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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.

Speaker Ayambem Disburses N10 Million Bursary to 100 Students



The Speaker of the Cross River State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Elvert Ayambem, has disbursed a total of ₦10 million as bursary support to 100 students from Ikom Local Government Area.

The bursary presentation ceremony, held at the Speaker's residence in Nde, was performed on his behalf by his Chief of Staff, Hon. Anakan Ndoma. The event attracted students, parents, community leaders, and party

stakeholders.

Speaking at the event, Hon. Ndoma conveyed the Speaker's commitment to education and youth development, describing the bursary scheme as a deliberate effort to ease the financial burden on students and their families while encouraging academic excellence.

He urged the beneficiaries to remain focused, disciplined, and committed to their studies, stressing that the intervention was an investment in their future and the development



of Ikom Local Government Area.

Chairman of the occasion, Hon. Asinya Ntan, commended the Speaker for his sustained support for human capital development, noting that the initiative reflects responsive and

people-oriented leadership.

Speaking on behalf of the beneficiaries, Atep Godiva, President of the National Association of Ikom Students Worldwide (NAIS-WW), expressed profound gratitude

to the Speaker for the gesture, describing the bursary as timely and impactful, especially given the rising cost of education.

Bishop Mrs. Eyoanwan Bassey Otu Celebrates New Year, Empowers Her Constituents in Creek Town, Odukpani Local Government Area

By Esther Okoi



It was a moment of joy and celebration in Creek Town Adiabo Efut and Ikoneto in Odukpani Local Government Area of Cross River State, as Her Excellency, Bishop Mrs. Eyoanwan Bassey Otu, Wife

of the Governor of Cross River State, celebrated Christmas and New Year with her people and empowered them.

The First Lady spent the festive season with the people, sharing in their joy and

showing love through meaningful support aimed at improving their daily lives. She described Christmas as a time for love, unity, and caring for one another, especially the less privileged.



During the visit, Bishop Mrs. Eyoanwan Bassey Otu commissioned a solar power project at the Basic Comprehensive Health Centre in Adiabo Efut, which will provide steady electricity to the health facility and improve medical services for the community.

She also empowered residents with useful items to support their livelihoods. These included 20 motorcycles, 15

hair-drying machines, 20 solar home systems, 10 barbing machines, 10 grinding machines, 10 boats for riverine communities, and a shoe-making machine with its accessories. In addition, 50 women received cash support of ₦200,000 each to help them grow their small businesses.

To ease the burden on families during the festive period, over 3,000 bags of rice, wrappers, and other essential

items were shared among beneficiaries across the two communities.

The First Lady encouraged the people to make good use of the items given to them and support one another to build stronger families and communities.

Community leaders and residents thanked her for celebrating Christmas with them and for bringing real help directly to the



people. Many described the visit as timely and uplifting.

The celebration featured Christmas songs, prayers, and cultural displays, adding to the joy of the season. For the people of

Creek town the visit showed that their daughter mother and leader has not forgotten them.

The Christmas celebration and empowerment programme reflect the caring spirit of Bishop Mrs.

Eyoanwan Bassey Otu and her support the people-focused development agenda of the Cross River State Government.

Grassroots Bonds: Dr. Henry Ayuk Takes Governance Home to Obubra, Etung

By Kingsley Agim and Jessica Ubi



Days of 2025, the festive air across Obubra and Etung Local Government Areas carried more than Christmas cheer. It carried conversations about unity, development, service and the future, led by the Honourable Commissioner for Health, Dr. Henry Egbe Ayuk, whose yuletide tour of the constituency blended celebration with purposeful engagement.

On Tuesday, December 30, 2025, Dr. Ayuk embarked on a series of visits that accentuates



his philosophy of leadership: governance must be human, inclusive and rooted in the grassroots.

The tour commenced in Obubra, at the residence of Dr. Kyrian Mfam, former Executive Chairman of Obubra Local Government Area and a respected statesman. Before an audience of supporters, elders

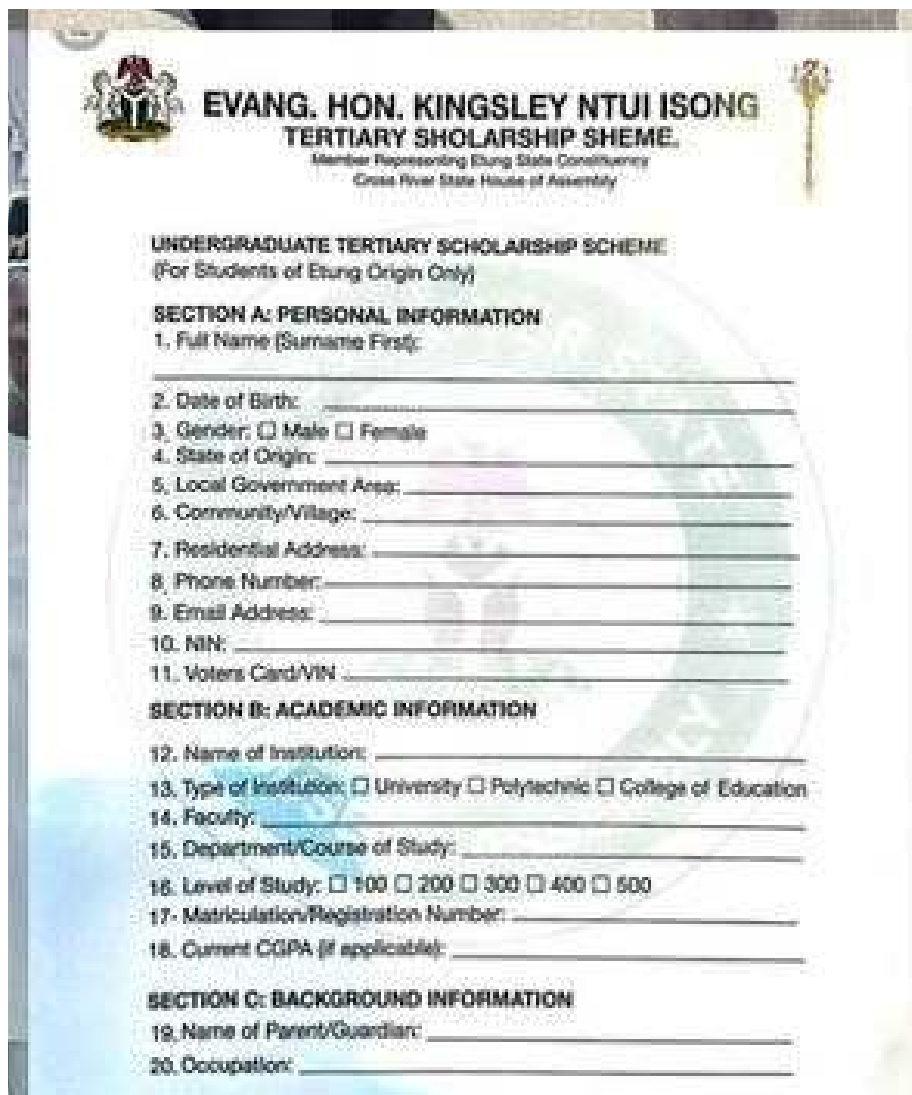
and political associates, Dr. Ayuk spoke candidly about public service and the meaning of mandate.

