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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.

# Cross River Govt Tightens Noose on Quackery, Unlicensed Health Outfits

By Kingsley Agim



**T**he Cross River State Government has declared zero tolerance for unlicensed and unauthorized medical practice, vowing decisive action against individuals or

organisations operating outside the law in both the public and private health sectors.

In a press statement issued on Monday in Calabar, the Commissioner for Health, Dr. Henry

Egbe Ayuk, warned that the state will no longer condone quackery in any form. He cited the recent arrest of ten herbal practitioners in Calabar, noting that they illegally mounted a herbal medicine outreach

at the Christmas Village, Calabar Municipal Secretariat, without the requisite approvals or licences.

Dr. Ayuk stressed that no practitioner, orthodox or traditional, has the right to establish a medical facility or outreach anywhere in the state without proper assessment, clearance and authorization by the Cross River State Government through the Ministry of Health. He described such illegal activities as dangerous and reckless, with the potential to cause severe health complications including liver failure, kidney failure and avoidable deaths due to the use of unvalidated drugs and procedures.

The Commissioner reaffirmed the state's resolve to completely rid the health sector of quackery, announcing that the Health Quality and Anti-Quackery Task Force will be fully strengthened in the coming year to intensify surveillance, enforcement and prosecution of offenders. He added that the ongoing finalisation of the bill establishing a State Anti-Quackery Agency will provide a stronger legal framework to decisively tackle the menace.

Dr. Ayuk also issued a firm caution to media organisations, urging them to refrain from promoting or airing medical activities without prior clearance from the

State Ministry of Health, warning that such publicity often emboldens quacks and exposes citizens to grave risks.

He further warned landlords, including local government authorities, not to lease properties for medical services without clearance from the Ministry of Health, stressing that anyone found aiding or abetting illegal medical practice will be held accountable.

"The health and lives of Cross Riverians are non-negotiable," the Commissioner declared, adding that the government will enforce existing laws to their fullest extent to protect the public from medical fraud and abuse.





**T**heir Excellencies, Senator Prince Bassey Edet Otu, Governor of Cross River State and his dear wife-Bishop Dr. Mrs Eyoanwan Bassey Otu warmly welcome our esteemed Guests, Holiday Makers, Visitors and our Diaspora Family to the Super-Climax Week of the 2025 Calabar Festival extravaganza, featuring the 20th year Anniversary of Carnival Calabar-Africa's Biggest Street Party, with the theme "Traces of Time".

We celebrate our "People First" Governor, Senator Otu for making this annual showpiece Bold, Thicker, Bigger and Better as well as for also extending participation in the Fiesta to Central and Northern Senatorial Districts with the introduction of Ikom and Ogoja Carnivals. Come and be part of the Climax in this **Super Week** of the **Traces of time**:

Friday, 26th December, 2025	Monday, 29th December, 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Feel the Heartbeat of Culture &amp; Royalty @ Cultural Carnival</li> <li>*Night of Kings and Queens of the Carnival Calabar Bands</li> <li>*Be at the Glittering Governor's Ball</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*See Calabar transform into a living rainbow with Carnival Calabar and Parade of Bands - Africa's Biggest Street Party</li> <li>*Watch the Night of thrilling Feather Concert</li> </ul>
Saturday, 27th December, 2025	30th December, 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Junior Carnival (Future Assured)</li> <li>*Feel the thrills at Calabar Street Party</li> <li>*Go Back in time with Calabar Old Skool Cocktails and Costumed Concert</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*See History come alive with the vibrant Nyoro Ekpe Cultural Parade</li> <li>*Followed by the Electrifying energy of Insomnia Night</li> </ul>
Sunday, 28th December, 2025	31st December, 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Watch the Bikers Carnival shake the City</li> <li>*Then be at the Queen of Humanity Cross River Pageant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The Sky lights up with spectacular Fireworks to welcome the New Year-2026</li> </ul>

## CROSS RIVER STATE IS GETTING BETTER UNDER GOVERNOR OTU:

- \*Expanded Agricultural Programmes
- \*The Project Grow initiative
- \*Special Agro-Processing Zone project
- \*The Re-acquisition of Tinapa Business and Leisure Resort from AMCON
- \*Two more Airplanes for CallyAir Project
- \*The Introduction of Social Investment Programmes to attend to the Less Privileged and most vulnerable in the society
- \*Remodeling, Reconstruction and Recalibration of major State edifices

- \*FG approval of Bakassi Deep Sea Port Project
- \*The Diaspora Engagements initiatives
- \*The Lagos-Calabar Coastal Highway project
- \*Sustenance of past Administration's mega projects
- \*Expanded Tourism and Cultural Initiatives
- \*And many other deliverables in two and half years.

