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HIS MAJESTY THE ALAKE OF EGBALAND OBA OYEBADE LIPEDE I, C.F.R., J.P.

His Majesty Oba Mofolorunso Oyebade Lipede I, who is widely acknowledged as one of the most progressive, endearing, enlightened traditional rulers in the country was born at Erunwon Township, Ake, Abeokuta on 26th January, 1915. His parents were Prince Adebawale Lipede a grandson of Princess Deluola, a daughter of King Jibodu and Mrs Adeline Abiola Lipede—a daughter of Chief Lunloku who was a brother to Dende Kitunmade of the Jibolu/Taiwo family of Itesi, Ogbe/Oba and Imo Townships of Abeokuta. All these facts only point to the dual royal birth that our revered Oba Lipede enjoys.

Oba Lipede started his long and chequered journey at St Peters School, Ake, Abeokuta where he had His Primary Education. Thereafter, he attended one of the most reputable Secondary Institutions in the country—The Abeokuta Grammar School in 1932, under the Principalship of Nigerian foremost educationist and disciplinarian Reverend I. O. Kuti of blessed memory. After a short spell of one year, Kabiyesi left this Institution for the oldest Secondary School in Nigeria—the C.M.S. Grammar School in Lagos.

On successful completion of his studies at the country's Premier Grammar School, However he was immediately engaged by the Department of Customs and Excise in Lagos in May 1937. Within an eventful period of Eleven years (1937—1948), Oba Oyebade Lipede I, worked in a variety of Towns in the Southern part of Nigeria such as Warri, Sapele and in a good number of challenging capacities as taking charge of the arduous compilation of the monthly trade Journal—the Nigerian Trade Summary containing the Import and Export duties which he handled as flawlessly and impeccably as possible.

Having excelled in the plenthora of capacities in which he served whilst with the Department of Customs and Excise and the Office of Statistics, Oba Oyebade Lipede I got on a platter of gold his subsequent job with the then newly established Department of Marketing and Exports in 1949. For thirteen years he worked tirelessly with this outfit till 1962 when the dynamic Oba Lipede took yet another tasking and challenging job with the now defunct Nigerian Produce Marketing Board which has now metamorphosed into the various Commodities Boards. It was in this new and

envious capacity that he performed key duties hitherto reserved exclusively for the Europeans—a glaring testimony to the fine calibre, distinguished and sterling qualities of Kabiyesi and good Leadership attributes he was endowed with. True to type, Oba Oyebade Lipede demonstrated admirably that an emergent Nigerian Corps of Officers were capable of not only matching wits and competence with the biased Europeans but surpassing them in productivity and professional grasp of their assigned duties. It is a good delight to many younger generations and even his contemporaries that Oba Lipede I was the first Nigerian Shipping Officer to single-handedly set up and organise the Port-Harcourt Wharf and many more. This new job took him to a host of European countries and Shipping Ports in the process of which he gathered invaluable experiences which were ably ploughed back to facilitate the maritime operations of the Nigerian Produce Board until in 1971 when he retired to assume the mantle of traditional rulership a year later. With the Board, he held a series of high positions as Principal Shipping Officer and Shipping Manager among others all of which had backed Kabiyesi in the rudiments and intricacies of Leadership and its challenges as well as its temptations.

It is pertinent to quote here the historical CLARION CALL AND PLEDGE of His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Mofolorunso Oyebade Lipede I on the 5th August, 1972.

“In this connection, I wish to appeal to all well-meaning industrialists, investors and financiers throughout the country to come over to Egbaland and establish. I guarantee you the utmost welcome

“To those Egba sons and daughters who stay too long abroad and who come home only occasionally, I offer similar welcome. I want you to build houses in the town and feel more at home.....”

“It is now or never that we should all rise like one man to restore honour and glory to the ancient land of our birth. I therefore devote the rest of my life to the Peace, Progress and Development of Egba Nation”.



CHIEF E. B. SORUNKE

Oluwo Keesi, Amana Oba Egba

*Author of the Book on 14th years Reign of His Majesty the
Alake of Egbaland*

A BRIEF AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF CHIEF EMMANUEL BABAJIDE SORUNKE, THE OLUWO KEESI & AMONA OBA EGBA

Chief Emmanuel Babajide Sorunke was born on the 2nd May, 1926. His father was the late Chief Akinremi Sorunke, the 15th Oluwo Keesi who died on the 16th June, 1963. His mother was Chief Madam Orisatola Sorunke, the Otun-Lika Kessi & Iyaagan Kessi, who died on the 20th April, 1986. He is the first son of his mother and third among several children of his father.

He was educated at Itesi Methodist, Oke Ona United, Oba Ademola II and Iporo Ake Central Primary Schools and Abeokuta Grammar School all in Abeokuta, on the completion of his Secondary Education in the Abeokuta Grammar School in 1950, the Late Revd. I. O. Ransome Kuti, the then Principal Abeokuta Grammar School, requested him to take up teaching appointment in his *alma mater* (Abeokuta Grammar School) as a tutor in Latin, History, Yoruba and other related subjects, having regard to his brilliant performance in the Cambridge School Certificate Examination Results of that year.

Chief E. B. Sorunke taught in the Abeokuta Grammar School from 1951—1955 under the able Principalship of the late Revd. I. O. Ransome Kuti, a disciplinarian of the highest order. During this period, Chief E. B. Sorunke contested and won Local Government Elections, on his personal merit, into the Egba Native Authority Council on the 5th February, 1952.

The late Sir Ladapo Ademola II the Alake of Egbaland was the President and the Chairman of the Authority. Chief E. B. Sorunke was the youngest elected member of the Egba Native Authority Council then, hence he was popularly nicknamed and called the "Young Councillor" throughout the length and breadth of Egba Division. By his performances in the Council's debates Chief E. B. Sorunke claimed the affection and lovable admiration of His Majesty the then Alake of Egbaland, Sir Ladapo Ademola II and the entire Chiefs and people of Kessi in particular and Egbaland in general, consequently, he was created the Otun Bale of Kessi Xtians, by the Kessi Xtians Assembly on the 26th December, 1954. Royal blessing was given to his title by the late Sir Ladapo Ademola II, the then Alake of Egbaland.

In 1955, Chief E. B. Sorunke was appointed, the first Secretary/Treasurer of Egba Obafemi District Council. He was also elected unopposed to the Egba Odeda District Council on the platform of the defunct NCNC. He was also elected the Leader of Opposition in Egba Odeda District Council and at the same time the Secretary/Treasurer, Egba Obafemi District Council.

In 1958, Chief E. B. Sorunke relinquished the post of the Secretary/Treasurer of Egba Obafemi District Council and took up teaching appointment in Lisabi Grammar School, where he was teaching English Language, English Literature and History.

In 1959, Chief E. B. Sorunke contested and won election into the House of Representatives on the platform of the defunct NCNC political party. He was the only NCNC legislator from the Egba North in the Federal Parliament under the Prime Ministership of the late Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa.

In 1962, Chief E. B. Sorunke was created the Jaguna Parakoyi Keesi under the Olori Parakoyiship of the late Chief Akitobi Akibola and the Oluwoship of his father, the late Chief Akinremi Sorunke.

In 1964, the late Oba Samuel Adesina Gbadebo II the then Alake of Egbaland confirmed and royally blessed Chief E. B. Sorunke as the Jaguna Parakoyi Keesi before a large crowd of Chiefs and people at Alake Palace Square on his 1st Coronation Anniversary Celebrations. This year 1964 also witnessed the appointments of Chief E. B. Sorunke as the Director of the Western Nigeria Agriculture and Credit Corporation, Western Nigeria Regional Tax Board and Federal Tax Scrutineer Committee. The posts which he creditably held till the Army take over on the 15th January, 1966.

Chief E. B. Sorunke was nominated by the Military Authority in the former Western State, to serve in various Management Committee for Local Government Administration in Egba Division.

In 1974, Chief E. B. Sorunke was unanimously created the Aro Keesi in recognition of yeoman services, he was and is still rendering for the development, progress and unity of Keesi in particular and Egbaland in general.

His Majesty Oba Oyebade Lipede, the Alake of Egbaland gave his consent and royal blessing to Chief E. B. Sorunke's installation

as Aro Keesi. On the recommendation of Chief Toyé Coker, the Apena Egba. His Majesty Oba Oyebade Lipede, the Alake of Egbaland created Chief E. B. Sorunke the Traditional Assistant to the Apena Egba. By this creation and his brilliant performances, Chief E. B. Sorunke, the Aro Keesi was traditionally honoured, to wear his cap before His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland.

In 1976, Chief E. B. Sorunke on his personal merit, contested and won election into the reconstituted Abeokuta Local Government from Keesi Ward.

On the 26th December, 1982, Chief E. B. Sorunke was created the Oluwo Keesi at the Ogboni Keesi House in the presence of over 5,000 Keesi Chiefs, People and Well wishers. His Majesty Oba Oyebade Lipede I, the Alake of Egbaland, gave his consent and Royal blessing to the creation. The personal messenger of the Alake of Egbaland with Alake's Staff, witnessed the creation and installation of Chief E. B. Sorunke as the 18th Oluwo Keesi in Abeokuta.

In recognition of tremendous contributions of Chief E. B. Sorunke to the development, progress, unity of Egbaland, politically, socially and traditionally. His Majesty Oba Oyebade Lipede I, the Alake of Egbaland, created him as the 3rd Amona of Egba, and gave him a beaded staff, as the insignia of his office, in a colourful ceremony which was performed on the 29th January, 1983, in marking the 68th Birthday Anniversary of the Alake of Egbaland at the Alake's Palace Square.

Thus Chief E. B. Sorunke becomes the first Oluwo Keesi to be so honoured with the Egba Royal General Chieftaincy title since 1830. He has since been performing his traditional duties efficiently well.

Chief E. B. Sorunke,
Oluwo Keesi & Amona Oba Egba



His Majesty the Alake of Eghaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede
with the Amona Oba Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke at Burnham,
in London in 1982.

FOCUS ON PROGRAMME OF CORONATION AND
INSTALLATION OF HIS MAJESTY
THE ALAKE OF EGBALAND,
OBA MOFOLORUNSO OYEBADE LIPEDE
ON SATURDAY, 5TH AUGUST, 1972
TO SATURDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 1972

PROGRAMME OF CORONATION AND INSTALLATION:

Saturday, 5th August, 1972

- 6.30 a.m. Booming of fifty-seven guns on the Olumo Rock.
- 7.30 a.m. Short Service at the Ipebi, Ake.
- 8.00 a.m. Beating of State Drum at the Ipebi.
Installation and Presentation of Instrument of Office.
- 10.30 a.m. All guests to be in their seats.
- 10.35 a.m. Arrival of the Obas.
- 10.45 a.m. The Honourable Commissioner for Local Govern-
ment and Chieftaincy Affairs arrives.
- 10.50 a.m. The Alake elect arrives by Procession from Ipebi to
Coronation Arena with State Drums.
Singing of Eqba Anthem
- 11.00 a.m. His Excellency the Military Governor of Western
State of Nigeria, Brigadier C. O. Rotimi, arrives
and he is received by the Honourable Commissioner
for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs
of Western State of Nigeria, Dr Lateef Adegbite.
The National Anthem is played.
- 11.05 a.m. Installation Ceremony inside the special enclosure
erected on the Coronation Arena.
- 11.30 a.m. Temporary retirement to Afin Ake for continuation
of the Ceremony by the Ceremonial Chiefs while
traditional displays go on at the Coronation
Arena.
- 11.55 a.m. Return of the Alake and Chiefs to special dais on
the arena for the concluding part of the ceremony.

- 12.00 noon** Short Address by the Honourable Commissioner for Local Government and Chieftaincy, Affairs, Western State of Nigeria.
- 12.15 p.m.** Address and Presentation of Instrument of Office to the Alake of Abeokuta by His Excellency the Military Governor of the Western State of Nigeria.
- 12.35 p.m.** Alake's Royal (Anthem)
- 12.40 p.m.** Speech by His Highness, Oba Alaiyeluwa Oyebade Lipede, Alake of Abeokuta.
- 12.50 p.m.** Traditional Greetings by:
- (i) The Moslem Chiefs
 - (ii) The Christian Chiefs
 - (iii) The Ode
 - (iv) The Olorogun and Ologun Chiefs
 - (v) The Ogboni Chiefs
 - (vi) The General Titled Chiefs.
- 1.05 p.m.** Goodwill messages by Chief J. F. Odunjo, the Asiwaju Egba.
- 1.10 p.m.** Parade by Traditional Troupes.
- 1.25 p.m.** Vote of Thanks by Chief 'Toye Coker, the Apena Egba.
- 1.30 p.m.** His Excellency the Military Governor departs.
- 1.35 p.m.** His Highness retires to the Afin Ake.
- 2.30 p.m.** Reception at the Centenary Hall, Ake.
- 9.00 p.m.** Launching of Abeokuta Social Club at the Centenary Hall.

Sunday, 6th August, 1972

- 11.30 a.m.** Non-denominational Thanksgiving Service at St. Peter's Church, Ake Abeokuta.
- 2.00 p.m.** Luncheon at the Summer Garden by invitation.

Monday, 7th August, 1972

10.00 a.m. Schools Rally at the Police Ground, Alake of Abeokuta takes salute.

Tuesday, 8th August, 1972

10.00 a.m. Visit to Olumo Rock and the Itoku Cenotaph

Wednesday, 9th August, 1972

10.00 a.m. Alms to the Poor.

Thursday, 10th August, 1972

Organisations and Individuals pay homages to the new Alake, Oba Oyebade Lipede.

Friday, 11th August, 1972

12.00 noon Prayers at the Abeokuta Central Mosque.

Saturday, 12th August, 1972

10.00 a.m. Conferment of Chieftaincy titles by the Alake.

9.00 p.m. Coronation Dance at the Centenary Hall, Ake Abeokuta.

RECEPTION PROGRAMME

At the Centenary Hall

Saturday, 5th August, 1972

2.15 p.m. All invitees to be in their seats.

2.30 p.m. His Excellency the Military Governor and His Highness, the Alake arrive.

2.35 p.m. Prayer by the Rt. Revd. J. S. Adeniyi, Assistant Bishop of Lagos.

2.40 p.m. Introduction of the Chairman by Chief 'Toye Coker, the Apena Egba.

2.45 p.m. Chairman's Opening Speech.

TOAST of His Highness Oba Oyebade Lipede by Chief Dr J. A. Sodipo presentation of gifts by various organisations and individuals to the Alake of Abeokuta.

Response by the Alake

REFRESHMENTS.

Toast of the Egbas.

Response by Chief S. O. Adebo

Chairman's Closing Speech.

Vote of Thanks by Chief S. O. Sogbein.

4.30 p.m. The Chairman and the Alake leave the Centenary Hall.

EGBA ANTHEM

The following Egba Anthem, fondly and lustly sung by Egbas on festive occasions, epitomises the love and pride borne by the people for their place of birth and the historic OLUMO ROCK:

(i) On the hills and in the valleys,
There I was born,
There I was bred and brought up,
In an independent State,
I shall be proud of Abeokuta.
I shall stand on the Olumo Rock.
And rejoice in the name of Egbaland,
I, a descendant of Lisabi.

Chorus: I shall rejoice, rejoice
and rejoice,
On the Olumo Rock.
Rejoice, Rejoice o o,
rejoice, , ,
On the Olumo Rock.

(ii) Abaokuta, the land of the Egbas,
I shall not forget thee,
I shall put thee foremost in my heart,
As a Nigerian town,
I shall rejoice on the Olumo Rock,
I shall boast of this in my heart
That in a famous town,
There live the Egbas.

L'ORI OKE ATI PETELE

1. L'ori Oke ati Petele,
N'be lagbe bi mi o;
Nibe l'agbe t'omi dagba o, o
'Ile Ominira,

REPRESENTATIVES OF RELIGIOUS BODIES:

Canon A. O. Olomodosi

Chief Imam Jafar, Chief Imam, Egba Muslims (*Represented by Alhaji Sowami and Chief R. O. Ogunyomi*).

COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES:

Chief I. A. Oluga, *Egba Division Council*

Barrister Owolabi Kolawole, *Abeokuta Urban District Council*.

Chief E. S. Sobola, *Owode District Council*.

Chief C. P. Cole, *Ifo District Council*

Chief O. Sobande, *Obafemi District Council*

Chief A. O. Lawal, *Odeda District Council*

Chief Lamidi Toki, *Ikereku District Council*

Chief N. A. Salako, *Basorun Ota, Ota District Council*

Chief J. A. Adetayo, *Imala District Council*

Chief J. A. Oguneye, *Oba Provisional Authority*

EGBA SECTIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:

Chief A. K. Odenike (*Egba Oke-Ona*)

Alhaji A. L. Adenekan (*Egba Gbagura*)

Chief R. O. Egbeyemi (*Egba Owu*)

Chief S. O. Sogbein)

Chief A. O. Osanyinbi) *Egba Alake*

Chief E. O. Osoko)

EGBA REPRESENTATIVES AT IBADAN:

Mr Sunday Edun

Chief G. L. Obe

Dr Femi Ashley-Dejo

Mr A. A. Ladimeji

Mr S. A. Ladeinde

EGBA REPRESENTATIVES AT LAGOS:

Chief Adewale Fashanu

Mr F. Oke

WOMEN REPRESENTATIVES:

Chief (Mrs) F. Ransome Kuti

Mrs B. A. Ojesina

Mrs Okon

EGBE OMO EGBA:

Chief J. Olu Kodaolu, *Balogun Itesi*

Mr S. A. Olu Soluade

CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

Rev. Captain Oyelade of the Army Depot, Abeokuta

Rev. Canon B. A. Falode

Chief Adura Rotimi

Chief E. K. Odeyemi

Dr Seni Sikuade

Dr A. Majekodunmi



His Majesty the Akhe of Egbaland, Oba Oyedade Lijede accompanied by the Oluwo Egbo, Chief Adunwo Rotimi and the Amosi Oba Egbo, Chief E. B. Sorunke, visit Ylong Factory in Loondorf, Vicana during his Royal Tour of Vienna in 1986. Chief Lars Spborg, Niasygun Kress, Abrokuta (2nd Right) was the host of His Majesty the Akhe of Egbaland and his Chiefs.

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IMPORTANT EVENTS 1972-1986

20th May, 1972:

The Oba Alake-elect, Prince Mofolorunso Oyebade Lipede the Adila of Erunwon was put into Ipebi for Traditional Ceremonies preparatory to crowning and installation as the 9th Alake of Egbaland; in succession to the Late Oba Samuel Adesina Gbadebo II, who died on the 26th October, 1971.

- 20-5-72 Chief Samuel Odejobi was installed Oluwo of Obado.
- 24-7-72 Chief J. A. O. Obadara, Ilagbe Itesi died. The Late Chief J. A. Olajide Obadara was the Lufoko Egba 'Herbalists' (Osanyin).
- 5-8-72 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Mofolorunso Oyebade Lipede was traditionally installed amidst pomp and pageantry before a very large crowd of Egbas and well wishers from all over the Country.
- 20-11-72 The Olowu of Owu, Oba Ajibola Gbadela II died. He reigned from 1949-1972 (23 years).
- 23-4-73 Chief M. A. O. Kuti, Balogun Igbore, was traditionally installed as the Ogboye Egba.
- 29-4-73 Chief Samuel Afolabi Oyegunle Kotoye was traditionally installed Odofo Igbain.
- 27-9-73 Chief Jacob Ogundeyi Bolasodun, Lisa Ikija, Otun Egba died.
- 1-10-73 Chief, Oyolola, Oluwo Ake Died.
- 13-10-73 Chief Adegunle Soetan, Aro Kemta, Aro Egba died.
- 2-3-74 His Majesty, the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Mofolorunso Oyebade Lipede performed the Laying of Foundation Stone Ceremony of Keesi Clinic at Ojulakijena, Keesi Abeokuta, built by Keesi Social Club, Lagos Branch by Communal effort. Chief Guest of



CHIEF SAMUEL OLUSANMI SOGBEIN
Balogun Keesi and Bada Egba



**Chief E. B. Surunke, Oluwo Keesi and Amons Obs Egba and
his wife Chief (Mrs) C. O. Surunke, Ajiroba Keesi and Osi Iyalode
Keesi Christians.**

- Honour was Chief Omololu Majekodunmi, The Otun of Keesi supported by eminent Chiefs, Omolakesi's and well wishers. The general Secretary of the Keesi Social Club then was Alhaji Ayoola Sodimu, Balogun Keesi Muslims and Agbakin Egba Muslims while the Chairman was Chief S. Bola Akinbola, the Bagbimo Keesi.
- 13-3-74 Chief Emmanuel Oladeinde Osoko was traditionally installed Oluwo Ake in succession to the Late Chief Oyolola who died on 1st October, 1973.
- 27-4-74 Chief Adesina Oloyede Oluwo Ijeun, Oluwo Egba died.
- 25-5-74 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede performed the Opening of Stalls/Shops built by the Egba Oke-Ona improvement Union by Communal effort at Ikija, Abeokuta. The Patron of the Union was Chief Harold Sodipo, the Current Oluwo Ikija and Akogun Egba.
- 16-8-74 Chief Aduramo Rotimi, Bala Kemta elected Oluwo Egba, and was installed traditionally on 9-8-75.
- 10-8-74 Chief Samuel Olusanmi Sogbein, Balogun Keesi was traditionally installed as the 1st Bada of Egbaland.
- 10-8-74 Chief (Dr) T. R. O. Otolorin, Base Ijemo was traditionally installed as the 2nd Aro of Egbaland in succession to the Late Chief Adegunle Soetan, who died on the 13th October, 1973.
- 10-8-74 Chief F. O. Okanlawon was installed Lukotun Keesi Xtians.
- 14-8-74 Chief Emmanuel Babajide Sorunke, Jaguna Parakoyi Keesi was traditionally installed as the Aro Keesi Abeokuta.
- 14-8-74 Chief (Mrs) Cecillia Oluyomi Sorunke was installed as Ajiroba Keesi.
- 10-11-74 A Princess was born to His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede by the Olori Chief 'Bimpe Lipede, the Asungboba Egba.
- 16-11-74 The Princess was traditionally named ADELUOLA



Chief (General) Olusegun Obasanjo was presented with traditional calabash by the Mosade Egba wishing him a successful Tenure of office on his appointment as the Head of State in 1976.



CHIEF EBENEZER FABIYI (OBEY)
Sagbua Keesi and Amuludun Egba

FADEKE according to Egba traditional royal customs.

26-12-74 Chief Ezekiel Adebessin Taiwo, the Balogun Keesi Xtians, was installed the Bada of Egba Xtians.

JANUARY, 1975

An open confrontation between the Police and some persons who were alleged to be members of a Society described as "Egbe Omo Ode". The confrontation was sequel to a riot at Oke-Ona area of the Town Abeokuta by some members of the Society. During the riot, which started early in the morning, the men armed with dane guns, cudgels, charms and sticks and numbering well over 50 went on rampage attacking the residences of some important persons who were somehow connected with the Egba Local Government Management Committee, before armed Policemen intervened.

Police however, succeeded in arresting 24 of the men. Market Women were forced to abandon their business, while all shops and beer parlours in the town were closed down as news of the riot spread. It was later known that the members of the "Egbe Omo Ode" Society were protesting against the Tenement Rating Scheme introduced by the State Government in 1974. Speaking later at a special meeting of the Egba Chiefs held at the instance of the Alake of Egbaland, His Majesty Oba Oyebade Lipede, in his palace, remarked that the Egba Chiefs, as well as their people have always supported progressive measures designed to promote the Welfare of their people and wondered why some people would want to be enemies of progress.

Later, all the Egba Chiefs dessociated themselves from the acts of vandalism, committed by the misguided elements and pledged their unflinching support to the State Government on the scheme.

In another release, the Oshile of Oke-Ona, Oba Alimi Adedamola II, announced his resignation as a Member and President of the Ogboni Aborigines Society. In announcing his resignation, the Oshile condemned the activities of the Members of the Society in Egba Division and declared his support for the Egba Local Government Council. He also praised the Egba Chiefs for their support, untiring efforts at the successful implementaion of Tenement Rating in Egbaland.



His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, was taking Lunch with Sir Adetokunbe Ademola, Chief F. B Sorunke and Chief E. A. Adeboye after a traditional Chieftaincy Installation ceremony in honour of his Coronation Anniversary.



