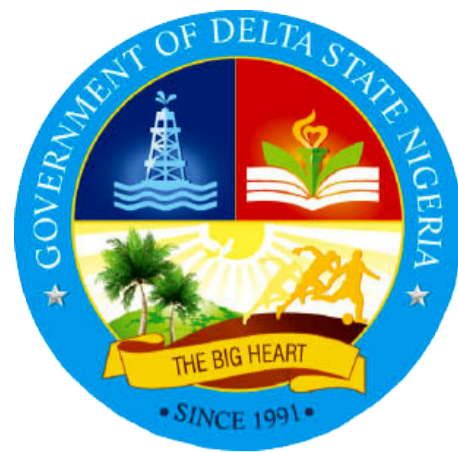


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No more use of househelps in Delta

● *Anyone found culpable goes to jail*



By Felix Ofou

Governor of Delta State, Rt. Hon. Sheriff Oborevori has signed the amended Child Rights Bill into law, effectively prohibiting child labour and use of children as househelps in homes.

With this law now in place, anyone caught and found guilty by the courts, will go to jail.

The amended Child Rights Bill was part of seven landmark bills signed into law by Governor Oborevori.

The Governor, in his

speech, noted that the Child Rights Amended Law 2024, provided additional safeguards for children.

"Henceforth, no child should be employed or used for domestic help aside their homes or family environment.

"It also establishes an Adoption Service Department in the Ministry of Women Affairs, Community and Social Development to address the challenges of prospective adopting parents.

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Why Oborevori Won Vanguard's Governor Of The Year award

By Nelson Egware

Delta State Governor, Rt. Hon. Sheriff Oborevori, was conferred with the prestigious Vanguard Newspaper's Governor of the year 2024 award in recognition of his outstanding commitment to good governance, impactful leadership, and transformative initiatives across the state.

The award, presented at the 13th Annual Vanguard Personality of the Year Awards ceremony in Lagos, celebrates public officials who have demonstrated excellence in public service, infrastructural development, economic transformation, and people-centered leadership.

Governor Oborevori earned the accolade for his commitment to transparency, inclusive governance, and

the rapid execution of strategic developmental projects under his "MORE" agenda – an acronym for Meaningful Development, Opportunities for All, Realistic Reforms, and Enhanced Peace and Security.

Receiving the award, Oborevori expressed gratitude to the people of Delta State for their continued support and reaffirmed his administration's dedication to delivering more dividends of democracy.

He said the recognition was not just about him, but about the resilient and hardworking people of Delta State, adding that it was a call to do more, serve better, and continue building a state Deltans can all be proud of.

Vanguard's editorial board described Oborevori's leadership as "purpose-

driven and people-focused," highlighting achievements in road construction, education, healthcare, youth empowerment, and security initiatives across the state.

Numerous Deltans and political stakeholders have taken to national dailies and social media platforms to congratulate Governor Oborevori, saying that the award was a timely acknowledgment of the Governor's steady leadership amid Nigeria's challenging political and economic climate.

With less than two years into his first term, the governor's administration has already completed key infrastructure projects and introduced reforms aimed at boosting economic growth and improving the standard of living in Delta State.

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On The Move: Images from OBOREVVORI Vanguard' Governor of the Year Award In Lagos on Friday, April 11th, 2025. It was a very colour ceremony with the cream of the society all around the Governor to celebrate with him on the special day he was honoured by the reputable media house.

Last Saturday, Vanguard newspapers joined the league of distinguished and reputable media houses in recognising Nigeria's worst kept secret. Rt. Hon. Sheriff Oborevori, governor of Delta State, was bestowed the award of Governor of the Year for his outstanding commitment to good governance, impactful leadership, and transformative initiatives across the state.

In a colourful ceremony in Lagos, the cream of society graced the 13th edition of the Vanguard Personality of the Year Awards, excellence in public service, infrastructural development, economic

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transformation, and people-centered leadership across the public and private sectors was rewarded. For the Governor of Delta State, it was a familiar outcome as he was adjudged the Governor of the

Year 2024. It was a verdict that towed the line of previous ceremonies held by ThisDay/Arise News and Independent newspapers where Governor Oborevori equally emerged Governor of the Year.