Congratulations Your Excellency! It can only get better!  
Celebrate Christmas in Cross River State and you will be glad you did.

**Savour our third Season of Sweetness!**

**Destination Cross River!!**

**Welcome Home!!!**

  
**Erasmus Ekpang**  
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Commissioner for Information.







The **Editorial Team** of the Ministry of Information heartily rejoices with the **Chief Image Maker** of Cross River State, **Dr. Erasmus Ekpang**, on this joyous occasion of the **2025 Christmas Celebration**.

We pray for God's matchless grace in the coming year.

**Merry Christmas, Sir.**





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23rd December, 2025

**PRESS STATEMENT**

**DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND WORK-FREE DAY**

The Government of Cross River State wishes to further remind all Cross Riverians and residents of our dear State that the Federal Government of Nigeria had declared Thursday, 25th and Friday, 26th December, 2025 as well as 1st January, 2026 as Public Holidays to mark Christmas Day-commemorating the Birth of Jesus Christ-the Son of God; Boxing Day and to welcome the new Year-2026 respectively.

In the same vein, the State Government has approved Monday, 29th December, 2025 as Work-Free Day for all workers in both public and private sectors to pave way for all residents to fully participate in the 2025 Edition of Carnival Calabar in which all Carnival Routes and Major Streets in the Metropolis will be closed to vehicular traffic.

Similarly, on Sunday, 28th December, 2025, the Bikers Carnival shall take centre stage through all Carnival Routes in the Calabar Metropolis, thus disrupting free flow of human and vehicular traffic.

Accordingly, all residents and our esteemed Guests are please advised to use alternative routes on these days while Pedestrians are enjoined to take adequate precautions while using the walkways.

Cross River State wishes all residents of our dear State a memorable Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year-2026.

Congratulations and God bless

**Erasmus Ekpang** *Ph.D., anipr, ftifuh*  
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# Odey Meets Northern Leaders, Receives Stakeholder Groups Amid Yuletide Festivities



**A**s part of his Yuletide engagement s, the Deputy Governor of Cross River State, Rt. Hon. Peter Odey, on Sunday met with Paramount Rulers, members of the Elders Advisory Council of the Cross River



State Consultative Forum (CRSECF) from the Northern Senatorial District, and other stakeholders at his residence in Igoli,

Ogoja Local Government Area.

Addressing the groups, Rt. Hon. Odey thanked them for their steadfast support for the People First administration of Governor Senator Prince Bassey



