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My dear people of Rivers State

2. As the clock ticks down and as we look forward to ushering in the New Year 2022, this is the time to give thanks to the Almighty God for his Blessings and the opportunity to look into the future with greater hope and optimism.

3. On behalf of my wife and the Government, let me thank all Rivers State citizens in particular, and Nigerians in general, for your continued love and support to our administration throughout the year 2021.

4. Indeed, we cannot thank you enough for the trust, the solidarity, the cooperation and above all, your prayers for the success of our government and the peace and progress of our State.

5. We also thank the police, the department of state security, the armed forces and the para military services for working round the clock to make and keep our dear State peaceful, safe and secure, not only in this festive season but throughout the ongoing year.

6. Indeed, there is no denying the fact that crime and criminality have been at very low rates in Rivers State and citizens felt safer and more secure in 2021 than the previous years.

7. With the cooperation of the security agencies we identified and destroyed most of the shanties that hitherto served as safe havens and hideouts for criminals, who have now been dislodged and dislocated from the State having lost the space and capacity from which they could operate with ease.

8. To consolidate on the gains of the dislodgement and relocation exercises, and make the State even safer and more secure, we have decided to demolish all shanties and makeshift structures in identified crime hotspots in Port Harcourt Township and the Ilabache areas of Dibia from the second week of January 2022.

9. Those rebuilding the shanties we had demolished at Elere or attempting to resume illegal trading activities at the closed Ogbirika slaughter have one week to vacate or be arrested and charged to court.

10. Additionally, we have discovered that most vacant plots or uncompleted buildings in the Old and New Government Reservation Areas (GRA) and some other parts of Port Harcourt city and Ohio Akpor Local Government Areas have been hijacked and are now inhabited by criminal elements who are daily constituting menace to public safety.

11. We have therefore decided to end this danger by taking over all such abandoned plots and uncompleted buildings and re-allocate them to citizens who are ready to develop and put them into effective occupancy.

12. In a similar vein, we have revoked the certificates of occupancy of several undeveloped plots of land in old GRA, Port Harcourt, for breaching the covenants attached thereto, which we would also re-allocate to interested members of the public for immediate development as part of the ongoing efforts to restore the entire old GRA to its pristine state of development, beauty and serenity.

13. We will also not spare those contributing to the perennial flooding challenge in parts of Port Harcourt city and Ohio Akpor Local Government Area by blocking natural water and drainage channels with illegal landfilling, reclamation of wetlands or the construction of concrete structures.

14. Consequently, we shall recover and restore all landfilled or reclaimed wetlands and demolish all structures erected on natural water channels spanning from the Eastern bypass areas up to Abani and Elere streets in Old GRA, Port Harcourt. Only those with genuine government permits and allocation papers will be duly compensated.

15. Again, it is important to appreciate what we have done to successfully transform our capital city, Port Harcourt, to one of the most beautiful cities in Nigeria with well-paved streets, pedestrian walkways, dual carriage roads and flyovers.

16. However, the beauty of the city is being defaced by illegal and indiscriminate trading on our streets, under flyovers and other unauthorized open spaces as well as the challenges with the current largely inefficient refuse disposal system.

17. I wish to therefore remind citizens that the ban on street trading and commuting on motor cycles in Port Harcourt and Ohio Akpor Local Government Areas is still in force.

18. Consequently, I hereby direct the task force on Illegal Street trading to arrest and prosecute all those:

(i) shutting with their motorcycles and or hawking foreign exchange along Birabi street, Hotel Presidential, GRA junction by Zenith Bank up to Tomba street; and

(ii) trading on, under and around the Rumuola junction and flyover, Rumuola junction and flyover, as well as Rumukoro junction and flyover.

19. Security personnel abetting illegal Street trading by collecting bribes and offering protection to street vendors are advised to desist forthwith or they would equally be made to face

the wrath of the law.

20. Furthermore, we have decided to end the menace of cart-pushers who have become notorious for indiscriminate scavenging and littering of wastes on street corners and the medians of major roads and highways across the State.

21. These cart pushers and their unknown collaborators are also responsible for the recurring stealing of manhole covers, an act which endangers peoples' lives and public safety on our roads.

22. Consequently, the State Government has placed an immediate ban on the activities of cart pushers and directs law enforcement agencies to arrest and prosecute anyone who attempts to violate this ban.

23. In addition, a taskforce would be put in place to enforce this ban while we plead with the courts in the interest of public safety and security to impose the severest of punishment under the law on any convicted manhole vandal.

24. The indiscriminate and prolonged parking of trailers and other articulated vehicles along our streets is another environmental menace we must tackle to bring sanity to our cities and living environment.

25. Consequently, I hereby direct the Chairman of Port Harcourt, Ikwerre, Ohio Akpor, and Oyoibo Local Government Councils to within three weeks from today imposed and or remove any trailer, trucks or articulated vehicle that is parked on the streets beyond 48 hours in their respective administrative jurisdictions.

26. As we all know, achieving effective environmental sanitation in cities and urban centres is a global challenge, and ours is not an exception.

27. However, we are determined to improve on our refuse disposal system by reviewing, overhauling and strengthening the legal, institutional and economic framework for a more effective delivery of sanitation services to residents.

28. I urge that you bear with us for a while and things will certainly change for the better in our refuse disposal system.

29. As an initial step towards achieving this objective, we have placed an immediate ban on the disposal of refuse on the streets or open spaces in both the old and new GRAs of Port Harcourt and Ohio Akpor Local Government Areas.

30. Every household in both old and new GRAs must therefore procure and keep approved refuse disposal bins in the front of their houses to facilitate the door-to-door collection of the wastes they generate by designated contractors.

31. We will not hesitate to revoke the certificate of occupancy of any house in these areas without a refuse disposal bin or whose occupants are caught disposing refuse on the streets or open spaces.

32. We have also banned the posting of advert materials of any kind, including posters, fliers, pictures, artworks, placards or inscriptions on or under our flyovers, bridges, concrete walls and the safety barricades along the roads.

33. We will establish environmental marshals to enforce compliance with our sanitation laws, including this ban, by arresting and prosecuting both the person who places the advert and the person and institution on whose behalf it is placed.

34. Fellow citizens, we also have reason to be concerned about the operations and socially harmful activities of nightclubs within residential areas of our State.

35. Apart from the noise and traffic nuisances suffered by innocent residents, no responsible government should continue to tolerate the open display and solicitation of sexual services, drug abuse and public amonization that takes place along the streets and public areas abutting some of these nightclubs, lounges and bars by the youths, some, as young as under 14 years.

36. Consequently, the State Government has placed an immediate ban on all nightclub activities, including night-time trading and street prostitution along Abacha road and surrounding streets to stop the harmful effect of these depraved activities on the moral development of our children and society at large.

37. Let me also reiterate that we are as everly concerned as the public over the black soot environmental disaster that has continued to envelope Port Harcourt and upstating residents for quite some time.

38. As a State Government, we have drawn the attention of the Federal Government to this problem and requested for its intervention to stop the activities of illegal bunkering and artisanal crude oil refiners, which have been identified as the main sources of the soot pandemic.

39. Unfortunately, the Federal Government has remained inexplicably silent over our request and even complicit to a large extent with the security agencies actively aiding, encouraging and protecting the artisanal refiners to continue with their harmful activities unabated.

40. We have equally appealed without success to our people engaging in this illegal business to consider its negative effects on our economy, environment, public safety and public health and disengage from it.

41. We will continue to engage and plead with the Federal

Government to intervene and save our people from this serious environmental and health emergency.

42. However, since the federal security agencies have largely refused to stop the illegal crude oil refining activities in the State, we have no option but to take necessary measures to tackle this particular and direct challenge to our collective health and survival by ourselves.

43. Consequently, I have directed the Chairman of Port Harcourt City Local Government Council to go after all the illegal crude oil refining sites along Creek road and adjoining areas of the city and shut them down with immediate effect.

44. Furthermore, all Local Government Chairmen are directed to work with community leaders to locate and identify all illegal bunkering and crude oil refining sites in their localities and report to my office for further action.

45. Once again, we express our sympathies to the victims of the recent fire incidences in the State, especially those who lost their lives and valuable property.

46. As a government we will continue to do our best to strengthen the State Fire Service to effectively intervene in mitigate the damage during fire incidents.

47. However, members of the public also have the responsibility to do the right thing to prevent or avoid some of these fire incidents from happening and those who deliberately bury fuel and gas tanks in residential areas are certainly not doing the right thing, and should therefore relocate their precarious businesses to more convenient and less risky places.

48. We wish to also express our concern over the poor compliance with the existing Covid-19 protocols by citizens and the effect on the transmission of the disease in the State.

