



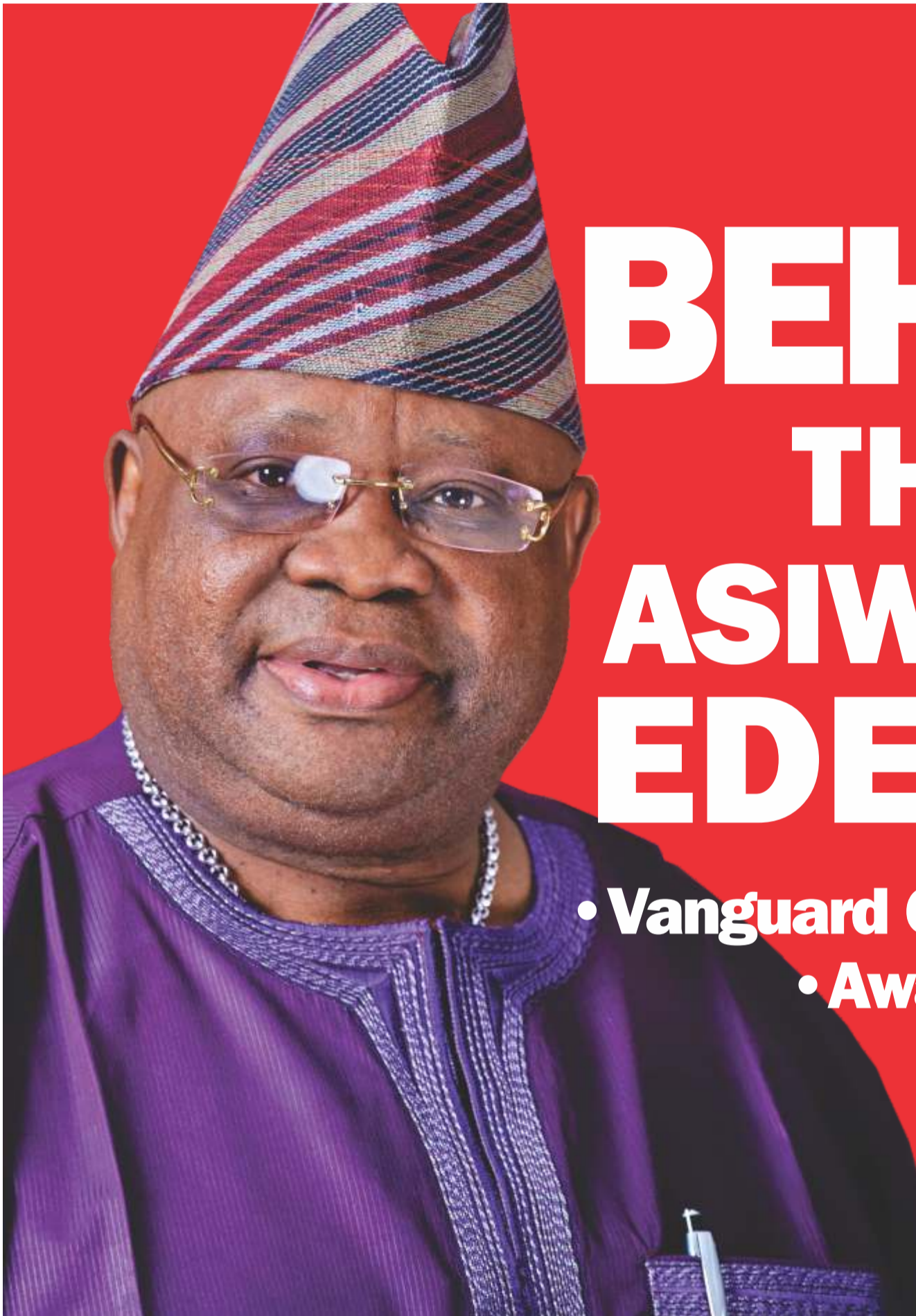
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# Official Profile Governor Ademola Adeleke, The New Asiwaju Of Edeland

**G**overnor Ademola Jackson Nurudeen Adeleke, the Executive Governor of Osun state and the new Asiwaju of Edeland is a pan Nigerian by birth, by philosophy and by worldview. Born at Enugu as a son of independence on 13th May, 1960, the new Ede frontliner widely acknowledged as the Olosun of Osun is a tactical politician, a businessman, show business activist and a humanist within philanthropism. The ever lively, urbane scion of the Adeleke family of Ede North Local Government is an innovative entrepreneur, a grassroots political figure and a strong advocate of good governance, then as a Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and now as the Governor of Osun State.

From his childhood, the Asiwaju is a man of complex character, a young man with multiplicity of talents and an adult with widely praised open heart, strong will and constancy of adaptation to ideas and innovations. From his secondary education at Ede Muslim Grammar School to his sojourn to the United States and tertiary education at the Jacksonville State University, Alabama where he majored in criminal justice, the Ede frontliner demonstrated deep business interest, unconventional approach and a rare mastery of intricacies of politics, business and social life.

Despite hailing from a well to do family, the Asiwaju was in the United States and Nigeria, a man in search of opportunities for self growth and advancement. His passion for self development and business prosperity occasioned his joining the Quicksilver Courier Company in Atlanta, Georgia, US, as a service contractor between 1985–1989. He progressed to Origin International LLC, Atlanta, Georgia, US, a flavours and fragrance manufacturing company where he served as Vice President from 1990 to 1994.

A suave businessman and administrator, he served as a Director of Guinness Nigeria Limited between 1992- 1999 where he contributed immensely to the expansion of the multinational company. He was later appointed Group Executive Director of Pacific Holdings Limited from 2001 to 2016. Senator Adeleke is also an acclaimed creative Industry entrepreneur and mentor. As a talented creative figure, he mentored world rated ace musicians while his family members and children are leading stars in the global music industry.

As a man ever restless in pursuit of self growth and opportunities, the Asiwaju again opted to restart his educational sojourn which he suspended because of business and entrepreneurial preoccupations. In 2019 after he was rigged out of a governorship election he clearly won, Governor Adeleke, in a can do spirit, re-enrolled at Atlanta Metropolitan State College in the United States and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice in 2021.

