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Lagos commuters have urged the state government to prioritise infrastructural development across the state especially the road networks to ease transportation.

Expansion of road network topped their demands following the increased traffic jams daily experienced on the major roads across the city.

Residents across the city made the demand among others, in separate interviews with ECHONEWS.

Some of the commuters who spoke to our correspondents said if the government could expand the road network by reconstructing feeder roads, movement would be seamless in the metropolitan city.

"I had to trek many kilometers before I could get out of traffic while going to work," a commuter told ECHONEWS.

"In fact, one of the challenges the government has to tackle in 2023 is traffic and the only way to do that is to expand the feeder roads. The former governor embarked on that and indeed, he tried. For instance, it was the former administration that expanded the roads in Alimosho and the aim was to ease the traffic on the major expressways.

"It would be okay if the feeder roads could be expanded and rehabilitated in each local government across the state," a commuter who gave his name simply as Dare commented.

Another commuter, Abdul Gauzu, a bricklayer noted that the traffic jam has continued to increase in the state, complaining that he missed a contract due to traffic.

"I, as a person will be happy if Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu prioritise road infrastructure. We know that by His grace, he will return in 2023 as our governor. He should mandate each local government to also reconstruct a number of roads in their various communities in addition to what the state government is doing," he said.

Meanwhile, the Sanwo-Olu administration has also embarked on road infrastructure.

For instance in 2021, Governor Sanwo-Olu inaugurated a 6.05-kilometre Ijede dual carriageway, phase one,

Lagosians clamour for road network expansion

By Motolani AbdulGafar

(Itamaga-Ewu-Elepe project) that links 40 communities in Ikorodu Local Government Area of the state.

The road was reportedly completed one month ahead of schedule.

It was said that the project was a demonstration of the commitment of the governor to grow the economy of the state through a robust infrastructure portfolio.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reported that the Ijede Road cuts across four LGAs/LCDAs, and it is the only major road that leads to Ijede, Gberigbe, and Agura towns, as well as 37 other communities in Ikorodu. Before its rehabilitation, the road was a single carriageway.

And it seems the state government is taking up the challenge. In the N1.693 trillion 2023 Appropriation Bill presented to the House of Assembly recently, the governor allocated 20.06 per cent of the total budget to infrastructure.

He said the state would not only "aggressively" focus on completing ongoing projects

next year, it would also expand intervention programmes and intensify social support to citizens and their means of livelihood.

According to the governor, the state will earmark an aggregate of N67.4 billion, representing 3.98 per cent of the 2023 budget, to achieve the government's social housing programme and provide amenities across communities.

He said: "The Year 2023 Appropriation Bill, which will be the final budget of our administration before the 2023 general elections, expresses our unwavering determination to keep serving the people of Lagos through our development agenda, while we uphold the trust and faith reposed in us by the people since 2019. As we return to the campaign trail to seek the mandate of Lagosians for another four years, we have resolved to continue our audacious interventions in every sector of the economy.

The state, the governor said, would sustain its strategic investment in human capital and channel resources to deliver more infrastructure to keep its economy on the path of

growth beyond next year. The state government's major concerns in 2023 are health and environment, education and the economy.

Sanwo-Olu proposed an N153.5 billion allocation to education next year, representing 9.07 per cent of the total budget estimates, in order to consolidate the gains of the past years in the sector. He said the previous investments in education had yielded, leading to the achievement of a record-high performance of 82 per cent in the 2022 West African Senior School Certificate Examination.

This was against 39 per cent in 2019 when the administration came on board.

The governor is earmarking N339 billion capital (20.06 per cent) to provide infrastructure in various sectors next year, while dedicating an aggregate of N191 billion, representing 11.29 per cent, to health and the environment.

The 2023 Appropriation Bill has a capital expenditure of N932.7 billion, representing 55 per cent of the 2023 budget. The recurrent expenditure, representing 45 per cent, is

N759.96 billion, which includes personnel cost, overhead and debt services.

Sanwo-Olu said the next year's spending would further demonstrate his government's determination to scale up good governance and quality service to the people through the T.H.E.M.E.S Agenda, stressing that the budget would propel the state to higher level of fiscal growth and social development. "This Budget of Continuity will propel Lagos to the next fiscal level and economic growth. Another significant moment beckons in the life of our administration; it is the culmination of a tenure dedicated to achieving a Greater Lagos and the start of a new one dedicated to unlocking a higher level of growth and prosperity for our people. Next year, we will aggressively focus on completing ongoing projects, while also expanding our social intervention programmes and support for citizens, and for micro and small businesses. The budget will offer us an opportunity to consolidate on all we have been doing towards satisfying the yearnings and aspirations of the people."



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Accolades as Sanwo-Olu presents staff of office to Adegbaajo of Odo-Gbawojo

By Motola AbdulGafar

There were accolades as Staff of Office and Instrument of Appointment were presented to Oba Muruf Adelani Adeniyi, the Adegbaajo of Odo-Gbawojo Kingdom in Eredo Local Council Development Area by Lagos State governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu. The staff and instrument were presented to the monarch at the Epe LG Secretariat by the governor who was represented by the Special Adviser on Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, Hon. Kayode Robert.

While presenting the staff, Sanwo-Olu reaffirmed the commitment of his administration to fulfilling its promise to spread infrastructure throughout the State, including Epe Division. The governor claimed that because of their functions as supporters of progress, peace, and peaceful cohabitation among all persons and residents within their realm, royal fathers are essential partners for government. The Lagos State Government, according



The new Adegbaajo of Odo-Gbawojo receiving his staff of office and Certificate

to him, will keep working with the state's traditional leaders to make sure that their welfare receives the attention it merits.

He said: "I rejoice with Your Royal Majesty as you ascend the stool of your ancestors on behalf of myself, the government and the people of Lagos State. Your selection as their leader and steward of their culture and traditions by the Kingmakers and widespread acceptance by your people is a

testament to their faith in your ability to improve the fortune of this region and its inhabitants.

"You have a duty to exercise leadership, foster camaraderie, friendship, and a sense of community among the comity of Royal fathers and chiefs within the Division and at the State level," the letter reads.

The chairman of Eredo LCDA, Hon. Ismail Monsuru Akinloye urged the monarch to put his vast experience

to work for the advancement of Odo-Gbawojo, Epe Division, and Lagos State as a whole.

