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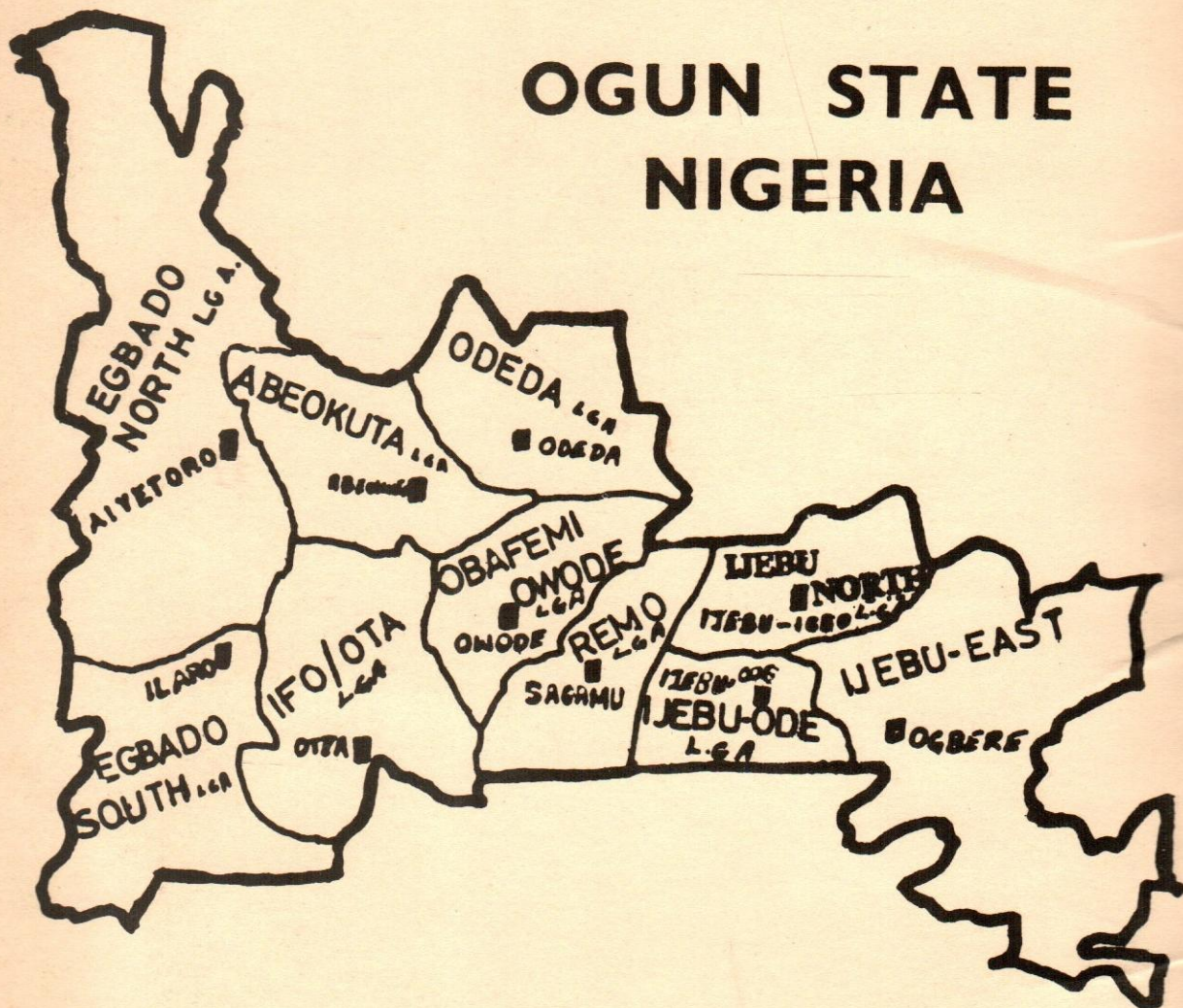


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FOREWORD

For most part of Nigeria's political life since independence on 1st October, 1960, the machinery for achieving a clear-cut focus as to the pursuit of national objectives thus providing a frame-work for mass social mobilisation have been seriously lacking. Thus declared intentions of past governments could not be readily attained due to the absence of correct and necessary orientation of the people.

