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NAPTIP Alerts Parents on Surge in Human Trafficking, Organ Harvesting

By Lovina Emole

National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) has issued a stern warning to parents and guardians over the rising cases of human trafficking and organ harvesting, particularly targeting young people.

In an exclusive interview with our Reporter, the Principal Intelligence Officer and Head of the Public Enlightenment Unit at NAPTIP, Mrs. Joy Annan emphasized the need for increased parental vigilance, both online and offline.

"Parents must monitor the websites their children visit and be aware of their offline activities," she advised. "Many young people become victims due to a lack of guidance and proper supervision."

Mrs. Annan noted that the public often associates trafficking solely with sex work, but the crime encompasses much more, including forced marriages, child begging, exploitative labour, child pornography, and sex torture.

She also drew attention to a disturbing trend: the demand for nude images used for blackmail and extortion, which, under Nigerian law, qualifies as a form of trafficking.

"Asking someone for nude photos and using them to extort money is trafficking and is punishable by law," she stated.

Even more alarming, she said, is the growing threat of illegal organ harvesting, especially involving unsuspecting youth.

"Parents need to know where their children are and who they're with. Organ harvesting is becoming more common, and victims often vanish without a trace," Mrs. Annan warned.

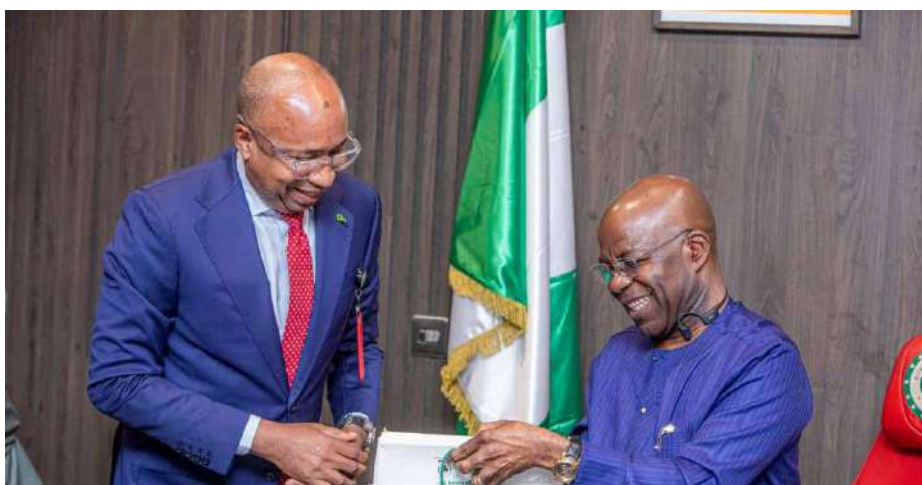
"There is now a black market for organs like kidneys. These are not obtained through legitimate medical procedures but through dangerous and criminal means."

NAPTIP urged families to participate in its awareness campaigns, report suspicious activities, and help educate others on the various forms of human trafficking.

As global efforts to combat trafficking continue, NAPTIP reiterates that prevention starts at home, calling on all Nigerians to stay alert and take responsibility.

"If you see something, say something," Mrs. Annan urged.

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■ Governor Alex Otti (Right), exchanging pleasantries with the CEO of CSCS, Alhaji Haruna Waziri (Left), during a meeting at Umuehim, Nvosi, Abia State recently.

Otti Decries 19-Year Delay Of Isiala Ngwa Dry Port

By Amarachi Uzoukwu

Abia State Governor, Dr. Alex Otti, has expressed deep concern over the prolonged 19-year delay in operationalising the Isiala Ngwa Inland Dry Port (IDP), describing it as a missed economic opportunity and a failure in implementation. He called on the Federal Government to urgently address the lack of critical infrastructure—particularly railway connectivity—that continues to stall the project.

Governor Otti made the

remarks recently at his country home in Nvosi, Isiala Ngwa South Local Government Area, while receiving a delegation from the Nigerian Shippers' Council (NSC) led by its Executive Secretary, Dr. Akutah Pius Ukeyima.

"The Isiala Ngwa IDP was strategically located from inception. For it to remain uncompleted 19 years later suggests something is fundamentally wrong," Governor Otti stated.

Highlighting transportation—especially the

absence of rail access—as the main bottleneck affecting the viability of inland ports across Nigeria, Otti stressed that road haulage is unsustainable for modern logistics and trade.

"The cheapest and most efficient way to move goods is by rail. Until we solve that, inland ports will remain unviable," he headed.

While acknowledging ongoing Federal Government investments in rail infrastructure, including the Port Harcourt-Maiduguri rail line, Otti expressed reservations

about the decision to use narrow-gauge tracks. However, he clarified that for cargo, the track width is less important than timely and efficient execution.

"Freight trains don't move that fast anyway. The issue isn't the gauge—it's execution," he said.

The Governor pledged to personally engage with Federal Authorities, including the Minister of Transport, to accelerate the port's development.

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FG Increases Tertiary Scholarships by 50 Per cent

By Sophia Ozuike

In a major move to ease the financial burden on students and boost access to quality education, the Federal Government has announced a 50% increase in scholarship grants for students at all levels of tertiary education.

The announcement was made recently by the Minister of Education, Dr. Olaturun Alausa, via a

statement on his official X (formerly Twitter) handle. The increase, he said, is part of the administration's drive to promote a more inclusive, equitable, and knowledge-driven society under President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda.

"We are not just funding education—we are building the human capital

foundation for Nigeria's long-term success," the Minister stated.

New Scholarship Amounts. The revised scholarship grants are as follows:

PhD students: N750,000 annually (up from N500,000)
Master's students: N600,000 (up from N400,000)
Undergraduate, HND, and

NCE students: N450,000 (up from N300,000)

Dr. Alausa explained that the increase represents the most ambitious reform of Nigeria's scholarship system in over a decade and is designed to ensure that no deserving student is left behind, especially amid rising education costs.

Focus on High-Impact Fields
The restructured scholarship

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"I'm willing to go to Abuja but we must ensure the investment is met with patronage. Otherwise, we'll waste more time and money," he warned.

Otti also questioned why many importers continue to prefer Lagos Ports over closer alternatives in Port Harcourt and Calabar while calling for a deeper understanding of market behavior to guide interventions.

"In 10 years, the concession expires. We've already lost 19. We must ask tough questions now or repeat history," he added.

Reaffirming his administration's commitment to infrastructure, trade, and economic growth, Otti thanked the Shippers' Council for its visit and pledged full cooperation.

Earlier, Dr. Ukeyima called on the state government to actively support efforts to revive the dry port project, which was gazetted in 2006 and concessioned to Eastgate Container Terminal Limited for 30 years. He revealed that the project is only about 10% complete due to slow equity contributions and lack of enabling infrastructure.

"With renewed commitment from the concessionaire and your enabling leadership, this port can become a major logistics and trade hub for the Southeast," Ukeyima said.

He urged Governor Otti to intervene in three critical areas:

1. Provision of access roads, electricity, and water.
2. Engagement with the concessionaire to ensure compliance.
3. Creation of a State Implementation Committee to coordinate stakeholders.

Ukeyima assured that the Council would continue to offer technical and regulatory support, adding that the IDP, once completed, will create thousands of jobs, boost Aba's industrial clusters, and enhance revenue generation.

"With your leadership and ongoing maritime reforms, we are confident the Isiala Ngwa Dry Port will become a continental trade gateway," he affirmed.

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program places a strong emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Medical Sciences (STEMM), as well as vocational and technical education—sectors considered critical to national development.

Two new scholarship categories have been introduced: N1 billion for STEMM and vocational students in public polytechnics

N1 billion for medical students in public universities studying Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Physiotherapy

The funds for these new categories have been repurposed from allocations initially earmarked for new international awards under the Bilateral Education Agreement (BEA) scheme.

"These changes are strategic. We are redirecting resources to where they can have the greatest long-term impact on our economy and society," Alausa said.

Allocation and Inclusion Strategy

To ensure fairness and greater national impact, the Ministry has introduced a revised allocation framework:

50% of scholarships will go to undergraduate students

25% to Master's students

25% to PhD candidates

Of each category:

70% of awards will support students in STEMM fields

30% will go to Social Sciences

5% of all scholarships are reserved for students with disabilities, in a move to promote educational inclusion Implementation and Oversight

According to the Minister, the implementation will be coordinated by the Federal Scholarship Board in collaboration with an Inter-Ministerial Committee chaired by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education. The committee includes representatives from the National Assembly, Federal Character Commission, Ministry of Women Affairs, and other key stakeholders to ensure transparency and accountability.

A total of N6 billion has been allocated for the 2025–2026 scholarship cycle, with over 15,000 students expected to benefit from the Nigerian Scholarship Award, Education Bursary Award, and the newly restructured BEA scheme.

Dr. Alausa urged students, parents, and institutions to actively support the reform, describing it as a bold investment in Nigeria's youth and the nation's future.

"This is more than a policy—it is a national commitment to education as a pathway to shared prosperity," he concluded.

2027: Group Endorses Otti for Second Term, Applauds Dev't Strides

By Amaraachi Uzonkwo

Governor Alex Otti of Abia State has received a significant political endorsement ahead of the 2027 general elections, as the Old Bende Progressive Union declared its full support for his re-election, praising his transformative leadership and track record in governance.

The endorsement was formally presented during a courtesy visit to the Governor at his country home in Nvosi, Isiala Ngwa South Local Government Area, where the Union delivered a communiqué affirming their backing.

The statement, jointly signed by retired Deputy Inspector General of Police Azubuike Udah, Chairman of the Union, and Eze Nzenwata Mbakwe, Chairman of the Bende

Traditional Rulers Council, highlighted Governor Otti's achievements in infrastructure, economic planning, and security.

"Governor Otti's vision and execution have repositioned Abia on the global development map," the communiqué read.

Among the major projects applauded were the proposed Abia International Airport, Abia Seaport, Sports City, and Industrial Innovation Park. The Union also commended the administration for the prompt payment of salaries and pensions, which they said has positively impacted workers, retirees, and small business owners.

The group cited significant improvements in security, attributing increased investor confidence and economic

activity to the Governor's efforts in creating a safe and stable environment.

As a show of appreciation, the Union announced plans to host a Grand Civic Reception in honour of Governor Otti.

In his response, Governor Otti reiterated his administration's commitment to rebuilding Abia and preventing a return to what he termed "regressive governance."

"Once we reclaim our state and entrench good governance, it becomes impossible to return to Egypt," he said.

The Governor thanked the delegation and the people of Abia for their support, noting that his administration's policies are driven by the common good, not political affiliations.

He also revealed plans to honour three Super

Falcons players—two from Abia and one raised in the state—following their victory at the 2025 Women's Africa Cup of Nations (WAFCON).

Speaking to reporters after the visit, Mr. Alex Ikwuechegh, Member representing Aba North and South Federal Constituency, hailed the Otti administration's rapid infrastructure development and reform agenda.

"Abia has moved from being the worst to becoming a model for development among Nigerian states," Ikwuechegh said.

He added that no political contender from the Old Bende bloc would challenge Governor Otti's re-election in 2027, declaring:

"There is no vacancy between 2027 and 2031."

Akwa-Ibom First Lady Commissions GIFA Solar-Powered Water Project

By Lovina Enole

In a major step toward improving rural access to clean water, the Golden Initiative for All (GIFA) has commissioned a solar-powered borehole in Ikot Obong Edong, Ikot Ekpene Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State.

The "Water-of-Life" project, inaugurated by the Chairman, Board of Trustees of GIFA and Coordinator, Office of the First Lady, Lady Helen Eno Obareki, is designed to provide a sustainable water supply to the community and nearby school.

Lady Obareki, represented by the Commissioner for Women

Affairs and Social Welfare, Hon. Inibehe Etukudo, emphasized that the solar-powered system would ensure durability, efficiency, and reduce maintenance costs.

She commended the community's cooperation during the project's execution and urged local leaders to safeguard the facility against vandalism.

In her remarks, Mrs. Affiong Nkom, wife of the Ikot Ekpene Council Chairman, applauded Lady Obareki for reviving the previously abandoned project. She noted the new facility has significantly eased the community's

struggle for access to safe drinking water and appealed for similar interventions in other wards.

Pastor Joseph Daniel, Chief Operating Officer of NigerVolt Limited—the company that executed the project—highlighted the use of solar energy as a testament to the company's commitment to GIFA's mission of improving family welfare across the state.

Community leaders, including the Village Head, Chief Elijah Udo Ituen, and

Madam Mbuotidem Udoma, expressed deep gratitude to GIFA and pledged to protect and maintain the facility.

The event concluded with the official handover of the project to the community leadership.

Change of Name

I, formerly known and addressed as Miss Amugo Joy Chinazurum, now wish to be known and addressed as MRS. CHIGOZIE JOY CHINAZURUM. All documents bearing my former names remain valid. Ministry of Education, Secondary Education Management Board (SEMB) Umuahia, Abia State and the general public should please take note.

MRS. CHIGOZIE JOY CHINAZURUM.

Change of Name

I, formerly known and addressed as Genevieve Nwaike, now wish to be known and addressed as SAM IJEOMA MARTIN. All documents bearing my former names remain valid. The general public should please take note.

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Chukwu Lauds Military Over Army-Backed Medical Centre In Abia

By Ubanu Okochukwu

In a landmark event aimed at strengthening grassroots healthcare in Abia State, a state-of-the-art medical facility has been commissioned in the Umuchieze community, Umunneochi Local Government Area of Abia State. The health centre, constructed by the Nigerian Army, was officially handed over to the community in a

ceremony that brought together key military and government dignitaries.

Speaking during the commissioning, the Head, Due Process and Public Procurement Bureau, Abia State, Dr. Oluebube A. Chukwu, expressed appreciation to the Nigerian Army for its collaborative efforts with the state government.

"Today marks a pivotal step in our joint

mission to improve healthcare access for all Abians. The Nigerian Army has not only built a facility but invested in the health and future of this community. This partnership is a model of what can be achieved when institutions work hand-in-glove for public good," Dr. Chukwu stated.

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End Human Trafficking Now - Dr Chukwu Raises Alarm

By Chukwuemeka Egejuru

Senior Special Assistant (SSA) to the Governor of Abia State on Due Process and Public Procurement, Dr. Oluebube Chukwu, has decried the rising rate of human trafficking in Nigeria, warning that the crime is damaging the country's global reputation, draining its economy, and destroying the lives of its youth.

Speaking with newsmen in commemoration of 2025 World Day Against Trafficking in Persons in Umuahia, Abia State capital, Dr. Chukwu described human trafficking as a national emergency that demands immediate and coordinated action from all levels of government, civil society, and the international community.

In his words: "Human trafficking is not just a crime against individuals—it is an assault on our national identity, security, and economy."

"It continues to rob Nigeria of its most valuable resource—our people."

He expressed worries over United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) report, which African victims accounted for 31% of global cross-border trafficking cases in 2022, with Nigeria among the top source countries.

He disclosed that victims are lured with promises of education, employment, or travel opportunities, only to be forced into prostitution, labour exploitation, cybercrime, and organ trafficking.

Dr. Chukwu stressed that traffickers exploit digital platforms to deceive and recruit victims, making the crime harder to detect and combat.

He said: "Criminals now operate online, using social media, job ads, and dating apps. Yet, our law enforcement tools are outdated and poorly coordinated. This imbalance must be urgently corrected."

Beyond the human cost, Dr. Chukwu warned that trafficking is damaging Nigeria's international reputation and discouraging foreign investment.

"A nation associated with human trafficking loses credibility in the global arena. Investors hesitate, tourists stay away, and development partners become wary. We are paying a heavy price in lost economic opportunities."

To curb the menace, Dr. Chukwu outlined four key interventions to include: Strengthen Law Enforcement and Border Controls; Expand Economic Opportunities by investing in youth empowerment via quality education, especially for women and vulnerable communities; tighten Digital Monitoring by Collaborating with tech platforms to track suspicious recruitment activity and promote online safety tools for the public and Supporting Victims' Recovery with medical care, counseling, legal support, and reintegration programmes to rebuild their lives among others.

Dr. Chukwu urged the public to support the UN Blue Heart Campaign, use the hashtag #EndHumanTrafficking, and donate to the UN Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Human Trafficking.

He emphasized that trafficking must not only be condemned but also actively confronted.

According to the Technocrat: "This day is more than symbolic. It should trigger a nationwide movement. Let's break the chains, not tomorrow, but today."

World Day Against Trafficking in Persons is commemorated on July 30, every year as part of national efforts to raise awareness and support global action against human trafficking.

Ex-ipac Chief Advocates For More Devt In Abia

By Okereke Kate

The former South East Chairman of the Inter-Party Advisory Council (IPAC), Hon. Emeka Okafor, has urged the Abia State Government to commit more funds to infrastructure development in order to realize the Abia State of our dreams.

Addressing newsmen in Umuahia, Hon. Okafor emphasized that the development of Abia should be the top priority of any government in power. While acknowledging that the current administration has made commendable efforts, he stressed the need for increased financial commitment to critical infrastructure projects now that the state receives higher federal allocations.

He noted that improved roads, healthcare facilities, and educational infrastructure would not only enhance the living standards of the people but also attract investors and boost economic growth in the state.

"The Governor is doing his best, and we commend him for the strides made so far. However, with the improved revenue and allocation the state is now getting, more should be invested in key sectors that directly impact the people."

Hon Okafor also called for transparency and inclusiveness in the budgeting and implementation processes, urging the government to carry stakeholders along to ensure equitable development across all zones of the state.

He encouraged citizens to remain engaged in governance through constructive feedback and support for initiatives that promote the collective good of Abians.



Prof. Mabel Ifeoma Onwuka (Left) During The Flag-Off Of The 2025 Harvest Season Of Greenhouse-grown Tomatoes And Peppers at MOUAU Recently

MOUAU Moves To Tackle Tomato, Pepper Shortages

By Chukwuemeka Egejuru

Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike (MOUAU), has officially flagged off the 2025 harvest season of its greenhouse-grown tomatoes and peppers.

This, according to the institution is a key milestone in its Smart-Agriculture initiative aimed at addressing the persistent supply gaps in Southeastern Nigeria.

Declaring the harvest open, Vice-Chancellor of MOUAU, Prof. Maduebisi Ofo Iwe, reaffirmed the university's commitment to advancing agricultural expertise and enhancing food security nationwide.

Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Nneoma Elechi Obasi, the Vice-Chancellor emphasized the nutritional importance of tomatoes, describing them as a rich source of essential micronutrients crucial for combating hidden hunger across households.

"Tomatoes may not solve all aspects of food insecurity, but they play a critical role in addressing micronutrient deficiencies, especially when consumed alongside fruits,

vegetables, carbohydrates, and protein-rich foods," Prof. Iwe noted.

He stressed that the greenhouse initiative is not solely about production but also serves academic purposes by supporting teaching, research, and learning among others.

Prof. Iwe who urged Nigerians to explore home gardening by planting tomatoes in containers/buckets as a cost-effective way to improve household nutrition, further called on governments and NGOs to invest in tomato and pepper production as a sustainable and profitable venture that can engage unemployed youths.

In her remarks, the Supervisor of the MOUAU Greenhouse and a Professor of Soil Science, Prof. Mabel Ifeoma Onwuka, disclosed that the university's greenhouses are managed under an integrated system that utilizes both organic and inorganic fertilizers with irrigation.

She noted that the current batch of crops was planted in April 2025, and that demand has already grown beyond the university community, attracting buyers from both urban and rural areas.

Prof. Onwuka, who also

serves as the Director of the Centre for Gender, Youth and Child Development, emphasized the socio-economic relevance of the project.

She said: "We are happy to bridge the supply gap in tomato and pepper production."

Prof. Onwuka urged Abia State Governor, Dr. Alex Otti, and other Southeast Governors to replicate similar greenhouse initiatives across all Local Government Areas (LGAs), stressing that this would reduce the region's long-standing dependence on produce from Northern Nigeria.

According to her, Southern states—particularly Abia—continue to face seasonal shortages of tomatoes and peppers, with local output falling far short of meeting year-round demand.

She described the MOUAU greenhouse model as a climate-controlled, high-yield, and sustainable solution capable of transforming local production and distribution systems.

"This is a sustainable model delivering farm-fresh produce directly to consumers, supported by academic research and strong community engagement."

"By replicating such systems, states can reduce importation,

improve food security, stimulate local economies, and create jobs", Onwuka further noted.

The Agriculturist maintained that MOUAU greenhouse initiative stands as a practical demonstration of agricultural innovation and food system resilience; setting an example for institutions, governments, and development partners across Nigeria.

