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Discourse

“ALEX OTTI IS Repainting Abia”

- YES, AND ABIA HAS NEVER LOOKED THIS GOOD

By Fidelis Nweze

When former Governor Orji Uzor Kalu recently claimed that “Alex Otti is only repainting Abia”, he probably thought he was throwing a political jab. What he did not realize is that he handed His Excellency, Dr. Alex Otti the perfect compliment; because what Abia looks like today is what happens when a state finally meets leadership.

Yes, Dr. Alex Otti is repainting Abia!

But what he is repainting is not walls; *he is repainting decay, waste, corruption and hopelessness.

For 24 years, Abia was governed by three administrations that left behind a legacy of abandoned projects, salary arrears, decaying infrastructure, unpaid pensions, broken hospitals and schools, streets that became death traps, a civil service stripped of dignity. Etc.

When the wand of leadership changed on 29 May 2023, Abia was not a worksite; it was a recovery ward.

And in just two and a half years, Dr. Alex Otti has done what three Governors could not do in 24 years.

Yes, Dr. Alex Otti is repainting Abia!!

He is using a brush soaked in financial discipline, transparency, competence and people-first governance.

Under Otti, salaries and pensions are paid on time, civil servants work with pride again, roads once forgotten are now alive with traffic, Aba is rising again as a commercial hub, hospitals and primary healthcare centres are

retrofitted and functioning, schools are breathing again, investors are returning and international partners are engaging Abia

This is not cosmetic change!

This is real structural transformation!!

THE IRONY OF ORJI UZOR KALU'S CLAIM

Orji Uzor Kalu governed Abia when the Nigerian Naira and US Dollar were

If Abia was truly built during his time, why did it collapse so badly after?

The truth is simple:

You can't repaint what was never properly built.

Dr. Alex Otti is not painting Orji Kalu's legacy.

He is repairing the damage left behind by it.

Abians are not Blind; they are Grateful

Across the streets, the story is the same; all over the internet and media, everyone is saying the same thing.

The economy is picking up again, and hope has been restored.

Abians are not confused, they now understand what true leadership looks like, and would never wish to go back to “Egypt”.

That is why they say with pride:

“LET HIM KEEP PAINTING ABIA.”

Because every stroke of Alex Otti's brush is - another road fixed, another salary paid, another hospital revived, another investor attracted, another future secured.

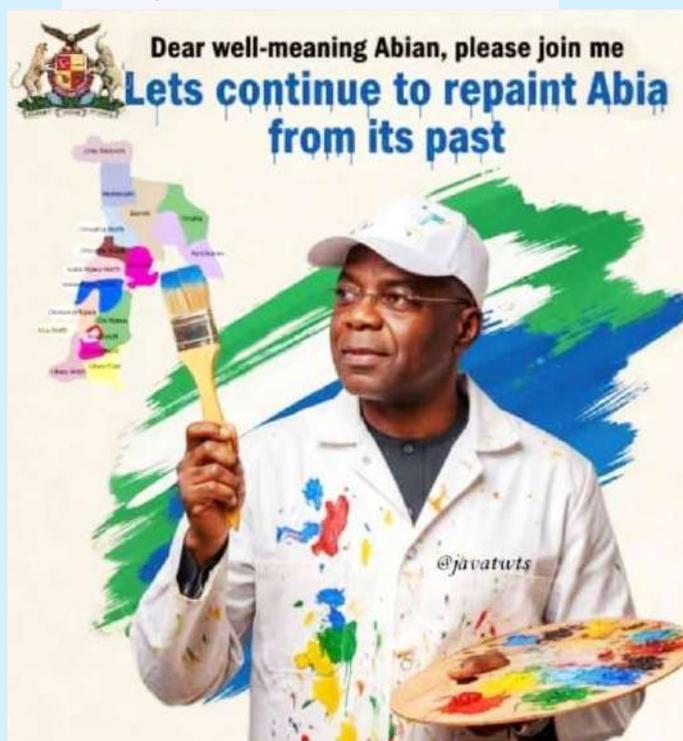
A New Abia is Emerging

For the first time since 1999,

Abia is being run like a serious place. Gov. Otti has in 2.5 years outperformed three past administrations combined, restored credibility to government, put Abia on the national and global map and given Abians dignity

So yes, Alex Otti is repainting Abia!

And for the first time in decades, the picture is finally beautiful.



almost at parity, Nigeria had massive oil derivation inflows so Abia should have been a model state.

Yet what did Abians get? uncompleted projects, poor road networks, financial recklessness, serial decrepit public buildings, even payment of rent on government owned Government House to unknown landlords.

Opinion

THE AGE OF Empires Is Back & Nigeria Is Sleeping On The Highway

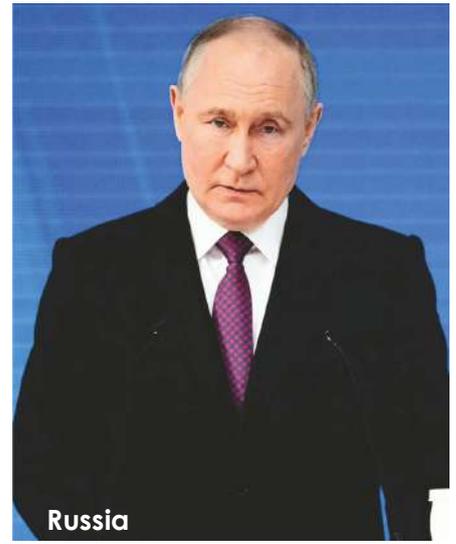
*By Hon. Chimazuru Nnadi-Oforgu
Duruebube Uzii na Abosi*



America



Israel



Russia

The world just changed on January 7th. America did not simply withdraw from sixty six global bodies for administrative convenience. It formally declared that the liberal world order is dead and that it will not submit to any institution it does not control. That was the announcement. Quiet. Clinical. Brutal.

For eighty years the United States pretended to be the referee of the world. Now it wants to be a player again. And players do not obey referees. They break bones and chase trophies. That is why the military budget has exploded. That is why intelligence has been privatized. That is why immigration has been militarized. These are not reforms. These are war preparations.

People who keep asking if Trump will go to war do not understand. The war has already started. It is a resource war, a currency war, a supply chain war, a sanctions war and a technology war. Guns will come later. Drones come later. Marines come later. First you strangle. Then you isolate. Then you break the

most stubborn opponent as an example. That opponent is no longer Iraq or Syria. It is Venezuela. And after Venezuela the line of sight goes to Africa.

BRICS is not a debate club. It is a survival shelter. It is a plan B for nations that refuse to be vassals in a unipolar world. China is building parallel

financial rails. Russia is building parallel energy corridors. Iran is building parallel deterrence networks. Brazil is building parallel commodity alliances. India is hedging to avoid being trapped. It is the reconstruction of world order without American permission.

Now switch to Nigeria.

Nigeria still thinks the world is run by ECOWAS meetings, donor conferences, Commonwealth greetings and Western diplomatic grammar. Meanwhile the world has already entered a bunker. The main currencies are oil, gas, lithium, ports, minerals, population, and shipping lines. Nigeria has all of them in embarrassing surplus but behaves as if it has none of them at all.

The tragedy is that Nigeria is not just unprepared. It is unguarded. Corruption at the center. State capture by oligarchs. Compromised elections. Courts that kiss power. Governors who steal. Senators who sleep. A political class that does not understand the century it is living in.



Nigeria

THE AGE OF *Empires Is Back* & Nigeria Is Sleeping On The Highway

a security architecture built for internal intimidation, not external deterrence. A foreign policy that has no doctrine, no direction, and no purpose beyond photo ops and begging bowls.

In this new era, Nigeria is not a spectator. It is a prize. If America believes Nigeria is drifting toward

domestic affair. They will be the first openly geopolitical elections in our history. Washington, Beijing, Moscow, Brussels, Riyadh, and even BRICS capitals will watch closely because the winner will determine whether Nigeria remains in the Western security orbit or tilts into the emerging multipolar bloc or attempts non

rights, resource contracts, port access, surveillance grids, tech standards and the survival of the Nigerian federation itself.

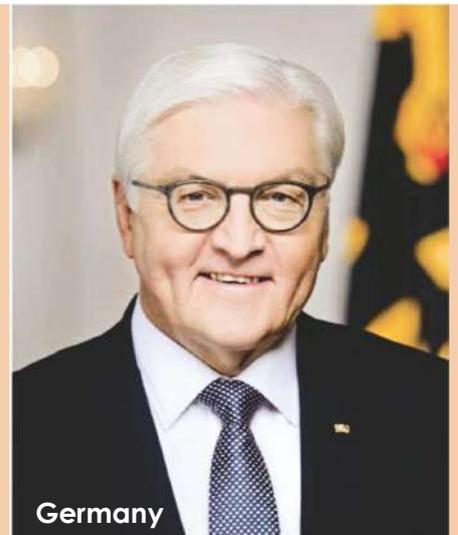
If this country enters that arena with the same unseriousness of 2015 or 2023 it will not come out the same. Some countries are partitioned by war. Others are



China



UK



Germany

BRICS it will intervene to pull it back into orbit. That is how empire works. Not through tweets but through sanctions, intelligence operations, narrative war, currency sabotage, elite capture and controlled chaos. If China believes Nigeria is still under Western influence it will accelerate rail and road projects, mining rights and strategic port access to lock in advantage. Russia will offer security partnerships. Europe will panic over LNG and minerals and suddenly discover humanitarian language. Each will bid for influence. Not because they love Nigeria. Because Nigeria is too important to be left unclaimed. Meanwhile the Nigerian political elite is busy with tribal banter, zoning quarrels, gossip, defections, ego, and small hustles. It is like watching a family fight over inheritance while the house is on fire and a bulldozer is already warming up outside.

And here is the final provocation. The 2027 elections will not be a

alignment. That choice will determine currency, energy routes, military procurement, maritime

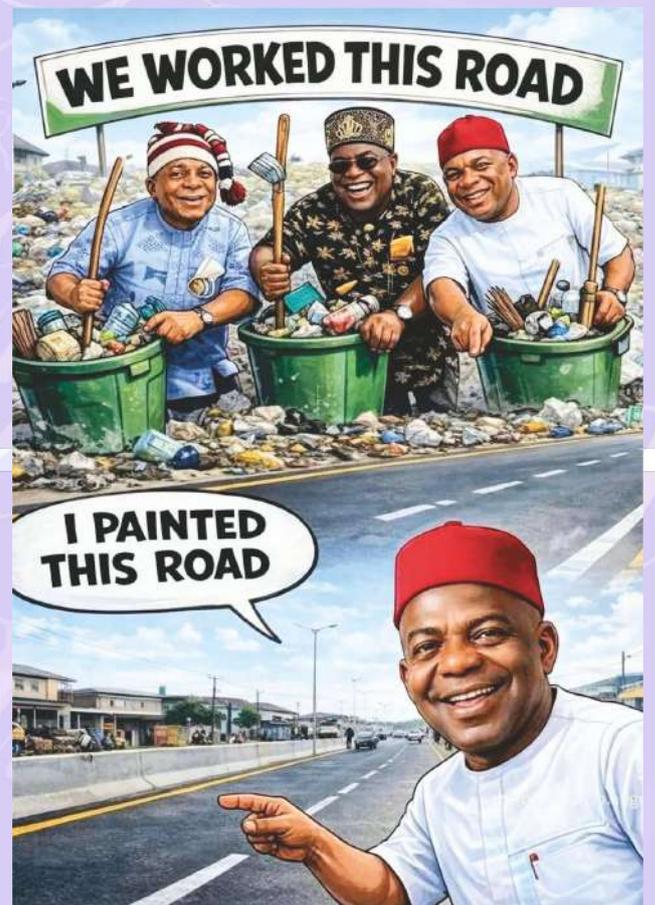
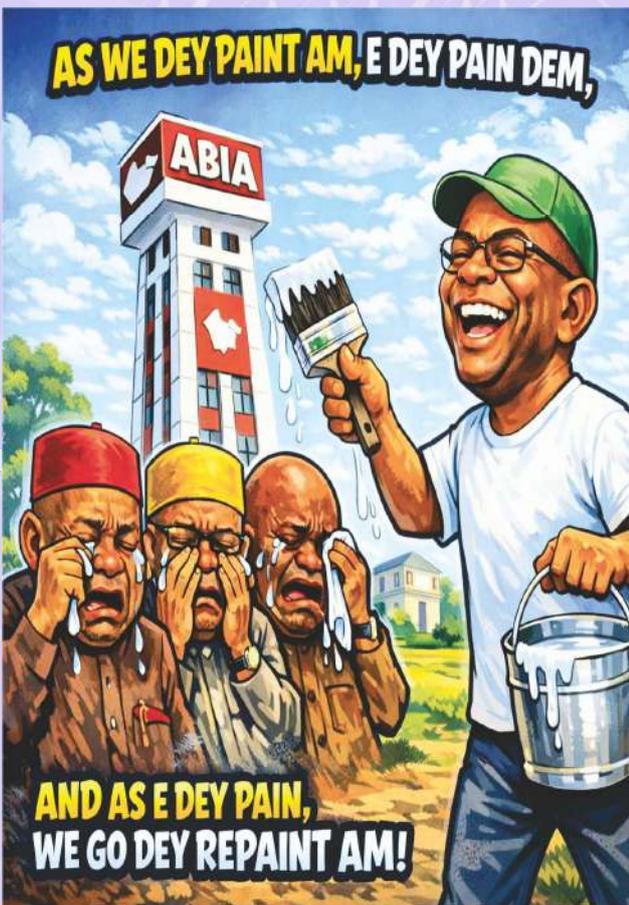
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partitioned by elections they did not understand. Ask Yugoslavia. Ask Sudan. Ask Ukraine. Ask Libya. Ask Venezuela. Nothing guarantees that Nigeria must remain intact forever simply because it did yesterday. Empires do not care about history. They care about resources and alignment.

