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The Lagos State Government has warned traders at the Computer Village, Ikeja not to pay rent to a Bridgeway Construction Company as the government plans to relocate the market to Katangowa. The Special Adviser to the Lagos State Governor on e-GIS and Urban Development, Dr. Olajide Babatunde said that the government has terminated the contract of the Bridgeway Global

Project Limited that was handling the ICT market project at the Katangowa about two years ago.

He attributed the delay of moving the computer village to the Kantagowa ICT market under construction because the Bridgeway Global had failed in its performance and its contract terminated.

The termination of the Bridgeway contract has since sent fear to many of the traders in the computer village, some of whom had paid to get space in the modern ICT market.

However, traders and

shop owners at the popular computer village, Ikeja have called on Lagos State Government to carry them along in the planned relocation of the market to Katangowa area of Abule Egba.

The Ikeja Computer Village Market Board spoke on behalf of the traders as it pleaded with the government to carry the stakeholders in the computer village along in decision-making concerning the relocation project. Against the backdrop, the Chairman of computer village market board, Chief

Adebowale Soyobo, told Echonews that there is panic in the market over the sack of the of Bridgeways Global Projects Limited as Concessionaire of the proposed ICT Park at Katangowa.

Soyobo said that the computer village stakeholders welcomed the idea of relocation because it would give room for expansion, but government should carry the stakeholders along on decisions concerning the relocation.

The chairman said that the reason for this kind of

communication was for proper representation of the stakeholders.

As he put it "If you want to create another market somewhere, if you want to move the traders somewhere, you have to carry them along.

"Whatever you are doing without the consent of the people here can be hijacked by the wrong people rather than those who will commit their funds. "In all of this, we have not been informed about the termination, either by the government or the

developer, until then whatever the case, let each party geSoyobo said that to his knowledge, no money had been collected for the temporary stalls currently at Katangowa, but money was collected three years ago for purchase of forms as commitment to show interest in the ICT park.

Reacting, the Special Adviser, Babatunde said that the state government is committed to develop the Kantagowa ICT market into a world-class marketplace.t their facts right."

Dr. Babatunde, who was taken aback by the continued occupation and collection of illegal fees amounting to millions of Naira from traders and shop owners currently occupying the Kantagowa market, disclosed that the contract with Bridgeway Global Project Limited, has since been terminated over two years ago due to the non-performance of the contractor on the agreement reached with him.

He added that it is therefore illegal for him or his representatives to collect any fees or money from anyone under any disguise on the development of the market after termination of the contract.

He disclosed that the Urban Development Department in the Ministry of Physical Planning and Urban Development headed by Mrs. Bola Bello has taken over the management of the project till further notice. He also directed that anything that has to do with project control has to be in line with Lagos State Building Control Agency's guidelines and regulations.

Speaking on the fate of subscribers who had paid Bridgeway Global Project Limited for the allocation of shops in the market, Babatunde said "All of those that had paid any money to the project consultant after his contract was terminated, I can assure that Bridgeway Global Project Limited will be made to refund all fees collected illegally to the subscribers after the conduct of proper identification and verification by the State Government to determine the real occupants and how

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much they paid". "From this moment, nobody should pay any kobo to them again as they no longer represent the State Government on this project. Director of Urban Development in the Ministry, Mrs. Bola Bello and her team will be the ones to represent the State Government on this market project till further notice and if you have anything to do on this market project, please liaise with her", he stated. Meanwhile the General Manager of Lagos State Building Control Agency (LASBCA), Arc. Gbolahan Oki, has warned against any environmental infringement as well as blocking roads leading into the market by subscribers, shop owners and traders. He warned that nobody should pay any money to anybody for now until



further notice when things are put in the right perspective. He also disclosed that some buildings and structures erected illegally in some parts of the market will give way to the proper development of the

market. Asked if there is any law backing the relocation, the Chairman of the State House of Assembly Committee on Physical Planning and Urban Development, Hon.

Ogunkelu Sylvester, said that he had led his team to the market to assess the levy of construction and that they would prepare a report to be prepared upon by the assembly. He said, "We were in

the market on the directives of the Speaker in response to a petition written by the Leaders of the Market Association. Adding., "Our findings will be delivered to the speaker for further action."

Health Service Commission Inspects Randle GH, Others

The Randle General Hospital, including its affiliated Maternal and Child Care Centre (MCC) Gbaja and Femi Gbajabamila General Hospital recently hosted the visiting Hospital Transformation Support Initiative (HTSI) team from Health Service Commission. The team, led by the Permanent Secretary of the Commission, Dr. Ademuyiwa Benjamin Eniyewun came to ascertain the current level of development

and facilities improvement, as well as services rendered in all three hospitals. Speaking during the inspection, the Permanent Secretary commended the Medical Director/CEO



Allegations By St. Margaret School: LASBCA Clears Air On Wrongful Detention



The Lagos State Building Control Agency (LASBCA), saddled with the statutory responsibility of enforcing the Building Control Regulations, has cleared the air on the recent allegations made by St. Margaret School in some sections of the media regarding alleged wrongful detention of their members of staff and sealing/demolition of structures in their school.

LASBCA categorically refuted all the allegations made by St. Margaret School, describing them as false baseless, unfounded and totally without merit.

A statement issued over the weekend by LASBCA explained that

St. Margaret's School along Ebute Road, Ikorodu was visited by officials of the Agency on the 27th of March, 2024 for a routine monitoring exercise at about 12:48 pm to ascertain whether the renovation works found to have been carried out in the school premises comply with the regulatory provisions of the law.

Upon getting to the gate of the school, officers of the Agency introduced themselves to the security guard at the gate and requested to

see a management officer of the school. The security guard went in and a man who is referred to as the School Administrator came with him.

Before the school administrator came in, officers had made a video recording and pictorial evidence of the infraction within the premises from the gate. However, when the School Administrator, by the name Mr. Daniel Sunday, arrived, he was very aggressive, rude and without listening to the officers started shouting and using foul language at them.

He seized the phones of the four officers containing the video and pictorial evidence. He later smashed and damaged one of the phones.

Mr. Daniel Sunday, also ordered the security men and some teachers to drag the officers into one of the rooms and lock them up. All four officers were assaulted, injured and detained in the room thereby obstructing the officers from carrying out their lawful duties within the school premises.

The General Manager of the Agency upon getting the report of the situation from the driver of the official vehicle, directed the

enforcement team who were on an assignment at Etiosa to go to the School to rescue the detained officers. The officers were detained for over three hours until the enforcement team came with Police Officers to rescue them around 4:30 pm.

When the enforcement team came to the premises, the School Administrator locked up everywhere and organised members of staff of the school to attack the team.

The Policemen attached to the enforcement team had to arrest the School Administrator and some of the school's members of staff who attacked them and sealed the school until issues were resolved.

It should be noted that at no point during the visit to the school premises were the officials of the Agency engaged in inappropriate behaviour or misconduct of any kind.

The School Administrator and those who were arrested were arraigned on the 28th of March, 2024 before a Special Offences Court sitting at Bolade, Oshodi on a five-count charge including assault, obstruction of public officers from carrying out their lawful duties and acts likely to cause breach of peace. The suspects were granted bail by the Court.

The Lagos State Building Control Agency remains steadfast in its commitment to upholding fairness, justice, and the rule of law in all its interactions and dealings.

of the Hospital, Dr. Olumide Sojinrin, for the present state and development of the hospital.

He urged him to continue raising the bar on development, ensuring proper maintenance of infrastructure and giving staff welfare necessary priority towards improved

performance.

Responding, the Medical Director of Randle General Hospital, Dr. Olumide Sojinrin said an enhanced survive delivery and patients' satisfaction will continue to be a top priority for the

Management of the facilities.

He promised the Management and Staff are ready and focused on implementing all developmental ideas outlined in its set goals and objectives in line with international standards.

Somolu General Hospital Harps on Teamwork

There is a need for members of staff to work together as a team for the General Hospital Somolu to attain greater heights.

This was the crux of the advice given by the Medical Director/Chief Executive Officer of General Hospital Somolu, Doctor Babalola Ogungbemile to members of staff during the second staff assembly for the year, held Thursday at the General Out-Patient Department's (GOPD) Arena of the hospital.

Doctor Ogungbemile

further advised the workforce to continue to educate the outpatients with empathy, on the need for them to continually patronise government hospitals as they are the best in quality healthcare with quality and affordable services

He enjoined the workers not to engage in anything that would sabotage the efforts of the government in bringing quality healthcare service delivery to the people, rather they should work

in tandem with the T. H.E.M.E.S Plus Agenda of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu's Administration.

While promising to improve the welfare package of staff, Ogungbemile further charged them not to rest on their oars but to bring donor agencies to the hospital and elevate the facility to a global standard.

The high point of the event was the birthday celebration of staff born in February, March.



LSETF Seeks LASRRA Partnership

The Executive Secretary of the Lagos State Employment Trust Fund (LSETF), Feyisayo Olamide has disclosed that the primary purpose for the establishment of the Agency by the State Government is to make life easier for its citizenry through different avenues, policies and programmes. Olamide stated this recently when she and her team paid a courtesy visit to the General Manager of Lagos State Residents Registration Agency (LASRRA), Bilikiss Adebisi-Abiola in her

office at Agidingbi, Ikeja, adding that there is a need for the two Agencies to collaborate and leverage their area of expertise to achieve their mandates and enhance the development of Lagos State. Noting that more awareness still needs to be created amongst residents, especially the youths, as regards what the LSETF has to offer to make them relevant and contribute to the economic development of the State, Olamide then implored residents to visit the



website:lsetf.ng to key into the initiative of the Agency. In her remarks, the General Manager, of LASRRA informed the visiting team that the

new LAG-ID card comes with 28 applets and as such LSETF could interface with the LASRRA database using an Application Programming Interface

(API) to connect to its numerous programmes for residents' verification. Other members of the LSETF team were the Director of Programmes

and Coordination, Oyindamola Egbeyemi and the Head of Technology Arm (Lagos Innovate), Akeem Onasanya. LSETF

LASHMA Expands Drug Access, Onboards 322 Community Pharmacies

Lagos State Health Management Agency (LASHMA), in its commitment to improve access to healthcare services and ensure customers' satisfaction, has onboarded 322 Community Pharmacies (CP) in the State.