For people in Delta State, it did not come as a surprise, while the rest of the country was coming to terms with a trajectory of public service and governance that had been unfolding in the state in the past two years.

Although all the organisers cited several reasons for the award on the Delta State governor - delivery, timely and qualitative, of infrastructural projects in the state - they highlighted a novel approach to governance of the hitherto rookie governor. Rt. Hon. Oborevori introduced a new doctrine in governance anchored on connecting with

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Congratulations our amiable Governor,

**Rt. Hon.
Sheriff
Oborevworì**
Governor of Delta State

On your well deserved award as Governor of
the year 2024 by Vanguard Newspapers.

We are confident that God Almighty will
continue to give you the means to do M.O.R.E.
for Deltans and humanity.



Signed:

SIR MONDAY ONYEME, FCA,
Deputy Governor,
Delta State

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the people to ensure that poor quality jobs can no longer be associated with Delta State and the landscape is not dotted with abandoned projects initiated by previous administrations.

While initiating pivotal projects of his own, acknowledging that government is a continuum, Oborevori equally prioritised the projects he inherited from his predecessors.

From major highways, especially the Asaba-Ughelli dualisation, the health sector where selected specialist hospitals were upgraded and

refurbished as well as the upgrade and equipping of all the Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in the state, Oborevori ensured no project was abandoned.

In the area of human capital development, the governor did not just inherit the initiatives of his predecessors but added innovative and more impactful platforms. Leveraging on agriculture, Oborevori has adopted a strategy for creating 50,000 jobs through the Special Agricultural Economic Zones for the well being and economic prosperity of the people. Since coming into office 22 months ago, he has created jobs and wealth for over 275,000 youths, women and entrepreneurs across the three senatorial districts through various novel initiatives and programmes.

The programme will enhance food security, agro-processing, employment creation, export earnings and infrastructural development with its overall effect on the state's Gross Domestic Prod-

uct (GDP).

Just before receiving the award, the governor signed into Delta State Electricity Power Sector Bill, 2024 into law. Dubbing the law a "game changer", it is expected to wean the state from the epileptic public power supply and unlock a plethora of investment opportunities in the power generation, transmission and distribution investment.

Vanguard's editorial board described Oborevori's leadership as "purpose-driven and people-focused," highlighting achievements in road construction, education, healthcare, youth empowerment, and security initiatives across the state. This gives credence to the efficacy of the MORE Agenda the governor has anchored his developmental agenda on.

We congratulate His Excellency on his sterling accomplishments in Delta State which is no longer the worst kept secret, but a road map for other leaders to study and adopt.

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Oborevwoiri: Achievements unveiled in oil and gas

By Fred Akpewe, Wilberforce Arinze and Grace Akaighe

Delta state, one of The key states in the Niger Delta holds a significant hydro-carbon potential and contributes a substantial percentage of Nigeria's total oil output. The state has several oil fields and gas infrastructure. Some of the significant oil fields are the the Escravos oil fields, Olero oil fields, Utorogu gas plant and Kwale oil fields. The Escravos - Lagos pipeline system is a major gas pipeline transporting gas from the Niger Delta region, including Delta state to Lagos.

The Ndokwa Nation, located in Delta state possesses significant oil and gas reserves. Ndokwa alone has approximately 500 million barrels of crude oil and over 5 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

Several oil companies operate in the Ndokwa region but the notable ones are Agip, a subsidiary of Eni, Oando, Aiteo Group and ENERGIA which is the joint venture operator of the Ebendo/ Obodeti Marginal fields. In December 2023, ENERGIA in collaboration with OANDO commissioned several multi -billion naira projects aimed at enhancing the development of seven oil- producing communities in Ndokwa West Local Government area.

Isoko boasts of 17 listed oil and gas fields with the significant ones at Uzere, Olomoro , Emede, Igbiide and Isoko deep.