January 7th, was not about Trump. It was a signal that the world has entered the pre conflict stage of a global realignment. Some states are preparing. Some states are aligning. Some states are building bunkers. Nigeria is debating who insulted who on television.

There is still time. But not much.

If Africa has a frontline state in this new world it is Nigeria. But frontline states need doctrine, strategy, unity, and elite consensus. Nigeria has none of the above. And that is the most dangerous national security vulnerability of all.



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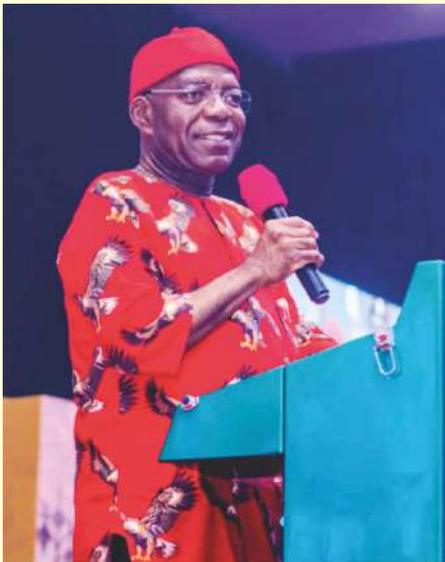
From The Editorial Suite

Jones Nnanna Ike



Gov. Otti and The Rise of The 'Abia Partners'

The concept of "Abia Partners" represents more than just a demography; it embodies the collective resolve of Abia State's global diaspora and domestic elites who recognize the transformative capacity of Governor Alex Otti's administration.



provided the logistical backbone—funds, vehicles, and campaign materials—required to power Dr. Alex Otti to victory. They were united by a singular, patriotic quest: to help liberate God's Own State from the stranglehold of a political hegemony that had presided over years of regression and fiscal irresponsibility.

The partnership yielded historic results. On May 29, 2023, the inauguration of His Excellency, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti (OFR), marked the dawn of a new era. However, the true test of this alliance was not just in winning an election, but in sustaining the momentum of development.

Nearly thirty two months into the administration, the verdict is clear: the bond between the Governor and his partners has not only endured but blossomed. This relationship is fueled by the administration's

effective delivery of "Smart Government" and the tangible transformation of Abia's economic and social landscape.

Embracing the philosophy of *Akuruo Uno* (Think Home, Build Home), these progressive elites have moved



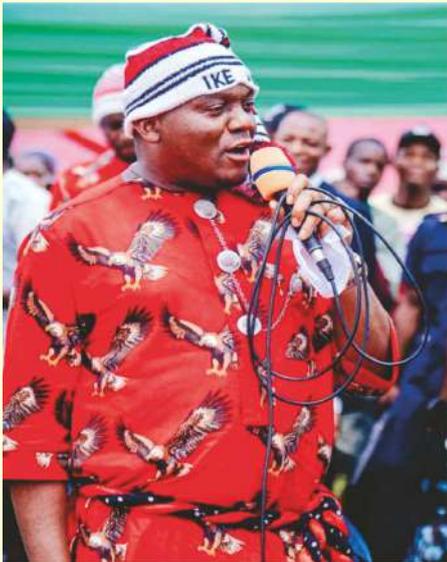
This distinct group—comprising seasoned professionals, captains of industries, and patriots—has been integral to the state's new narrative. While many have been steadfast proponents of the "New Abia" vision from its inception, others are recent converts, won over by the undeniable evidence of good governance.

The genesis of this partnership was forged in the crucible of the 2023 general elections. During this critical period, Abia elites mobilized from across the globe. From North America to Europe and Asia, they



beyond political support to become active drivers of development. They are complementing government efforts through private-sector interventions in healthcare, education, industrialization, and youth empowerment. While their numbers are vast, specific individuals have come to symbolize the impact of this group.

The support of International Abia Diasporians like **Dr Ngozi Okonji**, the Director General of World Trade Organisation (WTO) and **Dr Aruma Otteh** are already well documented.



Other examples abound like **Chief James Chijioke Ume** (*Ike Abam Onyerubi*). Through his renowned Unubiko Charity Foundation, Chief Ume has executed massive interventions in education, healthcare, and community infrastructure. His work stands as a testament to how private philanthropy can amplify government efforts. Similarly, **Chief Dr. Ikechukwu Samuel Emelandu** (*Akuruo Uno* of Umuagu), though based in Europe, continues to channel significant resources home. His



annual investments in educational infrastructure and sports development in the Umuahia North LGA demonstrate that distance is no barrier to community service. In the agricultural sector, **Chief Dr. Anderson Okoro**, a Lagos-based industrialist, has aligned seamlessly with the state's food security goals. Recently, he empowered the "Abia Arise" rice farmers with multi-million naira grants at Ovukwu Abam. Chief Okoro publicly cited the Governor's inspirational leadership as the catalyst for his philanthropy, proving that good governance inspires private citizen participation.



Furthermore, the contributions of **Chief Mrs. Ebere Nkele Agu**, a US-based business mogul and Managing Director AvenTech Resources Ltd, cannot be overstated. Her heavy investments in agriculture, mining, construction and her tireless advocacy for the rights of women and the girl-child in rural communities highlight the inclusive nature of this developmental drive.



These individuals, categorized as the "Abia Partners for Progress," share a common DNA: an abiding faith in Governor Otti's vision.

They support the government not just with sentiment, but with their intellectual capital, their networks, and their resources.

Often, these change agents operate quietly, away from the media spotlight. Yet, they remain a vital component of the contemporary Abia success story. By celebrating them, we not only acknowledge their sacrifices but also encourage other Abians in the diaspora to join hands in rebuilding the state.

Under Governor Otti, the message is clear: Abia is open for business, and the partnership for progress is yielding fruit.



Abia Government Holds 2026 First Quarter Retreat

By Jones Ike

The Abia State Government has successfully concluded its 2026 first quarter retreat for top government officials, reaffirming its commitment to accelerating development and improving service delivery across the state. The two-day retreat, held from Saturday, February 28 to Sunday, March 1, 2026, was

It was further enriched by contributions from international resource persons, including Dr. Tony Muhumuza, UNDP Economic Adviser and Head of Strategy and Policy, and Aleiro Ayida-Ototo, Chairman of the Education Reform and Innovation Team (BRIT) and Chief Executive Officer of the School of Politics, Policy and Governance (SPPG).

Participants engaged in discussions centred on economic strategy, governance innovation and reform-driven leadership, with a shared resolve to sustain momentum in delivering the administration's priorities for the people of Abia State. Governor Alex Chioma Otti had at the event,



convened as part of the administration's quarterly review mechanism designed to assess performance, refresh policy direction and strengthen coordination among key appointees.

With the theme, "Accelerating Progress, Unlocking Opportunities," the session focused on driving government processes and programmes more efficiently, while aligning strategic priorities with the administration's development agenda.

In attendance were the Governor of Abia State, Alex Chioma Otti; the Deputy Governor, Ikechukwu Emetu; the Secretary to the State Government, Dr. Emmanuel Meribole; and the Head of Service, Mr. Ojeikere Benson. Also present were commissioners, heads of government agencies, special advisers, senior special assistants and other key officials.

The retreat featured presentations and strategy sessions aimed at enhancing policy execution, deepening reforms and identifying new opportunities for growth in critical sectors.





“destiny assignment” to reposition Abia State, warning members of the State Executive Council against complacency, poor collaboration and underperformance.

The governor further stressed that governance under his watch is anchored on excellence, discipline and measurable impact.

According to Otti, public service must be approached as a mission rather than a routine engagement, noting that the sacrifices demanded by leadership are necessary to secure a better future for the state.

“It is only when we interpret our roles from the lens of mission and destiny that the daily sacrifices begin to have deeper meaning,” he said, adding that mediocrity and empty gestures can no longer address the complex development challenges facing the state.

No Room for Complacency

While acknowledging visible achievements recorded by the administration, the governor cautioned against resting on past successes. He observed that in a rapidly evolving global environment, yesterday’s standards may no longer be sufficient today.

Otti emphasised that excellence in preparation is merely the “entry price” for impact, stressing that sustainable legacy requires continuous evaluation, environmental awareness and adaptability. He added that beyond



Infrastructure, the true legacy of the administration would be measured by how well it prepares young people for future opportunities and restores hope to families.

Education and Healthcare Remain Central

Reaffirming his government's priorities, the governor said education and healthcare were deliberately placed at the forefront of the administration's agenda because they are foundational to long-term development. Though progress has been made in both sectors, he maintained that expectations remain high.

He reminded officials that governance is interconnected and warned that inefficiency in any ministry, department or agency (MDA) could undermine the broader economic and social development framework.

"There are no insignificant offices or officials," he stated, underscoring the importance of a strong legal, legislative and administrative architecture to sustain reforms.

Mandatory Monthly MDA Review Sessions

To address silo mentality and strengthen inter-agency collaboration, Otti directed all MDA heads to institute mandatory monthly review meetings involving political appointees and relevant directors.

The meetings are to be held in the first week of every month after the General Executive Council session, focusing on progress reports, challenges and projections. He ordered that minutes and resolutions be forwarded to his office, warning that non-compliance would attract sanctions.

The governor cautioned against viewing colleagues as adversaries, noting that collaboration enhances knowledge-sharing and improves policy outcomes.

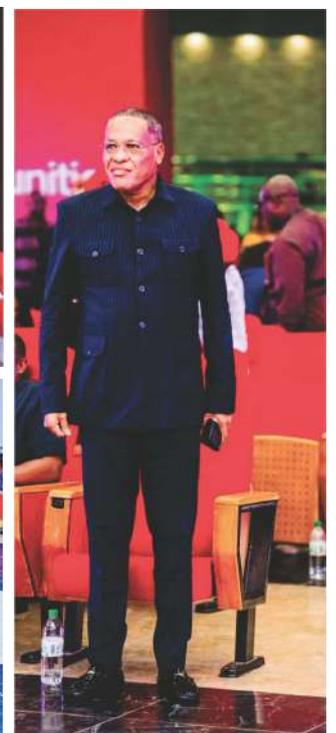
Key 2026 Projects Under Close Monitoring

Otti disclosed that several strategic projects have been earmarked for delivery in the 2026 fiscal year, including the construction of about five smart schools, upgrades of key secondary and tertiary health facilities, and investments in transport, works, power, public water supply and agriculture.

He revealed that additional oversight teams have been assigned to support frontline MDAs and prevent delays or arbitrary cost variations. The governor warned that he would not hesitate to take direct control of any project if responsible agencies fail to meet expectations.

Push for Revenue Mobilisation

On the fiscal outlook, Otti acknowledged possible uncertainties in external revenue



projections due to global geopolitical developments. He, however, stressed the urgency of strengthening internal revenue generation to fund recurrent components of the 2026 budget.

He called for practical proposals to block leakages, curb malpractice and explore untapped revenue streams. Sectors identified as having strong prospects for development and revenue optimisation include real estate, solid minerals, hospitality and ICT.

“It is from that basket that we are going to fund the recurrent elements of our 2026 budget proposal,” he said, urging officials to think innovatively and proactively.

Appreciation to Partners

The governor commended the retreat organising committee and acknowledged the support of PwC. He also appreciated external resource persons, including Dr. Tony Muhumuza of the United Nations Development Programme and Alero Ayida-Otobo, Chief Executive Officer of the School of Politics, Policy and Governance, for their contributions.

Otti concluded by urging members of the Executive Council to sustain the reform momentum and remain committed to delivering measurable results for the people of Abia State.



Otti Breaks Decade-Long Jinx, Commissions Omenuko Bridge, 30km Ozu Abam-Ndi Okereke-Arochukwu Road



- By Amarachi Uzoukwu

Abia State Governor Dr Alex Otti has commissioned the newly reconstructed Omenuko Bridge and the 30-kilometre Abam-NdiOkereke -Arochukwu road, which connects OzuAbam to Arochukwu declaring that the age long jinx has been broken.

The bridge, which has stood since the colonial era, had hitherto become a death trap and a source of untold hardship for residents due to its narrow carriageway and deteriorated condition.

The newly completed Ozu Abam-Ndi Okereke-Arochukwu road and the Omenuko Bridge is expected to enhance trade connectivity, reduce travel time as well as provide relief to residents who have endured years of difficulty occasioned by its hitherto poor state

The Ozu Abam-NdiOkereke - Arochukwu road.

Speaking at the Grand Civic Reception organised in his honour by the Abam Onyerubi Community at Abam High School, Ozu Abam, Governor Otti who titled his speech "At Last, the Jinx Is Broken", declared that the decades-long nightmare of isolation, failed promises and infrastructural neglect in the area had finally come to an end.

The Governor described the bridge and road as landmark interventions with extensive social and economic importance adding that the projects

symbolised his administration's resolve to reverse decades of infrastructural neglect.

He lamented the economic losses suffered by farmers who were unable to transport their farm produce to markets due to poor road access, describing insensitive leadership as "the biggest burden any community can bear".

"The newly constructed bridge over Igwu River, popularly called Omenuko Bridge, stands as a testament to the resolute determination of our administration to address decades of neglect and set a new governance standard, one that empowers communities and enables prosperity for all.

