

# Board Member Tasks Youths To Engage In Meaningful Projects

A member of the newly constituted Rivers State Universal Basic Education Board (UBE) Hon. Lucky Ugochukwu Worluh has tasked youths in the state to engage themselves in meaningful projects and shun cultism and other acts capable of distracting the good intention of the present administration in the state.

Worluh who gave the advise when youths of the Redeemed Church of God Resurrection Parish, Area Zonal Headquarters, Rivers Province II paid him a courtesy visit in his office commended them for embarking on youths acquisition programme especially now that the country is doing everything

possible to put an end to youths restiveness and other cult related activities.

He challenged them to go back home and engage in programmes and activities aimed at improving the country and Rivers State in particular.

Describing the State Governor, Rt. Hon. Rotimi Chibuike Amaechi as a youth

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who is also pro-active in his dealings, he said what was expected of the people at this point in time was to key into the prospects and vision of the Governor even at the local government levels where a lot of developmental projects are on-going.

Worluh who occupies the

position of Board Member I in the state UBE board however called on the youths to visit schools and sensitize them on the need to live a meaningful life and described education as the bedrock of any society.

The educationist on-behalf of the board also appealed to youths in the country to play politics devoid of violence as according to him, no meaningful development can be achieved in an atmosphere of rancor and acrimony.

He opined that the ongoing re-branding programme enunciated by Prof. Dora Akuyili, Minister of Information, should take into consideration the re-branding of the country and the people if it must achieve its desired goals while thanking the youths for the visit.

Earlier in their address read by the President Bro. Samuel Chinnah the youths told the BMI that they were in his office to thank God for the honor done him as the bible also stated very clearly that those in authority should be respected.

He described October as the month in which youths of

the church visit their members whom God has blessed as a way of sharing their joy and feeling with them.

He said that Hon. Lucky Worluh has touched lives morally, educationally and spiritually which is why God has made him high to shine and prayed God to continue to bless him.

They used the medium to inform the Board Member I of the skill acquisition programme set up by the youths as a way of assisting the less privileged in the society.

The ceremony featured a formal handing over of a letter informing Hon. Worluh of the skill acquisition programme.



Mr. Lucky Worluh

# Ejected Land Owner Cries Out

## ... As Imminent Death Stares Him and Family

If information at our disposal is anything to go by the Eresu family in Beakogoro Beeri Community, Khana Local Government Area of Rivers State are at the verge of being wiped out from the surface of the earth owing allegedly to the actions of the number four person in the Rivers State Government, member representing Khana Constituency II and his cohorts.

Narrating his sad story to the *Beam Office* amidst sob and occasionally referring to a dirty file and diary he was clutching, the head of the

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surviving in exile through public spirited individuals.

The victim disclosed further that it is only by the grace of God that he has not lost any of his fifteen (15) children to hunger, sickness or criminals at the uncompleted building they are squatting.

Rev. Eresu prayed that the authorities should not only cause the prominent politician who is second in command in the legislative arm of government to allow his family return home safely but their property retrieved from

plans to us and we escaped while the killers vented their anger on my property destroying looting and burning down everything".

He also recalled how Bob Satan" was allegedly killed shortly after wards in a shoot out with men of the Joint Military Task Force (JTF) and that Joy Nunieh and her group allegedly accused him of master minding the death of his innocent brother. He was then arrested and thrown into detention for months without bail. Rev Eresu said he was miraculously released when the militant group came on a



Rev. Joseph Eresu and family

family Rev. Joseph Eresu said he was directed to the press as a last resort to seek help from public spirited individuals and indeed Governor Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi whom he said has a listening ear for the down-throdden and the oppressed in the society.

Rev. Eresu looking haggard and hungry disclosed that close to one year now since he and his family were chased out from their comfortable home and their property destroyed by thugs allegedly belonging a prominent figure in government and one popular lawyer from Beeri who are interested in his vast plots of landed property situated at Wiiberago/kpong Road in Khana LGA, they have been

them.

