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Sexual Harassment Bill Excites Female Undergraduates

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Female students in tertiary institutions across the country have been jubilating over the passing of the sexual harassment bill by the Nigerian senate. The senate passed the Sexual Harassment of Students (Prevention and Prohibition) Bill, 2025 (HB.1597), after it scaled its third reading and adopted the legislation for concurrence last Wednesday. Echonews visited a few institutions, including University of Lagos, Lagos State University and Yaba College of Technology where the students expressed their joy that the bill when signed to law would drastically reduce sexual harassment in schools. Rebecca Alo, a 200-level student of Science Laboratory Technology, YABATECH told Echonews that the bill when signed to law would not only curb lecturers from harassing students but would also stop male students from committing the crime. "We have many of our male students that are worse than lecturers. This is the truth. Many people only think of lecturers when it comes to sexual harassment but male students are also in the act," she said. To another student of Chemistry Education, UNILAG who simply identified herself as Tolu, sexual bill becoming a law is good but the enforcement of laws in



Nigeria has always been a problem. "Many of us find it difficult to report randy lecturers not to talk of prosecuting them. What if they ask us to bring evidence. The enforcement will be tough. Anyway I'm happy that our lawmakers are doing something about it," she said. At least one out of three female undergraduates is being sexually harassed in Nigeria universities, according to a study, "The Prevalence, Pattern, and Perception of Female

Undergraduates about Sexual Harassment in a Tertiary Institution in Southwestern Nigeria: An Evaluation of the National Bill on Sexual Harassment" Published by the Nigerian Journal of Medicine, the study by Olugbenga-Bello, Adenike Iyanuoluwa; Jegede, Oluwatosin Samson; Ijitade, Grace; Aderinto Nicholas and Olajide, Abolade Oluwatosin showed that a female student

experienced at least one form of sexual harassment within the university in the past. It stated that the highest perpetrators of harassment were victims' boyfriends and that in terms of pattern, 97 (23.8%), victims of sexual harassment had at one time or another heard of a lecturer, staff, or student making inappropriate or offensive comments about students' bodies or appearance in the institution; 84 (20.6%) have had a personal history of a lecturer, staff, or a student asking them for sex or outing persistently; and 63 (15.5%) had experienced people making sexually offensive gestures toward them in the institution. Another study by World Bank / "Women, Business &- Law" survey reported that 70% of female graduates from Nigerian tertiary institutions had experienced some form of sexual harassment during their academic studies.



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Between April 2021 and April 2025, more than 50 lecturers across Nigerian public universities and polytechnics were indicted or dismissed for alleged sexual misconduct. In 2023 alone, at least 15 lecturers were publicly accused of sexual harassment, more than in previous years. In a case study of five institutions in the South-West of Nigeria, a survey found that 97% of respondents were aware of incidents of sexual harassment; in those cases, 98.8% of alleged harassers were male lecturers. According to the findings of the study, certain elements are perceived to be associated with sexual harassment in universities: these include social factor (indecent dressing) and economic factor (poverty). These findings appear to be consistent with



those of other studies, demonstrating that sexual harassment of students is frequently caused by a variety of social factors such as indecent dressing, which together put students at risk. The studies also demonstrated that students' poor socioeconomic status is linked to sexual harassment among university students. This demonstrates the

importance of a student's household's economic condition in determining their vulnerability to sexual harassment. However, the Nigerian Senate on Wednesday passed the Sexual Harassment of Students (Prevention and Prohibition) Bill, 2025 (HB.1597), after it scaled its third reading and adopted the

legislation for concurrence. The bill makes it clear that any educator who commits the most serious offences (as listed in clauses 4(1), 4(2) and 4(3)) will face imprisonment of up to 14 years, with a minimum of 5 years, and no option of a fine. Less serious offences (under clauses 4(4), 4(5) and 4(6)) carry jail terms of between 2 and 5 years, also without

an option of a fine. Consent by a student will not be accepted as a defence in cases involving an educator-student power relationship. The legislation mandates the establishment of Independent Sexual Harassment Prohibition Committees in institutions and permits civil actions for breach of fiduciary duty by educators. The bill is primarily focused on tertiary educational institutions (universities, polytechnics, colleges of education). This marks a landmark step in Nigeria's efforts to curb the long-reported "sex-for-grade" phenomenon and widespread sexual

misconduct in tertiary institutions. The heavy penalties and legal framework reflect a strong legislative response to demands for student protection. However, the bill's focus on tertiary institutions means many settings where harassment occurs, such as workplaces and secondary schools are not directly covered. Further legislation may be needed to fill those gaps. Once both chambers have agreed, it will be sent to the President for assent and enactment into law. Institutions will be required to set up the mandated committees, and compliance will need monitoring at institutional and national levels.



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COWLSO Recognises LASPARK'S Greener Initiative

The Lagos State Parks and Gardens Agency (LASPARK) has been honoured for its outstanding environmental sustainability efforts during the 25th National Women's Conference of the Committee of Wives of Lagos State Officials (COWLSO), held recently at Eko Hotels and Suites, Victoria Island, Lagos.

The recognition came through the COWLSO Impact Awards, which celebrated individuals and institutions that have contributed significantly to the development and well-being of Lagos State. LASPARK received accolades for its continuous drive towards a cleaner, greener, and healthier Lagos through innovative environmental initiatives.

The Agency's initiatives, ranging from tree planting campaigns, urban beautification projects, to the creation of eco-friendly recreational spaces, align with the vision of the Lagos State Government to promote environmental sustainability and climate resilience.

Speaking after receiving the award, the General Manager of LASPARK, Mrs.



Adetoun Popoola, expressed appreciation to COWLSO and the First Lady of Lagos State, Dr. (Mrs.) Claudiana Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu, who also serves as COWLSO Chairman, for the recognition.

She reaffirmed the Agency's commitment to maintaining and expanding green infrastructure across the State. She noted that the award would further inspire the Agency to intensify efforts in promoting public participation in tree planting and environmental protection, in line with the State Government's "Greener Lagos" agenda.

Mrs. Popoola recalled that the agency recently played a role in the renovation of the Boys Correctional, Rehabilitation and Vocational Training Centre in Isheri on behalf of COWLSO. Specifically, she disclosed that the Agency's contribution was in the area of landscaping to tree planting, a basketball court, an outdoor gym, recreational equipment, park benches, waste bins and a beautiful mural to welcome visitors into the centre. It aims to create an environment that fosters growth, healing and empowerment.

The 25th anniversary edition

of the COWLSO National Women's Conference, with the theme "Building Legacy, Strengthening Institutions", was graced by Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu, top government officials, dignitaries, and delegates from within and outside Lagos.

The event also witnessed several outstanding recognitions, empowering discussions, and the presentation of star prizes, including a new home and a GAC pickup truck, to lucky participants, as COWLSO celebrated 25 years of impact and service to humanity.

VIS Charts New Course Towards Professionalism

The Lagos State Service's reform agenda to rebuild confidence in the VIS has concluded a three-day leadership and capacity-building workshop for its senior officers and zonal heads to enhance professionalism, safety, discipline, and empathy, and public service delivery.

The training, themed "Behind the VIO Badge: Transforming Perceptions, Building Trust," was organised in collaboration with the Civility Institute of Nigeria and focused on equipping officers with modern leadership, emotional intelligence, and ethical communication skills.

Director of VIS in Lagos, Engr. Akin-George Fashola said the training marked a significant step in the management sector.

