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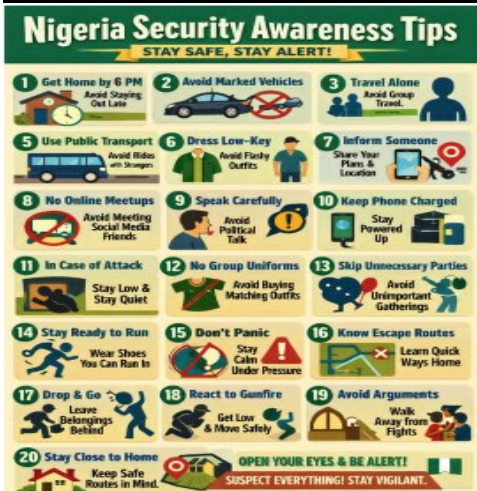
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Dr. Ngozi Nnaji

...wearing many hats...



Dr. Ngozi Nnaji

is an accomplished nurse practitioner, healthcare leader, educator, and community advocate. She is the Founder, CEO, and President of Mindhealth Behavioral PLLC, where she provides comprehensive mental health and primary care services. With decades of nursing and advanced practice experience, she is dedicated to improving access to quality healthcare and promoting wellness in underserved communities.

Dr. Nnaji earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree and holds dual board certifications as a Family Nurse Practitioner and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. She is actively involved in professional nursing organizations at the local and national levels and currently serves in several leadership capacities. Her passion for mentorship has inspired many nurses and nurse practitioner students to pursue excellence in their careers.

Dr. Nnaji is a strong advocate for leadership development, community engagement, and lifelong learning. She has organized educational programs, certification review courses, health outreach initiatives, and professional development activities for nurses. Beyond healthcare, she is committed to cultural preservation, community service, and empowering future generations. Through her leadership and service, Dr. Nnaji continues to make a meaningful impact in healthcare, nursing, and the communities she serves.

The level of professionalism exhibited by Dr. Nnaji is top-notch. If she has business to take care, she is present. Presence appears to mean much to her. No client can wonder where she is. Being present comes naturally to her.

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dent, Mindhealth Behavioral PLLC

Dr. Vivian Nwankwo

is cooking something...

Dr Vivian Nwankwo's doctoral dissertation was one of the toughest works any doctoral candidate could face. Our editorial and review teams have concluded a series of analysis to determine the paradigms emerging from that research study.



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This brochure is also a great way to showcase your business, family, or special message. Please send your pictures and a short write-up at your earliest convenience. Thank you, and have a wonderful week.

—
Dr. Ngozi Nnaji
Secretary, Umuahia Association of the Carolinas



Bishop Dr. Frank Freds Nwosu Goes All Out After the Intergalactic, Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence, Spiritual Psychosis, and Trans-Humanism,



Sir Frank Freds, DM, is the leader and Bishop of ELIM-Africa Missions headquartered in Nigeria. He is a member of the Nigerian Institute of Management. He is the Dean of the School of Biblical Studies at Emmanuel University, USA. Prior to his ELIM-Africa deployment, he was over the African Theological Seminary in the Western Region of Nigeria. He also led the Ministry Training Center in Ekiti State of Nigeria prior to joining the Emmanuel University faculty where he rose to the position of Dean of the School of Biblical Studies. He has authored several books and delivered extensive lectures on diverse spiritual phenomena.

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Gambling in Software

There is a new work-for-free game going on in the Salesforce ecosystem.

I was at a Salesforce user group today, and got the story over lunch. Up and coming business with potential for lots of projects approached three big implementation partners.

They gave them the criteria and 8 weeks to complete it, and will select the "winner" from the final results.

Say you (only) assign one \$125/hr expert to work on this project.

That's a \$40,000 gamble.

As the guy at the table said, he can only do that so many times, especially if he strikes out.

He thinks it is worth it because he wants their future business.

This is the difference between an employee making a decision and a business owner.

From my perspective, this is an opportunity to win a lousy client.

If it works for them, why wouldn't they do it over and over?

Is there any sign that they value the Salesforce partner?