"Think of the year-after-year losses our farmers had to live with owing to absence of means to move their produce to urban markets; for an agrarian community like Abam, nothing could be more frustrating.

"In the end, many of us went through multidimensional losses as the rich agricultural produce from Abam wasted, young people missed the trajectories of their destinies and our sons and daughters living outside the community were shut out, not by anyone, but for fear of unexpected twists and turns on the road or at the famous bridge.

"Today, we have turned the page, the nightmare is over, the siege has collapsed, the jinx is forever broken.

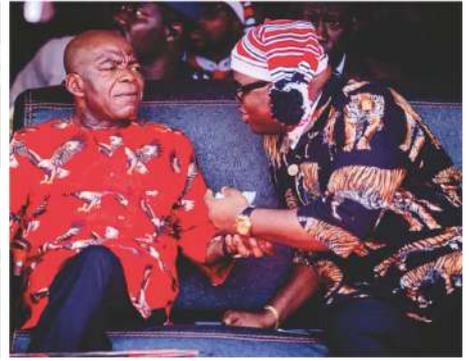
"The road and the bridge commissioned today will add to the growing list of successfully executed public infrastructure projects in this community and there is still more to come", Governor Otti assured.



The Governor paid tribute to victims who lost their lives due to the structural weakness of the old 70-year-old Omenuko Bridge, including families who perished while crossing the Igwu River.

He made particular reference to the late cleric, Rev Dr Uma Ukpai, whose two children died in the river more than four decades ago, as well as Mr Maxwell Uduma, his wife Victoria and their driver and the 17 students who drowned in 2007 on their way to an examination centre.

Governor Otti said the completion of the projects marked a turning point for Abam and neighbouring communities and pointed out that the event was not



only about infrastructure but also about resilience and commitment to the new Abia Project.

The Governor disclosed that about 75 per cent of projects initiated by his administration in different parts of Abam had been completed, with more to be delivered within the next 12 months.

He, however, urged the people to remain vigilant against what he described as subtle attempts to reverse the progress achieved under his administration, noting that "Abia has seen the light, and never again shall darkness cover our path.

The Governor used the occasion to announce the appointment of former Secretary to the State Government, Prof. Kenneth Kalu, as President of the Abia Leadership Academy, and confirmed the Acting Secretary to the State Government, Dr. Emmanuel Meribole, as the substantive SSG.

In his speech, the Leader of Abam Onyerubi Community, Chief James Chijioke Ume (Ike Abam), lauded the infrastructural strides of Governor Otti in Abam, noting that the projects have restored the pride and dignity of the people.

Ike Abam listed the ongoing construction of the Idima Abam–Arochukwu Road and the building of a General Hospital, among other critical interventions, as strategic projects transforming the socio-economic landscape of the area.



He said the Governor's commitment to infrastructure had renewed hope in communities long neglected and declared Governor Otti the sole candidate of the Abam people in the coming 2027 general election.

He further announced on behalf of Abam people, a donation of 500 million naira for the purchase of the expression of interest form for the governor to contest the 2027 governorship election.

Also speaking, the immediate past Secretary to the State Government and President of the Abia Leadership Academy, Professor Kenneth Kalu, recalled that the deplorable condition of the 30 kilometre Ozu Abam–Ndi Okereke-Arochukwu Road and the Omenuko Bridge had, for decades, subjected residents to severe hardship.

He noted that Governor Otti's intervention had not only addressed a long-standing challenge but had surpassed public expectations.

The event attracted a mammoth



crowd of supporters that included very prominent personalities in the society. There were also a variety of cultural displays at the event.

Gov Otti Deploys 1,240 Abia Homeland Security Recruits, Reaffirms Zero Tolerance for Crime

- By Chukwuemeka Egejuru

Governor Alex Chioma Otti has deployed 1,240 newly trained personnel of the Abia State Homeland Security Agency across the state's 17 local government areas, reaffirming his administration's zero tolerance for crime and restating his commitment to the protection of lives and property.

The governor made this known recently at the graduation ceremony of the first batch of the agency's 2026 recruits, held at the



A cross section of new recruits with the Board NYSC Orientation Camp, Umunna, in Bende Local Government Area of Abia State.

Represented by his Special Adviser on Security Affairs, Navy Commander McDonald Ubah (Rtd), Otti congratulated the recruits and urged them to operate strictly within their rules of engagement. He charged them to remain disciplined, professional and dedicated to safeguarding communities, noting that they are expected to complement statutory security agencies as community-based first responders.

Describing the graduands as the first intake for 2026, the governor said additional batches would be enlisted in due course. He explained that although the operatives would not bear the same category of firearms as conventional security agencies, they had been adequately equipped and trained to strengthen intelligence gathering, crime prevention and community policing efforts.

Earlier, the Chairman of the Abia State Homeland Security Board, Brig. Gen. Victor Nnorom (Rtd), disclosed that 1,292 candidates were initially admitted into the programme, with 1,240 successfully completing the two-week intensive training.



Mrs. Ugo Onyeabor, Esq

According to him, the recruits would be posted to their respective communities to bridge grassroots security gaps, enhance intelligence collection and provide actionable information to statutory agencies, particularly the police. He added that identified flashpoints across the state would receive reinforced security presence to address vulnerabilities.

Nnorom warned the personnel against misconduct, including drug abuse, theft and other unprofessional acts capable of tarnishing the agency's image, stressing that violators would face prosecution. He



Board members of Abia State Homeland security Agency, led by their chairman Brig. Gen. Victor Nnorom Rtd

maintained that Abia remains one of the most secure states in the South-East and assured residents of the government's resolve to consolidate recent security gains. Also speaking, the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of the agency, Col. Chidi Kalu Ukoha (Rtd), described the event as a significant milestone, marking the graduation of the agency's first intake for 2026. He noted that the two-week training



Col. Chidi Kalu Ukoha (Rtd)

covered foundational paramilitary skills, with advanced courses to follow as the officers progress in service.

Ukoha said the training, facilitated by the state government and anchored by the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps and Man O' War Nigeria, included drills, human rights education, intelligence gathering, surveillance, civil-paramilitary relations, disaster management, alternative dispute resolution and security communication.

On the possibility of transitioning into a state police structure, Ukoha noted that such a development would depend on a political decision but affirmed the agency's preparedness should the need arise.



One of the recruits receiving certificate from Gov Otti's representatives, Navy commander McDonald Ubah

Administering the oath of allegiance, the Board Secretary, Mrs. Ugo Onyeabor Esq., reminded the recruits of their obligation to uphold integrity and discipline, emphasising the agency's zero tolerance for corruption and indiscipline.

The Senior Special Assistant to the Governor on Homeland Security, Fire and Emergency Services, Mr Chukwunyenye Nwaogu Alajemba, expressed confidence that the initiative would be sustained. He observed that crimes such as kidnapping, once prevalent in parts of the state, had significantly reduced through strategic interventions, including Operation Crush and other security measures introduced by the present administration.

In a vote of thanks delivered on behalf of the recruits, Mr Ogbonna Bright pledged their commitment to uphold the oath of allegiance and discharge their duties with diligence and patriotism.

The agency also announced its emergency call centre number, **02012275492**, urging residents to report security concerns and distress situations promptly.

The ceremony featured special prayers for the governor and the continued peace and security of Abia State.

IKE ABAM & WIFE'S Thanksgiving Outing



On 28th December, 2025, renowned philanthropist Chief James Chijioko Ume – The Ike Abam and wife rolled out the drums in thanksgiving to God for enablements that saw Mrs. Ngozi James survive a life-threatening illness.

As is now the footprint of the famous entrepreneur and philanthropist, no expense was spared to make the event a memorable one.

Firstly, the event started with the commissioning of three Landmark Projects built and donated by the couple through the auspices of their charity platform, the Unubiko Foundation.

The three includes the following: An Ultra-Modern Church Building fully equipped that was donated to the Presbyterian Church, Idima Abam, a modern fully equipped

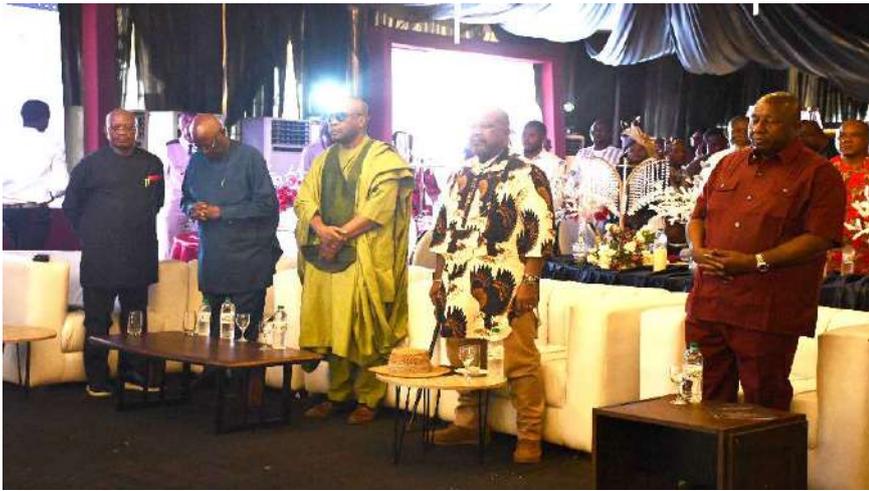
Health Centre located at Ndi Okereke Abam that was donated to the Abia State Ministry of Health and a housing estate containing 60 two bedroom apartments that had basic furnishing which was donated to the Abia State Ministry of Poverty Alleviation and Social Protection for distribution to the widows and the less privileged members of the society.

The event was rounded up with a mega event that attracted the high and mighty in the society. The roll call included the Executive Governor of Abia State, His Excellency Dr. Alex Chioma Otti (OFR) and his family, the Emir of Kano, His Eminence Alhaji Sanusi, the Speaker, Abia State House of Assembly, members of the Abia State ...Council, members of the Abia State House of Assembly, Music maestro Flavour, top comedians etc.

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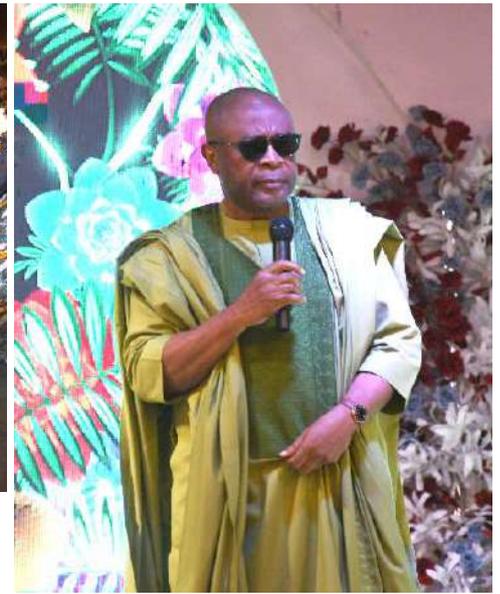
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The Triple Commissioning That Spiced The Thanksgiving Event



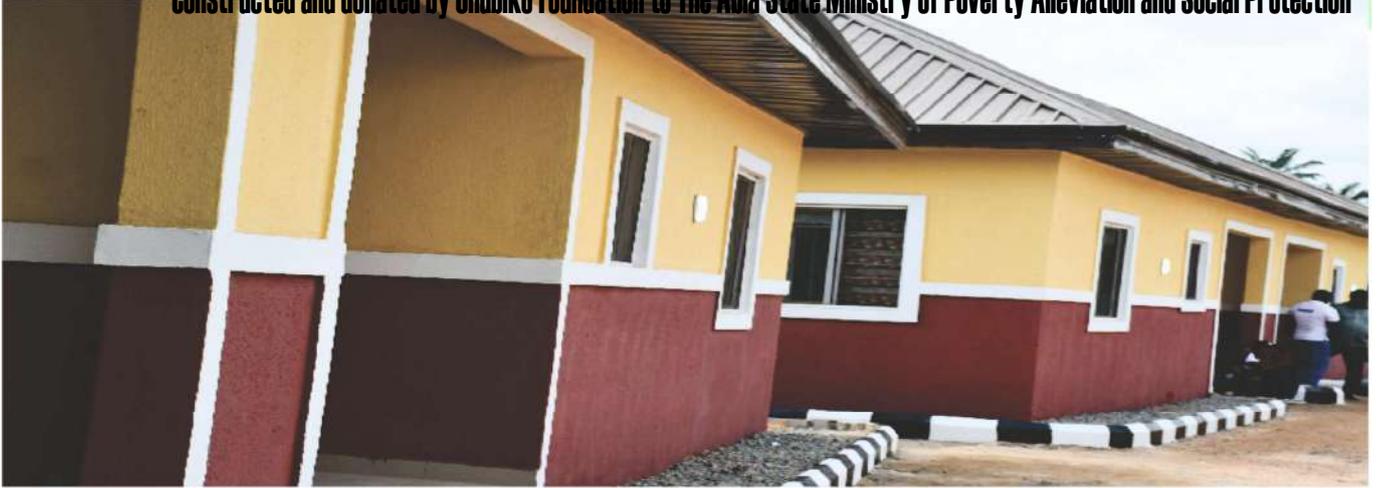
**The Commissioning Of The Magnificent Presbyterian Church, Idima Abam
Constructed and donated by Unubiko Foundation to St. Peters Presbyterian Parish Idima Abam**



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The Commissioning Of The Housing Estate At Atan Abam

Constructed and donated by Unubiko Foundation to The Abia State Ministry of Poverty Alleviation and Social Protection



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The Commissioning Of The Health Centre at Ndi Okereke Abam

Constructed, retrofitted and donated by Unubiko Foundation To The Abia State Ministry of Health



Otti, Tinubu, Others, Lead Tributes As Ihejirika Marks 70th Birthday

- By Amarachi Uzoukwu



Abia State Governor Alex Otti, has congratulated former Chief of Army Staff, Lt.-Gen. Azubuike Ihejirika (rtd), on his 70th birthday, describing him as a symbol of bravery, courage and sacrifice.

