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ANAMBRA NEWS AT A GLANCE



SOLUDO MAGIC: HOW SIT-AT-HOME ENDED IN ANAMBRA

By Law Mefor

All that change requires in a society is strong leadership and political determination to see it through. Palliative governance is the most that any leadership can achieve without strong political will and leadership. No hardcore reforms are feasible since the masses will fight change, however good and well-intentioned. Much like what he did in the banking sector as a reformer, Governor Chukwuma Charles Soludo, CFR, as the strong leader that he is, has seen many dramatic and fundamental changes since assuming office as governor; the latest is putting an end to the Sit-At-Home tale.

For five long years, Onitsha Main Market, the acclaimed largest market in West Africa, was shut every Monday. The Indigenous Peoples of Biafra (IPOB) ordered the Monday Sit-At-Home protest in the Southeast to demand the release of their incarcerated leader, Mazi Nnamdi Kanu, and it was widely celebrated. The great pity was that the Sit-At-Home shutdown, instead of helping toward the release of Mazi Nnamdi Kanu, only ended up haemorrhaging the Southeastern economy.

Governor Soludo, as a hands-on helmsman, took the lead in going to see Mazi Nnamdi Kanu in custody, where the IPOB leader stressed that he was not in support of the Sit-At-Home order and the attendant violence hurting the Southeast instead of his captors. It became evident that the proponents of Sit-At-Home had hidden agendas, particularly due to their refusal to engage in dialogue or respond to various pleas.

It then became incumbent on Governor Soludo to put an immediate halt to the madness. When a malfeasance persists for an extended period, people tend to perceive and observe it as a tradition. Soludo would not tolerate this. He targeted the epicentre of the malaise, the



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FROM THE EDITORIAL CORNER

COMMENDING GOVERNOR SOLUDO FOR RECLAIMING MONDAYS IN ANAMBRA

Governor Chukwuma Charles Soludo's decision to end the Monday sit-at-home in Anambra State is more than an administrative directive; it is a deliberate and intentional statement. It signals a government determined to reclaim normalcy and restore economic life in the state.

For five years, Mondays in Anambra became synonymous with silence—latched shops, empty streets, locked schools, and fear-induced compliance. What began as a protest tool metamorphosed into a crippling routine, exacting a heavy toll on traders, artisans, students, transporters, and small businesses whose survival depends on daily earnings.

The sit-at-home drained billions from the local economy, disrupted education, deepened unemployment, and reinforced a culture of fear.

In a state renowned for industry and entrepreneurship, this indeed crippled the economic system of the state.

Governor Chukwuma Soludo's restoration of Mondays in the state on Monday, February 2, 2026, is a daring feat precisely because it confronts this abnormality head-on. It acknowledges an uncomfortable truth: that prolonged disruption, no matter its origin, ultimately punishes ordinary citizens more than it advances any cause.

Governance, at its core, is about protecting livelihoods and ensuring that citizens can live, work, and learn without intimidation. By ending the sit-at-home, the Solution Government is choosing the side of the market woman, the bus driver, the student, and the struggling small and medium enterprise owner.

Mondays are not just another workday; they set the tone for the week. Reclaiming them sends a message that Anambra refuses to be defined by fear. It affirms the citizens' welfare over compulsion and underscores the state's readiness to protect public spaces and economic life. For investors and the wider business community, it is a reassurance that Anambra is serious about stability and growth.

However, citizens must feel safe enough to resume normal activities without apprehension. Security agencies must act professionally, avoiding excesses that could erode public trust. Government must communicate clearly and consistently, countering misinformation and demonstrating that the policy is not a one-off action but a sustained commitment. Equally important is addressing underlying grievances through lawful channels, ensuring that justice, inclusion, and dialogue remain central to the state's strategy.

Ultimately, Soludo's decision is a test of leadership in difficult times. It challenges the state to move from crippling to productivity, from fear to confidence. If matched with steady enforcement, transparent communication, and genuine engagement, the restoration of Mondays could mark a turning point—one where Anambra reclaims its pattern, its resilience, and its reputation as a place where enterprise thrives.

In choosing to end the sit-at-home, the Soludo administration has drawn a line between protest and punishment, between grievance and governance. Reclaiming Mondays is a necessary step toward reclaiming Anambra's future, and Prof. Chukwuma Charles Soludo deserves his flowers.