"My mandate is quite different from what others are doing," he said. "As a moving Commissioner and as a human being, it is important that we address our mandates collectively. I have come because of my mandate, that

we must all work together."

The moment set the tone for a tour that was less ceremonial and more conversational, driven by listening, reflection and shared purpose.

From Obubra, the Commissioner proceeded to Etung, where a broad-based stakeholders' engagement. His



EVANG. HON. KINGSLEY NTUI ISONG
TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME
Member Representing Etung State Constituency
Cross River State House of Assembly

UNDERGRADUATE TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME
(For Students of Etung Origin Only)

SECTION A: PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Full Name (Surname First): _____

2. Date of Birth: _____

3. Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

4. State of Origin: _____

5. Local Government Area: _____

6. Community/Village: _____

7. Residential Address: _____

8. Phone Number: _____

9. Email Address: _____

10. NIN: _____

11. Voters Card/VIN: _____

SECTION B: ACADEMIC INFORMATION

12. Name of Institution: _____

13. Type of Institution: ☐ University ☐ Polytechnic ☐ College of Education

14. Faculty: _____

15. Department/Course of Study: _____

16. Level of Study: ☐ 100 ☐ 200 ☐ 300 ☐ 400 ☐ 500

17. Matriculation/Registration Number: _____

18. Current CGPA (if applicable): _____

SECTION C: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

19. Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

20. Occupation: _____

Otu remains deeply interested in the progress of the Etung people," the Commissioner

that plans were already underway to upgrade health facilities across the area, with some projects already ongoing.

Looking ahead, he projected renewed investment and attention to the constituency, noting that before 2027, Etung would attract more resources than it has ever experienced.

The gathering reflected Etung's diversity and cohesion, drawing political, traditional and social leaders. Among those present were the Vice Chairman of Etung Council,

liaison officer, Hon. (Dr.) Asu Ebam Ndep, addressing the gathering, noted that the people of Etung had eagerly anticipated the visit, describing it as an opportunity to reaffirm the bond between the Commissioner and the grassroots.

"The presence of

Dr. Ayuk today confirms that Etung remains close to his heart," he said.

In his address, Dr. Ayuk reassured leaders and residents that Etung occupies a strategic place in the development vision of Governor Bassey Otu.

"Governor Bassey

Hon. Assam Amba; Leader of the Etung Legislature, Hon. Ekuhnse

Chapter Chairman, Hon. Eric Ndifon, and members of the legislative council.

Traditional authority was strongly represented by His Royal Majesty, the Paramount Ruler of Etung, His Majesty, Ntui-Atui Anthony Ntui-Etta, alongside clan and village heads, Elders in Council, the Etung Youth Council, Etung Women in Politics and the Etung Women Network, all lending their voices to a shared vision of peace and development.

True to the spirit of the season, Dr.

Ayuk complemented dialogue with tangible support. He distributed

substantial welfare packages and food supplies, stressing that the gesture was meant for the entire constituency.

To ensure fairness, he directed that distribution be done equitably across wards. In Bendeghe Ekiem Ward, the sharing of three cows symbolised inclusion — one designated for traditional chiefs, another for women, and the third for party members, reinforcing balance between culture, gender and politics.

The Commissioner's engagements extended beyond meetings. He

attended Ochimabiji Etomi 2026, a vibrant cultural carnival in Etuna featuring

competitions, peace advocacy and community bonding. The event also witnessed the commissioning of staff quarters at St. Peter's Primary School, Etomi, a development hailed as a milestone by locals.

"This community is worth celebrating," Dr. Ayuk remarked, acknowledging Etomi's commitment to harmony and growth.

As the calendar turned to January 1, 2026, Dr. Ayuk hosted a New Year get-together at his country

C'River Young Appointees Forum / Youth in Politics Honor Gov Otu, Wife, Others At Thanksgiving



Government appointees under the aegis of the Cross River State Young Appointees Forum (State and Local Government Appointees) Led by the Forum Chairman *Dr. Julius kijuo KSJI,

FRGP* and his Exco members in collaboration with the Cross River Youths in Politics, have honored the governor, *Apst. Prince Bassey Edet Otu* and his beloved wife Bishop Eyoanwan Otu, for creating

enabling opportunities for the youths to thrive.