Present at the event were several key university officials, including the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Ursula Akanwa; the Director, Centre of Excellence in Root Crop Research and Development, Prof. Gregory Onwuka; the University Librarian; Prof. Ogbonna, Director of Audit; Mr. Ndubuisi Mgbemena, the University Public Relations Officer (PRO); Dr. Ubadire Agwa, members of the organizing team—Mr. Chibueze Onyejuruwa, Mrs. Esther Ugwu Otta, and Dr. Amajuyoi, among others.

The event also brought together stakeholders across the agricultural sector, various departments and units of the institution, underscoring the university's commitment to administrative excellence and academic innovation.

Abia Eye Health Bureau Chief, Betty Receives Award

By Chibumma Ikeokwu

The Administrator, Abia State Eye Health Management Bureau, Dr. Betty Emeka Obasi, has been conferred with the prestigious Fellowship Award of the Nigerian Optometric Association (NOA) in recognition of her outstanding contributions to eye care advancement in Nigeria.

The award was presented by Her Excellency, Lady Priscilla Chidinma Otti, First Lady of Abia State, during the recently concluded NOA National Conference hosted in Umuahia, the Abia State capital.

The award highlights Dr. Obasi's pioneering leadership in implementing accessible, high-quality eye care through Nigeria's first state-owned eye health bureau—a visionary initiative established by Governor Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, OFR. Since its creation, the Bureau has

introduced innovative eye care programs, strengthened community outreach, and positioned Abia State as a model in public sector-driven eye health management nationwide.

Dr. Obasi also received an Award of Excellence during the conference's opening ceremony, further affirming the Bureau's transformative impact on grassroots eye health delivery.

In her acceptance remarks, Dr. Obasi expressed heartfelt gratitude to Governor Otti for his visionary leadership.

Dr. Betty-Obasi said: "This recognition is a testament to the collective effort of Optometrists, our dedicated team, and the entire eye health community in Abia State and beyond. I am deeply honored to serve in a role that advances eye care and transforms lives."

She also thanked Lady Priscilla Otti for her unwavering support in promoting eye health and

facilitating the successful hosting of the conference.

"This award inspires me to continue championing accessible, quality eye care for all. My sincere thanks go to the NOA leadership, my colleagues, and my family for their encouragement", she said.

The NOA Fellowship Award is one of the highest distinctions in Nigerian optometry, reserved for professionals who have made significant and lasting contributions to the field. Dr. Obasi's recognition solidifies Abia's standing as a national leader in people-focused, sustainable eye health programs.

With two major awards in two days, Dr. Obasi's recognition marks a significant milestone for Abia's health sector and reinforces the state's commitment to inclusive, innovation-led healthcare delivery.

The event drew a distinguished audience, including

top government officials and stakeholders in the health sector. Notable attendees included: Prof. Azubuike Onyebuchi, CMD of FMC Umuahia, representing the Minister of State for Health; Prof. Kenneth Kanu, Secretary to the State Government; Prof. Enoch Uche Ogbonnaya, Commissioner for Health; Engr. Ikechukwu Monday, Commissioner for Power and Public Utilities; Dr. Mathew Ekwuribe, Commissioner for Arts, Culture and Creative Economy; Senator Darlington Nwokocha; Mrs. Magdalene Ugoanusi, SA on Chieftaincy Affairs; Mrs. Nkolika Ubani, Special Adviser on Legal Matters; Lady Mrs. Ezihe Lydia Onuoha, Executive Chairman, ASUBEB; Dr. Odochi Azubuike, CEO, Hospital Management Board; Dr. Chimezie Okwuonu, CMD, Abia Specialist Hospital among others.

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Gov Otti Moves To Boost Agric

By Amarachi Uzoukwu

The Abia State Government has approved the creation of a large-scale integrated farm using the CSS model, to support Governor Alex Otti's plans for food security and agricultural growth.

Commissioner for Information, Prince Okey Kanu, shared this news while speaking to journalists after this week's Executive Council meeting, led by Governor Otti.

He explained that last year, the state sponsored 302 young people from Abia to train at CSS Farms in Nasarawa State. After training, they received support to start their own farms.

Now, the government plans to build a similar CSS-style farm in Abia. This farm will increase food production and also train young people interested in farming and agribusiness.

"This new farm will help us grow more food and serve as a training center for youths who want to go into agriculture," he said.

According to the Commissioner, the first phase of the project has been completed in Abia, with over 80% of the trained farmers using the support properly. These farmers trained others and are ready to repay the interest-free loans they got.

He added that soon, all responsible beneficiaries will receive more support to fully begin their own farming projects.

However, the government is unhappy with 26 beneficiaries who have not cooperated and cannot explain how they used the money given to them.

Prince Kanu said these individuals will face punishment soon.

"We will take action against them, but we will also reward those who used their support well by giving them more help," he said.

He also announced that the Ministry of Agriculture will soon give out improved farming inputs. The distribution will be based on accurate data from the training programs to make sure only real farmers benefit.

"This will help make the program fair and ensure that only those serious about farming get the inputs," he added.

Commissioner for Agriculture, Dr. Cliff Agbaeze, explained that the 302 trained farmers were required to train three other people each.

"We will keep working with them, help them make business plans, and give them more support. That way, the program keeps growing," he said.

He also said more Abians will be trained in agriculture across different local governments to give more people access.

Dr. Agbaeze warned that those who ran away with government funds will be tracked and punished.

"We have their names, photos, and contacts. They will not get away with it. We will recover the money. This government will not allow misuse of public funds," he warned.

'ASUU Must Evolve From Protest To Policy' - MOUUAU Pro-Chancellor, Edeh

By Adindu Stephanie

The Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) must evolve from protest to policy and lead in shaping Nigeria's future, according to the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike (MOUUAU), Comrade Fidelis Edeh.

Edeh made the call during a grand reception held at MOUUAU in honour of Professor Victor Emmanuel Osodeke, the immediate past National President of ASUU. The event brought together academics, union leaders, and dignitaries from across Nigeria to celebrate Osodeke's legacy and reflect on the future of university education and academic unionism.

"It is time to move from struggle to strategy. ASUU must no longer stand aside.

The union must take the lead in governance, policy-making, and shaping the national agenda," Edeh said.

He commended ASUU for its pivotal role in achieving near-total university autonomy but criticized the union's absence from the drafting of the 1999 Constitution, calling it a missed opportunity that weakened the academic community's policy influence.

In his keynote remarks, Prof. Osodeke reflected on the challenges of his tenure, especially under the administration of former President Muhammadu Buhari and then-Labour Minister Chris Ngige. He credited ASUU's resilience with keeping Nigeria's public universities afloat.

"Our struggles kept the university system from collapsing like other public institutions. ASUU stood firm when it mattered most,"

Osodeke declared.

He also highlighted the union's successful campaign to exit the Integrated Payroll and Personnel Information System (IPPIS), describing it as a major win that restored dignity to academic careers and allowed professors to retire with full entitlements.

Osodeke condemned the government's neglect of lecturer welfare, which he said has driven a mass exodus of Nigerian academics in search of better opportunities abroad. He urged government at all levels to invest meaningfully in public universities, which educate 95% of the country's student population.

Prof. Chris Piwuna, ASUU's current National President, vowed to continue the fight for quality education, improved welfare, and institutional autonomy. While advocating for dialogue, he affirmed that strike action

remains a legitimate tool.

"Strike is not unique to Nigeria; it's a global tool for academic and labour advocacy. We prefer engagement, but we won't hesitate to act when necessary," he said.

Representing the Vice Chancellor of MOUUAU, Prof. Nneoma Obasi praised Osodeke's leadership as "historic," citing his efforts in maintaining unity between ASUU and university management. ASUU MOUUAU Branch Chair, Prof. Chike Ugwuene, described the honoree as a visionary and national asset.

The reception ultimately served as both a celebration of leadership and a rallying cry for ASUU to broaden its role in national development—by not only defending university interests but actively shaping Nigeria's future through constructive engagement and policy leadership.



Dr. Oluebube Chukwu (Left) Making A Presentation To A Learner At Amuda Isuochi Ummunneochi L.G.A, Abia State Recently

Abia Community Jubilates As Chukwu Unveils Endowment, Reiterates Gov Otti's Strides

By Adindu Stephanie

It was a day of celebration and renewed hope in Amuda community, Ummunneochi Local Government Area (LGA), Abia State as the Senior Special Assistant to the Governor of Abia State, Dr. Oluebube Chukwu donated some educational materials to enhance teaching and learning.

Speaking at the graduation ceremony of Divine Intellectual Academy of Trinity Methodist Church, Amuda, today, Dr. Chukwu underscored the central role of education in national development, stressing that no country can progress beyond the strength of its educational system.

Dr. Chukwu disclosed that the essence of the donation is to complement the genuine investment of Gov. Alex Otti, OFR to reposition the education sector at all levels,

maintaining that no nation can rise above the quality of its education.

In his words: "These children are the future engineers, doctors, teachers, and leaders of this nation. We owe it to them to build a solid foundation. Education is the most powerful vehicle for transforming societies."

The founder, Oluebube A. Chukwu Foundation, also congratulated the graduands for making it to this phase of their academic pursuits, enjoining them shun acts capable of undermining their studies.

Items donated by Dr. Chukwu include: a plasma television set, 50 graduation gowns, and a new playground swing set for the school.

Chukwu also launched a permanent educational endowment fund to support outstanding, and indigent students.

In his remarks, the

Proprietor of the school, Very Rev. Chidi Ohadugha, expressed gratitude for the support, describing it as timely and transformative.

"This is more than a donation—it is an investment in the future of Amuda. Dr. Chukwu's unwavering support will leave a lasting impact not only on these children but on our entire community," he said.

Contributing, the Councillor of Amuda Ward, Hon. David Mba

who represented the Executive Chairman of the Council lauded Dr. Chukwu's gesture as a model of responsive and visionary leadership.

"True leadership is measured by action. Dr. Chukwu's efforts reflect the government's broader mission to uplift our communities, one school at a time," he remarked on behalf of the chairman.

In her vote of thanks, the

Head Girl, Miss Ogechi Uzoma, proudly wearing one of the newly donated gowns, thanked Dr. Chukwu for the gesture.

She pledged on behalf of her peers to continue striving for excellence and to uphold the values instilled in them by the school.

The event culminated in the cutting of the graduation cake and the presentation of prizes and awards to deserving learners.

The joyful atmosphere was enhanced by the presence of community members, including women's groups, youth leaders, elders, and supporters of Dr. Chukwu, who all came to witness the landmark occasion.

Highlights of the event, include: rich with cultural performances, traditional dances, debates, quizzes, and displays of academic excellence by the graduating Nursery Three and Primary Six pupils.

Education Is Key - Emetu

By Charles Ogbomanya

The Deputy Governor of Abia State, Engr. Ikechukwu Emetu, has emphasized the importance of education in the development of every child. He made this statement at the 2024/2025 graduation ceremony of Meridian Heights School, Umuahia.

Speaking at the event, Engr. Emetu encouraged parents to make their children's education a top priority. He described education as one of the best investments for a child's future and a foundation for personal and community development.

The Deputy Governor praised the management of Meridian Heights International School for its dedication to academic excellence and strong moral values. He described the school as a respected institution in Umuahia.

He also commended the students, teachers, and parents for their hard work and support, which contributed to the success of the graduating class. Congratulating the graduates, he encouraged them to become agents of positive change in society and expressed confidence in their ability to contribute meaningfully to the growth of Abia State.

In his welcome speech, the Proprietor and Head of School, Dr. Uduak Akpan, thanked the Deputy Governor for attending the event. He also appreciated the school's teachers and staff for their dedication, passion, and lasting impact on the students.

Dr. Akpan congratulated the graduating students and wished them success in their future journeys.

Editorial

From The Unity Games To The World Stage

The successful conclusion of the second edition of the Abia Governor's Secondary Schools Unity Games marks not just a celebration of youthful excellence, but also a symbolic reaffirmation of the vital role of grassroots sports in shaping a stronger, united, and more progressive Abia.

From Ikwuano's inspiring ascent to the top of the medal table with 131 medals, to the stunning performances by student-athletes like Miss Precious Adaeze Ezechukwu, the Unity Games have once again proven that talent is abundant in every corner of our state—urban or rural, known or unknown. What is often missing is sustained investment and structured support.

It is particularly noteworthy that Governor Alex Otti, through his Chief of Staff, Pastor Caleb Ajagba, delivered a powerful message to students: "There is a seed of greatness in you." This recognition of youth potential is commendable—but it must go beyond mere words. The Governor's commitment to giving the Umuahia Township Stadium a facelift is a positive step, yet what is truly needed is a comprehensive, statewide sports development policy that addresses infrastructure, training, funding, and talent management across all 17 local government areas.

We also commend Sir Nwobilor Ananaba, Commissioner for Youth and Sports Development, for his vision and organizational leadership. However, if these games are to be more than a once-a-

year spectacle, they must evolve into a sustainable talent development ecosystem. Abia has no business losing its brightest athletic minds to neglect, lack of opportunity, or migration to better-funded states.

The performance of Ikwuano LGA, a semi-urban area, should inspire a rethink of long-held assumptions about where talent resides. As the State Director of Sports, Comrade Obioma George, rightly observed, the triumph of Ikwuano over more urban LGAs is both surprising and symbolic—it proves that talent flourishes where there is community effort and support.

The Unity Games should now serve as a launchpad for an inclusive state sports academy, or at least well-equipped centers in each senatorial zone, where identified talents are groomed under professional guidance. The goal should be clear: produce national champions, Olympians, and global ambassadors of Abia's sporting excellence.

Furthermore, the role of school sports as a tool for social cohesion, mental development, and physical well-being cannot be overemphasized. Beyond winning medals, these games have helped foster unity among students from diverse backgrounds, promoting values such as discipline, teamwork, and mutual respect—critical traits needed for nation-building.

As we applaud the achievements of these young athletes and their coaches, we must equally call on policymakers, private sector players, and civil society to support this momentum. Sporadic government enthusiasm is not enough. What Abia needs is a sports revolution, and it starts by institutionalizing the gains of the Unity Games into a lasting legacy.

Let the slogan going forward be: From the Unity Games to the World Stage. The time to invest is now. The talent is here. The potential is limitless.

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The Urgent Need to Sustain, And Expand Abia's TechRise Programme

Dear Editor,

I write to commend the Abia State Government for launching the TechRise Programme—a visionary and timely initiative designed to equip the youths of Abia with critical digital skills that are increasingly essential in today's rapidly evolving global economy.

As the world shifts from traditional job sectors to technology-driven industries, programmes like TechRise serve as vital lifelines. They not only empower individuals but also act as catalysts for the broader socioeconomic transformation of the state. By providing practical training in areas such as software development, data analytics, digital marketing, and entrepreneurship, Abia is positioning its youth population to compete not just locally, but on a global stage.

However, for TechRise to achieve its full potential and create lasting change, it must be sustained, expanded, and institutionalized. It cannot afford to be a short-term project or a symbolic gesture. Rather, it should evolve into a comprehensive tech innovation ecosystem—featuring dedicated digital training hubs strategically located across all senatorial zones. Partnerships with leading global and local technology firms must be pursued vigorously, while the programme's curriculum and outreach should be fully integrated into the state's broader educational reforms and job creation strategies.

Furthermore, graduates of the programme should not be left to navigate the job market alone. There must be systems in place for continuous mentorship, career guidance, and access to startup funding or employment opportunities. It is also imperative that TechRise deliberately targets underserved groups—including rural youths, women, and out-of-school young people—who are often marginalized in mainstream development initiatives.

Governor Alex Otti's administration deserves commendation for recognizing technology as a key driver of development and for taking concrete steps to harness its potential for Abia's youth. But to truly make Abia a hub of innovation and digital excellence in the South-East, TechRise must be elevated from a programme to a permanent policy priority—a cornerstone of youth empowerment and economic diversification.

Let us not plant seeds only to abandon them midway. Instead, let us collectively nurture this vision, ensuring it flourishes so that Abia can proudly earn its place as the Silicon Valley of the South-East—a state where young people are equipped, empowered, and inspired to shape the future.

Okenwa, Adaku Jane
Umuahia, Abia State

Special Features

Tribute To My Foster Mother, Mrs Joan Eze

— *By Aisha Muhammed Oyebo*
(Late Gen Murtala Ramat Muhammad's Daughter)

This Thursday, we begin the formal funeral rites for Mrs. Joan Eze, a nurse practitioner from Grenada who became family to us in every sense that mattered. She was married to Mazi Anthony Eze of Arochukwu—our dear Uncle Tony—who passed away nearly ten years ago. In remembering her, I find myself drawn back to the piece I began writing after Uncle Tony's death but never finished. It is time to complete it now, and to honour them both.

Aunt Joan was one of many Caribbean women whose families moved to the UK in the post-war years as part of the Windrush generation. They left their islands in search of opportunity—armed with crisp certificates, strong faith, and the courage to build new lives in a country that, I have since learned, often greeted them with indifference—or worse. But Aunt Joan, a nurse practitioner, met that world with grace. Her journey from Grenada to the wards of London hospitals, and eventually into our lives, was marked not just by hard work, but by extraordinary generosity of spirit.

Together with Uncle Tony—who had come to Britain from Nigeria for education—they built a life that would become a sanctuary for us. My siblings and I were children in boarding school in the UK, far from home and the comfort of family. My mother, under enormous pressure and faced with the very real threat of my being married off at the age of sixteen by some of the more traditional members of my father's extended family, made the heartbreaking decision in 1979, to send me to boarding school abroad. It was an act of courage and resilience that laid the foundation for the academic and professional achievements of her and Murtala's children—and now, respectfully, for their grandchildren too.

At that time, sending children abroad was not the lifestyle statement it is sometimes seen as today. It was a cultural rupture, a sacrifice. And for me, having lost my father at the age of twelve, it was especially difficult. But it was Aunt Joan and Uncle Tony who stood in loco parentis during those early, uncertain years. They became the stability—especially for my late brother Zack and I—in an often unfamiliar world. They showed up when many couldn't; though not related by blood, they became our family in the truest sense.

If I reflect truthfully, we spent more of those formative years under their

care than with many of our own relations. This is not to diminish the love of my father's family—far from it. Their affection remained, even if tempered by geography, circumstance, and the emotional aftershocks of loss. Although I must admit, surprisingly a few felt a quiet grievance, perhaps rooted in unspoken expectations unmet. In time, distance—and differing understandings of duty, entitlement, and memory—reshaped our bonds. But in the rhythms of daily life abroad, it was these two remarkable individuals who were my constant presence—steady, nurturing, and profoundly parental. I say this not in comparison, but in gratitude—to honour the quiet ways love makes itself known, choosing us even before we realise we need it.

Uncle Tony was a quiet force. When Zack—spirited, energetic, and navigating the turbulence of teenage

to raise each other's children. That, too, is legacy.

I began writing this op-ed after Uncle Tony died in 2016, but I couldn't finish it then. Grief swallowed the words. It was his youngest son, Chukwuma Eze, who recently caused me to revive it—almost casually—when he reminded me that it was my father who gave him his first bicycle in 1975. That one memory unlocked everything. A small gesture: a bike. But it spoke of something larger—mutual care, belief, responsibility. These friendships were never one-sided. They were deep and sustained.

My father never spoke much to us, his children, about the civil war. But I came to learn that, even before the guns fell silent, he crossed back into Biafran territory—not for politics, but for people. He searched for my mother's sisters—including her sister, now

especially with emotional support—not out of pity, but because they understood what it meant to belong to one another. Uncle Tony and Aunt Joan, yes—but also Mr. Echi Onyesoh, Mr. Brown Madiebo, and Alhaji Ahmadu Yaro. Men of different backgrounds and tongues, yet united by something deeper: a postwar brotherhood built around my father. None of them related to us by blood, yet each of them stood in the space where love and loyalty lived. These were friendships forged in the aftermath of war—deliberate, resilient, and enduring.

Indeed, while my father was alive, collectively, their care had extended across boundaries. They supported each other's businesses. Looked after each other's children. They played together. They mourned together. They showed up for each other—for weddings, for naming ceremonies, for hospital visits, for ordinary days—and for unspeakable ones: the sudden deaths, the silences that follow loss.

Now, almost 50 years to the day since my father became Head of State, I find myself reflecting not just on the weight of his office, but on the quiet decisions that shaped our lives. When each of them died—Uncle Echi Onyesoh, Uncle Brown Madiebo, Baba Ahmadu Yaro, Uncle Tony, and now Aunt Joan—it felt like losing my father again. Because they were all pieces of him. Of the story we shared.

