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**WHILE COMMENTARY IS ON: 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL ISSUE PAPER**

**GOOD MORNING: I AM…………**

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THESE AND MORE WHEN WE RETURN,

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NEWS UPDATE

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The punitive measure which included indefinite suspension and transfer was slammed on the principal for charging students more than the Fourteen thousand Naira approved by the State Executive Council for Senior School Certificate Examination registration in the State.

The drama played by the principal following the pronouncement of the punishment by commissioner is better heard than described.

The Commissioner, who visited the school following a tip-off took time to monitor teaching and learning in classes for about thirty minutes during which the principal was not even aware of visitors in the school.

Professor Eke said the government was fully out to stop extortion of students and collection of illegal fees in the State school system, adding that government was looking out for such principals.

He said a panel would be set to look into the alleged ceding of the school land by the principal when it gets the formal report from the Parents Teachers Association, stressing that the anti-loitering and hawking taskforce would swing into action by Monday next week.

The demoted Principal, Joseph Ojukwu who was also a Supervising Principal in the area was directed to handover immediately to the Vice Principal Administration, Mr. Charles Ekechi and proceed on suspension.

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**DG VISIT:**

The State Committee on National Identity Cards Registration, Sensitization and Mobilization has paid an advocacy visit to the Director-General of Ebonyi Broadcasting Corporation with a request for the Establishment to support its awareness programmes.

The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ken Uhuo and the State Coordinator, NIMC, Dr. Felix Amah while commending Governor David Nweze Umahi for setting up the committee appealed to the Director General, Ebonyi Broadcasting Corporation, Mr. Timothy Nwachi to assist the committee in the area of disseminating information to the members of the public, especially the rural dwellers on the need to register for their National Identity Cards.

On his part, the Director-General, Ebonyi Broadcasting Corporation, Mr. Timothy Nwachi commended members of the committee for their commitment in ensuring that a good number of Ebonyi people register for National Identity Cards and promised to support the committee in disseminating information to members of the public.

The Secretary of the Committee, Mrs. Bene Onwe appreciated the Director-General for his support to the committee.

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**GOV/NYSC:**

The Governor of Ebonyi State, Engineer David Nweze Umahi has charged corp members posted in the State to take advantage of the orientation programme and other camp activities as a platform for physical, emotional and psychological reconditioning to enable them meet with the challenges of the service year and beyond.

Governor Umahi gave the charge during the swearing-in ceremony of 2016 Batch “B” Stream II Corp members deployed to Ebonyi State at Old Macgregor College, Afikpo.

The Governor, who was represented by the State Commissioner for Youth Development and Sports, Mr. Charles Akpuenika said the three-week course would provide them an ideal environment for comprehensive distillation of ideas towards enhancing national unity and integration.

He assured of his administration’s concern to sustaining the gains of NYSC scheme to achieve its set objectives and advised the corp members to shun social vices.

The State Coordinator, National Youth Service Corp, Mrs. Regina Iluebbey appreciated the support of the State government towards the successful implementation of the programme and activities of the scheme in the State.

Mrs. Iluebbey reminded the corp members that the attainment of the much-needed unity, integration and progress rests squarely on their shoulders as educated youths who are beacon of light to the nation.

She highlighted the challenges facing the NYSC camp to include, shortage of accommodation, broken down walls, renovation of camp facilities and relocation of the school of the deaf and dumb, among others.

Some of the corp members, including Adeku Adefemi and Christiana Osagwu said Ebonyi people are friendly and peace loving and assured of making a positive impact in their service year.

The oath of allegiance was administered by the Chief Judge of Ebonyi State, Justice Alloy Nwankwo, represented by Justice Elvis Ngele.

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**ABAKALIKI-CROSS RIVER CRISIS:**

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Our reporter, Emenike Ogalagu was there and now reports.

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It was alleged by the people of Osopong Community of Obubra Local Government Area of Cross River State that one of their sons was beheaded by the people of Azuofia Edda, Abakaliki Local Government along the border of the two communities purportedly to bury one of their village heads, the allegation Edda people denied.

