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The management of Christ-Mitos Primary School has fired the abusive teacher Stella Nwadigo even as the teacher is under prosecution by the state.

Nwadigo assaulted a three-year-old pupil, Abayomi Michale in a viral in which she slapped the boy severally and inflicted injury on his face for failing to write some numbers.

In a statement signed by the school proprietor, Rev.(Mrs.) O.N Olutoye the school condemned the teacher's action, describing it as unacceptable.

The statement read in part, "We are aware of a deeply troubling incident involving a teacher engaging in physical discipline of a student in a completely unacceptable manner.

"As an institution deeply committed to fostering a culture of respect, care and dignity, we are horrified by this incident and wish to make it clear that such actions will not be tolerated.

"In response, the teacher involved has been suspended indefinitely, while a thorough investigation is being conducted," it said.

The school said that its immediate and decisive action reflected its zero tolerance for misconduct and its obligation to safeguard every child under its care.

"As such, we have an open-door policy to provide students, parents and guardians with a safe space to voice any concerns

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without fear," it said. The school said that it had apologised to the pupil and his family.

In her reaction, the Head Teacher, Mrs. B. Adeyeri, said there is the need to protect other pupils from harassment and uncontrollable visits/ pressure from the public, who had been visiting the School premises for pictures/videos, which necessitated the temporary closure of the School.

Currently, Master Abayomi Michael has been referred for adequate medical attention and Mrs. Nwadigbo arrested and subsequently remanded at the Kirikiri Correctional facility till February 18, 2025, awaiting the Director, Public Prosecution's legal advise.

While the investigation continues, government has sought the attention of the School proprietor, Mrs. O. N. Olutoye, the Head Teacher, Mrs. B. Adeyeri, the Survivor, Master Abayomi Michael, his mother, Mrs. Okunlaya Adenike Fatimah, who is also a Teacher in the School and engagement with other pupils

"We have reached out to them to express our regret. We ask for the

public's patience and understanding as we work to address this matter responsibly and comprehensively.

"We will be organising mandatory training sessions for teachers to reinforce child protection protocols, emphasise positive disciplinary practices, and cultivate greater sensitivity in interactions with students," it added.

According to the school, it has also introduced a whistle-blowing system to encourage prompt reporting of inappropriate behaviour.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Adenike Okunnaya, mother of an assaulted three-year-old pupil, Abayomi Michael, of Christ-Mitos Primary School in the Ikorodu area of

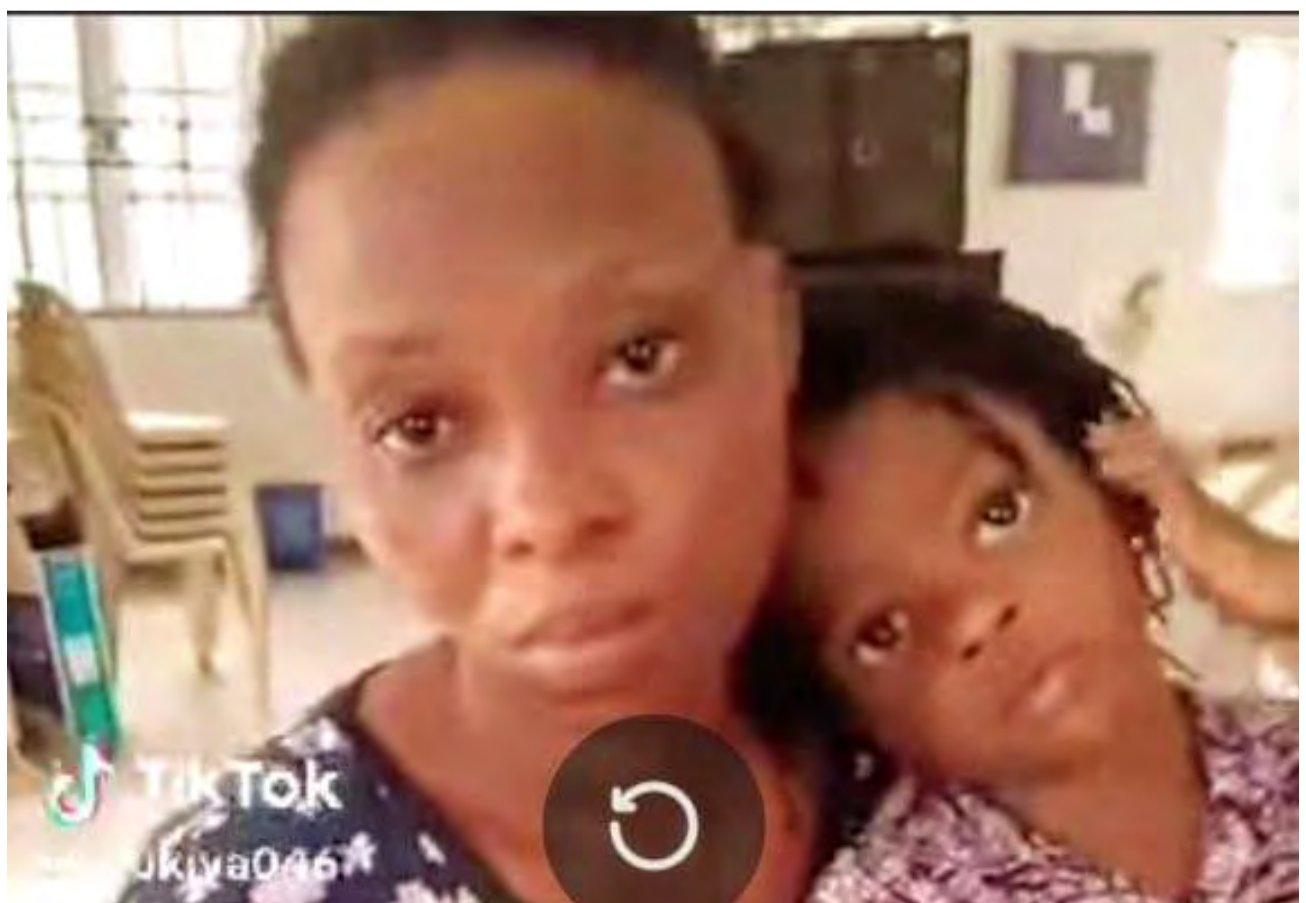


Nwadigo

Lagos has called on Nigerians to assist her financially so that she can fund the education and

welfare of the child. Okunnaya made the call shortly after the a 45-year-old teacher, Stella

Nwadigo, who assaulted the child was remanded by the Ogba Chief Magistrate Court.



Michael and his mother, Adenike Okunnaya)



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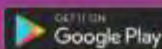









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Okunnaya who could not hold her emotion watching the viral video in which her child was being slapped by a colleague teacher lamented how she lost the father of Michael when the boy was just 11 months old.

She told Echonews how a member of staff had recorded the physical abuse of her child and shown it to her, adding, "This is not the first time my child is being abused. I have reported the case to the school authority on many occasions but no step was taken to stop the punishment. Michael always complains that Nwadigo always beats him." Asked about who always beat him, Michael also mentioned Nwadigo.

Okunnaya who also works in the same school as Nwadigo engages in various menial jobs to provide for Michael and his siblings. She goes from house to house in her community to wash clothes and do other house chores for people to make ends meet.

"I beg Nigerians to help me. I'm a widow who has been struggling alone to provide for this child despite the hard economy," she said.

On Thursday an Ogba Chief Magistrate Court remanded Nwadigbo for slapping the toddler at intervals for not learning to write numbers fast.

During the arraignment, the police prosecutor, Supol Akeem Raji, told the court that the defendant committed the offences on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at about 11 am. Raji said the incident occurred at the Chris Mistot School in the Ikorodu area of Lagos State.

He said she indecently

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dealt with a three-year-old pupil of the school in her class one, Abayomi Michael, by giving him injury on his face.

The prosecutor also told the court that the defendant assaulted Abayomi by giving him fist blows consistently on his face, which caused him injury and swollen face.

According to the prosecutor, the offences committed contravened Sections 135 and 172, of the Criminal Law of Lagos State 2015. However, the defendant pleaded not guilty to the charges against her.

Consequently, Magistrate Olabisi Kusanu granted her bail in the sum of N200,000, with two sureties in like sum who are gainfully employed.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Benjamin Hundeyin, in a statement stated that

the suspect was remanded at the Kirikiri correctional facility until February 18, when the case would continue.