This is not just a tribute. It is a testimony to the kind of love that doesn't seek recognition. To the kind of solidarity that carried us across continents. To the kind of friendships that made an exiled child feel at home. In this season of remembrance, I choose not only to recall what was lost, but to honour what was quietly built.

So in remembering Chukwuma's first bike, I remember that love and friendship are never one-directional. As we bury Aunt Joan this week, I remember Uncle Tony too.

And I remember—no matter how hard it was at times—we were never alone.

And we never will be.

In remembering them both, I honour the many people—named and unnamed—who helped support us, and in doing so, helped carry our father's legacy forward.

Aisha Muhammed-Oyebo is the eldest daughter of Late General Murtala Muhammed. This piece is a personal reflection on the quiet love, friendship, and resilience that sustained her family in the years after his death.

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life—once ran up an eye-watering phone bill during a summer holiday in their home, my mother insisted he work to repay every penny. She was fierce in principle. But Uncle Tony quietly paid it. No lectures. Just love. When Zack was later shot by a friend in 1993—a tragedy that shattered our family—it was people like Uncle Tony and General TY Danjuma who held us together in grief. Their comfort was silent, but steady.

What makes it even more remarkable is that Uncle Tony—our Uncle Tony—had been a Brigadier on the Biafran side. He had proudly commanded the 12th Division in Biafra's armed forces, just as my father had proudly commanded the Second Division as a Brigadier on the Nigerian side. They were both senior officers—each charged with decisive missions, each carrying the burden of war. He and my father trained together at Sandhurst, and indeed their friendship was forged there. But they would one day find themselves on opposite sides of that brutal conflict. And yet, after the war, they chose something greater. They chose friendship. Chose brotherhood. Chose

Senator Ireti Heebat Kingibe—as well as his friends who were trapped behind the lines. He helped them to safety. Gave what little he could to help friends rebuild. He never advertised it. It was simply what needed to be done. That, too, is part of this legacy.

It was these simple acts of empathy that would matter most in the critical years after his assassination. They became the quiet scaffolding that held us up through the hardest times.

In those years, in that distant country, they filled the gaps. My mother struggled financially—especially after she had sent me to school abroad. Her businesses suffered under import bans. As a woman who had built a successful trade early on, it was devastating. It took her several years to find renewed success in real estate and, later, in her passion for horticulture. In the meantime, the Federal Government scholarships promised to us were delayed—and in some cases, never honoured at all.

But we were never truly alone. Because when systems failed, people did not.

Those who surrounded us rallied,

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Obika Empowers AMAC/Bwari Constituents

In a bold step towards grassroots development, Hon. Joshua Chinedu Obika, the Labour Party representative for AMAC/Bwari Federal Constituency in the House of Representatives, has launched a vocational empowerment program aimed at equipping constituents with essential tools for self-reliance and skills training.

The initiative, carried out in collaboration with the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE), provided beneficiaries with a variety of vocational equipment including air pumping machines, shoe filling machines, and welding machines.

Speaking during the empowerment ceremony, Hon. Obika described the program as part of his broader commitment to economic empowerment and community upliftment.

"This initiative is designed to have a multiplier effect. Beneficiaries are not only empowered to start their businesses, but are also expected to train others within their communities," he said.

He pledged to follow up with additional rounds of empowerment targeting those trained by the current beneficiaries, alongside cash support to help kick-start their ventures.

Representatives of NBTE commended Hon. Obika for his proactive leadership and vision, describing the initiative as a "giant stride" toward sustainable community development.

"This program reflects genuine concern for the people and a forward-thinking approach to constituency development," an NBTE official noted.

Beneficiaries expressed heartfelt appreciation for the unexpected support, praising the transparency and inclusivity of the selection process. Many pledged to fully utilize the tools, train others as envisioned, and continue supporting Hon. Obika's efforts to transform the AMAC/Bwari constituency.

The program marks another milestone in Hon. Obika's tenure, reinforcing his focus on practical, people-centered governance.



Hon. Joshua Chinedu Obika

The Federal Government has launched a nationwide housing initiative aimed at increasing access to affordable homeownership through strategic partnerships with state governments, private developers, and development partners.

Unveiling the plan at the 19th edition of the Africa International Housing Show (AIHS) in Abuja, the Minister of Housing and Urban Development, Arc. Ahmed Dangiwa, announced a new state-by-state campaign to drive inclusive housing development and close the housing delivery gap

across Nigeria.

"We will embed Housing Reform Champions in state governments, convene State Housing Roundtables, and provide hands-on support to structure viable housing projects and unlock financing opportunities," the Minister said.

Dangiwa, who officially declared the AIHS open, reiterated the Federal Government's commitment to bridging Nigeria's housing deficit through bold reforms under the Renewed Hope Agenda of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

He identified affordability as the most pressing challenge facing homeownership across Africa.

"Millions of families still cannot afford decent

homes even when they are available," he noted, stressing that the administration is focused on tackling the structural and macroeconomic barriers that hinder housing access.

At the heart of the government's strategy is the Renewed Hope Housing Programme, which features three key components: Renewed Hope Cities, Renewed Hope Estates, and Renewed Hope Social Housing Estates. These initiatives are designed to deliver affordable housing options across urban and rural areas.

According to the Minister, over N70 billion in private capital has already been mobilized under public-private partnerships (PPPs) to support large-scale housing developments. He

highlighted key Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria (FMBN) initiatives, such as the Rent-to-Own Scheme and the Rental Assistance Product, as targeted interventions to ease the burden on urban workers and young families.

Dangiwa also revealed plans for the MOFI Real Estate Investment Fund (MREIF), aimed at expanding access to long-term mortgage financing at affordable rates.

"This administration is not just building houses. We are fixing the foundations that will make housing truly affordable and sustainable—for Nigerians today and future generations," he said.

The Minister called on development finance institutions, donor agencies, and private sector stakeholders to turn

shared ideas from forums like AIHS into practical outcomes.

"Housing is not a privilege. It is a right. When we invest in housing, we invest in people, jobs, cities, and our collective future," he emphasized.

Dangiwa also reaffirmed the Ministry's dedication to urban renewal and slum upgrades, aligning efforts with global frameworks such as the UN-Habitat Global Action Plan and the Addis Declaration on Inclusive Urban Development, ensuring that "no one and no place is left behind."

The new partnerships mark a significant step in reshaping Nigeria's housing landscape and reflect the government's broader ambition to make safe, affordable housing a reality for all citizens.

FG, NDLEA To Introduce Drug Testing In Tertiary Institutions

In a bold move to combat rising drug abuse among students, the Federal Ministry of Education and the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) have announced plans to introduce compulsory and random drug testing in tertiary institutions across Nigeria.

The initiative was unveiled following a high-level meeting in Abuja recently between the Minister of Education, Dr. Olatunji Alausa, and NDLEA Chairman, Brigadier General Mohamed Buba Marwa (retd).

The testing policy, which will apply to both new and returning students, is part of a three-part strategy proposed by the NDLEA. The plan includes:

Overhauling drug education in schools

Launching standalone drug prevention programs in secondary schools

Implementing drug testing in tertiary institutions

According to NDLEA spokesperson Femi Babafemi, a revised secondary school curriculum now includes modern drug education, and a joint inter-ministerial technical working group has been set up to oversee implementation.

Dr. Alausa also proposed the creation of a Substance Use Prevention

Unit within the Ministry and pledged to work with UBEC and TETFUND to support the NDLEA Academy in Jos.

"We're reviewing the curriculum for secondary

schools and plan to cascade this down to the primary level," Alausa said. "We need consistent, standalone drug prevention programs in schools that can be rolled out nationwide."

Marwa emphasized the urgency of the initiative, citing over 40,000 drug offenders arrested and 5,500 metric tons of drugs seized in the last two years.

The partnership

underscores the government's renewed focus on protecting young Nigerians from the growing threat of substance abuse and fostering safer learning environments across educational institutions.

Tinubu Urges Digital Creators To Lead With Integrity, Patriotism

President Bola Ahmed Tinubu has called on Nigeria's digital content creators and tech innovators to harness their creativity and influence for national development, emphasizing integrity, unity, and patriotism in the digital space.

Speaking at the Digital Media Summit held recently in Abuja, President Tinubu described the rise of digital media as a transformative force in Nigeria's civic and economic landscape. He urged young Nigerians not to wait for the future but to take bold steps in shaping it.

"You are not waiting to be invited into the future. You are building the future," the President declared.

The summit, themed "Unveiling the Critical Role of New Media in National Development," brought together content creators, influencers, entrepreneurs, and tech stakeholders. Tinubu praised the creativity and energy of Nigeria's youth but stressed the importance of using digital platforms responsibly.

"Build businesses that employ others, create content that uplifts, and use your influence to foster unity, not division," he said. "Verify before you amplify."

Highlighting the need for fact-



President Bola Ahmed Tinubu

checking and responsible online behavior, the President cautioned against the spread of misinformation, calling it a threat to national cohesion.

President Tinubu also reaffirmed his administration's commitment to expanding digital access and supporting innovation. He cited ongoing investments in digital infrastructure and broadband connectivity as part of a broader effort to democratize internet access across the country.

"Access to the internet must not be a privilege for the few," he

said. "We are making strategic investments in broadband expansion and innovation funding."

The President emphasized that patriotism is more than political rhetoric—it must be reflected in actions that contribute to the collective good.

"Every app you design, every story you tell, every brand you build, is a statement to the world about who we are and what we stand for as a nation," he added.

Using the Super Falcons' recent comeback victory as a metaphor for resilience and hope, President Tinubu encouraged young Nigerians to rise to the challenge of nation-building and become champions of a better Nigeria.

"Lead with purpose. Inspire change. Build a nation we can all be proud of," he concluded.

The event marked a significant moment in the growing dialogue between government and Nigeria's dynamic digital community, reinforcing the role of new media in shaping the country's future.



ABIA STATE GOVERNMENT MINISTRY OF ARTS, CULTURE AND CREATIVE ECONOMY

Nnamdi Azikiwe Secretariat, Abia State

INVITATION TO TENDER

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT FOR HOTEL GRADING CLASSIFICATION PROJECT (2025 PHASE)

The Abia State Ministry of Arts, Culture and Creative Economy, in its drive to standardize hospitality services and promote tourism in the State, hereby invites tenders from qualified and reputable consultants or firms for the execution of the following:

SCOPE OF WORK:

- Identification and documentation of hotels and related hospitality establishments across the 17 LGAs of Abia State.
- Physical inspection and assessment based on national/international standards (cleanliness, facilities, safety, service quality, etc.).
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- Training and capacity-building sessions for hotel staff on service improvement.
- Submission of final grading and classification report with recommendations.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Interested firms must submit the following documents:

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- Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (last 3 years).
- Detailed Company Profile including relevant experience in hotel/tourism auditing, grading, or consultancy (with references or proofs).
- Evidence of financial capacity (e.g., bank reference or recent bank statement).
- Proof of technical capability (qualified personnel and evidence of related work done).
- Any relevant industry certifications or affiliations.
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PLEASE NOTE:

- Opening of bid will be done on 22nd of August, 2025 at the Ministry of Arts, Culture and Creative Economy's Boardroom by 12 pm.
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- Award is subject to the approval of the Ministerial Tenders Board.

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Religion

Exploring Biblical Laws Of Success!

By Bishop David Oyedepo

We discover from scriptures that Biblical laws are simply spiritual laws and are higher than natural laws. As it is written: For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord (Isaiah 55:8). Thus, by engaging spiritual laws, we can suspend and nullify the effects of all other laws. The Bible says: For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2).

There are quite a number of success theories all over town; but success delivers on laws, not admonitions or exaltations. It is also written: This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success (Joshua 1:8). This helps us to understand that no one will ever command success without embracing God's commandments. We have to do what the law says before we can command good success. Only when we obey

will He set us up on high above the nations of the earth. Christian lifestyle products Buy bestselling books online

What is this foundational law?

The Law of Love: The law of love is the anchor law in the school of success as far as the Kingdom of God is concerned. As it is written: Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him (1 Corinthians 2:9). That implies that genuine lovers of God are candidates for path finding, pace-setting, trail-blazing order of accomplishments. Christian lifestyle products

Just show me a true lover and I will show you another global giant in the making. For me, my heartbeat for God is my greatest asset. When we become genuine lovers of God, we become candidates for outstanding success. No genuine lover of God ends up a failure; he may be challenged but it is only temporary. He may be confronted and grievously hated, but he will emerge an enviable champion at the end. So, the love of God remains the unquestionable

platform for outstanding success. Christian lifestyle products

The Law of Divine Ideas: Divine ideas are treasures of unusual values, which are far above natural and intellectual ideas. They are not mere religious philosophies. As the saying goes 'Every empire is built on ideas.' However, if natural ideas built empires, then divine ideas will build super

14 years without the use of chemicals. Furthermore, by divine idea, we are told that Isaac sowed in that land, he waxed great, went forward and became very great and the philistines envied him (Job 29:4; Genesis 26:12-14).

Laws of Spiritual Empowerment: This simply means the law of the Anointing. The Anointing of the Holy Spirit is one of the vital instruments for

Apostles, the Bible records: ... when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness (Acts 4:31). Christian lifestyle products

The effect of this was that the Church began to experience several dimensions of outstanding success as almost the whole city was added to the church (Acts 2:38-40). So, every child of God needs the Anointing to fulfil his/her destiny in grand style.

Even Jesus, the son of the Most High needed to be empowered, in order to fulfil His mission on earth. Remember, for 30 years, people could not distinguish Him from a carpenter's son. But after He was anointed, His fame went through the entire region (Luke 4:14; 18:20). So, the Anointing is what empowers us for change of levels. Unfortunately, many destinies have been manoeuvred, manipulated, molested and harassed by the enemies because the Anointing to subdue them is absent. Undoubtedly, the enemy will not bow to our religion or the number of

scriptures we quote; he will only bow to the power of God at work in us. It takes power to tread upon serpents and scorpions unhurt. This is why Christianity without power is a frustrated religion (Psalm 66:3; Acts 10:38). Christian lifestyle products

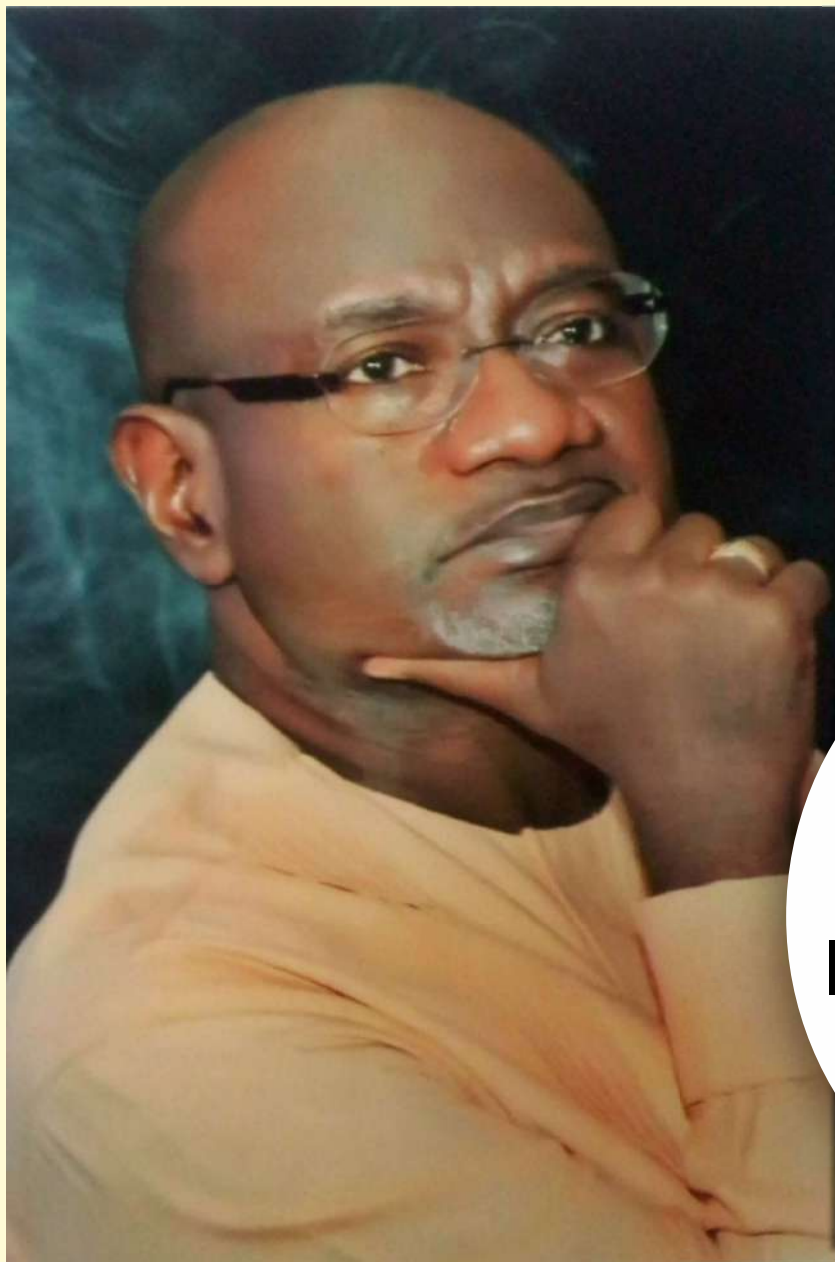
Also, it is important to recognise that empowerment is at a cost; we can't wish our way into it (Luke 14:28). Interestingly, fasting is one of the capital prices paid for empowerment. Thus, we must give our fasting time maximum value by engaging in it for empowerment. As we do so, I see us experiencing outstanding and enviable success, after the order of Christ.

Nevertheless, one step to successful living is being born-again. If you are not born-again, you are not entitled to it. Are you born again? If you are not, this is an opportunity to do so. Simply say the following prayer: Lord Jesus, I come to You today. I am a sinner. Forgive me my sins. Cleanse me with Your precious Blood. Today, I accept You as my Lord and personal Saviour. Thank You Jesus for saving me! Now I know I am born again!"

Divine ideas are treasures of unusual values, which are far above natural and intellectual ideas.

empires. A divine idea is eternally superior to every other form of idea. For instance, by divine ideas, Job built a business empire as he became the greatest of all men in the East. Also, by divine ideas, Joseph took over the most powerful nation in those days because he was able to discover a means of preserving food for

commanding outstanding success. This is why every destiny is at a risk without it. We saw that picture very clearly in the life of the Apostles. Initially, they were frustrated and fearful individuals, until they receive the Holy Ghost, Who first destroyed their fear, and gave them supernatural command. Concerning the



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(NNAZIRIUZO) MFR, NPOM, FIOD, FPSN, KS, JP)

**CHAIRMAN/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
STARLINE GROUP OF COMPANIES, ABA, ABIA STATE.
(AGE 66 YEARS. 1959 - 2025)**

This transition is physically painful, but spiritually fulfilling.
Our consolation is that you lived a fruitful life that touched many who were
privileged to meet and interact with you.

Your leadership qualities was second to none, hence you said "that a good
leader must always leave behind a situation which common sense without a
sense of genius can deal with successfully". That you left behind.

You trained and nurtured us well Sir. We will never disappoint you

We the entire staff and management of

STARLINE GROUP OF COMPANIES

bid you farewell, till we meet on the resurrection day

SERVICE DETAILS:

Date: August 9th, 2025 Time: 10:00am Prompt

Venue: Ovom Girl's Secondary School, Opobo Road, Ogbor Hill, Aba, Abia State, Nigeria

Signed: Management

Photos Speak



Governor Alex Otti (seated Right) with Mr. Austin Ufomba, CEO of Ultim Limited, who led a team to brief the Governor on the completion of the first phase of a beverage manufacturing factory in Osioma, Aba.



Governor Alex Otti (6th Left), Mrs. Uju Roches Anwuaka (7th Right), SSA to the President on Public Health and Focal Person on the Nutrition 774 Initiative, along with other government appointees and dignitaries, during a two-day workshop on Abia State Advocacy and Training for the Nutrition 774 Initiative.



