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ANAMBRA NEWS AT A GLANCE





GOVERNOR SOLUDO'S GIANT STRIDES IN ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE

By Sunday Okoli

Governor Chukwuma Charles Soludo, CFR, has through his strategic and massive road construction projects placed Anambra State as the first among equals. Since assuming office, his administration has initiated ground-breaking road projects to make the state a livable and prosperous homeland. Anambra State is today an outstanding construction site.

In the last two years and counting, the Governor has awarded over 500km of brand-new roads, with over 250km completed while others are either ongoing or nearing completion. This shows that every nook and cranny of the state harbour construction sites where heavy equipment has been mobilised for construction works.

On assumption of office, the Governor took a careful look at why roads constructed by previous administrations failed within two years after completion. He then introduced the latest technologies in road construction that will make Anambra roads last for at least twenty years.

Some of these latest technologies include the introduction of soil-cement stabilisation, stone base stabilisation, and lastly, the wearing cost. There is strict

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ENGR. IFEANYI OKOMA
Commissioner for Works

NOTICE ON RECERTIFICATION AND REVALIDATION OF ALL TITLE DOCUMENTS IN ANAMBRA STATE (STATE AND NON-STATE LANDS)

The Anambra State Ministry of Lands, Awka, hereby announces the commencement of the Recertification and Revalidation of all land title documents, including lands State and Non-State.

All landowners in Anambra State are required to visit the Ministry of Lands, Awka, to recertify and revalidate their title documents and landholdings.

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WHAT IS SOLUDO DOING IN THE STATE CAPITAL AWKA???

✓ **LANDMARK PROJECTS**
- New Government House
- New Governor's Lodge
- Solution FunCity
- Solution Innovation District
- Revamped Great Awka Water Scheme
- Reconstruction of Ekwueme Square
- Awka City Shopping Mall and many others

✓ **ROAD PROJECTS**
- Ifite Amansea Road
- Aroma Overpass
- Club (Abakiliki) Road to Ngozika
- Regina Caeli Y-Junction Road
- Unizik Tempsite-Okpuno-Isuaniocha Road
- Chukwudifu Street
- Millennium Industry-INEC Road
- Umuogbu Road
- St Faith Road
- Meniru Street Amawbia
- Ngene Amawbia Road
- Works Road Junction/Bishop Crowther Road

National Awards for Fiscal Policies
- Ranked No. 1 in fiscal transparency
- Ranked No. 3 in fiscal performance
- Trained 25,000 youths on technology skills

And many other projects... You can verify
Support Governor Soludo To Do More!

Governor Soludo's Giant Strides in Road Infrastructure
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compliance with international best practices in road construction, which is the prerequisite for the award of any road contract.

Some of the roads that have been completed by the Soludo administration include:

1. Construction of 9 Roads in Okpoko Obodoukwu
Oguagu Ik Onuorah Street
Edeh Road
School Road
Umuobom Street
Umenweke Street
Awalite Road
Uzil St-Mission Street
Anumudu Street

2. Construction of Amansea-Ebenebe-Ugbenu-Ugbene-Awba Ofemili Road
3. Construction of Amansea-Ndiukwuenu-Mamu Forest-Awa-Ufuma Road
4. Rehabilitation Works on Flood Section of Isuofia-Igboukwu Road
5. Rehabilitation of Failed Carriage and Embankment at Mmili John Section of Oba-Ojoto/Road/Dredging of Mmili John River
6. Construction of Isuofia-Nanka Road with a Spur to Nanka/off Obi Adimorah
7. Construction of Okpunoeze-Nnewi Hotels Road
8. Revalidation of Ukpo-Umunoko-Nza Ozubulu Road
9. Rehabilitation of Afor Nnobi-Awka Etiti-Ichida-Toni Mass Filling Station after Nkwo Igboukwu
10. Gully Erosion Control Works at Ebenator
11. Construction of Niger-Street-Sokoto Road
12. Revalidation of the Community Road at Mbaukwu from St. Lawrence Anglican Church-Ngene Mmili Shrine
13. Construction of Ifite Ogwari Road with a Spur
14. Savinono-Umuofor-Bright Street-Nkwo Umuhu-Ubahuezike Road Lot I
15. Construction of Igwe Ezechi Okoye Road Ifitedunu
16. Construction of Umuogbu Awka Flood Control Infrastructure and Road Network
17. Erosion Control Works/Infrastructure Behind the New Government House and Ekwueme Square Awka
18. Construction of Awkuzu-Umunya Road
19. Reconstruction of Some Selected Streets in Onitsha: Ziks Avenue-Ozomagala Street
20. Construction of Premier Road, Onitsha
21. Reconstruction of PH Road Onitsha
22. Reconstruction of Ugwunwasike Ogidi-Building Materials Market Road
23. Erosion Control Works at Nnobi Section of Nnobi-Nkpor Road
24. Construction of Ezira-Umuomaku-Enugwu Umuonyia-Achina Road
25. Construction of Miss Elems Avenue, Fegge, Onitsha
26. Gully Erosion Control Works in Ebenator
27. Revalidation of Umuaguchi Eziama Erosion Road in Uli
28. Construction of Mmiata-Nzam Road Section II
29. Intervention on Erosion Control Works at Oba along Onitsha-Owerri Road
30. Intervention on Erosion Control Works at Ozubulu along Onitsha-Owerri Express Road
31. Construction of Roads in Onitsha North: Akpaka Road, Federal Housing Estate Link Road, 3-3 Drive Road.