The police spokesman added that the pupil had been taken to a medical facility for a proper check-up.

The statement read, "The Lagos State Police Command has arraigned Stella Nwadigo, aged 45, for indecent treatment and assault of a child.

"The suspect, who was arraigned in Magistrate Court 1, Ogba today, January 9, 2025, had been captured in a viral video indecently treating and assaulting a three-year-old pupil of a primary school in the Ikorodu area of Lagos State.

"Following receipt of the video, the Family Support Unit of Ikorodu Police Division promptly arrested the suspect on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, and transferred her to the Gender Unit of the Command



Mrs. Titilola Vivour-Adeniyi, the Executive Secretary of the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency

Headquarters the same day after

preliminary investigations. The victim was taken to a medical facility for adequate medical attention.

"The suspect has since been remanded to the Kirikiri correctional facility till February 18, 2025, when the case comes up for continuation of hearing."

Hundeyin further stated that the Commissioner of Police, Olanrewaju Ishola, commended Nigerians for promptly reporting the incident and assured them of the command's readiness to respond to situations ensuring the safety and security of Lagos residents and

visitors.

Meanwhile, the Lagos State Government has evoked the Child Rights Act and the Lagos State Policy on Safeguarding and Child Protection against Mrs. Stella Nwadigbo.

The Office of Education Quality Assurance (OEQA) of the Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education, in its fact finding mission, visited the School, which was approved in 2010, on but discovered it was partially self-shut down and pupils asked to stay back at home till Monday, January 13, 2025.



Nwadigo and Michael



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In a significant step towards addressing the needs of students across the State, the Lagos State Residents Registration Agency (LASRRA) and the Lagos State Scholarship Board have flagged off a strategic collaboration aimed at optimizing resources, minimising waste, and improving the welfare of students in the State.

At the flag-off ceremony which took place recently at the LSSB Headquarters, Agege Road, Iyana Ipaja, General Manager, LASRRA, Bilikiss Adebisi-Abiola said that the collaboration seeks to leverage the power of data-sharing and resource pooling between the two Agencies, with the shared goal of providing targeted, effective, and equitable support for students pursuing higher education in Lagos State. "Through this partnership, both Agencies aim to enhance the efficiency of student welfare programmes, such as bursaries and grants, while eliminating redundancies and administrative inefficiencies that can hinder progress", Adebisi-Abiola said.

She noted that the Agency looks forward to training the beneficiaries on how

# LASSRA, Scholarship Board Flag off LAG-ID Cards

to set up their accounts via virtual meetings so that the exercise will be seamless for them. She was also quick to let them know that other government services could be accessed through the LAG-ID aside from depositing their grants or bursaries.

The LASRRA boss averred that the Agency would make sure to share vital data and streamline efforts to ensure that the students receive the support they deserve, stressing that through the collaboration, LASRRA will provide the Scholarship Board with accurate demographic data on Lagos State residents to help identify eligible students for various scholarship programmes.

Earlier, while welcoming the LASRRA team, the Acting Executive Secretary of LSSB, Mrs. Moyosore Akamo expressed her enthusiasm for the collaboration, adding that it would help minimise many issues faced by the Board, such as multiple identities and the stress of the beneficiaries receiving

payments.

"By working together, we can minimise waste, enhance transparency, and make sure that our students, particularly those from underprivileged backgrounds, are supported in their educational journey. This partnership will make it easier to identify and allocate resources effectively, ensuring that no student is left behind

due to bureaucratic inefficiencies.

"The LAG-ID Card will enhance the payment of scholarships and bursaries. It is aimed at lodging payment, which is the reason we prioritize and consider automation. With the delivery of many beneficiary cards today, we are optimistic that LASRRA will not rest on its oars to achieve greatness as far as scholarship and bursaries

are concerned", she said.

Disclosing that more than 250 cards have been delivered to the Local governments and Local Council Development Areas for pick-up by the owners, Akamo asserted that the Board will provide timely updates and records to LASRRA towards ensuring that students who have been awarded scholarships are easily identifiable for other support services

that the State may offer.

Present at the event were Dr. Halima Ogunbekun, HoD, Partnerships and Assessment, LSSB; Hafiz Olufowobi Remilekun, National President, National Union of Lagos State Students; Aminat Abike, South West Secretary, National Union of Lagos State Students and other student representatives of various tertiary institutions in Lagos State.



## LSWC Records Increase Water Supply

... Tackles Pipeline Bursts Along Maryland-Ikorodu Axis

... Urges Residents To Report Pipeline Burst Through Agency Toll Free Line

The Lagos State Water Corporation (LSWC) has announced a significant increase in water production from its Iju and Adiyon Waterworks.

The development, according to a press release signed by the Managing Director of LSWC, Engr. Mukhtar Tijani, underscores the Corporation's commitment to providing improved and reliable water supply to residents across Lagos State.

He noted, however, that the increase in water

supply and stolen fittings may be partly responsible for the high-pressure bursts reported along the Maryland-Ikorodu axis, leading to temporary flooding on major roads.

Engr. Tijani averred that the stolen fittings exposed the pipe flow line and allowed water to escape to the surface, thus impacting the integrity of the water pipelines in the area.

To address the situation, the Managing Director of LSWC, Engr. Mukhtar Tijani led the distribution team to the site and

immediate actions were taken to stop the leaks. However, Productions at the Iju and Adiyon Waterworks were temporarily halted to prevent further damage and ensure public safety.

"As we continue to enhance water production across the state, residents may notice instances of leakages. These occurrences are expected as part of our ongoing infrastructure upgrades, and we assure the public that they will be promptly addressed," said Engr. Tijani.

The Managing Director expressed his gratitude to the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency's (LASEMA) Cobra Response Team at Onipanu and the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) for their swift response and assistance in managing the situation.

Engr. Tijani, therefore, urged residents to report any leaks or bursts immediately to LSWC through its helplines: 0704 597 3012, 0704 597 3013, 0703 320 7647 or 0703 326 1974 for prompt response.





# LASEPA To Strengthen Advocacy On Noise Pollution

The Lagos State Environmental Protection Agency (LASEPA) on Tuesday, hosted a special media parley to appraise its performance in public service delivery in 2024 and prepare ground for greater productivity in the new year.

The event, held at the Agency's Headquarters in Alausa, brought together members of the print and electronic media

In his address, the General Manager of LASEPA, Dr. Babatunde Ajayi, expressed appreciation to the media for their collaboration over the past year, noting that despite few challenges encountered in the

past, significant progress was made in areas such as public engagement, regulatory enforcement, and sustainability initiatives.

According to him, the Agency achieved tremendous success in strengthening regulations on noise pollution, improving industrial wastewater management, and the launch of the Lagos Carbon Registry during the year under review.

Dr. Ajayi emphasised that these achievements have contributed to LASEPA's mission of making Lagos a more livable city.

While acknowledging that the Year 2024 was a busy year, marked by increased activity

across various sectors, including hospitality, religious organisations, and industrial operations, he explained that LASEPA responded proactively to the environmental pressures brought about by the influx, particularly in managing pollution and promoting sustainable practices.

As the Agency looks to 2025, the LASEPA boss revealed that the LASEPA has set ambitious targets aimed at strengthening environmental protection and public awareness. "A key priority for the new year is the expansion of public engagement through improved complaint management systems. LASEPA is

enhancing its digital platforms to enable residents to report environmental concerns easily via WhatsApp, email, social media, and its revamped website", he disclosed.

The General Manager further revealed that the Agency is intensifying its advocacy on anti-smoking regulations, with plans to enforce the laws prohibiting smoking in public places, mandating designated smoking areas, while restricting tobacco sales to minors.

Dr. Ajayi highlighted the Agency's commitment to waste oil management, urging residents to dispose of used cooking oil through designated

collectors to ensure proper handling and recycling.

The Agency is also focusing on stricter enforcement of noise pollution regulations, particularly in religious and hospitality establishments, with requirements for soundproofing and adherence to permissible noise levels.

Furthermore, he said LASEPA would also strengthen its monitoring of chemical handling in markets to address the public health risks posed by the unregulated sale of hazardous substances to the public.

While stressing the importance of technology to sustainable

environmental management, the General Manager disclosed that LASEPA is advancing its efforts to digitize processes and enhance access to ecological data, including, the development of an online library that will provide real-time information on air, water, and soil quality for public and academic use.

