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By Abolaji Adebayo

There has been mass transfer of civil servants across the 57 Local Government/Local Council Development Areas in Lagos, recently. About 651 officers were moved from one local council to another including those who were not due for transfer according to the Civil Service Commission's rule in redeployment. As gathered by ECHONEWS, a worker must spend three years in a place of work before he/she could be transferred to another place. However, it was not clear why the mass transfer was carried out in all the local councils even as many of the officers have not spent up to three years in their previous local government. For instance, the former Council Treasurer in Isolo LCDA had not spent a year in Isolo before being transferred to another local government. It was gathered that a few of the transfers might have been used to settle old scores considering the case of Dr. Kuku, the Head of Information in Onigbongbo LCDA.

It is believed that he had to be moved because of disagreements with the council treasurer and the executive chairman.

Kuku had taken interest in the need to generate more revenue, an additional area where he gained experience while serving at the Igando-Ikotun LCDA but his moves rankled the powers that be who feared that his role might undermine existing arrangements.

Asides such issue, it was also gathered that some officers were due for higher positions and that there is need for others to man other department different from their current departments.

Meanwhile, the Permanent Secretary, Local Government Establishments, Training and Pensions Office, Mrs Kikelomo Bolarinwa, said the deployment was carried out in "Pursuant to the deployment policy in the Unified Local Government Service and to enhance efficient service delivery."

In a circular signed by the PS, the affected officers were directed to report at their new duty posts with

immediate effect.

"Accordingly, officer affected by this deployment are hereby directed to hand-over and report at their respective duty posts with immediate effect. Please note that no entreaties in respect of the above deployment would be entertain and failure to comply with this circular would attract strong disciplinary action.

"Consequently, all Heads of Administration and Human Resource Officers should ensure necessary action is taken to effect release of the affected officers."

In the new deployment, 19 Human Resource Officers (HROs) who are between the Grade Level 15 and 17 were affected; 23 Legislative Clerks; nine Auditors and 16 Second

Signatories (SS) were also deployed from one local government to the other.

Others affected by the new deployment are Heads of Departments, Council Treasurers, Procurement, WAPA, Area Officers, Marriage Registrars, Court Registrars, Head of Units, Tourism Officers, and others.



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DEPLOYMENT

In line with the deployment policy in the Unified Local Government Service and in order to meet the manpower requirements of various LGs/LCDAs for effective and efficient service delivery, I wish to inform you of the deployment of the Heads of Administration and Council Treasurers as listed below:

HEADS OF ADMINISTRATION

S/N	ORACLE NO.	NAMES	DESIGNATION	GL	PRESENT LG/LCDA	NEW DEPLOYMENT LG/LCDA	REMARKS
1.	92389	FASINU JACOBS KEHINDE	DIR.(COMM. DEV.)	17	EGBE-IDIMU	IFELODUN	
2.	77213	OLOTO LATEEF OLUBODUN	DIR.(FINANCE & ACCT.)	17	IKOYI-OBALLENDE	AJEROMI-IFELODUN	
3.	154448	AROLE MOHAMMED BUSARIU	DIR.(FINANCE & ACCT.)	17	KOSOFE	IKORODU(W)	
4.	74709	AZEEZ MUHEEZ ADEMOLA	DIR.(ADMIN. & HR)	17	ONIGBONGBO	IJEDE	
5.	81894	ADESANYA ADEGBENRO AKEEM	DIR.(COMM. DEV.)	17	SURULERE	IGBOGBO-BAIYEKU	
6.	87283	OGABI ADETOKUNBO AJIMO	DIR.(ADMIN. & HR)	17	IMOTA	KOSOFE	
7.	91621	DISU BABATUNDE HAKEEM	DIR.(ADMIN. & HR)	17	L/ISLAND	ONIGBONGBO	
8.	93710	ADEYEMI B. MERCY	DIR.(ADMIN. & HR)	17	AYOBO-IPAJA	IKOSI-ISHERI	
9.	92978	BUHARI HABEEB ISHOLA KEHINDE	DIR.(ADMIN. & HR)	17	IJEDE	SURULERE	
10.	81971	OLUJOBI SUNDAY ADEGBOLA	DIR.(ADMIN. & HR)	17	IKOSI-ISHERI	L/ISLAND	
11.	91252	OTINWA OLADIPUPO ABIODUN	DIR.(ADMIN. & HR)	17	IKORODU(W)	IMOTA	
12.	80403	ALIVIDE VICTOR SEMAKO	DIR.(ADMIN. & HR)	17	COKER-AGUDA	ALIMOSHO	
13.	90596	AKINBAMI BABATUNDE EMMANUEL	DIR.(COMM. DEV.)	17	ALIMOSHO	COKER-AGUDA	

S/N	ORACLE NO.	NAMES	DESIGNATION	GL	PRESENT LG/LCDA	NEW DEPLOYMENT LG/LCDA	REMARKS
14.	91070	OGABI-TOYO MOJISOLA FOLAREMI	DIR.(COMM. DEV.)	17	IGBOGBO-BAIYEKU	AYOBO-IPAJA	
15.	93312	HUNDEYIN ADESINA KEHINDE	DIR.(ADMIN. & HR)	17	LGSC	OLORUNDA	RE-INSTATEMENT
16.	153892	ATTA MARIAM MORENIKE	DIR.(COMM. DEV.)	17	ORIADE	BADAGRY(W)	
17.	77388	BABALOLA MICHEAL OLUFEMI	DIR.(ADMIN. & HR)	17	YABA	L/ISLAND(E)	
18.	153727	OLANIYAN MONSURU AYODEJI	DIR.(PLANNING)	17	ORILE-AGEGE	MOSAN-OKUNOLA	NEW APPT.
19.	91764	ANIFOWOSHE IBILOLA	DIR.(PLANNING)	17	L/ISLAND	EREDO	NEW APPT. w.e.f 27/7/2022
20.	92752	AYOKO OLUGBOYEGA PAUL	DIR.(ADMIN. & HR)	17	ONIGBONGBO	EGBE-IDIMU	NEW APPT.
21.	88688	ADEKOYA ADESANYA AUGUSTINE	DIR.(FINANCE & ACCT.)	17	ISOLO	ORILE-AGEGE	NEW APPT.
22.	76233	THOMPSON LOOKMAN OLANREWAJU	DIR.(QS)	17	ORIADE	IKOYI-OBALLENDE	NEW APPT.

COUNCIL TREASURERS

S/N	ORACLE NO.	NAMES	DESIGNATION	GL	PRESENT LG/LCDA	PROPOSED DEPLOYMENT LG/LCDA	REMARKS
1.	88256	AJAYI SHAKIRAT ANIKE	DEP. DIR.(FINANCE & ACCT.)	16	BADAGRY	ISOLO	NEW APPT.
2.	75631	ASUNI KAMORUDEEN	DEP. DIR.(FINANCE & ACCT.)	16	IBA	BADAGRY(W)	NEW APPT.
3.	76582	ASANGA MODUPEOLA O.	ASST. DIR.(FINANCE & ACCT.)	15	AGBADO-OKEODO	ETI-OSA	NEW APPT.
4.	75914	ODUSANYA ABAYOMI OLAKUNLE	ASST. DIR.(FINANCE & ACCT.)	15	ETI-OSA	SOMOLU	NEW APPT.
5.	163185	OSUNSAN RASAK OLATUNDE	ASST. DIR.(FINANCE & ACCT.)	15	IKOSI-ISHERI	EREDO	NEW APPT.
6.	164789	YUSUF-OGUNBEKUN SAIDAT O.	ASST. DIR.(FINANCE & ACCT.)	15	BARIGA	BARIGA	NEW APPT.

2. Please note that the deployments/re-deployment are with immediate effect. Accordingly, affected Officers are to ensure proper hand-over.

3. While wishing the Heads of Administration/Council Treasures a most rewarding and impactful tenure, please give this circular the wide publicity it deserves.