49. Believe it or not, Covid-19 is a reality that has already taken the lives of hundreds of thousands of people and disrupted economic activities across the world.

50. Here in Rivers State, the transmission of the virus continues to surge daily and we all need to act together to stop the disease from further ravaging our State.

51. We therefore appeal to all residents to make themselves available for testing and vaccination whether it is for your first, second or booster jab in addition to observing the existing preventive protocols, including social distancing and wearing of face masks to reduce the level of transmission.

52. Let me also remind all government recognized traditional rulers that they are, at all times, subject to the authority and directives of the State Government and not to other allegiances, culture or otherwise.

53. Therefore, the consistent absence of some first class traditional rulers, especially the Amayamabo of Okrika, the Amayamabo of Oga, the Amayamabo of Kalabari and the Gbomere Nwo-Khama from participating in State functions is unacceptable and will no longer be tolerated.

54. Should they therefore continue to absent themselves from State functions or in the regular meetings and activities of the State Traditional Rulers Council, we would have no option but to direct their immediate replacement.

55. Finally, as the New Year 2022 inevitably beckons, we wish to assure you that we will continue to do our best to meet the aspirations of our citizens for a more peaceful, safe and secure society throughout the Year 2022.

56. We will continue to pursue our objectives for a stronger and more sustainable economy, control on fiscal discipline, revenue growth, job creation, and improved standard of living for all residents.

57. We will continue to accelerate our development with the sustainable delivery of quality roads, bridges, schools, hospitals and other socio-economic infrastructure and complete all ongoing development projects across the State.

58. I wish to, once again, thank our leaders, traditional rulers, elder statesmen, party chieftains, our women, our youths and the press for the warmth and support we have received throughout 2021.

59. We wish to specially thank our religious leaders for their prayers for peace and progress as well as for their continuous support to our Government in the primary task of building the Rivers State of our collective dreams.

60. We remain grateful to God for the unprecedented peace, security and transformational strides the State is enjoying under our administration.

61. But we must also be vigilant because our enemies, especially, members of the opposition, are not happy with the prevailing peace, security and the unprecedented achievements we have recorded, and are therefore determined to cause crisis and disturb our peace and joy if they have the opportunity.

62. Let us therefore prayerfully continue to place our trust in Almighty God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

63. I wish each and every one a happy and prosperous New Year!

64. May God continue to bless our dear Rivers State.

HYPREP Funds Missing

The on-going environmental clean-up of hydrocarbon impacted sites in Ogoniland is centered on the recommendations of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Report that was submitted to the Federal Government of Nigeria in 2011.

However, there have been certain challenges bedeviling the project that border on transparency, probity and accountability.

Finding revealed that over N 30 billion of the intervention funds are nowhere to be found.

Our investigation showed that in order to safeguard the Ogoni funds from being filtered, the negotiators from the Ogoni team settled for the creation of the Ogoni Trust Fund into which the 1 billion dollars will be domiciled and ring fenced for the purpose of the Ogoni cleanup.

By the 2016, the Ogoni Trust Fund was created with a Board of Trustees constituted to oversee the management of

the funds. Our investigation further showed that after the first contribution of \$180 million were received from the IOCs in July 2018 into the Ogoni Trust Funds, the Board decided to invest part of the funds. A whopping sum of \$20 million was put into this investment.

As at the last count, investigations revealed that over 30 billion naira has been generated, but no one in Ogoni is made aware of this so-called money generated and for what purpose it is being used. The fund is run in so much secrecy that even members of the Governing Council, which is supposed to be the clearing house, are not aware of this money and what it is meant.

The gain or interest made on the so-called investment for three years now has not been made public to the Ogoni people and the waiting public. No

one seems to be concerned about these 'missing' funds.

Meanwhile, the operations of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project, HYPREP, and who occupies positions on the project have drawn much attention of the

Ogoni people, rather than questioning the whereabouts of the funds meant for HYPREP operations and the benefit of the people who have suffered over the years as a result of unabated pollution and its attendant hazards.

This development requires the attention of the Federal Government through the Ministry of Environment that oversees and controls the projects as well as well-meaning Ogoni men and women who are concerned with the success of the

implementation of the Ogoni project as recommended by the United Nations Environment Programme, UNEP.

All efforts to reach the leadership of the Board failed.

Hon. Deekor Bags Chieftaincy Tittle

...Awards N2M to 10 Taabaa Students
...Donates 2 Patrol Vehicles To Police Division

The Member Representing Khana/Gokana Federal Constituency in the National Assembly, Rt. Hon. Dumnamene Robinson Dekor, was on Sunday, January 2, 2021, coronated as "MENE SULENU NUA, GBENEGO I" of Barasi Taabaa, by the Barasi Taabaa Council of Chiefs in Khana local Government Area of Rivers State.

His Royal Highness, Mene MSK Nule II, while performing the traditional rite, said the people of Barasi Taabaa decided to honour the

Federal Lawmaker, who is also the House Committee Chairman on Host Communities, for his outstanding performance and People-oriented projects carried out in the area from his time as Deputy Speaker in the Rivers State House of Assembly up to the present time.

The people identified the projects to include, Facilitating the return of Government comprehensive

High School Taabaa from the Missionary, Drawing Government attention to renovate same school from its moribund state to modern standard, Building and furnishing a functional Police Division in Barasi Taabaa, which has reduced the high level of insecurity and criminality in Nyokhana District and Human Capital Development Projects which has benefited the people of Barasi Taabaa.

Speaking further, Mene Bua Baa II noted that it is pertinent to support leaders like Hon Dekor, who rewards hard work, and continually attracts development to his people.

Mene Nule II eulogised Hon Dekor for his undying love for the people of Barasi Taabaa, and described him as "Politician with uncommon virtues".

Rt. Hon. Dumnamene Robinson Dekor, in appreciation, reiterated his commitment to remain a good Ambassador of the people of Barasi Taabaa.

2023 Election: Ogonis Unanimous On Demand For Rivers Governorship Slot

As the 2023 General Elections draw near, the people of Ogoni seem to have put their house in order in readiness for a political contest to realize their long time agitation to occupy the Brick House as duly elected Executive Governor of Rivers State.

Although, political affiliations still exist, and people are still entitled to their fundamental rights of freedom of Association, as there are visibly various political camps, preferred aspirants and sentiments based on communities, dialect, districts, otherwise called Kingdoms, and local governments of origin. But, what is certain, as *The Bori Chronicles* can confirm in Ogoni, is the fact that everyone unpretentiously speaks the same language and are prepared to commit themselves in supporting whoever emerges as candidate any political party after the Party Primaries.

Our Political Correspondents went to town, inquiring people's opinion on subject. Below are some excerpts from respondents:

Rev. Lebari (an Educationist and Social Worker): "The people of Ogoni have consistently asked for the opportunity to serve the State in the capacity as Governor from the creation of the State till now, but that dream or quest has not been realized. We would still appeal to our brothers and neighbours to support us in the coming elections as we have supported them in several instances."

Chief Phillip (Ogoni Elite/Contractor): "My plea is to the Governor of the State, Chief Nyesom Wike, to ensure a level playing ground for all interested parties to participate in the process. I also want to appeal to leaders of the two dominant political parties, the PDP and APC, to do the needful by zoning the governorship seat to Ogoni. The people of Ogoni have shown enough patience and also served all the former Governors faithfully and offered their best in ensuring that they succeed. They should support us this time."

Rev. Godspower (Religious Leader): "The people of Ogoni deserve the

opportunity as number one citizen of the State come 2023. I can see the zeal and passion to serve the State in our Ogoni brothers. I call on them, particularly the politicians to go about it diligently and to put God first in all they do. With God everything is possible, and I'm sure they will get it right this time".

Chief Dickson (Traditional Ruler): "With unity of purpose, we will win in the next governorship election in the State. I can assure you that any political party that fields an Ogoni person as its candidate in the gubernatorial election in the State will win the election. We are determined to support any good candidate of Ogoni extraction as Governor of our dear State".

Comrade Gideon Amber (Rights Activist and Community Leader): "Well, it is not by power or might but God will do it for Ogoni this time around. We have appealed to the conscience of our fellow youths and comrades from other tribes in the State and we

can count on them to support an Ogoni man to emerge as Governor of Rivers State come 2023. We know that other tribes also have ambition to contest but we have made sufficient contributions to the growth and development of Rivers State since its creation. Our leaders fought for the creation of the State and we have remained committed to the unity and peace in the State. No successive governments can say that Ogoni have not paid their dues. We deserve it looking at all equations".