The Permanent Secretary, LASHMA, Dr. Emmanuella Zamba, during the Community Pharmacies onboarding session held recently at Presken Hotels, Ikeja, said that the Community Pharmacies will cover all the five Divisions in the State. She said that expanding drug access will give the Enrollees more options to access their covered and prescribed drugs within their communities. Zamba added that the

Expanded Drug Access will further promote the task-shifting and sharing approach developed by the World Health Organisation (WHO), in ensuring partnership and collaboration within the Healthcare sector for better service delivery. The Permanent Secretary reiterated that the hospitals remain the first point of call for all ILERA EKO Enrollees to access healthcare services. Zamba said that the list of Community Pharmacies will be updated and shared monthly for Enrollees' information just the way the ILERA EKO Hospital list is updated and sent out monthly by the Agency.

She added that the list will also be available on the website, www.lashma.com and on all social media platforms of the Agency. The Permanent Secretary urged Enrollees who are having challenges in accessing community Pharmacies within their localities to get their prescribed drugs dispensed should contact LASHMA 24/7 Customer Service Centre on 0700-ILERA EKO (0700-46372356) or 0800-ASKLASHMA (0800-275527462). She said that Enrollees can also send WhatsApp messages ONLY to 07045358275 or 07046160051 or visit the website for more information and clarification. Zamba further pledged that LASHMA would



continue to ensure that Enrollees have improved service delivery and value for the premium paid. Also speaking, the Chairman, Association of Community Pharmacists in Nigeria (ACPN), Lagos State Chapter, Pharm. Tolulope Ajayi appreciated the Lagos State Government for giving community Pharmacies in the State

the opportunity to provide pharmaceutical care to the residents through the Lagos State Health Scheme (LSHS). He assured that ACPN will do its best to enhance the good health of the residents so that Lagos State can move to the next level and, together, they can attain Universal Health Coverage (UHC). On his part, the immediate past

Chairman, Association of Community Pharmacists in Nigeria (ACPN), Lagos State Chapter, Pharm. Lawrence Ekhtor urged Pharmacists in the State to team up individually and collectively as a group, with the administration of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu to ensure that the opportunity given to Pharmacists in the State works.

Be Receptive To Changing Education Methodology, Commissioner Charges Evaluators

Commissioner for Basic and Secondary Education in Lagos State, Mr. Jamiu Alli-Balogun has challenged school Evaluators to adopt a methodology that aligns with current realities while carrying out their routine monitoring and evaluation duties in various schools below tertiary level across the State.

While encouraging openness to positive and innovative approaches, the Commissioner emphasised the need for evaluators to uphold standards while maintaining cordial interactions with school owners.

Speaking recently during an engagement session and in-house training for school evaluators under the Office of Education Quality Assurance (OEQA), at the Education Resource Centre, Ojodu, the Commissioner stressed the significance of compassion, positive orientation and constructive mindset among evaluators in executing their responsibilities effectively.

He urged the evaluators to collaborate, share experiences and function as a cohesive team to enhance student performance in their respective schools. He also emphasised the importance of timely communication of observations to the Ministry to prevent issues from escalating

into crisis whenever they go out for monitoring and evaluation duties.

Assuring the evaluators of support from the Ministry, the Commissioner pledged to address concerns regarding staff capacity and other critical areas that will enable evaluators to carry out their duties efficiently.

The Director of Private Education Special Programmes, OEQA, Mrs. Fabambi Falayi, during her address at the event, appreciated the evaluators for contributing their quota to the noticeable improvements in the State's education sector.

She said that the positive changes in the sector are made possible through the painstaking efforts of the evaluators who endure the rigour of monitoring and evaluation activities of schools below the tertiary level across the State.

Falayi acknowledged the efforts of the State Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu, in encouraging the evaluators through prompt payment of salaries and other statutory entitlements.

The Director emphasised the need to consistently and periodically expose the officials of the Agency to relevant training in line with modern trends in school management and administration as



well as educate newly employed officers on appropriate conduct and expectations when carrying out monitoring and evaluation duties.

She said that it is instructive for the officers carrying out these activities to be in sync with the mission, vision, mandates, and core values of the Agency in order to effectively and objectively carry out the evaluation duties.

Falayi noted that Report Writing is an integral aspect of the activities of the evaluators after carrying out an investigation. She insisted that written reports from officers after evaluation activities must be concise, detailed and reliable to inform decision-making. Specifically, the Director informed that the training also seeks to bridge some identified lapses noticed by the

Agency when carrying out monitoring and investigations, hence, the trainees should be able to improve on the lacuna identified after the training.

She reported that the Agency has further simplified the School Registration processes through the adoption of online registration for school owners who can begin the registration process from the comfort of their homes.

One of the trainers at the event, who is also the Director, Monitoring and Investigation, OEQA, Mr. Karmadeen Akodu stated that the monitoring and investigation activities of the Agency are usually carried out in collaboration with some government agencies like the Lagos State Safety Commission (LSSC), Ministry of Youth and

Social Development (MYSO) and the Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency (DSVA) depending on the nature of the investigation being carried out.

He said that the format of report writing has been redesigned to make the report more detailed and comprehensive for necessary action from the government based on the recommendations contained in the report.

The facilitator noted that the government has now adopted a closure protocol in place of closing any school recommended for closure in the interest of the school pupils and parents in order not to disrupt academic activities.

Akodu, however, noted that in a situation where the investigation borders on the safety of

students or other critical safety issues, the government will be compelled to immediately shut down such schools.

Other facilitators at the event include, the Director of Quality Assurance, Mrs. Hameedat Sanni who lectured the evaluators on Whole School Evaluation (WSE) report writing and the Coordinating Director, Education District III, Mr. Adisa Salvador who treated the Ethics and Code of Conduct for evaluators.

Participants at the training session, comprising Coordinating Directors, Zonal Coordinators and Evaluators, appreciated the various topics discussed during the training, describing them as worthwhile and suggested that the training should be regular and sustained.

Ibeju-Lekki Local Government Economic Relief Program

Empowering the citizens of Ibeju-Lekki to Overcome the current economic challenges while fostering economic growth in Nigeria through collaboration with state and federal authorities.



OVERVIEW

The Ibeju-Lekki Local Government Economic Relief Program aims to alleviate the impact of the current challenges in the economy on its citizens by providing targeted support in key areas.

Through this program, the local government will offer relief measures to ease the burden on households, ensuring a positive impact on the well-being of its residents, particularly the needy, while continuing to collaborate with state and federal authorities to foster overall economic growth in Nigeria.



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- School Fees Support for newly admitted students into higher institutions of learning.
- Free forms for students writing WAEC and GCE.

FOCUS SECTORS



HOUSEHOLD

- Community Market to subsidize some of food items.



AGRICULTURE

- Ibeju Lekki Out-grower Scheme for Cassava and Plantain farming to boost food production.



MSME

- #30 million Traders Loans to be disbursed over a period of 6 months.

OBJECTIVES OF THE INITIATIVE

01

Provide support to cushion the effect of economic hardship.

02

To provide immediate support.

03

Support to help families with basic household needs.

04

Support SMEs through credit.

05

Provide medical Relief.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

The Ibeju Lekki Local Government Economic Relief Program is a strategic and compassionate response to the current economic challenges in our country. This initiative not only strengthens our local economy and improves public perception but also positions Ibeju Lekki as a beacon of resilience and sustainable development.

Through this, we seize the opportunity to uplift people, reduce poverty, and create a stronger, more stable environment. Together, we can embrace a future where citizens thrive, the community flourishes, and Ibeju Lekki becomes a model of progress for the nation.

THANK YOU



Alimosho Model Plan Identifies Strategies For Functional Cities

... 13 Action Areas to Serve as Focus for Targeted Planning Policies

The revised Alimosho Model City Plan has identified strategies for creating sustainable functional cities in the densely populated local government area of Lagos State.

The Commissioner for Physical Planning and Urban Development, Dr. Oluyinka Olumide made this known at the weekend during his welcome address at the final stakeholders meeting on the review of the Alimosho Model City Plan, held at the Noble Castle Event Centre, Igando

Olumide said that strategies provided in the Plan for projecting communities in

Alimosho into functional cities were efficient land use and zoning, enhanced transportation and connectivity, and the creation of sustainable and resilient infrastructure as well as preservation of cultural heritage and public spaces, among others.

He said that the administration of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu invested in the preparation of the physical development plans to guide the development of the nook and cranny of the State to realise the vision of Making Lagos a 21st Century Economy as detailed in the T.H.E.M.E.S Plus Agenda of the Lagos

State Government.

His words: "Several remarkable efforts in directing the growth pattern of our burgeoning Lagos, through plan preparation, execution and implementation have evoked the continuous attention of Government, which now metamorphosed into the preparation of 13 different Master and Model City Plans, Nine Action Area Plans and Nine Development Guide Plans to revitalise the State in both spatial and sectoral aspects".

The Commissioner explained that the recent redesignation of the mandate of the Ministry of Physical



Planning and Urban Development by Governor Sanwo-Olu and the creation of two offices therefrom, that is Office of Physical Planning and Office of Urban Development respectively, sought to provide added impetus to efforts to achieving livable, organised and sustainable built environment.

He expressed his excitement that the final stakeholders meeting on the subject was coming in quick succession to a similar one, held on the review of the Lagos Island Model City Plan as well as the receipt by the Office of Physical Planning of the completed Ikoro Master Plan while different levels of other Master Plans were at various completion stages.

The project consultants, Messrs Corporate Castle Ltd., Firstplus Planning Consultants and Tade Planning Services presented the revised Alimosho Model City Plan in addition to the brief by the Director, Regional and Master Plan in the Office of Physical Planning, Tpl. Kunle Salami.

The highlights of which are the provision of improved housing through higher densification and regeneration approaches, the provision of low-cost housing schemes and improved public transportation, and the identification of 13

Action Areas, including Ipaja, Amikanle, Egbeda and Igando to serve as focuses of specific planning policies.

