



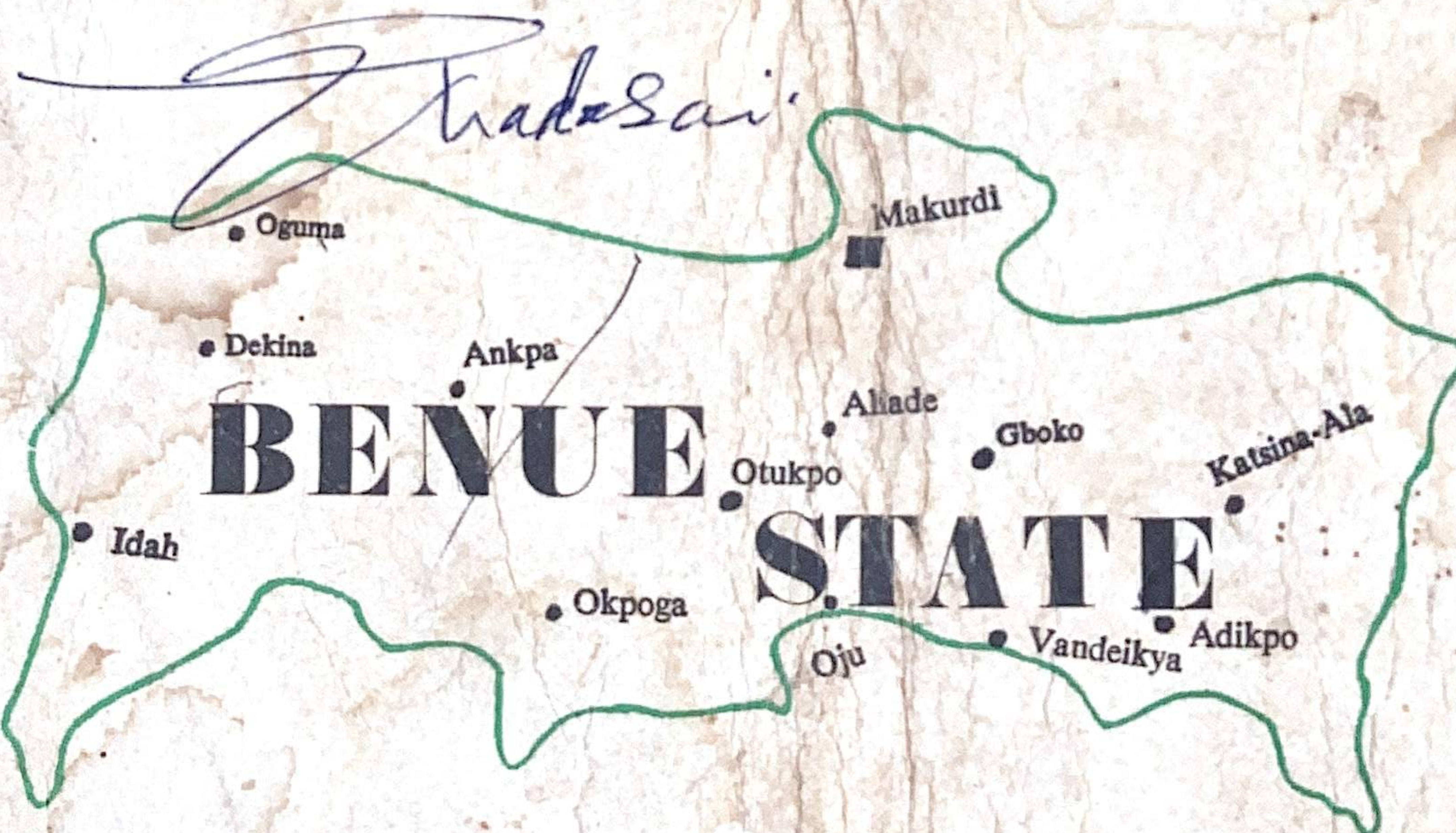
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PROGRAMME



