particularly excited to have you as our Governor, who has the interest of workers at heart. We appreciate your major role in ensuring that workers' salaries are paid promptly among other outstanding tasks you have carried out within the short period of your leadership.

We are confident that your tenure will bring about many positive changes in God's own state. We pray the Almighty God to give you more strength to function and we know that you will certainly justify the trust and the confidence Abians have in you.

Long live our Executive Governor, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti (OFR)

Long live! Abia State

Long live!! Nigeria

Engr. Chidinma Nduwe  
Rector, Abia State Polytechnic, Aba.



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### CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

On behalf of the entire Abia Warriors Football Club family, I wish to sincerely felicitate with His Excellency, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti (OFR) as he marks his first 100 days in office as the state number one citizen and the anniversary celebration of the creation of Abia State 32 years ago.

Your Excellency, to say that your first 100 days in office has been action-packed will only amount to overstating the obvious as you have not left anyone in doubt of your determination to rebuild Abia State.

We sincerely wish to appreciate your support in ensuring that Abia Warriors compete effectively and succeed in all competitions. Our promise is that we will not disappoint you and the entire Abia populace.

Remain resolute Sir as you continue to count on our avowed support.

  
John Obuh  
Chairman



## To Congratulation HE. DR. ALEX OTTI OFR

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**ABIA STATE OF NIGERIA**  
**Abia State Council of Traditional Rulers**  
 God's own State.



**Dr. Alex Chioma Otti**  
 Governor of Abia State

***Congratulations! Abia is 32***



The Chairman of Abia State Council of Traditional Rulers on behalf of other principal officers of the Council most profoundly congratulate the Governor of Abia State, br. Alex Chioma Otti, OFR and the entire good people of the State on the 32nd Anniversary of the creation of Abia, God's own State. As Abia State joins other four States of the federation to mark its creation which was done by the Federal Government under the former Military President, General Badamosi Babangida regime on 27th of August, 1991, the monarchs in the State appreciate God for thus far He has laid the State. They saluted the efforts of the founding fathers of the State in realizing the dream of having a State called Abia.

The Abia royal fathers while noting that the State has made some progress in various facets of the economy; maintained that there was need to take comparative analysis of development made by other States created with her with a view to measuring up with the needed development in the State. They enjoined Abians to make useful contributions to the development of the State while supporting the government of Dr. Alex Chioma Otti OFR. The Traditional Rulers commend the present administration in the State, led by br. Alex Chioma Otti OFR for his avowed determination to create a new Abia and take the State to higher heights. The royal fathers appreciate particularly, the current policies and reforms of Governor Alex Chioma Otti, especially the increase of Traditional Rulers' stipend from 3 percent to the constitutional 5 percent and defraying of arrears of salaries and pensions of the people of the State.

The launching of "Operation Crush" for optimal security in Abia State. The construction of various road network in Aba and Umuahia inspite of rainfalls. **Congratulations Governor Alex Otti, OFR!**  
**Congratulations Ndi Abia!! Congratulations Abia God's Own State!!!**



**HRH Eze Sir Linus Nto Mbah (KSS, KSM)**  
 Chairman, Abia State Council of Traditional Rulers



**Milestone**

# National Ambassador: Celebrating 31 years of development journalism excellence

By Kingsley Ugorji

**A**bia Newspapers and Publishing Corporation (ANPC), Publishers of National Ambassador group of newspapers came into existence in August 1992, exactly one year after the creation of Abia State.

Abia was created on August, 27, 1991 during the regime of military President Ibrahim Babangida.

In fact, the newspaper hit the news stand on August 27, 1992, as part of activities to mark the anniversary of the creation of the state.

Later on, other publications like the Abia in Focus Magazine, Abia Who is Who and Abia Tourism Handbook were added to the stable.

Dr. Ogbonnaya Onu, the first civilian governor of the state who established the paper desired for a state-owned newspaper, that would compete with other national newspapers.

Established under Edict 15 of 1995, the newspaper has as its core mandate, the task of publishing the activities and programmes of the state government and galvanizing the populace with adequate information and enlightenment to elicit their participation in the development process. The Edict also empowers it to be a thriving commercial publishing house in the country.

Not only did Gov. Ogbonnaya Onu adequately funded the newspaper. He also put in



place a master plan for the Corporation.

The government acquired large expanse of land that would be enough for a thriving Publishing Corporation house. The premises were supposed to accommodate a training school and staff quarters. Good office spaces were secured across the country, while distribution vans were also purchased.

The Dr Onu administration also ordered for modern printing equipment, which unfortunately did not arrive before the military intervention of November 1993, which ousted his administration.

The National Ambassador, the

flagship of the Corporation flourished in the 1990's because of its high print and writing quality. It was widely read especially in the eastern region and beyond.

The quality of the newspaper which was high could be attributed to the adequate funding it received plus its population by seasoned journalists that returned from Imo Newspapers Ltd. Owerri, Publishers of The Statesman.

The newspaper because of its quality, was once voted as the best Newspaper in the country.

However, the fortunes of the started a gradual process of decline due to the disinterest in its affairs by successive military rulers that came after Dr Ogbonnaya Onu.

It was military

interventions that first started the process of blurring the vision of establishing a great flourishing and prosperous intellectual powerhouse in the Igbo interior.

The worst phase came in 2003, when the then Gov. Orji Uzor Kalu closed down the media outfit and posted about 95 per cent of its workers to the ministries. Interestingly this clampdown on the Abia Newspaper Corporation was happening at the same time and month when the then incumbent governor was establishing his own private newspaper outfit.

In 2005, the newspaper house was reopened but the situation never improved as no concrete effort was made to improve the fortunes of the Corporation. The situation continued this way

until sometime in 2012 when the then incumbent Governor T.A.Orji fell out with his godfather Chief Orji Uzor Kalu and the paper was revived to help him wage the attendant media battle. However, the fortunes of the newspaper further nosedived under the infamous Dr Ikpeazu 8 year-tenure.

The Abia Newspapers and Publishing Corporation which ordinarily should be the intellectual hub of the state suffered a great deal of neglect under the immediate past regime.

Since the incumbent Governor Alex Otti is also a leading intellectual in his own right, it is the expectation of the intellectual community in the country that he should continue on the foundation laid by Dr Ogbonnaya Onu by ensuring that the development of the Abia Newspaper and Publishing Corporation as the intellectual hub of the state is accorded a prime place in his development agenda.

*Bro. Ugorji was former Ag. GM of the Corporation and currently Editor, National Ambassador.*



