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Not until he revealed his ambition at an induction of lawmakers-elect for Lagos State House of Assembly on May 21, Hon. Abiodun Tobun was considered to be in total support of the plan of the incumbent, Hon. Mudashiru Obasa to return as the speaker. There were solid reasons for this assumption. First, Tobun was the Chairman, house committee on Works and Infrastructure under Obasa, a lucrative position that is only held by a loyalist and close ally of the speaker. Second, as a fourth term member, he had high prospects of succeeding the Speaker after this term.

"No one had ever thought that Tobun would be the one to challenge Obasa," a source close to Obasa said.

But, unknown to fellow insiders, Tobun who is representing Epe constituency 1 had been working quietly with a few of his colleagues on their plans to wrest power from the incumbent speaker, Hon. Mudashiru Obasa. "They are four in number, we knew them but we never thought Bosun would be the boldest to announce his ambition at the induction ceremony," the source said.

Those assumptions came to nought on May 21 when he told his colleagues at the gathering that he would be contesting for the speakership position, which looked almost a no-go-area for any of the aspiring lawmakers.

Tobun is one of the longest serving members of the assembly as he returns for the fourth term and for him, Obasa should not continue as the

Lagos Assembly: How Obasa crushed Tobun

By Kunle Awosiyan



RT. Hon Mudashiru Obasa



Hon. Abiodun Tobun

speaker, having served two terms.

Obasa was elected a member of the assembly in 2003 and rose to become the speaker in 2015. This is his sixth term and he remains the longest serving member of the state assembly.

On March 18 of the general election, his speakership ambition got a boost when some other senior members of the assembly lost at the polls and a few others got promotion to represent their constituencies at the National Assembly.

However, the ambition that looked like a sail through affair was challenged on May 21 when Tobun at the induction in Ikeja threw his cap into the ring to challenge Obasa.

But, as Echonews sources revealed, a top politician in the party, behind Tobun's ambition had been lobbying the powers that be for a change of leadership on the

grounds that if the executive governor is limited to two terms by the Constitution, the Speaker should not be allowed to have more terms than the state's chief executive.

The group also argued that the third position on ranking in the state should not go to a non-indigene, citing Obasa's Ogun State's roots.

The lobby also allegedly tried to curry the favour of the newly-elected governor, Babajide Sanwo-olu promising to ensure a friendlier house.

Recall that Obasa and Sanwo-olu had not been in good terms over some unapproved appointments made by the state governor. The assembly stopped the salaries of the affected Sanwo-Olu's appointees and urged the governor to obey the legislative rules. Our correspondent gathered that the governor was not happy with the position of the house.

However, Sanwo-olu

chose to give the lobby reasonable distance since he did not receive any directive against Obasa's second term.

The intrigues became intense two weeks to the inauguration of the 10th assembly when Obasa and Tobun had to be invited by the state's APC Governor's Advisory Council, GAC. Of course the council, as the name implies is supposed to advise the state governor, among other chief executives.

GAC has in his membership the three senators from the state, the speaker house of representatives, Hon. Femi Gbajabianila, a former speaker of the state house of assembly, Hon. Adeyemi Ikuforiji, a former deputy governor, Prince Abiodun Ogunleye, Pa Tajudun Olusi who is a chieftain of the party and acute loyalist of President Bola Tinubu.

Interestingly Obasa is a member of GAC while Tobun is not. Investigation also

showed that certain members wanted Epe to produce a speaker.

Sensing that Tobun's loyalists might get Sanwo-Olu's interest and jeopardise his ambition, Obasa started lobbying members of GAC.

Obasa, according to findings quickly lobbied some of his colleagues to form a stronger team against whatever plot Tobun and his GAC backbone might pose.

It was learnt that Obasa chose Hon. Mojisola Meranda of Apapa 1 constituency as the deputy speaker candidate and formed a stronger caucus with Hon. Raheem Noheem, Hon. Adedamola Richard Kasumu as Hon David Sentoji to weaken Tobun's team.

However, Governor Sanwo-Olu had denied anointing any candidate for the speakership position. He said at the inauguration of the 10th assembly that he had maintained neutrality in the process that led to

selection of the Assembly's principal officers.

He said his interest lay in how the executive and the legislature could work in collaboration to fulfill shared responsibilities to the people.

"The legislative arm embodies the hopes and aspirations of the state's residents, who elected representatives to work in partnership with other arms of the Government in the quest for good governance and prosperity of Lagos.

Sanwo-Olu, who described Lagos as a citadel of resilience and dynamism, noted that the rancour-free transition from the Ninth Assembly to the 10th parliament further demonstrated the sustenance of culture of legislative vibrancy entrenched in the State's parliament. This, he said, confirmed Lagos' journey on the path of innovation, development and cultural diversity.

Lagos Assembly: How Obasa crushed Tobun

"Today, we come together for the proclamation of the 10th Lagos State House of Assembly. The ceremony symbolises not just the continuity of our democratic journey, but also the vital role of legislative power in our system of governance. The legislature, an indispensable pillar of our democracy, plays an essential role in the journey we have embarked upon. It is the embodiment of the hopes and aspirations of our people, a crucial partner in the quest for good governance, and a custodian of our shared democratic values.

"The independent atmosphere under which the House of Assembly operates is a testament to the strength of our democracy and the commitment of Lagosians to the pursuit of excellence. Lagos has always been a citadel of resilience and dynamism, leading the path in innovation, development, and cultural diversity. As we embark on this new journey, we are reminded of our shared commitment to bolster the prosperity of Lagos and improve the lives of every Lagosian."

The Governor urged the legislators to bring their unique value and perspective to bear in the debates of issues and policies in the assembly, stressing that the Government would achieve extraordinary results through collective efforts and cooperation. Sanwo-Olu thanked members of the Ninth Assembly, whom he said worked with his Government to ensure dividends of good governance were reaped by the people. He charged members of the 10th Assembly to meet and outperform the



RT. Hon Mudashiru Obasa

record set by the expired Assembly in legislative activities.

He said: "As we look to the future, let us remind ourselves of the importance of cooperation, dialogue, and mutual respect. The Executive and the Legislature are partners in this democratic journey. Our shared goal is to create a Lagos where everyone thrives, where opportunities abound, and where our cultural diversity propels us forward.

"I stand ready to work with the 10th Assembly, collaborating to drive impactful policies, and fostering an environment where the hopes and dreams of every Lagosian can be realised. I believe the 10th Assembly will meet the expectations of Lagosians and surpass the record set by the Ninth Assembly."

Clerk of the House, Barr. Bunyamin Onafeko, rated the Ninth Assembly high in legislative achievements, noting that the House, in four years, passed 46 bills into law and approved

over 120 resolutions, touching range of issues, relating to welfare of the people, settlement of dues, and other socio-economic issues.

Onafeko disclosed that 20 legislators from the previous Assembly returned, while 20 members were newly elected into the House. The ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) retained the majority in the Assembly with 38 members, while Labour Party has two members.

"Legislature is the only arm of Government composed of elected representatives of the people across constituencies with statutory mandate to aggregate the concerns of the people and present their interests for implementation by the executive arm. The legislature has oversight power on other arms of Government through which it ensures transparency and accountability in allocation of public resources," Onafeko said. Sanwo-Olu, in pursuant

of Section 105(3) of the 1999 Constitution, as amended, transmitted a letter to proclaim the holding of the first session of the 10th Assembly.

Upon confirming the Governor's letter, Onafeko, citing Section 92 of the Constitution and Order 2 and Rule 4 of the House, called for the nomination of Speaker and Deputy Speaker.

Temitope Adewale, representing Ifako-Ijaiye Constituency 1, nominated member representing Agege Constituency 1, Rt. Hon. Mudashiru Obasa, to take the chair of the Speaker. Obasa, who is returning to the House for the record sixth term, led the Eight and Ninth Assemblies as Speaker.

Hon. Ogunkelu Sylvester from Epe Constituency II seconded Obasa's nomination to return as Speaker.

With no other nomination for the position, the Clerk returned Obasa as Speaker of the 10th Assembly.

Hon. Desmond Elliot of Surulere Constituency 1 nominated Hon. Mojisola

Lasbat Meranda, of Apapa Constituency 1, to take the seat of Deputy Speaker.

Meranda was elected after her nomination was seconded by Hon. Tijani Surajudeen of Ojo Constituency 2.

Upon assumption of duty as Speaker, Obasa said members' elections were a testament to avowed commitment to sustaining and upholding democratic values and principles through effective policy formulation, implementation and evaluation.

The Speaker thanked Governor Sanwo-Olu for according respect to this House and maintaining neutrality in the internal affairs of the Assembly. Obasa also appreciated the Governor for what the Speaker described as his defence of the legislature from external forces and manipulations.

He said: "The 10th Assembly has been proclaimed today. To achieve our goals, we will need to work hard, be innovative and stay united. We must abstain

from being purveyors and sponsors of negative publicity about this House and publications that do no one any good, but destroy the image and reputation of the parliament as well as its leadership.

"As we begin a new chapter in the history of this Assembly, I want to affirm my commitment to the principles of transparency, accountability and good governance. My goal is to ensure that every member of this Assembly is respected and valued, and that we work together to provide effective representation for the people of Lagos state."

