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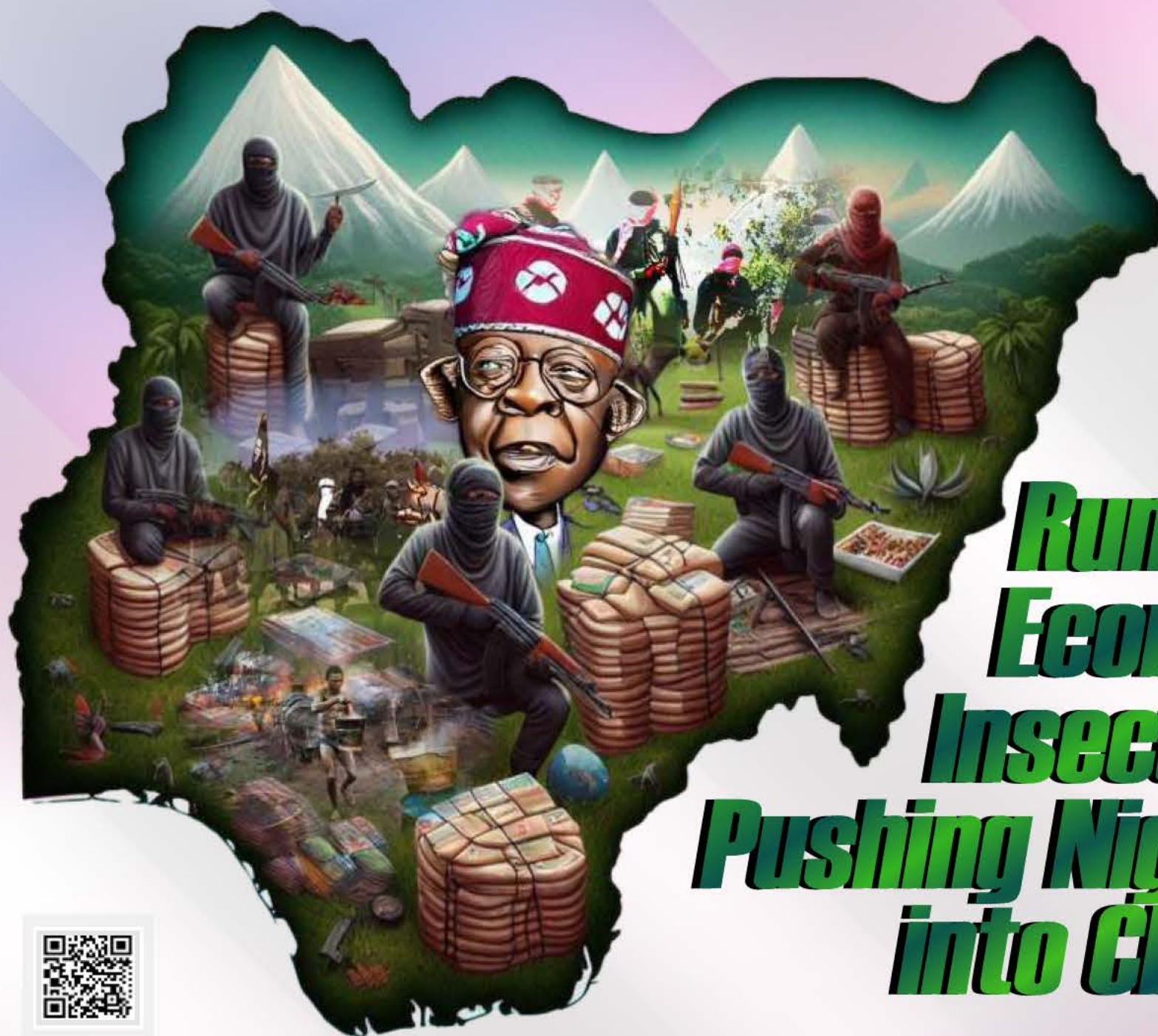
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We also wish to congratulate you and the good people of Abia State and thanks to the Almighty God for your recent victory at the Supreme Court that validate the mandate of Nd! Abia at the 18th March, 2023 Governorship election, that have secured your 4 years In the office.

We also want to encourage your government for the under-listed giant strides since you assumed office.

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- Creation of Greater Aba Development Authority (GADA).

- Commissioning of Abia Industrial Park.

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- Commissioning of Abia Modular Refinery.

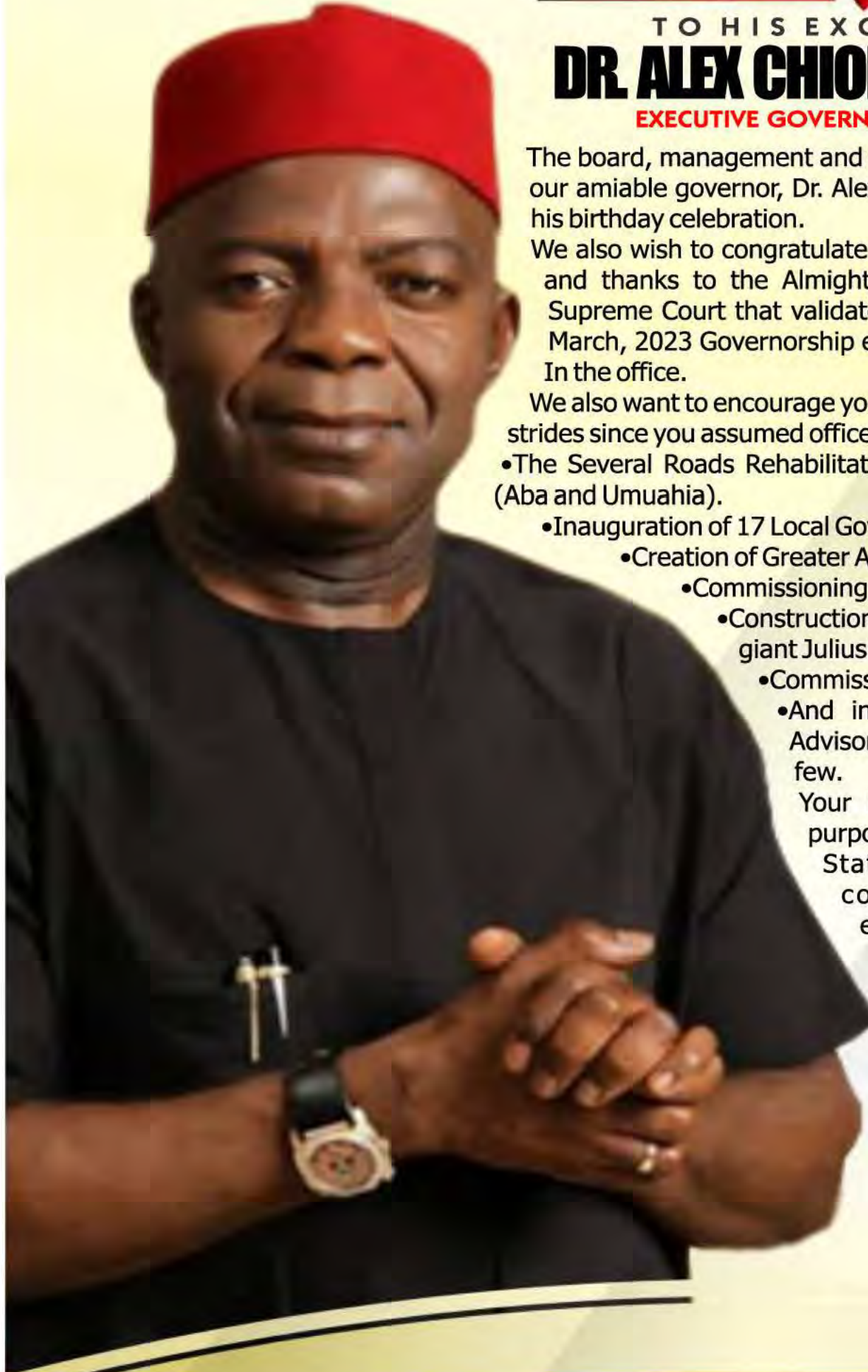
- And inauguration of Abia Global Economic Advisory Council (AGEAC) to mention but a few.

Your Excellency, we believe that by your purpose driven focus government in Abia State that U.O.O. Group and other companies that abandoned their establishments in Aba more especially along Port Harcourt Road occasioned by bad road and insecurity, will consider coming back for business.

God bless Dr. Alex Chioma Otti (OFR)

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Congrats to the people's governor on your birthday celebration this year 2024.

**Best wishes sir.**

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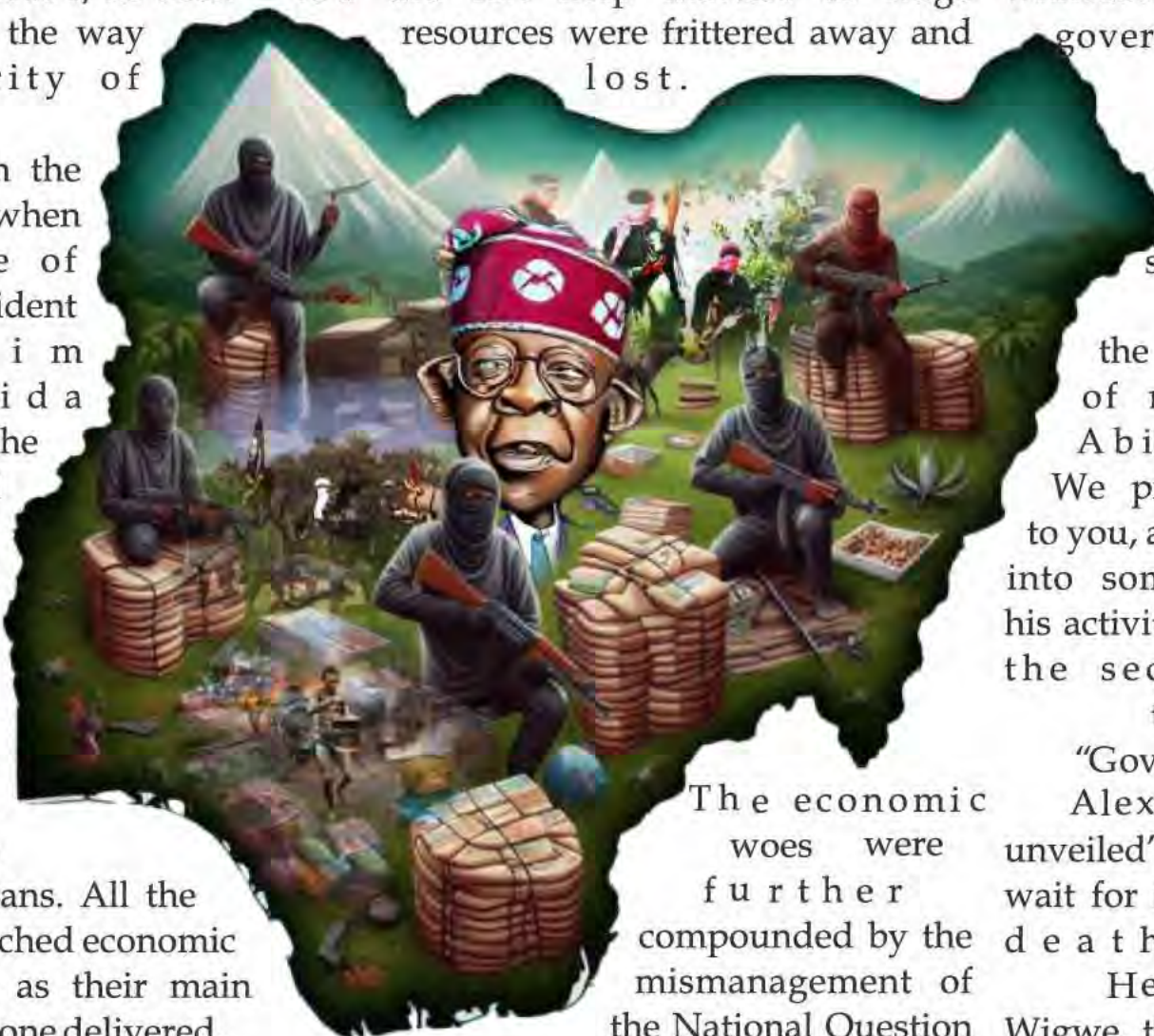
## TAMING THE TOUGH TIMES IN NIGERIA

This edition dwells on the economic difficulties and insecurity that has exacerbated the tough times in Nigeria. Majority of Nigerians are used to tough times but it has never been this bad. Since the affluent period of the oil boom evaporated in the early 1980's, its been tough times all the way for majority of Nigerians.

Starting from the late 1980's when the regime of Military President Ibrahim Babangida introduced the Structural Adjustment Programme (SAP) up till the Abacha Era in the 1990's, it has been tough going for a lot of Nigerians. All the regimes preached economic rejuvenation as their main mantra, yet none delivered.

The only reprieve came in the period of 2004-2007 during the second tenure of President Olusegun Obasanjo, who with the help of Dr Ngozi Okonjo Iweala and other eggheads got Nigeria's huge debt cancelled. Dr Ngozi Okonjo Iweala who is now the Director General of the World Trade Organization (WTO) also instituted several economic reforms that enabled the economy to grow again.

The reforms suffered various degrees of dilution from subsequent regimes that came after President Obasanjo, beginning from the regime of late President Umaru Yardua in 2007. The entrant of the Boko Haram insurgency in the north in 2009 and upsurge in corruption did not help matters as huge resources were frittered away and lost.



The economic woes were further compounded by the mismanagement of the National Question

by President Buhari which gave rise to insecurity and insurgency in the South East. Just the same way it helped to midwife banditry and kidnapping in the North.

However, the economic woes of the past pales into insignificance when compared to what obtains now. The details of the economic woes occasioned by spiraling inflation and insecurity and the way out are encapsulated in the cover story.

Back home in Abia, the Governor of the State, HE Dr Alex Chioma Otti has continued to amaze many with his style of governance that is putting

smiles on the faces of many Abians. We present to you, a peep into some of his activities in the section titled

"Governor Alex Otti unveiled" and wait for it, the death of Herbert Wigwe, the ex-chief executive officer of Access

Holdings plc. shocked many. We bring you an abridged version of his life and times in the section titled Herbert Wigwe, the death of an entrepreneur extraordinary. There are plenty more. It's a bumper edition Happy Reading

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### DR. ALEX CHIOMA OTTI (OFR)

EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF ABIA STATE

The Central Working Executive Committee (CWEC) of Nzuko Arochukwu worldwide heartily felicitates with Your Excellency on your victory at the Supreme Court.

Your dedication to duty and focused leadership in your effort to transform Abia is well noted across Nigeria and beyond. We note particularly your giant strides in infrastructural development that includes the following;

- a. The reconstruction of Ozu Abam-Ndi Okererke-Arochukwu Road.
- b. The reposition of the Abia State College of Education (Technical) Arochukwu for greatness.
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d. The setting up of Abia Asset Recovery Panel to recover Abia's looted funds.

e. The war on filth that has made Abia a clean State.

f. The massive road construction across the state but particularly in Aba and Umuahia and numerous other things that cannot be mentioned here because of space.

Therefore, our wish is that God will grant you good health and longevity to lead Abia to the promised land of good governance, infrastructure development and economic transformation that will impact on the generality of Abia citizens and indeed, Nigerians.

*Mazi Nnadozie Udensi*  
Mazi Nnadozie Udensi ( Ugwu Aro)  
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Congrats to the people's governor on your birthday celebration.  
We are happy to associate with you on the numerous achievements made by your administration within the short period of time. We wish you a successful tenure in office. Congratulations once again sir.

**LEAD STORY**



# ECONOMIC HARDSHIP, INSECURITY PUSHING NIGERIA INTO CHAOS

By: Abia Onyike and Jones Ike

“The security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government” (section 1412) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as amended.

The above quote which is lifted from the constitution is the basis of Governance not just in Nigeria but other climes.

However, current trends in Nigeria seems to put the realization of this noble objective in reverse gear by two main factors; a runaway economy driven by inflation and insecurity.

This situation has been the norm for some years but is currently spiraling out of control to the extent that it is threatening the very foundation of the Nigerian State.

