

LG Autonomy : Jubilation, Uncertainty Trail Verdict



Fregene



Adewale



Maifata



Akinwalere



Ondikalu



Oshoma

Lagos Govt Partners Netherlands Company on E-Waste Management Pg.8

Orile Agege Youths Propose N20 Million Developmental Projects Pg.23

Lagos State Government Installs First Traditional Ruler In Akodo, Ibeju-Lekki Pg.18

PMO Commends Sanwo-Olu's Support On Mass Education Pg.10

Tier-1 banks join Africa's regulated blockchain network for payments Pg.11

Anointing Does Not Stop Sexual Temptation -Pastor Adeboye Warns Pg.14

LG Autonomy : Jubilation, Uncertainty Trail Verdict

Kunle Awosiyan

It has been jubilation galore among local government workers across Lagos State since the Supreme Court granted financial autonomy to the councils a few days ago. However, many of the local government chairmen have refused to make comments on the new development. When our correspondent called a few of them, they declined and said they would not talk until the state governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu has reacted to the issue. Prior to the Thursday judgment, Sanwo-Olu had faulted the Federal Government's suit for including Lagos state among the 36 states. He said that Lagos had been complying with the federal constitution and that the Attorney General of the Federation, Lateef Fagbemi should have done due diligence to identify the states that are not in compliance. The Supreme Court granted financial autonomy to local governments in the country over federal government allocations on Thursday, ruling against their dependence on state governors to access funds. The court declared that local governments dependence on governors to get funds after a disbursement by the federal government is a trample on the rights of the third-tier level of government. The autonomy was granted in a verdict by Justice Emmanuel



Fregene



Adewale



Maifata

Agim at the court in Abuja following a petition by the local governments in the country in a suit initiated by the Attorney General of the Federation, AGF, Lateef Fagbemi. The suit sought the safeguarding the rights of the third-tier level of government in accordance with the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Agbim, delivering the judgement, said that henceforth, the local government should independently get allocations from the federal government without the overseeing by the state governors. The ruling also restrains the executive arm from any form of unilateral, arbitrary, and unlawful dissolving of all 774 democratically elected local government chairmen from their respective councils. Reacting, the Secretary to Ejigbo Local Council Development Area, Mr. Paul Fregene described

the Supreme Court verdict as a victory for democracy, which should be celebrated for clear distinct true federalism. As he put it, "The autonomy of the local government grows beyond allocation of funds. It's now a council that is accountable for his leadership to the electorate. It's just like a fresh graduate who completes his NYSC, he/she is now free to take decision independently less interference." He said, "In Ejigbo LCDA, we are excited on the judgement and we are fully ready to integrate into the enormous responsibility attached therein. The Executive Chairman, Hon Monsuru Oloyede Bello OBE is knowledgeable and competent to harness the potential to drive infrastructural development. Ejigbo LCDA new secretariat is a testimony that we are ready to hit the ground running as per the

supreme Court judgement." However, officials at Oshodi/Isolo Local Government Area, Mushin, Ikeja and Agege Local Government Areas refused to comment. They told Echonews that their chairmen had instructed them not to speak until the governor had made a fresh statement on the issue. To the National President of the Association of Local Government of Nigeria, ALGON, Aminu Maifata, Lagos has been enjoying this financial transaction before the supreme court judgment of Thursday. He described the verdict as a welcome development and most especially to the grassroots people. "People are so happy about the pronouncement. We have to follow this strictly to allow local government to breath. Most of the chairmen we have now are highly educated. The

autonomy will go a long way in improving the lives of the grassroots people. We need serious check and balances. We have been talking to ourselves since Thursday because the expectations of Nigerians from us now are high," he stated. To the former Chairman of Amuwo-Odofin Local Government Area, Comrade Ayodele Adewale, local government in Lagos have been enjoying some kinds of autonomy before now but with the Supreme Court verdict, things will change for the better. He said that the fullness of the autonomy is when the necessary amendment is made by the National Assembly and enshrined in the constitution. To him, it is not really the amount of money moved into the local government that will move the system forward but the capacity of the local

authority themselves to use it judiciously for the gains of the grassroots people. "The development of the local government is to transform the capacity itself They must be able to turn it around for the betterment of their people. The stream of funds is clearly defined and with the court ruling, no governor can incapacitate the local government chairmen," he stated. Adewale explained that by the supreme court ruling, it will help to showcase the enormity of power as it will create multiple of structures and allows local government to expand its revenue generation. However, he pointed out a gap in the constitution, section 197 of the federal constitution, which allows state to create local government areas, positing that ggovernors will need to sponsor a bill to address the discrepancy.