Other principal officers constituted on the first session are Majority Leader, Hon. Noheem Adam, of Eti Osa Constituency 1; Deputy Majority Leader, Hon. Damola Kasumu of Ikeja Constituency II; Chief Whip, Hon. Mojeed Fatai of Ibeju Lekki Constituency 1, and Deputy Chief Whip, Hon. David Setonji of Badagry Constituency II.



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LASUCOM Inducts Third Cohort of Nursing Graduates

Stories By Kunle Awosiyun

In a momentous occasion for the College, the induction ceremony for the third set of graduating nursing students had been held. The event marked a significant milestone, as a new group of dedicated individuals commenced their nursing education, preparing to contribute to the evolving landscape of healthcare.

The induction ceremony which unfolded at the College Auditorium, boosted an aura of fulfillment from the State Officials, University Management, esteemed faculty members, healthcare professionals, and families of the inductees who gathered to celebrate the 31 new nurses as they embark on the next transformative chapter in their professional careers.

In her address, the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Ibiyemi I. Olatunji - Bello congratulated the inductees, their parents, and the College community for attaining this milestone through the trials of sleepless nights, rigorous training, learning and financial

investments.

"This nation especially this state has invested so much in the education for which you now boast today and I have to acknowledge and appreciate the Lagos State Government for its huge financial investments and capital expenditure for which the College has benefited immensely from", she said, while urging the inductees to serve their nation and help combat the controversial issue of "brain drain" plaguing the country.

The Provost of the College, Prof. Abiodun Adewuya, in his opening remarks, described the College's nursing programme, which inducted its first set of nurses in 2021, as one of the remarkable testaments to its admirable reputation as a pride of the University and a leading institution for healthcare education in and around the Nation.

He charged the inductees to continue to seek further knowledge as the learning process never stops for committed professionals and advised them to embrace the "Heal the World" mentality.

"Today, as you don your

nursing caps and recite the Nightingale Pledge, remember the significance of life, purpose and compassion. You are not merely assuming a role of a nurse; you are carrying the torch of compassion, and healing passed down through generations of nurses" he said.

During the induction ceremony, distinguished speakers underscored the vital role that nurses play in the provision of holistic patient care. They emphasized the significance of interdisciplinary collaboration, empathetic communication, and evidence-based practice in improving health outcomes. The speakers also highlighted the growing demand for highly skilled and compassionate nursing professionals, paving the way for exciting career opportunities within the healthcare industry.

The head of the Nursing Programme in the College, Dr. Bola Ofi expressed pride in the efforts shown by the students throughout their time in the College and urged them to maximize their full potential by utilizing opportunities

available to them throughout the course of their careers.

The induction ceremony for the third set of nursing students from the Lagos State University College of Medicine symbolizes the impressive progression of the Department of Nursing programme which was approved by the LASU Senate in 2009 to prepare graduate nurses to meet the quality healthcare demands of Lagos State, Nigeria and the global world and in addition, prepare professionals for a career in academics and research.

The 31 new inductees who have been officially thrust into the healthcare industry joined the ranks of accomplished alumni under the banners of the Lagos State University College of Medicine who hold the promise of a brighter future for healthcare. The entire College community stands in unity, anticipating their positive mark on the healthcare industry where they will apply their knowledge and skills to positively impact the lives of individuals and communities.

Curbing Sexual And Domestic Violence: Lagos Police To Create Family Support Units

To enable it respond promptly to cases of sexual and domestic violence in Lagos, the state police command has said that it is planning to create Family Support Unit across all its divisions and outposts in the state.

The state commissioner of police, Mr. Idowu Owohunwa said this during a courtesy visit to the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency (DSVA).

He said that Lagos Police Command is planning to ensure that its 110 Police Divisions and 70 Outpost across the State have Family Support Units (FSU) and promised to also put up befitting structures expected of a standard FSU while providing adequate training for the staff of the units.

Owohunwa also revealed that his Office is upgrading its Gender Desk Department which would ensure improved investigation of cases as well as ascertain that survivors are able to have prompt access to medical, legal and other support, all under one roof.

Emphasising that this is critical in ensuring diligent investigation and prosecution of cases, the State Commissioner of Police called for more awareness campaigns by the Agency in order to break the culture of silence among residents while ultimately encouraging survivors to speak up and get the much-needed help.

Meanwhile the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency (DSVA) has reiterated its commitment to strengthening collaborative efforts

with the State Police Command towards curbing the menace of domestic and sexual violence as well as providing necessary support to victims of abuse.

Executive Secretary of DSVA, Titilola Vivour-Adeniyi stated this, adding that the visit of Mr. Owohunwa was a welcome development towards strengthening the DSVA-Police collaborative efforts in the fight against Sexual Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) and all other forms of abuses against the most vulnerable in the State.

Vivour-Adeniyi revealed that the State Government has been able to accomplish great success in its fight against SGBV through its various programmes, policies and interventions championed by the Agency which has also helped in getting justice for survivors of domestic violence across the State.

The Commissioner of Police lauded the Lagos DSVA for being an exceptional Agency in the fight against SGBV and domestic violence to ensure the rights of victims and survivors are adequately protected.

Owohunwa reaffirmed commitment of the Police to working with the government and assured that the Police, under his watch, would complement the efforts of the Agency to attain its statutory mandate.

Furthermore, he noted that his Office is working on strengthening intra-Police coordination by evolving a structure that would effectively coordinate prompt response within the Police.



Inducted nurses

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Lateef Jakande Leadership Academy Visits Key Govt Establishments In Lagos

Stories By Kunle Awosiyun

The Lateef Jakande Leadership Academy (LJLA) has commenced visitation to some government establishments as a way of deepening its knowledge about governance in Lagos State.

The learning visitation which took members of the Academy to Ikeja Local Government Secretariat and Radio Lagos Eko FM was a continuation of an earlier training for Associates of the Academy about the Lagos State Public Service Rules, Administrative Structure and Political History of Lagos State.

Explaining the rationale behind the visit, the Executive Secretary of the Academy, Ms. Folasade Coker said that the Institute which was established to groom leaders for Public Service and Governance must be adequately equipped with first-hand information about governance and government institutions. She added that the Academy decided to visit Ikeja Local Government and Radio Lagos Eko FM as its first port of call considering the fact that the Local Government is the host council for the State seat of power at Alausa and the Capital of Lagos State, adding that Radio Lagos Eko FM is one of the key government institutions established during the administration of late Alhaji Lateef Jakande.

Coker commended the State Government's efforts to instill positive values and groom leaders for Public Service and Governance through the

Lateef Jakande Leadership Academy.

Receiving members of the Lateef Jakande Leadership Academy on behalf of the Council, the Vice Chairman, Hon. Yomi Azeez and Head of Administration of the Local Government, Mr Saheed Abiodun enlightened the Associates of the Academy about the history, roles, responsibilities, achievements and peculiarities of the local government.

The Vice Chairman shared some of his personal encounters with the late first Civilian Governor of the State, Alhaji Lateef Jakande, recalling the late Legend's commitment to excellence, humility and result-oriented dispositions.

The Head of Administration of the Local Government also congratulated the Associates and reminded them that being in the Lateef Jakande Leadership Academy was a lifetime opportunity that they should not take for granted.

After the visit to Ikeja Local Government, the Associates embarked on their second learning visit to Radio Lagos, the radio arm of the Lagos State Government, founded in 1978.

At the Radio Lagos EKO FM, members of LJLA met the leadership team of the Station led by the General Manager, Mr. Jide Lawal and the Directors of Marketing, Corporate Affairs, Engineering, ICT, Programmes, News, Language, HR & Admin, Audit & Accounts and other Heads of Units.

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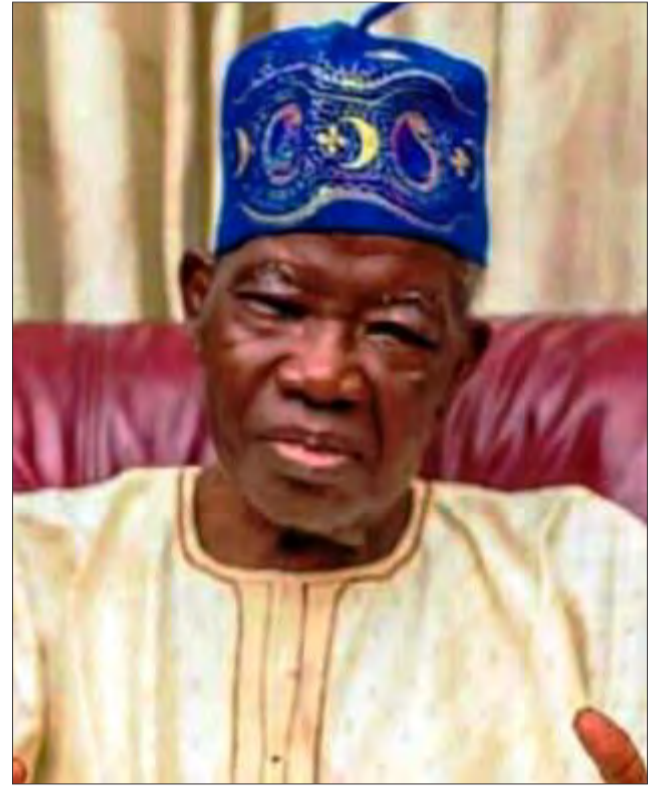
Radio Station educated the Associates about the Radio Station establishment, its various departments, processes and protocols as well as the evolution and adaptation strategies to the new media and more.