In concluding his remarks, Dr. Ajayi called on the media to continue partnering with LASEPA in disseminating vital information to the public. He assured attendees that the Agency's offices remain open to receiving public feedback, recommendations, and complaints.





# Govt Commences Lagos Island Urban Regeneration

As the Lagos State Government is set to commence the reconstruction of some major roads, drains and major collectors on Lagos Island, Commissioner for the Environment and Water Resources, Tokunbo Wahab has led officials of the Ministry to inspect the alignments for the drains and collectors to be reconstructed.

Speaking after an extensive inspection tour with newsmen, the Commissioner said the inspection was brought about by the need to assess the situation on ground preparatory to the commencement of the urban regeneration activities to be carried out in Lagos Island.

Mr. Tokunbo Wahab said urban renewal across Lagos Island had become necessary in order to effectively address the problem of flooding which had posed a serious threat to lives and properties in the area.

Wahab recalled that in the recent past, Julius Berger was awarded the contract to build appropriate infrastructures on the Island, saying that human behaviour and interaction over time clogged the drainage system leading to the Governor re-awarding the road and drainage infrastructure in the area.

"This tour became necessary as the Governor has re-awarded the regeneration of the total infrastructure of Lagos Island; we need to ensure the contractors are ready to commence and see if the contract period can be abridged and thus reduce the delivery time to 18 months or less instead of the initial 24 months projects delivery", he said. He maintained that the State Government will continue to provide requisite infrastructure but the citizens must take ownership of these infrastructures with a mind that it is for the good

of all.

"We will ramp up the provision of resilient infrastructure and encourage people to take ownership while the Government also take ownership of the responsibility imposed by the statutes; our people must remember that taxpayers funds are deployed to build these infrastructure" he said.

The Commissioner reminded all that there is no going back on the commencement of a total ban on single-use plastics from the beginning of January, adding that littering especially with styrofoam has reduced drastically compared to when enforcement of its ban initially started.

The Commissioner said the Ministry will continue its advocacy for attitudinal change in the new year, adding that citizens must

know that in order to experience change, attitudes towards the environment must also positively change.

At Ilubirin, the Commissioner expressed satisfaction with the level of work on the pumping station projects, adding that the station will be energized within the next 10 days for test running.

He said the massive Ilubirin water pump project is the most critical part of the regeneration process, which will, in part, de-flood Lagos Island and its Environs. He added that all drainages on Lagos Island would discharge into the Lagoon through the pumps, stressing that these measures would permanently curb the menace of flooding in the areas.

Wahab explained that the Ilubirin project has three

major pumps, two 500KVA Generators, and three Control Panels with a pumping capacity of 3 million litres of water every hour, stressing that the project would be very beneficial to the entire community.

According to him, all the equipment is now in place, in 10 days or less, once the connection is completed, we will open the outlet for test running and this will also complement the urban regeneration efforts to de-flood Lagos Island.

He advised all Agencies of Government, especially in the Environment and Water Resources sector to move out of their offices into the field and engage in responsibilities that are required of their respective Agencies, adding that Global Warming and Climate Change are serious issues

that must be confronted from all fronts.

The Commissioner sounded a note of warning to developers and residents that dump building materials on the roads and drainage channels causing blockage to the natural flow of water to desist from such acts while ordering the immediate sealing of three buildings on Adeniji Adele Road, with the street numbers 65, 68 and 124 for dumping of building materials on the drainage channels.

The Special adviser on Environment, Engr. Olakunle Rotimi-Akodu said the urban regeneration of Lagos Island is the lasting solution to the menace of flooding in the area, stressing that the government will not relent in performing its

responsibilities of maintaining a flood-free and clean environment.

The Commissioner was accompanied by the Special Adviser on Environment, Engineer Olakunle Rotimi-Akodu; Permanent Secretary, Office of Environmental Services, Dr. Omobolaji Gaji; Permanent Secretary, Office of Drainage Services, Engr. Mahamood Adegbite; LAWMA Managing Director, Dr. Muiywa Gbadegesin and some Directors from the Ministry

The places visited by the team include Bombata Multipurpose Market, Oroyinyin area, Princess Street, Isale Gangan, Aroloya Street, Idumagbo Street, Adeniji-Adele Trapezoidal Canal, Epe Collector Drain along Adeniji Adele Road and Ilubirin.





# Sanwo-Olu Charges NIPOST Boss on Quality Performance

**Advises Postmaster-General to challenge status quo, enhance productivity**

Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu, on Wednesday charged the Postmaster-General/Chief Executive Officer of Nigerian Postal Service (NIPOST), Ms. Tola Odeyemi, to challenge the status quo for a sustainable change for today and future needs.

He urged the Nigerian Postal Service to use technology as an enabler to enhance the ease of doing business in Lagos State and Nigeria.

Governor Sanwo-Olu spoke during a courtesy visit by the Postmaster-General/Chief Executive Officer of the Nigerian Postal Service (NIPOST), Ms. Tola Odeyemi, at the Lagos House Marina.

The Governor also reiterated the commitment of the Lagos State Government to collaborate with the NIPOST office service centres to improve its physical spaces and enhance e-commerce as well as the movement and sales of goods.

"You and your team need to think outside of the box and make a difference and revamp



NIPOST. Don't be shy about challenging the status quo. Don't be shy about saying you want to change that you met because the people who created those things several years ago did what was obtainable then. If you want an organisation that will meet today's and future needs, change is a reality," Governor Sanwo-Olu advised the Postmaster-General.

Speaking earlier, Odeyemi commended

the Lagos State Government on its giant strides in governance and infrastructural development across the State.

She also praised the Babajide Sanwo-Olu administration for several programmes held in December that attracted many people in the diaspora to travel to Lagos for 'Detty December.'

Odeyemi said the courtesy visit to Governor Sanwo-Olu underscores the

importance of partnership in governance and service delivery, saying NIPOST is ready to collaborate with the Lagos State Government to drive innovation, boost economic development, and enhance public service delivery.

She said, "I commend your administration for the remarkable strides in governance and infrastructure development, which have made Lagos

State a centre of excellence and a beacon of progress in our nation.

"As the Postmaster-General, one of my primary goals is to foster strategic partnerships that will enhance the efficiency and relevance of NIPOST's services in a rapidly evolving world. I see Lagos State as a critical partner in achieving this vision, given its status as the economic hub of Nigeria.

"The e-commerce sector is rapidly expanding, and Lagos is at the forefront of this growth. Through enhanced postal and logistics services, we aim to support small businesses and individuals participating in e-commerce. A partnership with Lagos State will enable us to optimise last-mile delivery and ensure seamless connectivity within the city and across the nation."

## Physical Planning Commissioner Urges Lagosians To Report Infractions

The Lagos State Commissioner for Physical Planning and Urban Development, Dr. Oluyinka Olumide has urged Lagosians to report infractions anywhere in the state. He made the call in Alausa on Wednesday during a strategic planning meeting.

"Proper planning can not be done without the support and contribution of people. This is why my doors are always open for residents of Lagos to make their complaints, report any observed untoward developments, and contribute generally to the sustainable

development of the State", he said.

Whilst assuring of the Ministry's readiness to discharge its regulatory roles without favour, he enjoined every Lagosian to work for sustainable Lagos by ensuring they escalate infractions as soon as they notice them.

The Commissioner added that Officers of the Ministry and its Agencies had been advised to remain conscientious and not support illegality, as any officer found culpable would be dealt with according to laid down rules and regulations.

Olumide said that various avenues had

been provided for the people to whistleblow, including through direct report to the office of the Commissioner for Physical Planning and Urban Development, as well as the Lagos MPP&UD App on Google or iOS and the Ministry's hotlines

07030653241, 08034698264.

He added that whistleblowers, who are always protected by the State, were genuine friends of the built environment whose impact in achieving a livable, organised, and sustainable physical environment can not be underestimated



# Senior Secondary Pupils To Begin Afternoon Lessons-OEQA

The Lagos State Office of Education Quality Assurance (OEQA) on Monday commenced school resumption monitoring exercise in public and private schools below the tertiary level in Lagos State.