Over the past few decades in Nigeria, insecurity has spiraled

due to a variety of violent phenomena that includes but not limited to terrorist activities in the entire Northern region of the country, banditry across the regions, farmer-herder clashes across the region but particularly in the middle belt including the Benue valley, insurgency in the South East occasioned by successionist demands, oil theft and bunkering in the Niger Delta, armed robbery, kidnapping and other violent crimes in the South West, inter-communal clashes across the federation, politically induced violence, cultist attacks etc.

Insecurity in Nigeria has gone full circle. One perspective writer has noted that Nigeria seems to have degenerated into a low-level war situation with more people dying from insecurity than in several other places in the world where there is

actual warfare.

Several States including the Federal Capital Territory and other communities are now under the siege of kidnapers, armed robbers, ritualists, bandits and sundry other criminals. The

spate of insecurity especially banditry and armed robbery as is now prevalent in several parts of the country thereby making interstate travels quite a nightmarish experience for so many commuters.

The situation is even made worst by the exorbitant airfare which Airline Operators charge for air travel which makes land travel the only realistic choice for many in Nigeria.

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**LEAD STORY**

**ECONOMIC HARDSHIP, INSECURITY...**

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The degree of insecurity varies amongst the regions of the country with the Middle Belt being the worst hit. In Plateau State, over 400 people were killed in repeated attacks on farming communities in Mangu Local Government Area of Plateau State including the gruesome massacre of over 200 people in Bokko's and Barkin-Ladi communities on the Eve of Christmas in 2023.

Other states like Zamfara, Katsina, Sokoto, Niger, Kaduna, Nasarawa, Benue and the outlying districts of the Federal Capital Territory have been under the siege of bandits and criminals for sometime now without any real effective response from the government. This is not forgetting the recent upsurge in kidnapping and banditry in the South West region of the country including the gruesome murder of some monarchs in Ekiti State.

In the South South, there is an upsurge in bunkering activities which is also fueling insecurity in the region. Currently the security agencies have their hands filled up in a renewed effort to contain the upsurge.

Insecurity still pervades the entire South East with the Imo-Anambra axis being the worst hit.

However, the Abia axis seems to have been witnessing a steady decline in violent crimes as a result of the effective security mechanism that has been put in place by the Gov.

Alex Otti government to contain violent crimes.

Actually, the Umunnuchi axis which in the past was the epicenter of criminality in the entire south east is now quiet because of the re-organization of the Lokpanta cattle market that served as a logistic base for criminals.

A report compiled under the auspices of Civil Society Joint Action Group, titled "End Mass Atrocities, Secure Nigeria and Ensure Accountability for Victims" gave an account of Nigerians that have been killed or abducted within the past eight months as follows; 2,423 were killed through violent attacks while 1,872 were abducted between the period of June 2023 and January 2024. The figures have since gone up. The report also indicates that 24,081 people lost their lives due to insecurity between the period of 2019 and 2023 while 15,597 were abducted.

The choking grip which insecurity is having on the Nigeria citizenry is further compounded by a runaway economy in a topsy-turvy, characterized by foreign exchange volatility and attendant inflationary pressure on cost of goods and services.

The insecurity that is making social life a nightmarish experience in many parts of the country has been made worse by a downturn in the economy. A meltdown that is being fueled by spiraling inflation, power black outs and continuous devaluation



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•Ekpa



of the naira.

The floatation of the naira to address the inherited fundamental structural problems in foreign exchange mechanism plus the removal of subsidy on premium motor spirit have combined with the pervading insecurity in the land to choke majority of low-income earners thereby pushing more people into the very poor bracket.

The free fall of the naira against the foreign currencies notably the dollar and pounds plus a continuous rise in the cost of petroleum products has translated into a contentious rise in the cost of goods and services. The situation is compounded by the weakening of power supply which has occasioned more power outages with negative implications for the productive sector.

In a nutshell, the worsening economic situation is impacting negatively on the purchasing power of the average Nigerian thereby imposing untold hardship on a hapless citizenry.

Experts posit that even though the Tinubu Administration inherited a comatose economy, it is an

illusion to reset it on the same weak foundation and expect a positive result. They posit that the twin corrective policies of this administration which is anchored on unification of the exchange rate and removal of scam ridden fuel subsidy even though quite a plausible and well-meaning intention cannot work because it is anchored on a weak foundation that includes a dysfunctional governance structure.

They further contend that an unproductive economy, lacking the capacity for value addition to local resources and having no real capacity to generate power for productivity combined with widespread insecurity do not require window dressing. It requires real hard thinking and imaginative ways out of the logjam.

Nigeria is clearly swerving towards the edge of a precipice as was clearly warned by the Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Mohammed Saad Abubakar III, whom while speaking under the umbrella of Northern Traditional Council (NTC) during its 6th executive meeting in Kaduna when he told the Federal Government in

unmistakable terms that the hardship, insecurity, poverty and unemployment in Nigeria particularly in the North was getting to a level they could no longer pacify their people from revolting.

It is also the same message that was conveyed by the Emir of Kano to the First Lady, Sen. Oluremi Tinubu during her recent outing in Kano.

Several other personalities and groups have been speaking out on the need for a well thought out and fundamental resolution of the Nigerian logjam.

Many also point out to a restructuring of the governance system and the adoption of a new constitution as being imperative for the resolution of the present crises of the nation state.

Indeed, the current situation in Nigeria is very dire and requires urgent resolutions if the country is to be pulled back from the edge of the precipice as a dip over might confer political consequences which outcome might be uncertain.



# 59 HAPPY CHEERS TO A 5 STAR GOVERNOR

On behalf of the entire management and staff of Rock Results Group, Nigeria Limited, we warmly felicitate with you, Your Excellency, Dr Alex Otti, OFR, the Executive Governor of Abia State, on your 59th birthday, today.

It is our fervid prayers that the good Lord continue to bless and keep you in good health of mind and body, for more quality services to Ndi Abia, and to Nigeria at large.

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EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF ABIA STATE

The Vice-Chancellor, on behalf of the Senate and Management of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, heartily felicitate with the Executive Governor of Abia State, His Excellency, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti (OFR) on the occasion of his 59th birthday celebration.

Your Excellency, since your inception as the Executive Governor of Abia State, you have greatly employed your wealth of knowledge towards the economic growth, the construction and maintenance of roads and the general infrastructural development in the State, speaks volumes about your personality.

Indeed, we are proud of the giant strides you have achieved so far, which is born out of your tenaciousness and zeal towards your target for development in Health and Education sectors.

**Happy birthday, His Excellency.**

**Dr. Mrs. Nkeiruka Charity Mbanasor**  
Registrar and Secretary to Council



**GOVERNOR ALEX OTTI UNVEILED**

# AND HERE COMETH!! THE RESTORER OF THE VINE YARD

By: Jones Ike



**D**r. Alex Chioma Otti, started off his tenure on May 29th 2023 from the ashes of a ruined state, desolate cities and a broken people.

Indeed the situation then could be likened to the Achebe's fabled scenario in 'Things Fall Apart' in which the chief protagonist 'Okonkwo' started life from ground zero as he inherited nothing from his poor father 'Unoka' whom Achebe would describe thus 'In his days, he was lazy and an improvident man and quite incapable of thinking about tomorrow'.

Achebe was to categorize Unoka further thus 'If any money came his way and it seldom did, he immediately bought pots of palm wine, called neighbours and made merry.

Unoka was of course a debtor and owed every neighbour some money, from a few cowries to quite some substantial amount. That was years ago when he was poor and his wife and children had barely enough to eat.

People laughed at him because he was a loafer and they swore never to loan him money because he never paid back'.

The net effect of Unoka's physical and mental attitude was that his family was plunged into poverty and people laughed at

*Those from among you shall build the old wastes places; You shall raise up the foundation of many generations; And you shall be called the repairer of the Breach, the restorer of streets to dwell.*  
**Isaiah 58:12**

his family and his son Okonkwo started out from ground zero.

The same fabled Unoka's is perhaps what played out for decades in Abia State before May 29th, 2023 when Dr. Alex was inaugurated into office.

The government that Dr. Alex Otti inherited was a bankrupt one that reduced the state into a laughing stock in Nigeria.

It owed banks, contractors, workers and pensioners. It had the worst indices of development with Aba its commercial nerve centre being rated as the least developed city in Nigeria.

There was acute dilapidation of both urban and rural infrastructure in those "locust years".

Undoubtedly, the state which had the potential of being one of the most prosperous in the

country became the butts of jokes especially amongst Easterners on account of its disgraceful low development index.

Infact, His Excellency Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, said it repeatedly that he was inspired to quit his lucrative job in the banking sector for the murky and unstable terrain of partisan politics because he was tired of being pitied on account of his being an Abia indigene.

He was not alone, most Abians who themselves are inheritors of a past history of heroism, courage and prosperity were boxed into being ashamed of themselves on account of current happenings in their beloved state.

A state that had a past history of being ruled by visionary and self-sacrificing leaders like Dr. Michael Okpara, Dr. Akanu

Ibiam and Chief Sam Mbakwe was reduced into a poor state and lot where people complained, cried and wept. A lot also died.

However, God has a way of arranging his own things and as was promised to his own people in Isaiah 58:12, the restorer of the vine yard came in the person of Dr. Alex Chioma Otti and as was true of his proverbial metaphor in 'Things Fall Apart' where the young 'Okonkwo' was described as 'Clearly cut out for great things'.

A state that was for decades messed up is clearly witnessing a renaissance in all realms of governance.

Eight months down the line, there has been a resetting of governance structure and processes that has seen the negative indices that were

blossoming during the locust years now being reversed in geometric progressions.

Understandably the alienation that was prevalent in the citizens/governance relationship prior to May 29th 2023, has taken a bad seat.

Governor Otti who came into power through popular support has continued to enjoy such support through meeting up the expectations and aspirations of the people.

Majority of the people are happy with their political leader as is evident in the mammoth crowd that greets the governor any time he steps out into the street.

The smiles, gaits and confidence are back and Abians are increasingly gazing into the future with a lot more optimism. No governor could have wished for more.

Most importantly, the state is also acquiring the toga of being a reference point for good governance in the country. In all we could say that the restorer is here and still tilling the ground and clearing the cobwebs.

God's purpose for his mission is increasingly becoming self-evident by the works that Gov. Otti has so far done.

# GOVERNOR ALEX OTTI UNVEILED

## INAUGURATION CEREMONY



**GOVERNOR ALEX OTTI UNVEILED**



**Governance with a Human Face:  
Unmasking the Quintessential Gov. Otti  
'WHOM DO PEOPLE SAY I AM'**

*'When Jesus came into the coast of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples saying, 'whom do men say that I, the son of man I am?' And they said some say 'that thou art John the Baptist. Some Elias and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets. He said unto them, but who say ye that I am? Mathew 16:13-14 Jesus asked his disciples these questions because he knew that people were confused and perhaps mystified about his personality and his mission on earth.*

*It is in like manner that we pose these rhetorical questions about our protagonist, Alex Chioma Otti. Beyond the appellation, His Excellency, Doctor, Mazi, Chief and other colourations to his status, both earned and inherited; Beyond the cheers of the millions and Jeers of a few cynics; Who is actually the miracle worker and the unusual politician, who now straddles the Nigerian political landscape like a colossus?*



## GOVERNOR ALEX OTTI UNVEILED

The effort to unearth the real man and his mission in the state is not an easy one and hence should be likened to the quest by the proverbial seven blind men who went to see the elephant with each presenting the aspects that impacted his perception the most.

In like manner, the effort at unmasking the quintessential Alex Chioma Otti and his impact on the governance of the state should be seen as a modest one which is by no means exhaustive.

For any discerning mind, it is very easy to extrapolate some significant character traits of the Alex Otti personage with the first being an exceedingly brilliant mind interwoven with hard work.

Dr. Alex Otti wears his brilliance like a badge. A checklist of his educational qualifications and professional career attests to this assertion.

He made a distinction at the school certificate examination and a grade one at Ngwa High School, Aba, which he earned at the West African School Certificate Examination (WASC). He earned a first class in Economics at the tertiary level from the University of Port Harcourt.

He equally emerged as the best graduating student at the University of Port Harcourt. He achieved a Ph.D. in Economics at a record time.

Such brilliance and hard work were carried forward into his adult working career capping it up with exceptional upward mobility in the banking sector within a record time.

He served in very sensitive positions in three of the top most banks in Nigeria. He was as an Executive Director at both the United Bank for Africa (UBA) and the First Bank of Nigeria with responsibilities for several critical markets, sectors and departments.

He was later appointed the Managing Director of the then Diamond Bank. His tenure at the Diamond Bank is best illustrated by the

Gov. Alex Otti, is a man with unquestionable integrity that he combines with a quest for perfection. These values have also impacted positively on his leadership of the state.

In fact, it could be rightly stated that all the monumental developments that have taken place these past seven to eight months have been made possible by the integrity of the top managers of the state and the institution of a culture of openness, transparency and due process in the management of state resources.

Nobody pinches the state resources again and Abia resources have become solely made to work for Abia people. For once, state resources are managed in manners that brings out the best value for the people.

Interwoven with his life of personal integrity is his quest for perfection. His Excellency, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, does not believe in half measures. He believes that anything worth doing is worth doing very well. His love for perfection could easily be discerned from the well-trimmed flowers in his personal residence as well as his love for the arts.

It could also be discerned from his very orderly lifestyle, his love for his wife and family, just the same way that his closely knit and disciplined nuclear family which has been completely primed away from the public glare is also very well known to many.

At the level of statecraft, it could be discerned from his bringing in the best contractors like Julius Berger to construct some of the most difficult roads, as well as the rebuilding of public sector buildings and equipping them with the state-of-the-art furnishing and equipments.

It can also be discerned in the equipping of the general hospitals as modern health facilities to the purchasing of SUV utility vehicles for top political appointees. It can also be discerned from his messianic quest to close up all the

The value of such discipline, order and integrity in office will be fully appreciated when it is realized that the 'locust years' of the state was characterised by a great deal of indiscipline, sleaze and disorder in the management of statecraft.

The values of discipline and integrity in office and respect for rules have been enshrined as part of the guiding principles of the current state administration

These values have been practically translated into deep respect and adherence to extant rules and regulations which has enabled cost saving

measures and extraction of the best values for services delivered.

It has also enabled a quick and quality service delivery at all levels of governance.

The battle to enshrine a culture of discipline is still on and raging. The recent establishment of a committee by the state executive council to enforce discipline amongst public sector workers is all part of the efforts to enshrine discipline in the state.

This is also not forgetting the fact that Gov. Alex Otti is a man imbued with very strong Christian convictions that has translated into various personal charity works as well as an abiding care for people, especially the weak, the vulnerable, women and children.

His love for people found practical expression in his declaration to help the

beleaguered people when he coined his campaign slogan 'Weep No More, help is on the way'.

His love and a quest to help the people was further reiterated in his manifesto document when he asserted thus 'So why do I still want to be governor if I am already doing so much as a private citizen? It is because I want to deploy my immense wealth of experience in the private sector and the verifiable record of excellence and passion for the development of Abia to possibly serve the greatest number of people across all parts of the state.

I have an overwhelming desire to return the lost glory of our state by harnessing the tremendous human and material resources in our land to build a prosperous, peaceful and decent society, and a place we can all be proud to call home'.

His love and abiding commitment to provide selfless service still found further expression in another segment of his manifesto when he asserted thus 'My biggest motivation, the very thing that has sustained me on this journey through the years is nothing short of a passionate desire to serve our people and reclaim our state from the grip of those who see politics as a money making venture and return power to the people and making you (the people) masters of your individual and collective destinies'.

