PEACEFUL ERADICATION OF CONFLICTS, TERRORISM AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM LEADING TO PROMOTION OF PEACE IN THE WORLD

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A PRESENTATION

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Abstract

The main motivation in my fight against conflicts and terrorism is to achieve peace. The intensity of terrorism has assumed worrisome dimension in the world today. At no other time in history has human race experienced the degree of insecurity in the society than our own. The menace of terrorism has taken various forms in different continents, countries, cities and clans. For instance, in Nigeria, almost all groups of people as well as individual citizens are constantly living in fear due to one form of terrorism or conflicts in the country.

Many good models have already been developed to combat terrorism by concerned governments and individuals around the world but the problem still persists in the contemporary society. For example, there is the fire-for-fire approach. In this method of seeking peace, ballistic missiles can be used to bombard terror groups and individuals. This seems good on the surface level but upon closer examination we can observe that it cannot lead to permanent peace.

In this presentation you will see how the vibrant and gigantic Peace Centre in Elele, Nigeria was created and grew integrated with compassion to provide accurate practical and effective fundamental peace, starting from the miserable dehumanized victims of terrorist movements.

With me as a servant leader Model, living closely to and with the suffering, a new method of securing peace has come into existence. This initiative is called Edeh's Charity Peace Model, (ECPM) also referred to as Edeh's Mma-di Peace Model (EMPM). Since most of the other existing models seem to be ineffective, there is urgent need for the world to consider this inspiration which was fired by the desire to do something for my people to have peace.

INTRODUCTION

I inherited my Mother's charity which she developed and practiced 16 years before my birth on 20th May 1947, marked by the 1947 total eclipse of the sun.

Articulation of African Philosophy:

After 14 years of research, I articulated African philosophy. From this, I arrived at the fact that man is ontologically "good that is" having been created by God (Chineke) and cared for by God (Osebuluwa), the Supreme Good.

Man the "good that is", deserves care and respect, hence man is-dignified.

In this philosophy, Thought and Action cannot be separated, hence as God created, cares for and sustains us, man seeing fellow human as "good that is" must respect the dignity of man, caring and sustaining him.

From my early upbringing and formation, I discovered that my vocation was a call to gather the broken hearted, the downtrodden and abjectly poor, to fight against terrorism and conflicts, and all forms of human dehumanization and hence achieve peace in people's lives, cordial relations among all peoples of the world and through my mission of practical and effective charity achieve peace.

Origin of Terroristic Attacks in Nigeria

In late 1970s and early 1980s there was a major terror uprising led by Maitatsine and his followers known as Yantatsine which led to several thousands of death. After Maitatsine's death in 1980 the movement continued some five years more.

By 1983/84 more violent uprisings occurred in Bulumkuttu near Maiduguri and in Kaduna where many Yantatsine adherents had moved after 1980. Over 3000 people died. Ultimately more than 1000 people died in Yola and roughly half of the city's 60,000 inhabitants were left homeless.

As a result of this Maitatsine uprising over 30,000 displaced terror victims moved down to Elele which was then known as the dumping ground for the dead, terror victims and war victims who were mercilessly maimed and devastated. The aftermath of the Nigeria - Biafra war heightened the precarious situation.

My Experience During the Nigerian Civil War (1967 - 1970):

My experience in the fight against extremism started when I was a young seminarian. Because I had a caring heart, I quickly joined to work with the Caritas Relief Organization that came from Norway, an organization that was bringing relief materials to the suffering people during the civil war.

I participated very prominently in organising centres for the distribution of Caritas relief materials- food, medicine, e.t.c in Awo-Omamma, Ihuoma, Orlu, Imo State and its environs.

My Ghastly Encounter

On that fateful day, as I was riding on a bicycle entering one of the centres in Awo Omamma primary school compound to share egg yolks, dried milk, stock fish and corn meal to those ravaged by war who were gathered in thousands waiting for me, an enemy war plane spotted me wearing long white clothes and suddenly dashed from the clouds, targeted me and dropped a bomb coming straight on the direction of my head.

