

ORHUE I



*His Royal Majesty Orhue I
Orodje of Okpe Kingdom
LL.B (Hons); BL; LL.M; CFR; mni
(Reign: 2006 – present)*

Following the passage of HRM Orhoro I in early 2004, the Udogun Okpe (Okpe Supreme Council) set in motion the process of selecting the next Orodje of Okpe Kingdom. Given the controversy regarding the Ruling House to provide the next Orodje, the Udogun Okpe empanelled a committee comprised of four prominent Okpe drawn from the four Ruling Houses to examine the issue and advise accordingly. Members of the committee were:

- Maj.-Gen. Patrick A. Aziza (rtd) Chairman (Evbreke Ruling House)
- Chief T. J. Onomigbo Okpoko (SAN) (Esezi Ruling House)
- Professor S. Ejite Oyovbaire (Orhue Ruling House)
- Chief Godwin Egigba (Orhoro Ruling House)

The Committee recommended that it was the turn of the Orhue Ruling House to provide a successor to Orhoro I. This recommendation was accepted by Udogun Okpe, which asked the Orhue Ruling House to produce the candidate to succeed Orhoro I.

At the subsequent election conducted by the Orhue Ruling House Chieftaincy Selection Committee, Maj. Gen. Felix A. Mujakperuo (rtd) was successful, and was presented to Udogun Okpe where he was approved and ratified as Orhue I, the Orodje of Okpe Kingdom on July 08, 2004. However, the installation ceremonies were delayed until July 29, 2006, due to the legal suit brought to bear on the process by AVM Frank O. Ajobena (rtd).

HRM Orhue I was born on December 04, 1946 in Opuraja, in Okpe Local Government Area of Delta State. Prior to his ascension of the Orodjeship, he had served in the Nigerian Army where he attained the rank of Major General, before he voluntarily retired in 1999. After graduating from Urhobo College, Effurun, Delta State, in 1966, he worked briefly with the former Government Coastal Agency, Apapa, Lagos. He joined the Nigerian Defense Academy, Kaduna, in October 1968, as an Officer Cadet, and was commissioned into the Nigerian Army in March 1971, as an infantry Officer.

While in the Nigerian Army, the future Orhue I held several important positions, including

- Director, Army Legal Services;
- Chief of Operations Nigerian Army;
- General Officer Commanding 82 Division, Enugu;
- Force Commander ECOMOG Sierra Leone; and
- Commander, Training and Doctrine Command, Minna.

During his tenure in the Nigerian Army, he was granted leave to pursue his legal studies at the University of Lagos, where he obtained his LL.B (Hons), and subsequently to the Nigerian Law School where he bagged his B.L. He later graduated from the Judge Advocate General's School in the United States of America (USA), where he was conferred with his LL.M. He was a Senior partner with the Law firm of M. J. Partnership in Lagos. Orhue I is thus the first university graduate to be installed as the Orodje of Okpe Kingdom. He also graduated from the Nigerian Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru, Jos, and thus earned the initials *mni* after his name. Trained in several military institutions in the USA, Italy, and India, Orhue I had vast national and international experience in management and governance. His honours and awards include the following:

- Best all round Cadet at the Nigerian Defence Academy.
- Honour Graduate at USA Army Military Police School Ft. MacLean, Alabama, USA.
- Distinguished Allied Graduate at the Judge Advocate General's School US Army, Charlottesville.
- Commander Federal Republic: CFR
- Meritorious Service Star: MSS
- Silver Jubilee Medal; SJM
- United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon Medal
- ECOMOG Medal

HRM Orhue I will bring his vast managerial experience to bear on his reign as the Orodje of Okpe Kingdom.

Here are some pictures from the installation ceremonies of HRM Orhue I on Saturday, July 29, 2006, in Orerokpe, the headquarters of the Okpe Kingdom.





HRM Orhue I, The Orodje of Okpe Kingdom, with his sister-in-law, Ms. Elizabeth Asenime, the Treasurer of the Okpe Union of North America.



On the left of HRM Orhue I is his wife, Chief Doris Eyemisanre Mujakperuo, the *Izu Okpe*. Next to her is her sister, Ms. Elizabeth Asenime.



HRM Orhue I, the Orodje of Okpe Kingdom,
with some prominent Chiefs of Okpe Kingdom

