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*Mo ki dede Ikale pata po!
A ma kuu ti 'one hundred million
naira' yi o! Hmmm*

Another election is banging the door. We will not be preparing to vote for Governor in 2023 but we are going to have other elections: House of Assembly, House of Representatives and Senate.

As a community newspaper, it is our responsibility to showcase and interrogate those who are striking to represent you in the foregoing legislative houses. In this edition, we showcase the leading aspirants seeking the tickets of the two leading political parties – the All Progressive Congress (APC) and People's Democratic Party (PDP).

This first step is very critical because no matter how good your choice is, if a popular party does not present him or her, there is no way you can vote for such a person next year in the elections proper. Yes,, it is now possible to run as independent candidate but you and I know that it will take some time before independent candidates are able to win elections.

Unfortunately, you and I cannot participate in this first stage of party primaries. In fact, not all card-carrying members of the parties are going to be involved. Instead, the party leaders are seeded to vote in the “delegates” election to pick the flag bearers.

Before, such tickets are determined by incumbent state governors and party chieftains. Now, the trends are changing as political party leaders are becoming more politically literate and are less-inclined to give away their votes for the highest bidder.

It does not really make sense to give someone your ticket because he has bribed you. He then goes on to make hundreds of millions of naira at your expense. You make him and he gets there and refuses to make you. It's been the same story for several years when some elected representatives get into office and disappeared until another four years when the need

revalidation of the ticket to contest again.

Thus, party leaders are now more stringent. In the past, communities used to go and beg people to come and contest to serve. This was the way the likes of Olu Akinfosile, Kayode Iwakun, Olu Atiroko, MAE Onukun, Abiodun Ijose were called to serve. In those days only those who have the spirit of service got their names on the ballots. Now, things have changed. The influence of money is paramount. So also is the influence of “political anointing” a euphemism for “candidate imposition”.

The party leaders need to know that heavy responsibility is on their shoulders. We wrongly assume that it is just legislative house, they cannot do anything meaningful for the people. How wrong that assumption is. There are lawmakers in this country who have completely positively turned around the lives of their constituents. What are we saying? Was the late Chief Olu Akiinfosile not elected into the Federal Parliament where he shone like a million stars, delivering dividends of democracy for his people? Even people who served later like Senator Yele Omogunwa, Senator Bolu Kunlere, Hon Mike Omogbehin etc. all executed one constituency project or the other.

It has been the culture that lawmakers do constituency and empowerment projects although such are not their primary areas of duties. Which useless laws are they going to make in the face of hard-hitting poverty in the land?

The delegates of the primaries must pick the people that genuinely have Ikale society and its people at heart in these primaries. If they do their own part of the bargain, then the electorate would easily pick from the two in the general elections next year. In that situation, head or tail, Ikale wins. But when we allow money to be the overriding interest or allow some powers from Abuja or Akure to dictate who we shall give party ticket, we

are actually acting very stupid. That should not be part of our character as Ikale people.

The profiles of those seeking tickets this year are intimidating. All of them are very qualified. The problem is that not all of them have historically shown any commitment to serve the people. We should not elect people who want others to serve them.

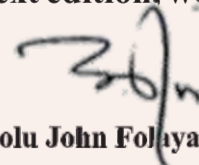
Essay and Quiz Competitions: What is happening?

As a way of promoting education and learning among the younger ones, the management of Ikale News instituted two projects, Asiwaju Benson Akindeju Essay Competition & Oladapo Fadeni Quiz Competition. The former is to be competed for among Igbotako indigenes who are undergraduates while the latter is for all secondary schools in Irele and Okitipupa LGAs

We have been posting announcements of the events (entry forms) since our comeback debut in January online (because this is the standard for the young generation). But it is shocking to note that only five (5) schools and persons have responded online to our advertisements so far! How could we have imagined that secondary school students do not have email addresses or their school principals do not get them to read things online?

Well, we have taken this up as a challenge. We will do hard copies of the forms and distribute to schools. But next year, we are going to ensure, by the special grace of God, to ensure that every public secondary school in Ikaleland give students access to the Internet.

Till next edition, wo ma ka hedo o!



_Bolu John Folayan, PhD



OPINION

ELECTORAL ACT-22: As Buhari Chases History

This is a weekend of celebration of a small but significant achievement for all of us in Africa's most populous nation. Our leader finally did the expected as he signed the controversial but very important electoral act amendment bill on Friday February 25, 2022. There have been seminal articles and commentaries on the significance of some of the provisions of the amendment bill that some principalities and powers and indeed the- business-as-usual scoundrels would not like the president to sign. It is good to note that our president is beginning to understand the times even at the eleventh hour – to know some of the things he should have been doing – to chase history.

It is also gratifying to note at the weekend that our president is beginning to understand how not to end up as a failure as he promised the nation the other day. I have written five times on the subject of chasing and making history. I have even asked several times if our lanky leader actually understood the times like the children of Issachar who understood the times and knew what Israel ought to do....

One should quickly encourage our president that the historic signing of the Electoral Act he had been misled to reject six times should not be seen as just a flash in the pan. He should begin to see the civil society including the media as allies and patriots who would just like him to succeed as a leader- for the common good. All the rallies and virulent commentaries in the media are mere clarion calls for him to do what Nigerians elected him to do right. Our leader should know that he has only a year and three months to leave office in peace. And so we will continue to mount pressure on him to pursue faithfully his primary responsibility to us: welfare and security (of the people). The organic law of the land provides that, that is the primary responsibility of the government he heads as chief executive of the nation. And so if he fails to improve on the state of security and welfare of the people

as we have today, history will still be harsh in its judgment of the Buhari era....

Lest we forget, to chase and make history is not for the faint-hearted as our leaders should also note....

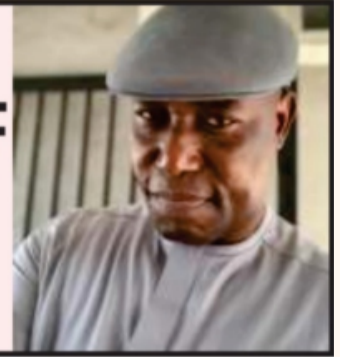
Besides, what flows from the last point is the fact that our leader should no longer rely on the Education and Labour and Productivity Ministries to resolve the higher education crisis that has been lingering since 2009 over failed promises to higher education teachers.

Lend us your ears Mr.President: there is a section of the Oronsaye Panel's Report 2011/13 on how the cost of non-academic activities and academic staff have over the years been higher than academic activities and academic staff's. The document reveals the gap in graphic forms. The President should ask for the document to deconstruct the fundamental reasons the researchers the nation should depend on for development are always on strike. There should be no question about the place of quality in education in our quest for development. If Nigeria's university teachers are always on strike, the consequences are grave. That also means that research for development is on hold too.

There can't be miracles for development. There can't be innovation for changing our old ways of doing things if we can't take care of our teachers. The way the nation has been treating our teachers at all levels is unconscionable.

No nation can develop without quality in education. There has been this inevitable nexus and even correlation between education quality of a country and development of that country. This has been part of what the World Economic Forum (WEF) has been preaching to nations' leaders who care to listen: that there is a link between

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quality in education in any country and country and global competitiveness. What this means in effect is that if the quality of education in your country is questionable, your citizens can't be part of the world standard...

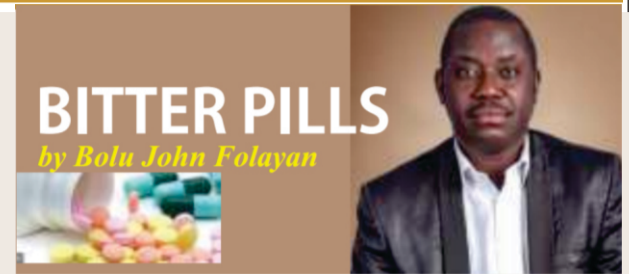
That is why we need to encourage our leaders at all levels that even as they keep a lot of money for the next elections, they should remember that they have a country and its future. They should remember that they are at the moment in a country where education quality doesn't matter. And so they should also know that South Africa is the organic Number One country in Africa because they have the best eight universities in all global ratings in Africa. Our leaders and their consultants who always quote Lee Kuan Yew of Singapore, should always remember that in the Lee Kuan Yew's biography they always refers to, quality in education of even their leaders is not negotiable. They should read Lee Kuan Yew's biography contextually. They will discover that education quality is the weapon/resource the iconic figure used for their sustainable development....

The only weapon they have so far depended on in Singapore (of fewer than six million people) isn't oil and gas rich deposit. It is their intellectual capital. It is the same with South Korea (of fewer than 53 million people) where they have Ministries of Education and Knowledge Development separately. That is where they have had global brands including Samsung that is competing with giants such as Apple in America, their America....

The take-way from this to our President is that from this week, he should ignore his men who have been casting aspersions of ASUU and their demands....

BITTER PILLS

Reforming the Ikale Central Organization (ICO)



In the April edition of *Ikale News*, our lead story centred on Ikale leadership and direction (lack of it). You can download free copy by going to ikalenews.com. In that edition, we highlighted the challenges and implications of Ikale community not having visible leadership and I did promise to propose how Ikale Central Organization (ICO) may be restructured and reformed. Here I am, fulfilling that promise.

Background of the defunct ICO

For many decades, Ikale people have not lacked leadership. Every town has king, bale or high chief that administers the community as the case may be. I remember as a kid in Igbotako that after the passage of Oba D.I. Juba as Rebuja we did not have a king in Osooro for many years. During this time, various high chiefs administered law and order in their quarters. There was no vacuum until we had the Rebuja in 1978. It was the same in all towns and even villages.

Another level of leadership was the towns union. Every town had unions. We have the Irele Progressive Union, Igbotako Progressive Society, etc. Membership is voluntary, not democratically constituted. That is, once your father or mother is from the town, you (male or female) can join the meetings. The meetings had corresponding chapters in major cities across Nigeria.