Earlier, the Permanent Secretary, Office of Physical Planning and Urban Development, Engr. Oluwole Sotire, said, while explaining the purpose and duration of the Plan, that the 20-year plan (2020-2042) was aimed at developing strategies that would transform Alimosho Local Government Area into a model city of choice.

He added that stakeholders' contributions were necessary to make the process truly participatory, and the outcome people-oriented as residents were the beneficiaries of the many advantages of the Plan, including the creation of employment and wealth, as well as the creation of an inclusive, equitable, effective, efficient and environment-friendly place to live, work and prosper.

The Permanent Secretary, Office of Urban Development, Engr. Lekan Shodeinde said that his Office would work with the Office of Physical Planning to ensure strict implementation of the Plan, while the General Manager, Lagos State Planning and Environmental Monitoring Authority

(LASPEMA), Tpl. Daisi Oso stressed the need for people's cooperation for the sustainable use of public setbacks and open spaces.

Member, House of Representatives, Alimosho Federal Constituency, Hon. Ganiyu Ayuba called for deliberate action to link budgetary provisions with the Plan and urged the State Government to ensure synergy among executing agency of government to realise the ideals of every physical development plan in Lagos State.

Also speaking passionately about their expectations from the Plan were members of the host Local Government Area, including Lagos House of Assembly members, representing Alimosho Constituency I and II, Hon. Lukman Orelope and Hon. Kehinde Joseph respectively. Others were the Chairman, Alimosho Local Government, Hon. Sulaimon Jelili, the Vice Chairman, Agbado Oke-Odo Local Council Development Area, Hon. Joke Obe and the Onikotun of Ikotun, Oba Azeez Gbadabiu Asiwaju

Also present at the Stakeholders meeting were the traditional leaders in Alimosho Local Government Area, General Manager, Lagos State Physical Planning Permit Authority (LASPPA), Tpl. Kehinde Osinaike, LASPPA District Officers within the local government area and members of the Community Development Councils in the area.

PWDS: Commissioner, LASODA, Others Call For More Inclusivity

The Lagos State Commissioner for Youth and Social Development, Mr. Mobolaji Ogunlende and the General Manager of the Lagos State Office for Disability Affairs, Mrs. Adenike Oyetunde-Lawal, have underscored the importance of inclusivity at a two-day Intellectual Disability Conference organised by Pure Souls Learning Foundation recently.

The Commissioner reiterated the Lagos State Government's THEMES Plus Agenda, emphasising the mission of inclusiveness, leaving no one behind regardless of gender, status, or disability.

The event, held in collaboration with Patrick Speech and Languages Centre at Harbour Point, 4 Wilmot Road, Victoria Island, aimed to empower families and communities in supporting individuals with disabilities, particularly autism, in Nigeria.

During her keynote address at the event, Mrs. Oyetunde-Lawal emphasised the agency's commitment to



prioritising Persons With Disabilities (PWDs) and fostering a more inclusive society.

She highlighted the need for collaboration among stakeholders to address challenges and promote positive change in the disability space.

The conference theme: "Empowering Every Voice: Community and Family Synergy for Special Needs Support in Nigeria", resonated throughout the event, with speakers emphasising the importance of socialisation, awareness, and accessibility.

The General Manager expressed her gratitude to the event organisers for hosting the conference, urging others to join the cause.

She also stressed that addressing the challenges faced by individuals with disabilities requires collective effort.

The event served as a platform for stakeholders to share knowledge, address challenges, and foster collaboration, ultimately working towards a more inclusive and supportive environment for individuals with disabilities in Nigeria.

The Founder and Director of Patrick Speech and Languages Centre, Mrs. Dotun Akande called for concrete actions towards realising an inclusive society where the contributions of every individual are recognised and valued.

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Police Arraign Two Brothers For Stealing Electric Appliances

By Felix Kuyinu

The police in Lagos have arrested two brothers for allegedly stealing electrical appliances worth over three million naira. The suspects, Opeyemi Adebajo, 31, and Moses Adebajo, 27, were arraigned at the Badagry Magistrates' Court on a three-count charge of conspiracy, breaking and stealing. The prosecutor, ASP Clement Okuiomose, told the court that the accused who pleaded not guilty to the charges committed the offences on March 17 at 11p.m. at Isowe Compound Foundation, Oko-Afo, Badagry. Okuiomose said that the defendants broke into a shop belonging to one Owolabi Mukaila and committed the theft act.



He said that the defendants were caught by security guards and handed over to the police. The prosecutor said that the offences contravened Sections 287, 411 and 307 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015. According to him,

Section 287 stipulates three years jail term for stealing, while Section 411 provides for two years imprisonment for conspiracy.

The Magistrate, Taiwo Popoola, granted the defendants bail in the sum of N500,000 each, with two sureties in like sum

and adjourned the case until April 24, for mention.

Two suspects were also arraigned before the Badagry Magistrates' Court for being in possession of a toy gun. The defendants, Saibu Abdulahi of age 20 and Aliyu Umar, 25, are facing charges of felony

and breach of peace.

They pleaded not guilty. Prosecutor, Clément Okuiomose, told the court that the defendants committed the offence on March 15, at about 5:30.p.m, at Ganyingbo Topa, in Badagry, Lagos. Okuiomose said the defendants conspired to commit felony to wit for

being in possession of the toy gun, conducting themselves in a manner likely to cause a breach of peace at the residence. Magistrate, Taiwo Popoola, admitted the defendant to bail in the sum of N200,000, each with two sureties each in like sum. The case was adjourned till April 23.

Man Remanded For Alleged Threat To Life, Theft

By Felix Kuyinu

A suspect is facing trial at the Magistrate Court in Ikorodu for an alleged threat to life and stealing. The accused, 45-year old Ayodeji Sulaimon, is charged for conspiracy,

threat to life, stealing by conversion and unlawful seizure of property, according to the prosecutor, Insp AdegeshinFamuyiwa. Famuyiwa told the court that the defendant alongside others not yet

apprehended willfully and unlawfully placed a property for sale without the consent of the owner, one Fausat Oluwatosin. "He printed fake Deed of Assignment in the name of the complainant with the intent to steal the property," Famuyiwa

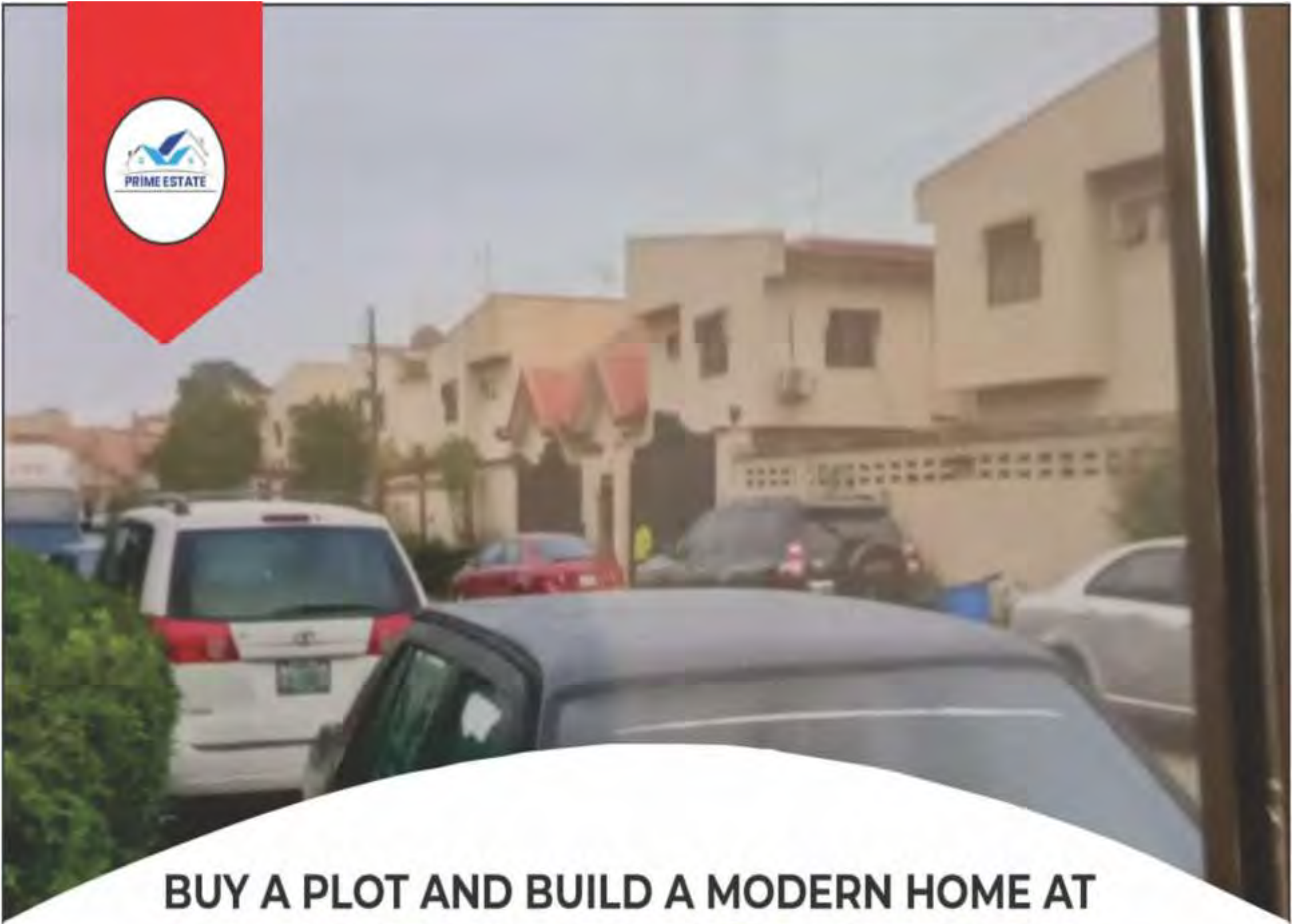
said.