Kikelomo Bolarinwa
KIKELOMO BOLARINWA (MRS.)
Permanent Secretary



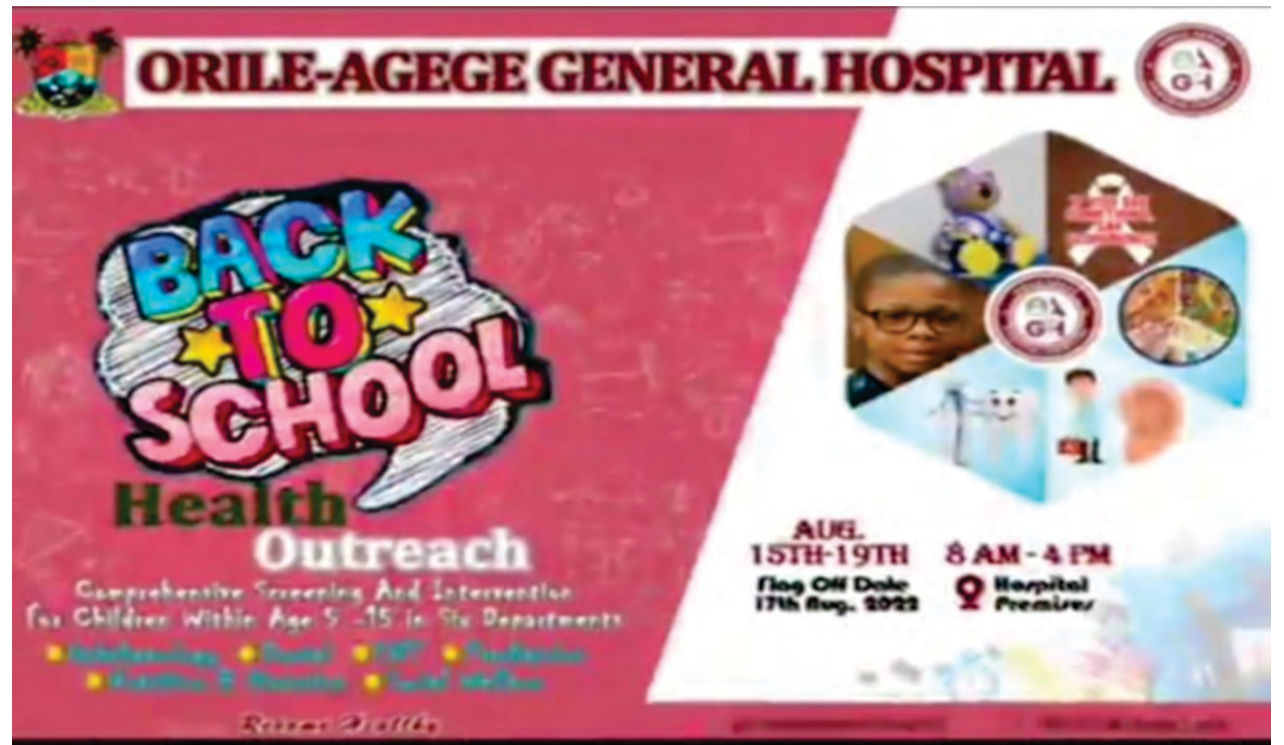
OAGH urges parents to allow wards partake in "Back to school" health outreach

By Motola AbdulGafar

The management of Orile-Agege General Hospital has urged parents/guardians to allow their children to take part in the health programme organizes by the hospital. According to the management under the leadership of the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of the hospital, Dr Sola Pitan, the health exercise is to give children the opportunity of doing a

comprehensive screening to ensure a healthy status in preparation to resume back to school.

He said the management has planned the phenomenal community health service as another way to ensure a healthy living of residents irrespective of their age group as children would become occupied for medical services except when necessary the moment they resume a new academic session in school. He said their goal is to provide these services at no cost to the children while requesting philanthropists' contribution towards the success of the programme by donating.



He analyzed that the cost implication for each child is estimated at #10,000 which sums up to 10 million

naira for 1000 children. He said donations can be made via checks or direct transfer to LASG OAGH

REVENUE ACCOUNT #: 1014511373 (ZENITH BANK) while disclosing that the health exercise will take

place at 3, Old Otta Road, Ile-epo bus-stop, Orile-Agege between 15th -19th of August, 2022.

PDP leader boasts of victory ahead of 2023 polls

By Motola AbdulGafar

A Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) leader in Agege Local Government, Hon. Muka Popoola has expressed his confidence in the party's victory during the 2023 general elections. According to him, the election of a candidates would be based on their competence, claiming that the ruling party has failed Nigerians.

Popoola while giving instances noted that the opposition party's inaction to alleviate poverty in the country is the most efficient criterion to convince the masses during the campaign exercise.

At the grassroots level, he noted that there is a nationwide situation of increased city banditry that disrupts the free movement of people in their communities.

Popoola further boasted that PDP is in sympathy with hungry Nigerians as they are fully prepared to revitalize the country.

He urged the newly inaugurated members of Agege PDP Local Campaign Council to efficiently execute their duties, saying the fate of the party is within their jurisdiction.

He also urged residents of Agege to vote for the party's flag bearer, Hon. Sola Osolana to represent Agege Constituency at the Federal House of Representatives, saying he has the integrity to occupy the position.

Adegbite pledges to campaign for Obasa's re-election

By Motola AbdulGafar

The founder of Ilabe Foundation, Hon. Kazeem Adegbite has appraised the efficiency of the Speaker, Lagos State House of Assembly, Hon. Mudashiru Obasa, promising to campaign for his re-election during the 2023 general elections.

He said Obasa's integrity in unifying legislators in the state and monitoring mind-blowing projects has been an eye opener to him as he appreciates a full-fledged working government that fulfills its manifesto to the public. Adegbite said that he strongly believes in the greatness of Agege

as a community with the collaborative efforts of the All Progressives Congress (APC) party leadership at the Local Government level as they synergize with the speaker in developing the council.

He promised his unflinching support and loyalty to Hon. Mudashiru Obasa, who has been the pillar of success recorded by the party in Agege in recent times, says it is due to his devotion and selfless service through various humanitarian and community-based programmes executed.

He further begged the party members who are yet to pick up their permanent voter's card from the INEC office to take advantage and pick it up before it is too late.



Hon. Kazeem Adegbite

Ajala rewards punctuality at APC ward meeting

By Motola AbdulGafar

The Special Adviser on Environment (Cabinet member), Hon. Surajudeen Ajala mobilised women in ward A, Orile Agege after the general ward meetings and gave N50,000

to the early comers to the meeting.

He promised to continue with the trend by giving N20,000 to early comers to meetings among the women at every meeting.

He revealed some of the programmes he has to

encourage and motivate more members into the fold of the party, which include distribution of gift items, empowerment programmes for women and widows and picking of tickets in a raffle draw, where winners would emerge.

All these according to him, are meant to appreciate party members for their commitment and loyalty to the party and at the same time to intensify efforts in the ward because of the volatility of competition among rival groups in the ward.

Ajala encouraged members never to relent in their mobilization drives in the ward because of the peculiar nature of the ward, he promised to unveil more programmes that will be geared toward the party's success as the time goes on.



Amuwo-Odofin Local Government has objected to the staged protest by the owners of the buildings at Oyinlola market which was demolished.

Some shop owners who lost their shops to the demolition of the market in December 2020 have been protesting the reopening and recommissioning of the market.

However, an officer in the council who preferred anonymity stated that there was no standing court order on the land despite the establishment of a court case.

He said previous shop owners had been instructed to submit their documents to the Revenue and Market Department of the council.

Council debunks protesters' charges over demolished shop

Morola AbdulGafar

He revealed that there has been a concession planned to be given to those who had shops at the 23 Road market before the demolition.

It would be recalled that in December 2020, the 23 Road Market, Festac was demolished to make way for the construction of a new modern market.

Meanwhile, on December 8, 2020, a suit with Suit

N u m b e r ID/9827/LMW/2020 was filed primarily to challenge the defendants from displacing them from their market built by private means as well as to restrain Amuwo Odofin Local Government, the Federal Housing Authority (the actual landlords of the land on which the Market is sitting) and Lagos State Government in the suit from demolishing the Market among other reliefs.



Rotesters in action over Oyinlola Market

Commuters decry gridlock in Amuwo-Odofin

Morola AbdulGafar

Residents and commuters in Festac Town, Amuwo-Odofin have decried the recently increased level of traffic within the estate throughout last week.

According to them, the gridlock was a result of the cordoned part of a major area of 2nd Avenue road.

The cordoned area extends from the 21 Road junction to the 3rd Avenue junction, Festac Town making commuting stressful within the Festac Town estate, Amuwo-Odofin.

ECHONEWS gathered that the road was blocked by the police while some business owners in the axis said they do not know exactly why it was blocked.

However, a police officer who was approached said it was mainly for security reasons.

A commuter, Grace Lawrence (real name withheld), said it was the effect of the fracas between the Police and Soldiers at the Trade Fair axis that led to a loss of an inspector.

She urged the government to attend to the issue in time before it escalates from being endured by road users.

CDC appreciates council for reconstructing administrative block

Morola AbdulGafar

The Community Development Committee (CDC), Amuwo-Odofin has commended the council

chairman for conducting in public, the selection of a contractor for the construction of the proposed administrative block in the council secretariat.

The bid was made known

through the council's public advertorial action requesting contractors interested in the project to tender their interest.

The octogenarian CDC Chairman, Pa Ogunlusi noted that council

chairman's action is the first of its kind in the administration of the local government since its creation.

He said his actions indicated his all-inclusive governance as the general

public was fully involved in the bidding section.

He pledged that the CDC would continue to support the government as they continue to enjoy dividends of democracy from the administration.

Council leader organizes skill acquisition programme for residents

Morola AbdulGafar

The Council Leader of Amuwo-Odofin Local Government, Hon. Abimbola Oshodi has stated the reasons for organizing skill acquisition programme for the residents.

According to him, the programme is to engage students with others to help them make the best use of their free time for a rewarding future.

He said as a councillor closer to the community, he aims to empower residents for them to

become independent over time.

He said the summer break gives them a full-time opportunity to practically engage themselves in the theoretical entrepreneurial skills they might have been taught in school.

Oshodi noted that the acquisition workshop which had commenced on August 8, 2022 will be held for a month in the council.

The training is being held at the Local Government Secretariat Mini-Hall at the Legislative Building, Last Floor, 41 Road, Festac.



Hon. Abimbola Oshodi



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Businessman docked for threat to life

By Saheed Afolabi

Men of the Special Weapons and Tactical Team (SWAT) of the Nigeria Police, at Adeniji Adele, last week arrested a Lagos-based businessman, Ahmed Lawal, for threat to life.

