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June was another month of impact-driven, people-centered governance in Abia State. Governor Alex Otti, OFR, has continued his relentless, intentional effort to bring good governance to Abians and residents. The Governor began the Commissioning of 200 health centers renovated, remodelled, and retrofitted by his administration.

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Governor Otti commissioned 14 more roads for use out of the many completed road projects across the State by his administration.

The State Government will host an International Investment Summit and Exhibition in November, this year.

The Federal Government, within the month, commended Governor Alex Otti, OFR, for reconstructing Federal Roads in the State. The State Government relaunched house-to-house sanitary inspection programme to boost and sustain public health and environmental cleanliness.

In a bold step to revive Star Paper Mill, Aba, the State Government has made an offer to AMCON to buy back the moribund Star Paper Mill.

The Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission has approved the transfer of regulatory authority to Abia State Electricity Regulatory Agency.

Our picture gallery for this edition captures some of the achievements of the Abia State Oil Producing Areas Development Commission (ASOPADEC).

These and many more you will see in this June edition of Abia State Government monthly update.

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Governor Alex Otti, OFR, received in audience, a delegation of the Foreign Commonwealth & Development Office - Partnership Agile Governance and Climate Change (FCDO-PACE) in his office. During the meeting, the Governor expressed the readiness of his administration to partner stakeholders in promoting climate change initiatives in the State. He said that partnering experts like the FCDO-PACE is the right thing to do as it would bring about solutions and finding ways of mitigating climate change effects as well as addressing its challenges. He said his team would sit down and work out the best practical ways of handling it. The Governor, who emphasised that his administration is anchored on a strong value system, rooted in strategic planning, diligent execution, and measurable outcomes, reiterated his unwavering commitment to disciplined governance, climate action, and evidence-based policy implementation.



Governor Alex Otti, OFR received a delegation of the Consul-General of the People's Republic of China to Nigeria, Ms. Yan Yuqing, who paid him a working visit. The Governor stated that his administration is willing



to engage in useful partnership with the People's Republic of China to improve the economy of the State, noting that Abia people share similar traits with Chinese; traits such as resilience and hard work.

"The can-do spirit, the entrepreneurial spirit, the

never say die spirit. That's what you get in Abia people. That's why the way to approach development here will be different from the way you approach it elsewhere...Our people are very hard working. They do not really believe in handouts. They believe they can fend for themselves. "But then, you cannot also rule out the vagaries of the economy and all the challenges that come with it. That's why today, we (Nigerians) are still as a country dealing with somewhere around 50% of our people living in poverty. That's a large number, when you compare that with China, 1.42 Billion people economy and the poverty rate is just 1%. So, we must do something intentional to ensure that we get our people out of poverty," Gov. Otti stated.

Thereafter, Consul-General of the People's Republic of China Ms. Yan Yuqing, joined Governor Otti to commission some of the projects executed by the administration of Governor Otti, also making a brief stopover at the site of the Abia Stadium City.



His Excellency, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, OFR, approved the appointment of Board members for the Umuahia Capital Development Authority and the Greater Aba Development Authority as follows:

A. Umuahia Capital Development Authority

1. Barr. Emeka Uwakolam – Chairman
2. Mrs. Oluchi Ahukanna - member
3. Mr. Enyinnaya Okereke - member
4. Mr. Chukwudi Abengowe – member
5. Mr. Kingsley Agomoh- General Manager

B. Greater Aba Development Authority

1. Ide John Udeagbala – Chairman
2. Arc. Uche Ukeje - Director-General
3. Hon. Chimaobi Ebisike - member
4. Barr. Mrs. Louise Augustine – member
5. Chief Geoffrey Ike – member

His Excellency, Dr. Alex Otti, OFR, inspected the construction of a new Governor's Office and Residence at Government House, Umuahia, the State capital. Recall that a few weeks ago, while speaking during a Sabbath Worship at the Unity Chapel, Government House, Umuahia, Governor Otti disclosed that construction of a brand new Governor's Office and Residence has commenced. On arrival at the site, he met with the site engineers overseeing the project and engaged them in a discussion to assess the progress of the work expected to be completed and delivered next year.

The old Governor's residence, which was abandoned to dilapidation by previous administrations, is currently being demolished to make way for a new, fit-for-purpose residence. In addition to pulling down the old structure, the Governor has instructed that the area behind the original building be cleared to create more space to shift the new building further, while still maintaining the design of the new residence.

The Governor used the opportunity to visit the site of the new Office of the Secretary to the State Government, which was at the furnishing stage, built by his administration.



Governor Alex Otti, OFR inaugurated an 11-man Steering Committee for Turkey -Abia (TURAB) Investment Summit/Exhibition, 2025 at Government House Umuahia. Represented by his Chief of Staff, Pastor Caleb Ajagba, Governor Otti challenged the committee to identify areas of collaboration, foster partnerships and joint venture projects between Abia State, other Nigerian states, and the Turkish investment community. The Governor urged the committee to leverage the strong diplomatic ties and positive public perception of Turkish businesses and products among Nigerians to facilitate targeted business exchanges between Abia and Turkey.





ABSG FIXES 3 DAYS INVESTMENT SUMMIT IN NOVEMBER 2025

The Abia State Government (ABSG) has fixed November 25 to 27, 2025 for an international investment summit and exhibition. The 3 days investment summit which is being organised by Abia State Government in partnership with VEGA GROWING GLOBAL ENTERPRISES would take place at the International Conference Centre, Umuahia and would attract investors from within and outside Nigeria, particularly from Turkey. Speaking to newsmen during a press conference held at Government House Umuahia, the Special

Adviser to the Governor on Investment Promotion and Public Private Partnership (PPP), High Chief Green Amankwe said that the programme would provide an opportunity for international and local investors to explore the possibilities in Abia State and the many advantages it has as a preferred investment destination. *"It is a FDI exposition for international and local investors to explore the possibilities of Abia State and the many advantages it has as a preferred investment destination in Nigeria/Africa. It is scheduled to take place at the International Conference Centre in Abia State from 25 - 27 November 2025,"* he stated.