All along and considering his family background, the frontliner was for years both a political

servant and leader, learning the rope from his father (Senator Ayoola Adeleke) , a second republic progressive Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and his brother, Senator Isiaka Adetunji Adeleke, the First Executive Governor of Osun State. His business teeth were sharpened by his brother, the global business mogul, Dr Adedeji Adeleke while his political potency was strengthened by his sister, the Yeyeluwa of Edeland, Chief (Mrs) Dupe Adeleke- Sanni. The celebrant of today was eventually elected the President of the Adeleke dynasty, representing the sons and daughters of the great Adeleke family at home and abroad.

Having been thus fortified by his innate personality, his family background and his multifaceted experience, his political participation predated 1991 but he took the front seat in 2017 when he was elected with a landslide victory as a Senator for Osun West Senatorial District in 2017. His popularity reached a peak when he won the Osun 2018 governorship election before the open rigging and manipulation that was globally condemned.

As a man of steel character, the frontliner took the gauntlet again in 2022 and beat the incumbent to reclaim the stolen mandate of 2018. Imole as the Governor is popularly known has since been delivering on good governance, winning applause and praises from far and near.

In December 2023, he was honoured with a doctorate degree by the Valley View University, Accra, Ghana. The Vice Chancellor lauded the Governor's multi-million naira education scholarship as a Senator, his sterling records on workers welfare as a Governor, his performance on infrastructure upgrades and his commitment to due process, rule of law and fear of God.

He has received several awards including the Governor of the Year Award by Champion newspapers in 2023, Sahel Standard Man of the Year in 2022, Vanguard Newspaper Governor of the Year on Infrastructure and a host of other recognition. The frontliner serves on several national governmental committees including being the representative of the South West on the National Minimum Wage Committee.

The new Asiwaju of Edeland is a strong family man, an avid sport lover, a man of God and a David of our time with incessant passion for praise singing and adulation of God Almighty.

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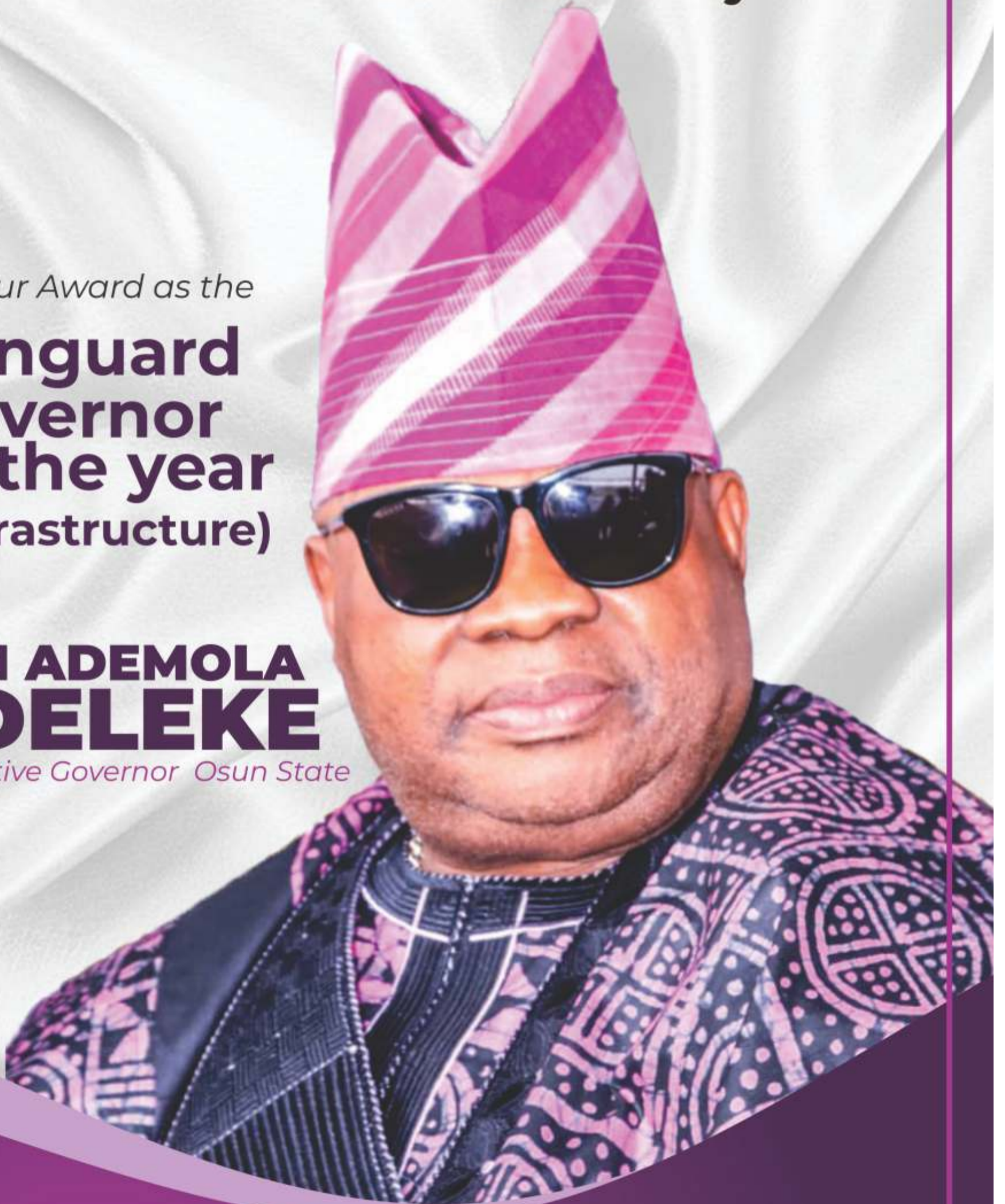
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*On behalf of the people  
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Governor on his award as  
Vanguard Governor of the Year.  
We acknowledge that this  
is in honour of your  
commitment to uplift and  
reposition Osun State.  
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**Signed**

**Alhaji Tesleem Igbalaye**

*Secretary to the State Government*

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*Congratulations*

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By Sola Isola

History is once again written in Edeland as Osun State Governor, Senator Ademola Adeleke is installed as Asiwaju of Edeland.

One notable thing about this title is that Governor told our correspondent in an interview that his father, Ayoola Adeleke was Asiwaju in his lifetime, so was his brother, Isiaka Adeleke and now himself.

He said "To be honest, it can only be God. My father Chief Ayoola Adeleke in his lifetime was Asiwaju of Edeland, after he passed on, my brother, Senator Isiaka Adetunji Adeleke was also installed Asiwaju of Edeland until he also passed on.

