

Olubadan Demands Judicial Overhaul As Olanipekun Charges Him On Unity Among Yoruba Monarchs

Our Principal Partner, Chief Wole Olanipekun, CFR, SAN, paid courtesy visit to the imperial ruler of Ibadanland, the Olubadan of Ibadanland, Oba Rashidi Adewolu Ladoja (Arusa I), on Tuesday, 16th December 2025, in Ibadan, Oyo State.

During the visit, the Olubadan lauded the legal luminary, who represented him in the legal challenge against his illegal impeachment and removal from office, for his genius and forthrightness, which the royal father said were all on display during the saga and other landmark cases.

In his remarks, Chief Olanipekun, congratulated the monarch and stated that with his age, status, and accomplishments as a former senator and governor, as well as the heroic role Ibadan played in halting the incursions of Fulani jihadists into Yorubaland, Oba Ladoja was well qualified to rally other traditional rulers in the South West who are mostly youths, for the unity and development of the geopolitical zone.



“There's a saying that it's during hardship that you know who your friends are. Wole was there for me.

He is not just a lawyer, but a psychologist, a believer, and a man of faith, because after all was said and done, and I went to his office to ask about the progress of the case, he would say that he and his team had done their best and that all that was left was to pray that the justices would see the points as they saw and argued them, and agree with them,” **the Olubadan said.**

"Ibadan remains the political capital of Yorubaland. We can't change history, and with your unique pedigree as a former senator and governor, you are clearly a leader, and it is not by accident that you are here now," he added.

Oba Ladoja reiterated his commitment to use his position to serve the people of Ibadanland. He said that whenever he reflected on his life and past travails, he was convinced that the Almighty had spared his life up to this moment and put him on the throne to serve the people of Ibadanland.

"When I look at how and ask why God has preserved me till 81, it means He has a purpose for me, to be a servant of the Ibadan people. I am not afraid of hard work. I have said it before that I do not even mind being a councilor. And now that I have the role of leading Ibadan, my job is to harness all the resources and people, both indigenes and residents, including those who have passed through the city in one way or the other, for its growth," the monarch said.

To this end, he stated that the Economic and Investment Committee he constituted was aimed at freeing the native administration from hopeless dependence and from being an appendage of any government, in order to pursue developmental initiatives.