According to him, the initiative was part of the agency's reform efforts to reposition VIS as a people-centred institution. He noted that the Lagos State Government remains committed to building a disciplined, responsive, and service-driven workforce within its management sector.

LASURA Commences Second Batch Enumeration For Oworo Property Owners

The Lagos State Urban Renewal Agency (LASURA) has commenced the second batch of enumeration for property owners affected by the Oworonshoki regeneration exercise. This exercise, which began on November 3, 2025, aims to capture additional residents who were not included in the first round. The enumeration took place at the Oloworo palace in Oworonshoki, with LASURA staff, community leaders, and security agencies in attendance. The General Manager of LASURA, Tpl/Esv. Oladimeji Animashaun, said Governor Babajide

Sanwo-Olu is committed to compensating affected property owners. He commended the Governor's commitment to keeping promises, as evidenced by earlier payment of compensation to 79 displaced residents in the first round. Animashaun also appreciated the efforts of the Special Adviser on E-GIS and Urban Development, Dr Olajide Babatunde, and the Permanent Secretary, Office of Urban Development, Arc Gbolahan Oki, for their involvement. The enumeration exercise requires

affected residents to submit relevant documents, including LASSRA ID cards, passport photographs, land receipts or deeds of conveyance, and bank details. A committee comprising LASURA staff, community leaders, and representatives of affected residents will verify the documents, after which cheques will be presented to deserving residents. Representatives of FCMB were also present for on-site bank opening for those who do not have a bank account to facilitate payment. Residents, who spoke about the exercise, praised Governor



Sanwo-Olu and the LASURA team for their diligence and faithfulness in

executing the exercise. They expressed gratitude for the government's

commitment to compensating affected property owners.

DSVA Inaugurates Community Dialogue Committee

In its continuous effort to strengthen community structures for the prevention and response to Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV), the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency (DSVA), through its Community Engagement Team, has inaugurated Community Dialogue Committee (CDC) members from Kosofe Local Government Area (LGA) at the Lagos DSVA Kosofe Sub Office. The Community Dialogue Committee initiative is designed to empower



communities to recognise, respond to, and refer cases of SGBV appropriately, ensuring a more coordinated and effective grassroots response mechanism across Lagos State. The session began with opening remarks from Chief Adekoya Adesina, Chairman of Ikosi-

Isheri, who commended the Lagos DSVA for its continuous dedication to curbing SGBV and fostering safer communities. During the engagement, Mr. Tosin Akinde sensitised participants on the various forms of abuse, preventive strategies, available support

services, and the legal implications of SGBV. Mr. Adeleke Adenuga further highlighted the roles and responsibilities of CDC members, which include facilitating community dialogue on SGBV, providing immediate support to survivors, identifying and referring cases

appropriately, maintaining proper documentation, and serving as liaison officers between the community and DSVA. The newly inaugurated CDC members include representatives from Ikosi-Isheri LCDA: Chief Adekoya Adesina, Mrs. Adisa Ajoke, Mr. Ahmed Idowu, Mr. Iyanda Taofeek, and Chief Mrs. Oyebanji Christiana; and from Agboyi-Ketu LCDA: Engr. B. A. Badejo and Chief Mrs. Titi Adebowale. In his closing remarks, Mr. Oluwatobi Ikudaisi, Supervisor, Lagos DSVA Kosofe Sub Office, expressed

appreciation to the participants for their active involvement and urged them to continue reporting cases of abuse. He assured that the Kosofe DSVA Sub Office remains open and accessible for walk-in reports and provided the contact line: 09033435494. Participants expressed gratitude to the Lagos DSVA for its proactive community engagement and pledged their continued collaboration to promote a zero-tolerance culture for all forms of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence within their communities.

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watching their surroundings against indicators of collapse.” “You are not expected to be Engineers, you are our Community sentinels. You have the vested interest and the power to ask questions and demand answers in educating your

neighbours. For tested materials. At ongoing construction around you, even as you enquire if the soil, concrete, and steel have been tested and certified by LSMTL, or possibly report potential violations through dedicated channels of the Agency”,



Law Reform Commission Strengthens Fiscal Foundation

The Lagos State Law Reform Commission has reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening the State's fiscal foundation through modern, transparent, and future-driven legislation. This commitment was showcased at the Engagement Forum on Advancing the State's Fiscal Sustainability Through Law Reform, which convened key

stakeholders across Lagos' fiscal ecosystem. In her welcome remarks, the Executive Secretary, Mrs. Oluyemisi Ogunlola, emphasized that “law reform is a catalyst for fiscal transformation,” noting that Lagos must modernize and harmonize its revenue laws to sustain growth in a rapidly evolving megacity. She highlighted the need to digitize revenue systems,

block leakages, broaden the tax base, and deepen inter-agency coordination. Delivering a keynote address, the Hon. Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice, Mr. Lawal Pedro (SAN), reiterated the commitment of the Lagos State Government to promoting good governance through efficient and robust legal frameworks. He underscored the vital partnership

between the Ministry of Justice, LAWRECOM, and the Office of the Special Adviser on Taxation and Revenue. The Special Adviser on Taxation and Revenue, Mr. Abdul-Kabir Opeyemi Ogunngbo, described fiscal sustainability as “the lifeblood of effective governance,” stressing that well-crafted laws and regulatory reforms are essential to securing Lagos State's economic

future. The Guest Speaker, Professor Emmanuel E. Okon, Director of Research at the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, stated that “fiscal sustainability begins with legal sustainability,” highlighting the indispensable role of strong legal and institutional frameworks in supporting modern fiscal policy. The engagement which was held at the STATE TREASURY OFFICE (STO)

RESOURCE CENTER, Alausa, Ikeja, on Monday 20th of October 2025, aligns with the THEMES+ Agenda and SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions), reinforcing Lagos State's commitment to building a transparent, accountable, and future-ready fiscal system. The Commission will continue to engage, collaborate, and innovate—because Lagos must not only grow; it must lead. The future is Lagos.

OLÓKUN 2025 Festival: Lagos Applauds Rich Cultural Heritage

The Lagos State Government has joined the organisers and participants to mark the 2025 Olókun World Festival, a vibrant celebration of Yoruba heritage, spirituality and cultural unity. In line with the State's unwavering commitment to cultural sustainability, the State Government commends the innovative milestone achieved by the festival organisers with the unveiling of Kakanfo Fál lá Beachside, located along the Badagry Expressway, Seme-Border Lagos State. The landmark event over 100,000 adherents and attendees from across Nigeria and the global diaspora. Representing the State Government, Mr. Idowu Johnson, CEO of the Lagos State Council for Arts and Culture, reaffirmed the administration's dedication to preserving and promoting indigenous traditions, saying "Culture is our soul, while heritage is our compass" he declared. He emphasised that in the vibrant tapestry of Lagos, cultural heritage is not a relic of the past but a living force that shapes identity, fosters unity, and inspires innovation. Under the visionary leadership of Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu, Lagos continues to make bold strides in the presentation, preservation, propagation, and protection of cultural heritage. Speaking at the event, Iba Gani Adams, the Aare Ona Kakanfo of Yorubaland, highlighted the strategic relocation of the festival to the newly developed Kakanfo Fál lá Beach, designed to accommodate large crowds and elevate the festival's global appeal. The beachside venue offers a scenic and expansive setting for performances, rituals, and exhibitions. He also reaffirmed his commitment to cultural tourism through the development of the Olókun Beach Resort, a personal contribution aimed at positioning Lagos as a leading tourism hub in Africa. "Culture drives tourism," he stated, underscoring the vital role of heritage in economic and social development. The resort, currently under development, will feature international-standard facilities to serve Olókun divinity worshippers, cultural adherents, and global visitors. It is expected to become a beacon of cultural celebration, spiritual reflection, and international engagement, enriching Lagos State's tourism landscape. The event was graced by high-profile dignitaries, including Oba De-Wheno Aholu Toyi I, the Akran of Badagry, alongside over 30 traditional rulers and cultural custodians from across Nigeria and the diaspora.