The Coordinating Director, OEQA, Mr. Remi Abdul, who led the team on the monitoring exercise, stated that the exercise was to ascertain the level of compliance with Government directives on school resumption, the readiness and preparedness of both teachers and learners for the new term and to ensure that schools are safe and conducive to teaching and learning. According to Abdul, the Honourable Commissioner, Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education, Mr. Jamiu Tolani Alli-Balogun has directed that all public schools below the tertiary level in Lagos State must have a universal timetable to improve learning outcomes.

Abdul also stated that as part of measures put in place by the Honourable Commissioner, Basic and Secondary Education, Mr. Jamiu Tolani Alli-Balogun, to ensure great improvement in the performances of students in external examinations, Principals and Vice-Principals will commence classroom teachings, he, therefore, advised principals and vice principals to prepare their lesson notes, to aid smooth teaching and learning process.

He also said that public senior secondary schools would also begin early morning and afternoon lessons, which will be closely monitored by the Office of Education Quality Assurance to further improve students' performances, especially in the West African Senior

School Certificate Examination (WASSCE).

Abdul further stated that the Government frowns at mass promotion, "Any student that does not meet promotion requirements should not be promoted; you must not lower the standards of promotion for any student. Rather, promotion should be purely based on merit".

Abdul also said that lateness and absenteeism by teaching and non-teaching staff must not be tolerated by the school management henceforth, and anyone found wanting must be sanctioned. He said all hands must be on deck to raise the bar of education in Lagos State.

Earlier, the Director, Monitoring and Investigation, OEQA, Mr. Kamardeen Akodu said, "We are going out to monitor this exercise to confirm if there is an improvement in the level of compliance by Schools which before now was a little above average, we also look towards an improvement in this, those who have not complied in the past had been warned and sanctioned and we hope to see an improved compliance level this time".

He also said that the exercise is meant to ascertain the level of safety preparedness of the school managers for the children, saying that the Government lays much emphasis on Safeguarding and Child Protection in Schools.

In addition, he said the monitoring team will also check the teaching and statutory records of schools to ensure that every vital information is recorded in preparation for the new term. He said the exercise, which commenced on Monday, January 6, 2025, is scheduled for 10 days and will cover all six education districts in Lagos State.



The members of the monitoring include the Coordinating Director, Education District I, Mr. Femi Ejiwunmi; the Director, Quality

Assurance Department, Mr Taofik Ajibade; the Zonal Director, Alimosho Zone. Mrs. Funmi Okunade, and the Deputy Director, Public Affairs,

Ms. Adepeju Adeyemi amongst others.

The team visited some of the schools in Alimosho Local Government, including Estate Junior

and Senior Grammar Schools, Ipaja; Platform College, Ikola; African Church Primary Schools I and II and Community Primary School, Meiran.

## TG/PS Education District II Monitors Schools' Resumption

In a bid to ensure compliance by Teachers and Students in Education District II, the Tutor-General/Permanent Secretary, Mrs. Anike Adekanye, in the company of Education Directors in the District, monitored the resumption of schools as stipulated in the Lagos State Schools Calendar for the Second Term of the 2024/2025 Academic Session.

According to Adekanye, the exercise was necessary to make sure that all hands were on deck to actualise the vision of Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu as established in the THEMES Plus Agenda. In her words, "We are out here to monitor the resumption of our schools for the second term. It is no longer business as usual. Gone are the days when schools are scanty on the first week of

resumption. That is no longer tolerated in our schools. All hands must be on deck to actualise Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu's vision of the THEMES Plus Agenda." She expressed satisfaction with the attendance at schools visited in Education District II, noting that teachers and students were fully in attendance and ready for business.

"I am highly impressed with the result so far.

Teachers and Principals were all in attendance and the students beamed with excitement to be back in school. This shows the level of commitment of teachers in Education District II to optimal service delivery and the readiness of the students for success," she said.

She expressed her profound gratitude to Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu for his visionary leadership and commitment to the

development of education in Lagos State and also extended her appreciation to the Deputy Governor, Dr Kadiri Obafemi Hazmat for his unparalleled support of the education sector in the State.

She further commended the Honourable Commissioner for Education, Mr Jamiu Tolani Ali-Balogun, for taking the lead in monitoring school resumption earlier today.





# Sales Girl Remanded Over Alleged Theft Of Employer's N2.1M

Mosafejo area of Badagry.

Adeosun further said that the defendant stole N968,200 from her employer, one Zannu Thomas. The Prosecutor added that Adeoye also misappropriated the sum of N1,174,800 from sales proceeds of one week and converting the funds to personal use.

The Prosecutor mentioned that the alleged offences violate Section 287 of the Criminal Laws of Lagos State, 2015.

The Presiding Magistrate, Patrick Adekomaiya, granted the litigant bail in the sum of N500,000.

Adekomaiya ordered the accused to present two sureties of the same amount to perfect the bail conditions.

Next sitting on the matter is on February 11.

**O**ne Bukola Adeoye is remanded

over accusations of stealing her employer's N2.1 million naira.

Adeoye, 23, was arraigned before the Magistrates' Court in Badagry, Lagos, on Wednesday following her arrest by the Police.

The Prosecutor, Inspector Ayodele Adeosun, told the court sitting that the accused, who is facing a single charge of theft, committed the offence on December 20, 2024 at about 2.30 pm in

By Felix Kuyinu



# Court Remands Three Over Burglary, Theft

**T**he Magistrates' Court in Ojo Lagos has remanded three men who have been alleged of burgling a residence and theft of items worth N1.2m.

ASP Simon Uche, standing as Prosecutor against the accused trio : Ikechukwu Anyanwu, Miracle Uwa and Michael Emmanuel are facing a four charge bordering on conspiracy, burglary and theft.

Uche told the Presiding Magistrate, Lateef Layeni, that the gang alongside others yet to be arrested committed the offences on December 31, 2024,

in Ajangbadi area of Ojo in Lagos.

The Prosecutor submitted that the items allegedly stolen by the sum gang include the sum of N335,000, grinding machine valued at N28,000, a pressing iron worth N15,000, a face cap and a handbag valued at N22,000, all belonging to two occupants of the apartment- one Sunday Ogbekhilu and Solomon Benson. According to Uche, other items stolen by the litigants defendants include: Other items stolen from Ogbekhilu

include a T-shirt and short jeans knickers valued at N42,000, four pieces of Nissan pick up tyres, a sewing machine, iron rods, a pressing Iron, a pumping machine, a barrow, two motor batteries, and an iron gate.

The alleged offences, according to the Prosecutor, contravene Sections 287, 307 and 411 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015.

The gang pleaded not guilty.

Magistrate Layeni, adjourned the case till February 5 and admitted the trio to bail in the sum of N500,000 each, with two sureties each in like sum.

By Felix Kuyinu





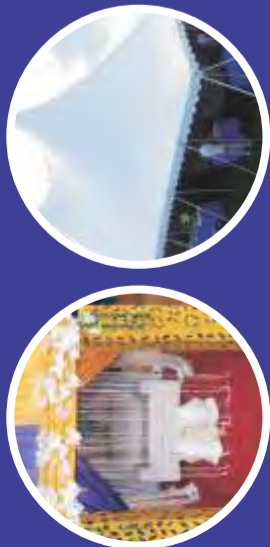


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# Ojodu Council Boss Inspects Ongoing Projects in Ward D

The Chairman of Ojodu Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Mr. Olusegun Odunmbaku, demonstrated his commitment to infrastructure development and community welfare by conducting an inspection tour on Wednesday, January 8th, 2025, in Ward D.

Accompanied by key officials, Hon. Odunmbaku visited several ongoing development projects within the ward.

The delegation, including the Secretary to the Local Government (SLG), Mr. Olaide John Bello, Councillor Mr. Lekan



The chairman during the inspection

Peters, Mr. Bola Lawal, and Ward D Chairman Mr. Gabriel Jolaosho, began their tour at the

site of the proposed Recreational Center. The sand-filling work is currently underway to

prepare the ground for the foundation. The team then proceeded

to assess the construction progress of the new Secretariat Complex within the

council premises, followed by a visit to the nearly completed Powerline Primary Healthcare Center (PHC). Additionally, Hon. Odunmbaku inspected the ongoing 325m Yusuf Street construction project in Okeira, aimed at improving access and beautification. He also reviewed the progress of Irebawa Street construction to ensure timely completion.