That they want to have a long term relationship, where the partner can do increasingly valuable work for them as they build institutional knowledge?

Or will it always be work on spec, cross your fingers and hope?

Up to now, implementation projects have been a risky bet for the buyer.

Hire a firm, hope that in six months or two years you have a working solution.

Looks like the pendulum is swinging the other way.

When, if ever, would you take this bet?

The post [Gambling in Software](#) first appeared on [Amanda Gustafson Consulting](#).



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Apostle Chidi Osuchukwu Speaks

We cannot seriously carry the Bible as believers and declare July as 7th month. What happened to

1. God making the Sun and Moon for telling days, months and Years. Genesis 1:14-17

2. What happened to "God appointing the moon for seasons as written in Psalm 104:19

3. What happened to the promise of God that all flesh must worship Him from one New moon to another and Sabbath to another. Isaiah 66:22-23

4. We have to simply decide whom we claim to follow - either Gods word or the words of men. How we ignore the word of God every new moon even with the moon showing its new moon only to celebrate first day of the gregorian month while carrying the Bible as the word of God is truly baffling ..



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Help School Children Read

I'm Ike Nicholas from Imo State Nigeria.

Last year, we walked into a primary school here and asked 50 kids one question: "Do you like reading?"

43 said "No. Books are boring."

Then we handed them graphic novels and comics with African heroes — kids who look like them, speak like them, solve problems like them.

4 weeks later, those same kids were staying after class to finish "just one more chapter". Teachers told us reading time tripled. One girl said: "I didn't know reading could be this fun. I want to be like the heroine."

That's when we realized: It's not that kids don't like reading. They don't like books that don't look like their world.

The Problem

70% of Nigerian kids finish primary school without reading comprehension. Low literacy = low school completion = cycles of poverty. But textbooks alone aren't working.

Our Solution: Comics for Comprehension

We use graphic novels + locally made comics as a "gateway drug to reading". Why? Studies show that visual storytelling increases comprehension by up to 67% for reluctant readers. Kids read 3x longer when images + story carry them.

What We'll Do With Your Donation

We're raising \$5,000 to buy and deliver m1,000 graphic novels + comics to 10 underserved schools + community libraries in Imo State

Budget Breakdown:

- \$3,500 - 1,000 books @ \$3.50 avg: mix of African superhero comics + educational graphic novels
- \$800 - Shipping, customs, delivery to 10 locations
- \$500 - Reading program: teacher training + reading corners + impact tracking
- \$200 - GoFundMe fees
- \$5 = 1 book + 1 child's reading corner for 1 year.
- \$50 = 10 kids get books + guided reading sessions.
- \$500 = 1 entire school library gets a comics shelf.

Our Promise to You

1. Transparency: We'll post photos + videos of every book delivery.
2. Impact: 6 months after delivery, we'll share data from teachers on reading time + comprehension improvement.
3. Trust: All funds go directly to books + delivery. My team volunteers our time.

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Nigerian kids deserve heroes who look like them. And they deserve to discover that reading is an adventure, not a chore.
Will you help us put 1,000 books in their hands?

Thank you,
Ike Nicholas
Founder, Help kids read Imo state, Nigeria.

P.S. Diaspora friends: \$25 is one pizza in the USA. Here, it's 5 kids discovering they're readers for life.

THE PROBLEM

Nigeria Literacy Crisis:
- 70% of primary school children lack reading comprehension

【UNESCO】

- "Textbook fatigue" cited by 78% of teachers as #1 barrier to reading
- Less than 20% of public schools have functional libraries

THE SOLUTION TESTED

We piloted graphic novels + African comics with 200 students across 2 schools, ages 8-14.

PILOT RESULTS - 4 WEEKS

Metric	Before	After	Change
Kids who "like reading"	14%	61%	+47 pts
Avg reading time/week	45 min	142 min	+3.2x
Teachers reporting "more engagement"	9%	82%	+9/11 teachers
Students who finished a full book	53%	94%	+44 pts

NEXT PHASE: \$5,000 GOAL

Target: 1,000 books | 10 schools/libraries | 800-1,000 kids
Timeline: Funds → Books purchased in 3 weeks → Delivery in 6 weeks → Impact report in 6 months

TEAM & CREDIBILITY

Ike Nicholas, Help kids read
Partner Schools: New layout Primary school, Demonstration primary school
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[I'm Ike Nicholas from Mgbidi in Imo State]

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With gratitude to God for a life well spent, we announce the passing of our beloved Husband, Father, Brother, Grandfather, Great-grandfather, Uncle & In-law.