Members of the Academy interacted with the officials of the Radio Station in a question and answer session, embarked on a tour of the station facilities, and also featured in an on-air session on a live programme.

Representatives of the Lagos State Public Service Staff Training

Development Centre (PSSDC), Magodo, who have been facilitating training sessions on Leadership and Governance for the LJLA Associates also joined the Academy during the learning visit.

Recall that the Lateef Jakande Leadership Academy was founded by Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu in a bid to develop future leaders in Public Service and Governance and inculcate in them the values of the late Lateef Kayode Jakande who made an indelible impact on Lagos State during his tenure in office.



Lateef Jakande

LASUTH Caters For 22 Dialysis Sessions Daily, As Hospital Unveils Modern Infrastructure

No fewer than 22 dialysis sessions are catered for daily and 660 monthly by the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital, the Chief Medical Director of the facility, Prof. Adetokunbo O. Fabamwo has said.

He disclosed this at the Second Quarter Media Briefing organised by LASUTH to brief the citizens about its medical infrastructure projects and unique healthcare services available to the public.

He said that the hospital had witnessed an impressive medical infrastructural transformation in recent times. He emphasised that LASUTH is committed to being at the forefront of healthcare delivery in Nigeria through excellent services.

According to him, the Dialysis Unit in the new SSC building caters for a minimum of 22 sessions

daily and 660 dialysis sessions monthly, saying "This in addition to the existing six dialysis machines in the Critical Care Unit (CCU) of LASUTH".

"Likewise, our Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory which was established in September 2022 has so far had 120 different procedures done. The spectrum of these procedures ranges from Coronary Procedures (for heart attack), Permanent Pacemaker, Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators, CRTD, Device Closures for Holes in the Heart and other vascular procedures", he added.

He revealed that LASUTH has recently completed several modern Medical Infrastructural Projects including a new Multipurpose Medical Building acquired through the Office of the Senior Special Assistant

to the former President of Nigeria, Mohammed Buhari, on Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) and commissioned for use by Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu, describing the building as well equipped with modern medical care facilities.

According to him, "The new Multipurpose Medical Building which comprises four medical schools in the areas of Anaesthesia Technology, Echo Cardiograph, Orthopaedic Cast Technology and Post Graduate Nursing, also houses the Family Medicine Department, Dietetics Department, Managed Care Unit, Immunization Clinic, Private Wards, Super Executive Private Wards, 20-bed Intensive Care Unit, a Spa and a Gym, amongst others. This facility will significantly raise the status of LASUTH as a leading centre of excellence in

healthcare service delivery", he said.

He averred that another building project completed by LASUTH is the Special Services Centre (SSC) which is intended to bridge the gap in the healthcare sector and solve the challenges of interventional procedures. Fabamwo said that the SSC accommodates a Dialysis Unit, a Bronchoscopy Suite, a Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratory and an Endoscopy Suite.

While informing that the ultra-modern House Officers' Quarters and an Ambulance Bay are also among the completed building project by the hospital, he listed some ongoing and soon-to-be-completed projects as the Resident Doctor's Quarters, Female Medical Ward and Paediatric Sickle Cell Centre to care for children with sickle cell disorder.

Lagos Targets 200,000 Units of Blood from Voluntary Donors



Blood Bank

Stories By Kunle Awosiyun

Lagos State Government is targeting increasing its total number of donated blood which is presently at over 115,000 units to 200,000 units to meet its annual blood requirements and the World Health Organisation's (WHO) recommended estimate of blood requirement per population, the Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Ministry of Health, Dr. Olusegun Ogboye has said.

Ogboye, who disclosed this today while reviewing scheduled activities lined up by the Lagos State Blood Transfusion Service (LSBTS) to commemorate 2023 World Blood Donor Day in Lagos, disclosed that apart from the recorded increase in donated blood in Lagos to over 115,000 units, the LSBTS has been able to screen 100 percent of all units of blood collected in the State.

The Permanent Secretary noted that LSBTS also produces blood components including Fresh Frozen Plasma,

Cryoprecipitates and Platelet Concentrates from 90 percent of voluntarily donated blood with the decentralisation of its storage to ensure easy accessibility.

Ogboye also disclosed that the LSBTS has commenced the process for complete automation in the screening and certification of blood for transfusion transmissible infections, implementation of the LSBTS Blood Inventory Management System and extended phenotyping of blood group antigens to reduce the incidence of adverse events in blood transfusion.

Speaking on scheduled activities to commemorate the year 2023 World Blood Donor Day in Lagos, the Executive Secretary of LSBTS, Dr. Biodun Osikomaiya disclosed that the Lagos State Ministry of Health, through the LSBTS, will commemorate WBBDD with a three-day event comprising Youth Extravaganza, Lagos State Secondary School Student LSBTS facility tour and

Symposium and Scientific Conference.

Osikomaiya further explained that a Symposium and Scientific Conference to commemorate World Blood Donor Day will hold on Wednesday, 14th June, 2023 at the Adeyemi-Bero Auditorium in Alausa Ikeja.

She said: "World blood donor day is a day of global observance, celebrated all around the world on the 14th of June yearly. This event is meant to raise awareness of the crucial need for safe blood and blood products, to thank blood donors for saving lives with their precious gift of blood and to recruit healthy individuals to be voluntary blood donors.

Osikomaiya noted that the agency is intensifying awareness, sensitisation and advocacy campaign to increase voluntary blood donation to meet the state blood requirement and safe blood transfusion services.

Expressing delight that the effort of LSBTS is yielding the desired result with an evident increase in

voluntarily donated blood, she noted that one pint of donated blood can save three lives, adding that this is why efforts are being intensified by the State government to meet and surpass the State blood requirement through recruiting and retaining voluntary blood donors.

While emphasising the huge demand for blood and the need for voluntary blood donation, Osikomaiya disclosed that about 37% of the population is eligible and clinically fit to donate blood, stressing that someone is always in need of blood every two seconds.

The Executive Secretary noted that eligible citizens can donate blood by walking into any of LSBTS's dedicated voluntary blood donation centres at General Hospital Lagos and General Hospital Gbagada or the voluntary blood donation centre at the Accident and Emergency Center, located at the old Toll Gate and the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital (LASUTH), Ikeja to donate blood at any time.

LABSCA Kicks Against Conversion of Residential To Commercial Buildings

This may not be the best time for developers and Lagos landlords who indiscriminately convert residential structures to commercial as the state Building Control Agency goes after them.

The General Manager of LASBCA Arc Gbolahan Owodunni Oki said that the state would not condone this illegality anymore as it contravenes the state building laws.

Oki said that the government was ready to go after those perpetrating this illegality as the agency pulled down 15 structures in Ajah, Eti Osa Local Government Area of the state.

He said that the 15 attachments were illegally converted from residential to commercial usage by their owners, a trend that is becoming rampant in the built sector of the State.

He further revealed that upon investigation it was noticed that parts of the residential units, including boys' quarters and other sections of some buildings, in Divine Homes Estate were unlawfully converted into shops and utilised for other commercial activities which are in total disregard to the physical planning regulations and

building codes of the state as well as a significant threat to the estate's original plan of a residential area.

The General Manager also disclosed that before the removal of the illegal attachments Statutory Notices ranging from Contravention, Quit and Demolition Notices had earlier been served on the owners of the illegal attachments after their failure to revert to the original building plan approval granted them by the government.

Oki further reiterated the government's commitment to safeguarding the lives and properties of the citizenry through thorough and effective monitoring of all ongoing building constructions in the State to ensure a harmonious, well-planned, secured and sustainable development where all forms of illegality are eradicated.

He emphasised LASBCA's readiness to collaborate with Estate Executives and concerned citizens, for robust monitoring and enforcement activities in the State that will help uphold building regulations, promote safety, and maintain the unique character of each neighbourhood across the State.



Converting residential to commercial building

Lagos Generates 870,000 Tonnes of Plastic Waste Annually Sanwo-Olu Laments

Story By Kunle Awosiyan

Lagos State Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu has expressed concern over the increasing volumes of plastic wastes in the metropolis, calling on residents to join the government to fight environmental pollution.

The governor stressed that Lagos State, being a megacity with an approximated population of 22 million inhabitants, generates about 870,000 tonnes of plastic waste annually which constitutes about 15 per cent of the total waste generated in the State.

He was speaking at this year World Environment Day celebrations with the theme: "Solutions to Plastic Pollution", held at Adeyemi-Bero, Secretariat, Alausa, Ikeja.

Represented by the Permanent Secretary, Office of Drainage Services and Water Resources, Engr. Nurudeen Shodeinde, the governor stated that in Nigeria, the total plastic waste generated annually is reported to be about 2.5 million tonnes, which includes the daily production of about 60 million sachet, water bags and single-use shopping bags.

"The situation is likely to worsen as the population grows from 220 million to projected 401 million by the end of 2050 thereby increasing the demand for plastics," he said,

He recalled that the



Plastic wastes

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), had noted that the appearance of plastics in the early 20th century has amassed a production of over 9.5 billion metric tonnes of which more than 8 billion metric tonnes have become wastes. Sanwo-Olu averred that the packaging sector was identified as the largest generator of single-use plastic waste in the world, approximately 36 per cent of all plastics produced are used in packaging, stressing that this includes single-use food and beverage containers which 85 per cent of them ended up as mismanaged waste in the environment.