Driving throughout the state, you will be amazed that even with the rain, massive construction work is ongoing. Notable among them are the dualisation project from the Awka-Nise-Agulu-Nanka-Ekwulobia-Uga road, which is steadily being worked on; the construction of the Ekwulobia Flyover Bridge, where work is going on day and night. The project will ease the traffic gridlock in the area when completed. Ekwulobia, which used to be a suburban city, is gradually growing into a major urban hub in the state, especially with the projects being done, such as the construction of the ultra-modern park, fire service, etc.; the construction of Amansea-Ifite Awka-Aroma bypass-Ekwueme Square-New Government House road (a drive through the ever-busy Enugu-Onitsha Motorway- Aroma section will convince you); the rehabilitation of Afor Nkpor-Eke Nkpor-Eke Obosi-with a spur to Ukwudala junction-Nkwo Obosi; the construction of Phase I & II Discharge Channel Nnobi-Nkpor Road; the construction of Centre Nnokwa-Adazi-Ichida road; the construction of Ozubulu-Atani road with a bridge, among others.

Other infrastructural projects being undertaken by the Soludo-led government include the construction of Solution Fun City, Awka; construction of the New Government House; remodelling of Ekwueme Square; construction of Solution Innovation District; construction of the Five Star Hotel in Awka; construction of the School of Health Technology, Isuofia, etc.

In all, Anambra State under Soludo has become a huge construction yard, and the outcome of the projects when completed will etch Soludo's name on the sands of time long after he has left government.

These projects demonstrate Soludo's commitment to creating a prosperous homeland where future generations will thrive and have no reason to leave. With his economic expertise and vision, Soludo is poised to transform Anambra State into a beacon of progress in Nigeria.

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AFDB TO COMMIT $60MILLION FOR AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION CENTRES IN ANAMBRA

By Chukwuka Ugokwe

The African Development Bank (AFDB) is to commit a total sum of $60 million for the development of three Agricultural Transformation Centres in Anambra State.

An average of $20 million will be invested to establish each of the centres across the three senatorial districts.
The State Commissioner for Agriculture, Dr. Forster Ihejiofor, said this while receiving a delegation from Omor Community, Ayamelum Local Government Area, in his office.

He gave the assurance of the bank's readiness in partnership with the state government to develop the project, adding that it would boost food production, generate wealth, and facilitate the development of rural areas.

"In partnership with the African Development Bank, the Solution Government wants to create Agricultural Transformation Centres, three of them in the state, where our farmers will be trained on how to upscale their productivity of rice, yam, cassava, and livestock.

"They will be trained on the latest techniques and technologies of how to upgrade productivity so that in our small land, we can produce more than what we need.".

While affirming commitment to the success of the project, he said that the government had chosen Omor Community to host the centre and hub for rice production for Anambra North by providing 20 hectares of land.

Responding, the President General, Omor Town Union, Cyril Anyanwumelu, commended the state government for considering it worthy to site the project in their community, pledging to support the initiative as inhabitants of the community are predominantly farmers.

ANAMBRA WEST LEGISLATIVE CONGRESS INAUGURATED, AS KELVIN OKONKWO EMERGES LEADER



By Felix Igboanugo

In a significant move aimed at enhancing grassroots governance, the Anambra West Legislative Congress has been inaugurated by the Mayor of the Council, Fidelis Nnazor.

The inauguration, which was held on Oct. 25 at Anambra East Secretariat, Otuocha, due to the flood menace that has engulfed the local council, was followed by the election of the councillor representing Oroma Etiti Anam Ward, Mr. Sunday Okonkwo, as the leader, and he councillor representing Olumbanasa Ward II, Mr. Vincent Ojadi, as the Deputy Leader of the Congress.

Speaking during his pre-inauguration speech, the Anambra West Mayor, Nnazor, commended the councillors and highlighted the significance of their roles in representing the interests of the people, urging them to prioritise the welfare of the community and work collaboratively to implement initiatives that would uplift the standard of living for all residents.

He emphasised the importance of grassroots governance in bringing about positive change and appealed to the councillors to formulate templates and generate people-orientated bills that will assist in achieving set development objectives in the local council.

Speaking after his election, the Leader of the House, Mr. Okonkwo, appreciated his colleagues for entrusting him to lead the Legislative Congress and expressed readiness to work diligently with integrity and togetherness.