He narrated that sometime

revenge mission at the Bori Police Station which

# Ikanya Thanks God For Mercy

The Kings Faith Assembly Church, Rumuomoi Port Harcourt was a beehive of activities Sunday, October 11, 2009 when the newly reappointed Honourable Commissioner for Special Duties, Davies Ibiama Ikanya literally dragged his friends, well-wishers, family members and political associates for a thanksgiving in appreciation of God's favour on him and his family.

Preaching the sermon the host pastor, Rev. Imo Umanah noted that nothing moves God like praises and gratitude.

Taking his text from Psalm 69:29-30, he charged mankind to always develop the attitude of thanking God for every little favour he bestowed on them.

"The purpose of God is first to lift you up", Rev. Umanah emphasize this with the story of the ten lepers in the Bible God healed and one of them came back to say "thank you".

The Commissioner's wife, Mrs. Ruth Ikanya used the opportunity to thank God and indeed all those who assisted them in

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prayers during their short break, adding that with God all things are possible especially for those who believed in Him.

The Commissioner said it is important to trust and hope in God because he considers His own things as it pleases Him, for the fulfillment of his works.

The Commissioner for Urban Development, Osima Gina who said they were twins by virtue of their background as opposition candidates said he was lonely in the cabinet without Ikanya but thanked His Excellency for the



Mr. Osima Gina

reappointment of the commissioner, adding that together they will complete what they have started in the interest of the people.

On his contribution Hon. (Engr.) Tonye Princewill the A.C. leader in the state said he was also grateful for their reappointment even though he had no hands in the arrangement.

He used the opportunity to emphasize once more that the challenge to improve the living standard of his people forced him into politics, adding that constructive criticism which they are providing is an integral part of the government and thank God that Governor Amaechi has a listening ear to accept advise that will improve the peoples welfare.

Guests were later entertained at the couples GRA home.

Many political supporters and associates who spoke to our publication expressed gratitude for the second opportunity and advised the Commissioners to ensure that they are carried along in the scheme of things especially with the approaching election year in sight.

**A**foremost Traditional Ruler in Rivers State and former Deputy Governor of Old Rivers State HRM, Amb. King (Prof) Dr. Frank A. Eke (JP, K S C , C O N ) Eze Gbakagbaka of Ikwerre kingdom has thrown his weight behind the forthcoming maiden Niger Delta Tourism Cultural Fair & Exhibition next month in Port Harcourt.

The monarch gave his total support, last week in his palace when the central

planning committee of the event led by the Project Coordinator, Dr. Kenneth Kalu paid him a courtesy visit.

He expressed gratitude for what the organizers are doing and commended their decision to visit as a wise one indeed, adding that he has accepted them as his children.

# Eze Gbakagbaka Throws Weight Behind 1<sup>st</sup> N'Delta Tourism Fair

By **Joe Kalu**

His Majesty commended the team for embarking on such a gigantic project, stressing that if this generation of Nigerians "cannot prepare, produce and showcase what we are as a people, we are doomed".

He made it known that the peoples culture and

tradition are interwoven and deep rooted.

honoured their invitation to attend the flag-off ceremony as one of the venue for the Fair and promised the state government's support in hosting two of the segments of the programme namely, food festival, modeling & fashion show.

This the project coordinator said was a way to add spice to the tourism industry in the state.

Mr. Kalu reported that but for paucity of hotel accommodation in Akwa-Ibom State, the Governor would have hosted the entire event.

In their separate speeches the first class traditional rulers visited by he team expressed happiness that a group has thought of the revival of the region's culture and tradition pledging their support and cooperation towards the success of the programme.