He remarked: "I am really pleased to learn that Your Royal Majesty brings to this highly esteemed stool a rich background of decades of expertise and successes in your professional calling, as well as being a shrewd tutor during your time as a teacher at Gbagada Girls High School, a portion of t h e s e

accomplishments were documented.

"All of these, I have no doubt, Your Royal Majesty will bring to bear on the development of Odo-Gbawojo, Epe Division and Lagos State as a whole.

"In order for Kabiyesi's reign to be wonderful and bring about unheard-of progress to this ancient and historic kingdom, Akinloye urges all the sons and daughters of Odo-Gbawojo to unite around the new king."

Buraimoh sensitizes South-Easterners on electoral unity



By Motola AbdulGafar

In line with the directives of the Presidential Campaign Committee (PCC) of the All Progressive Congress (APC), the Chairman of Amuwo-Odofin Local Government, Hon. Valentine Buraimoh has advocated for uniformity of votes among residents in the council.

He made the call in a voters' sensitization initiative for South-Easterners to carry them along with the voting system that would aid excellent representation of Nigerians in government.

Buraimoh emphasized that accident leaders would be eradicated if there is uniformity of votes and prohibition of sentiments as the party stipulates among members.

In his words: "We must not repeat our mistakes of the past as we must choose leaders with a record of excellent performance. Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu is the leader we need and all the party's candidate from the Senate to the state assembly demonstrates from antecedents the capacity to lead this nation back to its Glory days."

He, therefore, appealed to the people to ignore those coming with divisive narratives who have contributed to the growth of the region but disrupt members.

APC Epe LGA chairman to meet with volunteer groups leaders

By Motola AbdulGafar

The All Progressives Congress (APC) Epe Local Government Chairman, Hon. Toyin Gbadamosi has scheduled a meeting with the registered volunteer coordinators in Epe.

A statement issued by the Epe Local Government

Coordinator of all the volunteer groups, Otunba Bode Ogunniyi, sighted by our correspondent, stated that the scheduled meeting would take place at the Recreation Centre, Epe.

The statement read in parts: "I am directed by Honourable Shakiru Oluwo, Director-General, Lagos East Coordinator, volunteer

groups, to inform all Epe Local Government registered volunteer Coordinators, that there will be a crucial meeting with APC Epe LGA Chairman, Hon. Toyin Gbadamosi.

"Each group should come with ten members and it is mandatory for each member, to come with their PVCs. This is extremely important."



Jagaban Cup to commence soon

By Saheed Afolabi

The organizers of Jagaban Cup have said the tournament will soon start.

Tournament Director, Mr. Wale Joseph explained that the competition is billed to hold for four days.

He explained: "On November 15th, six games would hold at Mobolaji Johnson Arena."

"Day two will see six matches take place at same venue. Day three shall also witness six games being played. The last day will see third place and final holding. Games on 15th, 16th and 17th will be played from 7am to 2pm."

"There shall be no semi final games. Winners of each Group will proceed to the final. Two runners up of each group shall play the third place match at 2pm kickoff time on the Friday November 18th.

"The reason for November 14th check-in is for every club to arrive on time and not be held up in the morning rush hour traffic."

Meanwhile, teams participating in the Jagaban Cup have confirmed their readiness for the competition with Hotels fully booked.

For easy movement during the competition, teams would lodge at some of the best Hotels at Lagos Island.

Ikorodu City, Messiah FC, MFM FC, Olukismet, Badagry United, De Potters, FC Bethel, Jo Sportyne, Smart City and 36 Lion have all confirmed their participation at the tournament.

Arrival of European

scouts has been confirmed. It is guaranteed that two of them will touch down in Nigeria on 13th November.

Media parley and draws would hold on 14th November inside the SWAN Hall of the National Stadium Surulere at 3pm.

Five thousand T-Shirts

would be distributed for free on the day of the Grand Finale.

Clubs would be divided into two groups of 5 teams each for a round robin style format of 70 minutes per match.

The winner of each group shall meet in the final of 40 minutes per half game (80 minutes).

The runners up of each group shall play 3rd place match of 40 minutes per half.

Japaban Cup will hold from November 15th to 18th at Mobolaji Johnson Arena.

The project is an initiative of 36 Lion Investment, Diamond Sports and Lagos Enigma.



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The Award Plaque of "3RD BEST CROP FARMER in Lagos State has been officially presented to Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government chairman, Hon. Usman Hamzat at the Secretariat.

According to records, it is the second consecutive time within two years that Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government Farmers would remain on the top ladder of Lagos State Government's rating.

The Year 2022 Grand Finale of World Food Day was organized by Lagos State Ministry of Agriculture with the theme "Leave No One Behind; Better Production, Better Nutrition, a Better Environment and a Better Life".

During the award presentation, the Chairman of All Farmers

Ifako-Ijaiye LG gets 3rd best crop farmer of the year

By Edith Obioma

Association in Ifako-Ijaiye, Mr. Bakare who led the delegates appreciated Hamzat's support towards farmers in Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government.

"I appreciate our very-active Executive Chairman, Prince Usman Hamzat for his support. He actually provided all we needed, created an enabling environment for a smooth process for our farmers to succeed again (in) 2022 World Food Day.

"This historic win in the agricultural sector, again c o n f i r m s t h e

administrative focus of Prince Usman in grassroots agricultural revolution as promised in his UAH H.E.E.D.S Agenda for a greater Ifako-Ijaiye." HOD Agriculture Department, Mrs. Oyafunke assured that Hamzat's administration is committed to intensifying more drive to support farmers and to encourage small and medium scale agro-processors.

She added that it will continue to create an enabling environment for private sector involvement in agriculture, as it will go a long way towards

expanding the economy.

In the same vein, Lagos State Council of Tradesmen and Artisans (LASCOTA) in Ifako-Ijaiye under the leadership of Comrade Akeem Olasode presented a meritorious service award to the Local Government Chairman for his numerous traders' support initiatives.

Hamzat was represented by the Supervisory Councillor for Agricultural, Rural and Youth Development, Hon. Akeem Yakeen and the HOD, Agriculture Department Mrs. Omolabake Oyafunke.



Ifako-ijaiye award placards

Our 2023 budget'll center on community core needs - Tijani

By Edith Obioma

The chairman of Ojokoro Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Hammed Tijani has implored stakeholders to provide critical projects and inputs that will help his administration plan its budget for the 2023 fiscal year as they deliberated.