Mercy (Women Leader): "It is time for equity and justice in this State. Any Ogoni man or woman that comes out to contest for governor, I will vote for that person. Those people that have been contesting are people like us. Some of them even succeeded because of the support from the Ogoni people. I'm ready to mobilize my fellow women and even the men to come out enmass to vote for any Governorship candidate from Ogoni. Our people are very qualified to occupy that office. We will not do "Women Oh Ye" for any one this time around. Let others do "Women Oh Ye" for my people now".

Anonymous (Politician): "I think our beloved Governor has heard our voice and he will act accordingly. He is a listening Governor and does not intend to sabotage all his good efforts in building the State. So, he will ensure continuity of his legacy by allowing the Ogoni people that have worked closely with him and have shown him love to take over from him. We have all it takes to give the State governance. We will collapse all political structures to ensure we realize our dream come 2023."

Anthony Aalo (Environmental Rights Activist): "I will gladly support an Ogoni aspirant for Governor, if a credible candidate emerges. My reason is that since the creation of Rivers State, we the Ogoni people have not occupied the Brick House, and I think it's the right time for us to occupy the Brick House, looking at our population and contributions to the development of the State".

Anonymous (Politician): "I will support an Ogoni man that will carry people along to be Governor."

Bishop Dr. Deekor Christian Miracle (President Partakers Int'l Ministry): "I'm fully in support of an Ogoni man governorship ambition. This governorship issue I have been in the fore front. That why I joined the ruling Party, the all progressive Congress because I know that is where an Ogoni man governorship ambition will be realized. I have been on this since the inception of the current political dispensation. I have been praying and fasting for it and I know that 2023, we are getting it by the grace of God."

Ekpeye Ethnic Nationality Forms Eleco for Election of Eze Ekpeye Logbo III

Following Governor Nyesom Ezenwo Wike's Advice That The People Of Ekpeye Should Elect A New Eze Ekpeye Logbo Within Two Months, The People Under The Aegis Of Uzugbani Ekpeye, Ekpeye People's General Assembly Gathered Yesterday At Ahoada And Formed Electoral Committee For The Election Of Eze Ekpeye

Logbo III
The 10man ELECO Has High Chief Stephen Ihua Maduenyi As Chairman And Barr Anderson Awashi As Secretary With Other Members drawn From The Six Kingdoms That Make Up Ekpeye Ethnic Nationality.

The Committee Has Six Weeks To Conduct The Election.



Gov. Wike

Those Who Invest In People Never Lack - Abe

Former representative of Rivers South-East Senatorial District at the National Assembly, Senator Magnus Abe has said that those who invest in people and the development of their area never lack.

Abe stated this at Kpor, Headquarters of Gokana Local Government Area of Rivers State while receiving an award as an Outstanding Unique Leader during the LGA's 30th

Anniversary Celebration. The Senator berated public servants who believe that stealing public funds that is meant for the development of the people will make them rich, stating that such people always end up being poor.

He said: "I want to thank the government and people of Gokana Local Government Council for finding me worthy for this award on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of our local

government area. "I am here because I support what the council chairman is doing and I'm proud to be part of the gathering of Gokana sons and daughters.

"I know that my presence here will encourage you and I'm glad we are all here to support and encourage you.

"Within your six months in office, you have consulted, reached out and

brainstormed with others in your efforts to revamp the structures in the council and remained focused.

"As long as you continue to do what is good for your people, you don't have to worry, invest in people and you will not lack neither will you be poor.

"By bringing all of us here today, you are bringing our minds back to our local government area. Gokana is growing and Gokana will continue to grow.

"In your address you have asked for computers, Mr. Chairman, I will give you 10 computers. By the grace of God, this local government will exceed the dreams and aspirations of its founding fathers."

Abe congratulated the Council Chairman, Confidence Deko on his achievements and urged him not to be distracted nor be tired as problems will always come and whenever it comes, God will help him to overcome.

Earlier, the Council Chairman, Confidence Deko while enumerating some of his achievements within the period in office said his aim from the outset is to bring government closer to the



Sen. Abe

Lawmaker offers Scholarship To 17 Gokana Students

The Member representing Khana / Gokana Federal Constituency, in the National Assembly, Rt. Hon. Dumnamene Robinson Dekor, has awarded Scholarship of 100, 000 to

one Student each from the 17 Wards in Gokana Local Government Area.

Hon Dekor, who is also Chairman, House

Committee on Host Communities, made the announcement on Monday, December 27, at a Symposium organized marking 30th Anniversary of Gokana LGA at Kpor, headquarters of the Council.

He commended the Gokana Council Chairman, Hon. Confidence Deko for his laudable achievements in hundred days in office as Chairman.

Hon. Dekor further called on the people to continue to support the Chairman and the State Government for them to enjoy more dividends of democracy.



Rt. Hon. Dum Dekor

Sustenance of Peace in Khana, Our Collective Responsibility- Rt. Hon. Dekor

The National Assembly Member representing Khana / Gokana Federal constituency, Rt. Hon. Dumnamene Dekor has

reiterated the indispensable role of Peace in the development of the society, calling on all citizens of Khana and other areas to continue to work towards the

sustenance of Peace and security in the area.

The Lawmaker stated this while participating in the procession at the Khana Cultural Festival organized by the Local Government Chairman, Hon. Thomas Bariere, in Bori on Wednesday.

Hon Dekor, expressing satisfaction with the achievements recorded so far by the Council Chairman, commended him for fulfilling the promises made to the people during his electioneering campaign.

He thanked Hon. Bariere for putting together the festival for the first time, adding that he is happy because the Chairman of

Council has not disappointed his people as he restored peace in Khana LGA.

According to him, "we are here celebrating the peace in Khana and other achievements of the government in Khana LGA. I therefore, commend the Chairman of Council, Hon. Thomas Bariere for the giant strides, the DPO of Khan LGA, SP Bako Angbasem, and other Security Agencies in Khana for their relentless efforts in fighting crime and criminality in the area.

"We must continue to sustain this peace, which is the collective responsibility of all. I congratulate everyone for being part of the success".

FG Does Not Borrow To Execute All Projects - Amaechi

The Minister of Transportation, Rt.Hon. Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi says the country wouldn't have achieved its current level of infrastructural development without loans.

Rt. Hon. Amaechi spoke on Friday when he featured as a guest on 'Good Morning Nigeria,' a programme on the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA).

Speaking on what the present administration has accomplished in infrastructure, he said not all projects are funded with loans, adding that Buhari should be commended for his efforts.

His words: "We must credit it to a great extent to the President in the sense that if he had been listening to the elite of Nigeria that was screaming 'no, you can't borrow money to do this infrastructure', we won't be where we are today."

"It is because he just kept a deaf ear to them and then encouraged us to go for the cheapest fund that we can get."

"We raised funds from China to do the Lagos-

Ibadan. Currently, we are doing Kaduna-Abuja from the budget, but we are yet to get the loan. We are still negotiating with China and we hope that before March next year, we should be able to get the loan so that we can continue."

"I have repeatedly said this. When Nigerians talk about borrowing, how much are we actually borrowing? It is too much noise. When you hear the minister of transport announce that the federal

government has awarded the contract of Lagos to Ibadan or the Lagos to Calabar for \$11.1 billion, it doesn't mean that we borrowed the money. Up till now, we are struggling to get the money for Lagos to Calabar."

"We are negotiating with the Turkish company to join the Chinese company so that we can get European loan. We are negotiating with the Chinese company in charge of Port Harcourt to Maiduguri.

When contacted, the CDC Chairman, Barrister Mono Okono, advised the youths not to take laws into their hands, and confirmed that the CDC had received the

sum of N50million out of N200million.

According to him, "the MoU had been signed

...N200m Royalty Tears Ubima Apart

sum of N50million out of N200million.

Okono advised the youths to apply dialogue, warning that get-rich quick syndrome was not the best way to achieve peace and development.

He said the leadership of the community was doing everything possible to resolve the lingering issues, adding that he was not part of those who signed the MoU with the company.

According to him, "the MoU had been signed

before I took over the leadership of the community in 2015", adding that the CDC has no part to play in the looming crisis.

"The CDC cannot interface with the company, rather a separate body known as MIC is the only body empowered by the MoU to interface with the company", he said.

He also explained that the company's financial and technical partners were in court over an internal matter, which according to him, means

that one party cannot implement what is in the MoU.

Also contacted, the company's Community Liaison Officer (CLO), Mr. Dandison Onuah, who dismissed the threats by PYU, warned that the youths cannot dictate to him or his family what happens in his land.

Onuah stated that he was one of the rightful owners of the land where the oil firm was located and carrying out its business.

According to him, "I am the rightful owner of the land, somebody who does not

own anything cannot dictate to me.