Kingsley Ugorji



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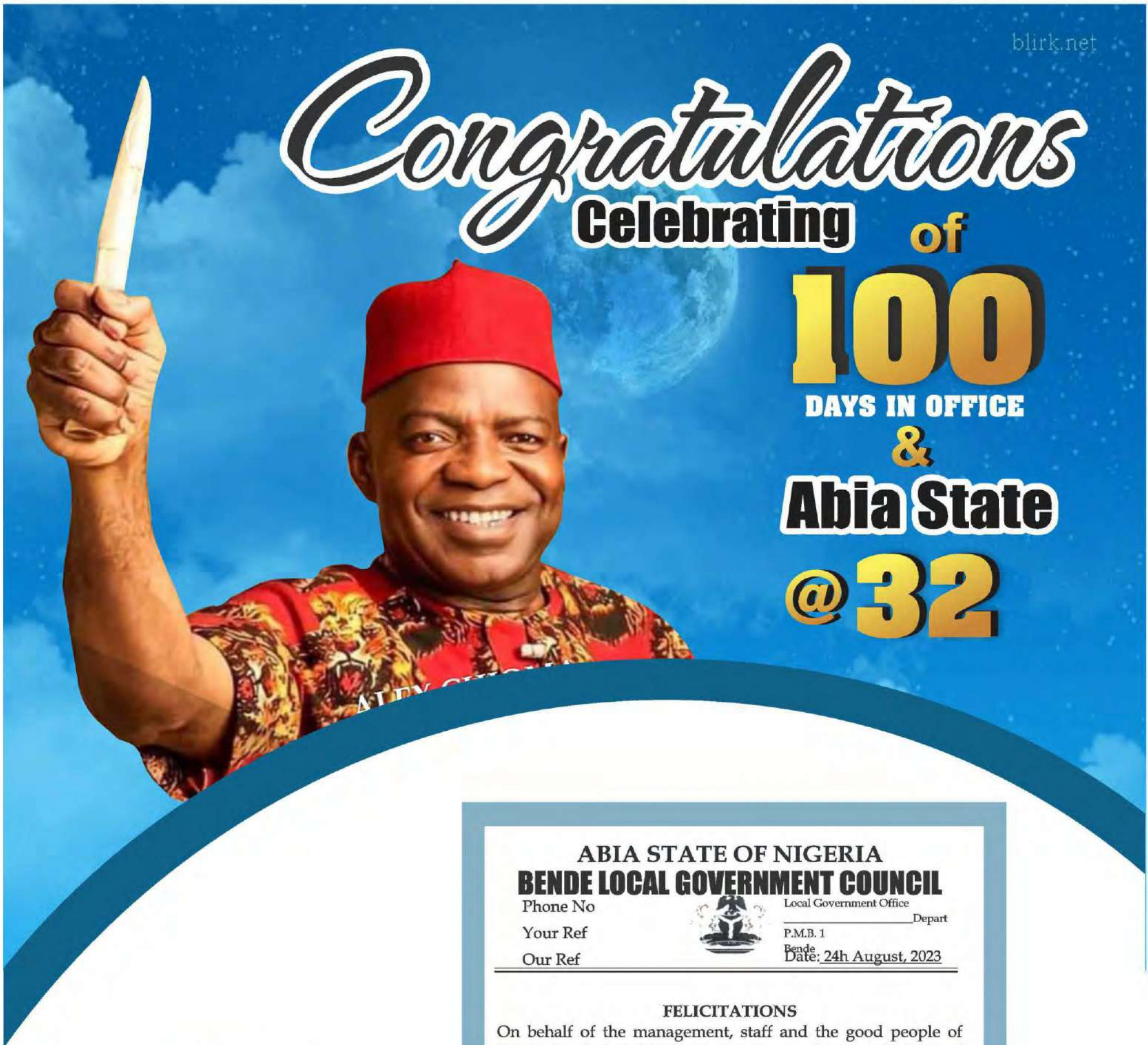
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# Abia State

**@ 32**



**Chief (Mrs.) Joy Uzoaru Ekekwe,**

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**FELICITATIONS**

On behalf of the management, staff and the good people of Bende **Bende Local Government Area** and renew the hope of Abians Local Government Area, I wish to heartily congratulate His Excellency, Dr. Alex Otti (OFR), the Executive Governor of Abia State, on the Milestone Celebration of his 100 days in office and the 32nd Year Anniversary of the creation of Abia State.

Going by your track record as a financial guru and the on-going reforms in both Civil and Public Service, I am confident that your administration will bring about the needed solutions to the plethora of challenges confronting our dear State at this critical time in our quest for honest and sincere leadership

We wish you God's wisdom, Grace and good health as you build and renew the hope of abia "AT LAST, OUR HELP IS HERE"

Congratulation Sir.

**Chief (Mrs.) Joy Uzoaru Ekekwe, Ph.D**  
 Head of Service



# Goodwill Message

To **HE. DR ALEX OTTI OFR**

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## **ARIARIA INTL MARKET, ABA, ABIA STATE.**

The Chairman and the Interim Management of Ariaria International Market Aba heartily felicitate with the Executive Governor of Abia state, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti (OFR), on the 32<sup>nd</sup> years celebration and 100 days in office of the Governor.

We are proud of the dynamism and proactiveness you have brought to bear in the administration of the state within such a short period of time and there is no doubt that your achievements at the end of your tenure will change the narrative and the downward trend in Abia development.

Congratulations

**Ozoekwe Chikarobi**  
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**Ozoekwe Chikarobi**



**ABIA STATE OF NIGERIA**  
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*Felicitation!*

**CELEBRATING ABIA @ 32**

The Government and People of Ukwa West Local Government Area Of Abia State, Nigeria Heartily congratulate His EXCELLENCY, DR. ALEX CHIOMA OTTI, (OFR), THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF ABIA STATE OF NIGERIA on the occasion of the celebration of Abia at 32 and his 100 days in office. We are happy to associate with you on the numerous achievements made by your administration within the short period of time. We pray that God will give you the wisdom to steer the affairs of the state. We wish you a successful tenure in office.

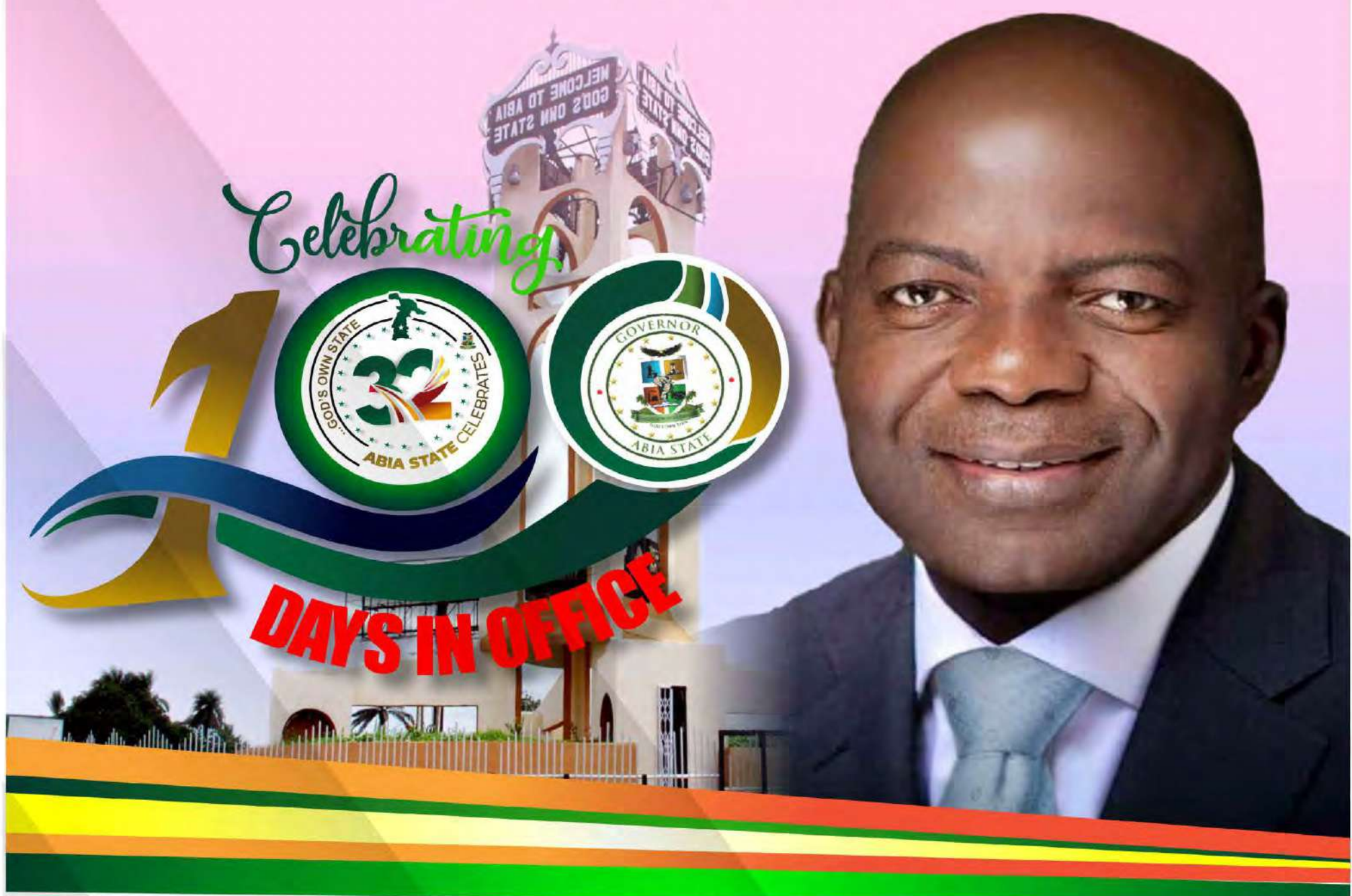
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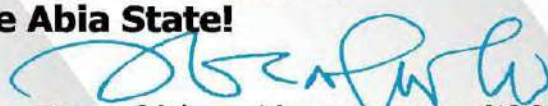
**GOODWILL MESSAGE**