To ensure successful implementation of 2023 appropriation bill, Tijani said their inputs would enable his administration to concentrate on areas of urgent need in each community.

He commended the continuous support and encouragement shown to his administration to deliver the expected dividends of democracy to the people.

He, however, reminded all stakeholders and residents of Ojokoro LCDA on the need to obtain their permanent voters cards (PVCs) which he said, are the only power to vote for the candidates of their choice in the forthcoming

general elections.

Stakeholders across the LCDA participated in the process of budget formulation and drafting for the effective governance of the

community.

Highlight of 2022 budget focused on the development pillars such as Works and Infrastructure, Education and Library Services,

Health and Environment, Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation and Agric / Social Development.

According to Tijani, most of the projects submitted

in 2022 budget stakeholders meeting have been successfully completed and have impacted positively on the lives of the people.

"During the first year of our

administration, we started a bold effort to build critical infrastructures that will affect all facets of human existence in Ojokoro Local Council Development Area."

Organisation donates bedspreads to Ifako-Ijaiye GH, PHC,

By Edith Obioma

The Ajilete Primary Healthcare Center (PHC) Medical Officer of Health (MOH) in Ifako-Ijaiye, Mrs. Adeyanju Oyetoyan, has called on well meaning citizens to support PHCs just as the Social-Cultural and humanitarian Organisation has provided them with bedspreads.

At Ajilete PHC point of donation, 24 pieces of bedspreads were disbursed for the PHC use.

The gesture is said to be the part of the organization's objectives to embark on donations to public health centers in areas of essential material needs to assist local and state governments.

She urged the residents to emulate the organization

and extend their support to PHCs, saying the government cannot do it all alone.

The MOH appreciated the donor and described the act of giving as a passionate love for people and the community.

Oyetoyan assured that the materials provided will be put to good use of the patients.

He, however, acknowledged the support of the Ifako-Ijaiye chairman, Prince Usman Hamzat towards transforming the

PHCs across the local government area for optimal delivery.

The second phase of donation took place at Ifako-Ijaiye General Hospital which was received by Apex Nurse, Chief Matron Olufunmilayo

Adetoro on behalf of the Chief Medical Director of the hospital.

She commended the donor as well as the commitment of the local and state governments towards upgrading facilities in the hospital.

LG pledges support for CDA to tackle community challenges

By Edith Obioma

The Head of Department (HOD), Agriculture in Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government, Mrs. Omolabake Oyafunke, has assured Olorunlagba Community Development Association (CDA) of constant support as the association commissioned two security gates in the community.

Oyafunke commended

the effort of the CDA and assured to do everything in her capacity to support transforming the community to a better place.

The CDA chairman, Mrs. Olufemi Omirin (JP), said the two gates were commissioned to beef up security in Omirin Estate. She appreciated the unflinching support of the Community Development Committee (CDC) and that of Agriculture department in making the

commissioning a success.

She, however, solicited continuous support as she commended the CDA executives and residents for their cooperation.

The CDC chairman, Pastor Samuel Opajobi, commended the residents' cooperation and commitment towards securing the community as he commissioned the first gate.

He emphasized that security watch is

everybody's business and it should not be negotiated but to put all measures in place to protect lives and properties.

Iju forum CDA chairman, Alhaji L. Azeez commissioned the second gate as he joined hands with Opajobi, Oyafunke to pledge their support towards eradicating the challenges of the community.

Ojodu LCDA supports PEPSICO, water AID for hygiene, sanitation improvement

PEPSICO Foundation and Water AID organisation have launched Water Sanitation Improvement Project (WASHIP) aimed at improving public health through the provision of water, sanitation, and hygiene services in selected LCDAs across Lagos State. The project launch commenced the implementation of \$1 million fund rehabilitation of selected water schemes. To provide inclusive

By Edith Obioma

sanitation facilities within public places such as markets, schools and health centers in Ojodu Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Ikotun LCDA and Ikorodu LCDA that already have ongoing intervention. Ojodu LCDA Chairman, Hon. David Odunmbaku appreciated Water Aid Nigeria and PEPSICO Foundation for the laudable programme and partnership that has benefitted Ojodu LCDA regarding capacity

building for better hygiene and sanitation which would improve environmental quality and healthiness of Ojodu people.

"Our partnership with Water Aid Nigeria would not just provide amenities that would aid and improve hygiene and sanitation in public places like markets schools and health centers in our communities but would also contribute to boosting environmental health.

"And to help create more resilient communities living in healthy

environments through the intervention in provision of WASH facilities in Ojodu LCDA.

"We are excited about the new project supported by PEPSICO Foundation and we look forward to working in close collaboration with partners to improve systems and practices that will fulfill our people's right to water and sanitation in our markets, schools and health centers and to improve the socio-economic conditions of our people in Ojodu LCDA."



Water project deliberation

Juju musicians to confer Odunmbaku Life Patron honour

By Edith Obioma

The Association Of Juju Musicians Organisation of Nigeria (AJUMN), Ojodu Zone has recently hinted Ojodu Council chairman, Hon. David Odunmbaku of its plan to make him the Life Patron.

The information was disclosed during the association's courtesy visit to the chairman at the council secretariat.

The association revealed that the conferment will take place during its 10th anniversary.

The coordinator of the association, Sunday Ojajuni, stated that members are impressed by Odunmbaku's exceptional feats as council chairman, noting that his strides prompted the association to confer him with the honour.



Juju music association members with Odunmbaku

Council chairman promotes African culture learning

By Edith Obioma

The chairman of Ojodu Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. David Odunmbaku, has established a cultural learning centre in the council area to showcase and promote the learning of African history and culture, just as he launched Sankofa

Youth Journal in Omole Estate.

Odunmbaku stated that the establishment being in Ojodu would deepen the knowledge of history and culture amongst the people.

He noted that the avenue will create space for lovers and learners of African history to converge for the purpose of showcasing and learning about cultural

heritage in a refreshing and creative way.

He implored the youths to take advantage of Cultural Learning Center to gain the knowledge about African history and culture.

He remarked: "Opening of the African Cultural Learning Center provides the opportunity to promote our roots and cultural heritage education that is lacking

especially amongst young people.

"There have been concerns in many quarters about the extinction of history in our schools and lack of avenues to offer the learning of history and culture that is integral to our identity and ideology as a people.

"We are aware of the importance and impact of this Learning Center

in our community and the purpose it would serve in not just enlightening people but also in creating an avenue for recreational learning and a place of convergence for history and culture.