Abia State Governor, His Excellency, Dr. Alex Otti, OFR, has commended the Abia-born immigration Officer, Ugochukwu Prince Orji, who rejected a N10 Million bribe on the line of duty, saying that he would be celebrated in due course. Governor Otti commended Mr. Orji when he received in audience a 30-man delegation of the organizers and sponsors of the Oha Isiala Ngwa Grand Civic Reception/Appreciation in his honour for his visible achievements and impactful leadership in Isiala Ngwa and across the entire State. *"I have always made this point that we are straight forward people, we are not criminals. We don't steal, we don't cheat. Of course, out of every 12, there must be a Judas. Sometimes the Judas is so loud that he drowns the good jobs of the other 11..."*

The Governor explained that our people are industrious and hardworking people who don't depend on handouts for survival but would want to work and earn a decent living, and so, would reject gifts from questionable sources. *"What you did is typical of us; you represented us very, very well."* Recalling how he celebrated a Keke driver recently who returned a huge sum of money left in his Keke back to the owner, Governor Otti said, *"Just like the Gentleman who returned huge sum of money and we celebrated him, so, we will celebrate you also,"* he assured.

Governor Alex Otti, OFR, within the month expressed his profound gratitude to the organizers and sponsors of the Oha Isiala Ngwa Grand Civic Reception/Appreciation in his honour for his visible achievements and impactful leadership in Isiala Ngwa and across the entire State.

Speaking when he received in audience a 30-man delegation of the organizers and sponsors Dr. Otti said, *"Let me start by thanking you for bringing all our brothers and sisters together to organize the grand civic reception, which*



happened yesterday. It was so grandiose that when I entered the stadium, I was shocked. I was not expecting such crowd of over 10,000 people. All of them stayed till the end of the programme, very, very happy. I want to thank you and thank all the leaders."

The State Chief Executive also thanked them for making contributions, tasking themselves to raise over N100 Million for the event, saying that such gesture from them would not be taken for granted. He equally appreciated those who flew in from different parts of the country and outside the country, (like Lagos, Abuja, USA, etc.), noting that, he was dumbfounded by what he described as an unprecedented show of love and promised to do more as a way of reciprocating the show of love. *"By the time we are done, I'm sure people will not recognize our place anymore,"* the Governor stated amidst applause.



The Abiriba Community worldwide host Governor Alex Otti, OFR, to a grand civic reception at Enyimba Stadium Aba, in appreciation of his good works across the State in his first 2 years in office. Speaking during the massively attended colourful, event, Member

representing Ohafia North State Constituency, Hon. Mandela Obasi affirmed that the Governor is doing well in office, saying that he would not speak against the good works of the Governor just because he is not in the same political party with him. Hon. Obasi, who said that Abiriba people love Governor Otti and maintained that the crowd that filled the stadium to the brim is an organic one, made up of 99.99% of Abiriba people. *"The Governor is doing very well. This is not a hired crowd. This is the people of Abiriba. Abiriba people have much regards for you (Gov. Otti),"* Hon. Obasi asserted.

In their speeches, the Chairman of the occasion, Prof. Anya Oko Anya and President general Abiriba Communal Improvement Union (ACIU), Chief Yuccee Otta Uwa appreciated Governor Alex Otti for his transformational projects across the State.

The people of Abiriba unanimously saluted the visionary leadership of Governor Otti, which has

positively affected all facets of the economy. They said that, based on what Governor Otti has done so far, the Abiriba and Abia people would not only vote for him in 2027 but ensure they protect their votes. Chief Leslie Ebueme Ezikpe who presented the gift of a Coaster Bus from Abiriba people to the Governor assured him of their continuous support to him beyond 2027 election and prayed to God to reward Governor Otti's generations for the good works of their father who has wiped away the tears of Ndi Abia.



A former Governor of Abia State and the senator representing Abia North Senatorial District in the National Assembly, Dr. Orji Uzor Kalu has commended Governor Otti for his good works in the State, saying that he is doing well. Sen. Kalu gave the commendation when he visited Governor Otti at his Umuehim Nvosi Country home to fulfill his promise of joining the Governor in marking his 2 years anniversary in Office.



Sen. Kalu who described Governor Otti as his friend who he cannot play politics with, said he “flew” (rode) from Igbere to the Governor’s residence with

ease, describing how smooth the road has become from Igbere to Umuahia, which has now reduced the journey of 3 hours when the road was bad to less than an hour after Governor Otti had fixed the road. The road network connects Umuahia, Bende and Ohafia LGAs, and was abandoned to dilapidation for over 16 years after he (Orji Kalu) left office. *“You’re my friend for life; you are my brother for life. Whether you are running election or not running election, brotherhood is brotherhood... you have done well for our State. Thank you very much...”* “I want to make it clear to you: you have done well, and the State will continue to grow under your leadership,” Dr. Kalu declared.

Speaking further, Sen. Kalu said, *“I want to thank your Commissioner for works for the road rehabilitation work done in Igbere. I flew (rode) on that road, it is not the same. That is the truth. It is flying because it is driving and not stopping, and I am really happy with that road. “I know Abians know what is good for them. They are the only people that will determine who leads their State. When the people feel good, you don’t leave your best, you go for your best.”*





The Minister of Works, Engr. Dave Umahi has commended the Abia State Governor, Dr. Alex Otti for reconstructing federal roads in the State and delivering quality road projects. The Minister made the commendation when he paid Governor Otti a working visit in his office as he arrived Abia State to inspect some ongoing federal roads in Abia State which Mr. President would be commissioning later in the year.

"I didn't want to tell you (Gov. Otti), you didn't know I was coming, but I'm here principally to secretly look at some of our projects in Abia State that we want to commission by December, and also look at some of the great projects you are doing that the President will commission when he visits Abia State, so that I'll be able to report properly to him (Mr. President)."