Governor Otti said this on Friday night at a public lecture titled, "Leading Nigeria Forward: Strategies for Security and National Cohesion," organised by Abia Government, to mark Ihejirika's 70th birthday.

Ihejirika, a native of Ovim in Isiukwuato Local Government Area of Abia State who was born on February 13, 1956, served as Nigeria's Chief of Army Staff from September 2010 to January 2014 and was the first Igbo officer to hold the position since the end of the Nigerian Civil War in 1970.

Speaking at the event held at the International Conference Center Umuahia, which drew an array of dignitaries from across the country, including President Bola Tinubu, Senior Military officers (serving and retired), and captains of industry among others, Governor Otti paid glowing tributes to Ihejirika's service, leadership and contributions to national security.

The Governor said that Ihejirika's birthday was deliberately marked alongside the commissioning of landmark projects such as construction of the



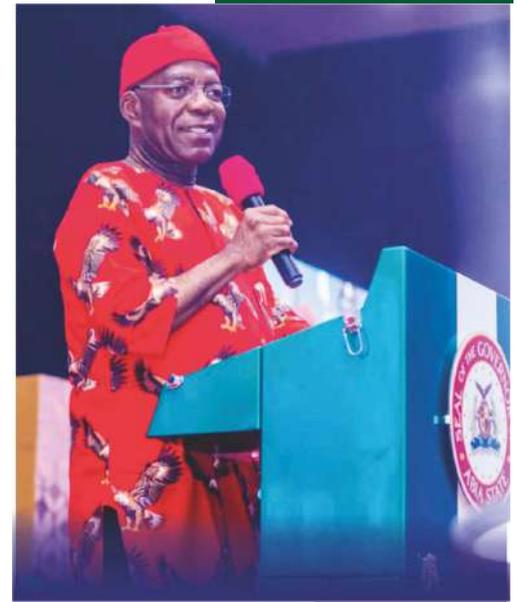
Omenuko bridge and the 30 Kilometers Abam-Ndiokereke-Arochukwu road, to

honour his service and commitment to the state and nation. He said politics should prioritise service over personal interests and that leadership must challenge entrenched norms, noting that Ihejirika's steadfast commitment to the collective interest of Abians has earned him enduring respect

The Governor said that Ihejirika was appointed Chairman of the Abia State Security Council on merit and that his contributions had strengthened security within the state.

He urged public office holders to serve diligently, stressing that the opportunity to lead demands integrity and courage.

In his speech, President Bola Tinubu, represented by the Minister of Innovation, Science and Technology, Dr Kingsley Uche described Ihejirika as "a patriot, courageous general, Pan-Nigeria and a fine gentleman" who served Nigeria at a very turbulent period in the war

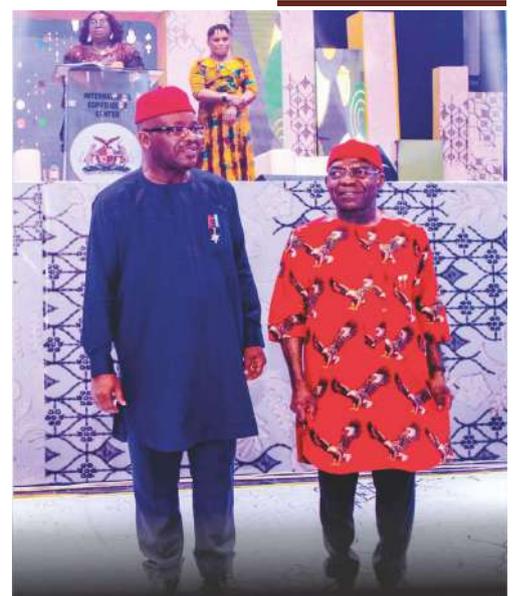


against insurgency and acquitted himself very credibly.

President Tinubu prayed God to grant the celebrant good health and long life so that the nation would continue to draw from his wealth of experience in the ongoing fight against insecurity.

He reaffirmed the Federal Government's commitment to inclusive leadership within the nation's security architecture, noting that Ihejirika was the last Service Chief from the South-East before his administration assumed office on May 29, 2023.

President Tinubu said he appointed Vice Admiral Emmanuel Ogalla from the South-East as Chief of Naval Staff on June 19, 2023, and Air Marshal Sunday Aneke as Chief of Air Staff in October 2025, noting that the



appointments reflected deliberate efforts to promote national cohesion.

He called for unity, stressing that Nigeria's diversity should strengthen rather than divide the country.

Also, the Minister of Defence, Gen. Christopher Musa (rtd), recounted professional encounters with Ihejirika, describing him as a leader who mentored officers and strengthened operational strategies, including the introduction of long-range patrols which influenced his own command approach.

Contributing, the Minister of Works, Sen Dave Umahi described Ihejirika as a man of integrity and courage who promoted officers strictly on merit, saying



that his tenure addressed perceived marginalisation and strengthened institutional fairness.

Sen Umahi called for unity in the South-East, urging leaders to avoid divisive rhetoric and support development initiatives.

The Chief of Army Staff, Lt.-Gen. Waidi Shaibu, represented by the Chief of Standard and Evaluation for the Nigerian Army, Maj.-Gen. Thompson Ugiagbe, described Ihejirika as a man whose life has been marked by service and whose contributions significantly enhanced national security.

He urged residents of the South-East to support the Nigerian Army with timely intelligence and cooperation.

Earlier, the sister of the celebrant, Mrs Oluchi Chigbu, described her brother as a beacon of hope and pillar of support to the Ihejirika family and prayed God to bless the him with good health, longlife and greater blessings in the years ahead.

In his remarks, Ihejirika thanked God for preserving his life and enabling him to witness the milestone, said he was overwhelmed



by the turnout of over 200 generals and numerous officers at the celebration.

The retired Lieutenant General recalled early mentorship from senior officers who guided and prepared him for military service, adding that the mentorship instilled confidence and discipline that shaped his military career.

He described missing promotion from lieutenant-colonel to colonel as a setback that later influenced his eventual appointment as Chief of Army Staff adding that he survived several accidents unharmed, which he attributed his survival to divine providence.

Ihejirika said that he never viewed his career through the lens of ethnicity or marginalisation noting that he rose to occupy virtually every key command position open to an army officer.

He urged Nigerians to rise above divisive sentiments and embrace unity and emphasised that genuine national cohesion remains the bedrock for sustainable progress and development.

The Birthday celebration, chaired by Maj.-Gen. Ike Nwachukwu(rtd), featured a keynote address by the former Governor of Kaduna State, Sen. Ahmed Makarfi, and was attended by former Chief of Defence Staff, Gen. Lucky Irabor(rtd), former Chief of Army Staff, Lt.-Gen. Abdulraham Dambazua(rtd), numerous retired service chiefs, service commanders and dignitaries from all walks of life.



LOVE AND RELATIONSHIP

With Chibuike Sandra

10 THINGS MEN DO THAT QUIETLY PUSH WOMEN AWAY

This is all about the subtle habits that slowly erode attraction, connection, and emotional safety in relationships.

Relationships thrive not just on love, but on awareness. Often, it's not the big betrayals that create distance between couples, it's the small, repeated behaviours that slowly chip away at emotional connection. While every woman is different, there are certain patterns many ladies consistently find frustrating, hurtful, or unattractive.

If men understood these better, many conflicts could be avoided before they even begin.

Here are ten common things women tend to dislike — and why they matter more than most men realize.

1. Inconsistent Communication:



One day he's attentive and affectionate; the next day he disappears emotionally or physically. This "hot and cold" pattern creates confusion and insecurity.

Consistency builds trust. When communication is steady and clear, a woman feels safe. When it's unpredictable, she feels unsettled.

2. Minimal Effort:

Effort is a love language many women deeply understand. Forgetting important dates, failing to plan outings, or always leaving her to initiate conversations can make her feel unimportant.

It's not about grand gestures — it's about intentionality.

3. Dismissing Her Feelings:

Statements like "You're overreacting" or "It's not that serious" may seem harmless, but they invalidate her emotions.

Women often value emotional support highly. Being



heard matters more than being "fixed."

4. Public Disrespect:

Jokes at her expense. Sarcastic remarks in front of friends. Comparing her to other women.

What some men see as harmless teasing can feel like humiliation. Respect, especially in public, strengthens admiration. Disrespect weakens it instantly.

5. Comparing Her to an Ex:

Few things shutdown affection faster than hearing, "My ex used to..."

Comparison creates competition where there should be partnership. Every woman wants to feel



chosen, not measured.

6. Poor Hygiene

Attraction is not just emotional, it's physical too. Bad breath, unkempt nails, or careless dressing habits can



significantly reduce appeal.

Self-care signals self-respect.

7. Lack of Emotional Availability

When a man struggles to express feelings or avoids meaningful conversations, it can create emotional loneliness, even within a relationship.

Strength is not the absence of emotion. It is the ability to communicate it maturely

8. Controlling Behaviour

Monitoring her phone, dictating her clothing choices, or isolating her from friends often stems

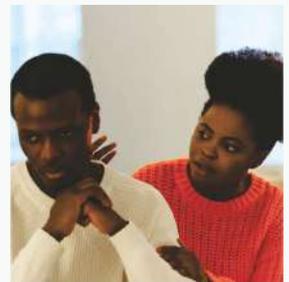
from insecurity.

Confidence attracts. Control repels.

9. Broken Promises

Trust is built in small increments, and lost the same way. Repeatedly failing to keep promises slowly erodes credibility.

Reliability is deeply attractive.



10. Taking Her for Granted

When appreciation fades, so does enthusiasm. A woman who feels unseen or undervalued may begin to withdraw emotionally long before she leaves physically.

Gratitude keeps love alive.

The Bottom Line

Many women do not expect perfection, they expect consideration. They want consistency over charisma, respect over performance, and emotional presence over material display.

Understanding what quietly turns a woman off is not about manipulation. It's about maturity.

And in relationships, maturity is magnetic.

"Of course, the story of attraction and disconnection is never one-sided. In our next edition, we'll explore the other half of the equation."

SPOTLIGHT ON ASOPADEC

ASOPADEC'S VISIBLE INTERVENTION ACTIVITIES UNDER GOV OTTI'S ADMINISTRATION

Good Governance: GOVERNOR ALEX OTTI TACKLING DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF THE OIL PRODUCING COMMUNITIES IN ABIA STATE THROUGH INTERVENTION ACTIVITIES OF ABIA STATE OIL PRODUCING AREAS DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (ASOPADEC)

The Abia State Oil Producing Areas Development Commission (ASOPADEC) has been a beacon of hope for the oil-producing communities since the coming on board of the administration of Dr. Alex Otti, OFR.

The Commission led by Venerable Dr Joshua Ogadinma Onyeike has embarked on various intervention activities aimed at improving the quality of life of the people in these communities. One of the notable areas of focus is infrastructure development. The Commission has constructed civic centers and halls, providing spaces for community gatherings, meetings, and events. These facilities have helped to promote community engagement, social cohesion, and cultural exchange.

Education has also received significant attention, with ASOPADEC renovating school blocks and providing



necessary facilities to enhance the learning environment. This initiative has contributed to improved academic performance and increased access to education in the oil-producing communities.

In the health sector, ASOPADEC has renovated health centers, ensuring that residents have access to quality healthcare services. The Commission has also provided



medical equipment and supplies, enhancing the capacity of healthcare providers to deliver effective treatment.

The Commission has also prioritized road reconstruction, recognizing the importance of good roads in facilitating economic activity and improving



RECONSTRUCTION OF UMUOKOMIRI ROAD FROM EXPRESS JUNCTION TO OBEHIE CENTRAL SCHOOL UKWA WEST LGA



CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF BLOCKS OF LOCKUP STORES AND OPEN MARKET STALLS AT AHIA NKWO, UKWA WEST



CONSTRUCTION OF ASA CIVIC CENTRE OBEHIE INCLUDING THE FENCING AND LANDSCAPING OF THE PREMISES



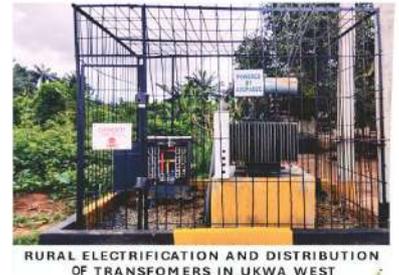
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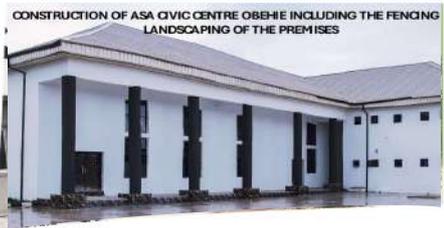
FREE DISTRIBUTION OF AGRICULTURAL INPUTS WOMEN IN UKWA WEST AND EAST LGAS



DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL MATERIALS (10,000 NOTEBOOKS AND 1,000 BACKPACKS) TO SCHOOLS ACROSS THE STATE



RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF TRANSFORMERS IN UKWA WEST



CONSTRUCTION OF ASA CIVIC CENTRE OBEHIE INCLUDING THE FENCING AND LANDSCAPING OF THE PREMISES



POWERMENT AND SKILL ACQUISITION OF ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY (190) PEOPLE



Projects Overview

access to essential services. The reconstruction of roads has reduced travel time, increased trade, and enhanced connectivity between communities.