CHIEF HAROLD SODIPO
Oluwo Ikija, Akogun Egba

- 30-3-75 Alhaji Adegbite Adaba, Baba Adini, Egba Muslims and the father of the Alhaji (Dr) Lateef Adegbite, the then Commissioner for Justice and Attorney-General, Western State died.
- 5-5-75 Chief Joseph Sodiya Folakan, Bala Ijeun was traditionally installed Oluwo Ijeun in succession to the Late Chief Oloyede Adesina who died on the 27th April, 1973. The ceremony was performed at Ogboni Ijeun House before a very large crowd of people.
- 7-6-75 Brigadier Olusegun Obasanjo, The Federal Commissioner for Works and Housing was capped as the Jagunmolu of Egbaland at a most impressive Civic Reception accorded him by the entire Egba Community at Ake Palace. Speaking at the Ceremony, His Majesty, the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, said that Brigadier Obasanjo was honoured because he had always identified himself with the problems of Egbaland. Oba Lipede recalled the contributions made by Brigadier Obasanjo, while he was engaged in Military Tasks during the last Civil War in the Country towards the restoration of Peace in Egbaland. In a short address, Brigadier Olusegun Obasanjo said he did not expect to receive such a reception.
- 14-6-75 **TEN "AGBEKOYA" FARMERS WERE JAILED:**
 Ten Farmers who were alleged to be members of banned "Agbekoya" Society were at the Abeokuta Chief Magistrate's Court jailed eighty-four months with hard labour, having been found guilty of assaulting Chief Emmanuel Sorunke and Gabriel Kolade on 13th January, 1975. Originally twenty-two farmers were charged but, 12 of them were discharged. The men were arraigned before the Abeokuta Chief Magistrate's Court on a seven-count Charge of being members of an unlawful Society known as "Agbekoya", rioting going armed, unlawful damage and causing grievous harm at Abeokuta on 13th January, 1975, while

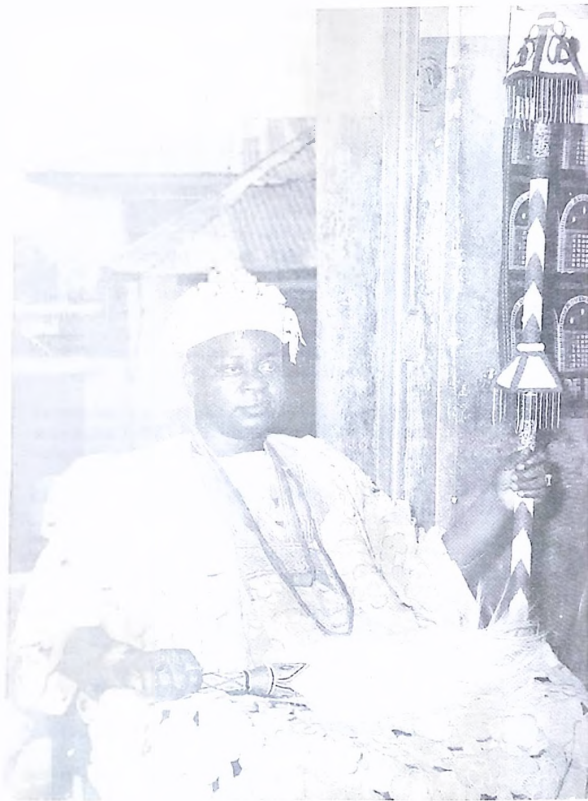
ALHAJI (CHIEF) ABUDU KASAKI ULAJIDE SANUSI
Ikogun Aden o, Balogun Ibarapa and Aturu Egbu



CHIEF (MRS) P. A. OGUNBANKE
Iyalode Igbore and Iyalaje Egbu

protesting against the collection of Tenement Rate.

- 8-10-75 Chief Fadahunsi Baye Keesi died
- 15-11-75 Chief Isaac Oke Ogundipe, Odofi Itoku was traditionally installed as Oluwo Itoku.
- 29-7-75 General Yakubu Gowon, the then Head of State and the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces was overthrown in a Bloodless Coup d'etat. In announcement made by Colonel Joseph Nanvan Garba, Brigadier Murtala Mohammed became the new Head of State and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Brigadier Olusegun Obasanjo, Chief of Staff Supreme Headquarters, Brigadier T. Y. Danjuma, Chief of Staff, Nigerian Army, Alhaji M. Yussuf, Inspector-General of Police, Commodore Michael Adelanwa, Chief of Naval Staff, Colonel John Dikko, Chief of Air Staff.
- 30-7-75 The Head of State, Brigadier Murtala Mohammed announced the cancellation of 1973 Census, sack and retirement from Army of all Military Governors and the East Central State Administrator. The new Governors were announced to replace them.
- 9-8-75 Launching Ceremony of the New Alake's Palace Building Appeal Fund was performed simultaneously with the installations of the following general titled Chiefs:
- (1) Chief Aduramo Rotimi, Bala Kemta as Oluwo Egba.
 - (2) Chief (Dr) Adewunmi Sodipo, Oluwo Ikereku as Babasale Ogboni Egba.
 - (3) Alhaji (Chief) S. B. Agboola, Otun Ikereku as the Akogun Egba.
 - (4) Chief S. O. Adebo, Okanlomo Itoko as the Okanlomo Egba.
 - (5) Chief (Dr) Koye Majekodunmi as the Otun Egba Christians.



The Late Oba Raufu A. Adcosun II, The Agura of Gbagura who died in 1978.

- 15-8-75 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede was conferred with honour of Justice of Peace by the Western State Government. Other recipients were Chiefs S. O. Adebo, the Late V. A. Ilori, Y. M. Abudu and Chief (Olori) Yetunde Gbadebo.
- 25-8-75 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland Oba Oyebade Lipede accompanied by the Apena Egba, Chief Toye Coker proceeded to the United Kingdom on Annual Leave.
- 12-9-75 The Military Governor of the Western State Colonel David Jemibewon paid an Official visit to Abeokuta.
- 28-9-75 Alhaji (Chief) D. S. Adegbenro, the Balogun Owu and the Ekerin Egba died.
- 18-10-75 The Irikefe Panel on the creation of more States in Nigeria, appointed by the Federal Military Government visited Abeokuta, to ascertain the wishes of the Egbas, Egbados and Ibarapas on the creation of more States
- The People demanded for Ogun/Yewa State with the Capital at Abeokuta, prominent Egba Chiefs submitted memoranda and spoke on them. These included Chiefs Toye Coker, the Apena Egba. S. O. Adebo, the Okanlomo Egba, Professor S. O. Biobaku, Sapitan Egba, the late Chief Fagbenro Beyioku, Apesi Isheri, Dr Asiwaju, Chief Gbeleyi, D. M. Gbolagunte and several others.
- 6-12-75 Abeokuta Improvement Association conducted a Symposium on the future of Nigeria at the Centenary Hall, Ake, Abeokuta. The Guest Speakers included the Late Malam Aminu Kano, Dr Pius Okigbo, Alhaji 'Femi Okunu, Professor Olumbe Basir, Dr S. O. Biobaku. Chief S. O. Adebo was the Moderator while Sir Adetokunbo Ademola was the Chairman.
- 23-12-75 The Military Governor of the Western State, Colonel David Jemibewon performed the Commissioning

CHIEF (MRS) FOLASADE OYEYINKA SOLOYEJO
*Oma-Ayale Egba, Iyalaje Egba Oke-Oma,
Agbade Iyalade Igbore, Ajigbada Ikija, Lika Ikereku and
Ayiroba Ago-Odo.*



CHIEF (DR) ALFRED BABATUNDE OLANYA SOBOYEJO
*Bokajiro Egba, Jagumale Egba Oke-Oma, Jagumale Igbore,
Jagumale Ikpa, Sarumi Ikereku and Sembi Ago-Odo.*

of Electricity supply to Oshiele and Odeda at a Ceremony held at Egba Odeda, accompanied the Military Governor was the State Commissioner for Works and Transport, Mr J. A. Ajakaiye, His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, the Agura of Gbagura, Oba Raufu Adeosun II, Chief Toyé Coker, Apena Egba, S. O. Sogbein, Bada Egba who moved the Votes of Thanks, E. B. Sorunke, Aro Keesi who said the Opening Prayer and several others attended the Ceremony.

- 25-12-75 Chief Thomas Adekunle Fadipe was traditionally installed Base Ilugun.
- 26-12-75 Chief Thomas Adekunle Fadipe was traditionally installed Nlete Itesi.
- 26-12-75 Dr 'Seni Sikuade, Senior Medical Consultant, Abeokuta was installed Basorun Keesi Xtians and was traditionally and royally blessed by His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede.
- 24-6-75 Chief Kasunmu Ogundele Jaguna Keesi died
- 6-12-75 Chief Madam Efuneye was traditionally installed Iyalode Keesi at Ogboni Keesi House
- 26-12-75 The following prominent Keesi Xtians were installed as Keesi Xtian Chiefs at the Egba Christian Hall Itori, Abeokuta
1. Chief N. O. Fabiyi—Balogun Keesi Xtians
 2. Chief Amos Iroko Sobowale—Jagunmolu Keesi Xtians.
- They were later blessed royally by His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede in his palace.
- 21-1-76 Chief Tijani Tejuoso alias Kanjaun, Otun Kemta died
- 25-1-76 Chief Festus O. Abatan, Bajito Keesi died
- 3-2-76 The Head of State and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces. General Murtala Mohammed announced the creation of additional seven



CHIEF WILLIAMS AYOOLA OGUNMOKUN
Jagunna Egba Christians



CHIEF (DR) M. A. MAJEKODUNMI
Otun Egba Christians and Otun Egba

States to the existing twelve, the Western State was divided into three States, Ogun, Ondo and Oyo with capitals at ABEOKUTA, AKURE and IBADAN respectively.

- 3-2-76 Chief Peter Layori Soetan, Jaguna Ikija and Odo died, aged 69 years.
- 1-2-76 Chief Jolaoso Owosa, Jaguna Ijemo died.
- 2-2-76 Chief M. O. Adewunmi, Osi Keesi Xtians died
- 9-2-76 The Military Governors for Oyo, Ondo and Ogun States, Colonel David Jemibewon, Major I. D. Ikpeme and Lt-Col S. A. Balogun respectively, met distinguished Obas, Chiefs and prominent citizens of Egba, Egbado, Ijebu Remo Divisions and Ota District at the Centenary Hall, Ake, Abeokuta. The Heads of Governments for Ogun, Ondo and Oyo States, Mr A. K. Degun, Mr T. A. Iwajomo and Mr C. S. O. Akande respectively were named.
- 10-2-76 The following persons were appointed as the Permanent Secretaries for Ogun State. They were Messrs V. A. Oduntan, Ogunlowo, J. A. O. Sofolahan Oluyemi, Osinubi, Okuboyejo, Teriba, Olutayo Solola and Osibogun.
- Chief T. O. Ejiwunmi was appointed the Chairman of Ogun State Public Service Commission.
- 13-2-76 The Lt-Col Bukar Sukar Dimka of the Nigerian Army attempted an abortive Coup over General Murtala Mohammed's popular Government when the Head of State, his ADC. the Orderly and the Driver were killed. Military Governor of Kwara State Col Ibrahim Taiwo was also killed The attempted Coup detat was crushed, all the people concerned were arrested tried and executed.
- 14-2-76 Lt-General Olusegun Obasanjo was unanimously appointed as the Head of State and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces in place of the assassinated General Mohammed, while Lt-Col Shehu Yaradua was appointed as the Chief-of-Staff of the Nigerian Army by the Federal Mili-



THE LATE CHIEF MAESKI
Agbeji Egba

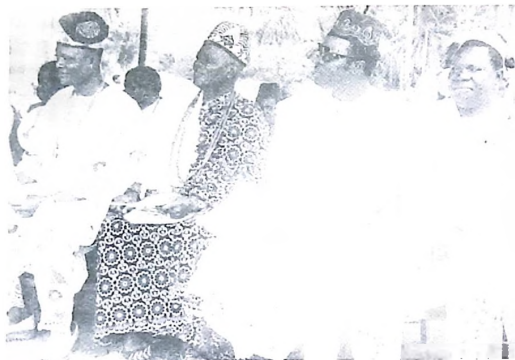


His Majesty the Alake of Igbaland, Oba Oyeade Lipede, receiving a copy of Bible from the British High Commissioner in Nigeria, as a gift from Her Majesty the Queen of England, Queen Elizabeth II, on the 150th Anniversary Celebrations of the Egba settlement in Attekuta in December, 1980. Chief F. K. Adigun, Balogun Egba Ntans looked on. Prominent Egba chiefs watched the ceremony with rapt attention.

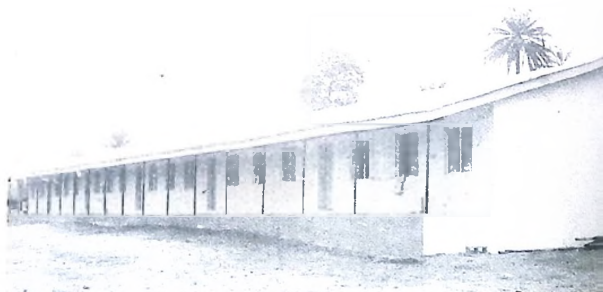
Lt-Col S. A. Balogun, they were:

- (1) Mr M. Ola Buraimoh—*Agriculture and Natural Resources.*
- (2) Mr Olatunji Ogunyemi—*Education*
- (3) Dr Olamide Adeuja—*Health*
- (4) Mr Justice D. O Coker—*Attorney-General and Justice.*
- (5) Dr Ona Soley—*Trade, Industry and Cooperatives.*
- (6) Dr A. A. Akinboyede—*Works and Housing*
- (7) Mrs Victoria Womiloju Idowu (*Nee Olwin*)—*Establishments and Training.*
- (8) Dr Afolabi Olabimtan—*Local Government and Information.*
- (9) Dr Phillips—*Finance and Economic Development.*

- 5-3-76 Lt-Col Bukar Sukar Dimka, Nigeria's most wanted criminal who killed General Murtala Ramat Muhammed, was arrested at Abakaliki in Anambra State, exactly 21 days later by vigilant Security men, at a check point near the Border between Benue and Anambra States. Dimka killed General Muritala Mohammed on Friday, 13-2-76, he was arrested on Friday, 5-3-76.
- 11-3-76 Major-General I. D. Bisalla, Federal Commissioner for Defence and 31 others were executed by Firing Squad after they were found guilty for the abortive Coup detat of 13th February, 1976.
- 125 arrests were made:
40 were released;
33 were guilty;
52 on trial.
- 22-3-76 Chief J. A. Ogundimu, The Lisa Itesi, a powerful Chief in Egba Eku section of Egba Alake died.
- 27-3-76 Oba Samuel Adesina Adetoun Akinlade II, Omola of Imala was installed at Imala town in Abeokuta Local Government area,



From left 1st Chief E. B. Sorunke, Oluwo Keesi, Amona Oba Egba
 2nd The late Chief S. O. Shokunbi, the then Oluwo Keesi
 3rd Alhaji (Chief) Ayoola Sodimu, Balugun Keesi Muslims,
 Agbaakin Egba Muslims and 4th Chief Rueben Akinola, Jaguna
 Parakoyi Keesi at the official opening of Orile-Keesi Grammar
 School, Olodo on 12/4/80.



Orile-Keesi Grammar School, Olodo, Egba-Odeda Local
 Government Area officially opened on Saturday, 12th April,
 1980 by Chief Olabisi Onabanjo, the Governor of Ogun State.
 Chief (Dr) M. A. Mejekodunmi, Otun Egba Xitans was the Chair-
 man of the occasion.

- 6-9-76 Alhaji (Chief) S. B. Agboola, Otun Ikereku and Akogun Egba died. He was installed as Akogun Egba on the 9-8-75.
- 18-12-76 Barrister Edmund Adeyemi Adeboye was traditionally installed as Bala Ijeun at the Ogboni Ijeun House in Abeokuta.
- 26-12-76 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Oba Raufu A. Adeosun II, the Agura of Gbagura, Chief Toyé Coker Apena Egba, Chief M. A. Bolarinwa Ashipa Egba, Chief W. F. Amusan Oganla Egba, performed the traditional Opening Ceremony of the House of Chief E. B. Sorunke, Aro Keesi at Keesi, Abeokuta. Many prominent Egba and Keesi Chiefs and people attended the ceremony.
- 27-12-76 Chief E. A. Adeboye was installed the Jaguna of Ijeun Christians.
- 10-2-77 Alhaji (Chief) N. S. Ogunfemi, Otun Egba Muslims died.
- 17-2-77 The Egba Traditional Council was inaugurated by the Acting Military Governor Ogun State, Lt-Col Aliyu Mohammed at the Centenary Hall, Ake. Abeokuta. His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede was appointed Chairman of the Council.
- 2-3-77 The appointment of Chief Harold Sodipo as the Akogun Egba in succession to Alhaji (Chief) S. B. Agboola who died on the 9th June, 1976 was approved.
- 18-5-77 Chief Kelani Fayejo, Oluwo Igbein died.
- 4-6-77 Chief James Soremi, Olori Parakoyi Keesi died.
- 4-6-77 Chief Babatunde Williams was installed Apesi Ikopa and his Wife Chief (Mrs) Aina Williams was installed Iyalaje Ikopa
- 4-6-77 Chief Soji Odunjo was installed Jagunmolu Ikopa,



Sir Adetokunbo Ademola, the 1st Son of the Late Sir Ladapo Ademola II, the then Alake of Egbaland, who reigned from 1920-1962, meticulously reading the Bible presented as a gift to Egba people by the Queen of England, during the 150th Anniversary Celebrations in 1980. His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebadé Lipede, received the gift on behalf of Egbaland.

the ceremony was traditionally performed at the Ogboni Ikopa house.

- 15-6-77 Chief Muraino Akanni Dokunmu was traditionally installed Balogun Ake in succession to the late Chief Ijbesin who died on 2-6-76.
- 5-7-77 Chief (Madam) Orisatola Sorunke was traditionally installed Iya-agan Keesi at a traditional ceremony at Ogboni Keesi House
- 15-7-77 Chief Babaŋtola Olori Imale Keesi died.
- 22-7-77 Chief A. K. Odenike, Otun Oko died.
- 23-7-77 Chief Shitta 'Lanŋkan Sodimu, Are Keesi died.
- 31-7-77 Chief S. O. Ajala, was offered Losi Akę Chieftaincy title.
- 6-8-77
1. Chief Harold Sodipo, Lisa Ikija was traditionally installed as the Akogun Egba.
 2. Alhaji (Chief) M. K. O. Abiola, Bada Ojoo was traditionally installed as Bobagunwa Egba.
 3. Chief O. B. Akin-Olugbade, Balogun Owu, was installed as Ekerin Egba.
 4. Chief S. I. Lasile, Orunto Owu was installed Bala Egba.
 5. Chief (Mrs) Janet Adebimpe Tay, the Iyalode Iporo was traditionally and royally blessed by His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland. Oba Oyebade Lipede.
- 6-8-77 Chiefs E. B. Sorunke, Aro Keesi and E. A. Adeboye Bala Ijeun were appointed traditional assistants to the Apena Egba, Chief ŋoye Coker.
- 10-10-77 Chief S. O. Ajala was traditionally installed Losi Ake.
- 10-12-77 Chief Karimu Ajagunjeun, Otun Keesi, was traditionally installed Olori Parakoyi Keesi in succession to the late Chief James Soremi, who died on 4th June, 1977.
- 10-12-77 Council Reuben Akinola Councillor, was traditionally installed as Jaguna Parakoyi Keesi, relinquished by



From left: Chief 'Femi Adewunmi, Otun Keesi Xtians, Akinrogun Egba Xtians, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Oluwo Keesi, Amons Oba Egba and Mr 'Bola Sosanya, the first Principal of Orile Kesi Grammar School, at the Official Opening of the School on the 12th April, 1980.



From left. Chief Olabisi Onabanjo, the Governor of Ogun State, Chief (Dr) M. A. Majekodunmi, Otun Egba Xtians, Chief S. O. Sogbein, Balogun Keesi, Bada Egba and Chief 'Femi Adewunmi, Otun Keesi Xtians and Akinrogun Egba Xtians at the Official Opening of the First Phase of Orile-Keesi Grammar School and the Launching of Fund for the Second Phase of the School on the 12th April, 1980.

Chief E. B. Sorunke who was traditionally installed Aro Keesi on 14-8-74.

- 17-12-77 Chief J. O. Kodaolu, Balogun Itesi was installed the Lisa of Itesi in succession to the Late Chief J. O. Ogundimu who died on the 22nd March, 1976.
- 18-12-77 Chief S. Adebola Akibola was installed as Bagbimo Keesi, Abeokuta.
- 26-12-77 Chief E. O. Elemide was installed the Ekerin Itoko Christians and traditionally and royally blessed by His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede.
- 2-2-78 Chief Rufai Olusesi, Seriki Keesi Muslim died.
- 25-3-78 Chief Samuel Oso Durojaiye, Bada Keesi Xtians, was installed the Asiwaju Egba Xtians. He was traditionally and royally blessed by His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede.
- 7-1-78 Chief Oso Lamodi Bala Igbein was installed Oluwo Igbein, in succession to the Late Chief Kelani Fayeje, who died on the 18th May, 1977.
- 15-4-78 Dr (Mrs) Funmilayo Anikulapo Kuti formerly Funmilayo Ransome-Kuti died, aged 78 years.
- 15-4-78 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede performed the official opening of Keesi Clinic, built by Keesi Social Club, Lagos Branch. The Ogun State Commissioner for Local Government and Information, Dr Afolabi Olabimtan, accepted the Keesi Clinic on behalf of the Abeokuta Local Government for day to day Administration and use of the people of Keesi Township and others.
- 13-4-78 His Excellency the Military Governor of Ogun State, Lt-Col S. A. Balogun announced in his 1978, Budget Speech that "In the New Year, Ogun State Government proposes to set up a CHIEF-TAINCY DECLARATION REVIEW COMMISSION to inquire into all disputed declarations. These disputed declarations have already been identified and the Commissioner will settle



OBA ALIDU A. SOBEKUN II
Agura of Gbagura, Abeokuta



CHIEF (MRS) BISOYE TEJUOSO
3rd Iyalode Egba

down to work as soon as all the details have been worked out".

- 21-4-78 Chief Lasisi Ajibike Alias Lasisi Pako, Balogun of Abaka, Ibarapa Muslim died.
- 4-5-78 Chief James Durojaiye, Asero Ijeja was traditionally installed Oluwo Ijeja.
- 5-5-78 The Egba Market Women performed the State Burial Ceremony of the Late Dr (Mrs) Funmilayo Anikulapo Kuti, who until his death, was the accredited and respected leader of Nigerian Women Society.
- 8-5-78 The Agura of Gbagura, Oba Raufu Adesina Adeosun II died. Oba Adeosun II was installed the 7th Agura of Gbagura on the 28th May, 1961.
- 17-5-78 Chief Abudu Wahab Amodemaja, the Balogun Ijeun and the Seriki Egba died.
- 20-5-78 Alhaji Abudu Rasaki Olajide Sanusi was installed the Balogun Ibarapa in a colourful ceremony performed at Iro Square before a very large crowd of eminent Chiefs and people of Ibarapa and Egba Townships from far and wide.
- 20-5-78 Alhaja Suwebatu Awero Sanusi, the wife of Alhaji A. R. O. Sanusi was equally installed the Iyalaje Ibarapa at the same place. The installations of both Husband and Wife as the Balogun Ibarapa and Iyalaje Ibarapa respectively, were second to none in the Egba traditional Chieftaincy history.
- 3-6-78 Chief S. A. Akinbo, the Adila Ikopa and a Member of the Grade B1, Customary Court, Ake, Abeokuta. died.
- 13-6-78 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chiefs (Dr) T. R. A. Otolorin Aro Egba, and M. A. Bolarinwa, Ashipa Egba arrived from London on his 1978 leave. The Alake of Egbaland and his entourage left Abeokuta for London on the 20th May, 1978.
- 29-7-78 Chief Isaac Adewusi Oluqa, the Asoju Kemta died.



His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyeade Lipede, accompanied by the Late Chief M. A. Bolarinwa, Ashipa Egba and Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba in Burnham, London during his 1982 Royal Tour to Europe



His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyeade Lipede with the Late Chief M. A. Bolarinwa, Ashipa Egba and Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba at Kiruna, Sweden, a city of Midnight Sun in 1982.

- 5-8-78
1. Alhaji Chief A. R. O. Sanusi, Balogun Ibarapa was traditionally installed as the Bobajiro Egba.
 2. Chief Amos Osodolamu Sanyaolu, Seriki Igbein was traditionally installed the Bamole Egba.
 3. Chief Finnih—Motayo of Owu, was traditionally installed as the Sarumi Egba.
 4. Chief (Mrs) Olayoku (*Nee Elemide*) was traditionally presented to His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede as the Ashipa Egba Xtians for royal blessing.
 5. Chief Delano—The Bajito Ake.
 6. Chief Abiola Jacobs, Akingbogun Kemta and
 7. Chief (Mrs) Abiola Jacobs, Iyamokun Kemta were also presented to His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede for royal blessing.
- 11-8-78 Chief Y. O. B. Okesanjo, the Balogun Itoko died.
- 30-9-78 Alhaji (Chief) A. R. O. Sanusi, the Balogun Ibarapa, the Babalaje Egba Muslims and the Bobajiro Egba and his wife Alhaja (Chief Suwebatu Awero Sanusi the Iyalaje Ibarapa respectively performed their Iwuye Ceremony with pomp and pageantry in their Jagun Compound residence, Arinlese, Abeokuta.
- 30-9-78 Chief Olusanjo Adekunle was traditionally installed Oganla Ake.
- 2-11-78 Alhaja (Olori) Wosilat Lipede, the wife (Olori) of His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede died.
- 15-12-78 The popular Sakara Musician, Mr Yusuff Olatunji alias Baba Legba died.
- 31-12-78 Chief Kuye Akinola, Osi Keesi died.
- 6-1-79 Alhaji Chief Ayoola Sodimu, the Are Keesi Muslims, was installed the Balogun of Keesi Muslims in a colourful Ceremony held at the Keesi Central Mosque.
- 27-1-79
1. Dr Lateef Adegbite, Otun Oba was traditionally installed as the Seriki Egba in succession to the



His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by the Late Chief M. A. Bolannwa, Ashipa Egba and Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, visited Uppsala, Stockholm in Sweden in his Royal Tour of Sweden in 1952. Chief Lars Sjoborg, Maiyegan Keev (1st from right), Chief I. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba (2nd from right), (3) Mr Westin and (4) Mr Westin (Junior) behind (5) His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede and (6) the Late Chief M. A. Bolannwa, the Ashipa Egba posed for a photograph. Chief Lars Sjoborg was the host.



CHIEF M. A. O. KUTI
Balogun Igbore, Ogboye Egba

Late Chief A. W. Amodemaja who died on the 17th May, 1978.

2. Chief (Mrs) M. A. Obebe Ajigbeda Owu was traditionally installed the 1st Iyaloja Egba.

3. Chief (Mrs) F. O. Durosinmi Etti was traditionally installed the Otun Lika Egba.

These installations were performed in honour of the 64th Birthday Anniversary of His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede.

5-2-79

Chief James Oluseye Sowemimo, the Balogun Egba died. Chief Sowemimo was the Ekerin Igbein who was installed the Balogun Egba in 1964 by the Late Oba Gbadebo II, the then Alake of Egbaland, aged 79 years.