From the national horizon, we can today identify clear-cut policies and programmes that are relevant to both the life of the country and national objectives. It is in pursuance of these corporate socio-economic objectives that the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Nigeria Armed Forces, General Ibrahim Babangida launched the Social Mobilisation Crusade for Economic Recovery, Self-Reliance and Social Justice MAMSER on 25th July, 1987 in Lagos.

President Babangida identified one of the aims of MAMSER, among others as: "the inculcation in all of our citizens the values, the habits and the orientation which will lead, without coercion, to the emergence, out of our disarray, of a great, self-reliant civic society in which justice, duty, responsibility, tolerance and commitment to nation shall hold sway".

In Ogun State, the concept of MAMSER have been well embraced culminating in its launching on Thursday, 24th September, 1987 by the State Military Governor, Colonel Raji Rasaki.

In Ogun State, a philosophical rationale of governance is that the ultimate success of any programme or policy of any government depends on the understanding, support and appreciation of the people.

This creates goodwill which is the only substance in the art of governance. Consequently an enduring social mobilisation must therefore derive from the people's popular participation, their understanding and the free acceptance of the positive and lasting values inherent in all the on-going socio-economic programme of the government.

Thus in Ogun State MAMSER is all-embracing, and an all-emcompassing umbrella a crusade that has the people, especially the grassroots, as its centre piece.

This publication therefore is a follow-up to the very successful launching of MAMSER in Ogun State. It is hoped that it will help to stimulate and encourage the proper propagation of the tenets of MAMSER in all its entirety.

TAIWO ALLIMI,
STATE COMMISSIONER FOR INFORMATION.

October, 1987.

Mr Taiwo Allimi, the State Commissioner for Information, Social Welfare, Youth, Sports and Culture, reading his address at the launching ceremony.



**WELCOME ADDRESS DELIVERED BY MR TAIWO ALLIMI,
OGUN STATE COMMISSIONER FOR INFORMATION,
SOCIAL WELFARE, YOUTH, SPORTS AND CULTURE,
AT THE LAUNCHING OF THE OGUN STATE CHAPTER FOR
ECONOMIC RECOVERY, SELF-RELIANCE AND
SOCIAL JUSTICE (MAMSER)
AT THE ASERO STADIUM, ABEOKUTA
ON THURSDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1987**

THE MILITARY GOVERNOR OF OGUN STATE,
THE BRIGADE COMMANDER, 31 FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE, NIGERIAN ARMY,
THE ASSISTANT INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE,
THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
THE CHIEF JUDGE,
MEMBERS OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,
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THE CHAIRMAN, OGUN STATE COUNCIL OF OBAS AND CHIEFS,
HIS HIGHNESS, THE ALAKE OF EGBALAND, OBA OYEBADE LIPEDE,
MY LORDS TEMPORAL AND SPIRITUAL,
OBAS AND CHIEFS,
DISTINGUISHED LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

It is indeed a great pleasure for me to welcome you all to the formal launching in Ogun State the Mass Mobilisation Campaign for Economic Recovery, Self Reliance and Social Justice (MAMSER) here at the Asero Stadium, Abeokuta.

Alhaji Tebun Fagbemi, the State Commissioner for Local Government being decorated by Governor Rasaki.



2. The response to our clarion call of this tumultuous crowd gathered here today for full involvement in the MAMSER crusade, shows beyond any reasonable doubt that the entire citizenry of Ogun State is fully aware, socially conscious and set for mobilisation.

3. This ceremony no doubt has cut across barriers involving not only the urban elite but also the grassroot populace who are also well represented here. Apart from this, we have the Voluntary Organisations, the Labour Unions, the Market Women, the Community Development Groups, the Service Organisations, the Youths, the Students and a host of others. They are all here to show their unflinching support to the present crusade of President Babangida's administration and the social-economic laudable pursuits of the administration of Colonel Raji Rasaki, the Military Governor of Ogun State.

