

DEPUTY SPEAKER'S WEEK IN REVIEW | SEPT 29TH - OCT 5TH, 2024

## Rt. Hon. Benjamin Kalu

DEPUTY SPEAKER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES





The Deputy Speaker joined the President of the Senate, Dist. Sen. Godswill Akpabio, in a Special Thanksgiving Service ahead of the Nation's 64th Independence Day Celebration. This service, attended by former President Olusegun Obasanjo and other distinguished leaders across the nation, offered a moment for reflection and prayers for the country.





Deputy Speaker, House of Representatives, His Excellency, Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu, attended a three-in-one event in Abuja to celebrate Dr. Monday Onyekachi Ubani's admission into the inner bar as a Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN), his 60th birthday, and the launch of his new book.



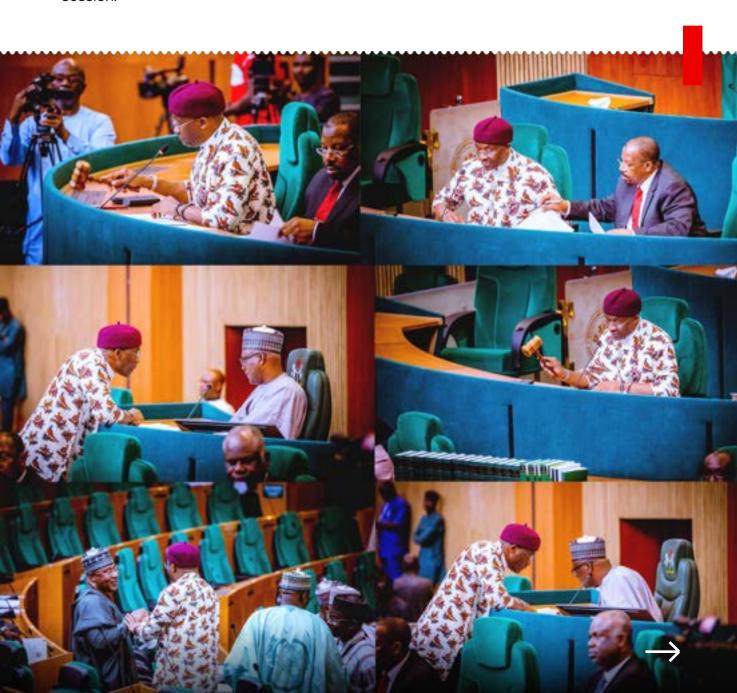


Deputy Speaker, Rt. Hon. Benjamin Kalu, joined the Speaker, Rt. Hon. Tajudeen Abbas, Ph.D., for his birthday and Independence Day celebration, which included an interactive session with students from public secondary schools in the six Area Councils of the FCT, as well as with some Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) within the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).





The Deputy Speaker resumed legislative duties as the House commenced its plenary session.





Deputy Speaker, Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu, joined Vice President Kashim Shettima's delegation for the 5th Expanded MSME Clinics and the commissioning of the Ultra-Modern MSME Hub in Enugu State.

In his remarks, Rt. Hon. Kalu highlighted the great potential of the South East region to drive national and economic development. He noted that the region is home to some of the most enterprising individuals and communities in the country, with a rich history of commerce spanning generations. He commended President Bola Ahmed Tinubu and the Vice President for their commitment to supporting Nano, Micro, Small, and Medium-Scale Enterprises (NMSMEs), emphasizing that the government's strategic interventions are directly aimed at removing obstacles for small business owners and have created an enabling environment for businesses to thrive.

The Deputy Speaker also reiterated the 10th House of Representatives' commitment, under the leadership of Speaker Rt. Hon. Tajudeen Abbas, to supporting economic growth and entrepreneurship through legislative instruments.





Deputy Speaker, Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu, attended the "Night of Distinction," a grand celebration honoring the remarkable life and selfless dedication of Pastor Jerry Eze, who recently turned 42.

Pastor Jerry Eze, the founder and lead pastor of Streams of Joy International and convener of the New Season Prophetic Prayers and Declarations (NSPPD), hails from Bende Federal Constituency in Abia State, which the Deputy Speaker represents in the National Assembly.

The event attracted notable figures such as former First Lady, Dame Patience Jonathan; Abia State Governor, Dr. Alex Otti; businessman and socialite, Obi Cubana; and other dignitaries.





## Constitution Review

Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, Rt.Hon. Benjamin Okezie who doubles as the Chairman, House Committee on Constitution Review, joined the retreat for the consultants and secretariat of the Committee in Abuja.

Speaking on the ongoing review exercise, the Deputy Speaker assured that the committees in both chambers were working hard and optimistic in achieving the first set of alteration by December 2025.

He urged the consultants and stakeholders to be resolute in the tasks ahead and ensure that the outcomes meet the yearning of Nigerians, adding that they can't afford to fail the citizens.