Under the leadership of Governor sheriff Oborevwoiri, the Delta state government has been actively pursuing initiatives to enhance the oil and gas sector to boost economic



growth growth and make it attractive to investors.

In December, 2023, Delta State signed a Shareholders Agreement with the Nigerian National Petroleum Company (NNPC) and UTM offshore Limited for the construction of Nigeria's first FNLG facility, with a capacity of 1.8 billion metric tons per annum. Delta state holds an 8% equity stake in this project which is expected to generate dividends, create jobs and supply approximately 300,009 metric tons of LPG(cooking gas) to the domestic market.

In June 2024, President Ahmed Tinubu and Governor Sheriff Oborevwoiri jointly inaugu-

rated the upgraded Nedogas Processing plant and the Kwale Gas gathering Facility in Kwale .

The Oborevwoiri administration has emphasized the importance of local content development and environmental stewardship in the oil and gas sector and has thus established the Department of Local content and the Local content Agency within the Ministry of oil and gas to empower local businesses and professionals.

The Oborevwoiri administration has also fostered partnerships with oil companies to ensure the sustainable development of host communities. In a meeting with Chevron Nigeria , Governor Oborevwoiri highlighted the need for dialogue over con-



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frontation and the need to balance the interests of oil companies and host communities to maintain peaceful operations and mutual development.

In October 2023, the Delta state government mandated the Ministry of Oil and gas to establish modular refineries and gas turbines as well as invest in marginal fields.

The above initiatives reflect Governor Oborevwo-ri 's commitment to leveraging Delta state's oil and gas resources for sustainable economic development, job creation and improved living standards for its people.

Delta state is currently operating an 8.5 megawatts gas powered Independent Power Project

(IPP) in Asaba, a facility that provides 24 hours electricity to the Asaba Airport, the state secretariat and Government house, Asaba. Delta state government plans to upgrade the IPP project to cover the whole state as a counterpoise to the BEDC power supply monopoly.

The Delta state Ministry of oil and gas which was created in 2011 has witnessed a purpose driven and action plan under the M.O.R.E agenda of the Oborevwo-ri administration

Since May, 2023 when the Oborevwo-ri administration came on stream, the Delta state crude oil production has improved tremendously. The administration has also been able to put in check youth restiveness in the oil and gas producing communities just as host communities have witnessed appreciative development with the execution of corporate social responsibility projects by oil companies.

The Delta state government has initiated and facilitated programmes aimed at deepening gas utilization thus making Delta state a key player in the National Gas Expansion Initiative.

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With the rebuilding of infrastructure in

Warri and environs-flyover bridges, drainages and street lights the Delta state government is building momentum for the return of oil companies that fled Warri because of crises and other issues. Governor Oborevwo-ri has mandated the commissioner of Oil and gas to interface with SPDC in Portharcourt to return to Warri. DELTA FRESH VISION gathers that the oil and gas commissioner , Chief Vincent Oyibode had already led a delegation for a preliminary dialogue with SPDC in line with Governor Oborevwo-ri 's directives.

DELTA FRESH VISION wishes to ensure potential investors that a proper and favourable investment climate now exists in the oil and gas sector in Delta state following the enabling business model created by the Oborevwo-ri administration

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Community Security Corps Agency Bill Passes Second Reading

Worried by security concerns across the nation, the Delta State Community Security Corps Agency (Amendment) bill, Tuesday, sailed through second reading at the floor of the Delta State House of Assembly. The Member Representing Aniocha South Constituency in the House, Hon (Dr) Isaac Anwuzia, who is the Chairman, Assembly Committee on Peace and Security, is the lead sponsor of the bill, which seeks to give required legal backing to the activities and operations of local vigilantes in the State and thus; improve on their efficiency.

Leading debates on its merits, at plenary presided over by the Speaker, Rt Hon Emomotimi Dennis Guwor, Hon Anwuzia, said the Bill which has 27 other lawmakers as co-sponsors, is aimed at strengthening and enhancing the Agency's effectiveness in combating the worrisome and challenging insecurity in the state.