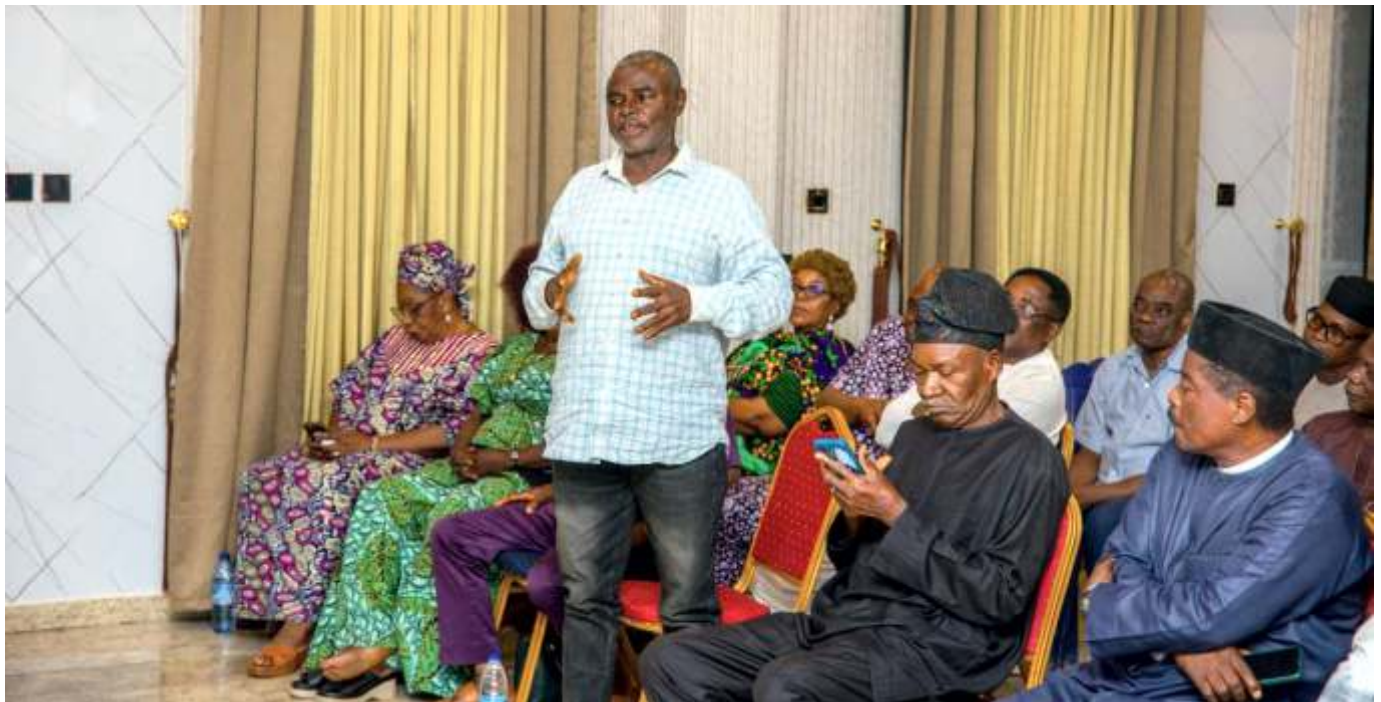


Edet Otu, whom he described as an intentional and people-focused leader. He urged them to sustain their support in 2026 and beyond, noting that the governor has continued to demonstrate goodwill towards Cross River North through ongoing infrastructural development across the state.



In their remarks, stakeholders commended Governor Otu and his deputy for their inclusive and people-oriented

leadership, evident in development across the three senatorial districts, particularly the



North. They also praised the Governor's Christmas initiatives, including free transport services and the

transparent distribution of rice and cash, describing the gestures as a reflection of the administration's commitment to the

welfare of all citizens, regardless of political affiliation.







# Chief Douglas Ogar Bags Honorary Doctorate at British American Open University of California



**H**on. Chief Douglas Ogar, popularly known as Wan Osowo, has been conferred with an Honorary Doctorate in Business Policy and Strategic

Management by the British American Open University of California, marking a significant milestone in his leadership and public service journey. The honour was

awarded on 20th December 2025, following due approval by the Council and Senate of the University. The prestigious recognition places Hon. Chief Douglas Ogar among a distinguished group of national figures honoured at the same time. Other awardees include Governor Alex Otti of Abia State; Professor Babagana Zulum, Governor of Borno State; Governor Seyi Makinde of Oyo State; Governor Hyacinth Alia of Benue State; Governor Caleb Mutfwang of Plateau State; and His Eminence, Muhammadu Sa'ad Abubakar III, the Emir of





Sokoto. Being honoured alongside such eminent leaders underscores the national relevance and impact of Hon. Ogar's contributions. According to the University, the honorary doctorate was conferred in recognition of Hon. Ogar's outstanding leadership qualities, strategic vision, and sustained commitment to community development, good governance, and human capital advancement. His work in politics and grassroots

mobilisation has continued to inspire many, particularly within Cross River State and beyond. Reacting to the honour, stakeholders within the Wan-Osowo Political Movement described the award as well deserved, noting that it validates Hon. Ogar's long-standing dedication to people-centred leadership and strategic development. They expressed confidence that the recognition would further strengthen his resolve to serve humanity with wisdom, integrity, and excellence. The conferment

adds to Hon. Chief Douglas Ogar's growing profile as a respected political leader and strategist, whose influence now resonates not only at the local and national levels but also on a global academic platform. Many supporters have continued to extend congratulations, expressing optimism that this milestone will translate into greater service and impact for the benefit of the people and the nation at large.

# Commissioner for Wealth Creation & Employment, hosts Ekajuk Women



**I**t was an electrifying moment as members of the Ekajuk Woman Association, Cross River State Chapter visited the Hon Commissioner for Wealth Creation and Employment, Hon Patrick Egbede in his abode to celebrate the Christmas

celebration with him.