4. The reasons for the emergence of the MAMSER Crusade are by now well known to most of us. Our past experiences have shown that most of the set objectives and programmes of past governments have been unattainable mainly due to lack of proper and right orientation of the people. The present administration is out to correct the omission of the past, hence the introduction of MAMSER which focusses attention on three main concepts namely Economic Recovery, Self Reliance and Social Justice.

5. These key concepts will no doubt form the basis of a future Nigeria. The benefits derivable from MAMSER are quite many but suffice it to say that MAMSER would consequently make every Nigerian irrespective of his or her place of origin have a sense of true belonging, placing National goals and aspirations above ethnic and religious considerations.

6. I will like to seize this opportunity to place on record the worthwhile contributions of the 26-Member Planning Committee for MAMSER in

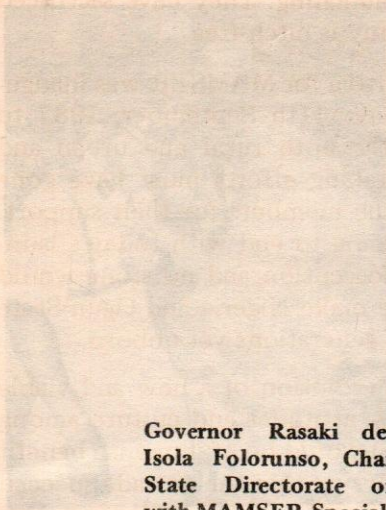
Ogun State, towards the success of today's launching. They have sacrificed energy and time to ensure that today's ceremony is hitch-free.

7. You will recall that the Planning Committee for MAMSER was inaugurated barely a fortnight ago, precisely Friday, 11th September, 1987 to be able to mobilise men, women and youths both rural and urban and materials for this ceremony, a lot of painstaking efforts must have gone into the preparation. I wish again to thank the members for their support. I am very optimistic that MAMSER is not going to end with today's launching. We are committed to its continued prosecution and no stone would be left unturned in our bid to ensure that we make Nigeria and Ogun State in particular a deserving place for all of us and generations yet unborn.

8. I need not emphasise the fact that the evolution of a new and viable socio-political order with a new set of values, attitudes and culture among our people (which MAMSER hopes to achieve) would be of immense benefit to all Nigerians. We must therefore resolve to ensure that the crusade succeed and that MAMSER endures.

9. Once again, Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, you are heartily welcome to the launching of MAMSER in Ogun State. I wish you a happy stay.

10. Thank you and God bless!



Governor Rasaki decorating Mr Isola Folorunso, Chairman, Ogun State Directorate of MAMSER with MAMSER Special Rosette.



**AN ADDRESS DELIVERED BY MR ISOLA FOLORUNSO, Mfr, Mni
STATE DIRECTOR OF THE OGUN STATE DIRECTORATE FOR
SOCIAL MOBILISATION, AT THE LAUNCHING OF THE
OGUN STATE CHAPTER FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY, SELF
RELIANCE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE (MAMSER)**

**BY COLONEL RAJI RASAKI, fss, psc
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I wish, first and foremost to seize this opportunity to express my profound gratitude to the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Major General Ibrahim Badamosi Babangida, CFR, fss, mni, for this honour done to me by giving me the opportunity to serve this my beloved State, Ogun and indeed the Federal Republic of Nigeria as the State Director of the Ogun Directorate for Social

Governor Rasaki decorating the Ogun State Commissioner of Police Mr Timothy Osiyemi with the Special MAMSER Rosette.



Mobilisation. My words of appreciation will be incomplete if I fail to similarly express my highest appreciation to Your Excellency, the Military Governor of Ogun State, the Government and people of the State for graciously accepting me to join hands with my predecessors in the service of the State in working for the continuing progress and development of the State.

