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CROSS RIVER STATE

VISION STATEMENT

To become a leading Nigerian State with prosperous, healthy and well educated citizens; living in harmony with people and nature, and pursuing legitimate interest in freedom moderated by good governance.

MINISTERIAL MANDATE

To project and protect the image of Government and act as Chief Image Maker/Spokesman for the State as well as supervision of the State Media Organisation.

VISION

To be the best organ of the State for the promotion of positive values, its image and overall endowment to Cross Riverians, Nigerians and the Diaspora.

Mission

To utilize in harmony all apparatus of government media to effectively disseminate information, educate and entertain the public, using the electronic, print media and interpersonal communication channels.

C'River Newspaper Corporation Receives Former Governor Ebri on Inspection of On-Going Renovation

By Solomon Effiom & Asari Eso



The Nigerian Chronicle Newspaper recently played host to former Cross River State Governor, Chief Clement David Ebri,* who was on hand to inspect the Corporation's ongoing renovation from

devastation suffered during the End SARS protest of 2020, was received by the Commissioner for Information, Dr. Erasmus Ekpang and other management of the ministry.

Conducting the

former Governor round the facilities, Dr. Ekpang highlighted several key improvements, including a solar-powered water Borehole, a security post and state-of-the-art printing



equipment.

The Commissioner pointed out that the State Governor Apostle Senator Prince Bassey Edet Otu out of empathy and passion for the upgrading and functionality of the newspaper and printing production funds were released for the procurement of the state of the arts equipment

and the renovation of the entire edifice.

He however disclosed that the cost was undervalued and required more funds to complete the project stating that the Governor has indicated interest to complete the renovation of the edifice as soon as possible.

Visibly touched by the transformation, former Governor David Ebri reflected on his historic ties to the organisation. "This brings back memories, Back in 1975, I was part of the Chronicle family, learning the ropes alongside the pioneers of our State's journalism."



He described the new facilities, especially the solar pump, security structure and media hub, the state of the art equipment as "testimonials to what dedication can achieve." He further encouraged the Information Commissioner to prioritise capacity building: "Strengthen the Chronicle's

staff, bring in fresh talent, skilled operators and seasoned mechanical engineers. "

"With the right hands on the printing equipment, we'll keep the press humming and the truth flowing for Cross River." he said.

Accompanied on the tour was the General Manager of

the State Newspaper Corporation, Madam Keyu Edet and her Management Team.

Ruwatssa Trains Food Handlers, Vendors On Hygiene, Nutrition And Food Safety In Calabar

By Ibingha Endurance



The Cross River State Rural water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWATSSA) has held a

comprehensive sensitization nutrition awareness programme for food handlers and food vendors in Calabar.

The one-day event

held on December 8, 2025, at Christmas village in Calabar Municipal Council, brought together key stakeholders and



nutrition experts in a coordinated effort to curb food-borne diseases and promote safer food environments in the state.

Activities began with registration of participants, followed by an opening prayer and introduction by participants. The Programme Manager RUWATSSA, Mr EBit Bassey delivered a welcome address, after which the General Manager

RUWATSSA, Hon Oko Sunday Ebeku represented the opening remarks, highlighting the importance of strict hygiene practices and responsible waste management among vendors who serve the public daily.

The session also featured a detailed presentation on the objectives of the sensitization delivered by the state Nutrition Unit, Mrs Alice Egbara to enhance healthy food practice,

fundamental personal hygiene, healthy nutrition, and many more. This was followed by a lecture on Basic Nutrition and Balance Diet, with emphasis on preventing food - borne and nutrition related diseases. The presentation was handled by the State Nutrition officer from the State Planning Commission, Mrs Nkem Ubana who stressed the need for proper meal planning, safe



handling of ingredients, and the nutritional requirements essential for healthy living.