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closed Onitsha Main Market, on a Monday.

Let's go through the steps taken by Governor Soludo to end the protracted Sit-At-Home monster in Anambra State.

Through his mastery of consensus leadership, Governor Soludo convened a retreat of the Anambra State Executive Council (ANSEC), where the decision was reached to put an effective end to Sit-At-Home in all its ramifications and manifestations. Governor Soludo mandated civil servants to report to work every Monday, implementing a pro-rata salary system from now on.

Any worker who fails to work every Monday will have only himself to blame because no salary will be paid for any missed Monday workday. The governor imposed a pro rata salary payment system: no work on Monday means no pay for that Monday.

Then the pro-rata salary executive order was extended to teachers in the state. Parents were warned to release their wards to schools every Monday or their children would not be accepted on Tuesday.

Crucially, a dialogue was initiated with market leaders to allow markets to open on Mondays, but this effort was unsuccessful. Governor Soludo then paid a consequential visit to Onitsha Main Market on Monday, January 26, and closed it for one week in the first instance.

Two crucial meetings took place during the market's closure. On Thursday, January 29, Governor Soludo held a meeting with all the market leaders, numbering well over 3000, and an agreement was reached to open the markets every Monday, starting Monday, February 2.

The governor also tasked the traders of Onitsha Main Market with choosing between two options:



demolishing the Main Market and rebuilding it in two years as an ultra-modern international market comparable to the best in the world, or renovating the market by removing illegal structures, making improvements to the existing structure, and attempting to reasonably restore the original master plan of Onitsha Main Market to preserve its essence. The traders, through their leadership, chose the 2nd option – renovation of the Main Market.

Onitsha Main Market reopened for business on Monday, February 2, following the selection of the second option.

Governor Soludo was present at Onitsha Main Market that Monday, where he shopped while the applause of the traders echoed across the various lines and plazas.

Among the many articles Governor Soludo bought was a power bank to power his phone for more action, a phone, boxers and many more! He distributed some of the items he purchased and kept others for himself.

Soludo's decisive reopening of Onitsha Main Market exemplifies the immense power of a single individual. The world should commend Mr Governor for his refusal to submit to non-state actors.

The non-state actors have had their run of Sit-At-Home dictatorship for 230 Mondays, a dangerous order initiated on August 9, 2021. Soludo's command has put an end to the nonsense.

Soludo, a straightforward leader, prioritises leading by personal example. As Chinua Achebe wrote in The Trouble with Nigeria, "The Nigerian problem is the unwillingness or inability of its leaders to rise to the responsibility, to the challenge of personal example, which are the hallmarks of true leadership."

Soludo's ending of the Sit-At-Home charade is in character, just like his banking consolidation when he served as the Central Bank Governor, during which Nigeria's 89 beggarly banks were reduced to 25 global banking institutions.

It needs to be recalled that when Soludo was inaugurated as governor on March 17, 2022, the criminals who ordered Sit-At-Home had almost complete control over eight local governments in Anambra State, namely Aguata, Ihiala, Ekwusigo, Nnewi North, Nnewi South, Ogbaru, Orumba North, and Orumba South, where they built idolatrous camps. Soludo swiftly dismissed all of them, along with their fake native doctors and Ezenwanyi.

Governor Soludo's capacity to break the jinx and rest the spectre of Sit-At-Home and have Onitsha Main Market and indeed all markets in Anambra open every Monday is a true victory. That is simply another defining move of the reformer and exceptional leader.

HOW GOVERNOR SOLUDO BROKE THE MONDAY SIT-AT-HOME IN ANAMBRA STATE



By Chinyere Ogbuagu

The renewed and decisive effort to end the Monday sit-at-home exercise in Anambra State was ignited at an Anambra State Executive Council (ANSEC) End-of-Tenure Retreat, held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at the Lighthouse, Awka.

At the retreat, far-reaching resolutions were adopted to restore full economic activities across the state. Central to these decisions was the introduction of a pro-rata salary system, making attendance at work on Mondays compulsory for civil servants, with salary forfeiture every Monday for non-compliance.

This policy was extended to teachers in both public and private schools across the state.

