

**A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE NSUKKA PATRIOTIC MOVEMENT [NPM],  
PORT HARCOURT ON THE CREATION OF ADADA STATE**

The Nsukka Patriotic Movement [NPM], Port Harcourt has, upon exhaustive deliberations resolved to issue the following statement on the creation of Adada State from the present Enugu State.

- 1) The age-long yearning, demand and cry for the creation of Adada State from the present Enugu State has become auspiciously necessary now, more than ever before, given its precarious and degenerating antecedents which are compelling that homogenous entity making up the communities to agitate for a new state as an elixir for even development.
- 2) The people of the proposed Adada State are one of the most populated homogenous cultural groups in the South-East Geo-political zone of Nigeria. They have been existing together as the old Nsukka Province and now seven Local Government Areas in Enugu State namely: [1] Nsukka, [2] Igbo Etiti, [3] Igbo Eze North, [4] Igbo Eze South, [5] Isi Uzo, [6] Uzo uwani, and [7] Udenu.
- 3) In the light of item 2 above, asset sharing will not impose any major problem nor will there be other problems associated with multi-cultural and heterogenous groupings.
- 4) Again, Enugu State is one of the most densely populated states in the South-East Geo-political zone with about 3.1 Million people going by the 1996 population figures. It is on record that the people of the proposed Adada State constitute 50% of the population of Enugu State with an area of approximately 4618 km<sup>2</sup>.
- 5) Moreover, being the food basket of Enugu State with its highly enriched and high-yielding agro-based farm lands, the area proposed for Adada State is not only viable but highly attractive. Additionally, there abounds the popular Ada Rice of Uzo Uwani in this area as well as many cash crops such as palm produce, cashew nuts, coco nuts, etc which are available in commercial quantities in almost all the communities making up the proposed Adada State. The proposed Adada area is also blessed with many mineral deposits such as crude oil in Uzo Uwani area, Bitumen in Eha Ndi Agu and also Coal at Ezimo. There are also many other mineral deposits at large quantities at Nkpologu/Aku/Adada axis.
- 6) The proposed Adada area has the greatest manpower concentration in the present Enugu State in virtually every facet of human endeavour. The new state is needed to allow the people exercise their right to productive life. Equally, the proposed area has many urban centers which can act as catalysts for rapid development of the new state. There are many

outstanding markets in each of most of these urban centers in this area which are presently sustaining the existing Local Government Areas in the Adada area.

- 7) The incontrovertible fact that ADADA State meets all stipulated criteria for its creation viz: geographical contiguity, sizeable population, cultural affinity and economic viability, is evidenced by the fact that one arm of the **National Assembly on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 1983** moved a motion in its ORDER PAPER calling for the creation of Adada State.
- 8) Conclusively, as stakeholders and partners in a developing economy anchored on participatory democracy and even-development options founded in good governance, NSUKKA PATRIOTIC MOVEMENT, NPM strongly believes in the creation of the proposed Adada State which is now historically the oldest state creation request in Nigeria. Our prayer therefore is that the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo and the NATIONAL ASSEMBLY should listen to the cries of the people of the old Nsukka province in Enugu State and give them Adada State to extend development to that area where the Great Zik of Africa had considered good enough for a foremost Nigerian University.

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