Participants also received training on Personal Hygiene and Safety, facilitated by a Nutrition focal person from Self

Help Africa, Mr Ferdinand Anok. He session highlighted the dangers of cross-contamination , improper food storage, and poor personal hygiene among vendors. Additionally, RUWATSSA'S Sanitation and Hygiene Unit, Mrs Ikwo Eyo delivered a

presentation on Environment Sanitation and Waste Management, urging vendors to maintain clean surrounding and adopt a responsible waste disposal practice.



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Inspection Visit to the on-going Comprehensive Renovation works at the Cross River State Newspaper Corporation by His Excellency, Chief Clement David Ebri, Former Governor of Cross River State led by Dr. Erasmus Ekpang, Cross River State Commissioner for Information.

















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4th November, 2025

PRESS STATEMENT

ILLEGAL OPERATIONS OF LOTTERY AND GAMING BUSINESSES IN CROSS RIVER STATE

The attention of the Government of Cross River State has been drawn to the illegal and deceptive operations of some Lotteries and Gaming Companies and Organisations in Cross River State without proper registration and authorisation from the Cross River State Lotteries and Gaming Agency established by Law No 3. of 2024.

These illicit operations being perpetrated by some Lotteries and Gaming businesses, both those with physical office addresses and those operating online, are a flagrant violations of the Supreme Court Judgement of 22nd November, 2024 which nullified the National Lotteries Act 145 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2005 and vested the regulatory powers over Lotteries and Gaming businesses on States of the Federation of Nigeria.

The Government of Cross River State wishes to restate categorically here that by the Cross River State Lotteries and Gaming Law assented to by His Excellency, Governor Bassey Edet Otu on the 12th of May, 2025, only the Cross River State Lotteries and Gaming Agency is vested with powers to issue Licences and regulate Lotteries and Gaming businesses and Services in any part of the State, be it a physical office or online.

For the avoidance of any doubt, these Lotteries and Gaming activities include Online Sports Betting, Casino Games, Public Online Lotteries, Pools Betting, Raffle Draws, Scratch Cards, Interactive Games and any other game of chance where a stake and potential winning is involved.

Government hereby enjoins all Radio and Television Stations operating in the State to please liaise effectively with the Advertising Regulatory Council of Nigeria (ARCON), the Cross River State Signage and Advertising Agency (CRISSAA) to demand for the Agency's Operational Permit before accepting to publicize their businesses on air as paid advertisements.

Finally, the Government sincerely appreciates and thanks all Lotteries and Gaming Companies and Organisations that have complied with the Law and solicits the understanding and cooperation of all concerned while also making it clear that violators/defaulters shall face the full wrath of the law.

**Thank you all as you continue to
"Think Cross River State", please.**

Erasmus Ekpang Ph.D., anipr, Rifu
Commissioner for Information.

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RESOLUTIONS OF THE 14TH MEETING OF THE CROSS RIVER STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 2025 AT THE STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CALABAR, CROSS RIVER STATE

INTRODUCTION:

The 14th Meeting of the Cross River State Executive Council which took place on Friday, 5th December, 2025 was presided over by His Excellency, Senator Prince Bassey Edet Otu, Governor of Cross River State and attended by the Deputy Governor, His Excellency, Rt Hon. Peter Odey, Honourable Commissioners and other key State Officials in attendance.

In his Welcome address, Governor Bassey Edet Otu appreciated EXCO members for their hard work and dedication, which he noted were principally responsible for the huge collective achievements recorded under the People First leadership so far across the State, assuring that better days are ahead.

The Governor also tasked them to be more closer and connected to their home people, while at the same time listen carefully to their needs with a view to drawing Government's attention to them at all times.

Leading deliberations on the Memo seeking Council's approval to collaborate with a Private Investor to reactivate the Calabar Chicken Factory (Calachika) Governor Otu praised his predecessor -Professor Ben Ayade for initiating several laudable business enterprises, including the Garment Factory, the Chicken Factory, the Cala Nodules, the Obudu Cargoes Airport, amongst others, pointing out that his administration is taking steps towards realising the lofty expectations



behind these initiatives for the over all good of the People.