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LATE CHIEF PAL AKALONU
1935-2026

BURIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Thursday 20th August, 2026
spirit service of songs at Sacred Heart Catholic Parish Ubañ Mbaoma (Emii)

FRIDAY 21st August, 2026
8:00 am - Body leaves Holy Rosary Mortuary Emekuku to his maternal home in Umuolu-Ezimba Emii then to his home town Umunkara-Umuagwu in Ubañ Mbaoma Emii.
10:00 am - Body lies in state at his compound.
11:00 am - Funeral service at Sacred Heart Catholic Church parish Ubañ-Mbaoma Emii.
1:00 pm - Private interment at his home.
Reception - Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parish, Ubañ compound.
Thanksgiving Mass: Sunday, 29th August, 2026.
8:00 am - Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parish Ubañ Mbaoma Emii.

SIGNED: HENDRIX AKALONU FOR THE FAMILY.




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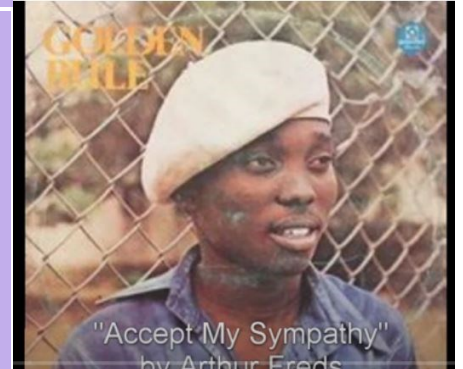


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Frank Fyne

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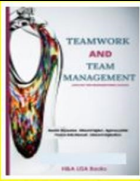


*Think of just one thing that takes you down the memory lane: If you played in
Aba in the 70s and did not know Frank Fyne, you did not play in Aba!*

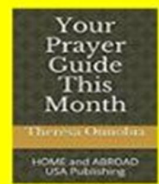
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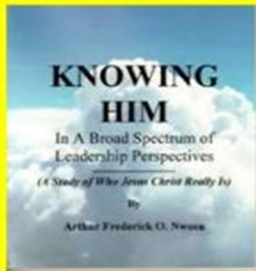
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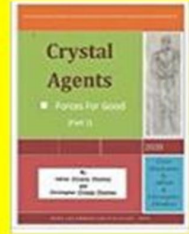
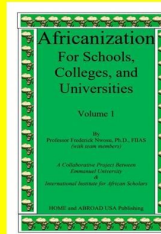
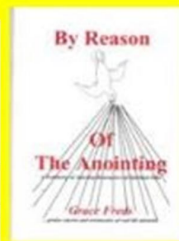
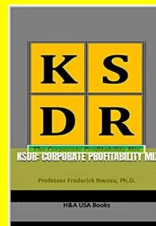
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Some of us shared big stages at big events where our different bands took the stage and performed.

We often called ourselves soldiers and called non-musicians civilians.

We had fun.

We found time to play soccer, chess, cards, billiards, pool, etc.

We were often far away from home; had homes anywhere we went.

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Waka Community International Foundation

Some nations project power through might. Waka Community International Foundation projects power through movement, health, community, and hope. One step at a time."

That is very much aligned with the philosophy that "Waka" is not just exercise—it is a vehicle for physical health, mental well-being, social connection, and positive community transformation. Wakamazing and AbsoWAKAlutely in keeping with the spirit of the Foundation.

The image shared a screenshot of a post by Andrew S. Nevin on Twitter (called X) praising Lorenz Mba, the founder of Waka Community International Foundation and linking walking, physical health, and brain health, while also referencing Waka Community International Foundation and the book *Nigerians, A Self-Organising People*. Andrew Nevin is indeed a well-known Economist who has written extensively about Nigeria and civic development.