In Lagos, there was an Ikale Development Union (IDU) because Lagos served as our melting pot. So, two members of the various towns unions are nominated as their representatives at IDU. Some Unions put a time frame to the years their reps would serve while some did not. So, some were like permanent representatives at IDU.

What did they do at IDU in those days? Nothing much beyond eating cool pounded yam and obeta. Occassionally they discussed some challenges at home but it was more of a cultural thing. In the early 2000, alongside some Ikales like Dr. Paul Akintelure, Tunde Ayenumelo and Deacon Goke Owamoboye, we formed Ikale Vanguard as a pressure group to bring development to our Ikaleland. We now approached IDU that the Union needed to be doing more. The Babas gladly welcomed our initiative. They said they had been praying for those who would take over from them and inject new ideas. This led to a fantastic Ikale Day in Lagos. From then on, IDU had been doing well but I can assure you that it is not at its best today.

Alongside IDU was the ICO. The ICO also had representatives from each town and then the Obas. But it was more of an elite thing. The ICO was to be our own "Afenifere" in

Ikaleland; above partisanship and serving as pressure group to bring development to Ikaleland. Past leaders included the legendary Pa Adegborioye, Pa Akinfosile, Dr. Abiodun Ijose and Dr. Amos Akingba. The ICO was able to resolve so many lingering crises, especially amongst communities. I think when Chief Kayode Iwakun led the group, partisan politics inevitable crept into ICO and it nailed its coffin till today. The late Iwakun, as you know was a consummate politician.

Why we need a new ICO

The following are the simple reasons we need ICO:

1. We need to forge a united front in Ikale, devoid of town or clan sentiments, in order to progress rapidly. Lack of unity has cost us so much
2. We need to coordinate our development as a people. Politicians and elected representatives need to be engaged from time to time to bring dividends of democracy to the land. We need to get our priorities right in this regard. What do we need most or now and in which order as a people?
3. We need to document our history and culture. There is need for an organization that can serve as the repository of our tradition and culture, keeping archives of very important or iconic features of our tribe.
4. we need an appellate socio-cultural organization to resolve disputes amongst us as a people or communities and between our community and other communities and organizations.

What I propose

Based on the foregoing, I propose as follows:

1. Ikale Central Organization should be registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission, Abuja as a limited by guarantee or non-governmental organization with the aforementioned objectives
2. Membership of the body shall be as follows;
 - i) The Oba of every town shall appoint a representative to ICO every year
 - ii) Every Town Union shall ELECT a representative to ICO every year
 - iii) The President of National Union of Ikale Students shall be automatic member of ICO for the duration of his or her tenure
 - iv) All social clubs in Ikaleland, at home and in the Diaspora (registered with CAC) shall ELECT two representatives every two years to serve on ICO
 - v) All titled chiefs in Ikale shall ELECT one person to represent the body at the ICO
 - vi) Past president of ICO shall be automatic ex-officio member of ICO for life
 - vii) All Ikale professionals and academics

(through the League of Ikale Professionals and Academics to be registered with the CAC) shall have their president as member of ICO for the duration of his tenure as the League's president.

- viii) President of Ikale World Congress shall be member of ICO for the duration of his or her presidency.
3. The above members shall constitute their EXCO – President, Vice President, Treasurer etc.
4. Registered members of political parties are disqualified from membership of the ICO. The Organization shall be non-partisan and non-political.
5. The leadership of the ICO shall develop strategies for funding its programmes but foundation funds shall come through annual dues of members and donations from Ikale people across the world.

I came up with the aforementioned ideas also as a way of priming up other important bodies that can develop our various towns. For instance, some towns do not have effective towns unions any more. Some, the town unions only organize cultural day and eat pupuru and obeta; finish. No scholarships, to repair of roads, not even sign posts...nothing!

Then the idea of having Association of Ikale Social Clubs. We need as many of these clubs in each town as possible (registered associations), so that they can be hands of God in their towns to develop the towns and help people. The professionals need to come together and so think of how our roots can develop. There used to be Okitipupa Business School. It is dead now. We need these bodies and then have them at the apex ICO. All our Obas would be patrons to ICO.

So when our President says it wants to pay a visit to the Governor, the governor knows the entire Ikale is coming. If important politicians or Nigeria's president is coming to anywhere in Ikale, the ICO leadership must be represented. Etc. etc.

I want all Ikale sons and daughters to interrogate this suggestions. I will then organize a workshop via zoom where we can take final decisions and go on to register ICO. Then we can go full blast to reconstitute ICO and start running to develop our community and its people.

God does not make mistakes. He chose to bring us to this world via Ikale. And I am personally proud of that. Let us all do the much we can before we go. We should not leave Ikale worse than we met it. Ikale used to be better than what it is now. We must act, very fast.

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OPINION

Random Talks With Dayo Williams

APC: The New PDP in Town

The National Convention of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) may have come and gone, but the echoes from the convention which took place at the nation's capital, Abuja, on March 26, after a prolonged crisis rocking the party, continue to reverberate across the length and breadth of the country generating different and differing interpretations.

For me, one major takeaway from the new leadership of the party is that the Peoples Democratic Party has found a way to transmute itself into the core DNA of the APC, a coalition of disparate parties that came into existence in 2013 to challenge the then ruling PDP for power in the 2015 general elections. In short, the APC is PDP and the PDP is APC.

In any social-cultural and political organization, the two most important portfolios are those of the chairman and secretary of the organization respectively. The two principal officers are the ones who determine what happens in the organization and manage its day-to-day affairs. Therefore, the duo can be said to be the oxygen powering the organization.

In the recent composition of the National Working Committee of the PDP, which came as a result of its national convention, two former top shots of the PDP were elected via consensus as the national chairman and national secretary of the APC respectively. I refer to the duo of Senator Abdullahi Adamu, who is now the national chairman and Otunba Iyiola Omisore, national secretary, of the party.

In case you don't know, Adamu, a serving senator, remains a founding father of the PDP and governed Nasarawa State on the platform of the party for two consecutive terms of eight years before moving to the APC in 2014. If there was anyone who exemplified the essence of the PDP then, it was Adamu because of his loyalty to the party and then President Olusegun Obasanjo. He was elected to the senate in 2011 on the platform of the PDP and had previously served as the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the PDP!

Although, while Chief Omisore started with the Alliance for Democracy (AD) where he served as the Deputy Governor of Osun State between 1999 and 2002, he rose to national prominence on the platform of the PDP where he won election into the senate in 2003 while in prison for being allegedly involved in the murder of Bola Ige, who was the attorney-general of the federation and minister of justice as of the time of his gruesome murder.

As a senator on the platform of the PDP, he also won his re-election in 2007 and headed the all-powerful senate committee on appropriations till 2011 when he felt it was time to become the governor of Osun State, an attempt he made a couple of times but failed to actualise. He was said to have played a pivotal role in the supplementary election that brought Governor Gboyega Oyetola to power in the 2018 governorship poll in the state. His crucial support for the party as of that time is said to have signalled his entry into the APC, a move that culminated in his election as the

national secretary of the ruling party.

Besides senators Adamu and Omisore, there are other prominent members of the new APC NWC who were staunch stalwarts of the PDP in the past. As recent as late 2021, the new National Women Leader of the APC, Dr Betta Edu, was of the PDP and a harsh critic of the Buhari-led administration. She defected to the APC when her principal and benefactor, Governor Ben Ayade, moved to the APC.

Her indication to vie for the position of National Women Leader of the APC generated a horde of angry reactions, especially from APC partisans online. Despite the condemnations that trailed her indication to vie for the position, she was still elected as the NWL of the party! Minister Rotimi Amaechi's protege, Victor Giadom, is also the National Vice Chairman of the APC representing the south-south. He was an influential PDP honcho in the past.

Expectedly, the election of these former PDP henchmen into the highest leadership cadre of the APC has been generating angry reactions from core APC supporters who feel that the positions should have been reserved for those who have been with the party since the day of its formation. While their argument is valid, it's not, however, sacrosanct and therefore not binding on the super stakeholders of the party who determine who gets what, how and when within the party.

One other significant lesson from the convention which was more like ratification of consensus done at the zonal level is that for you to amount to anything significant politically in the Nigerian political firmament, you must have some influential backers who can pull strings for you otherwise, your aspiration is dead on arrival, no matter how good your intentions are or the alpha credentials you parade.

On the ideological plane, with the recent reconfiguration of the APC leadership, which saw many ex-PDP strong men holding sensitive positions in the party, it can be argued with convincing examples that the APC has become the PDP in character and content. This implies that it's even intellectual fraud for the APC to parade itself as a 'progressive' party when in essence, the current cornerstones of the party, were once the building blocks of the PDP.

In a way, the PDP is APC and the APC is PDP. The more things appear to change, the more they remain the same. It's a political mirage that is consistent with the sort of politics played in a bogus democratic setting where the politicians are devoid of any principle and belief and the parties are built without a binding ideology. Politicians in this clime see political parties as just special-purpose utility vehicles to actualize their ambitions. Which explains why defection and cross carpeting are recurring decimals in our body polity.

I am pro-zoning



politicians will always like to shift the goal post in the middle of a match to suit their aspirations.

It's for the above reason that some politicians, knowing that the arrangement does not favour them, have been canvassing the abrogation of zoning in our polity right from the local level up to the national level.

In a heterogeneous society like ours, and with our democracy still evolving, I find it plausible and reasonable to support the zoning of political offices and even political appointments.

First off, zoning will encourage the inclusion of other tribes and zones who may be cheated out in the contest for power because of their disadvantaged numerical strength by those who have the advantage of numbers. Therefore, zoning of positions will discourage tyranny of the majority and also help minimize group dominion.