"And I've gone around on my own, I didn't ask anybody to join me, and I want to say that, I'm very, very proud of what you are doing for Abia people. I'm really proud. Not only the quantum of projects you have completed, but the quality also, especially, the Port-Harcourt Road. It's mind-blowing that, that place could be recovered. And, I think it's only a heart of yours that can recover that place the way it is."

"I commend you very highly, and it's only Mr. President, the man of infrastructure, that will be qualified to commission that project.. I want to also thank you for some of the interventions on our Federal Roads," Umahi stated.



Governor Otti also officially received the PDP member representing Bende North State Constituency in the Abia State House of Assembly, Hon. Nnamdi Ibekwe and other 50 stalwarts of the PDP as well as Dr. Okey Ezeala, former State Publicity Secretary of the APC in Abia State, who joined the Labour Party. While congratulating the leadership of the Abia Arise, Bende LGA Chapter, that was inaugurated, the Governor appreciated Dr. Chimaobi Desmond Anyaso for joining the Abia Arise family in Bende LGA and invited everyone who shares in the new Abia leadership philosophy, to identify with the group and be part of the campaign for good governance in the State. Speaking on behalf of other new defectors, the member representing Bende North State Constituency, Hon. Nnamdi Ibekwe said that the move they have made is to send a message to the people that they have aligned with the Governor to redefine politics in the State and declared that victory is sure in 2027.



Abia State Government organized a send-off for past Service Commanders who served in the State and were posted to other States or elevated for higher assignments. Speaking during the event which took place at the Banquet Hall of the Government House, Umuahia, Governor Alex Otti, OFR, commended the out-gone Service Commanders for the good services rendered to ensure security of lives and property in the State. *"I want to use this opportunity to thank you so much for the service that you rendered to our State. It is also an opportunity to thank the current service*

commanders for carrying on from where you left the battle."

"This is a tradition we have established in this State, if our service commanders who have served for not less than a year are leaving, we celebrate them. And, we give them small parting gifts to remember when they were here (in Abia). And like the commander of the Nigerian Navy said, it is also a way of encouraging those who are serving to put in their best. Knowing that one day, it will be their turn. So, I would like to tell the out-gone service commanders

that you have a home here in Abia. You can always come anytime to visit us," Gov. Otti assured.

In their responses, some of the celebrants, including Brigadier General O.O Diya of the Nigerian Army, Navy Captain O. A. Eytayo of the Nigerian Navy, Dr. Shelema Muhammed Soso of the DSS and Chidi Nnadi of the NDLEA expressed gratitude to Governor Alex Otti for the honour done them and said that, it would encourage the service commanders serving currently in Abia State.



COMPASSIONATE OUTREACH TO INMATES AND ORPHANS IN CELEBRATION OF 2ND ANNIVERSARY:

To mark the second anniversary of the administration of Governor Alex C. Otti, Her Excellency Mrs. Priscilla Chidinma Otti undertook charity visits to the Afara Correctional Centre and the Daughter of Mary Mother of Mercy Compassion Home, Ahiaeke.

At the correctional facility, she addressed inmates with words of hope, emphasizing the administration's ongoing commitment to justice



reform and fair legal access. She announced plans to expand the skills acquisition programs previously launched at the Aba Correctional Centre to the Umuahia facility, ensuring inmates are rehabilitated with dignity and purpose. Food supplies and monetary donations were made to support their welfare.

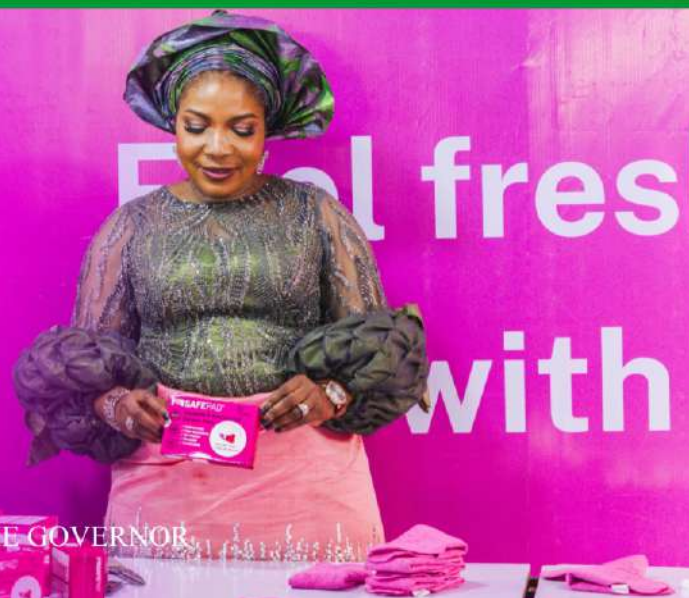
At the Ahiaeke orphanage, Her Excellency shared heartfelt moments with the children and caregivers, encouraging them with messages of love and resilience. She donated essential supplies to aid the home's operations, reiterating her unyielding support for vulnerable children across Abia State.



CHAMPIONING INNOVATION: LAUNCH OF SAFEPAD PRODUCTION NIGERIA:

Her Excellency officially launched Safepad Production Nigeria, an innovative solution promoting menstrual hygiene through antimicrobial-treated, reusable menstrual pads.

Describing the initiative as *"a symbol of hope, empowerment, and dignity,"* she praised the efforts of Namjid Company Ltd and Real Relief,



commending their commitment to sustainable and inclusive development.

"As we strive for a more equitable society," she said, "I urge all stakeholders—governments, private

sector players, and individuals—to support menstrual hygiene and sustainable innovation. I remain committed to empowering our women and girls."



REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT: WELCOMING THE FIRST LADY OF NIGERIA TO ENUGU STATE:

Her Excellency, Mrs. Priscilla Otti attended the Southeast launch of the "Free to Shine" campaign, a nationwide initiative targeting the elimination of HIV/AIDS, syphilis, and hepatitis among women and children. Together with other First Ladies, she pledged to intensify awareness and accelerate action against these health threats.



