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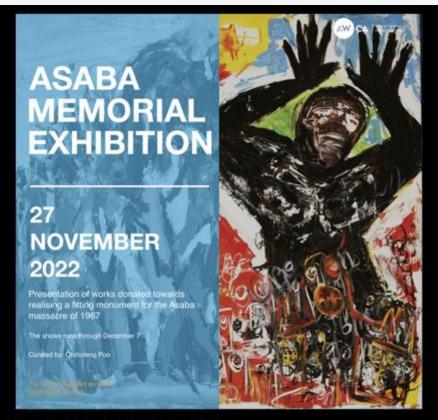
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ASABA MEMORIAL EXHIBITION

# 55 years after, Asaba memorial inspires remembrance, communal healing





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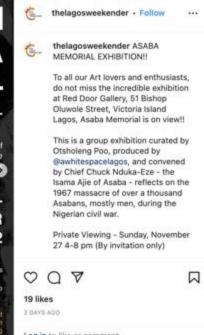
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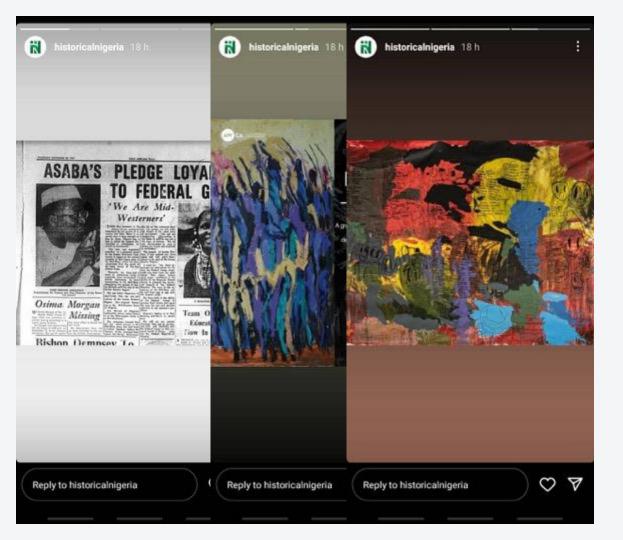




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A group exhibition curated by Otsholeng Poo, produced by A White Space Lagos, and convened by Chief Chuck Nduka-Eze - the Isama Ajie of Asaba - reflects on the 1967 Asaba massacre during the Biafra war.

The Exhibition opens on November 28 and closes on December 7, 2022.... See more





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# ASABA Memorial Exhibition, Inspiring Remembrance and Communal Healing through Art

The first major exhibition to institute a memorial park in honour of the victims of the Asaba massacre of 1967.

Lagos, Nigeria – 27 November 2022: The Asaba Memorial Committee is pleased to announce the opening of Asaba Memorial, a group exhibition curated by Otsholeng Poo, and convened by Chief Chuck Nduka-Eze – the Isama Ajie of Asaba – to commemorate the tragic events of the Asaba Massacre in 1967. A captivating selection of work by Nigerian artists that provokes awareness and recognition of the tragic event in Nigeria's history and aims to support the development of the Asaba Memorial Park – a cultural monument in honour of the victims of the Asaba massacre of 1967. Asaba Memorial, produced by A Whitespace Creative Agency opens on the 27th of November, 2022, at Red Door Gallery, 51 Bishop Oluwole Street, Victoria Island, Lagos.



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What was supposed to be just a pacifying rally that would put an end to the killings and the civil war, ended in a massacre of young men, women and children.

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Federal troops revealed machine guns, and orders were given, reportedly by Second-in-Command, Maj. Ibrahim Taiwo, to open fire. Most of the killings ended by 7 October.

The Late Ogbueshi Leonard Nwanonyei Okogwu is the father of the wife of Nigeria's former Military Head of State; Chief Mariam Babangida.