TG/PS of Education District II Celebrates Outstanding Students, Staff



The Tutor-General/Permanent Secretary, Education District II, Mr Omotayo Layemo Sanni was the Chief Host at the Awards and Prize Giving Day Ceremony of Eva Adelaja Junior and Senior Girls' Secondary Schools. The event, themed: "Honouring Efforts, Embracing Growth: Empowering Future Leaders," was organised to recognise the exceptional contributions of both teaching and non-teaching staff, as well as to celebrate the achievements of

outstanding students in the schools. Recall that Eva Adelaja Girls Junior Secondary School won the Year 2024 President Award of Best Junior School in Nigeria and the Year 2025 Outstanding Educational Institution by the National Productivity Centre, Abuja. Also, Eva Adelaja Senior Girls Secondary School emerged as the Second Best Senior Secondary School in Nigeria at the 2025 President Award of Excellence. The TG/PS commended the school

administrators, staff and students for the achievements so far, while encouraging them to continue to strive for greater achievements. He also congratulated all award recipients for their remarkable performance and urged them not to relent in their pursuit of excellence, reminding them that greater heights await those who remain diligent and committed to their goals. He stated: "Every act of excellence deserves to be celebrated. When we honour hard work, we inspire

others to strive for greatness and build a culture of continuous growth." The Guest Speaker, Mr. Taofik Gbadebo Ajibade, retired Head of Education Quality Assurance, commended the organisers for upholding a culture of recognition and excellence. He noted that the programme was designed to appreciate the efforts of both staff and students who have distinguished themselves through discipline, diligence, and determination. Speaking further, Mr. Ajibade appreciated the teachers for their commitment and

dedication, saying: "Thank you for your tireless efforts. You labour daily to plant seeds of knowledge, character and confidence in these young minds. Your sacrifices are not unnoticed." The Principals of both the Junior and Senior Schools expressed profound appreciation to the TG/PS and the Education District for their continuous support and encouragement. They acknowledged that the District's commitment to staff motivation

and student development has been instrumental in sustaining a culture of excellence in the schools. In closing, the event featured the presentation of awards to outstanding students, dedicated teachers, and exemplary non-teaching staff. The colourful ceremony also showcased cultural performances, music, and poetry presentations, making it a memorable celebration of hard work, achievement, and shared commitment to educational excellence.

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Lagos Commissioner Advocates Innovation At Boot Camp

The Lagos State Commissioner for Wealth Creation and Employment, Mr. Akinye mi Ajigbotafe has reiterated the commitment of the State Government to promoting innovation, creativity, and enterprise development among young people as a pathway to sustainable wealth creation and economic growth. The Commissioner made this known during the StartRight Lagos Entrepreneurship Boot Camp held at the Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI),

Ikeja, where he was represented by the Permanent Secretary, Mrs. Lolade Aina.

The Boot Camp is a continuation of the StartRight Lagos Entrepreneurship Programme, launched a few weeks ago by the Ministry, to equip aspiring entrepreneurs with practical skills, mentorship, and exposure needed to build viable and competitive businesses.

The Honourable Commissioner commended the participants for their enthusiasm and determination, describing them

as active contributors to the State's vision of a #GreaterLagos.

He noted that the StartRight Lagos Programme aligns with Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu's administration's strategic focus on empowering residents through capacity building, innovation, and enterprise support. Mr. Ajigbotafe said: "Our goal is to raise a new generation of business-minded Lagosians who will not only create wealth for themselves but also generate opportunities for others. Through initiatives like StartRight Lagos, we are providing

young people with the tools, mentorship, and access they need to succeed in today's dynamic business environment."

According to him, the Ministry remains committed to supporting youth-led enterprises across all sectors, stressing that entrepreneurship is a critical driver of Lagos' economic resilience and long-term prosperity.

He further affirmed: "Lagos is a land of opportunities, and the Government will continue to create the right environment where innovation and hard work are rewarded. We believe that

empowering our youth is the most sustainable way to secure the future of our economy."

He also appreciated the facilitators, partners, and resource persons whose collaboration has strengthened the impact of the StartRight Lagos Entrepreneurship Programme, encouraging participants to apply the knowledge gained to build sustainable enterprises that contribute to the growth of Lagos. The Founder and CEO of The Nanny Academy Lagos, Mrs.

Amara Agbim, renowned for establishing the first formal training and certification institution for nannies, housekeepers, and caregivers in Nigeria, was also present to share her inspiring entrepreneurial journey and experiences building The Nanny Academy brand.

The StartRight Lagos Entrepreneurship Boot Camp forms part of the State Government's ongoing efforts to promote youth empowerment, reduce unemployment, and build a thriving ecosystem for innovation and business development.



Pupils of Education District II Excel at Eko Schools Arts Contest

Education District II has once again demonstrated excellence as its students shone brilliantly at the Eko Schools Arts and Craft Competition organised by the Lagos State Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education.

Adedoyin Israel Tobi from Government Junior Model College, Owutu, Ikorodu, took the first position in the

junior category, while Kolawole Jubril from Ikorodu Junior Grammar School clinched second position. In the senior category, Mariam Omolewa from Oriwu Senior Model College secured third place, showcasing creativity and artistic brilliance. The Tutor-General/Permanent Secretary of Education District II, Mr. Omotayo

Layewo Sanni, warmly received the winners, their teachers, and Principals at the District Headquarters to celebrate their outstanding achievements. He commended the students for their creativity and dedication, saying: "This event has showcased your talent and the efforts you have put into your work. I pray that God continues to crown

your efforts with success. This remarkable achievement is only the beginning - you have not yet reached your zenith. Continue to put in more effort and keep soaring higher."

He also appreciated their teachers and school administrators for their consistent guidance and mentorship, reaffirming the District's

commitment to nurturing creativity and promoting excellence among students. "You are highly appreciated for a job well done. God has crowned your efforts with the success recorded by these students. I urge you to continue nurturing them in the area of arts and crafts because it is a

viable field that contributes to human development and the economic growth of our community", the TG/PS remarked. This outstanding performance once again underscores Education District II's tradition of excellence and its commitment to producing well-rounded students who excel not only academically but also in creativity, innovation, and skill development.



LJLA Alumni Inspire 200 Students Through "Stay In School" Project



The Alumni Association of the Lateef Jakande Leadership Academy (LJLA) has launched the "Stay in School Project" a community impact initiative designed to support 200 students of Comprehensive High School, Alapere, with essential learning materials, mentorship, and life skills training. The project exemplified the Academy's enduring commitment to nurturing leadership through service and empowering young people to achieve their full potential.