At a Thanksgiving Service jointly organized by the Forum and Youths in Politics, which held at the Voice of God Christian



Church, the young politicians extolled their Excellencies for giving young persons the opportunity to lend themselves in service to the state.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman of the forum Dr. Kijuo, appreciated the Governor and his beloved wife, for their parental role in the lives of many young persons.

"This is our own



way of showing appreciation to you, for all you have done for us. This is our widow's might to say Thank

you for all you have done for us," Kijuo added.

In a sermon which centered on



setting goals especially for the new year and delivered by *Bishop Eyoanwan Otu*, the Chief Shepherd of the Voice of God Christian Church, admonished Christians to set goals which must be precise and can be accomplished real-time.

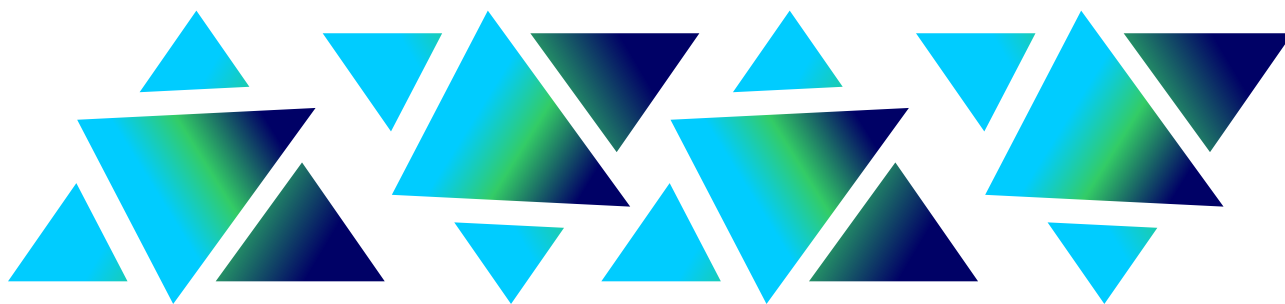
Also, the governor *Apst. Baseey Otu*, also a minister of God, commended the youths and prayed for them, steadfastness and commitment to duties.

The Thanksgiving service which featured prophetic declarations and choir ministrations, climaxed with the procession and

altar blessings.

High point of the event was the presentation of portrait to their Excellencies.

The Chairman went further to thank the Governor for the appointment of the Chief of staff as he has done so well as the Chief of staff in creating



enabling environment for other Appointee's, Empowerment etc which is the best decision of the Governor making him Chief of Staff. The body presented an awards to the Chief of Staff to the governor, *Hon. Emmanuel Ironbar*, for his sterling support and stabilizing role in the current administration before the Governor

Other 3 Awardes

Hon. Erasmus Ekpang was presented with a plate of honor for being supportive to His Excellency

administration

Hon. Oden Ewa Honourable Commissioner for Special Duties was presented with Quality Leadership Award before the Governor, Stated that he has been doing well in empowering young people. And his firm believes in the Current administration.

Hon. Mike Odere Ph.D was Presented with an Award of quality leadership in his philanthropist gestures of Scholarship to students amongst other Empowerment

The Chief of Staff

Hon. Dr. Emmanuel Ironbar appreciated the Young Appointee's for the uncommon decision of organizing a thanksGiving mass in honor of their Excellencies. He further thanked the Governor for the opportunity given to him as the chief of staff and other Appointee's, which they all remain grateful

Gov. Otu Swears In Egbung as Bekwarra Chairman, Calls for Unity, People-Centred Governance



Governor of Cross River State, Senator Bassey Otu, Monday swore in Hon. Egbung as the substantive Chairman of Bekwarra Local

Government Area, charging him to lead with humility, unity of purpose and commitment to service.

The swearing-in ceremony, which marked the formal

resolution of the leadership crisis in the council, was also used by the governor to set the tone for governance in the New Year, as he welcomed stakeholders and

guests with warm New Year wishes.

Governor Otu emphasised the strategic importance of local government administration, describing it as the tier of government closest to the people and critical to grassroots development. He said the All Progressives Congress (APC) places premium value on effective local governance because of its direct impact on communities, families and everyday livelihoods.

Reflecting on the transition in Bekwarra, the Governor commended party leaders, stakeholders and government

institutions for managing the process peacefully and orderly, without disruption. He praised the maturity displayed by the APC leadership in the local government, noting that their conduct helped preserve unity and stability.

"Position is not given for you to exert power or become an emperor. Position is for you to serve the people," Otu said, reminding the new chairman that leadership is a call to responsibility, compassion and accountability, especially to the most vulnerable in society.

The governor expressed confidence in Egbung's capacity to deliver, citing his

experience, character and steady performance while acting in the role. He described the new chairman as a product of due process who understands governance from the ground up and has earned the trust and support of his people.

Otu further revealed that Bekwarra remains a key part of the administration's economic vision for Northern Cross River, assuring that ongoing and future initiatives would reposition the area for growth and shared prosperity. He called for sincerity of purpose, seriousness in governance and collective commitment to



development.

As he concluded, Governor Otu congratulated Hon. Egbung and his family, urging them to see the new responsibility as service to God, the state and the people of Bekwarra, while expressing optimism that better days lie ahead for Cross River State.

In his response, the newly sworn-in Chairman of Bekwarra Local Government Area, Hon. Egbung

Odama Egbung, expressed profound gratitude to God for what he described as an eventful and fulfilling day, assuring the people of Bekwarra and Cross River State of his readiness to serve diligently and responsibly. He said his administration would be guided strictly by the rules of engagement, transparency and commitment to the welfare of the people.