TECH WHIZ? BUSINESS GURU?

Get access to training in fields like **Software Engineering, Digital Skills, & Product Design** with _____



COHORT 2



— OR —

Visit <https://fg-skillnovation.alat.ng/> to apply today



Are you an ALAT user? Download the app to join the ALAT Trybe



📞 0-7000-PURPLE, 0803 900 3700
✉ purpleconnect@wemabank.com
🗣 Customer help desk 📞 09044411010

Get social with us at:



🌐 wemabank.com | alat.ng

LG Autonomy : Jubilation, Uncertainty Trail Verdict

Continued from page 2

To him, the issue of Joint account and other laws can be reviewed from time to time. Prior to 1999, local government got money directly from the federation account. He called on the people at the grassroots to begin monitor the fund that will soon be sending directly to the local government and match it with budgetary provision.

"At this junction, I will call for Local Government police and its own electoral commission to make it more autonomous. a lot of local governments have not been active. They don't hold consultative meetings, town Hall meetings. People must be begin to Interact with the local government.

Speaking the former President of the National Union of Local Government Employees, NULGE Comrade Deji Akinwalere said he was so elated that what he fought for many years had become a reality in his lifetime.

According to him, the best way for citizens to enjoy democracy is by moving governance closer to them but local government had been incapacitated for so many years, making it difficult for people to experience democracy.

"If democracy cannot be at local



Akinwalere



Ondikalu



Oshoma

government where else should it start. The supreme court judgment has decolonised local government. Governors over the years used their powers to prevent bill for local government autonomy. There is no immunity for chairmen like governors and president, which means people can prosecute them," he said.

He noted that though some governors might want to compromise the supreme court verdict by asking the local government chairmen to produce what they had gotten from the federal account, "We have our fears but then we will be monitoring things."

Akinwalere said that the judgment would make responsible people to come and serve. "Corruption will be minimised.

Opportunity for development and for Civil Society Organisations to ask questions will open up. People will demand accountability through Freedom of information bill", he said.

Reacting, a human right lawyer, Laorous Oshoma, said the judgment had come with a cloud of skepticism and poses the question of legitimacy on the leadership of the local council, which will eventually be elected by the state electoral body. "If we must have real autonomy, I think local government need their own electoral body to make it more autonomous. Implementation of the supreme court verdict matters. Funds should not be given to those who are not democratically

elected at local govt level. Past elections have shown that state governments are incapable of conducting local government election. INEC is even better but at local government level, things are worse. The election of the chairmen and councillors is important to us," he said.

Quoting Sections 197, 162, section 2, Section 7 of the federal constitution, Oshoma said that only section 7 gives functions of the local government. "There is need to take a look at the constitution again so that the duties of the local government will be spelt out.

In his own analysis of the judgment, former chairman Nigeria's National Human Rights Commission, professor said the judgment is a little

complex because there are still issues about the process of electioneering and how the leaders of the local governments are brought to seats.

"The Legitimacy of those who are in power to access the money is an issue because if they are not properly elected, the direct fund from the federal account will go back to the corrupt people. How best to look after the interest of our people matters and that is why the judgment stands between Legitimacy and jurisprudence. I'm not excited by the verdict," he said.

According to him, if the chairmen are lawfully elected, then one may say that the money from the federal being given to them will be judiciously used, otherwise, there will be nothing to show for the new system.

Meanwhile, the Lagos State House of Assembly has invited the Attorney-General of the State, Mr. Lawal Pedro, to appear before it to explain the Supreme Court judgement on local governments in the country.

The lawmakers said there was a need for better understanding of the decision of the apex court in relation to some provisions in the Constitution of the country.

Ruling after a voice vote by lawmakers at plenary on Thursday, the Speaker of the Assembly, Rt. Hon. Mudashiru Obasa, ruled: "There is a need for us to seek clarification and understanding of this judgement. It will be good to invite the Attorney-General to brief us and give his understanding so that we do not run foul of the judgement."