HRM Etim Atakpo, the Ahta Oro of Oron nation; HRM Okuku Pius Eside, the Itai Affe Anang and HRM Ntisiong Ibibio, Edidem Essien Ekidem all gave their blessings to the committee members and vowed to always be readily available to support the project in the

interest of the region in particular and the nation at



Dr. Kalu paying homage to Eze Frank Eke

## Supreme Court Shortlists 48 Lawyers For SAN

By **Wilson Uchendu**

The nation's apex court, the Supreme Court has short-listed 48 lawyers for consideration as Senior Advocates of Nigeria, (SAN)

in a statement released by the Chief Registrar of the Supreme Court and Secretary, Legal Practitioners Privileges Committee (LPPC), Musale Usman, the successful candidates who were asked by the public to comment on their integrity until Friday this week include; Mike Ozhehome, Dorothy Udeme Ufot, Rotimi Orji Nwafor Orizu, Chukwuma Ekomaru, Joe Ojo, Olusima Sofola, O.O. Ojutalayo, Offiong Bassey Offiong, Adekunle Ogunba, Akinlaja Moses, A.J Owonikoko, Fredson Chijioke, Okoli, Toyin Pinheiro, Patrick Ochejela Okoro, and others.

Last year about 126 lawyers, 117 advocates and 19 academics applied for the position.

After the screening 3 academics and 61 advocates were certified to have met the requirements for the award but at the end 26 were confirmed.

The position of SAN is an equivalent of Queen's counsel in United

Kingdom and South Australia.

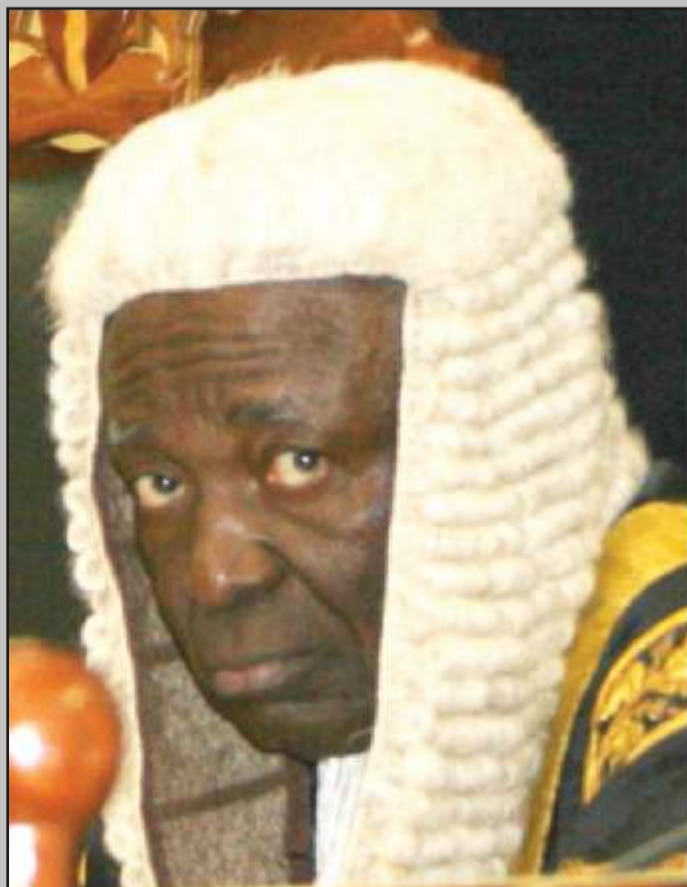
In Nigeria a SAN is said to have been admitted into the Inner Bar" distinctive from the junior advocates who sit at the 'Outer' chamber.

With this appointment, the number of Senior

Advocates in Nigeria has been upped to 300.

It is conferred on lawyers who have at least ten years experience at the bar and who have excelled in their duties.

SAN was first conferred on the late doyen of the bar, Rotimi Williams in April 3 1975.



CJN Idris Kutigi

## N1m. Tears Elibrada Political Forum Apart.

By **Okechukwu Geoffrey**

One million naira given to some members of the Elibrada Political Forum by Emeh Glory Emeh is causing ripples in Elibrada community as those who did not benefit from the largesse have threatened to unleash mayhem on the beneficiaries and the entire community.