The Head of Service, Management, Staff and the good people of Aba North Local Government, joyfully rejoice with His Excellency Dr. Alex Otti OFR, on this epoch making event and celebration of your first 100 days in office as the Executive Governor of Abia State. His Excellency, the high hopes and expectations of Abians upon your administration were premised upon your achievements in the Banking Industry, unbelievable strength of character, vision and exceptional leadership abilities.

As Abians celebrate your first 100 fruitful and eventful days in office, the occasion offers the people an opportunity to thank God for the abundance of His goodness and mercies upon you and your family. More importantly, for exceeding all expectations upon your administration with the unprecedented pace of road rehabilitation projects, restoration of credibility in government affairs, clearing of arrears of salaries and pensions, abolishing touting and illegal/fraudulent extortion of Abians, maintenance of peace and security among other laudable achievements. The most important of all these, is that there is now restoration of hope, faith and believe that Abia is on the threshold of greatness once again.

His Excellency, you have indeed greatly changed the narratives, and to this end, we at Aba North LGA hereby join other well meaning Abians, lovers of developmental democracy and good governance to say a very big congratulations on this auspicious occasion, praying God to be with you as you take Abia to the el-dorado of socio-economic, political progress and prosperity!

**Long live Abia State!**

  
**Engr. Obinna Nwogwugwu KSC**  
 Head of Service  
 Aba North Local Government





**ABIA STATE GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA**  
**UKWA EAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT**  
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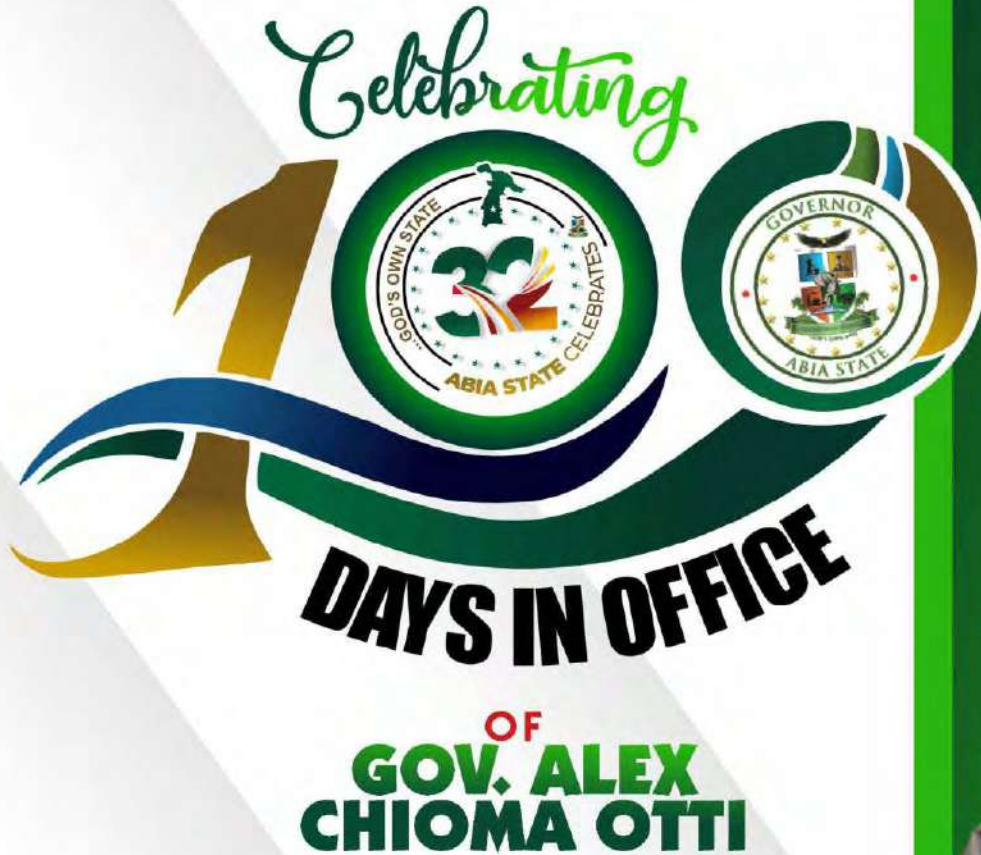
On behalf of Management, Staff and the good people of Ukwa East Local Government Area heartily congratulate you on the attainment of one hundred days in office and celebration of 32 year Anniversary of Abia State. Indeed, we are happy to be part of this auspicious moment culminating into the New-Abia which we long desire. Summarily we commend you on the achievements so far recorded within the short period which include full rehabilitation and equipping of three general hospitals across the 3 senatorial zones. Finally, as you pilot the ship of Abia State, we are sure of reaching the promised land of full development. God bless Abia State

  
**Lady Rachael Iwezor**  
 HOS/Ag. Chairman Ukwa East L.G.A.





**ABIA STATE OF NIGERIA**  
**UMUAHIA SOUTH LOCAL GOVERNMENT**  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT HEADQUARTERS**  
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*Congratulatory*  
**MESSAGE**

It is with joy that I, the management, staff and entire people of Umuahia South Local Government Area extend their felicitations to you, the amiable Governor of Abia State, Dr. Alex C. Otti, (OFR0, on your 100 days in the office and also the 32nd anniversary of Abia State.

We have witnessed so many noticeable developments since you took over the mantle of leadership. We pray that God will continue to guide you as you deliver dividends of democracy to the people of Abia State.

**Once again congratulations!**

  
**Onwutuebe Jane Chidi (Mrs)**  
Head of Service  
Umuahia South Local Government



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## Congratulatory Message

The Head of Service, Management and the entire staff of Isialangwa South Local Government joyfully congratulate the executive Governor of Abia State, His Excellency Doctor Alex Chioma Otti (OFR) on his successful completion of his first One Hundred days in office, your administration within this period has been laced with wonderful transformations and policies which are unprecedented since the inception of Abia State, you have certainly left no one in doubt that Abia State is in safe hands.

We pray that the Almighty God will protect you and grant you the wisdom and courage to make Abia the number one state indeed. Well done your Excellency.