In a welcoming mode the spouse of the Commissioner, Carolyn opened the storehouse of food and assorted drinks to entertain the guests .

In a mesmerizing rhythm the women danced to the

music by young stars of Ekajuk.

In a remark, the Commissioner for Wealth Creation and Employment, Hon Patrick Egbede said that the gathering of the woman at his instance was in appreciation of the support enjoyed by them through solidarity,





prayers and comportment , patience, resilience and tolerance.

The Commissioner who donated customized wrappers to them said that Ekajuk is highly favored by the State Governor Apostle Senator Prince

Bassey Edet Otu for considering an Ekajuk son as Commissioner and appealed for prayers for the blessings to the Governor for the magnanimity.

He charged all the Ekajuk sons and daughters to brace up to the contemporary economic

challenges and demands by venturing into profitably areas of progress including artisanship.

In her remarks, the President of the Calabar Chapter of the Ekajuk Women Association, Mrs Cecilia Nkor described the celebration which



was at the Commissioner's instance as a show of love for the advancement of the people of Ekajuk Nation. She commended the Governor, Apostle Senator Prince Bassey Edet Otu for choosing Patrick Egbede as the first Commissioner from the Ekajuk

Nation. The President assured the Commissioner of continuous support and solidarity with his family and political ambitions.

Several members of the Association spoke in harmony in praise for the Commissioner whom they described as a

unifying force for the people of Ekajuk.

Present at the ceremony were the councillor of his political Ward, Ekajuk Ward one and other political appointees from la Ekajuk.



# C'River To Clampdown On Abuse On Green Areas By Automotive Dealers

By David Akate



Automobile Technicians Regulatory Department, ATRD, Chief Ndem Effiong during an interaction with newsmen in his office in Calabar.

Irked by the activities of some Automobile Technicians who have continually disregarded government directive to steer clear of government designated green areas, the SA said that a mechanism has been put in place to deal with the perpetrators according to the law.

**T**he Cross River State Government has again sternly advised against the use of green areas mapped out for esthetics as motor sales and

machine workshops across the State.

The stance of government was recently re-echoed by the Special Adviser to the Governor on

He described the attitude of the mechanics and



motor dealers as direct affront to government aimed at jeopardizing the honest efforts to improve and sustain the esthetics of the city centers pointing out that authorities shall no more look the other way but decisively bring the culprits to

book.

Chief Effiong used the opportunity to highlight teething problems associated with the sale of substandard and expired motor parts and lubricants which he attributed to the increased rate of accidents and the breakdown of machines

revealing that ground work to unmasked the syndicates are on top gear. The SA also warned against the theft and illegal dismantling of Automobile equipments in the State by criminals.



# IAR's Historic Footprint Reaches Cross River State ...As Gov. Otu Approves the set-up of Outstations Across the State



**T**he establishment of an Institute for Agricultural Research (IAR) outstation in Cross River State represents one of the most visionary steps in the history of

agricultural research in Nigeria. Beyond the symbolism of geography, this milestone speaks loudly to national inclusion, ecological relevance, and the deliberate extension of research impact to

the extreme end of the country—from the savanna landscapes of the North to the lush rainforest belt of the South. A major highlight of this historic partnership is the approval by the

Cross River State Government in this December 2025 for the construction of an administrative building for the IAR outstation, a clear demonstration of the State's strong commitment to hosting and sustaining research-driven agricultural development. This approval provides a solid institutional foundation for IAR's pilot operations in the State and reinforces the seriousness with which Cross River views this collaboration. This achievement is anchored on purposeful leadership and institutional synergy. The Executive Director of IAR, Prof. Ado

Yusuf, has continued to chart a bold course for the Institute—one that expands IAR's relevance beyond traditional boundaries and positions it as a truly national research institution. His strategic engagement with state governments and stakeholders has translated vision into tangible infrastructure and enduring partnerships. Equally significant is the role of the Vice Chancellor of Ahmadu Bello University Prof. Adamu Ahmed, who formally wrote a letter of appreciation to the Governor of Cross River State, acknowledging the State Government's support, hospitality, and approval for the construction of the IAR

administrative building. This gesture not only reflects academic diplomacy at its finest but also underscores the University's deep appreciation of Cross River State's commitment to agricultural research, innovation, and national development. The Governor of Cross River State, His Excellency, Senator Prince Bassey Edet Otu, deserves special commendation for his foresight and openness to collaboration. By approving infrastructure development for IAR, he has demonstrated that sustainable agriculture, food security, and youth empowerment are best achieved