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L-R: Chuck Nduka-Eze, the Isama Ajie of Asaba & Convener of Asaba Memorial Exhibition, Otsholeng Poo, Curator of Asaba Memorial Exhibition, and Papa Omotayo, Architect and Founder A Whitespaces Creative Agency, at the opening of Asaba Memorial Exhibition at Red Door Gallery in Lagos

# BUSINESS DAY

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# Art exhibition in Lagos boosts awareness of Asaba massacre















In October 1967, four months into the civil war, Nigerian Federal troops entered the small town of Asaba killing over 1000 civilians in what is now known as the infamous "Asaba Massacre". 55 years later, on November 27, 2022, the first major art exhibition

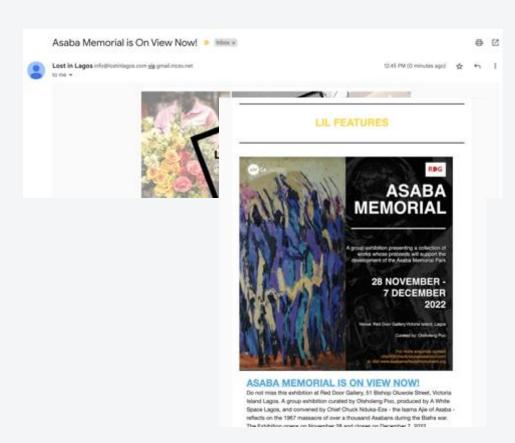
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Circulation: 15.6K





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Freelance art writer and journalist:

Molara Wood

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**Platform:** Instagram post (View)

Followers: 1,648



•L-R: Isama Ajie of Asaba/convener, Asaba Memorial Exhibition, Chuck Nduka-Eze; curator, Asaba Memorial Exhibition, Otsholeng Poo; and architect/founder, A Whitespaces Creative Agency, Papa Omotayo, during the opening of Asaba Memorial Exhibition in Lagos... recently. Photo: AME

# **PUNCH**

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## Once Upon a Sad Story...

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Five years after the Asaba community marked the 50th anniversary of the massacres with a two-day commemoration, a group exhibition in its memory opened on Sunday, November 27, at the Red Door Gallery in Victoria Island, Lagos. The exhibition, which ends on Wednesday, December 7, as the first of its kind aims at instituting a memorial park in honour of the victims. Curated by South Africa-born Otsholeng Poo and convened by the Isama Aije of Asaba, Chief Chuck Nduka-Eze. it offers a rare insight into the tragic event through a selection of the works of over 20 leading contemporary Nigerian artists.

Titled Asaba Memorial, it is produced by A Whitespace Creative Agency and features works, which include "In Memoriam," a monumental canvas piece with the names of some of the victims by 12-year-old Kanye Tagbo-Okeke, and "Black Peace," a 2022 work by Victor Ehikhamenor, part of whose series was used on the cover of Elizabeth Bird's and Fraser Ottanelli's book titled The Asaba Massacre: Trauma.



#### **EXHIBITION**

Memory, and the Nigerian Civil War. There was also a body of work donated by Enotie Ogbebor. whose late father was a senior military officer in the Nigerian army who provided an eve-witness account of the atrocities and renowned fashion designer Ade Bakare's Ogbueshi - a Guipure cotton lace with red paint and soil that depicts the fate of Chief Mariam Babangida's father - Late Ogbueshi Leonard Nwanonyei Okogwu, who was to give the welcome address to the soldiers on behalf of the Asaba community on that fateful day. Among the works of the older generation of artists are a 1967 painting about the Civil War by Ben Enwonwu, titled "War Dreams" and "Avo Players", a Bruce Onobrakpeva's 1972 painting.

The rest of the exhibiting artists are Olumide Onadipe, Kelani Abass, Sadiq Ajibola Williams, Joseph Ogbeinde, Duke Asidere, Kainebi Osahenye, Rom Isichei, Stacey Ravvero, Juliet Ezenwa Maja-Pearce, Adekusibe Odunfa, Ozangeobuoma, Prince Orlu, Adiza Nzekwe, Anthony Nwalu-

pue, Elizabeth Ekpetorson, Tiffany Annabelle-Davies, Ayoola Gbolahan, Phillip Nzekwe, Naomi Oyeniyi, Marcia Martins DaRosa and Lekan Onabanjo.

The exhibition is a part of a series of commemorative events to help fund the creation of a permanent physical location—a topnotch nature park, monument, and artistic and cultural hub—in honour of everyone who perished or was displaced as a result of the massacre. As a tribute to all the lives lost, the Memorial Park will be built on a foundation of 1,000 trees.