Lawal, a 45 years old Epe indigene, was arrested for allegedly threatening the life of a community leader in Epe town, Chief John Babatunde Soare and members of Poka Kingdom and

Foriki village in Odomola area of Epe town.

According to the police, Lawal was also arrested for forceful entry into a landed property which had been in peaceful possession of Chief John Babatunde Soare without lawful authority.

The police said that Lawal conspired with others still at large in 2021 and forcefully entered Soare's landed property at Foriki in Odomola town, Epe

without any lawful order while allegedly threatening to deal with Soare and others even with diabolical means.

Following the incident, Chief Soare on behalf of Odomola community members petitioned the Commissioner of Police in charge of SWAT.

The CP in turn directed the Deputy Commissioner of Police, DCP in charge of operations at SWAT, Lagos, DCP Steven Ogendegbe to investigate the

matter.

Following the CP's directives, Ogendegbe directed his team led by SUPOL Lukman Rabi to go to Epe town and arrest Lawal and others involved in the alleged breach of peace.

The Police succeeded in arresting Lawal while others managed to escape.

Lawal was charged before the Epe Magistrate's Court on a four-count charge bordering on conspiracy, forceful entry into a

landed property, threat to life and conduct likely to cause breach of peace.

Police Counsel, Abraham Fadipe told the court in the charge BP/B/16/2022 that the defendant and others still at large committed the offence in 2021 when they conspired and unlawfully entered into the landed property belonging to the complainant, Chief John Babatunde Soare without lawful authority and threatened to deal

with him and others in Odomola town even with diabolical means.

Fadipe said the offences Lawal committed were punishable under sessions 412, 52, 56 (2) and 168(1)(d) C of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015.

Lawal, however, pleaded not guilty to the charges in the open Court and Magistrate, K.O Doja Ojo granted him N200,000 bail with two sureties in like sum and adjourned the case till 14 August 2022 for trial.

Seriki seeks improved security in sub-urban settlements of Lagos

By Saheed Afolabi

Commissioner in the Lagos State Civil Service Commission, Mr. Tunde Seriki, has called for improved security in the sub-urban settlements of the state.

He noted that the spate of insecurity in sub-urban settlements in the state has become worrisome.

The commissioner decried the surge in the cases of kidnapping, robbery and cultism in the Epe area of the State.

According to him, high level surveillance and intelligence gathering are crucial to engendering law and order in the area.

Seriki stated that it was necessary to tackle insecurity in order to promote development.

"Every nation is tackling insecurity in their own ways,



Mr Tunde Seriki

we cannot afford to fold our arms and watch criminals take over our communities.

"Security agencies, local vigilante groups and all of us should work together to fight crime and insecurity before it becomes too late," he said. The commissioner urged security agencies to establish a stronger presence in the sub-urban areas in order to protect lives

and property. He also called on members of the public to support security agencies with reliable intelligence to enable them to fight crime more effectively.

Seriki commended the Lagos State Government for the measures it had taken to promote peace, law and order in the interest of the people.

Lagos State Government has urged affected owners of the identified structures to be demolished Eleko Road reconstruction to forward their documents for record and administrative purposes.

The affected owners are those who have compensation claims over the identified structures. The demolition is sequel to the structures over the approved "Right of Way" of

LASG urges property owners to conduct verification

Eleko road; from Eleko Junction to Dangote Fertilizer Plant in Ibeju-Lekki Local Government.

According to the government, the reconstruction/upgrading of the road is in a bid to ease traffic and socio-economic development of the area.

It noted that statutory notices would further be

disbursed through the Lagos State Ministry of Physical Planning and Urban Development to owners/occupiers of identified structures in the area.

The state government noted that the removal of encumbrances will be undertaken at the expiration of the notices.

Olowa rewards six pupils

By Saheed Afolabi

Successful students at the just concluded Common Entrance Examination in Ibeju-Lekki Local Government have been rewarded by the council for their brilliant performance.

The six primary school pupils, Mose Solomon, Tanimowo, David Emmanuel, Adepoju Pricillia, Moseliu Faith Opeyemi and Afolabi were part of the pupils who benefited

from the free National Common Entrance forms that the council disbursed earlier.

The council chairman, Hon. Abdullahi Olowa has granted them the opportunity of gaining admission into Federal Government Colleges.

Olowa, who pioneered the distribution of the Free National Common Entrance forms in the Council, commended and congratulated the six pupils: He noted that their success has made the council proud,

adding that it was a signal that the council's efforts so far pays off.

Olowa reiterated the commitment of the local government towards improving educational standard in the council area.

He promised to monitor the progress of the lucky students, emphasizing the council's resolve to pay their tuitions every term while encouraging the students to embrace this opportunity while building their future.

Ibeju-Lekki Local Government has educated its residents on strategic means of entrepreneurial activities.

The sensitization was facilitated through the cooperation of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) in its digital literacy programme in the council.

Experts enlightened the residents on the use of social media in positive ways for

Council sensitizes residents on entrepreneurial development

commercial success as well as ways to solicit loans for the improvement of their businesses.

Categories of loans spelt out include the State Government owned LSETF, and the Senator Mikhail Tokunbo Abiru TACT loan as guests were assured that the loans are accessible if

certain criteria are met like the LASRRA card, a valid means of ID, Tax clearance and a valid bank account in a commercial bank.

The council said it would set-up an information desk in partnership with the LSETF where inquiries can be made.



Ibeju-Lekki Local Government executives while sensitizing residents



E-hailing new guidelines take off August 27

By Edith Igbokwe

The issues surrounding the new Lagos State Government's guidelines for the regulations on E-hailing taxi services have now been put to rest, following a meeting between the State Government and representatives of the ride-hailing operators.

Briefing the media on the outcome of the meeting, Commissioner for Transportation, Dr. Frederic Oladehinde, disclosed that the State Government and the operators had unanimously adopted the new regulations, after all parties jointly reviewed and fine-tuned some of the contentious issues in the framework.

He said the new regulations was not initiated by the government to extort the operators and drivers in the business; and stressed that the government was moved by the necessity to regularize the ride-hailing operations in line with security measures.

From the communique read out after the meeting, the enforcement of the new regulations will now take off from August 27, 2020 instead August 20 initially announced by the Government.

By implication, the operators now have additional seven-day extension to comply with the government's regulations.

Oladehinde said the State Government and the operators had reached an agreement on the controversial service tax, which is to be known as Road Improvement Fund.

He said e-hailing operators would be paying N20 as Road Improvement Fund and it is to be levied on each trip all their drivers make in a day.

The Commissioner said Governor Sanwo-Olu offered a duty incentive to the operators, reducing their statutory operational licensing fee and renewal fee by 20 per cent.

This implies that each e-hailing firm will now pay N8 million per 1,000 cars fresh licensing and renewal, instead of N10 million initially announced. The parties, Oladehinde said, also agreed on procurement of comprehensive insurance by the e-hailing companies to cover their drivers and passengers.

"We have just concluded a three-hour meeting which was attended by Governor Sanwo-Olu, Ministry of Transportation officials and representatives of the e-hailing ride operators. After the meeting, we jointly developed a communique to which all parties agreed in relation to the new regulations for e-hailing ride business.

"The regulations for the e-hailing companies will take effect from August 27, 2020. We have given an additional one-week extension for all operators to comply. Given that most of the drivers on the e-

hailing platforms have third party insurance, the companies will have comprehensive insurance for each driver while the driver is working with them. The insurance will also cover passengers, which amounts to double insurance for the driver.

"We also discussed the issue of service tax, which was initially defined as 10 per cent charge. We have come to resolution that the levy will become a flat fee of N20 per trip. We no longer call it service tax; we now call it Road Improvement Fund, which will be levied per trip. We also came to resolution that there will be reduction in operational licence by 20 per cent. Likewise, the renewal fee has been reduced by 20 per cent, going forward."

Oladehinde said the State Government had granted all drivers on the e-hailing platforms an extension of 90 days to perfect all documents and licences, required for operation, including driver's licence and Lagos State Residents Registration Agency (LASRRA) cards.

The Commissioner disclosed that the

Government would create a special office for the drivers to fast track necessary registration and documentation before the deadline.

He said the operators acceded to the Government's position on thorough background check on the drivers for security and improved service delivery.

"We also agreed that there must a background check on drivers. One of the reasons why we came up with this communique together is to ensure that every resident using the e-hailing mobile application is safe. All forms of checks must be carried out to ensure the right people driving on the platform. This is paramount to the government."

He said all parties agreed to checkmate bypassing of e-hailing mobile apps by unscrupulous drivers, who take passengers offline to collect cash. He warned drivers to desist from the fraudulent act, saying the government's enforcement team would go after defaulters.

Speaking on the controversial issue of data, Oladehinde said: "We are

not asking the e-hailing companies to release detailed data. All we are asking from them is data for trip movement, so that we can calculate the right charge and levy due to the government. This data is to be supplied every week."

He said that there was no burden of additional levy on passengers that will be using the e-hailing services, noting that residents' interest has been protected by the government.

He urged the e-hailing companies to work with stakeholders in the business for better relationship.

Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Mr. Gbenga Omotoso, said there had been no strained relationship between the e-hailing operators and the State Government, pointing out that the new regulations were not to bring up a tax burden on the business.

"There is not iota of truth in the speculation that Lagos Government is introducing a new tax regime. Introduction of the new regulations is about security and smooth running of the business.

It's all about ease of doing business in the State."

National President of Professional E-hailing Drivers and Private Owners Association (PEDPA), Comrade Idris Sonuga, praised Governor Sanwo-Olu for listening to the demands of the operators, saying the new regulations would enable the drivers to go on their businesses without harassment by law enforcement agencies.

"The meeting was successful. Governor Sanwo-Olu has done justice to all the grey areas. I use this opportunity to thank the governor; he means well for the e-hailing community," Comrade Sonuga said, urging drivers to comply with the regulations and the deadlines given by the Government.

Chief Executive Officer of BMP Car, Mr. Ezekiel Ojo, who spoke on behalf of the e-hailing companies, confirmed all the operators were in agreement with the outcome of the meeting.

Other representatives of e-hailing firms that attended the meeting include Abisola Odukoya of Bolt Nigeria, and Tola Odeyemi of Uber Nigeria.

We use IGR for developmental projects, daily emergencies - Sanwo-Olu

By Edith Igbokwe

Lagos State Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu has disclosed that his government utilizes monthly Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) to clear refuse, manage daily emergencies amongst other needs in the state.

He explained what his government has to show for close to N50 billion monthly IGR.

"What we have to show for N50 billion IGR is that on a monthly basis, I manage the emergency of the city. Today alone, there have been four emergencies reported.

"I've recruited over 650 fire

service men, I've bought 64 brand new trucks that I would invite you to come for its commissioning. I spent over a billion to clear refuse in Lagos. That's what we are doing.

"we are building 16-18 kilometers of rigid pavement roads which run into tens of billions. We are building the biggest market in the country in Lagos."

He reiterated that Lagos IGR is not in the hands of "third party," but adequately utilized for developments.

The governor's explanation comes amid criticisms that developments are not commensurate with the huge resources generated in the state.



State Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu



Court orders LASG to return seized land to owner

By Edith Igbokwe

Lagos State High Court in Ikeja has declared as unlawful, null and void the decision of the Lagos State Government to seize a parcel of land with Survey Plan No. LS/D/KD/563D located at the Imota Agro Industrial Park in the Ikorodu area of the State. The court, in a judgment by Justice S. S. Ogunsanya, ordered the state to return the land to Abayomi Sadiku, trading under the name Vernia Legal Practitioners, who had in 2013 purchased the land, measuring 1,000 square metres, for N1m.

According to a certified true copy of the April 13, 2022 judgment, the claimant had

been issued with an allocation letter in respect of the land on December 4, 2014, before the Lagos State Government, through a July 2016 publication, announced the revocation of the allocated land.

The displeased claimant approached the court, praying for a declaration that the action of the state was in contravention of the provisions of Section 28 (1)(2)(3) and (6) and Section 44(a)(b) of the Land Use Act, Law of the Federation of Nigeria, 1978.

He urged the court to nullify the action and order that the land be restored to him.

Listed as defendants in the suit were the Governor of

Lagos State; the Lagos State Government; the state's Commissioner for Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives and the state's Attorney General.

Delivering judgment in the case, Justice Ogunsanya said, "The court finds that the claimant is entitled to a statutory right of occupancy over the subject land and I so hold.

"The court finds that the defendants were unable to satisfactorily establish compliance with the provisions of the law on the revocation of the right of occupancy of the claimant."

While declaring that the Lagos State Government failed to comply with the provisions of



Section 28(6) of the Land Use Act, the judge ordered the state to "restore onto the claimant the land allocated to him on 4th December, 2014 and in the event that the land

is no longer available, the claimant is to be compensated and resettled on a land equal in value to the parcel of land unlawfully acquired by the defendants."

In addition, the judge ordered the state to pay the claimant N3m general damages with 21 per cent interest per annum.

LASG, World Bank to boost food security

By Edith Igbokwe

The Lagos State Government has said it would boost food security through the Lagos-Cares initiative that will provide food markets for farmers and communities.

This was disclosed by the state Commissioner for Agriculture, Abisola Olusanya during the inauguration of the initiative in Ikeja. He noted that the Lagos-Cares programme was organized by the government in collaboration with the World Bank to support 15,000 farmers' households with 69 food markets, to cushion the effects of the continuous rise in prices of feeds and other farm inputs across the state.

"The Lagos-Cares initiative is a collaboration between Lagos State Government

and the World Bank, which is in continuation of intervention in provision of food security for residents of the state.

"The initiative will provide succor to the farmers and community who might

have lost their source of livelihood as a result of the inevitable lockdown at the onset of COVID-19 in the state.

"FADAMA has been saddled with the responsibility of

implementing the Result Area 2 of the programme which would ensure food security and safe functioning of food supply chains for vulnerable households.

"This programme is

expected to reach about 15,000 farm households and 69 food markets as direct beneficiaries and many more indirect beneficiaries within the period highlighted."

The Special Adviser to

Lagos State Governor on Agriculture, Dr. Oluwarotimi Fashola, advised the beneficiaries to utilize the inputs, adding that there is need to judiciously use the planting seeds provided.

Customs nets N142.95bn revenue at PTML

By Edith Igbokwe

The Ports and Terminal Multiservices Limited (PTML), Apapa Command Customs Service has disclosed that it collected a total of N142.95 billion between January and July 2022.

The command's spokesman, Yakubu Mohammad, disclosed in a statement made available to public that the figure is 15 percent above the N124.18 billion collected during the same period in 2021.

He said the increased revenue was as a result of increased trade volumes through the port, trade facilitation strategies and prevention of revenue leakages, emplaced by the Customs Area Controller, Comptroller Festus Oyedele Okun.

The statement quoted Okun as advising importers and agents to maximize the four-hour clearance time of cargoes and other trade facilitation initiatives put in place in the command.

In another development, the Customs Federal

Operations Unit Zone A, Ikeja, Lagos, said it has seized twelve trucks of parboiled rice smuggled into the country from neighbouring Benin Republic.

Acting Area Controller of the anti-smuggling unit, Hussein Ejibunu, put the duty paid value of the seized rice at N537.5 million.

He said customs operatives under the unit also seized 34,725 litres of petrol, 39 bales of used clothes, and 225 used tyres, among others.



Men of the Nigerian Customs



Justice Oluwatoyin Taiwo of the Lagos State Special Offences Court sitting at Ikeja, on Tuesday, sentenced a pastor, Erinmole Adetokunbo, and his accomplice, Adedoyin Oyekanmi, to death for killing a seven-year-old boy in the Ikorodu area of the state.

Justice Taiwo gave the verdict after the defendants changed their pleas from not guilty to guilty.

The men were arraigned on October 30, 2017, before the Lagos State High Court on two counts bordering on conspiracy and murder.

According to the charge sheet, Oyekanmi and Adetokunbo, on June 7, 2017, on Oke Oniburokun Street, Odokekere, Ikorodu, conspired to murder a seven-year-old boy, Kazeem Rafiu.

They were said to have beheaded Rafiu and buried the head around the church's altar, while the body was kept in a canal.

Adetokunbo was later apprehended by residents.

He was said to have confessed to the crime, naming Oyekanmi as his accomplice.

The duo led a team of policemen to the church,

Court sentences pastor, one other to death for beheading 7-yr-old

By Saheed Afolabi

where the victim's remains were recovered.

After four years of being remanded in prison, the state re-arraigned the convicts before the special offences court on September 21, 2021, as the trial commenced.

At the resumption of trial, the prosecutor presented another witness to prove the allegations against the convicts, the court was informed by the state counsel, Mrs O. A. Bajulaiye, and the defence counsel, Ms Anthonia Otsokwa, that the men had decided to change their pleas.

Subsequently, the judge ordered their pleas to be taken. The charges were read to them in Yoruba and they pleaded guilty to the two counts.

The state counsel, Mrs O. A. Bajulaiye, thereafter reviewed the facts of the case and urged the court to convict them



The Pastor and his accomplice

accordingly. While begging for mercy, the defence counsel, Ms Anthonia Otsokwa, told the court that the convicts had realized their offence and were remorseful for the death of the child.

In her judgement, Justice

Taiwo noted that the case was a pathetic one as the defendants conspired and killed a child by cutting off his head for ritual purposes.

The judge said, "These defendants have committed a heinous crime and deserve no

mercy. They have cruelly and intentionally killed a seven-year-old boy, depriving him and his family of a bright destiny.

"Section 222 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State imposes the death penalty for

premeditated murder and I have no hesitation in imposing the said punishment.

"I hereby sentence Adedoyin Oyekanmi and Erinwole Adetokunbo to death for killing Kazeem Rafiu. May God have mercy on your souls."

Experts implore mothers to breast-feed babies for 2 years

By Saheed Afolabi

Health experts have implored mothers to not only exclusively breastfeed their babies for six months but also continue breast-feeding them for two years though with complementary diets because of the huge benefits to children and mothers.

They gave the advice at an enlightenment programme on the importance of breast-feeding to the child and the mother as part of activities marking the year 2022 World Breastfeeding Week in Ikorodu, Lagos.

