AN OPEN LETTER TO IKORODU

On the 66th anniversary of our independence

Happy Independence Day, Nigeria.

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My fellow Nigerians, and my own people of Ikorodu,

Sixty-six years ago today, our fathers and mothers watched a foreign flag come down and our own green and white rise in its place. They had no guarantee of what would follow. They only knew that a people should govern themselves. That courage is why today belongs to us.

So I greet you with joy. Happy Independence Day.

But I will not stand before you and pretend. Freedom on paper is not the same as freedom in the market. A nation can fly its own flag and still leave its people bound: not by a colonial master, but by the cost of living, and by hardship that came from decisions.

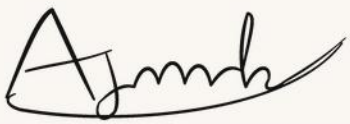
Since 2015, under the APC, the price of ordinary life has outrun the ordinary Nigerian. Garri. Transport. Rent. School fees. Medicine. Our young people are willing and they are gifted, and still they cannot find the door. That is not an act of God. It is the result of choices, and what choices have done, better choices can undo.

So my message to Ikorodu today is one word: hope. Not the cheap kind that asks you to wait another four years. The kind that arrives with a plan you can read, numbers you can check, and a name you can hold responsible.

This country is not short of capable people. It is short of leaders willing to be measured. I am asking for the chance to be measured.

By the grace of God, and with your hands beside mine, we will reach the promised land. Not by waiting for it, but by building it, ward by ward, here in Ikorodu.

God bless you. God bless Ikorodu. God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria.



Yours in service,

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