

## News

## RID ON ITSHA MARKET OF FAKE DRUGS

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THE National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) has given the government of Anambra State a three month ultimatum to rid the Onitsha market of fake and sub-standard drugs.

The Directors General of the agency, Professor Dora Akunyili handed down the ultimatum yesterday in Abuja when the Anambra State Gov-

ernor, Mr Peter Obi paid her a courtesy call.

She warned that the agency would be forced to move into sanitize the notorious drug market if the Anambra State government failed to do the job.

Professor Akunyili was piqued by the attack on NAFDAC personnel who were recently at the market to carry out regulatory opera-

tions.

The governor assured the NAFDAC DG that his government would do everything within its powers to ensure that the market was sanitized before the expiration of the three months deadline given by NAFDAC.

He said he was at NAFDAC to plead for more time to carry out the sanitization of the market, pointing out that his government wanted to avert

## —NAFDAC tells Anambra Govt

more crisis from the traders if NAFDAC would be allowed to move into the market with its team.

Commenting on the recent crisis that engulfed the commercial city of Onitsha, Mr. Obi said he would deal with the insurgency in a civilized manner.

The governor further justifies his introduction of police/military joint patrol in the city, arguing that it is better to involve the army than hiring hoodlums to counter the miscreants terrorizing the Onitsha residents.

Mr. Obi blamed the crisis on extraneous factors, wondering why Onitsha should always be engaged by crisis in members of the Movement for the Sovereign State of Biafra, while other parts of the South East remained peaceful.

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