"He and others now at large, also intimidated and threatened to kill the complainant and her children. "The defendant's action which took place at about 1:35p.m on March 12, at IladoOke-

Ogo Estate, Igbogbo, Ikorodu, Lagos was capable of causing a breach of community peace."

He said that the offences contravened Sections 411, 168(1)(a)(d), 56(1)(a)(b), 340,

168(b) and 287 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015. The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge. The Magistrate, Adedeji Ogbe, granted the defendant bail in the sum of N100,000 with a surety in like sum.



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2023 Financial Year: Wema Bank Records 196% Profit

Wema Bank has announced its full Year 2023 Audited financial statement, recording profit before tax growth of 196 per cent from N14.75bn to N43.59 billion. The bank also proposed a dividend per share of 50 kobo; up from 30 kobo in 2022 and deposit growth of 60 per cent to N1,860.57bn from N1,165.93bn reported in FY 2022.

"Return on Equity (ROAE) of 39.28%, NPL of 4.31% and N40 billion 1st tranche of Capital raise awaiting final regulatory approvals," a statement from the bank said. Commenting on the results, the MD/CEO, Mr. Moruf Oseni said: "2023 showcased a revitalised Wema Bank as evidenced by the considerable improvements in our numbers. The

performance is headlined by impressive improvements in Profit before Tax which grew strongly by 196%."

He noted that the growth of Gross Earnings by 72%, Total Assets by 56% and earnings per share at 279.5 kobo shows the core improvements to the bank's balance sheet.

"In addition, our cost to income ratio at 64.37% has witnessed significant improvement from the previous period.

"We also completed our N40 billion Capital raise exercise (results awaiting final verification by regulators). This exercise actively positioned us for the new capital licensing requirements of the Central Bank of Nigeria. Wema Bank will accelerate its capital management plans and ensure we embark on



the journey to raise the required capital as quickly as possible.

"The Bank will be proposing a dividend per share of 50 kobo to its shareholders at the next Annual General Meeting; this is in line with the Bank's capital conservation strategy and to ensure that it continues to provide returns to its shareholders in

anticipation of additional capital raises scheduled for later this year.

"We are satisfied with the bank's performance in the first year of the new leadership team, as we move in a strong growth trajectory. Our target remains clear, we want to become a Top-Tier Bank in the industry powered by Digital excellence, we

have carved a niche for ourselves with ALAT as a Retail platform, but we are now positioning the enterprise as the Intelligent platform for all financial services.

"We have partnered with the Federal Government on upskilling Two Million MSMEs, provided engagement platforms for all NYSC members and are now

implementing partnerships in Health, Education, Women empowerment and in the green economy.

"In the months ahead, we would be developing platforms and supporting initiatives that prioritise the needs of our customers, leveraging technology in solving problems across all sectors."

Rack Centre Empowers 150 Youths, SMEs With Digital Skills

Rack Centre, West Africa's Leading Carrier and Cloud neutral data centre, has announced the successful completion of its transformative digital skills training programme, which empowered a total of 150 youths, and Small and Medium Enterprises with digital skills.

The programme was designed to equip individuals with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in the ever-evolving digital economy.

The programme provided participants

with practical hands-on training and mentorship from industry experts. Through innovative curriculum and collaborative learning opportunities.

Speaking at the graduation ceremony of the beneficiaries in Lagos, the Finance Director, Rack Centre, Ms. Nozipho Sibanda, commended the beneficiaries for going through the rigors of the training to acquire the skills and knowledge, noting that this opportunity would certainly mark a significant impact in their career and life journey.

Sibanda said the CSR initiative is targeted at helping small businesses get the desired skills and knowledge necessary to move their businesses forward. She reiterated the company's commitment to offering more support to beneficiaries of the training going forward, adding that the training has, no doubt, provided the competitive edge for both the SMEs and individuals in managing their businesses or securing job opportunities.

"We are excited about this crop of young people who have

excelled. We will follow up with you in the next couple of months to ensure that you settle in the office where you have been assigned to work. I also implore mentors to provide guidance where necessary. As beneficiaries of this training programme, you should tap into the resources available with your mentors. We want you to succeed, and we want you to be economically viable from what you have learnt," she said.

In her remarks, the Chief Executive Officer of The Workplace Centre Limited (TWPC)

Tech, Dr. Mojisola Olateru-Olagbegi, stated that SMEs remain a major driver of the economy, "hence the need to appreciate Rack Centre for taking the bold step to empower the youth with requisite skills and knowledge that can assist them to be self-reliant."

She emphasised the significance of technology to the growth of businesses and careers in the modern economy.

Also speaking, the Chief Executive Officer, United Way Greater Nigeria, Deola Durodola, noted that

the training focused on several digital skills that include Graphic design, Digital Marketing, Front-end Web Development, Networking and Security and Soft skills, stating that they are designed not only to bolster the capabilities of these individuals or SMEs but impact the economy positively.

A beneficiary of the programme, Adenopo Folashade, applauded Rack Centre for the training opportunities, promising that she would deploy the skills to enhance economic prosperity for herself and her family.

Group Seeks Stakeholders' Collaboration To Address Climate Crisis

By Rasaq Adebayo

Climate Action Africa (CAA), a leading advocate for climate resilience and sustainable development in Nigeria, has called for a more impactful and inclusive approach to tackling the country's pressing climate challenges.

The body made the call during a media roundtable held in Lagos on Friday.

With Nigeria facing significant vulnerability to rising temperatures, erratic weather patterns, and environmental degradation, CAA emphasised the need for a united front across all stakeholder groups.

Developing countries like Nigeria, and many others across Africa, face unique sets of challenges when it comes to climate change.

Addressing the journalists, Co-Founder and Executive Director at Climate Action Africa, Grace Oluchi Mbah, said: "Nigeria's unique position and vast resources necessitate a comprehensive strategy that leverages the expertise and commitment of every sector. From government and industry leaders to scientists, community organisations, and individual citizens,

we all have a role to play in building a more resilient and sustainable future."

The importance of fostering collaboration in areas like policy development and implementation, innovation and technology, community mobilisation and education, and investment and financing were highlighted during the media briefing.

"These are the

challenges that the Climate Action Africa Forum 2024 (CAAF24) is set to address.

"The upcoming Climate Action Africa Forum (CAAF24), scheduled for June 19-20 in Lagos, serves as a testament to CAA's commitment to fostering collaboration. The forum will bring together key stakeholders from across Africa to discuss innovative solutions and develop

concrete action plans for tackling climate change. The forum will introduce the Deal Room, a dynamic marketplace connecting Africa's brightest innovators with forward-thinking investors to accelerate impactful deals for climate action and sustainable development. Following the conference, CAA will partner with Silicon Valley based Founder Institute, the world's

largest startup accelerator to provide ongoing support to African innovators in a post accelerator programme.

"CAAF24 provides a valuable platform for knowledge sharing, collaborative problem-solving, and forging strategic partnerships," says Mbah. "By working together, we can ensure that Nigeria, and Africa as a whole, emerges as a leader in building a sustainable and

climate-resilient future.

"Climate Action Africa, therefore, urges all stakeholders to take a proactive stance in addressing the climate crisis. Through collaborative efforts, innovation, and a shared commitment to a sustainable future, Nigeria can mitigate the impact of climate change and pave the way for a more prosperous and resilient tomorrow," she said.



Igando-Ikotun LCDA Car Gift: Supervisors Commend Chairman

By Edith Igbokwe

The Supervisor for Agriculture in Igando-Ikotun Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Femi Abolarinwa on behalf of other beneficiaries of official car has expressed appreciation towards the LCDA chairman, Comr. Lasisi Akinsanya for his generous gesture. According to Akinsanya, it was a statutory requirement for cabinet members to receive cars as mandated by the constitution. He explained that the official cars will aid in transportation, considering subsidy removal and will serve as a way of giving back to the community. He expressed his

dedication to working diligently to make his people proud.

During the presentation, four official vehicles was given out to the Chief of Staff and Supervisors of the LCDA.

Akinsanya was represented at the presentation ceremony by the vice Chairman, Hon. Mojisola Badmus who handed the car keys to the beneficiaries.

Mrs. Badmus Congratulated all the Supervisors and commended their hard work since the commencement of the administration.

Reports stated that Akinsanya had earlier presented some of the Supervising members with vehicles a few months ago.



Beneficiaries of state palliative in Ayobo-Ipaja

Igando-Ikotun Residents Get State Food Support

By Edith Igbokwe

The Chairman, Igando-Ikotun Local Council Development Area (LCDA) Comr. Lasisi Akinsanya has reiterated his commitment to people's welfare as the residents benefited from state palliative. Akinsanya made the assurance while distributing about 1,500 packed food palliatives to the people of Igando-Ikotun LCDA as directed by the Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu. At the event, Akinsanya was represented by the Vice-Chairman, Hon. Mrs. Mojisola Badmus who stated that the palliatives is to cushion the effect of the present economic challenges in the Nation. She noted that President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's economic policies will

bring unending progress and prosperity to the Nation at large.

She stated that the food palliatives distributed is an additional support from the State Government to complement the Local Government's N10 million cash and 500 food palliatives distributed a few weeks ago, assuring the residents of more palliatives in the coming weeks.

Mojisola also appealed to the Council residents to remain calm and maintain the peaceful coexistence already established by Akinsanya's administration.

She promised that Akinsanya-led administration would not relent in its efforts to make the residents of the council happy during such hardship period and always.

Shobowale Calls For Fairness, Transparency, equity Distribution Of State Palliative

The Chairman, Ayobo-Ipaja Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Bola Shobowale has called upon party leaders and stakeholders across the five (5) wards in the LCDA and community members to ensure a seamless and efficient distribution process of Governor Sanwo-Olu's free food initiative.

Shobowale urged residents of the council area to uphold principles of fairness, transparency, and equity in the distribution of State palliatives.

She commended the State Government, led by Governor Sanwo-Olu, for their efforts in bringing relief to the people of Ayobo-Ipaja LCDA

She emphasised the importance of the distribution during the launch of the palliative distribution at St. Andrew Primary School, Ipaja.