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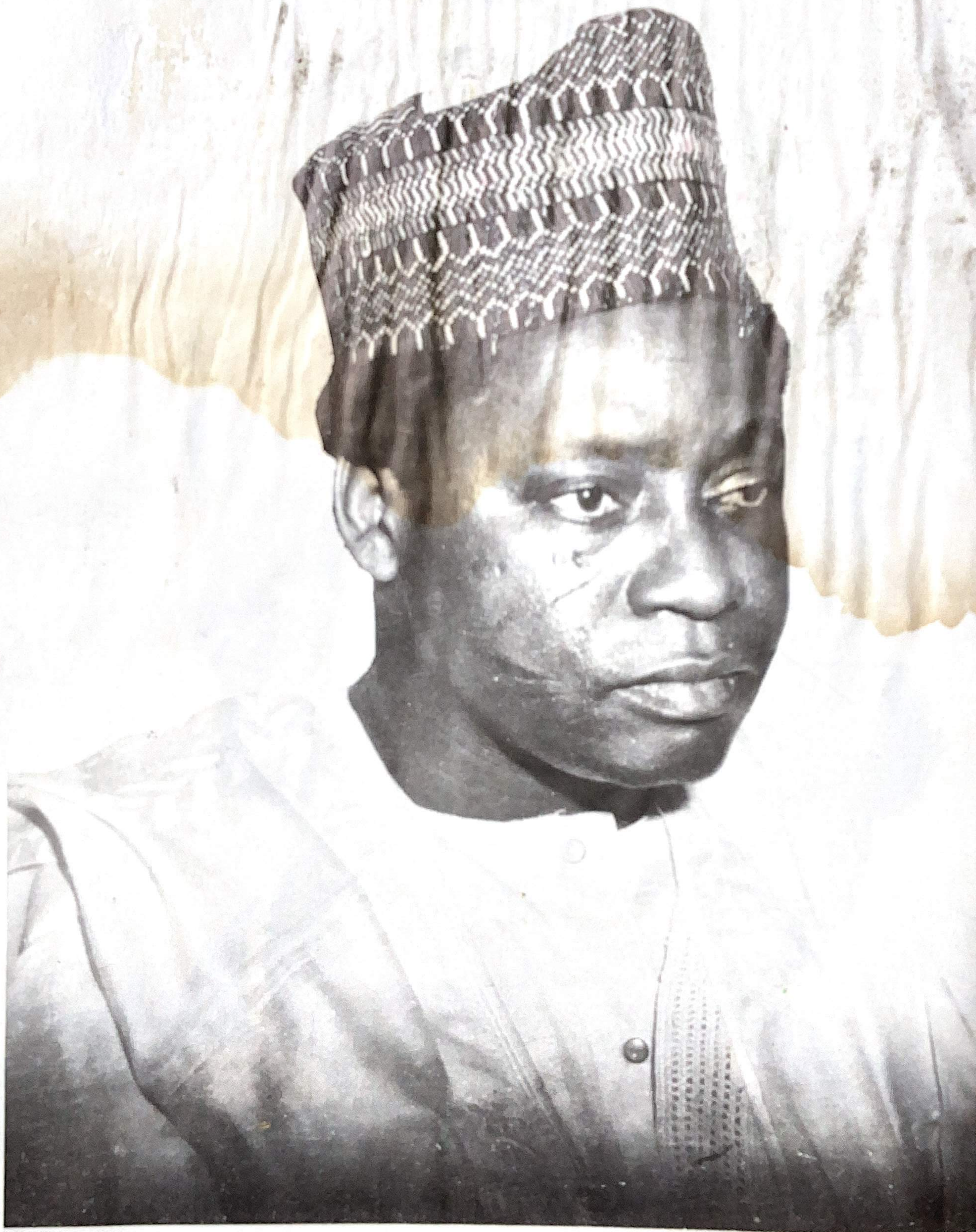
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<i>Serial</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>
1.	0800 hrs.	Cultural dance groups assemble at Makurdi Airport.
2.	0810 hrs.	Guard of Honour mounted by 31 INF. BN. N.A. and NAF Makurdi, forms up at the Airport.
3.	0830 hrs.	Arrival of Permanent Secretaries and Heads of Departments; Chief Executives of Parastatals and Government-owned Companies; Heads of Federal Departments and Agencies, Institutions; Chairmen and Members of Boards and Commissions in Benue State; other invited dignitaries.
4.	0835 hrs.	The Commissioner of Police, Benue State Police Command arrives. The Commander, N.A.F. Base, Makurdi arrives. The Commander, 31 Infantry Brigade, Nigerian Army, Makurdi arrives. The Commandant of NASME arrives. The Commander, Strike Group arrives
5.	0840 hrs.	Arrival of Traditional Rulers and Religious Leaders.
6.	0855 hrs.	Arrival of Legislators.
7.	0900 hrs.	Arrival of the Special Assistant to the President in Benue State.
8.	0910 hrs.	Arrival of the Deputy Chief Whip, Chief Whip, Minority and Majority Leaders.
9.	0915 hrs.	Arrival of the Special Advisers, Hon. Commissioners, Head of Service, the Deputy Speaker and Secretary to the State Government.