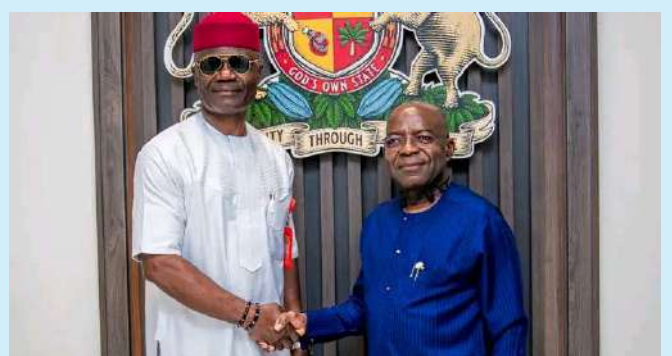
Governor Alex Otti (seated, right) and Mrs. Uju Roches Anwuaka (Left), SSA to the President on Public Health and Focal Person for the Nutrition 774 Initiative, during a recent two-day workshop on Abia State Advocacy and Training for the Nutrition 774 Initiative.



Super Falcons center-back Ashleigh Plumtre became emotional after reuniting with her father for the first time in Lagos, Nigeria. The heartfelt moment marked a special chapter in her journey as she in her pere continues to embrace her Nigerian roots while representing the nation on the international stage.



Governor Alex Otti (Middle), Sir Ude Oko Chukwu (2nd left), and other after a closed-door meeting.



Governor Alex Otti (Right) shares a warm handshake with Sir Ude Oko Chukwu after a closed-door meeting.



Governor Alex Otti (Right) and Hon. Alex Ikwuecheghe (Left), member representing Aba North and South Constituency, share a cheerful moment during the recent visit of the Old Bende Progressive Union to the Governor's office.



Hon. Alex Ikwuecheghe, member representing Aba North and South Federal Constituency in the House of Representatives, addresses the press alongside other stakeholders of the Old Bende Progressive Union during the Union's visit to the Governor.

Photos By Chukwu Chidiebere

Interview

Gov Otti Is God-sent To Abia - Dr Orie

In this exclusive interview, National Ambassador correspondent, Lovina Emole spoke with Dr. Sunday Orie; President General of the Igbo Community in Uyo and CEO of Ugo Parker Motors. A native of Ngodo, Isuochi in Umunneochi LGA of Abia State, Dr. Orie shares his candid views on Governor Alex Otti's performance, the challenges facing the Labour Party, and why he believes the Governor should consider joining the emerging ADC-led political coalition ahead of the 2027 elections. He also offers insights on Abia's political future, regional strategy, and national alignment.

Excerpt:

How do you assess Governor Alex Otti's administration in Abia State?

Our beloved brother and amiable governor, His Excellency Dr. Alex Otti, is God-sent to Abia State. For the first time in a long

while, we can boldly say we have a working governor. The reforms in road infrastructure are massive—just visit Aba and you'll see the transformation. Traders, especially those who frequent Ariaria Market, now move freely and safely. Civil servants and pensioners are paid regularly, and no one complains about salary delays. His decision to recruit 2,000 teachers and raise the retirement age to 65 is bold and commendable. Across education, healthcare, infrastructure, and security, Governor Otti has exceeded expectations. He deserves our support and re-election.

Do you think Governor Otti can secure re-election on the Labour Party platform in 2027?

To be honest, Labour Party is not reliable anymore. Despite all Governor Otti has done for the party and the state, some people within are



still working against him. A political party believe he should move to a more strategic party—one that will support and not sabotage him. Achievements alone may not win elections if the platform is weak or divided.

Are you suggesting Governor Otti defect to another party, and if so, which one?

sustaining it has no future.

Why not advise him to join the ruling APC like the Akwa Ibom governor?

The East doesn't always follow the federal ruling party. We go with what we believe works best for us. Look at Anambra—they've remained outside the ruling party for years and are still progressing. I'm not saying Governor Otti shouldn't join APC, but I think the coalition with Peter Obi at the helm offers a stronger, more people-oriented future.

There are concerns about internal wrangling within the coalition. Are you not worried?

Every party has issues. What matters is how quickly and peacefully those issues are resolved. The coalition has great minds and I believe they will harmonize their differences. We joined Labour Party with a clean heart but ended up disappointed. This time, we must be wiser.

What will Governor

Otti gain from joining the coalition?

Plenty. He'll have a solid base of support from Abians and beyond. Party structure matters a lot—it can make or break your chances. Peter Obi is a major political force, and any alignment with him is a political advantage. Governor Otti is wise and observant; I believe he will take the right step at the right time.

Any final advice to Governor Otti and Abians?

I urge Abians to continue supporting and praying for the governor. No leader in the past 60 years has achieved in two years what he has done. Those opposing his good works are fighting against the will of God. The opposition should stop peddling falsehoods and engage in meaningful, constructive criticism. As for the governor, he should ignore the distractions and remain focused. We believe in him and we stand with him.

News

Akwa Ibom NUJ Honours Late First Lady, Names Auditorium After Her

By Lovina Emole

In a heartfelt tribute to the late First Lady of Akwa Ibom State, Pastor (Mrs.) Patience Kemi Umo Eno, the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Akwa Ibom State Council, has named its newly completed auditorium in her honour.

The Patience Kemi Umo Eno NUJ Auditorium, located at the NUJ Secretariat on Information Drive, Uyo, was officially commissioned on Friday, August 1, 2025, by Governor Umo Eno. The building represents the fulfillment of a pledge the Governor made during the NUJ New Year Thanksgiving earlier this year.

Announcing the decision during the commissioning, outgoing NUJ State Chairman, Comrade Amos Etuk, said the union unanimously agreed to immortalize the late First Lady in recognition of her compassion and humanitarian service.

"Pastor (Mrs.) Patience

Eno was not only a pillar of support to the Governor but a mother figure whose kind deeds touched many lives. This naming immortalizes her legacy and impact on our people," Etuk said.

An emotional Governor Umo Eno thanked the NUJ for the honour, reaffirming his administration's dedication to press freedom and professional journalism. He commended the union's role in projecting the state positively.

"We have promoted Akwa Ibom as a state and not demoted it. That is what you have done. Governments will come and go, but Akwa Ibom remains constant," the Governor remarked.

In recognition of his leadership, Governor Eno announced the appointment of Comrade Etuk as Senior Special Assistant on Local Media. He also donated new official vehicles to members of the outgoing NUJ State Executive

Council, fulfilling another earlier promise.

Commissioner for Information, Rt. Hon. Aniekan Umanah, lauded the Governor for consistently keeping his word, describing him as a leader with a "finisher's anointing." He also

emphasized that no journalist has been harassed under the current administration.

National President of NUJ, Comrade Alhasan Yahaya, praised the Governor's inclusive leadership and support for media professionals,

commending the state's cordial relationship with journalists.

In his farewell speech, Comrade Etuk described the commissioning as the realization of a 20-year vision that began under the leadership of Comrade Israel Umoh. He assured

the Governor of continued collaboration between the NUJ and the state government.

"This is the legacy we envisioned. You have been a father to Akwa Ibom NUJ. We assure you that this cooperation will be sustained," he said.

Hectare By Hectare Programme Set to Empower Youth, Transform Agriculture, Economy

By Ubani Okechukwu

A groundbreaking private sector-driven agricultural initiative, Hectare by Hectare, has officially launched operations in Abia State, with the goal of transforming agriculture into a key driver of employment, wealth creation, and rural development.

Speaking at a press conference in Umuahia, the founder of the initiative, Mazi Chijioke Orji, described Hectare by Hectare as an innovative agribusiness programme designed to empower

communities—especially youths—by providing access to land, technical expertise, financing, guaranteed markets, and fair pricing mechanisms.

According to Orji, the initiative will operate through structured farming clusters established via cooperative societies in local communities. He also announced plans to introduce REVACOM Food Courts, where food items will be sold at discounted prices to ensure affordability for the public. In addition, Abia State civil servants will benefit from a Food Credit

Scheme, offering flexible payment options for essential food items.

"This programme was created to support and complement the efforts of Governor Alex Otti in transforming Abia State," Orji said. "Our focus is to dismantle traditional barriers in agriculture and build an inclusive, profitable, and secure agribusiness ecosystem across Africa."

Also addressing the press, Prof. Kanu Kanguineme, Abia State Coordinator of the programme, encouraged beneficiaries to replicate the model across local

government areas, stressing that "domestication is key" to expanding the programme's impact.

In his remarks, Chief Jones Nnanna Ike, General Manager of Abia Newspapers and Publishing Corporation (ANPC), praised the initiative as a revolutionary step toward unlocking the full potential of agriculture in the state. He assured stakeholders that the Abia State Government has established a robust security framework to protect investments tied to the programme.

News

GBV: Otti Commends Abia Assembly

By Chibumma Ikeokwu

The wife of the Governor of Abia State, Mrs. Priscilla Otti, has commended the State House of Assembly for its proactive steps in enacting legislation that protects the vulnerable and ensures justice for victims of gender-based violence.

Speaking during a public hearing at the Abia State House of Assembly on House Bill H.A.B. 25—sponsored by Hon. Rowland Dennis Chikwendu, who represents Isiala Ngwa South Constituency—Mrs. Otti expressed her confidence that the bill, which seeks to establish a rehabilitation centre for survivors of rape, defilement, trafficking, and domestic violence, would receive prompt passage and assent.

Mrs. Otti described the bill and its public deliberation as timely, given the global concerns around rising youth challenges.

"Across the world, nations are grappling with youth bulge, which comes with both promises and serious challenges. Increasingly, young people are falling into drug abuse and other vices, leading them to engage in harmful behavior. It is our responsibility to protect them and guide them back to good conduct," she said.

She highlighted the efforts of her office under Governor Alex Otti's leadership in championing the rights and

protection of women, girls, and other vulnerable groups.

"We have supported girl-child education through free education initiatives and have consistently raised awareness around zero tolerance for any form of violence against women, girls, and vulnerable persons. We've provided financial aid, empowerment programmes, and one-on-one counselling for victims and survivors," Mrs. Otti noted.

She also revealed that law enforcement officers, religious leaders, and traditional rulers have been trained in sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) reporting mechanisms to ensure better handling of such cases.

Describing the proposed rehabilitation centre as crucial, Mrs. Otti emphasized its importance in restoring dignity and supporting the reintegration of survivors into society.

"The creation of this rehabilitation centre is a vital step in protecting human rights and restoring dignity to the most vulnerable members of our communities. We urge swift and favourable consideration of this bill," she concluded.

In his remarks, the Speaker of the Abia State



Mrs. Priscilla Otti

House of Assembly, Hon. Emmanuel Emeruwa, praised Mrs. Otti's involvement in the legislative process as a demonstration of democracy in action.

"We are committed to enacting laws that foster a society where the rights of women, the girl-child, and vulnerable persons are protected," he said.

Providing an overview of the bill, Chairman of the House Committee on Health, Hon. Emeka Obioma, explained that H.A.B. 25 of 2024 seeks to offer immediate medical and psychological support

to survivors of sexual and domestic abuse. It also aims to provide long-term counseling, rehabilitation programmes tailored to individual needs, and legal aid for those seeking justice. The bill encourages collaboration with stakeholders and organizations to enhance service delivery.

Also speaking, Abia State Commissioner for Justice, Barr. Ikechukwu Uwanna (SAN), described the bill as a welcome development.

"It offers a new path for survivors to reclaim their lives and reflects Governor

Otti's vision of a society where everyone is protected, regardless of status. Importantly, it affirms that justice is not only about punishing offenders but also about restoring the dignity of victims," he said.

The bill's sponsor, Hon. Rowland Chikwendu, stated that once passed, the legislation would serve as a comprehensive framework for both deterrence and protection.

"This is a holistic bill that will deter perpetrators and create a safer environment for women and children," he said.

Pray For Those In Authority - Abia SSG

By Ndubueze Ngozi

Christians have been encouraged to always pray for ministers of the gospel and those in positions of authority, to help them succeed in their roles.

The Secretary to the State Government, Professor Kenneth Kalu, made this call during a special Send-off Service held in honour of Rt. Rev. Johnson Kalu of the Presbyterian Church at Emmanuel Mega Parish, Umuahia.

Professor Kalu emphasized that both spiritual and political leadership require divine guidance and support. He noted that while gospel ministers play a vital role in shaping moral values and building strong communities, public leaders work to ensure good governance. For this reason, he stressed the importance of regular prayers for both groups, as their actions deeply impact the lives of citizens.

He congratulated Rt. Rev. Johnson Kalu on a successful and impactful tenure and wished him God's continued grace in his service to both God and humanity.

Preaching on the topic "In the Midst of Everything, Give Thanks to God," guest minister Rev. Mrs. Ulari Ogbonna highlighted the importance of gratitude, even in difficult times. She encouraged Christians to maintain a thankful heart and continue supporting gospel ministers for spiritual growth and strength.

Earlier, Rev. Johnson Kalu expressed gratitude to God for His faithfulness over the past five years and thanked all who came to celebrate with him.

The service was attended by the Special Adviser to the Governor on Due Process and Public Procurement, Dr. Oluebube Chukwu, along with clergy members and parishioners.

Abia Commissioner, Kanu Charges Information Officers

By Ofior Okechukwu

The Honourable Commissioner for Information, Prince Okey Kanu, has called on State Information Officers to be more active and efficient in their work across Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs).

He gave the charge during a training session held for the officers. According to him, the training is an opportunity for personal and career development. He encouraged

the participants to take it seriously.

Prince Kanu stressed the importance of public relations in government. He said Information Officers must understand their roles, learn how to create useful content, and know how to use social media tools properly to reach the public.

Also speaking at the event, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Information, Sir Chris Onwuegbu, expressed

concern about how some Information Officers are treated in their workplaces. He noted that in many MDAs, the presence of the officers is hardly felt.

Sir Onwuegbu urged the officers to improve their communication skills and conduct themselves professionally. He also called on MDA heads to give more support and recognition to their Information Officers.

Resource persons at the training, Jennifer Obiekwugo and Gerald Okeke, who represented the State Chief Information Officer, spoke on how to properly share information with the public. Topics included reporting on project launches, site visits, policy updates, government achievements, and community outreach programmes.

The training also

featured group discussions where participants talked about the challenges they face in their jobs. They suggested ways to improve their working conditions, access to tools, and overall effectiveness in the field.

The event aimed to equip Information Officers with the right knowledge and skills to better serve their MDAs and the public at large.

Agency Seeks Partnership To Conserve Environment

By Charles Ogbonnaya

The General Manager of Abia State Environmental Protection Agency (ASEPA), Mazi Ogbonnaya Okereke has called on private enterprises operating in the state to assist the state government in ensuring a clean and habitable environment for the residents.

Speaking while receiving representatives of GZI, a leading manufacturer of aluminium and beverage cans based in Aba on a visit to donate protective kits for ASEPA workers, Mazi Okereke said that the task of good governance and building a better society should not be left to government alone but with the collaboration and cooperation of all stakeholders.

He appreciated GZI for being alive to its Extended Personal Responsibility, EPP, and Corporate Social Responsibility, (CSR) and emphasized that what they have

done was significant and underscores the firm belief of the Company to identify and align with the new Abia piloted by Gov Alex Otti who he noted is steadily delivering value, changing lives and improving the livelihood and fortunes of Abians.

Mazi Okereke enjoined other companies in the state to emulate the laudable initiative of GZI in properly clothing and motivating workers in the discharge of their duties and described GZI as a good corporate entity that pays their taxes.

Mazi Okereke urged GZI not to relent in the discharge of their Corporate Social Responsibility of assisting immensely in ensuring that Abia environment are likened to Kwanda, Singapore among other cities and countries of the world doing well in waste management.

On his part, the member representing Ofofia South State Constituency and House Committee Chairman on Environment, Hon. Kalu Mba-Nwoko said that what GZI Company has done was in line with the objectives of HAB 31: A Bill seeking to establish Abia State Polluter Pays and Extended Producer Responsibility for the Management of Non-biodegradable Packaging Materials and for other matters before the State House of Assembly.

He stated that the bill aimed at re-awakening the consciousness of companies operating in the state to be alive to their Corporate Social Responsibility of complementing the efforts of the state government in the area of waste management.

Mba-Nwoko regretted that Abians especially the

Association of Table Waters Producers (ATWAP), are misconstruing what the bill seeks to achieve, adding that instead of weighing what Abia stands to gain in terms of environmental cleanliness, they are looking at the penalty attached for defaulting.

He commended GZI for already keying into the principles of the bill which is to ensure environmental cleanliness and ensure that Private Companies partner government in this regard, assured that a copy of the bill would be sent to them before the passage of bill into law.

Also speaking, the Deputy General Manager, ASEPA in charge of Ofofia Zone, Peter Ekeke, lauded GZI for being alive to its responsibilities, admitting that the Protective Kits would assist personnel of the Agency in discharging their

duties creditably.

Earlier in his speech, the representative of GZI, Mr. Obi Nwankwo, said that the improvement in environmental cleanliness of the state since the current administration mounted the saddle captured their attention, hence the need to donate the Protective Kits to assist the Agency in discharging its duties of proper waste management.

He revealed that GZI has over the years carried out Corporate Social Responsibility even in Aba, pointing out that in the Western part of the country, they have embarked on various mouthwatering projects aimed at assisting the efforts of various states government to ensure clean environment.

Mr Nwankwo



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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Release of Successful Candidates of TechRise Cohort 2 CBT

The Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs hereby announces the release of 850 successful candidates, alongside 6 specially selected candidates, who excelled in the TechRise Cohort 2 Computer-Based Test (CBT) held on 25th July 2025.

This recruitment exercise is part of the State Government's ongoing transparent and merit-based initiative to strengthen the local government system, through digital and technological advancement across Abia State.

Selection Criteria:

In accordance with the directive of His Excellency the Executive Governor of Abia State, to ensure equitable representation across the state:

50 top-performing candidates were selected from each of the 17 Local Government Areas of Abia State. Including 17 exceptional Southeasterners resident in Abia State.

Furthermore, in the spirit of national inclusiveness and regional integration, 6 special outstanding non-indigenous candidates have been graciously accommodated:

4 from the South West region

1 from the North Central

1 from the South South

This gesture underscores Dr. Alex Otti's unwavering commitment to unity, fairness, and national cohesion.

Next Steps: Document Screening & Verification

All successful candidates are required to proceed to the next stage, which involves the screening and verification of personal credentials.

Required Documents:

First School Leaving Certificate (FSLC)

Birth Certificate or Statutory Declaration of Age

National Identification Card or Voter's Card

Note:

Candidates found to have submitted falsified documents or misrepresented their ages will be disqualified, delisted, and sanctioned in accordance with applicable laws.

Details on venue, dates, and screening procedures will be communicated in due course via official channels.

We congratulate all successful applicants and appreciate the public's cooperation, patience, and trust throughout this process.

Signed:

Lady Oge Maduka, Esq.

Permanent Secretary

Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs

For: Honourable Commissioner.

