

Wife of the Rivers State Governor, Dame Judith Amaechi has awarded Scholarships to two indigent pupils in post-primary schools in the state. The pupils, Vivian Nwosu who withdrew from school due to paucity of funds after her father's death and Gloria Biobelle Iyalla, an orphan who could not further her education due to her less privileged status.

Dame Judith Amaechi made the pronouncement Friday during the 2009 Children Sports and Recreational Fiesta organized by the Port Harcourt Club.

The Governor's wife said she was touched by the superlative intelligence of the children, evident in their performance during the heat of the sporting and recreational activities. "From the available record, Miss Gloria Biobelle Iyalla and Vivian Nwosu have shown brilliance with their participation; their performance during the sporting programme is unequal despite their background".

The governor's wife further advised parents and guardians to provide enabling environment to chart a better future for children, adding that education is a practical approach to tackling poverty and correcting social vices.

Mrs Amaechi represented by the Commissioner for Women Affairs, Mrs Manual Izunwa, disclosed that the rural nursery schools in Rivers State initiated by the Empowerment Support Initiative (ESI) is to encourage mass literacy and foundation education for less-privileged Rivers children, adding that children occupy the centre state of this administration.

"Our children are our future and we must give them a pride of place. The ESI children nursery school is intended to provide early educational framework which will encourage learning at an early age.



Vice President Goodluck Jonathan, congratulating Gov. Chibuike Amaechi of Rivers State over the successful hosting of the Fund Raising Dinner organized by the Presidential Task Force on Super Eagles 2010 World Cup qualification, at Aso Rock, Abuja.



Rivers State Deputy Governor, Engr. Tele Ikuru receiving a copy of the recommendations of the Elders' Council on waterfront renewal from Chief Victor Odili in Port Harcourt.

## Mrs. Amaechi Awards Scholarship To Indigent Pupils

The governor's wife in appreciation of the children peaceful conduct and dedication to the recreational exercise presented gifts items to the kids.

In his remark, the Club's President, Churchill Otil said the children's holiday programme was the Association's social responsibility and complementary to the state

government's human capital development effort in the state.

Highlights of the event included competition in sporting events, choreography, cultural dances, news casting among others.

## I Have Mega Plans For Rivers

Governor of Rivers State, Rt. Hon. Rotimi Chibuike Amaechi has revealed his "big plans" to make the state the cynosure of all eyes in terms of infrastructural development and capacity building.

The Governor who stated this in Abuja during a News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) interview disclosed that part of the mega plans include massive investments in sectors such as housing, power, general infrastructure, and making Port Harcourt a state capital devoid of slums and shanties.

The State Chief Executive stressed that a new modern hospital is being constructed at a whopping cost of \$150 million while another N60 billion has been earmarked for the construction of the new Rivers State University of Science and Technology.

The Governor said, "the state is developing rapidly. We are expanding the city and there is a new city project that is about 42,000 sq metres".

He revealed that the state will improve its electricity supply so as to boost the economic and social activities of the state.

"The state" the governor maintained "will increase its electricity generation

By Wilson Uchendu

by 100 mw in October. This will bring our generation capacity to 280mw," he stressed.

The Governor however admitted that the problem of power in the state is distribution and not generation.

He said, "the problem with electricity in the state is distribution and we have been talking with the Power Holding Company of Nigeria

(PHCN) to retreat while we take over the generation and distribution".

The Governor hinted that though PHCN has not agreed to that plea, the consultations are still on-going in that direction.

The "Action Governor" remarked that since his inception as the state chief security officer, crime has been reduced to about 80%.

He stated, "we have been able to

~ Gov. Amaechi

curb the high rate of crime I met on ground, I will say at least by 70% to 80 percent".

The Governor maintained that his success was made possible with the support of the Federal Government led by the President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua who have sworn to protect the lives and property of every Nigeria.

## Three-Day City Wide Crusade Ends In Obrikom

A three-day city wide crusade has ended at Obrikom with a call on the elders, traditional rulers and politicians to desist from manipulating the youths to achieve their selfish ends.

The Guest Speaker of the Crusade Apostle Dr. Lawrence Rufus Amala who gave the admonition contended that a society with visionless youths is capable of heading to destruction.

He told them to be mindful of God's wrath when going against His laws. He said that such attitudes had

brought doom and damnation to people of the old and the new generation of Christ's kingdom.

In his evangelical admonition, the President of the Obrikom Council of Ministers, Reverend Dr. E.O. Ezekiel stressed on the importance of people to embrace the peace of God which is permanent and shun the peace man claims to give which is momentary.

He used the occasion to commend the Chairman of Obrikom Peace and Reconciliation Committee, Engineer Clement Nwaogwu and

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his committee and the Councilor representing ward five (5) Hon. Messiah Eluozo for enhancing the peace process that led to the enthronement of peace in the community.

Also speaking, the Chairman of the Obrikom Peace and Reconciliation Committee, Engineer Clement Nwaogwu gave thanks to God for the successful three (3) day city wide crusade in Obrikom.

Engineer Nwaogwu commended

## Njemanze Residents Co-operate With Govt.

By Okechukwu Geoffrey

Residents of Njemanze water front in Port Harcourt have started co-operating with government as majority of them last week were seen packing their loads without any form of reluctance.

Some of the residents who spoke to our correspondent over the weekend maintained that as law abiding citizens they have decided to accept the order in good faith but regretted that not much time was given to them to relocate even though government has played its commendable role by settling them.

Some also decried the immediate demolition of the area as soon as payment was concluded pointing out that they have been sleeping outside since demolition in the water front began.

Be that as it may, tenants in the Njemanze area are right now at logger-heads with their so called landlords who have refused to settle them after receiving huge amount of money from government.

According to them, some of the landlords after receiving money from government decided to take off without coming back while those who managed to come back for their remaining property boldly told their tenants to find their way and denied being settled by government.

It would interest our teeming readers to know that while government has commenced demolition of the water fronts, some of the tenants are still busy chasing their landlords who have disappeared with the money knowing full well that their rent has expired.

You will recall that government has said it has recently spent the sum of eight hundred million naira as payments to water front residents while it has kept another five hundred million naira for further settlement.

Meanwhile, the demolition of Njemanze waterfront is a proof that government will definitely get to all the areas it has earmarked for demolition.

Are there still doubting Thomases?, Many ask.

the Obrikom Council of ministers for their doggedness in executing the total restoration of the land programme, which he said was made possible by the grace of God.

He urged the people of Obrikom to embrace the word of God and abide in it, saying that it is only God that brings peace on a people in any difficult and chaotic situation.

The Chairman said that it takes acceptance of the living God to draw inspiration to ensure that man received the wisdom to do things the way they could, salvage a people and attract Gods blessing which is immutable.