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Lagos Flood Victims Snub Govt Shelters

By Kunle Awosiyan

....Cite Poor Conditions

Despite efforts by the Lagos State Government to provide emergency shelters for residents displaced by widespread flooding, many victims have refused to relocate to the designated government centres, citing poor living conditions, lack of security, and inadequate facilities.

The Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA) had earlier opened several public school buildings across flood-affected areas as temporary shelters for those forced out of their homes.

However, a visit by Echonews to some of the designated places showed that many displaced persons have opted to stay with relatives or remain within their flooded communities, preferring those options to the discomfort of the official shelters.

There are over 30 communities across Lagos that are currently affected by the flood due to torrential rain a few days ago.

According to LASEMA's Permanent Secretary, Dr. Olufemi Damilola Oke-Osanyintolu, the government opened six temporary Shelters, which include; Lagos City College, Sabo-Yaba, Community High School, Ajegunle, Ilupeju Grammar School, Ikeja Senior High School, Badore Community High School, Ajah and Agboyi Secondary School, Ketu.

When our correspondent visited the Ketu centre, he observed that government had supplied some sleeping mats and mobile toilet but there are no space to cook

or bath.

There are no electricity facility, which means the place will be thrown to darkness in the night and makes it insecure. The questions of insecurity and poor condition were persistently asked by some victims who spoke to Echonews.

A victim, Glory Loveth who lives on Bakare Makinde area, Alapere, Ketu told Echonews that she preferred staying in the flooded home to moving to the government shelter. Her house, a storey-building, is one of the closest properties to the river bank. The ground floor of the building has almost sunk, yet the occupants are still living there.

Our correspondent, standing on the floor could touch the ceiling of the room.

"The landlord and his wife stay upstairs while they keep on piling fillings on the ground floor because of the perennial flooding," Loveth told Echonews. I rented this room about two years ago. I met it in this shape with the ground floor sinking but the landlord told me it would not sink

beyond what I met. I must tell you I slept inside water last year. My room was flooded with water. I put all my belongings up and was sleeping on the table. The flood is starting this year again. I want my rent to complete so that I can pack out," she said.

Asked why she would not leave for the government shelter, Loveth cited bad condition and lack of privacy at the centre. "I have visited the place and I cannot stay there because I'm not a refugee. I rather stay here. Sometimes I go to a friend's place who also stays in Ketu here until the water subsides," she said.

At Lagos City College in Yaba, a victim was seen turning back. "The place is untidy, no privacy, and no mosquito nets. I'd rather stay with my cousin in Bariga," said Laide Moses, a resident of Makoko whose home was submerged last weekend.

Another victim, Mrs. Taibat Kareem from Ajegunle, said, "The toilets were not working, and there was no light. My children couldn't sleep there. We came back the



A victim of flooding, Glory Loveth in her room in Ketu

same night."

Reacting, Osanyintolu said each location is equipped with basic

amenities, including sleeping mats, mobile toilets, potable water, and medical supplies,

with support from the Ministry of Health and the Red Cross.



Ikeja Senior Secondary School, one of the centres provided for victims of flood

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He said that LASEMA has also deployed mobile health teams and social welfare officers to assist displaced residents. He urged residents living in flood-prone zones in Iyana-Oworo, Makoko, Bariga, Agboyi-Ketu, and Ibeju-Lekki to evacuate voluntarily to the designated centres and avoid. Meanwhile a top LASEMA officer said, "We understand their concerns and are working to improve conditions, but the public also needs to take their own safety seriously."

The Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) forecasts more rainfall in coming days, calling on Lagos government to enhance shelter facilities and rebuild public trust in emergency relief operations.

According to the 2025 Annual Flood Outlook by the Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency (NIHSA), Lagos State is among 30 high-risk states, with 1,249 communities across 176 LGAs at high flood risk, and 2,187 communities in moderate risk zones nationwide.

In the severe flooding across Lagos on August 4, 2025, NIHSA reports that seven communities were submerged, with approximately 151 houses outright underwater in Alimosho.

Other communities affected are Ijede (Ikorodu suburb), Lekki, Eti-Osa, Ajegunle, Agege and Surulere, and Alimosho experienced widespread inundation due to prolonged rainfall and clogged drainage systems.

In 2025, Lagos State is allocating hundreds of

billions of Naira to combat flooding and while the exact portion labeled "flood control" is not broken out line-by-line, the environment and infrastructure budgets reflect robust institutional commitment to drainage rehabilitation and flood mitigation.

In its 3.37 trillion 2025 budget, Lagos State earmarked 287.24 billion (about 8.5% of the total) specifically for environment, flood control, and climate resilience programmes.

Within that allocation, approximately 67 billion (2023 baseline) is directed at drainage infrastructure, canal clearance, and flood control works including canal dredging and restoration of major drainage networks.

The state government reported that it began clearing and desilting drainage channels across flood-prone areas in Ojo, Ajegunle, Lagos Island, Meiran, and Ikoyi in response to flash-flood alerts in mid-2025.

Also, authorities demolished 1,141 illegal structures along key drainage Right-of-Ways to reinforce water flow and reduce system blockage.

Some of the state's capital infrastructure projects include a 4.2 km concrete-lined network through Ikeja and Kosofe LGAs, upgrades to channels in Sheraton-Ojota, Maryland-Mende-Arwojobe, and Ogudu areas.

According to the Commissioner for Environment, Tokunbo Wahab, the government will soon

complete the modern pumping stations at Ilubirin on Lagos Island. He said that this will aid storm water evacuation.

However, Lagosians are asking questions on how the state government has spent the National Coordination Fund, which was approved by the federal government to the state to fight flooding.

Recall that the National Executive Council (NEC) allocated 17.5 billion for flood mitigation support in 2025, of which Lagos was to receive about 3.0 billion based on NEMA guidelines to states.

Reacting to the snubbing of the government shelters, the State Commissioner for Environment and Water Resources, Tokunbo Wahab, said the government would review the management of emergency shelters and deploy mobile relief units to reach victims who cannot relocate.

"We are not relenting."



Tokunbo Wahab

Safety remains our priority. We will engage local leaders and civil society organisations to help persuade people to move into safer spaces."

He said that the peculiar nature of Lagos as a coastal city and climate change make it susceptible to vagaries of flash flooding, asking residents not to panic. He explained that Lagos, being a coastal

state, with the heavy rainfalls, the level of water in the lagoon is bound to rise and will result in a tidal lock, which will prevent discharge from all collectors.

Wahab urged all those living in low-lying areas to be on alert because, with the intensity of the rainfall already experienced, many of these areas will encounter flash floods.

According to him, all

areas that are adjacent the rivers and lagoons in Lagos are also at risk of experiencing flash floods, which may come with high currents.

In view of the holiday period that most pupils and students are in now, he called for extra vigilance so that they do not go outside to play in the rain or swim in the flash floods.



Lagos Creative Economy: Tourism Ministry Partners EUDiF

In a strategic move to boost Lagos State's creative economy, the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture has partnered with the European Union Global Diaspora Facility (EUDiF) to enhance training opportunities in heritage preservation and cultural development.