10. 0920 hrs.
11. 0925 hrs. Political Parties in the
12. 0930 hrs. Arrival of the State Chief Judge and Speaker of the State House of Assembly.
13. 0935 hrs. Arrival of the Deputy Governor of Benue State.
14. 0940 hrs. The Governor of Benue State arrives Makurdi Airport. Mr Governor takes salute.
15. 1000 hrs. Mr President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and his entourage land at Makurdi Airport. Met and received by the Governor of Benue State; presented with a bouquet of flowers; later escorted to the saluting dais.
16. NATIONAL ANTHEM By Police/Army Band.
17. 1005 hrs. Inspection of Guard of Honour by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Mounted by 31 INF. Bde. N.A., Makurdi.
18. 1015 — 1040 hrs. Introduction of VIPs and Dignitaries. By Mr Governor of Benue State. Mr President, cheers dancers.
19. 1045 hrs. Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage depart Makurdi Airport for the Presidential Lodge, Makurdi.
20. ORDER OF PROCESSION (As on Page 3) NOTE: To be strictly followed throughout the Tour.
21. 1100 hrs. Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage arrive the Presidential Lodge, Makurdi.
22. 1105 hrs. Mr Governor and other VIPs take leave of Mr President.
23. 1135 hrs. Mr Governor and other VIPs arrive Presidential Lodge, Makurdi.
24. 1140 hrs. Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage depart Presidential Lodge, Makurdi for the Benue Cement Factory Gboko.

ORDER OF PROCESSION

Siren Outriders (Sweep)
Patrol Car (Road Closed)
Press Van and Car of Chief Press Secretary
Pilot Car
Commissioner of Police, Air Force Base Commander, Commander
Strike Group, Brigade Commander
Mobile Escort
State Chief of Protocol
N.S.O. Escort
Outriders
President and the Governor
Outriders
N.S.O. Escort Car
Chief of the Presidential Personal Staff
Chief Physician to the President
Escort Commander
Spare Car
Deputy Governor of Benue State
Mobile Escort
The Speaker of Benue House of Assembly
The Secretary to the Government of the Federation
The Chief Judge of Benue State
Hon. Ministers/Presidential Special Advisers/Special
Assistant to the President, Benue State
Secretary to the Government
Deputy Speaker, Benue State House of Assembly, Commissioners and
State Special Advisers
Commander 31 Inf. Brigade, Makurdi
Assistant Commissioner of Police B.O.P.S.
N.S.O. Spare Car
Ambulance
Recovery Van
Other members of the Escort
Mobile Police Escort
Outriders

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| 25. | 1240 hrs. | Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage arrive Benue Cement Factory, Gboko. | Met on arrival by the Hon. Minister of Industries who introduces him to members of the Board of Directors and staff of the Company. |
| | | NATIONAL ANTHEM | |
| 26. | 1250 hrs. | Welcome address by the Chairman, Benue Cement Company Ltd. to which Mr President may respond. | |
| 27. | 1310 hrs. | Mr President formally unveils the plaque and declares the Cement Factory open. | Mr President and entourage are conducted round the Factory by the Managing Director followed by light refreshments. |
| | | NATIONAL ANTHEM | |
| 28. | 1400 hrs. | Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage depart the Cement Factory Site for Benue Cement Factory Club, Mkar. | |
| 29. | 1415 hrs. | Mr President, the Governor and entourage arrive Benue Cement Factory Club, Mkar. | |
| 30. | 1420 — 1520 hrs. | LUNCH (PRIVATE) | |
| 31. | 1530 hrs. | Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage depart Benue Cement Factory Club, Mkar for Tiv Traditional Council Chambers for Civic Reception. | ROUTE: Ameladu—Mkar—Gboko. |
| 32. | 1600 hrs. | Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage arrive Gboko Tiv Traditional Council Chambers. | Met on arrival by His Highness, the Tor Tiv, Chairman and members of the Gboko L.G. Caretaker Committee and Dignitaries. |
| | | NATIONAL ANTHEM | |
| 33. | 1620 hrs. | Civic Reception starts. An address of welcome presented by the Chairman, Gboko L.G. Caretaker Committee to which Mr President may respond. | |
| | | NATIONAL ANTHEM | |
| 34. | 1725 hrs. | Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage depart Tiv Traditional Council Chambers for Late Senator Tarka's Grave Yard. | ROUTE: Akpagher—Mkar Road—J. S. Tarka way—Bristow Round about—Yandev Road. |
| 35. | 1735 hrs. | Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage arrive Tarka's Grave Yard. | Mr President and entourage observe one-minute silence. Mr President lays a wreath on the grave and may make remarks. |
| 36. | 1800 hrs. | Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage depart Tarka's Grave Yard for the Presidential Lodge, Makurdi. | |
| 37. | 1845 hrs. | Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage arrive the Presidential Lodge, Makurdi. | |