Health Insurance: LASHMA Partners LASRRA To Simplify Enrolment of Ilera Eko ... As Ilera Eko Enrollees Crosses Million Mark

The Lagos State Health Management Agency (LASHMA) has partnered with the Lagos State Residents Registration Agency (LASRRA) to expand the coverage of the state health insurance scheme, ILERA EKO, as part of efforts to achieve universal healthcare coverage in the state. Permanent Secretary of LASHMA, Dr. Emmanuella Zamba disclosed this today during a joint media briefing with LASRRA at the Folarin Coker Staff Clinic in Alausa, Ikeja. Dr. Zamba explained that the partnership aims to ensure that more residents are enrolled in the ILERA EKO health insurance scheme, as anyone who registers with LASRRA will be automatically captured in the ILERA EKO Health Scheme.

“Our partnership with LASRRA marks the beginning of another journey. We expect this collaboration to increase awareness, registration, and utilisation of healthcare services covered by ILERA EKO. We have trained LASRRA staff and will continue to do so to achieve our desired goals”, Dr. Zamba said.

The Permanent Secretary further emphasised that the partnership is a significant step toward providing a wide range of healthcare services to residents, aligning with the health and environment mandate of the THEMES Plus agenda of the current administration.

She listed LASHMA's three arms as the ILERA



EKO Social Health Insurance Scheme; the Regulations arm responsible for ensuring that residents in both formal and informal sectors enrol in the scheme, and the EKO Social Health Alliance (EKOSHA), a resource mobilisation arm catering to the vulnerable and indigent populations.

“The Lagos State Health Management Agency has been working relentlessly since its full operations commenced in 2021 to ensure that residents enrol in the Lagos State Health Insurance Scheme. To date, the agency has about 1,064,897 enrollees in its database”, Dr. Zamba added.

Reiterating the administration's commitment to achieving universal healthcare coverage,

Dr. Zamba mentioned that LASHMA has established five divisional offices, 14 sub-divisional offices, and 16 kiosks across the state to reach all corners. She urged all residents to register with the ILERA EKO health insurance scheme or LASRRA to enjoy quality and efficient health care services.

“I implore every resident who has not yet registered with LASRRA to do so immediately. Registration not only serves as evidence of residency but also provides access to numerous benefits offered by the State”, Dr. Zamba stated.

Speaking in the same vein, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Innovation, Science, and Technology, Engr.

Ibilola Kasunmu highlighted the introduction of a unique identification card; the Lagos ID card, designed to streamline access to various services, ensuring no resident is left behind.

“We recognise that carrying multiple cards can be cumbersome. Lagos ID, the unique identification card for Lagos residents is a significant milestone, serving as both identification and access to a multitude of government services. The Lagos ID card, featuring 28 applets, is designed to streamline service access”, Engr. Kasunmu explained.

Speaking on the partnership, the General Manager of LASRRA, Mrs. Bilikiss Adebisi-Abiola noted that registering with LASRRA provides a gateway to various state services, including

health, educational support, housing initiatives, social welfare programs, business development opportunities, and transport services.

“The essence of being here today is to underscore the critical importance of registering with LASRRA which serves as the gateway to essential services provided by the Lagos State Government. I want to specifically emphasise two key benefits that registration with LASRRA affords: access to the Lagos State Health Insurance Scheme and seamless access to a plethora of Lagos State services”, Mrs. Adebisi-Abiola stated.

She elaborated that, through LASRRA registration, residents gain effortless access to the Lagos State Health

Scheme managed by LASHMA. This health insurance scheme is designed to ensure that every resident of Lagos State can access quality healthcare services without financial constraints. By registering with LASRRA, individuals and families become eligible for its coverage, providing them with peace of mind knowing that their healthcare needs are covered.

Mrs. Adebisi-Abiola also highlighted the seamless registration process, noting that it can be done both online and offline, with biometric capturing at any of the 62 registration outlets across the state. She encouraged residents to register and pick up their Lagos ID cards, emphasising the importance of being part of the state's development plans.

A new Lagos is in the works

The future is loading!