The collaboration was formalised on Monday, August 4, 2025, at the Honourable Commissioner's office in Alausa, Ikeja, during a virtual meeting between the Lagos State Commissioner for Tourism, Arts and Culture, Mrs. Toke Benson-Awoyinka and EUDiF officials based in Germany - Ms. Lisa Bezvershenko and Ms. Charlotte Griffiths.

The initiative aims to build both local and international capacity while promoting community-driven cultural preservation. It will also serve as a platform to foster sustainable cultural practices and deepen the State's creative sector.

The joint training programme is scheduled to commence in the third week of August 2025 at the divisional level. It will adopt a multi-stage approach, targeting 50 participants and focusing on equipping them with relevant creative skills.

Speaking on the partnership, Mrs. Benson-Awoyinka described the initiative as part of Lagos State's heritage and cultural sustainability strategy. She emphasised the importance of cultural identity, stating: "If one loses their language, they have lost their identity in life."

She further highlighted the ongoing revitalisation of museums in Lagos, particularly the J. Randle Centre for Yoruba Culture and History, as a cornerstone for heritage preservation and cultural tourism development.

"A museum is not a profit-making venture but a legacy for future generations. Our goal is to ensure heritage sustainability while encouraging both local and international tourists to return for our festivals", she said.

In her presentation, Ms. Griffiths explained that the training would help enhance heritage performances at festivals across the state.

"The programme is designed to be a scalable and replicable model for cultural sector development across West Africa. This is not just about delivering knowledge but about collaborating with local partners to design a programme that strengthens existing structures, addresses real needs on the ground, and ensures long-term sustainability", she stated.

DSVA, Ford Foundation Take SGBV Campaign To Apapa

The Lagos residential State locations such as Domestic Plateau Street, and Sexual Creek Road, Violence Agency Liverpool Road, (DSVA), and Azare Crescent.

In a strategic partnership with the Ford Community Development Foundation, has intensified efforts to eradicate Agbajowo, Sexual and Railway, and Gender-Based Iwajowa also participated in Violence (SGBV) the exercise while across Lagos over 60,000 State residents, including traders, transport workers, religious leaders, and community members, were sensitised.

The DSVA Health institutions campaign in Apapa pledged stronger support for survivors, while the Family Support Unit was further engaged to enhance case reporting and referrals.

The outreach covered key areas, including Apapa General Hospital, St. Louis Medical Centre, D S V A 's the Apapa commitment to a coordinated, community-driven approach to eliminate SGBV in Lagos and several State.



LASPARK Plants Over 19,000 Trees Across Lagos In One Year

The Lagos infrastructure, State Parks improve air and Gardens quality, and Agency create healthier (LASPARK) has living environments announced the successful across all 57 Local planting of 19,875 Government trees across the Areas and Local state over the last Council inspired to year, reshaping Development contribute to urban spaces and Areas in the state. She mentioned that through promoting a culture of General Manager strategic collaboration with sustainability. of LASPARK, Mrs. private developers, This record was A deto un schools, civil achieved by Popoola, the society groups, LASPARK through campaign goes beyond tree faith-based its flagship planting. "For us at institutions, and campaign, #TreesForLagos, LASPARK, tree individuals, the #TreesForLagos which aims to planting isn't just about the enhance green a b o u t t h e campaign has

become a environmental reaching as the city wide education into planted trees are movement. Public community expected to spaces, highways, engagements. contribute to estates, schools, The project has cleaner air, lower and commercial sparked a wave u r b a n properties have of volunteerism temperatures, all benefited from a n d c i v i c improved flood the greening participation, with resilience, and initiative. residents better ecological In her words: expressing a balance across "LASPARK's efforts renewed sense of Lagos. have also ownership and " With the included the pride in their successful planting of 19,875 introduction of environment." trees completed as of July 2025, tree-planting P o p o o l a mentioned that LASPARK is now activities into b e y o n d focused on the s c h o o l beautification, the next phase, ceremonies, environmental expanding green green building benefits from the corridors, forming promotion of initiative are far- community maintenance groups, and the integration of nature-based learning into the educational system," Popoola stated.



The General Manager noted that the agency remains committed to its long-term vision of making Lagos a green, sustainable, and environmentally conscious city. "This is only the beginning. Our goal is to instill a deep-rooted culture of environmental responsibility that will endure for generations", she added.

Lagos Reaffirms Commitment To Effective Security

The Lagos State Government has reiterated its commitment to enhancing public safety and security through citizen-informed strategies, following the stakeholders' meeting on the People's Perception Survey on Security Formations and their Impact on the Safety of Lives and Property. The meeting, held on Wednesday at the Debt Management Office (DMO), Ikeja, Lagos, convened key stakeholders from government, security agencies, civil society, and development partners to examine the findings of the perception survey. In his opening remarks, the Permanent Secretary of the Office of the Chief of Staff, Mr. Kadiri Semiu Olajide, underscored the significance of the perception survey as a strategic feedback tool to foster inclusive governance and responsive security planning. He explained that the survey, which engaged residents across Lagos State, was aimed at capturing the experiences of citizens regarding the visibility, effectiveness, and impact of security

formations. He emphasised that the meeting's objective was not only to review the findings but also to reinforce collaboration among stakeholders, particularly community leaders, civil society organisations, and security agencies. According to him, the survey will enable the government to gauge how residents perceive the impact of its investments in the security sector and determine whether these efforts resonate at the grassroots level. Olajide highlighted Lagos State's unwavering prioritisation of security, which has earned it recognition as one of the safest states in Nigeria. He referenced the recent donation of over 300 brand-new vehicles and other security assets to various formations through the Lagos State Security Trust Fund (LSSTF), a public-private initiative established in 2007 to support security agencies. He stressed that while progress is evident, validation from the people is crucial to assess the effectiveness of these interventions. The survey serves as a citizen-driven compass, guiding future decisions

and ensuring that policies are inclusive and responsive to the needs of Lagosians. On behalf of the Office of the Chief of Staff, led by Mr. Tayo Ayinde, Olajide expressed appreciation to all stakeholders for their presence and support, affirming that their cooperation would be pivotal in achieving the survey's objectives and fostering public trust in governance. In her keynote address, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, Mrs. Olayinka Ojo, who was represented by the Director of Economic Intelligence Department, Mr. Alao Akinkunmi Oluwaseyi, described the survey as a vital instrument for inclusive governance and strategic planning, adding that the Ministry remains committed to promoting evidence-based policy formulation that reflects the lived realities of Lagosians. She noted that security is the bedrock of sustainable development, and without it, economic activity, social cohesion, and investor confidence cannot flourish. Ojo also acknowledged the

unique security challenges confronting Lagos as Nigeria's commercial and population hub, ranging from traffic-related incidents and urban crimes to community-level unrest and the pressures of rapid urbanisation. The Permanent Secretary outlined several strategic investments made under the leadership of Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu to strengthen the State's security infrastructure. These include the revitalisation of the Lagos State Security Trust Fund (LSSTF), which has mobilised billions of naira to support various security formations; the procurement and deployment of over 1,000 vehicles, communication gadgets, bulletproof vests, and surveillance drones; the establishment of the Lagos State Neighborhood Safety Corps (LNSC) integrated with community policing structures; the enhancement of the Command-and-Control Centre for real-time emergency coordination; and the installation of smart surveillance infrastructure among others.