"Ubima community has an organised leadership. We have Ogbakor Ubima headed by a legal practitioner. We have Community Development Committee (CDC) also headed by a legal practitioner. Those touts cannot dictate to us", he noted.

He said the company has no obligation to listen to the PYU, describing them as non-existent trouble-makers bent on destabilising the relative peace in the community.

COVID-19 Variants Are Real!

Covid-19 infection does not know Religion, Culture, Colour, Age, Social status – Poor or Rich, Academic Qualification, Gender, Size, Height, Relationship, Time, Place, Ability, Occupation. It affects Any Available Person.

Stay Safe, Get Vaccinated!
Spread the Information!

Kera kera ip Covid-19 a Lu Kaka

Dumeloo Covid-19 naa Sua oboghanaloo, ale ke bui waa t̄̄̄ dum doo, ale d̄̄̄ oekpaloo, ale o dua ale oga nyoo yee nyoo-ue, ale olu kporo se mene ale kpa ole ba bu enoa kpa, ale nee wa se nee dam, ale oga nyoo, ale nee le t̄̄̄ aa dania zii nu ale s̄̄̄, ale ke t̄̄̄ ole, ale oka kp̄̄̄, o e aga loo, ale tam o weesi. Adap su eegeba nee, nyooowa, t̄̄̄ leere, su lo pie eba kere vaccine na Tap ue-ama imme loo booboonee

- COVID-19 Is Real!
- Stay Safe, Take The Vaccine
- Avoid Community Transmission
- Covid-19 Kills, Don't Add to The Number
- Don't Break Your Peoples' Heart By Being Unsafe

Khana Translation

- Dume loo Covid-19 lu kaka
- Tooleele o-uma pie beke lo-a kpooge dee lo-a
- O-a lu nee a doo k̄̄ lo nu a t̄̄̄ ye aa loo zii nee yii loo zii
- Dume loo Covid-19 a fe nee, o-a buge pia nee lo dume lo-a ayira loo
- O-a yere maa to dee pia onee t̄̄̄ oo t̄̄̄ lee re

SOUTH-SOUTH STATES COVID-19 EMERGENCY CONTACTS

1 Akwa Ibom State	08189411111 09045575515 07035211919 08028442194 08037934966 09023330092 08000275664 (toll free line)
2 Bayelsa State	09062434197 08037376248 08168197671
3 Cross River State	09036281412 08050907736 (WhatsApp) 08031230527
4 Delta State	0803 123 0480 0803 123 0481 0803 123 0528 0803 123 0529 090 10 9999 33 090 10 9999 34 08031230021 08005000100
5 Edo State	08084096723 08064258163 08035835529
6 Rivers State	08056109538 08031888093 08033124314

- * COVID-19 Variants Are Real!
- * It's Deadly, Still Spreading.
- * Don't Be A Victim.
- * Take The Vaccine & Stay Safe!

Khana Translation

- * Kera kera ip Covid 19 a lu kaka
- * Ale aa t̄̄̄ aa loo zii nee yii, zii sa fe gara nee
- * O-aa do bu lo dume loo a
- * Su lo pie eba kure vaccine na, lo kwa a naa ina aloo, too lee re

- ✔ **Get Vaccinated and Stay Safe**
- ✔ **Vaccine Are Safe, Free**
- ✔ **Prevent & Protect Yourself & The Community From Being Infected**

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- ✔ **kpega sa o koa loo a, le pia o bue aa loo lo eyɔnu**

COVID-19 PREVENTION MEASURES

- ❖ **Wear your face mask**
- ❖ **Take the vaccine**
- ❖ **Wash your hands regularly**
- ❖ **Use hand sanitizer**
- ❖ **Avoid crowded places**
- ❖ **Go for medical check-up**
- ❖ **Stay Healthy & Maintain Personal hygiene**
- ❖ **Vaccines Are available at all General Hospitals, Primary Health Care Centres at the LG Headquarters**

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Sms; +2348099555577
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COVID-19 MEDICAL KITS REQUIRED AT HOME

1. Paracetamol
2. Betadine for Mouthwash and Gargle
3. Vitamin C and D3
5. B Complex
6. Vapour+ Capsules for Steam
7. Oximeter
8. Oxygen Cylinder (For Emergency Only)
9. Breathing Exercises

Covid Three Stages:

1. Covid only in Nose:-

Recovery Time is Half a Day. (Steam Inhaling), Vitamin C. Usually, No Fever. Asymptomatic.

2. Covid in Throat:-

Sore Throat, Recovery Time - 1 Day (Hot Water Gargle, Warm Water to Drink. If With Temperature, Then Paracetamol, Vitamin C, B Complex. If Severe, then Antibiotic.

3. Covid in Lungs:-

Coughing and Breathlessness, 4 to 5 Days. (Vitamin C, B Complex, Hot Water Gargle, Oximeter, Paracetamol, Cylinder - If Severe. Lots of Liquid Required.

Deep Breathing Exercise.

Stage When To Approach Hospital:-

Monitor the Oxygen Level. If it goes near 43 (Normal, 98-100) Then you need Oxygen Cylinder. If available at Home, then no Hospital.

Stay Healthy, Stay Safe!

Please forward to all on your contact list. You never know who it may help.

Advice from inside Isolation Hospitals, we can do at Home

Medicines that are taken in Isolation Hospitals:

1. Vitamin C -1000
 2. Vitamin E (E)
 3. From (10 to 11) hours, sitting in the Sunshine for 15-20 Minutes.
 4. Egg Meal - Once ..
 5. We Take a Rest / Sleep, A Minimum of 7-8 Hours
 6. We Drink 1.5 Liters of Water Daily
 7. All Meals should be Warm (Not Cold).
- And that's all we do in the Hospital to Strengthen the Immune System

Note that the pH of Coronavirus varies from 5.5 to 8.5

Therefore, all we have to do to eliminate the Virus is to consume more Alkaline Foods above the Acidity Level of the Virus.

Such As:-

- Bananas
- Green Lemon - 9.9 pH
- Yellow Lemon - 8.2 pH
- Avocado - 15.6 pH
- * Garlic - 13.2 pH
- * Mango - 8.7 pH
- * Tangerine - 8.5 pH
- * Pineapple - 12.7 pH
- * Watercress - 22.7 pH
- * Oranges - 9.2 pH

How to know that you are infected with Corona Virus?

1. Itchy Throat
2. Dry Throat
3. Dry Cough
4. High Temperature
5. Shortness of Breath
6. Loss of Smell

And Lemon with Warm Water eliminates the Virus at the beginning before reaching the Lungs . . .

PLEASE, Do not keep this information to yourself. Provide it to all your Family and Friends.

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The World Health Organization (WHO) is hoping that the COVID-19 pandemic will end in 2022. Director General, Tedros Ghebreyesus expressed optimism at a press

briefing on Wednesday. Coronavirus emerged in December 2019 and has since claimed many lives across the world. In official figures, more than 1.8 million deaths were recorded in 2020 and

3.5 million in 2021. According to John Hopkin University data, total coronavirus cases and deaths are 284,421,457 and 5,421,278 as of December 30. With Delta and

Omicron producing an increased number of cases, the WHO called for strict adherence to vaccination and

safety protocols. Ghebreyesus said he was "highly concerned" that the Omicron, more transmissible, is circulating at the same time as Delta. Last year, the WHO charged leaders to vaccinate 40 percent of citizens by the end of 2021 and 70 per cent by the middle of 2022.

countries receiving a limited supply.

"This is the time to rise above short-term nationalism and protect populations and economies against future variants by ending global vaccine inequity."

"We have 185 days to the finish line of achieving 70 per cent by the start of July 2022. And the clock starts now", Ghebreyesus urged.

Gov Wike Raises Alarm On Covid19 Escalation In Rivers, Orders Religious Bodies To Reduce To 50% Capacity

Rivers State Governor, Nyesom Wike says the number of Covid-19 cases being recorded daily in the state is getting out of hand. The Governor, who disclosed this in a statement on Saturday, said the state records not less than a hundred cases of Covid-19 on a daily basis. He said the situation may not be deadly but people still need to be careful and

observe all covid protocols. He revealed that religious bodies in the state have been directed to reduce the number of worshippers to 50 percent to help curb its spread. He also directed businesses in the state to obey all covid safety protocols of the NCDC and the state government. The Governor,

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She noted that the virus would continue to spread due to relaxation of Covid-19 protocols and the increase in social mixing as it engenders the number of contacts that individuals have, thereby increasing the proclivity of

passage from one person to the other. She estimated that "the average person infected with the original coronavirus strain will infect 2.5 other people and in the same environment, delta would spread from one person to maybe 3.5 or 4 other people."