Today marks another landmark in the history of this State which only recently celebrated its first decade of existence but a State that can proudly boast of significant achievements.

2. It was only early this year that the Federal Military Government announced to the Nation that the Administration has planned to take twenty seven historic steps in twenty five quarters of the next five years to return the Nation to Civil Rule. One of the important aspects of the President's pronouncement on the time table for Political Programme is the opportunity it has offered all Nigerians to reflect on the Nation's past and the prospects for the future.

3. When we reflect on some of the disturbing and agonising aspects of our societal behaviours of the past, and recall the self inflicted problems that arose from our different prevailing circumstances of those moments dishonesty, disharmony, distrust, lack of patriotism, indiscipline, problems that have continued to appear intractable, we would, I hope, come to the reasonable conclusion that there must have been some forces that were operating relentlessly in the life of the Nation, forces that are determined to destroy the peace, progress and development of Nigeria at practically every milestone so far in our existence as a Nation State.

4. The anguished cries of all concerned Nigerians for a change have long filled the air and can no longer be ignored. The call for a new political order and social orientation is overwhelming and irresistible. The situation



Tunji Oyelana entertaining guests at the launching.

must have therefore been one of the factors that informed the Federal Military Government in its decision to make Social and Political Mobilisation of the citizens one of the pillars of its Political Programme.

The Social Mobilisation Programme is not just one of the elements in the Federal Military Government's preparation for return to civil rule. It is more than that.

The Social Mobilisation Crusade is firmly rooted in the unshakeable belief of all Patriotic Nigerians that the lofty goals and objectives as enshrined in the country's Fundamental Objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy could be achieved through the evolution of a new socio-political and economic order in the country.

5. Social Mobilisation is the process of achieving new culture and objectives. Therefore, let us all pledge ourselves anew to **MAKE NIGERIA GREAT** by our determination through our words and deeds to raise our individual and collective national consciousness in order to achieve lofty goals; to seek and to attain what is noblest in human life, to re-discover the meaning of duty and to accept responsibility; to pursue honest endeavours and to take pride in personal advance only through dedication and hard work; to respect one another and to guard the rights of others as jealously as we guard our own; to believe in rules and to respect and play by the rules and above all to return to those times not so many years ago when everyone accepted that the community and the nation's interests came first and personal interests last.

6. The goal of social mobilisation is the creation of a new cultural and productive environment which will promote pride in productive work, self reliance, self discipline, and selfless discharge of obligations for the greatness of the Nigerian Nation.

7. The major striking force of the Directorate for Social Mobilisation shall be MAMSER. MAMSER will portray the tactics and strategies for mobilizing the totality of the people of Ogun State to harness their energies and natural resources into production, prepare them to reject all forms of domination, make them to shun waste, vanity and pretences to wealth and affluence, and promote equality of opportunities for all.

In the words of Major-General Ibrahim Badamosi Babangida, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces "Nations do not abandon or despair of goals because of circumstances in particular periods of their history; for the nations are eternal; circumstances are temporary." So let it be with the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Thank you and God bless.



Governor Rasaki decorating Oba Oyebade Lipede, Alake of Egbaland with MAMSER Special Rose-tte.

**ADDRESS DELIVERED BY
COLONEL RAJI RASAKI, fss, psc
MILITARY GOVERNOR OF OGUN STATE,
ON THE OCCASION OF THE LAUNCHING OF
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OBA OYEBADE LIPEDE,
OTHER OBAS AND CHIEFS,
MY LORD TEMPORAL AND SPIRITUAL,
DISTINGUISHED LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

1. Today marks another turning point in the history of Ogun State, when the State in line with the new orientation of the Federal Military Government launches the Mass Mobilisation Campaign for Economic Recovery, Self Reliance and Social Justice here at Asero Stadium, Abeokuta.

2. This ceremony witness the convergence of thousands of Ogun State indigenes drawn from the ten local government areas of the State to give support to the crusade for Mass Mobilisation.