"So I think this is about the people of Edeland acknowledging our contributions to the development of Ede and also keeping a good legacy alive.

"I just appreciate our father the Timi of Edeland, Oba Munirudeen Lawal, for upholding the culture of diligence in Ede sons and daughter and upholding the culture and traditions that his forefathers and fathers left behind.

"I have accepted the offer to be installed as Asiwaju of Edeland and I must say I consider it a challenge to step into a shoe my father and Elder brother left behind, but as always I believe in Almighty Allah to help me through."

Senator Ademola Adeleke is an household in Nigeria, especially in the political space in almost a decade.

Despite coming from the prestigious Adeleke family in Ede, his limelight started when he won the

2017 bye election to replaced his elder brother, Late Senator Isiaka Adetunji Adeleke at the Senate after his demise.

Ademola Adeleke moved back to the People's Democratic Party when All Progressives Congress in Osun wasn't willing to allow him participate in the process and eventually run for Governorship in the party.

2018 Gubernatorial Elections is a landmark in the history of Osun state as it saw Senator Ademola Adeleke winning at first ballot in a election that was keenly contested until the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) declared it inconclusive and ordered a rerun.

Four year later, 2022, Senator Adeleke returned

to face the same opponent he faced in 2018 and won the election with a wide margin, an achievement that no one in the political history of Osun has ever achieved.

Less than two years in office as Governor of Osun State, Governor Adeleke has attracted lots of commendation, awards and comments by well meaning individuals across the globe who had doubted his ability to govern the state or be able to manage the affairs of the Osun state.

On of the such feat, is the recent announcement by Vanguard Newspaper that Governor Adeleke has won the award as Governor of the Year in terms of infrastructure.

In the words of the General Editor of Vanguard Newspaper, Mr Jide Ajani, the choice for the award

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was prompted by credible reports of his achievements in infrastructural development of Osun State.

According to Ajani, "the panel of judges became curious about the governance, leadership and managerial records of the Osun State Governor after watching a video of the Vice Chancellor of the Osun State University in which the Governor was reported to have approved several infra upgrades for the tertiary institution.

"We watched the video with the Vice Chancellor listing several approvals and even with the Governor asking the University to look into what other areas of intervention the state should act on. That video excites our curiosity and we proceeded to investigate further by leveraging on our team on ground here in Osun as well as a team from the headquarters.

"We discovered what the Vice Chancellor said in the video was a tip of the iceberg. Osun is indeed a huge construction site. You have continued to complete abandoned projects. You have completed many inherited projects from your predecessors

"We have your records on roads, bridges, water, school and health center upgrades among others. We read your multi-billion naira infrastructure plan and its ongoing implementation. You did not play politics with the development of your state.

"It is the totality of your passion for development that convinced the judges to confer the award on you. It is our hope that this recognition will spur you to an even greater push to deliver on your governance agenda".

Responding, Governor Adeleke accepted the award and affirmed that the recognition is dedicated to the people of Osun State whom he said gave him the rare opportunity to serve as the Number One Citizen of the State.

"I thank the Management of Vanguard newspaper for this recognition. I was with Pa Sam Amuka recently and I must confess that I learnt from his wealth of wisdom. This award coming less than two years in office strengthens my conviction that selfless service to the people should be the aspiration of all leaders.

"Since I assumed office, I have devoted myself majorly to delivering on our five point agenda. I deploy my network locally and nationally in support of our noble projects and programmes for Osun. I am elated that our contributions are being noticed.

"I dedicate this award to the good people of Osun state. They made our positive records a reality. We have the unconditional support and love of our people in our push to take Osun to greater heights. I will personally attend the conferment in Lagos.

"Our government is forging ahead with our systematic physical and stomach infrastructure agenda. We are working on a new airport, an inland beach resort, cocoa sector revival, upgrade of the free trade zone for agro-industrialisation, robust climate change agenda and digital economy programme. We are on a mission to place Osun on the path of sustainable development", the Governor noted.



# CONGRATULATIONS

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# Editorial

## Governor Adeleke and Osun Workers

The number one item on the agenda of Senator Ademola Adeleke before his election as the Governor of Osun State is Workers welfare, which poses a question in the mind of every concerned individual that, what will Ademola Adeleke do differently for the workers in the state.

There were several challenges that workers in Osun had gone through for almost a decade under the administration of the All Progressives Congress.

Some of the issues include, backlog of half salaries, non implementation of promotion, non appointment of Permanent Secretaries, among many others

Almost two years down the line, Governor Adeleke has taken steps in ensuring that workers in Osun state live a better life and enjoy the reward of their stewardship.

Speaking at the 2024 May Day Celebration at Osogbo Township Stadium, The Chairman of the Osun State Council, Nigerian Labour Congress, Comrade Abimbola Arapasopo in his address commended the State Governor for his landmark achievements in support of workers, confirming that "Osun Workers have never have it so good".

Arapasopo also made a bold statement, "We are Oliver Twist asking for more", this in an indication that Osun workers are asking for more and if there wasn't anything, there'll be nothing to ask of or for.

Osun Spring reports that addressing workers at the same celebration Governor Adeleke said his government has paid over Two Billion Naira in palliative wage award to public servants and pensioners, telling the workers.

He listed his achievement in the labour sector to include the following:

- \* Cash backing of promotion of staff since 2022 and implementation of gradual defrayment of unpaid deductions from workers' salaries by the previous administrations
- \* Introduction of gradual systematic payment of half salaries owed workers and retirees by past administrations.
- \* Payment of Two Billion Naira for palliative wage awards from December 2023 till date, which include Fifteen Thousand Naira for public servants and Ten Thousand Naira for pensioners.
- \* Implementation and cash backing of the 2023



promotion for all categories of civil servants at all levels. At the State level alone excluding tertiary institutions, local governments and primary schools, over 2000 civil servants have been promoted with cash backing

- \* Appointment of several Permanent Secretaries thereby eradicating, obnoxious policy of the past administrations of the use of Coordinating Directors to serve as Accounting Officers of MDAs.
- \* Enrollment of numerous retirees on the OHIS scheme to ensure they have access to quality health care
- \* Continuous to payment of full salaries to workers and retirees at all levels without fail despite the tight financial situation.

\* Continuous release of bond certificates to retirees under the pension scheme which to date has run into billions of naira at both state and local government levels.

\* Ongoing recruitment of new teachers at both primary and secondary levels.