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PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY ON COVID-19 OVERVIEW

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The Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) through the National Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) has continued to lead the national public health response in Nigeria with oversight of the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19 (PTF-COVID-19). The NCDC is also working closely with all states of the Federation to support their response activities to the pandemic.

Several measures have been instituted by the Federal Government of Nigeria through the PTF-COVID-19 together with the Federal Ministry of Health to curtail the spread of the disease and protect the health of Nigerians. This includes an initial lockdown of non-essential activities; closure of schools; a ban on international flights etc. Nigeria is one of many countries that have commenced the gradual easing of lockdown measures initially instituted at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. This is to ensure a balance between preserving lives and livelihoods while addressing the socio-economic disruptions caused by the outbreak.

Further to reviewing the response nationwide, and in light of the rising trend in several countries and the high risk of a surge in cases in Africa, the PTF-COVID-19 now Presidential Steering Committee on COVID-19 (PSC-COVID-19) re-instituted the enforcement of the COVID-19 Health Protection Regulations and announced the Phase 4 of the Eased Lockdown, effective from 11th of May 2021. This is to mitigate the risk of a spike in new cases, while the nationwide vaccine rollout continues. This is in line with amendments to address economic, socio-political and health considerations, and are as follows:

- Maintaining the current nationwide curfew from 12am to 4am;
- Opening of NYSC orientation camps;
- The gradual re-opening of all educational institutions in a phased manner;
- Maintaining the restrictions on mass gatherings outside the workplace to no more than 50 persons;
- Limitation on civil servants allowed to come to work with alternate day arrangements;
- Closure of recreational venues, gyms and indoor sports facilities are to close until 11th June, 2021
- Closure of all bars, night clubs, pubs and event centres while restaurants are to adhere to 50% eat-in capacity, except those providing services to hotel residents, takeaways, home deliveries and drive-ins are allowed; and
- Mandatory use of non-medical facemasks in public spaces. 'No mask, no entry. No mask, no service;
- Maintaining 'No Mask, No Voting' policy with enforcement of guidance on conducting safe elections during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The NCDC continues to expand laboratories for the testing of COVID-19 and has commenced the use of GeneXpert across the country to scale-up testing. The current list of laboratories for the testing of COVID-19 in Nigeria can be here. Through the #TakeResponsibility campaign by the NCDC, Nigerians and residents in the country are urged to take greater individual and collective responsibility in preventing and controlling the spread of COVID-19 in Nigeria. All resources, guidelines and real-time updates on COVID-19 in Nigeria can be found on <https://covid19.ncdc.gov.ng/>.

AN OPEN LETTER TO HIS EXCELLENCY, CHIEF OLUSEGUN OBASANJO, GCFR, FORMER PRESIDENT AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA By Chief (Dr.) E. K. Clark, OFR, CON

Your Excellency,

MY DISAPPOINTMENT OVER YOUR UNPROVOKED OUTBURST AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF THE NIGER DELTA REGION

Let me begin by thanking you for finding time to stop by at my Abuja residence on Monday, 13th December, 2021, to check on my wellbeing and state of health, a visit that also afforded us the opportunity to discuss matters pertaining to the state of our nation which, unfortunately, continues to drift to very disturbing levels. I am indeed very grateful.

Your Excellency, in the course of our discuss, which was cordial, you did not mention, neither did you show any form of distraught or anger with the Niger Delta Region.

Your Excellency will recall that a summit was organised by a group, Global Peace Foundation, on Monday, 13th December, 2021, the same day you came to visit me, to which various groups and individuals were invited, and Your Excellency happened to be one of the invitees. I was equally invited. But because as Your Excellency knows, I am recuperating from an ailment, and since I have been told by my doctors to take things easy, I asked His Excellency, Ambassador Godknows Igal, a retired Permanent Secretary with the Federal Civil Service, and a former Ambassador, to kindly represent me at the Summit together with Mr. O'Mac Emakpore, a retired Director with the Nigeria Television Authority (NTA) and Engr. Ebipamowei Wodu, the Secretary-General, Ijaw National Congress (INC).

Like I stated, in the course of our conversations, Your Excellency did not mention to me of any grievances you have against the Niger Delta region. So, it was a rude shock to me watching videos, both on conventional media and social media, where Your Excellency, displayed what I will like to describe as unstatesmanly attitude on your outburst, hitting the table with your hands, that the oil found in the Niger Delta region does not belong to the people of the Niger Delta.

With all due respect, Your Excellency, your outburst towards your fellow participants in a Summit, to which everyone present was invited, is to say the least, disappointing, when you displayed a hate attitude against the people of the oil producing States in Nigeria. You openly interjected both Engr. Wodu and Mr. O'Mac Emakpore, each time they tried to speak.

Your Excellency, we have known ourselves for several decades, since 1975, when we served as Federal Commissioners (Ministers) in the cabinet of General Yakubu Gowon's government, together with His Excellency, late Alhaji Shehu Shagari, late General Murtala Mohammed, amongst others.

Natural resources found in regions, were controlled by the people of the regions in the country as enunciated in Section 140 of the 1960 Constitution. As a former Military Head of State of Nigeria, 1976-1979, and later a democratically elected President of the country, 1999-2007, I am certain Your Excellency knows that the principle of derivation, has always been top on the agenda of our national discourse, before and after the country's Independence. In fact the principle was very much entrenched in the 1960 Independence Constitution and the 1963 Republican Constitutions; the principle was very well received and implemented by the nation's founding fathers.

Need Your Excellency be reminded that it was the practice of the principle of derivation that enabled your region, the Western Region, then under Chief Obafemi Awolowo, and the Northern Region, then under Sir Ahmadu Bello, to reap all the money that enabled them develop far ahead of the then Eastern Region. The Eastern Region did not progress like the other two regions. From the benefits of the practice of derivation principle, the Western Region introduced free education, built universities, the first Television in Africa, among other economic and social infrastructure, including hiring at the time, an Israeli Company, Soleh Bole, to develop roads and other infrastructure.

The implementation of this principle continued until 1956 when crude oil was found in commercial quantity in Oloibiri, in the present day Bayelsa State. When this happened, the Prime Minister, Alhaji Tafawa Balewa, sent congratulatory message to the then Premier of the Eastern Region, Dr. Michael Okpara, "welcoming him to the club," that will benefit from resource found in its area, as a result of the derivation principle.

The sharing formula then, as provided in the Section quoted above, was that 50% of the revenue from the resources is retained by the owning region, 20% went to the federal government, while the remaining 30% went to the distributable pool, for sharing among the regions, including the contributing region.

Your Excellency, as you are very much aware, this was the situation for sharing the fiscal assets of the federation among the regions of the country until the 1966 coup that suspended the Constitution.

The Cocoa House and the Liberty Stadium all in Ibadan, the Western House in Lagos and the Odua group of companies, one of the biggest companies in Nigeria, are solely owned by the Western Region. One very disappointing thing that happened in the whole of this, was when the Midwest Region, to which I belonged, was created out of the Western Region, the Western Region, bluntly refused to share assets with the Midwest Region on the reason that the Midwest Region did not contribute anything to the Western Region and to its economy. This was unlike what happened in the Northern Region, where the assets of the region were jointly owned and shared amongst the Northern States; so also, in the South East

Region. I witnessed the harsh attitude towards us in 1972, when as the Commissioner for Finance, Midwest State, I accompanied my Governor, Col. S. O. Ogbemudia, as he then was, to visit the Military Governor of Western Nigeria, Col. Adeyinka Adebayo, to demand for our share of the assets, the Midwest Region having been created out of the Western Region. Military Governor Adebayo bluntly refused to grant our request. This happened in the presence of the then Ooni of Ife, and Chief S. B. Bakare, a prominent Lagos business man.

Today, by irony of fate, all the thirty-six (36) States in the country, now depend solely on the minerals produced by the Niger Delta. They come every month to share revenue from the region.

Your Excellency, following your argument that resources are placed in the soil by God, therefore, free for all, it will definitely mean chaos and anarchy, as anybody in any part of the world can enter into any land, including Your Excellency's Ota Farm, to undertake any activity that they desire to do.

By the way Your Excellency, may I ask you, why have you not made similar outburst against the open declaration of the Governor and the people of Zamfara State, that the gold under their soil belongs to them? Where was Your Excellency when people went to the Villa, accompanied by the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Godwin Emefiele, to present gold bar to President Muhammadu Buhari, mined by the government and people of Zamfara State, as their property? Your Excellency probably did not speak because Zamfara State belongs to the North whose interest you continuously hold dear to your heart.

This inconsistency, is what many other elder statesmen like myself, are unable to tolerate. If this country must remain peaceful and united, it must be based on truth, justice, equity, same rules for all. As the saying goes, what is good for the goose, is good for the gander.