The argument by anti-zoning crusaders that zoning encourages incompetence and promotes the entitled is fallacious and untenable. I have argued several times in a lot of my writings that there's no zone or tribe in this country where there are no competent men and women who can hold their own in governance and leadership positions in the country if allowed to serve.

I contend that when a position is micro-zoned to a particular tribe, district, zone or ward, the best can always be elected from such a place because more qualified candidates will come out to vie for the available elective offices.

In a country fraught with pernicious ethnic agitations, it's dangerous to intentionally exclude some tribes and zones from the leadership space because they do not have the electoral numbers to win them such offices in a contest. It's an invitation to rebellion and chaos whose end-products are better imagined than experienced. You can't hold a people down for too long; something is bound to give way eventually and when that happens, I hope the consequences will not be disastrous.

In totalizing this short intervention, as we prepare for the 2023 general elections, I enjoin all political operators to find a way to give political accommodation to fringe groups, tribes and zones in the various elective offices being sought. That way, there'll be inclusion and cohesion which will help, at least, to keep the fabrics of the country together.

GALLERY

Nr. Folakemi Olufemi-Iseyemi wins Nigeria Women Achievers award



NR Folakemi Olufemi- Iseyemi receiving her award



Mrs Olufemi-Iseyemi dedicating the award to God and all those who voted for her



I appreciate you all that voted for me . Thank you all.



Picture with family and friends.left to right mr Olufemi Iseyemi the husband of the awardee, nurses and friends of the awardee , Mrs Tayo Folayan mrs Olufemi-Iseyemi; the awardee and a nurse friend



The Awardee



The Awardee and her husband



Mr and mrs Olufemi-Iseyemi with a friend.

POLITICS

THE GLADIATORS FOR SENATE

Political Party Primaries: Know the top Contenders

The race for the State House of Assembly and National Assembly is reaching a crescendo this month with the screening and primaries of contenders in the two leading political parties in Nigeria, the All Progressive Congress (APC) and the People's Democratic Party (PDP). We serve you the profiles of the top contenders:



**Matthew Oye Oyerinmade aka
MATO**

Mathew Oye Oyerinmade, popularly called 'MATO' began his political career as a student leader. His election as a representative of his department in the students' representative council of the then Ondo State University now Ekiti State University Ado-Ekiti and subsequently as the speaker, "first among equal" at the peak of the Military incursion into Nigeria Politics and the agitation of Nigerian Students for a Democratic Order, placed him in the front burner of agitation for a Democratic rule and one of those who championed the course against obnoxious and draconian policy of the then Military Government in 1992 for a reduction in school fees of Primary and Secondary Students in Ondo State.

Nigerian Politics Coalesce around two political traditions deriving from the country's pre and post independent periods, the progressive and the conservative. This was visibly exemplified with the creation of two major political parties, SDP and NRC by the military under which 1993 election

was held.

MATO was deeply imbued in the Awoist tradition, having exposed to its principles and leading actors from the young age. Born in May 27 1967 in Oke-Igbo, a major town in Ile-Oluji-Okeigbo Local Government Area of Ondo State. He is the youngest of 12 children.

As his name signifies OYERINMADE, MATO could claim royal Okeigbo lineage, his father was High Chief Agoro of Okeigbo Kingdom and his mother was a business mogul in cash crop of lolanut in the Western region and beyond. MATO was brought up by his parents, and they, like many Yoruba people were delighted by Awolowo's vision of a United Nigeria, economically vibrant nation and so, promoted the ideals of socialist and parliamentary Democracy.

After his primary education at St. John's Primary School, Okeigbo and having excelled academically and in sport, MATO graduated from Oloroke Grammar School Okeigbo with O'Level Certificate. He was admitted into Ondo State University between 1990 and 1995 where he graduated with B. Ed Hons in Social Studies.

This provided an opportunity for him to meet other progressive minds which to greater extent, broaden his political horizon. His quest for knowledge propelled him to further his education at Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port-Harcourt Nigeria, where he acquired his PGD as well as his Master's in Business Studies and business administration respectively.

He is an associate member, of Nigeria Institute of Management, Institute of

Development Association of Nigeria and a full member, Institute of Strategic Management. He was opportune to undertake his NYSC programme in Rivers State with the Shell Petroleum Development Company. Between 1996 and 1998 he was in the service of Shell Development Company in Port-Harcourt where he served as the Land's Officer.

He began his private business as founder and Chairman, Chief Executive Officer of ANCHOR MARIC NIGERIA LIMITED, an Oil and Gas Service company. As the Chairman, Chief Executive. His other companies include Anchor Maric Nig Ltd, Mattan Global Limited, House Paints and Coasting Limited, Tital Bottling Solutions Technology Ltd.

In the sphere of politics, having served as the speaker of the Students' Representative Council, activist within the National Association of Nigerian Students and a mobiliser in SDP 1993 presidential election, MATO has provided financial and material support for most of his friends and comrades who had undergone different political adventures at one time or the other.

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Mato is contesting for the ticket of the People's Democratic Party (PDP).

POLITICS

THE GLADIATORS



Jimoh, Ibrahim Folorun

Jimoh, Ibrahim Folorun was born in 1967 in Igbotako where he had his primary and secondary education. He attended the University of Ife, later renamed Obafemi Awolowo University where he studied Law.

His post-graduate education took him to Harvard University (LLM/ITP), OAU (Masters in Public Administration) and Cambridge University (MSc Business Administration).

A billionaire, Ibrahim is an internationally-acclaimed business man, though controversial, with extensive investments in oil and gas, property and real estate, education, insurance and banking. He is chairman/owner of numerous business outfits such as NICON Insurance, Energy Bank (Ghana), NICON Luxury Hotels, Global Fleet Oil & Gas, Nigeria Reinsurance Corporation and NICON Properties.

Ibrahim began his foray into politics in 2003 when he contested for the governor of Ondo State under the platform of the All Nigeria People's Party (ANPP). He came third in the election behind winner, Dr. Olusegun Agagu and incumbent Gov Ade Adefarati.

He fizzled out of politics until 2015 when he contested the primaries of the ticket of the PDP against Mr. Eytayo Jegede and won the ticket via court ruling. His win was reversed just few days to the election and Jegede, who flew the PDP flag, lost to the current incumbent, Arakunrin Rotimi

Akeredolu.

Highly-connected at national level, Ibrahim has served as Board Member of the ANPP in Ondo State as well as the chairman of the Corporate Affairs Commission.

He decamped to the APC in 2019 to revive his political pursuit and is currently a chieftain and financier of the party in the state. Ibrahim is a strong contender for the APC ticket



AGBOOLA AJAYI

Alfred Agboola Ajayi, was born in 1968, A politician, lawyer, and businessman and ex- [Deputy Governor](#) of Ondo State.

“Agbo” as he is more popularly called, is a grass to grace politician who rose through the ranks in his Ese-Odo local government to become a formidable national politician. He was local government councilor, and chairman and later member House of Representatives for Ilaje Ese Odo Federal Constituency from 2011-2015. At the national assembly, he was chairman a House Committee on Niger Delta.

Agbo attended Community High School in [Kiribo](#) Town and later moved to Methodist High School in [Okitipupa](#) LGA. He then went on to study Law degree at [Igbinedion University, Okada](#) in [Edo State](#) and graduated with [Bachelor of Law](#) (LL.B) at 2nd Class Upper division; and subsequently received his [Call to the bar](#) in 2010 after graduating from the [Nigerian Law School](#) in [Abuja](#).

A thorough-bred, grassroots politician he joined Zenith Labour Party after losing the

PDP gubernatorial primaries to Eytayo Jegede. He was the 2020 gubernatorial candidate of Ondo State in Zenith Labour Party led by former governor Olusegun Mimiko. to Chief Newton Ajayi and Mrs Rebecca Ogunjinte (née Olubusade). he hails from Kiribo Town of [Western Apoi tribe](#) in the [Ese Odo 'Local Government Area'](#) (LGA) of [Ondo State](#).

He contested the October 2020 Governorship election in Ondo under the Lanour party and lost. with Gboye Adegbenro as his running mate. Agbo is contesting for Senate ticket under the platform of the People's Democratic Party.



NICHOLAS OLUBUKOLA TOFOMOWO

Tofowomo Nicholas Olubukola is the Incumbent Senator Representng Ondo South. He contested under and won the seat on the platform PDP. He is seeking a second term in the Senate.

A native of Ile-Oluji in Ile-Oluji Okeigbo Local Government Area of Ondo State, Tofowomo is a former commissioner of Transport in Ondo State.

His outstanding performance as commissioner in Ondo State (under the Olusegun Mimiko Administration) is believed to have helped in shaping his political career positively. As a commissioner, for example, he initiated the Free Shuttle Buses across 18 LGAs of Ondo State to assist Parents reduced the cost of taking their children to school; he introduced and initiated a bill for the creation of Ondo State Traffic Management Agency which was meant to reduce the level of unemployment in Ondo State.

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He initiated and submitted a master plan to the Federal Government for the creation of Alape Sea Port in the riverine area under Ilaje LGA of Ondo State and this was approved by the Federal Government before the end of his tenure as commissioner for Transport. This Project which is still in the pipeline till today was officially handed over to the APC- led Administration in Ondo State for follow up towards implementation. However, our findings have shown that ever since Tofowomo left, there is no one following up with the Federal Government. If elected as our next Senator in Ondo South, he will definitely see to the implementation of this project.

He also initiated the installation of Traffic Lights and Bus Stops in Akure metropolis and transformed the office of the Vehicle Inspection Officers (VIO) under the Ministry of Transport by increasing their IGR from less than 250 thousand Naira only in a month to 1.5m in a month to support the state IGR. It shows that Otunba Nicholas Tofowomo can turn a desert land to a land of Milk and Honey.