She further highlighted that the palliative programme is a crucial social investment initiative by the current administration aimed at alleviating the hardships and economic challenges faced by the people.

Also, she warned against any attempts to sabotage or divert the palliatives, stating that such actions would be met with legal consequences.

She reiterated her

dedication to serving the people of Ayobo-Ipaja to the best of her abilities, with an open-door policy to enhance the well-being of the community.

The Community Development Committee (CDC) Chairman, Elder Joseph Olokede, lauded the Government's initiative in providing food donations and pledged full cooperation in the distribution process.

He called for continued

support for Governor Sanwo-Olu to ensure the delivery of his T.H.E.M.E.S agenda and more developmental projects.

Among members present at distribution ground include, Executive members of the LCDA, management staff, Councillors, CDC, SSAs, staff, CAN, Imams, Baales, Youths Council, Party Executives, Party faithful, PLWD, artisans, and residents.



Lagos Commends Nigerdock For Donating School Infrastructure

Lagos State Government has commended Nigerdock, a Maritime Company at the Snake Island Integrated Free Zone for the provision of education infrastructure, community buses, a new police station, an access road and a new jetty under construction at Igbolugun, a riverine community at Amuwo Odofin.

The Commissioner for Basic and Secondary Education, Mr. Jamiu Tolani Alli-Balogiun gave the commendation today when Nigerdock handed over the new junior and senior secondary schools with a capacity for 800 students to serve the people of Igbolugun,

Igboeseyore and Igbosu communities.

Alli-Balogiun lauded the company for the planning, finance and execution of the projects as its Corporate Social Responsibility to the communities where it operates. "Decision to invest in the education of children in these communities is laudable and will serve as a huge social capital and investment for your organisations with multiplier effects on parents, students, teachers and the entire communities", he said.

He also appreciated Nigerdock for responding to the call by the State Government for partnership in the provision of a conducive atmosphere

for learning, charging other corporate organisations to emulate Nigerdock and assist in supporting schools in the State.

In his remarks, the Chairman/CEO of Nigerdock, Mr. Maher Jarmakani reiterated the company's belief that "What is good for the communities is good for us, and what is good for Nigerdock will be a blessing for the communities".

He added that Nigerdock shares the same aspirations for prosperity, health, security and a bright future for the youths the same way as the indigenes.

The new schools' facilities include seven classrooms each, an administrative block,



and an 800-capacity school hall with chairs. This is in addition to Physics, Chemistry and Biology laboratories for Senior Secondary School and Home Economics laboratory for the Junior Secondary School.

The company also provided ICT infrastructure and facilities with 20 computers, Libraries for

both Schools, accommodation for Youth Corp members serving as teachers and conveniences for students and teachers with boreholes.

The commissioning and handover were attended by the Chairman, Amuwo Odofin Local Government Hon Valentine Buraimoh;

the Chairman, Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board, Dr. Hakeem Shittu; Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education, Mr. Abayomi Abolaji and Baale of Igbolugun, Lateef Adams Oluwo among others.

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Coastal Road Construction: Lagos Government Engages Iru Land Stakeholders



Top officials from the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture, led by the Commissioner for the Ministry, Mrs. Toke Benson-Awoyinka have sought the patience and understanding of residents of Iru area of the State, particularly those that would be affected by the Coastal Road Construction Project by the Federal Government.

Benson-Awoyinka made the plea during a Stakeholders

Engagement session held at the Palace of the Paramount Traditional Ruler of Iru Land, His Royal Majesty, Oba Abdulwasiiu Omogbolahan Lawal Abisogun II, the Oniru of Iru Land.

The Commissioner, who was accompanied by the Permanent Secretary, Mrs. Oloruntoyin Atekoja and other top officials of the Ministry, noted that the gathering aimed to

discuss the imminent construction of the Coastal Road from Lagos to Calabar by the Federal Government and its potential impact on the community and local businesses.

The meeting, which brought together the Monarch, his White Cap Chiefs, Baales from Iru Land, and various stakeholders, provided an avenue for all those who would be affected by the construction work to deliberate on strategies for cooperation with the Government throughout the road construction.

The Commissioner as well as members of the Community expressed concern over the preservation of the tourism assets of the State along the coastal area, saying that the waterways constitute a larger part of Lagos Tourism.

The Commissioner further emphasised the significance of collaborative efforts in ensuring minimal disruption to the community's daily activities while maximising the project's benefits.

During the engagement session, concerns were raised regarding potential disruptions to local businesses, transportation routes, and job losses by thousands of youths whose source of livelihood is dependent on the beaches.

Addressing these concerns, Benson-Awoyinka gave the assurance on proactive measures that would be taken by both the Federal and the State Governments to mitigate these challenges and wants the people to be patient with the Government as

the Coastal Road will also bring development to the area but comes at a price.

She assured that the Lagos State Government would not leave them to bear the burden alone and promised all the members of the Iru Community that their concerns about the road project would be presented to the State Governor who will also communicate the same to the Federal Government through appropriate quarters.

"Everything that we have discussed here today will be taken back to the Governor of Lagos State and whatever needs to be done will be done. We will look into how to get timely compensation for affected persons because the Lagos State Government will not leave the

community members to bear any burden that comes with this project alone", she added.

On his part, Oba Abdulwasiiu Omogbolahan Lawal Abisogun II expressed his gratitude for the engagement and reiterated the importance of maintaining open communication channels between the government and the community.

He praised the Honourable Commissioner for always being proactive in matters affecting the community and observed that the corridor is the most vibrant tourism site in Lagos, and as such, the Lagos State Government should come up with a bail-out or grant programme to mitigate the effects on the people.

Lagos Hosts Tourism Minister In Badagry

... As Minister Promises Increased Support

The Minister of Tourism, Mrs. Lola Ade-John at the weekend was received by top law makers, government functionaries, traditional rulers and tourism practitioners on a working visit to Badagry, aimed at invigorating tourism development in the historic town. The Honourable Minister's visit to Badagry was facilitated by the Member of the House of Representatives, representing Badagry, Hon. Sesi Whingah as part of efforts to unlock Badagry's full Tourism potential to empower local communities, preserve cultural heritage and promote sustainable tourism practices. Mrs. Lola Ade-John and members of her entourage were received by the Chairman of Lagos State House of Assembly Committee on Tourism, Arts and Culture, Hon. Solomon Bonu; Lagos State Commissioner for Tourism, Arts and Culture, Mrs. Toke Benson-Awoyinka; Permanent Secretary, Oloruntoyin Atekoja, the Council Chairmen of Badagry West LCDA and Badagry Local Government, among

others. During the visit of the Honourable Minister to the Palace of the Traditional Ruler of Badagry, the Akran of Badagry, Aholu Menu Toyi I, her first port of call, the Minister expressed the government's dedication to providing increased support and resources to unlock Badagry's tourism potential. She acknowledged Badagry's resilience and its role in the transatlantic slave trade which till today, serves as a beacon of remembrance of those who endured unimaginable suffering at that time. Ade-John said her visit to Badagry will showcase Badagry's tourism potential to the world while also fostering partnerships between the Federal Ministry of Tourism and stakeholders in this region. She said, "We recognise the untapped opportunities within these grounds, opportunities promising economic prosperity, cultural exchange and sustainable development. As we traverse the pathways of history, we'll visit key landmarks bearing witness to Badagry's



storied past". The Minister reiterated the importance of collaboration between government, private sector players, and local communities to attract more tourists to the town. She, therefore, pledged to work closely with all stakeholders to implement targeted interventions aimed at enhancing Badagry's appeal as a premier tourist destination. In his remarks, Hon. Whingah said that he facilitated the coming of the Minister and other stakeholders to Badagry to show them what Badagry has beyond what they must have been told about the ancient town, stressing that there was no way one could talk about Nigeria's history without

mentioning Badagry. "The coming of the Honourable Minister and her entourage is to see how they can help us facilitate investment to Badagry and also be an instrument of development to this ancient town. We have so many tourist attractions in Badagry, and I believe that the only way to showcase this is by bringing visitors to see them", he said. On his part, the Chairman, House Committee on Tourism, Arts and Culture Honourable Solomon Bonu thanked the Minister for accepting the invitation to visit the ancient town. He said that she must have noticed a lot of things to be done on her way to

the town, imploring her to call the attention of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu to all these for the development of Badagry. The Akran of Badagry warmly welcomed the Minister to his Palace and prayed that God would continue to give President Bola Tinubu wisdom and knowledge to rule the country, just as he urged the Minister to help in developing Badagry's tourism potential. The Chairman of Badagry Local Government Area, Mr. Olusegun Onilude said the town had a lot of tourism potential to show the world, which can be made possible through the Federal Government's support. Also speaking, the President of Badagry

Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Abiodun Hundeyin noted that despite Badagry's numerous attractions and offerings, the town is confronted with significant challenges hindering the growth and development of the town's hospitality sector. He lamented the issue of the proliferation of unnecessary roadblocks and security checkpoints throughout the Badagry corridor, which, according to him, discourage tourists and visitors from visiting tourist sites in the area. The Minister and her entourage later visited the Velekete Slave Market, the first-storey building in the country, Agia tree and other tourist sites in Badagry to know the true state of the tourism assets.

Onigbongbo LCDA Provides Cash To Small Scale Business Owners

Kehinde Adeleye

In continuation of promoting grassroots governance in Onigbongbo LCDA, Mr. Oladotun Olakanle, the Executive Chairman, distributed cash of fifty thousand Naira (N50,000) each to over two hundred (200) small-scale business owners and ninety (90) elderly individuals in the community.

This action aligns with the Tant'Olorun administration's dedication to empowering youth, women, and the elderly as outlined in their strategic plan and vision for a better Onigbongbo LCDA. During the event, the Council Chairman expressed gratitude to



party leaders and stakeholders for their support.

"Today, we congratulate all beneficiaries on this achievement."

"I want to assure the people of Onigbongbo that we will do what is needful of us as a

government, and ensure more dividends of democracy to the people" the Council Boss said.

Nevertheless, Vice Chairman Mrs. Rekiyah Hassan emphasized the exceptional work done by the Council Boss in providing effective services to the community during the event.