Grassroots Engagement: Govt Sentsises Aiyetobi Community

As part of its ongoing efforts to foster inclusive governance and civic responsibility, the Office of Political, Legislative and Civic Engagement has organised a one-day Political and Social Inclusion Sensitisation and Engagement Programme. The event was recently held at Aiyetobi Community Agbado, Oke-Odo Local Council Development Area in Ipaja, Lagos. Speaking at the event, the Special Adviser to the Governor on Political, Legislative and Civic Engagement, Dr. Afolabi Abiodun Tajudeen, represented by the Director, Citizens Engagement Department, Dr. Babatunde Omotayo, said that the event is a strategic move and a deliberate institutional effort by the Lagos State Government to bring governance closer to the people and also empower residents to become active participants in the governance structure. He added that in a democracy, citizens are not just beneficiaries of public policy, but co-creators; hence, their valuable inputs and participation are essential to sustainable development. He, therefore, urged the participants to listen, get informed and share their concerns and propose solutions towards making Lagos a model of inclusive governance, which is a collective responsibility shared between the government and the

governed. One of the participants, Mrs. Akinboye Bolarinwa, while appreciating the Lagos State Government, noted that initiatives such as this will help residents access government policies and could help residents avoid preventable hardships, especially in times of crisis. She added that with the new information gained, she will take advantage of the initiatives. Another participant, Mrs. Ayobola Bakare, while praising the programme's impact, pledged to engage more actively with government schemes going forward, noting that her previous challenges had been worsened by a lack of access to information that would have been beneficial. Lending his voice, another participant, Mr. Taiwo Oladimeji, revealed that programmes such as this will renew the hopes and trust of Lagos residents in the people in government. In his words, "I am a Point of Sale (POS) operator and a person living with a spinal cord disability. I have never heard of any financial assistance programme until today, and it has given me new hope. I truly appreciate the Lagos State Government for supporting people like us". A key feature of the programme was the on-the-spot registration for two major government programmes by staff of the Lagos State Residents Registration Agency (LASSRA) and the Lagos State Health Management Agency (LASHMA).



Oba Akiolu Receives POWA President, Charges FG To Equip Police



Lagos Monarch Akiolu said this when the wife of the Inspector General of Police, Dr. Elizabeth Egbetokun, paid him a courtesy visit at his Idunganran palace, Lagos Island, Lagos State. The Monarch said policing is a difficult task; therefore, police officers need modern equipment to tackle insecurity. He commended the Lagos CP for introducing new methods to reduce crime in the state and urged him to continue orienting his officers on the

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need to be civil to the citizens on duty. "The task of policing is a herculean task. I urge the federal government to give police and other security agents the logistics to support their job. The NDLEA and NAFDAC are trying. A Police job is one of the best jobs anyone can do, depending on how you do the job," he said. He added, "The present Commissioner of Police in Lagos has introduced new methods to combat crime in the state, and I

want to commend him. Continue lecturing your boys to be good and civil. Don't corrupt your position, and always tell the people the truth. Do not be greedy," Akiolu told CP Moshood. Oba Akiolu also advised wives of police officers to support their husbands and urged the citizens to support the federal government in fighting insecurity. "All of us should be involved in the task of security. We should cooperate with the federal

and state governments. Children should be taught the ways of God. Tell your husbands to save for their retirements", he advised the POWA President and her entourage. Responding, POWA President, Dr. Elizabeth Egbetokun, who was accompanied by the Lagos State Commissioner of Police, Moshood Jimoh, his wife, Riskat Jimoh, and wives of other top police officers, said her team was at the Palace to thank Oba Akiolu for

supporting the association during its recently concluded three-day national conference held in Lagos. She said participants at the conference were lectured on how to showcase their talents and use them for the benefit of the nation. "We thank Kabiyesi for supporting us during our conference and always praying for us. This shows that he loves us, and we are here to show appreciation for his support," she said.

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Lagos Concludes Four-Week Training For Women, Youths

The Lagos State Ministry of Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation (WAPA), under the leadership of the Honourable Commissioner, Mrs. Cecilia Bolaji Dada, has recorded yet another milestone in its mission to empower 250 vulnerable women and youth across the state through economic and livelihood support initiatives.

On Monday, 4th August 2025, Hon. Dada led the closing ceremony of a four-week short-term

vocational training programme held for Ansarudeen Society of Nigeria at the Skills Acquisition Centre, Lagos Island. This follows the recent successful outing at Agbowo-Ikosi, as part of the Ministry's continuous drive to take empowerment closer to the grassroots.

The training, which focused on practical skills such as fabric stoning, paint making, soap production, event decoration, and catering, equipped another cohort of women

and youth with the competencies needed to become self-reliant and economically sustainable.

In her address, Hon. Dada expressed appreciation to Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu for his relentless support of initiatives that improve the lives of the less privileged and vulnerable residents of Lagos State.

"We are proud of the commitment this administration has made to empower our people. Programmes like

this do not just transfer skills - they unlock futures, promote dignity, and drive economic growth," she noted.

She encouraged the graduands to make good use of the knowledge acquired, stressing that economic empowerment is a pathway to breaking the cycle of poverty, especially for women and youth.

As with other sessions across the state, the Ministry provided certificates and starter packs to successful

participants to enable the immediate commencement of small-scale businesses in their areas of specialisation.

The closing ceremony featured an impressive showcase of products created during the training and was attended by the Permanent Secretary, MWAPA, Mrs. Rianat Ajibike Onigbanjo; officials of the Ministry, religious leaders, Empowerment Secretary, Alhaji Ibrahim Sulaimon Aja'o, and

Coordinator, Alhaja Adeyemo Fatimat from Ansarudeen Society of Nigeria, Lagos Island branch and community stakeholders.

The programme underscores the Ministry's ongoing commitment to the Sanwo-Olu administration's THEMES Plus Agenda, particularly in the areas of social development and economic empowerment, with an emphasis on inclusion, skill-building, and self-sufficiency.



Education District II Distributes Sports Equipment, First Aid Boxes To Schools

In a bid to promote physical education and grassroots sports development in Lagos public schools, the Education District II distributed sporting equipment donated by the Lagos State Sports Trust Fund to schools under it. The distribution exercise, which was done by the Supervising Tutor-General/Permanent Secretary, Mr. Olusegun Osinaike, took place at the District Headquarters,

Maryland, and representatives from various beneficiary schools present to receive items, including footballs, volleyballs, jerseys, athletics kits, table tennis equipment, and other essential sporting gear. The TG/PS expressed profound gratitude to the Lagos State Government and the Lagos State Sports Trust Fund for the generous support. He described the initiative as a

significant boost to efforts aimed at enhancing students' participation in sports and promoting healthy lifestyles among learners. "This gesture aligns perfectly with Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu's THEMES Plus Agenda, particularly in the area of Youth and Social Development. Physical education is an integral part of holistic learning, and these materials will go a long way in encouraging

sports talent discovery and development across our schools", Mr. Osinaike stated.