Anwuzia explained that the amendment bill also seeks to promote accountability in community policing in the State, stressing that the proposed law would help expand the functions of the security outfit, and enhance efficiency and effective collaborations with relevant stakeholders, including communities.

The Lawmaker reminded his colleagues that security was fundamental requirement in any society aspiring to give the best to its citizens as well as promote investment and development, emphasizing that security should be everybody's business as the absence of it would not only create chaos in any society but retard economic and societal growth.

He said judging by the high rate of insecurity reported across the country, there was an urgent need for all hands to be on deck to stem the trend in Delta State.

Hon Anwuzia noted that the bill, when passed and signed into law, would ensure adequate remuneration for all duly recruited Corp members with the least Corps member's salary commensurate to the remuneration of Salary Grade level 5 in the State Civil Service.

Hon Anwuzia stated that the proposed law will include chairmen of all the 25 local government areas of the State as members of the Corps.

"This proposed law would go a long way in curbing the rising profile of criminal activities in the State, particularly kidnapping, herders menace, armed robbery among other heinous crimes. "I therefore urge all my colleagues for the speedy pas-

sage of the bill as security is everybody's responsibility and a priority for development", Anwuzia added.

Speaking in favour of the bill, some of the lawmakers, including the Majority leader, Emeka Nwaobi, Deputy Speaker, Arthur Akpowowo, Deputy Majority leader, Festus Okoh, Hon. Marilyn Okowa-Daramola (Ika North-East), Oboro Preyor (Bomadi) Charles Emetulu (Ndokwa West), Pereotu Oloye (Burutu 2), Bridget Anyafulu, (Oshimili South), Spenser Ahwofa (Ughelli North 2), Perkins Umukoro (Sapele) and Mathew Omonade (Ughelli North 1), among others, described the proposed law as apt, saying that when passed and signed into law would help to strengthen security architecture in Delta State.

The Speaker, Rt Hon Emomotimi Guwor then referred the Bill to the joint House Committee on Special Bills and Committee on Peace and Security to report back on 20th May 2025.

The House has earlier Screened and confirmed the appointment of Mr Boubai Enai as Secretary Bomadi Local Government Council at the committee of the Whole.

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Our children are the future and must be protected.

"These Bills that have been assented to will protect our vulnerable populations, improve quality of life, promote sustainable development and environmental protection, attract investment and increase our IGR.

"We must recognise that our work is far from over. We must now ensure the effective and efficient implementation of these laws. I, therefore, urge all stakeholders to work together to guarantee successful outcome."

Other bills signed into law include the strategic Delta State Electricity Power Sector Bill, 2024, which has been described as a game changer in the state's rapid industrialisation drive.

Other bills are the Delta State Physical and Regional Planning Bill, 2024; Delta

State Film and Video Censor's Board Bill, 2024; Registration and Regulation of Private Veterinary Clinics (Amendment) Law, 2024;

Delta State Pet Control and Responsible Ownership Bill, 2024, and the Delta State College of Health Technology, Ovrode Bill, 2024.

Oborevwoji commended the leadership of the House for passing the important bills carefully crafted to address pressing issues and challenges to improve the quality of life.

Earlier, the Speaker of the State House of Assembly, Rt Hon Emomotimi Guwor, while presenting the bills had congratulated Governor Oborevwoji on the massive construction projects across the state, noting that Deltans were happy getting commensurate value for monies appropriated for projects.

He said that the inputs of Deltans were sought through presentation of memoranda

Harvest of Young Talents at NDSF by Scouts, Coaches

A major objective of the Niger Delta Sports Festival (NDSF) sponsored by the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDCC) may have yielded instant fruits with the identification of a number of young athletes in football, table tennis, wrestling, athletics and some other events.

This is a direct outcome to the engagement of over 20 coaches, retired elite athletes, and scouts who have been on ground to scout potentials expected to be groomed and honed to international stardom.

Francis Sule, a former Nigeria table tennis captain, and now, a grass roots coach believes he has spotted promising talents at the festival.