Osun Spring commends Governor Adeleke for keeping to his campaign promise as regards workers welfare while charging him not to relent in his efforts.

In the same vein, Osun Spring wants to charge workers in the state not to let the government down and keep to the oath of their jobs, "To whom much is given, much more is expected".

While recognizing that it is the duty of government to continually pay the wages of workers since its their entitlement, Osun Spring notes that some past administration in the state despite promising to make lives better for the people of the state failed to keep the promise.

Osun Spring commends also the decision of the government of Governor Adeleke to recruit 5000 Teachers and 250 Education Officers in to the workforce of the state, we acknowledge that this process will not only reduce unemployment but also improve the quality of education in the state.

Osun Spring therefore call on the Osun state government to ensure that the process is merit based, seeing the education is the bedrock of any functional society and to achieve quality education, the best hands must be employed to teach basic education.

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# Photo news



Governor Adeleke Flags off Lagere Flyover Construction in Ile Ife, Osun State



Governor Adeleke at 2024 May Day Celebration



We have approved the recruitment of 5,250 teachers and education officers to strengthen teaching and learning in our schools. The process will soon be finalized and the new teachers will soon be unveiled. We are not just recruiting teachers, we are going to equip them with necessary skills to deliver world class teaching standard to our children. #ipadelmole2.0



To support the student population in Osun State, I have directed a study to revise bursary awards in our tertiary institutions. The Ministry of Education is to work on the details for a decision by the State Executive Council#ipadelmole2.0



In all our governance activities so far, let it be known that we have never borrowed a kobo. This is in line with our pledge to govern within our available resources as we manage the huge liabilities we inherited from the previous government.#ipadelmole2.0



Our administration is working to deliver on our promise of State Airport. Osun is the only state in the South West without an airport. We are sorting out all technical hindrances. Very soon, construction will start on a new site.#ipadelmole2.0



We are working to unveil a tractor leasing programme to satisfy the needs of our farmer ahead of the new farming season. Aside the leasing programme, the state is billed to purchase new tractors as a major intervention to support the farming community.#ipadelmole2.0



I will soon commence a 'Chat with the Youth Session' with youth stakeholders across the state. Youth leaders in school and out of school are the target. Our government is also setting up Youth Professional Engagement programme. All these are to Empower our youth and develop their capacity as leaders of today and tomorrow.#ipadelmole2.0



In a very short time, we will unveil the new Imole Youth Corps. Issues that delayed the start of the programme have been resolved.#ipadelmole2.0

# tribute

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# Tribute to Late Senator Isiaka Adetunji Adeleke (Serubawon)



“To my dearest Daddy,

As I sit here, reminiscing about the cherished moments we shared, my heart is with both sadness and gratitude.

Today, I want to honour you, not just as a towering figure in the political landscape but as the remarkable father you were to me and countless others.

Daddy, your presence was a beacon of strength and warmth in my life. Your unwavering love and guidance shaped me into the person I am today. You were not just a father by blood, but a mentor, a confidant, and a friend. Your wisdom illuminated my path, and your kindness and generosity knew no bounds.

Your legacy extends far beyond our family, reaching into the hearts of the people of Osun and beyond. As “Serubawon,” you stood as a symbol of hope, a voice for the voiceless, and a champion for justice. Your dedication to serving others, coupled with your humility, endeared you to all who had the privilege of knowing you.

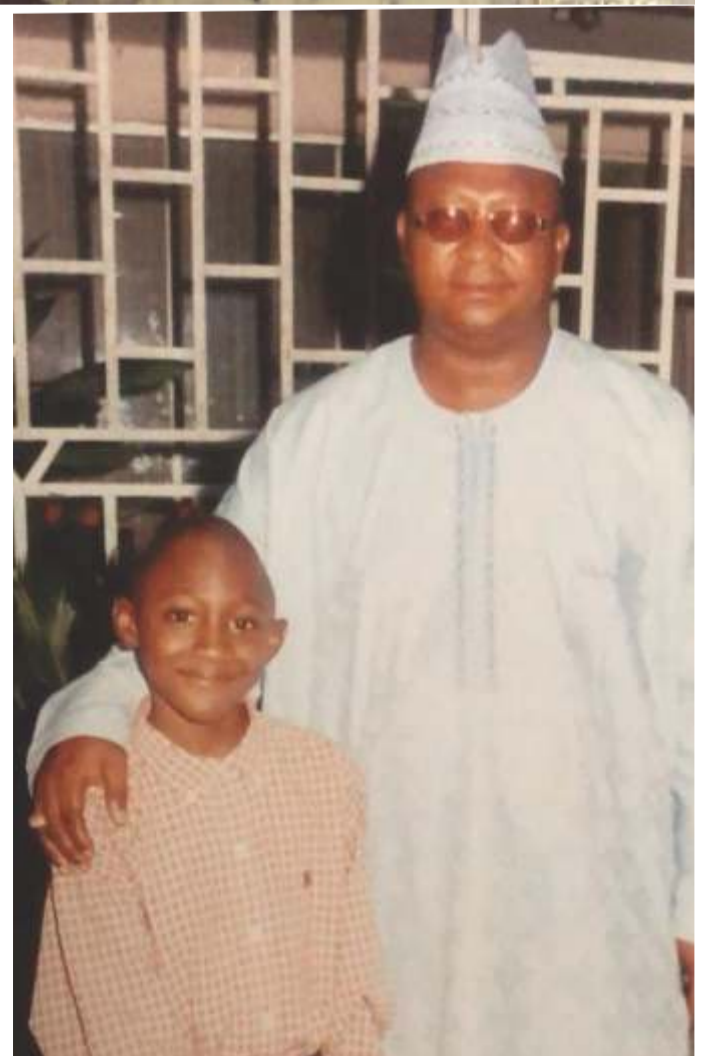
Though you may have left this world physically, your spirit lives on in the memories we hold dear and the values you instilled in us. Your absence is deeply felt, but your legacy continues to inspire me to strive for excellence and to make a positive impact on the world, just as you did.

Daddy, thank you for being not only a great leader but also a phenomenal father. Your love, guidance, and presence are deeply missed, but your spirit remains with us, inspiring us to carry on your legacy of love, compassion, and service.

Your light will continue to shine brightly in our hearts forever.