Your views represent the continuous arrogant stance and disposition against the people of the Niger Delta. This is in spite of the environmental damages the region is suffering.

Your Excellency did not deem it fit to empathise with the people of Nembe, Bayelsa State, in the recent pipeline explosion which has inflicted untold hardship on the people of the area and caused humungous damage to the area; the aquatic life is destroyed. The people can no longer engage in their major source of livelihood, fishing, can no longer be practiced. There is hunger, starvation is staring at the faces of people, including infants. The soot in Rivers State has assumed an alarming dimension with no hope of abating in the near future. The only thing people like Your Excellency, are thinking of, is how much a barrel of oil cost, how much revenue is continuously accruing to the country from the despoiled and ravaged Niger Delta region. A region where there is not even water to drink. To Your Excellency, the oil belongs to the country, while the sufferings belong to the people of the region.

I am not surprised because your open hostility for the Niger Delta region was equally displayed when derivation went down as low as 0% during your period as Military Head of State. Even the current 13%, which happened reluctantly under your government later, came about after a sustained legal action to force you to implement what was provided for by the 1999 Constitution.

The 2005 Political reform Conference recommended 18%. But the South-South delegate to the Conference led by me, was against it. As we demanded nothing less than 25% for a start. When we saw the hostility against us, we staged a walk-out.

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Your Excellency's disdain and insincerity for the Niger Delta region has not in any way reduced. We still remember the fact that as President of the country, in 1999, you drafted the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) bill as one of your first Bills, but later refused to sign it into Law. You also decided not to pay the full entitlement to the Commission until you left office. You tried to kill the Brass Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), by bringing your proxy, Engr. Funso Kupolokun from retirement to be the Group Managing Director of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), to pursue the failed Olukola Liquefied Natural Gas project; as a result, Chevron withdrew its shares from the Brass LNG company.

Your Excellency, be rest assured that the people of the Niger Delta will always rise to defend themselves and their region.

Please be informed, Your Excellency, that henceforth, together with other groups with whom we are working, the Afenifere of South West, the Middle Belt Forum and the Ohaneze of the South East, we will take critical look at any hypocritical dialogue you want to invite us to, or co-chaired by you, until our rights under the Constitution are recognised and respected.

This also serves as notice that we withdraw from the communique issued by you at the end of the two days meeting.

Thank you and God bless.

Chief (Dr.) Edwin Kiaghodo Clark, OFR, CON
National Leader, Pan Niger Delta Forum (PANDEF)
Chairman, Board of Trustees, Ijaw National Congress

Former President Olusegun Obasanjo has clarified that oil found in the Niger Delta region belonged to Nigeria constitutionally.

He said this while reacting to allegations raised by Niger Delta elder, Chief Edwin Clark, in an open letter about a week ago.

In a six-page letter, Obasanjo claimed that he was wrongly accused.

The former president noted that his comments on the issue at a forum convened by the Global Peace Foundation and Vision Africa in Abuja were misconstrued.

Clark had on Wednesday slammed Obasanjo over what he called a disappointing display of hatred against the people of the oil-producing states in Nigeria.

"Natural resources found in regions were controlled by the people of the regions in the country as enunciated in Section 140 of the 1960 Constitution," Clark had said.

Referencing Obasanjo's argument that resources were placed in the soil by God, therefore, free for all, Clark said such a notion "will definitely mean chaos and anarchy, as anybody in any part of the world can enter into any land, including Your Excellency's Ota Farm, to undertake any activity that they desire to do."

But Obasanjo noted that the constitution did not confer ownership of oil and other mineral resources on any of the then regions.

He insisted that just as the Niger Delta's oil belongs to the Nigerian federation, the minerals in other parts of the country also belonged to the country.

Obasanjo in a letter dated December 28, 2021, titled, "My response to the open letter by Clark", said, "Chief Clark, you are right to say that we have known ourselves since we were both in General Gowon's administration in 1975.

"The good thing and maybe the bad one as well is that you haven't changed much, if at all; since those days and I haven't changed much either. You stated and displayed what you are characteristically known and noted for.

"Let me proceed with the most basic constitutional fact that you cannot have two sovereign entities within a State which is what your position of Niger Delta ownership claim of the crude oil found in that location amounts to.

"For me personally, I have never shown any anger or distraught with Nigeria nor with any part or region of Nigeria. I will rather pick points on leadership or policies and I will continue to do so.

Oil Belongs To Nigeria, Not N/Delta - Obasanjo



Clark

Obasanjo

"But if you take my holding a constitutional position on federalism and reiterating the position of our past constitution 1963 Constitution as I understand it as anger or grievance against the Niger Delta or Nigeria Delta people that will be a very wrong position to take because until I can be legally

The Ogoni Bill of Rights which was presented to the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in 1990 called for, among other things, political autonomy to participate in the affairs of the Republic as a distinct and separate unit (by whatever name called), provided that this autonomy guarantees political control of Ogoni affairs by Ogoni people; the right to control and use a fair proportion of Ogoni economic resources for Ogoni development; adequate representations, as of right, in all Nigerian national institutions, and the right to protect the Ogoni environment and ecology from further degradation.

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FOREWORD

In August 1990 the Chiefs and people of Ogoni in Nigeria met to sign one of the most important declarations to come out of Africa in recent times: the Ogoni Bill of Rights. By the Bill, the Ogoni people, while underlining their loyalty to the Nigerian nation, laid claim as a people to their independence which British colonialism had first violated and then handed over to some other Nigerian ethnic groups in October 1960.

The Bill of Rights presented to the Government and people of Nigeria called for political control of Ogoni affairs by Ogoni people, control and use of Ogoni economic resources for Ogoni development, adequate and direct representation as of right for Ogoni people in all Nigerian national institutions and the right to protect the Ogoni environment and ecology from further degradation.

These rights which should have reverted to the Ogoni after the termination of British rule, have been usurped in the past thirty years by the majority ethnic groups of Nigeria. They have not only been usurped; they have been misused and abused, turning Nigeria into a hell on earth for the Ogoni and similar ethnic minorities. Thirty years of Nigerian independence has done no more than outline the wretched quality of the leadership of the Nigerian majority ethnic groups and their cruelty as they have plunged the nation into ethnic strife, carnage, war, dictatorship, retrogression and the greatest waste of national resources ever witnessed in world history, turning generations of Nigerians, born and unborn into perpetual debtors.

The Ogoni Bill of Rights rejects once and for all this incompetent indigenous colonialism and calls for a new order in Nigeria, an order in which each ethnic group will have full responsibility for its own affairs and competition between the various peoples of Nigeria will be fair, thus ushering in a new era of peaceful co-existence, co-operation and national progress.

This is the path which has been chosen by the European tribes in the European Community, and by the Russians and their neighbours in the new Commonwealth which they are now fashioning. The Yugoslav tribes are being forced into similar ways. The lesson is that high fences make good neighbours. The Ogoni people are therefore in the mainstream of international thought.

It is well known that since the issuance of the Bill of Rights the Babangida administration has continued in the reactionary ways of all the military rulers of Nigeria from Ironsi through Gowon, Obasanjo and Buhari, seeking to turn Nigeria into a unitary state against the wishes of the Nigerian peoples and trends in world history. The split of the country into 30 states and 600 local governments in 1991 is a waste of resources, a veritable exercise in futility. It is a further attempt to transfer the seized resources of the Ogoni and other minority groups in the delta to the majority ethnic groups of the country. Without oil, these states and local governments will not exist for one day longer.

The import of the creation of these states is that the Ogoni and other minority groups will continue to be slaves of the majority ethnic groups. It is a gross abuse of human rights, a notable undemocratic act which flies in the face of modern history. The Ogoni people are right to reject it. While they are willing, for the reasons of Africa, to share their resources with other Africans, they insist that it must be on the principles of mutuality, of fairness, of equity and justice.

It has been assumed that because the Ogoni are few in number, they can be abused and denied their rights and that their environment can be destroyed without compunction. This has been the received wisdom of Nigeria according to military dictatorships. 1992 will put paid to this as the Ogoni put their case to the international community.

It is the intention of the Ogoni people to draw the attention of the American government and people to the fact that the oil which they buy from Nigeria is stolen property and that it is against American law to receive stolen goods.

The Ogoni people will be telling the European Community that their demand of the Yugoslav tribes that they respect human rights and democracy should also apply to Nigeria and that they should not wait for Nigeria to burst into ethnic strife and carnage before enjoining these civilized values on a Nigeria which depends on European investment, technology and credit.