The Medical Health Officer, Ikorodu West Local Council Development Area, Dr Opeyemi Osunyomi, stated that celebrating the breastfeeding week yearly is good because it provides a reminder that breast milk is very nutritious and a defense for babies because it

contains all the nutrients a baby needs to grow well at the tender stage.

The Health Financing and Advocacy Specialist, Save the Children Inspiring Project, Folake Kuti, said breast milk prevent children from falling sick including coming down to pneumonia. She noted that when a child is malnourished such child's immunity will be low and can easily fall sick to many diseases including pneumonia.

She maintained that breast milk is the best for children to survive and thrive. She added that the Inspiring project which is being supported by GSK is concerned about mothers breastfeeding because it also helps to prevent childhood pneumonia or pneumonia deaths, the focus of inspiring project.

An Assistant Chief Nursing Officer, Ipakodo Primary Healthcare Centre, Olayinka

Ogunbiyi, spoke to the over 200 mothers invited for the enlightenment programme on why they should breastfeed their babies exclusively for six months and continue

breastfeeding the baby for two years with other complementary diets.

She noted that it is economical for the family as it does not only provide rich and nutritious

meals for the baby, it is cheap as it cost the mother nothing extra to produce breast milk unlike buying baby food.

Ogunbiyi also said it helps in bonding the mother and the

child, aside, it provides the first immunity for the child at birth.

The over 200 women who participated in the event got baby diapers, detergent, and babe wipes each.



An expert speaking with pregnant women



Kosofe residents commend philanthropist, Sebioniga over road palliative

By Edith Igbokwe

Residents of Alade Lawal, Mudi Line, and Olorunlogbon, part of Kosofe Local Government Area now heaving a sigh of relief as they now smoothly ride in and out of their residential areas.

The expression was due to a gesture by a philanthropist, Mr. Jimoh Sebioniga (Kuye) who embarked on palliative work on the roads to make them accessible for the community use.

A visit to the affected roads revealed that a lot of portions of the road were

filled and some drainages were cleared, among others.

Sebioniga disclosed that some programmes and projects cannot be left to the government alone to fix.

"We can't leave everything to the government alone, although the government's responsibility is to provide

good roads, health, security, and other social amenities for all."

Kuye, however, noted that the government can't be at all places for the people.

"We should think about what we can do to help the government and to help ourselves in our various societies."

Ogunlewe appreciates foundation as he bags award

The Chairman of Kosofe Local Government, Hon. Moyosore Ogunlewe has appreciated Sohcahtoa Foundation for a prestigious award presented to him.

The elated Ogunlewe expressed his joy as he appreciated the

magnanimity of support that the foundation has contributed towards the Council's educational programme.

The award recognised Ogunlewe's contributions towards education and infrastructural development in the

community, which endeared him to the people of the local government.

The prestigious award was presented to the council chairman by the Chief Executive Officer of the Sohcahtoa Foundation, Mr. Oluwaseyi Fayemi, who pledged to support the

council's education project with an extra 150 free GCE forms for the students in Kosofe Local government.

The information was contained in a release issued by the Chief Press Secretary to the Chairman, Kosofe Local Government, Taiwo Fadipe.

Shonibare appeals to aggrieved APC members to reconcile

By Edith Igbokwe

Top campaign manager for Kosofe Federal Constituency House of Representatives candidate, Abiodun Owokoya (cheche) Deinde Shonibare, has appealed to aggrieved All Progressives Congress (APC) members to reconcile for the party's success at elections.

His appeal came amid the looming internal crisis in the Kosofe Federal Constituency chapter of APC party that failed to set up a true reconciliation committee.

Despite the choice of the party candidate for the House of Representatives seat, Shonibare stressed that he was proud to have supported Owokoya.

In his bid to represent Kosofe in the lower chamber of the National Assembly, he is geared towards providing quality and credible representation.

"Cheche has been with us for

several years, supporting the party materially, morally and financially, while some without value added to the party are getting elective or appointive positions.

"I would like to appeal to aggrieved aspirants and supporters to work with the winner of the primary election. In any contest, there must be a winner.

"I have no iota of regret over my support for him. It was a privilege to identify with him during the process. I would gladly do it over and over again.

"Understandably, many of you are disappointed and downcast following the outcomes of the May 27 House of Reps primary election, but do not let your heart be troubled.

"There must be a reason God allowed this. It may not be obvious to us now, but later as He is all-loving and omnipotent. I'm unperturbed, unconquered and very proud of Cheche."

Bada commends 4th edition of BOSKOH Jigi-Bola relaunch

By Edith Igbokwe

The Chairman of Ikosi-Isheri Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Princess Bolanle Bada, has commended Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu over the 4th edition of BOSKOH Health Mission International (HMI) Medical Jigi-Bola relaunch initiated in their respective local governments in the last few days.

Bada, the Yeye Shewa of Ilara Kingdom, Epe, eulogised Sanwo-Olu for his commitment towards ensuring that the people of Ikosi-Isheri benefitted from the 4th edition of BOSKOH HMI Medical Jigi-Bola relaunch.

"I'm so happy that the health

Mission International project landed in my community where my constituents benefitted from dividends of democracy. It's indeed a lofty one for me and the wonderful people of Ikosi-Isheri, we'll always be grateful for this laudable health project."

She described the gesture as one of the best government initiatives that the Ikosi-Isheri community will benefit from in the last couple of years while praying to God to strengthen the working governor to serve his people diligently.

She, however, urged her people to revalidate their PVC and as well come out en-mass to vote for All Progressive Congress (APC) candidates come 2023 general elections.



Hon Ogunlewe holding his award



Flooding to end soon on Lagos Island - Sanwo-Olu

By Edith Igbokwe

The Lagos State governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu, has said that the issue of perennial flooding on Lagos Island would be permanently resolved soon.

Sanwo-Olu said this when he paid an unscheduled visit to Ilubirin and other areas on the Island, which had remained flooded despite the lull in the rains in recent weeks.

He inspected some projects on the island to alleviate the problem in Cappa/Okepopo Adeniji-Adele Road and the construction of the New Massey Children's Hospital, renovation of General Hospital at Obele Odan and laying of three high-capacity pumps at Ilubirin drainage site, and noted that with the level of works done so far, the problem would soon be over.

At the General Hospital, Odan, which is the oldest in the state

and the country, the governor said that the renovations were being done in phases, adding that when completed the hospital would admit more patients.

Sanwo-Olu also explained that other general hospitals in the state would henceforth be infused with doctors' quarters as one available at General Hospital, Odan.

According to him, "we started the journey, the on-the-spot assessment of the reconstruction of Cappa/Okepopo and Adeniji-Adele Road in Lagos Island. The contractor said the project is about 60-65 percent. They are on track to see if they can complete the project before the end of the year. Interlocking stones have been laid, drainages have been largely completed, the whole area looks new.

"Thereafter, we went to the construction of the New

Messey Children Hospital where we noticed the two buildings that are meant to be coming up. Nine-storey car park has started. Pipes have been completed at the 10-storey main hospital for the children. They have assured us to keep up with the terms of the project.

"Thereafter, we crossed to Ilubirin pumping site. It is the ministry of drainage project where we have current temporary walls, pumping is going on. It is to prevent water from Lagos Island. That is why you saw those pumping stations there. If they don't do that barricading, water will naturally be flowing back from the lagoon. Since Lagos is below the sea level when the water rises from the lagoon, it can flow back to the city."

The governor added that "the main observation today is we are constructing a new 1.0 kilometre or 1.2 kilometre

diversion from the front of Ilubirin Housing Estate that will take the body of water onto the Lagos lagoon.

"Three high-capacity pumps, I'm told will be arriving next month.

"What that means is that the issues around flooding around Lagos Island can be completely resolved. Once that has been done properly, we can now go back to Lagos Island and address the collectors like Odogiwa collectors and others.

"Finally, we are here at the Lagos Island General Hospital, Odan which is the foremost general hospital in the state. It is a secondary health facility; the hospital is as old as the state itself. And also, after LASUTH, it has the largest number of patients coming on.

"We can see in the last three years we have been doing different phases of extensive renovations because the



Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu

hospital in itself cannot be closed down. The first phase is the accident and emergency, surgical and emergency. The second phase is the pharmacy, catering and some other parts. "The third phase is the eye clinic, admin, the ambulance bay, the patients' waiting area, the children's ward and surgical for males and females. The fourth phase

there will be new demolition to be able to have additional patients and the doctors' quarters.

"Just to mention also that the new hospitals we are building, we are trying to also infuse the doctors' quarters, the one at Gbagada to give residence to doctors and other medical practitioners. We also have another one at Ojo."

Fire engulfs EKEDC Lagos Island substation

By Edith Igbokwe

The General Manager, Corporate Communications, Eko Electricity Distribution Company (EKEDC), Mr. Godwin Idemudia, has confirmed that the company's substation in the Lagos Island was engulfed by fire on Tuesday.

Idemudia said the incident affected electricity supply to customers in Idumagbo and Ajele areas.

He said the incident occurred about 3.00 p.m. when one of the 15MVA power transformers inside the substation caught fire.

"This is to inform our dear customers in Lagos Island

that a 15MVA power transformer at our New Idumagbo Injection Substation caught fire around 3.00 p.m. today.

"We will like to thank the firefighters who quickly responded to our call and arrested the situation to prevent the spread of the fire and further damage."