He said globally, only 20 per cent of plastics produced are being

recycled while the rest are thrown into the drains and Oceans, adding that this poses a greater threat to humanity.

He said in Nigeria, the total plastic waste generated annually is reported to be about 2.5 million tonnes, which includes the daily production of about 60 million sachet, water bags and single-use shopping bags, noting that the situation is likely to worsen as the population grows from 220 million to projected 401 million by the end of 2050 thereby increasing the demand for plastics.

His words: "As a demonstration of commitment to its ministerial responsibility, the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources and some Agencies such

as Lagos Waste Management Authority (LAWMA), Lagos State Environmental Protection Agency (LASEPA) have initiated the launching of several initiatives such as Policy initiation, Environmental Advocacy, Buy-back programme amongst others to mitigate the challenge of plastic waste management in the State".

He explained that the Ministry also recently embarked on replication of the Recycling Banks in the Government Residential Estates, Schools, Communities and Markets after a successful implementation of a pilot scheme within the catchment areas of the State Secretariat Complex,

Alausa.

He stated that as part of the efforts to make the State cleaner, the Ministry commenced the Community recyclable management programme and the first one was launched in Ifako-Ijaye LGA in March 2023.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Permanent Secretary Office of Environmental Services, Mr. Gaji Omobolaji, who was represented by the Director of Environmental Education, Mrs. Monsurat Banire said the steps governments and businesses are taking to tackle plastic pollution need to be scaled up through policies and Awareness to accelerate this action

and transition to a circular economy.

According to him, "We advocate multiple use plastics, encourage and promote recycling through 'Reduce, Reuse & Recycle' and 'Buy-back' initiatives" adding that the time has come to adopt the slogan #BeatPlasticPollution#.

He stressed that it was time for everyone to pay serious attention to the dangers of plastic pollution and adopt proactive measures to reduce single-use plastic such as encouraging reusable plastics or biodegradable materials which are cost-effective, eco-friendly and devoid of environmental nuisance amongst others.

Council Trains 100 On Sanitary Pad Making, Calls For Girl Child Protection

By Edith Igbokwe

The chairman of Igando-Ikotun Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Lasisi Akinsanya, has trained over 100 people on how to make sanitary pads, while also calling on parents and government at all levels to protect the

rights of the girl child. Akinsanya made the call at the celebration of the 2023 Menstrual Hygiene Day organised by the council in collaboration with PEPSCO Foundation at the Council Secretariat with the theme "We are committed".

The Vice-Chairman, Hon. Mrs. Mojisola Badmus, who spoke for the chairman, said every girl child at the age of menstruation must be carefully protected against social vices. Badmus participated in the training exercise and urged participants, who are majorly primary and

secondary school teachers and education officers, to extend what they have learned to their various schools and organisations. "This should be taken to our junior schools; the teachers who have been trained today should replicate it in their various schools."



Participants at Sanitary making training

Council Chair Clears Air On Alleged Conversion Of Road To Market

By Edith Igbokwe



Hon Akinsanya

The chairman of Igando-Ikotun Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Lasisi Akinsanya, has debunked the allegation that an exit route in the community was converted into a market. He refuted the claims while stating that the road was closed to ease traffic congestion along the LASU-Iyana Iba Expressway, especially from the Igando bus stop. A statement by his media aides claimed that the road was not converted but temporarily shut to proffer a solution to gridlock along Egan Road.

The statement read in part: "Akinsanya inspected vehicular traffic at Igando and the connecting roads to proffer a solution to the gridlock caused by the increase in vehicles and population strength

coming out of Egan Town.

"At a peace and security meeting by notable individuals and other key stakeholders, it was concluded that the said road at Igando bus stop should be closed to control the traffic gridlock by Igando bus stop, which often lasts more than one hour daily."

The statement also added that the decision of the council boss to block the access road resulted from a serious security assessment meeting in that axis, adding that the action was taken to solve the excruciating gridlock on the Igando bus stop and associated crimes.

"The stakeholders consented to the decision and an alternative exit road was graded, and a palliative drainage was constructed to accommodate flood

and to give the area a face-lift.

"Thereafter, motorists on the Agric Road axis have the option of going to Old Egan Road to link LASU-Iyana Iba Road." However, residents have protested against converting the road to a mini Market as they lamented over the closure of the exit road in the community.

In lamentation, the residents stated that they ply the adjoining streets along Agric Road as an exit road to link the Igando Road to their various destinations.

They also alleged that the exit route that is closer to the main road was closed by a joint team of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority and the leadership of the Igando Ikotun LCDA for close to two years.

The allegation further stated that the exit point had been converted into a mini-market.

According to the residents, the situation had forced people to make use of bad alternative routes which have been damaging their vehicles.

Meanwhile, the chairman said he is a receptive man who takes time to answer calls and treat messages according to work pressure, adding that the council is open to visitors and concerned citizens.

Alimosho Councillors Receive Official Cars

By Edith Igbokwe



Presentaion of the vehicles

The councillors of Alimosho Local Government have received their official cars to aid their operation.

While presenting them with the vehicles, the council chairman, Hon. Sulaimon Jelili said the cars were

given to enhance the discharge of their duties.

Each councillor was given a Toyota Corolla 2012 model at the council secretariat.

Appreciating the gesture by the council chairman, the council leaders, who spoke on behalf of others, said

the cars would further boost their morale especially as they were given the exact type of vehicles they demanded.

He, therefore, assured the chairman of their support and promised to be up and doing to make the council area grow.

Council Certifies Quality Of Road Construction

By Edith Igbokwe

The authority of Apapa-Iganmu Local Council Development Area (LCDA) has certified the quality of work being done on the roads under rehabilitation across the council area and promised to deliver the project soon. This was said by the

supervisor for works, Hon. Hakeem Balogun, who led others on the inspection of ongoing road construction in Apapa-Iganmu, noting that the council chairman, Mrs. Funmilayo Muhammed is committed to community

development. He reiterated the council chairman's commitment to the development of the community with her slogan: 'My community is my priority' which she has kept. Balogun and other supervisory councilors on inspection of road



Apapa Iganmu road inspection

construction projects in Osime Street, Sari Iganmu, and Akorede Street along Badia

Ijora certified the work being done on the roads. They said the ongoing construction at Akorede

Street is within Ward C and Osime Street in Ward G is almost completed.

Council Boss To Engage Youths In Sport For Positive Change

By Edith Igbokwe

The chairman of Apapa-Iganmu Local Council Development Area, Hon. Funmilayo Muhammed has expressed her desire to continue using sport, particularly grassroots football, to push for positive social change within the council area as she was inducted as the Patron of Team Nigeria for the Homeless World Cup. According to her, Orile-Iganmu is blessed with abundant talents in all spheres of life including football and other sporting activities. She stated that her administration is committed to providing support within means to help youths, talented footballers, and sports athletes in general within the council to achieve their goals. "We must consciously create an enabling environment for people to thrive and excel in their chosen careers including football which over time has helped to keep so many youths off the streets as some have become national heroes with international prominence.



Apapa Iganmu boss induction as football patron

"Looking at the core value of Team Nigeria for the Homeless Football, I am proud to be identified as a Patron of the organisation." The induction was to recognise and appreciate the excellent performance of the executive chairman in the area of sport and youth development. Team Nigeria Director, Mr. Yomi Kuku described the executive chairman as an excellent leader who exudes positivity, confidence, and inspiration within her hemisphere. "Hon. Funmilayo is not just an astute politician but also a compassionate mother who goes after the

betterment of her precinct. "We found in her a passionate leader who is committed to the development of grassroots football and in the same vein using sport as a social tool to promote unity in a cosmopolitan community like Apapa-Iganmu LCDA." He noted that the Homeless World Cup is an annual street soccer event that brings together homeless people from across the world to participate in a football tournament that seeks to promote social inclusion and empowerment. The 2023 edition of the Homeless World Cup will be held in Sacramento, California in July with 70 countries in attendance.

Apapa Iganmu Fish Famers Appreciate LASG Support

By Edith Igbokwe

Fish farmers in Apapa Iganmu Local Council Development Area (LCDA) have appreciated Lagos State Government as they received power-generating machines from the Ministry of Agriculture under Fisheries Services to improve their farming business. Beneficiaries have collectively

appreciated the administration of Babajide Sanwo-Olu the Governor of Lagos to have extended a helping hand to their farm business. They said the tool will help generate the power supply and water needed for their production. Lagos State Ministry of Agriculture under Fisheries Services presented the power-generating machine to

the farmers in Apapa Iganmu LCDA. The chairman of the Community Development Committee (CDC), Apapa Iganmu, Okeola Azeez showcased the tools to the chairman of Apapa Iganmu LCDA, Mrs. Funmilayo Muhammed. Muhammed advised the beneficiaries to make good use of the tools provided to yield an increase in their business.



Fish farmers across Apapa Iganmu LCDA

REDOC Homes Launches New Estate Project in Epe

By Nurudeen Adebayo



REDOC Homes, a real estate and property development company, has launched a new housing project tagged "m l l a Estate" in Epe. According to the company, the estate is

targeted at providing housing for up to 200 families and addressing the growing need for quality housing in Lagos State in the coming years.

The company's CEO, @Bash Olakunle Olowoselu noted that

there is a huge housing deficit in Nigeria, with an estimated 17 million housing units required to meet the current demand.