Date: 01/08/2025

TECHRISE 2.0 FINALISTS

ABA NORTH LGA

Title	First Name	Last Name	Score	ExamId
Mr	Chidiebere	Nduka	98	LF/TechRise/02/199
Mr	Owen	Wogu	94	LF/TechRise/02/854
Mr	KINGSLEY	AGU	92	LF/TechRise/02/833
Mr	Favour	Christopher	88	LF/TechRise/02/906
Mr	JAMES	UDE	86	LF/TechRise/02/286
Miss	Beauty	Ajaero	86	LF/TechRise/02/1326
Miss	Chinagorom	Ihesiulo	84	LF/TechRise/02/775
Mrs	Glory	Igwue	84	LF/TechRise/02/780
Mr	Emmanuel	Onyekwere	84	LF/TechRise/02/909
Mr	Precious	Ekanem	84	LF/TechRise/02/992
Mr	Chiemela	Ubanu	84	LF/TechRise/02/875
Miss	Ugwu	Chiamaka	84	LF/TechRise/02/43
Miss	Obiageri	Benneth	84	LF/TechRise/02/785
Mrs	Anyanwu	Maureen	82	LF/TechRise/02/425
Mr	Godwin	Okon	82	LF/TechRise/02/791
Mr	Chidi	Ironali	82	LF/TechRise/02/49
Miss	Marvellous	Ndudim	80	LF/TechRise/02/149
Miss	Chiamaka	Sunday	80	LF/TechRise/02/202
Mr	Joseph	Nwachukwu	80	LF/TechRise/02/152
Miss	Marychein	Samuel	80	LF/TechRise/02/433
Miss	Amarachukwu	Promise-Iheonunkwu	80	LF/TechRise/02/876
Mr	Chigozie	Amalahu	80	LF/TechRise/02/889
Mr	Cyril	Mbawuikwe	80	LF/TechRise/02/47
Mr	Favour	Izuwa	78	LF/TechRise/02/218
Mr	Mike	Samuel Elah	78	LF/TechRise/02/269
Miss	Shalom	Okeomah	78	LF/TechRise/02/949
Mr	Increase	Chukwuma	78	LF/TechRise/02/978
Mr	CHARLES	IHEONUNKWU	78	LF/TechRise/02/795

Mr	UCHEIBE	FREDERICK	78	LF/TechRise/02/900
Mr	Joshua	Ogbonna	78	LF/TechRise/02/373
Mr	Mark	Kalu	78	LF/TechRise/02/95
Mr	David	Chimbo	78	LF/TechRise/02/370
Miss	Prevail	Dominic	78	LF/TechRise/02/43
Miss	Favour	Azubeike	76	LF/TechRise/02/136
Mr	Ifeanyichukwu	Aduanya	76	LF/TechRise/02/253
Miss	Victory	Kalu	76	LF/TechRise/02/265
Mr	Uchechukwu	Ihegboro	76	LF/TechRise/02/332
Mrs	Maryjane	Nabude	76	LF/TechRise/02/380
Mr	Bethel	George	76	LF/TechRise/02/802
Mr	Ogbonnaya	Gospel	76	LF/TechRise/02/1394
Mr	Elisha	Eze	76	LF/TechRise/02/617
Mr	Kingsley	Nnamdi	76	LF/TechRise/02/853
Mr	Chiemela	Obed	76	LF/TechRise/02/1111
Mr	Emeka	Ogbonna	76	LF/TechRise/02/1166
Mr	Ndubueze	Ekeke	76	LF/TechRise/02/1369
Mr	Michael	Onyekachi	76	LF/TechRise/02/1251
Mr	David	Obinwe	74	LF/TechRise/02/368
Mr	Richard	Chibuikwe	74	LF/TechRise/02/377
Mr	Winner	Alabi	74	LF/TechRise/02/508
Mr	Stephenson	Chikezie	74	LF/TechRise/02/675

ABA SOUTH LGA

Title	First Name	Last Name	Score	ExamId
Mrs	Jane	Okoro	90	LF/TechRise/02/250
Miss	Chidimma	Ugachukwu	88	LF/TechRise/02/976
Mr	Chijike	Ajaero	88	LF/TechRise/02/1466
Mrs	Obuebube	Ezeumudo	84	LF/TechRise/02/1000
Mr	Chukwuma	Nwagboso	82	LF/TechRise/02/1299
Mr	Peterkevin	Iwundu	78	LF/TechRise/02/11
Mrs	Chigozie	Nnaemeka	78	LF/TechRise/02/259
Miss	Favour	John	74	LF/TechRise/02/210
Mrs	ABIGAIL	Godwin	74	LF/TechRise/02/284
Mr	Gerald	Madueke	74	LF/TechRise/02/422
Mr	Victory	Zeph	74	LF/TechRise/02/810
Miss	Charity	Nwaigwe	74	LF/TechRise/02/919
Miss	Odum	Favour	74	LF/TechRise/02/1426
Mr	Chineweli	Ukegbu	74	LF/TechRise/02/499
Mr	Franklin	Ezejiaku	74	LF/TechRise/02/428
Mr	Isaac	Emmanuel	72	LF/TechRise/02/666
Mr	Dike	Destiny	72	LF/TechRise/02/946
Mr	Akachukwu	Omenuko	70	LF/TechRise/02/792
Mr	Anthony	Ikeme	70	LF/TechRise/02/253
Mr	Emmanuel	Okwando	68	LF/TechRise/02/29
Mr	Chika	Nwaobia	66	LF/TechRise/02/319
Mr	Isaiah	Ernest	64	LF/TechRise/02/170
Miss	GOODSEED	NWOGU	64	LF/TechRise/02/177
Mr	Nwando	Fortune	64	LF/TechRise/02/471
Mr	Ugonna	Okoronkwo	64	LF/TechRise/02/1369
Mrs	Chinyere	Agu	64	LF/TechRise/02/1421
Mr	Sylvester	Adiele	64	LF/TechRise/02/125
Miss	Mary	Nwogu	64	LF/TechRise/02/1444
Mr	Peter	Wejinya	62	LF/TechRise/02/420
Mrs	Jane	Ndafia	62	LF/TechRise/02/658
Mr	divine	Nzewi	62	LF/TechRise/02/1412
Mr	Chima	Williams	62	LF/TechRise/02/1015
Mr	Paul-miracle	Benedict	60	LF/TechRise/02/83
Mr	Ifabonmi	Iwayemi	60	LF/TechRise/02/1264
Mr	Augustine	Nwogu	60	LF/TechRise/02/313
Mr	Ihezio	Kingsley	60	LF/TechRise/02/21
Miss	NWADIUTO	ESONU	58	LF/TechRise/02/737
Mrs	Ugachukwu	Chidinma	58	LF/TechRise/02/805
Miss	DELIGHTFUL	GOLDEN	58	LF/TechRise/02/1148
Miss	Chinwendu	Emmanuel	56	LF/TechRise/02/152
Mr	Promise	Uwamaka	56	LF/TechRise/02/268
Mr	Godwin	Chigbu	56	LF/TechRise/02/429
Mr	Victor	Nwosu	56	LF/TechRise/02/644
Mrs	Ufandu	Oluchukwu	54	LF/TechRise/02/101
Mrs	Chidinma	Nwabude	54	LF/TechRise/02/311
Mr	Justice	Iwuala	54	LF/TechRise/02/327
Mr	Chidi	Ernest	54	LF/TechRise/02/512
Miss	Chukwujekwu	Onyinyechi	54	LF/TechRise/02/1190
Miss	Onwuka	Lilian	54	LF/TechRise/02/1315
Mrs	Nwokejezi	Chidiomimi	54	LF/TechRise/02/1404

AROCHUKWU LGA

Title	First Name	Last Name	Score	ExamId
Mr	Nwachinemere	Kalu-ogbonnaya	94	LF/TechRise/02/50
Mr	Chukwuemeka	Okafor	92	LF/TechRise/02/49
Mr	Iheanyichukwu	Ojinta	92	LF/TechRise/02/871
Mr	Paschal	Nnadi	88	LF/TechRise/02/143
Miss	Chinenye	Onwuka	84	LF/TechRise/02/866
Mrs	Anichio	Petience	84	LF/TechRise/02/903
Mr	Chibukem	Udonsi	84	LF/TechRise/02/1305
Mr	Okorie	Okoro	82	LF/TechRise/02/825

Mr	Enyioma	Ulu	82	LF/TechRise/02/1254
Mr	Chijike	Agada	80	LF/TechRise/02/17
Mr	OTI	JIGO	80	LF/TechRise/02/865
Miss	Hephzibah	Awa	80	LF/TechRise/02/283
Miss	Oluchi	Okorie	80	LF/TechRise/02/1453
Mr	Godwin	Tachukwu	80	LF/TechRise/02/920
Miss	Blessing	Ezumah	78	LF/TechRise/02/160
Mr	Samuel	Okoroafor	78	LF/TechRise/02/163
Mrs	Tochi	Kalu-Bright	78	LF/TechRise/02/927
Mr	Kalu	Ogburanwa	78	LF/TechRise/02/939
Mr	Kalu	Okoro	78	LF/TechRise/02/15
Mr	Ochidike	Jonathan	78	LF/TechRise/02/752
Mr	Djukwu	Stephen	78	LF/TechRise/02/1231
Mr	Victor	Chibueze	78	LF/TechRise/02/1469
Mr	Chukwuemeka	John	76	LF/TechRise/02/44
Mr	Uchechukwu	Kalu	76	LF/TechRise/02/905
Mr	Nnamdi	Obasi	74	LF/TechRise/02/701
Mr	Daniel	Ibe	74	LF/TechRise/02/40
Mr	Kingsley	Okoronkwo	74	LF/TechRise/02/681
Mr	Onah	Angel	72	LF/TechRise/02/204
Miss	Nneoma	Aja	72	LF/TechRise/02/103
Mr	Ugachukwu	Okorouga	72	LF/TechRise/02/175
Mr	Emmanuel	Onu	72	LF/TechRise/02/199
Mr	Kwerechukwu	Ogbonnaya	72	LF/TechRise/02/516
Mr	Otutachukwu	Eke-okoro	72	LF/TechRise/02/166
Mrs	Chinenye	Onuoha	70	LF/TechRise/02/276
Mr	Chisom	Onyekwere	70	LF/TechRise/02/360
Miss	Kalu	Chinenye	70	LF/TechRise/02/441
Mr	Judgewell	Ugwu	70	LF/TechRise/02/1290
Mr	Kingsley	Destiny	70	LF/TechRise/02/200
Mrs	Bassey	VICTORIA	70	LF/TechRise/02/845
Mr	Ama	Obinna	70	LF/TechRise/02/415
Mr	UCHENNA	KALU	70	LF/TechRise/02/418
Mr	Emmanuel	Ama	70	LF/TechRise/02/430
Miss	Goodnews	Okoroafor	70	LF/TechRise/02/759
Mr	Albert	Chima	70	LF/TechRise/02/99
Mr	JOHNPETER	OKEREKE	70	LF/TechRise/02/921
Mr	Gerald	Kalu	68	LF/TechRise/02/30
Mr	David	Daniel	68	LF/TechRise/02/181
Mr	Daniel	Okere	68	LF/TechRise/02/222
Mrs	Ngozi	Friday	68	LF/TechRise/02/305
Mr	Marvelous	Obah	68	LF/TechRise/02/387

BENDE LGA

Title	First Name	Last Name	Score	ExamId
Mr	Kesandu	Uchenyi	94	LF/TechRise/02/781
Mr	Joseph	Chibueze	92	LF/TechRise/02/825
Mr	Daniel	Eme	90	LF/TechRise/02/928
Mr	Offor	Marvellous	88	LF/TechRise/02/162
Mrs	Roseline	Ahamefula	88	LF/TechRise/02/913
Mrs	Josephine	Williams	88	LF/TechRise/02/768
Mrs	IJEOMA	NDUNEZI	86	LF/TechRise/02/755
Mr	Eke	Eke	86	LF/TechRise/02/898
Miss	Onyinyechi	Moses	84	LF/TechRise/02/933
Mr	Henry	Eze	84	LF/TechRise/02/1112
Mr	Chukwuma	Okorie	84	LF/TechRise/02/763
Mr	Josiah	Ukoha	84	LF/TechRise/02/911
Miss	Sophia	Ezeronye	84	LF/TechRise/02/757
Mr	PETER	JOHN	82	LF/TechRise/02/57
Mr	Innocent	Chukwuemeka	82	LF/TechRise/02/881
Mr	Uchechukwu	Ndukwe	82	LF/TechRise/02/647
Miss	Favour	Onyebina	82	LF/TechRise/02/1256
Mr	Chibuzo	Okoronkwo	82	LF/TechRise/02/1206
Mr	PETER	UCHE	80	LF/TechRise/02/75
Mr	Johnson	Mbonu	80	LF/TechRise/02/79
Mr	Nmesomachi	Iheke	80	LF/TechRise/02/261
Mr	Udachukwu	Onwuegbu	80	LF/TechRise/02/849
Mr	Iheanyichukwu	Okorie	80	LF/TechRise/02/227
Mr	Prince	Onyekwere	78	LF/TechRise/02/84
Mr	Kingsley	Okoji	78	LF/TechRise/02/834
Mr	John	Adikwuru	76	LF/TechRise/02/7
Mr	Kelechi	Maduka	76	LF/TechRise/02/419
Mr	Michael	Onyekwere	76	LF/TechRise/02/74
Mr	Chidobe	Ibeji	76	LF/TechRise/02/422
Mr	Kingsley	Ijioma	76	LF/TechRise/02/84
Mr	Michael	Ngozichukwu	76	LF/TechRise/02/406
Mrs	Jane	Anym	76	LF/TechRise/02/1143
Mr	Chinyere	Emenike	74	LF/TechRise/02/239
Mr	Pleasant	Johnson	74	LF/TechRise/02/403
Mr	Sampson	Hart	74	LF/TechRise/02/426
Mr	Fred	Nelson	74	LF/TechRise/02/806
Mr	Azubuko	Ifeanyichukwu	74	LF/TechRise/02/859
Mr	Peter	Ukwu	74	LF/TechRise/02/30
Mr	Ugachukwu	Chibuanyim	74	LF/TechRise/02/451
Mr	Tachukwu	Ugachukwu	74	LF/TechRise/02/1403
Mr	CHIDIEBERE	ADIKWURU	72	LF/TechRise/02/2

Mr	Churchill	Peter	72	LF/TechRise/02/98
Mr	UCHENNA	EKECHI	72	LF/TechRise/02/110
Mr	JOSEPH	IHEKE	72	LF/TechRise/02/256
Miss	Favour	Arukwe	72	LF/TechRise/02/991
Mr	Uchenna	Joshua	72	LF/TechRise/02/1076
Mr	UCHENNA	PETER	72	LF/TechRise/02/14
Miss	Juliet	Oteh-mensah	72	LF/TechRise/02/816
Mr	Laughter	Irolewe	72	LF/TechRise/02/1137
Mr	Chukwu	Onwuka	72	LF/TechRise/02/1410

IKWUANO LGA

Title	First Name	Last Name	Score	ExamId
Mr	Chimela	Ndu-Eluwa	96	LF/TechRise/02/982
Mr	Jesse	Abuaja	94	LF/TechRise/02/902
Miss	Chibueryim	Ndubuisi	92	LF/TechRise/02/783
Mrs	Tochukwu	Nathaniel	88	LF/TechRise/02/842
Mr	Arinze	Anyairo	88	LF/TechRise/02/759
Mr	Emmanuel	Akaolisa	86	LF/TechRise/02/27
Mr	Ndubuisi	Chukwumaeze	86	LF/TechRise/02/397
Mr	Onyemah	Ezekiel	84	LF/TechRise/02/779
Mrs	Sarah	Onyekwere	84	LF/TechRise/02/867
Mr	Chinedum	Nwankwo	82	LF/TechRise/02/752
Mr	Odifekandu	Kelechi	82	LF/TechRise/02/103
Mr	Ugochukwu	Odifekandu	82	LF/TechRise/02/210
Miss	Benedict	Blossom	82	LF/TechRise/02/952
Miss	Ijeoma	Akobundu	80	LF/TechRise/02/141
Miss	Uzochukwu	Emeasor	80	LF/TechRise/02/1252
Mr	Chibuikwe	Ukattah	80	LF/TechRise/02/834
Mr	Godwin	OKEZUE	80	LF/TechRise/02/941
Mr	Gideon	Nwankwo	76	LF/TechRise/02/255
Mr	Chiazam	Ogbonnaya	74	LF/TechRise/02/401
Miss	Favour	Nwokoma	74	LF/TechRise/02/133
Mr	Nnanna	Onyemachi	74	LF/TechRise/02/197
Mr	Ndubuwaa	Ifechukwu	74	LF/TechRise/02/216
Miss	Peace	IKPEKA	74	LF/TechRise/02/797
Mrs	Onyinyechi	Otuokere	74	LF/TechRise/02/1392
Miss	Faustina	Ukoh	74	LF/TechRise/02/118
Miss	Oluomachi	Nwaogu	74	LF/TechRise/02/238
Miss	Onyedikachi	Chionye	74	LF/TechRise/02/897
Mr	Samuel	Chika	74	LF/TechRise/02/974
Mr	Chukwuemeka	Ezeigbo	74	LF/TechRise/02/1120
Miss	Vivian	Nwankwo	72	LF/TechRise/02/85
Mr	Marshall	Udeh	72	LF/TechRise/02/532
Mr	Emmanuel	Egesie	72	LF/TechRise/02/112
Miss	PRECIOUS	OGBUJI	72	LF/TechRise/02/421
Miss	Benjamin	Precious	72	LF/TechRise/02/444
Mrs	Anyabuzo	Rosemary	72	LF/TechRise/02/773
Mrs	GLORY	OKPANMA	72	LF/TechRise/02/182
Miss	Iroanya	Gift	72	LF/TechRise/02/753
Miss	Chiamaka	Onyeike	70	LF/TechRise/02/85
Mr	CHUKWUEMEKA	NNANNA	70	LF/TechRise/02/238
Mrs	Chidinma	Ezeigbo	70	LF/TechRise/02/287
Mr	Akobundu	Mbaraonye	70	LF/TechRise/02/856
Miss	Chimdindu	Clifford	70	LF/TechRise/02/27
Miss	Favour	Friday	68	LF/TechRise/02/16
Mr	Chibuikwe	Peters	68	LF/TechRise/02/162
Mr	Nelson	JOHN	68	LF/TechRise/02/321
Mr	Ephraim	Ifeanyi-chukwu	68	LF/TechRise/02/119
Mr	Ifeanyi	Byron	68	LF/TechRise/02/357
Mr	Chimela	Onyemachi	68	LF/TechRise/02/1484
Miss	Monica	Obioma	68	LF/TechRise/02/10
Miss	Okoro	Faith	68	LF/TechRise/02/144

ISIALANGWA NORTH LGA

Title	First Name	Last Name	Score	ExamId
Miss	Glomygia	Orji	88	LF/TechRise/02/93
Mr	Odinaka	Ekemezie	86	LF/TechRise/02/67
Mr	Chimere	Johnson	84	LF/TechRise/02/656
Mr	Jude	Nkeya	84	LF/TechRise/02/977
Miss	Chidinma	Joseph	82	LF/TechRise/02/26
Miss	Peace	Mbadiwe	82	LF/TechRise/02/1402
Miss	Sylvesterline	David	80	LF/TechRise/02/80
Mr	Anugwa	Azubuikwe	80	LF/TechRise/02/143
Miss	Chinyere	Onuoha	80	LF/TechRise/02/161
Mrs	Ugbonma	Iro	80	LF/TechRise/02/647
Mr	JOEL	EBE	80	LF/TechRise/02/1359
Mr	Hillary	Nwaogu	80	LF/TechRise/02/113
Mr	Nwabam	Solomon	78	LF/TechRise/02/48
Mrs	Nkechinyere	Ezuoke	78	LF/TechRise/02/841
Mr	KENNETH	ONYEMA	78	LF/TechRise/02/1386
Miss	Chimezie	Ndubuisi	78	LF/TechRise/02/169
Mr	Kingsley	Abengowe	76	LF/TechRise/02/414
Mr	Emmanuel	Ukah	76	LF/TechRise/02/264

Mr	Ugochukwu	Emmanuel	76	LF/TechRise/02/128
Mr	Chinemerem	Anaba	76	LF/TechRise/02/151
Mr	Patrick	Jephthah	76	LF/TechRise/02/403
Mr	Nkemakolam	Ibeabuchi	76	LF/TechRise/02/445
Mr	WISDOM	BASIL	74	LF/TechRise/02/117
Mrs	UGOCHI	ABAZIE	74	LF/TechRise/02/266
Mr	EMELOBUM	PRECIOUS	74	LF/TechRise/02/198
Mr	Uba	Ohaka	72	LF/TechRise/02/1289
Miss	Olivia	Chidi	72	LF/TechRise/02/526
Mr	Chidiebube	Chibueze	72	LF/TechRise/02/372
Mr	Chinwekele	Afonne	72	LF/TechRise/02/972
Mrs	Gracious	Chibuikwe	70	LF/TechRise/02/565
Mr	Justice	Okezie	70	LF/TechRise/02/955
Miss	Nkiruka	Udugwu	70	LF/TechRise/02/261
Mr	EMOLODI	NWOGBE	70	LF/TechRise/02/378
Mr	Peter	Uche	70	LF/TechRise/02/646
Mr	Emmanuel	Chinatu	70	LF/TechRise/02/660
Mrs	Chidinma	Ogu	70	LF/TechRise/02/777
Mr	Chukwuemeka	Ahuruzezenma	68	LF/TechRise/02/862
Mr	Chigozirim	Nduagu	68	LF/TechRise/02/1144
Mr	Chukwuemeka	Ebere	68	LF/TechRise/02/173
Miss	Blessing	Ekwenye	68	LF/TechRise/02/921
Mr	Victor	Ajere	68	LF/TechRise/02/629
Miss	Uchechi	Ahuchogu	68	LF/TechRise/02/1346
Miss	Uloaku	Nwokocho	66	LF/TechRise/02/220
Mr	Isaiah	Victor	66	LF/TechRise/02/241
Mr	Isaac	Chukwuebuka	66	LF/TechRise/02/405
Mr	Vincent	Azubuikwe	66	LF/TechRise/02/454
Mr	Dick	Gospel	66	LF/TechRise/02/184
Mr	Chukwuka	Benjamin	66	LF/TechRise/02/1243
Mr	Emmanuel	Nwachukwu	66	LF/TechRise/02/635
Mr	Morgan	ThankGod	66	LF/TechRise/02/1101