In addition, the state government opened a one-week window for intensified dialogue with market union leaders, led by the Special Adviser to Governor Soludo on Markets and Parks, High Chief Evarist Uba (Ozo Nnabuenyi). This engagement was a continuation of sustained consultations that had been ongoing for over two years, during which market leaders repeatedly assured the government of their readiness to reopen markets on Mondays.

However, following the failure of traders to reopen the Onitsha Main Market on Monday, 26th February, 2026, as they promised, Governor Chukwuma Charles Soludo personally visited the market and observed near total non-compliance, as less than one per cent of the traders were around.

In response, the government ordered the closure of the market for one week, with a clear warning of a possible one-month closure should defiance persist after the end of the one-week closure.

Subsequent high-level engagements between the government and traders on Thursday, 29th January, and Friday, 30th January, 2026, at the International Conference Centre (ICC) and the Lighthouse, Awka, respectively, culminated in a historic consensus between the Anambra State Government and market union and line leaders of markets across the state, including Onitsha Main Market. The meetings produced a collective agreement to end the sit-at-home exercise and resume normal market activities on Mondays.

During the engagements, Governor Soludo presented two redevelopment options for the Onitsha Main Market: Complete demolition of the existing structures to rebuild a new one or the renovation of existing structures with removal of illegal extensions. The market leadership unanimously opted for the second option, which involves renovation of the market and removal of illegal structures.

In line with the agreement, Onitsha Main Market recorded about 90 per cent compliance on Monday, February 2, 2026, marking a significant breakthrough.

Despite attempts by detractors to undermine the progress through misinformation and recycled videos depicting violence to scare the populace, the resolve of the government and the cooperation of traders prevailed.

This achievement underscores Governor Soludo's firm political will and commitment to restoring economic stability, positioning Anambra State on the path of renewed growth, productivity, and prosperity.

ANAMBRA STATE GOVERNMENT TAKES ACTION AGAINST LAND ENCROACHMENT

By Bonaventure Alufo



The Anambra State Government has taken decisive action against individuals attempting to encroach on government land in Onitsha.

The Anambra State Physical Planning Board (ANSPPB) Enforcement Team, supported by security personnel, recovered government land at Trans Nkisi Layout, 3-3, by NTA, Onitsha, after previous attempts were thwarted by thugs hired by the land grabbers.

During the operation, four suspects were apprehended and handed over to the police for questioning and prosecution. A local developer, who requested anonymity, praised the government's efforts, stating that no individual is above the law, and commended the Soludo-led administration for taking action.

In a related development, the government demolished a building in Ajakpani Village, Umunya, Oyi LGA, that blocked a communal access road. The Executive Secretary of Oyi Local Planning Authority, Mrs Udechukwu Obiagaeli, confirmed that the structure was illegally constructed and the action was necessary to restore public access.

NJIKOKA LGA FLAGS OFF N450M CHOOSE-YOUR-PROJECTS FOR 18 WARDS IN THE COUNCIL AREA



By Michael Ezenwata

The Njikoka LGA has flagged off the sum of N450M for choose-your-self project initiatives for 18 wards in the council area.

The flag-off ceremony took place at Ebe Ezi Orji Umuokpalaeri Enugwu-Ukwu Ward 1, where a N25M borehole project was flagged off by the member representing Njikoka One Constituency in the state House of Assembly, Hon. Chinedu Ibemeka.

Speaking during the occasion, Hon. Ibemeka described the project as a public enterprise, courtesy of the Njikoka LGA and under the All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA) Party leadership.

The legislator commended the council chairman for undertaking the project, expecting its beneficiaries to take ownership of the project being executed by Chief Chuks Onyemachukwu, an indigene of Enugwu-Ukwu.

In a speech at the occasion, the Chairman of Njikoka LGA, Barr. Dominic Ononiba noted that the project is for the benefit of the general public and will eventually go round the remaining 17 wards in the area.

In their separate remarks, the councillor representing Enugwu-Ukwu Ward 1, Hon. Francis Okafor; an APGA stalwart from Abba, Hon. Chibuikem John Okoye; Air Vice Marshall Ben Chiobi, an indigene of Abagana; and the project handler, Chief Onyemaenu, expressed delight that democracy is at work in Njikoka LGA.

In a vote of thanks, the Chairman of Umuokpalaeri village, Enugwu-Ukwu, Deacon Henry Okafor, appreciated the Mayor of Njikoka, Barr. Ononiba for mapping out the project for execution and promised to take ownership of the project.