when science and governance work together. The leadership of the Honourable Commissioner for Agriculture and Irrigation Development, Cross River State Hon. Johnson Andiambey Ebokpo, is also acknowledged for providing the necessary institutional support that made this milestone possible. The IAR outstation in Cross River State is more than a physical expansion—it is a

strategic bridge between research and ecology, designed to generate solutions tailored to the rainforest environment. It holds immense promise for adaptive research in cereals and legumes, horticulture, climate-smart agriculture, and sustainable land management, while also creating opportunities for capacity building and youth engagement. From Samaru in Kaduna State to Nyanya in Cross

River State, IAR is redefining national service through research, planting seeds of innovation, partnership, and progress across Nigeria's diverse landscapes. With visionary leadership, supportive state governance, and strong university backing, this outstation stands as a powerful testament that when institutions collaborate with purpose, national development knows no boundaries.



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18th December, 2025

**PRESS STATEMENT**

**CLARIFICATION ON REGULATIONS FOR TAKING OF PHOTOGRAPHS AT THE CROSS RIVER STATE LIBRARY COMPLEX**

The attention of the Government of Cross River State has been drawn to the unregulated and uncoordinated taking of photographs and making of Videos by users and visitors to the recently re-opened Cross River State Library Complex.

These unwholesome trends have continued to remain an issue of great concern to the Management of the Cross River State Library and the Government wishes to address them in the overall interest of the Public as follows:

1. The Cross River State Library Complex remains a public institution owned by the Cross River State Government. It has not been sold, leased, or transferred to any individual or private entity.
2. Government wishes to however note that certain sections within the State Library Complex -such as the Café and Multi-Purpose areas; are managed spaces established to promote sustainability, orderliness, and the protection of public assets.
3. The already introduced guidelines regulating photography and videography within designated areas of the Library Complex were introduced solely to preserve a conducive learning and research environment for users. These measures were further intended to reduce overcrowding, limit noise and distractions as well as prevent the misuse or damage of Library facilities.
4. Government wishes to emphasize that as a public Library, maintaining quiet study conditions and safeguarding resources remains a core responsibility of Management of the Library.
5. Again, Government recognises the fact that unrestricted filming and photography can lead to congestion and disruption of services for other Library Users.
6. In the light of the above, all clients-group or Individual, MUST give prior



notification and receive formal approval from the Library Management to guarantee seamless identification and Commercial Photography in the Complex.

7. Government further directs all clients and users to strictly adhere to the guidelines to correct all noticeable inconsistencies, enhance engagements and avoid congestion in the Library. They are also to note that these standardised guidelines are not intended to penalise Library Clients and Visitors but to make the Library more accessible, orderly, serene and beneficial to all members of the public.

Finally, Government sincerely appreciates the support so far and solicits for continued cooperation so that together with the Library Management, improved service delivery and transparency will be achieved in line with international best practices.

Thank you, as Government wishes you all a merry Christmas and a happy New year -2026.



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





**Indiscriminate**

**BUSH  
BURNING**

**is still outlawed  
in Cross River State.**

**Do not indulge in indiscriminate bush  
burning. Avoid the wrath of Government.**

**CRSEMA**





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12th December, 2025

**PRESS STATEMENT**

**DESTRUCTION/STEALING OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY CRIMINAL  
AND UNSCRUPULOUS ELEMENTS**

The Government of Cross River State has observed with dismay and total disappointment the inordinate stealing and destruction of Public Utilities recently installed by the "People First" administration of His Excellency, Senator Prince Bassey Edet Otu for use by members of the Public, especially in this Yuletide Season of Sweetness.

These unscrupulous and criminal elements are surreptitiously destroying and vandalizing Solar Light Installations, Christmas Lights installed to light up the Calabar City Centre in the Spirit of Yuletide Season while some have taken their destructive tendencies too far by stealing Port-Harcourt Electricity Distribution Company's Meters, thereby obstructing Power Supply in some parts of the Calabar Metropolis. The Government in very strong terms, condemns these unwholesome trends which it should be noted, are alien to the Culture and tradition of our people. Besides, these destructive activities totally negate the robust infrastructural development of the State in line with the "People First" Agenda of Governor Otu, who is putting in place all these social amenities and facilities for use by the populace.