EMPOWERING THE BOY CHILD – CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE BOY CHILD:

In celebration of the 2025 International Day of the Boy Child, Her Excellency hosted a powerful event themed “Building Self-Esteem in Boys: Stand Up, Be Heard, Be Seen.” Speaking passionately, she called for intentional support systems that nurture boys' emotional and psychological well-being.

“Today's boys are not just tomorrow's leaders—they are today's heroes,” she stated, while unveiling plans for a Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) in Aba, supported by the EU-RoLAC, to offer legal and medical aid to all survivors, including male victims.

She emphasized the importance of positive male role models in reshaping societal definitions of masculinity and fostering a generation of boys guided by emotional intelligence and honor.



MATERNAL, NEWBORN & CHILD HEALTH WEEK FLAG-OFF:

Her Excellency flagged off the Round One of the 2025 Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (MNCH) Week, focused on immunization, deworming, vitamin A supplementation, and antenatal services.

Represented by the Commissioner for women affairs, Dr. Maureen Aghukwa, she called on mothers to utilize the government-upgraded health centers and commended Governor Alex Otti for his unwavering support for maternal and child health.

A dramatic highlight of the flag-off was the live delivery of a healthy baby boy by Mrs. Success Solomon during the event. The incident served as a striking testament to the event's mission—to protect and support mothers and children in Abia.

**MARKING INTERNATIONAL WIDOWS' DAY:**

During the 2025 International Widows' Day event in Umuahia, Her Excellency, represented by the wife of the Deputy Governor, Mrs. Adaeze Emetu, reaffirmed the state's commitment to the protection of widows' rights, especially concerning access to land and inheritance.

The event, themed *“Beyond Reason: Rebuilding Lives, Strengthening Communities, and Challenging Stigma”*, addressed the economic and cultural barriers that limit widows' contributions to society.

“My office remains open to any widow facing harmful traditional practices. We are committed to supporting widows through economic empowerment, social protection, and psychological support,” she said.



INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE GRAND FINALE: INSPIRING YOUNG VOICES:

Her Excellency, represented by Prof. Ijeoma Iheukwumere, SA to the Governor on Environment, attended the grand finale of the Vision Africa/Ministry of Education Inter-School Debate in Umuahia.



She applauded the intellectual prowess of the students, especially the winners—Methodist Girls High School—and urged them to remain focused. She reaffirmed the administration's dedication to education, citing the 20% allocation of the state's annual budget to the sector as a clear demonstration of Governor Oti's education-focused vision.



ABIA JOINS GLOBAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST DRUG ABUSE:

To commemorate the 2025 International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Her Excellency, represented by the wife of the Deputy Governor, Mrs. Adaeze Chidera Emetu, participated in an awareness walk in Umuahia organized by the NDLEA and Abia State Government.



Reiterating her resolve to support youth-focused interventions, she urged stakeholders to prioritize prevention and rehabilitation, stating, *"Our youth have limitless potential. We must protect them from the grip of substance abuse."*

She commended NDLEA's relentless efforts and called for a united front to break the cycle of addiction and organized crime.



LEGACY PROJECT COMMISSIONING IN ISIALA NGWA:

Her Excellency led the commissioning of legacy projects executed by Hon. Sir Ginger Onwusibe, member representing the good people of Isialangwa North and South Federal Constituency at the House of Representatives. The event, filled with celebration and gratitude, showcased projects in education, health, and digital empowerment.

Mrs. Otti described the occasion as a celebration of fulfilled promises and urged other public servants to align their service delivery with Governor Otti's

vision for a “New Abia.”

“These projects are proof of people-centered leadership and a commitment to transformative development,” she remarked.

The commissioned projects are Umuojima Primary School, Agah Primary School, Okporoahaba Secondary School, Ovorji Health Centre, Ama Abuo Central School, Amuzu Primary School, Umunko Town Hall/ICT Centre, and Chimaobi Nwakanma Primary Health Center.



STANDING WITH SENIORS: WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY



At the Banquet Hall of Government House Umuahia, Her Excellency hosted the 2025 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, themed “Addressing Abuse of Older Adults in Abia State Through Data and Action.”

In her heartfelt message, Mrs. Otti condemned all forms of abuse against older persons and urged families and institutions to uphold the dignity and rights of senior citizens.

She applauded Governor Otti's leadership in ensuring regular pension payments and improving elder healthcare. She also highlighted the Abia State Senior Citizens Law 2025 and the Elderly Persons Welfare Law as historic strides toward institutionalized protection for elders.

“Our elders deserve love, care, and respect. They are the backbone of our history and must not suffer in silence,” she concluded.



HER EXCELLENCY APPOINTED CHAIRPERSON, ABIA PARA BADMINTON INTERNATIONAL LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE.

Her Excellency, Mrs. Priscilla Chidinma Otti, received in audience the Local Organizing Committee of the Abia Para Badminton International and the All African Para Badminton Championships. During the courtesy visit, the delegation formally briefed Her Excellency on the prestigious hosting rights recently awarded to Abia State—marking it as the first West African host of high-level Para Badminton events sanctioned by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) and the Badminton Confederation of Africa (BCA). In recognition of her longstanding commitment to inclusive development and her

strong advocacy for persons with disabilities, the Committee unanimously adopted Her Excellency as Chairperson of the Organizing Committee.

In her remarks, Her Excellency expressed delight at the historic recognition and emphasized that Abia is poised to set a remarkable precedent in para-sports. She praised His Excellency, Dr. Alex C. Otti, OFR, for his intentional investment in sports and his inclusive governance approach—particularly his support for athletes with disabilities—which she described as pivotal in securing the hosting rights.



