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Section 14(2) (b) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended) provides that “the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government.” In alignment with this constitutional imperative, Governor Monday Okpebholo has embraced his role as the Chief Security Officer of Edo State with an unwavering resolve. His administration has not only demonstrated a strong commitment to protecting lives and property but is also leveraging his good standing with the federal government to rein in criminality and dismantle criminal networks operating in the state.

A government worth its salt will do all it needs to protect its people. In Edo State, Governor Okpebholo has shown clear and purposeful leadership by taking decisive steps to confront two of the most persistent threats to the state's peace - cultism and kidnapping. From the outset of his administration, he identified these crimes as a grave menace to societal stability and public safety. He promptly convened a Security Council meeting and issued a 48-hour ultimatum to the Commissioner of Police to halt the bloody cult clashes that erupted in parts of Benin City, sending a clear message of zero tolerance.

To give his words legal backing, Governor Okpebholo signed into law two critical legislations: the Secret Cult and Similar Activities (Prohibition) Law, 2025 and the Kidnapping Prohibition (Amendment) Law, 2025. These laws provide severe consequences for offenders - 21 years imprisonment for sponsors of cultism, 10 years for individuals harboring cultists, and the death penalty for cult-related killings. Similarly, convicted kidnapers face the death penalty, while any property used to facilitate the crime is to be confiscated and demolished.

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GOV. OKPEBHOLO LEADS THE WAY IN EDUCATION REFORMS

HIS INTERVENTIONS SIGNAL THE RETURN OF RENEWED HOPE

The ongoing reforms in Edo State's education sector have reaffirmed Governor Monday Okpebholo's unwavering commitment to making quality education accessible to every child and young adult in the state.

Understanding the pivotal role of education in securing a prosperous future, Governor Okpebholo, upon assuming office in November 2024, declared a state of emergency in the sector. He immediately unveiled a five-point emergency action plan aimed at addressing systemic failures and repositioning education on a path of progress and sustainability.

This bold intervention is now transforming public schools across the state. Many have likened it to a return of the "Red Roof Revolution" - a term that recalls the era of massive school renovations under former Governor, His Excellency, Senator Adams Oshiomhole. Governor Okpebholo is treading a similar developmental path with the phased renovation of public schools, prioritizing institutions in rural areas. Today, students in these communities can once again learn in safe and conducive environments.



In addition to infrastructure renewal, the government has embarked on the recruitment of 500 new teachers, possibly alongside the regularization of thousands of casual educators into the civil service. This strategic effort underscores the administration's resolve to not only provide quality facilities but also to ensure that skilled professionals deliver sound education. In bridging these gaps, Governor Okpebholo is investing in the state's future while creating meaningful employment for its people.

Tertiary institutions in the state are also benefitting from this reform agenda. A notable example is the recent successful induction of 128 stranded medical graduates from Ambrose Alli University (AAU), who had been denied professional entry for years due to institutional crises.



Before this administration, AAU was plagued by turmoil that threatened its very existence and credibility. These challenges - largely fueled by undue interference and ill-advised policies of the immediate past administration led to a sharp decline in standards. From slashing the university's monthly subvention to N41 million to mass disengagements of staff, AAU became a symbol of dysfunction.

These harsh policies led to the de-accreditation of several departments, including Nursing Sciences, and left medical graduates stranded after spending a decade in school without professional induction.

Governor Okpebholo's reforms have since reversed many of these setbacks. In December 2024, he approved an unprecedented increase in AAU's monthly subvention from N41 million to N500 million. He also reinstated unlawfully dismissed lecturers and ensured the payment of outstanding salaries and allowances to both academic and non-academic staff. These bold moves have helped restore public confidence in the institution and its academic offerings.

Governor Monday Okpebholo's leadership has reignited hope and restored dignity to Edo's education sector. Students, parents, teachers, and stakeholders now see a state reclaiming its rightful place as a beacon of educational excellence in Nigeria.

The stakes are high, but hope is alive. The excitement is real. Edo's education sector is breathing again, because a Daniel has indeed come to judgment. The glory days are returning, and the future is bright.