Describing the new year as one of renewed energy

and purpose, Egbung urged the people of Bekwarra to prepare for hard work and collective progress, stressing that the time for complacency was over. He noted that leadership to him simply means service, adding that he has lived a life dedicated to serving others and would continue in that spirit as chairman of council.

Tinkoriko Group Praises Governor Otu for Cultural Heritage

By Kingsley Agim



Tinkorikor, a prominent Calabar socio-cultural heritage organization, has expressed gratitude to Cross River State Governor Senator Bassey Otu for featuring them in the Calabar Carnival Calendar.

The Leader of the socio-cultural group Rt. Hon. Orok Otu Duke, praised the governor's recognition as a restoration of Calabar's rich cultural heritage.

Duke thanked Governor Otu for participating in the street parade and for donating cash support while

assuring continued backing for the administration.

The approval fixes TINKORIKO Parade on January 1st annually as part of the annual Calabar Festival.

Naira Continues Gain Against US Dollar As Nigeria's Foreign Reserves Climb To \$45.57bn



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The Naira
appreciated
further against the
United States
Dollar at the
official foreign
exchange market,
beginning the
week on a good
note.

Central Bank of
Nigeria data
showed that the

Naira strengthened
on Monday to
N1,429.31 per
dollar, up from
N1,430.85
exchanged on
Friday, 2 January
2026.

This means that
the Naira gained
N1.56 against the
dollar on Monday
when compared to
N1,430.85 last
week Friday.

At the black
market, the Naira
dropped by N5 to
N1480 per dollar
on Monday, down
from N1475
traded Friday.

The development
comes as the
country's external
reserves rose to
\$45.57 billion as
of Friday last
week.

**SCHEDULE FOR THE COMMUNITY FOCUSS GROUP DISCUSSION IN 20
COMMUNITIES IN ODUKPANI LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA**

S/N	NAME OF COMMUNITY	DATE	TIME
1.	IKOT OBONG ENO	JANUARY 8,2026	10AM
2.	CREEK TOWN I	-DO-	12NOON
3.	ESEKU	-D0 -	1PMNOON
4.	IKOT ESSIEN	-DO-	3PM
5.	UBAMBAT	JANUARY 9,2026	10AM
6.	AKPAP OKOYONG	-DO-	12NOON
7.	EFUT IBONDA	JANUARY 12,2026	10AM
8.	ADIABO OKURIKANG	-DO-	12NOON
9.	ADIABO ESINE UFOT	JANUARY 14,2026	10AM
10.	ADIABO IKOT OTU IBOUT	-DO-	12NOON
11.	PAMOL ESTATE	JANUARY 15,2026	10AM
12.	AKIM AKIM	-DO -	12NOON
13.	ODUKPANI QUA	JANUARY 16,2026	10AM
14.	ODUNYAMA	- DO -	12NOON
15.	IKOT EYO OKON	JANUARY 19,2026	10AM
16.	IKOT OKON ABASI	- DO -	12NOON
17.	URUA ITAK UYO	- DO -	2PM
18.	OBOT EYO	JANUARY 20, 2026	10AM
19.	IKOT EFFIOK EKPENYONG	- DO -	12NOON
20.	IKOT AYE EYO	- D0 -	2PM

Prof. Odey Celebrates New Year With Grassroots ...empowerment Across North Senatorial District

By Patricia Ogbeche



The Commission
er for
Education in Cross
River State,
Senator Professor
Stephen Odey,
Esq recently
celebrated the
New Year with the
people of Yache
Nation and
supporters drawn
from across the
Local Government
Areas of Cross



River North, in a
colourful gathering
marked by unity,
gratitude, and
large-scale
empowerment.

The well-attended
celebration

attracted party
faithfuls,
community
leaders, and well-
wishers from
across the zone. It
featured far-
reaching
empowerment



initiatives aimed at improving livelihoods and strengthening grassroots support. Items distributed included cars, motorcycles, sewing machines, over 300 bags of rice, cash support, and other essential materials to beneficiaries across

communities.

In his address, Senator Professor Odey extended warm New Year greetings to the people and reaffirmed his unwavering commitment to human capital development, social welfare, and inclusive growth across Cross River

North. He emphasized that empowering the people remains central to his public service philosophy.

Professor Odey also pledged his continued loyalty and support to the administration of His Excellency, Governor Bassey Otu, noting that



the Governor's "People First" mantra aligns seamlessly with his vision of grassroots empowerment, sustainable development, and improved quality of life for all citizens of the

state.

The event further underscored the Commissioner's dedication to grassroots engagement, unity, and service to humanity, reinforcing his reputation as a

leader deeply connected to the aspirations of the people.

Dignitaries at the event included the Deputy Chief of Staff to the Governor, Chief Hon. Boniface Okache, who



represented His Excellency and commended Senator Odey for his exemplary leadership and consistent

empowerment initiatives across Cross River North, describing him as a trusted and tested leader.

Also speaking, Hon. Odey Brian, Member representing Yala I State Constituency in the Cross River



State House of Assembly, praised Professor Odey for his uncommon generosity and

people-centred leadership style. Several top government officials, political

leaders, and key stakeholders were also present to share in the celebration.



CROSS RIVER STATE GOVERNMENT, NIGERIA

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN, YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SCHEME

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Cross River State Youth Empowerment Scheme, in line with Governor Bassey Otu's vision for youth empowerment, is partnering with the Federal Government's Renewed Hope Agenda through the Bank of Industry and Zenith Bank Plc. They are inviting all residents of Cross River with viable business ideas or existing businesses that need scaling up to apply for a loan of up to ₦ 5 million. The loan will have an annual interest rate of 9% and can be repaid over a three-year period.