"I am very impressed with what I have seen on the ground so far. Numerous talents abound in the Niger Delta Region, and I can confidently show you the athletes that will replace Funke Oshinaike, Aruna Quadri, and Bosa Kaffo in this festival."

Sule, who is a member of the Scouting and Mentorship committee of the Niger Delta Sports Festival, further explained to the NDSF media unit that he was overjoyed with the standard of play from the young athletes.

"I have selected young boys and girls who met the criteria for subsequent nurturing and developmental programmes."

Also sharing his experience at the festival as one of the scouts, Paul Omamomo who is a FIFA licensed football scout said "We're faced with the daunting task of picking the very best from the NDSF because of the unbelievable talents that myself, Victor Ikpeba and the other football scouts have seen here. So I can confidently say that we've found the new Austin Okocha, Daniel Amokachi, Sunday Oliseh and many more."

Olympian and United States based Gabriel Opuana told social media Influencer, Chief Suo that he has identi-

fied a Shotput thrower but declined to name her.

"There is a girl that has shown very good potential and I'll be speaking with her after her event. Now is not the right time to let her know she is good as it may distract her, but I'll speak to her after their final throw", Opuana said in a Facebook live post.

Olympics silver medalist in wrestling, Blessing Oborududu who is in Uyo as one of the Games Ambassador, and doubles as a scout has no doubt in her mind that replacements for her and many others have been discovered at the NDSF.

"What gladdens my heart is that this competition has thrown up young athletes who will replace me and the others. I want to thank the Niger Delta Development Commission for doing this for the kids of this region."

For Mary Onyali, one of the festival Celebrity Sports personalities, there is cause for celebration "because what we've clamored for over the years is finally being done by the NDCC. I want to thank them for this innovation, thank you NDSF for giving us a platform to identify the country's future athletes. I can beat my chest and say that future athletes have been discovered here and I'm excited".

Meanwhile, the chairman of the scouting and mentorship committee, Godwin Enakhena, has commended the NDCC for this initiative.

"The NDCC deserves our commendation for doing this for the Niger Delta Region. The NDSF is timely because of the poor state of sports developmental in Nigeria. This is one of its kind for a sports festival. What is uniquely different is that the plan is not to leave this meticulous task for the states but we have assembled the best hands to identify, nurture, encourage and promote these athletes in every way we can in achieving the over all goal of the NDCC for sports in the Niger Delta region and Nigeria as a whole."



Gov Oborevwoji Urges Delta Youths To Apply Online for Army 89th Regular Recruit Intake

Eligible Delta Youths have been called upon to take advantage of the gainful employment, scholarship and other opportunities offered by the Nigerian Army, by enrolling in the ongoing 89th Regular Recruit Intake for Trades and Non-Tradesmen and Women.

Delta State Governor, Elder (Dr) Sheriff Oborevwoji, made the call on Monday, during a visit by the Sensitization Team of the Nigerian Army Headquarters, Abuja, led by Brigadier-General Witto Nzidee, saying that his administration is fully committed to creating more jobs and wealth for youths and women across the three senatorial districts.

The governor who was ably represented by the Secretary to the State Government, Dr. Kingsley Emu, disclosed that statistics of enrollment from year 2021 to 2024 indicated that Delta State made steady progress in the number of Deltans recruited into the Nigerian Army, while assuring that the State shall step-up sensitization efforts through the State Awareness Creation Committee on Youth Enlistment into Military and Paramilitary Services.

He said strong synergy have been built with the State Chapter of the National Youth Council of Nigeria, traditional rulers, religious organizations, and Local Government Councils to improve sensitization and awareness creation in order to get more youths to serve the nation through enrolments into the Armed Forces and Paramilitary Services, assuring that Delta would meet the required quota allocated to her, going forward.

Governor Oborevwoji also expressed the State's commitment to improving the enrollment outcome by providing free transportation to shortlisted candidates from all three senatorial districts for them to come to Asaba for the screening exercise, adding that the State Government will rejig efforts towards seeing that more Deltans get enrolled in the ongoing Nigerian Army 89th Regular Recruit Intake exercise.