MEASLES-RUBELLA VACCINATION: AGUATA TRADITIONAL RULER URGES PARENTS'/CAREGIVERS' CONSENT



By Florence Oduah/Charity Okechukwu/Chioma Ezeiru/Jacinta Okoye/Ann Ezenwa

The Chairman of the Aguata Local Government Area (LGA) Council of Traditional Rulers, Igwe Chidi Ezenwugo, has urged Ndi Aguata to allow their children to be vaccinated.

Speaking at the Aguata stakeholders sensitisation meeting on measles and rubella immunisation at the Maternal and Child Health Centre (MCH), Aguata LGA Secretariat, Igwe Ezenwugo, ably represented by the Traditional Ruler of Igboukwu, Igwe Alex Ejikemeuwa Azike, commended the Anambra State Government for the immunisation rollout across Aguata and the state in general.

He encouraged Ndi Aguata to support government programmes and key into the immunisation programme for their own benefit.

The Supervisor for Health in Aguata LGA, Hon. Joy Orah, expressed appreciation to the Anambra State Government for sponsoring the immunisation programme in collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

According to the Social Mobilisation Officer in the LGA, Mrs Happiness Arinze, the measles-rubella immunisation commenced from February 4th to February 15th, 2026, in schools, churches, Public Health Centres (PHCs) and other strategic locations, adding that those eligible to be immunised are children aged 9 months to 14 years.

I REAFFIRM MY UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO PEOPLE-CENTRED AND INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE TO MAINTAIN ANAOCHA'S GENUINE LOVE – HON. IBEKWE

By Chidimma Okoye

The Mayor of Anaocha LGA, Hon. Rome Ibekwe has reaffirmed his unwavering commitment to people-centred and inclusive governance that is guided by genuine love and deliberate actions with the intention of improving the welfare of the people of Anaocha.

These, he said in his new month message, as he described February as the season universally recognised for showing love, which produces unity in a shared sense of humanity.

He eulogised Ndi Anaocha for their continued cooperation, peaceful coexistence and support for his administrative vision, while urging all residents to remain law-abiding and to positively contribute to the collective growth and progress of LGA.



SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT: COMMISSIONER ODIMEGWU HOSTS, SENSITISES 21 LGAS SUPERVISORY COUNCILLORS



By Ruth Orji

In a bid to ensure a sustainable environment in all communities in line with Governor Chukwuma Soludo's five key pillars, the Environment Commissioner, Engr. Dr Felix Odimegwu, recently hosted, sensitised and got feedback from the 21 LG Supervisory Councillors in Anambra State.

In his address, the commissioner said that erosion was of special concern, as over 160 communities have been ravaged by the menace, placing the state on the map as the erosion capital of the world.

He implored all environmental officers to take up the position of environmental police in their respective places by ensuring that all indiscriminate waste disposal and erring individuals face the law.

In their separate contributions, Mr Henry Madu, Orumba North LG Supervisory Councillor, reiterated the need to synergise with the state in the area of waste evacuation. While Mrs Attah Chinyere, Anambra East Environment Supervisory Councillor, decried the absence of toilets in most buildings, incessant blockage of drainages and indiscriminate parking by keke drivers on both lanes of the roads in her community, which could result in avoidable accidents.

ANAMBRA WEST DEPUTY MAYOR, MRS NDIVE, CALLS FOR INCREASED PARENTAL PARTICIPATION IN MEASLES–RUBELLA IMMUNIZATION

By Felix Igboanugo

In a bid to bolster child health amid rising concerns over vaccine-preventable diseases across Anambra West, the Deputy Mayor, Hon. Mrs Edith Nkeiru Ndive, has called on parents and guardians to ensure that their children fully participate in the ongoing measles-rubella vaccination exercise.

Hon. Ndive made the appeal on January 30, during an interactive session with participants at the Measles–Rubella vaccination training held at the Comprehensive Healthcare Centre in Umueze Anam.

She described the programme as a vital step toward safeguarding the health and future of children across the local government area.



SIT-AT-HOME: ANAMBRA SCHOOLS RESUME FULL ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

By Obiageli Nwankwo

The Anambra State Commissioner for Education, Prof. Ngozi Chuma-Udeh, has confirmed that teachers across the state reported to their duty posts on Monday in compliance with Governor Chukwuma Soludo's directive.