24-2-79

The Launching and Laying of FOUNDATION STONE OF ORILE KEESI GRAMMAR SCHOOL CEREMONY at OLODO, in Odeda Local Government area, was performed by the Orile Keesi Grammar School Launching Committee whose Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer were Chiefs S. O. Sogbein, Balogun Keesi, Bada Egba, E. B. Sorunke, Aro Keesi and S. A. Akibola, Bagbimo Keesi respectively, Chief Launcher, Chief Guest and Launcher were Chief (Dr) M. A. Majekodunmi, the Otun Egba Xtians, Chief M. K. O. Abiola, the Bobagunwa Egba and Alhaji (Chief) A. R. O. ₦35,000.00 (Thirty-five) Thousand Naira) was Chief Eddy Majekodunmi represented his brother, Chief (Dr) M. A. Majekodunmi, the sum of over ₦35,000.00 (Thirty five Thousand Naira) was collected on the spot while the Olowu of Owu, Oba Adebowale Oyebade represented His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, in Laying the Foundation Stone of the School at Olodo.

10-3-79

The Onisaga of Ishaga Oba Alayan who was a member of the Egba Traditional Council died.

24-3-79

His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by the Olubara of Ibara, Oba Samuel Adesina Lalubu II, the Oniro of Iro,



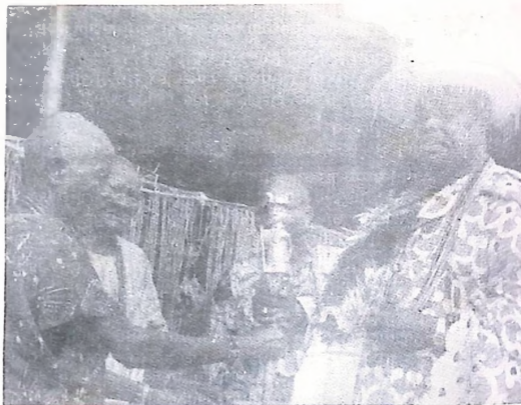
CHIEF AYINLA OLATUNDE ABIODUN
Matyegun Egba



CHIEF M. O. ORIJA
Ekerin Babalaje Egba

Oba Kehinde Edun Apetumata III and the Aro Keesi, Chief E. B. Sorunke, were the Special Guests at the Official Opening and Launching of the Orile Igbore Grammar School at Ajura, built by the Communal efforts of the Ologun Chiefs of Igbore, Abeokuta, led by their Balogun, Chief M. A. O. Kuti, the Ogboye Egba. Many people attended the ceremony.

- 2-6-79 Chief Azeez Olatubosun Sobowale was installed the Balogun Ijeun in succession to the Late Chief A. W. Amodemaja who died on the 17th May, 1978. The traditional ceremony was performed at Ogboni Ijeun House before a very large gathering of people from far and near.
- 16-6-79 Chief Olokode, Odofi Parakoyi Keesi died.
- 23-6-79 Chief Victor Adedolapo Ilori, Balogun Ijaiye, Are Egba and one time President of the Ake Grade "A" Customary Court from 1954 died.
- 21-8-79 Chief Abner O. Coker, the Oluwo Itesi died. He was a son of a former Oluwo Itesi and Oluwo Egba Chief I. O. Aderupoko Coker who died in 1910.
- 28-8-79 The Head of State and the Commander of the Armed Forces, General Olusegun Obasanjo paid a "Thank You" visit to His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede. General Olusegun Obasanjo was giving a rousing welcome by the Egba Chiefs and people at the Old Council Hall, Ake, Abeokuta where he was traditionally blessed by the Alake of Egbaland on his Alake's Yam Festival Day. General Obasanjo later addressed the Chiefs and people of Ogun State at Asero Stadium in Abeokuta.
- 6-9-79 The Official Opening of the New Isabo Market at Kuto was performed by His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, the Ogun State Commissioner for Local Government and Information. Dr Olumade Adeuja, who was present at the ceremony renamed the Market as OBA LIPEDE MARKET. A new Maternity



Chief Akim Taylor, Otun Babalaje Ake was presented with staff of office as Otun Babalaje Ake by the Apena Ake on his installation at Ogboni Ake house



His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede (Middle) Chief Lars Sjoborg, Maiyegun Keesi (left) and Chief E. B. Sorunke, Oluwo Keesi and Amona Oba Egba, at a special Luncheon Party to mark the 2nd Anniversary of Chief Lars Sjoborg installation as the Maiyegun Keesi on the 17th January, 1986 at A.G.I. Quarters, Oke-Saje, Keesi, Abrokuta.

Hospital built at Aregba, Keesi Local Governmer. Ward, was also opened officially by the Abeokuta Local Government.

- 10-9-79 Chief (Madam) Lydia Ayodele Olanrewaju, Iya Iju of all Saints' Church, Otere in Olodo area of Odeda Local Government died
- 15-9-79 The Emmanuel Church, Keesi, Abeokuta, built in 1872, was officially opened at a ceremony which was performed by the Very Revd J. S. Adeniyi, the Bishop of Egba/Egbado Diocese. He was assisted by many eminent clergymen from the Diocese.
- 22-9-79 Chief Amos Osodolamu Sanyaolu, Seriki Igbein and Bamole Egba was unanimously elected as the Balogun Egba in succession to the Late Chief James Oluseye Sowemimo, who died on the 5th February, 1979.
- 14-11-79 Chief Samuel Victor Ogundipe Enijolobo, Otun Balogun Ikija Xtians, died at the age of 80 years.
- 16-11-79 Chief Madam Emily Gbewesa Okanlawon, the Iyalode of Keesi Xtians died, aged 82 years, she was the mother of Chief F. O. Okanlawon, Lukotun Keesi Xtians.
- 14-12-79 Chief R. A. Popoola alias "Oga Ota" and the Oganla Keesi died.
- 15-12-79 Chief (Dr) Isaac Delano, the Bajiki Ake, Baba Ijo Holy Trinity Church, Okenla, Ifo, Babasale Ijo and 2nd Baloye Egba died.
- 25-1-80 Chief Oladeinde Fernandez was traditionally installed the Babalaje Ake in a colourful ceremony performed at the Ogboni Ake House.
- 26-1-80 In honour of the 65th Birthday Anniversary of His Majesty, the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, the following were conferred with Chieftaincy titles, other were royally blessed.

They are:

1. Chief Ebenezer O. Fabiyi—Sagbua Keesi, Amuludun Egba, yet to be installed.



From Right to Left: His Majesty the King of Egbaland, Oba Osebadé Lapede, The Agun of Oshagun, Oba Aláin Láléko, Sobekun II, The Olawo Egbá, Chief Adúgunmí Rómí, The Amóhá Oba Egbá, Chief E. B. Súrúnkó and The Achipa Egbá. The Late Chief M. A. Solamónu at the Commissioning of Amusan's Wire and Nails Industry in Alágbayé Road, Abeokuta Ogun State.

2. Alhaji 'Sina Egberongbe—Agbusi Oba to be installed later.
3. Mr Justice S. O. Lambo—Baloye Egba, to be installed later.
4. Chief Oladeinde Fernandez—Babalaje Ake, to perform Iwuye ceremony in August, 1980.
5. Chief (Mrs) Abiola Sanyaolu—Iyaloja Igbein, was royally blessed by the Alake of Egbaland.
6. Chief (Mrs) Lambo—Ajigbeba Ikereku, was royally blessed by the Alake of Egbaland.
7. Chief Azeez O. Sobowale—Balogun Ijeun, was royally blessed by the Alake of Egbaland.
8. Chief O. Coker—represented by his wife Sarumi Iporo was royalty blessed by the Alake of Egbaland.
9. Chief G. Osoba—Jaguna Itori was royally blessed by the Alake of Egbaland.
10. Chief Andrew Fetschel— was installed the Otun Babalaje Egba.
11. Chief J. Akin George—Lisa Odo—was installed the Bobagbimo Egba.
12. Chief C. M. Olubode—was installed as the Gbobaniyi Egba
13. Chief Amos Osodolamu Sanyaolu —Seriki Igbein, Bamole Egba, was installed as the Balogun Egba. in succession to the Late Chief James Oluseye Sowemimo, who died on the 5th February, 1979.

24-2-80 Chief Nathaniel Olasewo Fabiyi, the Balogun Keesi Xtians, Baba Ijo Emmanuel Church, Keesi, the Akogun Keesi, Abeokuta, and the father of Chief Ebenezer Olasupo Fabiyi Obey died.

22-3-80 Chief Adio Olatayo Shonekan was traditionally installed Balogun Itoko, in succession to the Late Chief Y. O. B. Okesanjo who died on the 11th August, 1978.



His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lapede with Egba General Titled and Christian Chiefs on the occasion of Foundation laying ceremony of St Peter's Cathedral Ake, Micokuta in January, 1983.

- 29-3-80
1. Chief Aderounmu was installed the Otun Balogun Ibarapa.
 2. Chief Sanjo Soyinka was installed the Osi Balogun Ibarapa and
 3. Chief Muraino Makinde was installed the Balogun Arawo.

These installations were performed at a traditional ceremony which was performed at the Oke-Iro Square, Abeokuta by Chief A. R. O. Sanusi, the Balogun Ibarapa and the Bobajiro Egba, assisted by eminent Chiefs and people of Ibarapa and other Egba Communities.

4-4-80 Chief (Mrs) Emmanuella Olabosipo Odunjo, Iyalode Ibarapa and Iyamokun Ikopa, died.

12-4-80 The Opening Ceremony of the 1st Phase of Orile-Keesi Grammar School and the 2nd Launching Ceremony of the 2nd Phase of the Orile Keesi Grammar School was performed respectively by the Governor of Ogun State, Chief 'Bisi Onabanjo and Chief (Dr) M. A. Majekodunmi, the Otur Egba Xtians at Olodo, Orile-Keesi in the Odeda Local Government area. Eminent Egba Chiefs, Keesi Chiefs, Sons and Daughters, and prominent people all over the Ogun State attended the colourful ceremony.

15-4-80 The Olowu of Owu, Oba Adebowale Oyegbade died.

19-4-80 Alhaji Salisu Ojubanre was installed the Seriki Balogun Ibarapa and his wife Alhaja Oluwakemi Ojubanire was installed as the Seriki Iyalaje Ibarapa at a traditional ceremony which was performed at Oke-Iro Square, Abeokuta by Chief A. R. O. Sanusi, the Balogun Ibarapa, Bobajiro Egba and assisted by eminent Egba Chiefs.

19-4-80 Chief Joseph Folahan Odunjo, Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa, Ife) Asiwaju Egba, Lemo Ibara, Oluwo Irowo, Ibarapa, Knight of St Gregory



CHIEF FASONYIN SOWUNMI
Nlado Egba, Oluwo Ifa Agbaiye



From Right: The Base Keesi, Chief N. F. Adeosun, The Lisa Keesi, Chief Samuel O. Sobogun and The Olori Farakoyi Keesi, Chief Murana O. Adebayo at a special Luncheon Party to mark the 2nd Anniversary of Chief Lars Sjoborg Installation at the Maiyegun Keesi on the 17th January, 1986 at A.G.I. Quarters, Oke Saje, Keesi, Abeokuta

and Great, Knight of St Mulumba, Author of Alawiye Books, died.

- 25-4-80 Chief Sowale, Odofo Itesi, died
- 2-5-80 Both Chief (Dr) Joseph Folahan Odunjo, the 2nd Asiwaju Egba and his wife Chief (Mrs) Emmanuella O. Odunjo were laid to rest at Ibara after a Funeral Service which was held at the Catholic Church, Ibara, Abeokuta, eminent people all over the country attended the ceremony.
- 2-5-80 Chief Yinusa Isola Rojaiye, Are Ake died.
- 6-5-80 Alhaji (Chief) Ayinla Omowura, the Akogun Emere and a popular Apala Band Leader in Egbaland died, aged 47 years.
- 30-5-80 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief T. R. O. Otolorin, the Aro Egba and Chief M. A. Bolarinwa, the Ashipa Egba travelled to the United Kingdom on an Annual Leave.
- 3-7-80 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede and his entourage returned from the United Kingdom.
- 16-8-80 The Government of Ogun State approved the appointment of Prince Alidu Adebayo Ajani Olaloko as the Agura of Gbagura, Abeokuta in accordance with the Chiefs Law (Cap. 19) with effect from 24th July, 1980.
- 23-8-80 A SPECIAL FUND RAISING CEREMONY IN AID OF 150TH YEAR CELEBRATION OF EGBA SETTLEMENT IN ABEOKUTA was performed by the Committee of the Egba Chiefs charged for the responsibilities at Afin Ake, Abeokuta over ₦46,000.00 was collected.
- 28-8-80 Prince Alidu Adebayo Ajani Olaloko was confined at IPEBI of Agura Gbagura preparatory to his installation as the Agura of Gbagura in succession to the Late Oba Raufu Adeosun II who died on 8th May, 1978.
- 31-8-80 Chief S. A. Olujobi, Balogun Itoku died.



From the Right The late Chief (Madam) Orisatola Sorunke, Iya Aagan Keesi, Otun Lika Keesi, Chief (Mrs) Alaba Akinwale, Osi-Lika Keesi and Chief (Madam) Tokunbo Lika Keesi at a special Luncheon Party to mark the 2nd Anniversary of Chief Lari Sjoborg installation as the Masegun Keesi on the 17th January, 1986 at A.G.J. Quarters, Oke-Saje, Keesi, Abeokuta.



THE LATE CHIEF AKIREMI SORUNKE
Oluwo Keesi

The father of Chief E. J. Sorunke, Oluwo Keesi and Amcna Oba Egba. He died on the 16th June, 1963.

- 27-9-80 Chief S. A. Bajomo Bello was traditionally installed as Balogun Ijeja
- 30-9-80 A Royal Delegation of Egba Chiefs appointed by His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, comprising.
1. Chief A. O. Sanyaolu, Balogun Egba —Leader
 2. Chief M. A. Amusan, Oganla Egba—Member
 3. Chief M. A. Bolarinwa, Ashipa Egba—Member
 4. Chief E. B. Sorunke, Aro Keesi—Member.
- Proceeded to Ile-Ife to congratulate Prince Okunade Sijuwade, the Ooni elect of Ile-Ife, at the Ipebi where he was traditionally confined preparatory to his Coronation and Installation.
- 18-10-86 The Installation and Coronation Ceremony of Prince Alidu Adebayo Ajani Laloko II as the Agura of Gbagura was traditionally performed, the Ogun State Governor Chief 'Bisi Onabanjo presented the staff and the Instrument of Office to the New Agura of Gbagura under a Heavy down pour of rain.
- 25-10-80 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede accompanied by.
1. Chief Aduramo Rotimi, Oluwo Egba,
 2. Chief (Dr) T. R. O. Otolorin, Aro Egba
 3. Chief J. Akin-George. Bobagbimo Egba,
 4. Chief Amos O. Sanyaolu, Balogun Egba
 5. Chief Harold Sodipo, Akogun Egba,
 6. Chief E. B Sorunke, Aro Keesi.
- Attended the Golden Jubilee GALA NIGHT (50TH ANNIVERSARY) of the APAPA CLUB in Lagos, Oba Oyebade Lipede was the first Nigerian President of the Apapa Club before ascending to the throne of His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland.
- 1-11-80 Chief Olusegun Coker was traditionally installed as the Sarumi Iporo by the Iporo Township Chiefs.
- 1-11-80 Chief (Mrs) D. Bola Kuforiji was traditionally installed as the Lika Ikija by the Ikija Township Chiefs. Both Chiefs were later blessed royally and tradi-



CHIEF ADIO OLATAYO SONEKAN
Balogun Itoko



CHIEF S. A. ALAMUTU, M.O.N.
Otun-Bada Egba, Bada Erunwon, Bada Ilugun and Lukosi Ikija

tionally by His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede at the Old Council Hall, Afin Ake, Abeokuta.

- 1-11-80 Prince 'Bola Ajibola gave a Dinner Party at the Ogun State Hotel, in honour of Professor Ogunremi. His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, Chairm:aned the Ceremony, eminent Egba Chiefs and dignitaries among whom were General Obasanjo, the Jagunmolu Egba and other prominent Egba Chiefs attended the ceremony.
- 8-11-80 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by the Oluwo Egba, Odofin Egba, Ashipa Egba, Aro Keesi and several Egba Chiefs performed the 2nd Launching Ceremony for Funds in respect of 150th Aniversary of the Egba Settlement in Abeokuta at the City Hall, Lagos. The sum of over ₦100,000.00 was collected. Earlier in the day, His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, traditionally blessed the New residential Building of Prince Bola Ajibola at Oregon, Lagos State.
- 12-11-80 Alhaji Chief A. R. O. Sanusi, the Akogun Adawo, Balogun Ibarapa and the Bobajiro Egba was unanimously elected by the Taffin Ibarapa King-makers as the Asiwaju Egba elect in succession to the Late Chief (Dr) J. F. Odunjo who died on the 19th April, 1980. The nomination was presided over by His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede.
- 20-11-80 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede traditionally presented Alhaji (Chief) A. R. O. Sanusi, Akogun Adawo, Balogun Ibarapa, Bobajiro Egba and Babalaje Egba Muslims to Ibarapa and Egba Eku Communities as the New Asiwaju Egba elect in succession to the Late Chief (Dr) J. F. Odunjo who died on the 20th April, 1980. A loud ovation was raised in support of the election of the Alhaji (Chief) A. R. O. Sanusi as the New Asiwaju Egba elect. Chief



His Majesty the Alake of Igbaland, Oba Oyebadé Lipedé, accompanied by the Agura of Gbagura, Oba Alido Laloko Sobekun II, the Onisaga of Isago, Oba Vincent Okunade, the Oluwo Egbo, Chief Aduramo Rotimi and the Amosun Oba Chief E. B. Sorranke, attended a Coronation Anniversary of the late Oba Samual Adesina Laluhu II, the Oluwo of Ibara at an Anglican Church.

Olusoji Odunjo Jagunmolu Ibarapa, thanked His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede on behalf of the entire Ibarapa Communities and congratulated the new Asiwaju elect.

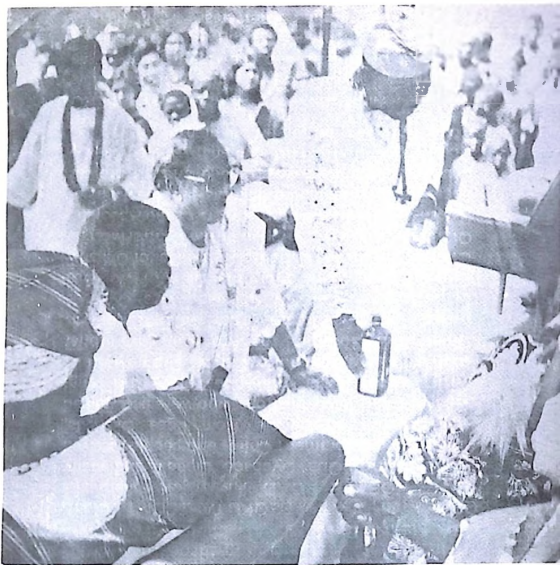
- 21-11-80** His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede held an important meeting with Principals of Secondary Schools in Egba Division, in connection with the 150th Anniversary of Egba Settlement in Abeokuta scheduled to hold in December, 1980.
- 22-11-80** His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by the Balogun Egba, Chief A. O. Sanyaolu, the Seriki Egba, Chief (Dr) Lateef Adegbite, Balogun Egba Christians, Chief E. K. Odeyemi, Aro Keesi, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Odofin Ijaiye, Chief Awodele Fasinyin and several Egba Chiefs attended the Launching of Souvenir Ceremony in connection with 150th Anniversary of the Egba Settlement in Abeokuta, organised by Egba Chiefs and people, resident in Ibadan held at the Mapo Hall, Ibadan. His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, and his entourage were met by the Egbas at the Qwode Housing Estate, Odo Ona, Ibadan from where they (The Alake of Egbaland and entourage) were led to the Palace of the Olubadan of Ibadan, Oba D. T. Akinbiyi who with his Chiefs, also accompanied His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, to the Mapo Hall for the Ceremony. The sum of over ₦29,000 was collected. His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede and his entourage were later entertained at the Ibadan residence of Chief Osoba, The Jaguna of Itori, Abeokuta.
- 5-11-80** His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by the Oluwo Egba, Chief Aduramo Rotimi, The Aro Keesi, Chief E. B. Sorunke, attended the Coronation Ceremony of Oba Okunade Sijuwade Olubuse II as the Ooni of Ife. The presentation of the Instrument and the



Chief E. B. Sornke, Oluwo Keesi, Amoma Oba Egba was traditionally installed Oluwo Keesi on the 26th December, 1982 by Chief Babatola Odofin Keesi at Oghoni Keesi House, Avenkuta. The Alake staff was in attendance. Mr Babatunde Sornke received the traditional 'Akoko' leaves.

Staff of Office was performed by the Oyo State Governor, Chief Bola Ige, at the Enuowa Palace's Square, Ile-Ife in the presence of a very large and gigantic crowd of eminent Obas, Obis, Emirs. Chiefs and people, all over the country.

- 27-11-80 Chief Jonathan Olonade Lashore, Alias "Gbeje-O-Niyi" Balogun Itesi Christians, and the Baba Ijo of the Itesi Methodist Church died, aged 85 years.
- 14-12-80 THE PROGRAMME FOR THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EGBA SETTLEMENT IN ABEOKUTA (1830-1980) Commenced with WORO DANCE.
- 15-12-80 OWU DAY-VISIT TO OLUMO 6.00 a.m. VISIT TO IGBO LISABI.
- 16-12-80 GBAGURA DAY-TRADITIONAL HOMAGE AT ITOKU CENOTAPH.
- 17-12-80 FOOTBALL MATCH AT ASERO STADIUM BETWEEN ABEOKUTA AND DAHOMEY.
Earlier Various Egba groups, Societies, Market Women, Ogboni, Parakoyi, Olorogun, Jagunjagun and others paid traditional homage to His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede. The Aro Keesi Chief E. B. Sorunke and the Bala Ijeun, Chief E. A. Adeboye were masters of Ceremonies.
- 18-12-80 OKE-ONA DAY. The Oshile of Oke-Ona, Oba Alimi Adedamola II and the Egba Oke-Ona prominent Chiefs and people received His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, the Organising Council Members and other Egba Chiefs and people at the Palace of the Oshile of Oke-Ona, Ago Oko, Abeokuta. Rehearsals of all events scheduled for 19/12/80 took place at Asero Stadium.
- 19-12-80 Alhaji Tihamiyu Dikko of Iporo, Baba Adinni Egba Muslims died.



Chief Toye Coker, Apena Egba being assisted by Chief E. B. Sorunke and Chief E. A. Adeboye in a general title chieftaincy installation ceremony before His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebadde Lipede, at the Alake's Palace Square, in the presence of a large crowd of Egba Chiefs and people. The Balogun Egba, Chief A. Sanyaolu looked on.

19-12-80

EGBA ALAKE DAY

EGBA NIGHT AT ABEOKUTA SOCIAL CLUB SITE, KOBAPÉ ROAD, His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, and many Egba Alake prominent Chiefs and people received the Chiefs and people from Egba Oke-Ona, Gbagura and Owu Sections who were entertained with various Egba indigenous plays and songs such as 'Sango, Igunnuko, Elugba Oloṣun and etc. Chief E. B. Sorunke, the Aro Keesi gave a brief history of the Egbas from 1829-1980. His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by the Ooni of Ife, Oba Okunade Sijuwade Olubuse II, the Obi of Onitsha, Ofalla Okagbue worshipped at the Central Mosque Kobiti, Abeokuta. The members of the Abeokuta Social Club entertained, His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede and his brother Obas from Ile-Ife and Onitsha, at the Kobape Road, Club Site till late in the night.

20-12-80

JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY RALLY AT ASERO STADIUM, ABEOKUTA. The first Executive President of Nigeria and the Commander of the Armed Forces Alhaji Aliyu Shehu Usman Shagari attended the Jubilee Anniversary Rally held at Asero Stadium. The crowd at the Stadium was second to none in the history of Egba Nation since the settlement in 1830. His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede was the Chief Host. The Vote of Thanks was ably moved by the Apena Egba, Chief Toyé Coker. A Luncheon Party was later held in the Ogun State Hotel, in honour of the President, Alhaji Shehu Shagari, who was earlier presented with "Ide" Cap where the word 'President' was inscribed.

1-12-80

INTER-DENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIAN SERVICE AT THE ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL CHURCH AKE, ABEOKUTA.

An Inter-denominational Christian Thanksgiving was held at the Cathedral Church of St Peter's



His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Ovebade Lipede presenting beaded staff of office to Chief E. B. Sorunke, Oluwo Keesi, as the 3rd Amona Oba Egba on his installation on the 29th January, 1983 at Alake's Palace Square. The Agura of Gbagura, Oba Alidu Laloko Sobekun II, the Apena Egba, Chief Toye Coker looked on.



EGBA GENERAL TITLED CHIEFS

From Right: Chief A. W. Amusan, Oganla Egba, Chief S. B. Sobande, Osi Egba, Chief A. Sanyolu, Balogun Egba, Chief Toye Coker, Apena Egba, Chief O. B. Akin-Olugbade, Ekern Egba, Chief (Dr) Lateef Adegbite, Senki Egba.

Ake, Abeokuta. The preacher was His Pre-Eminence Bolaji Idowu, Partriach Methodist Church of Nigeria. The Sermon was highly soul-stirring and befitting, later the British High Commissioner in Nigeria performed the presentation ceremony of a Bible to His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede from her Majesty the Queen of England, Queen Elizabeth II. Late in the Night, the Traditional Oro Rites were performed by the Ologbo Ijeun to traditionally close the week long ceremony.

IN 1980

In 1980, one Akingbogun attempted to present himself as the Olu of Owode, immediately this was brought to the notice of His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede and the Egba Chiefs, Akingbogun, the pretender, with all his mentors, was suppressed and his over-vaulting ambition was demolished and crushed with ignominy. Similarly an attempt to create Oloshiele of Oshiele was also crushed.