*S. Philomena Eme*  
**Chief Mrs. Philomena Eme (JP)**

Head of Service  
Isialangwa South L.G.A Omoba





**ABIA STATE GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA**  
**UMUAHIA NORTH LOCAL GOVERNMENT**  
Local Government Headquarters. PMB 1022, Umuahia, Abia State

**CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE**  
**— ON ABIA AT 32 / GOVERNOR OTTI'S —**  
**100 DAYS IN OFFICE**

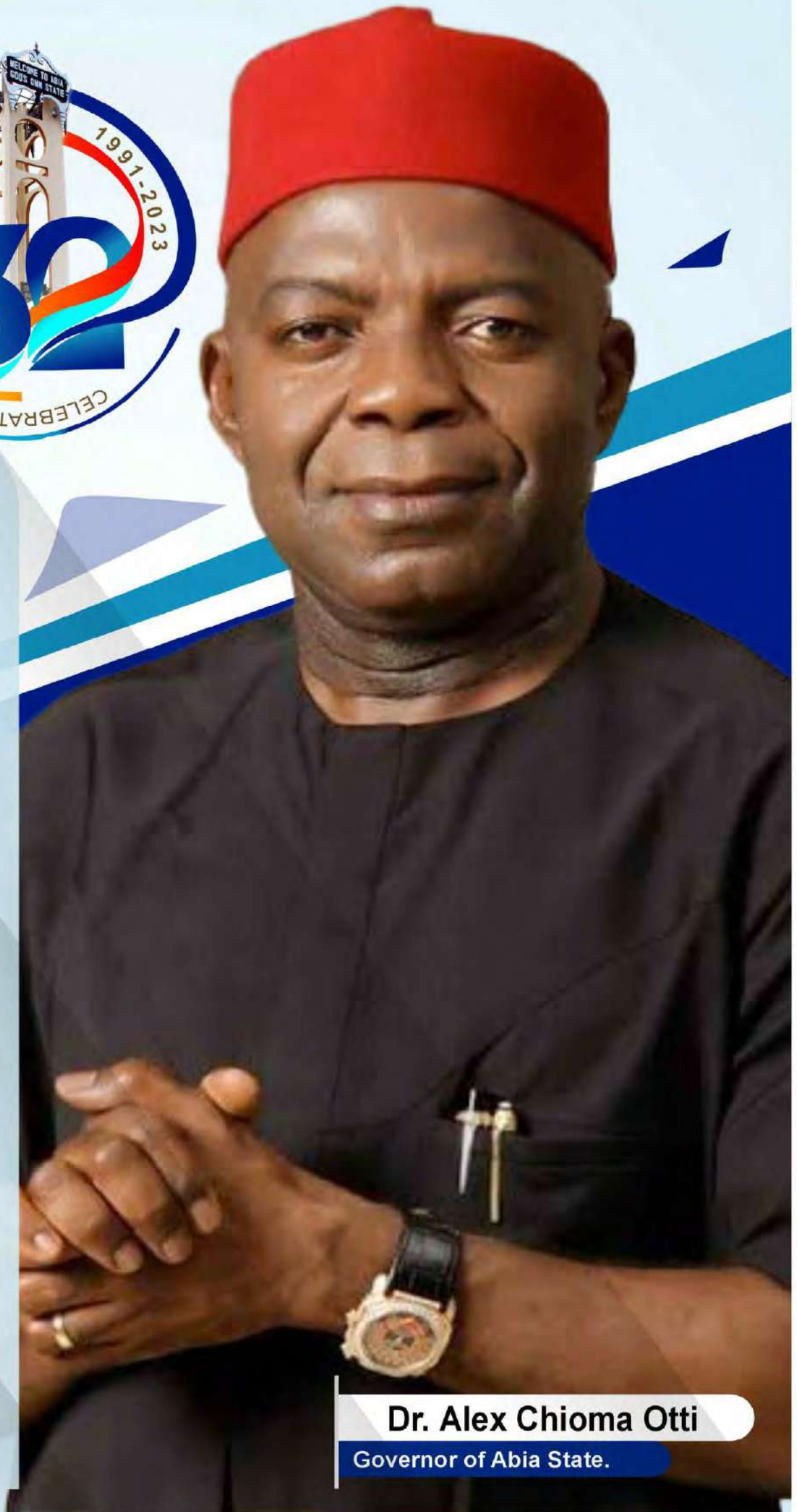


I write on behalf of the management and the entire staff of Umuahia North Local Government Council to warmly and heartily congratulate a leader by example, an altruistic personality a versatile Administrator, an intellectual of rare breed and a manager of men and resources on the occasion of Abia at 32 and your 100 days in office as the 5th elected Executed Governor of God's Own State – Abia.

Your amazing accomplishments within such a short time are just one step on your journey to rebuilding Abia of our founding fathers' dream and our generations unborn. Your ability to relentlessly search for solutions to problems and finding innovative ways to improve the State is the key to this success and many to come.

With you on the saddle, Abia State is in safe hands and Abians indeed need not to weep any more. **Congratulations!**  
Long Live Abia State; Long Live the Federal Republic of Nigeria

**Ugo Chibike (Mrs)**  
Head of Service  
Umuahia North L. G.A



**Dr. Alex Chioma Otti**  
Governor of Abia State.



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Date: 23st August, 2023

#### CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

The Management, Staff and entire Citizens of Aba South Local Government heartily felicitate with our amiable and indefatigable Governor, His Excellency Dr. Alex Chioma Otti on the occasion of his ONE HUNDRED (100) DAYS IN OFFICE, AND CELEBRATION OF ABIA AT THIRTY-TWO (32)

We sincerely commend you on the numerous achievements which you have recorded in the shortest period of time in office, despite the limited resources at your disposal.

Your Excellency Sir, we congratulate you for the achievements which include construction of many roads both in Aba and Umuahia the major cities in the state, payment of workers salaries and pensions, rehabilitation of General Hospitals in the three Senatorial Zones, granting of Free Medical Services for retired Local Government workers, elimination of touts in the state, streamlining the revenue collection in the Local Government amongst, other things.

Once again, we appreciate your good works and pray that the Almighty God will continue to guide and protect you as you pilot the affairs of the State to an enviable height.

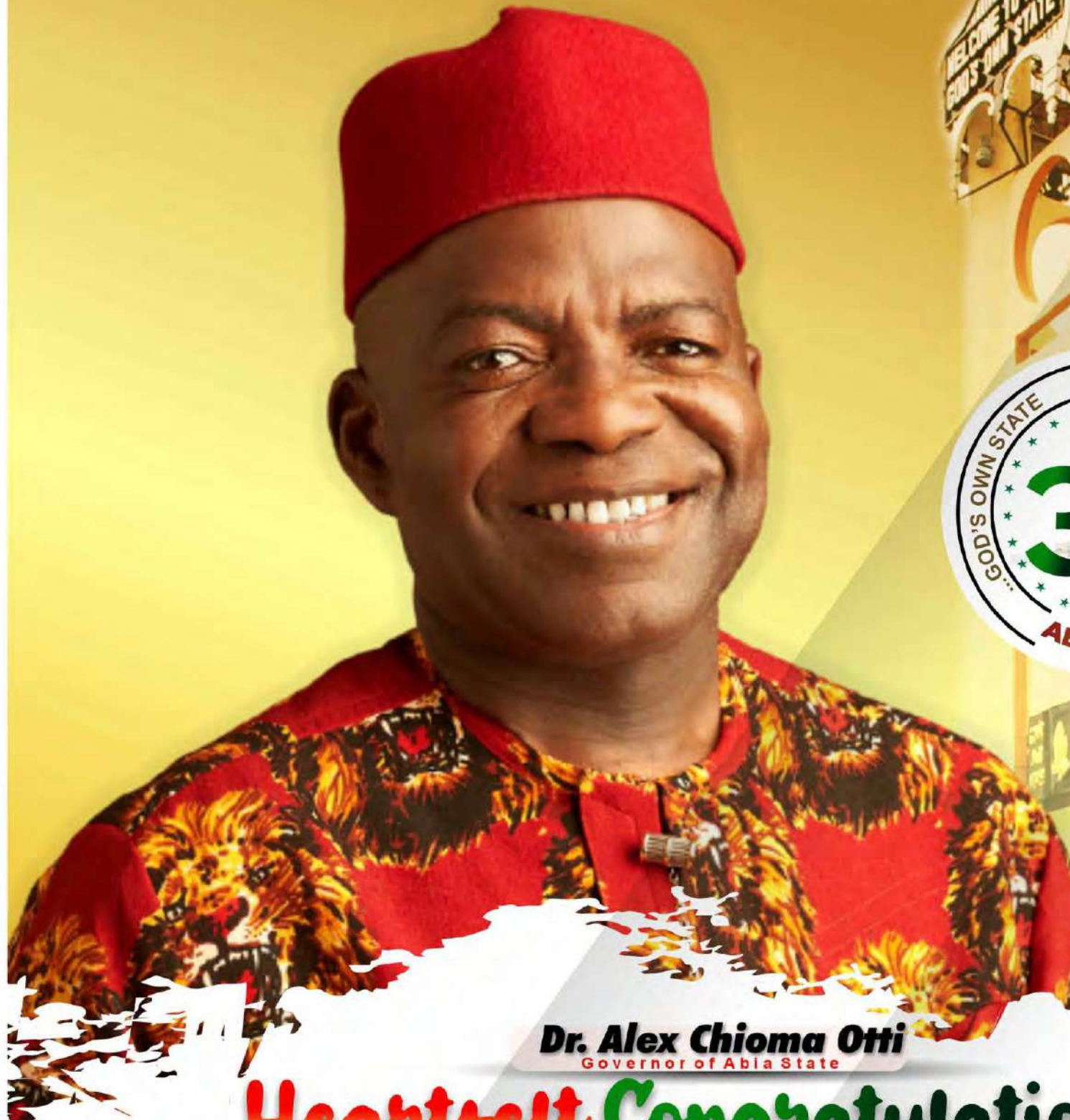
Long Live Aba South Local Government!  
Long Live Abia State!!  
Long Live Federal Republic Of Nigeria!!