Governor Rasaki being decorated by Mr Isola Folorunso.



3. I wish to recall that on Saturday, 25th July, 1987, the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Major General Ibrahim Babangida, inaugurated this laudable programme in Lagos. On that occasion, the Head of State did not mince words when he declared that the Mass Mobilisation crusade constitutes one of the most important elements in our preparation for return to civil rule.

4. I will want to affirm further that the campaign which is being launched in Ogun State today, aims beyond the limited objective of the smooth transfer of power from the Armed Forces to Civilian elected administration. The Crusade aims principally at the eradication of all those features of our behaviour in the past, which have made our society a byword for disharmony, distrust, dishonesty and disservice and a haven for those in our Society who prefer to embrace and to promote in their conduct, the least attraction traits in human nature.

5. The present Military Administration is committed to raising our individual and collective national consciousness which would enable us to seek and attain what is noblest in human nature.

6. As we move gradually towards a new era, we have seen the dire need to evolve and patiently too, a new and viable socio-political order with a new set of values, attitudes and culture among our people. It has been identified beyond reasonable doubt that for Nigeria to emerge from her present predicament, the Mass Mobilisation Crusade which deals with three main concepts of survival i.e. Economic Recovery, Self Reliance and Social Justice should be vigorously pursued.

7. In our bid towards economic recovery, the consumption orientation of Nigerians must give place to production; there is need to plug the loopholes at our border posts to minimise smuggling; the enactment of proper laws against tax evasion and tax avoidance, particularly by private individuals;

intensification of efforts on exportation of home made goods; particularly to the West African sub-region; the encouragement of more research into the sourcing of local raw materials to ease manufacturing and the encouragement of national self pride among the populace.

8. The need for self reliance in our body politic is of paramount importance. A Self-reliant country can simply be defined as a State of economic development whereby all necessary infrastructures have been fully developed. These include among others, good network of roads, fully equipped hospitals, adequate provision of schools and Higher Institutions of learning, provision of constant and steady supply of electricity, well established agricultural support system for uninterrupted supply of raw materials, food and adequate supply of well treated water.

9. In achieving the set objectives of Self Reliance therefore, we need to lay emphasis on the following:

- (a) Re-direction of our educational policy to include the learning of a vocation (handicraft) by every Secondary School student apart from the normal academic studies. This will encourage self employment in later life and emphasise the dignity of labour.
- (b) Relentless pursuit of concrete agricultural programmes in all its ramifications. Adequate motivation and encouragement should be given to farmers in such a way that adequate food is produced and local industries supplied with raw materials. Farmers should also be adequately remunerated such that they live above subsistence level and have self-pride. They should be encouraged to increase their level of political awareness.
- (c) Vigorous pursuit of the objectives and more investment in schemes like Ogun State-Wide Apprenticeship Scheme (OSAS) and Ogun State Agricultural Training and Self-Employment Scheme (OSATASS).
- (d) Encouragement of Communal and Self-help programmes. The Community Development Councils should be encouraged through adequate provision of incentives.
- (e) The Establishment of Co-operative Societies should be encouraged. However, the success of such co-operative societies partly depend on the existence of mutual trust among the leaders and the led.
- (f) Modesty is a winning virtue. Our leaders should learn to cultivate the art of modesty in all their public undertakings and utterances. Modesty will spare us much trouble, for it will prevent us from being too presumptuous and promising more than we can deliver.
- (g) The Nigerian Standard Organisation should be strengthened to make it more effective in ensuring that the quality of home-made products compares fairly well with imported ones and at a reasonable price to the consumers.
- (h) Intensification of the development of the rural areas in order to considerably reduce the rural-urban drift.

10. Another major concept in the Mass Mobilisation Crusade is Social Justice. Bertrand Russel, a British Philosopher once said, "if we could feel genuinely that we are the equals of our neighbours, neither their betters nor their inferiors, perhaps life would become less of a battle". The political leadership in Nigeria have usually been alienated from the governed. The new orientation is to ensure that there is a kind of solidarity between the government and the governed. The ruler should see himself as a true representative of the people and should be duly accessible and accountable to them.