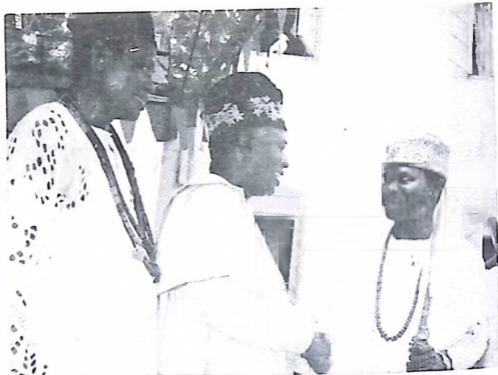
67TH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY HONOURS

24-1-81

1. Chief (Dr) A. B. O. Soboyejo, Jagunmoluo Ikija was traditionally installed as the Bobajiro Egba.
2. Chief D. R. Burkar was traditionally installed as Osi Babalaje Egba.
3. Chief (Mrs) Ojeshina of Owu was traditionally installed as Ekerin Iyalode Egba.
4. Brigadier Oluwole Rotimi, Osi Oba, was conferred with Akinlagun Egba Chieftaincy title, to be installed later.
5. Chief Akin Delano, Bajiki Ake, was royally and traditionally blessed.
- 6 Chief Alfred Oluwole Olojo, Ogboye Igbein was royally and traditionally blessed.

12-2-81

A Chieftaincy Declaration Review Commission was set up by the Ogun State Government. The Commission was made up of Five Members, had a Judge of the State High Court, Mr Justice L. E. V. Adesanya, as Chairman, other members were Mr P. O. Sogbesan, Chief J. O. Odubiyi, Mr S. A.



Chief A. O. Abudu, Maiyegun Lgba was being congratulated by Otunba T. O. S. Benson after his installation as the Maiyegun Lgba at Alake's Palace Square, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba looked on.



Chief Lars Sjoborg, Maiyegun Keesi was presented with the sword of office as the Maiyegun Keesi, by Chief E. B. Sorunke, Oluwa Keesi and Amona Oba Egba on his traditional installation at Ogbani Keesi in 1984.

Fakeye and Mr A. Adesina, with Mr O. Alli Odunsi and Prince J. O. Adedoyin as Secretary and Counsel respectively. Members of the Commission were sworn in by the State Governor, Chief 'Bisi Onabanjo, at the Executive Council Chamber in Abeokuta. The Commission was to investigate the correctness of all the eighty-four disputed Declarations in respect of recognised Chieftaincies in the State. Others were to identify the faults, if any for each of such Chieftaincy declaration. To identify Principles which can be used as guidelines by Chieftaincy Committees when they are established; to make recommendations aimed at removing the faults so identified.

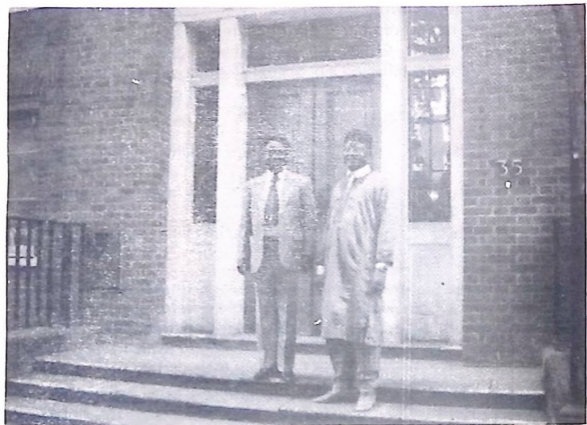
To submit to the government a separate report on the disputed Declarations investigated as at when each report is ready and to make such other recommendations which the Commission may deem fit for streamlining Chieftaincy succession and facilitate settling Chieftaincy disputes in the State.

The Commission was given twelve (12) months to submit its report. Speaking during the Swearing in Ceremony, Governor Bisi Onabanjo said "A Review of Chieftaincy Declaration was necessary in view of the series of PETITIONS now flooding his Office daily by aggrieved parties".

- 18-4-81 Chief W. A. Ogunmokun was installed Jaguna Egba Xtians.
Chief (Mrs) Hannah Odeyemi was installed Asiwaju Egba Xtians.
Chief Samuel Alawode was installed Lukosi Egba Xtians.
- 20-4-81 Twenty-four Prominent Keesi Christians among whom were Fourteen Women, were conferred and installed with various Keesi Christian Chieftaincy Titles at a colourful Ceremony which was performed at Oke-Saje, Keesi, Abeokuta.
Chief E. A. Taiwo, Bada Egba Xtians, assisted by Chief E. K. Odeyemi, Balogun Egba Xtians, Chief



New Alake Palace built in 1984



Otunba Kunle Ojora, Lisa Ife and Chief Sorunke, Oluwo Keesi, Amona Oba Igha in No. 35 Bryanston Square Residence of Otunba Kunle Ojora in London in 1981.

M. A. O. Kuti, Ogbeye Egba and many other prominent Egba Chiefs performed the Ceremony, they were:

1. Chief J. O. Okanlawon, Balogun Keesi Xtians.
2. Chief Olufemi Adewunmi, Otun Balogun Keesi Xtians.
3. Chief T. M. Oyeneye, Osi Balogun Keesi Xtians.
4. Chief A. O. Adekunle, Apesi Keesi Xtians.
5. Chief M. O. Osoko, Oganla Keesi Xtians.
6. Chief E. A. Faneye, Abese Keesi Xtians.
7. Chief J. O. Sanyaolu, Asiwaju Bale Keesi Xtians.
8. Chief H. O. Aina, Osi Bale Keesi Xtians.
9. Chief E. O. Adeniji, Leragun Keesi Xtians.
10. Chief A. O. Egbedeyi, Are Onibon Keesi Xtians.
11. Chief (Mrs) Florence Adeogun, Iyalode Keesi Xtians.
12. Chief (Mrs) J. O. Adelugba, Otun Iyalode Keesi Xtians.
13. Chief (Mrs) C. O. Sorunke, Osi Iyalode Keesi Xtians.
14. Chief (Mrs) F. Faneye, Ekerin Iyalode Keesi Xtians.
15. Chief (Mrs) C. A. Sofoluwe, Seriki Iyalode Keesi Xtians.
16. Chief (Mrs) J. Durojaiye, Bada Iyalode Keesi Xtians.
17. Chief (Mrs) V. K. Okanlawon, Lika Keesi Xtians.
18. Chief (Mrs) E. S. Bajomo, Ajigbeda Keesi Xtians.
19. Chief (Mrs) B. A. Okanlawon, Suada Keesi Xtians.
20. Chief (Mrs) B. Oke, Asiwaju Iyalode Keesi Xtians.
21. Chief (Mrs) F. M. Adewunmi, Iyalaje Keesi Xtians.
22. Chief (Mrs) A. O. Akinwale, Ajiroba Keesi Xtians.
23. Chief (Mrs) S. A. Ibikunle, Sarumi Keesi Xtians.
24. Chief (Mrs) E. Afuwape, Asipa Keesi Xtians.

20-4-81

Chief Caxton Idowu, Lukotun Kemta and his wife Chief (Mrs) Caxton Idowu, Moriyun Kemta were presented and royally blessed by His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede

30-5-81

Chief A. A. Egunjobi, Are Ilugun and Are Odo in Egba Oke-Ona, was traditionally and royally



CHIEF (MRS) F. ORIJA
Asiwaju Iyaloja Egba



**Egba Muslim Chiefs with His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland,
Oba Mofolorunso Oyebade Lipede.**

blessed by His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, The Ceremony was performed at the Alake's Palace in the presence of a very large crowd of Egba Chiefs and people

- 18-6-81 The Head of Alake Lupo Mosuleka Ruling House, His Grace, Most Elder Apostle Omo Oba Adekunle Ayodele Abiola died aged eight-two years.
- 18-6-81 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede accompanied by Chief (Dr) T. R. O. Otolorin, Aro Egba and Chief M. A. Bolarinwa, Ashipa Egba travelled to the United Kingdom on Annual Leave. The Alake of Egbaland, appointed the following Chiefs as a Regency Council to act in his Leave of absence:
1. The Oluwo Ake, Chief Osoko.
 2. The Oluwo Ijeun, Chief J. S. Sofolahan.
 3. The Oluwo Iporo, Chief Toyé Coker .
 4. The Oluwo Ikopa, Chief Popoola Oniyide
 5. The Oluwo Igbein, Chief Oso Lamodi.
- 20-7-81 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede traditionally and royally honoured Chief E. B. Sorunke, Aro Keesi and Chief E. A. Adeboye Bala Ijeun, with full permission to wear their Caps in his Palace and every where they would go with him. This was in appreciation of thier contributions towards the preservation of Egba tradition and customs in their traditional capacities as the Aro Keesi and Bala Ijeun respectively. The Oluwo Egba, Chief Aduramo Rotimi, the Apena Egba, Chief Toyé Coker and the Otun Kemta, Chief Oluwemimo witnessed the Capping Ceremony.
- 7-8-81 Chief E. Folorunso Oke was traditionally installed Jagunmolu Keesi at a Ceremony which was held at Ogboni Keesi House by the Keesi Chiefs in the presence of a very large crowd of people. Chief (Mrs) Oke was similarly installed the Iyalaje Keesi and Chief Dekanla Lambo, the grand daughter of the Late Chief Soetan, a one time Oluwo Keesi was also installed Moriwafu Keesi.

8-8-81

9TH ALAKE CORONATION ANNIVERSARY

In honour of the 9th Coronation Anniversary of His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, the following prominent Egbas were conferred with Chieftaincy titles, they were:

1. Chief Samuel Alamutu, Bada Erunwon, Bada Ilugun, Lukosi Ikija was installed Otun Bada Egba.
- 1b. Chief (Mrs) Adefunke Alamutu, Lika Erunwon, Otun Lika Ilugun and Lika Oke-Ona was royally blessed.
2. Chief E. A. O. Sonekan of Erunwon was installed Abese Egba.
3. Chief S. O. Lambo of Igbore was installed Baloye Egba, in succession to the Late Chief Isaac Delano who died on 15/12/79.
4. Chief (Mrs) Ogunbanjo, Iyaloja Ijeun, was installed Otun Iyaloja Egba.
5. Chief E. Folorunso Oke, Jagunmolu Keesi was installed Akinyegun Egba.
6. Chief 'Sesan Soluade, Otun Erunwon, was installed Agbaakin Egba Christians.
7. Chief Joseph Adeniji Kuyoro was installed and blessed royally as Abese Egba Xtians.
8. Chief (Dr) Femi Okurounmu, Ogboye Ijeru Xtians.
9. Chief Duro Ariku, Akogun Ijemo Xtians and
10. Chief Jackson, Basuru Ake were royally and traditionally blessed.

9-8-81

His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by many prominent Egbas, Chiefs and people attended a Thanksgiving Service, which was held at the Cathedral Church St Peters, Ake, Abeokuta followed by a Luncheon Party at the Centenary Hall, Ake, Abeokuta (Special Invitations). The Chief Host of the Luncheon was Mr N. A. B. Kotoye, while the Chief Hostess was Chief (Lady) Kofo Abayomi Iya Abiye Egba.

15-8-81

Chief A. O. Osanyinbi, Jaguna Igbein died, he was aged ninety-six years.

- 6-9-81 Chief R. A. Yekun, Odofo Emere Died.
- 13-9-81 Chief Madam Abigel Efuwande Sobogun, Alias Mama Onila, traditionally YEYE-OBA of Ake Royal Family, died. She was aged over 100 years.
- 31-10-81 Chief C. M. Sofoluwe, was traditionally installed Balogun Itoku.
- 12-11-81 Chief Michael Akinkunmi Soderu, Oluwo Emere died.
- 13-11-81 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by the Agura of Gbagura, Oba Alidu Laloko II, Ashipa Egba. Chief M. A. Bolarinwa, Oganla Egba, Chief W. F. Amusan, Aro Keesi, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Nlado Kemta, Chief Fasonyin, performed the official opening of the Nail and Wire Industry owned by Alhaji Amusan Awolesu at Kilometre 6, Aiyetoro Road, Abeokuta.
- 19-11-81 The Chieftaincy Review Commission probing the Alake Chieftaincy Declaration began its sitting at the Centenary Hall, Ake, Abeokuta. Fourteen memoranda were submitted, one was withdrawn. Mr Justice Adenekan Ademola, holding brief for his father, Sir Adetokunbo Ademola gave evidence for Jibodu Ruling House, Mr Justice L. E. V. Adesanya was the Chairman of the Commission. Other members were Mr P. O. Sogbesan, Chief E. A. Fakeye, Chief J. O. Odubiyi and others.
- 13-12-81 Chief M. O. Sodipo, Are Keesi Xtians and Otunbade Keesi died.
- 18-12-81 The leading Obas from Ondo, Oyo, Ogun and Lagos States held a conference at Abeokuta. His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede was the host.
- 31-12-81 Chief E. Adegboyega Sonekan, Odofofin Itoko and Odofofin Erunwon died. He was born on 1st December, 1908.
- 21-1-82 Dr Dapo Tejuoso was installed Bada Oko Christians Bajiki Odo and Bantun Oke-Ona.

- Chief (Mrs) Omolara Tejuoso was traditionally installed Suada Oko.
- 21-23-1-82 Chief (Mrs) Bisoye Tejuoso, 1st Iyalaje Egba, was traditionally installed the 3rd Iyalode Egba by His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede.
- 24-1-82 The Churches Association of Nigeria held a Thanksgiving Service, in honour of the 3rd Iyalode Egba, Chief (Mrs) Bisoye Tejuoso at the Cathedral Church of St Peter, Ake, Abeokuta.
- 30-1-82 In honour of 67th Birthday Anniversary of His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, the following people were traditionally installed as Egba general titled Chiefs.
1. Lady Oyinkan Morenike Abayomi, Iya Abiye Egba.
 2. Chief Ronke Doherty, Moroga Egba.
 3. Chief (Mrs) Folasade Soboyejo, Otun Iyalaje Egba.
 4. Chief (Mrs) V. A. Popoola, Seriki Iyalode Egba.
 5. Chief A. A. Olopade, Otun Maiyegun Egba.
 6. Alhaja (Chief) Simbiat A. Abiola, Otun Iyalode Egba.
 7. Chief A. O. Abudu, Otun Ilawo, Asiwaju Oke-Ona, Maiyegun Egba.
 8. Chief (Mrs) Ogunbanke, Iyalode Igbore was traditionally presented as the next Iyalaje Egba to be installed later.
 9. Chief (Mrs) Olopade, Mojibade Iporo was royally and traditionally blessed.
- 12-2-82 His Holiness Pope John Paul II paid a five day Holy Visit to Nigeria, Leading Obas in Nigeria including His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede met him in Lagos.
- 10-4-82 Chief E. O. Adekanmbi was installed Oluwo Ijemo.
- 12-4-82 Chief E. O. Alogi was installed Jaguna Kenta Christians.

- 20-4-82 The Arch Bishop of Canterbury, Dr Runcie visited Abeokuta on a Religious Mission to Nigeria. A service was held in his honour at St Peter Cathedral Church, Ake, Abeokuta, His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, attended the Service. Dr Runcie later visited Chief Sodeke's Compound, where the first Christian Service was conducted by the Revd Henry Townsend on the 5th January, 1843.
- 8-5-82 Chief (Dr) Lateef Adegbite, Seriki Egba was installed Are-Ona Kakanfo Igbore by Chief M. A. O. Kuti, Balogun Igbore, Ogboye Egba and prominent Igbore people. His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, royally and traditionally blessed him.
- 18-22-6-82 **ROYAL TOUR OF SWEDEN**
18-22nd June, 1982, His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief M. A. Bolarinwa, Ashipa Egba and Chief E. B. Sorunke, Aro Keesi undertook a Royal Tour to Sweden. Mr Lars Sjoborg (who was later installed Maiyegun Keesi) was the host.
- 19-6-82 The Onisaga of Ishaga, Oba Vincent Okunade was traditionally installed in succession to the late Oba Alayan who died on the 10th March, 1979.
- 29-6-82 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief M. A. Bolarinwa, Ashipa Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Aro Keesi and Chief (Mrs) C. O. Sorunke, Ajiroba Keesi left the United Kingdom (London) for Nigeria (Abeokuta).
- 7-8-82 In honour of the 10th Coronation Anniversary of His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, the following prominent Egbas were conferred with general Chieftaincy titles:
1. Chief Wole A. Adeosun, Oganla Ojoo was installed Osi Maiyegun Egba.
 2. Chief (Mrs) Adeyinka Adeosun, Otun Lika Ojoo was royally blessed.

3. Chief Olusegun O. Oshunkeye, Basorun Ijemo was traditionally presented as Seriki Babalaje Egba, to be installed in January, 1983.
 4. Chief E. O. Adekanmbi Oluwo Ijemo.
 5. Chief (Mrs) Adekanmbi, Moroga Ijemo.
 6. Chief J. O. B. Karunwi, Aro Ijemo.
 7. Chief (Mrs) C. A. Karunwi, Otun Lika Ijemo.
 8. Chief (Mrs) V. O. Karunwi, Moriyun Ijemo.
 9. Chief Benjamin O. Ogunmuyiwa, Bamolu Kemta.
 10. Chief (Mrs) Olatunde Agbeke Soetan, Iyaloja Iporo were traditionally and royally blessed.
- 4-10-82 Chief Simeon Olonade Shokunbi, Oluwo Keesi died. He was installed 17th Oluwo Keesi in 1969, aged seventy-six years.
- 6-11-82 Chief L. O. Kehinde was traditionally installed Balogun Kemta at Ogboni Kemta House and was later blessed royally by His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede.
- 11-11-82 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede traditionally received Oba Omo N'oba NEDO UKU AKPOLO KPOLO EREDIAUWA, the Oba of Benin (Bendel). The Oba was accorded a big royal Reception by the Alake of Egbaland and his Chiefs and people, all Bendelite Chiefs and people resident in Abeokuta came to pay traditional homage to both the Alake of Egbaland and the Oba of Benin.
- 27-11-82 Chief M. A. Odeyemi, the Ajiroba Oke-Ona, was conferred with the Bada Babalaje Egba Chieftaincy Title by His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, to be installed later.
- 27-11-82 Chief M. O. Odeyemi was traditionally installed Ajiroba Oke-Ona by the Oshile of Oke-Ona, Oba Alimi Adedamola II at Oshile's Palace, Ago-Oko, Abeokuta, and his wife Chief (Mrs) Odeyemi was traditionally installed Moriwafu Oke-Ona. The

ceremony was attended by a large crowd of people.

- 4-12-82 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede traditionally blessed Chief S. O. Shasanya, Apesi Ago Ijesha and his wife Chief (Mrs) A. Shasanya, Moriwafu Ago Ijesha at a ceremony which was performed at the Afin Ake, Abeokuta after their installation at Ogboni Ago Ijesha House.
- 26-12-82 Chief Emmanuel Babajide Sorunke, Aro Keesi, was traditionally installed 18th Oluwo Keesi at the Ogboni Keesi House by the Chiefs and people of Keesi in succession to the late Chief S. O. Shokunbi who died on the 4th October, 1982. The Alake's Staff of Office was in attendance.
- 26-12-82 Chief I. Akanni Akinwale was traditionally installed Otunbade Keesi, in succession to the Late Chief M. O. Sodipo who died on 13/12/81.
- 27-12-82 The Right Honourable Sir Adetokunbo Ademola, on behalf of the Children, Grand-Children and Great-Grand-Children of the Late Sir Ladapo Ademola II, K.B.E., C.M.G., J.P. The Alake of Egbaland, 1920-1962. performed a Thanksgiving Service and Unveiling Ceremony of the Statue of their father, on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of his transition on Monday the 27th day of December, 1982 at 11.00 a.m. on the Ademola Family Estate, Adatan, Ibadan Road, Abeokuta. Many people from far and near attended the ceremony.
- 31-12-82 Alhaji (Chief) Ayoola Sodimu, Balogun Keesi Muslims was installed Agbaakin Egba Muslims at a Jumat Ceremony which was performed at the Egba Central Mosque, Kobiti, Abeokuta.
- 4-1-83 The laying of Foundation Stone Ceremony of the Cathedral Church of St Peter, Ake, Abeokuta was performed by the Most Revd Timothy Omotayo Olufosoye, the Arch. Bishop of Nigeria. His

Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, prominent Egba Chiefs and people were in attendance.

- 8-1-83 The Ilugun Township Chiefs performed the traditional opening of a newly built OGBONI ILUGUN HOUSE. His Majesty the Alake of Eggaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Oluwo Egba, Chief Aduramo Rotimi, Lisa Egba, Chief E. A. Tejuoso, Odofo Egba, Chief D. A. Adeyinka, Balogun Egba, Chief A. O. Sanyaolu, Seriki Egba, Chief (Dr) Lateef Adegbite, Ashipa Egba, Chief M. A. Bolarinwa, Oluwo Kessi, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Bala Ijeun, Chief E. A. Adeboye and Nlado Kemta, Chief Fasoyin, Sowunmi attended the Ceremony at Ilugun, Abeokuta, we later visited Chief S. A. Alamutu, Otun Bada Egba at his Rock House Residence for Royal Blessing, The Apena Egba, Chief Toye Coker and the Aro Egba, chief (Dr) T. R. O. Otolorin, were in attendance.
- 9-1-83 Chief Kasali Oke, Otun Adawo died.
- 11-1-83 Chief Karimu Ajagunjeun, Olori Parakoyi Keesi died.
- 15-1-83 Chief (Mrs) Banjoko Osibo, was traditionally installed Olori Erelu Ake at a traditional ceremony which was performed at the Ogboni Ake House, she was later blessed by His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede at the palace.
- 21-1-83 Chief Tijani Yeku, Ogboye Keesi and Bada Adinni Keesi Muslims died.
- 24-1-83 Chief (Mrs) Victoria Adunni Adeboye was traditionally installed as Moroga Ijeun at Ogboni Ijeun House. Many people witnessed the Ceremony.
- 29-1-83 In honour of 68th Birthday Anniversary of His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, the following prominent Egba Sons and

Daughters were conferred with Egba General Chieftaincy titles:

1. Chief E. B. Sorunke, Oluwo Keesi was traditionally installed as 3rd Amona Oba Egba. A beaded Staff of Office was presented to him by His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyejade Lipede, Chief (Mrs) C. O. Sorunke, Ajiroba Keesi was traditionally and royally blessed by His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyejade Lipede.
2. Chief E. A. Adeboye, Bala Ijeun, was traditionally installed as Ntowa Egba. Chief (Mrs) Victoria Adunni Adeboye, Moroga-Ijeun was traditionally and royally blessed by His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyejade Lipede.
3. Chief (Mrs) P. A. Ogunbanke, Iyalode Igboire, was installed Iyalaje Egba.
4. Revd. Mother Dunstan was installed as Iya Ewe Egba.
5. Dr Gertrude Biersack was installed as Otun Iya Abiye Egba.
6. Chief Olusegun Oshunkeye, Basorun Ijemo was installed as Seriki Babalaje Egba.
7. Chief (Miss) Ronke Ademola, Iyalode Ake.
8. Chief Lasisi Fajebe, Osi Kemta.
9. Chief J. A. Ogundeji, Seriki Kemta.
10. Chief (Mrs) Olopade, Otun Iyalode Iporo, were traditionally and royally blessed by His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyejade Lipede.

4-2-83 Chief, Carles Popoola Adeyemi Cole, Balogun Ifo, Ntabo Igbein died.

7-2-83 Chief Joachim Fadipe Kuyoro, Balogun Ijemo died.

10-2-83 Chief Ben. O. Beckley, Emulu Keesi died.

11-2-83 Madam Selilatu Agboola Sanusi, the mother of Alhaji Chief A. R. O. Sanusi, the Asiwaju Egba, died.

- 14-2-83** Chief M. K. O. Abiola, Bobagunwa Egba, donated a sum of ₦30,000.00 to the Ogun State Polytechnic, Abeokuta for the Building of a LIBRARY in Memory of his Late father, Chief Salawu Abiola, Balogun Ojoo, Abeokuta.
- 19-2-83** His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by the Agura of Gbagura, Oba Alidu Laloko Sobekun II, Apena Egba, Chief Toye Coker, Balogun Egba, Chief A. O. Sanyaolu, Seriki Egba, Chief (Dr) Lateef Adegbite, Ashipa Egba, Chief M. A. Bolarinwa, Amona Oba Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke and Ntowa Egba, Chief E. A. Adeboye attended the Opening Ceremony of the New House of Alhaji S. B. Biobaku, Ajanosi Egba Muslims at Lantoro Area of Abeokuta.
- 19-2-83** Chief J. O. S. Kuti, Olori Parakoyi Egba died.
- 15-3-83** The President General of the Nawair-Ud-Deen Society of Nigeria and Abeokuta based lawyer, Alhaji (Chief) Ganiyu Adebayo Folaranmi, Are Egba Muslims, was stabbed to death by his son named Saidi. He was a native of Ijaiye, Abeokuta.
- 18-3-83** Chief Olusoji Shobande, Oluwo Ikija, Aro Oke-Ona died.
- 19-3-83** His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by the Oluwo Egba, Chief Aduramo Rotimi, the Lisa Egba, Chief E. Akintoye Tejuoso, Odofi Egba, Chief D. A. Adeyinka, Aro Egba, Chief (Dr) T. R. O. Otolorin, Apena Egba, Chief Toye Coker, Balogun Egba, Chief A. O. Sanyaolu, Oganla Egba, Chief W. F. Amusan, Ashipa Egba, Chief M. A. Bolarinwa, Amona Oba Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, performed the Dedication Ceremony of the new House of Chief (Dr) Lateef Adegbite, Seriki Egba at Ago Oba, Abeokuta, many people attended the Ceremony.