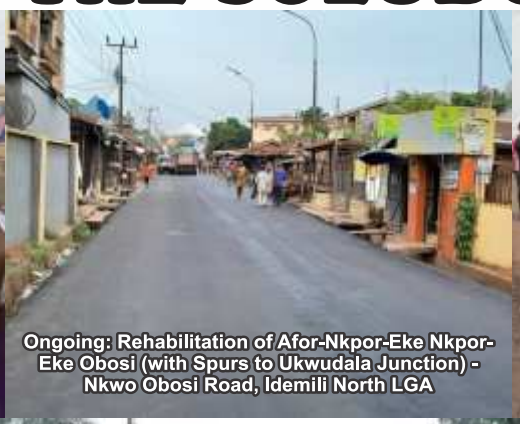
He thanked Gov. Chukuwma Soludo, Party leadership, and Ndi Anambra West for their unflinching support and assured that the legislature under his watch will work in unison with the executive body for the progress of Ndi Anambra West.

The councillors, in their various speeches, expressed their readiness to serve diligently and work tirelessly to fulfil their responsibilities.

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SOME OF THE SOLUDO ROADS


Completed: Construction of PH Road, Onitsha

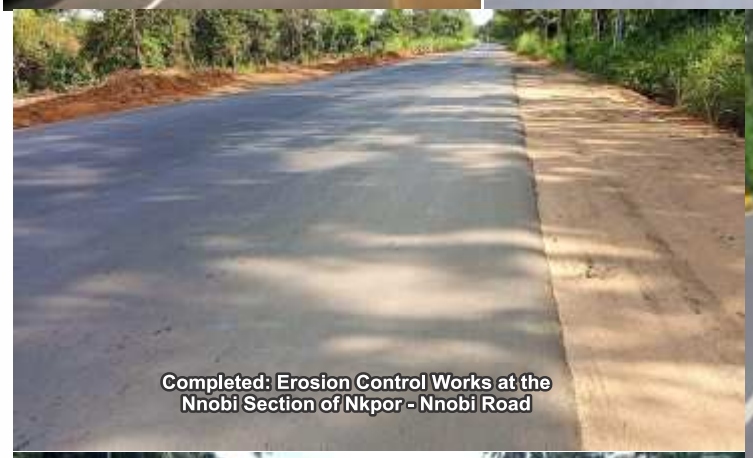

Ongoing: Rehabilitation of Afor-Nkpor-Eke Nkpor-Eke Obosi (with Spurs to Ukwudala Junction) - Nkwo Obosi Road, Idemili North LGA


Completed: Construction of 9 Roads in Okpoko


Completed: Construction of Niger Street - Sokoto Road


Ongoing: Construction of Isuofia Township Roads a with Spurs to Ikenga


Completed: Construction of Awkuzu-Umunya Road


Completed: Erosion Control Works at the Nnobi Section of Nkpor - Nnobi Road


Completed: Construction of Ezira-Umuomaku-Enugwu Umuonyia-Achina Road


Completed: Construction of Umuogbu Awka Flood Control Infrastructure and Roads


Completed: Rehabilitation Works on Flood Section of Isuofia-Igboukwu Road 0.6KM


Completed: Construction of Amansea-Ndiukwuenu-Mamu Forest-Awa-Ufuma Road


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Completed: Construction of Ifite Ogwari Road with spur



Completed: Construction of Miss Elems Road, Fegge Onitsha



Completed: Revalidation of Ukpor-Umunoko-Nzam-Ozubulu Road 16.05KM



Completed: Construction of Roads in Onitsha North, Federal Housing Estate Link Road



Completed: Construction of Double lane Unizik Junction - Okpuno Road



Ongoing: Massive Works at the Ekwulobia Stadium Complex



Ongoing: Ekwulobia Ultra Modern Bus Terminal



Ongoing: Ekwulobia Flyover Bridge



Ongoing: Site for the Construction of Solution Innovation District (SID), Awka



Completed: Okpunoeze - Nnewi Hotels Road



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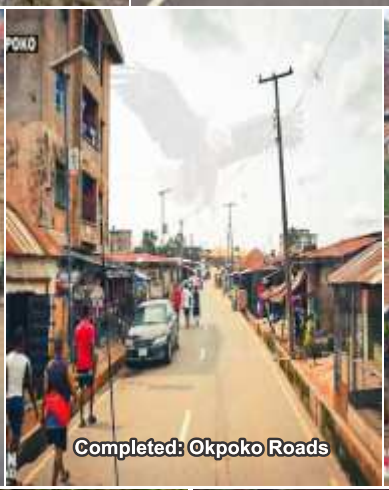
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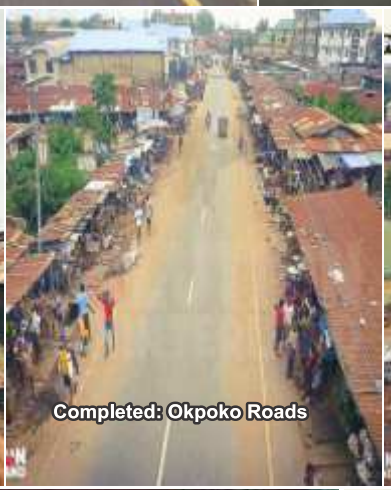