In addition, ASOPADEC has provided water boreholes, ensuring that communities have access to clean and safe drinking water. This initiative has improved health outcomes and reduced the burden of water-borne diseases. The Commission has also provided electricity, powering homes, businesses, and social amenities, and contributing to economic growth and development.

Agriculture is another key area where ASOPADEC has made significant interventions. The Commission has provided agricultural inputs, supporting farmers and promoting agricultural productivity. This initiative has increased food security, improved livelihoods, and contributed to the state's economic diversification efforts.

Governor Otti's administration has also demonstrated a commitment to social welfare, with ASOPADEC making passionate visits to less privileged homes, providing support and assistance to vulnerable individuals and families. The Commission has also empowered women, providing them with skills, resources, and opportunities to improve their economic prospects.



Furthermore, ASOPADEC has awarded scholarships to deserving students, promoting access to education and supporting the development of human capital in the oil-producing communities.

Governor Alex Otti's administration, through ASOPADEC, has demonstrated a strong commitment to addressing the development needs of the oil-producing communities in Abia State. The Commission's intervention activities have had a positive impact on the lives of the people, improving infrastructure, education, healthcare, and economic opportunities. As the Commission continues to work towards the development of these communities, it is clear that good governance is yielding dividends, and the people of the areas are happy with the government.

Styled In Love: WHY COUPLES MATCH OUTFITS.

Social media timelines blossom with coordinated reds, elegant blacks, and perfectly paired ensembles. From romantic dinners to church services and glamorous parties, couples step out dressed in harmony. While some see it as a sweet trend, others view it as unnecessary. But beyond aesthetics, matching outfits on days of events carry deeper meaning.

A Visible Symbol of Unity

Fashion has always been a language, and for couples, coordinated outfits quietly communicate one powerful message:

We are one.

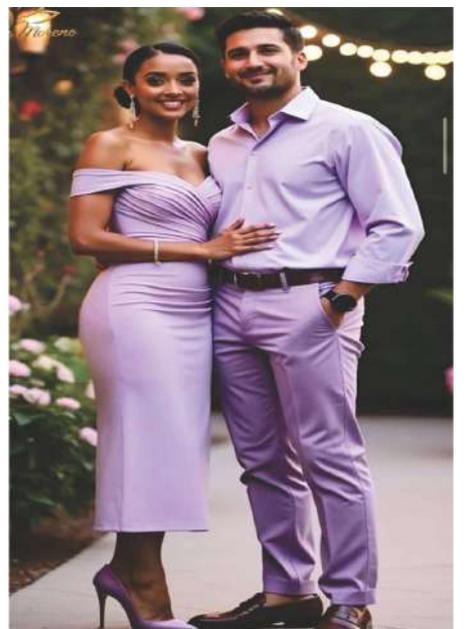
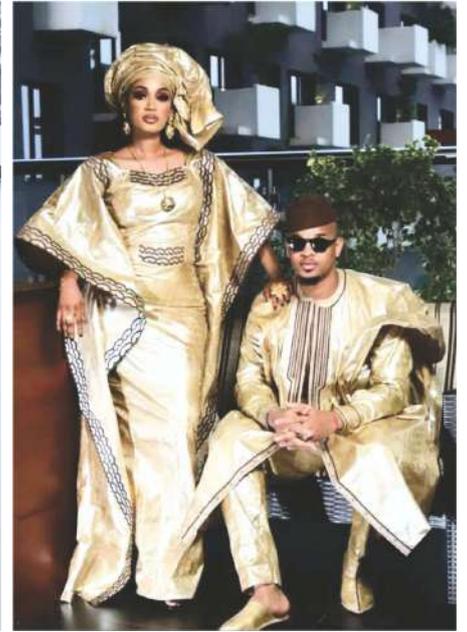
Matching clothing symbolizes unity, partnership, and shared identity. It reflects two individuals choosing to walk life's journey together — aligned in purpose and affection.

A Public Celebration of Love

Most events such as Valentine, birthdays and dinner parties are dedicated to celebrating love openly and intentionally. Coordinated outfits become a joyful and expressive way to say, "This is my person." In a world where relationships are often tested, proudly standing together in harmony can be both bold and beautiful.

Creating Memorable Moments

Years later, couples may not remember every detail of a dinner menu, but they will remember how they felt — and how



they looked — on special days. Matching outfits elevate the occasion, making photographs timeless and memories sweeter. It transforms an ordinary outing into an intentional celebration.

Strengthening The Bond

Interestingly, the process of choosing what to wear together can strengthen connection. From selecting a color theme to deciding between formal or casual wear, it involves communication and shared decision-making. Even simple

coordination fosters teamwork and excitement.

A Stylish Statement

Let's not ignore the obvious — it looks good. Coordinated outfits create visual balance and elegance.

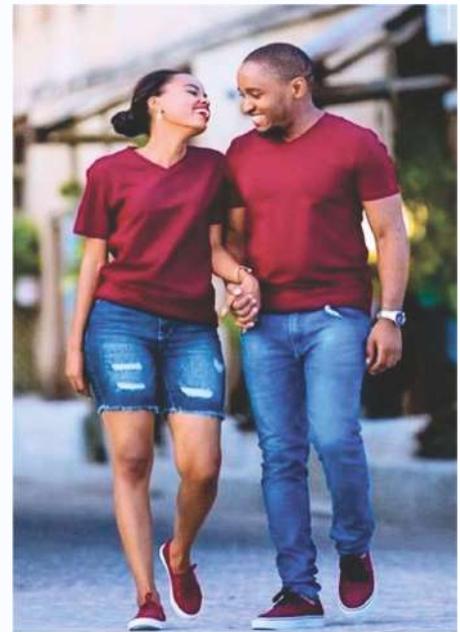
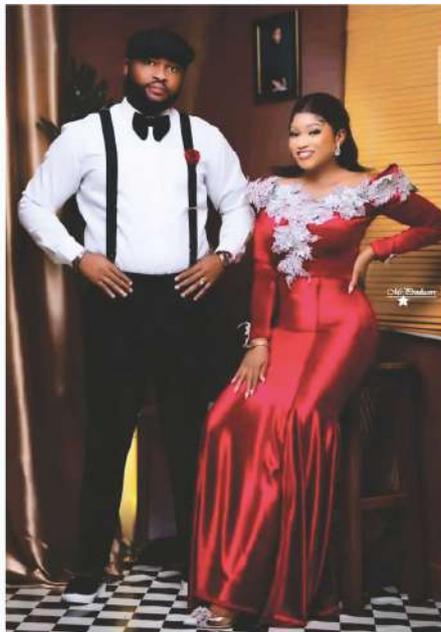
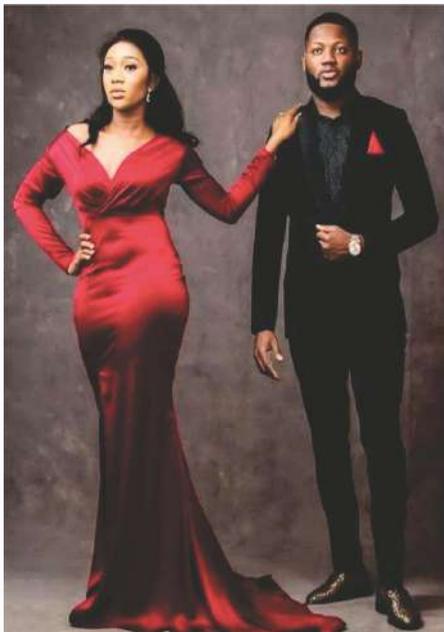
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Whether it's a subtle color blend or a bold identical look, couples often appear more polished and confident when their styles complement each other.

Is It Necessary?

Not at all. Love is not measured by fashion choices. Some couples prefer subtle coordination — perhaps a shared color palette — rather than

identical outfits. Others focus on quality time, heartfelt conversations, gifts, or acts of service. Matching clothes are simply one expressive option among many.



The Heart of It All

At its core, wearing matching outfits on special events is less about fabric and more about feeling. It's about

unity, intentionality, and celebrating love in a visible way. Whether through coordinated fashion or quiet moments shared, what truly matters

is the connection behind the display. After all, when love is genuine, it always shows — matching outfits or not.

A Posthumous Celebration of a Trailblazer, Visionary, and Defender of Heritage



Late Elder Engr. Aluma Nkele stands immortal in the collective memory of Abam Onyerubi and Nigeria at large as a pioneer whose life was marked by courage, brilliance, service, and an unshakeable devotion to his people.

He holds the historic distinction of being the first son of Abam Onyerubi to travel abroad. According to an account given by Nna Nmaju Kalu, father of Awa Nmaju, his return home was celebrated across the entire Abam land. Able-bodied men were selected from different villages to push his car ceremoniously through Abam villages, escorting him until he arrived at Ndi Okereke—a rare honor that symbolized pride, hope, and collective achievement.

Wherever he went, people gathered to admire him. Impeccably dressed, dignified in carriage, and refined in speech, he was often described as “a polished English gentleman.” His presence commanded respect without arrogance.

TRIBUTE TO LATE ELDER ENGR. ALUMA NKELE

Elder Nkele attended Hope Waddell Secondary School (now in Cross River State) and later proceeded to England, where he studied Engineering on an academic scholarship—an extraordinary feat for his generation.

At Nigeria’s independence, he made national history as Nigeria’s first indigenous Director of Post & Telecommunications (P&T). This singular achievement permanently etched his name into the nation’s technological and administrative foundations.

Through this office, he opened doors for many sons of Abam, facilitating employment and advancement for numerous individuals, including:

Kalu Okorie
Egbuta Okubi
Uba Kalu Mong
Chidi Oru
Charles Esowe Ejieke
Uka Ike
Steven Kalu Aja
Kalu Kalu Eke



TRIBUTE TO LATE ELDER ENGR. ALUMA NKELE

Throughout his lifetime, he used his influence selflessly, empowering countless Abam sons and daughters and lifting others into opportunities they otherwise might never have accessed.

Yet, despite his national stature, Elder Nkele never detached himself from his roots. Abam remained deeply engraved in his heart.

A Lifetime of Commitment to Abam Onyerubi

Elder Aluma Nkele did not serve his people from a distance—he lived his convictions. He invested his time, influence, and resources into the growth and unity of Abam.

As a pioneer member of the Board of Trustees of the Abam Development Union, he played a crucial role in shaping its vision, cohesion, and developmental direction until his final days.

As Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Abam High School, he influenced the school's recognition as a WAEC examination center. To restore confidence in the institution, he made a personal sacrifice by withdrawing two of his children—Ogbonnaya Nkele from Government College, Umuahia, and Ebere Nkele from Queen's School, Enugu—so they could complete their education and sit for WAEC at Abam High School.

His contributions to infrastructure were equally profound. He influenced the tarring of the Igwu–Ndi Okereke Road and singlehandedly constructed a local bridge across the Dudum River, enabling Oduenyi farmers to access their farmlands and swamps.

Yet, his greatest legacy transcends titles and projects—it lies in the preservation of Ndi Okereke, Oduenyi, and Ozu Abam, their land, dignity, and survival.

The Defender of Ndi Okereke

In the early 1960s, when the government dug wells across Abam villages, Ndi Okereke alone received a borehole—a direct intervention credited to Nna Nkele. Thus, Ndi Okereke became the first village in Abam to enjoy borehole water.

During the Nigerian–Biafran Civil War, a tragic incident nearly wiped out Ndi Okereke. Captain Uwakwe of Arochukwu, leading Nigerian soldiers, rounded up all the men of the village, flogged them, laid them under the scorching sun, and prepared to execute them.

That massacre was stopped at the very brink of death by the courageous intervention of Elder Aluma Nkele. It was a moment Captain Uwakwe would forever regret.

At that time, Engr. Aluma Nkele served as Head of Post and Telecommunications for the Biafran Government, overseeing all communications, including the iconic Radio Biafra, and supervising the printing of the first Biafran currency.

The Defender of Ozu Abam

Elder Nkele later became aware of a defaulted agricultural loan taken by a prominent son of Ozu Abam, popularly known as Okoro Motor. The collateral for this loan was an expansive tract of prime land stretching from Ime Ozu, covering the College area and extending beyond Abam High School.

When the loan defaulted, a prolonged court case ensued in Ohafia. Elder Nkele attended every single court sitting. Upon judgment, the land was to be forfeited for auction unless heavy fines were paid. At great personal cost, Nna Nkele paid all fines and fees, recovered the land, and returned it intact to the original owners—Eze Ike Okoroafor's family, his close friend.



TRIBUTE TO LATE ELDER ENGR. ALUMA NKELE

The Defender of Oduenyi: A Legacy Rooted in Ancestral Soil

In the late 1950s, elders and chiefs of Oduenyi Ancient Kingdom visited Engr. Aluma Nkele in Lagos, revealing that his true ancestral roots traced back to Oduenyi, the earliest settlement of Abam Onyerubi.

They explained that his forefather, Chief Omeri Wowo, was a legendary healer invited by the King of Ndi Okereke to treat Abam warriors returning from wars across Eastern Nigeria. These warriors—highly sought-after mercenaries—often returned with grave injuries and diseases.

Chief Omeri Wowo was known for curing and containing deadly ailments, including leprosy and tuberculosis.

