

Enugu govt warns violators of ban on use of motorcycles

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ENUGU-Enugu State Government has issued a warning to the defaulters of the ban it placed on the use of motorcycles within its capital territory which comprises Enugu North, East, and South Local Government Areas.



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According to a statement by the Secretary to the State Government, SSG, Elder Gabriel Ajah, "the attention of the government of Enugu State has been drawn to the gradual violation of the law banning the use of motorcycles in Enugu Capital Territory which consists of three Local Government Areas, namely Enugu North, Enugu East, and Enugu South."

This ban which is a conscious effort of the state government to ease traffic congestion and reduce criminality in the state was enacted by Enugu State House of Assembly in 2012.

The ban which has since enactment taken full effect is being violated by some indigenes of the state warranting the government to state categorically that: "The general public, including military and para-military officers are hereby reminded that the law prohibiting the use of motorcycles in Enugu Capital Territory is still in force."

The government statement clarified that the law, for avoidance of doubt, does not permit all uniformed men whether in day time or night to ride motorcycles in Enugu Capital Territory, including those in official duties.

Those exempted from this ban are Dispatch Riders attached to all military and paramilitary formation and permitted Courier outfits under the hand and seal of the Transport Commissioner.

According to the statement, "henceforth, anyone caught violating this law will be severely be dealt with as the appropriate government agencies have been mandated to enforce the law.

“Note that ignorance of the law is no excuse and nobody is above the law” the statement read in part.

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Anambra partners Arik, cargo firm to export \$5.2b agro-allied products

IN its bid to improve its Internally-Generated Revenue (IGR), Anambra State government and its partners, ABX World, a Nigerian based courier/cargo company, Arik Air and Skyway Aviation Handling Company (SAHCOL), have commenced agro-allied exports to the European countries.



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Speaking on the development, Anambra State Commissioner for Africa, Afam Mbanefo, said government's penchant for agricultural development was to eliminate poverty, create jobs and improve the internally generated revenue (IGR).

Mbanefo said that Governor Willie Obiano's administration wants to be economically independent and buoyant and reduce excess dependence on Federal Government's allocation.

"As a people-oriented administration, Governor Willie Obiano has always sought for ways to create security, create good road network, create night life; these are things that will get people involved and bring in investors and tourism. Now, the agro-allied export is another testament to government's unrelenting efforts to ensure Anambra State farmers do not lack market to sell their product," the commissioner said.

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of ABX World, Captain John Okakpu, said the gesture was capable of generating jobs, eliminating poverty and restoring investors' confidence in the state.

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Police nab 17 kidnap suspects in Delta

POLICE detectives in Asaba, the Delta State capital, have arrested in the last one month no fewer than 17 suspected kidnappers across the state.

The State Police Commissioner, Mr. Alkali Baba Usman, who confirmed the arrest of the suspects to journalists in Asaba, said the suspects upon interrogation confessed to the crime.

Usman added that the hoodlums had been responsible for the kidnap of some employees of the Delta State University Teaching Hospital in the recent times.

He pointed out that some idle youths in Oghara were aiding and abetting kidnappers to carry out their evil acts, just as he identified some areas as flashpoints of kidnapping.

The state police commissioner, "In the process of our investigation, we found out that idle youths aid and abet kidnap suspects to execute their evil act.

"For an instance, over 20 staffers of DELSUTH were kidnapped and released in the last one month, and the suspects confessed idle youths in Oghara assisted them."

The police boss disclosed that the suspects were arrested with the help of various vigilance groups, adding that they would be charged to court when investigations are completed.

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Okorochoa brokers peace in Ohaneze Ndigbo

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Imo State Governor, Chief Rochas Okorochoa, has successfully brokered peace between the two factional leaders of Ohaneze Ndi-Igbo, Chief Gray Enwo-Igariwey and Dr. Ralph Obioha with the latter dropping his claim to the Office of President-General of Ohaneze.

Dr. Obioha equally accepted Chief Enwo Igariwey as the only President-General of the Organization and also pledged to give Chief Igariwey all the needed support and cooperation to enable him succeed.

The reconciliation of the two factions, which was presided over by Okorochoa, come Monday night, after a very lengthy meeting between the two leaders, members of their respective executives and delegates from the states that make up Ohaneze, at the Government House Owerri.

Vanguard gathered that one of the agreements at the meeting was that the tenure of Chief Igariwey was extended by one year, and at the expiration of the one year, fresh election would be conducted to select new leaders for the body.

Similarly, all those suspended from the body while the squabble lasted, were also recalled, and all the court cases occasioned by the dispute would also be withdrawn.

“A 17-member committee that would see to the implementation of all that was agreed including the issue of election was set up with Dr. Obioha as Chairman, while the governors will produce one member each”, the communique stated.

In his speech, Governor Okorocho expressed gladness that "the Ohaneze family is back as one", stressing that "we have proven to the world that Igbos are their brothers keepers."

Okorocho continued, "The President of Ohaneze will soon address the Igbo nation.

All Igbos must join hands with the Ohaneze leadership to move Igbo nation forward. With this peace, we are going to see a new kind of support for Ohaneze. The rest of the world will hear about the Igbo nation. The jinx has been broken."

Chief Igariwey and Dr. Obioha in their respective speeches, said achieving peace in the leadership of Ohaneze and reconciling the two factions should be celebrated by all Igbos because the division had never augured well with the august body and the interest of the Igbos in general.