Comr. Ijoma Onyenaucheya  
Head of Service  
Aba South Local Government

All replies to be addressed to the Chairman



**ABIA STATE OF NIGERIA**  
**AROCHUKWU LOCAL GOVERNMENT**  
 Local Government Headquarters Arochukwu



**Dr. Alex Chioma Otti**  
 Governor of Abia State

## Heartfelt Congratulations

The Arochukwu Local Government Area council heartily Felicitates with the amiable, and people oriented Governor of Abia State, His Excellency, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, on his 100 days in office. This event coincides with the 32nd Anniversary of the creation of Abia State. The people of Arochukwu Local Government Area are indeed very pleased with your achievements within these 100 days in terms of the following:

Declaring state of emergency on sanitation and waste disposal in Aba and Umuahia. Awarding and Commencing Road construction projects on Umuimo Road, Old Express Road, Eziukwu Road, Green Street etc in Aba, the commercial hub of the state. Sanitizing parks, markets and our transport system, digitalizing our tax collection system and improving security with the massive provision of security vehicles. It is also very gratifying that you are sure making indelible prints in annals of Abia Governance with your transparency, commitments to clear all salaries and pensions arrears. Worthy of mention here is the Abia Insurance Policy which aims at providing free medical services to Abia Pensioners. Indeed Abia Workers have never had it this good. You have indeed proven that your "Abians weep no more" campaign mantra is much more than a political slogan. While wishing you a memorable celebration, we pray that the Lord will continue to strengthen you deliver the "New Abia" all of us will be proud of

  
**Ikpo Kalu Ochokwu (JP) ACIPM**  
 Head Of Service



# Felicitations! of **100** DAYS IN OFFICE & **ABIA STATE @ 32**



## **OHAFIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL**

**GOOD WILL MESSAGE TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR OF ABIA STATE, DR ALEX CHIOMA OTTI (OFR) ON THE OCCASION OF THIS YEAR'S ABIA AT 32/ HIS 100 DAYS IN OFFICE.**

The management, staff and entire people of Ohafia Local Government Area heartily felicitate with his excellency, the Governor of Abia State Dr. Alex Chioma Otti (OFR) and his able Deputy, Engr. Ikechukwu Emetu for their remarkable and people oriented leadership in the State.

We are delighted to note that in this year's "Abia at 32" which inadvertently coincided with your 100days in Office, Abians are already harvesting the following fruits of hard-work, excellence and leadership capacity that has impacted positively on the well-being of the citizenry.

- I. The timely inauguration of State Excos with formidable team of outstanding technocrats to effectively manage the State Economy and reposition it for the better.
- ii. The undaunted political will to rid of touts and establishing strong and dependable revenue base to boost the State finance.
- ii. The establishments of operation CRUSH" to stamp out crime and criminality and improve the security situation in the state and its environs.
- iv. Your meticulousness and frugality in the management of the state patrimony to facilitate prompt liquidation of accumulated workers salaries and pensions of retirees owed them by the past administration.
- V. Putting in place a functional waste management team with adequate machines to improve the sanitary condition of the
- vi. State including other numerous development strides and welfare initiatives all over the State.

His Excellency, consequent to your super performance within 100days in office, we have the assurance that the administration will redefine democratic Governance and engender development legacies that will improve the socio-economic life of Ndi-Abia.

Congratulations!!

**Chief Monday N. Ugorji (JP)**  
Head of Service  
Ohafia Local Government.



## EZIUKWU ROAD MARKET ABA INTERIM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Aba South L. G. A., Abia State, Nigeria.  
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### CELEBRATION OF ABIA STATE AT THIRTY TWO (32) AND GOVERNOR ALEX CHIOMA OTTI (OFR) HUNDRED (100) DAYS IN OFFICE

"IN 100 DAYS, GOVERNOR DR. ALEX CHIOMA OTTI (OFR) The Executive Governor of Abia State has showed that he's a visionary, dynamic, people-oriented Development conscious, God- Fearing and believes in proper planning before execution. If we may let you know, His Excellency has fixed Cemetry Road leading to Eziukwu Road Market with many other Roads, this was done in few days just like a miracle of God, because those who passed this road last month of July, 2023 can never believe what they will witness in passing there today. These projects are comprehensive package that have clinically confronted and conquered business hitches and ease of doing business in Aba and its environs. This is why those who were opposed to his administration would be disappointed as they would surely see that goodness of a genuine leadership among men. Being able to discover these corrupt practices in the Salary payment payroll of Abia State within 100 days in Office is a feat that can only be achieved by a purposeful leadership.

Indeed, Governor Dr. Alex Chioma Otti (OFR) has come to give Abia State people "help".