Idemudia stated that the DisCo's technical and safety teams were currently assessing the situation and investigating the cause of the fire.

He appealed to customers whose supply was affected by the fire to bear with the company and assured them of interim arrangements to restore power to them from another source.





How we saved 555 hectares through Lagos Summit - Sanwo-Olu

By Saheed Afolabi

Lagos State Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu, has said some of the resolutions emanating from the State Annual Climate Change Summit had saved the 555 hectares of land of the popular Lagos Island since 2010.

Sanwo-Olu made this known while declaring open the 9th Lagos International Climate Change Summit themed: "Integrating Climate Actions in Lagos State Development: investment Opportunities and Trade-offs," which took place at Victoria Island, Lagos.

Governor Sanwo-Olu, who was represented by his Deputy, Dr. Obafemi Hamzat, at the 2-day conference, said people always asked what was Lagos doing about Victoria Island, but quickly disclosed that the 555 hectares, would have disappeared by 2010 if not for the annual summit.

"People ask what's Lagos doing? Victoria Island, 555 hectares, would have disappeared by 2010 but as a result of this Summit.

"As has been noted by many, climate change is not a future problem. It is with us here and now, affecting every community in every country, on every continent.

"We are seeing the impact in everything from wildfires to rising sea levels and flooding, to intensifying heat waves in places where such phenomena used to be unknown.

"Here in Lagos, our status as a littoral state puts us at the mercy of rising sea levels. It cannot be over-emphasized that we are witnessing the increasing interdependencies of systems. With each passing year, the risks of unabated climate change mount," he stated.

"Last year, Lagos State took a giant leap by launching the Lagos Climate Action Plan: our second Five-Year Plan, covering 2020 – 2025. This plan highlights evidence-based and inclusive climate action that will help create a more resilient Lagos for all.

"In just a year, I can say with great confidence that the Lagos Climate Action Plan has started to deliver great and impactful rewards, including attracting the attention of



Gov. Babajide Sanwo-Olu

critical supporters and partners.

"For example, there is the recently awarded grant by the UK Government (Future Cities Nigeria) to the Lagos State Waterways Authority to improve the ferry services across the state, which will further support our efforts to provide a truly multi-modal transport network for Lagos, with consequent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions associated with road transportation.

"We have recognized that inaction in the face of the devastating impact of Climate Change is not an option. No one will be left untouched. Even worse is the impact on the most vulnerable among us: Women, Children Persons living with Disabilities, the poor. These categories of people are bound to disproportionately bear the brunt of extreme weather events," he added.

Governor Sanwo-Olu disclosed that the state government was in constant discussion with the private sector, development partners and donor organizations, to find solutions and ways to better adapt to climate impact, with special

emphasis on protecting women, children and people with disabilities, adding: "This Conference is one of the many manifestations of our keenness to engage and collaborate."

Besides, he said the state government had also embarked on the journey of updating her Development Plan, incorporating climate adaptation and mitigation components in each sector.

According to him, the state government also has the Lagos Climate Action Plan, which requires adopting and mainstreaming into all that it could do to realize the set objectives.

"As we proceed from this Opening Ceremony, into the Summit proper, it is my sincere hope and belief that the deliberations will focus on ensuring that everything we do is home-grown and tailor-made for our local context, while of course not losing sight of global best practices.

"We are Africa's fastest-growing Megacity, an emerging global financial centre, a maritime economy, blessed with a very youthful, entrepreneurial

population. All of these must be taken into account in fashioning our journey to a resilient future. I very much look forward to the recommendations and action points that will emerge from the Summit," the governor stated.

In his welcome address, the Commissioner for the Environment and Water Resources, Mr Tunji Bello, said the state government recognized the impacts of the organized private sector on economic growth in Lagos and the commitment of the state government to mainstream climate action in the next phase of its developmental agenda of state.

According to him, such was also affirmative action in support of the role of the private sector in mitigating the effects of climate change, adding that Lagos was the only state in the country that had developed and commenced the implementation of her Climate Action Plan in Nigeria.

"Lagos is the only State in the Country that has developed and commenced the implementation of her Climate Action Plan in Nigeria.

This Plan highlighted 26 initiatives across adaptation and mitigation actions to advance a sustainable low carbon economy in our quest to achieve net zero by the Year 2050. The Climate Action Plan has opened a new frontier of funding opportunities for adaptation projects in the State.

"It will also interest you to know that the State Government through the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources has signed up to the £15m UKAID Climate action implementation Programme, which will support cities to accelerate implementation from their Climate Action Plans (CAPs). In a short while, Lagos will be benefitting from this fund in the Energy and Waste Sectors.

"Climate Actions require significant investments and it is also a known fact that the economic cost of Climate Change far exceeds the cost of action. That is why the Ministry is forward-looking with her collaborative efforts with the private sector in order to maximize the inherent benefits of climate action," Bello stated.



Residents commend LG for desilting Itire community drains

By Saheed Afolabi

The residents of Itire community in Mushin LGA have commended the council authority for desilting drains in the area. During the weekend, the environmental sanitation team working of drainage maintenance and de-silting in Mushin Local Government extended the exercise to Itire community.

As part of its activities to get Mushin flood-free and blocked drainage free, the team had commenced work at Oluwashina and Igun Streets, opening up the blockade linking Oremerin Street to allow free flow of water towards system 6C in Cele area, along Apapa/Oshodi expressway. The leader of the team, Engr. Oladele Oluwafemi, (an expert in Flood Solution and

erosion Control), pointed out that the work will last for a week as he has been able to identify some points in the area which need to be discharged and de-silted for free water flow in the axis. He stated that the channels collector between Adedeji Street and Ola Street by the market are already being de-silted to allow the flow towards Oluwashina,

Oduselu and Cele expressway. Before the commencement of the exercise over the weekend, there was a stagnant water on Adedeji Road which could have caused epidemic any moment soon, but with the ongoing de-silting, there is now free flow of water from Itire Palace, Itire Police Station area and part of Ijesha Road.

After the entire exercise, streets like Oluwashina, Oremerin, Semi Sarumi, Oduselu, Smith Bus stop, Igun and Adewale by Eleja, will enjoy free flow of water and clean drainage channels.

The council chairman warned residents to desist from dumping refuse and other solid waste in the drainage channels. He admonished members of

the community to always protect their environments against indiscriminate abuse by people who dump refuse in their drains at night and during rainy periods. He also advised them to always patronize PSP operators registered with the government as a way to abate the indiscriminate waste disposal in the community.

Suspected 'fake lover' robber in police net

By Saheed Afolabi

A 34-year-old serial thief, Ezenagu, who is currently being investigated by policemen attached to Surulere Division, Lagos State Command, has revealed that he lured, drugged and robbed women who went on blind dates with him.

Ifeanyi of no fixed address disclosed that since he ventured into the crime, he had robbed over 30 women.

According to him, "I lure the women to different hotels, drug and rob them clean."

However, he met his Waterloo recently after robbing six women of their belongings worth N2,368,000, using the same method.

He said he lured them to a hotel, where he laced their drinks.

After drugging them, they slept from 7p.m. till 1a.m., during which he made off with the women's properties: three iPhones 12, two iPhones 11 Pro Max, one iPhone XR, one Nokia phone, one wristwatch, and one gold necklace, with a total value of N2,368,000.

The suspect was arrested after detectives attached to Surulere Division of the

Lagos State Police Command received reports of his crimes.

Confirming the arrest, the Command's Public Relations Officer, Benjamin Hundeyin, said preliminary investigations revealed that the suspect has no fixed address, but lured women to different hotels where he drugged and robbed them.

He added: "While the stolen items have all been recovered before he could dispose off them, investigation is on to apprehend receivers of stolen items he works with.

"Suspects will be arraigned at the end of investigation.

"Meanwhile, the Commissioner of Police, Lagos State Command, CP

Abiodun Alabi, assures all residents of Lagos that the command will continue to work towards the decimation of crime and criminality in the Centre of Excellence.

"He equally enjoins Nigerians to be vigilant and report any suspicious happening to security agencies



Two suspects docked for stealing noodles

By Saheed Afolabi

A truck driver, Christian Ezeiloaku (34 years), and Abiodun Ibrahim (36 years), were on Tuesday docked in a Surulere Magistrate Court for allegedly stealing a truck load of Indomie noodles worth N11.2 million.

The defendants, whose residential addresses were not provided, were charged with three count charges bordering on conspiracy, stealing and receiving stolen property.

They pleaded not guilty to the charges against them by the police.

The prosecutor, ASP Francis Igbinosa, told the court that the defendants committed the offence on June 21, at Multipro company in Eric

Moore, Surulere, Lagos.

He said Ezeiloaku, who worked as a driver in the company, conspired with others at large and stole a truck load of Indomie worth N11.2 million, belonging to Multipro company.

He said Ibrahim received the

stolen item with the knowledge that it was stolen. He stated that the offence contravenes the provisions of sections 280(1), 328 (1) and 411 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015.

Counsel to the defendants, Mrs. Ijeoma Okeke, urged the

court to grant bail to the defendants on liberal terms.

The Magistrate, O. A. Komolafe, granted the defendant's bails in the sum of N1million each with two sureties each in the like sum.

He ordered that the sureties must be gainfully employed

and one of the sureties must be a blood relative to the defendant.