Ongoing: Construction of Five Star Hotel, Awka Pilling Ongoing

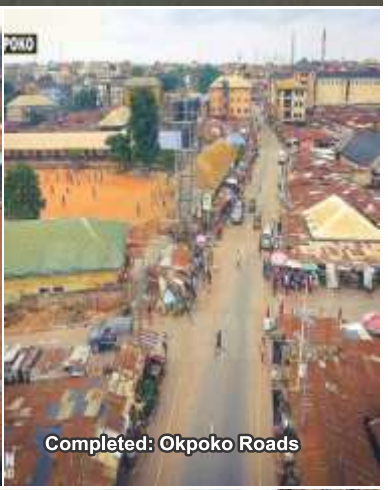

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Completed: Construction of Roban Road, Awka


Completed: Okpoko Roads

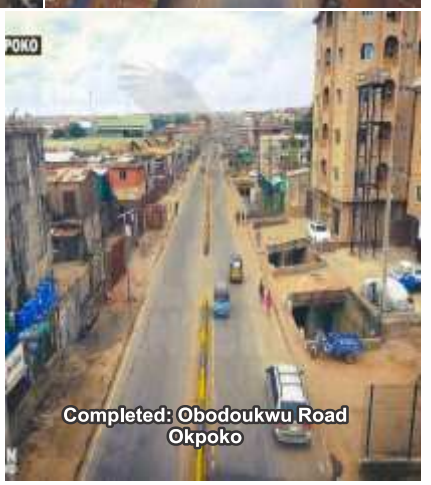

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Ongoing: Construction of Amawbia-Nise-Agulu-Ekwulobia-Uga-Imo boundary superhighway


Completed: Erosion Control Works/Infrastructure behind the New Government House and Ekwueme Square at Awka


Completed: Obodoukwu Road Okpoko


Ongoing: Construction of Ajali-Akpu-Nawfija-Ogbunka Road


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1 out of the four Culvert at Ajali-Akpu-Nawfija-Ogbunka Road

NOTICE ON RECERTIFICATION AND REVALIDATION OF ALL TITLE DOCUMENTS IN ANAMBRA STATE (STATE AND NON-STATE LANDS) Contd.

This initiative aims to review and update land records, enhances plot holder information, and upgrade survey records from Nigerian National/Local Origin to Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) Coordinates System. It will also strengthen property title security and ensure compliance with State regulations in line with global best practices.

The recertification/revalidation exercise will begin on November 4th, 2024, and will end on April 28th, 2025. The process will be carried out in batches as outlined below:

(1) Batch A - Awka and Its Environs :

- Iyiagu Layout / Abuja Housing Estate.
- Agu-Awka GRA.
- Awka Industrial Layout /Millennium City Layout.
- Executive Business District (EBD).
- Isiagu Layout.
- Registered Private properties within Awka North & South.

Time: 9am to 3pm Daily.
Date: November 4th, 2024 to November 29th, 2024.

(2) Batch B - Aguata, Idemili, Nnewi and Its Environs :

All registered title within Nnewi, Idemili and Aguata both State & Private owned properties.
Time: 9am to 3pm Daily.
Date: December 2nd, 2024 - December 16th, 2024,
January 7th, 2025 - January 14th, 2025.

(3) Batch C - Onitsha and Its Environs :

- G.R.A Onitsha.
- Akpaka Layout.
- Trans Nkissi Phase 1.
- Trans Nkissi Phase 2.
- Trans Nkissi Phase 3.
- Fegge /Otumoye Creek Layout, Harbour Industrial Layout.
- **Other registered documents** within Onitsha, Oyi, Anambra East & Ogbaru, both State and Private owned properties.

Time: 9am to 3pm Daily
Date: January 15th, 2025 - January 28th, 2025,
January 29th, 2025 - February 12th, 2025,
February 13th, 2025 - March 5th, 2025,
March 6th, 2025 - March 26th, 2025,
March 27th, 2025 - April 8th, 2025,
April 9th, 2025 - April 16th, 2025,
April 22nd, 2025 -April 28th, 2025.

All landowners participating in the recertification and revalidation process are required to submit the following documents:

a. Copies of title documents, including Certificate of Occupancy, Deed of Assignment, Building Lease, Allocation Letters etc.
b. Originals of the title documents for verification.
c. A recent photograph of the applicant.
d. A recertification fee of 25,000 Naira is required and evidence of payment should be attached.
e. Application form can be obtained at ANAMGIS Service Center, Ministry of Lands or downloaded from www.mol.anambrastate.org
f. Notification of any unapproved changes in land use or subdivisions, (if applicable).

The public is strongly advised to comply and ensure their documents are recertified and revalidated to avoid any legal or administrative complications.

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ANAMBRA GOVT REASSURES INVESTORS OF CONDUCIVE, SAFE ENVIRONMENT



By Ekweaga Uzoma/Ogwuneme

The Anambra State Commissioner for Housing, Mr. Pauly Onyeka, has reassured investors of the state government's commitment to creating and sustaining a conducive and safe investment environment in the area.