Let the people rejoice, for Joy has come!!!

MAY DAY: GOV. OKPEBHOLO CELEBRATES EDO WORKERS' RESILIENCE, CONTRIBUTIONS TO STATE'S DEVELOPMENT



Edo State Government, led by Governor Monday Okpebholo extended his warmest wishes to all workers in Edo State and around the world. Okpebholo applauded the hard work, resilience, and invaluable contributions of the workforce, who are the pillars of our society, saying their dedication drives the State's economy, shapes communities, and influences the future of the State.

The Governor acknowledged the sacrifices made by workers across various sectors, from civil servants and healthcare professionals to teachers, artisans, and entrepreneurs, appreciating their commitment to excellence and role in advancing progress and development.

In line with the administration's dedication to workers' welfare, Governor Okpebholo has consistently prioritized the following; Enhancing Working Conditions in creating safe and conducive work environments to enhance productivity and well-being, Timely Payment of Salaries and Pensions in ensuring that workers receive their dues promptly, Capacity Building and

Training - investing in programs to equip the workforce with skills for the 21st-century economy and Promoting Industrial Harmony in fostering a harmonious relationship between the government, employers, and labor unions.

This year's May Day celebration is an opportunity to recognize the achievements of Edo State's workforce and reaffirm the Governor's commitment to their well-being. Governor Okpebholo acknowledged the challenges faced by workers and assured of continuous efforts to address their concerns, while he commended the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) and the Trade Union Congress (TUC) for their advocacy for workers' rights and social justice.

In a statement signed by the Chief Press Secretary, Fred Itua, His Excellency further encouraged all workers to remain dedicated to service and contribute to the growth and prosperity of Edo State.



GOV. OKPEBHOLO RAISES MINIMUM WAGE FOR EDO WORKERS ON MAY DAY

Edo State Governor, Senator Monday Okpebholo has increased the minimum wage for Edo State workers from N70, 000 to N75,000 to further improve their standard of living. Governor Okpebholo made the announcement while delivering his May Day speech at the Samuel Ogbemudia Stadium in Benin City Edo State. The Governor, while appreciating the contributions of Edo State workers to the growth and development of Edo State, said his administration will always seek ways to improve the welfare of Edo workers. Okpebholo noted that the workers' day celebration is a special day set aside to honour the hardworking men and women who keep the State moving forward as they support their families with dignity and strength.

"Today, I am proud to announce that our administration has approved a new minimum wage of N75, 000 per month for Edo workers. It is our way of saying thank you, Edo workers. We believe this will make a real difference, and in return, we count on your renewed dedication as we build a better Edo together. Since assuming office, my administration has remained fully committed to the welfare of our workers. One of our first actions in office was to convert many casual workers, including over 1,000 cleaners who, for years, had no job security into the core civil service, giving them stability and peace of mind. We hired 500 new teachers to ease classroom pressure and help students learn better. We are also reviewing the casual position of over 3,000 Edo State teachers for possible full employment because their effort will shape our children's future," he said.

Continuing, Okpebholo said, "We approved the recruitment of 450 clinical and non-clinical staff for our State hospitals and regularized 126 contract staff at Edo State Specialist hospital. These steps not only strengthen our health system but also improve job stability for health professionals." The Governor also used the medium to inform the public that his administration has cleared outstanding salary arrears owed to Edo State polytechnic staff.



“In the judiciary, we made sure that judges who had been delayed in their appointments were properly sworn in and now fully carrying out their duties. “To show our commitment does not end at retirement, we have also approved health insurance coverage for our retirees because we believed that our responsibility to workers does not end when they leave active service.”

Governor Okpebholo said his administration is committed to timely payment of salaries and pension; steady recruitment where needed to improve service delivery; staff welfare and development and ensuring that Edo workers are treated with dignity and fairness. “As we mark this day, I joined His Excellency, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, and my fellow governor’s in wishing all Nigerian workers a peaceful and fulfilling celebration. Your efforts shaped our nation and laid the foundation for a better tomorrow.”