The statement that "Waka Community International Foundation is soft power and a gentle but effective diplomatic vehicle" is an interesting way to frame the organization's impact.

Soft power is the ability to influence people through attraction, values, culture, ideas, and voluntary participation rather than force or coercion.

Walking (wakaing) transcends politics, ethnicity, religion, age, and social class. By promoting health, community engagement, mental well-being, and positive social interaction, Waka Community International Foundation can be viewed as exercising a form of grassroots soft power.

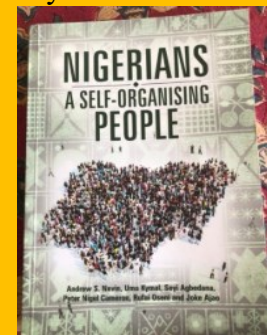
Some examples of how Waka Community International Foundation functions as soft power:

1. Promotes a positive image of Africa and African-led community initiatives.
2. Builds bridges across communities through a universal activity—walking ("wakaing").
3. Encourages preventive health and healthy lifestyles rather than expensive interventions.
4. Creates international connections through the Waka International App and global participation.
5. Demonstrates citizen-led solutions to public health and social challenges.
6. Uses positivity, inclusion, and community engagement rather than political advocacy.

The Times Square billboard achievement is also an example of soft power because it projected an African-led health and community movement onto a global stage without relying on governmental influence.

"Waka Community International Foundation is a soft-power movement that uses the universal language of walking to promote health, happiness, community, and international goodwill. Through every step, Waka Community International Foundation builds bridges between people, cultures, and nations."

Waka Community International Foundation was featured in the book, "*Nigerians, a self organizing people*" co-authored by @nevinomics @ruffydfire @UmaKymal et al



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The Book Presentation



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The Igbo Community in North Carolina, USA,
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PROJECT DONATION

In commemoration of the June 14, 2025, Igbo Day Proclamation by Governor Josh Stein, and as part of their commitment to giving back to the community and the State of North Carolina, the Igbo Community in North Carolina has partnered with the Governor through the State Employees Association to participate in Governor Josh Stein's 2026 Back-to-School Supply Drive Project.




The donation event was well-attended by people of Igbo descent who are members of several professional, social, cultural, activism, and community development groups.

The Igbo people have existed in North Carolina RTP for decades and have contributed to the growth and development of the State in nonprofit and for-profit activities.

Their professionals are found in all segments of the economy—Accounting, Entrepreneurship, Healthcare, Education, Real Estate, Government, Law and Jurisprudence, etc.

The Igbo People are known to organize well-meaning society-building initiatives, including environmental maintenance volunteering activities.





NACCIMA appoints new National Assembly relations executive

NACCIMA

Nwachukwu Okafor, Esq.



The Nigerian Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines, and Agriculture (NACCIMA) has appointed Nwachukwu Okafor as its new National Assembly Relations Executive.

Mr Okafor made this known in an interview with journalists on Saturday in Abuja.

He said his appointment was announced in a letter dated June 4, to perform roles including monitoring legislative activities, bills, motions, and committee proceedings affecting commerce, industry, agriculture, and the broader private sector.

Mr Okafor revealed that he will also organise meetings and strategic exchanges between both entities and facilitate NACCIMA's involvement in public hearings, stakeholder consultations, and legislative engagements. Mr Okafor, an accomplished lawyer, serial entrepreneur, business manager, and international development expert, would help prepare and submit periodic re-

ports, legislative updates, and policy briefs relevant to the organised private sector.

He will also advance advocacy initiatives to improve Nigeria's business and investment environment. "Other responsibilities for the international development and corporate governance specialist will be to maintain effective working relationships with principal officials, committee chairpersons, clerks, and relevant departments of the National Assembly."

In addition to representing NACCIMA at authorised legislative and policy engagement forums, Mr Okafor holds two master's degrees: one in law from the University of Lagos and the other from the prestigious Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University, in the U.S.