ORIENTATION FOR THE NEWLY RECRUITED:

Abia State Government organized a 2-day orientation programme for the newly recruited over 5300 teachers, held at the Teachers' House, Ibeku High School and SEMB, Umuahia. The Orientation, which was organized by ASUBEB in collaboration with Abia State Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education, marked a significant milestone in the Governor Otti's administration commitment to overhauling the basic education landscape of the State and ensuring that Abia's children receive functional and qualitative education from competent and inspired educators.

During the orientation programme the Abia State Universal Basic Education Board Executive Chairman, Lady Mrs. Ezihe Lydia Onuoha charged the newly recruited teachers in the State to imbibe resilience, integrity, and professionalism in the discharge of their duties. She reminded them that they are not just educators, but mentors, nation-builders, and the moral compass for the younger generation.

The Executive Chairman of the Abia State Universal Basic Education Board, Lady Mrs. Ezihe Lydia Onuoha, has reaffirmed the board's unwavering commitment to the principles of transparency, accountability, quality, and equity, stressing that these remain the guiding values of ASUBEB in all its operations.

Lady Onuoha made this known during the official financial bid opening ceremony for the Universal Basic Education Intervention Projects for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 held at the prestigious E-Library complex in Umuahia, Abia State.

In her keynote address, Lady Ezihe Lydia Onuoha congratulated the contractors who successfully passed the technical evaluation stage and were invited for the financial bid opening.

She noted that the tendering process was widely publicized in two national and two local newspapers, fully aligned with the Public Procurement Act of 2007, and reflective of the transparent leadership model inspired by Governor Alex Chioma Otti, OFR, whose vision for a New Abia is rooted in integrity, transparency, credibility, trust, and purposeful governance.





Governor Otti also inspected the expansion work on the Umuahia-Tower Onuimo Road, which is being handled by Craneburg Construction Company under his administration. During the inspection, the Governor interacted with some children he met on the road while on errands for their parents. The Interactions centered on education, as the Governor wanted to ensure that children are attending school and also enjoying the free education policy of his administration, which the students confirmed they are enjoying.

While addressing a crowd of cheering supporters who had gathered to catch a glimpse of their beloved Governor, Dr. Otti commended the people for their support to those handling the road, apologizing for the little inconveniences they are presently experiencing because of the road construction, adding that the benefits when completed far outweigh the inconveniences.

Governor Otti commissioned 14 roads reconstructed and rehabilitated by his administration in Aba, the commercial nerve center of the State and its environs. Speaking at St. Joseph's College (CKC), Asa Triangle, Aba, after he had stopped over and commissioned the projects at different points and junctions, Governor Otti described the projects as a celebration of new epoch in Abia State. Governor Otti said that the commissioning of the chains of interconnected roads speak to his urban renewal agenda and commitment to the holistic restoration of the Aba urban corridor. Some of the commissioned roads are: Isu Ihiteukwu Street By Express, Enyimba Junction By Express, Umuehlegbu Bakassi by Express, Umuode Road From Faulks, Market Road, Tenant Road, Cameroon Road, Ehi Road, Clifford Road, School Road Afikpo By School Road, Asa Triangle Road, Obuohia By- Pass.





Governor Alex Otti, OFR, has instructed the Commissioner for works Engr. Don Otumchere to commence the reconstruction of the Ikot-Ekpene Federal Road, a Road that links the IBB way that he commissioned within the month. The Governor gave the instruction to fix the Federal Road while plying the road on his way to commission IBB way in Umuahia recently reconstructed by his administration. Displeased by the State of the

Federal Road, Governor Otti said, *"We have seen that the Ikot-Ekpene road, linking it (IBB way) is in a very bad state. And I have just moments ago given instruction to the Honourable Commissioner for Works to go and fix that road. We are aware that it's a Federal Road. But, like we have always said, the Federal Government does not use any road. So, whether it's Federal or State, it is Abia people that use it. And we are going to fix it."*

Still on road infrastructure, the direct labour rehabilitation and maintenance works are currently ongoing in 48 locations across the state, out of which, two of the roads were recently completed, while three new roads were added into the maintenance basket. The two completed direct labour roads include, the construction of the Agbama-Okwu-Olokoru - Umuahia South Road and the Nkwoegwu-Afugiri-Umuyota Road - in Umuahia North Local Government Area. The 3 newly added roads include; construction of Ozuama spot- Corpers' lodge road, maintenance and asphalt overlay of Abiriba Roundabout to Orié Akwa Junction and Senator Adolphus Wabara's Road off IBB - Ahiaeké road, Umuahia.

Ministry of Health



His Excellency, Dr Alex Otti, OFR, began the commissioning of the renovated and retrofitted Primary Healthcare Centers across the 184 wards of the State, starting with Isiala Ngwa South, Umuhia North and Umuahia South LGAs. He equally commissioned 8.3 kilometres Isieketa - Obikabia Road in Isialangwa South LGA and 1.5KM IBB Way in Umuahia North LGA reconstructed and rehabilitated by his administration. Speaking at Ibeku High School field after commissioning various projects undertaken by

his administration across 3 LGAs of Abia State Central Senatorial Zone, Governor Otti charged the people to protect the various facilities his government is putting in place and ensure they are not vandalized.

"Ensure that everything that we are putting in place, the infrastructure, the roads, the equipment we are putting in those Primary Healthcare Centres are secured. Because there is no security better than the security you provide. Anytime anybody wants to vandalise public properties, report them to the appropriate authorities. And, we can assure you, we will deal with them," Gov. Otti assured.





The Executive Governor of Abia State, His Excellency, Dr. Alex Chioma Otti, OFR, has approved the constitution of the Board of the Abia State Medicines and Commodities Management Agency (ASMCMA). This is in line with Abia State Government commitment to strengthen healthcare delivery system and to ensure the efficient management and distribution of essential medicines and medical commodities. The members of the Board are as follows: Chief Victor Amuta, FPSN – Chairman (A highly respected pharmacist and public health expert with over 48 years of experience in healthcare management); Dr. (Mrs.) Katlyn I. Ukpabi – Member representing Abia North Senatorial District (A retired Consultant Pediatrician at the Federal Medical Centre, Umuahia); Sir Ucheoma A. Madumere – Member representing Abia Central Senatorial District (A seasoned pharmacist with extensive experience in industrial pharmacy, service delivery, and general pharmaceutical practice); Dr.