"I am humbled and glad to be part of this history as we open this establishment for the learning of our history and culture."

Odunmbaku presents certificate to new Baale of Idi Orogbo

By Edith Obioma

The chairman of Ojodu Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. David Odunmbaku, has prayed for herald of progress and development as he presented Certificate of Office to the newly installed Baale of Idi Orogbo, Chief Bashiru Rasaki at the council secretariat. He congratulated the new Baale as he wished his traditional ruling tenure a progressive one.

The Baale was accompanied by his Olori, Kudirat Bashiru and his close associate, Chief Ganiyu Bakare.

Bakare praised Odunmbaku for his sterling leadership qualities that is responsible for the socioeconomic development witnessed in Ojodu LCDA.

In attendance at the ceremony were the Chief Of Staff, Mr. Dapo Adeoye and Chieftancy Officer of Ojodu LCDA, Mr. Olusesi Olawale Johnson



New Baale of idi Orogbo

LG rallies stakeholders on 2023 budget

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Igbogbo Baiyeku LCDA, Bldr Olusesan Daini has met with the community stakeholders to discuss the 2023 budget.

The stakeholders include Adeboluwa and Olubeshie in council, CDA/CDC excos, Artisans, Market association, CAN Igbogbo Baiyeku, Muslim Society, Isokan Ladies and transport union all gathered at the council's secretariat hall to discuss and make inputs to the budget proposal.

From road construction, Health Care Centres, Security Enhancement, Improving Education standards and more, the meeting touched on all corners, giving stakeholders room to pinpoint pending axis that requires government's attention.

The Head of Budget, Mr. Arowosegbe J. O., stated that the essence of the meeting was to deliberate on the Year 2023 Budget. According to him, the budget preparation cannot be done in isolation

without collecting the community inputs.

Noting that budget is sharing and all-inclusive, Arowosegbe elucidated that neighbourhood inputs are very germane in budget practice.

He asserted that the LCDA comprises people at the grassroots, deeming it fit to invite stakeholders, so they can be basis of the process, adding that the current year's budget has performed up to 70 per cent based on evaluation.

Stakeholders, however, at the meeting urged the government to pay more attention to internal road constructions, narrowing on Abule Osorun road, Mojoda road and Abuja road, persuading the council boss to amplify his strategy to security.

On his part, underscoring roads that the council has picked for soft road construction and drainages, the council boss described his teamwork with the public works to execute detailed undertakings.

More on the road, Daini explained that minor road palliative work will be



Interactive session between stakeholders and Ikorodu LG executives on annual budget stakeholders forum

done while presenting a crucial portions to the state government.

"The significance of the road to our economic value, especially those closer to the coastal part of the region cannot be overemphasized."

Daini subsequently strode to the safety sector, asserting, "In the area of security, we, as a people do not follow the slogan, 'if you see something say something. I said so because most of the security challenges we

face in some communities are not reported."

On security enhancement, he affirmed that in Elepe community, 6 plots of land have been allocated to the council for construction of a police station, saying that his council alongside Senator Tokunbo Abiru and the LASG is working towards actualizing the project which will also include structuring of a Mini barracks within the edifice.

Declaring that more JTF will be dispatched to areas

with tension, he implored the NYCN Igbogbo branch to come up with strategic measures for the council to engage youths causing restlessness in some communities.

To further stimulate business in the community on transactions, Bldr Daini announced to stakeholders that a bank is coming to establish itself in Igbogbo Baiyeku soon.

The council boss summarized some of the projects to be embarked upon by the council across

wards, to include; Primary Health Care refurbishment, soft palliative road constructions, drainages, water supply and school modification i.e distributing tables and chairs to the 12 public schools across the LCDA.

Assuring that no community will be left behind in the implementation of projects, Daini asserted that the 2023 budget will broaden the scope of the council which is the main reason the consultative stakeholder's forum is organized.

Advising residents to continuously assist revenue officers in paying their taxes, He credited dwellers for the progressive boost in revenue collection by the council.

The council boss applauded councillor Akeem Solawon for writing the ministry of local government, which elicited the state's approval for the construction of a health centre in Agunfoye community.

Igbogbo market street road gets January 2023 completion date

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Igbogbo Baiyeku LCDA, Bldr Sesan Daini has promised that the completion of Market Street Road in Igbogbo will be completed by either the last week of December 2022 or 2nd week of January 2023.

The council boss made it known at his administration's annual budget stakeholders forum, appealing to the residents for patience.

Explaining that government is a continuous process, Daini encouraged residents to be patient with the gradual pace of project execution across

the communities.

He said: "With six stakeholders meeting under my belt, I should be able to speak directly to the people on what my administration has accomplished to the good people of Igbogbo Baiyeku LCDA.

"The major request that was made by the road transport union is the construction of market street road in Igbogbo, and am happy to say with construction ongoing, the road will be completed before the last week of December 2022 or 2nd week of January 2023."

Adding that a major palliative work will also be done on Baiyeku road

with support from dredgers and CDA, Bldr Daini explained that he amassed support to put projects in motion.

He further noted that G A C member, Olorunfunmi Basorun and HRM, Oba Semiudeen Orimadegun Kasali (Adeboruwa of Igbogbo) had a meeting with Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, laying the importance of Baiyeku road to Ikorodu division. The meeting spurred the governor to approve the phase one construction of the road, starting from Odojin junction down to Abiodun Ogunleye Housing Estate.

The project is meant to span 24 months.



The ongoing construction of Igbogbo market street road, insight is the chairman of Igbogbo LCDA, BLDR Sesan Daini

Six years after, Itire kingdom gets new king

By Saheed Afolabi

The long search for "who becomes the king" of the ancient traditional community of Itire Kingdom in Mushin Local Government has been finally laid to rest by the Governor of Lagos State, Babajide Sanwo-Olu, with the presentation of staff of office to HRM, Oba Tajudeen Ishola Odubiyi, as the 5th Onitire of Itire kingdom at the Onitire palace, in Itire Kingdom of Mushin Local Government.

There has been a long screening exercise on who takes over the mantle of kingship in the traditional Itire land, after the transition of Oba Lateef Abayomi Dauda, the late Onitire, who ruled the kingdom from November 1999 - September 2016 and died at the age 70 years.

In his welcome address, the Chairman of Mushin Local Government, Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye congratulated the new King and thanked the Almighty God for the grace and opportunity to make the day a reality.