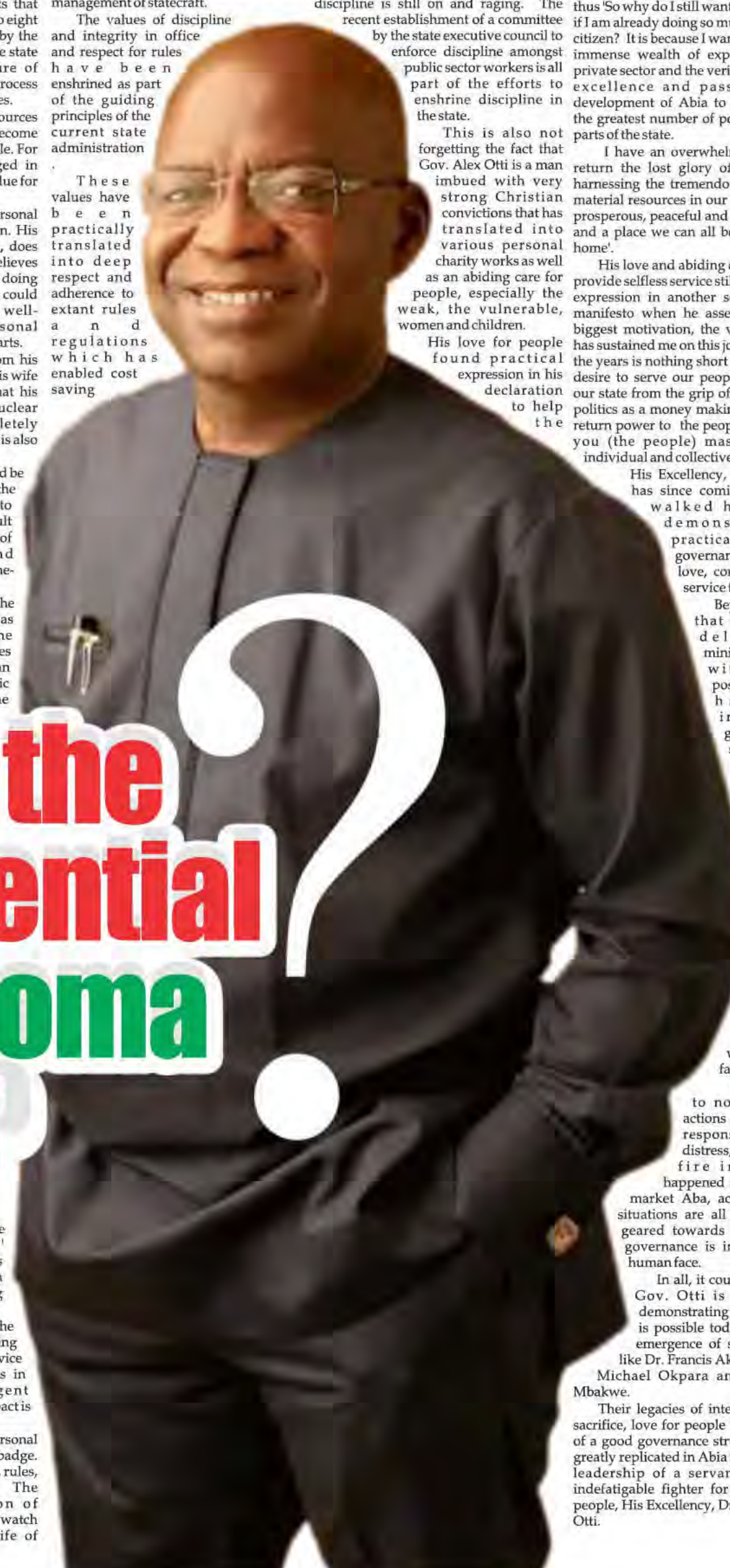
His Excellency, Dr. Alex Otti, has since coming into office walked his talk by demonstrating in practical terms that governance is all about love, commitment and service to the people.

Beyond ensuring that services are delivered at minimum cost and with the best possible speed, he has also instituted a governance structure that has a human face. Such polices as the ban on touting and harassment of citizens are all measures that are geared towards ensuring that government policy actions are carried out with a human face.

It is also good to note that such actions as the prompt response to citizens distress, whether it is a fire incident as happened at Ngwa Road market Aba, accidents, crime situations are all policy actions geared towards ensuring that governance is imbued with a human face.

In all, it could be said that Gov. Otti is increasingly demonstrating the fact that it is possible today to have the emergence of selfless leaders like Dr. Francis Akanu Ibiom, Dr. Michael Okpara and Chief Sam Mbakwe.

Their legacies of integrity in office, sacrifice, love for people and institution of a good governance structure is being greatly replicated in Abia State under the leadership of a servant leader and indefatigable fighter for an oppressed people, His Excellency, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti.



# Who is the quintessential Alex Chioma Otti

remark made by the revered Igwe Nnaemeka

Achebe, the Obi of Onitsha who referred to the period he headed the bank as the 'The Brightest Year of Diamond Bank's 24 years history

Gov. Otti has brought forward his value of brilliance to impact positively on statecraft in Abia since his inauguration into office. Firstly, most of his political appointees are brilliant, talented and hard-working professionals who have an abiding hunger for service delivery.

The governor and his top management team personally interviews most of the political appointees to be certain that they fit into the position they seek. It is no longer business as usual where sensitive political positions were given to every Tom, Dick and Harry just to satisfy political considerations.

Essentially, meritocracy has been restored as the chief criteria for recruitment into the public service. That Abia is working again owe a lot to the value of brilliance and hard work which Dr. Alex Otti has brought to bear on the system of governance in the state.

Closely associated with the value of brilliance and hard work is his personal integrity and a quest for perfection.

pot holes in our urban cities through the 'operation zero pot holes' programmes in the state as well as the light up the city projects which has seen to an aggressive lightening up of the city centres.

The value of brilliance and the quest for perfection is also impacting positively in the form of quality service delivery and quick interventions in situations that require urgent government intervention. The impact is indeed legion.

Not to be forgotten, is his personal discipline which he wears like a badge. Gov. Alex Otti is a stickler for time, rules, regulations and conventions. The aggressive implementation of SERVICOM in the state under his watch is infact a carry-over of his life of discipline.

## GOVERNOR ALEX OTTI UNVEILED

# GOV ALEX CHIOMA OTTI AND FAMILY



**GLIMPSES OF GOV. OTTI'S GIANT STRIDES IN ABIA**

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**T**he opening statement of Gov. Otti's campaign manifesto states thus, 'It is my earnest commitment to see that in our life time, the full glory of Abia would be restored from the ruins and ashes wrecked on her by over two decades of mindless looting and clueless governance'.

The opportunity of clinking glasses and toasting at God's mercies, in granting the Governor good health, wisdom and good life presents an opportunity of taking a quick introspective glance at some of his efforts at rebuilding Abia State from the desolation and ruins of the past as was clearly encapsulated in the opening statement of his "Campaign Manifesto".

Such strides could be summarized under some broad categories;

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# Transformation of the Philosophical Foundation of Governance

The most fundamental stride could perhaps be regarded as the ongoing change in the philosophical foundation of governance, which Gov. Otti is championing.

The resetting of the philosophical foundation from its previous practice as an instrument for state capture and private accumulation of capital to a new philosophical foundation which sees governance practice as an instrument for development, for the provision of welfare services and security to the people, has led to the establishment of good governance structure in the state with the following characteristics.

## (A) ENTHRONEMENT OF A NEW ECONOMIC PARADIGM

A critical part of this new philosophical assumption is the enshrinement of new economic policies that sees economic practice as an instrument to achieve prosperity for the majority of the people instead of a few elite and their cronies.

## (B) STABILITY IN PUBLIC SECTOR WAGE BILL.

The flow out of such new economic assumptions has been the execution of public policies which has enabled a stability in the settlement of public sector wage bills, the execution of several empowerment programmes and the prompt settlement of contractual obligations within agreed time frames.

Such policies like the payment of public sector workers on 28th day of every month which looked impossible to achieve when it was first announced has become a norm in the state. In like manner, several empowerment programmes like the NG-Cares programme which has seen a lot of individuals and small-scale companies gaining access to grants and loans are all part of the new economic assumption that seeks to achieve prosperity for the people. The same is true of the settlement of contractual obligations within the agreed time frames.

## (C) RESTORATION OF INTEGRITY AND EFFICIENCY IN PUBLIC SERVICE

A fundamental element of this new philosophical assumption might perhaps be seen as the enshrinement of a culture of efficiency and integrity in public service delivery.

Right from his first day in office as the Executive Governor of the state, Dr. Alex Otti, has worked tirelessly to enthrone a new culture of efficiency and integrity in public service delivery. Part of the physical structures that has been erected to ensure the institutionalization of this culture has been the reorganization of the Ministry of Budget & planning as well as fiscal discipline in public finance management, the reorganization of the Due Process Office and strict adherence to due process, transparency and openness in public procurement.

There has also been the reorganization of SERVICOM as an instrument for addressing the syndrome of laziness, absenteeism

and lateness to work in the labour force as well as efforts aimed at weeding out ghost workers from the work force.

All these policies are aimed towards enthroning a new culture of integrity and efficiency in public service delivery and it has assisted in achieving a government that is once again working.

## (D) Restoration of the Merit Principle in Public Service Recruitment.

One of the invisible actions which Governor Otti is championing is the restoration of the merit principle in public service recruitment. The undermining of this very

important principle has always been the bane of third world politics as it contributes quite significantly towards perpetuating inefficiency, corruption and under development.

In Abia State, for decades, the merit principle in the recruitment of public officers was greatly undermined in favour of crass opportunism, greed and selfishness. The result was that the

bureaucracy which is a very important instrument for the public service delivery could not properly and efficiently discharge that responsibility. The efficient and quick service delivery that the State is currently witnessing since May 29th, when Governor Otti was inaugurated into office is all part of the result of employing officers into the public service based on the merit principle. In years to come, history will be very kind to Governor Otti for restoring some of these principles that may not be overtly understood by the general public but which are quite fundamental in achieving genuine development.

One of the essential elements in the new economic policies being conceived and implemented in Abia is a remarkable innovative approach to governance that is working. This new innovative approach is characterized by some main elements viz;



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## (E) INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO GOVERNANCE.

### (I) ESTABLISHMENT OF PARTNERSHIPS THAT WORK.

Right from his inception into office, Governor Otti has been very aggressive in harvesting the massive goodwill and contact at his disposal to fast track the development of the state. This approach has enabled the harvesting of critical national and international contacts as partners in the socio-economic development of the state. Such notable economic and financial big wigs whose influence and voices matter over investments and strategic projects in the country have been harvested to join the efforts at developing Abia Economy through the following structural processes;

a. The Transition Council.

The Transition Council was the first Structural Process which Gov Otti established to harness the brilliance, experience and goodwill of several brilliant minds and top professionals who transformed his campaign manifesto document into a practical instrument for public policy action.

b. The Global Economic Advisory Council.

Another of such partnerships that has been established by Governor Alex Otti to fast track the development of Abia State is the recently inaugurated Global Economic Advisory Council. The Council was conceived by Governor Otti as a key advisory body that offers strategic insights and recommendations to guide his economic and investment's policies. It is part of his administration's strategic plan to ensure overall economic development of Abia State. The big names that are members of the Council speak volumes about the respect which Governor Otti has amongst national and economic players. The Global Economic Advisory Council has the following big names as members; Dr Aruma Oteh, (Chairman), His Majesty, Mohammed Sanusi II, (Co Chairman), Mr Bolaji Balogun, (Co-chairman). Other members includes: Mr Victor Onyenkpa, Mrs Ifueko Okauru, Mr Chidi Ajaegbu, Mr Uche Orji, Mrs Ndidi Nwuneli, Mr Chika Nwobi, Dr Olugbenga Adesida, Prof Ndubuisi Ekeke, Mazi Clement Owunna, Dr Uzodinma Iweala, Mrs Ezinwa Okorafor, Mr George Agu, Mazi Uzo Nwankwo, Mr Chinedu Azodoh, and Prof Peter Tufano of Harvard Bussiness School. Dr Ngozi Okonjo- Iweala and Dr Benedick Oramah, the capital president of Afreximbank are to serve as Honourary Advisors.



### (2). ABIA INDUSTRIAL INNOVATIVE PARK (AIIP).

The Abia Innovative Industrial Park is another of such innovative approaches to governance that was established to fast track the industrial development of Abia State. The AIIP is currently benefitting from the partnerships and goodwill that Governor Alex Otti has established over time. The Project that is situated in over 1,000 hectares of land in the oil rich communities of Owaza, Uzoaku and Okohia will house manufacturing concerns such as Technology Innovation Centres, Modern Vehicle Manufacturing Plants, LNG & CNG Tank Farms as well as Haulage and Warehousing Facilities. Others include Agricultural & Storage Facilities, Modular Refineries, Mini Seaport, Industrial kits and Equipment Production as well as a Carbon Neutral Residential Estate.

The AIIP was conceived to leverage on the many advantages that siting the project at the location had which includes oil and gas deposits, nearness to Aba and Port Harcourt cities, abundance of skilled labour and a secure environment for a smooth and uninterrupted production of goods and services.

Currently, several investors are taking advantage of the AIIP to site manufacturing plants in the State.

### (3). EASE OF DOING BUSINESS.

One other very vital component of the innovative economic policies being implemented in the State under Gov. Otti's able leadership is the aggressive implementation of policies that aid 'ease of doing business' in the State.

Such policy actions like transparency, openness and due process in public procurement, fiscal discipline, issuance of 'C of O' within one month by the Ministry of land and Housing, judicial reforms, massive infrastructural development etc are all policy actions that aid the 'ease of doing business' in the State.

Abia is already reaping the benefits as the latest indices on 'ease of doing business' in Nigeria indicates that Abia is moving down the ladder from her pre-May 29th 2023 position of 28th position amongst the 36 states to its present 14th position. It is expected that

by the time current policy actions take real effect, the state will further climb down the ladder.

### (4) ESTABLISHMENT OF GREATER ABA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY(GADA)

One of the key elements of the new approach to governance being implemented by Gov. Alex Otti is the establishment of a developmental agency that is solely devoted to the development of the Enyimba city as a foremost centre of commerce and industry in Nigeria. The law establishing the Agency has already been passed by the Abia State House of Assembly and assented to by the Governor as law. The Agency is presently engaged in efforts at realizing the Aba master plan which will reposition the city as a mega commercial and industrial hub.

### (5). ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EFFECTIVE SECURITY MECHANISM.

Abia was also one of the crime ridden states in Nigeria, Governor Otti has effectively contained this ugly situation through the launching of 'Operation Crush'. The successful operation of Abia innovative approach at fighting crime has led to a drastic drop of crime incidences in the state. Governor Otti, has continued to garner accolades for successfully routing out criminals in the Umunnuchi LGA axis of the state who used the Lokpanta cattle market as their logistics headquarters to terrorise the entire area for several years.

### (6) RESETTING THE MDA'S FOR PROGRESS.

There has been a fundamental reconstitution of the operations of the various Ministries, departments and Parastatals in manners that enhance efficient service delivery and with minimal cost to the public treasury.

Today, the once comatose ministries and parastatals which were before May 29th, 2023 dormant and inactive behemoths are now active and achieving service delivery at a speed that confounds many. Several examples of how effective these public institutions have been transformed into under the able leadership of Dr. Alex Chioma Otti abound but few examples will suffice here.

## GOVERNOR ALEX OTTI UNVEILED - PICTORIALS

### Establishing Partnership that works The Inauguration of the Abia Global Economics Council (AGEC)



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# RESETTING THE MDA'S FOR PROGRESS. I. THE MINISTRY OF WORKS

The Ministry of Works through its direct labour mechanism has ensured not only the speedy execution of road projects by contractors but also has evolved a direct labour mechanism to ensure the successful execution of 'Operation zero tolerance for potholes in the State'. This policy has led to the aggressive reconstruction of the urban roads, most of which were in various stages of degradation. Today most of the inner-city roads of Aba and Umuahia are increasingly wearing new looks. The Ministry has awarded several major road contracts to reputable contractors for rehabilitation, construction and distilling of drainages. Some of these roads which were hitherto in intolerable state of disrepair have been completed and commissioned while several others are under various stages of completion. It will be right to state that under the able leadership of Governor Alex Otti, the state is currently blazing the trail in road construction in the country. Most pundits are also of the opinion that Abia is now a huge construction site on account of the quantity and quality goods that is being constructed and delivered.

The coming on board of Dr Alex Otti on May 29, 2023 as the fifth executive governor of Abia State has brought great transformation in the infrastructure development of the state. The governor through the numerous roads construction/rehabilitation turned Abia into a huge construction site. Within the last eight months, more than 80 roads have either been reconstructed or works on-going. There is no doubt, that these roads, when fully completed would ease difficulties in transportation, stimulate socio-economic activities and enhance aesthetic values of the affected cities and communities. The construction of Port-Harcourt Road, Aba, dualisation of Express Tower-Ossah and the reconstruction of Umuahia -Uzuakoli-Ohafia Express Roads stand out as the signature projects of this administration.