**With all my love and gratitude,**

Your  
Hon. Tunji Adeleke  
Chairman, Osun Local Government Service  
Commission



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## Governor Adeleke Lists Achievement at Second Ipade Imole (Full Speech)

I am elated to welcome leaders and representatives of the good people of Osun to this second edition of Ipade Imole. This is an accountability forum, an occasion for the elected to give account of our stewardship.

It is now approximately 16 months since I assumed office as your Governor. We are some months away from midterm. I am here to lay my records before you all and to listen to your feedback, your counsel and your alternative proposals.

I know people assembled here are representatives of our larger society. My charge to you all is to ensure delivery of our stewardship to your associations and bodies. I expect micro 'Ipade Imole' after this general 'Ipade Imole'. I charge you to pass details of our deliberations here to members of your associations.

From the last Ipade Imole till date, a lot of accomplishments have been recorded by our administration. The implementation of our five point agenda is proceeding unabated. From infrastructure to the social sector, we are recording great advances.

The major plank of our policy design and implementation is continuity and expansion of inherited state assets. We have refused to abandon uncompleted projects inherited from the previous administration. We are not just completing such projects but we are expanding and adding value.

In our upholding of governance as a continuum, we initiated our landmark infra agenda alongside a multi-sector social investment programme. We have so far maintained a fair balance between what our people have come to regard as 'stomach infrastructure' and hard capital infrastructure. We have come to accept that as we build the road, we must intensify the strengthening of the body.

In all our governance activities so far, let it be known that we have never borrowed a kobo. This is in line with our pledge to govern within our available resources as we manage the huge liabilities we inherited from the previous government. If anybody tells you this administration has



borrowed money, tell the person he is a liar.

Additionally, I task us to ignore false labeling of the intentions of this administration. I am committed totally to equality of treatment and fairness to all segments of the state. Our programmes and appointments are designed without favoritism irrespective of which parts of the state you hail from. The facts and figures are out there to prove that our government is for all and sundry.

I also wish to restate our commitment to patronizing local contractors in line with our policy of local content. The agenda is to boost the local economy as noted in our five point agenda. We are convinced that Osun money should revolve within the Osun economy and the best tool to accomplish such is to ensure localisation in procurement practices.

I must however note that in our upholding of local content, we will never and we are not compromising quality and standard. Additionally, we operate within the spirit and letters of the procurement laws and due process. We have a sacred duty to patronize

local contractors to deepen the state economy, create jobs and enhance technical skills.

Having made the above submissions, I invite this assembly to note our accomplishments in selected sectors as follows:

### SOLID MINERAL SECTOR

Our administration is repositioning the solid mineral sector. Some of our successes so far include

- Clearing of all outstanding service charges inherited from immediate past Governors on the state mining licenses;

- Ongoing step towards converting our the state's exploration leases to Mining leases;

- Securing Osun shareholding with Segilola Mining Company. We are at the trial end of getting our claims from the company;

- Our Government is working on low cities, towns and villages housing mineral titles that will benefit from the Solid Minerals Funds. The results will soon be coming;

- We have directed Segilola to tar Iperido-Ilesa Road

as part of her CSR (Corrupt Social Responsibility);

- We have directed Segilola to put more effort in giving scholarships to host communities where they operate;

- Our government is setting up taskforce to curtail illegal mining across the state;

- Our government is also holding a Stakeholders' Conference of the Osun Mining Sector.;

- Our Government is putting pressure on the Federal Government to remit the share of solid mineral states from the mining royalties being paid to the Federal Government;

### HEALTH SECTOR

Within our mantra of health is wealth, our government is pursuing a policy of total transformation of the health sector. We have the following landmarks to report:

- Ongoing renovation and upgrade of over one hundred Primary Health Care Centres across the state;

- Quarterly hosting of Imole Medical Outreach with over

50,000 beneficiaries;

- The free enrolment of 29,000 pensioners in the State Health Insurance Scheme, the first of its kind in Nigeria;

- Millions of households in Osun State received 3.5 million Long Lasting Insecticide Treated Nets (LLITN) that were bought and given out by the government free of charge.

- The government Procured Family Planning Commodities, HIV kits, and RDT and distributed them across health facilities in the State.

- Also, the government launched HIV/AIDS treatment surge for effective treatment and monitoring of HIV/AIDS cases thereby reducing the incidence /prevalence of the disease;

- Screening of over Four Hundred public servants and giving out free glasses to the people of Osun state at the World Sight Day held on the 12th of October 2023;

- Approval of and payment of 100% hazard allowances for State health workers as approved by the Federal Government;

- Approval of Grade level 10 as entry point for Nurses in the state.

- Construction of a Modern Primary Health Care Centre at Sabo, Olorunda Local Government Area of Osun State (under the CSDA)

- Construction and equipping of a Modern Primary Health Care centre at Araromi Olowu in Atakunmosa East Local Government Area of Osun State (under the CSDA);

- Ongoing construction of Modern Primary Health Care Centres in the following locations: Ogbaagba, Odo-Otin (Iwo LG), Oluode (Iwo LG) and Agurodo (Ejigbo LG) all under the CSDA programme;

- Approval of comprehensive renovation and upgrading of 345 Health Facilities across the State (100-billion-Naira Infrastructure building). This is ongoing;

- Approval of residency training fund for the Uniosun Teaching Hospital;

- Release of funds to procure

# Politics

## 2026: No Vacancy In Abere -Osun PDP Taunts APC

By Tope Odediran

THE Osun State Chapter of Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has sent a notice of no vacancy in Abere to the All Progressives Congress in the state.

PDP in a statement by its Chairman Hon Sunday Bisi also noted that the claims by APC that Dotun Babayemi is decamping from PDP is untrue seeing that he (Babayemi) was already expelled from the party.

The statement reads, "The ruling party once again

laughed at the APC over its desperation and pettiness with its recent statement attacking the PDP government and Governor Adeleke, especially after the colorful 'Ipade Imole' held at Ilesa, saying, the futile attempts to discredit the import of the stewardship program only exposed the dangling Apc the more, as hopeless and helpless.

"While we pray that the APC continues to delude itself with phantom decamping to its fold, contrary to their baseless

claims, the PDP in Osun State today, is stronger and more united than ever. It is however not in our way to go to market marketplace to lay claims of harvesting some errand boy politicians out of desperation to prove strength.

"The APC's claim that Mr. Dotun Babayemi is decamping from the PDP to their party is a blatant falsehood by the drowning APC, trying to hold on to any straw, no matter how worthless.