The Governor charged the Director General of Delta State Orientation and Communications Bureau, Dr Fred Latimore Oghenesivbe, to step up result oriented media and publicity strategies, in collaboration with the State Awareness Committee on Youth Enlistment into Military and Paramilitary Services, indicating locations across the three senatorial districts for free bus pick up points for all successful applicants to be screened in Asaba at the stipulated dates announced by the Nigeria Army.

The leader of the delegation, Brigadier General Witto Nzidee, expressed the mandate of the present head of the Nigerian Army Chief of Administration, Major Gen. Lawrence Fejokwu, who is a Deltan to reawaken the need for the State to meet its required quota of enrollees in the ongoing 89th Regular Recruit Intake.

Eligible applicants, male and female, are advised to apply online at the official application portal at: <https://recruitment.army.mil.ng>

He stated that the Nigerian Army offers higher education scholarship for serving

officers across board, as well as gainful employment with retirement benefits, and that recruitment into the Army is devoid of marginalization, while recruits and junior officers may progress through the ranks depending on their willingness and commitment to utilize available opportunities.

He said Delta State has not been able to meet the required quota of enrollee into the Nigerian army over the years, saying that with the basic qualification of Secondary School certificate, the door of continuous education, national and international training is open in the field of medicine, nursing, engineering, music, among others.

Also speaking, the Commander of 63 Brigade, Asaba, Brigadier-General Ugochukwu Unachukwu warned against pipeline vandalism, oil bunkering, arm robbery and kidnapping, while asking youths to engage in productive activities and the opportunities of gainful employment in the Nigerian army.

The sensitization visit had in attendance senior government officials, traditional rulers and members of the Delta State Awareness Creation Committee on Youth Enlistment into Military and Paramilitary services headed by the Commissioner for Youth Development.

The online registration for the 89 Regular Recruits Intake for Trades Men/Non Trades Men and Women began on 31st March 2025 and will end on the 17th of May 2025.

Warri Vows Implementation Of SERVICOM In Isoko South, As Funkekeme Intensifies Awareness

The chairman of Isoko South Local Government Area of Delta state, Friday Ovoke Warri, has vowed that the full implementation of SERVICOM in the council shall be adhered to strictly even as he urged civil servants to diligently perform their duties and report to duty posts irrespective of location.

Warri warned against the attitude of some workers who have taken every last day of the week as a public holiday and still expect full government benefits.

The council boss who disclosed this Wednesday during a courtesy visit by the Senior Policy Adviser to the governor, Funkekeme Solomon with a team of SERVICOM on him in his office, Oleh, expressed gratitude to Solomon for dedicating time to visit the council to enlighten staff and management about the purpose of SERVICOM.

Warri assured the SERVICOM team that he would collaborate with the relevant stakeholders to ensure the success of SERVICOM in Isoko South without delay, promising that staff and management would leverage on SERVICOM to enhance their performance and add value to service delivery in pursuit of achieving

the MORE Agenda of Governor Sheriff Oborevwori.

According to Warri, "SERVICOM, from what I know, is centered on delivering excellent service to our people; effective communication is a two-way street, and the same principle applies to service delivery. Prior to assuming the position of chairman, I made a commitment to myself to lead with a structured approach, rather than operating in diaspora, I pledged to prioritise delivering exceptional service to the people. If I am not coming to work, it will be challenging to hold other staff members who are not coming to work accountable."

"Despite certain challenges, I maintain a consistent presence. However, for civil servants, every Friday is effectively a public holiday; they are notably absent. It's not easy to pay the new minimum wage, but in Isoko South we are doing the needful, all thanks to our M.O.R.E. agenda government. For us to deliver, the government needs to take a stand. I visited Ikpide-Irri on the assumption of office and met only one teacher, who happened to be the headmistress. We have to take immediate action, but sometimes top officials of the civil service



frustrate the posting of staff to rural areas; it's not good" He added

Earlier in his speech, the Senior Policy Adviser to the governor, Funkekeme Solomon who led the Service Compact for All Nigerians, SERVICOM, to the council informed the management and staff that Governor Sheriff Oborevwori had directed the re-introduction of SERVICOM as an integral component for the execution and success of his MORE Agenda.