At Community Secondary School, Ichida, 15 out of 19 teachers were present, with four absent on approved permission. At Community Secondary School, Achina, students were seen on the assembly ground receiving instructions from the principal, while Okongwu Memorial Secondary School recorded a large turnout of both students and teachers.

RURAL ELDER COMMENDS SOLUDO'S DOGGEDNESS IN HALTING MONDAY SIT-AT-HOME

By David Okpala/Stella Okpala

An elder, Mr Aloysius Okpalobi, has commended Governor Chukwuma Soludo's doggedness in halting Monday sit-at-home, describing the action as requisite to restoring Anambra State's economic viability.

He made his position public in an interaction with information officers at Akpo, in Aguata LGA.

Elder Okpalobi said, "Governor Chukwuma Soludo is indeed the man of the moment. He has an understanding of the times and acts when it is apt to act. Civil disobedience is allowed in a democratic setting; hence, it gives citizens the opportunity to express displeasure at government actions affecting them negatively. This is where the sit-at-home order came from, yet it outlived its relevance two years ago when Onyendu Nnamdi Kanu announced its halt. The Monday sit-at-home continuation after Nnamdi Kanu said to stop it two years ago is not only disobedience to him/Indigenous People of Biafra (IPoB) but also shooting oneself in the leg.

"Every reasonable Igbo man wants Nnamdi Kanu released unconditionally. Soludo is not an exception. If we must achieve this goal, wisdom ought to be applied. Let us therefore walk with Soludo to stamp out Monday sit-at-home," he said.



MONDAY COMPLIANCE: CHIEF OF STAFF, INFORMATION COMMISSIONER COMMEND ONITSHA NORTH MAYOR, TRADERS

By Kelechi Achukwu-Jide/Ifeanyi Nwegbo/Ogochukwu Muokugwo/Patricia Osegbue/Claribel Udah/Chika Obi/Anthonia Amaechina

The Chief of Staff to the Anambra State Governor, Mr Ernest Ezeajughi, alongside the Commissioner for Information, Dr Law Mefor, led a high-powered monitoring team to Onitsha Main Market on Monday to assess the resumption of full commercial activities.

The team, which included the Chief Press Secretary to the Governor, Mr Christian Aburime, among others, was at the market to verify firsthand the compliance of traders following the state government's efforts to restore the Monday business cycle.

Speaking during the assessment, the Chief of Staff, Mr Ernest Ezeajughi, urged traders to reflect on the massive economic drain caused by the "sit-at-home" phenomenon.

Reinforcing the government's position, the Commissioner for Information, Dr Law Mefor, expressed satisfaction with the high level of compliance from the traders and the proactive leadership of the Onitsha North Local Government Area.

“We are pleased with the traders and the Onitsha North mayor. We travelled from Awka specifically to gather firsthand information because the government values direct assessment over secondary reports,” Mefor said.

ANAMBRA ASSEMBLY CALLS ON GOV. SOLUDO TO DIRECT RELEVANT AUTHORITIES TO CONDUCT STAFF AUDIT IN MDAS

By Gloria Abugu

The Anambra State House of Assembly has passed a motion calling on the State Governor, Prof. Chukwuma Soludo, to direct the Head of Service, Barr. Theodora Okwy Igwegbe and the Chairman, Local Government Service Commission, Barr. Gloria Vin Ezeaka, to conduct a comprehensive staff and personnel audit across all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) in the state.

The Speaker of the Anambra State House of Assembly, Rt Hon. Somtochukwu Udeze, who presided over the plenary, said that the motion was adopted by the members of the House.

The motion was sponsored by Hon. Mimi Azikwe, representing the Onitsha North I Constituency, and was seconded by Hon. Johnbosco Akaegbobi.

Hon. Azikiwe explained that a staff and personnel audit is a systematic and comprehensive review of an organisation's human resources policies and practices aimed at assessing effectiveness and ensuring compliance with legal and regulatory standards.

She noted that the objective of the audit is to identify strengths and weaknesses within the workforce, align manpower capacity with organisational goals, and promote a more productive work environment.

