

Governor Amaechi Tasks Ogbakiri, Rumuekpe People On Peaceful Co-Existence

Governor Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi of Rivers State has again warned that communities in the state that foment trouble will be denied developmental projects.

Governor Amaechi handed down the warning on Monday while rendering an account of his stewardship to the people of Emohua Local Government Area, during his Town Hall meeting at Emohua, Headquarters of the Local Government Area.

The Governor particularly tasked the people of Ogbakiri that was once ravaged by intra-communal crisis, to turn in their remaining guns in exchange for basic amenities such as roads to come to their area, assuring however that he would provide the community with electricity in keeping with his earlier promise.

Concerning Rumuekpe Community, the State Chief Executive blamed them for their crisis and promised to hold a meeting with the community in conjunction with the Ogbakor Ikwere Convention to chat a way forward.

"Rumuekpe people caused their problem themselves, you chose to burn down your houses and kill your people in the name

of chieftaincy and oil money" the governor emphasized.

Governor Amaechi who pointed out that Emohua Local Government has the highest number of model primary schools being built by the state government across the state, further disclosed that Emohua has also benefitted from road projects, Health centres and various categories of government's local and foreign scholarships.

Worried by the delay in the execution of some on-going projects in the area, the governor directed all contractors who have not completed their projects to return to site or face unpleasant consequences.

He stated that the days when contractors collected money and abandon projects were over, and directed the Commissioner for Education to ensure regular monitoring of the primary school projects.

Responding to questions during an interactive session, Governor Amaechi advised people of the state especially women to avail themselves of the model health centres, so that diseases such as cervical cancer can be detected at the centres, and promised to

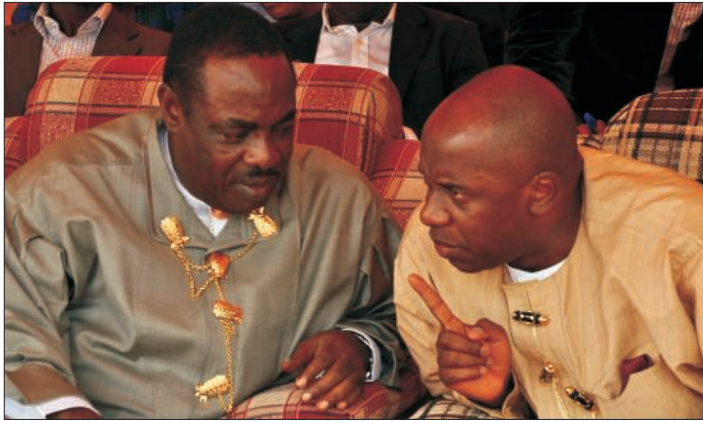
provide potable water for the Ubimini Community to safe the lives of residents.

Earlier, the Chief of Staff, Government House, Chief Ezeunwo Nyesom Wike said the essence of the Town Hall meeting was to create opportunity for the people to interact with the Governor, and for the Governor to brief the people on the projects executed in their area.

In a welcome address, the Chairman of Emohua Local Government Council, Mr Chukwuemeka Woke, said the people of the area had suffered unprecedented infrastructural decay, youth restiveness and communal crisis in the past, and thanked Governor Amaechi for the developmental projects embarked upon in the areas.

Mr Woke explained that his Council has within the limits of a available resources complemented the state government by striving to bring dividends of democracy to the people through the initiation of projects that have direct bearing on the people.

The Governor and members of his entourage had earlier paid a courtesy visit on the Emohua Council of Chiefs.



Rivers State Governor, Rt. Hon. Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi (right) explaining a point to Chief G. U. Ake, PDP Chairman, Rivers State at his 70th Birthday celebration held at Erema town on Sunday, February 7, 2010.



Governor Amaechi (centre) flanked by Chief Vincent Ogbulafor, National Chairman of PDP and Hon Odein Ajumogobia, Minister of State, Petroleum going through a copy of The Tide newspaper at the 70th Birthday celebration of Chief G. U. Ake, PDP chairman, Rivers State.



Governor Amaechi (left) in a handshake welcoming Prince Uche Secondus, National Organizing Secretary of PDP to Erema Town for the 70th birthday celebration of Chief G. U. Ake, PDP Chairman, Rivers State, while Chief Vincent Ogbulafor, National Chairman of the party watches.



Rivers State Governor, Rt. Hon. Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi receiving an address from Hon Emeka Woke, Chairman, Emohua Local Government Area during a Town Hall meeting at Emohua on Monday.

RSG To Construct Ahoada, Omoku, Egbema Road As Birthday Gift To Chief Ake

Rivers State Government says it would construct the Ahoada-Omoku-Egbema road up to the boundary with Imo State and present to Chief Godpower Ake as his birthday gift.

Governor Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi gave this indication on Sunday at a reception marking the 70th birthday of the State Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Chief Ake at Erema in Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni Local Government Area.

The governor said there would be no better birthday present to Chief Ake than to construct the road which he personally requested for, noting that the state government would approach the federal government for permission to embark on it as the road belongs to the federal government.

He appealed to the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to construct the Erema Road and urged the Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni Council Chairman to name the road after Chief Ake in recognition of his contributions to the development of the area.

The State Chief Executive said he would remain grateful to Chief Ake for the role he played in his life, including supporting his governorship ambition, particularly urging him to have faith in God.

Governor Amaechi, who

described the PDP Chairman as an honest man, noted that despite the discipline inculcated in him by his parents, part of the things he gained from Chief Ake as a young man was honesty in all his dealings.

Governor Amaechi used the occasion to announce the recognition of the Eze Egi stool as a second class status, pointing out that the Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice has been directed to commence processing necessary documentations to enable the incumbent on the stool occupy his rightful place in the State Traditional Rulers Council.

In his speech, the National Chairman of the PDP, Chief Vincent Ogbulafor, described Chief Godpower Ake as a worthy officer of the party who has stamped his feet on the sands of time.

Chief Ogbulafor who was the Chairman of the occasion, said all that the celebrant needed as a man of 70 was to register his achievements so that he would be remembered when he is no more, and prayed God to grant him more years to continue to provide the leadership that others would emulate.

Speaking on behalf of the Committee of Friends, the PDP National Organizing Secretary, Prince Uche Secondus highlighted three areas from

which Chief Ake derived his strength which are truth, humility and service to the people.

Responding, the celebrant, Chief Godpower Ake said one thing that endeared him to Governor Amaechi was his sense of objectivity.

He explained that "when some persons complained that Governor Amaechi is too erratic and proud, I tell them that they do not understand the type of person he is, because he is a man who does not know how to hide his feelings".

Chief Ake who noted that he started life from a humble beginning as a bricklayer said he never knew that God was using such challenge to prepare him as a human builder, and thanked Governor Amaechi and all those who graced the occasion for the honour done him.

Earlier, during the open air thanksgiving service, Reverend Umezurike Dimkpa said it was God that appoints people into positions of trust, and urged leaders to work towards fulfilling God's purpose for their positions.

Highlights of the event include the conferment of a Chieftaincy title of Okpara of Orashi, meaning the first son of the Orashi region on Chief Godpower Ake, cutting of the birthday cake, cultural display from various Local Government Areas across Rivers State.