"We are here as a follow-up to our previous visit. Servcom is centered on service delivery; it pertains to delivering service under the M.O.R.E. agenda. Every local government chair-

man serves as a mini governor. I must commend the chairman of Isoko South for exemplary service delivery in Isoko South; your reports are ubiquitous.

"We have established a whistleblowing line to solicit feedback on the projects in their area across the state; we anticipate all councils to implement similar mechanisms at the local level by engaging the public.

The More Agenda of Governor Sheriff Oborevwori is highly relevant, so agents of service delivery must be integrated by informing them of the principles of acceptable service delivery," the Senior Policy Adviser stated.

Chukwunwike, Bazim, security chiefs advocate collective action to tackle insecurity

Chairman of Aniocha South local government, Pastor Jude Chukwunwike and Chairman Aniocha North local government, Hon. Chinye Bazim have called on residents of both local government areas to supply credible intelligence that will aid security agencies to curb the activities of bandits, kidnappers and criminal elements disturbing the peace of their domain.

The Duo made the call during a strategic meeting at Ogwashi-uku headquarters of Aniocha South local government area.

Pastor Chukwunwike noted that the joint security meeting involving both local government councils was at the instance of the state governor, Rt. Hon. Sheriff Oborevwori, stating that the incessant news of attacks by gun men and casualties became imperative to bolster security in the two councils.

Hon. Bazim, in agreement with Pastor Chukwunwike and the traditional rulers, lamented the trauma faced by victims and their families, including the embarrassment

to leaders whose oath of office is rests on protection and safeguard of lives and properties of the citizens.

The Garrison Commander 63 Brigade, Nigeria Army, Lt. Col. L. A. Balogun and the Commissioner of Police, Delta State command, Olufemi Abaniwonda represented by Deputy Commissioner of Police, Administration, C. E. Dyke, agreed with the perspective shared by the council chairmen and critical stakeholders, stressing that the security agencies can only get it right, if residents are willing to gather and share credible intelligence that will drive the arrest of the culprits.

They added that every effort will be made to ensure that peace is restored in the two councils. The meeting was attended by security agencies, traditional rulers, presidents General of town unions, and vigilantes from the two local governments.

Others at the meeting are hoteliers, market associations, heads of schools and Fulani/Hausa Miyetti Allah, religious bodies as well as stakeholders.

Chukwunwike Spearheads Building Of New Nkwor Market At Nsukwa

In another bold move to leave an indelible mark in Aniocha South, the administration of Hon. Pastor Jude Chukwunwike, Executive Chairman of Aniocha South Council, has embarked on an ambitious project of rebuilding the 171 open shops and lay the foundation for 10 modern lock-up shops, complete with essential amenities for Nkwor Market at Nsukwa.

The community is abuzz with excitement as traders, residents, and opinion leaders hail the initiative as a game-changer, set to revitalize the business environment.

Mr. Wisdom Mebele, chairman of Nsukwa Development Union, lauded the council chairman's visionary leadership, noting that Aniocha South has never witnessed such rapid transformation simultaneously involving the three clans of the council area.

President of Nsukwa Youth Association Engr. Pastor Harrison Izu Opia on a telephone conversation, has also expressed gratitude to the council chairman for prioritizing youth development and infrastructural strides, emphasizing that Pastor Chukwunwike's administration is a beacon of hope for a brighter future.

Other notable government functionaries from the incumbent council leadership, including Hon. Oyem Oluchukwu, councilor representing the Nsukwa ward, Frank Okwudini Amaechi, Aniocha South Needs and Assessment Liaison Unit coordinator and Jonathan Oyem, Special Adviser on Media and Strategic Communication, also commended Pastor Chukwunwike for being steadfast in fulfilling his campaign promises, describing the council chairman "as a silent achiever" who has paved the way for Aniocha South as a key player in driving the state governor's MORE agenda.