ISIALANGWA SOUTH LGA

Title	First Name	Last Name	Score	ExamId
Mr	Chibuzo	Azubuine	94	LF/TechRise/02/873
Mrs	Onyema	Chinazom	92	LF/TechRise/02/1333
Mr	Orji	Goodluck	92	LF/TechRise/02/942
Mr	Bright	Chinomso	90	LF/TechRise/02/809
Mr	Japheth	Chibuezeamah	86	LF/TechRise/02/110
Mr	Stephen	Damian	84	LF/TechRise/02/878
Mr	Macaulay	Ugochukwu	82	LF/TechRise/02/795
Mr	Herald	Gabriel	82	LF/TechRise/02/933
Mr	Nwachimso	Azubuikwe	82	LF/TechRise/02/894
Mr	Ahuruonye	Clinton	82	LF/TechRise/02/1407
Mr	Samuel	DAVID	80	LF/TechRise/02/43
Miss	Akuoma	Chimela	80	LF/TechRise/02/997
Mr	Kingsley	Ochulor	78	LF/TechRise/02/14
Mr	Chibuzor	Patrick	78	LF/TechRise/02/216
Miss	Glory	Esanyie	78	LF/TechRise/02/764
Mr	Elijah	Chibuzor	78	LF/TechRise/02/65
Mr	Victor	Christian	78	LF/TechRise/02/1289
Mr	Emmanuel	Nnabugwu	78	LF/TechRise/02/202
Mrs	oghogho	Omuho	76	LF/TechRise/02/309
Mr	Chibuzor	Ekwenye	76	LF/TechRise/02/1255
Mrs	Precious	Ubere	76	LF/TechRise/02/404
Mr	Loveday	Kanu	76	LF/TechRise/02/506
Mr	Caleb	Obioma	74	LF/TechRise/02/139
Mr	Izuchukwu	Nwokedi	74	LF/TechRise/02/268
Miss	Ezinne	Nwokedi	74	LF/TechRise/02/349
Mr	UCHENNA	ONYENDI	74	LF/TechRise/02/265
Mr	SOLOMON	AGUNWACHUKWU	74	LF/TechRise/02/409
Miss	Ugochi	Okezie	74	LF/TechRise/02/1019
Mr	Ikenna	Ukaegbu	74	LF/TechRise/02/836
Miss	Chioma	Nwachukwu	74	LF/TechRise/02/1413
Mr	Chimerenze	Nwabala	72	LF/TechRise/02/319
Miss	MARIA	EZE	72	LF/TechRise/02/250
Mr	Evans	Victor	72	LF/TechRise/02/134
Mr	Ihedinihu	Onyenkwere	70	LF/TechRise/02/169
Mr	Ebere	Macaulay	70	LF/TechRise/02/171
Mr	Patrick	BENJAMIN	70	LF/TechRise/02/436
Mr	Ugonna	George	70	LF/TechRise/02/237
Mr	Donald	Dickson	70	LF/TechRise/02/364
Mr	Bright	Amaechi	70	LF/TechRise/02/625
Miss	Precious	Abeonye	70	LF/TechRise/02/1342
Mr	OSINACHI	ATULEGWU	70	LF/TechRise/02/470

Mr	Chigbu-Jonah	Franklin	68	LF/TechRise/02/748
Mr	Samuel	Chinemerem	68	LF/TechRise/02/990
Mr	Godsman	Amaechi	68	LF/TechRise/02/1294
Miss	Amarachi	Ibe	68	LF/TechRise/02/1428
Mr	Ikechukwu	Onyeizu	68	LF/TechRise/02/458
Mr	Chigozie	Emmanuel	68	LF/TechRise/02/468
Mr	Thankgod	Obilor	68	LF/TechRise/02/345
Miss	Favour	Daniel	68	LF/TechRise/02/1338
Miss	RACHAEL	OTUONYE	68	LF/TechRise/02/92

ISUKWUATO LGA

Title	First Name	Last Name	Score	ExamId
Mr	Matthew	Uzoigwe	88	LF/TechRise/02/1349
Mr	Williams	Destiny	86	LF/TechRise/02/111
Mr	Philemon	Emeka	86	LF/TechRise/02/1424
Mr	JohnEmmanuel	Chukwuonye	86	LF/TechRise/02/868
Mr	Godspower	Eke	84	LF/TechRise/02/274
Mr	Uchenna	OGBAJIE	84	LF/TechRise/02/87
Mr	Lordswill	Arukwe	84	LF/TechRise/02/904
Mr	Arinze	Christian	82	LF/TechRise/02/8
Mr	Chibuikwe	Adiele	82	LF/TechRise/02/346
Mr	Ndubuisi	Onuigbo	80	LF/TechRise/02/873
Mr	David	Oguguo	80	LF/TechRise/02/876
Miss	Gloria	Ekekwe	78	LF/TechRise/02/215
Mr	Kelechi	Okoroafor	76	LF/TechRise/02/198
Mr	Joseph	Chukwu	76	LF/TechRise/02/207
Mr	Chinwendu	Nwabueze	76	LF/TechRise/02/402
Mrs	Agnes	Akoto	76	LF/TechRise/02/821
Mr	Ositadinma	Ohazuruikwe	76	LF/TechRise/02/436
Mr	Prosper	Nwachukwu	74	LF/TechRise/02/33
Mr	wisdom	igwe	74	LF/TechRise/02/77
Mr	CHINONSO	OLEDIGBO	74	LF/TechRise/02/94
Mr	Ugochukwu	Onumajuru	74	LF/TechRise/02/277
Mr	Emmanuel	Okoroji	74	LF/TechRise/02/317
Mr	Victor	Chidi	74	LF/TechRise/02/1389
Mr	Ebubechukwu	Oluozara	72	LF/TechRise/02/89
Mr	Ibenne	Chibuzo	72	LF/TechRise/02/141
Miss	Chisom	Ogbonna	72	LF/TechRise/02/289
Miss	Chieke	Chisom	72	LF/TechRise/02/328
Mr	Ikechukwu	Ibegbu	72	LF/TechRise/02/999
Mr	UGOCHUKWU	KECHUKWU	72	LF/TechRise/02/270
Mr	Elvis	Okorie	72	LF/TechRise/02/1391
Mr	Ikwuagwu	Chimechufalam	72	LF/TechRise/02/75
Miss	Chinecherem	Silas	72	LF/TechRise/02/997
Miss	Okorie	Udodirim	70	LF/TechRise/02/249
Mr	EMMANUEL	MBA	70	LF/TechRise/02/292
Miss	Chidera	Tasie	70	LF/TechRise/02/1253
Miss	Chioma	Nwosu	70	LF/TechRise/02/102
Mr	Uchenna	Okike	70	LF/TechRise/02/520
Miss	Peace	Onyemereibeya	70	LF/TechRise/02/807
Mr	Chiemezie	Isu	70	LF/TechRise/02/918
Miss	Chisom	Chukwu	68	LF/TechRise/02/165
Mr	DAVID	UCHENDU	68	LF/TechRise/02/455
Mr	Tochukwu	Ibegbu	68	LF/TechRise/02/491
Mr	Jessie	Ugbondu	68	LF/TechRise/02/754
Mr	Chinonso	Nwachukwu	68	LF/TechRise/02/471
Mr	Kelechi	Iroleh	68	LF/TechRise/02/1423
Miss	PRECIOUS	DIMGBA	68	LF/TechRise/02/427
Mr	MMADUBUEZI	EMMANUEL	68	LF/TechRise/02/543
Miss	Glory	Ukazu	68	LF/TechRise/02/717
Miss	Merit	Vincent	68	LF/TechRise/02/797
Miss	CHIDINMA	OSONDU	66	LF/TechRise/02/497

OBINGWA LGA

Title	First Name	Last Name	Score	ExamId
Miss	Chidinma	Ahuruonye	94	LF/TechRise/02/828
Mr	Samuel	Sunday	88	LF/TechRise/02/828
Mr	Prosper	Ekeoma	88	LF/TechRise/02/11
Mr	Chinedu	Prosper	88	LF/TechRise/02/1467
Mr	Great	Nwankire-Jonathan	86	LF/TechRise/02/66
Mr	Ikechukwu	Chukwuebuka	84	LF/TechRise/02/238
Miss	Chidinma	Ihesiulo	84	LF/TechRise/02/772
Mr	Godswill	Ifeanyi-chukwu	84	LF/TechRise/02/830

Miss Faith	Sunday	82	LF/TechRise/02/87
Mr Amaraizu	David	82	LF/TechRise/02/805
Mr KING DAVID	EHIMERE	82	LF/TechRise/02/1309
Mr Chukwuemeka	Ucheakolam	82	LF/TechRise/02/889
Miss Celine	Isiguzoro	80	LF/TechRise/02/317
Mr IBEKWE	JAMES	80	LF/TechRise/02/906
Mr Emmanuel	Nwanguma	80	LF/TechRise/02/938
Mr Obinna	Nwagwugwu	80	LF/TechRise/02/965
Mr David	Ekelechi	80	LF/TechRise/02/280
Mr Henry	Uchegbulam	78	LF/TechRise/02/959
Mr Ugochukwu	Anugwa	78	LF/TechRise/02/1349
Mr Success	OTETE-CHIBUEZE	76	LF/TechRise/02/84
Mr Enwereji	Okechukwu	76	LF/TechRise/02/1378
Mr Cyril	Chiemere	76	LF/TechRise/02/231
Mr Alozie	Kenneth	74	LF/TechRise/02/224
Mr Stanley	Ikpeoha	74	LF/TechRise/02/8
Mr Nwaezeaku	Micah	72	LF/TechRise/02/32
Mr Ubani	Fidelis	72	LF/TechRise/02/109
Mr Ikemdinachi	Ogbonna	72	LF/TechRise/02/1324
Mr Samuel	Ndubuisi	72	LF/TechRise/02/171
Miss Emmanuel	John	72	LF/TechRise/02/476
Miss Nwaigwe	Success	72	LF/TechRise/02/770
Miss ABIKE	AKILD	72	LF/TechRise/02/1007
Miss Anayo	Chinyere	72	LF/TechRise/02/1393
Mr Michael	Iheadindu	72	LF/TechRise/02/1227
Mr Abraham	Amanze	72	LF/TechRise/02/1169
Mr Jonathan	Ikpeoha	70	LF/TechRise/02/424
Mr Felix	John	70	LF/TechRise/02/663
Miss UGOEZE	OGBONNA	70	LF/TechRise/02/336
Mr Samuel	Friday	70	LF/TechRise/02/347
Mrs Amarachi	Alozie	70	LF/TechRise/02/421
Mr Franklin	Bezalel	70	LF/TechRise/02/1075
Mr Kingsley	Donatus	70	LF/TechRise/02/214
Mr Wisdom	Chibuiki	68	LF/TechRise/02/44
Mr Kenneth	Chukwuemeka	68	LF/TechRise/02/159
Mrs Ogechi	Emmanuel	68	LF/TechRise/02/391
Mrs Emeka	Peace	68	LF/TechRise/02/763
Mr Ozoemelam	Anumba	68	LF/TechRise/02/792
Mr Shalom	Chinedu	68	LF/TechRise/02/1228
Mr Princewill	Ogbonna	68	LF/TechRise/02/176
Mr Gospel	Uwanna	68	LF/TechRise/02/244
Mr Caleb	Chinedu	66	LF/TechRise/02/226

OHAFIA LGA

Title	First Name	Last Name	Score	Examld
Mr	Jonathan	Uma	94	LF/TechRise/02/910
Mrs	Onyinyechi	Emele	94	LF/TechRise/02/887
Mr	OSCAR	KALU	90	LF/TechRise/02/969
Mr	Ndem	Ukegbu	88	LF/TechRise/02/78
Mr	Godslead	Johnson	88	LF/TechRise/02/983
Mr	David	Awah	86	LF/TechRise/02/771
Mr	Miracle	Uma	86	LF/TechRise/02/7
Mr	IFEANYI	CHIBUEZE	84	LF/TechRise/02/200
Mr	IGWO	UKAEGBU	84	LF/TechRise/02/222
Mr	Awa	Emmanuel	84	LF/TechRise/02/912
Mr	James	Ogbonnaya	84	LF/TechRise/02/933
Mr	Eze	Kalu	84	LF/TechRise/02/957
Mr	Stephen	Chiene	84	LF/TechRise/02/1348
Mr	Daniel	Asonye	82	LF/TechRise/02/839
Mr	IBE	DELIGHT	82	LF/TechRise/02/804
Mr	Ifeanyi	Umazi	82	LF/TechRise/02/771
Mr	Emmanuel	Ukaiki	82	LF/TechRise/02/839
Mrs	CHINWE	IFEGWU	82	LF/TechRise/02/383
Mrs	UGO	KALU	80	LF/TechRise/02/338
Miss	Idika	Chizurum	80	LF/TechRise/02/819
Mrs	Favour	Onyeije lyk	80	LF/TechRise/02/872
Mr	Wisdom	Paul	80	LF/TechRise/02/1307
Mrs	Ebere	Ukaha	80	LF/TechRise/02/1334
Mrs	Ozioma	Osonwa	80	LF/TechRise/02/883
Mr	Uzo	Ndubuisi	78	LF/TechRise/02/394
Mr	Ndukwe	Clinton	78	LF/TechRise/02/407
Mr	UKA	AKACHI	78	LF/TechRise/02/600
Mr	Paul	Agbai	78	LF/TechRise/02/1131
Mr	Agwu	Kingsley	78	LF/TechRise/02/416
Mr	Sunny	Akuma	78	LF/TechRise/02/1426
Miss	Ndubuisi	Esther	78	LF/TechRise/02/993
Miss	Onyinyechi	Orji Kalu	76	LF/TechRise/02/62
Miss	Doris	Emetu	76	LF/TechRise/02/110

Mr Nnanna	Okorie	76	LF/TechRise/02/118
Mr Oke	Ibem	76	LF/TechRise/02/248
Mr Prosper	Okoro	76	LF/TechRise/02/20
Miss Roselyn	Irouwa	76	LF/TechRise/02/119
Mr Chukwuemeka	Chiori	76	LF/TechRise/02/223
Mrs Udoka	Nnaji	76	LF/TechRise/02/1493
Mr Ochukwu	Emmanuel	74	LF/TechRise/02/25
Mrs Chikaodi	Michael	74	LF/TechRise/02/88
Mr Ikechukwu	Kalu	74	LF/TechRise/02/605
Mr Stephen	Onyegbula	74	LF/TechRise/02/793
Mr NWBSU	UKA	74	LF/TechRise/02/1227
Mr John	Mba	74	LF/TechRise/02/490
Mrs Nwoke	Agwu	74	LF/TechRise/02/791
Mr Nwankwo	Emmanuel	74	LF/TechRise/02/1315
Mr Chukwuemeka	Ukaha	74	LF/TechRise/02/794
Miss Prisca	Agwu	74	LF/TechRise/02/1173
Miss Amarachi	Onyere	74	LF/TechRise/02/1183

OSISIOMA LGA

Title	First Name	Last Name	Score	Examld
Mr	Standfast	Oyinna	96	LF/TechRise/02/864
Mr	INNOCENT	UZOCHUKWU	94	LF/TechRise/02/857
Miss	Tonia	Chidiebere	90	LF/TechRise/02/800
Mr	Goodluck	Maxwell	88	LF/TechRise/02/861
Mr	Oliver	Ugwoke	86	LF/TechRise/02/1415
Mr	Amblessed	Obinna	84	LF/TechRise/02/215
Mr	Chiemela	Emmanuel	84	LF/TechRise/02/959
Mr	Isaac	Nwogu	82	LF/TechRise/02/1127
Miss	Praise	Otuka	82	LF/TechRise/02/267
Mr	PRECIOUS	AGUA	80	LF/TechRise/02/150
Miss	Chiamaka	Ngozi	78	LF/TechRise/02/55
Mr	Anthony	Ekwubiri	78	LF/TechRise/02/249
Miss	Faith	Ekwuluo	78	LF/TechRise/02/427
Mr	Ozioma	Ihemamma	78	LF/TechRise/02/1002
Miss	Glory	Emeh	76	LF/TechRise/02/277
Mr	Gaius	Ikpeamaeze	76	LF/TechRise/02/266
Mr	Chibuike	Emeghara	76	LF/TechRise/02/198
Mr	Samuel	Nwosu	74	LF/TechRise/02/358
Mr	Samuel	Eric	74	LF/TechRise/02/457
Mr	Uchenna	Ogbonna-Ben	74	LF/TechRise/02/931
Mr	Armstrong	Felix	74	LF/TechRise/02/148
Mr	Prince	Ukaegbu	74	LF/TechRise/02/236
Mr	Esi-Ubani	Chijindu	72	LF/TechRise/02/544
Mr	Ezeakolam	Ahaoma	72	LF/TechRise/02/419
Mr	Maurice	Emmanuel	72	LF/TechRise/02/1346
Miss	Marycynthia	Ejideaku	70	LF/TechRise/02/293
Mr	Nzeribe	Divine	70	LF/TechRise/02/447
Mr	Uchenna	Ajuzie	70	LF/TechRise/02/790
Mrs	Philamina	Chimezie	70	LF/TechRise/02/879
Miss	Goodness	Nwaobilo	70	LF/TechRise/02/787
Miss	Rejoice	Peacebe	70	LF/TechRise/02/1496
Mrs	Peace	Ekeke	68	LF/TechRise/02/201
Mr	Clement	Ekelechi	68	LF/TechRise/02/568
Mr	Prince	Iheasi	68	LF/TechRise/02/1416
Mr	Emmanuel	Ezendu	68	LF/TechRise/02/55
Miss	Chizaram	Batholomew	68	LF/TechRise/02/74
Mr	Chinasa	Solomon	68	LF/TechRise/02/77
Mr	Emmanuel	Denwoso	68	LF/TechRise/02/857
Mr	Chijioke	Echefulachi	66	LF/TechRise/02/247
Mr	Benedict	Iheanacho	66	LF/TechRise/02/353
Miss	Faith	Ihesiaba	66	LF/TechRise/02/513
Mrs	Anthonia	Mgboko	66	LF/TechRise/02/444
Mr	Divine	Bright	66	LF/TechRise/02/1472
Mr	Kanu	Ihunanya	64	LF/TechRise/02/24
Miss	Miracle	John	64	LF/TechRise/02/93
Mr	STANLEY	OKWUONU	64	LF/TechRise/02/126
Mr	Nwaobia	Okechukwu	64	LF/TechRise/02/264
Miss	Chinedum	Nneoma	64	LF/TechRise/02/549
Miss	Loveth	Abuwa	64	LF/TechRise/02/577
Miss	Adaugo	Ohuoba	64	LF/TechRise/02/606

UGWUNAGBO LGA

Title	First Name	Last Name	Score	ExamId
Miss	Nwamuo	Gladys	98	LF/TechRise/02/1361
Mr	David	Kennedy	90	LF/TechRise/02/560
Miss	Ifunanya	Izugunem	82	LF/TechRise/02/201
Mr	Ugochukwu	Sunday	82	LF/TechRise/02/186
Mr	John	Obioma	80	LF/TechRise/02/143
Mr	KENNETH	AHUNANYA	80	LF/TechRise/02/439
Mr	EBUBECHUKWU	AGUA	78	LF/TechRise/02/35
Mr	Onyekachi	Onyeobia	78	LF/TechRise/02/86