■ Engr Don Otumchere Oti.  
Hon. Commissioner works



■ Flag Off Ceremony Of Portharcourt Road Aba



■ Omuma By Eziukwu Road Aba



■ Emelogu Road Aba



■ Different Views Of Omuma Road Towards Slaughter, Aba



■ Uzuakoli Road, Umuahia after maintenance



■ Umuimo Road Aba



■ Ossah Road Expansion, Umuahia



■ Different Views Of People's Road Aba



■ Uwalaka by shoprite Umuahia after maintenance



■ Uwalaka towards Oriegba Umuahia after maintenance



■ Old Umuahia rail way crossing, Umuahia after maintainace





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**ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE**



■ Cemetery Road across the Rail, Aba



■ Cemetery Road By Osusu, Aba



■ Cemetery Road Phase 1 Aba



■ Green Avenue Road Aba: Before and after maintenance



■ No. 1 Portharcourt Road Aba



■ Shalom Road, Aba



■ MCC/Old Express Road Aba



■ Cemetery Road By Railway, Aba



■ Ehimiri Road, Umuahia Under Maintenance



■ Umuoba/New Umuahia Road Aba



■ Udeagbala Road Aba



■ World Bank Road by World Bank Primary School, Umuahia



■ Agbama Road, Umuahia: Before and after maintenance



■ Portharcourt Road By Holywood Aba

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## 2. THE MINISTRY OF LANDS AND HOUSING

The Ministry of lands and buildings inside the government Housing is currently spearheading the rehabilitation and reconstruction of several public sector buildings. Most of these buildings were hitherto in various stages of dilapidation.

Some of such rehabilitated public sector buildings include the State Secretariat Complex, the Commissioners Quarters, Michael Okpara Auditorium, several

house complex, the Ministry of Agriculture complex, Abia Newspapers and Publishing Corporation Headquarters, the Law Reform Commission Building etc.

It also good to note that the Ministry has engaged in land reforms that has enabled the issuance of the C of O document within 30 days of application.



*HE. Dr Alex Chioma Otti signing the first batch of C of O that were obtained under 30 days policy*



Renovation of Banquette Hall - Government House



Renovation of Ministry of Agriculture Head office



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Abia Newspapers and Publishing Corporation Headquarters



Fishery Building - Ministry Of Agriculture



Ongoing Refurbishing of Aguiyi Ironsi Conference Centre



Ongoing Renovation of Abia State Law Reform office

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## MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

Prior to May 29th 2023, when His Excellency, Dr Alex Otti, was inaugurated into office, the cities of Aba and Umuahia acquired infamy as the dirtiest cities in Nigeria. The war on filth was the first public policy action that was declared by Gov Otti. He also led the battle from the front. Today the cities of Aba and Umuahia have been cleaned and equally kept so on a daily basis by the efficient operations of the Abia State Environmental Protection Agency. Even though the battle is still raging, Most objective pundits will attest to the fact that the government under Governor Otti is winning the war.

Other activities that has been achieved under the Ministry of Environment includes the following;

- 1.Reclaimed lands lost to erosion / flooding in Umumukwu Nkata Ibeku,Umuahia North LGA by delivering a comprehensive flood /erosion control works in the area which involved the construction of 250mx1.2mx0.2m drainage structures, Stilling basins and a box culvert of 12mx1.5mx0.30m
- 2. In the area of Data Collection, the Ministry has successfully developed a data bank on flood and erosion prone areas within Abia State, though this activity is still ongoing.

3.The Ministry has carried out from the beginning of this administration an all-inclusive clean up exercise in Abia State. The monthly clean-up exercise initially done only in Aba and Umuahia now covers all LGAs, with the Mayor's and their Environmental Health Officers providing the necessary support

4.The Ministry leaning on the directives of the Governor, has successfully set up a Climate Change Department, which is seriously and vigorously pursuing climate actions to position Abia State in a sustainable climate state

5.The Ministry has issued several climate/environmental cautionary advisory to the public on making good and proper use of the environment, while avoiding harmful practices even as they carry out their businesses peacefully. The Aro-Ajatakiri river pollution was attended to by the Ministry. The incident was scientifically investigated, and the general public were advised to discharge their liquid effluents using acceptable modes and technologies. Cautionary notices on health hazards of using Styrofoam for food were also issued.

6. The Ministry has rehabilitated and equipped more than 15 rooms for staff accommodation and for

improved efficiency, with a functional information technology laboratory handling the Ministry's correspondences and technology needs all in place.

7.The Ministry has continued to issue announcements against unguarded deforestation, open defecation and on climate change mitigation and adaptation techniques.

8.The Ministry is fine-tuning loose ends with several stakeholders, including the leadership of the Environmental Health Officers towards re-invigorating the long abandoned sanitary inspection, in a more organised and efficient manner

9.The Ministry also carried out urban beautification of Umuahia by painting the road medians and retrofitting broken flower kerbs for planting with beautiful spot beautification shrubs in its next phase.

10. The Ministry has kept grasses continually mown in the open spaces of Aba and Umuahia and also in government offices and institutions. This was done using Abia State Public Utilities Management Agency, APUMA, an agency domiciled in the Ministry.

The Ministry of Environment is currently very active in tackling ecological menace in several parts of the state.

### Flood Control Work on going at Ube Nkata Ibeku Umuahia North LGA Abia State



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**SPOTLIGHT ON ABIA AGRICULTURAL PROJECT. (ADP)**

The ADP as an agency of government, was first launched in the year 1972 in Nigeria, only two years after the civil war; when Nigeria was facing its first food and fibre deficiencies. while the Abia State ADP, was established by edict No.6 Gazette No.3, vol.1of 29th November 1991 and charged with the objective to increase food production and to raise the income of small scale Farmers through capacity building. According to N.D Anold," A good leader leads the people from above them and great leaders lead the people from within them". This could rightly describe the Governor of Dr. Alex Chioma Otti; whom since assumption of office as Governor of Abia State duely elected by the people, has never hidden his intention to reset the State to the path of prosperity and development, by appointing seasoned technocrats and experts into various key positions in his government In Abia State ADP as it stands now,

efforts are being made by The Programme Manager: Mr. Chukwudi Onuoha to revive those old good things that ADP is known for and to ensure Agricultural Development and food sufficiency. Some of the significant efforts of the Agency to achieve its mandate under the present Administration in the state includes the following; (1) Currently, genuine Farmers are being sequentially registered, trained and empowered. (2) Efforts are being made to raise improved seedlings that would be sold to Farmers at reduced cost, revitalize and strengthen the Agro--forestry unit, boost fruits and ornamental plants production as well as generate revenue. (3) In his quest to continue to expand the scope of agricultural production and development, The Abia State Governor: Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, recently flagged -off the Organic Agricultural Development Culture and Practice pilot programme.

The Governor who was represented at the occasion by the Head of Service, Dr. Mrs. Ngozi Obioma, revealed that the aim of the programme was to promote non-oil agro-businesses and to ensure food sufficiency and further disclosed that his administration had offset the #2000 training fee meant for the training of each of 50,000 targeted farmers. The aim of the training was to transfer technology and knowledge to the farmers and to ensure production of healthy food to Abians and also for the farmers to use the knowledge they acquired to train others. It is worthy of note, that Abia State was selected among 22 pilot States across the country which was as a result of the Governor's sincere effort in giving agriculture its pride of place in the state. (4) The Abia State ADP has not relented in her effort to delve into current trends, as far as food production, food sufficiency and improved agricultural practices are concerned. As it stands

now the Agency through collaboration with "New--Gro Hybrid Pasture Company, is doing a nursery of 10,000 new generation oil palm seedlings which will be ready for sell to the public immediately the rain sets in between March and April this year. (5) The Abia State ADP has opened her Solar Drying System to the public. The solar dryer has the capability to dry products like: sweet potatoes, beans and soya beans, leafy and fruit vegetables, fish, crayfish, snails, shrimps, plantain chips and cassava chips, all can be dried to increase their shelf life and also for export. Also local spices such as uziza, uda, etc. can be dried for preservation. (6) Expansion of its Poultry farms and other agric activities in different parts of the State. (7) Distribution of chemicals for pest control and NAPSAC to Farmers after training under the public private partnership and several other activities

**THE PROFILE OF ABIA STATE ADP PROGRAMME MANAGER: MR. CHUKWUDI ONUOHA**

The Programme Manager Abia State ADP: Mr. Chukwudi Onuoha, started work with ADP on the 1st of June, 2001, at Ndiorieke in Ohafia



L.G.A. As at then, he was serving Ndiorieke and Eziafor as an extension officer till 2003. He subsequently moved to Asaga Ohafia in 2004, where he was called to assist the then Zonal Manager. In 2005 he worked at Ndiuduma Awoke, where he stayed till 2008. By the year 2008, Mr. Chukwudi Onuoha was transferred to Abia State ADP headquarters Ossah road Umuahia as Principal Extension Officer covering Ohafia zone. Between 2011 and 2012, he worked as an extension officer covering Aba zone and at the same time as Assistant Head Of Extension Department. Mr. Chukwudi Onuoha was later transferred to technical department as Deputy Director Of Technical Services and Chief Crop Officer at the

same time. He was there till 2020, when he became Director Of Agriculture. By 2023, he became Director Of Technical Services from where he took over as the Programme Manager of Abia State ADP on the 12th of January,2024. Ever since then, Mr. Chukwudi Onuoha has continued to map out plans and strategies to boost Agricultural production in the State and to ensure Farmers training and food security, by making efforts to revitalize the extension farms; which use to have pigs and layers, pineapple orchards etc. and to expand the revenue windows of the agency. Report by: Mr. Michael God'swill -The P.R.O



# SPOTLIGHT ON ABIA HOTELS AND RECREATION PARK: THE SUCCESS STORY



**A**bia Hotel & Recreation Park was formerly known as Abia Hotels and was owned by the Abia State Government.

It was established by the Dr Michael Okpara Eastern Administration in the 1960's.

Like several other enterprises that were established by the late statesman which were mismanaged by the bad governance structure that lasted several years in the state, the hotel was grossly mismanaged necessitating its privatization and successful take over by a reputable private company, Messrs Investment Guarantee Ltd.

The name of the hotel was also changed to Abia Hotels & Recreation Park in line with the ambition and expansionist vision of its new owners who have since then worked tirelessly to transform the hotel into a foremost hospitality and tourism hub that is located at the heart of Umuahia metropolis.

Prior to its privatization and eventual takeover by Messrs Investment Guarantee Ltd sometime in 2013, the hotel was a shadow of its old self.

Several years of mismanagement had reduced the hotel into a ramshackle place with 6 dilapidated rooms, bushy smelling filthy environment, broken down windows, doors, roofs, ceilings, toilets and a general dilapidated environment.

The Hotel was not fit for any meaningful human habitation.

There were also a few demoralized staff whose backload of unpaid salaries helped to demoralize them even more.

This was the situation before the takeover of the hotel by Messrs Investment Guarantee



Ltd.

**The Changed Story.**

Currently the fortunes of the hotel has changed dramatically.

a. After years of continuous investment and efficient management, the Hotel now has 46 clean and delightful rooms, 6 bars, 2 restaurants, an exclusive lounge, one big event centre, 4 mini halls, children recreation park and a beautiful serene, secured environment.

b. The Company has also put in place a committed and efficient management system which has ensured that the hotel is managed along the vision of its founders and the new owners as a foremost hospitality and tourism hub in Umuahia.

c. The Company has further made modest inroads into a backward integration investment in Agriculture that has ensured the production of its animal protein needs such as Poultry Products, Fishes, Grass Cutter bush meat and Snails.

d. The Company presently employs about 52 Abians in its payroll.

e. We are currently producing different product lines under the aegis of our "Dreamland healthy foods ..... pepper soup spices (chicken, fish and goat meat). We also have jollof rice paste, which can be used to prepare jollof rice without adding other ingredients. Again, we also produce healthy swallow made of green plantain and pumpkin seeds. There is also the tiger nut swallow.

f. We have also concluded plans to establish a culinary school for the training of professional cooks and chef in Umuahia.

g. Our overall intention is to create more jobs for Abians to compliment the Governor's effort to better the economy of our state and export these products locally and internationally to earn more income.

Even though, Abia Hotel & Recreation Park has been successfully turned around as a foremost hospitality and tourism centre in Umuahia, its owners and management still regard this stage as "work in progress".

There is still a lot of work to do. Essentially, the board and management of the company see their effort as being complimentary to that of the Abia State Government under the able leadership of His Excellency Dr. Alex Otti, OFR in his avowed commitment to build up all the productive sectors of the Abia Economy for prosperity and job creation.

To God be the glory.



**OBINNA RANDIE UKAWOKO (Esq).**  
Chairman/CEO, Abia Hotels And Recreation Park

**INGREDIENTS:**

Paprika | Onion powder | Garlic powder  
Ginger powder | African nutmeg  
Curry powder | Fennel seed  
Fenugreek seed | Cayenne pepper

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**DIRECTION FOR USE:**

as spiced for stews,  
jollof rice, portage

MF  
DB  
BBN

50g



**INGREDIENTS:**

Onion powder | Ginger powder  
African Nutmeg | Ehuru | Uda  
Uziza seed | Alligator pepper  
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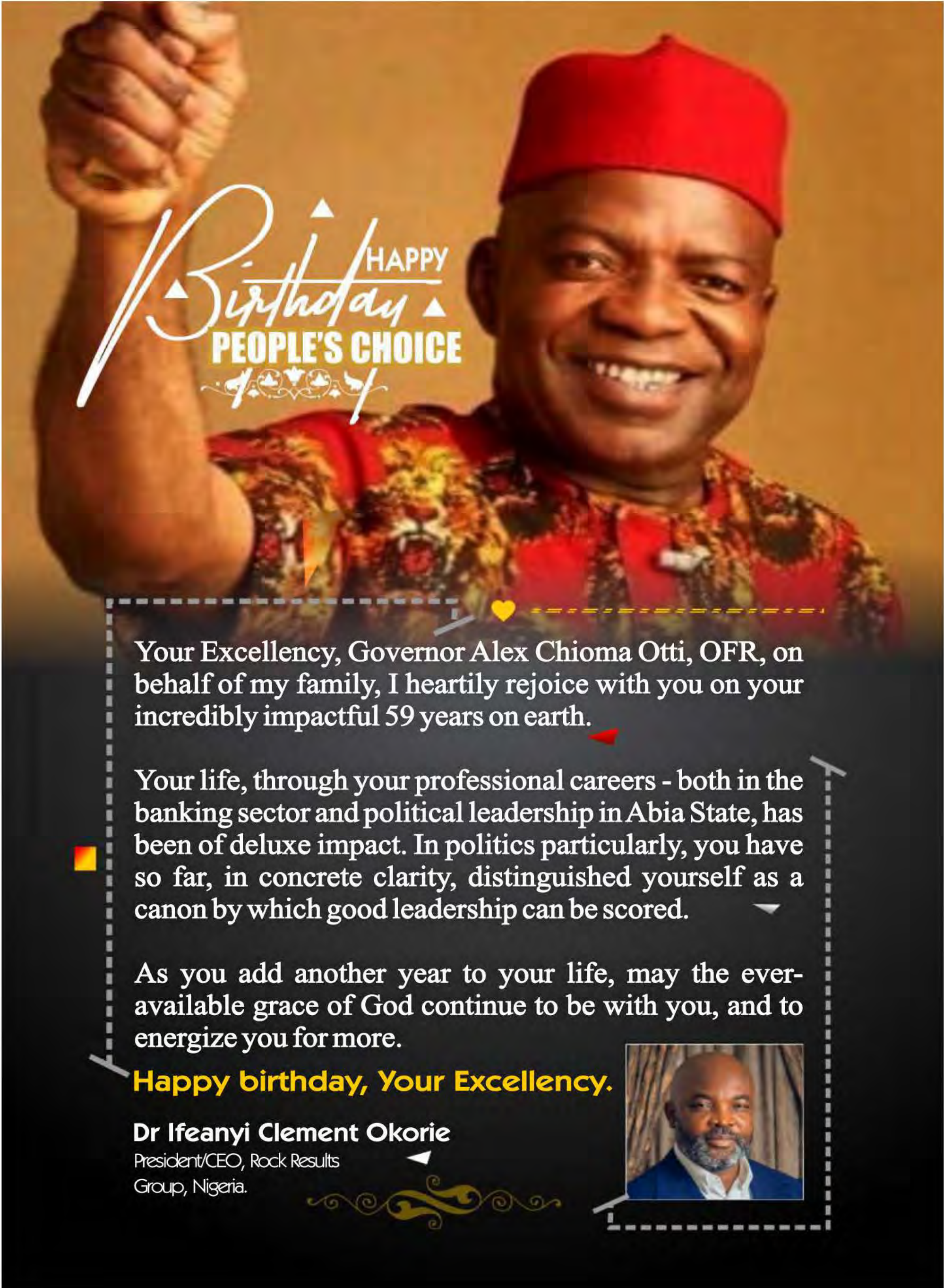
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**HAPPY**  
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Your Excellency, Governor Alex Chioma Otti, OFR, on behalf of my family, I heartily rejoice with you on your incredibly impactful 59 years on earth.