They vowed to rally support for the re-election of Governor oborevwori in 2027 With this groundbreaking project, the community is poised to experience unprecedented growth, empowerment, and progress.



The Guardian veteran team at Owa-Alero to support our friend Hon. Nduka Irabor, whose son Kehiku weds daughter of Chief Tonobok (Tony) Okowa, Nadia, on Saturday, 5 April 2025. Among those in the picture are yours truly, Elem Emeka Izeze, Kayode Komolafe, Abdul Oroh, Bosah Iwobi and Chuku Anyaso.

Udu Council Boss, Oyibode, Leads Trees Removal Operation Under High-Tension Lines To Enhance Steady Power Supply

In a bold and proactive move aimed at ensuring uninterrupted power supply across Udu Local Government Area, the Executive Chairman, High Chief (Hon.) Vincent Ogheneruemu Oyibode, JP FCIA, today Friday, April 11th, 2025, has launched a comprehensive tree removal campaign, beginning with Otor-Udu Community.

The initiative, which is being carried out with the aid of heavy-duty equipment including a high-powered excavator, is focused on eliminating trees and vegetation that pose threats to high-tension electricity transmission lines. High Chief Oyibode, renowned for his hands-on leadership style, was physically present at the site, alongside his Special Adviser, Hon. Evang. Ogolo Emmanuel, overseeing the operation and demonstrating his commitment to infrastructural development and public welfare.

This bold move follows a high-level meeting held between the Udu Council Chairman and top officials

of the Benin Electricity Distribution Company (BEDC). During the meeting, both parties assessed the challenges impeding stable electricity supply in Udu and identified one of the primary culprits: overgrown trees and shrubs dangerously close to power lines. These vegetation clusters have often triggered disruptions in power delivery, especially during adverse weather conditions.

Electricity providers are frequently compelled to shut down power lines when it rains, in a bid to prevent hazardous incidents such as electrical arcing, fire outbreaks, and electrocution — all caused by wet tree branches making contact with live wires. This not only hampers the flow of electricity but also exposes communities to significant safety risks.

By initiating this tree-clearing operation, the Udu Local Government Council is taking proactive measures to address these issues at their root. The goal is clear: to pave the way for

a more resilient and efficient power supply system that serves the needs of both residential and commercial users.

Speaking during the exercise, High Chief Oyibode reaffirmed his administration's determination to extend this project to every part of Udu. He described the exercise as a vital part of his broader development blueprint, which prioritizes access to essential services such as electricity, water, healthcare, and quality education.

"This is about securing the future of our people and creating an enabling environment for sustainable development," he emphasized. "We are not just cutting down trees — we are cutting down barriers to progress. Steady electricity is a lifeline for economic growth, improved learning environments, modern healthcare delivery, and enhanced quality of life. No community in Udu will be left behind in this journey."

The Chairman's initiative has been

met with widespread applause from residents, community leaders, and business owners. Many have described it as a long-overdue and visionary intervention that will significantly uplift living standards and stimulate economic activities in the region.

"This is the kind of leadership we need — practical, responsive, and visionary," remarked a resident of Otor-Udu. "The Chairman is showing us that development is possible when there is willpower and genuine concern for the people."

As this initiative rolls out across the entire LGA, the people of Udu are beginning to see a tangible transformation in their communities. With improved power supply on the horizon, businesses can thrive, schools can function more effectively, health centres can offer better services, and homes can enjoy greater comfort and safety. Indeed, the foundation for a brighter, more electrified future is being laid — one tree at a time.

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IMAGES FROM OBOREWORI VANGUARD' GOVERNOR OF THE YEAR AWARD IN LAGOS ON FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH, 2025. IT WAS A VERY COLOUR CEREMONY WITH THE CREAM OF THE SOCIETY ALL AROUND THE GOVERNOR TO CELEBRATE WITH HIM ON THE SPECIAL DAY HE WAS HONOURED BY THE REPUTABLE MEDIA HOUSE. PHOTOS BY DONATUS OJI