Speaking at the event, Mrs. Adepeju Balogun-Awe, President of the LJLA Alumni Association, described the initiative as a reflection of the Academy's vision to raise leaders who give back to society through sustainable community impact. "The Stay in School Project is more than a donation drive; it is our way of investing in the next generation. Every pencil, notebook, and mentoring session is a seed we are planting to inspire excellence, discipline, and purpose in these young minds. We

want every student here to understand that their dreams are valid and achievable with hard work and the right support", she said. Through the project, over 200 students received vital learning materials to aid their studies, alongside interactive mentorship sessions that encouraged goal setting, resilience, and a commitment to personal growth. Representing the Executive Secretary of the Academy, Mrs. Ayisat Agbaje-Okunade, the Director of Administration and Human Resources, Mr. Abiodun

Odunyebo, commended the Alumni Association for exemplifying the spirit of service that defines the Academy. "This initiative captures the true essence of LJLA. We train leaders who not only excel in their fields but also return to uplift their communities. What our alumni have done today reinforces the Academy's mission to build a network of leaders who transform lives", he stated. He further noted that the Academy remains committed to supporting alumni-led initiatives that promote education, civic engagement, and

empowerment across Lagos State and beyond. The event also featured mentorship engagements where alumni members shared their personal experiences and lessons in leadership, encouraging students to stay focused, pursue excellence, and contribute positively to society. One of the beneficiaries, Mosunmola Akinwunbi, a Senior Secondary School III student, expressed her excitement and gratitude. "I am really happy that

they came to talk to us and give us these materials. Sometimes it feels like nobody sees our struggles, but today I feel encouraged. I have learned that leadership starts from believing in yourself and doing your best every day", she said. The "Stay in School Project" forms part of the LJLA Alumni's broader mission to advance educational equity and community development. The initiative underscores the Academy's core belief that leadership begins with service and that meaningful change starts with empowering the next generation.



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At the 2025 Fellowship Investiture of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN), Finance Minister and Coordinating Minister of the Economy, Wale Edun, delivered a powerful message — Nigeria's financial institutions must place young innovators and small businesses at the heart of their growth agenda if the country is to achieve inclusive and sustainable prosperity.

A Call to Back Nigeria's New Economic Drivers

Edun noted that while Nigeria's economy is growing at over 4 per cent, the benefits remain uneven. "Our vision of inclusive growth cannot be realised unless we actively support innovation and startups at the grassroots level," he emphasised.

He highlighted the country's demographic advantage — millions of educated and creative young Nigerians seeking opportunities to build businesses, yet often shut out by rigid financial systems. "The task now," Edun stressed, "is to bridge the gap between macroeconomic success and everyday impact."

Reforming the Financial Ecosystem for Inclusion

The Minister's remarks amounted to a

Nigeria's Financial Sector Urged To Empower Youth and SMEs



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blueprint for systemic change in Nigeria's financial architecture. He urged banks to expand credit access, adopt risk-tolerant lending, and design tailored products for startups across fintech, agritech, creative industries, and digital services.

According to the Development Bank of Nigeria (DBN), SMEs make up 96% of Nigerian businesses and employ over 80% of the labour force. Yet, most remain financially excluded. Government-backed initiatives like AGSMEIS and youth funding programs by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN)

exist, but Edun called for more robust public-private synergy to reach entrepreneurs at scale.

Beyond Loans — Building Ecosystems of Support

Experts agree that finance alone isn't enough. Young innovators and SMEs also need mentorship, digital tools, and access to markets. Initiatives like the SMEDAN-British Council partnership, which promotes inclusive finance and business formalisation, are showing what's possible when collaboration meets intent.

Similarly, the African Development Bank's \$100 million

investment in the newly established Nigeria Youth Entrepreneurship Investment Bank (N-YEIB) aims to provide equity and credit guarantees for youth-led enterprises — a model that could reshape access to finance nationwide.

Commercial banks are also beginning to pivot. Fidelity Bank Plc, for instance, recently gained recognition for its innovation-focused SME programs — a sign that parts of the sector are listening.

Why It Matters: Inclusive Growth Beyond GDP

Analysts argue that without integrating youth and SMEs into financial planning, Nigeria's growth could remain top-heavy and fragile.

By empowering these segments, the nation could unlock job creation, social mobility, and technological advancement — the real ingredients of long-term development.

A recent Business Post Nigeria report noted that while SMEs drive the economy numerically, they continue to face barriers like high interest rates, lack of digital tools, and limited access to structured markets.

The Road Ahead

To close these gaps, experts recommend that financial institutions: Develop flexible lending products with startup-

friendly terms. Partner with innovation hubs and incubators for mentorship-driven finance.

Use data-driven tools for risk profiling and SME tracking. Deepen digital banking to simplify onboarding for youth-led ventures. Drive financial literacy to help small enterprises transition into the formal economy.

A Defining Moment for Nigeria's Financial Future

If the financial sector takes up Edun's challenge, Nigeria could transform its vast youth population from job seekers into job creators. The result would be a stronger, more resilient economy powered by inclusive par...

Court Fixes November 10 For Olori Esho, Two Others Trial Over Murder Charges

By Felix Kuyinu

The Federal High Court in Lagos has fixed November 10 for trial against notorious gang leader and hired killer, Wasiu Akinwande, popularly known as Olori Osho alongside two others who have been accused of murder charges. Olori Osho alongside Qudus Egbere and Sola Edun alongside two others will be put before trial on the date on a five-count charge bordering on murder, an offence against

Section 223 of the Criminal Laws of Lagos State, 2015.

In the charge, the defendants were accused by the Lagos State Government of murdering two persons in Bolanle Yusuf and Yusuf Ramadan on July 31, 2024, at Masalashi street, Mushin, Lagos State.

The suspects were said to have committed the acts contrary to the Criminal Laws of Lagos State, 2015. They were also said to have indulged in cultism and other unlawful societies.



Court Frees Man After 8yrs In Detention Without Trial

By Felix Kuyinu



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American Investor, Michael Burry, Takes \$1.1 Billion Position Against AI Giants

Atume Terfa
Global markets spiralled into fresh uncertainty this week after legendary contrarian investor Michael Burry—the man who foresaw the 2008 financial meltdown—unleashed a massive \$1.1 billion short wager against major AI-driven tech

stocks. The disclosure, made through Scion Asset Management's latest SEC filing, showed Burry stacking put options against top-tier technology and semiconductor companies riding the explosive AI boom. While the filing did not name specific firms, analysts believe his

positions target some of the sector's biggest beneficiaries, whose valuations have soared at breakneck speed. Burry's reputation alone sent shockwaves through global trading floors. Tech-heavy indices from the NASDAQ to the Hang Seng Tech Index recoiled sharply, while Europe's STOXX 600

Tech also slumped as investors scrambled to reassess risk. Several AI-linked stocks shed significant value within hours, mirroring the jittery sentiment that followed Burry's historic housing-market call nearly two decades ago. Economists say his move highlights a growing rift in the

market: Believers who see AI as the next trillion-dollar frontier. Sceptics who warn that valuations are inflating faster than earnings can justify. Burry has long cautioned against speculative excess—from crypto frenzies to meme-stock mania—and his latest strike suggests

he sees echoes of the dot-com bubble forming around today's AI goldrush. Whether his bold bet signals an impending correction or adds fuel to investor anxiety, one thing is certain: Burry has forced the global market to confront a difficult question—are we witnessing genuine innovation, or another bubble primed to burst?