11. Other issues that need utmost concentration include the need to eradicate over-ethnicity or parochialism, inequality in opportunity and social and moral bankruptcy. Our teeming masses need to be deeply committed to service while ostentatious living should be discouraged.

12. Having vividly explained the concepts of the Mass Mobilisation Crusade, I will like to make it abundantly clear that the Ogun State Government is irrevocably committed to the campaign for Mass Mobilisation and will spare no effort in ensuring its success. I must say that although the campaign for Social Mobilisation is being officially launched today, the crusade had started much earlier in the State. In view of the emergence of the Village Enlightenment groups which came into being through the Village Square Meetings, the National Consciousness and Enlightenment Committee (NCEC) and a host of other notable schemes, a solid foundation has been laid for the Crusade in Ogun State.

13. We are therefore optimistic that the Crusade would pose no problem whatsoever in the State. In our midst today are those that can be aptly referred to as the Village Enlightenment Groups composed of Baales and identified opinion leaders. We are of the firm conviction that these groups would form the basis for real mobilisation of the people at the grass-roots and would provide the right atmosphere for the political, social and economic orientation of the people at the grassroots. Their presence here this morning is an ocular proof of their support and commitment to the crusade. This shows that we have started well in the State and we shall pursue the programme with relentless efforts.

14. On the part of the State Government, a number of realistic moves will be made to ensure the success of MAMSER. We have seen from our experience of the Ogun State Night Award that it is a unique forum for encouraging the three concepts of MAMSER. We intend to continue to pursue this programme but in the new year, there would be prizes and rewards for more innovators and agriculturists. Through this type of incentive, the State Government would be encouraging more of the State's indigenes to be innovative in the area of industrial attainment and agricultural production.

15. In a dwindling oil economy, Nigeria has no choice but to return to agriculture which is the way out of our present economic turmoil. I have announced on many occasions that apart from free land to would-be inves-

tors in the rural areas, the State Government would continue to generously subsidise the cost of land clearing for agricultural purposes while farming inputs like seedlings, pesticides and even tractors would be highly subsidised by government as a way of rekindling the interest of our people in agriculture. The State Government while trying to encourage individual farmers is also of the conviction that our present situation calls more for collective farming. On the basis of this, co-operative farming is to be adequately encouraged as part of the MAMSER crusade.

16. I must emphasise that economic recovery lends weight to self reliance. To attain a self-reliant status, programmes which are aimed at encouraging our teeming youths to look inwards rather than outwards will be encouraged. In this vein, programmes such as Ogun State-Wide Apprenticeship Scheme (OSAS), Ogun State Agricultural Training and Self-Employment Scheme (OSATASS) and others would continue to attract financial support from Government.

17. As a way of ensuring social justice in our society, the State Government apart from employing all means at its disposal to ensure equal opportunities for all, would make better use of the Public Complaints Commission. Although a Federal body, necessary awareness will be created among the inhabitants of the State on the role and importance of this important agency in the current crusade for Social Justice.

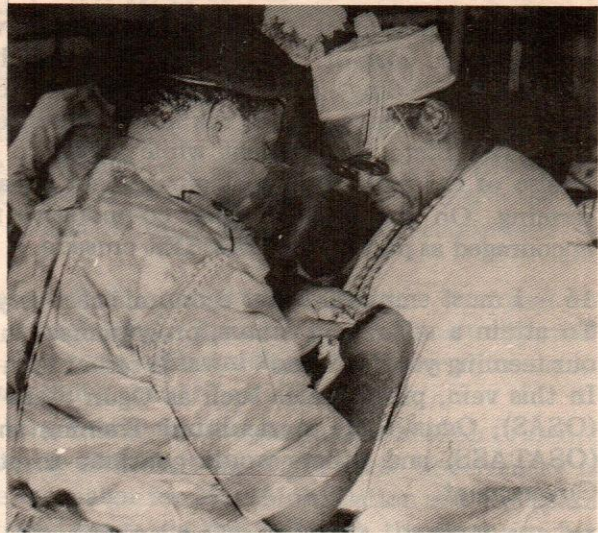
18. I want to assure you Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen that MAMSER has come to stay. It is not going to end with this launching. The continued prosecution of the MAMSER programme is of utmost importance if we are indeed serious about laying a solid foundation for a future Nigeria which will be united, strong and self-reliant with a great and dynamic economy, a just and egalitarian society, a land of bright and full opportunities for all and a free and democratic society