- 20-3-83 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by the Lisa Egba, Chief E. A. Tejuoso, Odofo Egba, Chief D. A. Adeyinka Aro Egba, Chief (Dr) T. R. O. Otolorin, Balogun Egba, Chief A. O. Sanyaolu, Oganla Egba, Chief W. F. Amusan, Ashipa Egba, Chief M. A. Bolarinwa, Amona Oba Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Ntowa Egba, Chief E. A. Adeboye, Nlado Kemta, Chief Fasonyin Sowunmi, attended 50th Birthday Anniversary of Chief (Dr) Lateef Adegbite, Seriki Egba, The Governor of Ogun State, Chief 'Bisi Onabanjo, Chief and Erelu 'Kunle Ojora and many prominent Chiefs attended the Ceremony.
- 23-3-83 Chief F. Fola Obadara was traditionally installed Asalu Egba Herbalists.
- 23-3-83 Chief (Madam) Alice Amusan, Iyalode Ikija Xtians, the mother of Chief W. F. Amusan, Oganla Egba died.
- 29-3-83 His Excellency the President of Nigeria, Alhaji Shehu Shagari, commissioned the Oyan Dam, constructed by the Ogun/Oshun River Basin Development Authority. His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by the Agura of Gbagura Oba Alidu Laloko, the Onisaga of Isaga, Oba Vincent Okunade. Apena Egba, Chief Toyé Coker, Seriki Egba, Chief (Dr) Lateef Adegbite and Amona Oba Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke attended the Ceremony. The President and his entourage inspected Oba Lipede Market. Civic Reception followed at Asero in the evening.
- 30-3-83 His Excellency the President of Nigeria, Alhaji Shehu Shagari performed the Laying of the Foundation Stone of the Lagos University Teaching Hospitals Ifo/Ota/Illaro Primary Health Care Centre ceremony at Pakoto Village on Lagos/Abeokuta road under a heavy down pour of rain (1st rainfall of 1983). His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede accompanied by the

Agura of Gbagura, Oba Alidu Laloko Sobekun II, Ashipa Egba, Chief M. A. Bolarinwa, The Seriki Egba, Chief (Dr) Lateef Adegbite, Amona Oba Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke and the Osi Egba Muslims, Alhaji A. L. Adenekan attended the Ceremony. The Governor of Ogun State, Chief 'Bisi Onabanjo, Chief E. A. A. Fadairo, Chairman LUTH Management Board also attended the ceremony. They were all drenched with a long sought 1st rainfall of 1983.

- 9-4-83 The General Purpose Committee of the Egba General Titled Chiefs was traditionally inaugurated by His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede. The inaugural ceremony was performed at the Old Council Hall, Ake Palace, Abeokuta. Chief Toye Coker, Apena Egba and Chief A. O. Sanyaolu, Balogun Egba actively participated in the inaugural ceremony.
- 17-4-83 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by the Agura of Gbagura, Oba Alidu Laloko Sobekun II, Oluwo Egba Chief Aduramo Rotimi, Amona Oba Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, attended the 31st Coronation Anniversary Thanksgiving Service of the Olubara of Ibara, Oba Samuel Adesina Lalubu II, at the St Andrew's Anglican Church, Ibara, Abeokuta. The Rt Revd Titus Ilori Akintayo the Lord Bishop of Egba/Egbado Anglican Diocese delivered the sermon.
- 20-4-83 Pa Daniel Sobayo Sogbein of Keesi died.
- 26-4-83 Mr John Adeyemi Ladipo, a Veteran, School master and the father of Chief (Mrs) Ogunbanjo, Otun Iyaloja Egba, died. He was aged eighty-nine years.
- 7-6-83 The Governing Council for the Federal University of Technology, Abeokuta was inaugurated. Oba Adeyinka Oyekan of Lagos was appointed the Pro-Chancellor.

- 8-6-83 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief M. A. Bolarinwa, Ashipa Egba and Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba left Abeokuta for the United Kingdom on Annual Leave.
- 12-6-83 Chief Adenekan, Apena Ikopa died.
- 18-6-83 Chief Abiodun Sangobiyi was traditionally installed Balogun Isaga.
- 24-6-83 Otunba T. O. S. Benson and his wife, Chief (Mrs) Opral Benson, Iyamokun Egba gave an expensive and well attended Luncheon Party in honour of His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede at Les Ambassadeurs Club, Park-Lane, London.
- 6-7-83 Chief Harold Sodipo, Akogun Egba and his wife Chief (Mrs) Lande Sodipo, Iyalaje Ikija gave a Luncheon Party in honour of His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede. His Majesty the Ooni of Ife, Oba Okunade Sijuwade Olubuse II and the Obi of Onisha, Offala Okagbue II in their London residence 13-24 Princess Gate Court, London, Chief and Chief (Mrs) S. O. Adebo, Okanlomo Egba, E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, M. A. Bolarinwa Ashipa Egba and others were in attendance.
- 6-7-83 His Majesty the Ooni of Ife, Oba Okunade Sijuwade Olubuse II, gave a Dinner Party in honour of His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede and the Obi of Onitsha, Offala Okagbue II in London. Chiefs M. A. Bolarinwa, Ashipa Egba, E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba and several others attended the Dinner.
- 8-7-83 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede accompanied by Chief M. A. Bolarinwa, Ashipa Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, and Dr J. O. Oluwole left London for Abeokuta.

- 9-7-83 Madam Alice Oriyomi Sobogun of Keesi died.
- 29-7-83 OBA LIPEDE MARKET was traditionally and officially opened at a ceremony which was performed by His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede. Prominent Egba Chiefs, Market Women, Chairman, Abeokuta Local Government, Chief J. O. Sodeke and others were in attendance.
- 21-8-83 Chief James Oluwole Kodaolu, Lisa Itesi was traditionally installed Oluwo Itesi in succession to the Late Chief Abner O. Coker, who died on the 21st August, 1979. The ceremony was performed at the Ogboni Itesi House.
- 27-8-83 The Chairman of LAGOS UNIVERSITY Teaching Hospital Management Board, Chief Emmanuel Adeoye A. Fadairo, Alapinni Ilaro died. He was aged seventy-one years. Chief Fadairo died at St Batholomews Hospital in West Smithfield, East London.
- 5-10-83 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede attended the Thanksgiving Service in honour of 70th Birthday Anniversary of Chief Simeon O. Adebo, Okanlomo Egba, at St Peters' Cathedral Church, Ake, Abeokuta. Prominent Chiefs and people all over the Country attended the Service.
- 21-10-83 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief (Dr) T. R. O. Otolorin, Aro Egba and Chief E. B. Sorunke Amona Oba Egba attended a Thanksgiving service at the Central Mosque, Kobiti, Abeokuta in honour of 3rd Coronation Anniversary of Oba Laloko II, the Agura of Gbagura.
- 23-10-83 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief (Dr) T. R. O. Otolorin, Aro Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba and Chief E. K. Odeyemi, the Balogun

Egba Xtians attended a Thanksgiving Service, held at the Christ Church, Ilaro, Egbado, in honour of the 7th Coronation Anniversary of Oba Samuel Adeniran Adekambi Tella III, The Olu of Ilaro.

25-10-83 Chief (Mrs) Mariam Efuneye Somade, 1st Iyalode Keesi died.

30-10-83 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, attended the Thanksgiving Service, held at St Paul's Church Igbore, Abeokuta, to mark the 10th Anniversary of the Busy Bee's Society of St Paul's Church. Oba Oyebade Lipede is the Life Patron of the Busy Bee. Chief (Mrs) P. A. Ogunbanke, Iyalaje Egba is the Matron. Canon G. B. Oloniyo, delivered the Sermon.

5-11-83 Chief Harold Sodipo Lisa Ikija, Akogun Egba was traditionally installed Oluwo Ikija at a traditional ceremony which was performed at the Ogoni Ikija House.

5-11-83 Chief Muraino Akanni Dokunmu, Balogun Ake was traditionally installed as Jaguna Ago-Ijesha.

5-11-83 Chief Sabitu Amusan Okuribido was traditionally installed Basala Ake.

Chief Akintunde Okuribido was traditionally installed Lemo Ake and; Chief (Mrs) Jadesola Okuribido was traditionally installed Moriyun Ake.

The Installation ceremony was performed at the Ogoni Ake House. Later His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede royally and traditionally blessed the newly installed Chiefs, in a ceremony which was performed at the Old Council Hall, Ake, Abeokuta. Chief A. O. Sanyaolu, Balogun Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, Chief and Mrs Orija and several prominent Egba Chiefs including Mr Justice Anthony Okuribido were in attendance.

- 9-11-83 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, performed the Launching Ceremony of DAY CARE CENTRE, sponsored by the ABEOKUTA LADIES CLUB 77. The ceremony was performed at the Housing Corporation Estate, Ibara, Abeokuta.
- 15-11-83 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, royally received the Emir of Kano, Alhaji Ado Bayero and his entourage with a brief traditional ceremony, which was performed at the Alake Palace. The Ceremony was attended by a large number of Egba Chiefs and prominent people.
- 18-11-83 OBA OYEBADE LIPEDE I, GARDEN was launched by the Abeokuta Sports Club in tree-planting ceremony, which was performed at the Abeokuta Sports Club premises G.R.A., Abeokuta. His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede accompanied by the Oba Laloko, Agura of Gbagura, Chief (Dr) T. R. O. Otolorin, Aro Egba, Chief A. O. Sanyaolu, Balogun Egba, Chief (Dr) Lateef Adegbite, Seriki Egba, Chief M. A. Bolarinwa, Ashipa Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba and several others attended the Ceremony. Five trees were planted respectively by the following:
1. No. 1 Tree was planted by Chief 'Bisi Onabanjo, Governor of Ogun State.
 2. No. 2 Tree was planted by His Majesty The Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede.
 3. No. 3 Tree was planted by Oba Alidu Laloko Sobekun II, The Agura of Gbagura.
 4. No. 4 Tree was planted by Chief S. O. Adebo, Okanlomo Egba *and*
 5. No. 5 Tree was planted by the President of the Abeokuta Sports Club, Chief A. A. Popoola, Bajito Ake.
- 21-11-83 Chief V. Olusegun Sobande, Are Igbein died.

- 24-11-83 ABEEKUTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY held a Luncheon Party at the Ogun State Hotel after a Courtesy call had been paid to His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede in his palace by Chiefs A. O. Lawson, Asalu Igbein, Chris Ogunbanjo, S. O. Adebo, Okanlomo Egba, A. O. Abudu, Maiyegun Egba, F. O. Oke, Akinyegun Egba, A. O. Adeosun, Osi Maiyegun, Egba and several other frontline Industrialists in the Country. His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba attended the Luncheon Party.
- 27-11-83 Alhaji Wabi Adeyemi, Are Ibarapa Muslims and the Secretary of the Egba Market Women, died.
- 27-11-83 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by the Ajalorun of Ijebu Ife, Chief (Dr) Lateef Adegbite, Seriki Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba and two other Ijebu Ife Chiefs representing Ogun State of Nigeria, left Abeokuta for Kaduna State to attend a National Conference of Traditional Rulers scheduled for 28th and 29th November, 1983.
- 29-11-83 THE ABEEKUTA DESCENDANTS UNION OF NIGERIA ANDEGBEEGBAKADUNABRANCH, held a Rousing Reception in honour of His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede's visit to Kaduna at the residence of Prince (Dr) Tunde Lipede. the reception was fully attended by all Egba Sons and Daughters resident in Kaduna.
- 30-11-83 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief (Dr) Lateef Adegbite, Seriki Egba, and Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, left Kaduna for Abeokuta.
- 9-12-83 The Abeokuta Club held a big Reception at its Kobape Road Club House premises, in honour of

the recently appointed Chief Justice of the Federation of Nigeria Mr (Justice) Sogunle Sowemimo. His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by the Agura of Gbagura, Oba Alidu Laloko Sobekun II, Chief Aduramo Rotimi, Oluwo Egba, Chief A. Tejuoso, Lisa Egba, Chief Toye Coker, Apena Egba, Chief (Dr) Lateef Adegbite, Seriki Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, Chief E. A. Adeboye, Ntowa Egba, the Governor of Ogun State, Bisi Onabanjo and other prominent people attended the ceremony.

- 19-12-83 Chief M. A. Bolarinwa, Jaguna Itoko, Ashipa Egba died; aged seventy-one years.
- 26-12-83 Chief J. O. Sodeke was installed Leragun Egba Xtians.
Chief Soetan was installed Sakotun Egba Xtians.
The installation ceremony was performed at the Egba Christian Hall, Itori, Abeokuta. Later the newly installed Chiefs were traditionally blessed by His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, in a traditional ceremony held at the Alake's palace, Ake, Abeokuta. Chief Toye Coker, Apena Egba, Chief D. A. Adeyinka, Odofi Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, Chief E. A. Adeboye, Ntowa Egba, Chief M. A. Obebe, Iyaloja Egba and many prominent Christian Chiefs attended the ceremony.
- 29-12-83 Chief (Mrs) Omotayo Durogbade was traditionally installed Iyaloja Keesi. The traditional ceremony was performed at the Ogboni Keesi House. Many people attended the ceremony.
- 29-12-83 Chief Muraino Oyeleke Adebayo was installed Olori Parakoyi Keesi in succession to the Late Chief Karimu Ajagunjeun who died on 11/1/83.
- 30-12-83 CHIEF E. B. SORUNKE IWUYE CEREMONY AS OLUWO KEESI, AMONA OBA EGBA

His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by the Agura of Gbagura, Oba Alidu Laloko Sobekun II, the Onisaga of Ishaga, Oba Okunade, Oluwo Egba, Chief Aduramo Rotimi, Chief D. A. Adeyinka, Odofo Egba, Chief Toye Coker, Apena Egba, Chief J. Akin George, Bobagbimo Egba, Chief W. Amusan, Oganla Egba, Chief (Dr) Lateef Adegbite, Seriki Egba, Chief Segun Oshunkeye, Seriki Babalaje Egba, Chief A. O. Abudu, Maiyegun Egba, Chief S. O. Sogbein, Bada Egba, Chief E. K. Odeyemi, Balogun Egba Xtians, Olori 'Bimpe Lipede, Chief (Prof.) Aboaba, Ntoye Oba Egba, Dr (Mrs) Tunde Lipede, Chief (Mrs) V. A. Popoola, Seriki Iyalode Egba, Chief (Mrs) Alamutu, Lisa Erunwon, Chief (Mrs) M. A. Obebe, Iyaloja Egba, Otunba and Erelu Kunle Ojora, Chief E. F. Oke, Akinyegun Egba, Olori Yetunde Gbadebo, Chief M. A. Odeyemi, Ajiroba Oke-Ona, Bada Babalaje Egba elect, Governor of Ogun State, Chief Bisi Onabanjo, Deputy Governor Ogun State, Chief 'Sesan Soluade, Commissioner Chief Femi Adewunmi, Commissioners and many prominent people from far and near attended this ceremony. Music was supplied by Chief Commander Ebenezer Obey Fabiyi, Sagbua Keesi and Amuludun Egba elect from 6.00 p.m. till early in the morning of Saturday 31/12/83.

- 31-12-83 The Civilian Federal and State Governments throughout the Federal Republic of Nigeria were toppled in a bloodless or Palace Coup-detat by the Nigerian Army. Major-General Muhammed Buhari was later named as the Head of State and the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.
- 4-1-84 Colonel Oladipo Diya was named as the Military Governor for Ogun State.
- 5-1-84 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede traditionally received in his Palace, The Military Governor of Ogun State, Colonel Oladipo

Diya, who resumed duty, after paying courtesy call on the Alake. Chief Aduramo Rotimi Oluwo Egba, Chief Harold Sodipo, Akogun Egba and Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba were with the Alake of Egbaland during this ceremony.

- 7-1-84 Alhaji (Chief) S. B. Olabimtan, Bamolu Isaga Orile died.
- 27-1-84 1. Chief Lars Sjoborg, Managing Director, A. G. I., Oke-Saje, Keesi, Abeokuta was traditionally installed Maiyegun Keesi.
2. Chief (Mrs) Ikofunke Sogbesan was traditionally installed as Iyalode Keesi.
This traditional ceremony was performed at the Ogboni Keesi House in the presence of a very large crowd of Keesi Chiefs and people.
- 28-1-84 Chief Akin Taylor was installed, Otun Babalaje, Ake at the Ogboni Ake House.
- 28-1-84 69th Birthday Anniversary of His Majesty, the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, in honour of the 69th Birthday Anniversary, the following were traditionally installed as:
1. Chief A. O. S. Koleoso, Olori Parakoyi Egba, in succession to the Late Chief J. O. S. Kuti, who died on 19-2-83.
2. Chief (Mrs) M. I. Koleoso, Seriki Iyalaje Egba
3. Chief (Mrs) F. I. Bakare, Bada Iyalode Egba
4. Chief M. A. Odeyemi, Bada Babalaje Egba
5. Chief Lars Sjoborg, Maiyegun Keesi
6. Chief Akin Taylor, Otun Babalaje Ake
7. Chief Nelson Oyesiku, Agbaakin Oba and
8. Chief Bakare, Basorun Imo Muslims, were traditionally presented and blessed royally.
- 25-3-84 His Majesty, the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief (Dr) T. R. O. Otolorin, Aro Egba, Chief D. A. Adeyinka, Odofi Egba, Chief A. O. Sanyaolu, Balogun Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, Chief Fasoyin,

Nlado Kemta, Chief and Mrs S. O. Adebo, Okanolomo and Several prominent Egba Chiefs and people attended the Turbaning Ceremony of Chief (Dr) Lateef Adegbite, Seriki Egba, as OLORI IRAWO EGBA SOCIETY in succession to the Late Chief M. A. Bolarinwa, Ashipa Egba who died on the 19th December, 1983.

2-5-84

Chief Oso Lamodi, Oluwo Igbein died.

18-5-84

Chief E. O. Agunpopo was traditionally installed as Oluwo Emere at a ceremony which was performed at the Ogboni Emere House in succession to the Late Chief M. A. Soderu, who died on 12th November, 1981.

25-5-84

His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief Aduramo Rotimi, Oluwo Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, and Dr J. A. Oluwole left Abeokuta for the United Kingdom on Annual Leave. Otunba T. O. S. Benson gave a Luncheon Dinner Party in honour of His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede at Les Ambassadors Hotel, London. Prominent Nigerians in London attended the Party.

6-6-84

ROYAL TOUR TO MUNICH, WEST GERMANY
5TH-9TH JUNE, 1984

His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief Aduramo Rotimi, Oluwo Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba and Dr J. A. Oluwole, left London for Munich, on a Royal Tour, Mr Robert Motschmann was the host. We left Munich for London on the 9th June, 1984.

15-6-84

ROYAL TOUR TO PARIS, FRANCE
15TH-18TH JUNE, 1984

His Majesty, the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief Aduramo Rotimi, Oluwo Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, left London for Paris, France. Chief Lars

Sjborg, Maiyegun Keesi was the host. We left Paris for London on the 18th June, 1984.

20-6-84 ROYAL TOUR TO COLCHESTER

22ND JUNE, 1984

His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief Aduramo Rotimi, Oluwo Egba, Chief A. O. Sanyaolu, Balogun Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, Dr J. A. Oluwole and Chief Olojo, Ogboye Igbein, left London City for Colchester, where the residential building of Chief J. Akin George, Bobagbimo Egba, was traditionally blessed. Chief J. Akin George, Bobagbimo Egba was the host. We left Colchester for London on the 22nd June, 1984.

22-6-84 Otunba Kunle Ojora, with his wife Erelu Ojuolape Ojora gave a fabulous Dinner, in his 35 Bryanston Square Residence in London, in honour of His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede who was accompanied by Chief Aduramo Rotimi, Oluwo Egba, Chief A. O. Sanyaolu, Balogun Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, Chief Ogunmuyiwa, Bamolu Kemta, Chief Olojo, Ogboye Igbein, Chief 'Wole Adeosun, Osi Maiyegun Egba, Dr J. A. Oluwole and many eminent Nigerians attended the Dinner Party.

23-6-84 Otunba T. O. S. Benson gave a Luncheon Party, at Les Ambassador Hotel, London in honour of His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, who was accompanied by Chief Aduramo Rotimi, Oluwo Egba, Chief A. O. Sanyaolu, Balogun Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, Chief S. O. Lambo, Baloye Egba, Chief Olojo, Ogboye Igbein, Dr. J. A. Oluwole, many prominent Nigerians attended the Party.

25-6-84 Chief A. O. Sanyaolu, Balogun Egba gave a Dinner Party in his London residence, in honour of His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, who was accompanied by Chief Aduramo

Rotimi, Oluwo Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, Dr. J. A. Oluwole.

25-6-84

In honour of the Second Coronation Anniversary of the Orisaga of Isaga. Oba Vincent Okunade, Chief E. O. Madandola, an Abeokuta based lawyer was traditionally installed as Dagunja Isaga-Orile while his wife Chief (Mrs) Jumoke Madandola was traditionally installed Osi Iyalode Isaga-Orile.

27-6-84

His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief Aduramo Rotimi, Oluwo Egba, Chief A. O. Sanyaolu, Balogun Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, Chief Olojo, Ogboye Igbein and Dr J. A. Oluwole left London for Abeokuta.

7-7-84

Twenty-one Prominent Keesi Muslims were conferred with various Keesi Muslims Chieftaincy Titles at a colourful ceremony which was performed at Keesi Central Mosque, Abeokuta. Alhaji (Chief) R. A. Sodimu, Balogun Keesi Muslims and Agba-akin Egba Muslims performed the installations ceremony while Alhaji S. A. Bello, Executive Director, CFAO, Lagos was the Chairman, They were:

1. Alhaji (Chief) Lasisi Baruwa Oseni, Olori Adinni Keesi Muslims.
2. Alhaji (Chief) Tiamiyu Faniyi, Baba Adinni Keesi Muslims.
3. Alhaji (Chief) Raimi Ajagunjeun, Seriki Adinni Keesi Muslims.
4. Alhaji (Chief) Jimoh Tijani Ogundare, Oganla Adinni Keesi Muslims.
5. Chief Mufutau Adekunle, Asiwaju Adinni Keesi Muslims.
6. Chief Jimoh Larogun, Jaguna Adinni Keesi Muslims.
7. Chief Ramoni Kusimo, Jagunmolu Adinni Keesi Muslims.
8. Chief Ramoni Kehinde, Lukosi Adinni Keesi Muslims.

9. Chief Karimu Agbeniga, Atunse Adinni Keesi Muslims.
10. Chief Lasisi Yesufu, Arowasi Adinni Keesi Muslims.
11. Chief Lamidi Yesufu, Otun Ashipa Adinni Keesi Muslims.
12. Chief Muniru Akinwande, Otun Bada Adinni Keesi Muslims.
13. Chief Raufu Soetan, Ekerin Jaguna Adinni Keesi Muslims.
14. Chief Akanbi Okesaje, Ekerin Bada Adinni Keesi Muslims.
15. Chief Latifu Ogunmuyiwa, Osi Bada Adinni Keesi Muslims.
16. Chief Mutairu Amodu, Otun Babasale Adinni Keesi Muslims.
17. Chief Salawu Ademolake, Giwa Adinni Keesi Muslims.
18. Chief Nuremi Abatan, Osi Jaguna Adinni Keesi Muslims.
19. Chief Sule Yeku, Ekerin Baba Adinni Keesi Muslims.
20. Chief Jimoh Ajala, Otun Baba Adinni Keesi Muslims.

The Ogoni Keesi Chiefs led by Chief E. B. Sorunke, Oluwo Keesi and Amona Oba Egba, attended the installation ceremony.

- 13-7-84 Alhaji (Chief) Y. S. D. Anifowose, Otun Ilugun and ...
- 22-7-84 Otunba T. O. S. Benson with his wife Chief (Mrs) Opral Benson, Iyamokun Egba, gave a Luncheon Party in his Lagos residence in honour of the Chairman and Members of the Alake Palace Building Committee. Chief J. Akin George was the Chairman. His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, who was accompanied by Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, was the Special Guest-of-Honour. Otunba T. O. S. Benson and Chief (Mrs) Opral Benson, Iyamokun Egba

who was a member of the Committee, donated ₦50,000.00 while ₦25,000.00 was paid on the spot.

- 4-8-84 Chief Sodeinde Akindiya, Lisa Ikopa died.
- 4-8-84
1. Professor (Chief) Fola Aboaba was traditionally installed Abese Ake.
 2. Prince (Dr) Adeniran Lipede was traditionally installed Adila Ake.
- The traditional ceremony was performed at the Ogboni House. Both Abese and Adila Ake were royally blessed by His Majesty, the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede.
- 4-8-84 The New Alake Palace First Phase was completed at a cost of ₦1.2 million, the Keys were traditionally handed over the Chief Toye Coker, Apena Egba, who gave them to Chief Aduramo Rotimi, Oluwo Egba, who handed them over to Chief Osoko, Oluwo Ake, who traditionally opened the Palace for His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, and other Egba traditional Chiefs entered the New Palace.
- 7-8-84 Chief J. S. Oyegunle, Odofi Imo died.
- 25-8-84 Chief Gbadamosi Sanni, Balogun Efon died.
- 30-8-84 Professor S. H. O. Tomori, Professor of English as a foreign Language, University of Ibadan, B.A. (London) Dip. Ed. M.A. (London), died.
- 7-9-84 The Chief Imam of Egbaland, Alhaji Gafari Danyiwo died. He was aged 106 years. He was appointed Chief Imam of Egbaland in 1968.
- 10-9-84 The Elewo of Ilewo, Oba Babatunde died. He was aged 76 years. He was installed, Elewo of Ilewo in 1954.
- 22-9-84 Alhaji Ahmed Rufai Akorede Qudus, died.
- 22-9-84 Chief Matthew Folorunso Kuyoro was traditionally installed Balogun Ijemo.
- 10-10-84 Chief J. O. Lampejo, Odofi Ikija died.