Mr Chinonso	Sunday	78	LF/TechRise/02/315
Miss Joyce	Okezie	78	LF/TechRise/02/889
Mrs Sarah	Alozie	76	LF/TechRise/02/814
Mr Faithful	Akwarandu	76	LF/TechRise/02/1269
Mr CHUKWUEBUKA	UZOIJE	76	LF/TechRise/02/1042
Mr Divine	Moses	74	LF/TechRise/02/892
Mrs Adanna	Godswill	74	LF/TechRise/02/251
Mr Peculiar	Ogbonna	72	LF/TechRise/02/809
Mr Stanley	Nwachukwu	70	LF/TechRise/02/505
Mr Hosanna	Obinna	70	LF/TechRise/02/980
Miss Chinwendu	Chukwuma	70	LF/TechRise/02/400
Mr Larry	Ohuobah	68	LF/TechRise/02/1196
Mr Ugochukwu	Samuel	68	LF/TechRise/02/1371
Mr Clement	Goodluck	68	LF/TechRise/02/326
Mr Chukwudi	Emelogu	68	LF/TechRise/02/361
Miss Hosanna	Chikambele	68	LF/TechRise/02/949
Mr Chinonso	Onyema	66	LF/TechRise/02/155
Mr Noble	Onyema	66	LF/TechRise/02/460
Mr Victor	Nwankwo	66	LF/TechRise/02/523
Mr Jacob	Charity	66	LF/TechRise/02/534
Mr Chinedu	Uchendu	66	LF/TechRise/02/240
Mrs Cynthia	Onyewe	66	LF/TechRise/02/566
Mr IKEDI	EMEREONYE	66	LF/TechRise/02/1419
Miss Mercy	Ozuru	64	LF/TechRise/02/187
Mr Ogbonna	Bright	64	LF/TechRise/02/947
Mr Dean	Uzoma	64	LF/TechRise/02/712
Miss Chidinma	Igwe	64	LF/TechRise/02/917
Mr Trust	Adikwu	62	LF/TechRise/02/203
Miss Akwugo	Osugwu	62	LF/TechRise/02/263
Miss Winner	Sampson	62	LF/TechRise/02/488
Mr Emmanuel	Chizurum	62	LF/TechRise/02/226
Miss Emelogu	Chioma	60	LF/TechRise/02/84
Miss Ezinne	Onwuma	60	LF/TechRise/02/129
Mr Light	Akparanta	58	LF/TechRise/02/477
Mr Chukwuemeka	Ekpo	58	LF/TechRise/02/551
Miss Gift	Onyebuchi	58	LF/TechRise/02/1209
Miss Chima	Chidinma	58	LF/TechRise/02/329
Mr FRANKLYN	ALOZIE	58	LF/TechRise/02/1140
Mrs UGOCHI	ONWUKA	58	LF/TechRise/02/505
Mr Adiele	Fabian	56	LF/TechRise/02/418
Mr Agba	Ugochukwu	56	LF/TechRise/02/966
Miss Nwankwo	Nneoma	56	LF/TechRise/02/95

UKWA EAST LGA

Title	First Name	Last Name	Score	Examld
Mr	Osinachi	Shed-Nwankwp	92	LF/TechRise/02/963
Mr	William	Okah	82	LF/TechRise/02/176
Mr	Chidiadi	Oscar	80	LF/TechRise/02/251
Miss	Precious	Robert	80	LF/TechRise/02/1265
Miss	Nwankwo	Chinomso	78	LF/TechRise/02/915
Miss	ADINDU	GLADYS	76	LF/TechRise/02/153
Mr	HONOUR	HENRY	76	LF/TechRise/02/274
Mr	Uchechukwu	Nlewedim	76	LF/TechRise/02/1067
Mr	Alfred	Smith	74	LF/TechRise/02/431
Mr	Chinonso	Nwaji	74	LF/TechRise/02/546
Mr	Okere	Richard	72	LF/TechRise/02/145
Miss	Mirabel	Nnah	72	LF/TechRise/02/337
Mr	Ekekanachi	Chinedu	68	LF/TechRise/02/70
Mr	Emmanuel	Nwosu	68	LF/TechRise/02/144
Miss	Ubani	Favour	68	LF/TechRise/02/393
Mr	Nkwachukwu	Nwankwo	68	LF/TechRise/02/318
Mr	Victory	Possible	66	LF/TechRise/02/13
Miss	Amarachi	Ubani	66	LF/TechRise/02/1362
Mrs	Adindu	Mercy	64	LF/TechRise/02/19
Mr	Promise	Ogbonna	62	LF/TechRise/02/218
Mr	Ekeke	Chimaobi	62	LF/TechRise/02/438
Mr	Kenneth	Benson	62	LF/TechRise/02/803
Mr	Okwar	Innocent	62	LF/TechRise/02/156
Mr	Kelechi	Eruba	62	LF/TechRise/02/1053
Miss	Miracle	Micheal	60	LF/TechRise/02/820
Mr	Ekeke	Ifeanyi	60	LF/TechRise/02/87
Mr	Emmanuel	Akara	60	LF/TechRise/02/645
Mr	Emmanuel	Ekeke	60	LF/TechRise/02/1469
Mr	NWANKWO	Chika	60	LF/TechRise/02/150
Mrs	NNADEDE	Peace	58	LF/TechRise/02/102
Mrs	Mercy	Onyedimachi	58	LF/TechRise/02/445
Mr	Chimere	Onyekwere	58	LF/TechRise/02/885
Mr	Victor	Nwadike	58	LF/TechRise/02/518
Mrs	IKECHI	FINA	58	LF/TechRise/02/74

Mr	OKERE	OKENWA	58	LF/TechRise/02/499
Mr	Confidence	Ekeke	58	LF/TechRise/02/1230
Mr	THANKGOD	NWACHUKWU	56	LF/TechRise/02/424
Mr	Christian	Nwankwo	54	LF/TechRise/02/143
Mr	Dagogo	Ordor	54	LF/TechRise/02/940
Mr	Alwell	Nwulu	52	LF/TechRise/02/257
Mr	David	Saturday	52	LF/TechRise/02/165
Mr	Ifeanyi	Ekeke	52	LF/TechRise/02/405
Mr	Nlewedim	Chinedu	52	LF/TechRise/02/911
Miss	VICTORY	EJIE	52	LF/TechRise/02/470
Mr	Ezechi	Ekeke	50	LF/TechRise/02/354
Mrs	HAPPINESS	OKORO	50	LF/TechRise/02/406
Mrs	Adaku	Okenwa	50	LF/TechRise/02/627
Miss	Stella	Akparanta	50	LF/TechRise/02/1097
Miss	Princess	Nwachukwu	48	LF/TechRise/02/668
Mr	Ohaka	Anayochukwu	48	LF/TechRise/02/768

UKWA WEST LGA

Title	First Name	Last Name	Score	ExamId
Mr	Morgan	Anointing	84	LF/TechRise/02/797
Mr	Victor	Nwaulu	80	LF/TechRise/02/50
Mrs	Favour	Elele	80	LF/TechRise/02/213
Miss	Precious	Chidiebere	78	LF/TechRise/02/69
Miss	TOCHI	CHIDIEBERE	76	LF/TechRise/02/197
Miss	Favour	Eke	76	LF/TechRise/02/85
Mrs	Chinwe	Nwubani	76	LF/TechRise/02/398
Mr	Alwell	Akanwa	74	LF/TechRise/02/214
Mr	Nwankwo	Chukwudozie	72	LF/TechRise/02/200
Mr	Wisdom	Ndubueze	72	LF/TechRise/02/395
Mr	Obinna	Chinyere	72	LF/TechRise/02/399
Miss	Josephine	Dike	72	LF/TechRise/02/774
Miss	Rejoice	Increase	72	LF/TechRise/02/15
Mr	Chimeremeze	Emeka	72	LF/TechRise/02/135
Miss	Faith	Monday	72	LF/TechRise/02/466
Miss	Marvelous	Nwankwo	72	LF/TechRise/02/958
Mr	Ikenna	Ihenko	70	LF/TechRise/02/653
Miss	Uruchi	Dike	70	LF/TechRise/02/195
Mr	Moses	Nwankwo	68	LF/TechRise/02/454
Mr	Chibueze	Ikechi	66	LF/TechRise/02/54
Mr	Chinedu	Dionye	66	LF/TechRise/02/81
Mr	Chigozie	Monday	66	LF/TechRise/02/140
Mr	Rowland	Kingsley	66	LF/TechRise/02/404
Mr	Victor	Adiele	66	LF/TechRise/02/481
Mr	Uzoma	Wisdom	66	LF/TechRise/02/832
Mr	Nwogu	Kevin	66	LF/TechRise/02/1091
Miss	Gift	Okorie	66	LF/TechRise/02/286
Mr	Chimarajie	Diogu	64	LF/TechRise/02/185
Mr	Theophilus	Nelson	64	LF/TechRise/02/371
Miss	Ifeoma	Willy	64	LF/TechRise/02/463
Mr	Kingsley	Ahunanya	64	LF/TechRise/02/210
Mr	Light	Chidi	62	LF/TechRise/02/191
Miss	CHIDOMA	EZERE	62	LF/TechRise/02/521
Mrs	NWOGU	CHIDOMA	62	LF/TechRise/02/317
Miss	Anointing	Uzoma	62	LF/TechRise/02/1465
Mr	Chijoke	Jiteh	62	LF/TechRise/02/305
Mr	Kelechi	Okwando	60	LF/TechRise/02/387
Mr	Samuel	Anyanwu	60	LF/TechRise/02/455
Mr	UCHECHI	GEORGE	60	LF/TechRise/02/170
Miss	Victoria	Chukwunonye	60	LF/TechRise/02/787
Miss	Patricia	Esinwoke	60	LF/TechRise/02/448
Mr	ONYIKE	CHINONSO	60	LF/TechRise/02/721
Miss	Wisdom	Felix	60	LF/TechRise/02/1523
Mrs	Chinyere	Onwunali	60	LF/TechRise/02/298
Mrs	CHIZARAM	DENWOHA	60	LF/TechRise/02/335
Mr	Chidera	Lucky	58	LF/TechRise/02/423
Mr	Chinonso	Chinye	58	LF/TechRise/02/535
Mr	Felix	Anyasor	58	LF/TechRise/02/884
Mr	Richard	Emeka	58	LF/TechRise/02/1517
Miss	Victory	Ikechi	56	LF/TechRise/02/411

UMUAHIA NORTH LGA

Title	First Name	Last Name	Score	ExamId
Mr	Chibuzo	Chima	94	LF/TechRise/02/818
Mr	David	Okalanwa	94	LF/TechRise/02/831
Mr	Obinna	Akubueze	94	LF/TechRise/02/947
Mr	Goodluck	Godfrey	92	LF/TechRise/02/775
Mr	Victor	Onyemuwa	90	LF/TechRise/02/806
Mr	Nwoke	Winner	90	LF/TechRise/02/850

Mr	Joseph	Harrison	90	LF/TechRise/02/935
Mr	WISDOM	OLIVER	90	LF/TechRise/02/1264
Mrs	felicia	Enwere	86	LF/TechRise/02/765
Miss	Tobechi	Ogwuegbu	86	LF/TechRise/02/782
Miss	Uchechi	Okezie	86	LF/TechRise/02/900
Mr	Daniel	Onwuegbu	86	LF/TechRise/02/978
Mr	CHUKWUMADOB	AGWU	84	LF/TechRise/02/990
Miss	Ijeoma	Onwugbofor	84	LF/TechRise/02/983
Mr	VINCENT	NMEREGINI	84	LF/TechRise/02/7
Mr	Joshua	Emezue	82	LF/TechRise/02/863
Mr	DANIEL	NWACHUKWU	82	LF/TechRise/02/989
Mr	Chukwuebuka	Johnson	82	LF/TechRise/02/26
Mr	Charles	Onunekwu	82	LF/TechRise/02/41
Mr	Wisdom	Ephraim	82	LF/TechRise/02/495
Mrs	Miracle	Nwokeocha	82	LF/TechRise/02/863
Mr	Shalom	Chukwukadibia	80	LF/TechRise/02/101
Miss	Gift	Nduka	80	LF/TechRise/02/71
Mr	Asochukwu	Anumudu	80	LF/TechRise/02/247
Mr	OBINNA	EMELIKE	80	LF/TechRise/02/882
Mr	Joshua	Egenkanye	80	LF/TechRise/02/76
Mr	Uchenna	Williams	80	LF/TechRise/02/96
Mr	Isaac	Eze	80	LF/TechRise/02/312
Mr	paul	Nwofia	80	LF/TechRise/02/825
Miss	Ogbonne	Obiakarije	80	LF/TechRise/02/870
Miss	Christian	Vivian	80	LF/TechRise/02/944
Mr	Maxwell	Okeadu	78	LF/TechRise/02/305
Mr	Obiajulu	Kenneth	78	LF/TechRise/02/33
Mrs	Goodness	Ebenezer	78	LF/TechRise/02/65
Mr	Emmanuel	Eze	78	LF/TechRise/02/315
Mr	Chibonna	Nmeregini	78	LF/TechRise/02/1265
Miss	IJEOMA	ONYEMUWA	78	LF/TechRise/02/1358
Mr	Joshua	Michael	78	LF/TechRise/02/1477
Miss	Merit	Chijioke	76	LF/TechRise/02/42
Mr	Truth	Ndubuisi	76	LF/TechRise/02/47
Miss	Glory	Obilor	76	LF/TechRise/02/354
Mr	Godswill	Owoghiri	76	LF/TechRise/02/462
Mr	Chisom	Nzenwata	76	LF/TechRise/02/520
Miss	Oluomachi	Mbanaso	76	LF/TechRise/02/1485
Mrs	Blessing	Ekeleme	76	LF/TechRise/02/34
Mr	Kingsley	Ofoegbu	74	LF/TechRise/02/164
Mr	Chukwuebuka	Ukaegbu	74	LF/TechRise/02/1392
Mr	Samuel	Emekaobum	74	LF/TechRise/02/947
Miss	Joy	Akawah	74	LF/TechRise/02/208
Mr	Ogechi	Mmeme	74	LF/TechRise/02/423

UMUAHIA SOUTH

Title	First Name	Last Name	Score	ExamId
Mr	GODSWILL	OGBONNA	92	LF/TechRise/02/796
Miss	Olive	Okebugwu	90	LF/TechRise/02/860
Miss	Helen	Nwagboso	90	LF/TechRise/02/881
Miss	Ugochi	Iroegbulam	86	LF/TechRise/02/810
Miss	Chikaodi	Uwa	86	LF/TechRise/02/867
Mr	Ugochukwu	Eluwa	84	LF/TechRise/02/194
Mrs	Stella	Emecheta	84	LF/TechRise/02/862
Mr	Victor	Onyebueke	84	LF/TechRise/02/1359
Mr	VICTOR	OGWUMIKE	84	LF/TechRise/02/144
Miss	Sarah	Chukwukadibia	80	LF/TechRise/02/104
Mr	Fred	Asibe	80	LF/TechRise/02/1283
Mrs	Precious	Nwabuisi	80	LF/TechRise/02/776
Mr	Ikenna	Amuzie	80	LF/TechRise/02/1324
Miss	Esther	Godwin	78	LF/TechRise/02/498
Mrs	IFEOMA	UWAH	78	LF/TechRise/02/932
Miss	Ihunanyachi	Mpamugo	78	LF/TechRise/02/1313
Mrs	Chiamaka	Nwachara	78	LF/TechRise/02/100
Mr	Lawrence	Okonko	78	LF/TechRise/02/235
Mr	Chinedum	Obia	78	LF/TechRise/02/243
Mr	Franklin	Anyagwu	78	LF/TechRise/02/1304
Mr	Chukwuemeka	Shedrack	76	LF/TechRise/02/973
Miss	Nwaubani	Victoria	76	LF/TechRise/02/279
Mrs	Elekaibe	Agnes	76	LF/TechRise/02/3
Mrs	Chioma	Williams	76	LF/TechRise/02/233
Mr	Nnaemeka	Okpechi	76	LF/TechRise/02/869
Mr	Uzoma	Andrew	74	LF/TechRise/02/209
Miss	Jeanfortune	Nwosu	74	LF/TechRise/02/798
Mr	CHIMEZIE	NUJOKU	74	LF/TechRise/02/912
Miss	Chijioke	Purity	74	LF/TechRise/02/926
Miss	Esther	Adieze	74	LF/TechRise/02/59
Mr	Ifeanyichukwu	Obioma	74	LF/TechRise/02/422
Mr	Bright	Ngadiuba	74	LF/TechRise/02/1428

Miss	Love	Nwaobasi	72	LF/TechRise/02/234
Miss	Ugonma	Onuigbo	72	LF/TechRise/02/795
Mrs	Nwosu	Chinonso	72	LF/TechRise/02/98
Mr	Ryan	Festus	72	LF/TechRise/02/1387
Mrs	LOVELINE	OKORO	72	LF/TechRise/02/1397
Miss	Joy	Samuel	70	LF/TechRise/02/871
Mrs	Uzoamaka	Chukwu	70	LF/TechRise/02/169
Mr	Lucky	Awazie	70	LF/TechRise/02/186
Mr	Odinakachi	Nwafor	70	LF/TechRise/02/220
Mr	Ugo	Izuchukwu	70	LF/TechRise/02/275
Mr	Uzochukwu	Ekwuribe	70	LF/TechRise/02/332
Mr	Joseph	Ifeanyi	70	LF/TechRise/02/828
Mr	Osinach	David-Ekwueme	70	LF/TechRise/02/947
Mr	KELECHI	NWAUBANI	70	LF/TechRise/02/964
Mr	UGOCHUKWU	IBEZIM	70	LF/TechRise/02/1445
Mr	Chiderah	Nwankpa	70	LF/TechRise/02/11
Miss	Uluchiwura	Nwachineke	70	LF/TechRise/02/165
Miss	Chukwuma	Jane	70	LF/TechRise/02/318

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Mr	Somto	Okam	94	LF/TechRise/02/876
Miss	Esther	Adu	90	LF/TechRise/02/760
Miss	Divine	Okechukwu	86	LF/TechRise/02/843
Mr	Uchenna	Okereke	86	LF/TechRise/02/858
Mr	Emmanuel	Nzeppal	86	LF/TechRise/02/995
Mr	Geoffery	Williams	82	LF/TechRise/02/1331
Miss	Ihuoma	Nwankwo-Fabian	82	LF/TechRise/02/1494
Miss	Doris	Ngoka	80	LF/TechRise/02/13
Mr	Chima	Ejim	80	LF/TechRise/02/58
Miss	Favour	Christian	80	LF/TechRise/02/859
Miss	Ikechukwu	Favour	80	LF/TechRise/02/863
Miss	Happiness	Okafor	80	LF/TechRise/02/855
Miss	Rosemary	Eksi	78	LF/TechRise/02/167
Mr	Ebubechi	Victor	78	LF/TechRise/02/321
Miss	Angela	Owuru	76	LF/TechRise/02/817
Mr	CHINEDU	ORJI	76	LF/TechRise/02/235
Miss	OKORIE	Chidera	76	LF/TechRise/02/865
Mr	Tochukwu	Okoronkwo	76	LF/TechRise/02/135
Mr	Chibuzor	Benson	76	LF/TechRise/02/197
Mr	Chinemerem	Otun	76	LF/TechRise/02/935
Mr	Udochukwu	Nwankwo	74	LF/TechRise/02/175
Mr	CHARLES	EJIOFOR	74	LF/TechRise/02/330
Mr	Chukwuebuka	Israel	74	LF/TechRise/02/1445
Mr	Kingsley	Eze	74	LF/TechRise/02/130
Miss	CHIAMAKA	UZOIGWE	74	LF/TechRise/02/172
Mr	Ejike	Emmanuel	74	LF/TechRise/02/241
Miss	Maryann	Owuru	72	LF/TechRise/02/282
Miss	CHINAEENKA	EZEKIEL	72	LF/TechRise/02/23
Mr	Nwachimsa	Alago	72	LF/TechRise/02/104
Mr	Michael	Onyekere	72	LF/TechRise/02/473
Miss	Perpetual	Okorie	72	LF/TechRise/02/175
Mr	CHIDOZIE	NWANKWO	70	LF/TechRise/02/129
Mr	NWANKWO	ODICHUKWU	70	LF/TechRise/02/374
Mr	Odichukwu	Chinonso	70	LF/TechRise/02/1266
Mr	Okoroafor	Promise	70	LF/TechRise/02/1362
Miss	Chiamaka	Ebora	70	LF/TechRise/02/441
Mr	EMEKA	MBA	70	LF/TechRise/02/111
Mr	Solomon	Okoroafor	68	LF/TechRise/02/383
Miss	Amarachi	Ekeubisi	68	LF/TechRise/02/451
Mr	Chidera	Asomugha	68	LF/TechRise/02/154
Mr	Wilfred	Emmanuel	68	LF/TechRise/02/868
Miss	Goodnews	Ofo	68	LF/TechRise/02/538
Mr	Flourish	Alex-Afurubi	68	LF/TechRise/02/599
Mr	Bright-King	Victor	68	LF/TechRise/02/1263
Miss	Umeh	Chidinma	68	LF/TechRise/02/1410
Miss	Amarachi	Umeh	66	LF/TechRise/02/312
Miss	Maduechesi	Chidinma	66	LF/TechRise/02/472
Mr	Ignatius	Okereke	66	LF/TechRise/02/189
Mr	Charles	ASOMUGHA	66	LF/TechRise/02/319
Mr	Chidiebube	Nna	66	LF/TechRise/02/17

SPECIAL CANDIDATES

Title	First Name	Last Name	Score	ExamId
Mr	Marcus	Atobatele	86	LF/TechRise/02/53
Miss	Success	Enema-Agona	84	LF/TechRise/02/131
Miss	Janet	Ekundaya	84	LF/TechRise/02/245
Mr	UYIOGHOSA	AIGHOBAHI	82	LF/TechRise/02/190
Mr	Daniel	Bamkunle	82	LF/TechRise/02/276
Miss	Oniyide	Dolapo	82	LF/TechRise/02/55

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Creative Writers Hangout

Uche and the Sword (4)

Immediately the kids finished telling the lies to Asonye Uche came in. With that furry Asonye beat Uche mercilessly, kicking, and boxing until Uche could not stand on his own.