Your life, through your professional careers - both in the banking sector and political leadership in Abia State, has been of deluxe impact. In politics particularly, you have so far, in concrete clarity, distinguished yourself as a canon by which good leadership can be scored.

As you add another year to your life, may the ever-available grace of God continue to be with you, and to energize you for more.

**Happy birthday, Your Excellency.**

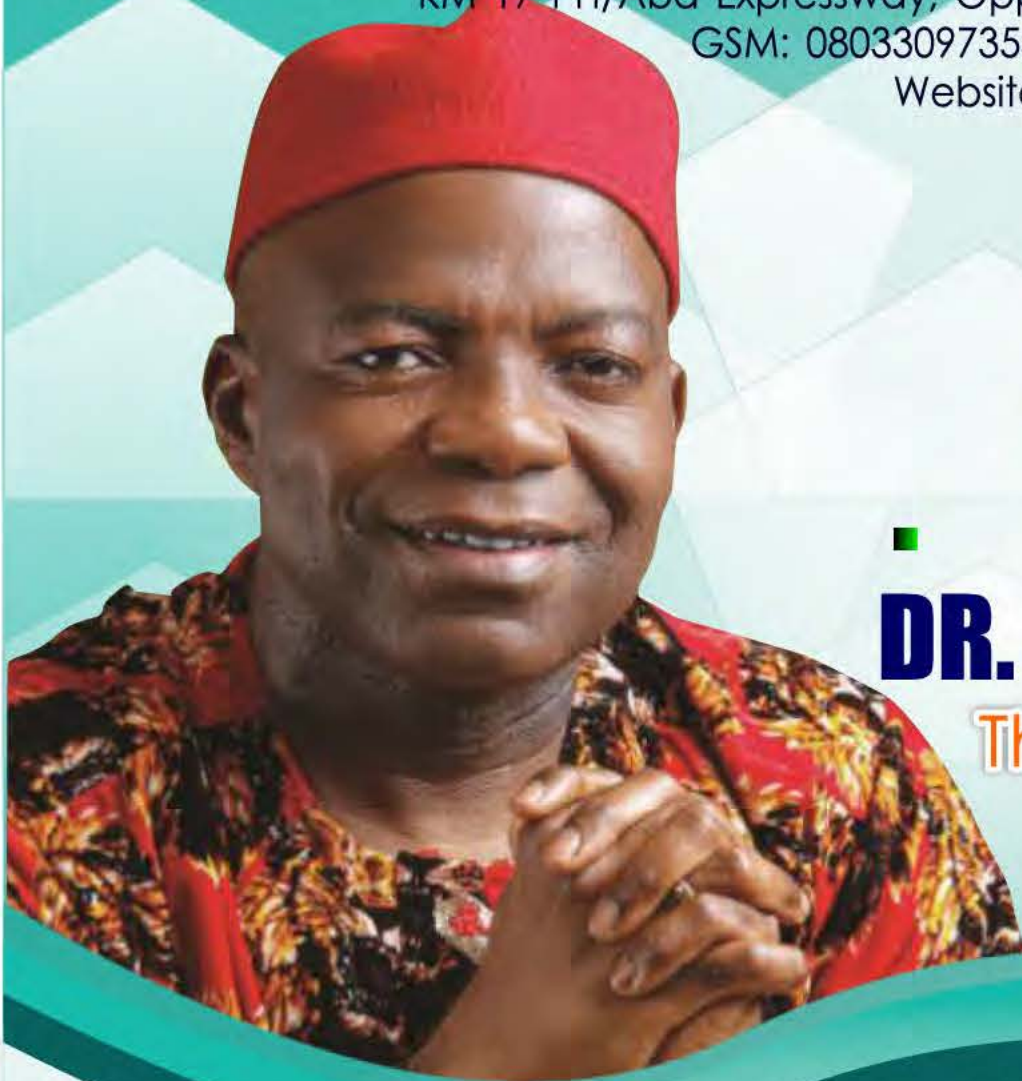
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The Executive Governor  
Abia State



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## *Congratulatory Message*

The Management and Staff of Ferotex Construction Co. Ltd heartily congratulate the Governor of Abia State, Dr Alex Chioma Otti, (OFR). on his birthday .



We wish you more years of progress, our beloved governor.



# Glimpses

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## Gov. Alex C. Otti OFR The man and his works

There is a popular belief that, it is not how long one lives but how well. This expression found correlation in the Holy Bible, Genesis 5: 12, where it was said that Methuselah lived 969 years and died. All the account about him was that he lived 969 years and nothing more.

No value to the society, there was nothing to remember him for the long number of years he lived. Even in our contemporary society, such kind of people exist.

All that could be ascribed to them is the numbers of years spent, procreation, wealth but no value to help the cause of mankind, no exploits and the society will not miss their presence whenever they depart from mother-earth.

But there are others who are solution providers and changed the cause of affairs. Wherever they thread upon, they leave an imprint on the sands of time.

They are the beacon of hope, the jinx breakers, the hope for the hopeless, rebuilders that radiate light even in the midst of obscurity and hopelessness.

One of such rare breeds is, His Excellency, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, the Executive Governor of Abia State who has within 59 years of his birth proved to be a man on a special mission on earth. He maximizes every opportunity that comes his way to impact humanity positively.

From the banking sector, where he took the defunct Diamond Bank, to become one of the best five performing banks in Nigeria, and now to politics, where within eight months in power, he has proved to be indeed, the man with the magic wand, the story is the same.

Gov. Otti, appears destined to turn anything he comes in contact with positively. For 24 years, the worst been the last eight years, good governance appeared to have no place in Abia, every



sector was in a state of coma. Infrastructures were non-existent, the good road still standing were the ones built by ex-governor Sam Mbakwe of blessed memory, the public sector industries were the ones conceived by late Dr M. I Okpara of the defunct Eastern Region. What we saw in the name of renovation /reconstruction were coated graves.

We recall with nostalgia, how heat melted a re-tarred Uwalaka street, Umuahia within three months it was tarred.

That was the situation in Abia, where no road reconstructed/rehabilitated in the last 24 years, lasted more than two raining seasons at most.

The "Caterpillar revolution or Okezie Quake" was a gimmick to deceive Abians. It was more about audio roads construction. Abians grinned with envy

when giant strides in states like Anambra, Akwa Ibom and Ebonyi were mentioned.

These were states Abia is far better off both in terms of manpower and resources but their successive leaders managed their resources well for the development and welfare of the citizens. That of Abia was frittered away and used to oil the personal lives styles of the rulers and the called Abia elders.

The wheel of perpetual slavery and under development by the ruling party, the then Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) lasted for a very long time until may 29th 2023 when Dr Alex Otti was inaugurated into office as the Governor.

But the solution provider is today on stage and has proved to be indeed, a man with a magic wand. Within eight months in office, people are asking, can government work like this?.

Gov. Otti has lived up to his campaign promises that you don't need a radio station to tell you that work is going on in the road leading to your village but your kinsmen

will carry the information or you will see it while on a visit to your home.

That's indeed what we are seeing in Abia today. Massive reconstruction of roads which has turned Abia into a huge construction site are there for everyone to see.

For good 16 years, there was no single government presence in terms of road reconstruction in the whole of Abia North, the little attempt on the Nkporo-Abiriba junction road did not go beyond two poles.

But Gov. Otti has proved that many quality good roads could be constructed in Abia. Take a visit to Port-Harcourt Road Aba, Expressway Tower-Ossah-Okpara Square and Umuahia-Uzuakoli-Ohafia road and see the kind of reconstruction work going on there.

The quality of roads being constructed prompted a passenger in a Keke to say that Gov. Otti should be allowed to rule for 16 years. Such has been the

level of encomium on the governor since he took office.

A look on the roads so far reconstructed by the governor, shows that more than 80 roads have so far been reconstructed or rehabilitated while work is seriously progressing on the three key or signature road projects-Port-Harcourt road, Aba, Express Tower-Ossah-Okpara Square and Umuahia-Uzuakoli-Ohafia roads, which will remain indelible in the annals of history.

On Housing, Gov Otti's government embarked on massive renovation of government buildings.

For 33 years, since the building of Abia Newspapers and Publishing Corporation complex, no single maintenance attention was given to the Newspaper complex and the building would have collapsed if not for the arrival of Gov Otti on the seat of governance.

The building became discrete and rain was falling on the staff, whenever it rains. The whole place became uninhabitable, yet the past governments did nothing to remedy the situation.

The situation was same at Ministry of Agriculture, Law Reform Commission, State Secretariat buildings and many other places.

It is now a different story as these places are now wearing brand-new faces, courtesy of various renovation works being carried out by the government thereby creating an atmosphere of conducive environment that would enhance workers productivity.

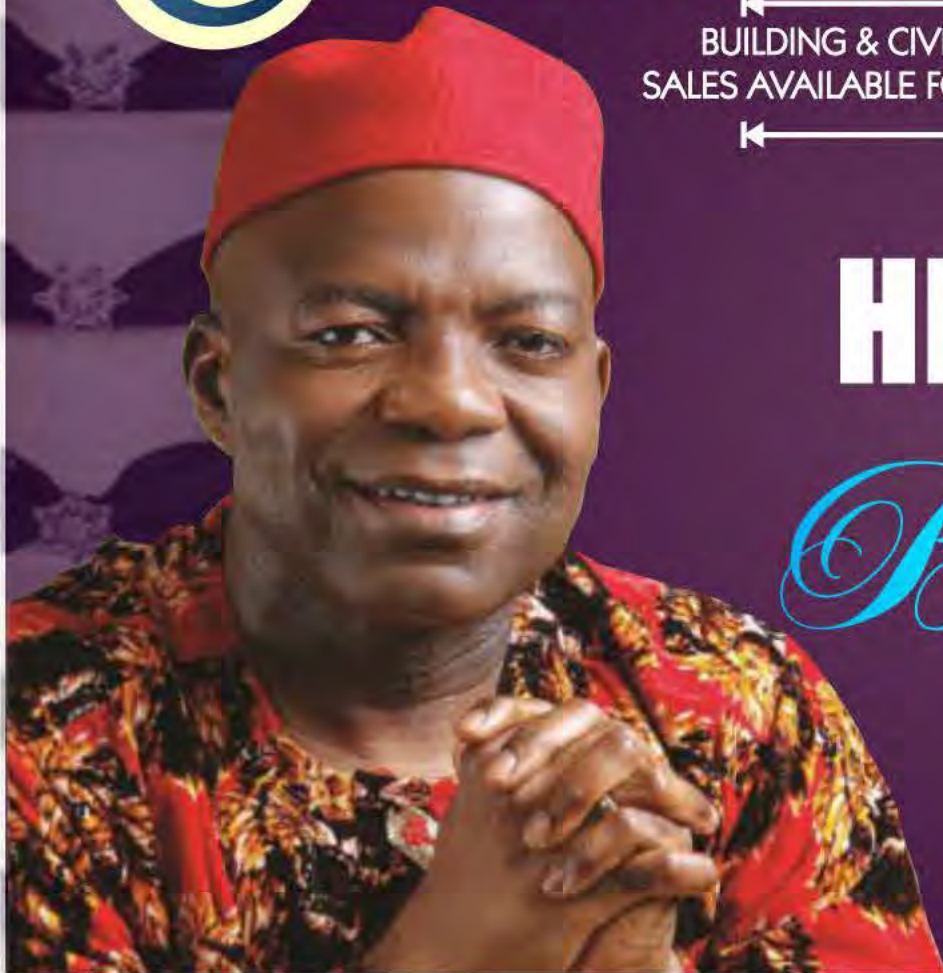
As we click the glasses and pour the champagne to celebrate this great achiever, accomplisher, liberator of the masses, result oriented governor, jinx breaker, restorer of hope and apostle of good governance,

We have little else to do or say other than to thank God for the gift of Dr Otti to mankind, particularly Abia and at this point in time.



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# HERBERT WIGWE; DEATH OF AN ENTREPRENEUR EXTRAORDINARY

The death in a plane crash on February 9th 2024 of Mr. Herbert Onyewumbu Wigwe together with his wife Chizoba (nee Nwuba) and son Chizzy, robbed Nigeria and indeed the global community of one her incredibly ingenious entrepreneurs and philanthropist.

Herbert Onyewumbu Wigwe CON was the ex-chief executive officer of Access Holdings plc, one of Nigeria's top five banking institutions, after succeeding his business partner, Aigboje Aig-Imoukhuede who was the CEO from January 2014 till April 2022.

He was born 15 August 1966 in Lagos to parents of Ikwerre descent from Omueke Isiokpo, Rivers State.

Wigwe was an alumnus of the Harvard Business School Executive Management Programme.

He had his master's degree in Banking and International Finance from the University College of North Wales, a master's degree in Financial Economics from the University of London and a B.Sc. degree in Accounting from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

Wigwe started his professional career with Coopers & Lybrand Associates, an international firm of Chartered Accountants.

He spent over 10 years at Guaranty Trust Bank Plc where he managed several portfolios, including financial institutions, large corporates and multinationals. He left Guaranty Trust Bank as an Executive Director to co-lead the transformation of Access Bank Plc in March 2002 as Deputy Managing Director.

He was subsequently appointed as a Non-Executive Director of the Bank effective May 2022.

He was a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN).

Mr Wigwe was the Chairman of The Access Bank (UK) Ltd and a Non-Executive Director of Nigerian Mortgage Refinance Company Plc; FMDQ OTC Securities Exchange; Shared Agents Network Expansion Facilities Ltd and Agri-Business/ SME Enterprises Investment Scheme. He was also a member of the Governing Council of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria.

Herbert Wigwe was a visionary leader, philanthropist, and the founder of Wigwe University.

In his professional life, he was the Group Chief Executive Officer of Access Holdings Plc (also known as Access Corporation), a multi-national financial services organization that offers commercial banking, lending, payment, pension, insurance, and asset management services.

Access Corporation is headquartered in Lagos, Nigeria and operates through a network of more than 600 branches and service outlets, spanning three continents, 18 countries, and 50+ million

customers managed by over 28,000 employees. Access Bank, the corporation's banking business, is one of Africa's largest retail banks by customer base and total assets.

For eight years until May 2022, Herbert Wigwe led Access Bank Plc as its Group Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer through an extraordinary growth period. Some of the accolades accorded him included Banker of the Year, 2020 by Leadership Awards; African Banker of the Year, 2021 by African Banker Award; and Best Banking CEO, 2021 by Global Brands Magazine Awards.

A passionate advocate for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, Dr Wigwe spoke frequently at business forums and

comprised of the Central Bank of Nigeria; major financial institutions in Nigeria; and key stakeholders in Nigeria's private sector.

He led the coalition to support the federal government in mitigating the impact of the pandemic and reopening the economy.

Wigwe's, Access Bank and UNICEF collaborated to support vulnerable children, orphans, and internally displaced persons in the northern part of Nigeria. To raise awareness and funds for this purpose, the bank organises and hosts annual high-profile Access Bank/UNICEF Charity Shield Polo Tournaments in Nigeria, London, and South Africa.

In 2023, he embarked on a transformative journey by founding Wigwe University. With a

vision to ignite Africa's potential for prosperity and nurture fearless leaders who will change the course of history, he introduced an institution set to rival top universities around the world.

Wigwe University promises to elevate educational standards while creating a unique African experience. Dr Wigwe believed that education was the key to unlocking Africa's potential through Wigwe University, and sought to leave a legacy that would contribute immensely to the continent's greatness.

His commitment to education was rooted in the belief that nurturing intellectual capital was pivotal for societal development. Herbert Wigwe envisioned Wigwe University as a beacon of knowledge, innovation, and excellence, designed to empower future leaders and contribute to the socio-economic advancement of the continent. This endeavor represented his profound dedication to shaping a brighter future for Africa, making education the cornerstone of his enduring legacy.