The acting chairman of Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC), Edo State chapter, Comrade Bernard Egwekhide commended the governor of Edo State senator Monday Okpebholo for the formations and implementation of laudable policies and programmes towards alleviating the suffering and hardships faced by Edo workers and pensioners. He noted that the theme: “reclaiming the Civil space in the midst of economic hardship” is apt and thought provoking as it borders on the very serious challenges faced by the Nigerian workers and the people as a result of the present day economic hardship faced by them in the country. Egwekhide thanked Governor Monday Okpebholo led administration for taking the welfare of Edo workers very seriously and embarked on interventions that to a great extent enabled workers in the State to enjoy their civil rights.

“Just within six months in office, you have done excellently well for Edo State for Edo State workers as your performance is beyond our expectations as workers. We thank the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Ahmed Bola Tinubu for the support given to Edo State Government as the first flyover is under construction while a second one has been approved. Federal roads across the State are also getting the needed attention they deserve.” He admonished.

Guest at the event include Deputy Governor of Edo State Hon. Dannis Idahosa; Speaker, Edo State House of Assembly, Rt Hon Blessing Agbebaku; Secretary to Edo State Government, Musa Ikhilor; Chief of Staff, Gani Audu, Head of Service (HOS), Anthony Okungbowa; former deputy governor of Edo State, Comrade Phillip Shaibu; chairman of APC, Edo State Jaret Tenebe; party leaders, labour leaders, Edo State workers, amongst others.



Governor Okpebholo's Unyielding Campaign Against Cultism and Kidnapping in Edo State



However, Governor Okpebholo's approach has gone beyond legislation - it is being matched with deliberate and determined implementation. Since the enactment of these laws, Edo State has seen the demolition of several buildings used as hideouts by kidnapers or as rendezvous points for cult groups. In March 2025, the government began pulling down structures in Illeh and Uromi used in high-profile kidnapping cases, including those where victims were kept until ransoms were paid. In one instance, a property in Esioriri-Erah in Owan East Local Government Area, reportedly belonging to a kidnap informant, was flattened after investigations confirmed its use in coordinating abductions.

The crackdown on cultism has been equally forceful. Apartments and facilities identified as cult meeting points have been sealed and marked for demolition. A notable example is Eterno Hotel, located in the upscale GRA axis of Benin City, where cultists allegedly convened to strategize before launching coordinated attacks across the city. Security agencies have continued to apprehend suspects, and the state government has remained firm in its resolve that anyone found culpable will be prosecuted and punished accordingly.

Governor Okpebholo's administration has also strengthened the operational capacity of law enforcement by lifting the ban on the Edo State Vigilante Network and equipping the police with more patrol vehicles to enhance their response time. These efforts are fostering a more robust security architecture that brings both intelligence and visibility into the fight against criminality.

Despite a seeming resurgence of cult activities in some areas, the government and security agencies remain undeterred. Governor Okpebholo's message is unambiguous: Edo State will not be a safe haven for criminals. His administration is committed to flushing out all threats to peace and ensuring that justice is not only done but seen to be done.

In sum, Governor Monday Okpebholo has shown what it means to govern with courage and conviction. Through well-articulated laws and their practical enforcement, he is leading a new charge for peace and security in Edo State. These are not just policy declarations; they are visible actions that reflect the serious intent of a government that understands the true essence of its constitutional mandate.

GOV. OKPEBHOLO GOES AFTER KIDNAPPERS, CULTISTS, COMMENCES DEMOLITION OF PROPERTIES LINKED TO SPONSORS



Edo State Governor, Senator Monday Okpebholo, has launched a crackdown on crime-related properties, beginning with the demolition of buildings connected to kidnappings and cult-related violence in the state. During the demolition of a residential duplex in Benin City used for kidnapping and organ harvesting, the Chief Press Secretary to the Governor, Fred Itua, who spoke on behalf of Governor Monday Okpebholo, told journalists that the government had also sealed off Eterno Hotel and an event centre. These facilities, according to Governor Okpebholo, are being used by cult groups as gathering points before launching attacks that claim several lives.

Itua confirmed that the demolished property was the site of a gruesome crime involving the abduction and killing of a young woman for organ harvesting. He revealed that the suspect has been arrested in Lagos and will be extradited to Edo State to face prosecution.