It will be a legacy project that finally pays tribute to the victims and their families, as well as a location for Asaba indigenes and all Nigerians to reflect on healing.

Čomments by stakeholders on the importance of this initiative include those of the authors of the book on the Asaba Massacre Elizabeth Birdand Fraser Ottanelli and the Head of GCF's United Nations Independent Integrity Unit Ibrahim Pam. Bird and Ottanelli said: "This new initiative will take the memorial process to a new level, bringing visibility throughout the nation and the continent. This new visibility gives

hope that Asaba will finally see an official acknowledgement of responsibility for its suffering. But above it, this spectacular memorial will honour those who died. ensuring they will not be forgotten and leading the way to a better future." While Pam wrote in a blog post: "The Asaba Massacre Memorial Monument Project as a memorialisation initiative could then become that essential catalyst for the promotion of national reconciliation that is anchored on an honest discussion of historical grievance, that leads to acknowledgement and recompense, and promotes genuine appeasement and national unity. Therein lies the eternal value of this project."

By dredging up unpleasant memories of these crimes, the exhibition seeks to not only prick the conscience of a Nigerian administration that seems oblivious to its heinous past but also to criticise the world community for its apathy. "As a South African who calls Nigeria home. I understand the importance of this exhibition on a very personal level," said Poo. "Iam inspired by the people of Asaba's continued survival and resounding call for the Massacre to be given its proper place in the telling of Nigeria's history. I'm also hopeful that as this project gains supporters from across the continent and the world, we can keep telling the story of Asaba through art and community."

Meanwhile, there are plans to invite more artists' contributions and keep expanding the memorial park's collection as the exhibition travels across locations.



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#### THE ARTS

### Asaba Memorial Exhibition: Healing through art

December 6, 2022













#### By Chukwuma Ajakah



In honour of victims of the historic Asaba Massacre of 1967, a group memorial exhibition produced by A Whitespace Creative Agency opened last Sunday, 27 November at the prestigious Red Door Gallery, Victoria Island, Lagos.

Organized as part of activities marking the establishment of a memorial park, immortalizing the victims of the Asaba pogrom, the exhibition is a sad commentary on the horrors of war and man's inhumanity to man.



78 DAYS TO ELECTION: Tension in PDP as Wike takes decision on Atiku

Obi: I don't know why APC has not sacked me -Babachir Lawal

Dogara to Wike: You're suffering from amnesia. shallow mindedness

You've no electoral value, even in your LGA, Tinubu

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## **MEDIA MONITORING**

## Asaba Memorial, Exhibition 'II Inspire Nigerians

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Speaking on the event, Chief

Nduka-Eze explained the importance of using art as a powerful catalyst for bringing awareness to important issues that receive only marginal attention.

He said: "To date, there has been no proper explanation or official apology from the Federal Government of Nigeria for the humanitarian crime.

"We encourage everyone to come and explore the exhibition. It will challenge people not only to ask, 'what could have been done, but also, 'what can we do?' This is the first step to creating a memorial site that is accessible and dignified in its representation to honour the victims, a place that will be a community symbol of all the lives lost and extend to encompass a cultural and recreational attraction for both local and international tourists."



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### **Immortalising the victims of Asaba Massacre**

















There were gunshots. Followed by tears, sorrow and deaths. The year was 1967. Fast-forward to 2022, the video installation inside Red Door Gallery, Victoria Island Lagos showed a young autistic artist, Kanye Okeke creating 'In Memoriam' a striking large sized painting with names of all the victims of the Asaba massacre written all over the colour drips.



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amaechiokobi What a remarkable day it was. First of all, you already know that Saturday is for art love and appreciation. So I spent an hour at the @reddoor\_gallery where I experienced the Ahaba Memorial art exhibition.

Some of my favorite Nigerian artists have come together with a breathtaking selection of work to commemorate the tragic events of the 1967 Ahaba Massacre - a catastrophic event during the Nigerian Civil War in which close to 1,000 unarmed men and boys were murdered in a most unholy act of utter madness.









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