Interested applicants are encouraged to visit:

Calabar:

Venue: The temporary office of the Cross River State Youth Empowerment Scheme, located on the ground floor of the Fabrication Academy

Date: tomorrow Wednesday, 7th of January 2026

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Ikom:

Council Hall, Ikom Local Government Secretariat

Date: tomorrow Wednesday, 7th January 2026

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Ogoja:

Council Hall, Ikom Local Government Secretariat

Date: tomorrow Wednesday, 7th January 2026

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Please bring the following items:

1. CAC registration documents
2. BVN
3. NIN slip
4. NEPA bill
5. One passport photograph
6. A registration fee of 13,000 Naira for SEARCH and a customized ATM card
7. TIN
8. At least 6 months' Bank Statement from any of your active accounts

We look forward to seeing you there!

Note: Those who are unable to access these locations should contact Excellence on WhatsApp at 09021683615 to assist them.

Signed:

Dr. Kalita Joseph Aruku

Chairman, Cross River State Youth Empowerment Scheme.



January 6th, 2026

PRESS RELEASE

**NOTICE TO TRACTOR BENEFICIARIES WITH OUTSTANDING
COLLECTION**

The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation Development hereby informs all beneficiaries who have made the required down payment for tractors but are yet to take delivery from the Ministry's premises that they are required to do so on or before Thursday, 22nd, January, 2026.

Kindly note that any tractor not collected on or before the stated deadline will be reassigned to individuals on the waiting list.

Where such reassignment occurs, affected beneficiaries will be required to wait until the next batch of tractors is delivered to the Ministry before allocation can be reconsidered.

This notice is issued to ensure efficient allocation and optimal utilization of available tractors. All concerned beneficiaries are therefore urged to comply promptly.

Hon. Johnson A. Ebokpo KSM
Commissioner



C'River Tourism Ministry Graced Offiong ye Effiom 3rd Revived Traditional Wrestling

By Carolyn Ugbor



In a renewed effort to preserve cultural heritage and promote unity among the people, the Akpabuyo Local Government Community orchestrated the third version of traditional wrestling, an age-long sport deeply rooted in the

customs and identity of the community.

The historic event which took place on the 3rd of January, 2026, at the Ikot Effiong Essien, Edet Nsa Ward in Akpabuyo Local Government Area, Cross River State, had Pastor Mrs Eme Affiah, Permanent

Secretary Ministry of Tourism, Arts And Culture and some Management Staff of the Ministry in attendance.

This event held amid colourful displays of culture, drumming, chanting, and traditional dances which



accompanied the bouts, creating a festive atmosphere that captivated spectators filled with elders, youths, cultural troupes, and visitors from neighbouring communities and tribes like the Bakassi, Obutong, Bayelsa and Rivers State.

This traditional wrestling known as Mbok in their Local dialect was once a major feature of communal festivals and rites of passage but had declined over the years due to insecurities, modernization and dwindling interest among the younger generation.

Speaking in an interview Honourable Bassey Bassey, honorable Member representing Akpabuyo Local Government Area, emphasized that the revival of the traditional wrestling began following Governor Bassey



Edet Otu's People first mandate and drive to maintain peace and stability in the State and part of a broader vision to reconnect the people with their cultural roots, marking significant steps towards cultural renaissance and reaffirming the community commitment for preserving it's rich culture.

He described the sport as more than physical combat, noting that it symbolizes courage, discipline, respect,

communal pride strength and bonding which will help curb social vices by engaging youths in meaningful cultural and sporting activities, while also promoting tourism and cultural education.

"Traditional wrestling is a heritage handed down from our ancestors. By reviving it, we are not only preserving our culture but also teaching our youths values of strength, honour, and unity," he said.

Bassey called for

the event to be institutionalized as an annual festival which it was, with greater support from Government, cultural organizations and relevant government agencies.

Highpoint of the event was a competition of skilled wrestlers from different age groups and wards, each demonstrating strength, technique, and sportsmanship.

CROSS RIVER STATE CARNIVAL COMMISSION

BEST DECORATED TRUCK (FLOAT) DESIGN 2025

COMPETITION: SENIOR

DATE: 29TH DECEMBER 2025

BOTANICAL GARDEN

Entry No.	BAND	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	CUM TOTAL	Rank
1	SEAGULL	76	85	81	242	2
2	CALAS VEGAS	75	88	87	250	1
3	FREEDOM	71	83	66	220	5
4	BAYSIDE	85	80	73	238	4
5	PASSION4	79	76	84	239	3
6	DIAMOND	67	75	75	217	6
7	MASTA BLASTA	70	45	68	183	7

SCORPIO

Entry No.	BAND	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	CUM TOTAL	Rank
1	SEAGULL	69	70	81	220	4
2	CALAS VEGAS	77	73	91	241	1
3	FREEDOM	66	65	85	216	5
4	BAYSIDE	62	76	89	227	3
5	PASSION4	73	76	89	238	2
6	DIAMOND	68	77	69	214	6
7	MASTA BLASTA	58	66	80	204	7

MCC

Entry No.	BAND	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	CUM TOTAL	Rank
1	SEAGULL	81	69	66	216	3
2	CALAS VEGAS	75	86	78	239	1
3	FREEDOM	78	81	70	229	2
4	BAYSIDE	67	74	71	212	5
5	PASSION4	68	90	71	229	2
6	DIAMOND	69	85	61	215	4
7	MASTA BLASTA	69	50	50	169	6

BEST DECORATED TRUCK DESIGN 2025

Entry No.	BAND	BOTANICAL	SCORPIO	MCC	TOTAL	RANK
1	SEAGULL	242	220	216	678	3
2	CALAS VEGAS	250	241	239	730	1
3	FREEDOM	220	216	229	665	5
4	BAYSIDE	238	227	212	677	4
5	PASSION4	239	238	229	706	2
6	DIAMOND	217	214	215	646	6
7	MASTA BLASTA	183	204	169	556	7