IKEJA NEWS

Diaspora Partnership Boosts Community Health in Ojodu LCDA

Residents of Ojodu Local Council Development Area have expressed gratitude after benefiting from a major free health mission organised by the council in partnership with Eko Club Atlanta USA. The outreach, held on Tuesday 4 November 2025 at the Nigerian Institute of Journalism in Ogba, provided hundreds of residents with access to free medical consultations, eye and dental care, cancer screenings, minor surgeries, and essential medications. The Chairman of Ojodu LCDA, Hon David Olusegun Odunmbaku, described the initiative as "a testimony of what can be achieved when compassion meets purpose, when our brothers

and sisters in the diaspora join hands with local governance to touch lives and uplift communities." He noted that the partnership with Eko Club Atlanta, now in its second edition, highlights the impact of diaspora collaboration in strengthening healthcare systems and promoting community wellbeing. A 65 member volunteer medical team from the diaspora, including eight doctors, seven nurses, five pharmacists, and other professionals, delivered the services. Many residents said they were able to receive long overdue medical checks and medications they otherwise could not afford. Since October 2023, Ojodu LCDA



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has recorded significant progress in healthcare delivery. Hon Odunmbaku revealed that over 5000 residents have benefitted from the council's free medical missions, with more than 700 successful surgeries conducted under his administration. He added that the council has enrolled widows, the elderly, and persons with disabilities in health insurance schemes, ensuring that vulnerable groups access

quality healthcare without financial hardship. The programme also featured health talks and awareness sessions focused on preventive care, early diagnosis, and lifestyle management. Princess Adejoke Orelope Adefulire, National Coordinator of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and Senior Special Assistant to the President on SDGs, commended the council for the initiative. She described it as "a

model of community based healthcare intervention that reflects Ojodu's dedication to preventive health and sustainable development." Hon Odunmbaku thanked Eko Club Atlanta for their steadfast partnership, describing it as "a reflection of the true Lagos spirit of care, resilience, and communal support." The event drew a large turnout from across Ojodu, as residents expressed appreciation for the life changing

services received onsite. "I got free eye treatment and medication today. This would have cost me a lot at the hospital," said one resident, Mrs Abiodun Akinola. "We thank the council and their partners for bringing healthcare closer to us." With this initiative, Ojodu LCDA continues to demonstrate that community focused governance and strong partnerships can make quality healthcare a reality for all.

Digital Technology: Ikeja Council Partners with NECA, ITF to Empower Youths

Kehinde Adeleye

The Chairman of Ikeja Local Government, Comrade Akeem Olalekan Dauda, has reaffirmed his administration's commitment to supporting youth empowerment and digital skills development across the council area. Comrade Dauda made this known while attending the Industrial Training Fund and Nigeria Employers' Consultative Association Technical Skills Development Project Graduation and Prize Giving Ceremony held in Lagos. The event marked the successful

completion of four months of intensive training for one hundred participants in various digital and technical skill areas. In his goodwill message, the Ikeja Chairman congratulated the graduating trainees for their dedication and perseverance, describing their achievement as "a major step toward building a self-reliant and technology-driven generation." He commended the Industrial Training Fund and Nigeria Employers' Consultative Association for their joint efforts in implementing the

Technical Skills Development Project, which he said has continued to make meaningful contributions to national capacity building. Comrade Dauda expressed the readiness of Ikeja Local Government to partner with NECA and ITF to bring similar training opportunities to the growing number of youths in Ikeja. He explained that such initiatives align with his administration's IKEJA AGENDA, which focuses on Knowledge, Empowerment, and Economic Growth. "Our government

believes in building capacity and empowering young people with practical and employable skills," he said. "A partnership between Ikeja Local Government and NECA will further equip our youths to compete globally and contribute meaningfully to the digital economy. This is how we make governance work for all." The council boss praised both organisations for their continuous investment in human capital development, especially in technology and innovation. He emphasised that

training in digital and technical skills would open pathways for employment, entrepreneurship, and sustainable growth among Nigerian youths. The Director General of NECA, Mr Adewale Smatt Oyeyinde, congratulated the graduates and encouraged them to use the skills acquired to improve their livelihoods and contribute to national progress. The event was attended by top dignitaries, including the Deputy Governor of Lagos State, the Commissioner for Science and Technology, and

the Director General of the Industrial Training Fund. Awards were presented to outstanding participants in each training category, and the ceremony concluded with the cutting of the graduation cake amid celebration and applause. The Ikeja Local Government Chairman reiterated that his administration would continue to support capacity building, innovation, and youth development as part of ongoing efforts to create a knowledge-driven community ready for the future.



Johnson Transforms Lives of Children with Special-Needs

Two children living with neurological disorders in Alimosho have been awarded full scholarships by the Chairman of Alimosho Local Government, Hon. Akinpelu Ibrahim Johnson, in a gesture that brought hope and relief to their families. As part of his Wise Agenda, Hon. Johnson also offered immediate employment to the mother of one

of the children as a Health Assistant, demonstrating his administration's deep commitment to inclusive governance and support for vulnerable residents. The announcement was made during a meeting with parents of children with special needs at the council secretariat, where emotions ran high as families

expressed gratitude for the unprecedented gesture. One of the parents, visibly moved, said: "Thank you, Mr Chairman. This meeting means so much to us. It is amazing that within just three months in office, you have prioritised the welfare of children living with disabilities in Alimosho. May God bless you and your team." Speaking on behalf of the group,

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another parent described the daily challenges of caring for children with neurological disorders such as Down syndrome. "These children need constant attention. They are teachable, but they learn very slowly. Many mothers are struggling to provide therapy and education on their own. We need continuous speech, sound and physical therapy, and

access to special education. Some of our children are adults but still function like five-year-olds. An intervention centre in Alimosho would greatly ease our financial and emotional burden." In response, Hon. Akinpelu Johnson assured parents that their requests would be addressed promptly. "We will begin with therapy sessions and bring in professionals to handle each area. These children are part

of my constituency; they are my children. Our Wise Agenda includes them, and they deserve all the care and attention we can provide," he stated. The Chairman then announced full scholarships for Ifeoluwa Oke and Adedayo Oyelowo, two students who excelled in their W A E C examinations. He also approved the immediate provision of mobility and health support for others, including a wheelchair for Victoria Toya, walking aid for Ibrahim Sulaiman, and hearing aid for Al-Ameen Olaya. Additionally, Mrs. Toya Rebecca, mother of one of the beneficiaries, received an offer of employment as a Health Attendant. Hon. Johnson directed the Departments of Education, Health and Agriculture to collaborate in establishing a sustainable framework for supporting children with special needs across Alimosho. His initiative has been widely praised as a model of compassionate and inclusive leadership, reflecting the true spirit of community development and care.





Egbe Idimu Residents Rejoice as Council Set To Build Roads

Kehinde Adeleye

The Chairman of Egbe-Idimu Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Idris Balogun Oluomo, has declared a state of emergency on roads across the LCDA, flagging off an extensive rehabilitation project aimed at improving mobility and easing residents' hardship. The move, which signals a bold infrastructural intervention, underscores Balogun's commitment to restoring the council's road network and enhancing living standards in Egbe-

Idimu communities.

Speaking while announcing the emergency declaration, Hon. Balogun said his administration could no longer ignore the deplorable state of several inner roads that had become almost impassable.

"The condition of our roads has reached a critical level, and as a responsible government, we cannot stand idle while our people suffer daily," he stated.

"Declaring a state of emergency on these roads is a necessary step

towards lasting relief."

Under the council's supervision, the rehabilitation exercise has been strategically divided among the five wards of Egbe-Idimu LCDA, with each ward councillor overseeing projects within their respective areas to ensure accountability and timely delivery.

In Ward A, led by Hon. Bankole Olumide Olatunde, work is ongoing on Jemi Alade Street and Phidel Street in Isheri.

Ward B, under Hon. Jimoh Monsuru Olatunde, covers Lisa Street,

Akinwunmi Street, and Kosemani Street in Idimu.

Ward C, led by Hon. Kehinde Hassan Anike, is focused on Prince Tunde Balogun Street and Abeokuta Street, also in Idimu.