- 27-10-84 Chief Jolaoso Lufela, Lisa Keesi died. He was aged 90 years.
- 15-11-84 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede accompanied by Chief Aduramo Rotimi Oluwo Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oluwo Egba, and Chief E. A. Adeboye, Ntowa Egba attended first Founder's and Graduation Day Ceremony of Salawu Abiola Comprehensive High School, Osiele. The Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede donated a prize of ₦250,000 annually to the best Student of the School, for ten years.
- 29-11-84 The Chief Imam of Keesi, Alhaji Mutalib Bello died. He was aged 120 years.
- 1-12-84 Dr Tunji Coker was installed Base Kemta and his wife Mrs Coker was installed Seriki Erelu Kemta. The ceremony was performed at the Ogbos Kemta House.
- 1-12-84 Chief Ezekiel Olabayo Akala was installed Jagun Itoko Xtians.
- 17-12-84 His Majesty, the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Agura of Gbagura, Oba Alidu Laloko Sobekun II, the Onisaga of Isagun Oba Okunade, Chief Aduramo Rotimi, Oluwo Egba, Chief Akintoye Tejuoso, Lisa Egba, Chief D. A. Adeyinka, Odofo Egba, Chief (Dr) T. R. C. Otolorin, Aro Egba, Chief A. O. S. Koleoso, Oluwo Parakoyi Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oluwo Egba, Chief (Mrs) Bisoye Tejuoso, Iyalode Egba, Chief E. A. Adeboye, Ntowa Egba, Chief S. A. Adebo, Okanlomo Egba, Chief (General) Olusegun Obasanjo, Jagunmolu Egba, and several people worshipped at the St James' African Church, Idi-Ape, Ago-Oko, Abeokuta in honour of 60th Birthday Anniversary of Chief Toye Coker Oluwo Iporo and Apena Egba.
- 21-12-84 The Chief (Revd) Mother Dunstan O. 'Disciple' O. L. A., Iya Ewe Egba died.

- 29-12-84 Alhaji (Chief) A. R. O. Sanusi, Balogun Ibarapa was traditionally installed as 3rd Asiwaju Egba in succession to the Late Chief J. F. Odunjo, who died on 19-4-80, while his wife Alhaja Suwebatu Awero Sanusi the 1st Iyalaje Ibarapa was traditionally installed as the 1st Asiwaju Iyalode Egba. The ceremony was performed by His Majesty, the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede at Alake's Palace in the presence of a very large crowd of eminent Chiefs and people from all over the country.
- 9-1-85 Chief Olopade, Apena Itesi died.
- 15-1-85 The Olubara of Ibara, Oba Samuel Adesina, Lalubu II died. Oba Lalubu II was installed as Olubara of Ibara in 1952. He reigned for 33 years.
- 19-1-85 In honour of 70th Birthday Anniversary of His Majesty, the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, the following prominent Egba Sons and Daughters were installed as Egba General Title Chiefs.
1. Chief J. Bola Ogundeji was traditionally installed as Leragun Egba.
 2. Chief (Mrs) Cardoso was traditionally installed as Osi Iyaloja Egba.
 3. Chief (Dr) E. A. Smith was traditionally installed as Asero Egba.
 4. Chief S. O. Oyekunle was traditionally installed as Ntoye Egba.
 5. Chief (Mrs) Margaret Young was traditionally installed as Ogboku Egba.
 6. Chief Tunji Coker was traditionally installed as Baye Egba.
 7. Chief (Mrs) Bisi Eiegbede was traditionally installed as Lika Egba.
 8. Chief M. O. Orija was traditionally installed as Ekerin Babalaje Egba.
 9. Chief (Mrs) F. Orija was traditionally installed as Asiwaju Iyaloja Egba.
 10. Alhaji S. A. Bello, Giwa Adinni Egba

11. Alhaji F. O. Lawal, Saraki Adinni Egba and;
 12. Chief Sofela, Basala Igbein with his two wives were royally blessed.
- 24-1-85 Chief Samuel Olusegun Shasanya, Apesin Agolajsha died.
- 25-1-85 His Majesty, the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief A. O. Sanyaolu Balogun Egba, Alhaji (Chief) A. R. O. Sanusi Asiwaju Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, Chief (Madam) Bisoye Tejuoso, Iyalode Egba, Chief (Mrs) M. A. Obebe, Iyalaja Egba, Chief (Mrs) P. Ogunbanke, Iyalaje Egba, Chief (Alhaja) Bisi Elegbede, Lika Egba and other prominent Egba Chiefs worshipped at the Central Mosque, Kobiti, Abeokuta in honour of his 70th Birthday Anniversary. Later in the afternoon Oba Oyebade Lipede performed the traditional opening of the Abeokuta Clubs' New Hall at the Club premises, Kobape Road, Abeokuta. Chief Sobo Sowemimo, S. A. N., Jaguna Igbora was the Chairman of the Club.
- 26-1-85 His Majesty, the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by many prominent general and township Chiefs and people worshipped at the newly built Cathedral Church of St Peter's Ake, Abeokuta. The Military Governor of Ogun State, Brigadier Oladipo Diya and many Service Chiefs attended the Service. The Bishop of Egbaland, Egbado Anglican Diocese. The Rt Revd T. I. Akintayo delivered the sermon. The Special Thanksgiving Service was held in honour of 70th Birthday Anniversary of His Majesty, the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede.
- 2-2-85 Chief S. O. Sobogun was traditionally installed as 10th Lisa Keesi in succession to the Late Chief Jolaoso Lufela who died on 27th October, 1984. This ceremony was traditionally performed at the Ogboni Keesi House in the presence of a very large crowd of many Keesi Chiefs and people all over the country.

- 5-4-85 Alhaja (Chief) Titilayo Sodimu was installed Bale Egba Muslims at the Central Mosque, Kobiti, Abeokuta.
- 10-4-85 Chief Rufai Lugboso, Jaguna Iddo and Head of Egba hunters died.
- 21-4-85 Alhaja (Chief) Bisi Ediounsere alias Cash Madam, Lika Egba was installed Iyasuna Ibara. The ceremony was performed at Omida Market Square. His Majesty, the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by the Agura of Gbagura, Oba Alidu Laloko Sobekun II, Chief Aduramo Rotimi, Oluwo Egba, Chief Toyo Coker, Apena Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, Chief A. O. Sanyaolu, Balogun Egba, Chief E. A. Adeboye, Ntowa Egba, Chief 'Bola Ogundeji, Leragun Egba and several others attended the ceremony.
- 25-4-85 Chief Morounkeji Sangonike, Oluwo Kemta died. He was aged over 90 years.
- 4-5-85 Chief S. Jolaoso, Balogun Ilugun and the Otun Egba died.
- 5-5-85 Chief Josiah Olaosebikan Osanyintola was traditionally installed Jaguna Kemta.
- 21-6-85 His Majesty, the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief Aduramo Rotimi, Oluwo Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, left Abeokuta for the United Kingdom on Annual Leave.
- ROYAL VISIT TO 25 WELSHWOOD
PARK ROAD, COLCHESTER
CHIEF J. AKIN GEORGE RESIDENCE
25TH JUNE-6TH JULY. 1985
- 25-6-85 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief Aduramo Rotimi, Oluwo Egba, and Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba left London for Colchester, Chief J. Akin George, Bobagbimo Egba was the host

4-7-85 Dr J. A. Oluwole arrived from Nigeria and joined the Royal entourage at Colchester.

6-7-85 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief Aduramo Rotimi, Oluwo Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, and Dr J. A. Oluwole left Colchester for London (103/105 Harley Street, London W1).

10-7-85 A dinner party in honour of their Majesties, the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, the Ooni of Ife, Oba Okunade Sijuwade Olubuse II, was given by Alhaji and Mrs Babs Animasaun, the Ogiyan of Ejigbo, Chief (Dr) T. R. O Otolorin, Aro Egba, Baba Eto of Lagos, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba and other prominent Nigerians in London also attended the Dinner Party.

ROYAL VISIT TO AUSTRIA, VIENNA 11TH-14TH JULY, 1985, CHIEF LARS SJOBORG, MAIYEGUN, KEESI WAS THE HOST

13-7-85 A very grand reception party was given by His Excellency the Ambassador of Nigeria in Austria, Vienna, in honour of His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, who was accompanied by Chief Aduramo Rotimi, Oluwo Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, and Chief Lars Sjoborg, Maiyegun Keesi. Many prominent Nigerians resident in Austria among whom was the Editor-in-Chief of OPEC News Agency, Mr. Tunji Oseni an Egba from Keesi, Abeokuta who traditionally greeted Oba Oyebade Lipede amidst loud applause. His Excellency the Ambassador of Nigeria categorically stated that His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, was the first traditional ruler in Nigeria to visit Vienna in Austria. While in Austria, His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, accompanied by Chief Aduramo Rotimi, Oluwo Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, Chief Lars Sjoborg, Maiyegun Keesi, and others visited famous places and buildings on guided sight seeing tour by "Fiaker".

(House Coach) and excursion by Car through Wienerwald to YTONG Factory in Loosdorf-Wachau-Valley.

13-7-85 Chief Shittu A. Arowokoko was traditionally installed Balogun Ilugun in succession to the Late Chief Sumonu Jolaoso who died on the 4th May, 1985.

15-7-85 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief Aduramo Rotimi, Oluwo Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba left Austria for London.

16-7-85 A very grand dinner party was given in honour of their Majesties the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, the Ooni of Ife, Oba Okunade Sijuwade Olubuse II, by Otunba and Erelu Kunle Ojora in his 35 Bryanston Square residence in London Oba Oyebade Lipede was accompanied to the Dinner by Chief Aduramo Rotimi, Oluwo Egba, Chief A. O. Sanyaolu, Balogun Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, Chief (Dr) Lateef Adegbite, Seriki Egba. The Ogiyan of Ejigbo, Chief T. R. O. Otolorin and many prominent Nigerians in London attended the Dinner Party.

ROYAL VISIT TO BOURNEMOUTH 19TH-21ST JULY, 1985, CHIEF (DR) TUNJI COKER WAS THE HOST

19-7-85 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief Aduramo Rotimi, Oluwo Egba and Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba left London for Bournemouth where he performed the traditional opening of the Private Residence of Chief (Dr) Tunji Coker, the Baye Egba. The traditional opening of the house was performed in the presence of a very large crowd of people both White and Black, who

were tremendously impressed with the tradition, with which the Opening of the House was performed.

- 21-7-85 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede with Chiefs Rotimi and Sorunke, left Bournemouth for London.
- 27-7-85 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede with Chief Aduram̄o Rotimi, Oluwo Egba and Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba left London for Abeokuta.
- 10-8-85 In honour of 13th Coronation Anniversary, His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede traditionally installed and blessed the following people as Egba general titled Chiefs:
1. Chief (Dr) M. A. Majekodunmi, Otun Egba Xtians, as Otun Egba in succession to the Late Chief S. Jolaoso who died on the 4th May, 1985.
 2. Chief (Mrs) D. B. A. Kuforiji-Olubi, Lika Ikija, as the 1st Suada Egba.
 3. Chief D. A. Olubi, Bajito Itesi as the 1st Bajiki Egba.
 4. Chief J. Tamac as Osi Babalaje Egba
 5. Chief Iyabo Lipede. Moriwafu Erunwon and Osi Iyalode Ake.
 6. Chief Ajala, Akingbotun Egba Xtians *and*
 7. Chief George Famuyiwa, Seriki Egba Xtians were royally blessed.
- 10-8-85 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, performed the traditional opening of a New House of Chief (Mrs) D. B. A. Kuforiji-Olubi, Suada Egba in Abeokuta:
- 14-8-85 Chief Bisiriyu Efurunke, Baloqun Emere died.
- 24-8-85 Chief Sogbesan, Oluwo Imo died.
- 27-8-85 Coup-de-tat Buhari's Military Government from 31-12-83 was toppled again. Major-General Sanni Abacha, a Member of the disbanded Supreme Military Council, made a special announce-

ment that Major-General Ibrahim Badamosi Babangida was appointed the President and the Commander of the Armed Forces of Nigeria

- 28-8-85 Major-General I. B. Babangida established twenty-eight Member Armed Forces Ruling Council (AFRC). National Council of Ministers and the National Council of State were also established. Prince Bola Ajibola and Professor Olikoye Ransome Kuti (both Egbas from Abeokuta) were appointed the Minister of Justice and Attorney-General and the Minister of Health respectively. Lt-Col Oladayo Popoola was also appointed the Military Governor of Ogun State.
- 10-9-85 Pastor Samuel Bilewu Joseph Oshoffa, Founder of Celestial Church of Christ died. He was aged seventy-six years.
- 14-9-85 Arch. G. O. A. Akinyele, Vicar, St Paul's Church Igbore, Abeokuta died. He was aged sixty-seven years.
- 9-11-85 Chief Aduramo Rotimi Oluwo Egba was traditionally installed Oluwo Kemta in succession to the Late Chief Morounkeji Sangonike who died on the 25th April, 1985.
- 11-11-85 Chief (Dr) Madecki, Agbeji Egba, the Chief Medical Consultant In-charge of the Sacred Heart Hospital, Lantoro, Abeokuta died. He was installed Agbeji Egba on 6-8-77.
- 16-11-85 Chief Semiu Ogunsekan, Balogun Imo died.
- 22-11-85 Chief Anthony Ranti Adio Olanrewaju, Bala Owu, Abeokuta, Chairman/Managing Director (i) All Transport (Nig.) Limited, (ii) All Transport International Limited (iii) Federated Corks and Seal Limited died. He was aged fifty-seven years.
- 25-11-85 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by the Agura of Gbagura, Oba Alidu Laloko Sobekun II, the Onisaga of

Isaga, Oba Okunade, Chief Aduramo Rotimi, Oluwo Egba, Chief Toyee Coker, Apena Egba, Chief (Dr) Lateef Adegbite, Seriki Egba, Alhaji (Chief) A. R. O. Sanusi, Asiwaju Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, Chief A. O. Sanyaolu, Balogun Egba, Chief E. A. Adeboye, Ntowa Egba, attended a Thanksgiving Service to Mark the 60th Birthday Anniversary of Alhaji A. L. Adenekan, Osi Egba Muslims, at the Ansar-Ud-Deen Society Mosque, Adedotun, Abeokuta. Prominent people all over the country attended the Service.

- 14-12-85** Hon. Prince 'Bola Ajibola Federal Ministry of Justice and the Attorney-General was honoured with a Cock-tail Party, by Chief Sobo Sowemimo, Jaguna Igbore, Chairman and Members of Abeokuta Club at the Kobape Road, Club House. His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief Toyee Coker, Apena Egba, Chief A. O. Sanyaolu, Balogun Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, Chief (Dr) Lateef Adegbite, Seriki Egba and the Military Governor Ogun State. Lt-Col Oladayo Popoola attended the Ceremony.
- 15-12-85** 3rd Annual Wolimat Ceremony of Zulikha Abiola Memorial Quranic Centres, was performed at the Alake's Palace Square. Four hundred and twenty-seven (427) graduands passed out. His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji Zulu Gambari, Military Governors of Ogun and Kano States, Lt-Col Oladayo Popoola, Lt-Col Ahmed Daku respectively and many prominent people from far and near attended the Ceremony.
- 19-12-85** His Majesty, the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by the Agura of Gbagura, Oba Alidu Laloko Sobekun II, and Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, performed the Opening Ceremony of the Assembly Hall and

the Laboratory Block of Salawu Abiola Comprehensive High School, Oshiele. The Military Governor of Ogun State, Lt-Col Oladayo Popoola, the Founder, Alhaji (Chief) M. K. O. Abiola, Bobagunwa Egba and many prominent people attended the Ceremony.

- 20-12-85 Abeokuta Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture gave a DINNER PARTY in honour of Hon. (Prince) Bola Ajibola, Federal Minister of Justice and Attorney General and Hon. Professor Olikoye Ransome Kuti, Federal Minister of Health at Ogun State Hotel, Abeokuta. His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, Chief (Dr) Lateef Adegbite, Seriki Egba, Chief M. A. O. Kuti, Ogboye Egba and many prominent people attended the Dinner Party.
- 22-12-85 Chief General Olusegun Obasanjo, Jagunmolu Egba was honoured with conferment of a degree by the Chancellor of Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Alhaji Aliyu Mustafa.
- 27-12-85 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, performed the Opening Ceremony of a New Vicarage of St John's Church, Igbein, Abeokuta, built by an anonymous member of Fountain of Hope Society of the Church. The Rt Revd Titus Ilori Akintayo, the Lord Bishop of Egba/Egbado Anglican Diocese conducted the Opening Service.
- 28-12-85 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief M. A. O. Kuti, Ogboye Egba and Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, performed the Laying of the Main Foundation Stone and Unveiling of the Plaque Ceremony of the CHRIST AFRICAN CHURCH, IGBORE, ABEOKUTA at Ojere, Abeokuta.

His Grace, the Most Revd J. O. Ademulegun, the Primate of the African Church of Nigeria assisted by eminent clergymen, performed a Special Service at the Ceremony. Chief S. O. Lambo Baloye Egba was the Chairman.

- 30-12-85 His Majesty, the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief M. A. O. Kuti, Ogboye Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, and Chief (Dr) Lateef Adegbite, Seriki Egba attended the Communion and Thanksgiving Service to commemorate the 60th Birthday Anniversary of Mrs Clementine Ojuolape Omolabake Abiodun Adeniyi, at St John's Church, Igbein, Abeokuta. The Rt Revd T. I. Akintayo, the Bishop of Egba/Egbado Diocese assisted by eminent clergymen conducted the Service. Prominent people including Chief J. A. Sodipo Babasale Ogboni Egba Chief S. O. Adebo, Okanolomo Egba and several others attended the Service.
- 3-1-86 To mark the Annual Ogboni Keesi Festival (Ipari Odun) The under-mentioned were traditionally conferred and installed with Keesi Chieftaincy Titles:
1. Chief Orisatola Sorunke was traditionally installed 'Otun Lika Keesi'.
 2. Chief Alaba Akinwale was traditionally installed Osi Lika Keesi.
 3. Chief Kusimo Soetan was traditionally installed Mojiren Keesi.
 4. Chief Florence Omobonike Akinwale was traditionally installed Asiwaju-Iyalode Keesi.
 5. Chief K. O. Ogunbiyi was traditionally installed Bariyun Keesi in succession to the Late Chief Enitan, who died on 11th May, 1976. The Ceremony was performed at the Ogboni Keesi House in the presence of a very large crowd of people.
- 15-1-86 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief M. A. O. Kuti

Ogboye Egba and Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba attended the Armed Forces and Remembrance Day, Celebrations at the War Memorial Arcade, Oke Mosan, Abeokuta, where he laid Wreaths in memory of the Members of the Armed Forces who died during the War. Others who laid Wreaths included, the Ogun State Military Governor, Lt-Col Oladayo Popoola, the Brigade Commander, the Commissioner of Police and the Sole Administrator, Nigerian Legion Ogun State. The War Memorial Arcade, Oke Mosan Abeokuta became the venue of the celebration this year, Itoku Cenotaph was being used, in the past.

16-1-86

His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief Toye Coker, Apena Egba, Chief (Dr) Lateef Adegbite, Seriki Egba, Chief M. A. O. Kutu, Ogboye Egba and Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba. attended the Official Opening of Inter Decor Nigeria Limited, Modern Furniture Factory and Laying of the Foundation Stone Ceremony of the Soap Factory of the I. G. Group of Companies whose Chairman was Chief L. J. Tamman, the Osi Babalaje Egba at the I. G. premises, Kobape Road, Abeokuta, the Military Governor of Ogun State, Lt-Col Oladayo Popoola, performed the ceremony in the presence of a very large crowd of people.

17-1-86

Chief Lars Sjoborg, Maiyegun Keesi, gave a special Luncheon Party to mark the 2nd Anniversary of His Installation as the MAIYEGUN KEESI at A.G.I. Quarters, Oke Saje, Abeokuta. His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief E. B. Sorunke, Oluwo Keesi and Amona Oba Egba and Chief J. Bola Ogundeji Leragun Egba, attended the special Luncheon Party. Chief S. O. Sogbein, Balogun Keesi, Bada Egba with prominent Ogboni, Parakoyi, Olorogun, Jagunjagun, and Erelu Keesi Chiefs were in attendance. Chief (Prof) Fola Aboaba: Chief (Mrs)

Aboaba, Chief Akin Taylor, Otun Babalaje Ake and several high ranking officers of A.G.I. attended the ceremony.

18-1-86 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, performed the official opening of 1st Phase of Abeokuta Patriots Public Library and Formal Establishment of Ogun State Branch of the National Library of Nigeria in Abeokuta and Fund Raising for the Second Phase. This ceremony sponsored by the ABEOKUTA DESCENDANTS UNION NIGERIA (ADUN), was performed amidst pomp and pageantry at Wasimi-Ake on Ijemo Agbadu Road, Abeokuta. Chief O. B. Akin-Olugbade, Ekerin Egba, Chief (Mrs) Bisoye Tejuoso, Iyalode Egba, Chief Toye Coker, Apena Egba, Chief E. A. Adeboye, Ntowa Egba, representative of the Ogun State Military Governor, Mr S. B. Aje, Director, National Library of Nigeria and other prominent Chiefs attended the ceremony. His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede was the First user of the Library. I. O. Oloyede, the President of (ADUN) addressed the gathering.

22-1-86 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief (Dr) Lateef Adegbite, Seriki Egba and Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, performed the presentation of Certificates and prizes to Secondary School Students Exhibition ceremony which was sponsored by the Abeokuta Improvement Association at the Centenary Hall, Ake, Abeokuta. Professor (Chief) S. O. Biobaku, Bapitan Egba was the Chairman of the Association Prominent Egba Educationists, including Chiefs S. O. Adebo, Okantomo Egba, Messrs Femi and Dotun Oyewole, Chief J. D. Odeunmi attended the ceremony. Chief J. A. Cole was the guest speaker.

25-1-86 71st Birthday Anniversary.
His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede conferred Egba Chieftaincy Titles on the

following deserving Sons and Daughters of Egbaland in honour of his 71st Birthday Anniversary they are:

1. Chief Fasoyin Sowunmi, Nlado Kemta was traditionally installed Nlado Egba.
2. Chief (Mrs) Abimbola Akpata, Osi Iyalaje Ake was traditionally installed Bada Iyalaje Egba.
3. Princess (Chief) Aderemi Taiwo Sijuwade, Ogbokun Ake was traditionally installed Mojibade Egba.

The following Christian Chiefs were royally and traditionally blessed:

1. Chief Olufemi Adewunmi, Otun Keesi Xtians was royally blessed as Akinrogun Egba Xtians.
2. Chief Samuel Adeniyi Alawode as Osi Egba Xtians.
3. Chief G. Olufemi Soyoola as Lukosi Egba Xtians.
4. Chief G. Akinola Ogunpola as Jagunmolu Egba Xtians.
5. Chief John Olu Idowu as Are Egba Xtians.
6. Chief (Mrs) Olufunmilayo Soyoola as Oganla Egba Xtians (Women).
7. Chief (Mrs) Olufunmilayo Gbogboade as Ekerin Iyalode Egba Xtians.

26-1-86

His Majesty, the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede attended a Thanksgiving Service at Afin Ake Chapel, to Mark his 71st Birthday Anniversary. The Rt Revd Titus Ilori Akintayo, the Bishop of Egba-Egbado assisted by prominent clergymen from all denominations in Egbaland, officiated at the Service. The Revd Father Ayọ Okodua delivered the Birthday Sermon. The Military Governor of Ogun State, Lt. Col. Oladayo Popoola, Egba general titled Chiefs and many prominent Sons and Daughters of Egbaland attended the Service. The Ooni of Ife, Oba Okuade Sijuwade Olubuse II, accompanied by His eminent Chiefs joined His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede at the Social Ceremony held at the New Alake Palace.

- 31-1-86 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba and Chief J. Bola Ogundeji, Leragun Egba, performed the presentation of prizes' ceremony on the occasion of the 7th Graduation Ceremony of the Federal College of Education, Osiele, Abeokuta. The Military Governor of Ogun State, Lt-Col Oladayo Popoola was the Special Guest. Prominent Educationists from all over the country attended the ceremony. Prof. Babs Fafunwa was the Guest Speaker.
- 1-2-86 Sir Adetokunbo Ademola, 1st son of the late Oba Ademola II, who reigned from 1920-1962, celebrated his 80th Birthday Anniversary. The President of the Republic of Nigeria, General Ibrahim Badamosi Babangida conferred GCFR, the highest honour in the country, on Sir Adetokunbo Ademola in appreciation of his Services to the Nation. He had already bagged the CFR, the GCON, and was awarded KBE during the colonial period.
- 4-2-86 Chief Zaacheus Olanrewaju Dopamu, was traditionally installed Agbusi Keesi at the Ogboni Keesi House in the presence of a large crowd of people.
- Chief Oke Gbamgbose, Olori Erelu Keesi died. She was aged over 100 years.
- 8-2-86 A memorial service in honour of the Late Chief David Oladipo Soetan who died on 11-7-77 at the age of seventy-four years and the late Chief (Mrs) Marian Adepeju Soetan, who died on 30-6-83 at the age of seventy-one years, was held at St Judes Anglican Church, Ijeun, Abeokuta. Presentation of Pews for the use of the choristers by their children, among whom was Mr Olusiji Soetan, the Ogun State Commissioner for Justice and Attorney-General, preceeded the Service, which was conducted by the Bishop of Egba-Egbado Diocese, the Rt Revd Titus Ilori Akintayo, who was assisted by eminent clergymen.

Chiefs Toye Coker, Apena Egba, E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, and E. A. Adeboye Ntowa Egba represented His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede at the ceremony.

8-2-86

His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede accompanied by the Onisaga of Isaga, Oba Vincent Okunade, The Aro Egba, Chief (Dr) T. R. O. Otolorin, the Amona Oba Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, the Ntowa Egba, Chief E. A. Adeboye, the Nlado Egba, Chief Fasoyin Sowunmi and the Olori Parakoyi Egba Chief A. O. S. Koleoso, attended the Launching of LISABI AGBONGBO AKALA (The Egba Historical War Film) at the Ogun State Hotel, Abeokuta.

