

EDWARD ONOJA; A PROFILE IN BITS

He was born on the 9th of August 1974 to the illustrious family of Amodu Onoja in present-day Ogugu in Olamaboro Local Government Area of Kogi State

In between the mid 70's through 80's to 90's he attended schools in Lagos, the FCT and eventually the University of Jos to study Geology and Mining where he graduated in 1999 with a Second Class Upper degree.

WORKPLACE EXPERIENCE

With over 15 years of work experience, He had stints with the Guaranty Trust Bank PLC, Access Bank PLC, Televeras Group of Companies (Oil and Gas) and his own private business.

As the General Manager, (GM), Exploration and Production in the Taleveras Exploration and Production Company Limited, He helped to build a strong Exploration and Production arm for the Taleveras Group and managed the Group's International and Domestic Partnerships. He was appointed as the Commercial Representative on an NPDC/Taleveras/Others Management Committee for an oil Asset situated deep offshore in the south-south region of the country.

His unquenchable zeal to have a better Nigeria saw made him gather friends and presented the 50-50-50 strategy to General Buhari of the Congress for Progress Change (CPC) for his 2011 presidential ambition.

In the 2015 Presidential Elections, Edward became the Project Director of the Kogi Youths Arise Group (KYAG) under the Chairmanship and Sponsorship of Alhaji Yahaya Bello, now the 4th Executive Governor of Kogi State. The group mobilized thousands of Youths to campaign for the Change Agenda of the APC. They were instrumental in delivering Kogi State for the APC, which contributed in no small measure to the ultimate victory of President Muhammadu Buhari.

Later that same year, Edward became Head of Campaigns and Chief Strategist for the Alhaji Yahaya Bello Campaign Organization, a journey that ink his name in the history of politics in Kogi State.

He was appointed as Chief of Staff to the KOGI State Governor on Jan 27th 2016 and held the position till Oct 15th, 2019. On the 21st of October, 2019, he was sworn in as the Deputy Governor of KOGI state and was on the APC Gubernatorial ticket with His Excellency Alhaji Yahaya Bello for the Nov 16th, 2019 Elections. He was again sworn in as Deputy Governor on Jan 27, 2020, an office he holds till date. He is also chairman of several councils and committees in Kogi State.

As chief strategist for the Kogi State general elections in 2019, APC emerged successful in over 95 % of the available seats producing 3 senators, 7 house of Reps members and the entire 25 state assembly seats including victory at the presidential poll.

Described as inspired strategist, courageously loyal to his boss Alhaji Yahaya Bello , Edward Onoja is considered as one of the consistent young leaders in Nigeria today.

The ardent believer in the possibility of a New Nigeria is happily married to Mrs Mercy Ejura Onoja (Née Okee) and blessed with wonderful children.