"The building was where the crime occurred, and it is owned by the father of the suspect, who has also made useful statements to the authorities. His Excellency has directed that this is only the beginning. More buildings used for criminal activities will be demolished. This is backed by existing laws enacted by the present administration." Itua stated.

He emphasized that the crackdown was not politically motivated, contrary to speculations. "This is not a political witch-hunt. These buildings were used for acts that contravene the laws of Edo State. The Governor has made it clear that anyone involved in cultism or related crimes will face the full force of the law," he added.

The owner of the demolished building, Martins Oghenewore, recounted the shocking moment he learned of the crime. **"On the 23rd of this month, while returning home, my wife called to inform me that our son had murdered a woman in his quarters.**

I immediately reported to the police, who followed me home and helped convey the corpse to the mortuary. I have been in police custody since then," he said.

Oghenewore further disclosed that his 28-year-old son had long exhibited troubling behavior. "I trained him from primary school through university in Ekpoma. For over a decade, he has been a problem. I took him to rehab, neuropsychiatric centres, and even traditional healers. He rarely slept at home, drank excessively, and was often missing. Now he has destroyed everything I worked for. This house was my retirement plan, and now I am watching it being torn down. It is heartbreaking," he lamented.

Authorities confirmed the suspect was apprehended in Lagos with human body parts recovered from him. Investigations are ongoing as the government intensifies efforts to stamp out kidnapping and cultism across the state.



CULTISM WAR: GOV. OKPEBHOLO VOWS TO FISH OUT CULTISTS, KIDNAPPERS, ANNOUNCES PLANS TO REPURPOSE SITES



Edo State Governor, Senator Monday Okpebholo, has issued a stern warning to landlords, declaring that his administration will not hesitate to demolish buildings linked to criminal activities such as kidnapping, cultism, and rituals. In a statement signed by the Chief Press Secretary, Fred Itua, the Governor emphasized his administration's resolve to ensure a crime-free environment in the State.

His Excellency gave the warning while personally supervising the demolition of a building located in the Ogheghe area of Benin City, a building reportedly used for internet fraud and kidnapping, with victims allegedly held against their will and subjected to ritualistic practices.

Visibly disturbed by what he witnessed at the site, the Governor was saddened by what he saw, a den where Children were kidnapped and kept for years. Looking at the shrines in the apartment, Okpebholo described it as wickedness in its highest form, adding that such kind of evil is unacceptable in Edo State.

Reaffirming his administration's commitment to security, the Governor vowed his administration will continue to fight crime and criminality. "Wherever they hide, we will fish them out and demolish their hideouts. There will be no sanctuary for criminals in Edo State. We are serious and resolute and Edo State must be safe." His Excellency also announced plans to repurpose the sites of demolished properties for public use. "We are going to build a police station here. Any land where such buildings are taken down will be used to serve the community," he assured.

In a related development, the Edo State Government has made significant progress in its crackdown on cultism, following the demolition of an operational base belonging to a notorious cult group implicated in recent killings in Benin City. The facility, located at the end of Arena Street in Amagba GRA, featured a hall, several rooms fitted with mattresses, and office spaces believed to have served as a hub for the group's activities. The property is also bordered by a moat reportedly used for initiation rituals. Notably, the premises also contained an Industrial Overhead Stand and Tanks donated by its Asia Region 2016–2021.

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This action follows the recent enforcement of a new anti-cultism law signed by Governor Okpebholo, which empowers the State to demolish properties associated with cult activities.

Meanwhile, in response to an uptick in cult-related violence in the city, the State government has sealed off Eterno Hotel, located in the heart of Benin's GRA. The hotel is allegedly linked to another cult group believed to be behind recent killings in the area.

Governor Okpebholo reiterated his administration's zero-tolerance stance: "No stone will be left unturned, and no individual, regardless of their status, will be spared under the provisions of the Cultism-Related Offenses Law. We are determined to restore peace and order in Edo State.