Senator Tofowomo is not new to primaries. The last primaries that earned him the ticket of the party in October 2018 was intense. Having polled 241 votes with Engr. Ademulegun polling 227 votes and the former Commissioner for Environment, Sola Ebiseni polled 177 votes at the primary election. In the supplementary election that followed he beat incumbent Senator he was able to beat incumbent Senator Yele Omogunwa because certain political leaders ganged up against Omogunwa in Irele in the last minutes of election. Omogunwa scored 51,993 while Tofowomo scored 79,036 votes.

His performance in the Senate is seen by political pundits as weak. The major headline he has hit so far was when he appointed 46 aides on July 24, 2019. Although he has explained his efforts at restoring electricity to Ondo South, much of the Senatorial District has been in perpetual darkness.

But the Senator has the financial muscle to give a good showing at the primaries.

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COMRADE BAYO ADEKANLE (J.J.)

Adekanle, Bayo Johnson was born in Irele on January 5, 1975 in Ode-Irele where he obtained his First Leaving Primary School Certificate in 1986 and his West African School Leaving Certificate, 1992, as alumnus of Methodist Primary School and United Grammar School respectively.

He proceeded to the University of Lagos where he obtained an honours degree in Philosophy in 2005 After his National Youth Service as ZMedia/Information Officer at Awgu Local Government Council, Enugu State from 2006-2007, Bayo joined the services of Owate Olagoke & Co as Accounts Trainee. In 2013, he joined the services of Optima Communications Limited, a subsidiary of Third World Media his communication consult, Don Jay Media & Marketing Communications Ltd serving as consultant to various organizations and reputable institutions such as Third World Media Ltd, Arowolo Oil and Gas, AK Media and the Senate Committee on Oil and Gas. He is currently an Executive Director, to Development Communication Research Centre, an NGO set up to promote social interventions in Nigeria.

Through his consultancy, the Senate Committee on Oil Gas convened the first International Conference on Harnessing Nigeria's Oil and Gas. The project was

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chaired by the distinguished Senator Boluwaji Kunlere, who was then a Senator of the Federal Republic.

Following the success of the Oil and Gas project, Don Jay Media has been engaged to as consultant on numerous other constituency and training projects for many members of the National Assembly.

Bayo's political career started from University of Lagos as an undergraduate during which he emerged as the National President of the National Union of Irele Local Government Students (NAIGOS) and later the President, National Association of Ondo State Students (NAOSS). His performance as NAOSS president is yet to be matched by subsequent leaders as he was able to facilitate seminars, magazine journal, tuition for students and a Bust Stop Shelter in Ode-Irele still in existence.

His performance as NAOSS president attracted him to the political icon, Dr. Olusegun Agagu who invited him to join his political group, New Era, which later fused into the People's Democratic Party. Loyal party member, Comrade Bayo at various times attempted to contest for the State Assembly and House of Representatives but he was asked to wait and join the queue until now that the youths and elders of the party beamed him to throw his net into the waters, having waited for so long.

Comrade Bayo is contesting for the PDP ticket for the House of Representatives.



PRINCE JIMI ODIMAYO

Okunjimi John Odimayo was born in Ode Irele on the 26th of August 1980. He began his

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education at Anglican primary School and moved to Arerin Grammer School in the ancient town from where he proceeded to Yaba College of Technology where he studied Accountancy. He holds Master's Degree in corporate finance from the University of Liverpool

Odimayo started work as Account officer in Acorn petroleum PLC in 2008 and quickly got promoted as HEAD OF FINANCE in 2009 in 2010 he became the Chief Finance Officer in Somerset Energy Services. From there he moved to Bellpoint Energy LTD from 2011 to 2013 where he served as Head of Trade Finance and Operations.

He established Arowolo Oil and Gas Ltd in 2014. Due to his entrepreneurial skills, the company grew in leaps. The company markets petroleum products across Nigeria with over 19 retail outlets. The Group is also into logistics services and agric trading. Recently, it veered into hotel and hospitality.

Jimi set up the Arowolo Royal foundation as a non-for-profit organization to extend hand of fellowship of the less privileged in the society. When a man has been blessed by God and is ready to share his blessing with his people, he has such a strong feeling for humanity that promotes the spirit of his philanthropist per excellence.

He joined partisan politics few years ago, pitching his tent with the APC, under which platform he is seeking the House of Representatives ticket. He is gradually pulling his weight in the party as he was able to install his elder brother as the chairman of Irele Local Government. The understanding that Irele LGA should produce the next Rep member for Okitipupa/Irele Federal Constituency favours him in his party but he was grassroots bulldozer, Chief Toyé Albert (SOT) to contend with. Albert was two-time local government chairman of Irele local government and served a term in the House of Representatives.



CHIEF TOYE ALBERT

Former member of the house of representative from Okitipupa/Irele Federal Constituency, is seeking a return to the House under the All Progressive Congress (APC). As the time of going to the press, he has not bought his form but political watchers predict that he would certainly join the race.

Popularly known as SOT, Toyé Albert was chairman caretaker committee of Irele Local Government and later served as elected chairman of the same council. He was later elected to represent the constituency after the tenure Dr. Wole Olakunde. The grassroots politician was beaten to ticket by Osooro Prince, Mike Omogbehin who represented the area under the People's Democratic Party from 2015-2019.

Against the backdrop of comments that he did not perform well when he served in Abuja, SOT claims contrary is the case. According to him. The long list of his achievements includes:

- Advocacy for the construction of Agadagba, Ujosun, Akotogbo and Iyansan road with 500m bridge constructed via Edo state which is still ongoing as at the time of this report. The project is over 60b naira according to Akintoye.
- Advocacy for the Construction of Omi township road through government agency (NDDC).
- Construction of 4 class rooms at Akotogbo in Irele Local government of Ondo State.
- Advocacy for the Ecological project that

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took place in Irele/Okitipupa Federal Constituency between 2012-2015.

- Construction of 4 class rooms in Methodist High school, Irele, Ondo State with electrification and other office facilities
- Ongoing Construction of Skill acquisition center at Ajagba along Igbotu road with parameter fence, in Irele LGA of Ondo State. Project is still ongoing as at the time of this report according to Akintoye.
- Giving Scholarship to 50 students under Okitipupa and Irele Local Governments through the Federal Government Amnesty Program to study degrees and master degrees of their choices in Nigeria and abroad.
- I personally sent 4 students to Malaysia and paid their fees and welfare package for four years (3 doing first degree and 1 masters) before the end of my tenure in office, 2 from Irele and 2 from Okitipupa LGA
- Getting Employment for 30 constituents in Naval, Police, Civil Defence, and Nigerian custom.
- Reopening of Omi Grammar school with construction of 6 class room block
- I initiated the donation of a giant transformer to Ode Aye community with lightening of the major streets with solar street lights erected through NDDC.
- Over 250 motor cycles distributed to empower peoples across Irele / Okitipupa Federal constituency
- Motion for the construction of a fly over bridge in Ore town, Ondo State
- Motion for the enhancement of the fundamental human rights in Nigeria.
- Four other motions were also moved with one bill sponsored according to Akintoye.

Political watchers believe the contest between SOT and Odimayo would be tough as Odimayo was the "Irele" advantage – that is Irele people, having conceded the ticket to him years ago, would not want to concede the ticket to Akotogbo where SOT comes from. Thus is because the House of Rep ticket is rotated between Okitipupa and Irele LGAs. If Irele town which controls over 75 per cent of

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the votes in the LGA picks SOT, it means it has to wait for another eight years to have its own son or daughter to occupy the seat. SOT is seeking the APC ticket in this primaries.



HON GBOLUGA IKENGBOJU

Hon. Dele Gboluga Ikengboju is a pharmacist. An expedition through the profile of a industrious son of the land. He is the incumbent Rep for Irele/Okitipupa Federal Constituency, and he is seeking a second term in the Lower Chamber through the People's Democratic Party.

Gboluga was born into the family of Ikengboju of Ilutitun in Okitipupa local government area of Ondo State. He spent the entirety of his early life in his community, Ilutitun. There he passed through his primary education at LA Primary School, Ilutitun vis-a-vis his Secondary education at Comprehensive High School, Ilutitun.

In a bid to complement the excellent feat obtained in his basic education, and to pursue a bright future that has come into fulfilment this day, Gboluga proceeded to the University of Benin, Nigeria where he obtained Bachelor of Pharmacy in 1995.

He proceeded to The University of Sunderland in United Kingdom for his Overseas Conversion Examination towards becoming a member of the Royal Pharmaceutical society in year 2000, and this feat he achieved. He also attended the University of Kent/Medway University, United Kingdom where he obtained Certificate in Medicine Use Review in

2005.

He is Member Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN) and Member Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (MRPharm). His career as Pharmacist has taken through various reputable organizations and projects, including Pfizer Products PLC in 1995-1996, Taraba State Health Services Management Board 1996-1998, Lloyds Pharmacy Ltd as Pharmacy Business Development Manager in 2002-2006 Hampshire Primary Health Care Trust as Consultant Pharmacist in 2006-2007, Mastamed International Ltd, West Africa as Business Manager from 2010 till date.

He contested and won the primaries of the PDP ticket of the House of Reps against then incumbent Prince Mike Omogbehin and won. He went on to win the election proper and is currently deputy chair of the House Committee on Delegated Legislation.

Although Hon Gboluga has listed various empowerment programmes, some constituents believe that he has not done enough to reverse the rotational formula of the House of Reps between Okitipupa and Irele LGA. But the lawmaker is not giving up on his hope that he deserves a second term.



ABAYOMI SHEBA

Lawyer, journalist and administrator, Hon Abayomi Sheba hails from Ode Irele.

Sheba is the immediate past federal character commissioner representing Ondo State on the Board of Federal character Commission, Hon Sheba Abayomi has just been appointed the Chairman of the Board.

Sheba Abayomi was born in the 60s to High Chief Emmanuel and Reverend Mother Esther Sheba in Ode Irele, Irele Local

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Government of Ondo State. He attended St. Andrew Pry School, United Grammar School, Ode Irele. He later proceeded to University of Ilorin; 1985 -1989 and Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife; 1995-1997 with a Masters Degree in Public Administration.

