

**AN ADDRESS PRESENTED BY THE ASSISTANT CONTROLLER OF PRISONS
ORIABURE EHIZOJIE JOHN ON THE OCCASION OF THE VISIT OF THE CHIEF
JUDGE OF EDO STATE AND MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE TO UBIAJA PRISONS ON THE 16TH OF
JANUARY 2017.**

Your Lordship,

Chief Judge of Edo State and Chairman Edo State Administration of Criminal
Justice Committee

My Lords, Judges of the various High Courts here present

Your Worship and Magistrates, Presidents and Members of Customary Courts

Members of the Bar

Officers and men of the Nigeria Prisons Service

The Divisional Police Officer

The DSS and Civil Defence Corps

Our dear friends of the press

Ministers of the Gospel and Iman

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen

It is with good pleasure, over-whelming joy and humility that I and my staff welcome the Chief Judge of Edo State and his entourage to this very important occasion of jail delivery.

God has made it easy for us through this visit to reassure and inculcate in the inmate of this prison that they are not forgotten.

Generally speaking, the inmates here are very peaceful and law abiding even in the presence of hardship and scarcity, I mean logistic problem. My lord, I wish to inform you that we are still battling with logistics problem and this has made it operationally impossible for us to produce inmates in all the courts at all times.

Precisely 13th of May 2016, I assumed duty as the officer in charge of the Ubiaja, Prisons. One of the major challenges is vehicle to take almost 260 Awaiting Trial Persons (ATPS) to both High and lower courts in the five Local Government Areas in Esan land. It is a very difficult situation in most cases, we

end up using chartered vehicle that is not security guarantee and expensive to come by.

My Lord, I wish to make an appeal for the quick operation take off of Ubiaja High Court as the centre for criminal cases. No doubt, this appeal will make us perform better.

I wish the Lordship and his entourage a happy and successful jail delivery.

You are welcome sir.