19. In order to ensure the continued prosecution of the MAMSER campaign, a MAMSER Advisory Committee is to be set up in the State. The Advisory Committee will be made up of both urban and rural representatives and they will advise the government from time-to-time on new avenues for the propagation of the Crusade. I am however happy to note that the Planning Committee has been able to come up with worthwhile programme for the launching and I also understand that a blue print on MAMSER has emerged from their deliberations, which will form the basis for the continued prosecution of MAMSER in the State.

20. Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, while calling on all Ogun State indigenes in particular and Nigerians in general to uphold the concepts of MAMSER, thus resolving to make Nigeria an envy of other Nations, I have the unique pleasure to launch the Mass Mobilisation Campaign for Economic Recovery, Self Reliance and Social Justice (MAMSER).

21. Thank you and God bless.

The Elewo of Ilewo, Oba Michael Fatona being decorated by Governor Rasaki.



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I wish to express my profound gratitude to the Governor of Ogun State, Colonel Raji Rasaki for giving me the unique opportunity to address you all on this august occasion even if only for a short time.

We have all been witnessing the dwindling situation of our Nation's economy and if we all look back, we would find out that the sole cause of this our predicament is SIN and other various acts of gross indiscipline now rampant in our places of work and homes. I want to advise you all that henceforth our watchword throughout our daily lives should and must be truthfulness. Let us stand up to help ourselves so that our country Nigeria would regain her lost economic glory. I also seize this opportunity to appeal to the various governments to create job opportunities for the job seekers now abound in our country. Devil, they say find work for the idle, so this morning I am appealing to all and sundry to let us all renew our faith in God and begin our lives anew.

Very soon we shall be having the local government elections, I want to appeal to you all to vote for people on personal merit and truthfulness, selling your votes would amount to selling your conscience.

Nowadays, if you go to our various offices, banks and even hospitals, you find out that there is a great laxity amongst the workers. Let us from now on hold on tight to our jobs, it is by doing this that we can help in regaining a speedy recovery of our nation's wealth.

Finally, I urge you all to keep to God's commandments, by so doing, we all would see how wonderfully our Nation would thrive economically and socially.

Thank you.



Chief Hubert Ogunde delivering an address.

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I express my sincere gratitude to the State Military Governor, Colonel Raji Rasaki, for the opportunity given me to address this august gathering.

In our country today, there are so many happenings that do not allow for progress in our lives. While some citizens of the country are deeply concerned about Nigeria's problems and are reflecting deeply on means of finding suitable solutions to the precarious situation of the nation's dwindling economy, some citizens are not in the least concerned. These class of Nigerians are engrossed in acts of indiscipline such as economic mismanagement, smuggling, drug trafficking, armed robbery and other related vices. All these vices occur daily in our midst, but we all feel unconcerned and allow the situation to get out of hand.

It is a good thing now, that the present military administration in the country has now thought it fit to mobilise Nigerians towards the regeneration of the country's economy and at the same time be self reliant. It also

expects us to work for our rights in the society, and stand up to be our brothers' keeper. What the present Military Administration expect of us now is to determine by ourselves the type of leadership we want.