Pay your part. **Pay your tax!**



Lagos State Internal Revenue Service

Lagos Revenue House, Assbifi Road, Central Business District, Alausa, Ikeja, Lagos State

Tel: 0700-CALL-LIRS (0700 2255 5477)

[f](#) [in](#) Lagos State Internal Revenue Service (LIRS) | www.lirs.gov.ng | [@lirsgovng](#) | [@lirs_govng](#) | info@lirs.net



Lagos Cooperative College Commences Admission For 2024/2025 Academic Session

The Lagos State Cooperative College (LASCOCO) has called for admission from well-meaning and qualified candidates into the Full-Time National Diploma and Part-Time Professional Diploma Programmes of the institution for the 2024/2025 academic session.

The College offers specialised cooperative courses needed to enhance the practice and running of cooperative business models and building of careers in micro and macro-financial industry as well as in the information communication technology field.

The institution's academic programmes are believed to be rich in academic curriculum with practical hands-on skill proficiency which covers all facets of activities required in the industry needed to meet today's challenging dynamic labour market

demands.

According to the Cooperative College, the National Diploma Programme students in addition to obtaining the Diploma Certificate in their chosen field of study, are also made to acquire vocational skills of their choice at designated Lagos State Vocational Training Centres. Thus, this gives them the advantage of self-employability.

Candidates interested in admission into the National Diploma programmes, namely Cooperative Economics and Management, Micro Finance and Enterprise Development and Computer Study will apply through the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) having chosen the College as their preferred choice of study while candidates who hitherto did not choose the institution can also apply by changing to the institution on the Jamb

Admission portal.

Additionally, candidates are expected to have five credits subjects pass in WAEC/NECO or its equivalent including English Language and Mathematics at not more than two sittings and three other subjects from Economics/Commerce, Principles of Accounting/Business Methods, Marketing, History/Government, Geography, Biology/Agriculture for either Micro Finance & Enterprise Development and Cooperative Economics & Management. While in Computer Science: Five credits in English-Language, Mathematics, physics, Chemistry and any Science subject at not more than two sittings.

For the three-semester part-time Professional Diploma In Cooperative Management, a minimum Diploma in any discipline in addition to satisfying O'Level requirements of

five credits at not more than two sittings is required for admission.

Prospective applicants for the National Diploma Programmes are to log on to <https://lascoco.lagosstate.gov.ng> to fill and submit the post-UTME application screening form on the admission portal for N2,500:00. Professional Diploma candidates in Cooperative Management Candidates are also required to fill and submit application forms on the portal for N10,000:00 non-refundable fee or visit the school premises at Johnson Agiri Agricultural Complex, Old Abeokuta Road, Oko-Oba, Agege, Lagos to purchase application forms.

Application is open from Monday, July 1 – Monday, September 30, 2024. Further enquiries can be made by calling 08029402395, 08023265574, 08091986465.



Electricity Board Set To Partner LASIMRA

To bolster infrastructure and electricity services in Lagos State, the Lagos State Electricity Board (LSEB) and the Lagos State Infrastructure Maintenance and Regulatory Agency (LASIMRA) are set to team up for improved efficiency.

The General Manager of LSEB, Engr. K.A.T Balogun revealed this during the courtesy visit by the General Manager of LASIMRA, Prince Oyekanmi Elegushi to the Board recently, adding that the visit marked a significant step towards forging a strategic collaboration and robust working relationship between the two sister agencies.

Engr. Balogun highlighted the importance of collaboration, emphasising its necessity in addressing the challenges faced in infrastructure and electricity service

delivery. He noted that the meeting signifies the beginning of a synergistic partnership aimed at enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of their operations.

Prince Oyekanmi Elegushi commended the Board on the agency's good work in providing street lights for the safety and security of the citizens of Lagos State. He expressed LASIMRA's dedication to regulatory compliance and infrastructure maintenance, noting that collaboration is essential for the seamless execution of projects.

During the visit, both General Managers outlined a comprehensive framework for ongoing cooperation, focusing on critical areas such as tackling the menace of vandalism, project planning, regulatory oversight, infrastructure maintenance and public safety.

Akindele Visits Lagos Fire Service

The renowned Nollywood Actress and CEO of Funke Akindele Network (FAAN), Funke Akindele, recently paid a courtesy visit to the Lagos State Fire and Rescue Service at its office in Alausa.

Speaking during the visit, Akindele expressed her desire to collaborate and work with the Fire Service, announcing plans to incorporate fire prevention themes in her upcoming film aimed at reducing the incidence of fire outbreaks in the State.