Although efforts were on by the two communities to fetch out the perpetrators of the dastardly act following the news of the incident, the youths of Osopong community numbering over five hundred embarked on a reprisal attack, setting houses ablaze, destroying economic trees and food crops belonging to the people of Azuofia Edda.

As of the time of the inspection tour, the number of casualties was not known, as many numbers of the community had fled their homes.

Addressing the people at Azuofia Edda Community Primary School, the Executive Secretary of the State Emergency Management Agency said that the Agency both at the State and Zonal levels were working out modalities on how to assist victims of the incident so that they can get back to their homes.

The Caretaker Chairman, Abakaliki Local Government, Mr. Peter Nwogbaga condemned the attack, and called on emergency management agencies to assist in resettling the victims, while appealing for calm.

The member representing Abakaliki South in the State House of Assembly, Mr. Luke Nkwegu described the incident as unfortunate and called for peace, noting that the State government has waded into the matter.

Some of the victims, Mr. Okemini Nwambam and Friday Ogodo lamented their poor condition and called for help from both state and federal government, well meaning individuals and organization.

Meanwhile, peace has returned to the community as security personnel have been drafted into the area, while efforts are on to find a lasting solution to the matter.

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**ABUJA:**

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Dr Baru gave the charge at the NNPC Towers, Abuja while receiving participants billed to depart for onsite customized oil traders training programme organized by the Oxford Princeton, London.

The NNPC General Managing Director noted that because successful trading required in-depth networking, the trainees must do everything possible to develop and sustain a rich pool of contacts within the trading world.

The training programme is designed to equip the participants with crude oil trading fundamental and develop their capacity to compete in the global trading space.

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**GAMBIA:**

Gambia’s new president, Adama Barrow say he will return to the country to assume power days after his predecessor left.

Mr. Barrow, who has been staying in neighbouring Senegal, won elections in December.

However, a handover was stalled when Gambia’s president of twenty-two years, Yahya Jammeh refused to step aside.

According to report, Jammeh left for exile last week after mediation by regional leaders and the threat of military intervention.

Mr. Barrow was sworn-in as president at the Gambian embassy in Senegal a week ago, but a public inauguration on home soil is planned soon.

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The Governor who was represented by the Secretary to the State Government, Professor Bernard Odoh said the essence of the advocacy meeting was to sensitize the people of the area on the measures to adopt to increase rice production and enhance the socio-economic status of the people especially women and youths.

Governor Umahi sympathized with the people of Ishiagu in Ivo Local Government Area whose farmland were destroyed last year by flood, stating that the State government would channel their complain to the federal government for proper action and urged the people of Ohaozara West Development Centre to embrace all season rice farming in order to enable government achieve its aggressive agricultural development programme.

The State Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Mr. Uchenna Orji and Senior Special Assistant to the Governor on Rice Production, Chief Itapa Azuobu appreciated the people of Ivo Local Government Area and Ohaozara West Development Centre for embracing government policy on rice production, saying that the people would in no small measure benefit from government policy on agriculture and other opportunities.

Others who spoke during the agriculture advocacy visit include the traditional ruler of Ishiagu , Eze Moses Okafor, the traditional ruler of Uburu Autonomous Community, Eze Laz Umahi, Caretaker Chairman of Ivo Local Government Area, Mr. Ogbonna Ude, Coordinator of Ohaozara West Development Centre, Mr. Bassey Ngene, Secretary of Ebonyi State Pipe Production, Mr. Roy Umahi, among others expressed their readiness to key into all season rice production policy of Governor David Nweze Umahi and appreciated the Governor for his agricultural revolution to make Ebonyi State the number one in rice production.

The advocacy meeting attracted people of all walks of life, including the State PDP Youth Leader, Comrade Mark Onu, traditional rulers, stakeholders, all political appointees, women, youths and Elders from various communities in Ivo Local Government Area and Ohaozara West Development Centre.

The State Commissioner for Information and State Orientation, Senator Emmanuel Onwe was also in the company of the team.

Governor Umahi also inspected the Ivo Dam farmland and Asu River area that would be used as rice clusters in the all-season rice farming policy of the State government.

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