"To address this deficit, REDOC is committed to providing quality homes that are affordable and

environmentally sustainable. We have the vision of becoming the most identified property brand for unparalleled affordability by the year 2024 across Nigeria, and m l l a Estate is a

testament to this commitment.

"m l l a is a unique opportunity for investors to build a lasting legacy for themselves and their loved ones in a very serene environment that has a touch of nature, class, and an impressively high return on investment. The Estate is uniquely designed to save investors from currency devaluation, starting the uniqueness of the location, the purpose even the name of the Estate all resonate about wealth creation and retention. Correcting your self-esteem starts from where you live and this factor is very important for the next coming generation. As a Nation, we need to build high self Esteem youth, and the origin is our society and environment," he stated.

He added: "m l l a Estate is an excellent example of our commitment to providing sustainable

developments that meet the needs of our customers. We understand the challenges that the Nigerian property market faces, property prices are high, with only 10-15 percent of the population able to afford a mortgage. We're addressing these challenges by building affordable and sustainable developments that are accessible to all Nigerian and not just the top 15 percent.

"We selected Epe for this project due to its strategic position and affordability. Epe is the primary gateway out of Lagos and the construction of a Seaport, Airport, and Refinery in highly commercial Ibeju Lekki will increase demand for residential houses, and the closest residential community is Epe. The community already houses several universities, Resorts, and government projects like the Solar Energy Project and Logistic Hub recently commissioned by the Lagos State Government."

Council Boss Procures Buses To Boost IGR

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Olorunda Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Samson Folorunso Olatunde (SAMOLA) has procured revenue vehicles for the offices across the council area including Iworo, Ibereko, Ilogbo, and Morogbo area offices.

According to him, the vehicles will ease revenue generation activities and increase Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) with the cooperation of the residents.

The area officers who received the vehicles

hailed the initiative, saying it was essential to improve their operations.

The Chief Admin Officer of the Iworo Area office, Mr. Fashina Olumide, said: "We are very glad to have these because obviously, it's going to boost the revenue of the area. Before now, we have been going with commercial vehicles which pulls stress to the time and commencement of the work. Because you must also consider the time we spend at the bus stop before we see a vehicle to start the

operation.

"With the presentation of these revenue buses, we are going to move faster and it's going to boost our revenue. It is going to add to the weight of our personnel outside because even before we open our mouths, they would know that we are from the Local Government. With that, it is going to improve compliance."

Corroborating Mr. Fashina's position, Mr. Amosu Samuel Sewanu, Area Officer, Ibereko Area Office appreciated the Council Chairman for finding it fit to present the

vehicles, saying it would improve the Council's revenue.

"I appreciate the Chairman for deeming it fit to present revenue busses to all the Area Offices within the Council. If you are doing the revenue collection without mobility, it would jeopardise your efforts, you won't be able to work very well

"Presenting these buses to the Area Offices will enhance (operations) and help us in the area of going out, distribution of billing, and other (relevant) things. It would also help us to

increase our revenue into the Council's cofer."

Meanwhile, the council chairman stated that the provision of the vehicles would ease the activities of the Area Officers and help them to capture deeper areas of the council.

He noted that the impact of the procurement of the vehicles was subject to the cooperation of the constituents.

According to him, "We receive praises and commendations for our efforts and for these we are grateful.

However, I would like to state clearly that none of the projects we are being celebrated for would be possible without funding.

"These vehicles are to help our revenue department operate with more efficiency and bring more money in but they will need the cooperation of all of us to deliver the desired result. Remember, delivering a Council that works for all is our collective responsibility and we must all play our parts to actualize our dream Council.

"In essence, I urge our people to comply and cooperate with our revenue officers whenever they come around."

Court Remands 3 Men Over Alleged Armed Robbery

BY Nurudeen Adebayo



An Ikeja Magistrates' Court, on Friday, remanded three men, Abdullahi Alimi, 44, Oladipupo Fagbe, 43, and Rasaq Alimi, 21, in Kirikiri Correctional Centre, for alleged armed robbery. The Magistrate, Mrs. A. Akinyemi, who did not take the defendants' pleas, ordered that the case file be sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) for advice.

Akinyemi adjourned the case till July 26 for

DPP's response.

The defendants are facing a four-count charge of conspiracy, stealing, receiving stolen property, and robbery.

Earlier, the prosecutor, DSP Chinalu Nwadike, told the court that the defendants committed the offences with some other persons at large on April 13 at Ogba Road, Agege, Lagos.

Nwadike said the defendants armed themselves with knives and robbed the complainant, Mr. Musa

Ganiyu, of his N20,000.

He also said that the defendants stole 504 cartons of origin bitters, valued at N4.5 million, property of Fafem Haulage Nigeria Ltd.

Nwadike said the defendants unlawfully had in their possession five cartons of origin bitters worth N45,000, suspected to be stolen property.

The Prosecutor said the offences contravened sections 411, 297, 287, and 329 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015.

Man In Court For Defiling Lover's 12-year-old Daughter

By Nurudeen Adebayo



Chief Magistrate Bola Osunsanmi of the Ikeja Chief Magistrates' Court, sitting at Ogba, has ordered the remand of a 41-year-old man, Nnamdi Dike, who allegedly defiled his lover's 12-year-old daughter.

Dike, a security guard, who is a resident at No. 27, Salami Street, Akute, in Ogun State, is facing a count charge of sexual assault leveled against him by the police.

The magistrate, who did not take the defendant's plea, ordered that he should be remanded at the Kirikiri Custodial

Centre pending legal advice from the Director of Public Prosecution.

The prosecutor, Raji Akeem, an Assistant Superintendent of Police, had earlier told the court that the defendant committed the offence in November 2022 at No. 37, Shogbade Street, Powerline area, Ifako Ijaiye, Lagos.

He said the 12-year-old girl had confided in her teacher how the defendant, being her mother's lover, allegedly sexually molested her.

Akeem stated that the defendant usually

molested the victim whenever her mother was not at home and would threaten to kill her if she told anyone.

The prosecutor added that the teacher, however, informed the victim's mother, who reported the case at the police station.

According to him, the offence contravened Section 137 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015.

Consequently, Magistrate Osunsanmi remanded the defendant in the custodial centre and adjourned the case till June 26 for the DPP's advice.

Onilude Presents Official Cars To Councilors

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Badagry Local Government, Hon. Olusegun Onilude, has presented official vehicles to the councilors in the local council.

Onilude disclosed that the gesture was in fulfillment of his commitment to making administrative duties efficient and effective for the representatives of the people.

"We understand the role of our councilors, especially when it relates to their oversight functions. These and many more are the reasons they are coming first as elected officials," he said.

Onilude said the council leader and deputy leader would get theirs in no time, noting that their position is an enviable one that also deserves the best.

"I can assure you that my cabinet members will also be presented their cars too in due course alongside the leader of the House and his deputy. "Let me also reiterate that the administrative building under construction is gradually reaching its completion which will be a model for others in the state."

The event was graced and witnessed by reputable party leaders, monarchs, excos, management, families, and friends of beneficiaries.



Badagry LG boss presents official cars to councilors

Pastor Ashimolowo Meets Ayangburen Over Church Convention

BY Nurudeen Adebayo

The founder of Kingsway International Christian Centre (KICC), Pastor Mathew Ashimolowo has met the Ayangburen of Ikorodu, Oba Kabiru Adewale Shotobi, to inform and discuss with the monarch about his church's 2023 international convention scheduled to hold in November at Igbogbo stadium.

Ashimolowo, who is also the President of Christ Compassion To The Rural World, informed the monarch that during the programme, which is scheduled to run for



seven consecutive days, about 50,000 residents of Ikorodu would be given welfare packages containing food items,

clothes and educational gadgets for students.

The Pastor illustrated that the last Saturday of the programme will be a medical affair where

Igbogbo Stadium (the venue for the convention) will be converted into an open hospital to cater to health-challenged individuals.

He explained: "Kingsway International Christian Centre (KICC), during the programme, will support 200-300 families requiring medical operations with free surgeries at Ikorodu General Hospital.

"N60 million worth of drugs will be doled out to people after being diagnosed to know the right medication

needed.

"We're aware that Igbogbo Stadium is still under construction as we speak, but before coming here, we had a meeting with the Lagos State Government, and we've been told that the stadium will be completed by September.

"Nigeria is at a crossroads and we're going through a lot of challenges, we must bring help, relief, and blessing to the people in Ikorodu."

Ashimolowo later presented 'The Power Of Positive Prayers', a book he authored that contains 15,000

prayer points to the monarch.

The monarch, who appreciated the pastor for coming to Ikorodu, he (the King) has been eager to meet with the clergyman for quite sometime.

He stated: "When Pastor Adeboye, founder of the Redeem Christian Church of God came to Ikorodu for a special programme, I requested he prayed for LASPOTTECH to become a University, he did and it came to pass."

The King also suggested that the venue for the convention be shifted to LASUSTECH to have a bigger space.

NBA Ikorodu To Provide Policy Thrust At Law Week

By Nurudeen Adebayo

The chairman of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), Ikorodu Branch, Idris Thany has said it is high time lawyers took up the challenge to guide the political leadership and politicians in Nigeria. He disclosed this on Friday while briefing journalists on activities lined up for the 2023 Law Week of the association which commenced with a Jumat service at Omitoro Town Central Mosque, Ijede Road, Ikorodu.