He also ordered that the sureties must show evidence of tax payments to the Lagos State Government.

Komolafe adjourned the case till Aug 30, 2022 for mention.

Ajala commends organisers of HRA Youth Cup

By Saheed Afolabi

The Chairman of Odi-Olowo Ojuwoye LCDA, Hon. Rasaan Ajala, has commended the organisers of the HRA Youth Cup while declaring the tournament open last week.

The tourney is an annual competition organized by some people led by Coach Azeez Mustapha.

The council boss praised the

officials and organizers for keeping the children out of the street, saying the children are being built for the future of the community.

The chairman promised to support the organizers in their efforts towards the growth of the community through sport activities.

He also appreciated the parents for entrusting their children in the hands of the organizers.



Honorable Rasaan Ajala speaking at the HRA Youth Cup draws



Rotarian Lawson sensitizes youths on vocational training opportunity

By Edith Igbokwe

The first female Rotary Club District Governor, Rotarian Omotunde Lawson, has charged youths to acquire skills for future sustainability as the club merged with Oshodi-isolo LG to train youths in vocational skills, free.

The Rotary Club of Ewutuntun District 9110 in collaboration with Oshodi-isolo United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Vocational and Educational Training Institute has kicked off four weeks vocational skills programme for the month of August.

Lawson explained that lives of so many people currently has been changed through a life time training programme.

She advised beneficiaries to make meaningful impact in the society after acquiring skills according to field enrolled for.

"Make sure you pay all the attention needed to excel in the training, become self employed and make money out of the trade learnt."

Courses available in the



Rotary Club Ewutuntun Oshodi

programme include, hair dressing, make-up, fascinator, catering, computer classes, fashion designing among others. President of the club, Rotarian Kudirat Olaopoola explained that the association is charged to work on seven areas of focus such as

health, basic Education, economy and empowerment among others. She reiterated that the ongoing vacation skill programme covered education and empowerment as a part of the association's focus. She, however, noted that the association is a selfless service

mindful people who imagine how to better the lives of people for tomorrow. To the trainees, she encouraged them to believe in themselves and they will achieve greatly. ECHONEWS gathered that 800 people registered for the

programme, still counting as many want to acquire skill for self independent. Computer training section is the most populated class as over 120 people registered for the course. While other classes are having 80 people in each class.

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A toast to my brother at 68

By Kehinde Bamigbetan

Former Ambassador to Cuba, Senator Segun Bamigbetan Bajju is 68 today. This occasion brings so many memories of growing up under his tutelage that I will have to select the most profound if this piece is not to end up as a book.

My earliest recollection took me back to the room. In the one storey building that our father, Mr. (yes Mister because he did not like Chieftaincy titles) Gabriel Olaobaju Bamigbetan built at 35 Ojoyin Street, Ile-Ife In 1955, the ground floor had three rooms to the right as you walked in. One of the rooms was a parlour which opened into the bedroom. The last room was the pantry where you had everything that had to do with dining- utensils, water pots and pots and pots of meals and soups. The kind of operations that took place here, inspired by the slightest feeling of hunger, will be a story for another day.

What I remember, is that to the left, as you walk in, are three other rooms. The first was let out as a shop. Yet it still opened into another bedroom as decided by the tenants who it seemed to have been allocated to serve. The tenants- Ababa Ade, Bonny Photos- were always jolly good fellows.

Then there remained the room, opposite the pantry. Indeed, once you passed the room and the pantry, it was fairly okay to believe that you had left the main building and entered, by descending the concrete steps, into the backyard.

I was enjoying VIP treatment as the only child appointed to sleep on Daddy's bed upstairs every night until when Brother Segun returned from Lagos and moved into the room. And before I knew it, I was posted to be with him. Brother Segun worked as a teacher in one of the secondary schools in town. This would not have been difficult at all. As the Full Time Member of the Ife/Ijesha Central Schools Board, Daddy was one of those responsible for employing and posting teachers. He was convinced that, Teaching was the most responsible starting point for anyone who wanted the best of life.

Brother Segun took my "posting" as the opportunity to brush me up and improve my civilisation. Our father was a disciplinarian who was liberal with canes. Brother Segun liked to knock my big head to make his point.

He would always forewarn me before the inevitable error and penalty. For instance, he would show me how to hang a shirt and explain why the shirts should face the same direction on the wooden hanger. Either out of playfulness or absent -



Senator Segun Bamigbetan Bajju

mindedness, I always mixed it up. And paid with knocks on the head.

There were many things to learn from our brother who had just returned from Lagos- personal hygiene, comportment in public, dressing confidently. I later learnt that even before he travelled, he had defined his taste for good things so much that my mum, being the junior wife who was traditionally barred from calling the children she met in the family by their names, had given him "Ajisafe" (the one who wakes up to make merry).

Brother Segun did not disappoint. His fair, handsome, youthful face wowed women. Though not known to be regular at any gym till date, he is divinely blessed with slim, spry stature that disguises his age.

When he moved back to Lagos and began a thriving career in Insurance, it was only logical that the bond in the room would find room in the new destination. Moving from

Ife to Lagos to spend my holidays became a regular pattern and he showed me how to survive in Lagos by giving me holiday jobs as clerical assistant at his company, S.Talbot Insurance Brokers (later STC Insurance Brokers). Other times, I supplied file cabinets to offices on the island. I learnt how to spot business opportunities and work to make money on the side.

In 1981, I took JAMB for the first time. I applied to study History, scored 295 and was admitted. He was very excited. He got a Subaru and promised that I would resume with it. I was already developing the swagger of an oppressor when WAEC struck. A few subjects were not released and I could not make the 5 credits that year. And so I lost the chance.

Later, I gained admission to the university to study the same History. He took every opportunity to spoil me. He would often be

upset that I was not asking for enough money. So I would wait for the book fairs and request for money. And then, the showers of rain would come. Then, with some swagger, I would pick as many as 20 books and cart them home to read.

When I graduated and was deployed to Cross River State to serve, I made enquiries on the cost of travel by car. But trust my brother, he would not hear of it. He got me a ticket to travel by air from Lagos to Calabar. It was my first time on the big bird.

I can go on and on to count the good that my brother has done and continues to do to support my struggles.

Let me stop here to thank him for his generosity and love. To pray for long life in greater prosperity and to assure him, as the Lord that he serves, lives, the best is yet to come.



AUF Declares One Million March for Tinubu, Shetima ... Canvasses for Sanwo-Olu, Hamzat Re-Election.

Asiwaju Unity Forum (AUF), has concluded plans to float a one million-man march for Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu's presidential bid and his vice, Senator Kashim Shetima.

The forum is also solidly backing the re-election of Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu and Dr. Kadiri Obafemi Hamzat, his deputy comes 2023.

Convener of AUF, Hon. Taiwo T. Adebayo who disclosed this during a press briefing that saw about 500 members in attendance,

said AUF was formed early last year mainly to garner support for Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu in the forthcoming 2023 general election.

Hon Adebayo explained that the one million man march is necessary to let Nigerians know that the People of Lagos State are solidly with the All Progressive Congress (APC) presidential candidate, Asiwaju Tinubu, and to also checkmate some youths that are planning another End-Sars in the Lekki axis scheduled for October 1 this year, we are going to kick start the one million march from Law School to Lekki toll gate and back to Falomo Bridge before we all despatch to our various homes.

He recalled that when End-Sars started last year we all supported them because some of those things they were demanding are right but we need to be guided that most of their agitation was not caused by this administration. We have been living with most of what they are asking for, we supported that police brutality must stop and that police officer should be properly mobilized and well remunerated, the government considered most of their requests and in fact, some have even been implemented by the Lagos State government, yet some overbearing youths take to the streets and started burning our commonwealths such as BRT buses, police stations, Court and even the Lekki toll gate was not left out, stores were looted, and all this must not be allowed to happen again. Never again will we fold our arms and watch a few overbearing youth wreck monumental havoc on our dear Lagos.

Now, if they want to protest they should go to Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), they cannot continue to make Lagos state ungovernable or unsafe for her residents and citizens, this is what we have decided to kick against.

Analyzing the achievement of Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, Hon. Adebayo said he has performed excellently in the affairs of Lagos, he started as a senator in the third republic, they were ousted by the military, and he became a major financier of NADECO during the struggle to return the



AUF Executives

country to democratic rule.

He was exiled, but he came back when democracy returned to Nigeria, contested on the platform of the Alliance for Democracy (AD) in 1999, and won the governorship election in Lagos.

Lagos then was in a very messy situation, labeled as the dirtiest state in Africa, ASIWAJU turned it around for the best, he brought governance nearer to the people.

when Lagos state was not receiving any allocation from the federal government, he created more than 37 LCDA together with the statutory 20 Local governments, he was able to raise the internally generated monthly revenue of Lagos from 600million to 5 billion monthly which is about 52 billion presently, he created a lot of agencies such as LAWMA, LASTMA and so on, Asiwaju Bola Tinubu also initiated BRT and construction of BRT lanes, He introduced JIGI Bola, He made NECO free for all students regardless of ethnic background or religion.

Tinubu remains the only governor that gave a level playing ground to everybody irrespective of tribe or religion, his trademark is excellence, he goes for the best, and he always put the round pegs in the round holes.