**"At last help is here the differences is dearer"**

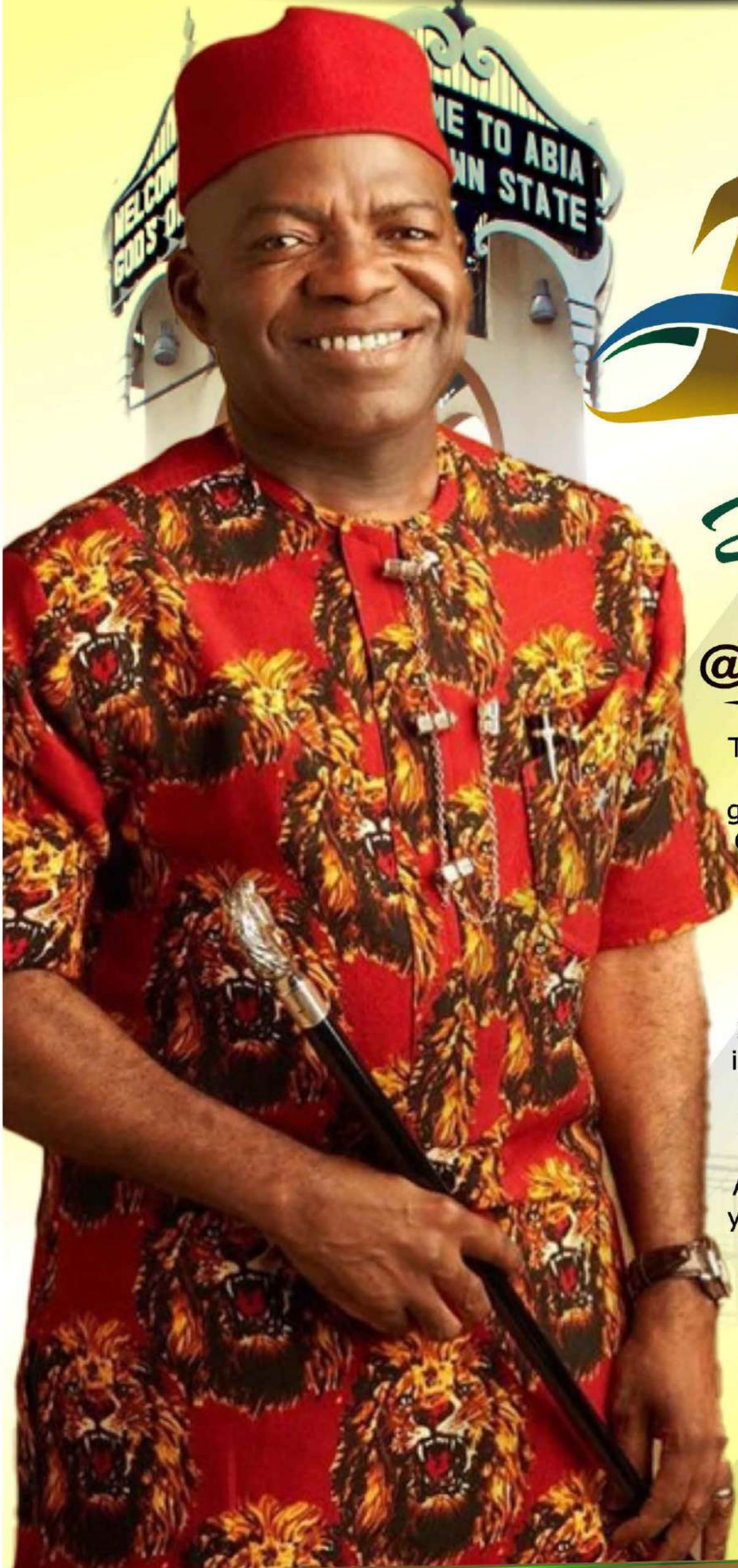
**Sign:** For Eziukwu Road Market Interim Management Committee

*A. E. Udeigbo*  
**Chief A.E. Udeigbo**  
 Chairman/Chairman of all  
 Chairmen Aba Markets

*Darlington Achonu*  
**Hon. Darlington Achonu**  
 Secretary



**GOVERNMENT OF ABIA STATE OF NIGERIA**  
**ISIALA NGWA NORTH LOCAL GOVERNMENT**  
Nbawsi 48/49 Okpuala Ngwa P.M.B. 2006, Aba, Abia State.




*Felicitations!*  
**CELEBRATING ABIA**  
**@32/100 DAYS IN OFFICE**  
**OF GOVERNOR**

The Head of Service, the Management, the entire Staff of the Council and good people of Isiala Ngwa North Local Government Area gladly felicitate with our amiable and God-sent Governor His Excellency, Dr. Alex Otti (OFR) on the celebration of Abia at 32 and his 100 days in office.

Your wonderful achievements within 100 days in office will remain indelible in the heart, of all lovers of democracy in Abia State and Nigeria in general. Indeed, we are proud to have you as our Governor. We earnestly pray that Almighty God will continue to guide as you deliver more excellent works in the State.

**Bravo Dr. Alex Otti, OFR**  
**Bravo Abia State.**



  
**Chioma Alaribe (Mrs)**  
Head of Service  
Isiala Ngwa North Local Government



# Goodwill Message

To: **HE. DR ALEX OTTI OFR**

**100**  
**DAYS IN OFFICE**  
**&**  
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**@ 32**



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**UMUNNEOCHI LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

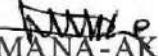
**CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO HIS EXCELLENCY DR. ALEX CHIOMA; OTTI, THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF ABIA STATE ON HIS EVENTFUL CELEBRATION OF ABIA AT 32/100 DAYS IN OFFICE AS THE GOVERNOR OF THE GOD'S OWN STATE.**

May I convey, on behalf of the staff, management and the entire people of Umunneochi Local Government Area, our heartfelt gratitude to the Almighty God who has strengthened our Governor, Dr Alex Otti within these 100 days in office as the Executive Governor of Abia State.

The Executive Governor, Dr Alex Otti has no doubts proved to all and sundry that he means well for Abia State and Abians. His numerous on-going programmes and projects which include among others, roads infrastructures, civil servants verifications and revalidations for optimal service delivery, increase of the statutory monthly stipends for Abia Traditional rulers, the heartwarming six lane carriage way from Ossah to Ishi - gate Umuahia and many more packages stand him out as a visionary leader per excellence.

Above all these, the people of Umunneochi L.G.A most graciously congratulate and appreciate the Governor, Dr Alex Otti for throwing - in his Executive powers towards the restoration of security in the council area. His head-on fight against insecurity in Umunneochi L.G.A immediately he assumed office has paid off. Today people travel to Umunneochi without fear of possible kidnap and the people of the council area now go about their normal daily businesses.

Thank you so much your Excellency and hearty congratulations on your 100 days in office.

  
 ABIA GA-ADINMANA-AKADRALEX OTTI.  
 Lady Sally-Law Anosike  
 Head of Service  
 Umunneochi L.G.A





# Congratulations

## Celebrating Abia @32

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DEPARTMENT

Date: 23rd August, 2023

*(All replies to be addressed to the Chairman/Head of Service)*

### CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

With extreme joy for a new dawn in Abia State, the good and wonderful people of Isuikwuato Local Government Council wish to express their heartfelt joy and congratulate the Governor, **His Excellency Dr Alex Chioma Otti (OFR)** on 32rd anniversary of creation of God's Own State, Abia, and his result oriented and development driven first one hundred days in office.

It is indeed a new dawn in Abia State in governance wherein transparency, accountability, openness and people-oriented policies have taken a front seat.

Old things have passed away, no more weeping or gnashing of teeth because our help is here. We are now witnessing a new Abia where everybody is treated fairly and equally without any ethnic or tribal consideration in appointment or distribution of dividends of democracy. As you roll out the drums for this celebration, we pray that Almighty God will take pre-eminence, give you strength, focus and political will to steer the affairs of this No. 1 state to greater heights.

Congratulations

  
**Chukwuma Onwunle (JP)**  
 Head of Service



**IKWUANO LOCAL GOVERNMENT HEADQUARTERS**  
 P. M. B. 1001, Isiala Oboro

*Congratulatory*  
**MESSAGE**



**Dr. Alex Chioma Oti** OFR  
 Governor of Abia State

I, on behalf of the management, staff and the good people of Ikwuano Local Government Council, heartily congratulate a leader by example, a rare breed intellectual, His Excellency, **Dr. Alex Chioma Oti** (OFR), the Executive Governor of Abia State, on the Milestone Celebration of his 100 days in office and the 32nd Year Anniversary of the creation of Abia State.