Akara Emmanuel Ugochukwu – Member representing Abia South Senatorial District (A Medical Doctor and policy expert with deep knowledge of health systems development); and Mr. Chris Ukah – Member (A development advocate and community health representative).

Statutory Members: Dr. Borke Ngozi Okwale – Director, Medical Services, Ministry of Health; Pharm. (Mrs.) Nnenna Emuche – Director, Pharmacy Services, Ministry of Health; Mrs. Charity Ekwuribe – Director, Nursing Services, Ministry of Health; Dr. Clem Ifekereonye – Secretary, Nigerian Medical Association (NMA), Abia State Branch; Sir Emmanuel Okafor – Chairman, Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN), Abia State Branch; Mrs. Elechi Obichianakwalam – Representative, Abia State Ministry of Finance; and Pharm. Nnaemeka Kanu Orji – Executive Secretary of the Agency and Secretary to the Board.



Governor Alex Otti, OFR, commissioned 16 Primary Health Centers in Bende LGA of the State, using Ngwu - Uzuakoli Primary Health Centre as point of contact to others. The 16 primary Health Centers (PHCs) are part of the 200 PHCs out of the 948 PHCs across the 17 LGAs of the State recently renovated, upgraded, retrofitted and made functional by the administration of Governor Alex Otti, OFR. Speaking at the Practising School, Uzuakoli, Bende LGA, venue of the reception, Governor Alex Otti assured Abia people that every community in the State is captured in the development programme of his administration.

"This afternoon, we have gathered to renew our path and celebrate the important milestones we have recorded. Even then, an important part of our mission in Uzuakoli today is to announce that the best is yet to come. I am glad to report that in the last 10 days, we have commissioned 23 new projects across several Local Governments. The breakdown

shows that 18 roads and 5 Primary Healthcare projects were commissioned for public use in over a dozen communities...

"The successful execution of these projects points to our determination to repay your faith in our

Government. Our administration has demonstrated that governance is about service, responding promptly to public concerns and applying public funds to nothing other than projects and programmes that uplift the people," Gov. Otti stated.



Governor Otti within the month reassured of his commitment to providing quality, accessible and affordable healthcare delivery to Abians using both the public hospitals and standard private hospitals. The Governor gave the reassurance at Eluama in Isuikwuato LGA, during the flag-off a five-day free medical outreach to provide different free surgeries and other medical services for the people, organised by the Living Hope Foundation, USA in collaboration with the Abia State Government. Governor Otti, represented by the Commissioner for Health, Professor Enoch Ogbonnaya Uche said that the state is collaborating to enhance the impact of the free medical services.

In his words, *"what the state government is doing is to collaborate to ensure that we work together to increase the impact delivered on the goals and aspirations of our government.*

"So apart from the interventions that the state is carrying out in terms of infrastructural renewal and rejuvenation, also looking at manpower, hiring of manpower to ensure that gaps in the skilled labour in the health care sector are met.

Governor Otti appreciated the fact that all kinds of surgical operations including hernias, lumps, tumors are going to be carried out free of charge by the medical team from the U.S, numbering about 40.

Abia State Government organized a birthday celebration for Chief Chika Chukwunonso Okpala, MFR, MON, (A.K.A Chief Zebrudaya Okoro Igwe Nwogbo Alias 4:30), who turned 75 years on the 10th of June, 2025. Speaking during the occasion, Governor Otti said that it is more rewarding to celebrate people while they are alive than dead. Chief Chika Okpala is a Nigerian actor, comedian, and veteran in Nigeria's entertainment industry popularly known as Chief Zebrudaya, a nickname he got from his role in a TV comedy series - New Masquerade, which aired from the early 1980s to 1990s.

"So, why are we doing this? This is not the first time that we are celebrating our people. This Government celebrates excellence. We celebrate people who have added value to the society."

"It is in our DNA to celebrate our people...we believe it is more rewarding to celebrate people when they are still alive," the Governor asserted.



The celebrant, Chief Zebrudaya Okoro Igwe Nwogbo Alias 4:30, expressed his profound gratitude to Governor Otti and the Abia State Government for celebrating him. He disclosed that he reached out to all governments from the Southeast to help him mark his 75th birthday; Governor Otti was the first to respond. He disclosed that whatever he realized from his birthday celebration would be used to support fellow artists who are now incapacitated and cannot help themselves, adding that, what Governor Otti has done for him will give other artists hope that one day, they would be celebrated as the Abia State Government is celebrating him.





Within the month, the State Government reaffirmed its commitment to fostering a strong and productive partnership with the Music and Creative Industry for the development of the state. The Chief of Staff to the state Governor, Pastor Caleb Ajagba gave this assurance in Government House, Umuahia while receiving in audience a delegation of the Performing Musicians Employers Association of Nigeria (PMAN), Abia

state chapter. He emphasized that the state recognizes the transformative power of music and creativity.

Pastor Ajagba noted that the establishment of the Ministry of Arts, Culture and Creative Economy is a deliberate move to integrate talents in the entertainment sector into the state's development framework, encouraging PMAN to remain proactive and collaborate with the Ministry for mutually beneficial engagements.

Ministry of Industry & SMEs

In a bid to revive the moribund Star Paper Mill Aba, Abi State Government has made offers to buy back it back from the Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria (AMCON). Governor Alex Otti announced this on Thursday, 12 June at a grand civic reception organised in his honour by the Abiriba Communal Improvement Union (ACIU) held at the Enyimba International Stadium, Aba. He noted how the once bubbling industry closed down and was taken over by the Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria (AMCON)

"I grew up here (Aba), I was born here, I knew how important Star Paper Mill was not just to Aba, not just to Abia State, not just to the East of the Niger, but to Nigeria."