On the complaint by some quarters on the Muslim-Muslim ticket of the APC presidential candidate, Hon. Adebayo who reiterated that he has written an article on

this ugly trend in our Political space said religion should go back to where it belongs, it belongs to the hearts of people, and religion should be taken to the worship centers. What we should be discussing now is to critically analyze all the presidential candidates to know who can provide Jobs for everyone, improve the security architecture of the country, and Improve our education sector...

and most importantly a president that can ensure Nigerians are self-sufficient in food production.

The primary objective of a political party is to win the election, so I don't want us to dwell much on the issue of religious politics. Asiwaju Tinubu himself is not an all-around Muslim person because his wife is a Senior pastor at the Redeemed Christian Church of God, if he has not Islamized his wife and family, he will not Islamize Nigeria, he is ready to work for everybody and with everybody.

Hon Taoheed Adebayo Taiwo also gave a pass mark to Gov. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu and his deputy Dr. Kadiri Obafemi Hamzat for their efforts in piloting the affairs of Lagos state to a higher and enviable height. In His remarks, he opined that considering the times and natural occurrences that took over the world and Lagos in particular, the governor and his team have piloted the affairs of Lagos brilliantly.

Among his unequalled feat is his

interventions during the Covid-19 era, Gov. SANWO-OLU's efforts to curtail the spread of this deadly virus saved Nigeria and Lagos from what could have become a national disaster. As if that was not enough, the issue of End-Sars raised its ugly head, the Governor was able to handle all this with a great sense of responsibility. Some other achievement of Babajide Sanwo-Olu is the blue line project that is almost completed and to is handed over to Lagosians soon, all these are legacy projects. On Education, he has done well, Lagos state is the only state in NIGERIA where all her universities are in session, the ASUU strike has nothing on them which means the state government is doing something right.

The newly-constructed Schools in Lagos were also furnished with sporting facilities, showing that Sanwo-Olu intends to drive the potentials of young Lagosians to the maximum, squeezing out every gift they have for formal (classroom) learning and extracurricular activities... he is matching Technology and Education together, He has commissioned a lot of Roads, bridges, and so on. in the health sector he has performed well too he deserves to be re-elected so that all the good work he started will be completed.

AUF is calling on all Youths, Market women and Men, Artisans, and anyone interested in the progress and development of our States and NIGERIA at large to come and align with us to make sure that we elect only



Morocco terminates Halilhodzic contract

By Saheed Afolabi

Morocco has parted company with national team coach, Vahid Halilhodzic, just three months before the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.

The country's football federation (FRMF) said the decision was taken because of disagreements on how to prepare the Atlas Lions for the finals.

"The two parties have agreed to part ways amicably," a statement from the FRMF said.

Halilhodzic, 69, took charge of the North Africans in August 2019.

He led the side to the quarter-finals of this year's Africa Cup of Nations in Cameroon and then secured World Cup qualification in March following a 5-2 aggregate win over DR Congo.

The Bosnian's departure clears the path for the return of Chelsea winger Hakim Ziyech to the

Morocco squad, following a highly publicized spat involving the pair.

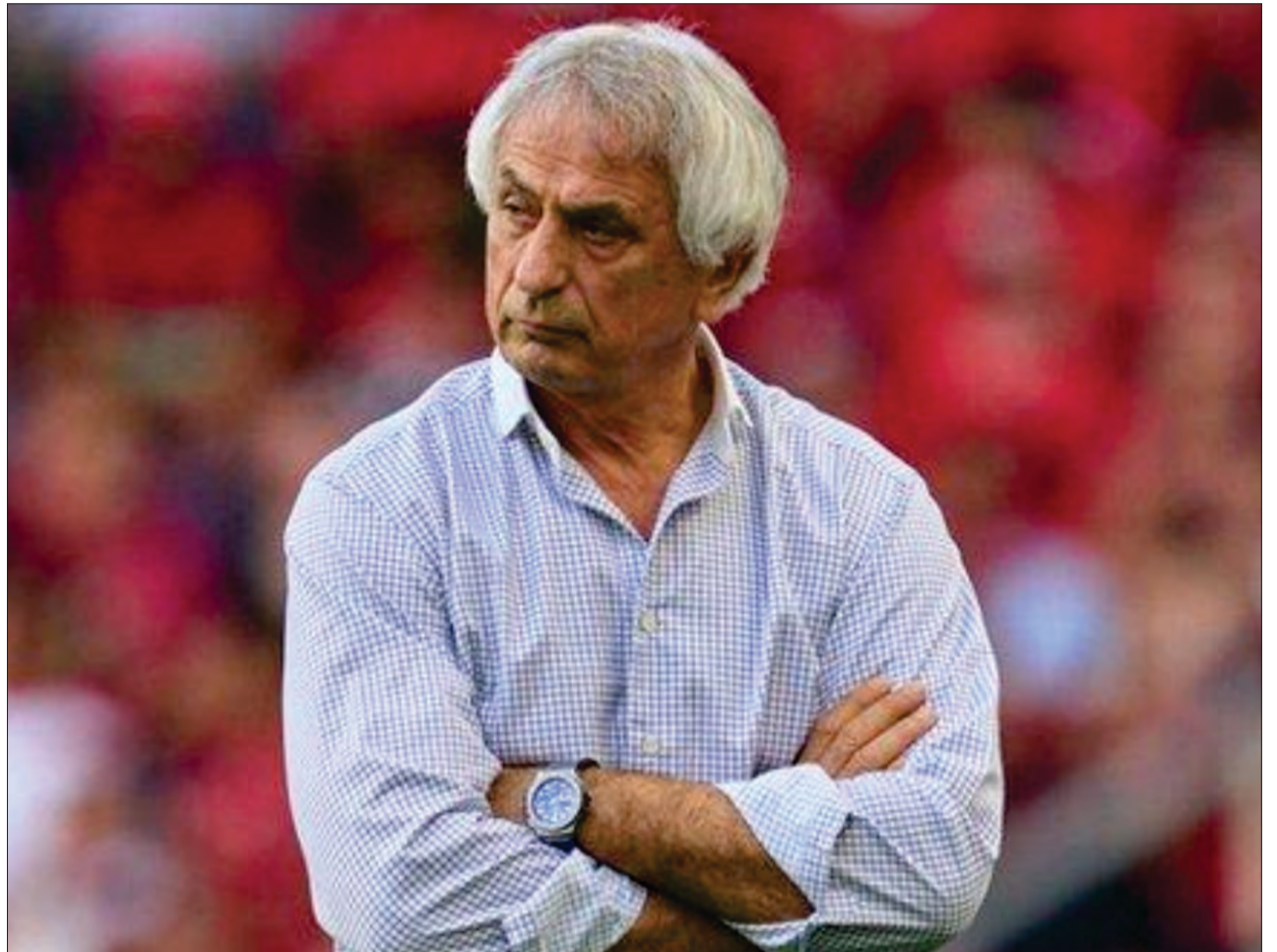
The 29-year-old quit international football in February and then turned down a call-up for March's World Cup play-off against DR Congo - but FMRF president Fouzi Lekjaa subsequently said the door was open for Ziyech to return.

Speculations about the future of the Halilhodzic had been rife in the local media after Lekjaa announced that Ziyech would be a part of the World Cup squad.

Morocco will face 2018 runners-up Croatia, Belgium and Canada in Group F at the World Cup finals in Qatar.

Halilhodzic's departure from the Morocco job marks the third time he has been fired by a country he helped qualify for the World Cup.

Ivory Coast and Japan both reached for the global showpiece under his charge - but he lost both jobs before the respective tournaments took place.



Bright signs new 3 year deal with Chelsea

Millie Bright has signed a new contract with Chelsea which will see the England defender extend her stay at the Women's Super League champions for a further three years. The 28-year-old joined the Blues from Doncaster Rovers Belles in 2014 and is the club's longest-serving player.

Bright, who has 58 England caps, played in all six games of the Lionesses' Euro 2022 triumph last month.

"I can't wait to continue fighting for more trophies," she said.

Chelsea general manager, Paul Green said: "We are absolutely delighted that Millie has signed a new contract.

"The way that she leads on and off the pitch is second to none and we are proud of how far she has come and all her achievements, including her most recent win at the Euros which was a very proud moment for the club."

Bright has helped Chelsea win 12 major trophies, including the WSL six times, the FA Cup on four occasions and two Continental Cups.



Millie Bright

Notayo's Cup 2022: Diadem Stallion emerge champion

By Saheed Afolabi

Diadem Stallion have emerged the champion of the Notayo's Cup Competition, 2022 edition, held at Jalisco mini stadium, Oshodi. Diadem Stallion defeated MS Success FC 4-3 in penalty shootout after playing a 1-1 draw at regulation time.

It was a bumper to bumper game in the first 45 minutes as both sides defense stood firm not to concede any goal in the game.

The first half ended goalless after both sides fired blank despite the chances which came their way.

Substitute, Emmanuel Damidayoku put Diadem Stallion ahead in the game with a cool finish in the 65th minute.

MS Success FC equalised two minutes later with a great finish from Francis Dovi to set up a tense close up of the game.

The match ended 1-1 in 90 minutes and some moments of brilliance and heroic saves from the Diadem Stallion goalkeeper edge the team over MS Success FC to win the final game and emerged champions of the 2022

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