But miraculously pushed down by the force of the bomb I fell down and became unconscious for a short time. When I regained my consciousness, I discovered that the bomb fell slopingly in front of me killing and smashing very many traumatized human beings gathered in the field.

When I regained consciousness the experience was unbelievable for me. How did God manage to spare my life? Instead of being discouraged I became more determined to engage in the effort to rescue human lives from the vicious actions of terrorists and war perpetrators. Also moved by faces of children ravaged by hunger and pains I saw in the refugee camps and Caritas feeding centres these experiences left permanent impression on me. I there and then decided to get involved in the alleviation of these dehumanizing situations. Hence, the mission of practical and effective charity.

Back from my Overseas Studies in 1984

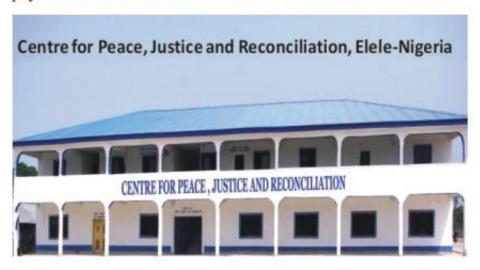
I was assigned to work at Elele. Then I found myself in the midst of the miserable conditions of people.

Apart from the result of Maitatsine uprising and aftermath of Nigeria – Civil war we now face special challenges from the extreme group Boko Haram. At our centre even till today we protect girls who have been kidnapped, and now are free, parents and families coming from the terrorist zones.

Faced with the above situations, I decided to spend my life tirelessly to alleviate the sufferings of man (Mmadi) "good that is", to liberate man from the dehumanizing situations. Hence, I became a servant leader and struggled to establish the following peace creating institutions.

Centre for Peace, Justice and Reconciliation

With these 30,000 dehumanized people coming around me from the North and thousands coming from Nigeria – Biafra war aftermath situation, I first of all struggled to provide shelter, feeding, rendering psychological counselling and psychosocial services to the traumatized victims.





Settling cases

I noticed that many of them had grievances against their neighbours, families, quarrelling against families, different ethnic groups fighting against themselves. To contend with this situation I had to set up: The Centre for Peace, Justice and Reconciliation. The purpose was to usher in peace in the hearts of the broken hearted. This resulted in thousands and thousands of terrorist victims heading to Elele from all over the country and beyond.



Fr. Edeh feeding the abandoned children and poor mothers

Umuogbenye (most disadvantaged) Unit: I started picking up orphan children from the bush around Elele and feeding abandoned children and poor mothers, three times daily in this unit. From here we established what is today known as New Jerusalem where former victims who have been rehabilitated live without charge and go to work from there.

Museum of Charms (Voodoos) and Fetish Objects: It is the first of its kind in the world. In this museum millions of charms (voodoos) and traditional weapons of mass destruction used to destroy lives and peace in the society are collected and disempowered.







Museum of Charm

EDEH INTERNATIONAL PEACE CENTRE

The Centre for Peace, Justice and Reconciliation later developed into Edeh International Peace Centre. It also now includes the Pilgrimage Centre Elele, the largest Pilgrimage Centre in Africa where people come in millions to find peace in their lives.

What Motivates Millions of People to come to Edeh International Peace Centre Elele:

The peace that Edeh International Peace Centre Elele gives can hardly be quantified. Compared with any peace that anyone can get from anywhere in the world, it stands out. Why and what motivates dehumanized people and even vicious people to flock to our Edeh International Peace Centre Elele?

- 1. Our Peace Model is all Embracing: Its peace process matches theory with practical results. Its functionality motivates people into our peace and reconciliation process; a process that delivers what it promises and promises what it delivers. Because the model is functional, its peace process naturally attracts people from far and near. (cf. ECPM, 2013 p.129). The functionality of the process serves as the ground for its popularity.
- 2. Monthly Public Testimonies: In the Edeh International Peace Centre, Elele, thousands of members of vicious groups are rescued from their membership as shown in their process of giving public testimonies which takes place especially on Fridays and Saturdays of every first week of the

month.