Throughout the tour, the Chairman engaged directly with community leaders, residents, and site workers, addressing their concerns and reaffirming his administration's commitment to completing these projects on time. He assured stakeholders in the area that these developments are crucial for sustainable growth, improved living standards, and the creation of a conducive environment for economic prosperity.

# Ologba of Ogba Seeks Support for Lagos Govt

Kehinde Adeleye

His Royal Majesty Oba Latif Oladimeji Egbeyemi,

Madarikan the First, the Ologba of Ogba, has appealed to the general public, indigenous people, and residents of Lagos State to increase their

support for the government at both federal and state levels. Additionally, he has urged the inhabitants of Agege Local Government and Orile-Agege Local Council Development Area (LCDA) to support their

and recognizing the authority of local governments.

Extending his well-wishes, Oba Egbeyemi wishes Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, Deputy-Governor Dr. Obafemi Hamzat, Speaker of the Lagos State House of Assembly Hon. Mudashiru Obasa, and all honourable members a happy and peaceful year. He also prays for prosperity, well-being, progress, and peace in Lagos State and Nigeria as a whole.

Furthermore, Madarikan the First offers his salutations to His Royal Majesty Oba Rilwan Osuolale Aremu Akiolu, the

Olowo Eko and Chairman of the Lagos State Council of Obas and Chiefs, as well as all Royal Fathers in Lagos State and the entire Awori Olofin Land.

Ologba, a surveyor by profession and Member, Nigeria Institution of Surveying (MNIS) who voluntarily retired from Lagos State civil service, to pursue private practice, years back, also extends his greetings to the Head of Service, Mr. Bode Agoro, the Chief of Staff, Mr. Tayo Ayinde and the entire Lagos State workforce.

Also included in Kabiesi's goodwill message are Federal Honourable Wale Ahmed, representing

Agege Federal Constituency; Honourable Abdul-Kareem Jubril representing Agege State Constituency II, as well as the Chairman of Agege Local Government, Alh. Kola Egunjobi, and the Chairman, Orile-Agege LCDA, Mr. Johnson Babatunde.

Finally, Oba Latif Egbeyemi greets Ogba Council of Chiefs, Committee of Elders, Ogba indigene home and abroad, all residents and dwellers; market men and women, traditional worshipers, Moslems and Christians collectively, wishing everyone a happy, blessed and fruitful year.



HRM OBA LATIF OLADIMEJI EGBEYEMI, MADARIKAN I



# Raji Hosts Lagos East APC Leaders

By Mohammed Adekola

**E**pe Federal Constituency Representative and Chairman, House Committee on Livestock Development, Hon. Wale Raji, hosted the 16 Local Government Area (LGA) Chairmen of the All Progressives Congress (APC) from Lagos East Senatorial District at his residence on a meeting aimed at strengthening party unity and fostering development.

Describing the gathering as a “great honor,” Raji commended the grassroots leaders for their resilience and dedication to sustaining the APC's dominance



across their communities despite challenges. “Your steadfast commitment has not only advanced our party's agenda but has also positively impacted lives through the federal

government's Renewed Hope agenda and Lagos State's THEMESplus initiatives under President Bola Ahmed Tinubu and Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu,” Raji stated.

During the meeting, the lawmaker reaffirmed his commitment to delivering impactful governance in Epe Federal Constituency and Lagos State

through his Personal Intervention Projects (PIPs) and legislative leadership. Highlighting his achievements, he said, “We've made significant progress in education, road

infrastructure, healthcare, youth empowerment, and economic development. The revitalization of heritage markets, in particular, has bolstered local economies and preserved our cultural identity.”

Raji led the delegation to the residence of Alhaji Akanni Seriki Bamu, a senior APC leader and member of the Lagos State Governance Advisory Council (GAC). Alhaji Seriki praised the collaboration between the lawmaker and grassroots leaders, urging them to remain united in advancing the party's vision. “This kind of synergy is what drives progress and ensures sustainable development,” he said.

# Animashaun Assures PLWDs Of Better Life

By Mohammed Adekola

**E**pe Local Government Chairman, Princess Surah Animashaun, has assured the vulnerable, aged and People Living with Disabilities (PLWDs) in the society, especially those living in the council area, of her support to ensure that their wellness, well-being and welfare are prioritised.

Animashaun stated this at a stakeholders' sensitisation and advocacy program for Epe Division on vulnerable, an initiative of the Lagos State Government, Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget (Social Protection Coordination



Department), in collaboration with Social-Functional

Media and UNICEF, held at the council secretariat, Ita-Marun, Epe, Lagos

State.

She said her commitment to driving

programs and policies that would prioritise social protection and

uplift the lives of people in Epe Division is sacrosanct, saying together, they would continue to build a future where every resident has access to opportunities that empower and inspire. She said, “This event is a beacon of hope for our people and is a significant step toward advancing social protection policies that prioritise the welfare of the most vulnerable members in our society. The program is aimed to create awareness, foster dialogue, and strengthen the framework for social inclusion and development within our communities.



# Epe Royalty Celebrates Grace and Virtues as Olori Marks 80th Birthday

By Mohammed Adekola

**O**lu-Epe of Epe Kingdom, HRM Oba Dr. Shefiu Adewale Bamgbopa Eshilokun I, was the scene of elegance, pomp, and reflection on January 7, 2025. A

celebration of life, legacy, and gratitude as Olori Mulikat Adewale, the Olori Olu-Epe of Epe Kingdom, joyously marked her 80th birthday.

Amidst mirthful reflections and a

cascade of well-wishes, the crème de la crème of society gathered to honor a woman whose virtues and resilience have left indelible marks on her community.

Olori Adewale, surrounded by her

children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, expressed her gratitude for reaching this significant milestone. "I feel on top of the world because 80 years is not a joke. I've been through a lot of trying times in life. I give thanks to God that I'm happy and in good health to celebrate my 80th birthday," she said with a radiant smile.

Reflecting on the outpouring of love at her celebration, she added, "I feel honored because my good deeds resulted in the presence of people from all walks of life. If not, they wouldn't be here."

When asked about her secret to longevity, Olori Adewale credited her faith, contentment, and generosity. "The secret of my aging is to know one God, be happy, and have contentment with whatever experiences one encounters. If I begin to recount the days of sorrow and pains, time won't permit us. The best thing is to stay with God and manage whatever one has. One must be nice too. If you have, for instance, 500 naira and give out 300 naira for charity, you won't know when you'll graciously have 1,000 naira in your purse as a reward. So, one must be open-handed and be good," she advised.

The celebrant also reflected on her role as Olori, describing it as "a wonderful experience." She said, "I thank God that my husband and I have been humble and controversy-free since our ascension to the throne as King and Queen. Our children are great, and we thank God for our grandchildren as well."

Hon. Abiodun Tobun, representing Epe Constituency I at the Lagos State House of Assembly, praised the celebrant, describing her as "a mother in millions" and a pillar of the community. Olori is a mother to us all. She is a woman who wishes good for sundry. I pray for her continued success and sound mind at all times," he said.



# Prof Onibon Inspires Epe Youths at FEDSA Conference

By Mohammed Adekola

**I**n a powerful keynote address at the maiden edition of the Federation of Epe Division Students Association (FEDSA) National Leadership Conference, Associate Professor Nosiru Onibon, former Provost of Michael Otedola College of Primary Education (MOCPE), decried the scarcity of effective leadership in Nigeria.

The event, themed "Leadership with Purpose: Creating a Culture of Innovation and Excellence," took place at the Epe Club.

Speaking passionately to an audience of eager youths, Onibon described leadership as "the most scarce

commodity in our clime," drawing comparisons between Nigeria's leadership crisis and the structured systems he experienced abroad.

Drawing from his time as MOCPE Provost and his educational experiences in Malaysia and Colorado, Onibon

underscored the importance of purposeful and servant-oriented leadership. "We lack leadership with sincerity of purpose. What we have most times is leadership with the purpose of personal enrichment. Are our leaders our servants?" he questioned.

He cited Malaysia's rapid development as a model

for purposeful leadership, noting that its success hinged on sincerity and discipline. "In Malaysia, leadership is ingrained as a core competency, even a prerequisite for graduation," he explained. These reflections resonated deeply, serving as a wake-up call for the youths to adopt a servant-leadership approach in their personal and

collective aspirations.