His Excellency, within the last one hundred days, your leadership gift is further reflected in your tireless devotion to duty, pragmatic management of issues and amazing deployment of intelligence to solve crucial problems, especially in the payment of worker's salaries. Sir, with these in just one hundred days, and many more to come, it is obvious that you have placed in history's one of the best things to happen to the Local Government System and Abia State in general. I earnestly and sincerely pray that God grants you more historic successes in your tenure. **Congratulations!!**

**Anoziem Edna N.**

Head Of Service  
 Ikwuano Local Government



**OFFICE OF  
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 TRADERS ASSOCIATION UMUAHIA**

Ahiaeke Ndume Ibeku Umuahia North L.G.A Abia State Nigeria



*Felicitations!*  
**CELEBRATING**  
**ABIA @ 32**

The Leadership and the entire members of Industrial Market Traders Association Umuahia North L.G.A Abia State, wish to celebrate and rejoice with Abia State on her 32 years in existence. In this geographical existence, a lot of things have happened both the good, the bad and the ugly a lot of waters have passed under the bridge, we must commend the efforts of our heroes past for their various inputs in the development of the State such as, Construction of so many roads, many markets, industries etc. Though we have not reached our expected goals, we have every reason to thank God Almighty for the journey so far, peace and security we enjoy in the state and looking forward that the present administration will surely continue from where the past administration stopped and we are looking forward with great faith that this present administration will put a lot of smile in peoples face by the special grace of God.

With our dynamic, energetic, hardworking, calculative, Governor, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti (OFR) on the driving seat, we are much confident that in short distant time, the State will become the envy of many states in Nigeria. Long live Labour Party! Long live Industrial Market Traders Association Umuahia (IMTA)! Long live Abia State!

  
**Hon. Ejike J. Urama**  
 President



  
**Mr. Simon Onyeagba**  
 Sec. Gen.



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# Felicitation

The executive and entire marketers of Umuahia Ultra Modern Market Ubani Ibeku wishes to felicitate with our God'd sent Governor Dr. Alex Chioma Otti (OFR) on his successful one hundred days in office.

Sir, your developmental projects across the state shows that you are in a hurry to develop the state. You are the light shinning in darkness. Indeed Abia State is in safe hand. To God be the Glory



**Iroham Nwoke**  
Chairman

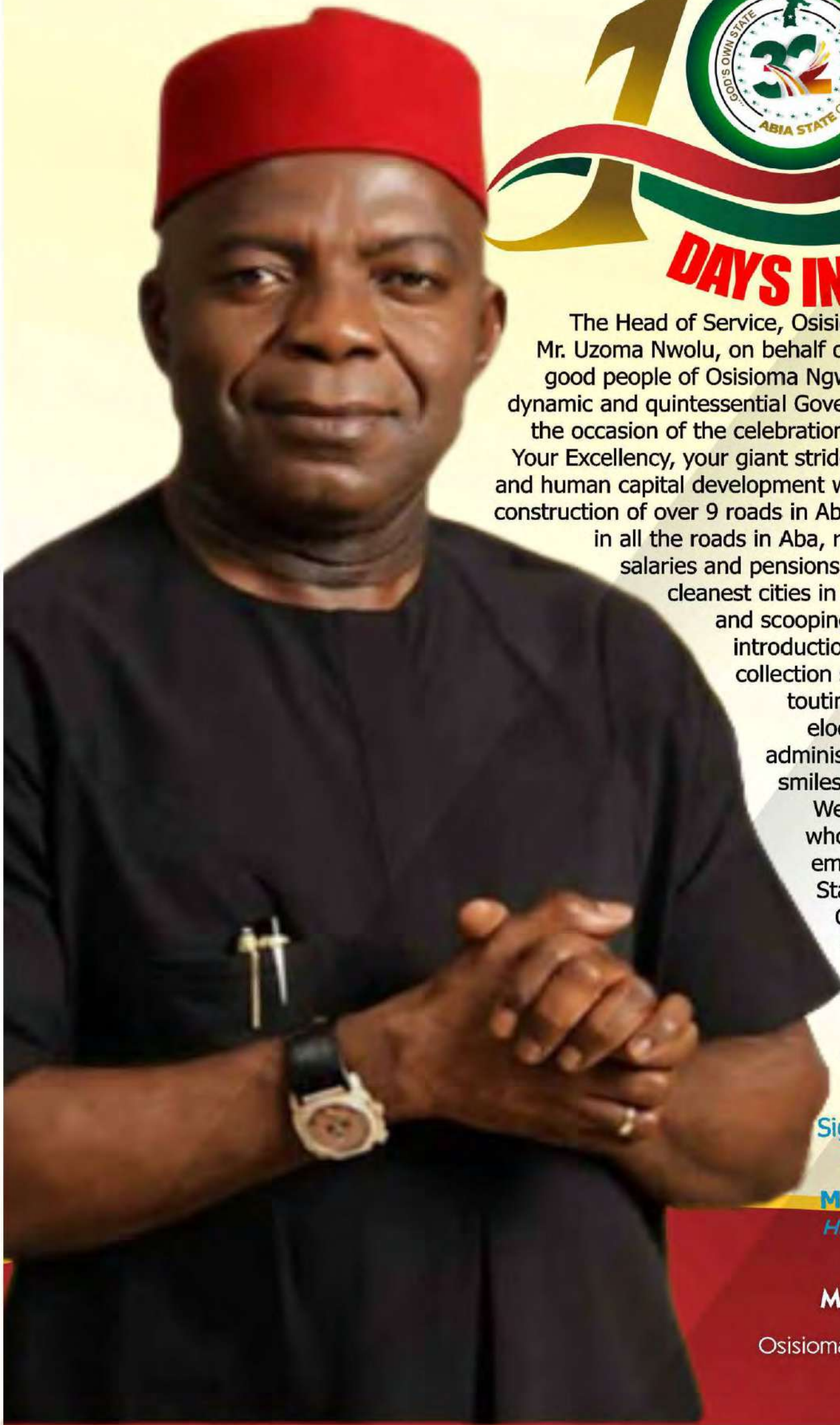
## Congratulations.



**Njikonye Martha Ugonma**  
Secretary



**GOVERNMENT OF ABIA STATE OF NIGERIA**  
**OSISIOMA NGWA LOCAL GOVERNMENT**  
Local Govt. Headquarters Osisioma Ngwa Aba P.M.B 7073



The Head of Service, Osisioma Ngwa Local Government, Mr. Uzoma Nwolu, on behalf of management, staff and the good people of Osisioma Ngwa, heartily rejoice with our dynamic and quintessential Governor, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti on the occasion of the celebration of his 100 days in office.

Your Excellency, your giant strides in the area of infrastructural and human capital development which include; the on-going construction of over 9 roads in Aba, rehabilitation of failed spots in all the roads in Aba, regular payment of worker's salaries and pensions, making Aba and Umuahia the cleanest cities in Nigeria by carting away refuse and scooping of drainages as well as the introduction of the new digital revenue collection system to curb the menace of touting and double taxation are eloquent testimonies of your administration's determination to put smiles on the faces of Abia people.

We therefore, pray God Almighty who made it possible for you to emerge as the Governor of Abia State during the March 18, 2023 Governorship and State House of Assembly elections, to grant you more wisdom and good health to continue with your good works.

Signed:  
  
Mr. Uzoma Nwolu  
Head of Service

Signed:  
**Mr. Uzoma Nwolu**  
Head of Service  
Osisioma Ngwa Local Government



## OCHENDO SHOE AND BAG PARTS INDUSTRIAL MARKET ABA



We the Executive of OCHENDO SHOE AND BAG PARTS INDUSTRIAL MARKET ABA, joyfully congratulate our amiable Governor of Abia State, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti 'Ekwueme' one of Abia state, 'Nkenke enyi na achu Igwe enyi oso' on his celebration of 100 days in office and also the celebration of 32 years of the birth of Abia state, God's own state.