Here with our counselling and special care we render to such people, many are bold enough to mention to the public the number of people they had killed, or kidnapped before getting to know of the Peace Centre Elele.

Others struggle to be given the chance to see or consult me or any of my collaborators on one to one basis. During this moment they reveal the atrocities they have committed with their terroristic groups.

Asked why they decided to come to Elele, they usually said that they had confirmed that millions of those who come to this peace centre really have lasting repentance, peace and happiness in their lives and families. For example:

A Young Terrorist of 28 years old:

In 2002, a young man of 28 years was found among the crowds of youths eager to see me privately. What quickly attracted my attention was when he whispered to me that he was a terrorist. He left his hometown Nnewi six years back and joined a very bad vicious group in Kaduna in the Northern part of the country bent on destroying people's lives and properties. Discussing further with me he revealed that he had killed over 25 innocent prominent people in the country. To my greatest surprise he brought out and showed me his sophisticated weapons (one of them was a six round riffle) he was using. In fact anyone who saw him with me must have taught that he came to kill me too.

Immediately, I applied our Peace Model, calmed him down and he willingly submitted the weapons to me. After psychologically re-orientating him, our centre rehabilitated him until he became properly repentant and humanized. Later, he joined his family members at Nnewi who confirmed that for the past 6 years he disappeared from them without their knowing that he joined a violent vicious group in Kaduna. Today he is a responsible married man.

b. The case of Emma Nwa Dibia (First week of August 1986):

There was a vicious group that developed in Ozubulu and Nnewi, eastern part of Nigeria, which led to some extremists using camouflage of devilish masquerade to kill human beings using native weapons of mass destruction as directed by the Igwe (native king of the village) during the annual native festivals. In 1986, the masquerade became over fortified with dangerous weapons of mass destruction that numerous people's lives were being destroyed through mysterious killings. Even their leader was in real danger of death.

Consequently some young people from those villages rushed to the Peace Centre, Elele to find solution to the problem. I immediately invited the vicious groups to bring their leader together with all their dangerous weapons of mass destruction. Using our Peace Centre method of rescuing the vicious groups and victims we resuscitated even their leader and through psychological and spiritual counselling brought him to live in peace. Today he is a graduate, married and working as the director of the museum of charms (voodoos) and fetish objects

in the Edeh International Peace Centre, Elele. He is nicknamed "Emma Nwa Dibia".



Ismma Niva Dibia







Crowds in the peace centre

Rehabilitation Centre: Which includes self- help projects like Toilet Tissue industry, Paint production factory, Pilgrim Tonic wine factory, Pomade/powder factory, Bread- making factory, Olive oil, Primo Rub, Pure water factory, Triumph soft drink factory, Candle production, Ice cream etc.



Drinks factory

Educational institutions: (15 of them) including primary and secondary schools, Polytechnic, College of Education, Caritas University and the prestigious Madonna University with three campuses. We have over 18,000 girls in our Tertiary Institutions and about 4,000 girls in our non-Tertiary Institutions.



OSISATECH Polytechnic Enugu, Nigeria



Madonna University, Nigeria



Caritas University Amorji-Nike Enugu, Nigeria

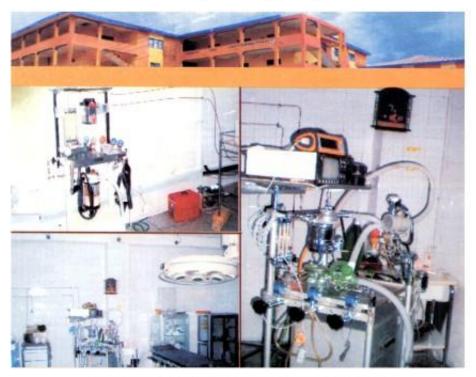


Moslem students in Madonna University

Medical Institutions: With free medication to the indigent

- Motherless Babies Home Elele
- Our Saviour Hospital Elele
- Medical Clinic Okija
- Medical Clinic Akpugo

- Medical Clinic Amorji Nike
- Medical Clinic Ogui Road, Enugu
- Medical Clinic Owo
- Madonna University Teaching Hospital and others.