The commissioner gave the assurance in his office at Jerome Udoji State Secretariat, Awka, when he received in the audience a team from Anambra J. C. Michaels, a developer of the Anambra International Market, Isiagu.

He expressed happiness that Mr. Governor's call for Ndi Anambra to repatriate their wealth home (Aku luo uno) is yielding fruit.

The commissioner charged the developer to bring his experience, knowledge, and track record to bear on the new project. "You will do well to replicate the quality and standard you are known for in this project. Give us the best that is available anywhere.

"Feel free to share your challenges in the course of executing this project with the ministry. We will like to know and help you address any hitch that may impede the delivery of the project, as the government is ever ready to intervene.".

In the entourage were the contractor, Mr. Cai Junkie, Executive Director Project, Prof. Akaolisa Ezeagu, Facilitator, Amb. Anne Anazodo, and the company's secretary, Barr. I. Ilonze.

Soludo's Ambitious Plan, Dr. Mefor Calls on Anambra Residents to Pay Tax



By Rose Oranye

The Commissioner for Information, Anambra State, Dr. Law Mefor, on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, paid a courtesy visit to the Chairman/Executive Officer, Anambra State Internal Revenue Service (AIRS), Dr. Greg Ezeilo, at his office in Awka.

While addressing the AIRS Chairman, Mefor said he was there to familiarise himself with the institution and its management and see what could be done to sensitise Ndị Anambra on tax payment, which is necessary for the quick realisation of Soludo's ambitious plan for Anambra and the state's development.

According to him, Governor Soludo has a lot of mega projects ongoing in various parts of the state, which will be realised fully and in good time if the internally generated revenue is improved.

"When the Governor is crying about revenue, we can understand because he has a lot of mega multi-billion naira projects across the state, which is a testimony that he is putting the taxpayers' money to good use.

"It's a lot of pressure on you, and we are there in the Ministry of Information to help. We want to work with you, and we are ready to do whatever can be done to sensitise our people to understand that payment of tax is necessary, especially as the state does not get much from the centre, so we have to survive from inside.

Dr. Mefor commended Ndị Anambra for their support so far to the Soludo-led administration through the payment of taxes and urged them to do more.

"I'm sure that if Ndị Anambra are well mobilised and sensitised that their money is being put to use, they will be happy to pay their tax regularly. That's why I keep saying that Governor Soludo's achievements are underreported. Our people need to know about the achievements of the Soludo government and the projects and programmes in the works. Information ministry will therefore join hands with AIRS for a massive public enlightenment on tax compliance by our people," he said.

In his remarks, the AIRS Chairman, Dr. Ezeilo, stated that Anambra is making much progress under Governor Soludo through internally generated revenue from his office. He added that he is convinced that other states will soon come to study Anambra's revenue generation management.

Ezeilo, who used the opportunity to conduct the commissioner round the office, presented various awards won by AIRS as the best-performing government institution in the South-East, among others.

MEFOR URGES JOURNALISTS TO UPHOLD ETHICS, PROFESSIONALISM

By Obinwa Chikaodili/Henrietta Madichie

The Anambra State Commissioner for Information, Dr. Law Mefor, has called on media practitioners to uphold the highest standard of ethics and professionalism, emphasising the need for fair, accurate, and objective reporting to strengthen their credibility as society's watchdogs.

Dr. Mefor made this appeal on October 25, 2024, during a courtesy visit by the state chapter of the Nigeria Association of Women Journalists (NAWOJ), led by its chairperson, Comrade Tochukwu Ifejirika, in his office at the Jerome Udorji Secretariat, Awka.

While highlighting the press's critical role in ensuring effective governance and promoting democratic dividends, the commissioner urged journalists to prioritise Anambra State in their reporting.

According to him, the achievements of this government are underreported, underscoring the media's responsibility to shape public perception and spotlight the successes of the administration.

In her remarks, Comrade Ifejika expressed gratitude to the commissioner for the warm reception, reaffirming NAWOJ's commitment to upholding ethical journalism and pledged the association's cooperation with the state government to drive meaningful progress.

She was accompanied on the visit by some members of NAWOJ.



ANAMBRA SPEAKER, UDEZE DESCRIBES THE LATE PROF. HUMPHREY NWOSU AS AN UNSUNG HERO

By Chizoba Okeke

The Speaker of Anambra State House of Assembly, Mr. Somtochukwu Udeze, has said that the late former Chairman of the National Electoral Commission (NEC), Prof. Humphrey Nwosu, offered his best to ensure the growth and development of Nigeria's democracy.

In his condolence message to the family of the late Professor Nwosu on behalf of the state legislature, Udeze enjoined politicians to always reflect on the political reforms established by the late Professor Nwosu to move the country forward.

The Speaker, who extolled the late Prof. Nwosu's innovative Option A4 voting and Open Ballot system, reiterated his call on the federal government to honour the late Prof. Nwosu by naming an important federal institution after him.

He commended the late Prof. Nwosu for initiating payment of salary to traditional rulers when he was a member of the state executive council during the tenure of Governor Samson Emeka Omeruah in the old Anambra State.