Entry No.	BAND	TOTAL	POSITION
1	CALAS VEGAS	730	1ST
2	PASSION4	706	2ND
3	SEAGULL	678	3RD
4	BAYSIDE	677	4TH
5	FREEDOM	665	5TH
6	DIAMOND	646	6TH
7	MASTA BLASTA	556	7TH

CROSS RIVER STATE CARNIVAL COMMISSION

BEST COSTUME DESIGN 2025

COMPETITION: SENIOR

DATE: 29TH DECEMBER 2025

BOTANICAL GARDEN

Entry No.	BAND	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	CUM TOTAL	Rank
1	SEAGULL	70	82	75	227	4
2	CALAS VEGAS	88	84	87	259	1
3	FREEDOM	65	83	74	222	6
4	BAYSIDE	80	76	78	234	3
5	PASSION4	68	76	79	223	5
6	DIAMOND	83	73	80	236	2
7	MASTA BLASTA	57	77	68	202	7

SCORPIO

Entry No.	BAND	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	CUM TOTAL	Rank
1	SEAGULL	65	70	89	224	3
2	CALAS VEGAS	79	73	92	244	1
3	FREEDOM	70	71	84	225	2
4	BAYSIDE	60	69	92	221	5
5	PASSION4	66	70	87	223	4
6	DIAMOND	68	77	79	224	3
7	MASTA BLASTA	70	62	81	213	6

BEST COSTUME DESIGN 2025

Entry No.	BAND	BOTANICAL	SCORPIO	MCC	STADIUM	TOTAL	RANK
1	SEAGULL	227	224	212	211	874	5
2	CALAS VEGAS	259	244	241	256	1000	1
3	FREEDOM	222	225	206	206	859	7
4	BAYSIDE	234	221	215	218	888	4
5	PASSION4	223	223	214	246	906	3
6	DIAMOND	236	224	214	243	917	2
7	MASTA BLASTA	202	213	201	245	861	6

BEST COSTUME DESIGN

COMPETITION: JUNIOR

DATE: 27TH DECEMBER 2025

BOTANICAL GARDEN

Entry No.	BAND	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	CUM TOTAL	Rank
1	SEAGULL	82	74	75	231	2
2	CALAS VEGAS	85	66	68	219	5
3	FREEDOM	71	89	69	229	3
4	BAYSIDE	82	76	71	229	3
5	PASSION4	82	62	70	214	6
6	DIAMOND	84	72	76	232	1
7	MASTA BLASTA	78	78	65	221	4

RABANA

Entry No.	BAND	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	CUM TOTAL	Rank
1	SEAGULL	79	67	61	207	3
2	CALAS VEGAS	85	76	84	245	1
3	FREEDOM	80	74	85	239	2
4	BAYSIDE	76	64	65	205	4
5	PASSION4	69	65	66	200	6
6	DIAMOND	63	65	76	204	5
7	MASTA BLASTA	72	63	69	204	5

STADIUM

Entry No.	BAND	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	CUM TOTAL	Rank
1	SEAGULL	82	87	82	251	4
2	CALAS VEGAS	84	88	83	255	3
3	FREEDOM	89	92	85	266	1
4	BAYSIDE	86	91	83	260	2
5	PASSION4	77	89	79	245	6
6	DIAMOND	83	90	76	249	5
7	MASTA BLASTA	76	85	81	242	7

BEST COSTUME DESIGN 2025

Entry No.	BAND	BOTANICAL	RABANA	STADIUM	TOTAL	RANK
1	SEAGULL	231	207	251	689	4
2	CALAS VEGAS	219	245	255	719	2
3	FREEDOM	229	239	266	734	1
4	BAYSIDE	229	205	260	694	3
5	PASSION4	214	200	245	659	7
6	DIAMOND	232	204	249	685	5
7	MASTA BLASTA	221	204	242	667	6

Tax laws: No bank account will be debited, Oyedele assures



The Federal Government has reassured that the new tax reforms, set to take effect from 1 January

2026, will not involve automatic debits from personal bank accounts, and individuals do not need to provide

explanations for transfers.

Addressing widespread misconceptions surrounding the

reforms, the Chairman of the Presidential Committee on Fiscal Policy and Tax Reforms, Mr. Taiwo Oyedele said on Channels Television's special programme on Tuesday said: 'People think that the government will debit their bank accounts from next year, and how they even came up with that, I have no idea. Nobody will debit your account for any amount you transfer. Whether it's a billion or one thousand naira, at the end of the year, you tell the government yourself'.

Explaining the process and emphasising its simplicity and transparency, Oyedele said that

the new tax system simplifies reporting and ensures fair taxation for small businesses, without burdening the vulnerable.

'You know what constitutes your income and what doesn't. So you tell the government: 'This is my income and here is the tax'. If you are exempted, you simply declare: 'This is my income, and I am exempted from tax'. It is a very simple process that we are simplifying further.

'One of the biggest benefits is that if you run a small business as a sole proprietor, an enterprise, or you are just hustling, the system will no longer be regressive, taxing the vulnerable more. We've made

it progressive', he said.

Earlier on Tuesday, President Bola Tinubu confirmed that the implementation of the new tax laws will commence as scheduled, despite criticisms from political figures, opposition groups, and labour unions.

ICAN urges accountants to embrace AI, ethical integrity
B3, NGX discuss potential areas for cooperation – Kwairanga

Tax reforms: Govt will not deduct from bank accounts, Oyedele assures

Tax ID not mandatory for all Nigerians Oyedele
In a statement, President Tinubu said the laws are not designed to increase taxes but

to support a structural reset, promote harmonisation, protect citizens' dignity, and strengthen the social contract.

'The new tax laws, including those that took effect on 26 June 2025, and the remaining acts scheduled to commence on 1 January 2026, will continue as planned.