He also bagged Bachelor of Laws (LLB) with Second Class, Upper Division from Adekunle Ajasin University, from 2007-2011

Sheba is an experienced politician having been in the political system for over 23 years. He contested the SDP primaries in 1992 to represent Irele Federal Constituency in the House of Reps. Though he lost the election then but he remained focus and resolute to liberate our people from the clutches of bad representation. He contested and won the same election in 1997/1998 under UNCP but with Okitipupa L.G combined to form Okitipupa/ Irele federal Constituency. The then Head of State General Sani Abacha died and the whole process was cancelled.

Not daunted, he joined the PDP at inception in 1998/1999 and was given the flag of the party to run for the same seat which he won convincingly in spite of the onslaught of the AD in the south west zone then. In fact he was the only elected member of the PDP to House of Reps in 1999 from Ondo State. He was the lone PDP member in the entire South West at the time.

Sheba has benefitted immensely from his sojourn in politics over the years. Apart from serving in the House of Reps at a young age for four years, he was appointed Abuja Liaison Officer for Ondo State and later member Federal Character Commission,, altogether serving the community politically for about unbroken years.

While some political pundits believe this experience should not be wasted and that Sheba should be voted back to the House of Reps where he served 22 years ago, some others believe that he has had enough and should give other people the opportunity to serve. Yet, some others criticized him for being disloyal to his political mentor, Dr. Olusegun Agagu and top grassroot politician Senator Yele Omogunwa and working them in elections and also abandoning the PDP for the APC at the time the PDP needed him, supporters of Sheba insist that he has the heart to serve and should be forgiven and given another opportunity. But the experience of Sheba is not in doubt, when relevance is considered against the House of Reps



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ADJUSTED SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES AND TIMETABLE FOR THE 2023 GENERAL ELECTIONS

In accordance with the provisions of the Electoral Act 2022 (as amended) and the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) timetable, the All Progressives Congress (APC) hereby releases its adjusted time-table and schedule of activities for the conduct of the 2023 General Elections.

S/N	ACTIVITIES	DATE
1.	Sale of Forms (APC National Secretariat)	Thursday, 12 th May, 2022
2.	Last day for submission of completed Forms and accompanying documents.	Friday, 13 th May, 2022
3.	Screening of Aspirants	State House of Assembly Governorship House of Reps. Senate Presidential Saturday, 14 th to Sunday, 15 th May, 2022
4.	Publication of Screening Results	State House of Assembly House of Representatives Senate Governorship Presidential Monday, 16 th May, 2022
5.	Congresses to elect Local Government Area, State and National Delegates	Monday, 16 th May To Tuesday 17 th May, 2022
6.	Congress Election Appeal	Wednesday, 18 th May, 2022
7.	Screening Appeals	State House of Assembly House of Representatives Senate Governorship Wednesday, 18 th May, 2022 Presidential Monday, 23 rd May, 2022
8.	PRIMARY ELECTION	Governorship Friday, 20 th May, 2022 State House of Assembly Sunday, 22 nd May, 2022 House of Representatives Tuesday, 24 th May, 2022 Senate Wednesday, 25 th May, 2022
9.	Election Appeal	Governorship Saturday, 21 st May, 2022 State House of Assembly Monday, 23 rd May, 2022 House of Representatives Wednesday, 25 th May, 2022 Senate Friday, 27 th May, 2022
10.	SPECIAL CONVENTION FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES	Monday, 30 th May – Wednesday, 1 st June, 2022

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IBIKUNLE IKUYIMINU LAUNCHES BOOK ON MARKETING

From left: HRM Oba Festus Oyedele Olumoyegun, Monebi -Lumeko 1, Oniju of Iju - Odo Kingdom; Ibikunle Ikuyinminu, Author of the Book; Dr. Gbelela, Soocial Assistant to the Special Adviser on Health to the Governor of Ondo State, Prof. Dayo Faduyile; Mr. Felx Akinrinlola, Book Reviewer; Mrs Lola Amuda, Representative of the Ondo State Commissioner for Education , Science and Technogy and Permanent Secretary of the Ministry; Prof. Felix Oladele Obajafa, Chairman of the occasion and Founder/ Chancellor Pathfinder University, Jos; Dr. Theophilus Daodu, Director Ondo State Ministry of Education, Science and Technology; and Mr. Benson Olufemi Ikuyinminu, representative of the Ikuyinminu Family House at the event.



From left: Ibikunle Ikuyinminu, Author, with Tolu Sanni, Special Assistant to the Author on Special Project.



From left: Pastor Ayo Akinnawonu, Member of the Organising Committee; Ibikunle Ikuyinminu, Author; Prof. Felix Oladele Obajafa, Chairman of the Occasion; and Mr. Felix Akinrinlola, Book Reviewer.



From Left: Ibikunle Ikuyinminu, Author ; Mrs Lola Amuda, Pernanent Secretary Ondo State Ministry of Education, Science and Technology; Dr. Theophilus Daodu, Director at the Ministry

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*Mrs Bukky Ayadi - Akintola (author's auntie);
Omolafe Iwalehin (Author's younger sister;
Ibikunle Ikuyinminu (Author) ; and Orimisan
(The Hope) at the event.*



*From Left: Tetunde Ogundusi, Ibikunle
Ikuyinminu (author) and Damilola Christopher.*



*Bukky Adekanhusin, Confidential Secretary
to the Okitipupa Local Government Chairman
with the author*



*The author with Mrs Yemisi Olakojo of
the Ondo State Cultural Troupe*

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PROF. DAYO FADUYILE

Honoured As Ikale Most Outstanding Medical Expert



The Prof. Dayo Faduyile being presented with the insignia of the Award by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, HRM Oba Festus Oyedele Olumoyegun, Oniju of Iju-Odo Kingdom.



From Left: Mr. Dayo Olowoiji, Mr. Kunle Bamgbaye, Prof. Dayo Faduyile (Awardee), Dr. Gbelela (Special Assistant to the Awardee) and Mr. Clement Olukotun (Technical Assistant to the Awardee)



Joint photograph of the Platform and the Members of Staff (including friends of the office) of the office of the Special Adviser on Health to the Governor with the awardee.



Okoren Meta.....Prof. Francis Adedayo Faduyile, Immediate Past President of the Nigerian Medical Association (NMA) and Special Adviser on Health to the Governor of Ondo State, honoured as Ikale Most Outstanding Medical Expert 2021



From left: DFA of ODEMSA under the jurisdiction of the Special Adviser on Health to the Governor, Mr Samuel Olubekun; the Awardee and Special Adviser on Health to the Governor, Prof. Dayo Faduyile; Special Assistant to the Awardee, Dr. Gbelela; as well as Technical Assistant to the Awardee, Mr. Clement Olukoju at the award ceremony.



Behold the Ikale's Most Outstanding Medical Expert 2021. Prof. Francis Adedayo Faduyile, Immediate Past President of the Nigerian Medical Association (NMA) and Special Adviser on Health to the Governor of Ondo State.

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Ijaw Girl Bags Scholarship to Harvard

Boubini Miyensinte Jones-Wonni was born in Ido-ani, a town in Ondo state, Nigeria, on the 23rd of October 1999 to the family of Dr and Mrs Jones-Wonni. She hails from Arogbo Ese- Odo local government area of Ondo State.

She started her primary education in

Prefect, was awarded a full tuition fee waiver in her final year by the management of the school and subsequently graduated as best graduating student and valedictorian for the graduating class of 2014 at the age of Fourteen (14) in the year 2014.

Upon performing excellently in a test conducted, she became a beneficiary of the Special Education Scholarship

biological sciences. She was able to achieve this in a record three(3) years as opposed to the conventional four (4) years of study.

While in Miles she was the secretary of finance of the Student Government Association (SGA), an equivalent of the Student Union Government in tertiary institutions here in Nigeria. She was also a member of Honors groups for distinction students, such as the Beta Kappa Chi Scientific honors society.

At the completion of her studies in 2018, she was adjudged the best graduating student in the Department of Natural science and Mathematics with a grade point average of 4.0/4.0 and a Co-Valedictorian of the graduating students at the age of Eighteen (18).

Boubini wrote the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT), a pre-requisite test for admission into medical school and scored in the 91st percentile, this means that her score was in the top 9% of all the students who took the examination in the United States of America at the time, and consequently received an invitation to the Howard University Medical School, in Washington DC to study Medicine in 2018.

Notable Alumni from this prestigious University include the Vice President of the United States of America, Kamala Harris and the late actor Chadwick Boseman. With this, she became the first Miles' student beneficiary of a partnership agreement between Miles



Banky's Private school Apo Abuja. Due to a sterling performance in primary school, she was encouraged to sit for the common entrance examinations from Primary three (3) which she passed in flying colours and proceeded to Word of Faith Group of Schools in Area 1 Abuja. While in High school, she continued on the path of hard-work and diligence.

As such, she was made the library

programme for Niger Delta Students. An initiative of the Presidential Amnesty Programme under the leadership of Hon Kingsley K. Kuku and was sent to the USA to study Medicine and Surgery. This required her to first complete a first degree in a relevant discipline prior to medical school.

Thus she was admitted in Miles College Alabama, U.S.A to obtain a degree in

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College and Howard Medical School which provides the opportunity for top STEM scholars from Miles College to apply to Howard Medical School.

She continued in her winning ways upon commencing medical school and was honored to have been awarded numerous scholarships through the school for financial need and academic achievement, namely the Rana Family scholarship, the E. & M. Prioleau Endowed scholarship.

She also received the Student of the Year award for her work with the Anesthesia and Critical Care Interest Group. She was placed in the top 10% of her class at the end of the first year.