38. 1850 hrs. Mr Governor and other VIPs take leave of Mr President.
39. 1920 hrs. Mr Governor and other VIPs arrive Presidential Lodge, Makurdi.
40. 1925 hrs. Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage depart Presidential Lodge for Government House for the Cocktail Party.
41. 1930 hrs. Mr President, the Governor and entourage arrive Government House.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

42. 1935 — 2035 hrs. Cocktail Party.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

43. 2040 hrs. Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage depart Government House for the Presidential Lodge.

Mr Governor may make remarks to which the President may respond before the end of the Cocktail Party.

44. 2045 hrs. Mr Governor and other VIPs take leave of Mr President.

45. 2100 hrs. Dinner (private)

TUESDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 1981

46. 0700 — 0800 hrs. Breakfast (Private)

47. 0805 hrs. Mr Governor and VIPs arrive Presidential Lodge, Makurdi.

48. 0810 hrs. Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage depart Presidential Lodge for Otukpo.

Flag stop-over at Aliade, H.Q. of Gwer Local Government.

49. 0915 hrs. Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage arrive Gwer—Otukpo border

Met on arrival by His Highness the Ochi Idoma, Chairmen Otukpo, and Oju L. G. Caretaker Committees, traditional rulers and local dignitaries.

50. 0920 — 0950 hrs. Mr President the Governor and entourage arrive SBS Ugbokolo for civic reception

To be met and received on arrival by the Chairman, Okpokwu Local Government caretaker Committee, Senator Ameh Ebute, traditional rulers and local dignitaries.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

51. 0950—1030 hrs. Civ. Address of welcome by the Chairman. Oknokwu Local Govt.
- NATIONAL ANTHEM
52. 1035 hrs. Mr President depart for Ankpa erosion site.
53. 1115 hrs. Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage arrive and inspect Ankpa erosion site.
54. 1120 hrs. Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage depart Ankpa for G.T.C. Field, Ayangba. by Cal Committee.
55. 1200 hrs. Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage arrive G.T.C. Field, Ayangba, for Civic reception. To be met and received on arrival by the Aguma of Oguma, Eje of Ankpa, the Onu of Abocho, Etsu Bâssa-Nge, Chairmen Ankpa, Dekina and Bassa Local Government Caretaker Committees and Local dignitaries.
- NATIONAL ANTHEM
56. 1200—1230 hrs. Civic Reception Joint address of welcome by Ankpa, Dekina and Bassa Local Government Caretaker Committees to which the President may respond.
- NATIONAL ANTHEM
57. 1235 hrs. Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage depart Ayangba for Idah.
58. 1320 hrs. Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage arrive VIP Rest house, Idah, for Lunch. To be met and received on arrival by His Highness the Attah of Igala, Chairman Idah Local Government Caretaker Committee and Local dignitaries.
59. 1325—1425 hrs. Lunch (Private) To be received by the Attah of Igala, Chairman, Idah Local Government, and Local dignitaries.
60. 1430 hrs. Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage depart for Idah Local Government Headquarters for civic reception.
- NATIONAL ANTHEM
61. 1435—1510hrs. Civic reception. Address of welcome by the Chairman, Idah Local Government Caretaker Committee to which Mr President may respond.
- NATIONAL ANTHEM
62. 1515 hrs. Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage depart for Otukpo.
63. 1715 hrs. Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage arrive Och' Idomas Palace Ground, Otukpo for civic reception. To be received by the Och Idoma, Chairmen, Otukpo and Oju Local Govt. Caretaker Committees, traditional rulers and Local dignitaries.
- NATIONAL ANTHEM
64. 1720—1800 hrs. Civic reception. Joint address of welcome by Otukpo and Oju Local Government Caretaker Committees to which Mr President may respond.
- NATIONAL ANTHEM

65. 1810 hrs.

Members of the entourage take leave of Mr President and Mr Governor.

Dinner (Private)

WEDNESDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 1981

69. 0730 — 0820 hrs. Breakfast (Private)

70. 0825 hrs. Members of the entourage assemble at VIP Lodge, Otukpo.