Responding, Mrs. Margaret Adeseye thanked her for the courtesy visit, highlighting the significant investments in the Fire Service by the Lagos State Government towards ensuring that the lives and properties of all residents in the State are adequately

... Announces Plans To Incorporate Fire Prevention Themes in Upcoming Film

protected.

She emphasised the immense investments by Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu's Administration in the Agency by equipping it to efficiently carry out its duties of saving lives and properties, setting a

standard for other states to follow.

The Nollywood Actress, Funke Akindele also paid a similar visit to the Ministry of Special Duties and Intergovernmental Relations, the Agency's parent Ministry where she was received by the

Permanent Secretary, Mr. Sesan Ogundeko.

The PS expressed optimism about a fruitful collaboration between the Fire Service and FAAN, praising the Actress for being a positive brand and role model to many youths.



Lagos Govt Partners Netherlands Company on E-Waste Management

The Lagos State Government has taken another big step toward managing the vast deposit of electronic waste in the state with the signing of a Letter of Intent (LOI) with a company from the Netherlands for the establishment of a Smelter Plant in Lagos. Speaking during the signing ceremony at Alausa, the Commissioner for the Environment and Water Resources, Tokunbo Wahab, who signed on behalf of the State Government, said it is about the economy of Lagos and improving it. He added that when the smelter plant comes onstream, it would create new jobs and also create a new economy through the conversion of e-waste into valuable products. Wahab stated that the

presence of the Consul-General of the Netherlands affirms a vote of confidence in the company "Close the Loop BV" about its capabilities, describing electronic waste as a major waste that people usually don't talk about but with the latest step taken by Lagos, it is far ahead of some states and countries in the sub-region in terms of taking care of electronic waste and converting them to wealth.

Revealing that Lagos generates about 13000 Tons of waste daily, Wahab explained that many people do not have the proper awareness on how to dispose of either their

electronic products or the waste from e-products so the risk of pollution becomes more manifest, stressing that the improper management of e-waste can affect the environment negatively. According to him, residents must take ownership of the infrastructure in their environment by not disposing of waste into the drainage system. "You are the ones paying the tax, so the government provides infrastructure from the taxes you pay. As a good citizen you must always say something when the need arises", he stated. The Special Adviser on Environment, Mr. Rotimi



Akodu said the Lagos team is ready to collaborate and see that things are sorted the way it should be, adding that "Close the Loop BV" officials seemed poised for the job at hand.

"We have a lot of waste in place that we don't know what to do with them, but now is the time. We just worked on the conversion of waste to wealth. We just signed the conversion of waste

to energy and now we are taking care of our electronic waste. It is something we are ready to welcome in Lagos", he said.

Netherlands Consul-General in Nigeria, Mr. Michel Deleen noted that it has been observed that the Lagos Government is very proactive in all its endeavours, citing the example of the heavy rainfall experienced a few days ago and the flash flood that accompanied it disappeared after a few hours of the rains stopping. "The truth is most developed countries with infrastructure in place still experience flash floods when it rains incessantly", he said. He emphasised that the Netherlands Government is set to collaborate with Lagos to turn waste into value and extract valuable wastes as well, adding that this is the beginning of that stage and signing of the LOI is very important because it is a global issue.

Also speaking, the President Confederation of Netherlands Industry and Employers, Ingrid Thijssen expressed delight at the partnership, saying it will benefit both parties tremendously.

Lagos Officials Inspect Road Construction in Amikanle

A team of Lagos State officials from the Ministries of Economic Planning and Budget and Local Government, Chieftaincy Affairs and Rural Development, in collaboration with the Centre for Rural Development (CERUD), have carried out an

inspection tour of the ongoing road construction project on Erelu way, Amikanle in Agbado-Okeodo Local Council Development Area (LCDA).

The inspection tour of the 1.3 km long road is aimed at determining the level of compliance with established standards as specified in the

contract, evaluating the progress of work done, its impact on the residents of the community and ensuring value for money expended.

Speaking on behalf of the community, the Baale of Amikanle, High Chief Akeem Oladejo expressed gratitude to the administration of Governor Babajide

Olusola Sanwo-Olu for bringing the project to the community, explaining that the multiplier effect and developmental impact of the project on the community will forever be cherished. He, however, decried the slow pace of work on the road just as he appealed to the monitoring team and the contractor to

expedite action towards speedy completion of the project.