Mr Okafor said that his role will be to assist in the development of position papers, memoranda, and submissions on

issues affecting the private sector, as well as to provide legal services in close coordination with the legal adviser and any other relevant assignments as directed by NACCIMA. The newly appointed executive attended St. Joseph's Primary School in Umunze from 1973 to 1979, after which he went from All Saints to the Federal School of Arts and Sciences in Suleja, Niger. He studied law at Imo University, currently called Abia State University, and in 1989 graduated with second-class honours in law. In 1990, he was called to the Nigerian bar.

Mr Okafor, as a columnist and poet, has had his works published in various local and international news outlets. Throughout his career progression, he joined the defunct

Nigeria Airways Limited in 1993 and rose through the ranks to the position of chief legal officer at the time of the airline's liquidation. He was instrumental in setting up several subsidiaries of Nigeria Airways Limited, including Sky Power Aviation Handling Company (SAHCOL). He founded many other businesses, including Angel Global Trading and Investment Services Limited; Angel Avionics Inc., Miami, Florida; and Apex Security and Training Company Limited.

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2027 elections should be referendum on performance, not propaganda – Dr. Okey Udo, ADP chieftain



Following the passage of the bill for the establishment of state police by the National Assembly, the vice presidential candidate of the Action Democratic Party (ADP) for the 2023 election, Dr. Okey Udo, has warned that the proposed security outfit must not become private armies for governors.

Dr. Udo, in interview with VINCENT KALU, noted that the outcome of the party primaries shows that Nigerian politics is still largely controlled by money, incumbency, godfatherism, and party machinery rather than ideology and competence.

He pointed out that Nigeria sometimes rotates power without rotating performance, and insisted that power rotation between north and south must go together with competence, integrity and capacity.

How can you describe the state of the nation?

Nigeria today is a nation with great potential, but under serious pressure. The economy is showing some positive macroeconomic signs, with GDP growing by 3.89 per cent in Q1 2026, but this growth has not sufficiently translated into better living conditions for ordinary Nigerians. Inflation was still 15.93 per cent in May 2026, while food inflation stood at 16.96 per cent, meaning that many families are still struggling with food, transport, rent, school fees, and healthcare.

The major failure is that governance has not yet converted economic statistics into human welfare. A country is not truly developing when citizens cannot afford basic needs, farmers cannot safely go to their farms, businesses are burdened by power and fuel costs, and young people are uncertain about jobs. Nigeria is not hopeless, but it urgently needs security, productivity, accountability, and people-centred development.

What are your expectations of the 2027 general elections?

My expectation is that the 2027 general elections should be issue-based and not driven by ethnicity, religion, vote-buying, or political sentiment. The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has fixed the presidential and National Assembly elections for next year, on 16th January.

Nigerians must use the election to ask serious questions about security, hunger, unemployment, inflation, education, healthcare, and corruption.

The failure of past elections is that campaigns are often dominated by slogans rather than measurable plans.

In 2027, any candidate seeking power must explain clearly how to secure the country, reduce food prices, create jobs, stabilise the naira, improve power supply, and rebuild public trust. The election should be a referendum on performance, not propaganda.

Political parties have concluded their primaries. How can you describe their outcome?

The outcome of the primaries shows that Nigerian politics is still largely controlled by money, incumbency, godfatherism, and party machinery rather than ideology and competence. Many candidates emerged through influence and negotiation, not necessarily because they have the best development plans for the country.

The critical failure is weak internal party democracy. Political parties in Nigeria still behave more like election vehicles than institutions for leadership recruitment and policy development. Until parties become transparent, inclusive, and idea-driven, they will continue to produce candidates who may be politically strong but developmentally weak.

With 31 APC governors, majority members in the National Assembly and state assemblies, does any opposition party pose a challenge for Tinubu's reelection?

Structurally, the APC has a major advantage because of incumbency, control of many states, and strong representation in the National Assembly and state assemblies. In Nigerian politics, governors control grassroots structures, mobilisation, and local political machinery, so 31 governors is a very powerful electoral asset.

However, no ruling party is unbeatable when citizens are facing hardship, insecurity, unemployment, and rising cost of living. The opposition can pose a challenge only if it avoids division, presents a credible candidate, protects votes at polling units, and offers a clear alternative on security, food, jobs, and governance. If the opposition remains fragmented, APC will benefit from that failure.