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14-2-86

The Ogun State Commissioner for Justice and Attorney-General, Mr Olusiji Soetan performed the Launching of the Rural Electrification Scheme at Coker Village, Oyero and Arigbajo in Ifo/Ota Local Government area. Speaking at the Launching ceremony, on behalf of the State Governor, Mr 'Siji Soetan stated that the Ogun State government would intensify rural development scheme to prevent rural-urban drift.

14-2-86

Rural Electrification Scheme was launched at Oba in the Obafemi/Owode Local Government area. Speaking at the Launching ceremony, Commissioner (Mr) John Sunday Edun stated that the Ogun State Government's priority was Rural Development.

15-2-86

His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by the Olori Chief 'Bimpe Lipede, the Asungboba Egba and Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, chairmanned the FUND RAISING CEREMONY FOR THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF ABEOKUTA GRAMMAR SCHOOL, by the ABEOKUTA GRAMMAR SCHOOL OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION at Idi-Aba, Abeokuta. The Olu of Ilaro, Oba Samuel

Adekanmbi Tella III, and several prominent Chiefs and people were in attendance. The National President AGSOBA, Mr E. B. Akoni read the Welcome address.

- 4 & 6-3-86 The Ogun State Commissioners for Agriculture and Natural Resources and Works and Housing Dr Yaya Olaniran and Mr Dehinde Ogunji respectively, performed the OFFICIAL COMMISSIONING OF THE COMPLETED RURAL ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT IN BAKATARI, ORILE ILUGUN, KILA (Ilugun Railway Station) AKINTOYE and APITIPITI, ADEWUSI AND OLODO/OTERE all in ODEDA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA. Speaking at Olodo/Otere on behalf of the State Governor, Colonel Oladayo Popoola, Dr Yaya Olaniran stated that he was impressed by the large turn-out of the people of Orile Keesi area which was second to none in the state, since the Commissioning exercise commenced. He finally stated that Rural Development was the Priority of the Ogun State Government. Dr Yaya Olaniran appealed to the sons and daughters of the area to establish Industries to provide employment for the people. Chief E. B. Sorunke, Oluwo Keesi and Amona Oba Egba chairmanned the Commissioning ceremony.

- 5-3-86 COUP PLOTTERS were executed. They were:
1. Major-General Mamman Vatsa
 2. Lt-Col Musa Bitiyong
 3. Lt-Col Chris Oche
 4. Lt-Col Mike Iyorshe
 5. Squadron Leader Martin Luther
 6. Major Daniel Bamidele
 7. Wing Commander Ben Ekele
 8. Wing Commander A. C. Sakaba
 9. Commander A. A. Ogunwuji
 10. Squadron Leader A. Amura.

Other Verdicts:

1. Lt-Col M. Effiong—Life jail

2. Major D. E. West—Life jail
3. Major G. Akwashiki—Life jail
4. Wing Commander J. B. Uku—Five years jail
5. Lt P. O. Odoba—Ten years jail
6. Brigadier Malam Nassarawa—Retrial
7. Major J. O. Onyeye—Freed
8. Major C. Sese—Freed
9. Lt K. Dapka—Freed
10. Squadron Leader C. Odeh—Freed

- 6-3-86 Chief Samson Olu Sodimu, Asiwaju Imo, died
- 11-1-86 Chief S. A. Fanni Motayo, Sarumi Egba died. Aged 75 years.
- 22-3-86 The Joint Action Committee of Egba Clubs performed the Foundation Laying Ceremony of a Health Centre as Asero near Egba High School, Abeokuta. To commemorate the 10th year anniversary of Abeokuta as OGUN STATE CAPITAL. His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by the Agura of Gbagura, Oba Alidu Laloko Sobekun II, the Oluwo Egba, Chief Aduramo Rotimi, the Apena Egba, Chief 'Toye Coker, the Seriki Egba, Chief (Dr) Lateef Adegbite, the Bada Egba, Chief S. O. Sogbein, the Amona Oba Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, the Bapitan Egba, Professor Saburi Biobaku, the Ntowa Egba, Chief E. A. Adeboye, the Leragun Egba, Chief 'Bola Ogundeji and the Balogun Egba Xtians, Chief E. K. Odeyemi, Chairmaned the ceremony. The Health Centre when completed, would be donated to the Abeokuta Local Government for the use of the Egba Community. The Joint Action Committee consists of all Clubs in Egbaland. Chief A. O. Abudu, Maiyegun Egba and Chief Oluseyi Oyebolu were the Chairman and Hon. Secretary respectively. Many prominent Egba sons and daughters attended the ceremony.
- 24-3-86 Madam Victoria Adetutu Sholeye died. Aged 102 years.

- 29-3-86 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, performed the opening ceremony of the new house of Chief (Mrs) P. A. Ogunbanke, Iyalaje Egba at the G.R.A. Housing Estate, Ibara, Abeokuta.
- 16-4-86 The Ogun State Military Government approved the appointment of Prince Simeon Morakinyo Ayinla Odunjo as the new Olubara of Ibara in succession to the Late Oba Samuel Adesina Lalubu II, who died on the 15th January, 1985.
- 20-4-86 Chief (Madam) Orisatola Sorunke, Iyaagan and Otun-Lika Keesi died at the ripe age of 88 years. Chief (Madam) Orisatola was the mother of Chief E. B. Sorunke, Oluwo Keesi and Amona Oba Egba, Mr Latifu Sobiye Sorunke and Mrs Alake Sodamola and several great grand-children.
- 20-4-86 Chief Gabriel Akindele Bajomo, Balekan Ibara, Olori Ilu Saala-Orile and a shrewed administrator died.
- 2-5-86 Chief E. B. Sorunke, Oluwo Keesi, Amona Oba Egba traditionally celebrated his 60th Birthday Anniversary in his Keesi residence. Many congratulatory messages were received by him.
- 2-5-86 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, gave his Royal Blessing to the new Olubara of Ibara, Oba Simeon Morakinyo Ayinla Odunjo, whose appointment was recently approved by the Ogun State Military Government. The new Olubara was advised to regard himself as the father of all his people and forget all the past differences in his area of jurisdiction and strive to unite all his Chiefs and people. The new Olubara of Ibara, Oba Simeon Morakinyo Ayinla Odunjo, the Managing Director of the Lagos based Frontline Agency and Forwarding Company, was born on 27th October, 1926. He attended St Anne's School, Ibara, Abeokuta, Lumunba College, Ile-Ife, St Leo's Teachers' College, Abeokuta, and did Commercial Education in the United States.

- 4-5-86** Chief Emmanuel Babajide Sorunke, Oluwo Keesi, Amona Oba Egba attended a Thanksgiving Service at Emmanuel Church, Keesi, Abeokuta, in honour of his 60th (Diamond) Birthday Anniversary. The Keesi Xtians assembly jointly marked its annual Thanksgiving Anniversary. Many people at home and abroad attended the ceremony.
- 5-5-86** Chief Cav. Adeniyi Coker MFR, Bobagunwa of Lagos, Cavaliere Ufficiale of Italian, Republic, Asiwaju Iporo and Agbaakin Egba died. Aged 75 years.
- 5-5-86** Chief (Prophetess) Grace Olubusola Olayoku (*Nee* Elemide) Ashipa Egba Xtians (Women) died. Aged 69 years.
- 1-6-86** Prince Simeon Morakinyo Ayinla Odunjo, Olubara of Ibara elect, traditionally entered IPEBI, amidst pomp and pageantry at Ibara, Abeokuta where he would remain for three months, in preparation for his Installation and Coronation as the 2nd Olubara of Ibara in Abeokuta.
- 12-6-86** His Majesty, the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede accompanied by Chief E. B. Sorunke, Oluwo Keesi, Amona Oba Egba and Dr J. A. Oluwole left Nigeria for the United Kingdom on holiday.
- 12-6-86** His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief (Dr) Lateef Adegbite, Seriki Egba, Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba with His Majesty the Ooni of Ife, Oba Okunade Sijuwade Olubuse II accompanied by Chief (Dr) T. R. O. Otolorin, Aro Egba and others met, Alhaji Ado Bayero, the Emir of Kano in brief stop at the Aminu Kano International Airport, Kano, Nigeria en-route to London.
- 17-6-86** His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief (Dr) Lateef Adegbite, Seriki Egba, and Chief E. B. Sorunke,

Amona Oba Egba traditionally blessed a new house of Otunba and Erelu Kunle Ojora, 19, Avenue Road, London NW8, who also gave a Dinner Party in honour of their Majesties the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede and the Ooni of Ife, Oba Okunade Sijuwade Olubuse II, Chief (Dr) T. R. O. Otolorin, Aro Egba, Chief Folarin Coker, Bada Eto of Lagos and many distinguished Nigerians attended the ceremony.

- 19-6-86 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba left London for Colchester, Chief J. Akin-George, Bobagbimo Egba was the host in his 25 Welshwood Park Road House.
- 22-6-86 Chief (Mrs) Bisoye Tejuoso, Iyalode Egba performed a thanksgiving service ceremony in honour of her 70th Birthday Anniversary with pomp and pageantry at St Jude's Church, Ebute Metta, Lagos State. Many prominent Egba Chiefs both male and female attended the ceremony. The Almighty God smiled at the ceremony by pleasant down pour of rain.
- 26-6-86 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba and Dr J. A. Oluwole left Colchester for London (11 Harrowby Street, Ceda Court, Duke Luxury Flat 19 London W1).
- 3-7-86 ROYAL VISIT TO MUNICH, WEST GERMANY
3RD-7TH JULY, 1986
His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, Chief Akin Taylor, Otun Babalaje Ake, Dr J. A. Oluwole and Mr R. A. S. Bajomo left London for Munich, West Germany. Chief Lars Sjoborg, Maiyegun Keesi was the host.
- 24-7-86 His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chief E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba and Dr J. A. Oluwole left

London for Muritala Mohammed International Airport, Lagos, Nigeria.

26-7-86

His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, accompanied by Chiefs Aduramo Rotimi, Oluwo Egba, Toyé Coker, Apena Egba, D. A. Adeyinka, Odofo Egba, Dr Lateef Adegbite, Seriki Egba, M. A. O. Kuti, Ogboye Egba, S. O. Sogbein, Bada Egba, W. F. Amusan, Oganla Egba, E. B. Sorunke, Amona Oba Egba, E. A. Adeboye, Ntowa Egba, Mrs Bisoye Tejuoso, Iyalode Egba and Mrs M. A. Obebe, Iyaloja Egba was the Guest-of-Honour at the Ceremonial Launching of M. V. ATINUKE ABIOLA Ship, Africa Ocean Lines Limited, at Tin Can Island, Apapa, Lagos. Prominent Obas, Emirs, Obis and Chiefs all over the country attended the ceremony.

2-8-86

His Grace, The Most Rev. Timothy Omotayo Olufosoye, J.P., O.O.N. S.T.H., D.D. The Archbishop of the Church of Nigeria performed the Dedication of the new Cathedral Church of St Peter, Ake, Abeokuta. The Rt Rev. Titus Ilori Akintayo, the Bishop of Egba/Egbado (Anglican) Diocese, on behalf of the Diocesan Board and the entire members of Egba/Egbado Diocese invited distinguished Obas, Chiefs, Clergymen and people all over the country. His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, Oba Oyebade Lipede, was a host to prominent Obas, Clergymen and some important Chiefs who attended the Dedication Ceremony in his palace.

The Foundation Stone of the New Cathedral Church of St Peter, Ake, Abeokuta was laid in January, 1983. Mr Femi Oyewole was the Chairman, Building Committee, Dr S. A. J. Ibikunle, Chairman, Fund-Raising Committee and Venerable G. B. Oloniyo, the Synod Secretary.

5-8-86

10-8-86 14TH CORONATION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS BY HIS MAJESTY THE ALAKE OF EGBALAND, OBA MOFOLORUNSO OYEBADE LIPEDE. LONG MAY HE REIGN.

**TEXT OF AN INAUGURAL ADDRESS TO
A COMMITTEE OF GENERAL TITLED CHIEFS BY
CHIEF TOYE COKER, APENA OF EGBALAND
ON BEHALF OF ALAIYELUWA OBA OYEBADE LIPEDE
THE ALAKE OF EGBALAND
DELIVERED ON SATURDAY, 9TH APRIL, 1983
AT ALAKE HALL, AFIN AKE, ABEOKUTA**

MEMBERS OF THE CHIEFTAINCY COMMITTEE,

DISTINGUISHED GENERAL TITLED CHIEFS,

I have the honour and privilege to welcome you, the distinguished General Titled Chiefs of Egbaland, to this meeting.

I apologise for the absence of His Highness, Oba Oyebade Lipede I the Alake of Egbaland who had intended to address you personally, but due to other pressing State engagements had to travel out of Abeokuta and has asked the Balogun, Oluwo and the Apena to attend this meeting for and on his behalf.

You will recall that at your installation you were asked to make promises generally touching on your duty towards the development and progress of Egbaland and particularly the enhancement of its tradition and culture. It is however observed that after the ceremony no forum was created for you to meet and discuss ways and means of carrying out your promises.

His Highness the Alake of Egbaland has always felt the need for you to meet from time to time in order:

- (a) To start and sustain a regular meeting of your committee of General Titled Chiefs that will work together amongst its members and in co-operation with the Alake and other Committees of Egba Chiefs for the social, economic and cultural progress and development of Egbaland.
- (b) To focus the minds of the Chiefs to an awareness and better understanding of the rich cultural heritage of the Egbas with a view to researching into, promoting, enhancing and preserving the same.
- (c) To deliberate on any matter referred to the Committee by the Alake and offer suggestions and/or solutions; and

to meet with the Alake and Chieftaincy Committee when occasion demands.

- (d) To generally advise the Alake on matters affecting the progress of Egbaland.

After due consultations with the members of the Chieftaincy Committee including the Sectional Obas by His Highness the Alake of Egbaland it was agreed that a day be fixed to establish a body comprising all General Titled Chiefs other than the members of the Chieftaincy Committee, to be known as the General Purposes Committee. The 5th of March, 1983 was fixed for the inauguration of the Committee and His Highness issued out notices for the meeting. However, due to unforeseen circumstances the meeting had to be postponed till today.

I, on behalf of His Highness, Oba Oyebade Lipede I, the Alake of Egbaland, hereby inaugurate the General Purpose Committee and urge on you to meet as frequently as possible or on dates decided by you at the Alake Reception Hall.

I also present to you a Structure styled the "Egba General Titled Chiefs" showing the position of your Committee to other Committees with recommendations and proposals for your guidance. I will now proceed to explain the details which I hope will be acceptable to you. After my explanation, the Balogun and Oluwo Egba will each address you.

I wish you a happy, successful deliberation and safe return to your respective homes.

God bless you all.

CHIEF TOYE COKER,
Apena Egba

EGBA CHIEFTAINCY INSTITUTION

By

CHIEF E. B. SORUNKE, OLUWO KEESI, AMONA OBA OF EGBALAND

Several years ago, when there was scarcely any shelter for men but caves, and no pursuit but hunting animals, where flesh was their food and skin their clothes, some oriental hunters who first removed from under one King Lamurudu (Numeroid) and who had hitherto been staying in Tapa and Bornu, emigrated therefrom in families and detachments and settled in a place called Oyoro, either to escape from a neighbourhood too much infested with the gigantic wild beasts, which at one time occupied the earth more thickly than men, or simply because the number of original cave dwellers had become too great for the cave to hold them.

These emigrants are now known as the YORUBA tribe, part of which is EGBA TRIBE.

It is said that real name of the Leader and Head of these emigrants was Momo, and that he assumed the title ODUDUWA who was the father and progenitor of YORUBA Dynasties:

The early settlers in Egba Forest engaged themselves in farming and hunting, and were living peaceably and independently of one another in their respective townships. The Egba people did not live together in the Egba Forest as they do now in ABEOKUTA. They consisted of not less than three hundred townships or tribes and lived independently of one another. Their Kingdom stretched from the River Oba on the North to Ebute Metta on the South, and from Oshun River on the East to Ipokia with Yewa River on the West.

Every township or tribe in Egba homestead has its own King (Oba). All these Kings must pay homage and recognise the ALAKE as their Paramount Head.

THE GOVERNMENT OF EGBA NATION:

In the homestead, the Government was managed in each township or tribe by its King and his Council. But matters of grave importance were brought to the Alake and his Council. Thus "EJO KU SAKE." The matter is finally settled at Ake. The

Council of each King consisted chiefly of Four sections (i) THE OGBONI, (ii) THE PARAKOYI, (iii) THE OLOROGUN (iv) THE JAGUNJAGUN or OLOROGUN having as their emissaries the ODE SOCIETY.

The Ogboni were the statesmen, their chief business was to enact laws, judge cases, and elect, discuss and advise the King in all matters affecting the Government.

The Ogboni are the Custodians of the Egba tradition and customs, while the King (Oba) is the symbol and the image of tradition. The Ogboni deliberate on and interpret the tradition and custom, and the King accepts their deliberation and interpretation.

The OLUWO (Olu-Awo—King in occult) is the Head having for his assistance the 'IWAREFA' (Six Executives) and the APENA Ape-Enia—Summoner of persons to the Meeting—Secretary). He is the eye, the ear and the mouth of the Ogboni. He holds a seat quite apart from the six executives 'IWAREFA' and remains an ex-officio member of the Iwarefa who sit in order of seniority, viz, the OLUWO, the ODOFI, the ARO, the LISA, the BALA, the BASE. These executives are being assisted by 'IWAREJILA' (Twelve assistants). These include Asalu, Agbusi, Ilagbe, Otunbade, Baloye, Basala, Batun, Adila, Bajito, Bajiki, Bariyun, Balekan, Apesi, Niado, Ntoye, Lemo, Losi, Nlemo, Bagbile, Bagbimo, etc.

Some townships vary the order of seniority according to their choice. The Ogboni House was built in every township and Meetings were held regularly every thirty-third (33rd) day.

Erelus (Women Chiefs) are being appointed and installed by the Ogboni. These include, Olori-Erelu, Iyalode, Lika etc.

The PARAKOYI ("Council of the Chamber of Commerce") also has their ("ILE AJE" CHAMBER OF COMMERCE) and met regularly every thirty-third (33rd) day. Their Chair is called "OLORI PARAKOYI (The Head Parakoyi), the Ashipa Parakoyi to Olori Parakoyi holds same position as Apena to Oluwo. The Olori Parakoyi is also assisted by selected executives from among Parakoyi Chiefs which include, Jagunna-Parakoyi, Balaje, Balesi, Asebi, Ntowa, Nlosi, Balekan, Ilagbe, Otunbade, Bamolu etc.

Their main business is to further the Commercial interests of the township to which they belong. They attend the important

markets to settle any disputes, arising in the course of the Markets and to safeguard and protect the prospect of trade. They also make rules and regulations some of which still exist today.

The Olorogun are the War Chiefs, they also have their Chamber of War "ILE OLOROGUN" wherein all Military matters were discussed and privately determined every (ITALELOGBON) thirty-third (33rd) day except in case of emergency, which special meetings were convened. They elect their own officers and members themselves.

The JAGUNNA (Ajagun-loju-ona, one who fights in the centre of the road) is the Head and Commander-in-Chief having for his lieutenants) the LUKOTUN (Olu-ti-iko otun-loju) the Chief who opposes the right—the Commander of the right wing) and LUKOSI (the Commander of the left wing) other war titles are Oshiele, Akinyegun Akingbogun, Ogboye, Akinlagun, Akinsiku, Ajagunmolu, Akinrogun, Akogun, Maiyegun, Akelegun, Leragun, etc.

The Commander-in-Chief of Owu Section is styled Akogun (Akoni-li-Ogun) a strong man in battle, and not Jagunna as in the other townships.

The Olorogun has the greatest power especially in time of war, and their actions, by they good or bad were unquestionable.

The title Jaguna ranks higher than the title Balogun. It is a royal appointment and is equivalent to the 'Minister of Defence.' The Jaguna Igbein is the Jaguna of the Alake, and he is usually the Balogun of Egba. The war titles Balogun, Basorun, Are-Ona-Kakanfo, Otun, Osi, Ekerin Are Ago, Seriki etc, were borrowed from Oyo.

The ODE (Hunters) were of great importance, especially in time of war, when their main duties were to reconnoitre and report to the Ogoni and Olorogun and to act as scouts for the Army; to guard the town, to make and repair roads for the Army.

The titles are Lerin or Olorode, (The Head) Lisa, Jaguna, Lukotun, Lukosi, Ajade, Ashipa, Ogboia, Aro-Ode etc. The Odes are found to be remarkable marksmen. Other governing bodies were the "Oloro" and the "Elegungun". The "Oro" titles include Ajano, Emulu, Abore, Ologbo etc.

The "Egungun" titles include Lagba, Oloponda, Atoku, Alaran, Olota, Are-Oje, Akewe, and Iya Agan, Iyamode, Iyalode etc. for the women.

Every township was protected by a surrounding wall "Odi" about twelve feet high by two feet thick, as well as by a trench about ten feet wide by twelve feet deep. Large doors were put on every gate of the town, which had to be closed and barred at sunset and opened at sunrise by the toll collector set at every gate. Remnants of these can now be seen in the homesteads of the Egba Nation.

THE EGBAS ENTERED AND SETTLED AT ABEOKUTA IN 1830

Abeokuta is situated on an immense plain, with several detached hills surrounded by huge masses of smooth rocks, its climate is healthy and the soil fertile.

Shortly after the inter-tribal MAYE War of 1829, the Egbas were seeking for a good place of security for settlement. Chief Sodeke had heard of the "Understone" which was later named "OLUMO".

Chief Sodeke, like Moses the Lawgiver marched the Egbas out of Oke-Ona to Abeokuta. The Egbas settled together, township by township, and for the first time enclosed themselves within a wall "Odi" surrounded with deep trenches.

BUILDING OF COUNCIL CHAMBERS:

The next thing was the renewal of EGBA GOVERNMENT. Each Township built its OGBONI HOUSE, CHAMBER OF WAR, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, ORO and EGUNGUN GROVES etc.

The Egbas established their customs and opened a Market in Ijeun and in other places in ABEOKUTA.

THE FOUR SECTIONS IN ABEOKUTA:

ABEOKUTA consists of four Sections;

1. *EGBA ALAKE*: The Egba Aaarin, the Egba Eku and the Egba Agbeyin, make up the Egba Alake Section.

EGBA AARIN: Consists of Ake, Kemta, Ijeun, Itoku and Iporo townships.

EGBA EKU: Consists of Keesi, Ikopa, Emere, Obado, Itesi, Itoko, Erunwon, Ijemo, Ikagbo, Efon, Ilaro, Aibo, Ibon, Ado, Irowo, Taffin, Adawo, Ijade, Arawo, Iro, Agurodo, Sagamu, Abaka, Iniala, Idofin, Idere (IBARA-PA) townships.

EGBA AGBEYIN: Consists of Igbein, Oba, Igbore, Imo, Ibara, Ijeja, Itori, Ilewo, Ishaga, Erunbe, Ifote, Ilogbo, Ijaiye, Ijesha, Joga, Igun, Asafo, and Ikanna townships.

2. *EGBA OKE-ONA:* Consists of Oko, Ikija, Odo, Ikereku, Ilugun, Ilawo, Idomapa, Iberekodo, townships.
3. *EGBA GBAGURA:* Consists of Ido, Ojoo, Owe, Ibadan, Ika, Oje-Ile, Iwo, Ijaiye, Obirinti, Ikereku, Idan, Ojesemi, Ojokodo, Offa, Orun, Ikeiye, Ira, and Ikereku Iwere townships.
4. *EGBA OWU:* Consists of Owu, Erunmu, Apomu, and Totoro townships.

The Alake of Egbaland is the paramount Oba for the whole of Egba Nation.

The Oke-Ona Section is ruled by the Oshile of Oke-Ona.

The Gbagura Section is ruled by the Agura of Gbagura.

The Owu Section is ruled by the Olowu of Owu.

In Abeokuta, now the Ibara, Ilewo, Isaga, and Joga townships in Egba Alake are being ruled by the Olubara of Ibara.

· ARRANGEMENT OF EGBA CHIEFTAINCY TITLES:

Under the Egba National arrangement, the Egba Chieftaincy titles are as follows:

(I) FOR EGBA ALAKE SECTION:

1. Oluwo Egba — Ijeun and Kemta townships
2. Apena Egba — Itoku and Iporo
3. Aro Egba — Kemta, Ijemo, Keesi, and Erunwon.

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| 4. Olori Parakoyi | — | Igbore |
| 5. Balogun Egba | — | Igbein |
| 6. Seriki Egba | — | Kemta, Ijeun and Oba |
| 7. Are Egba | — | Ijaiye |
| 8. Bada Egba | — | Keesi, Itesi and Ikopa |
| 9. Ogboye Egba | — | Igbore, Itori and Imo |
| 10. Ashipa Egba | — | Itoko |
| 11. Asiwaju Egba | — | Ibarapa. |

(II) FOR EGBA OKE-ONA SECTION:

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| 1. Lisa Egba | -- | Odo, Ilawo and Idomapa townships. |
| 2. Otun Egba | — | Ilugun, Ikereku and Ikija |
| 3. Akogun Egba | — | Ilugun, Ikereku, Ikija, Ilawo, Odo and Idomapa townships. |

(III) FOR EGBA GBAGURA SECTION:

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| 1. Odofo Egba | — | Iwo, Ijaiye, Ojesemi, Ikereku-Idan, Ojokodo, Offa, Orun, Ikeiye, Ira, Idere, and Ikereku Iwere townships. |
| 2. Osi Egba | — | Owe, Ojoo, Ibadan, Ika and Oje-Ile townships. |
| 3. Oganla Egba | — | Ijaiye, Iwo, Ojesemi, Ikereku-Idan, Ojokodo, Offa, Ikeiye, Orun, Ira, Idere and Ikereku Iwere townships. |

(IV) FOR EGBA OWU SECTION:

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| 1. Bala Egba | — |
| 2. Ekerin Egba | — |
| 3. Sarumi Egba | — |

Honorary Egba General and Royal Chieftaincy Titles such as Amona Oba Egba, Baloye Egba, Bobagbimo Egba, Jagunmolu Egba, Ntowa Egba, Bobagunwa Egba, Bobajiro Egba, Iyalode

Egba, Iyaloja Egba, Iyalaje Egba, Jyamokun Egba, etc, are being conferred on deserving sons and daughters of Egbaland by His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland alone.