Recounting his tenure as MOCPE Provost, Onibon shared transformative strategies anchored on institutional rules and foundational visions. He recalled an interview for his Provost position, where he surprised his interviewers by grounding his plans in the mission of MOCPE's founding fathers. "Many leaders today are oblivious to their responsibilities. Familiarity with the laws governing their institutions is key to transformation," he stated.

He emphasized the importance of adhering to established rules over succumbing to external influences. "The rules or laws of the establishment are enough to work with. Taking advice or guidance from third parties often comes with

personal agendas," he asserted.

Onibon also highlighted the role of discipline in leadership, comparing the enforceability of Nigeria's laws with the lack of structure in private settings. "It's not difficult to govern Nigeria if leaders invoke the existing laws. I used these laws to tackle 'untouchables' and 'cabals' at MOCPE, restoring sanity to the institution," he remarked.

Prof. Onibon's keynote address set the tone for a transformative conference, with discussions extending into panel sessions. For young attendees, ranging from secondary school students to university undergraduates, his address served as a blueprint for purposeful leadership.





# LASU Graduate Regrets Education, Turns Zobo Vendor

By Nurudeen Adebayo

A graduate of Lagos State University (LASU) has taken to social media to express her frustration after turning a zobo seller after dedicating five years of her life to studying at the institution.

In a heartfelt TikTok post, the graduate revealed her struggles to make ends meet, lamenting that she might have reconsidered pursuing higher education if she had known her career path would lead her to selling zobo.

"If I had known it's zobo I'd end up selling, I'd have not wasted five

years of my life in LASU," she wrote.

The post quickly garnered attention online, sparking a variety of reactions from Nigerians.

One user, Gbemmy Cakes, commented, "Education is never a waste. Can you compare yourself with a roadside zobo seller?"

Gozi Oleks queried, "Which course did you study? Can you defend your certificate?"

Another respondent, Lily, shared her own concerns, stating, "I'm a fresh graduate from LASU. This is scary."

Others shared similar experiences or offered their perspectives on the situation.



Zayy noted, "Seeing this while sitting in a hot class in LASU. God, please help."

A user identified as 9jahairgrowthdoctor\_Cosmetics remarked, "I studied microbiology for five years too, and now I'm selling haircare and

skincare products." Adetutu asked, "Which course did you study? My friend asked me to find out."

IVORY shared her gratitude for connections, saying, "Sometimes, life is about who you know.

Thanks to my uncle waiting for me to graduate, I'm not looking for work. Work is waiting for me."

Another user, Josentials, added, "Thank God I started my business before entering school. Honestly, this situation

is not funny."

The viral post has reignited discussions about the challenges faced by Nigerian graduates, the relevance of certain degree programs, and the need for improved job opportunities in the country.

# Ikorodu Youth Leaders Set For Second Conference

By Nurudeen Adebayo

Youth leaders across the Ikorodu Division are gearing up for the second edition of the Ikorodu Division Youth Assembly Conference, a landmark gathering aimed at addressing challenges facing the division and offering actionable solutions.

The conference is scheduled to take place on Saturday, February 15, 2024, at the Ikorodu Resource Centre, Ipakodo, Ikorodu. Over 1,000 youths from the division and Lagos State at large are expected to attend.

In a statement signed by Olamide Abdulkabir



Ogunjimi, it was revealed that the conference is an outcome of a brainstorming session

held by "Young Leaders in Ikorodu Division." The session aimed to reconnect youth leaders and share strategies to contribute to the

division's prosperity and align with Lagos State's growth and development projections.

"One of the key resolutions of the 'Hangout' was to organize the second edition of the Ikorodu Division Youth Assembly. This platform will serve as a critical avenue to bridge the gap between older and younger generations and stimulate discussions on the role of Ikorodu Division in Lagos State's 2052 Developmental Plans," the statement noted.

The conference, convened by Comrade Lekan Biliamin Oba, Senior Special Assistant (SSA) to the Governor on Social Development, also aims to focus on the younger generation's contributions toward achieving the state's long-term goals.

Queen Oluwadamilola Edward (popularly

known as Agbeke-Eko) was announced as the Chairman of the Ikorodu Division Youth Assembly Conference 2.0.

Commenting on the initiative, Comrade Biliamin Oba described the assembly as "timely and a strategic move in the right direction." He emphasized the importance of youth leadership in driving the division's development and contributing to the broader Lagos State vision.

The upcoming event promises to serve as a dynamic platform for engaging discussions, collaborations, and actionable resolutions that will benefit the youth and the division as a whole.



# Oloyede Appoints SSA on Chieftaincy Matters

[Kehinde Adeleye](#)

The chairman of Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Otunba Kehinde Almaroof Oloyede has appointed Mr. Shafiu Olalekan Kuti as Senior Special Assistant (SSA) on Chieftaincy Matters. The appointment takes immediate effect. According to the chairman, the appointment is in furtherance of the cordial relationship existing between him and the traditional institutions within the council, saying it will enhance more

cordiality. Kuti, who hailed from Ewu Ward within the council area, will serve as a liaison officer between the local government and the traditional rulers, fostering stronger ties and community service. As a relative of the highly esteemed Oba Elewu of Ewuland, Oba Shakirudeen Kuti, Mr. Kuti is expected to leverage his deep understanding of traditional institutions to provide valuable counsels to the

chairman on chieftaincy matters. Otunba Oloyede charged the new appointee to exhibit diligence, capacity and promptness in the discharge of his duties. He also emphasized the importance of upholding the integrity of the Kuti family, which Oba Shakirudeen Kuti has worked tirelessly to preserve and honour. The council boss congratulate him on the new appointment and wish him success in the discharge of his duties.



# Oloyede's Wife Rejoices With the Elderly, Distributes Gifts

[Kehinde Adeleye](#)



In an effort to spread joy and support to the elderly, Chief Mrs. Fadekemi Oloyede, wife of the Chairman of Oshodi-Isolo Local Government, distributed food items to vulnerable elderly residents across various wards within the council area.

This kind act demonstrates her dedication to bringing happiness to the community and supporting her husband's administration.

The outreach began in Owoseni (Ogunoloko Ward) and continued to Alade (Igbehinadun

Ward), Orile-Oshodi (Afariogun), and Olaiya Street (Mafoluku Ward).

Mrs. Oloyede explained that her motivation was to help ensure that residents, particularly the elderly and those in need, could enjoy the festivities without being left behind.

Chief Mrs. Oloyede emphasized that her primary focus was on supporting aged and vulnerable individuals, reaffirming the administration's commitment to enhancing the well-being of all residents.



# Bababatunde Bags Excellence Award In Health

**H**on. Johnson Babatunde, the Executive Chairman of Orile-Agege Local Council Development Area (LCDA), has been recognized for his commitment to improving healthcare services in the district.

The Lagos State Health District 1 acknowledged his efforts in constructing and equipping an outstanding Primary Healthcare Center with standard facilities and medical equipment.

Dr. Funmilayo Bankole, Permanent Secretary of

Lagos State Health District 1, commended Hon. Johnson Babatunde for his contributions and support towards the district's activities and programs, as well as his investment in healthcare service delivery in Orile-Agege LCDA.

The Executive Chairman while speaking to the press said, "I will stop at nothing to bring the dividends of democracy to the people of Orile-Agege, Governance is about service to the People

and it's also about upliftment of lives and properties, these and many more are what myself as the Executive Chairman of Orile-Agege Lcda and my team has vowed to achieve till the last day in office"

. Under Mr. Babatunde's administration, Orile-Agege LCDA has seen substantial transformation, with improvements in the education sector, empowerment of residents, and enhanced security measures.



## ASSEMBLY

# Lagos In History: First Lagos State House of Assembly



**T**he maiden legislative arm in Lagos State was established in the year 1979. The House, under the stewardship of the first Speaker of the House, Oladosun Osinowo, took on legislative duties on October 5, 1979 till In October 5, 1983, spanning through four years.

The Assembly operated a unicameral system, with 36 representatives elected from each constituency of the state under the Unity Party of Nigeria, UPN. Moshood Muse was the Deputy Speaker. Lateef Odunsi served as the Leader of the House while Jimoh Adams was the Chief Whip.



# School resumption: Oloyede Welcomes Pupils, Teachers

Kehinde Adeleye

**W**ith a heart full of fulfillment and gratitude to God Almighty for sparing the lives of pupils, students, teachers, and non-teaching staff of both public and private schools within Oshodi-Isolo local government, the chairman, Otonba Kehinde Almaroof Oloyede has joyously welcome all back to school.