In Ward D, Hon. Sanni Rasheed Oluwasegun is overseeing rehabilitation on Omoboriowo Street in Egbe and Mudashiru Street in Agodo.

Meanwhile, Ward E, under Hon. Bolaji Jacob Olatunde, supervises works on Lamina Street and Opeloyeru Street, both in Egbe Liasu.

The project scope includes road

grading, drainage clearance, pothole patching, and full resurfacing of badly damaged portions to guarantee durability.

Balogun revealed that the council's technical team had already completed preliminary assessments to identify critical areas requiring urgent attention. He assured residents that this initiative forms part of a broader, phased maintenance plan that will cover more roads across the LCDA. Expressing

optimism about the long-term impact, he said the rehabilitation would ease traffic flow, boost local commerce, and enhance environmental sanitation across the communities.

Reaffirming his administration's focus on people-centred governance, Balogun urged residents to cooperate with engineers and contractors throughout the project, assuring them of transparency, quality, and accountability in execution.

The outgoing Medical Director/Chief Executive Officer of Badagry General Hospital, Dr. Olatunde Bakare is elated with the success recorded during his five years stint with the health center.

The hospital marked a leadership transition, with outgoing Medical Director/Chief Executive Officer Dr. Olatunde Bakare officially handing over to Dr. Oluseyi Adegoke Adesola in a concise yet heartfelt ceremony at the hospital's Olaniyi Oladapo Conference Room.

Dr. Bakare, who steered the hospital from October 2020 to October 2025, extended his appreciation to the Lagos State Government, management team, and staff for their unwavering support and dedication

Outgoing MD of Badagry GH, Bakare, Elated With Numerous Achievements

By Saheed Afolabi



during his five-year term. He highlighted notable advancements in infrastructure, patient care, and employee welfare under his guidance. Looking back on his tenure, Bakare expressed a sense of accomplishment in leaving the facility in stronger

condition than when he assumed office, crediting collective efforts and backing from the Lagos State Ministry of Health for these successes. "I take pride in our shared accomplishments as a united team. Today, the hospital stands more dynamic, well-equipped, and attuned to the

healthcare demands of our community," he said. In his acceptance speech, the incoming Medical Director/CEO, Dr. Oluseyi Adegoke Adesola, praised Bakare for his dedicated service and transformative impact on the hospital's development.

He portrayed his predecessor as a principled leader whose enduring achievements would serve as a blueprint for the future. Prior to this appointment, Adesola served as Medical Director at General Hospital, Mushin, and previously at General Hospital, Epe

(now Federal Medical Centre, Epe). He vowed to expand upon the solid groundwork laid and collaborate with all parties to elevate healthcare standards further.

He urged management and staff to uphold the hospital's reputable standing and ensure

consistent, high-quality services for Badagry residents and surrounding areas, emphasizing that every unit should embody leadership excellence and professionalism. Adesola committed to harmonizing strategies and resources to drive substantial, lasting enhancements that would reinforce the progress achieved during Bakare's era.

Chairman of Badagry LG, Mr Babatunde Hunpe has revealed his vision in for the development of the grassroots. The chairman highlighted key achievements, including the ongoing construction of three community access roads to improve intra-community connectivity, the renovation blocks of classrooms at Yafin Primary School to enhance learning conditions, and the completion and equipping of the Pota Primary Health Centre (PHC), which now serves as a model for primary healthcare delivery in the area.

“Our vision is to make Badagry a model of grassroots development where every resident feels the impact of government; From roads to education and healthcare, we are building a

Hunpe Reveals Plans For Grassroots Development

legacy of progress that will endure.”

The council boss further stated that activities marking the administration's 100-day milestone have been carefully structured including project commissioning, empowerment programmes, and a stakeholders' forum to ensure inclusive governance and sustained citizen engagement. APC LGA Chairman, Gafar Meyon provided updates on party activities, particularly the biometric capture for the membership registration exercise, aimed at improving internal data management and party coordination. The meeting, which was



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attended by Apex and Core leaders, ward executives, and members from

all 10 wards, concluded with a resounding and unanimous

adoption of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu as the preferred

candidate of the Badagry APC for the 2027 general elections.

Healthcare: Aruwe Assures Private Sector On Partnership



By Saheed Afolabi

The Nigerian chairman of Mushin LG, Mr Tunbosun Aruwe has given his word to the private sector in Mushin of a verifiable partnership to deliver healthcare services. Association of

Private Medical Practitioners (ANPMP), Mushin Zone, led by Dr. Essien Adolphus visited the council secretariat. During the visit, Dr. Essien and his team congratulated

Aruwe on his election's victory and first 100 days in office, commending his administration's remarkable achievements, commitment to infrastructural renewal, and passion for excellence in

governance. They particularly lauded the ongoing grading and rehabilitation of roads noting that the projects clearly demonstrate the chairman's readiness to serve the people of Mushin with dedication and

vision. Aruwe expressed appreciation to the delegation for their kind remarks and support, assuring them of his administration's continued collaboration with the private

medical community to enhance healthcare delivery across the local government.

"We will continue to partner with the private health sector because we recognize your vital role in complementing government efforts toward quality healthcare for our people," he said.

"My administration remains fully committed to improving infrastructure, health, and the overall well-being of every resident of Mushin."

The council boss further revealed plans to construct additional roads, including Adedokun Street and so more, as part of ongoing infrastructural development projects across the local government.

Security: Aruwe To Mark 100 Days with New Police Station

By Saheed Afolabi

Chairman of Mushin L G , Mr Tunbosun Aruwe is hopeful of reducing the crime rate by building a new Police Station in Idi Araba. Aruwe who recently marked his 100 Days in office,

also explained the reasons he continued the distribution of financial tokens to the elderly in the society. He believes the Senior Citizens deserves to be compensated for their contributions to the growth of the community. "This is part of

my campaign promises to our elders in Mushin. I promised to continue this initiative and even do more for them," he said. "Our senior citizens deserve to live with dignity, and we must always remember their contributions to the growth of

this community." Reflecting on his administration's performance within the last 100 days, the chairman highlighted several key achievements.

"We have achieved a lot in just 100 days from road infrastructure development to

environmental sanitation and improved security. Eight road reconstruction projects are ongoing across various wards. "We have desilted major drainages and flood-prone areas, and we are addressing insecurity with

the construction of a new police post at Idi Araba, among other interventions. "The money may seem small, but it's a token of our love and commitment to your welfare. Use it wisely, and be assured that we will continue to do more."



Lagos Begins Lekki-Epe Road Overhaul with Stakeholders' Forum



Atume Terfa

The Lagos State Government is set to host a high-level stakeholders' forum ahead of the planned rehabilitation of the Eti-Osa/Lekki-Epe Expressway, signalling a major push to overhaul one of the state's busiest and fastest-growing transport corridors. The meeting, convened by the Ministry of Physical Planning and Urban Development in partnership with the Ministry of Works and

Infrastructure, will gather residents, business operators, transport unions, traditional rulers, estate developers, and other key players along the corridor. The goal is to present the project blueprint, address community concerns, and ensure citizens fully understand the scope and timelines of the rehabilitation before work begins. Government officials say the rehabilitation project is a critical

component of Lagos' broader strategy to modernise infrastructure across the Lekki axis—home to some of the state's most important economic developments. The Lekki Free Zone, Dangote Refinery, Lekki Deep Seaport, and a rapidly expanding network of residential and commercial estates depend heavily on the expressway for daily logistics, commuter movement and economic activities.

