

# Nwadike Reels Out Mission Of Intercorps

The assistant South-South, Rivers State Co-ordinator of Intercorps, chaplain Major General Barnabas Nwadike has reeled out the aims, vision and mission of intercorps.

In his address of welcome during the 7<sup>th</sup> approved Rivers State official chaplain commissioning and award ceremony held at the Abundant Life Evangel Mission Rumu-omoi Port Harcourt, General Nwadike described intercorps as a paramilitary dimension to the Gospel Ministries pointing out that the sole aim of intercorps is to equip Gospel Ministers with the pre-requisite professions such as Military Laws, Security, Safety, Criminology, Assault, Arrest, Theft related offences, the Nigerian army History laws of war, Rape, Basic paramilitary Drills and Training among others adding that the training enables Gospel Ministers to carry their ministrations beyond bounds as spiritual

therapists and psycho-theologians with an enhanced image as chaplain officers.

Nwadike who represented the chaplain General Patrick Ayemere disclosed that in Rivers State, the Chaplain programme was initiated by the Intercorps leadership



Apostle Eugene Ogu

through the instrumentality of Chaplain Lt-General (Dr.) Apostle Eugene Ogu during the 2005 PFN End of year "Love Feast".

He maintained that the operations and services of intercorps cut across all traffic lanes of life, be it individuals or corporate bodies such as schools, hospitals, prisons, police, army, air force, remand home, motherless babies home, road safety, NDLEA, ICPC etc. for the purpose of sharing the gospel of Christ as well as presenting food, clothes, beverages, drinks, water, money as aid/assistance to the needy.

Despite the enormous task before the organization General Nwadike also complained of lack of facilities, such as office accommodation, spaces, vehicles for transportation of goods and chaplains to operational duty posts, computer accessories, audio aids, study materials,

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standard library, power point and internet services and called for assistance as according to him, no donation given to God would be too small or too big.

He however used the medium to call on the

awardees to be good ambassadors who will represent the organization well in the society.

Others who spoke during the ceremony included representatives of ICPC, Federal Road Safety corps while Apostle Eugene Ogu in his address enjoined the awardees to be of good

conduct.

Apostle Ogu is the state co-ordinator of intercorps and the immediate past president of PFN Rivers State chapter.

Highlights of the ceremony included presentation of gifts, parade, award presentation and commissioning.

## N'Delta Advocacy Group Sues For Peace In Bakana

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The amnesty granted to restive militants in the Niger Delta region has engendered even more consolidation of peace in the zone as youths and ex-militants in the ancient town of Bakana in Degema Local Government Area of Rivers State made a peace pact and agreed to work for the development of the town and over all peace in the whole of the Niger Delta region.

The youths who spoke during a one-day Town Hall meeting organized for Bakana youths by the Bakana chapter of the Association for Non-violence in the Niger Delta with the theme: Forgiveness, tolerance and mutual understanding: a key to developing Bakana, decried the role of chiefs, chieftaincy wrangling and youth in the crisis that have militated against the progress of the town and her people.

Speaking at the event which was held at the Bakana Civic Center, President of the Association for Non-Violence in the Niger Delta, Comrade Kennedy West, described the day as a new dawn for the town and charged the youths to see themselves as agents and catalysts of positive change. Describing Bakana town as the closest Kalabari speaking Local Government Area to Port Harcourt, the state capital, Comrade West, enjoined the youths to embrace peace, forgiveness, tolerance and promote the ethos of communal living as well as projecting into what the area would look like in the next twenty or thirty years and what they would do to better the lots of the people. He also commended the Federal Government for granting amnesty to repented militants in the region, insisting that the programme on its own would be meaningless if it is not followed up with a deliberate action to

rehabilitate the ex-militants and engender development in the restive region. The non violence crusader also warned the authorities not to see the dropping of arms by the ex-warlords as a sign of weakness but a commitment to peace and development of the Niger Delta region.

Is words, "today is a new dawn for Bakana youth and her people, I charge you to embrace one another just as I commend you for embracing amnesty package of the Federal Government. We are here to preach peace and forgiveness to ask you our brothers and sisters to contribute positively to the development of our land and ourselves. The onus is now on us to think of what to do to positively impact our community, because in our hands lie what it would take to turn it around, bring investors here and make it socially, economically attractive and viable.

We have all takes to become great. We can achieve our aims if we show the zeal and a commitment to get there. So, we urge the authorities to stop pointing the people of the Niger Delta region in a bad light. We are a peace loving people and peace has come to reign in Bakana town and Niger region as a whole.

Comrade West also condemned in strong terms the disturbances caused by ex-militants in Aluu and Choba communities recently warning that "our brothers should desist from such ugly acts forthwith".