The council Chairman

while welcoming the pupils back to school for a refreshing second term session of the 2024/2025 academic session, congratulated them for witnessing the new term and assured them of a more conducive learning environment.

Oloyede said the ongoing school reconstruction at Saint Paul Primary School will be completed on time as

well as equipping it with modern learning materials to ease learning and teaching. The council boss said aside from school rehabilitation, he will as always provide school materials to pupils across the government-owned schools to aid learning.

Otonba Oloyede prayed for a smooth sailing academic sojourn for the pupils, their teachers, and non-teaching staff as they

began the new term. He said; "I am delighted to welcome our pupils and all stakeholders in the education sector to yet another new term of 2024/2025 academic session. This term is unique and we are glad to welcome you back to school.

As we welcome you to the new learning term, I want to assure you that we will not relent on our oars in ensuring a conducive learning

environment for you.

Our school bus will immediately resume picking you up to and fro schools, as you will soon see us in your schools to distribute learning materials to you all to aid your learning.

Let me reiterate our commitment to leaving an everlasting legacy in the education sector as we are about to complete the Saint Paul Primary School, which, when completed, will be equipped with modern learning materials.

My dear students, as we welcome you back to

school, I want to urge you to face your studies squarely and make us proud in this academic journey.

To our ongoing free JAMB tutorial class students, I strongly appeal to you to be committed and focus on your studies. Do us proud in the coming examinations by coming out with higher grades to make you gain admission into a higher institution.

"I wish you all a successful term.

## MUSHIN

# Medical Services: Bamigboye Cautions Residents On Self Medication

By Saheed Afolabi

**C**hairman of Mushin LG, Emmanuel Bamigboye has warned residents on the dangers of indulging in self medication.

Residents of Mushin turned out in their large numbers for a free medical mission organized by Mushin Local Government.

Bamigboye urged residents to utilize the seven primary healthcare centers across Mushin for regular health checkups, emphasizing the availability of equipment and quality healthcare services.



He also highlighted the council's donation of laboratory equipment to Mushin

General Hospital and the Itire Maternal Health Centre to improve patient screening and reduce mortality rates.

The council boss cautioned against self-medication while citing its

potential danger for organs damage and expressing sadness over related deaths.

He encouraged residents to seek professional medical attention at the primary healthcare centers and the general hospital and avoid patronizing quacks.

Bamigboye told the residents to take advantage of the free medical mission, noting that previous free monthly screenings had revealed many undiagnosed health issues.

He personally presented free eyeglasses to patients diagnosed with vision problems. He also inspected the medical personnel's work and the equipment being used.

Scores of residents benefitted from the free medical services rendered by the Mushin LG.



# 2025 Budget: Salawu Highlights Successes

By Saheed Afolabi

**S**omolu Local Government Chairman, Abdulhamed Salawu disclosed his achievements in office during the presentation of the 2025 budget. Salawu, presented a 10.7 billion budget proposal for 2025 to the Legislative Council. The presentation took place at the newly inaugurated Legislative Complex and was attended by prominent figures including APC leaders, former council heads, council members, and community representatives. Dubbed the "Budget of Consolidation," the

budget prioritizes the completion of existing projects while ensuring fiscal responsibility and avoiding future debt. The proposed revenue sources include 2.5 billion from federal allocations, 8 billion from Value Added Tax (VAT), and over 112 million generated internally. These funds will be allocated to staff salaries, pensions, operational costs, and impactful capital projects. Salawu highlighted key achievements of his administration, including the completion of the Somolu Administrative Complex, the Fire Service Station, and

the Olaleye Ultramodern Shopping Centre. He also cited road construction projects, such as Ariyo Close and Kalejaiye Street, and youth development initiatives focused on ICT and skills acquisition.

Yomi Osunkoya, Leader

of the Legislative Council, praised the administration's transparency and focus on impactful governance. He assured the public that the council would conduct a detailed review of the budget to ensure it aligns

with the needs and desires of Somolu residents. The council also committed to overseeing the proper use of funds, with a focus on education, women's empowerment, and economic development.

This marks the seventh budget presentation under Chairman Salawu's leadership, demonstrating his ongoing commitment to the growth and development of Somolu and solidifying his legacy within the community.



Chairman of Somolu LG, Abdulhamed Salawu and the council legislative members

## School Feeding: FG Selects Somolu LG

By Saheed Afolabi



Somolu LG Chairman, Abdulhamed Salawu with the FG delegate on school feeding

**T**he Federal Government have selected Somolu LG as part of the pilot site for the homegrown school feeding program. The FG homegrown school feeding program project manager, Princess Aderemi Adebawale recently visited Somolu LG to kickstart the commencement of the noble event. Eighteen government-owned primary schools in Somolu will initially participate in the program, which

will provide nutritious meals to students, supporting their health and academic performance. The pilot program in Somolu will serve as a model for nationwide expansion to all 774 local governments. Princess Adebawale lauded the leadership of Somolu Local Government Chairman, Abdulhamed Salawu, and commended his infrastructural development, particularly highlighting the Somolu Local Government

Administrative Complex. She also expressed appreciation for the administration's enthusiastic embrace of the presidential program, recognizing Somolu as a center for grassroots innovation and progress. Salawu pledged his administration's full support and cooperation, reiterating Somolu's dedication to building impactful partnerships that benefit its residents and future generations.



# Lady Calls Out Nollywood Producers Over Substandard Movies

By Nurudeen Adebayo



A social media content creator, Lizzy Adebayo, has sparked conversations online after criticizing Nollywood actors and producers for what she

described as the overuse of actors and the production of substandard movies. In a video posted on her TikTok page, Lizzy lamented the lack of variety in Nollywood films, particularly those

released on YouTube, and expressed disappointment over the repetitive casting choices and limited resources utilized in producing movies. "Abeg oh, all these YouTube actors and producers, this

2025 abeg make una change," she said. "Una dey waste our data, una dey waste our wifi for rubbish. Na money we take dey

subscribe. All una movie the same the same face, una no dey change?" Lizzy specifically mentioned popular actors such as Ruth Kadiri, Deza the Great, Sam Maurice, and Sonia Uche, accusing producers of overusing their talents without exploring fresh faces.

She also criticized the current Nollywood industry for lacking the moral depth and creativity that were hallmarks of older Nigerian movies. "The new Nollywood cannot be compared to the Nollywood of back in the days. Back then, movies had lots of morals. Now, it's just the same thing over and over again," she said.

Lizzy urged filmmakers to

prioritize quality over quantity, emphasizing the importance of improving storytelling and production standards in the industry. Her comments have since sparked mixed reactions among viewers, with some supporting her critique while others defended the efforts of Nollywood actors and producers.

As Nollywood continues to grow as a global film industry, Lizzy's remarks highlight ongoing debates about creativity, resourcefulness, and audience satisfaction within the industry.

# J.J. Omojuwa Criticizes Man's Lavish Wedding Expenses

By Nurudeen Adebayo

Renowned media personality, J.J. Omojuwa, has shared details of an encounter with a man who requested a loan of 300,000 to start a business for his wife after hosting an extravagant wedding. In a post shared on his X (formerly Twitter) account, Omojuwa revealed the man's financial situation and his inability to justify his spending choices. According to Omojuwa, the man had spent 1.7 million on his wedding ceremony the previous year, despite

earning an annual salary of 720,000. "Someone comes to me, wants to loan 300k to set up his wife for a POS business. Ok. Sounds good. I ask, how much did it cost you to do your wedding last year? He said 1.7m. Ok. How much do you earn per year? 720k/year fixed. Cool. So you used your salary for over 2 years to do your wedding ceremony?" Omojuwa wrote.

When questioned further, the man defended his decision by claiming that such lavish ceremonies

were customary in his village.

Omojuwa, however, challenged this reasoning by asking, "The people that don't have the money, didn't do it, and are married, where are they buried?" The question reportedly left the man speechless.

Omojuwa concluded his post with a blunt critique of the man's financial choices, stating, "You see, you are trying to punish me for your irresponsibility. Poverty is sometimes self-explanatory."

The post has since sparked widespread reactions, with many social media users



debating the cultural expectations of weddings and their impact on financial

stability. While some sympathized with the man's situation, others

sided with Omojuwa, emphasizing the need for prudent financial planning.