Madonna University Teaching Hospital (MUTH)

Scholarships to poor and indigent young people, the handicapped, deaf and dumb, blind and crippled e.g, OSISATECH, established originally for handicapped, deaf, dumb, blind and crippled has produced three blind lawyers and

thousands of graduates happily working in Nigeria and other parts of the world.



Handicapped students, blind and deaf all on Fr. Edeh's Scholarship

MEASURES TO PREVENT THE GROWTH OF TERRORIST GROUPS

- Rehabilitation Centre used for rehabilitating terrorist victims and preventing young people from joining vicious groups.
- Skill Acquisition Centres with 17 Self-help projects.
 Here we train the young people and help them to be
 useful to themselves and their families.
- 3. Educational Institutions where proper and holistic education is given to the youth. We have 15 Primary and Secondary schools, one Polytechnic and one College of Education (the first two private tertiary institutions in Nigeria), Caritas University and Madonna University (in three campuses) the first private University in Nigeria. Our undergraduate students are over 24,000 in number. From these institutions we already have as of 2015 over 100,000 graduates who are happily and comfortably working in many cities in Nigeria, Africa, Europe, America and Asia. A lot of our medical graduates are gainfully employed in some hospitals and medical centres in Africa, America, Asia and Europe.
- Girl-Child Education is very prominent. We have over 18,000 girls in our tertiary institutions and about 4,000 girls in our non-tertiary institutions. With these measures, we have prevented innumerable girls from frustration, child-trafficking and joining vicious

groups.

- Provision of Free Medication for the victimized and unable.
- Provision of Sscholarships to those displaced and rescued, up to University level.
- Capacity Building, job creation for the disadvantaged.
- Partnering with UNICEF for the supply of relief materials as well as provision of psychologists for counselling and psychosocial services to the displaced and rescued victims of terrorist movements.

Establishment of Well-disciplined and Properly Organized Institutions:

By 1980s Nigeria Education System was shattered and rendered useless by the vicious actions of terrorism. This manifested itself through secret cultism, indiscipline, drug abuse, examination malpractices, student riots, strikes, kidnapping, sexual harassment and all forms of discrimination.

It pained me that the world is full of terror, perpetuated by vicious groups even in the schools which form the nucleus of youth development. Hence, I have for the past 30 years dedicated great efforts towards achieving peace through the establishment of well-disciplined and properly organized institutions devoid of all these dehumanizing terrorist habits.

Consequently thousands and millions are being helped to develop their potentials and be empowered to live in peace with fellow humans who are "the goods that are". How can such people join any terrorist group? Impossible.



Thousands of girls jogging



Girls demonstrating for the release of Kidnapped "Chibok Girls".



Picture of girls saying: "Release our Chibok Girls"

MY REACTION TO TERRORISM, VIOLENT EXTREMISM AND PROMOTION OF PEACE

Proffered Solution: With regard to the above what I am offering to the world as the proffered solution are concretized in the following developments:

 My philosophy of Thought and Action: Seeing that man is good and dignified. Activities must be undertaken to keep man in the state of goodness happiness and peace. For instance:

Rampant Kidnapping in Nigeria:

Today some terrorist groups are perpetuating rampant kidnapping of young people and even some adults in the southeast of Nigeria - Aba, Port Harcourt, Nsukka, Enugu, Onitsha areas. Some of the kidnapped girls and boys are used in ritual killings for the intentions of certain politicians who believe in devilish practices. Other kidnapped persons are used to extort heavy money from their families. However, since our Peace Centre, Elele became prominent once we take action by contacting the kidnappers, through even phone calls, and make it known to them that the kidnapped girl, boy or parent is Fr. Edeh's student or a member of the Peace Centre and that Fr. Edeh has asked for her or his immediate release, the kidnappers usually do not waste time in releasing the victim.