The motion was supported by Hon. Noble Igwe, saying that the audit would help the state identify the strengths and weaknesses of its workforce, encourage diligent workers, and address cases where some staff



have abandoned their duty posts for other businesses.

Also contributing, Hon. Chuddy Atuchukwu, representing Nnewi South Constituency 1, said the audit would assist both the state and local governments to identify areas of staff shortages, facilitate proper posting and transfers, and determine workforce needs.

Following deliberations, the motion was unanimously adopted by the House and subsequently passed when the Speaker of the Anambra State House of Assembly put it into voice votes.

SOLUDO MOVES TO REPOSITION MAIN MARKET WITH PHASED RECONSTRUCTION, SECURITY AND PARKING REFORMS



By Ebele Iyke Odili/Amaka

The Anambra State Government has taken decisive steps to reposition the Main Market as a modern, secure, and investor-friendly commercial hub, in line with its vision of building planned and sustainable markets and cities across the state.

Governor Chukwuma Soludo announced this during a strategic meeting with Main Market traders at the Anambra State Lighthouse, where he unveiled a comprehensive reform agenda aimed at ensuring the market's relevance, safety, and economic viability for generations to come.

As part of the reforms, Prof. Soludo said that the government would embark on the recertification, decertification, and revalidation of shops to promote orderliness, safety, and proper regulation. He added that a multi-stakeholder committee would be constituted to transparently oversee the process and ensure traders' interests are protected.

The governor explained that the reconstruction would be carried out in phases, stressing that markets of significant security and economic importance remain a priority for the government.

Responding on behalf of the traders, the Chairman of the Main Market, Mr Chijioke Okpalaugo, confirmed that the government presented two clear options—total demolition and fresh construction, or phased reconstruction.

Mr Okpalaugo said the traders, after careful consideration, opted for the phased reconstruction, commending the governor for adopting an inclusive and consultative approach that allows commercial activities to continue while development progresses.



HON. MIMI AZIKIWE BEGINS CONSTITUENCY TOWN HALL TOUR IN ONITSHA NORTH







By Chioma Nwankwo/Claribel Udah/Chika Obi/Anthonia Amaechina.

The Member representing Onitsha North Constituency 1 in the Anambra State House of Assembly, Hon. Mimi Ifeoma Azikiwe, has launched a series of constituency-wide town hall meetings, beginning with Ward 9, as part of efforts to deepen grassroots engagement and transparent governance.

The meeting attracted a wide range of stakeholders, including traditional and religious leaders, market associations, youth groups, non-indigenes, security representatives, and members of various political parties under the IPAC platform, reflecting a shared commitment to community development.

Participants commended Hon. Azikiwe's accessible leadership and highlighted early achievements, including her role in facilitating road interventions and the launch of a Digital Technology Training Programme for youth empowerment.

Addressing the gathering, Hon. Azikiwe, who chairs the House Committee on Women Affairs and Social Welfare, said the town halls were designed to give constituents a voice in shaping her legislative priorities and constituency project affair.

The APGA Ward 9 Chairman, Hon. Chikezie Benedict, thanked residents for their turnout and contributions, urging them to remain actively involved in community and political affairs.

OCHANJA MARKET TRADERS RECORD POSITIVE COMPLIANCE IN REOPENING OF MONDAY MARKETS

By Obianuju Azukaego/Ngozi Okoli/Nkiru Anakor/Uchechukwu Molokwu

Following the firm determination of the Anambra State Government, led by Prof. Chukwuma Soludo, to restore normal economic activities on Mondays, Ochanja Central Market, Onitsha, has recorded positive compliance.

Information officers who visited the market on Monday reported that a good number of shops were open, with traders actively off-loading goods.

Speaking during an interview, the Chairman of the market, Chief Bonaventure Muo, said that both the market management and traders were in full support of the state government's decision to scrap the Monday sit-at-home order.

Chief Muo, who praised Governor Soludo's high level of knowledge and wisdom, said that these qualities have contributed significantly to the numerous developmental strides recorded in the state.

He said that over 2,500 traders opened their shops on Monday, even though many did not record sales due to low customer turnout, adding that traders from Cameroon, who usually patronise the market on Mondays, were present.

In his remarks, the Vice Chairman of the market, Chief Samson Okeke, commended the government's resolve to enforce full Monday market activities and encouraged traders who have resumed business not to be discouraged.