She praised the Council boss for the commendable empowerment program.

Party Chairman Alhaja Iyabo Akerele congratulated the beneficiaries and advised them to utilize the cash grant wisely.

Former Party Chairman Alhaji Kehinde Onifade

praised the Executive Chairman for his efficient service to the people of Onigbongbo LCDA.

The beneficiaries expressed gratitude to the Council Chairman for his continuous support for the masses and his proactive approach in involving the community in his administration.

The event was attended by various important figures including the Onigbongbo APC LCDA Party Chairman Alhaja Iyabode Akerele, Alhaji Onifade, members of the Legislative Arm, Executive Members, Traditional Rulers, Religious Leaders, Party Stakeholders, and loyalists and supporters of the Onigbongbo LCDA APC.

BADAGRY NEWS

Badagry LG Boss Lauds Sanwo-olu On Food Palliatives

By Saheed Afolabi



The chairman of Badagry LG, Olusegun Onilude has applauded the governor of Lagos State, Babajide Sanwo-olu for providing scores of food palliatives to the residents.

Onilude says his administration will continue to disburse palliatives to Badagry residents until the economic hardship caused by the removal of subsidy on petrol eases. Onilude reiterated his

administration's commitment to ameliorating the plight of Badagrians through special interventions to the vulnerable during the distribution of palliatives across the 10 wards in the local government facilitated by Sanwo-Olu held at the council secretariat.

"Let me foremost thank His Excellency, Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu for his thoughtful and kind gesture in reaching out

to our citizens in this critical time by providing palliatives for them."

Speaking further, Hon. Onilude said his administration will continue to disburse palliative until the hardship reduces.

"My administration isZ fully committed to ameliorating the plight of our citizens and we will continue to roll out palliatives to our citizens monthly. My administration will also soon commence a local discount market where our citizens can access and buy foodstuff at discount rates."

Onilude assured the citizens that his administration has developed strategies and measures to ensure that the same set of beneficiaries does not benefit from the palliatives that will be disbursed.

ASSEMBLY NEWS

Residents Protest At Lagos Assembly Against Property Demolition

By Felix Kuyinu

Residents at Okun-Ajah in Lagos have made way to the Lagos State House of Assembly expressing dissatisfaction over their buildings being marked for demolition.

The embittered individuals stated that the demolition is part of the plans proposed for the Lagos-Calabar Coastal Road Project, urging the government to shelve the plan.

Leading the action, SaheedOlukosi, said that about 100 of their buildings were marked for the demolition exercise.

Olukosi appealed to the government to follow due process in handling the matter by reverting to the original gazetted Right of Way (RoW) measure.

Hei said, "The community had checked at the Ministry of Physical Planning and had got confirmation that our buildings did not encroach on the RoW of the coastal road alignment.

"We can say, by our calculation that only those who deliberately

built on the existing RoW should be the ones having problems.

"We are aware of the Federal Government of Nigeria's decision to construct Lagos-Calabar Coastal Road and series of alignment verification has commenced.

"Okun-Ajah community specifically has preserved the portion of the alignment gazetted in the survey attached to the Certificate of Occupancy prepared and signed by Lagos State Surveyor General.

"Also, the alignment has been marked by Lagos State Ministry of Physical Planning and Urban Development since 2006/2013 respectively.

"At no point or time did we receive any formal communication that the alignment of the coastal road has been shifted from the original alignment being gazetted by the Lagos State Surveyor-General.

"On our part, before we bought the land and erected our properties, which clearly has a global CofO dated

December 2006 No 69/69/2006AC, we have double-checked from the Ministry of Physical Planning that we did not encroach on the Right of Way of the coastal road alignment. So, our properties should not be marked for demolition" he said.

Other protesters said that approaching the alignment from Ahmadu Bello Way to their community is a serious deviation from the approved coastal road by the field officers from the Ministry of Physical Planning and the Federal Ministry of Works.

They disclosed that buildings and lands in the community have their coastal road clearance, C of O, and covered by the global C of O.

Member of the Assembly, Desmond Elliot, representing Surulere Constituency 01, promised that the matter would be looked into at the resumption of plenary.

The mob were assured that the assembly would call all the parties involved and the issue would be fully addressed.

Saheed Flags Off Three Roads For Construction In Shangisha

Kehinde Adeleye

In Kosofe Constituency II, a significant day was marked as the Lagos State House of Assembly member, Mr. Femi Saheed, initiated road projects on Omoniyi Street, Unity Close, and Ayo Adekoya Street in Shangisha Ward B of Ikosi-Isheri LCDA.

Saheed, who heads the House Committee on Finance, oversaw the road network development. Engr Usman and Engr Ayolekan from the Ministry of Works and Infrastructure, along with a team of engineers, visited the site to inform residents and stakeholders about the project kick-off.

The event was attended by Ikosi-Isheri Chairman, Princess Samiat Abolanle Bada,



and State APC Youth Leader, Dr. Muritala Seriki. It provided an opportunity for the representative to engage with CDA leaders, market women, and community residents about the road projects.

"I am a happy man today, standing before you to announce the approval by Lagos

State Government the commencement of three road projects in your community.

When we asked for your votes, you requested for the Construction of Unity Close. However, as a proactive government, we are not only going to build Unity Close but also Omoniyi Street and Ayo Adekoya Street.

I want to express my gratitude to Governor

Babajide Sanwo-Olu and Speaker Rt Hon Mudashiru Obasa for giving me the chance to facilitate these road projects for my people.

These roads will be constructed to high standards including paving with interlock, drainage system, street lights, and a power generating set. I urge

you to cooperate with the Engineers for the

work to be completed efficiently and on time," Mr. Femi Saheed stated.

The Chairman of Ikosi-Isheri praised the lawmaker for his dedication and support in making Ikosi-Isheri a center of development. She encouraged residents to continue backing the APC government and its candidates so that the

progress can continue.

The residents, represented by the CDA Chairman, thanked Hon Femi Saheed and the Lagos State Government for providing them with the road network.

They emphasized that the completed roads would greatly benefit the community and enhance connectivity to other major roads.

Mr. Femi Saheed also distributed food palliatives to residents as part of his ongoing efforts to alleviate the economic challenges people are currently facing.

He also paid homage to the Oba of Shangisha land, HRM Oba Jamiu Aileru. The King thanked the Lawmaker for his support and prayed that his tenure would continue to be of blessing and progress for the people and communities of the constituency.

Agboyi Ketu LCDA , Sterling Bank Partner To Support 450 Traders

Kehinde Adeleye

Agboyi-Ketu under the chairmanship of Mr. Dele Oshinowo in partnership with Sterling bank is set to support traders in the community.

The Chairman who had recently had the privilege of meeting with the team from Sterling Bank to discuss a partnership for the upcoming traders

support scheme, "WeLift450" was excited about the outcome.

He said " I am delighted to announce that our partnership with Sterling Bank has been sealed, and they will be working closely with us to bring this initiative to life."

Together, we will work tirelessly to ensure that each of the 450 women selected for

the program receives the support they need to thrive and succeed.

This partnership represents a significant step forward in our efforts to support the economic empowerment of women in Agboyi Ketu LCDA. We are grateful to Sterling Bank for their commitment to making a positive impact in our community, and we look forward to working together to achieve our



shared goals. Stay tuned for more updates on the

#WeLift450 Traders Support Scheme, as we continue to work

towards building a brighter future for all residents of Agboyi Ketu LCDA.

Mushin LG Extends Palliative To Widows

Kehinde Adeleye

Mushin Local Government Chairman Mr. Emmanuel Bamigboye pleasantly surprised the Elderly, Widows, and less privileged with food packs and cash for a joyful celebration.

He thanked Governor of Lagos State, Mr. Babajide Sanwo Olu for supporting the grassroots intervention program, providing food items to spread happiness.

Mr. Bamigboye highlighted that the aim of the intervention is to offer relief, enhance quality of life, and bring joy to the elderly.

He emphasized the importance of treating the elderly well, citing research showing that social and financial



support greatly impact the mental and overall well-being of senior citizens.

The council chairman, who oversaw the

renovation of the council hall with modern interior design, reminded the senior citizens to prioritize their health by enrolling in the Lagos

State Health Insurance Scheme (Ilera Eko), managing their resources responsibly, and praying for the success of government officials.

The event, which was well-attended by various stakeholders in the Mushin community, including political parties, community

leaders, and religious leaders, highlighted the government's commitment to providing democratic benefits to its grassroots citizens.

Bamigboye Delivers 3 Ambulances for Emergency Operations in Mushin

Kehinde Adeleye

The chairman of Mushin Local Government, Mr. Emmanuel Bamigboye, has provided modern medical equipment to the General Hospital at Oliyide and other Primary Healthcare Centers in Mushin.

This is part of his efforts to prevent and reduce the mortality rate and other emergency health challenges threatening the lives of people in Mushin Local Government. He has also turned over delivery of three ambulances for use throughout the PHCs in Mushin.

The Chief Medical Director, Dr. Godwin Arhabhoa, accepted the medical equipment on behalf of the state-owned General Hospital in Mushin. He also thanked the chairman and the members of his medical team for their ongoing support and collaboration, which they have always received from the Mushin Local

Government.

The Chairman provided laboratory equipment for the Oliyide General Hospital, enabling quick and simple blood analysis with other system components to help identify different contents in human blood. A device that uses steam to eliminate dangerous germs, viruses, fungus, and spores is also part of the apparatus.

The chairman has made arrangements for the General Hospital to receive equipment in order to improve healthcare services to the people of Mushin by conveniently conducting tests on hospital grounds in order to swiftly identify the illnesses and start treating patients without delay. This is part of his efforts to maintain healthy living among the Mushin people.

Some of the equipment included;

- Patient Monitoring Machine
- Micro -Haematocrit centrifuge
- Autoclave machine
- suctioning machine.