These accolades further spurred her in the second year of medical school during which she received the Dr. Josephus C. and Nellie C. Carr Foundation award for academic achievement. By the end of the 2nd The Sterling Lloyd Prize in Clinical Medicine -Awarded to the graduating student who has the highest-grade average in required junior and senior clinical clerkship courses of the medical curriculum

2. Howard University Medical Alumni Association Alumni Award - awarded to the student who has attained the highest scholastic average in his/her class
3. Michael Oliver Dumas Prize- Awarded to the student with highest cumulative academic average in his/her class
4. The O. Anthony Ogundipe, M.D.

Endowed Academic Achievement Award - Awarded to the senior student with the highest scholastic achievement in the graduating class

5. Dr. M. Wharton Young Prize - Awarded to the senior medical student who has achieved the highest average of scholastic distinction
6. Merck Manual Awards- Awarded to the students who have achieved the highest scholastic recorded during their years of medical study
7. Department of Medicine
 - (i) Dr. W. Lester Henry, Jr. Award - Awarded to the most outstanding performance in Medicine
 - (ii) Dr. John L. Townsend Award - Awarded for the highest score on the National Board of Medical Examiners Subject Examination in Medicine
8. Second Highest Clerkship Grade in Obstetrics and Gynecology

Award for the Highest Score on the National Board of Medical Examiners Subject Examination in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

The above were given on the graduation day. Others include ;

Member, Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society |Gamma Chapter, Howard University College of Medicine May 2021 " Recipient of the Auxiliary to the Medico-Chirurgical Society of the District of Columbia Scholarship |Howard University College of Medicine |November 2020 " Recipient of Academic Achievement Award for ranking 2nd in the class |Howard University College of Medicine |

November 2020 "

Recipient of Dr. Josephus C. and Nellie C. Carr Merit Achievement Scholarship |Howard University College of Medicine |March 2020 "

Recipient of Rana Family Scholarship |Howard University College of Medicine |November 2019 "

Anesthesiology and Critical Care Interest Society Student of the Year Award |Howard University College of Medicine |April 2019 "

Co-Valedictorian |Miles College | May 2018 "

Best Graduating Student in the Department of Natural Sciences and Mathematics |Miles College |May 2018 " National Association of African American Honors Programs (NAAHP) Conference Debate Team |1st and 2nd place |Oct 2016; Oct. 2015 "

Member of Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honors Society |April 2017 "

Recipient of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Birmingham Alumnae Chapter scholarship |May 2017 "

Recipient of Office of the Special Adviser to the President on Niger Delta special scholarship |Jan 2015 - present

Best Graduating Student and class Valedictorian , Word of Faith Group of schools ,Abuja 2014 .

SHE IS A PRIDE TO HER FAMILY , THE IJAW LAND , ONDO STATE, NIGER DELTA , NIGERIA AND AFRICA AT LARGE.

FEATURE

IKALE KIDS

The Importance of Good Character

Hello Kids

Kighontirike?

Good. This month we are discussing the importance of good character. Before we into this, I like to ask how you treated your mother last month during the Mother's Day celebration. Hmm, always try to use such occasions to appreciate and encourage your mom. *Iya ko see paro o..* You cannot exchange your mom for anything. If you do not have gifts for her, you can at least tell her that you love her. You can sing songs for her. Ikale mothers, and all good mothers, deserve encouragement. They will do better when you.

Back to our topic: Character. What is character? It simply means traits or attributes. When we say someone has good character, we are saying the person has integrity, honesty, courage, loyalty, respect, fortitude, humility, etc.

This means that someone can also have bad character – such as disloyalty, rudeness, hooliganism, pride,, etc.

Let me touch some of these good characters that you will find very valuable as you grow up in life.

PASSION

Someone who has passion is committed or dedicated to what he or she is doing. The person enjoys the activity or work and without being prompted, he or she is found doing the activity. Even when the activity does not ordinarily bring happiness, the passionate person is still happy doing it. Success may not come quickly, but is you are passionate, you will keep pushing until success comes.

TRUSTWORTHINESS

It is the same as being reliable. Dad and Mum must be able to vouch for you. I remember one of the my classmates in the secondary school many years ago who was accused stealing. It became a big issue and her parents were invited to school on the

matter. Both the father and mother of the girl said “our daughter will never take anything that does not belong to her”. That was trust. Eventually, it was found that the young girl was wrongly accused.

RESPECT

This means to have regards for others, especially those who are older or more senior; Respect is rooted in Ikale and Yoruba Culture and we show it in various ways. For instance is an elderly person is carrying loads and passing bye, the younger person would help her to carry loads. That is a form of respect. We also respect via greetings and giving consideration to others. For instance, you can show others respect by giving them right of way and even in the way you address them, whether they are young or old.

FAIRNESS

Fairness means giving others the consideration that they deserve. When you are not fair to someone, it means you are cheating the person.

HUMILITY

This character is one that can help you to come tops in life. It means that you do not look at yourself more highly than you ought to.

As younger persons, your parents may be rich or may occupy important positions in the society (like governor or commissioner or pastor). That is not a license to look down on other kids or other people. You may also be gifted in terms of talents. It is not something you brag around about. Rather, you let others discover these talents in you and praise God for your life.

HONESTY

A good child will always say things as they are. They don't tell lies. I am sure your teacher taught you the 'honesty song’”

*Wherever you go**Whatever you do**Do not say 'yes', when you mean to say 'no'*

When you are honest, you earn the trust of everybody around you and good things will be happening to you. People would love to

**Deaconess Omotayo Folayan**

work with you and give you responsibilities.

OBEDIENCE

The Bible asks children to obey their parents and those placed in authority over them, Have you heard the 'Obedience song?

*Try to be obedience child**Never dis-o**Try to be obedient child**Never dis-o.bey your parents.*

Your parents are full of experiences of life. So when they advise you, listen to them and carry out their instructions. Sometimes, you may not like their counsel or advice. Occasionally they may even scold you. They usually mean well for you. You are to obey them in love. When you disagree with them, find a convenient time to explain to them what you think and they will be able to explain their own positions

But trust them and obey them. Note that sometimes, you may not even understand why they gave certain actions to follow. Many of you kids of today think Dad and Mum are Old School. You usually think your ideas are better. That can lead you to serious problems and challenges. Parents are not dictators. They will usually give you opportunity to express yourself. It is through experience that you build wisdom. For this reason always be obedient to your parents. You too would soon be parents and your children will gladly obey you.

Remember, one of the above attributes is not enough to build good character for yourself. You should have all of the attributes.

Till next time, always remember that Ikale children are children of good character. Remain blessed.

ADVERT

Oladapo Fadeni Quiz Competition 2022

REQUEST FOR ENTRIES

As part of its social responsibility of advancing educational development of Ikaleland, the management of **Ikale News** is collaborating with the children and friends of legendary Ode-Aye born entrepreneur, the late Chief Oladapo Fadeni to organize an annual Quiz Competition among all secondary schools in Ikaleland. All bonafide students (Ikale and non-ikale) whose schools are located in Ikaleland (i.e. Okitipupa and Irele Local Government Areas) are eligible to apply for this competition.

The competition is open to bonafide secondary school students in public and private schools in Irele and Okitipupa Local Government Areas in two categories. (a) Junior Secondary School (JSS) Category
(b) Senior Secondary School (SSS) Category.

Objectives

- To stimulate educational development of Ikaleland
- To contribute positively to the individual preparations of students intending to sit for Junior and Senior West African School Certificate Examinations
- To foster friendship among young Ikale people
- To provide some support for intelligent and brilliant pupils/students in Ikaleland
- To energize interest of the young ones in educational pursuits

Methodology

How to Apply

- a) Applications are open from January-March of every year from eligible students who are to register and submit their applications online by the completing the Application Form through ikalenews.com.
- b) Each interested school is to be represented by two TWO (2) students for each category
- c) The Principal of each school wishing to present competitors is to complete application forms online on behalf of the contestants.
- d) In completing the application form, the School will be required to indicate the following with respect for each category that it is competing in:
 - I. Full name of the education institutions
 - II. Indication if it is a private or public school
 - III. Full names of the student nominees
 - IV. Telephone Numbers of the students (if they have)
 - V. Email addresses of the students (this is compulsory)
 - VI. Location of the your educational institution
 - VII. Name and signature of the Principal
 - VIII. Telephone number of the Principal

Note:

1. Information provided by competitors will be verified and information found to be false leads to automatic disqualification of the application.
2. Institutions can substitute representatives after Round One, if they so wish. But such should be done also online before the commencement of the Second Final Round
3. No entries will be allowed after July 31 2022
4. Uploading of passport photos of competitors is compulsory

Competition Process

The Junior and Senior Secondary School competition will take place concurrently as follow:

- Application and processing of entries (January 1- July 31, 2022)
- Round One (concurrently for Okitipupa and Irele Local Government Areas) (April – July 2022)
- Final Round concurrently for Okitipupa and Irele Local Government Areas) (June- Aug 2022)
- Grand Finale (To be held in either Ode-Irele or Okitipupa on October 1, 2022)

Subject Areas

The competition will based on the following subjects:

Senior Secondary Category:

MATHEMATICS, PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY, BIOLOGY, AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE, ECONOMICS, GOVERNMENT, HISTORY OF NIGERIA, and IKALE CULTURE

Junior Secondary Category:

MATHEMATICS, INTEGRATED SCIENCE, YORUBA LANGUAGE, CIVIC EDUCATION, ENTERPRENEURSHIP and IKALE CULTURE

Application fee: FREE

Star Prizes:

1st Prize –

Certificate, Trophy and One Hundred Thousand Naira Cash (with numerous consolation prizes for school and winning students)

2nd Prize

Certificate, Plaque and Seventy Thousand Naira Cash (with numerous consolation prizes for school and winning students)

3rd Prize

Certificate, Plaque and Fifty Thousand Naira Cash (with numerous consolation prizes for school and winning students)

So many numerous consolation prizes are being provided by the children and friends of the late Chief Oladapo Fadeni, which the competition is named after.