Uche wept throughout the night as the excruciating pain from all parts of his body could not let him sleep.

Kate must have forgotten this fundamental truth, 'A tree does not dry as soon as it was cut down.'

After the holidays Uche went back to school.

The third term commenced with Uche making the news. The principal called him out and announced to the school that Uche will be expelled from the school if he fails the third term.

Uche became a laughing stock not only to his fellow students, but even to some teachers.

Mr. Godwin, the Physical and Health Education teacher and the school's soccer team coach was one of the teachers who really wanted to see Uche improve his academic performance. One day he called Uche privately, "Uche you're very intelligent in the football field, but what is the problem with your class work? You've not passed a single subject since you came into this school."

Uche knew his problem was his inability to understand English Language and not being able to read. But he was so uneasy and ashamed to tell his coach his problems.

After waiting without Uche responding, Mr. Godwin placed his hands on Uche's shoulders. With a parental concern he said, "I'm always at your side; if you need my assistance just let me know."

Uche nodded but never intended to go to Mr. Godwin for assistance.

A week into the new term, Mrs. Osuka, the English Teacher came into the class. She was fat and fair and was in her mid-forties. Whenever she comes to the class she would ask a student to give her his stool. That day she collected Uzoma's stool, the class prefect who always came first in the class. Uzoma went and sat with her friend.

"Everybody bring out your novel", Mrs. Osuka announced. When the students obeyed, she asked the first student sitting directly opposite her to read one page. That was how they continued from student to student.

As soon as Uche realized the pattern of the day's lesson, his heart started beating hard with fear as he considered the shame that will befall him when it would get to him to read.

He considered leaving the class, but the principal was outside waiting for those students that loiter while lessons were going on. Uche knew that if the principal should catch him outside, his punishment would be double because of his bad academic record.

Some things are as certain as the sun rising from the east every morning. Before long Uche was pulled out of his daydreaming when Mrs. Osuka said, "Uche Obi, it's your turn."

Uche stood up, his book in his hand, but he did not even know where he was expected to start from as he had not been following.

"Uche Obi, please we're waiting for you." The teacher repeated. At this point all the students in the class turned their attention to Uche. Uzo was very sad with the embarrassment his friend was facing.

After waiting for Uche for nearly five minutes, the teacher asked all the students to point toward Uche and shout "Shame!"

"Shame!" the students echoed with a loud voice.

Tears started dropping from Uche's eyes. When Uche sat down he did not raise up his head until the day was over.

"Uche let's go", Uzo called.

"Uzo go, I'm not going now", Uche replied not raising his head. After everybody had gone, Uche left, feeling so disheartened.

When Uche got home he did his home chores

as usual before he ate the little piece of yam Kate gave him for lunch.

Later in the evening Asonye came back with aunty Ngozi, Kate's sister, who came from the village. As everybody was in the parlor watching TV after dinner, Ngozi opened her bag and brought out a thank you letter her mother wrote to her son-in-law, Asonye, for the money he sent her some time ago.

"Darling", Kate started, "Let's test these children with this letter. Let each of them read one paragraph, let's see if they're really improving." She was only trying to disgrace Uche as her children had told her that Uche could not read.

"You're right", Asonye agreed, "Let's start from the oldest. Ifeoma read the first paragraph".

Ifeoma collected the letter and read the first paragraph.

"Uche read paragraph two".

Uche collected the letter fixed his eyes on it, but did not say anything.

Kate broke into a mocking laughter. Ifeoma followed, aunty Ngozi joined, then all others.

"Uche so you cannot read? You've disgraced me. Are you not ashamed of yourself? Ifeanyi please read the letter" Asonye said.

Uche shamefully handed the letter to Ifeanyi, who read it without stumbling at any word. Uche stood frozen with shame not even feeling

CITATIONS INSPIRANTES

"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies....The man who never reads lives only one".

- George R. R. Martin, American novelist

his legs again.

"Get out from my sight, shameless idiot", Asonye ordered. As Uche left, they all laughed at him.

In the kitchen, Uche cried out his eyes and finally told himself, "I must learn how to read".

Sometimes trials come consecutively and that is usually when a person builds his character. After all, when the going gets tough, the tough get going.

The following day's last lesson was another challenge to Uche. After writing an Agric Science note on the chalkboard, Mr. Anya asked Uche to stand up and read the note for the class.

"Among almost 50 students in the class why must it be me", Uche asked himself as he stood up. The English teacher had told Mr. Anya what happened the previous day, so he too was trying to catch fun.

Uche braced up for anything that might follow. He was expecting the class to haul shame on him, but he got more than that. Mr. Anya flogged him six strokes of the cane.

After school Uche stayed behind. He brought out his note and looked at it for thirty minutes, trying to see if he could just start reading miraculously. But when a miracle did not come his way Uche burst into tears.

"God, Please help me, I want to know how to read. I'm tired of being laughed at by everybody..." Uche prayed.

When a request is proper, sincere and harmonizes with the will of God, the Supreme One will surely answer.

Sandra Amadi was the female Senior Prefect of Willington Junior High School. She was tall and chubby, chocolate in complexion. Her Afro hair cut highlighted her beautiful face. Her white teeth sparkled whenever she smiles and her cheeks dimples.

Her intelligence complements her beauty. It had always surprised her why she had never come first in her class despite all the efforts she puts into her study. Nevertheless, she was determined to come first in her last term. The Principal had announced during the morning

assembly that he was going to give a prize to the student that made the best result in the Junior School Certificate Examination.

The prize will see the Principal register the student into a Senior Secondary School and pay the student's school fees for the first three terms.

Being a serious student, Sandra immediately decided to start staying behind after school to read her books and prepare for the exams. She had just opened her Mathematics textbook when she heard someone crying in the adjoining class. She was scared as she thought that everyone had gone.

Sandra tiptoed to one of the windows of the adjoining class, only to see that it was the notorious Uche sobbing. Her first thought was to pick her books and run home. She felt insecure to have a bad boy like Uche with her alone in the school. The gate was far away that the security men might not hear her even if she should shout for help.

But, when she heard Uche's prayers she felt pity for him. "I thought that the boy doesn't care about his poor academic performance", Sandra told herself.

She entered the class. Uche was frightened when he saw her and embarrassed when it occurred to him that Sandra might have heard what he said in his prayers.

"Good afternoon senior", Uche greeted as he quickly jumped to his feet. As she stood akimbo before Uche, he noticed she was fatter and taller than him.

"Why are you crying?", Sandra asked in vernacular.

"Nothing, senior."

"Don't lie to me, I heard you call God. Were you praying?"

Uche could not deny the fact that he was praying, but, how could he report his inability to read to Sandra. When he did not respond Sandra went on in English Language.

"What do you want God to do for you?"

Uche scratched his head in embarrassment, "I can pass my exam" he replied in pigeon English in an effort to keep up with Sandra who had switched to English Language.

Sandra placed her hand on his shoulder; Uche felt uneasy and hung his head shyly.

"What exactly do you want? I may be able to help you", Sandra said as she considered in her mind that God could use her to answer Uche's prayers.

Uche felt an urge within him to bare his mind, which was totally different from the way he felt the day Mr. Godwin asked him a similar question. He took a long breath, "Senior, I no dey feel happy, since I enter this school na me de come last."

"Ehee is that all?"

"No Senior", he looked directly at her for the first time, their eyes met and held on for few seconds before he blinked and hung his head. Uche saw the compassion that radiates from her eyeballs, "Since yesterday, I don disgrace myself too much, because I no know how to-", he deliberately left out the last word.

"You don't know how to do what?"

"Senior, I don't know how to read, I won know, I don try but I no fit."

Sandra felt pity for the poor boy, "I'll help you as much as I can." Uche nodded his head happily, "But you must stop feeling bad and smile."

Uche frowned his face.

"Smile", Sandra insisted.

She forced a smile on his face and shyly covered his face with both hands. Sandra smiled too.

"Now, Uche repeat three times, I must learn how to read."

Uche said it three times.

Will Sandra help Uche or destroy him? Don't miss our next publication

AUTHOR OF THE WEEK



GEORGE ELIOT

George Eliot is the pen name of Mary Ann Evans, a British novelist, poet, journalist and translator. She was born on November 22, 1819 in Nuneaton, Warwickshire, England.

She was the third child of Robert Evans, and Christiana Evans. The young Evans was a voracious reader and obviously intelligent. Because she was not considered physically beautiful, Evans was not thought to have much chance of marriage, and this, coupled with her intelligence, led her father to invest in an education not often afforded to women.

After age sixteen, Evans had little formal education. Thanks to her father's important role on the estate, she was allowed access to the library of Arbury Hall, which greatly aided her self-education and breadth of learning.

In 1950, she moved to London with the intent of becoming a writer, and she began referring to herself as Marian Evans.

While continuing to contribute pieces to the *Westminster Review*, Evans resolved to become a novelist, and set out a pertinent manifesto in one of her last essays for the *Review*, "Silly Novels by Lady Novelists" in 1856.

Although female authors were published under their own names during her lifetime, she wanted to escape the stereotype of women's writing being limited to lighthearted romances or other lighter fare not to be taken very seriously.

She also wanted to have her fiction judged separately from her already extensive and widely known work as a translator, editor, and critic. Another factor in her use of a pen name may have been a desire to shield her private life from public scrutiny, thus avoiding the scandal that would have arisen because of her relationship with Lewes, who was married.

Her work include *Scenes of Clerical Life* published in 1857, *Adam Bede* published in 1859, *The Mill on the Floss* published in 1860, *Silas Marner* published in 1861, *Romola* published between 1862-1863, *Felix Holt, the Radical* published in 1866, *Middlemarch* published between 1871-1872 and *Daniel Deronda* published in 1876.

Eliot fell ill with a throat infection. This, coupled with the kidney disease with which she had been afflicted for several years, led to her death on 22 December 1880 at the age of 61.

Sporting Ambassador

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With Jacob Joseph

Nigeria At CHAN: 2014 - 2024

The 8th edition of the African nations Championship kicked off last weekend. In this special report, Sporting Ambassador brings you Nigeria's performance at CHAN:

Nigeria made her debut at African Nations Championship in 2014, five years after the competition made for only home-based players started.

In the inaugural edition hosted by Cote d'Ivoire in 2019, the Democratic Republic of Congo emerged champions defeating Ghana 2-0.

The next edition took place in Sudan and Tunisia clinched the trophy after crushing Angola 3-0.

It was at the third edition in Libya that Nigeria made her debut appearance. They placed in Group A against Mali South Africa and Mozambique.

Nigeria lost her first match 2-1 to Mali before the bounced back in their second group match to defeat

Nigeria qualified for the next edition hosted by Rwanda and were placed in Group C against Tunisia, Guinea Niger Republic.

Nigeria kicked off their campaign like a house on fire with Abia State born Chisom Chikataru scoring a hat-trick as Nigeria destroyed Niger Republic 4-1.

They drew 1-1 with Tunisia before succumbing to Guinea 1-0 in their last group match.

Nigeria were eliminated as they finished third in the group.

Morocco hosted the 2018 edition of the CHAN and Nigeria produced what seem to be their best performance in the competition so far. They played against

They have been placed in Group D against Sudan, Congo and fellow West African super power, Senegal.

Nigeria qualified impressively, defeating their long-time rivals Ghana in a thrilling two-legged play-off. After a goalless first leg at the Accra Sports Stadium, Nigeria scored three first half goals at the Godswill Akpabio International Stadium to defeat Ghana 3-1 in the second leg.

Eric Chelle and Daniel Ogunmodede, must ensure that they take the 2018 performance a step further by winning the championship.

Recall that Eric Chelle, the coach of the Super Eagles, has been brought in to lead the home-based Super Eagles at the 2024 CHAN. The Franco-Malian made his mark in Mali by guiding the senior national team to the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations semi-finals.



Man On The Hot Seat: Eric Chelle

ned a reputation as one of Africa's emerging coaching minds. Although Daniel Ogunmodede led Nigeria through the qualifiers, Chelle's appointment brings experience at the highest level of international competition.

Meanwhile, Eric Chelle has released 23-man squad for the competition. **GOALKEEPERS:** Henry Ozoemena Ani (Enyimba FC), Nurudeen Badmus (Kwara United), Lawal Mustapha (Shooting Stars)

DEFENDERS: Sadiq Ismaila (Remo Stars), Bankole Afeez (Kwara United), Taiwo Abdulrafiu (Rivers United), Uzundu Harrison (Ikorodu City), Junior Harrison Nduka (Remo Stars), Ngenen Leonard (Ikorodu City), Steven Mayo Egbe (Rivers United) **MIDFIELDERS:** Adedayo Olamilekan (Remo Stars), Hadi Haruna (Remo Stars), Olaniyi Taofik (Rivers United), Akanni Qudus (Remo Stars), Michael Tochukwu (Remo Stars), Alex Oyowah (Remo Stars)

FORWARDS: Anas Yusuf (Nasarawa United), Shola Adelani (Ikorodu City),

Sikiru Alimi (Remo Stars), Temitope Vincent (Plateau United), Ijoma Anthony (Abia Warriors), Godwin Obaje (Rangers International), Jabbar Malik (Remo Stars)

The Star Man to watch will be the team captain Junior Harrison Nduka. He brings both leadership and goal scoring ability. His calmness and command in the heart of defense will be instrumental to Nigeria's success.

Another Key player will be the Nigerian Premier League top scorer, Anas Yusuf, He scored 18 goals last season for Nasarawa United. his sharp instincts and clinical finishing make him a constant threat.

With a formidable squad featuring some of the Nigerian league's brightest stars, the Super Eagles are tipped as strong contenders. Fans will expect nothing less than a deep run, with hopes high for a maiden title. Nigeria's passionate fan base will be behind the team every step of the way. The CHAN 2024 tournament presents a golden opportunity for the Super Eagles to return to glory on the continental stage.



Colourful Nigerian supporters

Mozambique 4-2. Their last group match-a must win against South Africa ended 3-1 in favour of Nigeria. They thus cruised into the quarter-final with six points, a point behind group winners, Mali.

The quarter final clash was against Morocco, who went 3-0 up on the first half. The Nigerian side rallied round in the second half to equalize and eventually won the match in the extra time.

Unfortunately, the coached side lost their semi-final match to West African foes Ghana 4-1 on penalties after full and extra time had ended goalless. However they won the bronze after defeating Zimbabwe by a lone goal.

Libya, Rwanda and Equatorial Guinea.

They started with a goalless draw with Rwanda before narrowly defeating Libya by a lone goal. Their last group match was a must win against Equatorial Guinea and they won 3-1 to cruise into the last eight where they confronted Angola and defeated them 2-1 after extra-time.

The CHAN Eagles defeated Sudan by a lone goal to set up an epic final with the host Morocco.

Unfortunately, they were humiliated 4-0 in the final.

As they return after missing the two last editions, the home-based Super Eagles will have to go for the trophy.

Known for his tactical discipline and emphasis on high-intensity pressing, Chelle has



Super Eagles players during a training session

Nigeria's Group Matches

DATE	TIME	MATCH
5 TH August	6 PM	Senegal vs Nigeria
12 TH August	6PM	Sudan vs Nigeria
19 TH August	6PM	Nigeria vs Congo



Abia State Governor, Dr. Alex Otti with the NFF President Ibrahim Gusau during the courtesy call.

Gov Otti Unveils Plans For Stadium City

By Amanachi Uzoukwu

Abia State Governor, Dr Alex Otti, has reiterated his administration's commitment to sports development as part of efforts to secure the state's standing on the continental and global sporting stage.

Governor Otti stated this on Wednesday while receiving a delegation from the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF), led by its President, Alhaji Ibrahim Musa Gusau, at his country home in Nvosi, Isiala Ngwa

Football body.

Governor Otti, who reaffirmed his administration's resolve to maintain Abia's position as a sporting powerhouse, also used the occasion to congratulate President Bola Ahmed Tinubu on the impressive performance of the Super Falcons at the Women's Africa Cup of Nations (WAFCON).

Earlier in his remarks, the NFF President, Alhaji Ibrahim Gusau, said the Federation's visit was to express



South Local Government Area.

The Governor announced that plans had been finalised for the upgrade of the Umuahia Township Stadium to ensure it meets the requirements for Abia Warriors Football Club and other teams to utilise in the interim.

He further disclosed that architectural designs were ongoing for the construction of a modern Stadium City in Umuahia, which would serve as a long-term solution to drive sporting development in the state.

Describing sports, particularly football, as a powerful unifying force, Governor Otti stressed that good governance must translate into tangible impacts on the lives of citizens.

He commended the NFF for its continued support of the State's Sports initiatives and assured the delegation of Abia State's sustained collaboration with the National

appreciation for Governor Otti's steadfast support for sports development.

Gusau who highlighted the State's impressive record in continental competitions, described Abia as the "home of football" in Nigeria.

He noted that Abia Warriors Football Club, under the current administration, had emerged as one of the top three football teams in the country.

The NFF President called on the Governor to expedite the rehabilitation of the Umuahia Township Stadium and pledged the Federation's technical support to ensure its full restoration and functionality.

Also present at the meeting were the Commissioner for Youth and Sports Development, Sir Nwaobilor Ananaba Chairman of Abia Warriors FC, Mr John Obuh and other key stakeholders in the sports sector.

2025 ASGSSUG: Nurturing Future Sports Stars

By Joseph Jacob

The second edition of the Abia State Governor's Secondary Schools Unity Games has come and gone with Ikwaano Local Government emerging champions with 131 medals which comprises of 45 gold, 45 silver and 41 bronze medals. Over 1,000 students competed in 28 sports.

The Governor of Abia State Dr. Alex Otti is blazing the trail in sports development across Africa. Age cheating has been the bane of sports development in the continent because most athletes become adults before they have the opportunity to discover their talent in sports. Consequently they reduce their age in order to participate in age group competitions and last a little more longer in the sport.

When athletes are discovered at a very young age, they get to their peak when age is on their side and therefore have no reason to falsify their age. This is what the sports-loving Governor of Abia State Dr. Alex Otti has accomplished with the annual Abia State Governor's Secondary Schools Unity Games.

This laudable initiative has already started yielding results with athletes discovered during the first edition creating waves across the country and abroad. They won seven gold, 12 silver and 12 bronze medals for Abia State during the recently held National Sports Festival in Ogun State. One of the athletes even won a hat-trick gold medal.

Another two students discovered from the inaugural edition are representing Nigeria at the All African Secondary School Games in Algeria.

While declaring the games open Dr Alex Otti reiterated his determination to bring about a total

transformation of Abia youths.

These youths who have suddenly moved from obscurity to popularity, from nobody to somebody, from students to sports stars will completely agree with His Excellency.

This second edition has led to the discovery of many more potential state to participate in the Games.

management staff of the ministry for their relentless effort towards ensuring the success of the games.

Elder Goodluck Chinedu Ubochi, the Hon. Commissioner for Basic and Secondary Education deserve all commendations for successfully mobilizing most of the schools in the state to participate in the Games.



Hon. Commissioner for Sports Nwaobilor Ananaba (L) handing the trophy to the champions

super stars like Chimaobi Chinemerem from Ukwa High School who distinguished herself in Chief Uzo Nwachukwu was instrumental in mobilizing all the 17 Ibeku High School was head and Local Government Areas to participate in the games.

Million thanks go to Abia State

Others who shone like million stars in their respective sports are Obioma George for bringing the Marylyn Chiagoziem, Chioma technical prowess that oiled the Ihejieta, Adighibe Excel, wheels of the games to ensure Uwabunkeonye Confidence and another successful outing. As we look forward to the next edition, we must be given to the Hon. will be groomed and nurtured to Commissioner for Youth and Sports world champions.

At this point commendations hope that these talents discovered must be given to the Hon. will be groomed and nurtured to Commissioner for Youth and Sports world champions. Development Sir Nwaobilor Kudos to the sports-loving Nwadinma Ananaba and other Governor of Abia State, Dr Alex Otti.



PROUD CHAMPIONS: Ikwaano LGA