Guided by his friend Eze Ike Okoroafor, Elder Nkele embarked on a journey of rediscovery and confirmed his lineage at Ohafia Udumeze ancestral home.

However, he found Oduenyi overrun by land grabbers. With courage, diplomacy, and immense financial sacrifice, he reclaimed Oduenyi lands, including:

Ndi Ogbu Plantation (from Cosmos Ogbu, Enugu State)

Ali Ezi Oduenyi (from Chief Emole of Abiriba)

Akpam Plantation (from Nnam Sagin Awa Okogbua)

Oduenyi Swamp (from Captain Igwe Udo)

Ndi Ogbu lands (from Michael Agwu Akuma)

He also halted further encroachments by Chief Nnam Kalu Orji Nwaigbo.

Without his intervention, Oduenyi might have disappeared from Abam history. Instead, it stands today because he stood.

The Oduenyi people welcomed him home, gave him his ancestral land, and he built his homestead named "Osondu"—a refuge for all.

Faith, Family, and Sacrifice

Elder Nkele was baptized a Christian at the age of nine. Under his father's guidance, he renounced ancestral worship and remained steadfast in faith. He served as an Elder of the Presbyterian Church in both Lagos and Abam. In the late 1980s, he experienced a deeper Christian rebirth, invited evangelists like Rev. Umah to hold crusades in Abam, and built a place of worship at Osondu.

He was first married to Mrs. Grace Nkele (née Okoroafor), who tragically died during the Civil War in 1969. He later remarried Dr. Nbuwa Nwozo.

A Father Who Raised Giants

Elder Nkele's greatest legacy is the exceptional children he raised:

Dr. Chinyere Nkele (late) – Abam's first medical doctor

Okechukwu Nkele – Pilot, athlete, and pioneering computer engineer
 Chief Ije Nkele – U.S.-trained naval officer and electrification philanthropist

Chief Onyema A. Nkele (Ufere Ukwu) – U.S.-based computer engineer and international businessman

Mrs. Nnennaya Felix Nwokedi (née Nkele) – Nurse and hospital administrator

Chief Ogbo Nkele – MD/CEO, 247 Bar & Restaurant, Ozu Abam

Mrs. Ebere Victor Nduka Agu (née Nkele) – Broadcaster and agro-tech entrepreneur

Mr. Obiora Nkele – Quantity surveyor and businessman



TRIBUTE TO LATE ELDER ENGR. ALUMA NKELE

His Legacy Lives On

Late Elder Engr. Aluma Nkele was more than a leader. He was a pathfinder, reformer, defender of heritage, and father of generations. Oduenyi stands because he stood.

Abam remembers because he lived.

Nigeria honors him because he served with excellence, courage, and heart.

May his memory remain eternally blessed, and may generations yet unborn walk boldly in the footsteps he left behind.



TRIBUTE TO LATE ELDER ENGR. **ALUMA NKELE**



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ENGR. Enyinnaya Okereke's SUPERLATIVE THANKSGIVING

By Jones Nnanna Ike

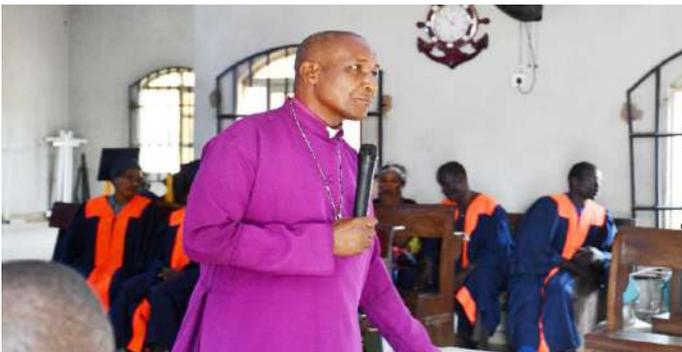


On 28th December, 2025 Ameke Abam Community in Arochukwu Local Government Council of Abia State witnessed several high-profile visitors when Engr. Enyinnaya Okereke, a former Staff of Shell Petroleum Development Company called out relatives and friends for a Thanksgiving Service that held at the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria, Ameke Abam.

In his Sermon at the Church Service, the Minister in charge of the Presbyterian Church, Ameke Abam Parish admonished the celebrants to let their lives reflect the Christian virtues of hard-work and honesty, advising that it was always good to remember God as the Alpha and

Omega in all things. On his own part, the Chief Celebrant, Engr. Enyinnaya Okereke recalled several life-threatening moments he faced in the course of his work especially in the deep seas which God through his abundant grace saved him.

Engr. Okereke equally used the occasion to thank his Excellency the Executive Governor of Abia State for appointing him into his Government to serve in the Board of Umuahia Capital Development Authority which he assumed upon his retirement from the Shell Petroleum Development Company.



On his own part, the Governor of Abia State, His Excellency Dr. Alex Chioma Otti (OFR) who was represented by the General Manager Abia Newspapers and Publishing Corporation Chief Jones Nnanna Ike extolled the sterling qualities of Engr. Enyinnaya Okereke which enabled him to serve well in such an efficient and merit driven Company like Shell Petroleum Development Company.

The Governor maintained that Engr. Okereke whom he has known since their University days at the University of Port-Harcourt was appointed into his Government as a Board member based on merit as he still has a lot to contribute to the development of the State.

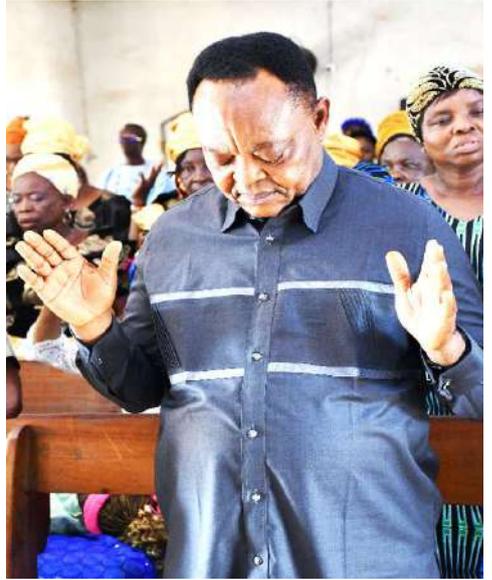
Several other speakers extolled the sterling qualities of Engineer Enyinnaya Okereke and thanked God for saving him during the period of his personal challenges.

There were many high profile guests that graced the occasion which include Chief Chijioke James jnr. (Ike Abam), Chief Chinasa James, HRH Eze Dr Robert Nwankwo, Hon. Uchenna Okoro, Barr. Emeka Uwakolam, Chief Dr. Anderson Okoro, Hon Dr Agwu U. Agwu, Chief Onyeani Nwosu, Chief Chibueze Njoku, Barr Mrs. Ogbealu Nwankwo etc.

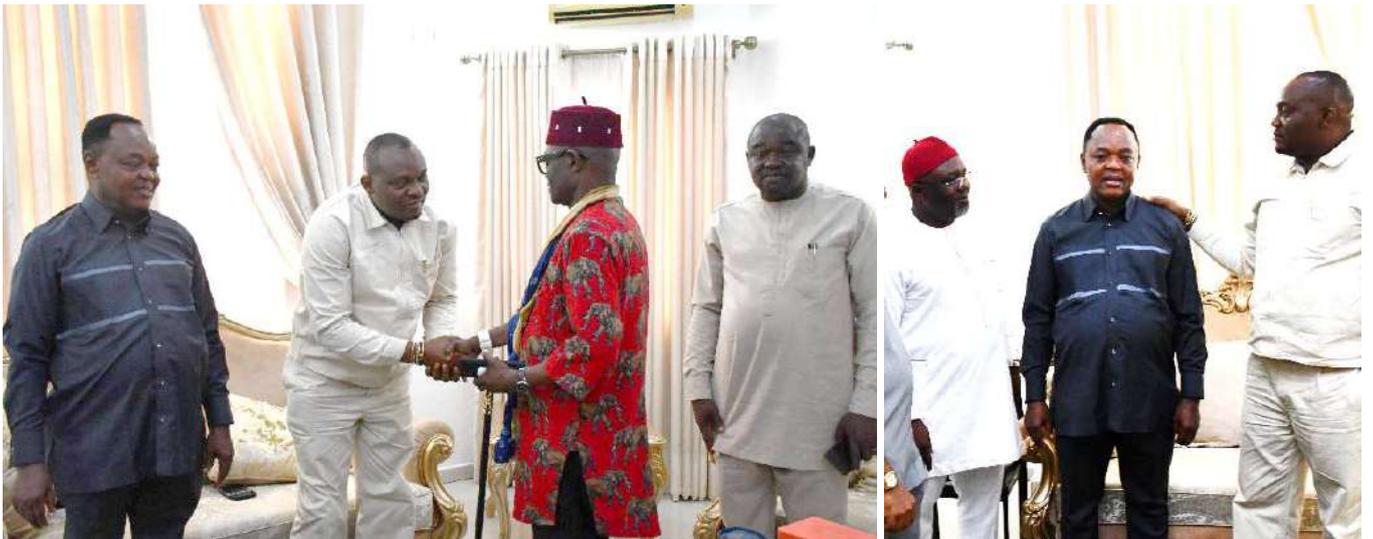
A civic reception was held later at Engr. Okereke's residence in which food and drinks flowed seamlessly.



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Ukwa La Ngwa Celebrates Governor Alex Chioma Otti

- By Ebere Uzoukwa, PhD

As Ukwa La Ngwa celebrates Governor Alex Chioma Otti, OFR, today, the region comes together in a grand civic reception that reflects deep collective appreciation and renewed confidence in purposeful leadership.

governance philosophy anchored on transparency, accountability, and inclusion, deliberately designed to heal divisions and replace stagnation with measurable results. This approach revived public confidence and rallied communities across political and social lines around a



Gov. Otti, a knowledgeable cheers from Abians at an event event recently

The occasion stands as a public affirmation of an administration whose policies and actions have restored trust in governance, strengthened unity, and repositioned Ukwa La Ngwa as a strategic pillar of Abia State's ongoing transformation.

For decades, Ukwa La Ngwa embodied a paradox of promise and neglect. Despite its rich cultural heritage, commercial vitality, and abundant natural resources, the region suffered prolonged political fragmentation, decaying infrastructure, and missed development opportunities. Disunity weakened collective resolve, public assets were abandoned, and confidence in leadership steadily eroded, leaving communities disconnected from the dividends of governance.

The election of Governor Otti in 2023 marked a decisive departure from that past. His administration embraced a

shared development agenda driven by service delivery.

Nowhere is this transformation more visible than in Aba, the commercial heartbeat of Ukwa La Ngwa. Once hampered by impassable roads and declining industrial activity, the city has undergone a remarkable infrastructure renewal. The reconstruction of major arterial and inner-city roads has restored mobility, reduced business costs, and revived commercial confidence, enabling Aba to reclaim its position as a hub of trade and enterprise.

Economic revival has been further strengthened by the restoration of reliable electricity through the Aba Integrated Power Project. Stable power supply has lowered production costs for manufacturers, traders, and artisans, improved productivity, and enhanced



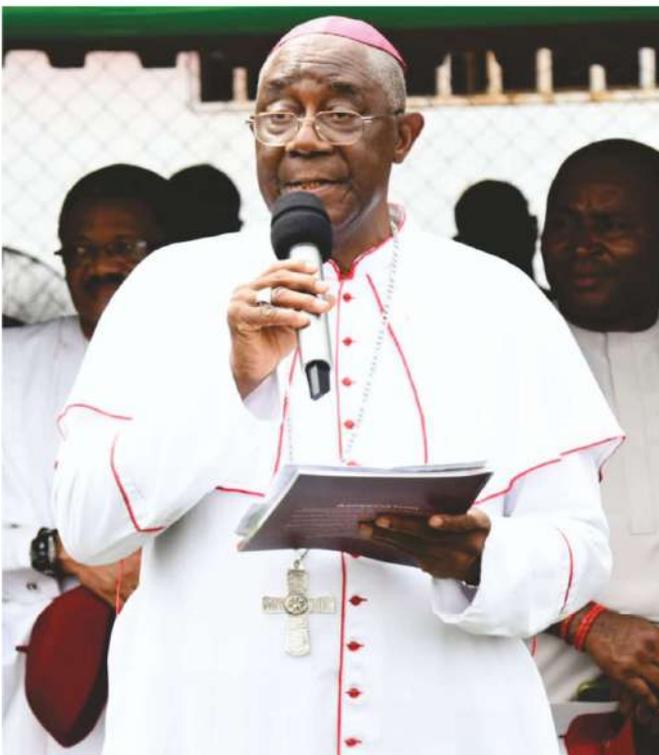
Competitiveness. Combined with ease of doing business reforms and targeted support for small and medium enterprises, these interventions have transformed Aba's long-recognized potential into tangible economic gains.

Across the wider Ukwa La Ngwa region, Governor Oti's developmental footprint is equally evident. Strategic industrial revival initiatives, including the acquisition and reactivation of key manufacturing assets and the establishment of the Abia Industrial Innovation Park (AIIP), signal a deliberate transition toward structured industrialization. These investments are creating jobs, fostering innovation, and laying the foundation for long-term economic resilience.

For the oil-producing communities of Ukwa, long symbolic of neglect despite their resource wealth, the narrative is changing. The repositioning of the Abia State Oil Producing Areas Development Commission (ASOPADEC) to deliver impactful projects and the restoration of electricity through the Obehie power infrastructure have brought long-awaited inclusion and relief, ensuring that development reaches communities previously left behind.