THE GOVERNMENT PROVIDES FREE WIFI AND SOLVES POWER ISSUES IN OFFICES AS IT INSTALLS A SOLAR SYSTEM.

By MaryAnn Chukwuma

The Government of Anambra State has recently installed free WiFi in its offices to further enhance its technologically driven smart city agenda in the state.

The free WiFi provided ensures that every person within the state secretariat enjoys unlimited internet access around the clock.

With this, workers are no longer challenged with performing their tasks daily since the system does not depend on the epileptic EEDC power source but generates its power from the installed solar energy system.

Interacting with an information office, the Permanent Secretary, Office of the Head of Service, Mr. Adebayo Ojeyinka, expressing his joy about the recent development, said the installation of the systems has returned speed and efficiency in task performance among workers in the Secretariat.

The Permanent Secretary thanked the government and the Head of Service, Lady Okwy Igwegbe, for painstakingly ensuring that the workers got all they needed to perform their tasks effectively and timely.

Equally thanking the government, James Nsionu, a civil servant, expressed his joy at the provision of free WiFi and constant power by the state government. He said he now looks forward to reporting to the office every morning, bearing in mind that all his jobs and tasks would be performed effectively and timely without having to worry about internet access and power.

2024 WORLD POLIO DAY: SOLUDO'S WIFE ADVOCATES FOR SUSTAINED POLIO VACCINATION OF CHILDREN IN ANAMBRA

By Chukwudi Nwauba



As the world marked this year's 2024 Polio Day celebration, the Anambra Governor's wife, Dr. Mrs Nonye Soludo, has urged nursing mothers to sustain the vaccination of their children in the state.

Mrs. Soludo gave the charge while speaking to journalists shortly after administering the poliomyelitis vaccine to some babies at the Primary Healthcare Centre, Amawbia, Awka South LGA, as part of activities to commemorate the day.

According to the governor's wife, as it stands today, there is no recorded case of poliomyelitis in Anambra State, and it has been like that in the past 10 years because Anambra women are very cooperative and give greater attention to their children.

"The day provides an opportunity to highlight global efforts toward a polio-free world and honour the tireless contributions of those on the frontlines in the fight to eradicate polio from every corner of the world.

"Vaccination is the key to complete eradication.

"Get your children vaccinated and give them the gift of life by preventing polio.".

Mrs Soludo, while commending the State Commissioner for Health, Dr. Afam Obidike, the World Health Organisation (WHO), the management of the Nonye Soludo Healthy Living Initiative, and other health partners for their continuous advocacy of healthy living, assured that the current administration of her husband, Chukwuma Soludo, will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that the virus is completely eradicated in Anambra State.

Earlier, the State Commissioner for Health, Dr. Afam Obidike, said that World Polio Day is observed on October 24 each year to raise awareness about polio and efforts to eradicate the disease. According to him, the celebrations often include events organised by health organisations, government bodies, and communities around the world, featuring educational programs and vaccination drives. Dr. Obidike assured that the state government would continue to do everything humanly possible to sustain the measures used in curtailing the spread of viruses across the state.

The event organised by the State Ministry of Health in collaboration with WHO also featured a road walk accompanied by Rotary Club International, Awka District.



SOLUDO POWERS PUBLIC-COMMUNITY-PRIVATE -PARTNERSHIP (PPCP) TO DEVELOP ANAMBRA

MAXIM UZOATU

Governor Charles Chukwuma Soludo, CFR, has a well-thought-through pragmatic agenda to transform Anambra State into a liveable and prosperous homeland that every Anambra person will be proud of.

Mr. Governor is inviting wealthy Ndi-Anambra in the country and the Diaspora to take advantage of the Public-Private-Community-Partnership (PPCP) by collaborating with the State Government to engage in developing specific projects in their respective communities and local governments.

Governor Soludo was in Akpo community to commission two grassroots projects – a renovated primary healthcare centre and a constructed 2.4 km road – in the PPCP drive. The support of Mr Governor was immediate as he announced the commencement of the construction of a 7km road project linking Akpo in Aguata LGA with Ogboji in Orumba South LGA.

The great crusade of Governor Soludo ensures a balanced and inclusive approach to infrastructural development so that communities can get involved by taking ownership of schools, health facilities, roads, water projects etc. People and communities can construct new projects; renovate and rehabilitate existing ones; provide the needed equipment to make the facilities function optimally, and so on.

Governor Soludo's sterling performance in less than three years in office is a testament that whatever he has promised Ndi-Anambra is realisable. If he can achieve so much within a short space of time with so little, it then goes to foretell what he can do with the support of his people.

The illustrious sons and daughters of Anambra State, home and abroad, have a sacred duty to partner with Governor Soludo at this critical time to transform our dear state into a viable and enviable prosperous corridor in this country. Anambra has the right kind of people that can make this happen.

Governor Soludo has continuously vowed that he will publicly account for every Kobo put in his hands to work for Ndi-Anambra. He has been proven right by a dispassionate independent report of BudgIT which ranked Anambra State as the first among the States Fiscal Transparency League (SFTL).