In a complementary gesture, the Elders Forum 19 of Ikorodu donated five fully equipped first aid boxes to selected schools from Ikorodu and Kosofe Zones, reinforcing the importance of safety and emergency readiness in school environments.

Mr. Osinaike noted that the day's activities showcased the

collaborative effort of government and community stakeholders to improve school infrastructure, promote safety, foster a vibrant school culture and develop well-rounded students through both academic and extracurricular engagement, setting the pace for future sporting excellence from the grassroots. The high point of the event was a novelty tennis match between

the TG/PS and a student from Ajegunle Senior Ikorodu schools to symbolise unity, fitness, and sportsmanship within the education family.

Representing beneficiary schools, Physical Education teachers, and students in attendance, the Principal, Eva Adelaja, Girl's Junior Grammar School, Mrs Vinuyon Buhari, expressed appreciation for the wonderful gesture, while pledging maximum use of the donated equipment.



Lagos Health Workers Receive Intensive Training on Basic Life-Saving

The Lagos State Government has reiterated its dedication to equipping health workers with critical life-saving skills required to safeguard the lives of residents across the state.

This was disclosed by the Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Health District V, Dr. Oladapo Asiyambi, during a four-day intensive training programme themed "Basic Life-Saving Skills", held from July 28 to 31, 2025, in

Ikeja.

The training was organised by Health District V in conjunction with the Health Emergency Initiative (HEI), bringing together healthcare workers from across the District Region. The programme focused on enhancing the Emergency Response Competencies of Frontline Health Personnel, equipping them with the essential knowledge and practical skills



necessary for saving lives in critical situations. According to Dr. Asiyambi, the initiative reflects the Lagos State Government's broader mandate to ensure a highly

skilled and responsive health workforce. "It is imperative that we continue to build the capacity of our healthcare workers to respond effectively during emergencies.

Saving lives begins with having the right skills, and that is what we are committed to delivering for the good of every Lagosian", he added.

The Basic Life Saving Skills training covered Emergency First Aid, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Trauma Management, and other Critical care techniques. Participants were also taken through real-life simulations to strengthen practical application.

The Lagos State Health District V remains committed to ongoing health worker development as part of its strategic efforts to enhance public health outcomes and emergency preparedness across the state.

JUDICIARY

An erstwhile employee of Polaris Bank, Abiodun Maccarthy, has been arraigned in court following allegations of indulging in fraudulent activity in tr sum of N423 million. McCarthy was arraigned by the Economic and Financial Commission, EFCC, after an allegation of defrauding a customer of the bank while being an employee of the bank. During his trial at the Special Offences Court in Ikeja, the EFCC

Ex Polaris Bank Staff Arraigned Over Alleged N423M Fraud

stated that Maccarthy, who is on a four-count charge bordering on stealing and forgery, violated Sections 278 and 361(1) of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2011.

The EFCC spokesperson Dele Oyewale, told Justice Mojisola Dada, who presided over the court sitting, that the suspect converted N423m out of N650 paid by a customer, Great

Endurance Bureau De Change, for fixed deposit investment with Polaris bank for his own personal use when he was a staff of the bank in 2018.

Oyewale mentioned that the defendant attempted to conceal the fraud by forging a Polaris Bank Plc fixed deposit investment certificate with slip no. 332540 and issued same to Great Endurance Bureau De Change as evidence of investment.

Count one against

McCarthy reads: "ABIODUN MACCARTHY, sometime in 2018 at Lagos, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, dishonestly converted to your own use the sum of N423, 000, 000.00 (Four Hundred and Twenty-Three Million Naira only), money which forms part of N650,000.000 (Six Hundred and Fifty Million

Naira) paid to you by Great Endurance Bureau De Change for fixed deposit investment with Polaris bank, while you were in their employ".

Count two reads: "ABIODUN MACCARTHY, sometime in 2018 at Lagos, within the jurisdiction of this Honourable Court, with intent to defraud, forged a Polaris Bank Plc fixed deposit investment

certificate with slip no. 332540 and issued same to Great Endurance Bureau De Change as evidence of investment".

He pleaded not guilty.

In view of his plea, the prosecution asked the court for a trial date and also prayed the court to order the remand of the defendant in a Correctional Centre.

Consequently, Justice Dada adjourned the case till October 22 and also ordered the remand of the defendant in a Correctional Centre.

The Lagos State Ministry of

Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation (WAPA), under the leadership of Honourable Commissioner Cecilia Bolaji Dada, has concluded another successful edition of the Life Skill Economic Empowerment Programme (LEEP) with a colourful closing ceremony held in Agbowo-Ikosi.

The four-week short-term training initiative was designed to empower vulnerable women and indigent youth across Lagos State with practical skills and economic opportunities. Participants received hands-on training in diverse vocations such as catering, hairdressing, fashion design, soap making, tie & dye, and other micro-enterprise trades.

In her keynote address, Hon. Bolaji Dada expressed gratitude to the Governor of Lagos State, Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu, for his unwavering commitment to grassroots empowerment and poverty alleviation

LEEP: Lagos Concludes Grassroots Empowerment Programme in Agbowo-Ikosi



through sustainable, people-oriented programmes.

Today, we celebrate not only the end of a training cycle but the beginning of new possibilities for our latest beneficiaries from Ikosi Ejirin Centre, Owu-Ikosi, Ajeregún, Agbowo-Ikosi, Ado, Otta-Ikosi, Odo-Ayandelu, especially persons living with disabilities. Thanks to the generous support of Mr. Governor, over 250 participants here

in Ikorodu will walk away with start-up packs to immediately begin their entrepreneurial journey," she stated.

Hon. Dada emphasised that the LEEP initiative is part of a broader statewide effort to reduce unemployment, foster financial independence, and promote inclusive economic growth among women and youth.

Hon Bolaji Dada stated that, "In the past, we have taken this training to various

locations across the IBILE division and we have trained residents in Parafa community, Ikorodu, Meiran community, Alimosho, Women Development Centre, Agege, Parents of out-of-school children at SUBEB, Ikeja and residents of Eti-Osa East, LCDA". The Honourable Commissioner also encouraged the graduating participants to remain focused, consistent, and to make good use of the skills and

startup packs provided to them.

In her closing remarks, the Permanent Secretary of MWAPA, Mrs. Rianat Ajibike Onigbanjo, represented by the Director of Women Affairs, Mrs. Funke Shyllon thanked the Governor for supporting women across Lagos State. She thanked the Honourable Commissioner for her tireless efforts and all Directors for their roles in ensuring the success of

the Programme.

She added, "Economic empowerment remains one of the strongest pillars for poverty alleviation, and with continued support from the government, we are confident that lives and communities will be transformed."

The event featured an exhibition of products made by the trainees, goodwill messages from community stakeholders, most especially HRM, Oba Obayomi Nelson Ogunlari, Olowu of Owu-Ikosi Kingdom; his Olori, Olori Sarah Ogunlari and Oba in Councils, the official presentation of certificates and starter packs to the beneficiaries.