He expressed

appreciation to the state governor for making it possible to crown a new king in Itire kingdom. He confirmed that the six years journey for the search in order to appoint a new king in Itire, has been completed as he prayed for peace to reign in Itire kingdom.

The Special Adviser to the Governor on Local Government and Community Affairs, Hon. Bolaji Kayode Roberts, who represented and delivered the speech on behalf of the governor at the event, congratulated the people of Itire and thanked the Chairman of Mushin LG for the display of maturity, and administrative skills to represent the government in Mushin.

The Special Adviser who is popularly known as "Bibire", commended members of the ruling house and the king makers for the peaceful screening and assessment process that led to the emergence of the new king. He thanked and charged them to support and rally round the new king to succeed as he ascends the throne

of his forefathers.

He tasked the king, his chiefs and the entire people of Itire, to reciprocate the kind gesture and cooperation of the governor and the entire ruling party, urging them to put all machineries in place to ensure that APC records overwhelming victory

through their votes in Itire community, during the 2023 general elections.

Roberts also charged the new king to support government programmes at all levels and co-operate with the Local Government on security in order to maintain peace in Itire.

After the presentation of

staff to the new king, the council chairman went round the palace from one table to another, congratulating the chiefs, dignitaries, invited guests and all the sons and daughters of Itire community for the successful ceremony.

His entourage comprised the leader of legislative

arm in Mushin Local Government - Hon. Olamide Williams, Secretary to the Local Government, - Mrs. Olubunmi Gbadamosi, Council Manager - Comrade Sogo Osikoya, all the councillors, Supervisors, Special Advisers, personal aides and media team.



The Onitire of Itire Kingdom in Mushin receiving his Staff of office and Certificate

Odiolowo-Ojuwoye LCDA begins road rehabilitation

By Saheed Afolabi

Odiolowo-Ojuwoye LCDA has disclosed a plan to begin the reconstruction of roads across the council area to ease both vehicular and human movements during the Yuletide.

The council chairman, Hon. Rasaq Ajala stated that a date has been fixed for the commissioning of other completed projects.

The council boss made this known in his office after the executive and management meeting.

According to him, the

roads earmarked for reconstruction include Olomowewe, Jinadu, Adeshina, Awoyokun, Olohunisola, Olohunibe, Akorohunfayo, Ereko and Ashabi Roads.

He added that the drains on Ashabi, Ereko and Akorohunfayo streets will also be constructed.

The chairman also listed the roads earmarked for rehabilitation to include Industrial Crescent, Adeshiyan, Buraimoh, Folayemi, Oyewole, Shyllon, Fafolu, Kumuyi, Buraimo, Awoyejo, Smith, Fagbile, Bada, Alhaji Lasisi, Agunbiade, Ilupeju road,

Post Office Road and Bank Lane.

Ajala stated further that these roads were due for reconstruction and rehabilitation, stressing that but the delay in carrying out the reconstruction, was due to the persistent rains in the past months.

He added: "The council is also set to inaugurate some projects. These include the two ICT centers, one at Ajenifuja Primary School in Ilupeju and the other at St. Martins Primary School at Danmegoro with 60 sets of computers and an E-

Library in each of the centers.

"We will also inaugurate the Customary Court within the premises of the council and reopen the newly modernized Ayantuga Health Center.

"To secure our public primary schools within our LCDA, our government has approved the employment of Adhoc staff as security men to guard the facilities.

"The council will also distribute one thousand three hundred and fifty benches and desks to public primary schools across the LCDA."



Chairman of Odi-Olowo/Ojuwoye LCDA, Rasaq Ajala

BAYIT donates political fliers to support Ege

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The management of BAYIT Properties and Investment Limited has presented campaign fliers to the All Progressives Congress flagbearer in Ojo Constituency I at the Lagos State House of Assembly, Hon. Olusegun Ege.

They said the presentation of the fliers was part of their own efforts to support the candidacy of Ege, saying they have noticed his competence and efficiency through

his scorecards.

The fliers were calculated to be 100, with bold inscriptions on them about the candidacy and competence of Ege.

The representative of the organization, Mr. Folorunsho Atoyebi noted that the company has decided to show its support for Ege in its little way.

He said campaigning is sometimes beyond the competence of the flag bearer as financial obligation also sets in.

He commended Ege for his persistence in liberating the less

privileged and organizing empowerment programmes among other initiatives that have attracted the company towards his him most especially his ability to relate smoothly with people at the grassroots which indicates that he will not ignore his community after getting to the office.

He disclosed that the company has plans to donate more campaign souvenirs to solidify Ege's candidacy as the 2023 general elections approach



BAYIT political fliers for Ege

Muritala urges youths to be dedicated to task ahead

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Lagos State All Progressives Congress Youth Leader, Dr. Seriki Muritala has appealed to youths assigned to some political tasks in Iba LCDA to diligently execute the tasks given to them by the party. He said the essence of giving them the task is to do a grassroots combing ahead of the 2023 general elections, to ensure the visibility of the plan rather than making it a dream unachieved.

Muritala made the call with respect to APC Iba LCDA chapter's inauguration of Community Combers/Street Captains, Ethnic Youth Leaders, APC LGA Youth Executives & Zonal Youth Leaders within the community. The concerted efforts is towards mobilising and galvanising the youths to start combing voters in the communities for the victory of the party by co-opting the ethnic youth leaders into the

youth structure of the party, constituted female youth coordinators, zonal youth leaders and community combers/street captains.

He noted that the party values the efficiency of the youths, saying they are more agile, hardworking and assiduous in carrying out their duties which he presumed was one of the reasons they were called upon by the party elders.

He stated that the APC is a diversified structure that carries along all established offices in carrying out their duties which is why the party in Iba LCDA is confident in performing as all members understands the structure.

He appreciated the efforts of the LGA youth leader, Comr. Saheed Tijani for ensuring the realization of the party's agenda as he made efforts in bringing together all factions.

He advised Tijani not to relent on his efforts as the campaign work has just begun.

Idowu tasks women leader to be committed in her new role

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The chairman of Ojo Local Government, Hon. Rasulu Idowu has tasked the newly appointed Women Leader of ROICO women in Ojo, Mrs. Folake Tijani, to ensure the proper execution of her duties.