Investments in roads, healthcare, education, and





agriculture across Ukwa La Ngwa's local governments have improved living standards and expanded opportunities. The revitalization of Ogbonnaya Onu Polytechnic in Aba through salary clearance and infrastructure upgrades further underscores the administration's commitment to human capital development as a cornerstone of sustainable progress.

Today's celebration is expected to draw massive crowds, as the people of Ukwa La Ngwa troop out en masse to the Enyimba International Stadium, Aba, to honour their illustrious son and celebrate a governor who, within a short period, has made them proud through tangible achievements and people-centered governance in Abia State.

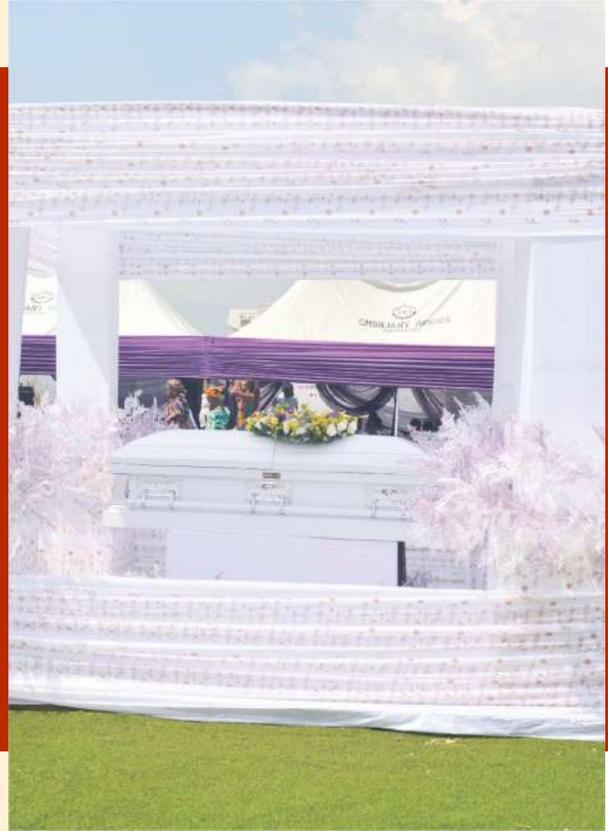
The successful staging of this grand civic reception is largely credited to the Chief Barrister Theo Nkire-led Aba Union, whose initiative and critical role in conceiving, planning, and mobilizing support for the event ensured broad participation and collective ownership. Their leadership has reinforced the renewed spirit of unity and shared pride across Ukwa La Ngwa.

Equally deserving of commendation is the central steering committee, comprising lawmakers, political appointees, local government mayors, and key stakeholders from across the region. Under the leadership of the Speaker of the Abia State House of Assembly, Rt Hon Emmanuel Emereuwa, and the Chief of Staff to the Governor, Pastor Caleb Ajagba, the committee provided effective coordination and strategic direction, harmonizing the various activities that culminated in the successful execution of the ceremony.

As Ukwa La Ngwa celebrates Governor Alex Chioma Otti, OFR, today, the occasion transcends a mere ceremony. It represents a collective endorsement of a leadership that has shown that governance can deliver meaningful results. In less than three years, visible progress has reshaped expectations and renewed hope, firmly positioning Ukwa La Ngwa on a path of sustained peace, development, and shared prosperity within Abia State.

Elder Alice Uzonma Kalu Laid to Rest in Ohafia Amid Tears, Tributes

By Cukwuemeka Egejuru



The remains of late Elder Alice Uzonma Kalu has been laid to rest at her country-home in Agbogocha Digbo, Ndi Odo, Akanu Ohafia, Ohafia Local Government Area of Abia State, amid tears and glowing tributes from family members, church leaders, government officials and well-wishers.

Elder Kalu, who passed away on June 5, 2025, died at the remarkable age of 104, left behind a legacy of faith, hard work and exemplary motherhood.

In a tribute by her son, Col. Ezichi Kalu (Rtd.), on behalf of the family, the late matriarch was described as an industrious and accomplished trader who successfully combined business with the responsibilities of caring for her husband and raising her children.

According to him, his mother was a generous, virtuous and disciplined woman, a quintessential mother who deeply loved her children while firmly

guiding them on the path of righteousness. He added that she was a devout Christian and a committed member of the Presbyterian Church, Ohafia, whose life was anchored on faith and service to God.

Col. Kalu assured that the family would continue to cherish and uphold the values that defined their mother's life, pledging to immortalize her memory by living out the virtues she stood for.

In his condolence message, Abia State Governor, Dr. Alex Otti, commiserated with the Kalu family and thanked God for blessing the deceased with a long and impactful life. The governor urged the family not to grieve without hope, noting that Elder Kalu lived a fulfilled life, served God and her generation faithfully, and has gone to rest in the Lord.

"on behalf of my family, friends, the members and supporters of the Labour Party, the Government and people of Abia State, I commiserate with you and the

entire family on the passage of your matriarch. I pray that God grants you the fortitude to bear the loss," the governor stated.

Earlier, in a funeral homily, the Prelate Emeritus and Moderator of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Church of Nigeria (PCN), Prof. E. M. Uka, urged Christians to emulate the godly virtues of the late Elder Kalu. He described her as a true embodiment of a godly mother, whose sacrificial lifestyle and unwavering faith would be greatly missed.

Prof. Uka charged her children and relatives to follow in her footsteps, stressing that her life remains a shining example of Christian living and service.

The burial ceremony attracted dignitaries from various walks of life, government officials, church leaders, and community members, who gathered to celebrate the life and times of a woman widely regarded as a pillar of faith and family.



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Royal Father, Community Leaders Applaud Emelandu's Educational, Sporting Legacy in Abia

By Chukwuemeka Egejuru

The Unity Cup football tournament and the commissioning of newly renovated classroom blocks at Umuagu Central School were concluded in grand style in Umuagu community, Ohuhu, Umuahia North Local Government Area of Abia State, amid commendations for the Emelandu family's commitment to education, youth development and community unity.

Leading the encomiums, the Royal Father of Umuagu, His Royal Highness Eze Engr. John Amaghereonu Ekeoma, expressed deep gratitude to High Chief Dr. Ikechukwu Samuel Emelandu (Akuruo Uno I of Umuagu) for renovating two classroom blocks that were previously in a deplorable condition. The monarch described Umuagu as a pro-education community and noted that the intervention would significantly improve teaching and learning.

He invoked ancestral and divine blessings upon Dr. Emelandu and his family; praying God to bless the works of his hands and reward his philanthropic efforts.

Also speaking, the President-General of Umuagu Community, Mr. Ahukanna Ndubuisi Chizaram, thanked Dr. Emelandu for donating fully renovated and well-equipped classroom blocks as a way of giving back to society. He lamented that the former dilapidated state of the classrooms had negatively affected students' psychology and hindered effective teaching and learning.

He described the projects as timely and transformative, and called on other well-meaning individuals, philanthropists and corporate organisations to emulate Dr. Emelandu's gesture, stressing that government alone cannot meet all infrastructural and development needs of communities.

Commissioning the renovated classrooms, the Chairman, Abia State Universal Basic Education Board (ASUBEB), represented by Mr. Chigozie Ogbonna, lauded the Emelandu family for their sustained commitment to educational development. He disclosed that this was the second major renovation and retrofitting project Dr. Emelandu had executed for the benefit of his community.

Mr. Ogbonna also commended the family for instituting scholarships for indigent students and assured the community that ASUBEB would deploy more teachers to the school upon request.

In his speech, High Chief Dr. Ikechukwu Samuel Emelandu said the Unity Cup, instituted in honour of his late father, Chief Godwin N. Emelandu, was conceived as more than a football competition. He explained that the tournament was designed to promote unity, discipline, sportsmanship and character formation among young people, values his late father strongly upheld.



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He noted that the successful completion of the Unity Cup and the commissioning of the classroom blocks represented a powerful intersection of sports, education and community values, adding that the Emelandu family remains committed to supporting both youth development and education.

Dr. Emelandu also paid glowing tribute to his grandmother, Daa Agnes Emelandu, describing her as a woman of compassion and quiet strength whose belief in education laid the foundation for the family's legacy. Inspired by these legacies, he undertook the renovation of two separate four-classroom blocks: one in loving memory of his late father, Chief Godwin Nlewedim Emelandu, commissioned on October 4, 2025, and another in honour of his late grandmother, Daa Agnes Emelandu, commissioned on December 31, 2025.

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He announced the establishment of the Chief Emelandu Educational Fund and Scholarship, aimed at supporting students from primary to tertiary levels and ensuring sustainable community development.

The event also featured the final match of the Unity Cup, which saw Aguebi Village defeat Umukonu Village by a lone goal, scored by Tobeckukwu Ndubuisi in the second half.

Dr. Emelandu also thanked players, coaches, officials, teachers, parents and students who participated, with a renewed call for collaboration among government, private individuals and organisations to advance education, sports and youth empowerment in Umuagu.

High Chief Dr. Ikechukwu Emelandu (Akuruo I) of Umuagu Autonomous Community, Ohuhu, Umuahia, Abia State, is a respected medical doctor, entrepreneur, and philanthropist. Born in the early 1970s into the esteemed family of the late Chief Godwin Emelandu, he has upheld a legacy of integrity, leadership, and community service.

Educated at Umuagu Central School, Government College



Umuahia, and Ansar-ud-Deen Grammar School, Lagos, he earned his medical degree from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka. Dr. Emelandu has dedicated his life to improving lives, empowering communities, and advancing charitable initiatives, earning multiple awards and wide admiration.

A devoted husband to Lolo Chioma Anyasodor Emelandu and father of three, he draws strength from his family. His life stands as a beacon of purpose, humility, and leadership, inspiring excellence and service in Umuagu and beyond

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HEALTH TIPS

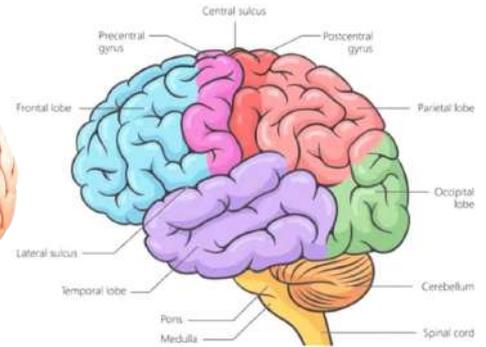
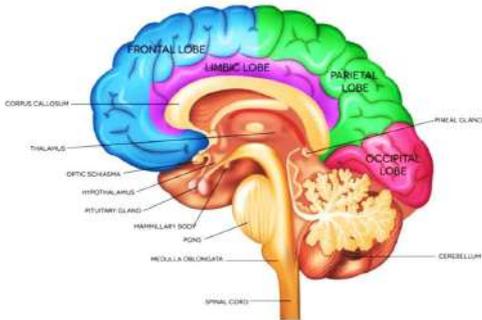


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The Brain

Unlocking Their Secrets

ANATOMY OF THE BRAIN



ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY

The Brain is the complex command center of the body, controlling thoughts, memory, emotions, movement, senses, and basic life functions like breathing and heart rate, working with the spinal cord as the central nervous system (CNS).

It's divided into the large cerebrum (with its four lobes: frontal, parietal, temporal, occipital) for higher functions, the cerebellum for coordination, and the brainstem (midbrain, pons, medulla) connecting to the spinal cord. Made mostly of fat and water, it uses a vast network of neurons and glial cells to process information and direct the body's responses.

THE MAKE UP OF THE BRAIN

Weighing about 3 pounds in an average adult, the brain is about 60% fat. The remaining 40% is a combination of water, protein, carbohydrates and salts. The brain itself is a not a muscle. It contains blood vessels and nerves, including neurons and glial cells."

The Gray And White Matter

The Gray and white matter are two different regions of the central nervous system. In the brain, gray matter refers to the darker, outer portion, while white matter describes the lighter, inner section underneath.

In the spinal cord, this order is reversed: The white matter is on the outside, and the gray matter sits within.

Gray matter is primarily composed of neuron somas (the round central cell bodies), **White matter** is mostly made of axons (the long stems that connects neurons together) wrapped in myelin (a protective coating). The different composition of neuron parts is why the two appear as separate shades on certain scans.

HOW THE BRAIN WORKS

The brain sends and receives chemical and electrical signals throughout the body. Different signals control different processes, and your brain interprets each. Some make you feel tired, for example, while others make you feel pain, some messages are kept within the brain, while others are relayed through the spine and across the body's vast network of nerves to distant extremities. To do this, the central nervous system relies on billions of neurons (nerve cells).