The LEEP programme continues to serve as a beacon of hope for residents in underserved areas, aligning with the vision of Sanwo-Olu's administration to build a more resilient and economically vibrant Lagos.

Lagos Serial Killer Remanded Over Multiple Murder, Possession Of Firearms

By Felix Kuyinu



The fondly known as Magistrates' Court in Ogbah has remanded one Wasiu Akinwande in prison over accusations of committing multiple murder. During the court sitting, the Police stated that Akinwande, who is

Olari Esho, on December 9, 2010, shot a 10-year-old, Aminat Lateef, who was sent on an errand in Fadeyi, Lagos. The Prosecutor, Nosah Umwangho, stated that the defendant, who is charged

with an 11-count charge bordering on murder, illegal possession of firearms and membership of an unlawful society, committed the offences on various dates between December 9, 2010, and April 5, 2025, at

different locations within Lagos State, including Mushin, Idi-Araba, Surulere, and Fadeyi. Umwangho also mentioned that the defendant, while allegedly in unlawful possession of an AK-47 rifle, also shot and killed one

Yusuf Bolakale (30) and another, Yusuf Ramadan (23). The Prosecutor also claimed that the suspect, on July 31, 2024, killed six other persons during a violent clash between rival factions of an unlawful society

at Idi-Araba. He was said to have fled to the Alagbado area, where he was eventually apprehended. Magistrate, Mobolaji Tanimola, ordered his remand for the first 30 days, pending the legal advice from the office of the Directorate of Public Prosecution.

Man, Wife Sentenced To Jail Over Illicit Drug Business

By Felix Kuyinu



A man, Johnson Uchenna and wife, Rosemary, have been sentenced to jail for dealing in prohibited drug business. The couple was arraigned by the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency, NDLEA, and arraigned at the Federal High Court in Lagos where the were both sentenced to a combined 22 years in prison. At the court, the NDLEA representative, Femi Babafemi, disclosed that the lawbreakers were arrested on June 13, Department of State Services, DSS, in Ojo area of the state, after which a 277.5kg of skunk, a potent strain of cannabis

was recovered from them.

"While investigations were ongoing, credible intelligence indicated that drug-related activities were continuing at their residence," Babafemi told Justice Dehinde Dipeolu, who presided over the court case.

He continued saying, "This led to a follow-up raid by NDLEA operatives on July 1, during which 231kg of the same substance was recovered from their home and a nearby storage facility."

The couple faced prosecution on a four-count charge bordering on conspiracy,

dealing, and unlawful storage of 414.2kg of cannabis sativa, all enshrined in case number FHC/L/632C/2025.

Justice Dipeolu convicted Rosemary on counts 1, 2, and 3 and sentenced her to 17 years in prison without an option of fine.

Johnson was

sentenced to five years imprisonment without option of fine on count 1 and six months in jail on count 4 with an option of N1 million fine.

In addition to the jail terms, the trial Judge also ordered the sum of N3.4 million recovered from the couple as proceeds of crime be forfeited to the Federal Government.



By
Kehinde Bamigbetan

Adapting to the Waters: Embracing a Canoe-Driven Economy in Lagos State

Lagos State, Nigeria, is a bustling metropolis characterised by rapid urbanisation and economic vitality. However, this vibrant city is also plagued by acute environmental challenges, particularly flooding. The torrential rains associated with the wet season inundate streets each year, disrupt daily life, and inflict significant economic damage. Instead of viewing these floods solely as a hindrance, there lies a unique opportunity for Lagos to reframe its coastal economy. Adapting to these floods rather than fighting against them could pave the way for innovative transportation solutions, positioning the city as a model for resilience and sustainability.

Understanding the Challenges of Flooding in Lagos

The geographical positioning of Lagos, with its extensive coastline and intricate network of waterways, makes it particularly susceptible to flooding. The state's rapid urban expansion has exacerbated this situation, leading to poor drainage systems and increased water runoff. It is not uncommon for major thoroughfares to become impassable rivers, leaving residents stranded and businesses disrupted. As the climate crisis escalates, these flooding incidents are expected to become more frequent and severe. The World Bank warns that rising sea levels and changing weather patterns will increasingly

affect coastal cities like Lagos. Rather than viewing these floods merely as a natural disaster to be combated, city planners and government officials must adopt a resilient mindset, one that sees the potential of water as a resource rather than an enemy.

Rethinking Urban Mobility: The Logic of Adaptation

In the face of recurrent flooding, Lagos must rethink its urban mobility strategies. Adapting to the inevitable changes caused by floods requires innovative solutions that integrate the city's waterways into daily life. Historically, Lagos has had a vibrant tradition of water transportation — from traditional canoe transport to modern waterways — that has been overshadowed by the development of road networks.

To facilitate this transition, the government should invest in dredging the existing rivers and streams to create navigable channels. This effort will not only improve the flow of water but also foster an interconnected system of canoe-driven transport. By focusing on water as a primary mode of transportation, Lagos could alleviate the pressure on its currently congested roads, providing residents with an effective and efficient means of travel.

The Economic Benefits of a Canoe-Driven Economy

Transitioning to a canoe-driven economy offers numerous economic benefits for Lagos. Firstly, a

robust water transportation system can provide a cost-effective alternative to traditional road transport. Canoes and boats, powered by manpower and renewable energy sources, can navigate through flooded areas and reduce the need for extensive road repairs in these vulnerable regions.

Additionally, establishing an urban water transportation network could spur job creation. Local communities can be engaged in various aspects of this economic endeavour, from boat building and maintenance to tourism. By training residents in canoe craftsmanship and waterway management, a new skill set can be developed that empowers local communities and fosters economic growth. Tourism also stands to benefit significantly. A revitalised waterway system can attract local and international visitors seeking immersive experiences in Lagos. Cultural boat tours, eco-tourism ventures, and fishing excursions are just a few examples of how the water bodies can be leveraged to promote tourism while generating revenue for the city.

Restoring Community-Driven Urban Water Transportation

Community involvement and local governance must be central to the plans for the proposed canoe-driven economy to flourish. City managers should prioritise the restoration of community-driven urban water transportation

initiatives that empower neighbourhoods to take ownership of their waterways. This can be achieved by establishing local water transportation cooperatives where residents can invest in and manage their modes of transport.

Furthermore, educational campaigns can help shift public perception about the importance of waterways. Informing residents about safety practices, environmental sustainability, and the benefits of water transport will foster a culture of adaptability and resilience. Collaborating with stakeholders, from local artisans to environmentalists, can create a holistic approach to urban water transport that respects cultural heritage and ecological integrity.

Urban Planning and Infrastructure Development

Lagos must integrate waterway considerations into its urban planning and infrastructure development. This includes designing public spaces that embrace the waterways rather than, for instance, seeking to isolate them through construction. Inclusive planning processes can encourage the development of waterfront parks, public piers, and docking facilities that enhance accessibility to waterways.

Additionally, a comprehensive drainage management system should be established to maximise the utility of the city's water channels. Regular maintenance,

dredging, and ecological monitoring will ensure the waterways remain navigable and healthy, benefiting the economy and the environment.