Beam Checks gathered that Emeh Glory Emeh former Chief of Staff to Sir Celestine Omehia recently invited some members of the Elibrada political forum for a meeting in his house in Port Harcourt whereby some strategies were mapped out should there be fresh election in the state.

This publication reliably gathered that at the end of the meeting Emeh Glory Emeh allegedly gave the people the sum of one million naira to share whereby the eleven of them who

attended the meeting received fifty five thousand naira each.

However, the people of Elibrada are right now said to be living in fear as some of the youths there have threatened fire and brimstone should their leader one Mr. Oti fails to give them their own share of the pay.

The boys are particularly angry with Mr. Oti for not informing them about the meeting and his failure to disclose the amount given to the group by Emeh.

Emeh the Beam checks gathered, during the meeting brain-washed the boys tasking them to get prepared at all cost to edge out the present administration peradventure the Appeal Court rules that fresh election be conducted in the state.

But what the former Chief of Staff and his

team seen to have forgotten in a hurry was that the incumbent Governor Rt. Hon. Rotimi Chibuike Amaechi has come to stay having been declared as the rightful candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party in the state.

However, some Rivers people who reacted on the development however appealed to the state government to quickly mobilize men of the Police Force to the community so as to avoid any crisis regarding the money and called on Emeh Glory Emeh to desist from any act capable of plunging Elibrada community into trouble.

You will recall that Emeh Glory Emeh was the immediate past Chief of Staff to the five month old illegal government of Sir Celestine Omehia that was disgraced out of office on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2007 by the Supreme Court of Nigeria.

# “Oha” Charles Amaechi Fetes Friends

## ...As He Clocks 53

By

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God himself, adding that with his brother's strong character he was sure the younger Amaechi will not betray the confidence reposed in him by the

The “Believers” Avenue, Port Harcourt home of “Oha” (Sir) Charles Amaechi was a beehive of activities over the weekend as he feted friends and well-wishers during the celebration of his 53<sup>rd</sup> birthday party.

In his remarks shortly after cutting the gigantic castle-like birthday cake baked by his beautiful wife the celebrant noted with pleasure that God Almighty has been gracious to his family and that nothing would make them deviate from the solid Christian foundation their parents laid for them.

The Rivers State Governor's elder brother disclosed further that though the challenges have been undaunting they were eternally grateful to God who has been seeing them through the vicissitudes of life and prayed God not to pass them by, as He goes about touching people's lives, a statement Oha Amaechi depicted in his favourite song.

The celebrant used the opportunity to reiterate the family's unshaken belief in the Catholic faith and prayed God to always be with his brother the Governor and give him the enablement to deliver the dividends of democracy as ordained by

people.

“Dede” as he is fondly called by his admirers equally used the opportunity to assure the governor of the family's support and indeed that of

Ubima community.

Guests were treated with sumptuous meals while “Makossa” girls, Alaowerri cultural dance, Joyful Brothers and Junior Michael Jackson of Africa” provided entertainment through their acrobatic dance steps.

All those who spoke to this publication Lady Lilian Amaechi (wife), Mr. Oliver Orlu Orlu, friend, Eze Amadi, Daniel Saew neighbour, Chief Asonye, Lucky Amadi (cousin), Hon. Okey Oporum and Chief C. Jokafor, a freight forwarder all paid glowing tributes to the celebrant “Oha Charles Amaechi for what they considered his friendly disposition and philanthropic mien, advising him not to relent in this regard.

They also advised him to continue solidifying the home front for the governor his brother.

Prior to the visit, he disclosed that the CPC had visited three other first class traditional rulers in Akwa-Ibom State and of course, His Excellency, Governor Godswill Akpabio of the state.

In his remark, the state Chief Executive appreciated the CPC for considering Akwa-Ibom State.



Oha Charles

# Incredible!!!

## Pandemonium In Diobu

### ...As Banker Collapses, Dies In Brothel

By

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Suddenly, the prostitute rushed out sweating and panting alarmed. “Make una come o”, I no no wetin de do this man o”, she cried.