Accordingly, the Government has raised the RED FLAG and hereby directs all Security apparatus in the State to beam their search light on these criminal elements and miscreants with a view to arresting them to face the full weight of the Law. Government further directs the Special Adviser on Public Utilities and his team that have the mandate to protect, secure and provide services to collaborate with all relevant Government MDAs to embark on massive sensitisation of residents on safety, compliance and prosecution of defaulters.

Members of the Public are kindly advised to take note and report any suspicious activity and movement around these installations and amenities to: Engr. Jerome Egbe, Ph.D  
Special Adviser to the Governor on Public Utilities  
or to the nearest Police Station for prompt and necessary action.

Let us remain vigilant as we savour the best of the 2025 Calabar Festival. Merry Christmas and Happy New year-2026.

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

# DG CRSEMA Remind Cross Riverians Of Extant Laws Against Indiscriminate Bush Burning

By David Akate



**T**he Director General, Cross River State Emergency Management Agency CRSEMA, Mr Antigha Gill has reminded the people of the State of the extant laws against indiscriminate bush burning and its consequences.

The DG who was speaking in an interview with correspondents in his office emphasized that the State Government has activated all law enforcement apparatus including the traditional governing structure to keenly watch out for culprits for arrest and prosecution.

Mr Gill lamented the progressive destruction of the State flora and fauna in massive scale through indiscriminate bush burning especially during the dry season.

He disclosed that 2025 recorded large farm lands





and reserve forests as well as crops worth millions of Naira consumed by unwarranted inferno occasioned

by careless use of fire which has grossly affected the socio-economic landscape of the State.

According to him, while he acknowledged that rural farmers require discreet burning of farmlands for crop cultivation igniting portions not needed is uncalled for culminating in economic waste.

He challenged the leadership at the grassroots level to support government in the campaign against indiscriminate bush burning by monitoring their subjects with a view to checkmating the ugly trend.

The DG also expressed his worries over the high rate of urban fires which has in recent times consumed property worth billions of Naira leaving in it



trails lost of lives and massive displacement of people.

He attributed the causes of the incidences to electrical defaults, cooking gas explosions and improper handling of other combustible materials stressing that such sad situations can be controlled with

commitment by citizens.

Mr Gill said that in due course the consistent synergy with fire fighting outfits in the State will converge in intensive public training on the prevention and Management of accidental infernos.

The DG used the opportunity to commend the State

Governor Apostle Senator Prince Bassey Edet Otu for his dogged efforts towards revamping the Fire Service architecture across the State.





## ***PUBLIC RELATIONS BYTE- DECEMBER 2025***

***AS CARNIVAL CALABAR 2025 BEGINS, CROSS RIVER STATE CHAPTER OF NIPR EXTENDS WARM GREETINGS TO ALL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS. WE COMMEND THE STATE GOVERNMENT FOR IMPROVED SANITATION, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURES, AND URGE EVERYONE TO KEEP OUR SURROUNDINGS CLEAN AND RESPECT PUBLIC SPACES.***

***CROSS RIVER STATE, NIPR REMAINS COMMITTED TO CREDIBLE COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. WE WISH EVERYONE A SAFE, PEACEFUL, AND MEMORABLE DECEMBER.***

***PASTOR AUSTIN MBOSO, PHD, MNIPR  
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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.**

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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.

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**26**

DEC. 2025  
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**1. OBEY SPEED LIMITS – THEY ARE SET FOR YOUR SAFETY.**

**2. ADJUST SPEED TO CONDITIONS**

**3. KEEP SAFE DISTANCE**

**4. AVOID OVERSPEEDING**

**5. KNOW YOUR VEHICLE SPEED LIMITS**

**6. WATCH OUT IN BUILT-UP AREAS**

**7. USE ENGINE BRAKING ON SLOPES**

**8. BE CAUTIOUS ON CURVES**



## 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.  
The office will assess applicable charges, registration fees, processing fees, etc. Make the required payment.
- 4** Inspection and Publication (for private land)  
Property is inspected by LUAC officials  
Notice of application is published for 21 days to allow for objections.  
After clearance, Governor's Approval in Principle is obtained.
- 5** C of O (Certificate of Occupancy) Engrossment and Signing  
The Certificate of Occupancy is prepared (engrossed) and signed by the Governor or delegated authority.
- 6** Registration and Delivery  
Final registration is completed at the Lands Registry.  
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