The Quiz Competition video will be uploaded on ikalenews.com

Watch out for development and progress on this event in ikalenews.com, Nigeria's Number One Community News Media Network.

Signed: Bolu John Folayan, PhD
Publisher/Editor-in-Chief

FEATURE

The Oriki Of Ikale Clans / Towns And Their Meanings Part One

By Taiye Owate (Editorial Consultant)

Oriki' (praise chant) is a very important part of Yoruba culture. Therefore, Ikale, a major subset of the Yoruba race cannot be an exception.

Oriki varies from tribe to tribe even amongst Yoruba. Some Oriki have negative implications because they have idol worship origins hence some born-again Christians do not like people to call them by or chant their orikis. For Instance, an Oriki (not of Ikale) eulogises somebody as "the person that uses a small sword to behead his inlaw (*eni ii o nji ida penpe he ana re lori*). This is just to show that he is a brave person, but some people see at as negative: How can you praise someone for committing murder, more so to his own in-law of at people on earth?

Nonetheless, there is hardly anyone why does not feel on top of the world when his or her *oriki* is being chanted. I remember when I was a little boy Ikale.

Said Dr. Bolu John Folayan, a journalist, "Every time I had to go from my father's house to my maternal grandmother's house, I would pass through Mama Ogunje's house and she never failed for once in numerous years to recount my *oriki*. Till today, I love the woman so much because of that those days, anytime I was going to the garage, I ensured I passed through the woman's compoun because he would surely recite my *Oriki* on father and mother side.

"It was not only me. The woman knew the *Oriki* of virtually eve Ikale race and she would just give you your own" he said. The same thing. Chief (Mrs.) Sahaina Owate, my mother. She would not only recount my father's side *Oriki*, she would go on to through her own as an Erekiti Luwoye daughter.. I always felt on top of the world. This was mainly because I understood the meanings of what she was saying.

Those who reject *Oriki* do so mainly because they do not investigate the meanings. I agree, that there could be some

Oriki that have negative connotations. It is when we investigate that we can know the bad aspects and take on the good aspects. Certainly, we should not just wish away our *Oriki*. I have found that most Ikale *Oriki* are very okay and there is nothing ungodly about them may be because we have a long history of Christianity in our place. Oriki is a reliable source of history and tradition. Wives of Ikale (who may not be Ikale indigenes) usually are skilled in knowing the *Oriki*. Of course they know how valuable that skill is. For instance, whenever their husbands are not happy or are annoyed, they simply recite the *Oriki*, and he would be fine with them.

As



you will see in this report. unlike some other Yoruba ethnic groups who just manufacture fine *Oriki* for themselves. the *oriki* of Ikale towns/people have correlation with their history and environment.

The *Oriki* of some Ikale clans and towns are still hazy and undocumented. But there are there passed orally over the centuries. If there are inaccuracies in this presentation we invite you to write to update us. We therefore welcome more comments and contributions.

ORIKI IKALE

According to eminent spiritual leader and Ikale historian, the late Primate Raphael Akintan, Ikale as a people have some peculiar *Oriki* in common, just the way

Ondo and Owo indigenes have their *Oriki*. Although he told *Ikale News* that he does not know much of the general Ikale *Oriki*, Primate Akintan said Ikale people's famous common *Oriki* is "**Ikale Olugbo ogho, Ol'omi a ji p'eja**", which translates "Ikale that has extensive land full of rich resources., one that has fresh water rivers with precious fish". If you look at the physical resources of Ikaleland, you readily agree with this.

The development confirms that Ikale people are indeed product of "Federation" – various clans and towns who form Ikale and their different and distinct *Oriki*. **Editor's Note:** Readers who know the *Oriki* of Ikale should please send to us.

IJU OKE

Iju Oke town is located in Osooro, two kilometres after Igbotako. Iju Oke represents the *Oriki* of most Akoko people all over Ikale. Akoko people reside in all parts of Ikaleland. but are very predominant in Osooro Kingdom. Akoko 'kale people migrated mainly from Oba Akoko in Ondo State. They were itinerant hunters and they knew the !kale terrain more than other people because they had been hunting therein although they never settled down permanently. Their *Oriki* goes:

**Akoko lo'ke amugun; 'mode Omu a g'oke mataju uku
Oma ba ile o se gwen;
Oma onomue bale o se gbii
Oma rehinrehin seo sagha**

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Oma yi e he'ron nori eru
Oma paakala soro B'eru o ku, o ra mue
(Meaning/Translation:

'Lo'kelo'ke' refers to how Akokos used to climb mountains hunting. Most parts of Akokoland in Ondo North are hilly and rocky. 'A gun oke maa taju uku (the one that climbs and does not fear of dying as a result) portrays Akoko people's boldness and bravery. They are warriors.

'Oma ye he'ron nori eru' (the one that breaks kernel on the head of a slaves) Some people say this is wickedness, but it only shows that Akokos are powerful and wealthy: they have slaves and they do anything with their slaves **Be'ru ba ku. Akoko ra mue**, means when a slave dies, the Akoko simply buys another slave

From the *Oriki*.one is able to find out that although Akoko people in Ikale are not of royal lineage (they don't become Obas for the entire community), they actually belonged to the royal institutions from where (Oka. Oba Akoko) they migrated to Ikaleland.

IGBISIN PEOPLE

Ighisin people reside on the area between Ilutitun. Ikoya and Mahintedo on the River bank. They pride themselves as the original inhabitant of Ikale, even before the Abodi

Olura ajobaju one ghorie
Olugo apa Alabodi Ukan
Ejo weru were wo no'de udejugho
Ejo lu pa. Oma lele bi beere ni Igbisin
Afenju Oloja e ye L'e bi neni o
Ogwa Jojo ma ma Kiriwo
Olura mekon, Ajobaje Abejoye.

Explanation: *Kiriwo* is the material used in *Ogwa* (Congress) that needs to be protected. Once it is beaten by rain or sun it loses its effectiveness. 'One Oja' in most Ikale Oriki talks about somebody that is popular. Oja is like the parliament. It also means literally the market. If all roads are blocked, the road to the market cannot be blocked. If it is ever blocked, there has to be a way for the king to get there. This poem eulogizes Igbisin people as people who belong to a large, one family and whose king is eminent and exposed.

IKOYA

Generally regarded in most Ikale mythology as the 'source', Ikoya is the seat of the paramount ruler of Ikaleland, i.e. Abodi. The Abodi is the most senior Oba in Ikaleland (the first beaded crowned Oba and the prime first-class Oba). Most Ikoya *oriki* is therefore proudly woven around the kingship. Virtually all quarters in Ikoya belong to the royal lineage.

Abodi A baaye, uku a pa ma han
Omafifun nene bi si ude
Oma bolojo bi ori

Oyinbo

Oma kon bode nibo oghoje ti ho, ji'e ri Ogho ka.

Meaning: 'Uku a pa maahan' (one that kills and doesn't have to replace) is also an Oriki of the Rebuja royal dynasty. When I noticed the similarity of this Oriki and Akoko's oriki, I asked an elderly woman to explain the connection and she said though Akoko had roots from the Abodi (may be his mother) and that some of the *Oriki* actually cross borders. While in Ikoya when their slaves died. they usually died for nothing (**bi eru ba le ku jii ku**). But for Akokos, they can would gladly replace. This confirms that keeping slaves was common in those days. Thus, *Oriki* helps to know the history of a people that were not passed down in writing. "**Oma lugboobi**" gives us the vocation of the Ikoya forefathers they had extensive kolanut farms. "**Ahenron n'ori eru**" means the same as that of Akoko and it confirms the fact monarchical powers that past Abodi exercised. They not only had slaves, they did with their slaves were unquestionable.

ERINJE

Erinje people share borders with Ikoya, Ayeka. Okunmo, Oloto and Ilaje Riverine areas. Oral history say they migrated from Ile Ife and their Oriki is woven around the bravery of their early ancestors who went through persecution and wars. Erinje people are essentially warriors. Their *Oriki* goes thus:

Aluma gidi, Aluma Ludari
Oma amu opan je epo ni Ode elu
Jii erira w ma yi wawo
Otun bolobolo ji Oghori maa woo
Ogbori yi woo ba ku de
B' aghoro a muje
One oja e fun orun kole
Ji Ogbori ma ri owo wa
One ja e fo manunu, ji Ogbori ma ri eyin wa
Oneja ye gwa bulebule ji Ogbori maa ma.
Meaning:

As pointed out earlier, this Oriki stresses the bond amongst Erinje people. Ogbori is someone who is not a bonfide member of a group. Erinje people pride themselves as very neat people such that when they eat. They eat on the pavestone so that the food on the plate would not smear their hands (**a mu opan je epo... ji eriri awo maa vi wa wo**).

ERIKITI-LUWOVE

This historic town after Igbotako on the Akinfosile road has the following Oriki rendered to *Ikale News* by Chief (Mrs) Ahiodun Aribi. the Alidan of Erekiti Luwoye:

Luwoye Ogoma, o da lubu
Asofifuneji ole ro
Ji Ole ba ro a mu
Oko omidan kwere sele
Aka Obiren sa-sa, bi o one yi e ka ido
A wa oma one rofungun
One kusu iyo boju oro fun
Oma Oloko, iyi atirofofo se ri igi bale
Norofun gha ni oton, Kosu gha ni ohi
Lemegha o wa gha ni eririn ghan



came from the Far West. Olori Omowuni Adetayo Olatuyi (wife of the Olura of Ighisinland recited the Ighisin Oriki for us:

Oligbisin Lipepe, Olu Oja
One oja konadi ji rere konagho

Oma ailere hengwa berogho
Abaaye Ogun Olugbada Oma 'Konya de,
A dara bi opa iban
A ko mi dan weere sele Oma lele bi beere non Ukonya
Oma lugboobi Oma Ahenron n'rori eru
Bi eru ba leku, jii ku Oma logho topa

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Oriki Ikale

One a biire hanju egwa
A wa re leru usu, leru eja
Ode bude; Ala lo oma ede
Opetuluwa Gbabuje, e yoo men, e den yo
onione
Wo kare o.