EDSDA engages Edo Indigenes Worldwide

The Edo State Diaspora Agency (EDSDA) has engaged with over 200 Edo State indigenes worldwide, following the launch of a dedicated hotline and email address. The Director General, Dr. (Mrs) Loretta Oduware Ogboro-Okor, and her team have been at the forefront of these interactions, addressing varied concerns. The issues raised range from humanitarian crises among irregular migrants in Libya and other parts of Africa to investment opportunities in Edo State. Some individuals sought loans, land recovery, or medical care information.

However, many testimonies revealed heartbreaking stories of betrayal, abuse, imprisonment, and modern-day slavery. The DG emphasized the need for a multi-layered approach to rescue, rehabilitate, and reintegrate victims.

Collaboration between Edo State Government ministries, departments, and agencies is crucial to dismantle trafficking routes. The DG commended the SHINE Agenda's developmental efforts, praising the Governor's proactive stance on infrastructural development and skills acquisition.

Ogboro-Okor reiterated that no Edo State son or daughter should be sold, enslaved, or forgotten, emphasizing the need to reclaim the state's cultural heritage and glory.

Reward: Gov. Okpebholo Encourages Service Delivery, Motivates Best Efficient Workers



Motivation is a design to boost morale; it sparks creativity, and inspires staff to work towards personal and team success. According to Doug Conant, to win in the marketplace you must first win in the workplace. In addition to this great philosophy, Henry Ford also posits "Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

In a keynote delivered at the 2024 Staff of the Year Awards for civil servants held at the New Festival Hall in Government House, Benin City, Gov Okpebholo in a bid to encourage team work and success in the workforce charged Edo workers on efficient service delivery, urging them to continue to contribute their quota to the growth and development of the State.

The award saw over 11 staff from the Directorate of Government House and Protocol honoured for discharging their daily responsibilities effectively. The governor who was represented by the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, Edo State Urban water Corporation, Hon. Uyi Ekhosuehi said His Excellency's administration recognizes the efforts, commitment, determination and dedication of workers, noting that their contributions have made his government achieve set goals.

He acknowledged the efforts of the workers in ensuring effective collaboration between his administration and the entire state workforce which has led to a harmonious, peaceful and conducive workers friendly environment in the State. Gov Okpebholo noted that all workers in Edo State deserve to be awarded as they are all winners but a few distinguished themselves in their various departments and were selected to receive the 2024 staff awards. He encouraged those who were not recognized and called up to receive any award in the 2024 edition to put in their best as 2025 is already counting and the efforts put in are being measured by the appropriate authority.

"Your role as civil servants who work in Government House is well appreciated and your dedication to duty has played a significant role in developing Edo State.

I charge you to furthermore be committed and dedicated in delivering your duties towards making the State a better place for citizens and delivering on my administration's mandate to give Edo people an improved and better life.

"To be recognized means more work is expected from you. Congratulations to all those who have been recognized, you need to do more. I charge all workers to be more dedicated to their duties and responsibilities. Be very serious with your job. I love your dedication to duty and together we shall build a greater Edo State", he declared.

The Permanent Secretary Government House and Protocol, Edith Sede commended the governor for his workers-friendly policies and creating the enabling environment for workers to thrive.

Sede who commended the workers on their well-deserved awards said the unit heads who had played vital roles in ensuring the awards continued yearly were also rewarded for their efforts.

"We have dedicated staff in the directorate who work 24/7 to ensure the governor's work is made easy. This event has become necessary to honour these deserving staff of the directorate. If you did not win today, you will win tomorrow and all you need to do is to work harder. We have 11 departmental winners across the various departments", she said.



SECURITY: GOV. OKPEBHOLO REMOVES TRADITIONAL RULERS



In a public statement signed by the Secretary to the State Government, Umar Musa Ikhilor, Esq., it was announced that the Executive Council of Edo State at its meeting held 30th April, 2025 approved the revocation of the appointment of Umoru Inusa Umoru, FCA as the Aidenogie of South-Ibie in Etsako West Local Government Area of the State and the immediate reinstatement of Alhaji Aliyu Kelvin Danesi as the Aidenogie of South- Ibie. The statement also conveyed that the decision is premised on the fact that the Stool was not at any time vacant prior the appointment of Umoru Inusa Umoru.