Moreso, thank you for the solid reconstruction of old express Road within Ochendo shoe and bag parts Industrial Market Aba, We pray that the good Lord will continue to enrich our indefatigable Governor with more wisdom and enablement to take Abia state to the promise land we have long expected. Long live your Excellency, long live Abia state. Long live Federal Republic of Nigeria.

**Sign:** For Ochendo Shoe And Bag Parts Industrial Market Aba,

**Mr. Ikechukwu Anyanwu**  
 Chairman

**Comrade Asomugha Kingsley U**  
 Secretary



# GOOD MORNING MARKET TRADERS ASSOCIATION ABA

Ngwa Road, Aba, Aba South LGA



On behalf of the Executive and all the Traders, Zonal Leaders and Line leaders of our Market, (Good Morning Market) we write to congratulate our amiable Governor DR. ALEX CHIOMA OTTI and our Dynamic Commissioner DR. CHIMEZIE UKAEBU Hon. Commissioner for Trade and Commerce and Industry, (Good Morning Market) is overjoyed to be associated with Executive of our amiable Governor and his distinguished people. May the almighty God bless you in your good will and bless all your effort in our state. Once again we congratulate you and God bless Amen.

yours faithfully,

Good Morning Market Association



*Esona*  
**Mr. Esinna Ogbonna**  
Chairman

*Esona*  
**Mr. Jude Nwoye**  
Secretary





**ABIA STATE GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA**  
**URATTA INTERATED MARKET TRADERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**ABA NORTH LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA**  
 Central Market Office, KM 25, Aba/PH Expressway, Uratta, Aba, Abia State.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PEOPLE'S GOVERNOR**

The management committee of Uratta Integrated Market Association, led by Chief Uchenna Okpara, heartily congratulates the Executive Governor of Abia State, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti (OFR), "The man of the people" on his first 100 days in office.

We appreciate the high quality of roads already completed and many ongoing projects within the state. Abia State is indeed in the hands of God. We pray for divine guidance and wisdom as you pilot the ship of the state to a new level. BRAVO HIS EXCELLENCY.

Long live Abia State! Long live Dr. Alex Chioma Otti!!  
 Long live Uratta Integrated Market!!!

*Christian Okori*  
 Christian Okori  
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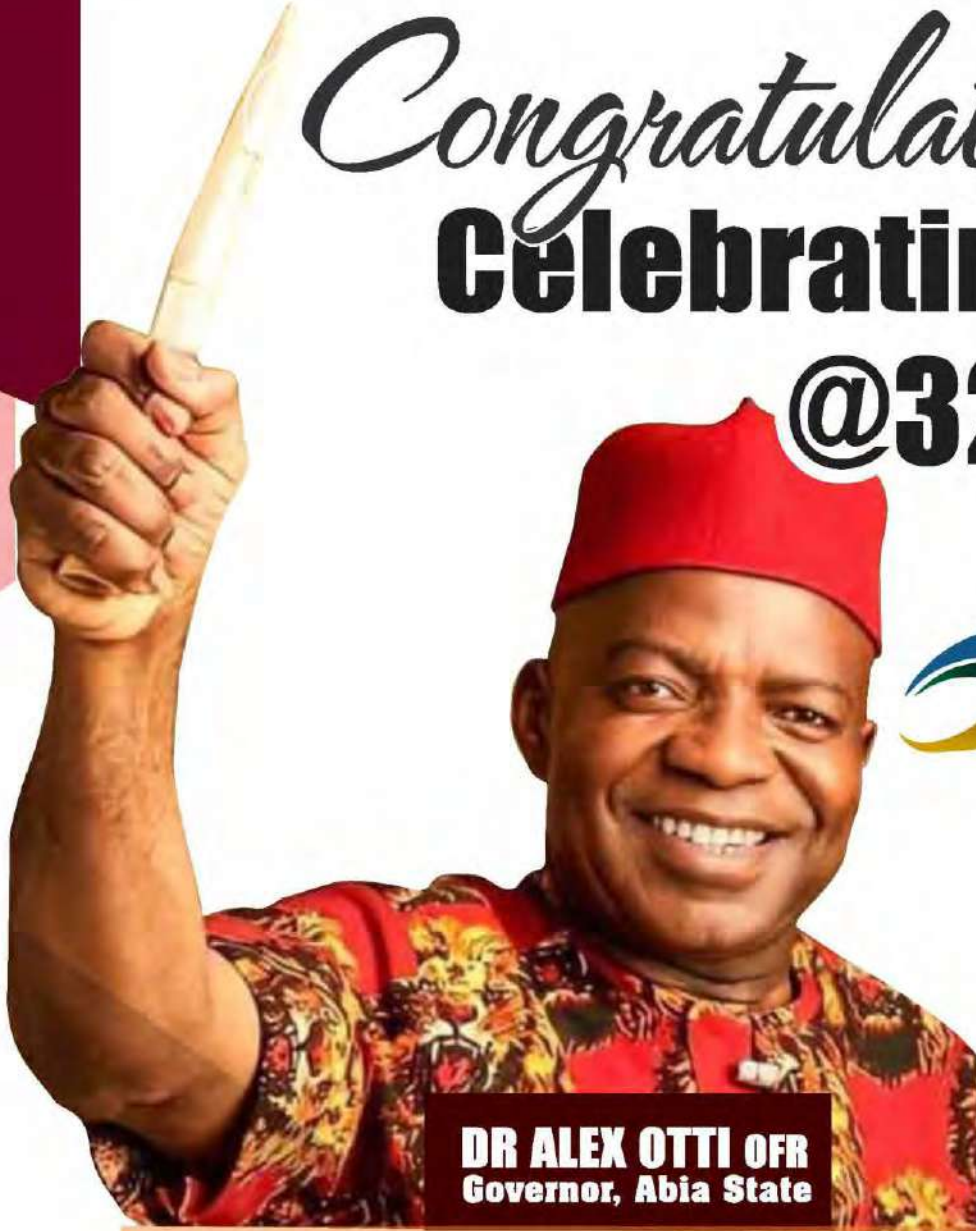
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 Secretary





# Congratulations Celebrating Abia @32 &



**DR ALEX OTTI OFR**  
Governor, Abia State



## GOVERNMENT OF ABIA STATE NIGERIA UGWUNAGBO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

P.M.B. 7597, Aba

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Local Government Headquarters

Ugwunagbo

Date:.....

### CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

On behalf of the good people of Ugwunagbo Local Government, I heartily congratulate the Executive Governor of Abia State, His Excellency, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti on the occasion of One Hundred days in office. His Excellency, your heartbeat for Abia State is manifest in the various giant strides recorded within this short period of your governance.

I pray the Almighty God helps you, grants you good health, protects you and gives you the wisdom of Solomon to enable you discharge your duties effectively and efficiently to the Glory of His Mighty Name.

Congratulations Sir!!!

*Nwagba*  
**Adm (Lady) Nwagba Ndidi**  
Head of Service  
Local Government Headquarters  
Ugwunagbo



# Congratulations Celebrating Abia @32



**DR ALEX OTTI OFR**  
Governor, Abia State

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**OBINGWA LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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**MGBOKO**  
P.M.B 7094  
ABA  
Date: 23rd August, 2023

**The Executive Governor,**  
Abia State- Nigeria.

### CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE ON ABIA AT 32 AND 100 DAYS IN OFFICE


On behalf of the people of Obingwa Local Government, we congratulate Your Excellency, Dr. Alex Otti, OFR, on Abia State at 32 and your successful completion of 100 days in office as the Executive Governor of Abia State.

Your Excellency, you worked so hard to achieve this feat and you are a dream come true for Abians.

Your transformation programme in line with your agenda for a new Abia is speedily bringing Abia State to its rightful place especially as she turns 32.

Once more, congratulations Your Excellency.

Congratulations to Abia at 32.

  
**LADY SOPHIA OGOKE (JP)**  
Head of Service  
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