71. 0830 hrs. Mr President, the Governor and entourage depart Otukpo for Vandeikya Local Government Headquarters via Aliade. Flag stop-over at Lessel

72. 1030 hrs. Mr President, the Governor and entourage arrive Vandeikya and visit School for the Deaf. Is conducted round by the Proprietor. Met on arrival by the Chairman, Vandeikya L.G. Caretaker Committee and Local dignitaries. The Chairman introduces members of his Caretaker Committee but no Formal Address.

73. 1100 hrs. Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage depart Vandeikya School for the Deaf for Adikpo.

74. 1130 hrs. Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage arrive Adikpo Community College Field for civic reception. Received by Chairmen Katsina-Ala, Kwande and Vandeikya Local Government Caretaker Committees.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

75. 1135—1220 hrs. Civic reception.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

76. 1225 hrs. Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage depart for VIP Guest house, Katsina-Ala, for Lunch.

77. 1315 hrs. Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage arrive VIP Guest house, Katsina-Ala.

78. 1320—1420 hrs. Lunch (Private)

Joint address of welcome by Kwande, Katsina-Ala and Vandeikya Local Government Caretaker Committees to which Mr President may respond.

79. 1425 hrs. Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage depart for Government College, Makurdi, for civic reception.

80. 1620 hrs. Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage arrive Government College, Makurdi.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

81. 1625—1745 hrs. Civic Reception.

An address by Mr Governor to which Mr President may respond.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

82. 1750 hrs. Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage depart Government College Play Ground for the Presidential Lodge.

83. 1755 hrs. Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage arrive Presidential Lodge, Makurdi.

84. 1800 hrs. Mr Governor and VIPs take leave of Mr President.

85. 2025 hrs. Mr Governor and VIPs arrive Presidential Lodge.

86. 2030 hrs. Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage leave Presidential Lodge for the State Banquet Hall.

87. 2040 hrs. Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage arrive State Banquet Hall. Place: Benue Hotel Banquet Hall

NATIONAL ANTHEM

88. 2045 — 2320 hrs. STATE BANQUET

NATIONAL ANTHEM

FANFARE AND MUSIC PROVIDED BY THE POLICE BAND

(1) Toast of unity by the Chief Judge.

(2) Toast of the Federal Republic of Nigeria by the Speaker of the State House of Assembly.

(3) Toast of the Executive President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria by Mr Governor.

(4) Response by Mr President.

89. 2335 hrs. Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage depart Banquet Hall for the Presidential Lodge.
90. 2350 hrs. Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage arrive at Presidential Lodge.
91. 2355 hrs. Mr Governor and VIPs take leave of Mr President.

THURSDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY, 1981

92. 0730 — 0830 hrs. Breakfast (Private)
93. 0835 hrs. Mr Governor and VIPs arrive at the Presidential Lodge.
94. 0840 hrs. Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage depart Presidential Lodge for the Federal Housing Project site, Makurdi. **ROUTE:** Presidential Lodge—Hospital Road—Niger Crescent Benue Crescent (Wadata) — Ankpa Quarters. Met by the Presidential Special Assistant.
95. 0900 hrs. Mr President arrives at the Federal Government Housing Project site and inspects construction work. Conducted round by the site Engineer.
96. 0930 hrs. Mr President departs the Housing Site for ADC Agric. Project, Apir. **ROUTE:** Ankpa Qtrs.—Benue Crescent—Barracks Road, Level—Crossing—Otukpo Road.
97. 0945 hrs. Mr President and entourage arrive ADC Project Apir and inspects the establishment. Met on arrival by Commissioner for Parastatals Benue State and conducted round by the General Manager.
98. 1025 hrs. Mr President and entourage depart Apir Site for the Federal University of Technology.
99. 1040 hrs. Mr President and entourage arrive Temporary Site of the University of Technology, Makurdi. Met on arrival by the Chairman of the University Council. Address of welcome by the Vice-Chancellor to which Mr President may respond.
100. 1120 hrs. Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage depart Federal University of Technology for the Makurdi Airport.
101. 1130 hrs. Mr President, Mr Governor and entourage arrive Makurdi Airport.
102. 1135 — 1155 hrs. Airport departure ceremonies. Inspection of Guard of Honour.
103. 1200 hrs. Mr President and entourage depart for Lagos. Farewell by Mr Governor and other dignitaries.

END OF THE TOUR



MR O. D. TEBU
Secretary to the State Government



His Highness ORCHIVIRIGH JAMES AKPERAN ORSHI (O.O.N.)
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His Highness, The Och'Idoma
ABRAHAM AJENE OKPABI 1st Class Chief



His Highness, The Attah of Igala
ALHAJI ALIYU OBAFE 1st Class Chief



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