For the Primary Healthcare Centres operating under Mushin Local Government, the Chairman provided the following equipment;

- Automated blood analyser
- Electrophoresis machine
- blood mixers machine
- autoclave machine
- ambulance stretcher
- blood pressure machines
- incubator machines
- nebulizers machine
- delivery sets
- surgical sets
- patients screen
- angle poise lamp
- oxygen kits
- oxygen concentrate

machine

- bed sheets
- stethoscopes
- pulse oximeter
- dopler machines
- computers/laptop for EMR

With the ability to analyze blood samples and classify them into genotypes, test complete blood counts in red and white blood cells, platelets, and hemoglobin concentrate—the recently installed medical equipment will further enhance services at the seven PHCs.

Other devices, like as an incubator, are heated boxes that are used to grow and maintain the ideal internal temperature, humidity, and gas content.

In order to facilitate patient mobility and rescue operations, the Executive Chairman also handed THREE (3) beautifully furnished and reconditioned



Emergency Ambulances to be used throughout the seven Primary Healthcare Centers in Mushin.

In order to care for patients during a rescue trip to the hospital Nuga, each ambulance is equipped with a stretcher that holds First Aid supplies and other life-saving devices. Dr. Kayode Odufuwa, the Head of Health and Medical Services, thanked the chairman for his dedication to making sure that every Mushin resident is well.

Medical staff from Mushin General

Hospital (Oliyide), community leaders, senior residents, and other community stakeholders were also present at the occasion.

Members of cabinet and other officials at the event included the Vice Chairman - Mr. Tunbosun Aruwe, Leader of Legislative Arm - Mr. Wale Ayegbayo, Secretary to the Local Government - Mrs. Olubunmi Gbadamosi, Councillors, Council Manager - Comrade Sogo Osikoya, Supervisors, Special Advisers/Assistants, Heads of Departments, Political leaders and members the press.

Bamigboye Charges Residents To Monitor Their Health

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Mushin LG, Emmanuel Bamigboye has charged the residents of the community to monitor their health status regularly.

The chairman expressed appreciation to the Governor of Lagos State, Babajide Sanwo Olu for his support towards the intervention programme in the grassroots throughout the 57 Local Government and Local Council Development Areas, with some of the food items, in order to put smiles on the faces of the people.

Bamigboye emphasized that the intervention was aimed at providing succour and to help boost quality of life and put joy in the hearts of the senior citizens. He reiterated that ageing is inevitable and the



government must treat the elderly better as research has shown that social and financial provision play a significant role in mental and overall well-being of elderly persons.

The council boss also commissioned the newly renovated the council hall and took time to admonish the senior citizens to live healthy lives, register with Lagos State Health Insurance

Scheme (Ilera Eko) to monitor and manage their health status, manage the food and cash given to them and always pray for the people in government to succeed as the

government will always put in their best to deliver the dividends of democracy to its people at the grassroots.

The event was highly attended by

stakeholders in the entire Mushin community including other political parties, community leaders, religious leaders, APC leaders and political office holders.

Medical Practitioner Commends Bamigboye For Support

By Saheed Afolabi

The Chief Medical Director of Oliyide hospital in Mushin, Dr Godwin Arhabhoa has commended the chairman of Mushin LG, Emmanuel Bamigboye for providing medical instruments to health centers.

As part of his efforts to forestall and reduce mortality rate and other emergency health challenges threatening the lives of people in Mushin, Bamigboye has equipped the General Hospital at Oliyide and other Primary Healthcare Centres in Mushin with modern medical equipment, handing over delivery of three ambulances for operation across the PHC in Mushin.

Receiving the medical



equipment on behalf of the state owned General Hospital in Mushin, Arhabhoa, expressed appreciation to the chairman and members of his medical team for the persistent support and cooperation they have always received at the Hospital, from Mushin Local Government.

For the Oliyide General Hospital, the Chairman donated

laboratory equipment to facilitate quick and easy analysis of the blood with other components in the system to help discover various contents in the human blood. The equipment also includes a machine that uses steam to kill harmful bacteria, viruses, fungi and spores.

The chairman in his efforts to maintain healthy living among the people of Mushin, has made provisions for the

supply of equipment to the General Hospital to improve healthcare services to the people of Mushin by easily carrying out tests within the hospital premises in order to quickly discover the ailments and commence treatment on patients without delay.

Some of the equipment include, patient monitoring machine, micro-haematocrit

centrifuge, autoclave machine and suctioning machine.

For the Primary Healthcare Centres operating under Mushin Local Government, the Chairman provided the following equipment, automated blood analyser, electrophoresis machine, blood mixers machine, autoclave machine, ambulance stretcher, blood pressure machine, incubator machines, nebulizers machine and others.

The newly commissioned medical equipment will further improve services at the 7 PHCs, to analyse blood samples and categorise them into genotypes, measure Complete Blood Count, in the Red and White Blood Cells, platelet and haemoglobin concentrate.

To further boost the activities of his medical team with easy mobility of patients and rescue operations, the chairman also presented three ambulances to operate across the 7 Primary healthcare centres in Mushin.

Each of the ambulance have a stretcher with first aid equipment and other life saving gadgets to take care of patients on a rescue journey towards the hospital. The HOD Health and Medical Services, Dr Kayode Odufuwa, expressed appreciation to the chairman for his passion towards ensuring that every citizen in Mushin is hale and hearty.

The event also had in attendance, Medical personnel from Mushin General Hospital (Oliyide), Community leaders, senior citizens and other stakeholders in the community.

Ikorodu Residents Jubilate Over Benson's Apo Aanu Food Relief

By Nurudeen Adebayo

Residents of Ikorodu Federal Constituency expressed profound gratitude as Representative Babajimi Benson's Apo Aanu Food Relief program continued to bring smiles and support to the community.

On Saturday, over a hundred individuals from various parts of Ikorodu division gathered at the constituency office of the federal lawmaker to receive food packs distributed by Rep. Benson's iCare foundation team as part of the Apo Aanu initiative.

Beneficiaries conveyed heartfelt appreciation

to Rep. Babajimi Benson for his unwavering commitment to improving the welfare of his constituents, praising his leadership qualities as unparalleled.

The Apo Aanu program has emerged as a beacon of empowerment, enabling religious adherents to fulfill their spiritual obligations while receiving essential support to alleviate economic hardships.

The initiative's dual focus on sustenance and spiritual reflection underscores Rep. Benson's holistic approach to community development,

resonating deeply with the needs of the constituency.

Beneficiaries lauded the program not only for its tangible benefits but also for the sense of hope and solidarity it fosters within the community.

In the face of prevailing economic challenges, Rep. Benson's consistent efforts serve as a source of encouragement, inspiring residents to remain resilient and united.

The Apo Aanu Food Relief program represents a crucial platform for social cohesion and collective progress, reflecting Rep. Benson's enduring commitment to serving the needs of his constituents.



SOMOLU NEWS

Salawu Charges Residents On Supporting Government Reforms

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Somolu LG, Abdulhamed Salawu has charged residents to be supportive of government reforms in bringing ease.

He lauded Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu for his unwavering dedication, highlighting the event as another testament to the governor's commitment to serving the people tirelessly, especially at the grassroots.

The gathering witnessed a significant turnout, with leaders from the All Progressives Congress, political figures, community

representatives, and religious leaders coming together to support the initiative.

Addressing the residents, Salawu expressed gratitude for their continued support and prayers, underscoring the importance of unity and collaboration in driving progress.

In his remarks, he drew attention to the recent appreciation of the Nigerian Naira against the US Dollar, instilling hope in the APC's vision under the leadership of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

Additionally, he emphasized Governor Sanwo-Olu's



transformative efforts in Lagos State, positioning it as a model for other

states in Nigeria and interventions, Salawu Africa.

Reflecting on past distribution of 20

million naira cash to 1,000 residents two weeks prior, aimed at mitigating the challenges faced by the community.

He also highlighted Governor Sanwo-Olu's ongoing initiative to subsidize food items by 25% across 57 major areas, further demonstrating the government's commitment to addressing the needs of Lagosians during this challenging times.

The Council Chairman also joined the audience to pray for the departed soul of the Grand Chief Imam of Somolu-Bariga Muslim Community, Imam AbdulRafee Afolabi Adanijo who passed on recently.

Ikosi-Ejinrin LCDA Distributes Foodstuff To 1,000 Households

By Mohammed Adekola

Ikosi-Ejinrin Local Council Development Area (LCDA) and the Lagos State Government demonstrated their commitment to alleviating the plight of vulnerable people as foodstuff were distributed to 1,000 households at the Council Secretariat.

The initiative, spearheaded by the Chairman, Akogun Wale Raji Anomo, aligns with the directive of Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu.

Beneficiaries were selected from community-based organizations, traditional authorities, religious bodies, artisans, market associations, security

agencies, people living with disabilities, youth organizations, NIREC, transport union, students' Union, and local government staff, CDA/CDC amongst others.

Akogun Wale Raji Anomo emphasized the government's obligation to alleviate the suffering of residents during challenging times. He lauded the unwavering commitment of Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu and his Deputy, Dr. Kadri Obafemi Hamzat, in improving the welfare of Lagosians.

Hon. Sylvester Oluwadahunsi Ogunkelu, representing Epe Constituency II at the Lagos State House of Assembly praised

Governor Sanwo-Olu, Dr. Hamzat, and Speaker Rt. Hon. Mudashiru Ajayi Obasa for their dedicated leadership. He highlighted the successful synergy between the Legislature and the Executive, which has translated into effective governance for the people of Lagos State. Ogunkelu also commended the Local Government Chairmen Akogun Wale Anomo for his exemplary representation and commitment to the welfare of his people.

Residents were full of gratitude as prayers were offered for the LCDA, Lagos State and Nigeria in general.



Epe Monarch Warns Land Speculators

By Mohammed Adekola



Paramount ruler of Ladaba, Ward C1 at Epe division, Oba Nureni Odedina, has appealed to residents of the riverine community to be law-abiding.

The monarch spoke at a public forum to mark his first year coronation.

Appreciating his subjects for their support and cooperation, Oba Odedina said it was disheartening that criminal elements, especially land

speculators, have been perpetuating crimes to breach public peace.

He said: "I warn old and new landowners to come forward for proper verification and identification of their property from now till end of May, or risk forfeiture of their landed property."