Given the obvious paucity of funds, the government cannot possibly provide all the 179 communities in Anambra State with all their infrastructural needs at the same time.

It is noteworthy that without the money of the American Jews in the Diaspora, the emergence of the State of Israel would not have been possible. This development model should be embraced by Anambra's illustrious sons and daughters.

It is crystal clear to all that Nigerians are living in an era in which the value of the scarce financial resources available to governments around the country had drastically dropped, comparative to what it used to be in the past.

This has compelled States, including our own dear Anambra, to become more resourceful by looking inwards. The only way to go is of course Internally Generated Revenue (IGR), but that is for only those who have the fat cows to produce the milk.

Anambra State happens to belong to the very privileged club, after Lagos and the three major oil producing States. With a N20-trillion size economy in terms of GDP, it is expected that the Anambra State Government revenue from taxes alone should go a long way to significantly buoy up the State's treasury.

When the now devalued receivables from the Federal Account Allocation Committee (FAAC), Abuja, are added, the government ought to be able to dispense with major capital and recurrent expenditures with greater ease, and can afford to sleep well.

Well over 99 percent of the funds in the Anambra State economy is circulating in the private sector while less than one (1) percent is with the government.

In the light of the huge obvious fiscal potentials, Anambra State could easily rank second after Lagos in terms of IGR. This is unfortunately not so as the economy comprises mainly of the informal sector where the small-scale businesses hold sway.

Unlike the formal sector where many decades of a strong legal framework has ensured a seamless taxation process, taxing the informal sector is fraught with all manner of problems, including political blackmail. Most democratically elected governments must perforce tread carefully to avoid the



landmines.

How then does a government that is eager to improve the quality of lives of its people proceed with the lofty agenda it has up its sleeves?

The Public-Community-Private-Partnership (PPCP) espoused by Governor Soludo is obviously the way to go. Ndi-Anambra with rich pockets in the different communities of the state should engage in healthy completion geared toward developing Anambra State.

Back in the 1970s, the different towns of Anambra State built secondary schools. This model can be replicated through the PPCP advocated by Mr. Governor, as exemplified by the commissioning of the two projects in Akpo community.

Insecurity: Dr Mefor Calls for Adequate Training and Profiling of Vigilante Operatives



By Rose Oranye

Anambra State Commissioner for Information, Dr. Law Mefor, on Monday, October 28, 2024, paid a courtesy visit to the Commissioner of Police, Anambra State, CP Nnaghe Obono Itam, to familiarise and share ideas on better ways to improve on the current security situation in the state.

Addressing the Police Commissioner at his office in Amawbia, Mefor opined that profiling and adequate training of vigilante operatives by the

police will not only enable prompt and proper flow of information but will help build their general orientation to effectively discharge their duties.

"I felt the need to see you. I speak for the government, and that means I have to comment on security issues whenever the need arises. We really need to be in touch so that we will be on the same page in matters of security.

"I want to commend the police for their efforts in combating crime. I am also worried about the issue of profiling of vigilante operatives in the state. Security challenges in Anambra State are becoming more and more asymmetric, meaning that a lot of the enemies are embedded. We need to know who the vigilante security operatives are. They need to be trained psychologically apart from weapon handling and otherwise.

"Undergoing training by the police will help build their capacity for the job. Most of them are barely trained in gun handling. If the vigilante security operatives are properly constituted, they will be an extension of the police and supply basic information that will help your work as expected in community policing. There's a need to fully recover the state from criminals," Mefor said.

Responding, CP Nnaghe Obono Itam expressed happiness over the Commissioner's visit and expressed commitment to improving the security situation of the state and urged Ndị Anambra to always cooperate with the police to enable the Force to serve them better.

While appreciating the Information Commissioner's suggestion about vigilante security operatives' profiling, CP Itam assured that the police have plans to restructure operations regarding the vigilante operations and other levels of security operations in the state.

The Police Commissioner further disclosed his plans to commence a radio program 'Ask the Police," with Anambra Broadcasting Service (ABS), where DPOs and other senior police officers will interact with the people in the weekly radio programme.

Soludo's Leadership Qualities, Worthy of Emulation - Ezeajughi



By Rose Oranye

Governor of Anambra State, Prof. Chukwuma Charles Soludo, has been extolled for his exemplary and positive leadership qualities, through which development is being brought to rural communities and all parts of the state.

The Chief of Staff to the Governor, Ernest Ezeajughi, made this known while speaking on the 'Impact of Positive Leadership in the Dynamics of Development' at the Annual Lecture Series in honour of the late Chief Joseph Ndubuisi Nwokedi, to mark the 3rd Ofala Festival of Igwe Sunny Ositadinma Nwokedi, Uthoko VI of Achalla, Awka North Local Government Area.

Ezeajughi, who represented the governor at the event, urged the people of the area to continue supporting Soludo's vision and aspirations for a second term in office to enable him to complete what he started.