In 2023, in recognition of exemplary service to his country, Dr Wigwe was awarded the Commander of the Order of the Federal Republic - one of the nation's top honours.

Wigwe was an alumnus of the Harvard Business School Executive Management Programme. He held Honorary Doctorate degrees from the University of Port Harcourt, Gombe State University and the University of Nigeria, Master's Degrees in Law, Banking and International Finance, and Financial Economics from the University of London, University of North Wales and the University of London, respectively. He also held a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka

Herbert Wigwe who is survived by three children, aged parents and siblings was an extraordinary entrepreneur and philanthropist who as Shakespeare will say in his play Julius Caesar "came, saw and conquered"



conventions, strongly encouraging a global business commitment to the achievement of the Goals. In his role as Group Managing Director of Access Bank Plc, he was the first African sponsor of the United Nations Global Compact Initiative. He was a Board member of Nigeria's Business Coalition Against AIDS which leads major businesses in Nigeria in fighting HIV and AIDS at all levels of intervention within the health system and the private sector workforce. Similarly, he advocated for the eradication of malaria in Africa and was a partner of the Corporate Alliance on Malaria in Africa to achieve this objective.

Wigwe's commitment to the development of Nigeria and Africa extended to numerous initiatives. At the onset of the COVID-19 global crisis, for example, he swiftly responded to Nigeria's private and public healthcare's inability to respond effectively by galvanizing support for and co-leading the formation of CACOVID (Coalition Against COVID-19) which

HERBERT WIGWE

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HIS EXCELLENCY  
**DR. ALEX CHIOMA OTTI OFR**

## *Felicit*ation

On behalf of the various Market Caretaker Committees of the various markets in Aba, we wish to felicitate with our amiable Governor, His Excellency, Dr Alex Chioma Oti (OFR) on his birthday.

We equally wish to congratulate him on his various other achievements that includes the following

- I. His victory at the Supreme court
- II. The establishment of the Greater Aba Development Authority
- III. The massive road reconstruction in Aba which is boosting trade in the city .
- IV. The installation of Street lights in the city
- V. The Operation Zero Tolerance For Potholes policy in the state.
- Vi. The institution of an Efficient Security System which is helping to reduce crime in the state
- Vii. The restoration of law and order in our various market plus many other laudable achievements.

We count ourselves lucky to be closely associated with you.

Your Excellency Sir, We also wish to use this opportunity to reiterate our unalloyed loyalty to your government and the noble cause you are pursuing in the state.



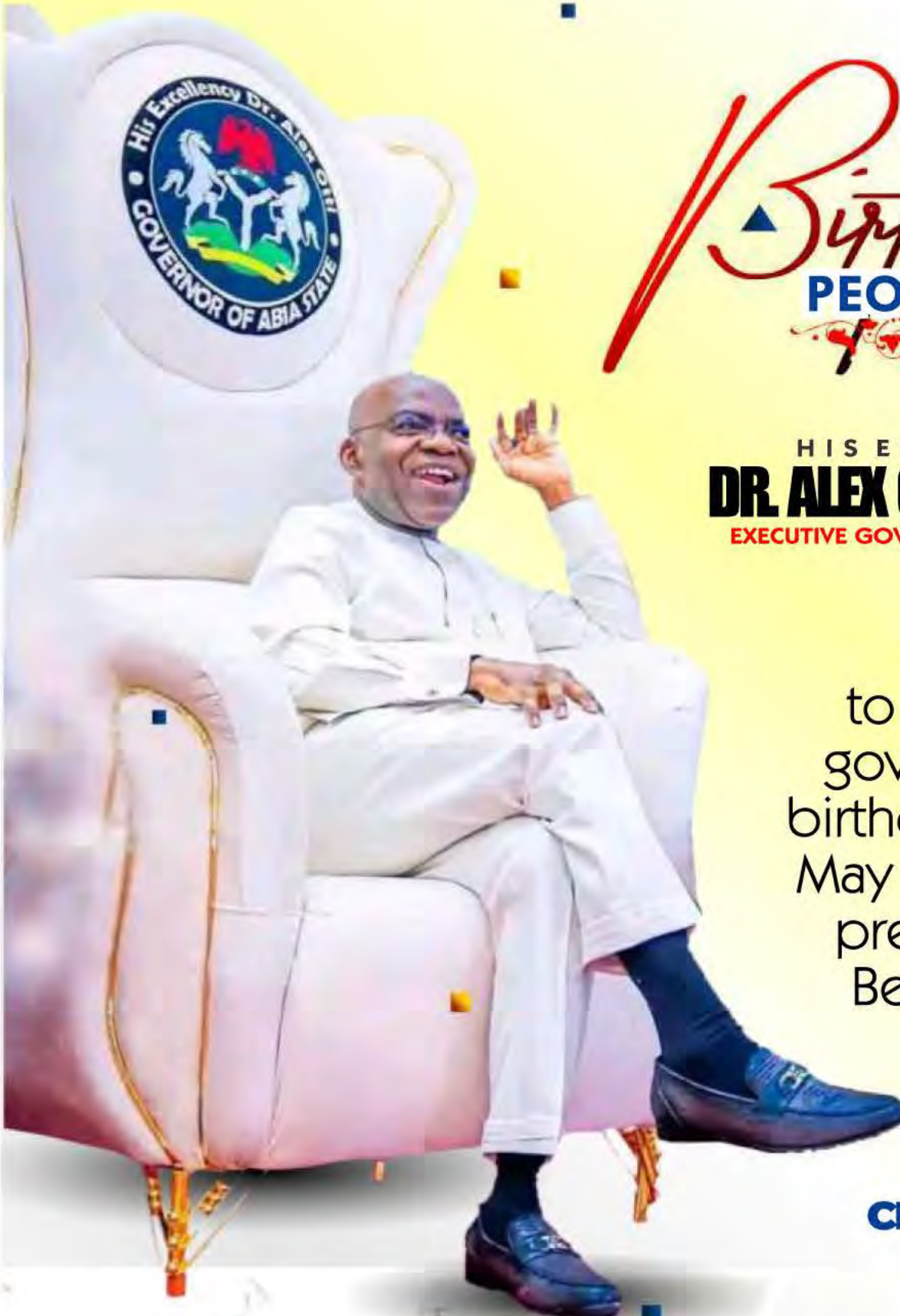
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# AFCON 2024, super eagles and the future of football in Nigeria

*By Okechukwu Ubani*

AFCON 2024: Super Eagles and the glorious future of Nigeria football.

The wonderful performance of Super Eagles of Nigeria, in the just concluded AFCON tournament in Ivory Coast is a clear sign, that the future of Nigeria football is bright and glorious, from the build up to the tournament proper, nobody actually believed that the team will even qualify for the semi-finals not to talk of reaching the finals. Surely, it was a challenging AFCON for all the participating national teams which ended in the super eagles qualifying for the finals, which they eventually lost to the Elephants of Cote d'Ivoire.

At the group stage, the Super Eagles, started with a disappointing draw against the Equatorial Guinea, which resulted in Nigerian fans losing hope on them but they came back stronger and won their next. From there, they went from strength to strength, and before the final match, it was only two goals that entered the net of the Super Eagles. I understand, that Nigerian fans wanted the Super Eagles to win

the final match against Côte d'Ivoire, but we should also understand that they played against the host country's national team that was determined to win the cup.

We can't deny that the Super Eagles displayed a fierce determination, unity, and unmatched passion in representing Nigeria on the group stage of African football. In every of their matches, they were able to showcase unwavering spirit, talent, and commitment to bringing glory to their nation. Although they did not emerge victorious in the final, their overall performance throughout the tournament was commendable and praiseworthy. The squad which can boast of young players in Europe will still be around in five or seven years to come.

The team has what it takes to become a great team with the calibre of young and experienced players. The future of this young Super Eagles team is bright if they maintain continuity with this wonderful team spirit. They have to keep going the way they have started and with determination and the crop of talented,

experienced players and young players presently on the team and some which haven't being discovered, if they keep working hard and remain focused, in the next five or six years, we will have a good team that will transform to a stronger team that will conquer the world in football.

Victor Osimhen, for example, is still young and will still be available for years to come, he may not have netted so many goals in the competition like so many Nigerian fans expected him to do, but we can't deny the fact that the midfielders were not supplying him with the needed pass, which resulted in him running much in all the games. All the same, Victor Osimhen, is very key that will be available and a terror to any team Super Eagles will face in the future.

Victor Boniface, who was on the squad before he was injured is another wonderful young player that will terrorism the world of football in the coming years. The 24-year Bundesliga striker, will still be relevant and available in the Super Eagles years to come. With young Nigeria attackers, like Taiwo Awoniyi of Nottingham

Forest, Terem Moffi, Victor Boniface, Umar Sadiq, Paul Onuachu, Cyriel Dessers, Ademola Lookman, Nathan Tella, Moses Simon, Emmanuel Dennis, Samuel Chukwueze perfectly doing well in their respective clubs and more additional young players who haven't being given the opportunity, the future is bright for Super the Eagles, what we desperately need right now, is good midfielders that will always supply the ball to them.

Apart from Wilfred Ndidi, who has positioned himself as a strong midfielder in the Super Eagles squad, for years other young midfielders doing well in their respective clubs like Frank Onyeka, Alhassan Yusuf, who did perfectly well in the just concluded Afcon, will need years to develop and become a strong force in the squad.

On the defensive lineup, young players like Ola Aina, who did perfectly well in the just concluded AFCON, Bright, Osayi-Samuel, Tyronne Ebuehi, Jamilu Collins, Zaidu Sanusi, Bruno Onyemaechi, William Troost-Ekong who won the best Afcon 2024 player Award, Semi Ajayi, Calvin Bassey

and Kenneth Omeruo who have been in the team for years, may not be available in years to come. Kevin Akpoguma, Chidozie Awaziem, and Jordan Torunarigha are young and talented defenders and will still be available and dependable in the defensive lineup of super eagles.

In the goalkeeper lineup, the AFCON- discovered Goalkeeper, Stanley Nwabali, who did perfectly well and just 27 years old will surely become one of the best goalkeepers in Africa.

No matter how much talent the country has, the chances of our success are slim without a competent manager in charge of the affairs of the team.

No doubt, Nigeria has some of the best football talents in the continent which this AFCON tournament had showcased but there is a need to harness them very well for future tournament.

The Portuguese manager, Jose Peseiro, may have taken the Super Eagles to the finals of AFCON, but if he should remain the coach of the Super Eagles, he needs to improve and do more to make Nigerians happy.

**SPORTING AMBASSADOR**

# **AFCON 2024**

## **Super Eagles and the future of Nigeria football**



# Congratulations

His Excellency  
**Dr Alex Chioma Oti, (OFR)**



## CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

The Board, Management and Staff of Evansino Foundation. heartily congratulate the Governor of Abia State, Dr Alex Chioma Oti, (OFR). on his victory at the Supreme Court. We pray that the Almighty God will continuously lead you alright in your rulership of God's own

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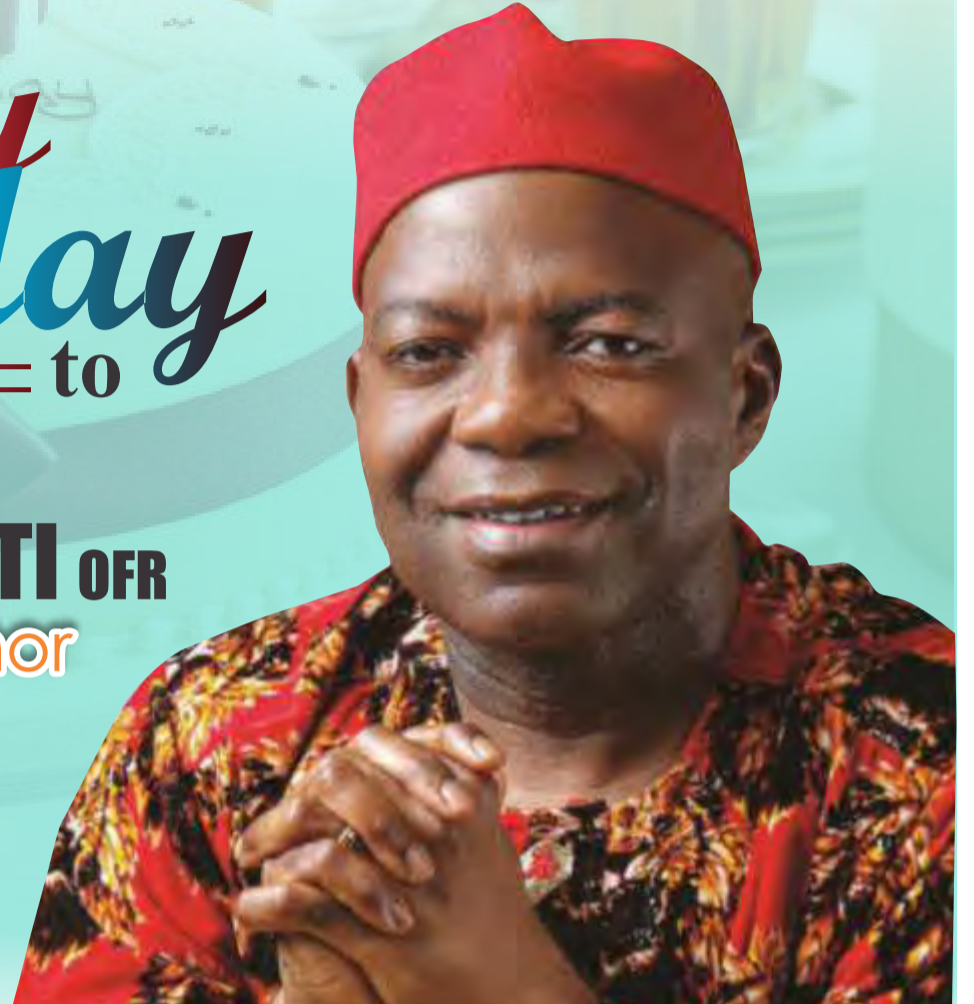
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# Hon. Commissioner Ministry of Trade and Investment

# Happy Birthday

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The Executive Governor  
Abia State



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## *Congratulatory Message*

I on behalf of my family, Permanent Secretary, Management and Staff of Ministry of Trade, Commerce and Industry wish a happy birthday to an outstanding leader, a person God has used to bring joy and light to the state, an inspirational leader, a political figure like no other, Honourable and above all an indefatigable Governor. Your approach and passion reflects in the work you do towards the society.

May this year bring you endless joy, great adventures, success in all your endeavors, good health and strength to lead Abians. We are proud to have you as Our Governor.

Happy Birthday to a quintessential leader.

Long Live Your Excellency Dr. Alex Chioma Otti



  
**Dr. Chimezie Isaac Ukaegbu**  
Hon. Commissioner  
Ministry of Trade, Commerce and Industry

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UMUAHIA, ABIA STATE**

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HIS EXCELLENCY  
**DR. ALEX CHIOMA OTTI OFR**

**@59**



*Felicitation*

The Management, Staff and Students of Abia State College of Health Sciences and Management Technology Aba, ABSCOHMAT heartily facilitate with our able governor and visitor to our college Dr Alex. Chioma Otti OFR, on the auspicious occasion of his birthday 18th Feb 2024.

Your Excellency, we are delightfully elated with mouths full of songs of deluge for promises delivered by you, our quintessential governor within the shortest period in office; an indication of rosy and better years ahead for Abians and ndi Igbo gburugburu.

There is no doubt that your transformational leadership style has deepened true democracy, concretized authentic development and institutionalized good and responsive governance in the state.

The state under your able and pragmatic leadership has rekindled hope and Abians everywhere in the world today are proud to say they are from Abia state.

As we join all Abians and people of goodwill to celebrate your natal anniversary we unequivocally testify that you are the true light: 'The ndi Abia ji ahu uzo'. You have demystified good governance by making almost all that were hitherto considered impossible now possible especially in the regular payment of workers salaries, pension and gratuities, monumental infrastructural development, security quality education, public utilities and good value orientation just to mention a few.

Your excellency we pray for God's amazing grace to consolidate on the good works and grant you sound health, favours and divine protection.

Congratulations the people's governor @59



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## GOODWILL MESSAGE

**GOV. ALEX C. OTTI (OFR) @59**



His Excellency,  
**Gov. ALEX OTTI OFR**  
(Executive Governor, Abia State)

On behalf of the Management and Staff of Abia State Specialist Hospital and Diagnostic Centre Umuahia, I most humbly wish to felicitate with the Executive Governor of Abia State Dr. Alex Otti OFR on the occasion of his 58th Birthday Celebration.