Embracing Resilience: A Call to Action

The transformation of Lagos into a resilient coastal economy centred around water transportation necessitates decisive action from city managers and policymakers. By embracing the logic of resilience, Lagos can redefine its relationship with water, using floods not as obstacles but as opportunities for growth and adaptability.

Public-private partnerships can be essential in this transformation, leveraging expertise and resources from various sectors to foster innovative solutions. Increased funding, research, and collaboration will be critical in advancing the development of an urban water transportation system that benefits all residents.

In conclusion, the floods in Lagos State should not be viewed merely as destructive forces but as catalysts for change. By adapting to the annual influx of water through the promotion of a canoe-driven economy, Lagos has the potential to emerge as a resilient city prepared for the challenges of climate change. Through strategic planning, community engagement, and a renewed focus on waterways, the city can create a sustainable future that not only withstands the floods but thrives alongside them.

Iyabo Ojo Urges Wizkid, Tiwa Savage to Join Justice Campaign for Mohbad

Nollywood actress Iyabo Ojo has called on music stars Wizkid and Tiwa Savage to lend their voices to the ongoing efforts to secure justice for the late singer Mohbad. She emphasized that Mohbad, like many other young artists, was inspired by top stars in the industry, and it would be disheartening if those figures did not stand up for the next generation of talent. Speaking during a

recent Instagram livestream with her followers, Ojo highlighted the importance of protecting rising artists from the same struggles that legendary musicians like Fela Kuti, King Sunny Ade, and 2Baba faced during their careers. She said, "Wizkid and Tiwa Savage, I need you. These young boys, they come from the slums and ghettos just like most of you did, and they were inspired by you



guys to become artists. And they have so much talent. Music is one of the talents that has put Nigeria on the map... These children are making us proud." "Nigeria is blessed with talents, and we cannot allow

any cult or anyone pull them down. We cannot allow anybody pull those children down because their music is what's giving us joy... We will not allow what Fela Kuti, King Sunny Ade, and 2Baba went

through in the hands of record label executives and the authorities to happen to new generational artists," she added. Meanwhile, rapper and label executive Naira Marley has continued to deny any involvement in

the death of Mohbad, who was once signed to his record label.

A court in Lagos State recently dismissed a case filed by Mohbad's father against Naira Marley and Sam Larry, citing a lack of evidence directly connecting them to the singer's death.

Despite ongoing public interest, the investigation into Mohbad's controversial passing remains unresolved two years after the incident.

EPE

NGO Conducts Free Eye Care For The Elderly In Epe

By Felix Kuyinu

A Non-Governmental Organisation, NGO, in Epe, Thanni Oladunjoye Older People Care Centre, has conducted a free eye medical care for the elderly in Epe area of Lagos state. None fewer than 20 beneficiaries were recorded during the initiative bringing the total to 78 since the inception of the firm in 2022.

Tunde Thanni, the founder of the establishment, said that apart from the eye care, the firm has been able to carry out treatment for age-related illnesses including hypertension, diabetes mellitus, arthritis, nutritional deficiencies, infections, eye conditions, malaria, and

chronic pain, alongside counselling, recreational and social programs physiotherapy and corrective surgeries. The latest round of surgeries was conducted in Ijebu-Ode, with 20 patients undergoing procedures free of charge. One of the beneficiaries, Leonard Houeti, a native of Benin Republic but

residing in Akodo, Ibeju-Lekki, shared his experience: "My sight problems began 25 years ago, starting with the left eye and then the right. Many are afraid of surgery, thinking they'll lose their eyes. But I can testify that the process is painless. I didn't even realize I was being operated on. I feel amazing. People who thought I'd never see again will rejoice when I return. I encourage

others with eye problems to seek help from this center. May God bless them." Another emotional testimony came from Akinwale Florence, who celebrated the return of her sight: "Before now, I couldn't see things clearly from afar. But now, I can count fingers and even operate my phone. We didn't pay a single kobo. If we were to do it ourselves, it would have cost about 800,000. But we

received everything—surgery, drugs, care—completely free. May God bless TOOPC for this incredible help."

The group convenor disclosed that the ongoing support from is not only transforming lives medically but also restoring dignity, belonging, and hope to the elderly in Epe and beyond—proving that aging does not mean being forgotten.

Feminism Was Strategically Marketed to Women - Jim Iyke



Veteran Nollywood actor Jim Iyke has shared his perspective on modern feminism, describing it as a movement that has deviated significantly from its original intent and now, in his view, promotes

values that could be considered extreme.

During a recent interview with The EchoRoom, the 48-year-old actor reflected on the early goals of feminism, which he acknowledged initially focused

on addressing real social challenges such as patriarchy and gender imbalance. However, he argued that the current form of feminism has strayed from those foundations and evolved into an ideology that

fosters unnecessary rivalry between men and women. Iyke alleged that the modern feminist ideology was strategically developed by a women's publication as a marketing tool designed to increase magazine sales. He claimed that women, being the magazine's primary readership, were the target of a campaign that encouraged them to challenge traditional

gender roles and compete with men across various domains.

He further explained that what began as a campaign gradually escalated into a widespread belief system. According to him, some women embraced the ideology to the extent of rejecting the relevance of men entirely, leading to a new social norm where the idea of not needing men gained traction.

The actor also criticized what he described as the double standards within the modern feminist movement, stating that it no longer

seeks genuine equality or balance. He maintained that true harmony between the genders can only be achieved when both men and women understand and respect their distinct roles and collaborate accordingly.

Iyke concluded by suggesting that instead of fostering mutual understanding and cooperation, modern feminism now promotes a conflicting agenda that lacks consistency and undermines the natural equilibrium between the sexes.

Davido is the Most Influential Person in Nigeria - Asa Asika

Asa Asika, manager to popular Nigerian music star Davido, has asserted that the singer holds the title of the most influential individual in Nigeria.

During a recent appearance on the Zeph podcast, the talent manager stated that his opinion remains



firm, regardless of public debate or differing

views. He explained experience and that his conclusion observation of is based on personal Davido's wide-

reaching impact.

According to Asika, Davido's influence extends far beyond music, shaping culture, trends, and public opinion in ways unmatched by any other public figure in the country. Although Davido remains the most followed Nigerian across major social media platforms, public conversation

continues around who commands the most real-life influence among Nigeria's top music stars with Wizkid and Burna Boy often mentioned in the mix.

Nonetheless, Asika's bold declaration adds a new dimension to the long-standing debate.