"These measures will enable us weed out criminal elements within and around our neighbourhood."

Odedina, who

reiterated his commitment to growth and development, hinted of plans by chiefs to collaborate with private sector partners to set up cottage industries in the town to provide jobs. "If our youths are employed, they will have no room to get involved in vices."

"So, we will ensure our youths have something to do and contribute to development of our community," Odedina noted.

Dredgers Accuse Epe Fish Farmers of Breaching Agreement

By Mohammed Adekola

Operators under the aegis of the Dredgers Association of Nigeria (DAN) have accused Epe Tilapia Fish Farmers of breaching agreements reached at a recent peace parley organised by the Mineral Resources and Environmental Management Committee (MIREMCO), threatening legal actions if the fish farmers continue to propagate false narratives about the recent deaths of fishes in Epe area of Lagos.

The General Secretary of DAN, Mr. Richard Ntan explained that despite MIREMCO warning the Dredgers and the fish farmers to stay off further public spat and name callings until investigations are fully conducted, the Dredgers were shocked to read news reports accusing Renecon Limited of being the cause of the fish mortality recorded recently in Epe area.

According to Mr. Richard Ntan, "About three weeks ago, MIREMCO invited Dredgers Association of Nigeria, Renecon Limited which is also our member, Epe tilapia fish farmers, State and Federal agencies in charge of environment and other natural resources, and other stakeholders to a peace meeting in its Alausa Ikeja in Lagos.

"The meeting had in

attendance the Lagos State Commissioner for Waterfront, Epe Local Government representatives, and High Chiefs of the community where the fish incident allegedly happened.

"After extensive and heated discussions, which included reviews of videos of the site where the incident allegedly happened, the meeting observed that there were no Dredging activities within the areas cited as location for the fishing business and the videos presented by the fish farmers at close observation, may not have any direct bearing to the impact on the caged fishes.

"The impact of climate change, particularly of the extreme water temperature and the unprecedented presence of water hyacinth in the area of

incident, could cause appreciable damage.

"However, the committee gave notice of its intent to get to the root of the incidence by conducting investigations, and enjoined all parties to stay off further public spat and name callings until investigations are fully conducted and parties invited to hear and analyse results of findings.

"Barely a week after, MIREMCO officials visited the site of our member, Renecon in furtherance to the investigation as promised during the peace parley.

However, we were shocked to read on the pages of the some newspaper narratives by the fish farmers, clearly inciting a well crafted agenda to nail activities of Renecon Limited, our member as the cause of the unfortunate incident.



Nigerian Woman Set to Marry Stranger

By Nurudeen Adebayo

A young Nigerian woman, identified as @Lucie_Neji on social media, is preparing to tie the knot with her fiancé, whom she once helped secure a job after initially being strangers

The couple's unique journey began in 2020 when the man, whose identity remains undisclosed, took to the platform (formerly Twitter, now known as X) to express his financial struggles and desire for better job opportunities.

"Omo, this year I lowkey need like 5 new sources of income ohh because



this Abuja ehhe," he candidly shared in a post.

Moved by his plight, @Lucie_Neji reached out to him in the comment section,

offering to assist by requesting his CV.

This simple act marked the start of a blossoming relationship that has now culminated in their engagement.

Excitedly sharing their engagement photos, @Lucie_Neji captioned the post, "Becoming MRS ESUKYES YES YES . How it started!! YES we met on Twitter now X in 2020 walk with US."

The heartwarming announcement garnered positive responses from social media users.

Dapodollarz expressed a change in mindset, stating, "So cute . I am a believer that nothing

good comes out of Twitter but these 'we met on Twitter' proposal posts are changing my mindset." andre_ayeni humorously commented on financial woes, while ammygtnet and 1kingsleyg shared well-wishes and cautionary advice.

The couple's story serves as a testament to the positive impact of social media connections and the unexpected paths that lead to meaningful relationships.

As @Lucie_Neji and her fiancé prepare for their next chapter together, their journey continues to inspire others with its message of hope and serendipity.

Sisters Celebrate Double Blessing as They Give Birth on Same Day

By Nurudeen Adebayo

A heartwarming tale unfolded as two sisters welcomed their newborn babies on the same day, spreading joy and excitement among family and friends.

The announcement was made by TikTok user @prettybeuty32, who shared the delightful news on the video-sharing platform.

Following their discharge from the hospital, the two sisters were captured in a heartwarming moment drinking garri together in the same room,



symbolizing their bond and shared experience.

While many offered congratulations to the sisters, some social media users expressed concern about their financial situation with the arrival of the newborns.

Commenters like talktomeniceorkeepshut injected humor, quipping, "Abi na 3some dem do? just kidding o! Congrats to them." Others, like iamchizzy_v, extended their well-wishes while expressing support for the new mothers' needs.

The unique occurrence sparked curiosity and

amusement among observers, with moment.ugochukwu playfully questioning, "Who come pregnant two of them at once but sha congratulations."

Meanwhile, iamflorescent conveyed congratulations while urging divine provision for the sisters' circumstances.

The sisters' double blessing highlights the joy of childbirth and the power of family bonds, resonating with social media users who celebrated alongside them despite the challenges they may face.

Ruger Parts Ways with Jonzing World

By Nurudeen Adebayo

Renowned singer Michael Adebayo Olayinka, popularly known as Ruger, has publicly revealed his departure from D'Prince's Jonzing World record label, citing reasons of alleged exploitation and insufficient support for his career aspirations. Taking to Twitter on Thursday, Ruger expressed gratitude to his former record label for the platform they provided in launching his career, but emphasized his decision to part ways due to financial concerns and dissatisfaction with the

management's handling of his career. In a series of tweets, Ruger accused Jonzing World of utilizing his earnings to fund new artists and pay associated musicians, which he believed hindered his personal growth within the company. The singer indicated that attempts to renegotiate his contract were unfruitful, as he felt restricted and unable to progress artistically under the label's management. "I just couldn't continue with them because they got too comfortable with the

money they were making from me and couldn't push me further as I wanted to be pushed," Ruger expressed on Twitter.

Despite raising concerns and expressing frustrations internally, Ruger claimed he was met with empty promises and superficial gestures, leaving him disillusioned with the situation.

"Now touring Europe again, touring Canada again, IDC I'm gonna be cocky coz this is shit they couldn't do for me," Ruger confidently shared, highlighting his newfound independence and care

Ruger's departure from Jonzing World marks a significant transition in his music journey, as he

embraces a future filled with promising opportunities and

personal growth outside the confines of his former record label.



Influencer Daniel Regha Clarifies Stance on Toyin Abraham

By Nurudeen Adebayo

In a recent open discussion addressing his issues with Nollywood actress Toyin Abraham, controversial influencer Daniel Regha clarified that he does not harbor disdain towards the actress, despite past events that sparked controversy. It had previously reported that Daniel Regha declined an invitation from Toyin Abraham in July 2023 following his critical review of her film "Ijakumo."



Expressing respect for the actress, Regha highlighted his disagreement with her support of the current government post-EndSARS protest, stating that it conflicts with his personal beliefs. During a podcast titled "Backyard Yarns" hosted by renowned influencer Omotara Akanni, Regha's remarks and actions were labeled as bullying. In response, the critic emphasized that while

he does not hate Toyin Abraham, he does not hold her in high regard based on his opinions about her work. Regha emphasized that his primary frustration stemmed from not being among the first individuals to view and critique the movie, despite many others sharing their opinions. This clarification from Daniel Regha comes amidst ongoing discussions surrounding his stance on Toyin Abraham and sheds light on his perspective on the matter.

Lagos FA: Dotun Coker Promise To Give His Best In New Role

The newly elected vice chairman of Lagos State Football Association (LSFA), Dotun Coker has promised to give his best in his new role in Lagos football.

13 delegates voted unanimously for Coker who was formerly the technical director of Lagos FA.

The newly elected vice chairman was sworn in by Barrister Abiodun Ogunnubi.

The vacuum for the post of the vice chairman was created due to the upliftment of Gafar Liameed as the chairman of the age

long association following the impeachment of Fouad Oki as the chairman by the Congress.

In a twist of fate, Coker had contested for the same vice chairmanship position at the last Lagos FA election where he lost to the present chairman, Liameed at the Mobolaji Johnson Arena, Onikan.

Coker has been around the Lagos FA for a long time, he was formerly the chairman of Ikeja Divisional Football Association, board member and technical director.



Expect Tough Ikeja DFA League - Organizers

By Saheed Afolabi

The organizers of the Ikeja DFA League foresees a tough and competitive league when the competition

commences later this month.

No fewer than 24 teams are expected to feature in 2023/24 Ikeja DFA Super League which kicks off on 16th, April, 2024

across centres.

The league which is being organised by Ikeja Divisional Football Association IDFA under the leadership of Alhaji Taiwo Alagbe would

witness 24 teams battle for super six at the end of the season.

The league is home and away format and the participating clubs are divided into three groups while best two

in each group would qualify for the super six.

Speaking at the draw ceremony held in Saturday afternoon in Lagos, Ikeja DFA boss, Alagbe expressed gratitude to the participating teams for their financial commitment and confidence they have in division.

He said this year's Ikeja DFA Super League would live up to expectations considering the new clubs registered for the league and urged the club owners and coaches to abide by the rules governing the league.

"I am looking forward to the rewarding and better league that other divisions in the state would be proud of. I am happy that we have new clubs that would take part in the

league and it is going to be a tough one for both old and new clubs. I am using this medium to wish all the teams all the best and good luck in their outings," he said.

Eight teams are in each group. Group A are made up of SGH, Futurpro Sports, Austen plus FC, Fackaon Tofido FA, NAFRC FC, FC Ramond International, Ghetto Tigers and Shuffle Select.


Group b consist of Ace mariners FC, Hephzibah SC, African Future Stars, Samjason FC, Elite FC, Dannaz feeders and Olusosun United FC.

Group C comprises Useful youth SA, Black Rock FA, Future Stars 99, Prolific Stars, Pi FC, Diadem Stallion, YG FC, and Air Rovers FC.





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