Since the inception of your administration, the State has recorded tremendous achievements in all fields of endeavor thus justifying your election. You're a role model, a trail blazer and a true champion of development.

I want to commend your good works in Abia, being a health - friendly Governor within this short time in office, you have been able to upgrade the facilities in the health sector and Abia Specialist Hospital & Diagnostic centre Umuahia is a major beneficiary.

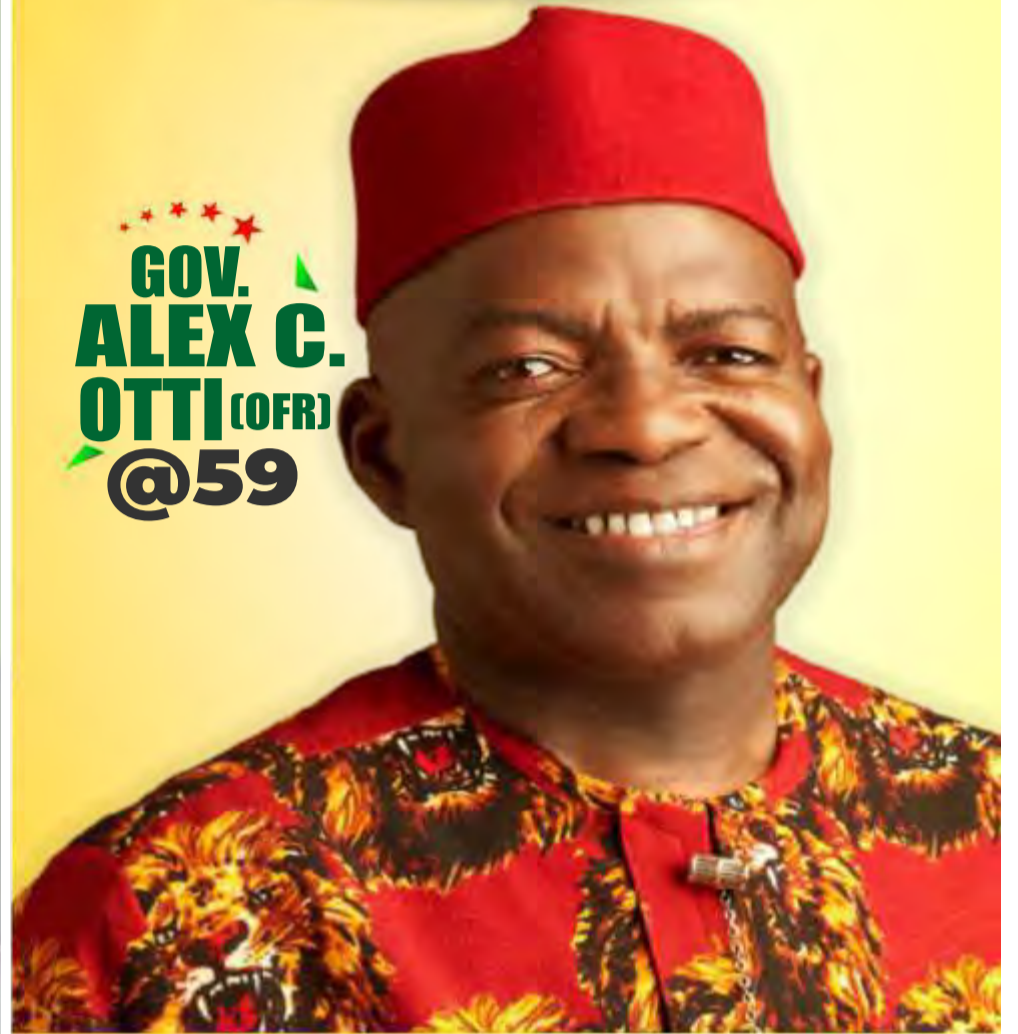
Our dear Governor, In your developmental agenda, you have touched other areas which includes: The construction of roads, establishment of trade centres, friends of Abia Schools adoption initiative, Skill acquisition programmes, Education, foreign partnership, market development etc.

We congratulate you on your birthday celebration as well as wish you good health, prosperity and greater success as you continue with the task of developing Abia State. May the good Lord satisfy you with long life and show you his salvation.

**Dr. Agu Francis Uchenna**  
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**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**  
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**GOV. ALEX C. OTTI (OFR) @59**



## GOODWILL MESSAGE

As the drums are rolled to celebrate the indefatigable, jinx breaker and visionary Governor of Abia State, Dr Alex Chioma Otti (OFR).

I Professor Monica Ironkwe, the Honourable Commissioner Ministry of Agriculture, on behalf of the management and Staff of the Ministry wishes to join the well meaning Abians, both home and in Diaspora to celebrate our dear Governor as he marks his 59th birthday today.

Sir, it is gratifying to note that within eight months of your administration, Abia State especially the Agricultural sector has witnessed unprecedented monumental achievements that have placed Abia on a global map.

Indeed, your victory at the polls and Supreme Court is clear testimony that God ordained you to liberate Abians from the shackles of bad Governance.

Therefore, as Abians and indeed the entire Nation celebrate you today, our earnest prayer is that you will live long to fulfill all your campaign promises to Ndi Abia.

Long Live Our Dynamic Governor!!  
Long Live Abia State!!!

**Professor Monica Ironkwe**  
Hon. Commissioner for Agriculture



# ABIA STATE POLYTECHNIC

## ABIA STATE, NIGERIA.

P.M.B. 7166, ABA,  
 ACTING RECTOR: ENGR. (MRS.) C M. NDUKWE  
 B. ENGR., M.SC, MNSE, MCPN



Happy  
 Birthday!

HIS EXCELLENCY  
**DR. ALEX CHIOMA OTTI (OFR)**  
 EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF ABIA STATE

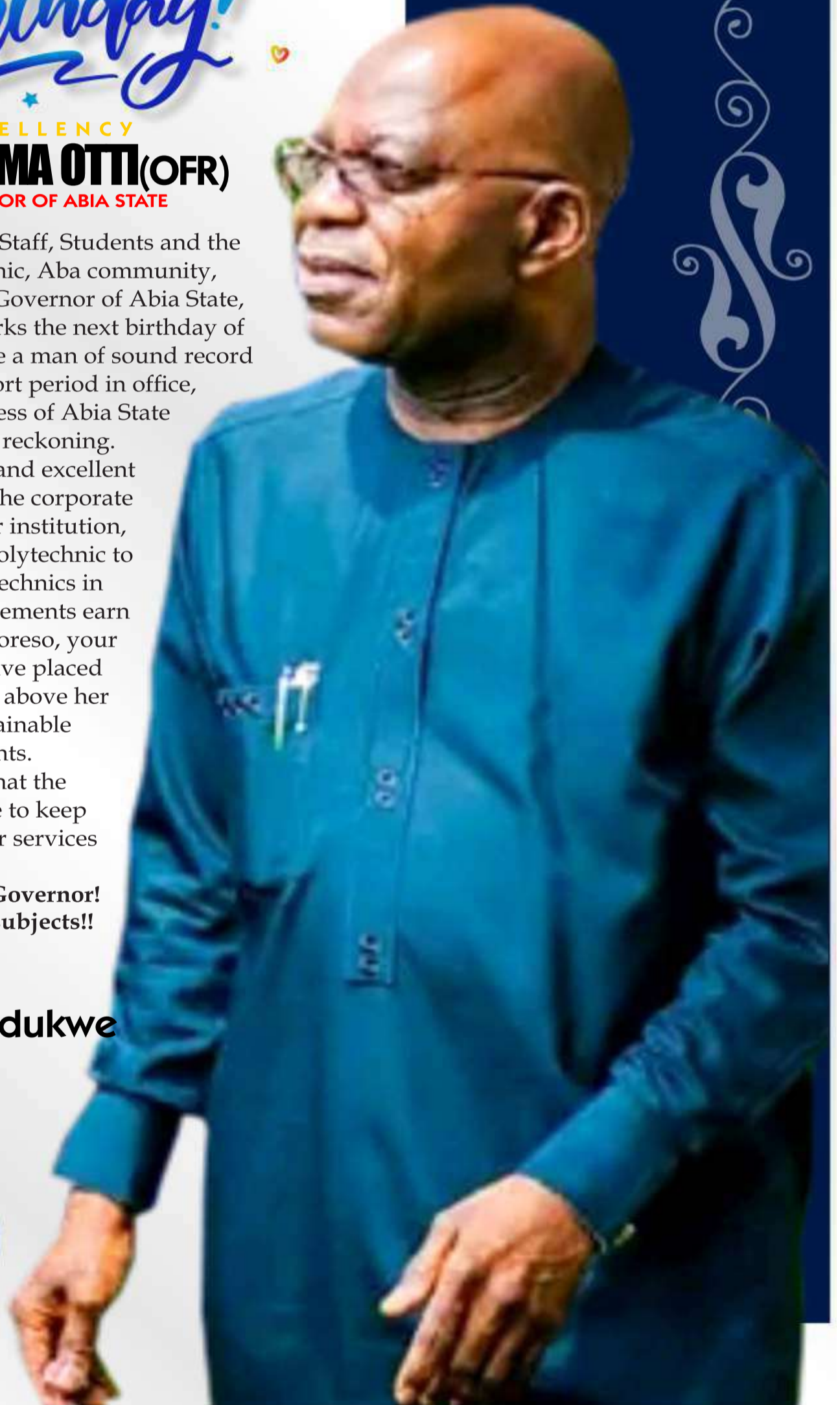
The Rector, Management, Staff, Students and the entire Abia State Polytechnic, Aba community, felicitate with the Executive Governor of Abia State, Dr. Alex Otti, OFR, as he marks the next birthday of his life's journey. We celebrate a man of sound record track; who has within a short period in office, lifted the bars of backwardness of Abia State Polytechnic to a status of reckoning.

Your visible transparent and excellent performance has projected the corporate image and reputation of our institution, thereby making Abia State Polytechnic to rank among the best Polytechnics in Nigeria. Your tangible achievements earn you, Man Of Significance. Moreso, your leadership commitments have placed Abia State to the top and far above her peers, through your sustainable economic developments.

Our prayer for you is that the Almighty God will continue to keep you in good health for greater services to humanity.

Happy Birthday our dear Governor!  
 Happy Birthday man of his subjects!!

**Engr.(Mrs) C. M. Ndukwe**  
 Ag. Rector.





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## GOV. ALEX C. OTTI, OFR @59!

### CELEBRATING DYNAMISM AND CONSUMMATE LEADERSHIP

*The time for the rebuilding process has begun. Transparency, accountability and public trust shall be at the centre of everything we do. We will run a responsible and honest government-and lead by example...\*\**

- HE Gov. Alex Chionia Otti, OFR (Inaugural speech)

It takes a man who truly knows his onions; a consummate leader, with guts, political savvy, willpower, and remarkable strength of character to not only make this kind of pronouncement, but to also follow it up with commensurate action that belies all rhetoric.

In less than eight months since assuming office as the Executive Governor of Abia, "God's Own" state, His Excellency, Dr. Alex Chioma Olti, OFR, has continued to confound onlookers and traduces alike, showing an uncommon grasp of governance that before now, could only be imagined in our dear state. He has relentlessly, consistently and ardently demonstrated an exceptional ability to stay true to his words and convictions, and Abians cannot help but rejoice and heave a sigh of relief that, yes, God has done it for us - we can now recover our locust-eaten years!

Today, as our Governor turns 58,1, Associate Prof. John Austin Chikezie, on behalf of the management and entire staff of Abia State University Teaching Hospital (ABSUTH) Aba, joyfully team up with well-meaning Abians and all lovers of goodness to celebrate this dynamic and consummate leader, and to wish him a happy birthday in excellent health. We pray the good Lord to continue to bless him immeasurably so that he'll remain a blessing to his family, friends and humanity in general.

Abia's health sector, and indeed, the Teaching Hospital in particular, will not forget in a hurry the incredible transformation characterized by the rehabilitation, renovation and retrofitting of health institutions in the state, along with an enhanced welfare package for healthcare professionals, the first of its kind since the inception of Abia state.

We are confident that our healthfriendly Governor still has lots more in the pipeline for the repositioning of Abia healthcare generally, and ABSUTH in particular.

Our dear Governor, Sir. we wish you many happy returns on your birthday. May the Almighty continue to bless you with excellent health as you remain a source of happiness and joy to your family, friends, and humanity in general, and more especially, wonderful Abians who have not slopped thanking God for your ascendance as Abia's number one citizen.

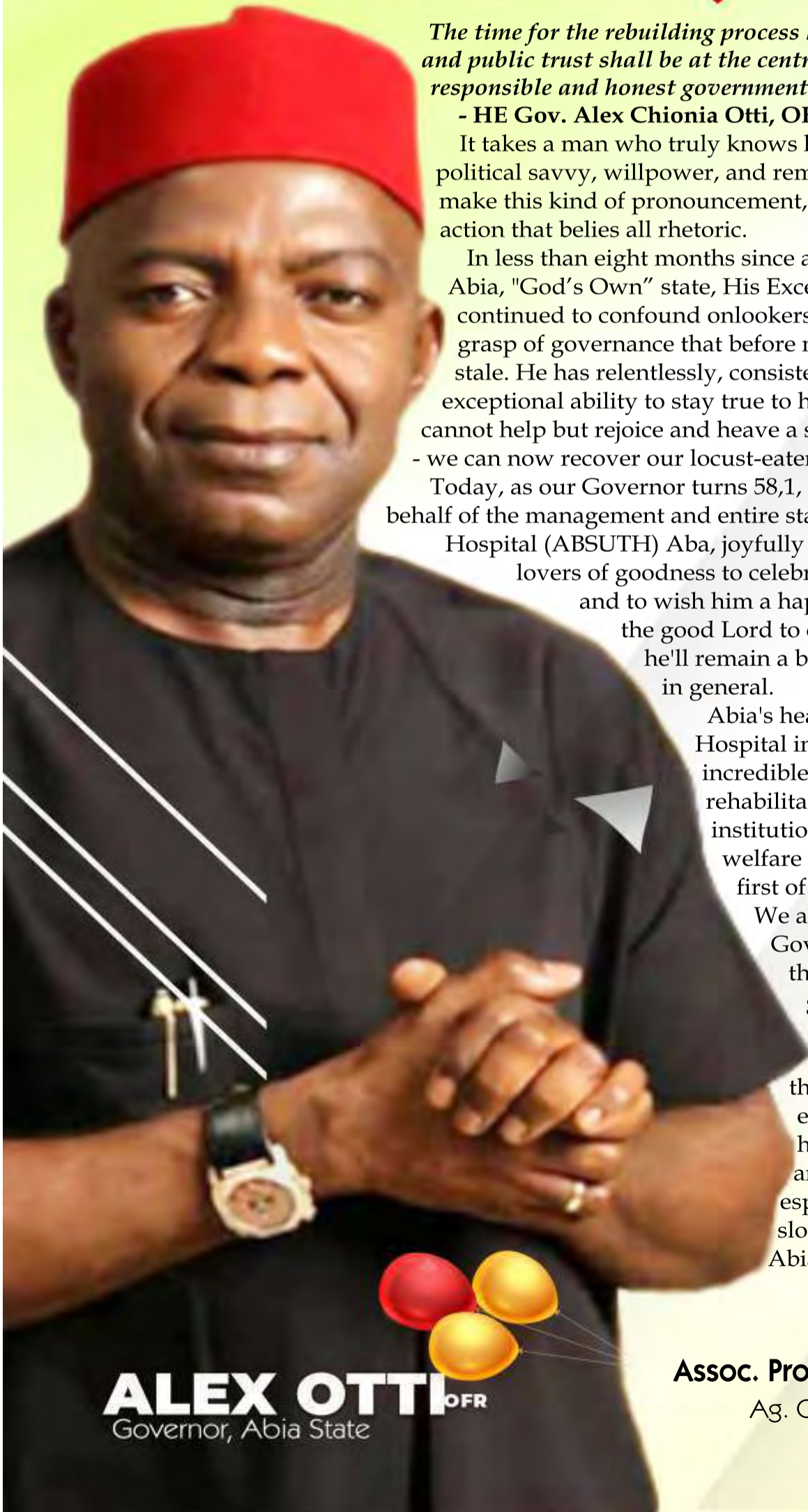
**SIGNED**

**Assoc. Prof; John Austin Chikezie**

Ag. Chief Medical Director  
ABSUTH, Aba



**ALEX OTTI** OFR  
Governor, Abia State



GOOD'S BLESSINGS WISDOM PROSPER SUCCEED VICTORY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**DR. ALEX OTTI OFR**

**ARIARA INTERNATIONAL MARKET ABA, ABIA STATE, NIGERIA**

**CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE**


On behalf of the Board, Management and staff of Ariara International Market Aba, I sincerely wish to congratulate the People's Governor, Dr Alex Chioma Otti (OFR) on this remarkable occasion of his 59th birthday.