Meaning:

This oriki tells us the origin of Erekiti Luwoye people have their origins from the Lemegha-Norofun-Kosu dynasties their profession farmers and of course that they have handsome men, so much so that beautiful women troop after them. They are very hardworking (aso fifun e jii ole ro 'the lazy person cannot tie a white linen' (because it will be dirty since he will not want to wash it regularly). Etc.

IRELE

Irele is the largest town in Ikaleland and has scores of farmsteads of various clans from the main cosmopolitan settlement, Ode Irele.

Otna Urele Egungun**Joma lile kaji****Alejo ee gbedo to'be****Eni e bami Oma Luwen-runwen****Ogbori e runwe egungun****Eye e o b'ami****One oja ye lo asofunfun kennekenne****Oma Olofun n'Urele****Ilele ni tulu uboyi ogho je ti ho****J'e eri ogho ka.****Meaning:**

Oma Oja, and Ogbori have the same meaning as previously explained for other parts of Ikale. Irele people have very strong bond of unity. They don't oppose themselves and when you have two or three Irele people in a group, you better watch it: they might always agree and form a clique (.oma tile, ji alejo ee gbedo to ibe) they are landowners that are so proud of being so. They have very extensive land and they also have various tenants. These tenants are called Ogbori or Ogho.

They are also wealthy farmers (**ubo ogho je ti** ... literally. 'where money grows on a tree' (**ji ee ri ogho ka.**) the visitor or stranger dare not touch the money even as they grow on trees. This stresses that Irele people are proud of the extensive resources whose right of authority are vested in indigenes alone. Perhaps no other clan in Irele tribe has more land than Irele Kingdom. Find out and correct me if I am wrong, please. The Oriki also talked about its royal heritage (Olofun) and their neatness and pride - 'one oja' (an eminent person) that wears immaculately white dress.

AYE

You cannot omit the palm tree and the hen in the history of Aye people, who live between Okitipupa and Ore down to Agbabu and other environ but are settled mainly in Ode Aye. Their land ownership extends to the Ore Expressway. In Aye mythology, their ancestors were saved

from being killed by their enemies by hens whose blueprints misdirected the enemies. That's why they don't eat hen. Aye Oriki was rendered to *Ikale News* by Chief Adelabu Orina. the I)aniken of Aye Kingdom:

Oma alayelu, oma !aye lope**One oja yi ope se mo****Oma Halu Jagbo****A bo susu mesan ye norigho****Alagbogbo Igihoti****One jagba iyee gho eye korin****One ja lebi hi eron-ogwa****Ji oorun ma pa kiriwo****Meaning:**

Kiriwo is a chief, high chief (Ijama) or Omaja (age grade sons of the soil). The Oriki talks about Aye royalty (the ancestors were princes from Ile Ife via Benin. Laye Lope (Ope is Ikale word for palm tree) and the palm tree is very important in Aye economy; they own expansive palm trees farms.

IGBODIGO

This historic town of ikale people are on the watershed on leaving Okitipupa towards Okunmo/Igodan. HRM Oba J. E Ola Aiyeku himself (Obagberume of Igbodigo) gave us the Oriki of Igbodigo people. The late Ikale music star. Comfort Omoge was an Olori of a former Oba of the town and she used to recite Igbodigo oriki a lot in her asiko music.

Egudu Olisen**Oma gbeneghene bi ude****Oma asokun seke nino asiso****Oma ajabole se wen****Aghan tonomuren jabale a se gbi****Oma ana mi pelu o tan ni eni****Oma sus ale e hobe****Obe kanyo ule dobibo****Jijamuna gha ni erun ogba****Jee raye mush ni ogba****Oma maatobo apeluwa****Omi yoofuhije to ne orokun****Orogojumo ekun Orogunejo orogun eyi mo****Oma ojabe nidi ogba eyi e sojo****Otna omu oyinbo miyanje****Oyinbo eje iyan ri Igbodigo legudu.****Meaning:**

You will notice the similarity at the beginning of the Oriki with that of Iju Oke (akoko); it is a matter of future research... 'Oma gheneghene bi su de' means the Igbodigo son or daughter is as precious and shiny as brass: you don't treat them anyhow. Of course, River Oluwa is central to the economy of the community hence you find it in their Oriki. Igbodigo are always kind to visitors and till today it is one community where in Ikale perhaps where you find so many visitors (apart from Okitipupa town)... 'Om'Oyinbo miyanje' translates "he taught the Whiteman how to eat pounded yam". It is said that the Whitemen came to Okitipupa via River Oluwa and met people of Igbodigo who interacted with them. But literally. it means, the person that makes the community homely to the stranger. 'Oma yi o bale j'o se gwen', translates he jumps down and lands firmly', meaning that Igbodigo people are athletic, bold and brave.

IGODAN LISA

The Olori, Eunice Akinsola of Igodan Lisaland rendered the Oriki of Igodan Lisa people. Our university town located on the way to Igbokoda, after Okitipupa is Igodan Lisa. It is a small but very culturally rich community. Their Oriki goes thus:

Otna Igodan Lisa aso gbogidi**Otna akogbegbe, afori pipa****Alugbofin iyi efun hi ekun****Ekun amurun golo gbe****O gbe Obiren tajo mu ran tanma****Tanma gbe ne, obiren ee gbene****O pa one sasa bi one pa ido****Elehin e kuleje to ghwure**

Ara ugba-aya ma ne abese.

Note: 'Tanma' is a kind of cutlass in the palace with a curved head that warrior used in those days to defend themselves during wars. Join us next month for completion of Oriki Igodan



Indigence Of Igbodigo Celebrates Egudu Day With Other Oba

Om Obagberume, Oma aba Konokun

and more Oriki.of Ikale towns.



OMOSO CLUB OF IGBOTAKO

OMOSO ESSAY COMPETITION & OMOOSO BENSON AKINDEJU LEADERSHIP SPEECH 2022

CALL FOR ENTRIES

In pursuant of its mandate to instigate the moral, social, economic, human capital and educational development of Igbotako Community and its indigenes, the Omooso Club Igbotako hereby announces the commencement of its Annual Essay Competition & Omoso Asiwaju Benson Akindeju Leadership Speech for the Year 2022.

The competition is in two categories for undergraduates (those who are students of polytechnics, monotechnics, universities or equivalent tertiary institutions within and outside Nigeria).

Eligibility

- § At least one of the biological parents of the competitor must be bonafide indigene of Igbotako (as verified and confirmed by the Paramount Ruler of Osooro Kingdom, Oba Gbadebo Bajowa)
- § Competitor must be a verifiable student of the institution claimed for in the 2022/2023 academic session
- § The event will be in two steps:
 - i. Prequalification Essay: The contestant is required to submit in typewritten form an essay written by him or her on the topic: THIS IS WHERE I WILL BE IN 2032, in between 700 to 1,000 words.
 - ii. Final Presentation: Ten (10) finalists (writers of the best ten essays) will be selected for the final selection in which they will deliver the Omooso Asiwaju Benson Akindeju Leadership Speech. The contestants will have no prior knowledge of the exact topic of the speech until one hour to the presentation.

How to Apply

Eligible sons and daughters of Igbotako who wish to participate in the competition should do the following:

1. Log on to ikalenews.com/events/omoso-competition
2. Complete application form
3. Upload your essay with your photograph
4. Submit

Note: The entry form is FREE

Final Competition

1. The ten most outstanding competitors will be given access to make the OMOSO ASIWAJU BENSON AKINDEJU LEADERSHIP SPEECH which will be viewed on zoom worldwide.
2. The ten finalists will be given a topic on LEADERSHIP, one hour to the commencement of the zoom conference and a distinguished panel of experts will assess them and pick the top-three speakers.
3. Each of the contestants will make their speeches in 10 minutes

Prizes

First Place Prize – N70,000 (Seventy thousand naira cash), + Plaque + Certificate
 Second Place Prize – N50,000 (Fifty thousand naira cash), + Plaque + Certificate
 Third Place Prize – N30,000 (Thirty thousand naira cash), + Plaque + Certificate

Timelines

January – July 2022: Submission of entries

July 2022: Announcement of the Best 10 Essays

September 2022: Omoso Asiwaju Akindeju Leadership Speech 2022 + Presentations of Prizes to Winners

NOTES:

- ü The top-three winning essays will be published in *Ikale News*
- ü Videos of the Omoso Asiwaju Benson Akindeju Leadership Speech will be uploaded on ikalenews.com and *Youtube*.

Signed:

Omoso (Dr.) Olusegun Ayodele
(President)

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Sen. Kunlere buries mother-in-law with pomp and pageantry



Sen. Boluwaji Kunlere Mrs Rhoda Eni Omosule (Hon Omosule wife) Mrs Oluwafemi Elizabeth Kunlere



Senator Biodun Olujimi



Mrs Fola Akinyelure (allover's wife) Mrs Oluwande bakare (Hon Bakare's Wife)



L-R: Mrs Olukemi Mimiko (former Gov's. wife), Mrs Nireti Akinsuyi, Mrs Titilayo Adeosun, Mrs Iyabo Basaru Mrs Oluwasina Pirisola (Bishop's Wife)

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*Mrs Kunlere Oluwafemi Elizabeth
(Mama's Daughter)*



*Mr Gbenga and Funmilayo Fawibe
(mamas daughter and her Husband)*



*Dr. Mrs Fakeye (mama's First Daughter)
And Mrs Kunlere Oluwafemi Elizabeth*



*Senator Boluwaji Kunlere His Wife And Mr. Babatunde Ogunyankinnu
(mama's First Son)*



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