"As we speak, we know that Star Paper Mill has been taken over by AMCON. Let me announce that the State Government entered into a discussion with AMCON and as we speak, we have made an offer to AMCON to buy back Star Paper Mill."

"So, one thing you can take to the bank is that under our watch, Star Paper Mill will be back," Gov. Otti assured.



Gov. Alex Otti received in audience, at the Executive Council Chamber, the State Champions of the 2025 Civic Connect Hackathon organised by the State Ministry of Science and Technology and the Special Assistant to the Governor on Digital Economy. Gov. Otti praised Abia Youths for brimming with potentials and urged the Government team to continue creating

such platforms where innovation is not only encouraged but celebrated. He directed the Honourable Commissioner for Science and Technology and the Chief Information Officer of the State to work with the Hackathon Champions to integrate elements of their innovative solutions into the State's comprehensive ICT Solution platform under development.

During their various presentations, the 3 teams demonstrated their App Solutions which they developed as projects to come top in the competition;

1. Oluora: A Web base solution developed by Team Alpha led by Charles Mark which bridges the communication gap between the citizens and the government in real time.

2. iAbia: An inclusive Web and Mobile Application platform developed by the BluTech Innovations Team led by Franklin Isaac, Innocent Chidinma and Emeka Victor to track Government activities in real time and give feedbacks.

3. Voice Out: A Smarter Governance Solution for Real-Time feedback. It is a civic engagement solution that empowers the people of Abia State to speak up, report issues, and connect directly with the Government. Whether it is bad road, power outage, security concerns or any community problems - Citizens can easily raise their voices through this solution.





11 rural roads and 3 agro- markets will soon be flagged- off across the three senatorial zones, cutting across the 17 Local Government areas of the state, with a lot of communities benefiting. The 3 markets are located at Obinto - in Arochukwu LGA, Uzuakoli in Bende LGA, and Ndoru in

Ikwuano LGA. The state government has so far paid a total of 4.1 billion Naira as counterpart funding for these RAAMP Projects. This underscores Governor Otti's unwavering commitment to the statewide infrastructural development of Abia's rural communities.

Ministry of Local Government & Chieftaincy Affairs

Members of the Abia North Council of Traditional Rulers have commended the Abia State Governor, Dr. Alex Otti for his various infrastructural development projects scattered across Abia North senatorial zone.

The traditional rulers also passed a vote of confidence on Governor Alex Otti and vowed to support him for a second term in office in 2027.

The position of the traditional rulers was contained in a communique issued at the end of their meeting on Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at Isuikwuato Local Government Headquarters, and endorsed by the Chairman, Abia State Council of Traditional Rulers, Eze Linus Nto Mbah, the third Deputy Chairman of the council cum Chairman Abia North Traditional Rulers Council, Eze Uwakwe Ukaegbu and others.

The traditional rulers noted visible projects done by the Governor, including reconstruction of roads, retrofitting of primary health centres, renovation of schools among others.

They appreciated the efforts of Governor Alex Otti in stemming the tides of security challenges in the various communities in Abia North.



ABIA GOVERNMENT PRIORITIZES CLEANLINESS, RELAUNCHES SANITATION PROGRAMME

The Abia State Government has relaunched house-to-house Sanitary Inspection Services to boost and sustain public health and environmental cleanliness. Governor Alex Otti, OFR, represented by Deputy Governor Engineer Ikechukwu Emetu FNSE, made this known during the Relaunch of House-to-House Sanitary Inspection program at JAAC building Umuahia. He said the importance of environmental cleanliness and Community hygiene in preventing disease outbreaks cannot be over emphasized.

While calling on stakeholders and opinion leaders across the State to support the initiative, Governor Otti said that the initiative targets diseases such as cholera, malaria, and typhoid, which thrive in unclean environments. He stressed that a clean environment is vital for attracting investment and tourism, and charged Inspectors to work with integrity, empathy, and diligence, assuring them of Government's support.



The Project Coordinator of NEWMAP-EIB – Mr. Ikechukwu Ukaegbu, attended the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) 62nd Subsidiary Body of Implementation (SBI) and Subsidiary Body of Scientists, Technologists and Advisers (SBSTA) Pre-Conference of Parties Multilateral Negotiations at the World Conference Center Bonn, Germany, which held from the 16th -26th of June, 2025, as Abia State Delegate and member of the National Delegation to the Global Climate action negotiations. This has given opportunity to align, network and synergize Abia State Adaptation and Climate response activities to both the national and global effort. It has equally given Abia State first movers advantage to contextualize and implement decision in the area of Adaptation, Climate finance, Transparency and reporting which would positively impact the states' climate response effort.





The Abia State Oil Producing Areas Development Commission in its bid to enhance quality of education in the rural areas has donated desks and tables to schools in the oil and gas communities of Ukwa West LGA. Handing over the desks and tables to the Headmistresses of two primary schools in Ukwa West LGA, the General Manager of the Commission, Venerable Dr Joshua Onyeike said that the donation is spurred by the fact that the schools are lacking desks and tables which are vital materials for teaching and learning stressing that

education remains the bedrock of development which requires adequate attention.

The General Manager, represented by the Director in charge of Education Unit of the Commission, Mrs Ihuoma Onuegbu said that the provision of the materials was powdered by the state Governor, Dr Alex Otti, OFR, to support quality education in the state. Venerable Onyeike disclosed that more schools will benefit from the donations later and encouraged the pupils to make effective use of the materials as well as urged them to be serious with their studies.



The transfer of regulatory oversight of the state electricity markets from NERC to ASERA is in line with the promise of His Excellency, Dr. Alex C. Otti

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**POWER IMPROVEMENT & EXTENSION:**

33Kv line extension and Installation of 500KVA/33/ Transformer substation at College of Medicine - 95%; Revamp of 2.5MVA/11KV Transformer Substation and control panels installation at Abia

State University: completed; and Upgrade of Governor's Lodge Transformer Substation to 200Kva/33/0.415Kv: 20%.

RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM:

Installation of 200KWp / 100KW / 100KWh Solar Power system at Multipurpose Hospital – Ugwunagbo: 65%; Installation of 60kWp / 50kW / 54kWh Solar Power CBT Centre Mbato Sec Sch. – Isiala Ngwa S.: Completed; Installation of 20KWp / 21kva / 40.32kwh e-Library Umuahia completed; and Installation of 177KWp / 150KVA/ 430KWh – Diag./Eye Centre Umuahia: 70%



Solar Power System - E-library, Umuahia



Solar Power System - CBT Centre Mbato Sec Sch., Isiala Ngwa South.

**Solar Power System - E-library, Umuahia****Solar Power System Installation
- Multipurpose Clinic, Ugwunabo**

WASH

Aro Achara – Isiala Ngwa N. 90%; Installation Solar Powered Water System & Reticulation in progress;

Umuetegha – Nvosi – Isiala Ngwa S 90%; Installation of Solar Powered Water System & Reticulation in progress; College of Medicine – Aba 80%; Installation of Solar Powered Water Project in progress.

Construction of Pilot Modern Wash Facility at Okigwe Park - Umuahia Completed.

**Modern WASH Facility
- Okigwe Park, Umuahia**

As a way of strengthening our athletes' skills, boosting their sporting experience and enhancing their performances, the 2025 Fifty1 Alliance – Abia State Basketball Cup was held at the Umuahia Township Stadium

Indoor Sports Halls from 15th to 22nd June, 2025, with 8 top clubs competing for a massive ₦7 MILLION: ₦3M in prize money ₦4M in camp subsidy.

In a historic move aimed at consolidating grassroots sports development across Abia State, the Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, in collaboration with the Ministry of Sports and Youth Development, has inaugurated the pioneer Local Organising Committee (LOC) for the first-ever Abia State Football Festival.



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ASA CIVIC CENTER, OBEHIE



AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIP TO 100 INDIGENT UNDERGRADUATES



CONSTRUCTION OF OBEHIE- UMUOKOROMIRI ROAD UKWA WEST





**BOREHOLE PROJECT,
UMUEZEKE UKWA WEST LGA**



**BOREHOLE PROJECT & RETICULATION
AT UMUADIENWE UKWA WEST**



IBINA IGBERE WATER PROJECT AND RETICULATION BENDE LGA



128 STALLS MARKET PROJECT OBUZOR ASA



**UMUOKWOR HALL
UKWA WEST LGA**



**RECONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL BLOCK
AT OWO ASA, UKWA WEST LGA.**



CONSTRUCTION OF ICT CENTRE, MBATO SECONDARY SCHOOL



UMUEZEUKWU CIVIC CENTRE, ISIALA NGWA NORTH



MORE COMPLETED WATER PROJECTS



DONATION OF READING DESKS TO SCHOOLS





Dr. Chimezie Isaac Ukaegbu

The Abia State Commissioner for Transport

Dr. Chimezie Isaac Ukaegbu was born in Lagos, into the royal family of late Pa. Isaac C. Ukaegbu of Amuzukwu, Ibeku-Umuahia Abia state.

He attended Federal Polytechnic, Nekede in Owerri, earning a Higher National Diploma in Marketing.

With his full understanding of the dynamic role technology will play in the socio-economic space of business in our lives, Dr. Ukaegbu proceeded to the University of Port Harcourt, Rivers state for a postgraduate course in Computer Studies.

In pursuit of international academic excellence, he moved to Europe, sought and got admitted into Birmingham City University, United Kingdom, for another postgraduate degree in Marketing.

He completed his one year mandatory national service (National Youth Service Corps) with Computer & Systems Planners Limited, AbaH where he rose to become the Manager.

His career pursuit took him to A. Micheletti Limited, Port Harcourt, as a Store Supervisor, after his stint in Port Harcourt, he moved to Lagos as a Regional Manager, Universal Gases Limited.

His next occupational experience was at Apex Africa Gases Limited, also in Lagos before establishing his own firms. Dr. Chimezie Isaac Ukaegbu unique leadership qualities garnered in over 25 experience in clean energy, industrial gas and chemical industry has distinguished his company MJC Global Services Limited as an international player in onshore/offshore production, management and supply of technological devices for clean energy, industrial gas and chemical products like Argon-liquid/gaseous, Helium, CO₂, Nitrogen and Hydrogen gases.

As the Chairman/Chief Executive Officer of MJC Global Services Limited and Gravid Global Services Limited, UK, with operating offices in Singapore, Birmingham, UK, Lagos, and Port Harcourt, his client base includes, but is not limited to: Dangote Group, Sona Group, Air Liquide, BOC gases, NLNG, etc.

Dr. Chimezie Isaac Ukaegbu was Formerly the

Honorable Commissioner for Trade, Commerce and Industry but is currently The Abia State Commissioner For Transport. Dr. Ukaegbu is a certified member of the British Institute of Directors, UK.

He is also a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Consultants, UK. A Cyber Security Expert and Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH). Board member, National Safety Data Centre.

He is also a Doctoral Research Fellow and Distinguished Member of the Governing Council, Africa Institute for Charity (AIC).

Distinguished Doctoral Fellow and Institute of Leadership Manpower & Management Development.

Member, 2023 Abia State Government Transition Council.

He is also on the Board of several companies and organizations.

Dr. Chimezie Isaac Ukaegbu is a dedicated philanthropist and internationally recognized nonprofit donor, as well as a distinguished member of the Rotary International Club.

His hobbies include football, volleyball and computing. He is the Patron of Ibeku People's Forum, Abia Youths Integrity Association (ABIYA), Alex Otti Support Group and Many Other Groups.

He enjoys a lovely home with his wife and three amazing children in the United Kingdom.