Your Excellency, we join the global community to celebrate a man who has proven himself worthy of the massive endorsement he received from Abians to mount the number one office after last year's gubernatorial election and has since taken Abia State to an unprecedented height and recognition in all aspects of life just within eight months in office.


Your Excellency Sir, we are proud to associate with your visionary and purposeful leadership particularly in the area of commerce and industry, We are solidly behind your government and you can count on our avowed support at all times.

Congratulations once again!

**Happy birthday, Your Excellency.**



**Ozoekwe Chikadibia**



**MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
AND CHIEFTAINCY AFFAIRS.**

Office of the Commissioner

*Happy Birthday*  
**Gov. Otti@59**

I Prince Uzor Nwachukwu (KSC) Hon Commissioner Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs on behalf of my family, Management and Staff of the Ministry join the first Family to felicitate with our amiable Governor His Excellency Dr Alex Chioma Otti (OFR) on the onerous celebration of his 59th birthday.

We use this opportunity to celebrate a Jinx breaker, a financial guru and the emancipator of his People as well as an apostle of a new Abia, whose devotion to the cause of our dear State and Nation is legendary.

Your Excellency, Sir; the very few months you have governed our State, Abia, have been like watershed over our political horizon; establishing an existential divide between light and darkness. Your actions in just these eight months have truly and eloquently described the past 24 years of PDP rulership as wasted and ruinous.

The Local Government Areas are now vibrant, with purposeful and visionary leadership: set to witness unprecedented development and progress.

You have introduced reforms to our Chieftaincy and Community Affairs management system that gives hope for the restoration of the days of glory, that we once knew.

**Now Abia is back to life.**

**Happy birthday, my Big Brother and Boss.**

*Signed*

**Prince Uzor Nwachukwu (KSC)**

Hon Commissioner Ministry of Local  
Government and Chieftaincy Affairs.





# ABIA STATE HOUSING AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

EHIMIRI HOUSING ESTATE, EHIMIRI LAYOUT, IKOT-EKPENE ROAD, P.M.B 7262, UMUAHIA, ABIA STATE

## CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE



HIS EXCELLENCY  
**DR. ALEX CHIOMA OTTI (OFR)**  
EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF ABIA STATE

The Management and staff of the Abia State Housing and Property Development Corporation (ASHPDC) heartily felicitate with the Executive! Governor of Abia State, Dr Alex Chioma Otti (OFR) on the event of his 59th birthday celebration.

Sir, your leadership prowess has earned, you a place in history. You are a shining example, a true inspiration and a guiding light to all Abians.

**Happy birthday Your Excellency.**

  
**SIGNED**  
Management



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## GOODWILL WISHES TO Gov. Alex Chioma Otti (OFR)

On the 18th February, 2024, Nigerians of good will and the global community will literally stand still as they celebrate His Excellency, Dr Alex Chloma Otti, OFR, the Executive Governor of Abia State, as he turns 59 years.

His Excellency, Dr Alex Chioma Otti, OFR, the Executive Governor of Abia State is an avowed indefatigable fighter of the oppressed, an acclaimed financial guru who left the pinnacle of his lucrative career to salvage the poor, oppressed and down trodden citizens of Abia God's own State.

It is indeed an acknowledged fact that His Excellency is a rare breed in the murky waters of Nigerian politics.

It is gratifying that having left the pinnacle of his lucrative career to salvage Abia State, he is obviously determined to engrave his name In marble as Abia is gradually becoming the State of the collective dream of every Abian.

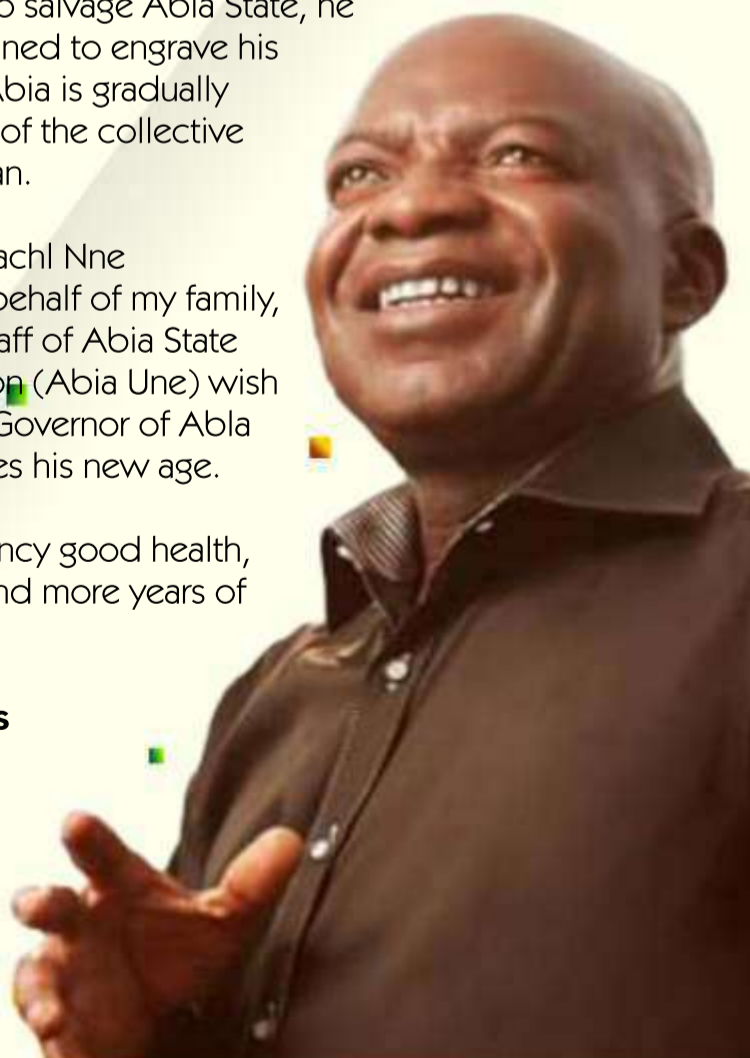
I, Deaconess Onyekachi Nne Nwaogwugwu, on behalf of my family, management and Staff of Abia State Transport Corporation (Abia Une) wish to join our amiable Governor of Abia State as he celebrates his new age.

We wish His Excellency good health, excellent wisdom and more years of service to humanity.

**Happy birthday His Excellency....**



**Deaconess Onyekachi Nne Nwaogwugwu**  
Ag. General Manager Abia Line Network Ltd.



# Abia State Oil Producing Areas Development Commission (ASOPADEC)

Winners Way, Ogurube Layout, Umuahia  
**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER**



**HAPPY**  
*Birthdays*  
**TO AN ACHIEVER @59**  
HIS EXCELLENCY  
**DR. ALEX CHIOMA OTTI (OFR)**  
EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF ABIA STATE

I venerable Joshua Ogadinma Onyeike General Manager, Abia State Oil Producing Areas Development Commission (ASOPADEC) on behalf of my family, management and staff of the Commission joyfully celebrate the Abia State Governor, His Excellency, Dr Alex Chioma Otti, OFR as he marks his birthday anniversary on 18th February, 2024.

Your Excellency Sir, at 58 you have blazed the trail and made towering exploits that have etched your name on the podium of success.

As an achiever of no mean feat, your landmarks in the business and leadership world are not only inspiring but have become reference points for National and International standards.

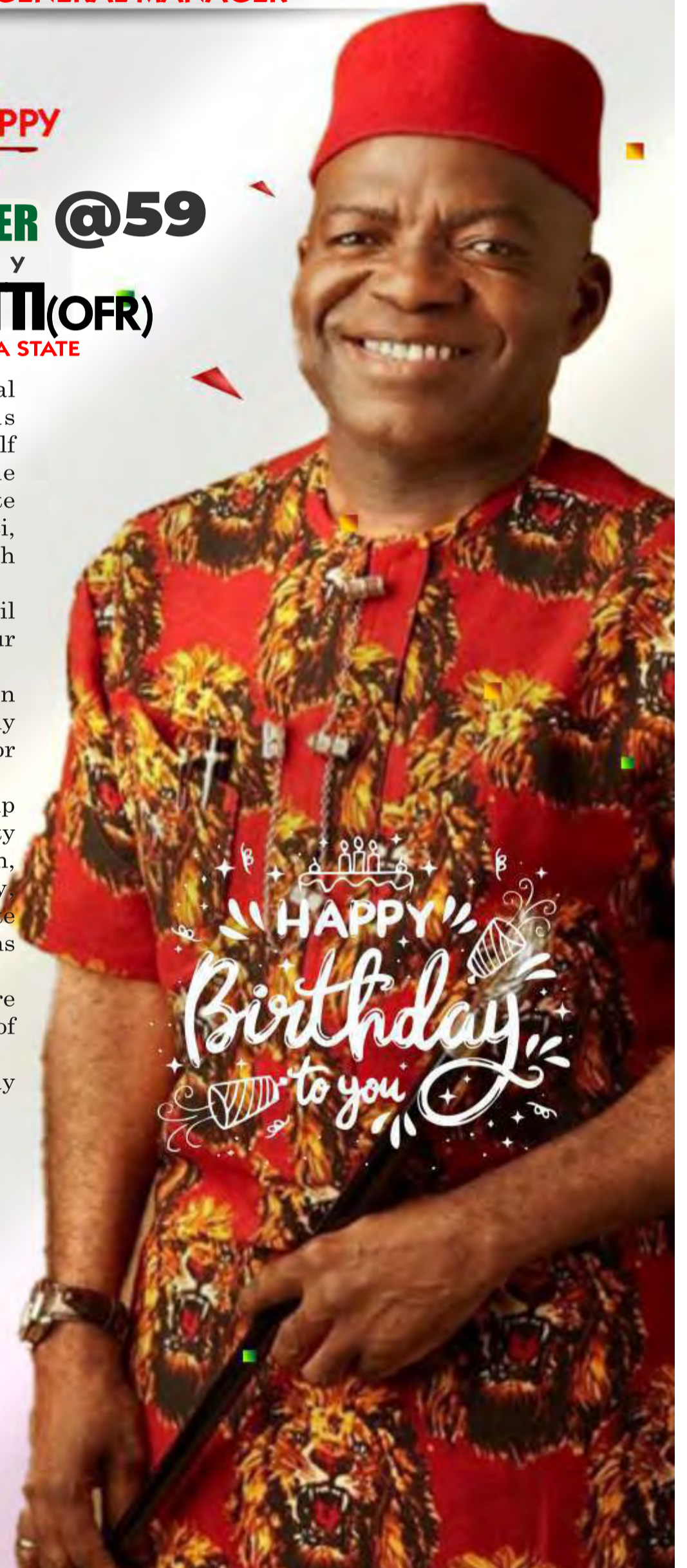
In just few months, steering the ship of leadership in Abia State has offered you another opportunity to showcase your sterling qualities. The Health, Education, Agriculture, Security, Industry, Commerce, Trade and other sectors of the State have recorded phenomenal transformation. Abians have never had it so good.

We pray for God's guidance, protection and more blessings for you to take Abia to greater level of development.

Happy Birthday erudite Scholar, Happy Birthday to a great achiever and model leader of our time.

**SIGNED**

**Venerable Joshua Ogadinma Onyeike**  
General Manager, ASOPADEC





# ABIA WARRIORS FOOTBALL CLUB

SECRETARIAT: 10 IKOT EKPENE ROAD (SBETO HOUSE) UMUAHIA, ABIA STATE

Happy Birthday!

HIS EXCELLENCY  
**DR. ALEX CHIOMA OTTI (OFR)**  
EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF ABIA STATE

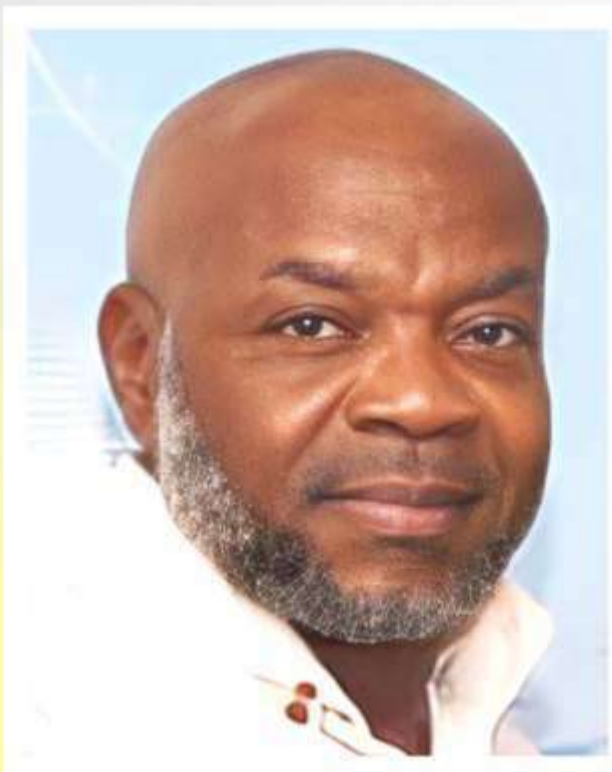
On behalf of the Board, Management and staff of Abia Warriors Football Club of Umuahia, I sincerely wish to congratulate our sports loving Governor, Dr Alex Chioma Otti (OFR) on this remarkable occasion of his 59th birthday.

Your Excellency, we join the global community to celebrate a man who has proven himself worthy of the massive endorsement he received from Abians to mount the saddle after last year's gubernational election and has since taken Abia State to an unprecedented height and recognition in all aspects of life just within eight months in office.

Sir, we are proud to associate with Your Excellency's visionary and purposeful leadership in sports particularly in the area of football and you can always count on our avowed support at all times.

We, the entire Abia Warriors family felicitate with you @59.

Accept our congratulations!



**John Obuh**  
Chairman



# Ministry of Environment Umuahia, Abia State

*happy*  
**Birthday**  
to the  
**People's Governor**

HIS EXCELLENCY  
**DR. ALEX CHIOMA OTTI OFR**

The entire management and staff of the Ministry of Environment felicitates the People's Governor, HE. Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, OFR on his birthday.

We note with joy the uncommon transformation that has taken place in Abia under your able leadership. We, at the Ministry of Environment, count ourselves lucky to be benefitting from your great leadership abilities and guidance.

**Signed:**

**Mr. Philemon Asonye Ogbonna**  
Hon. Commissioner  
Ministry of Environment



# ABIA STATE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

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## GOODWILL MESSAGE

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

### DR. ALEX CHIOMA OTTI(OFR)

EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF ABIA STATE

The Programme Manager Abia State ADP: Mr. Chukwudi Onuoha, on behalf of the management and staff of the agency heartily rejoice with the Governor of Abia State: His Excellency, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti (OFR) on his 59th birthday celebration.

Your Excellency, we in Abia State ADP, strongly believes that you are God sent and a rare gem, on a mission to rescue Abia State from the strangle-hold of bad governance and sequential dismemberment. Within few months in office, your ingenuity has now become very obvious, even doubting thomases now testify about your giant strides in infrastructural development and the economic sector. You have constructed and reconstructed roads, revitalized the health sector, established. Innovation industrial park at Owaza and many more. The Civil Servants now breath fresh air, as a result of prompt and regular payment of salaries and other incentives.

We want to reassure you of our unalloyed support to the activities and programmes of your administration and to tell you that we believe in your capability in steering the machinery of government in the state to the rubicon of development, transformation and to assume her pride of place in the commity of states.

Ride on Sir, and may God continue to keep and protect you, as well as grant you many more years ahead.

Long live Abia State, Long Live Dr. Alex Chioma Otti



*[Handwritten Signature]*  
**SIGNED**

**Mr. Chukwudi Onuoha**  
Programme Manager