According to him, Lawyers should also contribute to charting a course of direction for the new administration of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu by providing it with working materials on what the people of Nigeria expect from him.

He said this prompted



the theme of this year's conference of the Bar, "2023 and Beyond the Imperative of True Federalism in Nigeria" and the lecture topic, "The 1999 Constitution, Restructuring and True Federalism: The Way Forward".

Thany said they were aware that before the

election, there were hues and cries about the lopsidedness in appointments, and alleged nepotism among other issues in the country.

"I believe that after the lecture which centres on the 1999 constitution, restructuring, true federalism, and the way

forward, the federal government would have been better informed. It will serve as a raw material for the policy thrust of the federal government.

"We want to contribute our little quota by the theme and lecture, to the development of Nigeria such that future generations

would be proud to call Nigeria their own."

The chairman of the lecture is a former Deputy Governor of Oyo State, Iyiola Oladokun (SAN) while a former chairman of NBA Abuja and a Presidential candidate in the 2018 election of the national NBA, Mazi Afam Osigwe (SAN) is the

guest speaker.

The discussants will include Chairman, Oyo State, INEC and chairman, Egbe Amofin, Isiaka Abiodun Olagunju (SAN); a former NBA Lagos Branch chairman, Dr. Ajibade Babatunde (SAN), Chukwuka Ikuwazom (SAN) and Olusegun Fabunmi (SAN).

LAHA: SHEF Congratulates Okanlawon, Saheed

By Nurudeen Adebayo

The Succour for Health and Education Foundation (SHEF) and its founder, Hon. Samuel Olanrewaju Adebayo (SOA) have extended their heartfelt congratulations to the newly sworn-in lawmakers of the 10th Lagos State Assembly.

The message of congratulations was directed to Hon. Sanni

Okanlawon, who represents Kosofe Constituency 1, and his counterpart, Hon. Femi Saheed, who represents Kosofe Constituency 2.

Adebayo sent the congratulatory message following the official proclamation of the 10th Lagos State House of Assembly by Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu on Tuesday.

The statement read: "I

wish to congratulate Hon. Sanni Ganiu Okanlawon and Hon. Femi Saheed on their inauguration today into the 10th Lagos State Assembly. May their second term be marked by good health and a sound mind, enabling them to spearhead numerous developmental projects and programs for the people of their respective constituencies."

He also extended his special congratulations to the Speaker of the Lagos State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Ajayi Mudashiru Obasa.

The Speaker, who was unanimously elected for a third term, was praised for his continued dedication and service to the state.

Adebayo emphasized that the Speaker's return would facilitate a seamless collaboration with the state Governor, leading to the effective execution and implementation of policies, projects, and programmes for the benefit of the people of Lagos State.

The Succour for Health and Education



Honorable Samuel

Foundation (SHEF) is a non-governmental organization dedicated to providing essential support and services to vulnerable individuals in society.

Through its initiatives, SHEF offers free healthcare, health insurance, educational scholarships, and financial assistance to those in need.

Public Schools In Lagos're Standard - ES

By Nurudeen Adebayo



Mr Tunde Soneye

Contrary to the misconceptions about the public schools in Lagos, the Education Secretary of Kosofe Local Government Education Authority, Mr. Tunde Soneye has explained that the public schools in the state have been standardised to favourably compete with others in the private sector. Soneye emphasised that education in Lagos State has made significant strides, surpassing the outdated notions surrounding public schools.

According to him,

parents who continue to struggle to enroll their children in private schools are wasting their time, stressing that the public primary schools in Lagos State have achieved commendable standards of education, contrary to popular belief.

As an administrator, he attested to the fact that the schools are excelling in providing quality education to their pupils.

Soneye proudly highlighted the ongoing school activities in Kosofe, particularly the implementation of a

groundbreaking methodology called 'Eko Excel' initiated by Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu.

"This approach aims to achieve excellence in child education and learning.

"As part of this programme, teachers are equipped with tablets that contain all the necessary course contents. These tablets are preloaded with materials for daily and weekly lessons, allowing teachers to study topics in advance before teaching their students."

The education secretary noted that the innovation has relieved teachers from the burden of extensive lesson note-writing.

"Additionally, administrators now can monitor teachers' activities, including their presence in the school, using these tablets. This technology also facilitates tracking the head teachers and their whereabouts," he stressed.

Soneye encouraged parents to visit public schools in the state, assuring them of well-structured facilities and a conducive learning environment where teachers are dedicated to their profession and students are well-guided.

Council Chair Pledges To Work With Assembly Members

By Edith Igbokwe

The chairman of Iba Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Yisa Jubril (ABILA) has pledged to work with the Lagos State House of Assembly members representing Ojo Constituencies 1 and 2, Hon. Olusegun Ege and Hon. Tijani Surajudeen on the development of the council area.

He made the promise while congratulating the lawmakers on their inauguration as members of the House, saying they are the best choice to represent the people of Ojo Constituencies 1 and 2.

He noted that the duo have endeared themselves to the people with their simplicity, accessibility, and



Hon. Yisa Jubril (ABILA)

undeterred passion to serve which earned them the vote of the people.

He further expressed his readiness and eagerness to work with them to bring more development to Iba LCDA and Ojo Federal Constituency at large.

"I look forward to working with Segun Ege on how we can take our local government to the next level and bring more dividends of democracy to our people. I wish him and our people the best as he embarks on his legislative journey."

Prof. Odusanya Canvasses For Proper Control of Plastic Pollution

By Nurudeen Adebayo



Prof. Olumuyiwa Odusanya

The Lagos State University of Science and Technology (LASUSTECH) last week joined the rest of the World to celebrate World Environment Day (WED) at the College of Agriculture Main Auditorium, Ikorodu Campus. Celebrated every June 5th, it was first held in

1973 in the United States of America (USA), and since 51 years, it has been adopted by the United Nations General Assembly to be celebrated globally. In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Olumuyiwa Odusanya stated that the theme for the 2023 celebration 'Solutions

to Plastic Pollution' implies that plastics are a huge problem for mankind and that solutions must be provided to tackle it. He explained that the broad goal of the celebration was to draw the attention of the global community to the problem and to firm up actions that would reduce and eliminate the

challenge.

"In organising this meeting, our university commits to dealing firmly with plastic pollution and will have zero tolerance for the scourge. We will put in measures to promote recycling, reuse, and safe disposal of plastics on all our campuses. We plan to spread the news of reducing plastic pollution to schools and our immediate communities," he said. The Keynote Speaker, Prof. Kolawole Raheem, in his presentation titled "Taking Action: Harnessing Innovation to Beat Plastic Pollution", said the Day is celebrated to encourage awareness and action for the protection of the worsening global environment.

He noted that Nigeria consumes about 1.250 million tons of plastics annually while per capita plastic consumption has grown by 5%. He added that the wastes are created from non-renewable sources, the most

predominant pollution in the world's water bodies.

Raheem further explained that the disadvantages of plastic pollution supersede its advantages as he suggested some possible solutions to the menace.

According to him, imposing a ban on single-use plastics, the use of biodegradable plastics as an alternative material, landfill, and incineration, pay as you throw system which requires citizens to pay a valuable rate per kilogram and promote the use of reusable bottles such as stainless steel, etc. are some of the required solutions.

Also speaking, the Managing Director, Ehen Greens Environmental Services, Mr. Tosan Ogbomo urged the traditional rulers present to take part in programmes like this, as it will make a positive impact on the community they rule, adding that "this is

achievable by leveraging on festivals to spread the awareness and importance of beating plastic pollution."

He further explained that the challenges caused by plastic waste pollution affect climate change and also cause drainage blockage.

Ogbomo applauded the Lagos State government for the steps taken by one of its agencies - Lagos State Waste Management Authority (LAWMA) - on its recent developments put in place to tackle and address bottle waste pollution while urging the University to leverage the development opportunities.

A panel discussion was held with three panelists including Dr. Toyin Shogbesan, Director, Asa Heritage Africa Foundation, Dr. Julie Momah, Zonal Director, South-West zone at National Board for Technology Incubation, Lagos, and Dr. John Adenle, Associate Professor, Creatives Arts Department, University of Lagos.

LASUSTECH Organises Training For Administrative, Secretarial Staff

By Nurudeen Adebayo

In a bid to equip the administrative/secretarial staff members of the Vice Chancellor's office for the proper discharge of their duties, the Vice Chancellor of Lagos State University of Science and Technology (LASUSTECH), Prof. Olumuyiwa Odusanya has organised a day training for them.

The training focused on effective workplace communication skills. The VC explained that the training was organised to improve capacity building and



human resources in the University, adding that it will cut across all staff of the university with time. "This is but a limited approach but will become bigger,

enduring, and sustained. The topics have been carefully selected to focus on critical areas needed to improve the skills of staff," he said. He urged the

participants to be result oriented and answerable, charging them to take advantage of the training to improve themselves. The facilitator, Mr. Olaniyi Okudero spoke

on how to write a good submission/memo. He talked about the mode of dressing while advising the participants to give their best at all times while at work because it

is key for efficient running. He further expatiated on the topic and gave tips on writing a good memo/submission as well as tips on instilling workplace discipline.