He further directed all EXCO members, including other Political appointees under his administration to attend all activities of the on-going 2025 Calabar Festival, especially as the State marks the 20th Anniversary of the Annual Showpiece.

After a thorough consideration of some Memos brought before it by members, the State Executive Council in session went on to ratify and approved the following :

1.The release of funds for the implementation of the Sustainable Power and Irrigation for Nigeria (SPIN) Projects 1 /2 in Cross River State by Ministry of International Donor Co-ordination.

2.The release of over three Billion Naira as Cross River State Counterpart Matching Grants for the Universal Basic Education Projects in the State covering rehabilitation of schools, training of Teachers and printing of teaching and learning materials to improve the standards of education in the State.

3.The Release of the sum of One Billion Naira only as Matching Funds for the implementation of MSME Development Programmes in the State.

4.The Release of funds for additional Works and Furnishings at the on -going Comprehensive renovation of Buildings of the Cross River State Newspaper Corporation.

5.Emergency rehabilitation works on the Goodluck Jonathan (Airport) Bypass road as well as that of the roads in the Carnival Calabar Routes, IBB Way, Tinapa and Odukpani roads.

Other approvals granted at the 14th State Executive Council Meeting were:

7.The full implementation of the WASH Policy initiatives in the Water Sector of the State to improve hygiene among the people.

8. The release of over ₦198 Million for the construction of the

Administrative Complex of the Institute for Agricultural Research, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria Outstation at Nyanya, Bekwarra Local Government Area of the State.

9. The direct procurement of One hundred and fifty Units of Daihatsu Hijet Mini Buses for the empowerment of Vulnerable and less privileged Groups across the 18 LGAs of the State.

10. Approval of CounterPart Funds for the Phase II Roll-Out of 10,000 Solar Homes Systems in rural Communities across the State.

11. The direct Purchase of Four Numbers Light Tactical Armoured Vehicles (LTAV) for the State.

12. EXCO approved that the State Government collaborates with the Core Investor for the comprehensive re-activation of the Calachika Chicken Factory and make it ready as one of the projects for commissioning by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu later this month.

Finally, His Excellency, Senator Prince Bassey Edet Otu, Governor of Cross River State and Chairman of EXCO in Session, wished all Cross Riverians, residents and Visitors to our dear State a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year -2026.



Erasmus Ekpang *Ph.D., anipr, ftifuh*
Commissioner for Information.

Be A Hand-Washing Hero" As RUWATSSA Leads Global Hand-washing Day 2025 Celebration in C'River



In line with the Cross River State Government's

commitment to promoting hygiene and public health among children, the

Rural water Supply and Sanitation Agency (RUWATSSA)



organized a Hand-Wash Awareness and Demonstration Program with an inspiring theme "Be A Hand-washing Hero", at the Government Science school Ikot Efangha Mkpa,

Calabar Municipality, on the 22nd of October 2025. The program is aimed at educating pupils and students on proper hand-wash technique, improving hygiene behavior, and

reducing the spread of water and sanitation related diseases within the school community.

In her opening remarks, the



General Manager RUWATSSA Hon Oko Sunday Ebeku, represented by the Head of Hygiene Promotion Unit Mrs Ikwo highlighted that hand hygiene remains one of the

most effective ways to prevent the spread of infectious diseases such as cholera, diarrhea, and respiratory infections. she encouraged students to become "Hand-washing Heros" by

practicing and promoting regular Hand-washing in schools, homes and communities. "Being a handwashing hero is not just about washing your hands, it's about



saving lives through small actions that makes a big difference".

Ebeku representing RUWATSSA and other representatives from the Ministry of Water Resources, Self Help Africa and the Principal Administrative Head of the School gave good will messages, emphasizing the need for clean

hands and safe water in preventing common infections.