He also lauded Governor Chibuike Amaechi for his programmes and policies so far in the state and enjoined him to complete the Trans-Kalabari Road project with a view to connecting Riverine Kalabari communities to their upland neighbours and boast the social economic development of the area. He said the organization has packaged a Village

Initiative Project (VIP) which is intended to put social and economic infrastructure in local communities to make them have a feel of what modern civilization and contemporary societies look like. The VIP recreational facilities that are intended to turn the mind of the youths, evolve a means of rallying round thousands of unemployed graduates to teach indigent school drop-outs rudiments of basic education and sundry skills acquisition programmes.

"the VIP is indeed to make the communities that produce the oil and gas, the VIP in the country he said.

Also speaking, Sir Mac Yellowe G.A. General Manager Human Resources and Administration Global Gas and Refining Ltd, an observer at the event lauded the group for the initiative and the youth for picking the gauntlet to embrace the Federal Government's amnesty package, dropping their arms and pledging to forgive one another for the good of the region as a whole. Sir Mac Yellowe, however, tasked the Federal Government to be sincere in its plans to develop the region and address issues that led to the arms agitation in the region with avoiding a future occurrence.

Reacting, Comrade Michael Omachi and Victor Umaro, Chairmen of Obio/Akpor and Bakana chapters of the Association commended the youths for their commitment to peace, tasked the Federal and State Governments to critically look at issues that culminated in the restiveness in the region especially, communal chieftaincy crisis, neglect, environmental degradation, poverty, and underdevelopment amongst others. They also called on the authorities to partner with the association to spread the message of non-violence across the length and breadth of the region.

## Amaechi Charges Ogonis To Be United

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The State Governor Rt. Hon. Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi has said that it is only when the Ogoni people are united that development can come to the area.

Speaking during his meet the people tour, the governor called on the Ogoni people to shun any act capable of dividing them and called for unity of purpose among them.

He also appealed to Ogoni youths to embrace peace and do away with anything that will tamper with the lives and property

in the land.

Amaechi who told them that his administration was ready to listen to them however, said that listening to them and solving their problems will be possible if they are strongly united and decried a situation where the people have divided themselves into factions which he said would not augur well for them.

The State Chief Executive promised that the problem of electricity would be a thing of the past before December 2009 with the

assurance that the state government was doing everything possible to stabilize electricity in the state.

He maintained that the president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria would be in the state soon to commission the power supply God willing and called for the support of all to move the state forward.

The Governor also told the Ogoni people that the present administration in the state is poised to take dividends of democracy to all the nooks and crannies of the state.

## Amaechi Extols Late Ubima Monarch

Rivers State Governor Rt. Hon. Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi has described late Eze Simeon Wezuobu, the Paramount Ruler of Ubima as a peaceful ruler that contributed immensely to the development of his community and area at large.

Governor Amaechi stated this Saturday at Ubima, in Ikwerre Local Government Area, while speaking at the burial of HRH Eze Simeon Wezuobu, the Nye Nwe Ali Ubima/Omuanwa

who died at the age of 72 years.

Governor Amaechi, who hails from Ubima community as well, said he hopes the people of Ubima would work together in unity to develop the community in line with the aspirations of their late ruler, noting that "one way to make the late traditional ruler happy wherever he is going, is to live a peaceful life and to continue from where he stopped".

According to him, "I will always remember the contributions of our late

king in the development of our community and hope that we will continue from where he stopped".

He thanked all those that joined the Community to honour the Nye Nwe Ali Ubima/Omuanwa Community and prayed God to grant the departed eternal rest in His bosom.

In another development, Governor Chibuike Amaechi also attended the funeral service of late Da Gabriel Inko-Tariah, at Glory Reign Assembly at GRA, Port Harcourt.

# AC In Khana, Gokana, Eleme And Tai Resolve To Give Amaechi's Govt. Maximum Support

The Action Congress (AC) Party in khana, Gokana, Eleme and Tai Local Government Areas respectively over the weekend held a serious meeting during which time a communiqué was reached as all representatives from AC in the four local government councils resolved to work assiduously to support the administration of Rt. Hon.

Rotimi Chibuike Amaechi. The reason for this unanimous resolution was hinged on the developmental strides the administration has ushered in within the last two years it has been in power.

For his people-oriented projects scattered all over the state, the AC leaders passed a vote of confidence and gave a standing ovation for such efforts to continue.

In a related development, the stakeholders and their entire party from Ogoni also dissociated themselves from the purported suspension of Chief Eze-the Public Relations Officer of the party in a meeting of Action Congress held at Brookline Hotel, D/Line, Port Harcourt on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of November, 2009.

According to the stakeholders, the suspension

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was lacking in merit as the decision did not agree with

State Government had benevolently taken over payment of teacher's salaries from the local governments.

On the other hand, the AC stakeholders poured encomiums on the Chairmen of Gokana and Eleme Local Government Areas respectively for the international Market Projects embarked upon by the two Chairmen in their local councils and other people-

oriented projects.

## Council Chairmen In Amaechi's Black Book

There are indications that it may no longer be business as usual for the twenty three local government chairmen in Rivers State as nineteen of them according to the state governor Rt. Hon. Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi have performed below expectation.