"Mr. Babayemi, to avoid doubt by unsuspecting

members of the public, has ceased to be a member of the PDP since 2022, when he attempted to undermine the democratic process and the will of the Osun people through the courts.

"His departure since the time of his expulsion from our party is inconsequential, as the PDP remains strong and united in its mission to provide good governance and deliver on our promises to the people of Osun.

"The management of

our great party under the then chairmanship of Dr Akindele Adekunle in 2022, had seen through the destructive mission of Dotun and his co fraudsters and as practical politicians with a focus on the assignment on our hands, the political vagabond had since been excused from our books. The records are there.

"The opposition deserves our pity because celebrating a rogue defection, obviously from APC errand room to image laundering class is a reflection of their current emptiness, They are attempting to repaint a broken and grounded machine, hoping to convince the people of Osun that it is functional.

"It is absurd for instance, to think that a loyal PDP member would ever conspire with the opposition to nullify the popular vote of the people. This latest episode only highlights the APC's lack of substance,

who only enjoyed some years of Osun people's long rope of probation. They failed and the people kicked them out government house in the state. We shall see them no more!

"The PDP government and Governor Ademola Adeleke are focused on delivering on our promises to the people of Osun. We will not be distracted by the futile attempts of the APC to discredit our efforts. We urge the great people of Osun State to shun opposition desperate divings too and stay focused on the lane to rejiggering the state for an assured future.

"The Governor will continue to be accountable to the people of Osun State and will never be distracted if that is the plan of the opposition."

## Adeleke, Oyinlola, Olu Alabi, Akinbade Move To Reconcile Osun PDP

By Jimoh Taofik

The Osun State Chapter of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), has convened a reconciliation and harmonization meeting at the Government House in a bid to foster unity and cohesion within the ruling party in the state.

The meeting signals a significant step towards internal cohesion and collective progress within

the Osun State PDP, paving the way for enhanced party operations and community engagement under Governor Adeleke's stewardship.

Led by His Excellency, Senator (Dr.) Ademola Jackson Nurudeen Adeleke, the Executive Governor of Osun State, the meeting was aimed to address lingering issues stemming from the 2022 Gubernatorial primary.

According to the communique made available to newsmen, members of the party made a resolution to put past acrimonies behind and solidify the Osun State PDP into a unified political family under Governor Adeleke's leadership.

The Osun State Government reinstated its stance to welfare and well-being of party members and citizens of Osun State, describe both as "as a top

priority for Governor Ademola Adeleke-led government."

The Osun PDP also announced the establishment of the Elders Forum, with quarterly meetings scheduled, as well as announced a Stakeholders meeting at the State party Secretariat, the latter aimed at updating stakeholders on party affairs and pertinent issues.

Conclusively, the party announced its plans for a larger convocation in the near future with broader participation and advanced notification, to be held at the Banquet Hall.

Other prominent members of the party at the meeting included Prince Olagunsoye Oyinlola, Senator Dr. Olu Alabi, Alhaji Fatai Akinbade, Engr. Kamorudeen Ajisafe, Hon. Sunday Bisi, Rt. Hon. Adewale Egbedun, Alhaji Kazeem Akinleye, Hon. Bamidele Salam, Mallam Olawale Rasheed, and Prince Bola Ajao.



L-R: Osun State Former Governor, Prince Olagunsoye Oyinlola; Osun State Governor, Senator Ademola Adeleke; Dr Olu Alabi; Former Secretary to Osun State Government, Alhaji Fatai Akinbade

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## Osun Government to Create Special Food Mart

Osun State Governor, Senator Ademola Adeleke, has announced plans by his administration to create special food marts in the state where food items would be sold to residents at controlled prices. Governor Adeleke stated this at the May Day rally in Osogbo, Osun State while rating his administration high in the area of workers' and retirees' welfare. He added that since the inception of his administration, both active and retired workers had got a new lease of life through

the regular payment of salary and pension, adding that he also paid salary arrears owed workers by the previous administrations. He noted further that his administration was aware of the economic hardship in the country, hence, its decision to roll out palliative measures. Adeleke said, "Dear comrades, our government takes judicious note of current national economic challenges. We acknowledge the pain and suffering of our people. Let

me assure you that local and national efforts are ongoing to bring succor to our people. "On the current fuel scarcity, I am happy to inform us all that the state task force on petroleum products has deployed monitoring teams to ensure that fuel hoarding is stopped as supply increases. Our government is working to create special food marts across the state. Such centres will sell food items at controlled prices to address the current high

level of food inflation." Assuring workers of continuous harmonious relationship, Adeleke said the Head of Service, Ayanleye Aina, had been directed to distribute new vehicles bought for Permanent Secretaries in the state to them, to further enhance their productivity. He also revealed a plan to release another round of bonds to retirees who left service on the Contributory Pension Scheme to cushion the biting effect of the present economy on them.

"We are in the process of engaging new teachers at both primary and secondary levels. The process, which is being coordinated by the HoS and the agencies under the education sector, is ongoing," the governor said. Speaking earlier, the Chairman of the Nigeria Labour Congress in Osun State, Christopher Arapasopo, commended Adeleke for his landmark achievements and support for workers.



# Congratulations

Your Excellency

All of us at the Osun State Chapter of All Local Government of Nigeria wishes to congratulate **His Excellency, Senator Ademola Adeleke**, Osun State Governor on his award as **Vanguard Governor of the Year** and Installation as **Asiwaju of Edeland.**

SEN.  
**ADEMOLA  
ADELEKE**  
(EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OSUN STATE)

Signed

**ALHAJI SARAF A AWOTUNDE**

*Osun State ALGON Chairman*

# *Congratulations*

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The Media Team of **Governor Ademola Adeleke** wishes to congratulate our Principal on his award as **Vanguard Governor of the Year** and Installation as **Asiwaju of Edeland**. We celebrate you. Congratulations Your Excellency.

**Signed**

**Oluomo Kolapo Alimi**

Commissioner for Information and Public Enlightenment

**Mallam Olawale Rasheed**

Spokesperson to the Governor

# Opinion

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## The man Adeleke, his world and personality

By Sarafa Ibrahim

Ademola Adeleke is a name that meant different thing to different people. And the reason for this is no other than politics. Since Ademola Adeleke's debut in electoral contest in 2017, those who are opposed to him have done almost everything to adorn him a garb that does not in anyway reflect his true personality.