The Ogoni people will be appealing to the British Government and the leaders of the Commonwealth who have urged on Commonwealth countries the virtues of good government, democracy, human rights and environmental protection that no government can be good if it imposes and operates laws which cheat a section of its peoples; that democracy does not exist where laws do not protect minorities and that the environment of the Ogoni and other delta minorities has been ruined beyond repair by multi-national oil companies under the protection of successive Nigerian administrations run by Nigerians of the majority ethnic groups.

The Ogoni people will make representation to the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund to the effect that giving loans and credit to the Nigerian Government on the understanding that oil money will be used to repay such loans is to encourage the Nigerian government to continue to dehumanize the Ogoni people and to devastate the environment and ecology of the Ogoni and other delta minorities among whom oil is found.

The Ogoni people will inform the United Nations and the Organisation of African Unity that the Nigerian Constitution and the actions of the power elite in Nigeria flagrantly violate the UN Declaration of Human Rights and the African Charter of Human and Peoples Rights; and

that Nigeria in 1992 is no different from Apartheid South Africa. The Ogoni people will ask that Nigeria be duly chastised by both organizations for its inhuman actions and uncivilized behaviour. And if Nigeria persists in its perversity, then it should be expelled from both organizations.

These actions of the Ogoni people aim at the restoration of the inalienable rights of the Ogoni people as a distinct ethnic community in Nigeria, and at the establishment of a democratic Nigeria, a progressive multi-ethnic nation, a realistic society of equals, a just nation.

What the Ogoni demand for themselves, namely autonomy, they also ask for others throughout Nigeria and, indeed, the continent of Africa.

It is their hope that the international community will respond to these demands as they have done to similar demands in other parts of the world.

Ken Saro-Wiwa
Port Harcourt 24/12/91

STATEMENT BY DR. G.B. LETON, OON JP

President of the Movement for the Survival of Ogoni People (MOSOP)

1. The Ogoni case is of genocide being committed in the dying years of the twentieth century by multi-national oil companies under the supervision of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. It is that of a distinct ethnic minority in Nigeria who feel so suffocated by existing political, economic and social conditions in Nigeria that they have no choice but to cry out to the international community for salvation.

2. The Ogoni are a distinct ethnic group inhabiting the coastal plains terraces to the north-east of the Niger delta. On account of the hitherto very rich plateau soil, the people are mainly subsistence farmers but they also engage in migrant and nomadic fishing. They occupy an area of about 400 square miles and number an estimated 500,000. The population density of about 1,250 persons per square mile is among the highest in any rural area in the world and compares with the Nigerian national average of 300. The obvious problem is the pressure on land.

3. Petroleum was discovered in Ogoni at Bomu (Dere) in 1958; since then an estimated US 100 billion dollars worth of oil has been carted away from Ogoniland. In return for this, the Ogoni have no pipe-borne water, no electricity, very few roads, ill-equipped schools and hospitals and no industry whatsoever.

4. Ogoni has suffered and continues to suffer the degrading effects of oil exploration and exploitation: lands, streams and creeks are totally and continually polluted; the atmosphere is forever charged with hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide; many villages experience the infernal quaking of the wrath of gas flares which have been burning 24 hours a day for 33 years; acid rain, oil spillages and blowouts are common. The result of such unchecked environmental pollution and degradation are that (i) The Ogoni can no longer farm successfully. Once the food basket of the eastern Niger Delta, the Ogoni now buy food (when they can afford it); (ii) Fish, once a common source of protein, is now rare. Owing to the constant and continual pollution of our streams and creeks, fish can only be caught in deeper and offshore waters for which the Ogoni are not equipped. (iii) All wildlife is dead. (iv) The ecology is changing fast. The mangrove tree, the aerial roots of which normally provide a natural and welcome habitat for many a sea food - crabs, periwinkles, mudskippers, cockles, mussels, shrimps and all - is now being gradually replaced by unknown and otherwise useless plants. (v) The health hazards generated by an atmosphere charged with hydrocarbon vapour, carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide are innumerable.

5. The once beautiful Ogoni countryside is no more a source of fresh air and green vegetation. All one sees and feels around is death. Death is everywhere in Ogoni. Ogoni languages are dying; Ogoni culture is dying; Ogoni people, Ogoni animals, Ogoni fishes are dying because of 33 years of hazardous environmental pollution and resulting food scarcity. In spite of an alarming density of population, American and British oil companies greedily encroach on more and more Ogoni land, depriving the peasants of their only means of livelihood. Mining rents and royalties for Ogoni oil are seized by the Federal Government of Nigeria which offers the Ogoni people NOTHING in return. Ogoni is being killed so that Nigeria can live.

6. Politically, the Ogoni are being ground to the dust under dictatorial decrees imposed by successive military regimes in Nigeria and laws smuggled by military dictatorships into the Nigerian Constitution which Constitution does not protect ethnic minorities and which today bears no resemblance whatsoever to the covenant entered into by the federating Nigerian ethnic groups at Independence.

7. Ethnicity is a fact of Nigerian life. Nigeria is a federation of ethnic groups. In practice, however, ethnocentrism is the order of the day in the country. The rights and resources of the Ogoni have been usurped by the majority ethnic groups and the Ogoni consigned to slavery and possible extinction. The Ogoni people reject the current political and administrative structuring of Nigeria imposed by the Military Government. They believe with Obafemi Awolowo that in a true federation, each ethnic group, no matter how small is entitled to the same treatment as any other ethnic group, no matter how large.

8. The Ogoni people therefore demand POLITICAL AUTONOMY as a distinct and separate unit of the Nigerian federation - autonomy which will guarantee them certain basic rights essential to their survival as a people. This demand has been spelt out in the Ogoni Bill of Rights. The Ogoni people stand by the Bill and now appeal to the international community, as a last resort, to save them from extinction.

(Sgd) Dr. G.B. Leton
President, Movement for the Survival of Ogoni People (MOSOP)

OGONI BILL OF RIGHTS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF NIGERIA

WE, the people of Ogoni (Babbe, Gokana, Ken Khana, Nyo Khana and Tai) numbering about 500,000 being a separate and distinct ethnic nationality within the Federal Republic of Nigeria, wish to draw the attention of the Governments and people of Nigeria to the undermentioned facts:

1. That the Ogoni people, before the advent of British colonialism, were not conquered or

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- colonized by any other ethnic group in present-day Nigeria.
2. That British colonization forced us into the administrative division of Opobo from 1908 to 1947.
3. That we protested against this forced union until the Ogoni Native Authority was created in 1947 and placed under the then Rivers Province.
4. That in 1951 we were forcibly included in the Eastern Region of Nigeria where we suffered utter neglect.
5. That we protested against this neglect by voting against the party in power in the Region in 1957, and against the forced union by testimony before the Willink Commission of Inquiry into Minority Fears in 1958.
6. That this protest led to the inclusion of our nationality in Rivers State in 1967, which State consists of several ethnic nationalities with differing cultures, languages and aspirations.
7. That oil was struck and produced in commercial quantities on our land in 1958 at K. Dere (Bomu oilfield).
8. That oil has been mined on our land since 1958 to this day from the following oilfields: (i) Bomu (ii) Bodo West (iii) Tai (iv) Korokoro (v) Yorla (vi) Lubara Creek and (vii) Afam by Shell Petroleum Development Company (Nigeria) Limited.
9. That in over 30 years of oil mining, the Ogoni nationality have provided the Nigerian nation with a total revenue estimated at over 40 billion Naira (N40 billion) or 30 billion dollars.
10. That in return for the above contribution, the Ogoni people have received NOTHING.
11. That today, the Ogoni people have:
 - (i) No representation whatsoever in ALL institutions of the Federal Government of Nigeria;
 - (ii) No pipe-borne water;
 - (iii) No electricity;
 - (iv) No job opportunities for the citizens in Federal, State, public sector or private sector companies;
 - (v) No social or economic project of the Federal Government.
12. That the Ogoni languages of Gokana and Khana are underdeveloped and are about to disappear, whereas other Nigerian languages are being forced on us.
13. That the Ethnic policies of successive Federal and State Governments are gradually pushing the Ogoni people to slavery and possible extinction.
14. That the Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited does not employ Ogoni people at a meaningful or any level at all, in defiance of the Federal government's regulations.
15. That the search for oil has caused severe land and food shortages in Ogoni one of the most densely populated areas of Africa (average: 1,500 per square mile; national average: 300 per square mile).
16. That neglectful environmental pollution laws and substandard inspection techniques of the Federal authorities have led to the complete degradation of the Ogoni environment, turning our homeland into an ecological disaster.
17. That the Ogoni people lack education, health and other social facilities.
18. That it is intolerable that one of the richest areas of Nigeria should wallow in abject poverty and destitution.
19. That successive Federal administrations have trampled on every minority right enshrined in the Nigerian Constitution to the detriment of the Ogoni and have by administrative structuring and other noxious acts transferred Ogoni wealth exclusively to other parts of the Republic.
20. That the Ogoni people wish to manage their own affairs.