Ishola Urges Unity Among Workers at Inaugural Meeting

The Chairman of Agbado Oke Odo Local Council Development Area, Alhaji Ishola Jimoh Abiodun, has called on staff and management of the council to work together as a united family in the interest of the community. He made the appeal during his inaugural meeting with council management held on Monday, 4 August 2025, where he encouraged heads of departments and units to align with

the council's Vice Chairman, Alhaji Shobayo Yusua Kehinde, Ishola said the meeting marked a critical step in realigning the local council's operations to ensure better governance and improved service delivery. Present at the strategic session were the Council Manager, Mrs. Fregene Gbemisola, and the Council Treasurer, Mrs. Faoziat Ayodele Abdulsalam, who led other Heads of Department to identify key areas

needing urgent attention and repositioning for optimal performance. As part of the day's engagements, the Executive Chairman and his vice received a delegation from the Nigerian Union of Local Government Employees, NULGE, Agbado Oke Odo Branch. The meeting focused on strengthening collaboration between the administration and staff toward achieving a more productive and

responsive workforce. During the interaction, NULGE Chairman, Comrade Tajudeen Olowolagba, pledged the union's full support, stating that the staff are committed to working closely with the new leadership to drive progress across the council area. The day's activities concluded with the chairman inspecting major

offices within the council secretariat. He assured staff and the council manager that the administration would prioritize the provision of essential working tools and facilities necessary for improved performance. Alhaji Ishola reaffirmed his dedication to inclusive governance, transparency, and administrative excellence, pledging to lead a team-driven government that places the people first.

Idowu Pledges Scholarships for Orile-Agege Indigent Students

The management, Chairman of Orile Agege Local Council Development Area, Hon. Akinola Idowu, has announced plans to offer special scholarships to indigent students from Orile Agege currently studying at Osun State Polytechnic, Iree. Hon. Idowu made this pledge during a courtesy and congratulatory visit by the Deputy Registrar of Osun State Polytechnic, Mrs. Abosede Adeniran, who led a delegation to his office. She delivered a congratulatory letter on behalf of the institution's management, staff, and students, celebrating the chairman, an alumnus of the polytechnic, on his electoral victory. Mrs. Adeniran noted that the institution is proud to have Hon. Idowu as one of its distinguished former students. "The entire

management, staff, and students are proud of Hon. Akinola Idowu, an old student of the institution. We are proud of you for being a good ambassador and projecting the image of Osun State Polytechnic in a positive light. It is a thing of joy that one of our own now leads Orile Agege LCDA," she said. In his response, Hon. Idowu expressed deep appreciation to the institution for the thoughtful gesture. He assured the delegation of a progressive and impactful partnership between his administration and the school. "I will pay the institution a courtesy visit soon to personally express my gratitude for this warm recognition. I am also open to value-driven collaborations



that will benefit both the council and the institution," he said. The chairman then appealed to Mrs. Adeniran to

assist in compiling the data of all Orile Agege LCDA indigenes currently enrolled at the polytechnic, so they can be included in his

proposed scholarship scheme aimed at supporting students from less privileged backgrounds. The initiative is

part of Hon. Idowu's broader commitment to improving access to education and empowering the youth through inclusive policies.

Hunpe Commends Sanwo-Olu Over Badagry Projects Completion

By Saheed Afolabi



Babatunde Hunpe, the Chairman of Badagry Local Government has lauded the Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu, for his administration's dedication to improving infrastructure in the Badagry Federal Constituency. The

commendation came during the commissioning of seven newly completed roads, a celebration Hunpe described as a testament to the Governor's "visionary leadership, purposeful governance, and genuine concern for the grassroots." The newly commissioned

roads are, Hospital Road, Samuel Ekundayo-Itoga Road, Aradagun-Mosafejo Road, Ilado-Iworo Road, Imeke-Iworo Road, and Iworo-Ajido Road. While expressing his gratitude for the completed projects, Hunpe

also took the opportunity to advocate for other critical projects in the Badagry axis. He referenced the community's needs in completion of other projects. He emphasized the urgent need for government attention on several stalled and uncompleted projects, including

the Yafin Road, Agboviye-Agadangba-Ikoga Road, and the Marina Reclamation Project. Hunpe also highlighted the community's long-standing desire for a deep sea port in Badagry West LCDA, a project he believes would be transformative.

He stated that the completion of these projects would further unlock the region's tourism, economic, and cultural potential. The chairman expressed confidence in the Governor's political will to make these projects a reality, ensuring that Badagry continues on a path of development and prosperity.

Hamzat Brings Development Closer to Ijaiye Residents



improved road is expected to reduce travel time, boost local business activity, and make everyday movement less stressful for families, workers, and students.

In Ward F, parents and teachers are welcoming the construction of a perimeter fence at Ogundimu Primary School. This long awaited project will provide much needed security for pupils and staff, giving families peace of mind and helping create a safer, more focused learning environment.

The school's location next to the Ifako Ijaiye Kingmakers Sports Complex and Ogundimu Primary Health Centre makes it a key part of the

community's growing education and wellness hub.

These projects reflect Prince Hamzat's commitment to making development tangible and relevant to the everyday needs of the people. Under his HEEDS Plus Agenda, the local government is not just building roads and walls, it is building a safer, more connected and more livable Ifako Ijaiye.

To ensure transparency and accountability, the UAH Project Monitoring and Evaluation Team (PMET) will be on ground throughout each phase of the projects, keeping residents informed and engaged.

From safer schools to better roads, it is clear that under the UAH administration, development is no longer a promise but a reality.

Residents of the Chairman Ifako Ijaiye Prince Usman Local Akanbi Hamzat Government are beginning to feel new wave of the direct impact of infrastructure good governance projects aimed at as the improving daily administration of life in the

community. For commuters and residents in Ogba, help has finally arrived. The ongoing rehabilitation of Adenekan Salako Street in Ward C1

is easing one of the area's longstanding transportation headaches. As a major route that connects to the ever busy Ijaiye Road, the

Flooding: Agboyi Ketu Chairman Sympathise With Victims

The Executive Chairman of Agboyi Ketu Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. (Mrs) Adetola Adunni Abubakar, has extended a message of reassurance and solidarity to residents as the rainy season continues to impact communities across the council area. In an official public statement, the Chairman expressed concern for families already dealing with the effects of heavy rainfall and flooding. She noted that her administration is fully aware of the discomfort, disruptions, and health risks associated with this season, and is working actively to provide relief and protect lives. "As your Chairman and as a mother, I understand your worries and feel your concerns deeply," she stated,



emphasizing that the safety and wellbeing of residents remain her top priority. She called on residents to take

extra precautions to stay safe and keep their children warm, while also urging them to report any emergencies

or urgent needs to the appropriate authorities. The Chairman assured the public that response teams are on standby to assist affected communities.

Hon. Abubakar added that the local government is already identifying the most affected areas to ensure timely and targeted interventions. She reaffirmed her administration's commitment to restoring comfort, protecting lives, and supporting residents through

this challenging period.

"Together, we will weather the storm with strength, love, and community spirit," she said.

The message is part of an ongoing effort by the Agboyi Ketu LCDA to maintain open communication and provide consistent support during the rainy season, reinforcing the council's pledge to serve with empathy, dedication, and responsiveness.

Agbado-Oke Odo NEWS

Ishola Appoints Rabiun as Chief of Staff

The Executive Chairman of Agbado Oke-Odo Local Council Development Area, Hon. Ishola Jimoh Abiodun, has appointed Mr. Abdurrahman Rabiun as his Chief of Staff, marking a major step in strengthening the administrative structure of the council.

With this appointment, the chairman aims to ensure greater coordination, communication, and alignment between his office and

departments, as part of ongoing efforts to deliver efficient governance and service delivery to the people of Agbado Oke-Odo.