He said the essence of nominating a leader for the group is to have a proficient and committed figurehead that can work towards the development of all members in terms of community contributions and societal values without gender disparity.

He said that he expects her to be the

voice of women folks in defending their rights among other obligations.

While advising Tijani, Idowu urged all women folks in the association to be a source of inspiration to young ladies in the community as Tijani would be there to coach them.

He, therefore, advised

them to adopt an effective communication skills for peace and unity to continue to co-exist within them as their unity would not only benefit the council but will be a source of synergy towards the actualization of the All Progressives Congress (APC) flag bearers come 2023 elections.

Council clamps down on roadside traders at Alaba Market

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The chairman of Ojo Local Government has carried out a 3-day enforcement exercise on roadside traders at Alaba International Market. It was to ensure the traders abide by the law and order unanimously agreed to by both parties. The activity was to showcase the seriousness of the matter as both executives involved are taking sporadic measures towards the realization of the decision. For days, market leaders and Local Government

authorities were seen patrolling the roads. Recall that the indefinite cancellation of street trading is the first order agreed upon in the jointly signed Memorandum of Understanding between

members of Alaba International Market Association and Lagos State Park Administrators in resolution over the rancour between them in the market. The council boss during

the inspection appealed to traders to synergize with the Local Government to generate better living conditions for residents and create a peaceful environment for better development.



Alaba Market

Winning bronze medal at FIFA U17 Women's World Cup is a great achievement - Afolabi

In this interview with Saheed Afolabi, Nigeria U17 Women's bronze medalist star, Taiwo Afolabi shares her experiences at the FIFA U17 Women's World Cup in India and her expectations in life.

How do you feel making the Nigeria U17 Women's team and winning the bronze medal at the FIFA U17 Women's World Cup?

First, I feel grateful to Allah for making it possible for me to make the final list. And also it was a dream come true for me to get the priceless moment of representing my country, Nigeria, at the FIFA U17 Women's World Cup in India and winning the bronze medal made it an awesome moment together.

It wasn't what I was expecting honestly, but I really worked hard to get to

this stage of my life.

How did you develop interest in football and what challenges did you face trying to play football?

Football is a God given gift and talent to me, football is what I have strong passion for and me having a supportive brother that motivates me make it easier for me. The only challenge I had when I started football was being the only girl playing in the midst of boys and people will be like, you can't play with them because you don't have their strength, you can't match their energy, they will injure you

but those days playing with boys helped me to become a better player today.

You scored a precious goal in the world cup, how did you feel scoring that great goal?

Words can't explain how I feel at that moment scoring that special goal because the ball came to my right foot and I used the side of my boot to execute the ball which landed at the back of the net, I felt on top of the world at that moment and it was a great feeling scoring in the FIFA U17 Women's World Cup in India.

What went through your mind stepping out on the pitch and making your debut at the U17 world cup?

What went through my mind was for God to make everything easier for me so that I can make Nigeria, my parent, family and

myself proud. At that moment, I felt the presence of the international stage and I'm happy we were able to achieve a place on the medal podium at the end of the tournament.

Who is your role model in football and which European club is your favorite to play for?

Luka Modric is my role model in football. I love the way he plays and we play same role in the midfield. He's someone that I'm looking forward to meet one day.

Lyon is also a club that I'm looking forward to play for, they are a big club in Europe and they have won lots of laurels in the international stage.

How supportive are your parents to your career?

They are very supportive to my career, they give me their 100% support because football is what I find happiness doing and



Taiwo Afolabi

since they can't deprive me of my happiness, they stand strong by me.

I'm so happy to have the type of parental support I enjoy from my parent including my siblings also.

What's your happiest moment so far?

Getting the chance to represent my country at the international stage and

winning the bronze medal at the FIFA U17 Women's World Cup remains my happiest moment in life.

Where do we see yourself in the next 5 years?

By God's grace in the next 5 years, you will see me playing in the biggest league in the world and the best team.

Ayisat Yusuf-Aromire wins Sheroes Girl Child Advocate Award

By Saheed Afolabi

Former Super Falcons of Nigeria player, Ayisat Yusuf Aromire, was awarded with Sheroes Girl Child Advocate Award. She was born on March 6, 1985 in Lagos. She is the first woman and first African to emerge as the winner of the 2022 FIFPRO Merit Awards for Player Voice. She achieved this great feat, for her work empowering girls and women to play football through her foundation - SheFootball Initiative which promotes equality, health and supports young girls to have the

right to play sport.

Ayisat, who played for several clubs in Nigeria and Finland, was a member of the Nigerian squad at the 2004 African Women's Championship, 2007 Women's World Cup and the 2008 Summer Olympics. Scouted by a club in Finland, she got the opportunity to be a voice for the voiceless, to be a good role model, to create more awareness that football has no gender. She is quoted as saying: "Football has done amazing things in my life and without it, I wouldn't have been where I've been and achieved a lot of things I've achieved."

Ate's Cup: I'm impressed with the show of unity by players - Fuad Akintunde

By Saheed Afolabi

The Ate's Cup in Isolo has entered its second round of matches in the group stage as a lot of teams have been exceptional and players too have been great on the pitch of play.

The tournament which has a total of 20 teams participating in it has recorded over 50 goals so far in the round one of matches played.

Speaking to ECHONEWS, the LOC chairman of the tournament, Fuad Akintunde popularly known as Ate Money said he was impressed with the tournament so far from the players to the teams and the turnout of spectators.

"The purpose of the Ate's Cup is to foster

unity among the residents of Isolo and use football to bring them together for the prosperity of the community.

"The teams have

displayed great level of unity and we thank God that no casualty has been recorded so far. I'm really impressed with the turnout of fans in the community, the players

attitude and playing abilities and we hope, we get to see some exceptional players seek greener pastures outside the country soon."



Fuad Akintunde popularly known as Ate Money

Isolo Lions Club sets up activity library, sickbay facilities in Faromnbi sch

By Edith Obioma

In furtherance of its service to humanity, Isolo Lions Club has set up a library and sickbay facilities in Faromnbi Nursery and Primary School, Isolo. The project, according to the club's president, Lion Sunday Timothy Obisesan (PMJF, NLCF), is to complement government's efforts in the education sector by making learning and its environment more fun and better endeared to the pupils. The project tagged 'Olatunbosu Activity Room' featured beautiful designs, books, chairs and reading tables as well as a sickbay facility

and according to Obisesan, the project is executed in partnership with 3 de e o l a t Foundation.