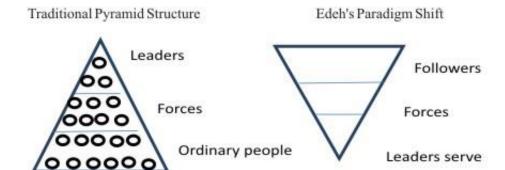
Kidnapped and released boys and girls

Achieving Millennium Development Goals (MDGs): To eradicate conflicts, terrorism and extremism we have established and actualized facilities achieving all the Millennium Development Goals such as:

- Eradicating extreme poverty and hunger (over 12,700 workers)
- b. Providing Universal Primary Education
- Maintaining Gender Equality and Empowerment of women etc.

Servant Leadership Model (To eradicate extremism)

Edeh's Alternative leadership Model has flipped the traditional pyramid structure of leadership to Edeh's paradigm shift.



4. Edeh's Charity Peace Model (ECPM)

Geared towards the eradication of conflicts and violent extremisms and the realization of peace in the world, it is universally applicable for settling: Civil cases, Criminal cases, Pre-conflict and Post conflict cases. It covers the primordial as well as postmordial interpretation of peace.

It is relevant in ushering peace through: Peace keeping, Peace-making and Peace building to the modern world. Applying the ECPM to terrorism will enable the perpetrators to rediscover the extent of their atrocities against fellow human (goods that are). They will be able to retrace the Godman-world scheme and identify their own relationship. The people investigating the cause of terrorist act would by the virtue of charity be sympathetic with the perpetrators and be realistic in dealing with their motivation. Readiness to justly address the remote causes of terrorism is essential. The ability to listen to all concerned parties based on the fact that all men are good because they are created by God, the supreme "good"

that is", will combine to give meaning and efficacy to the solutions proffered.

Its Universal Application

The question is how can ECPM be applied to groups like Boko Haram or ISIS? ECPM can be applied to any conflict around the world due to its universal application. ECPM arises from the universality of *mmadi*, the "good that is", which is the focal point of the model.

Every human including members of any terrorist group is good, who shares in the goodness of God. Although their goodness has been distorted which resulted to their act of violence, we know that violence is never a solution to this problem. What is needed is that they go through the process of re-orientation to who they truly are as *mmadi* "good that is".

Edeh's Mma-di Model

It shows Edeh's Peace theory as a highly workable and proven valid conflict-resolution model that works even in longstanding global conflicts settling pre-conflict, in-conflict and post-conflict, resulting in peaceful reconciliations and resolution of the goodness of man.

MICPA Foundation

To confirm the establishment of peace in the world, we established the Madonna International Charity Peace Award Foundation. Through this we have given awards to many people for their promotion of peace in the world.

7. For Peace to Reign it is Important that there be cooperation between Religious Leaders:

On my arrival to Elele, I methodically visited and greeted all the religious leaders within the vicinity – Elele, Umudioga, Apani, Ahoda etc. I made friends with all the groups especially the Moslems and various groups of Protestants. We began to communicate together to the extent that when in 1986 I needed to expand with more land to accommodate the thousands of people flocking around me something interesting happened. The Moslems in Elele contacted their leaders in Kaduna and they with their leaders unanimously donated a large portion of their land, which they originally acquired to build their Moslem college, to me free of charge.

In 1989 there occurred an incident in Kaduna that nearly sparked off a very serious war between Moslems and Christians in Kaduna. It already involved the death of two Moslems, but to the greatest surprise of all, the Moslems in Kaduna unanimously decided to come with the Christians to Elele for me to settle the very serious case with our Peace Model. The Moslem man sent the message requesting that I use the peace model to settle the case for the two religious groups in the Peace Centre Elele. The Moslems and Christians who came for the case were many.