The Christians and the Moslems evolved their own Chieftaincy titles both in township and at all Egba levels, following the same Principles of Allocation of Leading Chieftaincy titles as obtained in the Egba general titled Chiefs pattern. There are also purely Church titles such as Baba or Iya Ijo (Father or Mother of the Congregation) the Ismalic titles of Imam and their lieutenants. Most of the Chieftaincy titles stated above have well known and regulated paraphernalia and installation ceremonies before the Oba or the Chief to whom he has delegated the authority, which are marked with pomp and pageantry.

Indeed, Chieftaincy titles are numerous in Egbaland, but they are duly classified and to those known appropriate status are identifiable. Within the classes, promotion is possible and appointment to all Egba general titles often stipulates the holding of a township title as a pre-requisite. One person can hold a Christian or Moslem title at the same time as the General title. One should also note that there are other honorary chieftaincy titles usually conferred upon an individual by his Oba or by His Majesty the Alake of Egbaland, at the All-Egba Level, merely as a mark of the individual distinction or contribution to the development of his fatherland or the country as a whole. Title taking applies also to women as to the men and both township and all Egba level. The situation in Egbaland, has been described in some details but the pattern is by no means, peculiar to Abeokuta. The basic principle is the same in practically every town in Yoruba land.

OGBONI CHIEFTAINCY TITLES AND THEIR APPELATION (ORIKI)

Main Duty—Administration—Township and National Levels:

1. OLUWO — Agbagba Gorogoro, anikan je Owun ekun Oluwo anikan fomi erun la, Oluwo a je eyiti o ju, a se eyiti oju. Oluwo a ni nkan meji, bi ajamakin, a lo ikan gbekan ti.
2. ODOFI — Odofo a rowo bu soye, A daso le doye.
3. ARO — Aro ogesi, A se bi Oba, apakanija, Oba gun ori are, Aro gun ori are, Aro on Oba, ogbogba, Aro Oba ko roye, Aro ti oko lu wa si ile.
4. LISA — Lisa Bara Ogo, ogo a rulu ma fi ori kan.
5. BASE — Base, oku a mose a se oju obe roki-roki.
6. BALA — Bala agbe, Bala eburu.
7. APENA — Apena ola a ko owo Olowo pamo, Olopo egbinrin, a fi Cocoa gbe lojo, oko lehin abebe a fi oko Cocoa kanrin ni ita ogboni.
8. ASALU — Asalu ata enu ona.
9. AGBUSI — Agbusi ala se bi Oba.
10. ILAGBE — Ilagbe eyiri.
11. OTUNBADE — Otunbade agbegende, a da aso da yibiyibi, ofi emi agba joye.
12. BARIYUN — Bariyun elere esuru.
13. BAMOLU — Olopo iyun.
14. ADILA — Adila a ri iba joye.
15. NTOYE — Ntoye ogesi.

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| 16. BAYINBO | — Bayinbo a yin ibon bokun. |
| 17. LIJIGUN | — Lijigun Oba ko ro ye. |
| 18. BALEKAN | — Balekan Oku, a rile pajemo. |
| 19. LEMO | — Lemo o dayan. |
| 20. LOSI | — Losi o ge, Olobi ara. |
| 21. OTUNBALOKUN | — Otunbalokun, alakoto ileke. |
| 22. OKANLOMO | — Okanlomo, elewu ala. |
| 23. BAJIKI | — Bajiki, elewu ala. |
| 24. APESI | — Apesi, Ola, olojo ada a ru ekute wole. |
| 25. BASALA | — Basala oye. |
| 26. LISEMO | — Lisemo aransi. |
| 27. BAYE | — Baye alamu okun. |
| 28. ASHIPA | — Ashipa agborogun |
| 29. BAJITO | — Bajito ola. |
| 30. BANTUN | — Bantun a ga ni :wa oba. |
| 31. NLADO | — Nlado a sugboro. |
| 32. BALOYE | — Baloye a dopon ro wa. |
| 33. LIBINI | — Libini aroku tayo. |
| 34. BAGBILE | — Bagbile a raso gbera. |
| 35. ARE | — Are Oba ijamo. |
| 36. BENI | — Beni a ransi. |
| 37. KEMO | — Kemo a gbopo. |
| 38. LUKOTO | — |
| 39. NLEMO | — |
| 40. BAMOKU | — |
| 41. OTA' | — |
| 42. ORI | — |
| 43. JOMU | — |
| 44. KEKERE OSUGBO | — |
| 45. BAGBIMO | — |
| 46. BAGBEYI | — |

47. EGUNLA	—
48. BAGE	— A gbe ara li Oba.
49. AGBOFINRIN	— Agbofinrin wi Oba
50. LAJILA	—
51. LOGEMO	—
52. LOKI	—
53. LOKITI	—
54. BAKENNE	—
55. NTABO	—
56. NLETE	—
57. ASERO	— Asero Orun moye.
58. ASAWO	—
59. OSOLO	—
60. AKOGUN	— Akogun Apaye, Edan Baba irin.
61. ORUNTO	—
62. OBAMAJA	—
63. OSUPORI	—
64. OYEGA	—
65. OMOLASHIN	—
66. SAGBUA	—

OGBONI CHIEFTAINCY TITLE FOR WOMEN ERELU

1. OLORI ERELU	— Olori Kimi adugbo.
2. LIKA	— Lika oloja obinrin.
3. IYALODE	— Iyalode aniwura, Oba obinrin.
4. OTUN IYALODE	— Otun ajagajigi, ijagbo yaju elegbeje ijaro.
5. OSI IYALODE	— Osi arowolo, a jagun bi abuke.
6. AJIROBA	— Ajiroba tun Oba se.
7. MORIWAFU	— Moriwafu elerin eye.
8. AJIGBEDA	—

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| 9. IYAMOKUN | — Iyamokun, Omo o sa. |
| 10. SUADA | — Suada gboloye, elele esuru. |
| 11. MOJIREN | — Agboyoye elele esuru. |

PARAKOYI CHIEFTAINCY TITLES AND THEIR APPELATION (ORIKI)

Main duty—Commerce and Industry, Township and National Levels

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| 1. OLORI PARAKOYI | — Olori igan baba oyin, Olori Kimi adugbo |
| 2. ASIPA | -- Ashipa agborogun. |
| 3. BABALAJE | — Olowo je giresi. |
| 4. BALEKAN | — Balekan oku, arite pajemo. |
| 5. BAMOLU | — Bamolu olope iyun. |
| 6. BALESİ | — |
| 7. NLOSI | — |
| 8. JAGUNA PARAKOYI | — Jaguna a yidina bi Oke ako ona pin. Atami tamu etu, ojana bi ijedo. |
| 9. ILAGBE | — Ilagbe aje, Ilagbe eyiri. |
| 10. OTUNBADE | — Otunbade, agbegende ofi emi agba joye. |
| 11. NTOWA | — O ra esi ra iwe. |
| 12. ASEBI | — |
| 13. BAJITO | — Bajito ola. |

PARAKOYI CHIEFTAINCY TITLES FOR WOMEN (ONISO)

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| 1. IYALOJA | — Lopere, pere, ohun ti a gbelese, ti awon agbe nwo yanyan. |
| 2. IYALAJE | |

**OLOROGUN CHIEFTAINCY TITLES AND THEIR APPELATIONS
(ORIKI)**

Main Duty—Maintenance of Law and Order, Township & National Levels:

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| 1. JAGUNA | — Jaguna a yi dina bi Oke, a kr. ona pin, tami tamu etu, o jano bi iyalo. |
| 2. LUKOTUN | — Lukotun ogo lo tun. |
| 3. LUKOSI | — Lukosi a tan losi. |
| 4. SAKOTUN | — Sakotun Olopa ele. |
| 5. AKOGUN | — Akogun Apaye, edan uba irin. |
| 6. SAKOSI | — |
| 7. MAIYEGUN | — Gbegi loye, a kibon ija gbeti, okiri ojule fiyalo. |
| 8. LETAGUN | — |
| 9. OGANLA | — Oganla a risile gbodi a to fi ise ogun ran. |
| 10. AKINGBOGUN | — Akingbogun, o tegbe koro yoda. |
| 11. JAGUNMOLU | — Alako Ida. |
| 12. OGBOYE | — Ogboye a ni pa Ogun ma sa. |
| 13. SARUNMI | — Sarumi Olowe aseru bote. |
| 14. AGBAAKIN | — Agbaakin a di yara o te. |
| 15. ASHIPA | — Ashipa Agborogun. |
| 16. AKIYEGUN | — |
| 17. AKELEGUN | — |
| 18. OSHIELE | — |
| 19. AKEPE | — |
| 20. ESIKI | — Esiki agbaja lleke. |
| 21. AKINSIKU | — |
| 22. AKINROGUN | — S'o tun. |
| 23. BASORUN | — Basorun Olo bele, igun ataba biti, aba egungun d'ago. |

JAGUNJAGUN CHIEFTAINCY TITLES AND THEIR APPELATION (ORIKI)

Main duty—Maintenance of Law & Order Township & National Levels:

1. BALOGUN — Balogun dodo Ndawa, a digbe matu, Balogun ijanu aiye.
2. OTUN — Otun ajagajigi, yagbo yaju, otun elegbeje ijanu.
3. OSI — Osi arowolo bi agba, osi jagun-jagun bi abuke, osi akanran gboran.
4. EKERIN — Ekerin atoloye, Ekerin aga oye.
5. SERIKI — Seriki meyaki, Seriki kukute ko mira eniti o ba mi kukute ara re lo nrri.
6. ARE — Are ona kakanfo, oja ile onile bo tire mole. Are apatapiti, oloku ayan, je ebo ko da, je Orno o iire oja, Are lo si atan o mu adie bo, eledie nlogun are niota, Are ko ju adie, ko wi ise ni adie ko are. Are koko boso.
7. BADA — Bada barawu, o tori oka bara je, o tori onje lu iyawo re pa, ora orno lese bi amala.
8. ASIWAJU — Asiwaju la ilu sa.
9. ASHIPA — Ashipa agborogun.

THE ODE CHIEFTAINCY TITLES AND THEIR APPELATIONS (ORIKI)

1. LERIN OR OLORI ODE — Olori kimi adugbo.
2. ARO ODE — As for Aro in Ogboni title.
3. LISA ODE — As for Lisa in Ogboni title.
4. JAGUNA — As for Jaguna Ogboni Olorogun title.

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| 5. LUKOTUN ODE | — As for Lukotun in Ogboni title. |
| 6. LUKOSI ODE | — As for Lukosi in Olorogun title. |
| 7. AJADE ODE | — |
| 8. OGBOJA ODE | — |
| 9. ASIPA ODE | — As for Ashipa in Ogboni title. |

**THE ELEGUNGUN CHIEFTAINCY TITLES AND THEIR APPELATION
(ORIKI)**

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| 1. LAGBA | — Lagba baba mariwo. |
| 2. OLOPONDA | — |
| 3. ATOKU | — |
| 4. ALARAN | — Alaran irin. |
| 5. OLOTA | — Olota agiri agba. |
| 6. ARE OJE | — As for Are in Jagunjagun title. |
| 7. AKEWE | — |
| 8. ASHIPA | — |

CHIEFTAINCY TITLES FOR WOMEN

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| 1. IYAAGAN | — Iya agan bale. |
| 2. IYAMODE | — |
| 3. IYALODE | — Iyalode aniwura. |

**FOCUS ON ALL OBAS WHO HAVE REIGNED IN
ABEOKUTA FROM 1854 - 1986**

THE ALAKE OF EGBA

1. OBA OKUKENU, 8th August, 1854–31st August, 1862 (8 years).
2. OBA ADEMOLA I, 28th November, 1869–30th December, 1877 (8 years).
3. OBA OYEKAN, 18th January, 1879–18th September, 1881 (2 years).

4. OBA OLUWAI, 9th February, 1891—27th January, 1889 (4 years).
5. OBA SOKALU, 18th September, 1891—11th June, 1898 (7 years).
6. OBA GBADEBO I, 8th August, 1898—28th May, 1920 (22 years)
7. OBA ADEMOLA II, 16th July, 1920—27th December, 1962 (42 years).
8. OBA GBADEBO II, 12th August, 1963—26th October, 1971 (8 years).
9. OBA LIPEDE, 20th May, 1972.

RULING HOUSES

1. Jibodu Ruling House
2. Larun Ruling House

THE OSHILE OF OKE-ONA 1897—1986

1. OBA KARUNWI, 1897—1899 (2 years)
2. OBA SANYAOLU ADEBARE I, 1900—1902 (2 years)
3. OBA SOKUNBI KARUNWI II, 1904—1918 (14 years)
4. OBA ADEDAMOLA I, 1918—1932 (14 years)
5. OBA IDOWU ADEDOTUN, 1932—1934 (2 years)
6. OBA SAMUEL ADEBARE II, 1934—1944 (10 years)
7. OBA ADEDAMOLA II, 4th January, 1951.

RULING HOUSES

1. Ayokan Ruling House.
2. Ganganajuda Ruling House.
3. Keblodu Ruling House.

THE AGURA OF GBAGURA, 1870—1986

1. OBA JAMOLU, 1870—1877 (7 years)
2. OBA IJAADE, 1878—1893 (15 years)
3. OBA OLUBUNMI, 1897—1910 (13 years)

4. OBA ABOLADE, 1910—1915 (5 years)
5. OBA ADEOSUN I, 1915—1936 (21 years)
6. OBA SOBEKUN, 1937—1960 (23 years)
7. OBA RAUFU ADEOSUN II, 28th May, 1961—18th May, 1978.
8. OBA ALIDU LALOKO, SOBEKUN II, 1980

RULING HOUSES

1. Egiri Ruling House
2. Jiboso Ruling House

THE OLOWU OF OWU, 1855—1986

1. OBA PAWU, 1855—1867 (12 years)
2. OBA ADEFOWOTE, 1869—1872 (3 years)
3. OBA ADERINMOYE, 1873—1890 (17 years)
4. OBA ADEPEGBA, 1893—1905 (12 years)
5. OBA OWOKOKADE, 1906—1918 (12 years)
6. OBA DOSUNMU, 1918—1924 (6 years)
7. OBA ADESINA, 1924—1936 (12 years)
8. OBA ADELANI GBOGBOADE, 1938—1946 (8 years)
9. OBA SALAMI GBADELA II, 1949—1972 (23 years)
10. OBA OYEGBADE, 1976—1980 (4 years)

RULING HOUSES

1. Ayoloye Ruling House
2. Akinjobi Ruling House
3. Akinoso Ruling House
4. Lagbedu Ruling House
5. Amororo Ruling House
6. Otiletta Ruling House

OLUBARA

1. OBA SAMUEL ADESINA LALUBU II, 14th April, 1952—1985.

RULING HOUSES

1. Lalubu Ruling House
2. Ajiboyede Ruling House
3. Lafa Ruling House
4. Adubiwaji Ruling House

GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

There is also a General Purposes Committee of Egba General Titled Chiefs with the following Membership:

(A)

ROYAL

1. Chief E. B. Sorunke, *The Amona Oba Egba.*
2. Chief J. Akin-George, *The Bobagbimo Egba.*
3. Chief M. K. O. Abiola, *The Bobagunwa Egba.*
4. Chief (Dr) A. B. O. Soboyejo, *The Bobajiro Egba.*
5. Chief C. M. Olubode, *The Gbobaniyi Egba.*
6. Chief Sina Egberongbe, *The Agbusi Oba Egba.*
7. Chief (Professor) Aboaba, *The Ntoye Oba Egba.*
8. Chief (Olori) 'Bimpe Lipede, *The Asungboba Egba.*
9. Chief (Professor) S. O. Biobaku, *The Bapitan Egba.*
10. Chief (Mrs) Aderemi Taiwo Sijuade, *The Mojibade Egba.*

(B)

OGBONI

1. Chief S. O. Lambo, *The Baloye Egba.*
2. Chief S. O. Adebo, *The Okanlomo Egba.*
3. Chief (Dr) T. A. Lambo, *The Basegun Egba*
4. Chief (Dr) Oswald Madeschi, *The Agbeji Egba. (read)*
5. Chief E. A. Adeboye, *The Ntowa Egba (The Secretary)*
6. Chief (Dr) E. A. Smith, *The Asero Egba.*
7. Chief S. O. Oyekanle, *The Ntoye Egba.*

8. Chief (Dr) Tunji Coker, *The Baye Egba*.
9. Chief D. A. Olubi, *The Bajiki Egba*.
10. Chief Sowunmi Fasoyin, *The Nlado Egba*.

ERELU OGBONI

1. Chief (Mrs) Bisoye Tejuoso, *The Iyalode Egba*.
2. Chief (Mrs) Opral Benson, *Iyamokun Egba*.
3. Chief (Lady) Oyinkan Abayomi, *The Iya Abiye Egba*.
4. Chief (Mrs) D. B. A. Kuforiji-Olubi, *The Suada Egba*.
5. Alhaja (Chief) Simbiatu Abiola, *The Otun Iyalode Egba*.
6. Chief (Mrs) Ojesina, *The Ekerin Iyalode Egba*.
7. Chief (Mrs) V. A. Popoola, *The Seriki Iyalode Egba*.
8. Alhaja (Chief) Suwebatu Sanusi, *The Asiwaju Iyalode Egba*.
9. Chief (Mrs) Bakare, *The Bada Iyalode Egba*.
10. Chief (Mrs) Ronke Doherty, *Moroga Egba*.
11. Alhaja (Chief) Bisi Elegbede, *The Lika Egba*.
12. Chief (Mrs) Dr Biersack, *The Otun Iya Abiye Egba*.
13. Chief (Mrs) Margaret Young, *The Ogboku Egba*.
14. Chief (Mrs) F. O. Durosinmi Etti, *The Otun Lika Egba*.
15. Chief (Rev. Mother) Dunstam O. Driscoll, *Otun Iya Ewe Egba. (Dead)*

PARAKOYI

1. Chief A. Verchere, *The Otun Babalaje Egba*.
2. Chief J. Tamac, *The Osi Babalaje Egba*.
3. Chief M. O. Orija, *The Ekerin Babalaje Egba*.
4. Chief Olusegun Oshunkeye, *The Seriki Babalaje Egba*.
5. Chief M. O. Odeyemi, *The Bada Babalaje Egba*.

ERELU PARAKOYI

1. Chief (Mrs) M. A. Obebe, *The Iyalaja Egba*.
2. Chief (Mrs) P. A. Ogunbanke, *The Iyalaje Egba*.

3. Chief (Mrs) H. A. Ogunbanjo, *The Otun Iyaloja Egba. (Asst. Secretary)*
4. Chief (Mrs) S. Soboyejo, *The Otun Iyalaje Egba.*
5. Chief (Mrs) F. I. Koleoso, *The Seriki Egba.*
6. Chief (Mrs) Cardoso, *The Osi Iyaloja Egba.*
7. Chief (Mrs) F. Orija, *The Asiwaju Iyaloja Egba.*
8. Chief (Mrs) Abimbola Akpata, *The Bada Iyalaje Egba.*

OLOROGUN

1. Chief (General) Olusegun Obasanjo, *The Jagunmolu Egba.*
2. Chief Folorunso Oke, *The Akinyegun Egba.*
3. Chief A. O. Abudu, *The Maiyegun Egba.*
4. Chief J. A. O. Olopade, *The Otun Maiyegun Egba.*
5. Chief J. Bola Ogundeji, *The Leragun Egba.*
6. Chief E. A. O. Sonekan, *The Abese Egba.*
7. Chief Wole Adeosun, *The Osi Maiyegun Egba.*

OLOGUN (JAGUNJAGUN)

1. Chief Samuel Alamutu, *The Otun Bada Egba.*

EGBA CHRISTIAN CHIEFS COUNCIL

1. Chief E. K. Odeyemi, *Balogun Egba Christians—(Chairman)*
2. Chief W. A. Ogunmokun, *Jaguna Egba Xtians.*
3. Chief (Dr) Adekoye Majekodunmi, *Otun Egba Xtians.*
4. Chief Samuel Adeniyi Alawode, *Osi Egba Xtians.*
5. Chief Duro Oluyemi, *Ekerin Egba Xtians.*
6. Chief George Famuyiwa, *Seriki Egba Xtians.*
7. Chief E. A. Taiwo, *Bada Egba Xtians.*
8. Chief S. O. Durojaye, *Asiwaju Egba Xtians.*
9. Chief Olufemi Adewunmi, *Akinrogun Egba Xtians.*
10. Chief D. S. Jiboku, *Lukotun Egba Xtians.*
11. Chief J. S. Ogunlade, *Ashipa Egba Xtians.*

12. Chief G. Olufemi Soyoola, *Lukosi Egba Xtians*.
13. Chief J. A. Kuyoro, *Abese Egba Xtians*.
14. Chief 'Sesan Soluade, *Agbakin Egba Xtians*.
15. Chief G. Akinola Ogunpola, *Jagunmolu Egba Xtians*.
16. Chief John Olu Idowu, *Are Ago Egba Xtians*.
17. Chief (Mrs) Olayoku, *Ashipa Egba Xtians. (Women)*
18. Chief (Mrs) Olufunmilayo Gbogboade, *Ekerin Egba Xtians. (Women)*.
19. Chief (Mrs) C. S. Solanke, *Bale Egba Xtians*.
20. Chief (Mrs) Olufunmilayo Soyoola, *Oganla Egba Xtians. (Women)*.
21. Chief A. A. Sogbesan, *Oganla Iporo Xtians—(Gen. Secretary)*.

EGBA MUSLIM CHIEFS COUNCIL

1. Alhaji (Chief) Y. S. G. Akiyode, *Balogun Egba Muslims —(Chairman)*.
2. Alhaji (Chief) K. Adeniran, *Otun Egba Muslims*.
3. Alhaji (Chief) A. L. Adenekan, *Osi Egba Muslims*.
4. Alhaji (Chief) R. A. Akintan, *Ekerin Egba Muslims*.
5. Alhaji (Chief) F. S. Bakare, *Seriki Egba Muslims*.
6. Alhaji (Chief) R. A. Ogunyomi, *Bada Egba Muslims*.
7. Alhaji (Chief) B. S. Sodunke, *Sarunmi Egba Muslims*.
8. Alhaji (Chief) Edalere, *Abese Egba Muslims*.
9. Alhaji (Chief) A. R. Okedara, *Asiwaju Egba Muslims*.
10. Alhaji (Chief) B. A. Lawal, *Basorun Egba Muslims*.
11. Alhaji (Chief) Ibraheem Oketokun, *Oganla Egba Muslims*.
12. Alhaji (Chief) Ayoola Sodimu, *Agbaakin Egba Muslims*.
13. Alhaji (Chief) S. B. Biobaku, *Ajanosi Egba Muslims*.
14. Alhaja (Chief) Titilayo Sodimu, *Bale Egba Muslims (Women)*.
15. Alhaji (Chief) Y. M. Abudu, *Seriki Muslim Nigeria*.
16. Alhaji (Chief) M. K. O. Abiola, *Baba Adinni Yorubaland*.
17. Alhaji (Chief) A. R. O. Sanusi, *Babalaje Egba Muslims*.

THE ALAKE PALACE BUILDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Chief J. Akin-George, *Lisa Odo, Bobagbimo Egba*—(Chairman)
2. Chief Folorunso Oke, *Jagunmolu Keesi and Akinyegun Egba*—Member.
3. Chief (Mrs) O. Bola Kuforiji-Olubi, *Lika Ikija and Ogboku Oke-Ona, Suada Egba*.
4. Chief R. O. Ogunyomi, *Bada Egba Muslims*.
5. Otunba Kunle Oyero, *Otunba Iro*.
6. Prince Bola Ajibola, *Attorney General and Minister for Justice*.
7. Alhaji (Chief) F. O. Lawal, *Saraki Adinni Egba*—(Secretary).
8. Chief C. M. Olubode, *Apesin Erunbe Gbobaniyi Egba*—Member
9. Arc. Akin Craig—Member.
10. Chief Femi Adewunmi, *Otun Keesi Xtians and Akirogun Egba*.
11. Chief (Mrs) Opral Benson, *Iyamokun Egba*.
12. Chief G. Osoba, *Jagunna Itori*.
13. Chief A. A. Olopade, *Otun Maiyegun Egba*.
14. Chief T. Abolurin, *Odofo Ikereku Idan*.
15. Chief M. A. Dokunmu, *Balogun Ake, Jaguna Ago Ijesha*.
16. Chief A. A. Popoola, *Bajito Ake*.

**ORIKI OBA ALAIYELUWA
MOFOLORUNSO OYEBADE LIPEDE**

ALAKE ILE EGBA

Kabiyesi Oba Lipede Alake Kesan ni Abeokuta 20-5-72, Omo erin jogun ola, Omo abata butu oloro, Omooloro kekere ko gbodo gbin, Omo Liyemo lo to oba je, Omo a se'fon ide, Omo aso atibaba ileke, Omo arowosegbe, Omo arojoye, Omo apa bamubamu ko ka butubutu Omo apa ina ko ba segi, Omo a ri onje, Omo a se egbe yemendan onipe, Omo Deluola, Elewe ibi, Omo Akiyomi, Oba ehinkule lota wa, iwaju ile ni aseni ngbe; Omo ohun to dun bi ibi kosi, ohun ti a ba ni ki a fi fun ara eni je.

Omo Liyemo, Omo Lisirin, Omo Osifila, Omo a jobi ola, Omo hunhun mbo wa re won oro gboni jigijigi yun ni nu, otosi enia ni nta ara re lopo, eniti o ba gbon a fa tire mora, ara Orun, Omo oye b'orun.

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