He said: "This project boils down to our service to humanity because in Lions Club, we are selflessly into service to humanity, especially to the less privilege and having known in our mind that government alone cannot provide the needed development, we've put this effort together to support the government so that this school can enjoy the facility."

Obisesan added that the decision to furnish the school with such facilities became pertinent following a



thorough assessment visitation carried out hinting that the cost implication ran into N2 million.

"In 2020 we did something like this at Igando Local

Government Primary School and now we are doing it in Faronmbi Nursery and Primary School having discovered that the school lacks such facility. The cost of

putting this together is almost two million; to get the chairs, painting, books, shelves, bed and all that but we are happy to do something like this, we are really happy," the president said.

The Chairman of Isolo LCDA, Olasaju Adebayo who was represented by the Secretary to the Local Government (SLG), Hon. Sikiru Adeshina Salisu, commended the service club and its partners for undertaking the project as he called on other NGOs, service clubs and corporate organizations in the council area to up their commitment to complementing government efforts on

continued societal development.

"I can't but commend this noble club for this laudable project. Facilities like this will make learning and the environment more appealing to the pupils. Your collaborative effort by way of this project will greatly complement our strive in this sector even as we hope that you will look into other areas as well."

The head teacher of the school, Mrs. Okoroafor-Ugbogu Joy expressed her delight over the project revealing that its a development long overdue in the school and assured that the pupils will use it for their utmost benefit.

Group commemorates Osolo Day with free medical exercise

In commemoration of this year's Osolo Day Celebration, a Pan-Awori Socio-Cultural group, Awori Top Development Association has organized free medical programme for the elderly.

The medical programme was one of the programs earmarked for the week-long celebration which commenced on Sunday, 30th October and climaxed

on Saturday, 5th November. The programme held at Isolo Dr. Nurudeen Olowopopo Memorial Clinic, Isolo featured free screening and medication for various non-communicable diseases.

According to the Governor General of the association, Engr. Musbau Dorishamu Alimi, the programme is the group's way of participating in the celebration and

giving back to the community. He added that this is not the first time it will be catering for the elderly, as such was done on two previous occasions to commemorate Osolo Day.

Dorishamu added that no fewer than 150 beneficiaries were captured with the programme noting that those who couldn't be treated on the spot were

referred to any of the partnering medical centres for free diagnosis and treatment.

"We are delighted to do this again, our noble association has seen it as a duty to commemorate Osolo Day in a unique way and that's what we've done by providing free medical services for our elderly. No fewer than 150 people were tested and given

medications for various non-communicable ailments. I will like to use this medium to commend members of our dear association for their financial commitment and sacrifices as well as corporate organizations that supported us," he said. On his part, a member of the Board of Trustees (BOT) Hon. Samson Aremu Fatoye specifically commended

the partnering hospitals and pharmaceutical companies for their support in making the programme a success.

Speaking, one of the beneficiaries, Mrs. Fasilat Alimi, commended the group for the free health mission as she explained that she'd longed for what the group had in stock to commemorate this year's Osolo Day hitherto.

MSSN Ejigbo gives students guidelines on overcoming obstacles

Students in Ejigbo Local Council Development Area (LCDA) have been encouraged to abide by the tenets of self-belief, determination, focus and time management if they are to rise above any obstacle in their quest for academic excellence and success in life.

The above was part of the advice dished out by speakers at the third edition of the annual academic summit organized by the

Muslim Students Society of Nigeria (MSSN), Ejigbo Local Council recently.

The event with the themed "Rising Above My Obstacles" had in attendance students from various secondary schools in the council area and as explained by the Ameer of the religious organization, Akinosho Abdulfatai, it was one way the group sought to address the challenges confronting students in their academic pursuit.

In his presentation, Mallam

Thaqib Al-Ameen identified poor reading culture, bad company, peer pressure and lack of focus as some of the barriers hindering impressive academic performance.

He, however, charged the students to be wary of the friends they keep, be influential positively, develop a better reading culture and be true to themselves in order to overcome the hurdles.

"Students need to understand that one way not

to be susceptible to negative influence is that they should strive to be positively influential, be circumspect of the friends they keep and stay true to their plans in life," Al-Ameen said.

He also charged parents to live up to the responsibility of closely monitoring their children noting that their role is vital to the proper upbringing of a child.

On his part, Mr. Temim charged the student to utilize the internet, especially social media to

aid their learning and shun the proclivity to abuse it. He explained that this could be achieved by being goal-driven, disciplined and an effective time manager.

"It is easy for one to get engrossed with social media activity thereby losing quality time in the process but that can be better dealt with by being an effective time manager, disciplined and focus.

"Also, as students, you need to understand that for now that there's a need for you to

be circumspect about how you imitate the celebrities you follow on social media. Internet and Social media should be used to further develop your intellectualism. Be mindful of the amount of adult content you're exposed to and adhere to parental guidance."

Away from Academics, Miss Hanifa Sadu, a disability rights advocate charged the students on resilience in their quest to carve a niche for themselves in life.

A member of the Lagos State House of Assembly representing Surulere Constituency, Hon. Desmond Elliott, has offered additional free health insurance to 400 elderly people in Surulere Local Government Area.

Elliott disclosed this during the mega Empowerment Programme he organized for Surulere residents, disclosing that 250 residents of Surulere benefitted from the free health insurance programme. The lawmaker said he had also included 100 youths in the Surulere community to benefit from the programme. The lawmaker said the programme was mainly targeted at the aged, widows, less privileged and community members, who could not afford to pay for their health services. "I started this free health insurance for the elderly people in 2021, and we have now upgraded it this time around to treat more ailments that are common with the elderly people.

"So our health insurance programme now covers treatment of ailments such as arthritis, drugs for high blood pressure, rheumatism that usually affected the elderly people.

"Hence, we are having additional 400 elderly people which are now added to the ones we had in 2021 and we also included 100 youths into the programme.

"In all, 500 residents in my constituency have been added to the 250 people that benefitted from this scheme in October," he said.

On the mode of selection, the lawmaker said it was open to any resident in Surulere, irrespective of the tribe,

Elliott offers free medical insurance to residents

By Saheed Afolabi

religion or party affiliation.

He said Toptee Medical Centre had been designated to provide health services for the new 500 residents.

Elliott also announced five LAGRIDE buses, which would be presented to the unemployed youths in the five wards out of the nine wards in his constituency.