# Badagry: Aholu of Kweme Kingdom Clears Air On Seriki Fulani Installation

By Saheed Afolabi

The Aholu of Kweme Kingdom, Oba Sejiro James has denied claims of him installing the Seriki Fulani in Badagry.

Sejiro stated his presence in the event was solely on invitation along with other Kings in Badagry.

He however expresses amazement over reports of him installing the Seriki Fulani which will be an impossible task for only a king to do it among the 16 Obas in Badagry land.

The traditional ruler said the turbaning was done by the Seriki Fulani of Lagos State and the Chairman of the

Council of Fulani Chiefs, South West, and that the process was already underway before he arrived at the event.

Oba Sejiro explained that a widely circulated photo of him presenting beads to the Seriki was due to the Seriki's connection to Sito Gbethrome, which falls under the Kweme Kingdom. He also pointed out that other Obas were present and offered advice during the occasion.

He reiterated that he, as one of sixteen kings, does not have the authority to independently install the Seriki Fulani in Badagry.



Aholu of Kweme Kingdom, Oba Sejiro James

## Lagos State Government To Construct New Palace For Akran Of Badagry

By Saheed Afolabi

The Lagos State Government is set to construct a new palace for the Akran of Badagry, Oba Claudius Dosa Akran.

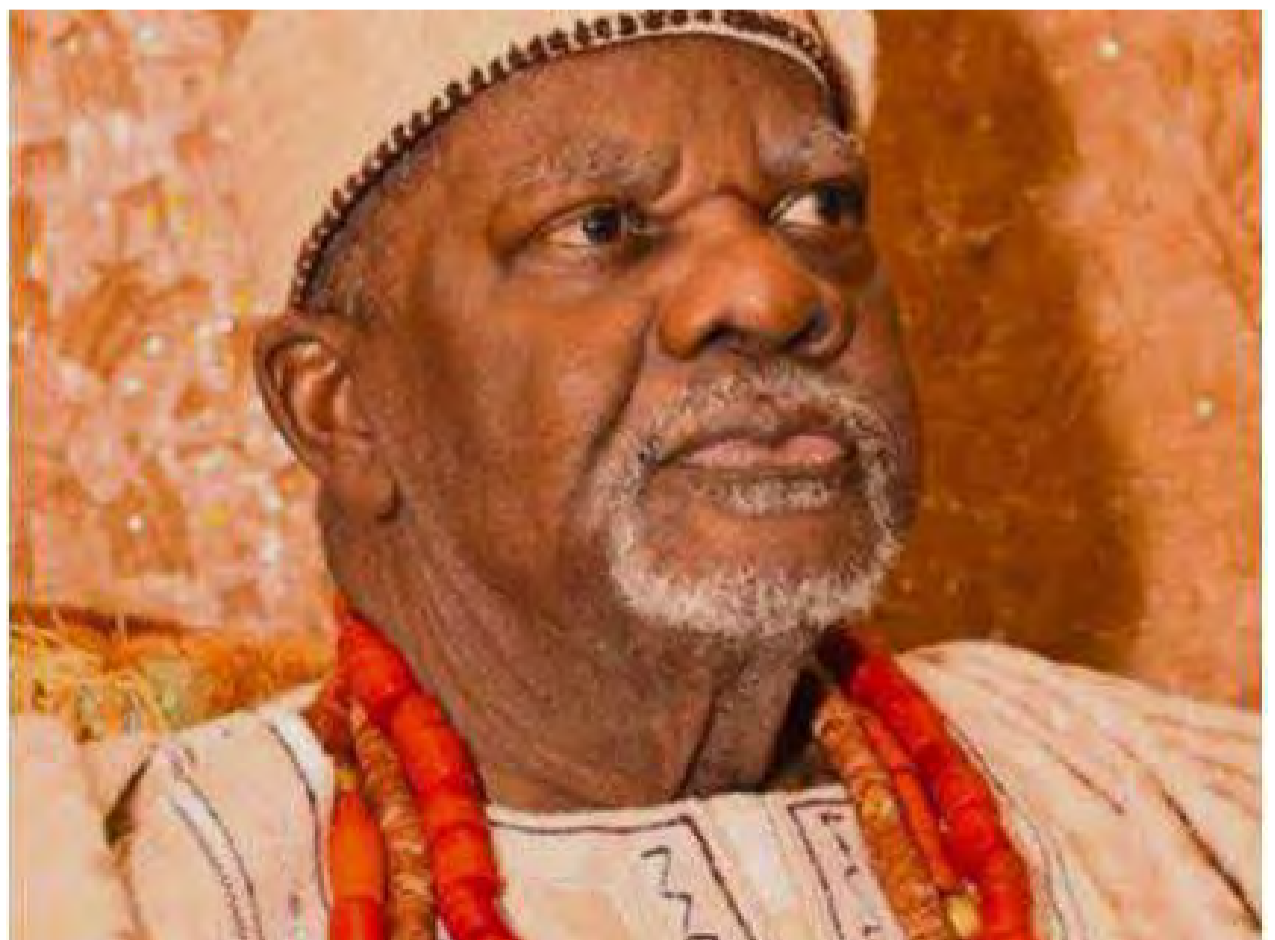
This was revealed by the member representing Badagry in the Lagos State House of Assembly (LAHA), Honorable Solomon Bonu.

He further stated it's a project that's a priority to Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu administration and the new palace is intended to serve as a symbol of the Akran's rich cultural heritage and a central

venue for traditional activities.

Bonu disclosed the palace construction will begin in 2025 while the state government is dedicated to construct a world class edifice that suits for a remarkable tourist site.

This development is expected to significantly enhance the cultural and traditional landscape of Lagos State, and stakeholders are anticipating the commencement of the project.





# She Football: Ayisat Yusuf Excited Over Success

By Saheed Afolabi

Nigeria legend, Ayisat Yusuf is excited over the positives and commendations merited over the success and achievements of the SheFootball Conference initiative which has enlightened women footballers and given them hope in the grassroots. The event which comprises of a day tournament, the official launching of the Ayisat Yusuf FA and the conference which centered on educating Nigeria referees. DreamStar Ladies defeated Ayisat Yusuf FA to emerged the

champions of the 2025 SheFootball A Day Tournament at the Legacy pitch, National stadium, Surulere. Eight women's football clubs in Lagos competed keenly for the glory of the competition in an explosive atmosphere. Austria FIFA Badged Referee, Sara Telet shared her experiences in the game with the Nigeria referees at the conference while she urges them to hit the top in their professional career. Yusuf said it's has been a remarkable feat over the years by giving back to the grassroots where young footballers are groomed and giving

the Girl Child a voice of her own. She highlighted the success of the past event which have seen the discovery of notable stars

who have gone on to play for the national team in the age grade categories. The Super Falcons ex international further

disclosed that future editions would bring about more innovations and experiences dedicated to the Girl Child.

Football boots, jerseys, training kits were given out to over eight clubs in order to foster the development of the Girl Child.



Winners of Ayisat Yusuf competition, DreamStar Ladies and other women's football stakeholders at Legacy pitch, National stadium, Surulere.

# Table Tennis Legend Bose Kaffo Drives Lagos Community Frenzy With Sports Fiesta

By Saheed Afolabi

Five-time Olympian Bose Kaffo drove the community of Okerube-Abaranje community in Lagos frenzy with an enchanting Sport Fiesta for resident. The event brought about a chance for residents of all ages to compete in table tennis, basketball, and snooker. The event, organized by Bose Kaffo Innovations, transformed the community into a hub of activity, complete with music and

enthusiastic participants. Children as young as eight, along with adults, eagerly engaged in the various sports, enjoying the opportunity to play and connect with others in their community. Mini-table tennis setups catered to younger participants, while adults enjoyed nostalgic rallies. A wheelchair basketball demonstration also took place, offering a new experience for many attendees. Participants expressed their enthusiasm for the event, with one teenager, Farouk, stating, "I have



Niger Table Tennis legend, Boss Kaffo in a group photograph with the participants

not seen something like this before." Another participant shared, "This is my first time of seeing something like this right on our street. I'm very happy

and excited." Kaffo, a Sports Ethics and Integrity expert, promises to expand the program to other areas of Lagos in subsequent editions

while providing more young people with the opportunity to showcase their sporting abilities. She emphasized the importance of

activating interest in sports among young people and expressed hope for continued support to further her mission.





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