Adeyelu Emerges Vice Chairman Of CIPMN

By Nurudeen Adebayo



Mrs. Adenike Adeyelu

The Principal Assistant Registrar in the Vice Chancellor's office, Lagos State University of Science and Technology, Mrs. Adenike Adeyelu has emerged as the Vice Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria, Lagos State Chapter.

The Chartered Institute of Personnel Management is the professional body for human resource management. It's a league of licensed HR professionals with a mission to promote excellence in people's management through value creation, optimisation of human

potential, and standardisation and regulation of human resource management. Meanwhile, the school management has

congratulated Adeyelu for her continuous self-development and for being a valuable asset within and outside the walls of the University.

Market Women Commend RAK Foundation Over Borehole Donation

By Edith Igbokwe

Market women of the Iworo-

Awori market have appreciated the initiator of the RAK initiative Foundation, Hon. Mobolaji Ogunlende for the fulfillment of the water project promised to the market.

As the project was commissioned, they prayed for him to reap the benefits of humanitarian service.

Ogunlende commissioned a water project in his community, Iworo

Awori market area as he finished his tenure as the Special Adviser on Special Duties and Intergovernmental Relations to Lagos State Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu.

He said the Foundation is a stand-alone project different from his political duties.

He stated that the water project delivered was the pledge he made to market women during his last year's

campaign seeking the position of Federal House of Representatives member seat of his Constituency in Awori LCDA.

"The market women requested for two boreholes and I delivered one immediately and this is the second one fulfilled."

According to him, after many years of several personal humanitarian services, he officially launched 'The R.A.K' (Real Acts of Kindness) Development Foundation in 2016.

And since then, the foundation has initiated and partnered projects that have covered 15 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

He said his humanitarian service has continued to earn him awards both nationally and internationally.

He, however, appreciated Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu for the privilege to serve the people, saying the journey has been an eye-opener for him.

Etiosa LG Completes Pile Load Test On Office Complex Under Construction

By Nurudeen Adebayo



Etiosa Local Government, under the dynamic leadership of Hon. Saheed Adesegun Bankole, said it has completed the pile load test being conducted at the ultra-modern office complex/legislative building currently under construction. The pile load test, which is a crucial stage in the construction process, was conducted to test the capacity and strength of the piles that form the foundation of the building.

The successful completion of the test is

a significant milestone in the project, marking another step towards the swift completion of the project.

Speaking on the successful completion of the pile load test, the council chairman expressed his satisfaction with the progress recorded so far in the project.

He was delighted that the test was carried out satisfactorily and in line with the highest professional standards.

"We are pleased to announce that the pile load test at the ultra-modern office

complex/legislative building at Etiosa Local Government has been successfully completed. This is a significant milestone in our quest to provide a state-of-the-art facility that will serve as the operational base for our legislative arm of government, and we are proud that the project is well on track," he said.

He added: "The Etiosa Legislative Building will be modern, spacious, and equipped with state-of-the-art facilities to support the legislative arm of our local government. It will

be a pride of our community and a reference point for modern legislative buildings in Nigeria.

"The successful completion of this stage in the construction project is a testament to the quality of work and professionalism exhibited by the contractors, consultants, and workers involved in the project. Etiosa Local Government remains committed to delivering this project within the stipulated time frame and budget."

10th Assembly: Lawmaker, Yishawu, To Sponsor Bills on Research, Patients Rights, Others



Engr. Gbolahan Yishawu

Engr. Gbolahan Yishawu, a member of Lagos State House of Assembly has promised to sponsor three bills in the 10th Assembly that would enhance the quality of life of the people in different

areas. He disclosed this at the 10th Assembly Inaugural reception of Eti-Osa constituency 02 held at Y-Arena in Ikoyi, Lagos.

Yishawu said he would sponsor Lagos Patients Bill of Rights (SDG 3), Lagos State Urban and Regional Data Surveillance Bill (SDG 2) and Lagos Research Trust Fund Bill (SDG 4&6).

He promised to work hard with other legislators to push for the patients bill to protect patients from abuse, negligence, possible over billing and exposure to malpractices in the hospitals.

According to him, the bill would document the minimum condition of service expected of a medical facility in the treatment of patients in Lagos hospitals.

On the surveillance bill, Yishawu explained further that the objective is to establish the State Urban and Regional Data which will register buildings used for commercial purpose and advocate and advocate for Close Circuit Television for the purpose of surveillance, monitoring and facilitating the provisions for footages of potential harmful and dangerous occurrence around the buildings and adjoining public

areas with the State.

He said this would assist any relevant investigation by law enforcement agencies and for other matters connected therewith.

Speaking on on the research trust fund bill, the lawmaker said the objective is to allocate and administer funds to the eligible researchers who desire to carry out research work of public interest and development potentially beneficial to Lagos State.

"The research fund shall be refunded from direct allocation from the State, contributions from the relevant State ministries and agencies as well as donations

and gifts. The Lotteries and Gaming Agency of the State shall be a preferred source of funding for consideration", said Yishawu.

On his agenda for his constituents, He promised Health Insurance Scheme, People-Centred representation, Health support, acquisition skills amongst other things.

While appreciating his constituents for giving him their mandate to serve for another term, he promised not to relent in his oars in ensuring good programmes for youth, market men and women and the students.

People With Disabilities Seek Council's Support

By Nurudeen Adebayo



Coker Aguda LCDA boss with the Deaf association

The people with disabilities especially those with hearing and speaking impairment have appealed to the chairman of Coker Aguda Local Council Development Area, Hon. Rasaq Ibrahim Olamilekan (RIO) to support them. They appealed when they visited the council boss to present their

new executive members to him.

The disabled people under the umbrella of the Deaf Association appreciated the chairman for his kind gesture, urging him to do note for the people with disabilities.

They said people with hearing and speaking impairment are facing some challenges and do not have people that

would speak up for them.

They solicited support from the council for their forthcoming deaf awareness movement which is scheduled to take place in August.

They also advised the chairman to be wary of impersonators who claim to be deaf and dumb and come around to solicit help, while they appreciated him

for his help and also beseech him for empowerment and financial assistance for their members.

Responding, the council chairman assured them of his support as he appreciated their presence.

The council boss was delighted when he noticed that some of them are alumni of his secondary school.

Coker Aguda LCDA Congratulates, Gbajabiamila, Sangodara

By Nurudeen Adebayo

The chairman of Coker Aguda Local Council Development Area, Hon. Rasaq Ibrahim Olamilekan (RIO), and the council leader, Hon. Ogedemgbe Bolaji, have congratulated Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila on his appointment as the Chief of Staff (COS) to President Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

In their congratulatory message, the council bosses said the appointment is well deserved

"This appointment is a message to the upcoming Nigerian youths in politics that continuous growth in education, unflinching loyalty, and straightforwardness are the basis for political sagacity.

"God will favour you with wisdom, and knowledge and improve your experience to serve your new boss, which will help him to deliver

all his campaign promises and policies, which we believe will better the life of every household and favour foreign investment plans.

"you have never disappointed the youths and senior citizens in Nigeria irrespective of tribe and ethnicity with all your past major achievements. We believe you will do better."

In the same vein, they also congratulated Hon. Mosunmola Sangodara on her inauguration into the Lagos State 10th Assembly.

They said: "As you continue this responsible and dutiful legislative journey, we the people of Coker Aguda local council development area are wishing you successful and fulfilling third term representation with excellent accomplishments.

"Congratulations once again ma."

Coker Aguda LCDA boss with the Deaf association.

Lagos Govt Says Re-organisation of Industrial Hubs Will Strengthen MSMEs

Stories By Kunle Awosiyun

Lagos State Government has assured that the ongoing reorganisation of the State-owned industrial hubs will strengthen operations of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives, Mrs. Adetutu Ososanya, FCA, gave the assurance at the Breakfast Meeting and Exhibition organised by the Nigerian Indonesia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NICCI), in partnership with Equipment Manufacturing West Africa (EMWA) Expo and Zenith Exhibitions themed: "Reigniting Manufacturing to Drive Economic Growth and Development", at Landmark Event Centre, Victoria Island, Lagos.

Ososanya stated that Lagos is paying more attention to its Industrial Estates, Hubs and Enterprise Zones to support and strengthen the operations of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), which are the backbone and bedrock of sustainable development in most global economies. She said: "In addition to the ongoing reorganisation of the State's existing Small Scale Industrial Estates that are situated in various commercial axis of the State; Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu's administration is also working to complete a new Industrial Estate located at Imota LCDA". The Permanent Secretary said the Government is open to receiving Development



Partners who are willing to work with the State Government in the development of more small and medium-scale industrial hubs for increased economic production and export within the available

Enterprise Zones in various parts of the State.

"This will further boost MSMEs production capacity, create employment, generate more income, lead to an appreciable reduction in

poverty and increase the State's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)", she said.

President of the Nigerian Indonesia Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Ismaeel Balogun described the Breakfast

Meeting/Exhibition as a major platform to bring industrialists and equipment manufacturers together under one roof.

"There is no doubt that equipment is critical to industrialisation and has

the potential to reignite manufacturing that will drive economic growth and development. This meeting is to further turn our attention to the need to focus more on manufacturing as a way out of the current national underdevelopment and economic challenges".

Chief Executive Officer, C&I Leasing, Mr. Ugoji Lenin Ugoji called for the domestication of policies and the need to make them practical by focusing on areas where the nation has a comparative advantage to make locally made products competitive.