Taking my own personal life as an example, it is now 44 years since I started work as a playwright, as a private enterprise, and I am happy to say that through God's Grace I have been very successful. This is as a result of hard-work and discipline. However, nowadays, the quest and love for wealth has really eaten deep into the society that even a man who trained as a mechanic now run after Government contracts. If you see a civil servant or a mechanic who in July of every year travels abroad to England or America with six children, let us ask such a man where he got the money. It is only when we can ask the spendthrift, amongst us about the source of their wealth that our people would retrieve their steps from illegal means of acquiring wealth.

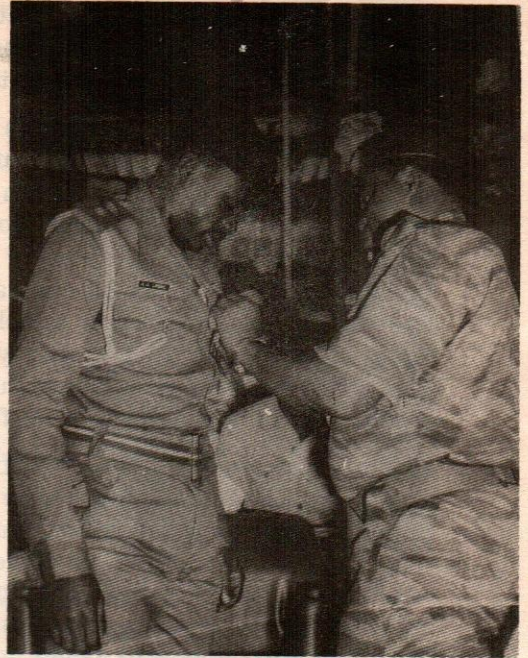
Now, plans are underway for Local Government elections in the Country, and I am sad to say that I have not in the least seen anybody even in my area, who is worth voting for. I am yet to see anybody who is ready to serve Nigeria. I am now appealing fervently to you all to wake up to your responsibilities as Nigerians. Let us be disciplined, learn to stand by ourselves. There is great dignity in labour and most importantly, self reliance in labour is the best that can happen to a man. I am a private business executive, and I work round the clock daily, this has indeed yielded huge dividends for me.

Finally, let us be alive to our responsibilities as Nigerians by shunning all acts of indiscipline. It is only by so doing that we can have a prosperous and self-reliant nation.

Thank you.



Governor Rasaki acknowledging the march-past by some school children.



Colonel Agunbiade Lawal, Commander, 31 Field Artillery Brigade, being decorated by Governor Rasaki.



Governor Raji Rasaki decorating Dr Tai Solarin with the Special MAMSER Rosette.



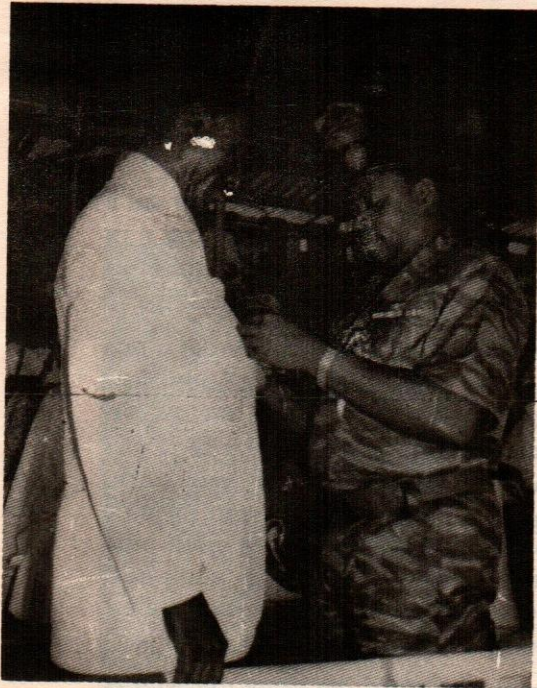
The Disabled too are not left out at the launching ceremony.



Gelede masquerades at the launching.



Market Women demonstrating their support and loyalty at the launching.



The Head of Service Mr David Osinibi being decorated by Governor Rasaki.



Colonel Rasaki inspecting some Agricultural products displayed at the launching.