The General Manager RUWATSSA demonstrated a step-by-step Hand Washing using the "Eight Steps Effective Hand-washing Technique", Wet hands under running water, Apply soap and palm together to ensure complete coverage, Spread the leather over the back of the hands,

Make sure the soap get in between the hands, Grip the fingers on each hand, Pay particular attention to the thumbs, press finger tips into the pair of each hand, and Drip -dry hands. Students participated actively, and portable hand wash facilities were installed at strategic points within the school compound.

The agency distributed liquid soap, hand-wash buckets, a metal bucket stand, and sanitizers to both sections of the school to encourage continuous practice of hand hygiene.

The principal, represented by the vice principal Mrs

Annah, expressed gratitude to RUWATSSA and its partners for carefully selecting the school as a focal point for this year's commemoration. He affirmed the school's commitment to maintaining hygiene friendly environment and sustaining hand washing practice among learners.

The 2025 Global Hand-washing Day

Celebration in Calabar reinforce RUWATSSA's ongoing mission to ensure universal access to safe water, Sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in schools and communities across Cross River State. The agency continues to work closely with relevant ministries, development partners, and local communities to foster behavioural change and promote public health

sustainable hygiene initiatives.

As the event concluded, participants were reminded that "clean hands are healthy hands", and everyone, especially children can be a true Hand-washing Hero by spreading the message of hygiene wherever they go.





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8th December, 2025

PRESS STATEMENT

**ON-GOING 90TH REGULAR IN-TAKE RECRUITMENT
INTO THE NIGERIAN ARMY**

The Government of Cross River State wishes to remind young Nigerians resident in our dear State, especially indigenes of the 18 Local Government Areas of Cross River State that applied and were successfully shortlisted in the on-going 90th REGULAR Recruit intake that the recruitment exercise has since commenced on Thursday, 4th December and will end on Wednesday, 17th December, 2025 at the Eburutu Barracks of the Nigerian Army, Calabar.

Government, according to the Senior State Security Adviser, Major General Okoi Ubi Obono, Rtd hereby enjoins all concerned to take advantage of this recruitment exercise and get enlisted into the Nigerian Army to serve our dear father land and most importantly, to fill the quota allotted to the State.

Please, all concerned are kindly requested to take note and comply accordingly

Thank you

A green ink signature of Erasmus Ekpang, written in a cursive style.

Erasmus Ekpang *Ph.D., anipr, ftifuh*
Commissioner for Information.



theme
**TRACES
OF TIME**

CARNIVAL CALABAR

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SUNDAY
**14TH DEC.
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1st December, 2025

PRESS STATEMENT: UPDATED

REMINDER ON TOTAL BAN ON SHOOTING OF KNOCK-OUTS, BANGERS, FIREWORKS AND BURNING OF TYRES IN CROSS RIVER STATE

The Government of Cross River State wishes to remind all residents across the 196 Wards in the Eighteen Local Government Areas of Cross River State that the Federal Government of Nigeria has approved a total ban on shooting of Knock-outs, Bangers, fireworks and burning of Tyres across the Country, especially during the month-long Yuletide Season.

The State Government is making this crucial reminder as a follow-up to the recent Inspector General of Police's directives to all Police Formations across the Country to deal decisively with perpetrators of these heinous crimes against the people of Nigeria.

Government wishes to further note that this ban has become very imperative as a precautionary measure to assist Security Agencies to gauge and monitor security situations all round the clock and respond to emergencies accordingly.

Members of the Public are please requested to take note of this ban and strictly comply bearing in mind that huge consequences shall apply to all defaulters.

Government also wishes to remind the citizenry that burning of Tyres is very injurious to our health as well as destructive to the tarred roads and should be totally avoided.

Finally, the Government of Cross River State wishes all residents of our dear State a bumper Christmas Season of Sweetness and prosperous New Year 2026.

Erasmus Ekpang *Ph.D., anipr, ftifuh*
Commissioner for Information.