Following the Edeh's Charity Peace Model, I first assumed the role of a mediator rather than a judge or an arbitrator. Through mediation, justice was achieved and hence reconciliation became realizable. Through Covenant life binding, a process

of safeguarding the true reconciliation was reached.

At the end, the two parties happily went back to what they were before the dispute arose. There was no victor and no vanquished. All were convinced that man is ontologically good and therefore a peaceful being. The two groups happily embraced themselves and went home with peace in their hearts.

When in 1993 I was registering Madonna University as the first private tertiary institution in the country I showed my willingness to accommodate all young persons qualified to gain admission – Protestants, Catholics and Moslems regardless of origin. Consequently Moslems and Christians from all parts of the country and beyond are happily living together and studying peacefully in all our institutions.



Boko Haram victims from North, in the Peace Centre, Elele

The need for religious leaders to cooperate has been practically exemplified when a Buddist Leanghoin Hoy was nominated by MICPA foundation to receive an award for the homeless children of Cambodia as a result of the catastrophic flood in Cambodia (Asia) in 2011. The same year two married Anglican couples both physically challenged deaf and dumb received great awards. All these were aimed at promoting peace in the hearts of myriads of people in the society and appealing to religious leaders to cooperate.

This shows that with the understanding of and the application of Servant Leadership Model and Edeh's Charity Peace Model supported by our MICPA Foundation and many church leaders as well as government leaders, peace will certainly come to all the corners of the globe irrespective of gender, religion, race or colour.

Sufferings Encountered

In the course of our efforts towards the eradication of terrorism, prevention of the growth of the vicious groups, and rehabilitation of the victims of dehumanizing situations a lot of challenges have been encountered.

Prominent to remember are:

- The traumatic condition I found myself when I was nearly bombed to aches in the school field at Awo Omama during the Nigerian civil war when I was struggling to administer relief materials to numerous people dying of kwashiorkor and various diseases.
- 2. It is on record that as I was trying to establish the first

private university in Nigeria, Madonna University, I encountered, at least twenty two (22) times, terrorist groups in form of armed robbers that struggled to kill me. On several occasions they stopped my vehicle, came very close and fired at me. Fortunately their bullets would shatter my car but in one way or the other God prevented me from being killed. Other challenges are too numerous to mention here.

CONCLUSION

A. My Plan of Action to Achieve Peace in the World

My lifelong activities have shown that peace can be made possible through:

- Peace to millions of people coming from all over the world to get peace in the Edeh International Peace Centre, Elele.
- Museum of Charms (Voodoos) and fetish Objects seen as the tool for fighting diabolic practices that normally result in the killings or injuries of neighbours and is geared towards world peace.
- Education of many of disadvantaged children with special focus on girls' education, and skills to physically disabled. Eg: our Polytechnic for handicapped, blind, all on scholarship.
- Two popular Radio Stations (Madonna University Radio and Caritas University Radio) which educate the masses and promote peace.

- Rehabilitation of youths- Establishment of local industries which provide employment and rehabilitation for thousands of employees and young people. We have over 12,700 employees on record.
- Primary Healthcare-with many health institutions up to University teaching hospital, which provide free healthcare to those who cannot afford it.
- Our Peace Awards that encourage those who foster abundantly the acts of practical and effective charity. The latest one was to Ebola victims in Sierra Leone 2015.
- 8. Millions of local peaceful interventions through the use of Edeh's Charity Peace Model, which has made the Peace Centre Elele a place where millions of people converge to seek resolutions, free of charge, for their problems and conflicts. Over 14 million cases have been resolved free of charge between 1984 and 2014 (thirty years).
- An International Convention Centre (established since 2006)that attracts eminent peace scholars and research fellows every month of November with interest for Edeh's Peace Model and Edeh's Peace initiatives making use of African Philosophy that sees man as "good that is", dignified and deserving respect.
- 10. Four religious institutions for the projection and

- perpetuation of our peace projects. The members will continue the programmes that engender peace in the hearts of people in the world.
- Charity to Indigent youths: some of the kidnapped girls and boys, rescued through our interventions are given scholarships in our tertiary institutions.
- 12. Partnering with UNICEF by giving an award of \$100,000 for the supply of substantial relief materials, provision of Psychologists for counselling and psychosocial support to the displaced and rescued victims of terrorist movements; also provision of scholarship to ten girls as part of our partnering with UNICEF.