'These reforms are a once-in-a-generation opportunity to build a fair, competitive, and robust fiscal foundation for our country', he said.

The president called on all Nigerians to support the reforms as they take effect in the coming days.

The reforms, signed into law in June 2025, aim to simplify Nigeria's tax system, broaden the tax base, and protect low-income earners and small businesses.

Key provisions of the tax reforms include full personal income tax exemption for those earning ₦800,000 or less, while higher earners face progressive rates capped at 25%.

Small businesses with turnover under N100 million are exempt from company tax, VAT, and the new development levy, and corporate tax for larger firms drops from 30 to 25%.

VAT remains at

7.5% with exemptions for essentials, and revenue collection will be centralised under the Nigeria Revenue Service.

Despite some controversy and court challenges, the government has clarified that ordinary citizens will not face automatic debits or new taxes, and exemptions cover minimum wage earners, pensions, gifts, remittances, and diaspora Nigerians.

The reforms are designed to ease tax burdens, support small businesses, and promote a fairer, more transparent tax system while driving economic growth, it said.

SACA DG Extends Hearty New Year Greetings to Gov. Otu, Bishop Eyoanwan, and Cross Riverians

By Nakanda Iyadim



DR. CHARLES IWARA

DIRECTOR GENERAL

STATE AGENCY FOR THE CONTROL OF AIDS

The Director General of the Cross River State Agency for the Control of AIDS (CR-SACA), Dr. Charles Iwara, has conveyed heartfelt New Year felicitations to the State Governor, Senator Prince Bassey Otu, and the First Lady, Bishop Eyoanwan Otu, as well as to all Cross Riverians at home and in the diaspora.

Highlighting Achievements and Commitment
Dr. Iwara took the opportunity to commend the significant milestones achieved by the Governor Otu-led



administration, particularly in expanding access to quality healthcare across all 18 Local Government Areas.

He specifically noted that CR-SACA has been a major beneficiary of the Governor's generous support for the State's HIV prevention campaign. Calling on all citizens to unite and rally around the Governor's people-centric government, Dr. Iwara highlighted the ambitious plans for the

coming year.

He disclosed that the recently signed 2026 Budget is robustly programmed with activities dedicated to prevention campaigns, which are crucial now more than ever, given the recent global funding cuts.

He also celebrated the immense success of the recently concluded "Wise Up" Carnival Festival Campaign, which was sponsored by the UNFPA.

Recognizing the vital role this

awareness programme plays in shaping the health choices of the youth, Dr. Iwara announced that the State Government is planning complete ownership of the initiative to ensure its sustainability and continuous impact.

Dr. Iwara extended his warmest wishes for a prosperous and HIV-free 2026 to all Cross Riverians and visitors to the State.



JOHN OWAN-ENOH FOUNDATION MSME SUPPORT PROGRAM PHASE 2

The Minister of State for Industry, Dist. Sen. John Owan Enoh, hereby declares open the 2nd phase of the _John Owan Enoh Foundation MSME Support Program_ to mark the New Year Celebration!

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2. Those who applied in phase one and were not selected can simply log in and reapply. They no longer need to do the initial registration.
3. Note also that there is no lobbying, no political party connection and no recommendation whatsoever or from anyone, that will qualify any applicant. All applicants stand the same chance based on the viability of their business idea and available spaces.
4. The form for the informal sector added a few more details and will be available on this same space. Kindly note that any applicant who applies online and still fills the informal sector form will be automatically disqualified.

Thank you once again and have a happy new year celebration.

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Over 181,000 Condoms Distributed as Cross River State Concludes 9th Edition of “Wise Up” Youth Health Campaign at Carnival Calabar

By Nakanda Iyadim



The Cross River State Government, through the State Agency for the Control of AIDS (CR-SACA) and the Ministry of Health, with support from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and

other partners, has successfully concluded the 9th edition of the “Wise Up Carnival Calabar” Youth Health Campaign.

The month-long campaign, which ran from December 1 (World AIDS Day) to December 29,

2025, was implemented alongside the annual Calabar Festival and the iconic Carnival Calabar, popularly known as Africa’s biggest street party.

Since its introduction in



2016, the Wise Up Carnival Campaign has become a strategic platform for the State Government to reach adolescents

and young people with sexual and reproductive health services, HIV prevention messages, and other essential

healthcare services, particularly during the festive season when large numbers of visitors troop into the State.



The 2025 edition of the campaign was implemented under the theme "Your Choice Leaves Traces," aligning with Carnival Calabar's 20th anniversary



theme, "Traces of Time." The message emphasized the importance of responsible decision-making and the long-term health implications of choices made during periods of celebration.

A major highlight of the campaign was the establishment of a Wise Up Health

Booth at the Calabar Christmas Village, one of the busiest social and entertainment centres during the festive period. The booth provided youth-friendly and stigma-free access to integrated health services, outside the traditional hospital setting.

Over a 21-day period, the campaign recorded

impressive results. Nearly 100,000 persons were reached with direct health education, behavioural counselling and sexual and reproductive health information and services. More than 181,824 male and female condoms were distributed, while 1,189 persons received



HIV testing, with all positive cases promptly linked to care and treatment.

Other services provided included malaria and

hepatitis screening, blood pressure and blood sugar checks, family planning services, pregnancy testing, medical consultations and referrals, as well as

counselling and referral services for survivors of gender-based violence.

Implementation of the campaign was driven by over 75



trained volunteers, including health personnel from the Cross River State Ministry of Health, youth peer educators, civil society representatives and creative artistes. During the grand carnival parade on

December 29, volunteers participated as a non-competing "Wise Up Health Band," engaging spectators along the 12-kilometre carnival route with health messages, condom distribution and advocacy for increased investment in the

health sector, particularly in the context of declining donor funding.