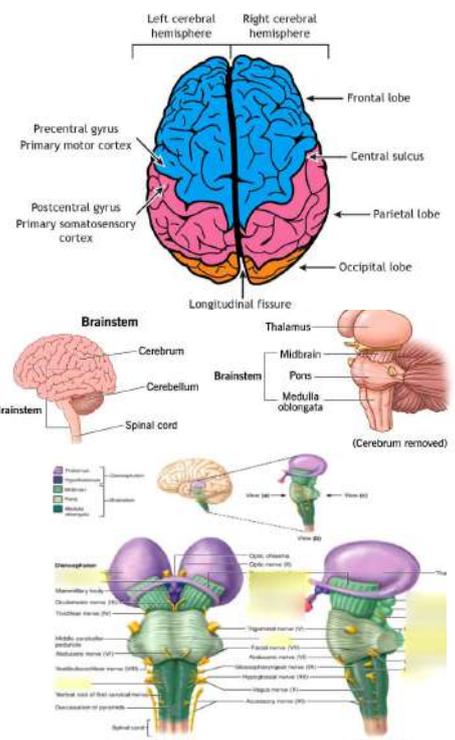
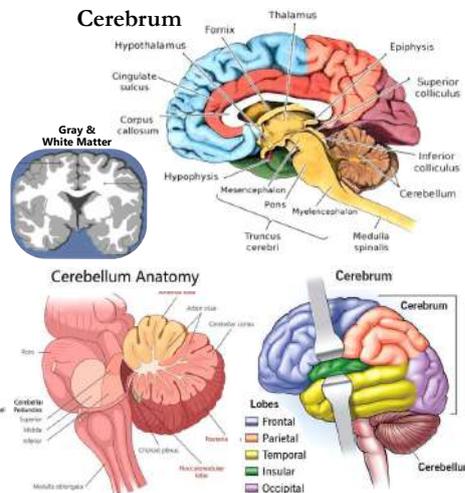
MAIN PARTS OF THE BRAIN / FUNCTIONS

At a high level, the brain can be divided into the cerebrum, brainstem and cerebellum.

The Cerebrum: (front of brain) comprises gray matter (the cerebral cortex) and white matter at its center. The largest part of the brain, the cerebrum initiates and coordinates movement and regulates temperature. Other areas of the cerebrum enable speech,

judgment, thinking and reasoning, problem-solving, emotions and learning. Other functions relate to vision, hearing, touch and other senses.

Cerebral Cortex: *Cortex is Latin for "bark,"* and describes the outer gray matter covering of the cerebrum. it has a large surface area due to its folds, and comprises about half of the brain's weight, the cerebral **cortex** is divided into two halves, or hemispheres. It is covered with ridges (gyri) and folds (sulci). **The two halves** join at a large, deep sulcus (the interhemispheric fissure, AKA the medial longitudinal fissure) that runs from



The brain is not just an organ - it is the control tower of human existence. Protect it, fuel it, challenge it, and care for it.



the front of the head to the back. The right hemisphere controls the left side of the body, and the left half controls the right side of the body. The two halves communicate with one another through a large, C-shaped structure of white matter and nerve pathways called the corpus callosum. The corpus callosum is in the center of the cerebrum.

Brainstem:(middle of brain) connects the cerebrum with the spinal cord. The brainstem includes the midbrain, the pons and the medulla.

The Midbrain (or mesencephalon) is a very complex structure with a range of different neuron clusters (nuclei and colliculi), neural pathways and other structures. These features facilitate various functions, from hearing and movement to calculating responses and environmental changes. The midbrain also contains the substantianigra, an area affected by Parkinson's disease that is rich in dopamine neurons and part of the basal ganglia, which enables movement and coordination.

The Pons: is the origin for four of the 12 cranial nerves, which enable a range of activities such as tear production, chewing, blinking, focusing vision, balance, hearing and facial expression. Named for the Latin word for "bridge," the pons is the connection between the midbrain and the medulla.

Medulla: At the bottom of the brainstem, the medulla is where the brain meets the spinal cord. The medulla is essential to survival. Functions of the medulla regulate many bodily activities, including heart rhythm, breathing, blood flow, and oxygen and carbon dioxide levels. The medulla produces reflexive activities such as sneezing, vomiting, coughing and swallowing.

The Spinal Cord: extends from the bottom of the medulla and through a large opening in the bottom of the skull. Supported by the vertebrae, the spinal cord carries messages to and from the brain and the rest of the body.

The Cerebellum: ("little brain") is a fist-sized portion of the brain located at the back of the head, below the temporal and occipital lobes and above the brainstem. Like the cerebral cortex, it has two hemispheres. The outer portion contains neurons, and the inner area communicates with the cerebral cortex. Its function is to coordinate voluntary muscle movements and to maintain posture, balance and equilibrium. New studies are exploring the cerebellum's roles in thought, emotions and social behavior, as well as its possible involvement in addiction, autism and schizophrenia.

Frontal Lobe: This is like the CEO of the brain, handling executive functions, decision-making, planning, and motor control. It's also where personality and social behavior are regulated.

Parietal Lobe: This area processes sensory information related to touch, temperature, and spatial awareness. It's also involved in reading and arithmetic.

Temporal Lobe: This is the hub for auditory processing, memory, and language comprehension. The hippocampus, located here, plays a crucial role in forming new memories.

Occipital Lobe: This is the brain's visual processing center, interpreting visual information from the eyes.

Hippocampus: This structure is vital for memory formation, especially converting

short-term memories to long-term ones. **Amygdala:** This is the emotional center, processing fear, pleasure, and emotional responses.

Thalamus: This acts as a relay station, transmitting sensory information to the cortex for processing.

Hypothalamus: This regulates vital functions like body temperature, hunger, thirst, and hormone balance.

BRAIN'S HEALTHY HABITS

1. Exercise regularly (150 minutes/week).
2. Sleep 7–9 hours nightly.
3. Eat a balanced, Mediterranean-style diet.
4. Manage stress (mindfulness, breathing).
5. Stay socially engaged.
6. Keep learning and challenging your mind.
7. Stay hydrated.
8. Limit excessive screen time.
9. Monitor health conditions (blood pressure, diabetes).
10. Consume omega-3-rich foods.

BRAIN HEALTH ALERT

Neurodegenerative Diseases
 Alzheimer's disease
 Parkinson's disease
 Huntington's disease
 ALS

Other Conditions

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
 Stroke
 Epilepsy
 Multiple Sclerosis

Dementia
 Migraines
 Brain Tumors
 Infections
 (meningitis, encephalitis)

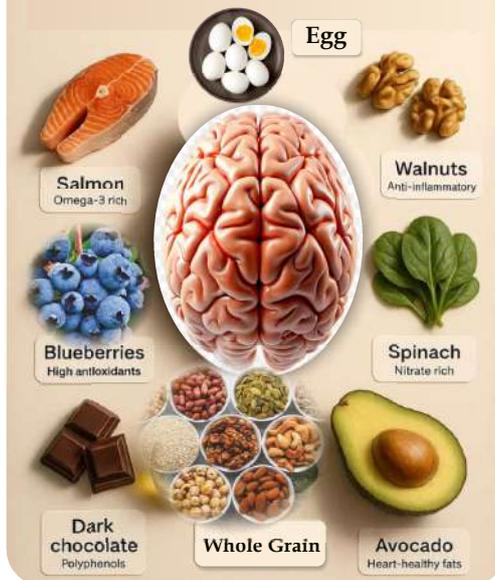
THE BRAIN'S ENEMIES

Excessive Sugar
 Processed Foods
 Sleep Deprivation
 Chronic Stress
 Excessive Alcohol
 Smoking
 High Blood Pressure
 Social Isolation
 Head Injuries
 Lack Of Mental-Stimulation

WAYS THE BRAIN CAN BE AFFECTED

Memory Loss
 Cognitive Decline
 Mood Disorders
 Poor Concentration
 Reduced Problem-solving Ability
 Irritability
 Increased Anxiety

BRAIN: HEALTHY FOOD



BEST FOOD FOR THE BRAIN:

Fatty Fish (Omega-3)
 Blueberries (Antioxidants)
 Leafy Greens
 Nuts & Seeds
 Eggs (Choline)
 Whole Grains
 Avocados
 Pumpkin Seeds
 Dark Chocolate
 Turmeric

These foods are part of the Mediterranean and MIND diets, linked to improved cognitive function and reduced risk of neurodegenerative diseases.



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RADIANCE BY ROUTINE

Simple Body Care Secrets Every Woman Should Know:

By Sandra Chibuike

Radiance and elegance are not accidents, they are the result of intentional self-care. Every woman who desires a polished, youthful appearance should adopt certain body-care routines. Some can be practiced daily, while others are best done weekly.

These simple beauty tips will help elevate your overall look, improve skin texture, and project the confident, elegant version of yourself you've always envisioned.



1. Dark Underarms:

To brighten dark underarms, use The Ordinary Glycolic Acid 7%. Apply a small amount to the affected area, leave it on for a few minutes, then moisturize. Use twice weekly and remain consistent for visible



2. Cracked Heels:

For cracked or flaky heels, apply glycolic acid overnight. Alternatively, use a pedicure brush or pumice stone to gently exfoliate



dead skin and restore smoothness.

3. Hard Feet:

To soften hard feet, apply Vaseline generously and wear socks overnight. Do this every night for two weeks, then switch

to every other night for maintenance.



4. Dry Skin:

For deeply moisturized skin, avoid towel-drying completely after bathing. Leave a little water on your skin and apply body oil while damp. This helps lock in moisture and keeps your skin hydrated long after the water dries.

5. Flaky Lips:

Before applying matte lipstick, exfoliate your lips with a gentle lip scrub. This ensures a smooth, flawless finish instead of a flaky appearance.

6. Small or Dry Lips:

For plump, hydrated lips, apply Vaseline



overnight regularly.

7. Dandruff Control:

If you struggle with dandruff, section your



hair and apply glycolic acid to your scalp. Massage thoroughly, leave on for about 30 minutes, then wash off with a mild shampoo and moisturizing conditioner. Consistent use helps control dandruff effectively.

8. Personalized Skincare Routine:

Your skincare routine should be tailored to your specific skin type, ideally with professional guidance. The right routine enhances glow and boosts self-confidence.



9. Soft, Shiny Hair:

For softer, shinier hair, apply shea butter to damp hair and allow it to dry naturally. This simple step works wonders.

10. Clean Makeup Brushes:



Always keep your makeup brushes clean to prevent bacteria buildup and skin breakouts.

11. Prevent Hair Breakage:

Avoid hair shredding by brushing from the



tips upward to the roots. Starting from the roots pulls tangled hair and leads to breakage.

12. Regular Facials:

Incorporating regular facials helps your skincare products work more effectively and keeps your skin healthy and refreshed.

13. Longer-Lasting Fragrance:

To make your perfume last all day, apply an unscented lotion or Vaseline to your pulse points before spraying your fragrance. This locks in the scent.

14. Create a Custom Lip Color:

You can create a unique lip shade by mixing a small amount of powdered eyeshadow with clear lip gloss or balm.

These simple beauty hacks and body-care routines prove that looking radiant doesn't require breaking the bank, just consistency, care, and intention.

CUISINE

A NIGERIAN CLASSIC: The Art of Waterleaf and Bitter leaf Soup.

By Sandra Chibuike

WATERLEAF AND BITTERLEAF SOUP

METHOD

It is not unusual to hear that most Nigerian men love swallow. In a typical Nigerian home, soup is often stored in the freezer to make it easy for a woman to prepare swallow for her husband whenever he requests it. Soup is not always an easy meal to prepare at short notice.

While some soups take little time to cook, others require more effort and preparation. One such soup is waterleaf and bitterleaf soup, which takes time mainly because of the preparation of the vegetables.

Waterleaf is a relatively cheap vegetable, especially during the rainy season. It has a bland taste and therefore needs to be paired with another vegetable to enhance its flavour. This is where bitterleaf comes in, it balances the taste perfectly. If you enjoy pepper, you'll be glad to know that this is one soup that generously welcomes it.

RECIPE

- Goat meat (or any protein of choice)
- Stockfish
- Snail
- Kpomo (cow skin)
- Pepper
- Waterleaf
- Bitterleaf
- Onions
- Palm oil
- Seasoning cubes
- Crayfish (or dry fish)
- Salt.



Step 1: Cook your protein of choice.



Step 2: Add the stockfish and snail.



Step 3: Add chopped onions and fresh pepper.



Step 4: Add seasoning cubes and salt to taste.



Step 5: Cover and allow to steam for about 15 minutes.



Step 6: Add the kpomo.



Step 7: Add water as needed.



Step 8: Remove the snails to prevent overcooking and continue cooking the remaining protein until done and the stock is almost dried.



Step 9: Heat palm oil in a separate pot, add seasoning and pepper.



Step 10: Add the cooked protein and reintroduce the snails.



Step 11: Add crayfish and stir well.



Step 12: Add the chopped waterleaf and cook for about 3 minutes.



Step 13: Add more crayfish if desired, then add the bitterleaf and stir.



Step 14: Add a little palm oil (optional).



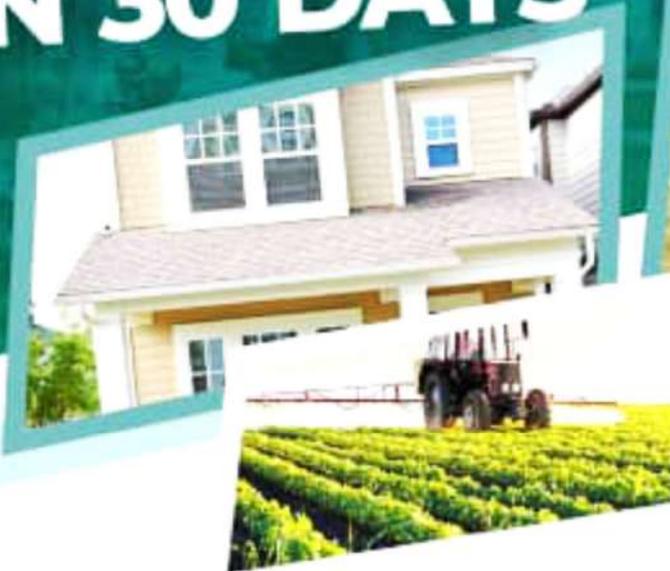
Step 15: Allow to cook for a few minutes. Your soup is ready. Serve hot and enjoy with any swallow of your choice. ☐☐



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