"Since his inauguration as Governor of Anambra State, the state is wearing a new look. Things are happening in the state. If this is how the government is in Nigeria and other states, things would have been better. He's an exemplary leader whose leadership qualities should be emulated by others," he said.

The Chief of Staff further stated that the Governor has demonstrated that he came prepared to govern the state through his infrastructural and other development projects, including the 10 km road that leads to Achalla through Isuanaocha, which will reduce travel time from Awka to Achalla when completed, as well as the employment of over 8000 teachers, free primary and secondary education, free antenatal and delivery services, the building of new general hospitals, and the new Government House complex, among others.

The Chief of Staff was accompanied to the event by the Commissioner for Information, Dr. Law Mefor.

ANAMBRA INDUSTRIALISTS URGED TO RELOCATE HEADQUARTERS TO BOOST IGR



By Daniel Obagha

Anambra industrialists resident outside Anambra State have been urged to bring back the headquarters of their companies and businesses to the state to assist in the development of the state.

The Acting Director and Head of Department of High Networth Individuals (HNI) at the Anambra Internal Revenue Service (AIRS), Mrs Juliet Nwakpudolu made this appeal at her office while speaking with newsmen, stating that many industrialists and high networth businessmen from Anambra were not resident in the state.

She explained that many owners of companies and businesses do not keep proper records of their books to tell what they realised in a year and that they always complain of double taxation because they pay income taxes where they reside.

"So we send letters of appreciation to those who pay taxes and appeals to those who don't to contribute to the state's development.

"The Department of HNI is a special tax assessment unit targeting big businessmen in Anambra, including contractors, industry owners, expatriates, and even the governor and deputy governor through the Anambra State Identification Number (ANSID)9," she explained.



EDUCATION INVESTMENT KEY TO ACHIEVING DUBAI-TAIWAN VISION - GOV. SOLUDO

By David Okpala/Stella Okpala

The Anambra State Governor, Prof. Chukwuma Soludo, has emphasized the importance of quality education in achieving the state's "Dubai-Taiwan" development strategy. The governor who stated this during a visit to Ndi Akpo, maintained that investing in education is crucial for sustainable growth and development. He clarified that the Dubai Taiwan strategy encompasses building a formidable society through education, even without reliance on petroleum deposits.

He highlighted his administration's efforts in employing over 8,000 teachers in less than three years, aimed at ending the era of schools without teachers and provide quality education mechanisms. He praised Ndi Akpo for their commitment to education, urging them to continue their efforts and also announced plans to award a contract for the 7.1-kilometer Amesi-Akpo-Ogboji Road next month.

The occasion featured the commissioning of a college road and Comprehensive Health Centre, constructed through community efforts. Soludo promised to return to Akpo to commission more community-driven projects, including those at Community Secondary School, Akpo.

The event was attended by prominent figures, including Engr. Dominic Okafor, representing Aguata Federal Constituency, SSG, Prof. Solo Chukwulobelu, and Chairman of the LGA, Dr. Chibueze Ofobuike. The President General of Akpo Development Association, Nze Henry C. Dim, expressed gratitude for the governor's efforts and pledged support for his re-election bid in 2025.

INFORMATION COMMISSIONER ASSURES COLLABORATION WITH SOCIAL REFORMATION AGENCY FOR DRUG ABUSE, ANTI-CULTISM, AND MORAL REARMAMENT CAMPAIGNS

By Rose Oranye

The Anambra State Commissioner for Information, Dr. Law Mefor, has pledged his support to the newly established Anambra Civic and Social Reformation Office (ANCISOR) in tackling drug abuse, anti-cultism, and moral rearmament campaigns, emphasizing the need for behavior modification to create a better Anambra.

During a courtesy visit from ANCISOR's Managing Director, Sir Chuka Nnabuife, Dr. Mefor expressed concern over the rising moral decadence among youths, citing drug abuse, anti-cultism, and Yahoo Plus as major crises and assured ANCISOR that, together, they will make the agency a household name within months

Earlier, Sir Nnabuife explained that ANCISOR's mission is to promote Anambra State's core agenda, emphasizing the importance of a clean Anambra, obedience to the law and support for education, health and community development.





PRIORITIZE REGULAR HEALTH CHECK-UPS, ANAMBRA EXPERT URGES

By Ebele Egoh.

Mr. Joseph Achebe, a Radiographer at Comprehensive Health Center, Awkuzu has underscored the importance of regular health check-ups to monitor organ, tissue and bone viability, stressing that radiography plays a crucial role in diagnosing and treating diseases and injuries by capturing internal structure images to assess disease presence, foreign objects, structural damage or anomalies.

Achebe advised individuals experiencing symptoms like chest pains, coughs, waist pains, back pains or shoulder pains to undergo X-rays for accurate diagnosis, emphasizing that regular check-ups reduces costs and organ damage.

Achebe who explained that Comprehensive Health Center, Awkuzu has state-of-the-art equipment, including Direct Digital X-ray machines, CT scans, MRI, ultrasound and mammograms, noted that early detection and prevention are critical in averting complications and death, highlighting the importance of regular breast cancer screenings using mammograms.