He identified policy and credit as very critical factors in reigniting manufacturing, charging NICCI to source for partners to help drive their adoption at a high strategic level.

Lagos State Assembly Inauguration: Egbetokun Congratulates Joseph, Orelope

Hon. Adesina Egbetokun, a Chieftain of the All Progressives Congress, APC in Alimosho Federal Constituency, has congratulated Hon. Lukman Orelope and Hon. Kehinde Joseph on their Inauguration as members of the 10th Lagos State House of Assembly.

Joseph who is fondly called KJ by his admirers was inaugurated for a second term in office as a member of the State Assembly to represent Alimosho Constituency 02 while Orelope was newly inaugurated for first term in office to represent Alimosho Constituency 01, respectively.

Egbetokun sent his congratulatory message to the two State Legislators in a press statement through his media office and made available to Journalists in Lagos, today.

Egbetokun said, he was proud to associate with the duo, noting that the both of them (KJ and Orelope) must make Alimosho constituents proud through their effectiveness and activeness in the State Assembly during their normal Legislative proceedings and other oversight functions.

He urged them to sponsor friendly bills and attract people oriented projects to Alimosho Federal Constituency, collectively.



Hon. Lukman Orelope and Hon. Kehinde Joseph

"KJ has performed wonderfully well in his first term, and I know that he won't disappoint us this term. And I know for sure that Orelope

should had been well tutored as a son of a renowned politician and a younger brother to one of our leaders in Alimosho, Her

Excellency, Adejoke Orelope Adefulere. So, no doubt, the both of them will bring goodies to our constituency." Egbetokun stated.



WHY FEMALE FASHIONISTAS NOW RENT WIGS

By [Rasaq Adebayo](#)

The era of weaving and painting of hair among women folks is gradually sinking into oblivion as they now embrace the use of wigs.

The female gender daily craves new looks supposedly to boost their self-confidence and maintain elegance through the constant use of various synthetic hairs in the form of wigs, weavens, and hair

attachments or extensions of different sizes, colours, and patterns.

This has become a new trend in vogue among fashionistas, who pile up various wigs for different occasions. Everyone now wears wigs rather than plaiting their hair.

Hairdressing is no more lucrative as many artisans lose patronage; those still in business now dabble in the new business.

Demand has kept increasing as more

people are taking the natural hair route and wearing wigs as a protective hairstyle. But also because it simply allows for hairstyle versatility.

The business is now trending online, almost every other Instagram account is a hair business side hustle.

In 2017, Refilwe Moloto, founder and principal advisor at Ambassador Advisory explained how lucrative the black hair industry is.

"Hair has proven itself to

be the last non-digestible non-discretionary good," she explained adding the fact that "it is showing itself in the most far-flung locations of DRC, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, and Ethiopia."

Refilwe also highlighted how the dry market (braids, wigs, weaves) even has a greater mass appeal now than it did in the past.

This is of course why the skill of wig-making for the purposes of selling them has been taken up by many, especially

when sew-in weaves are no longer on trend, let alone conducive to hair growth as previously thought they were.

However lately, the cost of wigs has skyrocketed, limiting the purchasing power of many.

While some thought investing in two or three wigs is the way to go, Hair Me Out co-founders, Zandile Baloyi and Delicia Kasenge figured that it is even better to rent out wigs.

This is an unlikely service offered exclusively, which has lately become the trend in Nigeria, especially Lagos.

The business-savvy ladies admit that renting a wig is a "weird concept to wrap your head around".

"But when you think about it, it's really like renting items out from a costume shop. If you require these items for a certain event, the costume shop rents them out to you and expects you to return them in the same condition. It's up to the costume shop to maintain cleanliness and high levels of hygiene. It's no different with wigs, probably even more so pedantic because quality must be maintained."

It was gathered that renting out wigs business was birthed by demand for to the high cost of buying different wigs for different occasions, especially for those who would otherwise like wigs for a short-term period and not necessarily long-term.

Omolara Olotu, a hairdresser told ECHONEWS how she had to change her business, and stocked her store with different types of wigs which she sells and rents out.

According to her, the human hair wig is more expensive and unaffordable for some categories of ladies but still richer in quality and aesthetics compared to synthetic wigs.

"Many ladies prefer the human hair but it is so expensive, what they do is rent the wig that suits their event and return after use. Some may rent it for days. After returning it, another person may come and pick the same wig.

"There are human

wigs as expensive as N300,000 to N600,000. Though some are still as low as N60,000. But you can rent a wig between N1,000 and N5,000 depending on the type and the shop you get it. You know our prices vary too," Olotu explained.

ECHONEWS gathered that one human hair wig, depending on the brand and length, now costs above N50,000 as against N10,000 it was sold a few years back and costs up to N500,000.

Virgin hair is said to be the most expensive because of its high quality, while mixed hair is the cheapest because they are the lowest quality

For many, a human hair wig is an investment that the wearer hopes to use for a long time. Luckily with the proper care, human hair wigs tend to last more than a year when worn daily and up to three years when worn occasionally.

However, there is a high level of concern over the health implication of sharing wigs with so many other people.

In African culture, the trend is totally disallowed as Africans and particularly the Yorubas believe that one should not share whatever one covers one's head with any other person.

An analysis of Yoruba ontology of the person reveals that the Yoruba regard the head as the locus of the àse (divine power) of the Supreme Being (Olódùmarè) in the individual, constituting the person's life source and controlling personality and destiny. They believe that the head must be properly guarded hence, one should be very careful with the head. They believe that one can contract various

diseases through the sharing the head covers.

Though those in the medical field are yet to analyse the health implications of sharing wigs, a

A medical doctor working with Lagos State, Dr. Akeem Adigun noted that though there is no proven health implication yet; it is possible of contracting migraine through the sharing of wigs especially when the wigs are not properly treated after one person has used them.

"Though we cannot prove that there is any implication, for now, based on Yoruba experience, there is the possibility of getting a migraine. Morally and socially, I don't support the idea of sharing wigs respective of the treatment of the wig after one use. But since it has become a norm now in our society, I don't think there is anything anybody can do to that," he stated.



AFCON Qualifier: Sierra Leone Calls 38 Players For Super Eagles

By Saheed Afolabi

Sierra Leone has called up 38 players to camp as they prepare for AFCON 2023 qualifier showdown against Nigeria. The coach, John Keister tutored the side and named an influential 38-player squad against Nigeria as they target a place at the 2024 AFCON in Ivory Coast. The Leone Stars will engage the Super Eagles on the 18th of June at the Sam Kayon

Stadium, Monrovia. Nigeria will camp at the Mobolaji Johnson Arena due to having a similar artificial turf surface to the stadium in Monrovia. The Leone Stars seat at the third position in Group A with five points from in four matches as they chase a win to fight their way to the 2024 AFCON. To confirm their qualification for the 2024 AFCON, the Super Eagles need



SUPER EAGLES

just a point in the encounter. Nigeria camping for the crucial encounter will open on Sunday, June 12 as the foreign-based players will arrive in the country.

Sierra Leone vs Nigeria: Ike Shorunmu Commends Peseiro For Local Players In Squad

By Saheed Afolabi

Ex international, Ike Shorunmu has lauded Nigeria's chief coach, Jose Peseiro for calling up four home-based players for the Africa Cup of Nations qualifier against Sierra Leone. The four players called up to the Super Eagles squad are, Olorunleke Ojo (Enyimba), Victor Sochima (Rivers United), Ebube Duru (Rivers United), and

Divine Nwachukwu (Bendel Insurance). Shorunmu said he was elated with the Super Eagles call-up extended to the local players and backed them to prove their worth to the team. The former Nigeria goalkeeper coach believes the local players' call-up shows there are a lot of quality players in the league.

"I am really happy with the invitation of these players to the Super Eagles for the game against Sierra Leone. However, I will be more delighted if they are allowed to prove their worth in the colours of the senior national team," quoted by Complete Sports. "Their performance in the league is an indication that quality players still abound in the local league."

Federation Cup Final To Hold In Asaba

By Saheed Afolabi

The 2023 Federation Cup final will be held at the Stephen Keshi Stadium, Asaba on June 15, 2023. The title will be fought over by defending champions, Bayelsa Queens and Rivers Angels in the women's category by 2 pm while the men's final will be a tough cracker between Enugu Rangers and Bendel Insurance. The Prosperity Girls will renew their rivalry with their arch rival the Pride of Port-Harcourt in a contest that is a must-watch for women's football lovers.

met at the Federation Cup was two years ago in the semifinal as Bayelsa Queens whitewashed Rivers Angels 5-0 to reach the final and ultimately went to win the trophy at the expense of Robo Queens. The Men's final will be a repeat of the 1978 final in which the Benin Arsenal crushed the Flying Antelopes 3-0 at the National Stadium, Surulere in Lagos as Peter Egharevba stole the show with a fantastic freekick that brought a thunderous celebration. Insurance is in monstrous form this

season as they are on 26 games unbeaten run in all competitions. The Flying Antelopes didn't have a good season to start with but they were able to escape relegation and surprisingly reach the Federation Cup final following a determined run. The winner of the Federation Cup will represent Nigeria at the CAF Confederations Cup. The Federation Cup is the oldest cup competition in Nigeria and it has been in existence for 78 years. It was initially named the Governor's Cup and was started in Lagos



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