Sympathizers rushed back with her into the room and met the man shaking and foaming from his mouth.

Every first aid effort applied to revive the dying man proved abortive and he eventually died.

The unfortunate lady amidst sob narrated how they had just settled down for “business” after the foreplay before her lover started shaking and she raised alarm.

Many people who rushed to the scene on hearing the news however did not believe her story.

Not a few people especially those who are experts in the business believed that it is either the man had not eaten and was exhausted after the first round or he was poisoned out rightly by his enemies.

In no time the police who had been called by phone

arrived the scene of the incidence.

The crowd obviously scared of the police mass arrest dispersed immediately.

After asking the hotel manager and the suspect few questions, the body was taken to a nearby clinic at Ojoto by Ihediohama Street, Diobu where he was confirmed dead.

The police and the medical team drove through the milling crowd to the Mile 3 Police Station, where the corpse and his car was deposited before transferring it to the mortuary.

When the beautiful wife of the man was called upon through her husband's GSM, she was full of curses for her man for bringing so much disgrace to the family.

“What is it that you derive here that we don't have or the style these idiots give you that I don't provide for you or even the type of

pleasure their own body provide for you that mine don't have” she cried.

Madam cursed the day she accepted to marry his late husband.

Meanwhile, when our reporter visited the hotel shortly after the incidence, the hotel manager refused to speak with him but referred him to the prostitute in question or the police for any enquiry.

The hotel and even those around it were in disarray and business came to an abrupt close.

There was however a funny aspect of the development, those clients who were yet to complete their love making business before the pandemonium demanded to have their money back but the angry call girls threatened to deal with them if they hear any more of that “Unna de maad, you no de fear face? They no tell you say na non refundable deposit?”. They called.

## 2011 LGA Polls:

# RSIEC Organizes Workshop For Staff

By

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The Rivers State Independent Electoral Commission (RSIEC) has commenced preparations for the 2011 Local Government Elections in Rivers State with a capacity building workshop on information and communication technology for its staff.

The workshop which began on Monday October 12, 2009 according to Sam Woka, the commission's Director of Public Affairs would be declared open by the RSIEC Commissioner in - charge of Administration and Training. Mrs. Florence Amiesiemaka.

According to the Public Affairs Director the

Commission is poised to improve on the conduct of 2011 election with acquisition and updating of its equipment and the training and retraining of its core staff.

He maintained that the ICT workshop would be handled by DEL and BEN Nigeria Limited, a licensed NIIT at No 1 Kaduna Street, D/Line in Port Harcourt. He added that the workshop will kick off at Nine in the morning beginning from Monday through Friday and will last for three weeks and enjoined those affected to avail themselves of the opportunity provided by the commission.

# AC Chieftain Hails Amaechi's Strides

By

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Chieftain of the Action Congress in the state, Mr. Suage Bade has hailed the developmental strides of the State Governor Rt. Hon. Rotimi Chibuike Amaechi.

Bade who scored the Governor high last Saturday when he featured alongside others in the Rhythm FM Programme “View Point” said Governor Amaechi has done well in the education and health sectors including road even though the projects are yet to be all completed.

The state Chairman of the party also said that a lot needs to be done to bring the governor's dreams to fruition stating that all hands must be on deck to make Rivers State a nice place to be.

He particularly lauded the efforts of the Commissioners of Health and Works for the feats so far achieved and encouraged them to do more while describing the Governor's two years in office as full of achievements.

On his part, the Governor's Senior Special Assistant on Media, Mr. David Iyorfo described the present

administration in the state as people-oriented, pointing out that the next two years of this Government will focus on completion of projects in all the nooks and crannies of the state and called on the people to always support the Amaechi-led government.

Others who spoke during the programme commended the Governor for doing a good job.

Meanwhile, an expert during the programme also condemned in it's entirety the passage of the public procurement bill which he said, was not given the required attention by the State House of Assembly.



Mr. Tele Ikuru