His hobby, which is dancing, was seen as a weakness and not suitable for leadership position. But the mistake in that narrative was ignoring that a happy man will understand what it takes to make another man happy. And this has been the experience with Ademola Adeleke in the leadership positions entrusted him so far.

Although, his time in the Senate was short, but it prefaced an enduring sense of commitment to the good of the people. That proved his doubters wrong, and in turn, endeared him more to the people, which earned him a victory at the 2018 governorship poll at the first ballot before manipulation thwarted the will of the electorate.

And the same thing manifested in the 2022 governorship election, which saw Ademola Adeleke edge out the incumbent, Gboyega Oyetola, to emerge the 6th Executive Governor of Osun state. How Ademola Adeleke got here tells a story of determination and drive for success. Ademola Adeleke fought through searing, dehumanising political persecution— the mountain of court cases on his qualification for office and media onslaught at his person.

Speaking at the convocation of the Adeleke University in Ede, Osun state in 2023, Ademola Adeleke recounted that "I was subjected to the worst personality attacks and assaults in Osun political history," adding that "After a manipulated judicial process, I went on self-exile for two major reasons. Firstly, to escape the evil plot of enemies who were not satisfied with stealing the People's mandate. Secondly, to complete my degree programs especially as my educational qualifications dominated the 2018 campaigns."

It was that rough and draining but Ademola Adeleke was not shaken in his desire to halt the retrogression of the state and ensure a government that have real impact on the people. When those before him have a ready excuse of paucity of fund to dodge certain responsibilities, especially the welfare of workers and pensioners, Ademola Adeleke made it a first-line charge for his administration.

Obviously guided by the general understanding that a labourer deserves his or her wage, and in time, Ademola Adeleke prioritize the payment of workers salary and associated benefits. Even when he knows nothing about 30-month half salary untouched by his predecessor, Ademola Adeleke set out a template to defray the debt and bring reprieve to those affected.

One spectacular thing about Ademola Adeleke is his simplicity and him not given to the temptation of politics of bitterness. Despite all he went through in the hand of his opponents to get to where he is now, Ademola Adeleke made it clear he would only be guided by public interest and not the bitter politics of the past. For that reason, he is continuing projects, programmes and initiatives inherited as long as it will benefit the people.



In fact, Ademola Adeleke effected the cashbacking of promotion for workers by his predecessor. Knowing how his predecessor treated some of the projects and initiatives inherited, the attitude of Ademola Adeleke to inherited projects and initiatives showed he is not driven by hate or needless political strife. Ademola Adeleke interest is public benefit and whoever started a project or initiative does not matter to him.

Ademola Adeleke has been exceptional in implementing the desire to address the mountainous infrastructural deficit inherited without burdening the future. The dire strait of Osun finances as a consequences of past debt binge is a reality well know to all. And Ademola Adeleke is not willing to add to the debt burden even though he is making effort to improve the state's infrastructural landscape and derive economic and social benefits for Osun and its people.

In October last year, Ademola Adeleke unveiled a multi-billion naira infrastructure plan for the state. Through the infa plan, road projects and overhead bridges across the state will be constructed while a total of 345 primary healthcare centres and 31 public schools will be renovated and equipped. Boreholes will also be sunk in the 332 political wards in the state as well as installation of streetlights among other infrastructural needs will be taken care of.

The first phase of the infra plan projects had started and will be delivered before the year runs out. Parts of the second phase had been flagged off and work ongoing. Mind you, no kobo is taken as loan on this ambitious multi-billion projects, which must have confounded the opposition and responsible for the


series of erroneous insinuations it is peddling about them. And you can't really blame them when you look at the past, and how they were able to execute some of the projects that can be ascribed to them while in power. If they are not taking loan to execute a projects, they will enter into a contracting arrangement, which in real sense put the state at a disadvantage.

The long and short of it all is that Ademola Adeleke is a sure fit for leadership position. The opposition, particularly the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Osun state, who portray him as incapable are not just wrong but also mischievous. From his time in the Senate and now as a Governor, Ademola Adeleke has been effective in delivering good governance and advancing the cause of the people.

Civil servants who endured over three years for the effect of the financial consequence of promotion given to them until Ademola Adeleke implemented it can attest to his kind leadership. Over 50,000 beneficial of the Imole Medical and Surgical Outreach will tell you that Ademola Adeleke is a leader that truly cares. Pensioners in Osun state who no longer have to worry about the cost of managing their health because Ademola Adeleke provided them a full healthcare coverage can better tell the story of a passionate leader. And Osun people who can see and feel the reality of the ongoing infrastructural development across the state will echo loud the transformational leader that Ademola Adeleke is.

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*On behalf of the entire  
Adeleke Dynasty,  
I want to Congratulate  
my brother,  
the People's Governor,*

SENATOR **ADEMOLA  
ADELEKE**

*on his award as  
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and Installation as  
ASIWAJU OF EDELAND.*

*Congratulations  
Your Excellency.*



**Signed**  
Yeyeluwa Modupeola  
**Adeleke-sanni**  
*for the family*

# Osun Gov @ 64:

## Apesin Lanre Kolade congratulates Adeleke on birthday/ installation as ASIWAJU of EDE

A philosopher once said, " a beautiful flower is a flower wherever it grows". It is the metaphor in this philosophical expression that always reflects in the life of the Osun State governor, **Senator Nurudeen Jackson Ademola Adeleke** who is marking his **64th birthday** and at the same time being installed as **Asiwaju of Ede-land**.

I, **Apesin Lanre Kolade**, wishes to associate with an exemplary thorough bred leader of leaders whose leadership style remains impeccable since he assumed office as the state governor. He has distinguished himself with outstanding administrative skills laced with pacesetting managerial acumen.

Your achievements within few months have spoken volumes of you and that of your administration. What an amazing leader with progressive minded visions and missions? What of his contributions to humanity, he has wiped off tears from the eye lids of the down-trodden and gave solace to the suffering ones both in the state and in his community.

I join others to congratulate a knowledgeable, resilient, inspirational and pragmatic leader of note, governor Adeleke as he celebrates his birthday and installs as ASIWAJU OF EDE LAND by **Oba (Dr). Munirudeen Adesola Lawal, Laminisa 1, Timi Of Ede.**

His Excellency, you will live long and flourish like a palm tree. May Allah preserve your soul for greater things in life as you mark your birthday and may God fortify you for the great tasks as being installed as Asiwaju of Ede-land.