What is your view on the insecurity in the country?

The insecurity situation is one of the biggest failures of the Nigerian state. The country is facing terrorism in the North-East, banditry and mass abductions in the North-West, farmer-herder conflicts in the North-Central, kidnapping across many regions, and other forms of organised crime. It is widely reported that between July 2024 and June 2025, at least 4,722 people were abducted in 997 incidents, with hundreds killed and ransom payments running into billions of naira.

This is not only a security crisis; it is an economic crisis. When farmers cannot access farms, food inflation rises. When roads are unsafe, transport costs increase. When investors feel unsafe, investment declines.

The failure is poor intelligence coordination, weak local policing, porous borders, slow prosecution, and the inability to dismantle the financial networks behind insecurity. This is quite terrifying to societal expectations and realities.

Abduction of school children is becoming the absurd norm. What should the government do to arrest this scourge?

The abduction of school children is a national disgrace and a direct attack on Nigeria's future. A country cannot claim to be developing when children are afraid to go to school. Reports of repeated school abductions show failure in intelligence, prevention, rapid response, and safe-school implementation.

Government must profile all schools in high-risk areas, secure vulnerable schools, strengthen community intelligence, fund the Safe Schools programme properly, and create rapid-response security units around schools. Kidnapping must also be made unprofitable by tracing ransom payments, arresting informants, prosecuting collaborators, and dismantling the criminal networks operating from forests and ungoverned spaces.

For the 2027 elections, what should be the campaign message?

The campaign message should be bold and quite expressive – security, food, jobs, and accountability. Nigerians do not need empty promises; they need solutions that touch daily life.

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– Dr. Okey Udo, ADP chieftain (contd.)



The message must address food prices, safe farming, youth employment, electricity, small businesses, education, healthcare, and corruption.

The failure of past campaigns is that they promise hope without a measurable delivery plan. A serious 2027 campaign must tell Nigerians what will be done in the first 100 days, first year, and full term. The people want leadership that can secure communities, reduce hunger, create work, cut waste, and make government accountable.

Power rotation between North and South has been a critical issue. Where do you stand on this?

I believe in power rotation because Nigeria is a diverse country, and fairness helps to reduce suspicion among regions. Rotation between North and South may not be a perfect solution, but it has become an important political arrangement for stability, inclusion, and national balance.

However, the failure is that Nigeria sometimes rotates power without rotating performance. Power rotation must go together with competence, integrity, and capacity. Nigeria does not only need a Northern or Southern president; it needs a leader who can secure the country, grow the economy, unite the people, and deliver development.

Senate President, Godswill Akpabio said the abductions, killings etc. are sponsored to rubbish Tinubu's achievements. What is your take on the statement?

If there is evidence that some people are sponsoring killings and abductions for political reasons, government should investigate, arrest, prosecute, and expose them. National security matters should not be reduced to political statements without proof, because Nigerians need facts, not speculation.

At the same time, we must not politicise human tragedy. People are being killed, children are being abducted, farmers are being displaced, and communities are living in fear.

The primary responsibility of government is to protect lives and property; therefore, whether the perpetrators are political actors, terrorists, bandits, or criminal networks, the state must defeat them with evidence, intelligence, and justice.

Tinubu's handlers are praising the administration for growing foreign reserves to an all time high. At the same time, the government is accused of unprecedented borrowings and hardship. How can you reconcile the two?

There is no contradiction. A country can have rising foreign reserves and still have hardship.

Foreign reserves measure external buffers and investor confidence, but they do not automatically mean that citizens can afford food, transport, rent, or school fees. They claimed Nigeria's reserves rose above US\$50 billion in June 2026, the strongest level in about 17 years, but that is not the same as household prosperity.

The concern is that Nigeria's public debt has also risen sharply, reaching about ₦159.28 trillion as at 31 December 2025. Borrowing is not bad if it funds productive infrastructure, power, transport, agriculture, and industry.