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December 5, 2025


The Hon. Speaker
The Hon. Chief Judge,
All Commissioners/Special Advisers,
The Secretary to the State Government,
The Chief of Staff,
All Chairmen of Commissions & Boards,
All Permanent Secretaries/Special Assistants,
The Clerk of the House/Chief Registrar,
The Accountant-General/Auditor-General (State/Local Govt),
The Head of Personal Staff to the Deputy Governor,
All Heads of Extra-Ministerial Departments/Parastatals,

HEAD OF SERVICE CIRCULAR NO: 6/2025
APPROVAL FOR YEAR-END LEAVE FOR CIVIL/PUBLIC SERVANTS

I am pleased to convey the approval of His Excellency, the Governor of Cross River State, granting all Civil/Public Servants in the State leave with effect from Monday, December 15, 2025, to Monday, January 5, 2026.

2. The approval is to enable Civil/Public Servants fully participate in the Christmas festivities within the State.
3. However, officers on essential duties are hereby exempted from this leave and are expected to remain at their duty posts to ensure continuous delivery of critical public services.
4. Permanent Secretaries and Heads of Departments are requested to bring the contents of this circular to the attention of all staff and ensure strict compliance.

Please be guided accordingly.


Orok Bassey Okon
Head of Service





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FINAL
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14

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JUNIOR
DRY RUN

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DEC. 2025
CULTURAL
CALABAR

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DEC. 2025
NIGHT OF
KINGS &
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.....Land Management and Beyond.....

30th October 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

CROSS RIVER GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION AGENCY (CRGIA), INVITATION FOR FIRST PHASE OF RECORDS UPDATE AND OBTAINING OF CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY WITHIN THE SOUTHERN SENATORIAL DISTRICT

The **Cross River Geographic Information Agency (CRGIA)** is the primary agency tasked with land management in the State. The end point of all transactions on Government Land across the State is a Certificate of Occupancy signed by the Governor of Cross River State. In line with this, CRGIA invites all allottees of Government Land across the Southern Senatorial District to update their records with the State Government and obtain or Recertify their Certificate's of Occupancy

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

Participants are advised to take advantage of this exercise to

- Obtain Certificates of Occupancy (for those who were previously not issued)
- Recertify and obtain the new digital, bankable and tamper-proof C of O
- Resolve Conflicting Ownership Records
- Avoid Encumbrance and Encroachment
- Avoid Cancellation of Allocation or Revocation of C of O

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EXERCISE DATES

The Records Update Exercise will take place from **1st November 2025** to **19th December 2025**.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Bring any supporting documents related to your land transactions in Cross River State, including but not limited to:

- Allocation letters
- Survey Plans
- Receipts
- Agreements
- Other relevant documents

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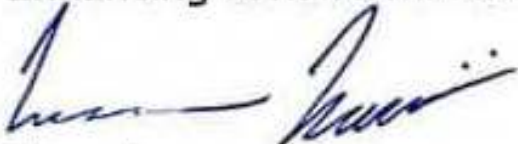
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Signed:

Director Operations

For: Director General

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2. ADJUST SPEED TO CONDITIONS

3. KEEP SAFE DISTANCE

4. AVOID OVERSPEEDING

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7. USE ENGINE BRAKING ON SLOPES

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HER EXCELLENCY
BISHOP DR. (Mrs) Eyoanwan Bassey Otu
WIFE OF THE GOVERNOR OF CROSS RIVER STATE

HIS EXCELLENCY
SEN. PRINCE BASSEY EDET OTU
GOVERNOR OF CROSS RIVER STATE



STEPS TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IN CROSS RIVER STATE

- 1** Obtain an Application Form at CRGIA's Office, Old Secretariat Road, Off Murtala Mohammed Highway, Calabar, Cross River State
- 2** Submit Application Form with Required Documents
Fill and submit the form along with necessary documents, e.g. Registered Title Document, survey plan, identification, etc.
- 3** Assessment and Payment of Fees.
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- 4** Inspection and Publication (for private land)
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- 5** C of O (Certificate of Occupancy) Engrossment and Signing
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