Speaking recently the governor said it was indeed disgraceful and painful that the council chairmen charged with the responsibility of touching lives in the rural areas have not done anything to justify the huge allocation they get monthly from the Federal Government.

He threatened that his administration would not fold its arms and allow the chairmen use the monies meant for the development of the rural areas any how as anyone caught in the act should be ready to face the music.

The governor who expressed disappointment on the performance of the chairmen said he expected them to be of good behaviour by way of embarking on people

oriented projects which is the cardinal objective of the present administration. The governor, however, said only four council chairmen out of twenty three council chairmen have done well and wondered what the rest nineteen have done with the huge allocation accruing to them every month.

Governor Amaechi also advised the council chairmen to turn a new leaf or else he would expose them before the people saying that what he needs from them is a good governance so that he (governor) can go back to his bed and sleep without complaints from the people.

He specifically described two chairmen from Kalabari area as having done virtually nothing and warned them to sit up if not he would have no option than to expose them even though he addressed them as his friends.

Be that as it may, the four council chairmen believed to have lived up to expectation according

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to the governor include that of Eleme, Ahoada West, Abua/Odual and Gokana Local Government Areas.

Meanwhile, the implication of what the governor has said about the nineteen council chairmen according people in an interview has proved that the leaders at the third tier government were a big disappointment to not only the governor but to the people.

According to them, the statement has gone a long way to also inform the people that these chairmen are not worthy to go for second tenure if any of them is having the ambition of going back in 2011 except they would turn a new leaf as the governor has advised.

Indeed, it will shock our teeming readers to know that governor Amaechi is not ready to cover anybody from the ward to the state level who is not ready to help his administration serve the people well.

What it means in this regard is that whether you

are the governor's friend, brother/sister the only way

## Retiring Appeal Court President Rejuvenated Judiciary System In Nigeria ~ Galadima

The Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeal, Port Harcourt Division, *Justice Suleiman Galadima*, says posterity would remember the contributions of the outgoing President of the court, *Justice Umaru Abdullahi*, for his immense effort in rejuvenating the Judiciary system in Nigeria.

Justice Galadima, said this last night in Port Harcourt during a dinner hosted in honour of the retiring President of the Court of Appeal, *Justice Abdullahi*, by the Rivers State Ministry of Justice, at Government House Port Harcourt, to mark his fare well visit to the state.

The Presiding Justice

explained that the tenure of the outgoing president has witnessed tremendous improvement in Justice delivery in Nigeria, particularly in the creation of more Divisions that brought justice closer to the people.

He said Justice Abdullahi, has carved an enviable niche for himself in his ability to deliver erudite and thought provoking speeches and addresses, noting that he has also set standards as head of the Appeal Court.

Justice Galadima, thanked him for fulfilling his promise of personally coming to Port Harcourt to bid them farewell, emphasizing that his leadership of the court

accorded the Port Harcourt Division special considerations and attention.

Also speaking, the Rivers State Chief Judge, *Justice Iche Ndu*, thanked the retiring Justice Abdullahi on his visit to the Port Harcourt Division and recalled that when both of them served in the Judicial Service Commission, the erudite jurist proved himself a respectable personality.

Justice Ndu described him as a jurist every Judge should emulate, because of his character which brought high impetus to the Appeal Court that would be remembered for a long time.

Also speaking, the leader of the Port Harcourt Bar, *Mr. OCJ Okocha (SAN)*, lauded the retiring Justice for the choice of Port Harcourt Division as one of those to be visited in course of his farewell, pointing out that his tenure as President witnessed a glorious moment.

The State Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice Mr. Ken Chikere, commended the outgoing president for the welfare visit, adding that his tenure gave a new lease of life to the court of Appeal in terms of quality of Judgment delivered.

Responding, the retiring President of the Court of Appeal, *Justice Umaru Faruk Abdullahi*, thanked the state government, judicial officers serving in the division for the honour done him, noting that his achievement were made possible because of the support he received from his brother judges.,



Hon. Tonye Princewill

## Mile One Market Traders Express Gratitude To Gov. Amaechi

The traders at Rumuwoji Mile One Market have expressed their gratitude to the State Chief Executive, Rt. Hon. Chibuike Amaechi for constructing the ultra modern market for them.

According to the market union chairman Mr. Daniel Iheme in a chat with news men in his office Governor Amaechi has written his name in gold for them by that singular action, adding that the present

administration can only be compared to the King Diere Spiff era especially in terms of infrastructural development and security reaffirming their support and loyalty to the administration.

The union chairman disclosed that though they are not part of the construction committee that replaced them, neither do the traders know the committee members, the traders all the same appreciate the good work the committee and the

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contractor are doing.

For instance he noted, there used to be drainage and erosion problem in the market before now but all that has been taken care off.

"The job is 95% completed and satisfactorily executed". On when the allocation and movement will take place, Mr. Iheme said the traders are in the dark with regards to that but was optimistic that sooner than later the

exercise will commence "we have asked our traders

a successful and eventful two years in office.