B. The Main Motivation

The main motivation in my fight against conflicts, terrorism and violent extremism is to achieve Peace. Peace in the modern society, peace in the lives of the traumatized victims of vicious groups, peace in the hearts of millions of human beings (the abjectly poor, the down trodden, the oppressed, the uneducated, the sick, the handicapped and the suffering), and to stop millions of African youths from being recruited by terrorist groups as a result of poverty, no education, lack of medicare etc.

Through our activities we are directly reaching the terrorist groups but we are not fighting back or castigating anyone. Rather we are extending our charity peace model to them and directly or indirectly beckoning at them to come and settle amicably through our peace model.

C. Our Press Release Goes Like This

There is no conflict that has ever defied solution on application of Edeh's Charity Peace Model which originated from our Peace Centre, Elele. This model has been successfully applied to settle millions of civil and criminal conflicts.

Following this, I am prepared to meet with representatives of Boko Haram and all those concerned in peace talks to negotiate and simultaneously obtain the release of the kidnapped Chibok girls.

And thus by God's grace find a peaceful resolution of the present state of terror in Nigeria and other countries of Africa. From my articulation of African Philosophy, it is abundantly

clear that every man is good and dignified and therefore deserves respect not destruction.

I am also prepared to meet with the representatives of ISIS and all those concerned in peace talks using Edeh's Charity Peace Model to negotiate with them, and through God's guidance, find a peaceful resolution of the present state of terror in the world today.

Every effort must be made to effect a peaceful resolution of all conflicts that lead to any dehumanizing situation rather than peace in the world.

D. My Passionate Appeal

Goes to the governments of the world, to join hands with us and the new government of Nigeria, to eradicate terrorism and violent extremism not only in Nigeria but also in countries like Somalia, Kenya, Sudan, Syria, Iraq and so on, so that peace may reign in the world.

MEETING WITH WORLD LEADERS



Meeting with the director of council of elders in London



Fr. Edeh at the European Parliament in Strasbourgin France



Fr. Edeh with Malala Yousafzai, female education activist and nobel laureate at her 18th birthday.



Fr. Edeh visit to Michael Tetzschner former Oslo city Governor and Norwegian parliamentarian.



Fr. Edeh visit to Gordon Brown former UK Prime Minister.



Fr. Edeh's visit to Jerzy Buzek, a member of European Parliament.



Fr. Edeh visit's to Tony Blair, Former UK Prime Minister.

Meeting with His Excellency Kashim Shettima Governor of Borno State

On July 28th, 2015, I providentially met his Excellency Kashim Shettima the Governor of Borno State, the major area of Boko Haram terrorists, where Chibok girls were kidnapped. I informed him that I am highly concerned about the situation of the kidnapped Girls and that I am ready and willing to be involved in peace talks with the people concerned using our Peace Model. He expressed his gratitude in meeting with me and confirmed that it is really peace talks that will bring the solution and stop Boko Haram activities. He promised to contact me whenever peace talks are possible.

Further, I told him that I have given University scholarships to children of many parents who have been displaced by the terrorists including some of the rescued girls. He happily said that he would also like to sponsor in Madonna University Faculty of Medicine about 20 or more girls kidnapped but have been released from Boko Haram activities in Borno State, North-east geographical zone of Nigeria.

From this brief meeting one can see that door is opening for communication between us and the governor of Borno State, the main centre of Boko Haram. With the governor bringing many of the kidnapped and released girls to be rehabilitated and properly educated in our University coupled with the many children of the displaced parents who are on our scholarships as well as many other kidnapped and recused girls whom we are sponsoring through our partnering with UNICEF one can see the gravity of our efforts against terrorism and violent extremism.

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