In the same vein, the Executive Council approved the revocation of the appointment of Lukman Akemokue as the Okuokpellagbe of Okpella in Etsako East Local Government Area of the State for failure to comply with the Declaration of Customary Law regulating succession to the throne, as enshrined in the Bendel State Legal Notice 132 of 1979.

Following the revocation, modalities have been set in motion to begin the process of selecting a new Okuokpellagbe of Okpella in line with the Extant Law.

Furthermore, it stated that the Executive Council has approved the immediate removal of Dr. George Oshiapi Egabor as the Okumagbe of Uwano Kingdom, Agenebode in Estako East Local Government Area of the State. George Oshiapi Egabor was earlier suspended over recent cases of incessant kidnappings and killings in his domain. A selection process has been set in motion for the selection of a new Ruler for the Kingdom in line with the Extant Laws of Edo State.

The statement further urged all Subjects of the aforementioned localities/domains to remain calm as the State Government remains committed to ensuring the peace, unity, prosperity and greater happiness of the good people of Edo State.



OKPEBHOLO'S SOUTH-SOUTH LEADERSHIP AND THE APC'S STRATEGIC CONSOLIDATION



As political permutations gain momentum ahead of the 2027 presidential election, Governor Monday Okpebholo of Edo State is emerging as a central figure in redefining the political landscape of the South-South geopolitical zone. In a region long known for its fragmented political loyalties and often resistant stance toward the All Progressives Congress (APC), Okpebholo is offering a new kind of leadership, one anchored in strategic alignment, regional solidarity, and purposeful political engagement. His leadership is not merely symbolic, it is tactical, deliberate, and focused on building bridges across state boundaries in the South-South.

His recent political overtures and engagements have resulted in significant inroads, including the visible alignment of Delta State Governor, Sheriff Oborewori, and other influential figures with the core of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda. This development is more than a political footnote; it is an unfolding strategy with potential to realign the entire region with the centre. The significance of this cannot be overstated. The South-South has historically played a critical role in Nigeria's electoral calculus. Yet, the region has often lacked unified political direction, making it vulnerable to external manipulation and internal discord. By galvanizing support for the APC across South-South states, Okpebholo is not only consolidating political strength but also redefining the role of the region in national development and governance.

There is indeed strength in numbers and Okpebholo's mission is that no single state can achieve meaningful influence in isolation. His effort to align the South-South under the APC family signals a bold vision: a region united not by ethnic bias or partisan fragmentation, but by shared aspirations for development, inclusion, and progress. In his outreach, he has positioned Edo as a bridge state - one that can speak both the language of the South-South and the core values of the APC at the national level. His alignment with President Tinubu's vision is a testament to his commitment to responsible governance.



He is not merely towing the party line; he is championing the belief that the Renewed Hope Agenda has real answers to the age-old developmental challenges facing the South-South - from infrastructural decay and youth unemployment to insecurity and environmental degradation.

The task ahead remains daunting, no doubt. Political realignment in a diverse and politically complex region such as the South-South requires patience, strategic engagement, and a deep understanding of regional sensibilities. But Governor Okpebholo's early moves have shown that he is not only up to the task but setting the pace.

As 2027 approaches, the eyes of the nation will be on the South-South. And if the current trajectory is sustained, Governor Monday Okpebholo will be remembered as the man who gave the region a new voice, a common platform, and a stronger stake in the national discourse.

ESSENTIAL TIPS

Child marriage increases risk of:

- Early pregnancy
- Maternal death
- Poor mental health
- Sexually transmitted infections
- Violence
- Dropping out of school

It is a violation of human rights and must be prevented.

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The infographic features a dark blue silhouette of a man on the left holding several colorful balloons. On the right, a young girl with a braid looks up at the balloons with a concerned expression. The balloons are labeled with various risks of child marriage. The background is a light grey with a faint map outline. A yellow banner at the bottom contains the text 'It is a violation of human rights and must be prevented.' and logos for the World Health Organization and the Health Research Promotion Program (hrp).