**Congratulations, an embodiment of humility  
Congratulations, a man of dignity.  
Congratulations, a man of practicability.**



**HIS EXCELLENCY  
SENATOR (DR.) ADEMOLA JACKSON  
NURUDEEN ADELEKE**

**Signed:  
HIGH CHIEF APESIN OLANREWAJU KOLADE**



## Osun Political Transfer And The Intricacies

By James Bamgbose

Analyzing Nigeria's political system, especially within Osun State, requires a multifaceted approach considering its complex dynamics. Nigeria operates as a federal republic, with power divided between the federal government and 36 states, including Osun. Like many other African countries, its political landscape is often characterized by issues such as corruption, ethnic and religious tensions, and governance challenges. However, the Nigerian political landscape is often characterized by complex dynamics, including ethnic and religious diversity, corruption, and power struggles.

In Osun State, like in much of Nigeria, the political scene is dominated by two major parties: the All Progressives Congress (APC) and the People's Democratic Party (PDP). However, smaller parties also play significant roles, especially at the state and local levels.

I have no intention to ruin the excitement of Osun APC about their new brides, Omooba Dotun Babayemi and Dr Akin Ogunbiyi. The tumult surrounding the political event is unconscionable. Despite the change of leadership, Osun APC sustained its befuddled path in its quest to get power.

The two biggest political events that shook Osun political wave were the amalgamation of the 2018 SDP gubernatorial candidate, Senator Iyiola Omisore, which handed the APC candidate, Alhaji Gboyega Oyetola a paltry lead of fewer than 500 votes in a controversial and violent-ridden 2018 gubernatorial rerun poll and the official political transfer of the SDP candidate to APC in 2021.

Despite the political muscle of Omisore adding to the APC and the then incumbency muscle, one could have expected the 2022 gubernatorial election to widen the difference, but it could only get APC 46.62% of the total votes while PDP got 50.14% of the total votes. I will not disparage Otunba by trying to draw a comparison between him and the new brides.

From my observed Osun voting trend, one can discover that politicians can only account for less than 25% of votes in any poll in a free and fair election exercise, which emphasizes the importance of recognizing the role of other factors such as grassroots mobilization, socio-economic conditions, and identity politics. While politicians may wield considerable power, especially in terms of resource allocation and policy

decisions, the electorate's choices are influenced by a myriad of factors beyond just political affiliations.

While I'm not going to play the card that Dotun Babayemi is a nobody in politics. He has been a "visible player" in the West Senatorial District since 2011. The first and the only time his name appeared on the ballot (to contest) was in 2019 under ADP, and he got 42,915 votes in the Osun West Senatorial District election. Just like many people believe, the 40 NASS members from LP were only favored with political calculations, so I believe that the 40,000+ votes Omooba got were through political calculations.



take the same leap. Many supporters prioritize ideology, commitment to issues, and personal values over mere allegiance to an individual leader. As a result, a politician's move across party lines might not translate into a mass migration of their base, as the followers often weigh their own principles and the specific agendas of the parties before deciding their loyalty. This glaring reality must have informed the desperate rush to lure people through monetary inducements and Ankara souvenirs to ceremonially appear at the "defection" ceremony.

I sincerely appreciate the sullen act of Baba Mutual Benefits Assurance. However, it was the former SSG, Alhaji Moshood Adeoti, who got 49,743 votes. Alhaji and Omooba are from the same district, so it could be easy to point out that one impacted the other. To tell who impacted the other, let's fast forward to June 2019 when Dotun Babayemi decamped to PDP. He only crossed ADP with an imaginary 4,000+ followers out of the 42,915 voters. Amazingly, this happened in less than 5 months.

When politicians switch parties, it does not guarantee that their followers will automatically

the party's standing ahead of future electoral contests. However, this does not correct the prevailing dissatisfaction with the APC's past governance by Osun people.

If an election were held tomorrow, I believe that Governor Adeleke would not only win but do so with a significantly larger margin than before. The people of Osun State appear to be leaning towards leaders who offer tangible changes and practical solutions over those who engage in political grandstanding and cosmetic adjustments to their ranks.

While the APC's initiative to welcome Babayemi and Ogunbiyi might yield their media optic anticipation, the "defection party" might create a buzz and draw some attention. However, it will never translate into regained trust or improved public perception. The APC lost this even before it began and the desperation to welcome whoever knocked on its door just to sell a nonexistent political standing says it all.

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## Sport

### Barr Pelumi Olajengbesi Announces Football Competition to Honour Governor Adeleke

By Oluniyi Isamotu

Abuja based foremost lawyer, Pelumi Olajengbesi Esq. has announced his plans to organise a football competition in honour of Governor Ademola Adeleke, the sixth Executive Governor of Osun State.

In an official release from the Ijesha born politician, he said the goal of the competition is to 'foster youthful engagement and creativity within our communities.'

He said, "Dear Ijesa North Family,

I'm thrilled to announce my sponsorship and hosting of a football tournament in Ijesa North, covering Oriade/Obokun Local Government Areas. My goal is to foster youthful engagement and creativity within our communities. This initiative is one of ten social engagement and support programs I've planned for this year.

"The tournament will be held in honour of the Governor of Osun State, His Excellency, Senator Gov Ademola Adeleke. After



discussing it with him, he's pledged his full support for the event.

"To ensure its success, I've assembled a dedicated committee of eleven volunteers who will manage everything from registration to the final match. With unwavering faith and

determination, we're confident of a triumphant outcome," his statement reiterated.

He thereafter urged all participants in the football competition and football lovers to use the tournament as an occasion to unite and create a memorable and impactful event for the hosting and participating communities.



### Paris Olympics: Nigeria Athletic Team Secures Qualification Spot

By Oluniyi Isamotu

The Nigeria Athletic team (Team Nigeria) has secured its qualification slot to participate in the forthcoming Olympics in Paris, France.

The Team Nigeria

qualified for the Olympics in the Mixed 4x400m, getting an automatic ticket at the World Relays, after finishing 2nd in their heat with a time of 3:13.79.

The quartet of Samuel Ogazi, Ella Onojuvwevwwo, Chidi Okezie and Esther Elo Joseph brought round the baton to ensure

Nigeria is guaranteed a place at the Olympics, finishing 2nd behind Team USA who won in a Championship Record of 3:11.52.

The Nigerian mixed 4x400m relay team became the country's first relay team to qualify for the Paris 2024 Olympics.