Flagging off the campaign earlier in the month, Governor Bassey Otu, represented by the Commissioner for Health, Dr. Henry



Egbe Ayuk, reaffirmed the State Government's commitment to sustaining integrated health service delivery during major public events.

Speaking on the campaign, the Director-General of CR-SACA, Dr. Charles Iwara, described Wise Up as a cost-effective

and practical approach to maintaining HIV prevention and youth health services during periods of high mobility.

Also speaking, Mr. Oke Nteigbanam, Adolescent SRH/HIV Analyst with UNFPA in Cross River State, noted that the carnival provided a unique opportunity

to reach young people in a relaxed, stigma-free environment.

"As young people celebrate during the festive period, the Wise Up Campaign ensures they also receive the right information and services to make informed choices about their health," he said.



As Carnival Calabar marked its 20th anniversary, the successful implementation of the 2025 Wise Up Campaign further demonstrated the Cross River State Government's commitment to promoting adolescent and youth health, strengthening HIV

prevention efforts, and ensuring that cultural celebrations go hand in hand with responsible health choices.

The achievements recorded underscore the critical need for increased and sustained investment in adolescent and

youth health, to consolidate gains and ensure the long-term impact of public health interventions across the State.

Osogi Honours Aide at Traditional Marriage in Nkum

By Sylvia Okoi



The Cross River State Commissioner for Environment, Obol Moses Osogi, on Monday, January 2, led an entourage to the traditional marriage

ceremony of his personal aide, Mr. Earnest Ofem, and his bride, Miss Gift, in Nkum village, Ikom L.G.A.

The ceremony took place at the bride's hometown and was preceded by the

formal payment of the bride price and other traditional marriage rites as demanded by the bride's family.

Speaking at the event, Commissioner



Osogi, who served as the Father of the Day, admonished the couple to live in peace and harmony. He described marriage as honourable and noble, noting that God is pleased with a good marriage. He further urged the couple to put God first in all their endeavours. The commissioner also acknowledged his fatherly role in the life of the groom, advising him to



emulate good moral values and be a responsible father to his children and a patient husband to his wife.

Earlier, the Chairman of the occasion, Executive

Secretary, Ikom Urban Development Authority, Mr. Nsak Osed, advised the couple to be peace loving and to embrace dialogue as a means of resolving conflicts.

In his vote of thanks, the groom,

Mr. Earnest Ofem, expressed appreciation to all who attended the ceremony. He particularly thanked his boss, Commissioner Osogi, whom he described as his second father, for grooming him, instilling discipline, and inculcating a sense of responsibility in him.

The event was graced by family members, political affiliates, friends, and well wishers.



C'River Information Commissioner Unveils Renovated School Block in Boki



In a significant boost to the local education sector in the State, the Cross River State Commissioner for Information, Dr. Erasmus Ekpang, has completed a comprehensive

renovation project at the Community Secondary School in Ogep Osokom.

The intervention, described as a landmark investment in the future of the Boki

Local Government Area, included the complete structural refurbishment of a classroom block, the installation of new windows and doors and the provision of

essential furniture, including chairs and lockers for students.

The project comes at a critical time when educational funding faces global pressures. Local stakeholders have praised Dr. Ekpang for his "commitment" to the public education system, noting that his actions go beyond mere administrative duty.

"Dr. Ekpang has demonstrated exceptional foresight and resolve by championing this investment in our school, students and educators," an Indigene of Boki George Odok Jnr, stated.

Modernization of an existing

classroom block to ensure a safe learning environment, installation of new doors and windows to secure school property, and donation of new chairs and lockers to improve student comfort and organization are some of the adjustments made.

For his "tireless efforts" in prioritizing the academic needs of his constituency, the Commissioner has received widespread commendation. Community leaders expressed hope that this gesture would serve as a catalyst for other public officials to place education at the center of their service agendas.

By addressing the immediate

infrastructure needs of the Community Secondary School, Dr. Ekpang has not only improved the physical landscape of Ogep Osokom but has also provided a much-needed morale boost for the students and teachers of Boki LGA.



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The Hon. Speaker,
The Hon. Chief Judge,
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The Secretary to the State Government,
The Chief of Staff,
All Chairmen of Commissions & Boards,
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The Head of Personal Staff to the Deputy Governor,
All Heads of Extra-Ministerial

HEAD OF SERVICE CIRCULAR NO. 9/2025

RE-DESIGNATION OF THE INFORMATION CADRE AS INFORMATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER CADRE

The Office of the Head of Service wishes to notify the Ministry of Information of the re-designation of the existing Information Cadre to the Information & Public Relations Officer (IPRO) Cadre with immediate effect.

2. The re-designation is in line with ongoing reforms aimed at strengthening professional communication functions, enhancing public engagement, and ensuring alignment with national and global standards of public information management.

3. Consequently, the following academic qualifications and professional certifications shall now be recognized and accepted for entry, progression, and professional practice within the Information & Public Relations Officer Cadre:

- a. Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communication
- b. Bachelor's Degree in Journalism
- c. Bachelor's Degree in Theatre Arts
- d. Other related degrees and communication-based qualifications
- e. Professional certifications from the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations (NIPR)
- f. Professional certifications from other recognized and reputable bodies in the field of communication, media, and public relations.

4. You are requested to take necessary steps to implement this directive, including updating all establishment records, scheme of service references, and relevant personnel documentation to reflect the new designation.

5. Please bring the contents of this circular to the attention of all officers and departments concerned for strict compliance.

Orok Bassey Okon
Head of Service





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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.





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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.



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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, ftifuh
Commissioner for Information.

For more details and compliance, contact:

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- 3** Assessment and Payment of Fees.
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