The planned rehabilitation will complement the ongoing reconstruction of the Lekki-Epe Expressway, where several sections are being expanded into a six-lane rigid pavement highway. The initiative aligns with Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu's THEMES+ agenda, which prioritises transportation and infrastructure renewal as drivers of sustainable economic growth. According to the Ministry of Works, the key objectives of the upcoming rehabilitation

include improving traffic flow along a corridor notorious for gridlock, strengthening drainage networks to reduce flooding, enhancing pavement durability to accommodate heavy traffic, and boosting connectivity to major industrial zones. The Lagos State Government emphasises that the stakeholders' forum is essential for transparency and smooth project execution.

Participants will receive updates on construction phases, traffic diversion plans, environmental impacts, and the state's strategy for reducing disruption during the rehabilitation period. Urban development experts have applauded the initiative, noting that Lagos' decision to involve community members early reflects a commitment to participatory governance in major urban.

Unregulated Dredging: LAGASA Complies With Government's Directive

Atume Terfa

Lagos State's sweeping crackdown on unregulated dredging and land-reclamation activities is beginning to show concrete results, as members of the Lagos Aggregate and Sand Mining Association (LAGASA) have suspended operations in full compliance with the government's stop-work directive. The development reflects growing momentum behind the State's environmental enforcement drive, which targets unsafe dredging practices across major corridors, including Ikorodu, Ibeju-Lekki, Epe, and several inland waterways. In Ikorodu alone, more than 200 operators were issued stop-work orders for operating without permits, violating safety



standards, or contributing to environmental degradation. Reports from Ikorodu Online and Punch show that many of these operators have now halted activities as directed. According to government officials, the crackdown became necessary following years of unchecked dredging that contributed to severe flooding, damaged drainage, shoreline erosion, and the destruction of natural wetlands. Findings from City Business News and Punch further confirmed that unregulated

operations had escalated risks to both infrastructure and nearby communities. A statement by the Ibeju-Lekki Local Government on 5 November 2025 affirmed that LAGASA members complied promptly with the directive, pausing all dredging activities pending regulatory scrutiny. The move underscores a strengthened collaboration between local councils, environmental agencies, and law-enforcement authorities. The government's enforcement campaign is

driven by a structured three-point strategy: Issuing immediate stop-work orders to operators lacking approvals or violating environmental rules. Conducting rigorous field inspections and issuing formal warnings to operators engaged in illegal dredging and sand mining. Suspending all land-reclamation projects that do not possess Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs), drainage approvals, or safety certifications, as earlier highlighted by sector reports. Officials say the

surge in compliance is an early indication that the directive is achieving its intended effect. With operations paused, regulators are now positioned to review documentation, perform technical audits, and ensure that future dredging activities adhere to environmental and engineering standards. Environmental analysts forecast that the benefits will be significant. Host communities may witness reduced flooding, less structural damage, and improved

ecological stability. Additionally, the enforcement strengthens government authority, protects legitimate operators, and curbs the influence of illegal actors within the sand-mining sector. Despite the positive trend, authorities maintain that the process is far from over. Continuous monitoring will be intensified across coastal stretches, wetlands, and lagoon belts, with enforcement teams empowered to shut down and dismantle any operation found to be in breach of regulations. As Lagos State deepens environmental governance across its rapidly developing zones, the compliance by LAGASA dredgers is widely regarded as a major step toward responsible resource management and sustainable use of the State's waterways.

Kehinde Adeleye

Members of the Lagos State House of Assembly Committee on Health, led by Hon. Lawal Aina Musibau (Apapa II), have commended the Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government for its efforts in improving healthcare delivery at the grassroots level. The lawmakers made the commendation during an oversight visit to the council, where they inspected key health facilities, including the flagship Ifako Primary Health Centre, Ajilete. The inspection tour allowed the committee to assess the level of infrastructure development, service quality, and health

Ifako-Ijaiye Council's Digital Health Impresses Lagos Lawmakers



innovations implemented by the local government under its HEEDS Agenda. During the visit, the team observed that the Ifako Primary Health Centre offers a wide range of essential medical services, including general outpatient care, child welfare and immunisation, antenatal and delivery services, postnatal care, family planning, and laboratory investigations. The centre also operates 24-hour pharmaceutical services and provides tuberculosis and HIV counselling and treatment, along with regular health education programmes aimed at promoting preventive healthcare and community well-being. Speaking after the visit, Hon. Lawal Aina Musibau commended the local government's commitment to strengthening healthcare systems, describing the facilities as "a reflection of effective leadership and dedication to community welfare." In his remarks, the Chairman of Ifako-

Ijaiye Local Government expressed appreciation to the committee for its visit and positive feedback. He noted that the council remains steadfast in its drive to deliver accessible and quality healthcare to all residents. "We appreciate the committee's recognition of our achievements under the HEEDS Agenda from the redevelopment of Primary Health Centres to the introduction of digital health documentation at the grassroots," the chairman said. "Our goal is to make Ifako-Ijaiye a model for innovative, efficient, and inclusive healthcare delivery in Lagos State." He added that the council would continue to collaborate with the state government and other stakeholders to sustain progress in public health and improve access to essential services. The Lagos State House of Assembly Committee on Health is currently conducting oversight visits across the state to ensure compliance with health policies and to promote accountability in the management of public health resources.

ASSEMBLY

Lagos Assembly Proposes Counselling Unit in Schools

By Felix Kuyinu

The Lagos State House of Assembly has urged Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu to establish counselling units in primary and secondary schools across the state. The lawmakers, during a plenary, stated

that the proposal, if implemented, will cater for the emotional, social and improved moral development of the pupils as they aspire for successful living in the future. The Chairman of the House Committee on Basic Education, Mosunmola Sangodara, who moved the motion, hinted that the students in the state face psychological and behavioural challenges which include peer pressure, academic stress, exam malpractice, all of which negatively affect their well-being and academic performance. Sangodara stressed that guiding and counselling of the students would help guide them on career decisions, prevent indiscipline as well as promote emotional stability. A lawmaker, Lukman Olumoh, urged the Teaching Service Commission, TESCOM, to take similar steps in hiring professionally trained counsellors. Kehinde Joseph solicited for a revival of character-building youth organizations such as Boys Scouts and Girls Brigade which he said promotes moral and leadership training among the youths. The lawmakers, in the plenary presided by the Speaker, Mudashiru Obasa, in unison added that stakeholders in the education sector should organize public awareness campaigns that will strengthen counselling in schools.

My Mother Warned Me Against Ned Nwoko- Regina Daniels



Kehinde Adeleye
Nollywood actress and filmmaker Regina Daniels has revealed that her mother Rita Daniels initially opposed her marriage to Senator Ned Nwoko, but she

followed her heart despite the warnings. In a video posted on Instagram on Wednesday, Daniels appealed to Nigerians to cease insulting her mother amid the public scrutiny of her ongoing marital crisis. She emphasised that she entered the marriage out of love not greed and said her family had advised against the union. "The main essence of this video is to please, stop insulting my mum," she said. "She's the best thing that ever

happened to me. She is my god on earth. She's been strong for seven years. My mum held it down. She tried. You all insulted her. But she tried. It's me. I'm the one with the coconut head. I'm so ashamed to say I fell in love. But I actually really did."