According to him, "We have nine wards in my constituency but we are starting with five and we will give the other four wards in the next batch."

He said basically, he was trying to ensure his constituents benefited from the State.

Elliott explained that he had paid off the first initial deposits and all other arrears to enable the beneficiaries of the bus to operate.

The lawmaker said he also partnered with EcoBank to give out 200 Point of Sales (POS) machine to small scale business operators to empower them financially.

He said: "Our first scheme is to make sure 200 community members are given POS machines and they will be given N20,000 as startup capital to operate the device.

"I am very passionate about making sure that everybody in my constituency benefit from all these programmes we have put in place for them.

"We are not doing these laudable programmes to solicit for their votes, for us, we are empowering them because they are things we should do as their representatives.

"We are here to represent the people and you can see the

level of acceptance and it happened because the Speaker, House of Representatives, Mr Femi Gbajabiamila has done amazing lots.

Speaking, the Lead Team of Toptee Medical Centre, Dr. Temitope Oludayo applauded the lawmaker for the wonderful health initiative programme.

Oludayo said the clinic would provide health talk every Tuesday for the elderly people in the constituency while free drugs would be administered to them every two weeks.

She noted that they would be given an ID card for proper identification, adding that the hospital address is at 40 Ogunlana Drive, Surulere, Lagos.

Also, the council chairman, described Elliott as a good listener, who has the feelings of his people at heart.



Desmond Elliott

"We thank God for persons like him in Surulere and I pray that God will continue to bless us all. I want you to appreciate him for this laudable project," he said.

The chairman, Community Development Committee (CDC),

Surulere local government area, comprising 56 CDAs, Mr Wemimo Odumosu, urged other public officers to emulate him. Odumosu said no matter how meager it might seem, if the people had someone to support their health bills, it would go a long way.

Gbajabiamila organises free medical outreach for Surulere residents

By Saheed Afolabi

As part of his modest decision to give priority to the health needs of his people and help them access free medical treatment, the Speaker, Federal House of Representatives, Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila has organized free medical outreach for the populace at Akerele Primary Health Centre. The chairman of Surulere LG, Hon. Sulaimon Yusuf, appreciated the lawmaker for the medical intervention,

adding that the gesture will go a long way to address the immediate medical needs of people in Surulere Local Government Area.

He, therefore, called on the residents and staff members to reciprocate the gesture by coming out en masse to be attended to.

The free medical services includes malaria test, free eye test (with the provision of free eye glasses and drugs), blood pressure test, cervical scan for women and free referral for surgery.



RT. Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila

Senior Special Advisers in Lekki LCDA have commended the council chairman, Hon. Bamidele Kasali for his rigorous efforts geared towards the development of the community.

As his intermediary in different areas, they said they can attest to the efficiency of Kasali as a leader who has the interest of his people at heart. The SSA on Education and Adult Literacy, Fausat Lawal wrote on her

Senior Special Advisers appraise council chairman

By Motola AbdulGafar

social media timeline: "We are impressed and super proud of the kind of leadership we have in you. You have achieved so much for our people even with meagre resources available, shown us that politics can be without

bigotry by running an inclusive administration and proved the critics wrong by being passionate and committed to the mandate given to you. "You, on some occasions, empowered youths and helped them to find meaning in life by engaging them with

important tasks under your administration. in all, you have given 'us' your supporters reasons to have inflated egos as a result of your achievements." Also in support of Kasali's administration, the SSA on Special Duties, Hon. Olajide Ogunbekun wrote: "I

attest to the fact that the chairman's achievements have no bounds. The numerous goals which are being achieved in a short period cannot be overemphasized. I intend to speak of forms changed into new entities in the areas of infrastructure, youth

empowerment, health, education, humanitarian efforts from the Chairman and more. He is worth emulating coupled with the fact that all these have been achieved in less than a year. I believe that with our collective sense of devotion, the sky is just the beginning."

Ibeju-Lekki to get more traditional leaders

By Motola AbdulGafar

Community development has begun in Ibeju-Lekki as Lagos State Government installed seven monarchical leaders in the council area including the present Onibeju of Ibeju-Lekki Kingdom, Oba Waliu Oguntolu.

It was gathered that Oba Oguntolu has liaised with the concerned authority to fix the road that connects to the palace through the Lagos-Epe Expressway for the convenience of road users. He also promised eye-

witnessed residents that he would facilitate the construction of other roads within the community and other communities in the council area.

He has, since appointment, empowered less privileged fortunate to cross-path with him as guests continue to flood his home in celebration of his successful appointment.

He further promised that the community would witness a positive change in their affairs as he emerged the new monarchical leader in the Kingdom.



Oba Waliu Oguntolu

2023: Ogunlewe appeals to Oloworo for support



Barr. Moyosore Ogunlewe

The chairman of Kosofe Local Government, Barr. Moyosore Ogunlewe has appealed to Oloworo of Oworonshoki kingdom, Oba Babatunde Saliu to assist All Progressives Congress (APC) party to triumph in the coming elections.

He said the party needs the royal assistance to triumph in the forthcoming general elections.

He made the statement during the flag off campaign for the candidates of the All Progressives Congress (APC) at the palace of of the king recently.

He reiterated his absolute confidence in the Oba's ability to deliver Oworonshoki to APC despite the fact that people of Oworonshoki belong to different political parties.

He called on the youths to vote massively for APC, noting that huge votes often come from Oworonshoki.

He used the opportunity to appeal to the people of Oworo to sway victory to the party in 2023.

The All Progressives Congress (APC) party chairman in Ibeju-Lekki LG, Hon. Semiu Adedayo has urged youths to utilize the coming general elections to their advantage rather than engaging in illicit activities that can be detrimental to their lives.

He said they should invest their time in beneficial works that can be showcased in their Curriculum Vitae (CV) which can be a source of breakthrough when job hunting.

Use elections to your advantage, APC LG chairman charges youths

By Motola AbdulGafar

He cited the example of the ongoing Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) Ad hoc Committee Registration Portal's accessibility to the public.

He said the election should be seen as a means of education and enlightenment rather than a tool to engage in illicit activities.

Adedayo also informed that the Lagos State Cooperative College portal was currently open for admission as everyone is expected to make the best use of it. He, therefore, advised that youths should hold on to their legacies as it symbolizes their beliefs and ideologies in activities they engage in as they will be known for their bottom line as they persist





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