The failure is when borrowing funds consumption, waste, and recurrent expenditure while citizens face hardship. Reserves are good, but the real test is lower inflation, more jobs, stronger exports, and better living standards.

How can you assess the Tinubu reforms?

The Tinubu reforms may seem bold, but they have been painful. Fuel subsidy removal, exchange rate unification, tax reforms, revenue mobilisation, and monetary tightening are reforms many economists considered necessary. They can improve fiscal stability, attract investment, and reduce waste if properly managed.

However, the failure is in sequencing and social protection. Fuel subsidy removal increased transport and production costs, exchange rate reforms raised import costs, and high interest rates affected businesses.

The reforms must now become people-centred through food security, mass transport, power supply and support for small businesses, local production, job creation, and targeted relief for vulnerable Nigerians. Reform is only successful when citizens feel improvement in their daily lives.

What is your view on state police and how should it operate?

My answer to this question is often with mixed expectations. I support state police because Nigeria's centralised policing system is overstretched and cannot effectively secure 36 states and 774 local government areas from Abuja. Security is local, and a police officer who understands the language, terrain, community, and criminal networks of an area is better placed to prevent crime. Countries like the United States, Germany, and India operate decentralised policing systems where federal and state security agencies have defined responsibilities.

However, state police must not become private armies for governors. It should operate under constitutional safeguards, independent state police service commissions, transparent funding, federal oversight, human rights training, and clear limits on political interference.

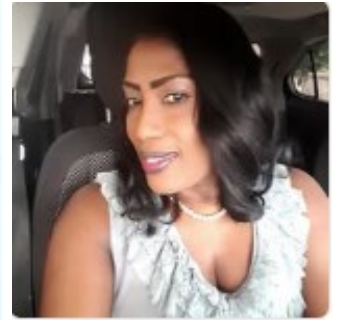
My candid advice: state police should handle community crime, school protection, local intelligence, kidnapping response, and rural security, while federal police and national agencies should handle terrorism, inter-state crime, border security, cyber-crime, and national security coordination. Thank God for the passage of the bill by both chambers. There's need for wholesome reorientation for national service. Even the recruitment process may be hijacked if not properly guided.

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“The Hausa people were Muslims long before the false jihad led by Usman dan Fodio”

By Comrade Abdullahi Muhammad Kura

May Allah liberate the Hausa people along with the other people of Nigeria.

For 220 years, the Hausa people have been subjected to what some describe as ethnic persecution in their own homeland. Muhammad Al-Wali, the last Hausa ruler of Kano in the history of the Kano Emirate, was a Muslim and a memorizer of the Holy Qur'an. Nevertheless, he was killed by the forces of what some describe as Usman dan Fodio's "false jihad."

Muhammad Al-Wali was a Muslim and a memorizer of the Holy Qur'an.

The rebels/insurgents declared King Alwali—who had memorized the Qur'an and was known for his strict devotion to the oneness of Allah (Tawhid)—to be an unbeliever.

Yet if you dare to mention this part of history, you are accused of trying to divide the people.

Apparently, "unity" means remaining silent about the injustice done to certain communities by declaring their parents and ancestors unbelievers and pagans, while glorifying those who killed their forefathers. Those communities are then expected to remain silent and simply say, "Yes, that is true." If that is the case, then this is what is being called peace and Muslim unity.

The true benefit of knowledge lies in putting it into practice. If someone has not studied these historical events from different perspectives, there is nothing wrong with holding on to the version of history

that was taught to their parents and grandparents and was presented as the only acceptable account. After all, that is the only version they know (I was once in the same position). However, it is a great loss for someone to read authentic historical sources, understand what they actually say, and then deliberately distort the facts because of personal bias or out of fear of being insulted or accused. This is why it is important for the Hausa people to dedicate themselves to documenting their own history from their own perspective. Then readers can examine the evidence and distinguish truth from falsehood for themselves.

—By Comrade Abdullahi Muhammad Kura



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Biography

Dr. Amarachi Oriaku is a doctorally prepared psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner and adjunct assistant professor with over 24 years of experience in psychiatric nursing. She is dedicated to advancing mental health care through clinical excellence, education, and evidence-based practice.

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