Daniels went on to say: "Everyone said no. My mum. And you all stop saying I got married out of greed. Excuse me. No. We were not broke. Does that make sense? And secondly, what do you guys think? What money can a man give to a mother to get her child, who practically provides everything in the house?" She also disclosed the emotional toll the situation has taken on her mental health. Daniels said the pressure surrounding her marriage once caused her to contemplate suicide, but affirmed her

commitment to fight for her children. Her comments follow earlier reporting in which she stated that her mother and entire family were initially against her marriage to the older politician. (Vanguard News) The matter remains a high-profile domestic and public interest story, attracting commentary on marital autonomy, celebrity relationships, and the role of family support in Nigeria's entertainment community. Regina Daniels, Rita Daniels, Ned Nwoko, Nollywood actress, marriage opposition, celebrity news Nigeria, Instagram video, Nigerian entertainment, family dynamics, mental health in celebrity lives

Social Media Breakups Make Me Fear Marriage - Don Jazzy

Kehinde Adeleye
Popular Nigerian music executive and record producer Don Jazzy has spoken candidly about his fear of marriage, attributing it to the rising cases of failed relationships, social media scandals, and financial risks associated with divorce. Speaking in a recent interview with HabbyFX, the

Mavin Records boss revealed that although he still believes in love, his past experiences and observations have made him more cautious about settling down. "My parents were madly in love before my mum died, and that makes me believe in love," Don Jazzy said. "But when you see messy breakups online, it gives fear." The Dorobucci hit maker explained that financial loss and public scrutiny in failed marriages are among his biggest concerns. "A man has to lose half of all that he has worked for in his life. That is those ones that do not have a prenup, like in America. All those things used to scare me. The money that I have amassed is for my generation," he said. Despite his reservations, Don Jazzy expressed optimism about finding the right

partner and eventually getting married. "I still believe in love. When I find the right person, I will get married," he affirmed. The producer's comments have sparked fresh conversations online about love, fear, and commitment in modern relationships, particularly among successful figures in the entertainment industry.



“Yes, I Sing for the Devil - He Made Me Popular” - Terry G

Kehinde Adeleye

Nigerian musician Terry G has stirred controversy after claiming that the devil was responsible for his breakthrough in the music industry. The “Free Madness” crooner made the statement while reacting to viral rumours of his death that circulated on social media earlier this week. In a now-deleted video posted on



his Instagram page, Terry G addressed fans in Pidgin English, urging them to disregard reports claiming he had

died. “How una dey my people? Social media, ma pami now. My phone has been buzzing since morning. People

have been calling to check on me that they saw something online about my R.I.P saying Terry G don die. I beg oo,

whoever is trending that news should stop. I'm doing very fine, please stop that. I beg you in the name of God,” he said. However, the musician's attempt to clarify his remarks only fuelled further debate after he reiterated his controversial comment about “serving the devil.” “And also, let me clarify this. There's another one trending about me serving the devil. Una no know before? Una no know say na the devil I dey

serve? Yes, na devil I dey serve. Na devil make me blow,” Terry G said in the video. The statement comes after a recent episode of the Honest Bunch Podcast in which the singer said, “I sing for the devil. I'm falling short of the glory of God.” His comments have drawn widespread reactions online, with fans expressing mixed feelings some interpreting the remarks as sarcasm or artistic metaphor, while others criticised the singer for making light of spiritual matters.

JUDICIARY

Man Bags Three-Year Jail Term Over N8.56B Cyber Fraud

By Felix Kuyinu

A man, Samuel Asiegbu, has been sentenced to three years jail term over his involvement in cybercrime to the tune of N8.5 million. Asiegbu, was sentenced by Justice Rahman Oshodi during his trial at the Special Offences Court in Ikeja, Lagos, without an option of fine over the offence committed at Wema Bank following his arraignment by the Economic and Financial Crimes

Commission, EFCC. The convict, alongside other three, Hamzat Zakaria, Nurudeen Ibrahim and one other simply identified as Suleiman, who all are at large, are charged on a four-count charge bordering on conspiracy, stealing and unauthorised access to a computer system as imposed on them by the EFCC. The trio were said to have violated Sections 409 and 386 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2011. The judge found Asiegbu guilty on

three and four of the charge and sentenced him to 10 months and eight days in prison on count three and one year and eight months on count four, both without the option of a fine. He ordered that the sentences would run concurrently, making his total term of imprisonment to three years and subsequently struck out counts one and two. The court adjourned the trial of defendants at large to November 14.



Showtime Bowl Series XIII: Lagos Athletics Dislodges Panthers From Table Summit

Week seven of the Showtime Bowl Series XIII delivered one of the most dramatic twists of the season, as the Lagos Athletic Knights stormed to the summit of the standings with a hard-fought 20-12 victory over Ikan Sports, while the once-invincible Panthers Sports shockingly fell 19-12 to the Lagos Rebels. It was a day packed with high-octane action, emotion,

and defining moments that left fans breathless at Showtime Arena and thousands more glued to their screens online. The Knights, driven by fierce determination and tactical precision, showcased championship-quality football as they dethroned Ikan Sports to climb from second to first. "We came here knowing this was our moment we took it," said one ecstatic Knights

By Saheed Afolabi
player after the game. Meanwhile, the Panthers' unbeaten run came crashing down, courtesy of a fearless Rebels side who played with heart and grit from start to finish. The upset of the week sent shockwaves across the league, pushing the Panthers down to third, while the Rebels held firm in fourth proving they're true contenders for the postseason. Elsewhere, the

Warriors Flag Football side reminded everyone why they remain one of the league's powerhouses, dismantling the Mainland Long Horns in a 55-0 blowout that

lifted them to second place. The Raptors also lit up the field with a 61-6 thrashing of Lagos Alpha Flag Football, maintaining their strong fifth-place position.

The Lekki Braves continued their resurgence with a 46-20 win over the Greenbacks, though both teams held their places at seventh and ninth, respectively.



Ayisat Yusuf Delighted With Head Coach Appointment In Finland

By Saheed Afolabi
Nigeria ex international , Ayisat Yusuf is ecstatic following her appointment as the new head coach of Tikkurilan

Palloseura (TIPS FC) in charge of the T2014 age group and T2015 in Finland. Yusuf brings in an attractive wealth of experience which is a combination of

her international playing days and also coaching experience at the top. She described her move to Tips FC as an honor to serve and lead a group of motivated and supportive coaching crew with the aim of achieving greatness on and off the pitch. The FIFPRO merit players voice award winner sets her target in inspiring future professional players while looking ahead to make a positive impact at the club. "I'm delighted to

share that I have been appointed as the Head Coach of the T14/T15 Girls Competitive League at Tikkurilan Palloseura (TIPS FC) in Finland," she said. "It is a true honor to lead such a talented and motivated group of young players, supported by an excellent coaching team alongside Nea and Marko. Together, we aim to foster growth, teamwork, and excellence both on and off the pitch. "I look forward to contributing to the continued development of

these players and to an inspiring journey ahead with the TIPS FC family." Ayisat had a fulfilled playing career with 68 caps as she played at the FIFA Women's World Cup in China 2007, won three gold medals from the African Championships and All-African Games (2003, 2004, 2007), participated in the 2008 Beijing Olympics, FIFA U-19 World Cup in Thailand 2004 and Canada 2002. Ayisat, UEFA B coaching license holder is a passionate advocate for

women's football and equality. She has been a board member of the UEFA FARE Network (Fight Against Racism in Europe) since 2015. In 2018, she founded the SheFootball Initiative, an organization that empowers female footballers in Africa, and in 2024, the Ayisat Yusuf Football Academy in Lagos, Nigeria. Tips FC stated they are proud to have Yusuf in their ranks and they are confident her expertise, experience will be valuable to the club's progress.





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