

The Making of “Fuji: A Documentary.” (Taye Currency, Posted on Facebook on September 7, 2021)

History was made in 2019 when Honorable Yusuf Adebisi, the eldest child of Fuji star Taye Currency, became the youngest serving lawmaker in Nigeria, at 25. This development is a big plus for the Nigerian entertainment industry and politics. For one, it countered the negative stereotype of Fuji artists as illiterates, incapable of raising educated and "progressive" children. Honorable Adebisi, a child of Fuji, raised with Fuji money, holds a BA (History and International Relations) and a Master's in Business Administration from Al-Hikmah University and Ladoke Akintola University, respectively.

Last week Tuesday, he proved the value of his Fuji upbringing when he sponsored a bill to immortalize Fuji creator Barrister at the Oyo State House of Assembly. I joined over 100 fans of Barrister to witness the first legislative debate on the bill at the inner chamber of the Oyo State House of Assembly. Of course, I went with my camera and covered everything! It's rare for the public to be given access to the proceedings of any Nigerian legislature. But Honorable Adebisi made this happen for Fuji. I will write comprehensively about this landmark event later.

Appreciation: I am grateful to fellow University of Ibadan graduate Dr. Wale Oni, and Engineer Arisekola for making this interview possible. They made the initial phone call on my behalf, and didn't try to pimp Taye Currency by demanding money from me. Music promoter Ayo Jamiu allowed me to film his private party where Taye Currency played. I thank Taye Currency for telling his story, free-of-charge. I didn't have to pay him to do this because he understands the intellectual capital embedded in his art and in my book and documentary projects. I didn't have to explain to him that everything is not about money.

Thank you Apesin 1. Okanlomo ni 'badan. Baba Honorable!

Artist: Taye Currency

Location: Private residence of Taye Currency, Ibadan

Episode: Everyone is a King in the Kingdom of Fuji

Yours Sincerely in Fuji:

Emperor Saedo Okola and His International Fuji Lions