NOW, therefore, while reaffirming our wish to remain a part of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, we make demand upon the Republic as follows:

That the Ogoni people be granted POLITICAL AUTONOMY to participate in the affairs of the Republic as a distinct and separate unit by whatever name called, provided that this Autonomy guarantees the following:

- (i) Political control of Ogoni affairs by Ogoni people;
- (ii) The right to the control and use of a fair proportion of OGONI economic resources for Ogoni development;
- (iii) Adequate and direct representation as of right in all Nigerian national institutions;
- (iv) The use and development of Ogoni languages in all Nigerian territory;
- (v) The full development of Ogoni culture;
- (vi) The right to religious freedom; and
- (vii) The right to protect the OGONI environment and ecology from further degradation.

We make the above demand in the knowledge that it does not deny any other ethnic group in the Nigerian Federation of their rights and that it can only conduce to peace, justice and fairplay and hence stability and progress in the Nigerian nation.

We make the demand in the belief that, as Obafemi Awolowo has written: In a true federation, each ethnic group no matter how small, is entitled to the same treatment as any other ethnic group, no matter how large.

We demand these rights as equal members of the Nigerian Federation who contribute and have contributed to the growth of the Federation and have a right to expect full returns from that Federation.

Adopted by general acclaim of the Ogoni people on the 26th day of August, 1990 at Bori, Rivers State and signed by: (see under).

ADDENDUM TO THE OGONI BILL OF RIGHTS

We, the people of Ogoni, being a separate and distinct ethnic nationality within the Federal Republic of Nigeria, hereby state as follows:

- (a) That on October 2, 1990 we addressed an Ogoni Bill of Rights to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, General Ibrahim Babangida and members of the Armed Forces Ruling Council;
- (b) That after a one-year wait, the President has been unable to grant us the audience which we sought to have with him in order to discuss the legitimate demands contained in the Ogoni Bill of Rights;
- (c) That our demands as outlined in the Ogoni Bill of Rights are legitimate, just and our inalienable right and in accord with civilized values worldwide;
- (d) That the Government of the Federal Republic has continued, since October 2, 1990, to decree measures and implement policies which further marginalize the Ogoni people, denying us political autonomy, our rights to our resources, to the development of our languages and culture, to adequate representation as of right in all Nigerian national institutions and to the protection of our environment and ecology from further degradation;

(e) That we cannot sit idly by while we are, as a people, dehumanized and slowly exterminated and driven to extinction even as our rich resources are siphoned off to the exclusive comfort and improvement of other Nigerian communities, and the shareholders of multi-national oil companies.

NOW, therefore, while re-affirming our wish to remain a part of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, we hereby authorize the Movement for the Survival of Ogoni People (MOSOP) to make representation, for as long as these injustices continue, to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, the Commonwealth Secretariat, the African Commission on Human and Peoples rights, the European Community and all international bodies which have a role to play in the preservation of our nationality, as follows:

1. That the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has, in utter disregard and contempt for human rights, since independence in 1960 till date, denied us our political rights to self-determination, economic rights to our resources, cultural rights to the development of our languages and culture, and social rights to education, health and adequate housing and to representation as of right in national institutions.

2. That, in particular, the Federal Republic of Nigeria has refused to pay us oil royalties and mining rents amounting to an estimated 20 billion US dollars for petroleum mined from our soil for over thirty-three years.

3. That the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria does not protect any of our rights whatsoever as an ethnic minority of 500,000 in a nation of about 100 million people and that the voting power and military might of the majority ethnic groups have been used remorselessly against us at every point in time.

4. That multi-national oil companies, namely Shell (Dutch/British) and Chevron (American) have severally and jointly devastated our environment and ecology, having flared gas in our villages for 33 years and caused oil spillages, blow-outs etc., and have dehumanized our people, denying them employment and those benefits which industrial organizations in Europe and America routinely contribute to their areas of operation.

5. That the Nigerian elite (bureaucratic, military, industrial and academic) have turned a blind eye and a deaf ear to these acts of dehumanization by the ethnic majority and have colluded with all the agents of destruction aimed at us.

6. That we cannot seek restitution in the courts of law in Nigeria as the act of expropriation of our rights and resources has been institutionalized in the 1979 and 1989 Constitutions of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, which Constitutions were acts of a Constituent Assembly imposed by a military regime and do not, in any way, protect minority rights or bear resemblance to the tacit agreement made at Nigerian independence.

7. That the Ogoni people abjure violence in their just struggle for their rights within the Federal Republic of Nigeria but will, through every lawful means, and for as long as is necessary, fight for social justice and equity for themselves and their progeny, and in particular demand political autonomy as a distinct and separate unit within the Nigerian nation with full right to (i) control Ogoni political affairs; (ii) use at least fifty per cent of Ogoni economic resources for Ogoni development; (iii) protect the Ogoni environment and ecology from further degradation; and (iv) ensure the full restitution of the harm done to the health of our people by the flaring of gas, oil spillages, oil blow-outs, etc. by the following oil companies: Shell, Chevron and their Nigerian accomplices.

8. That without the intervention of the international community the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the ethnic majority will continue these noxious policies until the Ogoni people are obliterated from the face of the earth.

Adopted by general acclaim of the Ogoni people on the 26th day of August 1991 at Bori, Rivers State of Nigeria.

Signed on behalf of the Ogoni people by:

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HRH Mark Tsaro-Igbara, Gbenemene Babbe; HRH F.M.K. Noryaa, Menebua, Ka-Babbe; Chief M.A.M. Tomwe III, JP; Prince J.S. Sangha; Dr. Israel Kue; Chief A.M.N. Gua.

GOKANA:

HRH James P. Bagia, Gberesako XI, Gberemene Gokana; Chief E.N. Kobani, JP Tonsimene Gokana; Dr. B.N. Birabi; Chief Kemte Giadom, JP; Chief S.N. Orage.

KEN-KHANA:

HRH M.H.S. Eguru, Gbenemene Ken-Khane; HRH C.B.S. Nwukina, Emah III, Menebua Bom; Mr. M.C. Daanwii; Chief T.N. Nwike; Mr. Ken Saro-wiwa; Mr. Simeon Idemiyor.

NYO-KHANA:

HRH W.Z.P. Nzidee, Genemene Baa I of Nyo-Khana; Dr. G.B. Leton, OON, JP; Mr. Lekue Lah-Loolo; Mr. L.E. Mwara; Chief E.A. Apenu; Pastor M.P. Maeba, TAI; HRH B.A. Mballey, Gbenemene Tai; HRH G.N. Gininwa, Menebua Tua Tua, Chief J.S. Agbara; Chief D.J.K. Kumba; Chief Fred Gwezia; HRH A. Demor-Kanni, Meneba Nonwa.

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD:

1. Prevail on the American Government to stop buying Nigerian oil. It is stolen property.
2. Prevail on Shell and Chevron to stop flaring gas in Ogoni.
3. Prevail on the Federal Government of Nigeria to honour the rights of the Ogoni people to self-determination and AUTONOMY.
4. Prevail on the Federal Government of Nigeria to pay all royalties and mining rents collected on oil mined from Ogoni since 1958.
5. Prevail on the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund to stop giving loans to the Federal Government of Nigeria; all loans which depend for their repayment on the exploitation of Ogoni oil resources.
6. Send urgent medical and other aid to the Ogoni people.
7. Prevail on the United Nations, the Organisation of African Unity and the Commonwealth of Nations to either get the Federal Government of Nigeria to obey the rules and mores of these organisations, face sanctions or be expelled from them.
8. Prevail on European and American Governments to stop giving aid and credit to the Federal Government of Nigeria as aid and credit only go to encourage the further dehumanization of the Ogoni people.
9. Prevail on European and American Governments to grant political refugee status to all Ogoni people seeking protection from the political persecution and genocide at the hands of the Federal Government of Nigeria.
10. Prevail on Shell and Chevron to pay compensation to the Ogoni People for ruining the Ogoni environment and the health of Ogoni men, women and children.

END

The people of Khana Local Government Area in Ogoni on Wednesday, December 29, 2021, rolled out their drums to celebrate the first ever Cultural Festival in Bori, the traditional headquarters of Ogoni. The event, which was put together by the current Administration of the Local Government under Hon. Thomas Bariere as Chairman, was attended by dignitaries, various cultural, youths and women groups in the area. Below are scenes captured by The Bori Chronicles' Lens at the event.