Mr. Rabiun will play a key role in overseeing the day-to-day administrative functions, facilitating the implementation of council policies, and supporting strategic initiatives. His presence is expected to

enhance internal workflow and drive performance across the council's departments.

Hon. Abiodun stated that the appointment reflects his administration's focus on professionalism, discipline, and results. He expressed confidence in Mr. Rabiun's capability to contribute meaningfully to the team and help actualize the council's vision of responsible, transparent, and people-centred governance.



Youth Development: NDE Seeks Partnership With Alimosho LG

Kehinde Adeleye

The National Directorate of Employment (NDE) has paid a courtesy visit to the Chairman of Alimosho Local Government, Hon. Akinpelu Ibrahim Johnson, to congratulate him on his assumption of office and to propose a strategic partnership aimed at empowering local youths

through vocational training and job creation.

Leading the delegation, Mr. Rufus Ogungbemi, the Lagos State Coordinator of the NDE, commended the council chairman for his warm reception and expressed the agency's readiness to work closely with the

local government to address unemployment. He assured the chairman of NDE's full collaboration in line with its operational mandate to equip Nigerians with market-relevant skills and promote entrepreneurship. Ogungbemi explained that the directorate is adopting a new and results-driven

approach, which includes capturing accurate data of beneficiaries, monitoring their progress post-training, and guiding them to become self-reliant and job creators in their own right. He also requested the council's support in areas of logistics, grassroots mobilization, and publicity through

the offices of ward councillors who have direct access to the people.

Responding to the proposal, Hon. Akinpelu expressed appreciation for the visit and pledged the full support of his administration. He highlighted areas of alignment between the NDE's mission

and the council's WISE Agenda, particularly in promoting small business growth, offering soft loans, and investing in agriculture.

The chairman revealed plans to acquire a large parcel of land outside Lagos State for farming initiatives, where residents can engage in agriculture with government support. He said the local government intends to serve as a major off-taker of farm produce to ensure affordable food prices within the community.

Hon. Akinpelu reiterated that job creation and food security remain key priorities of his administration, and that partnerships such as the one proposed by NDE are critical to achieving these goals.

The visit marks a promising beginning for a collaborative effort between the federal employment agency and Alimosho Local Government, with the shared aim of tackling youth unemployment and promoting sustainable livelihoods at the grassroots.



Aruwe Promises To Build Lasting Roads In Mushin

By Saheed Afolabi

Chairman of Mushin LG, Mr. Tunbosun Aruwe has promised to construct roads that will stand the test of time. Aruwe reiterated his administration's commitment to creating a livable road network across Mushin, highlighting the importance of quality roads for economic activities and community growth.

"Our goal is to make Mushin's roads not just motorable but truly livable for everyone. Roads improve daily life, support businesses, and connect our communities better," Aruwe said.

The council boss further announced that Alasalatu and Moshalashi roads will undergo full reconstruction, assuring residents



that these projects will receive top priority.

He also emphasized that improved roads will enhance accessibility to strategic locations like LUTH Road,

Agege Motor Road, and Isolo Road in boosting commerce and ease of movement for the road users and residents.

The Chairman also extended the inspection to Cele

other side to curb environmental nuisance on the axis and sound note of warning to the occupants for immediate corrections

"This is a promise, every ward in Mushin will feel

the impact of this administration. We are building roads that will stand the test of time and serve generations yet unborn in terms of quality job delivery," Hon.

Aruwe also stated that this administration will not tolerate all illicit activities in all ramifications, he assured the residents, and all the residents of Mushin LG.

Hunpe Pledges To Maintain Public Properties

By Saheed Afolabi



As part of his administration's commitment to improving public infrastructure, the Chairman of Badagry Local Government, Mr Babatunde Hunpe, inspected primary health centers in the Ajido community. The tour, a continuation of his project monitoring initiative, aimed to ensure these health centers remain accessible and affordable for residents, especially those in rural areas. During the visit, Hunpe expressed his administration's dedication to maintaining and upgrading these facilities. He assured the community that the local government would continue to invest in infrastructure and staff, with the goal of transforming the centers into hubs of competence and quality service. Hunpe urged residents to utilize the government-owned health facilities, promising improved services and ongoing upgrades to meet modern standards. "We are committed to maintaining, equipping, and empowering these centers so our citizens can access reliable and affordable healthcare," the Chairman pledged. The tour concluded with a visit to the palace of the Aholu of Ajido Kingdom, where Hunpe thanked the monarch for his support and reiterated his commitment to grassroots healthcare development. In his response, the Aholu of Ajido Kingdom, His Royal Majesty Aholu Sedonu Saheed Adams, commended the Chairman's proactive leadership and emphasized the importance of collaboration between traditional institutions and the local government for lasting progress.

Fashola Lauds Lagos State Sports Vision

By Saheed Afolabi

Former Governor of Lagos State, Mr. Babatunde Raji Fashola, SAN, has emphasized the immense global prospects within the sports industry, applauding the Lagos State Government for its forward-thinking approach to youth empowerment and sports development. Fashola made this known at the 2025 International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Africa Youth Cup, tagged the "BRF Cup," held at the Molade-Okoya Thomas Indoor Sports Hall, Teslim Balogun Stadium, Surulere, Lagos.

In an electrifying atmosphere filled with youthful zeal and

international camaraderie, the former Governor expressed pride in the role Lagos continues to play as a trailblazer in sports infrastructure and talent development across Africa.

"At a time when sports talent is becoming a global currency, we are not dealing with a hobby anymore. We are dealing with alternative professions, pathways for young people to build their careers and become global icons," Fashola said.

He highlighted the growing importance of sports not only as a recreational activity but as a serious economic and social



development tool capable of lifting young Nigerians into global relevance.

Speaking further, the former Governor lauded

the Lagos State Government's commitment to driving inclusivity and excellence in sports, noting that the state's

robust investment in youth engagement, infrastructure, and strategic partnerships is setting a model for other countries.

"Lagos sports is certainly in good hands. I can feel the energy and passion to make things better," he declared.

Bet9ja Ibeju-Lekki Cup: 23 Teams Confirmed, More Expected



The inaugural Bet9ja Ibeju-Lekki Cup is set to kick off this month, with 23 teams already registered and confirmed to participate.

According to Victor Akinmoyo, the chairman of the organizing committee, the tournament has garnered significant interest, with more than 20 teams registering within the first two weeks.

"We have 23 teams registered and confirmed for the competition," Akinmoyo stated. "We're targeting 32 teams, so there are still a few slots available for interested clubs."

Akinmoyo, who also serves as the Leader of the Ibeju-Lekki Football Coaches Council, promised that the

tournament would be a major event for the Ibeju-Lekki community and its surroundings. He assured all participating teams of fair officiating and a smooth, well-organized competition.

Among the teams already registered are Amuludun FA (Ikorodu), Golden Star FC (Badore Ajah), Sunrise FC (Elepete Phase 1), and De Ultimate Soccer Academy (Awoyaya, Ibeju Lekki). The list of confirmed teams also includes Zion FC (Badore Ajah), FC Middlewell (Lagos Island), and Achievers Diamond FC (Ogombo), among others from various communities.



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