Responding on behalf of the visiting team, Engr. Onafuwa assured the people of the community that efforts will be intensified to ensure that the project is speedily completed, imploring them to be patient and cooperate with the contractor.

The Road project, which includes the construction of drainages and nearing 50% completion, will facilitate easy access and reduce traffic time within and around the community, improve socio-economic activities and livelihoods of residents, enhance security and attract investment to the community in line with the THEMES Plus Agenda of Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu's administration



Lagos Govt Insists on Proper Documentation For Housing Transactions

... Include Evidence of Homeownership Document Search

In a bid to eradicate fraud in the transfer of Home ownership and protect the interest of allottees in case of loss of Homeownership documents, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Housing, Engr. Abdulhafis Toriola has advised members of the public that henceforth, all applications relating to the transfer of Home Ownership are to be accompanied with evidence of Home Ownership, Search Conduct Results and a valid means of identification in cases of loss of Home Ownership Document. Engr. Toriola disclosed this during a strategic

Management meeting at the Ministry in Alausa today. According to him, "An allottee who applies for Transfer of Ownership must accompany his/her application with a letter of allocation, payment receipts and a valid means of identification to be submitted to the Office of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Housing". He said the move is to ascertain the genuineness of claims of ownership by applicants for proper transfer which has become necessary given the increased incidents of false claims uncovered by the Ministry. However, the Permanent Secretary disclosed that henceforth

Homeowners applying for replacement of lost of documents must attach the homeowner's National Identification Card (NIN card), Police Report and Loss of Document in the National Newspaper to the application for processing and confirmation of ownership. Toriola stated further that, all applications relating to housing transactions in the State are to be accompanied with evidence of a valid Tax Clearance Certificate of the applicant, including the applicant serving in public or civil service for Application of Home unit, Change of Ownership or Loss of Home Ownership document.

The Permanent Secretary said that all housing construction and provision of infrastructure facilities in the State are funded by tax payer's money, adding that beneficiaries of these projects must have evidence of personal income tax. Warning that the Ministry will not process any application that does not include the aforementioned documents, he enjoined the citizenry to take full advantage of the opportunities offered by the State Government in prioritising the completion of all ongoing housing projects to reduce the housing deficit in the State and the Nation at large.



Environment Commissioner Says Law Enforcement In Best Interest of Residents



The Lagos State Government has reiterated that all its enforcement actions

regarding the sanctity of state environmental laws were informed by the interest of the

greater majority of residents. The State Commissioner for the

Environment and Water Resources, Tokunbo Wahab stated this over the weekend during a conversation with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors Lagos State chapter led by ESV Olayinka Patunola-Ajayi at the Four Point by Sheraton Hotel, Victoria Island. According to the Commissioner, most of the enforcement actions were pre-emptive and they accounted for the almost zero fatalities that would have been experienced around the state with the

magnitude of rainfall it experienced. He explained that for an area like System I Odo Iya Alaro, Maryland and adjoining areas if the Ministry had not taken some hard decisions of removing some structures at Mende Villa Estate, several areas would have experienced unprecedented flooding during the latest rainfalls. He added that the safe pre-emptive measures saved the souls of several residents of Oke Afa/Bucknor who have suffered for several years because a few residents for selfish reasons chose to construct in the middle

of the channel. He reminded all those who take delight in criticising all actions of the government on the state of the environment for criticism's sake without proffering alternatives that the time for politics is gone and it is now time for governance. Wahab also charged the Estate Surveyors to always engage in due diligence for all construction they want to embark upon or supervise by ensuring that drainage clearance permit is obtained for all structures located near drainages.

Lagos Govt Reiterates Commitment To Promote African Fashion

The Lagos State Government has said it will remain steadfast in its resolve to continue to promote African fashion and position it as a global brand.

The Honourable Commissioner for Tourism, Mrs. Toke Benson-Awoyinka made this known at the VVS Lagos Fashion Show held at the J.Randle Centre for Yoruba and Culture over the weekend. The VVS Lagos Fashion Show is part of a broader initiative by the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, and Culture to support and elevate the creative industries in Lagos, through partnerships, funding programmes, and international collaborations.

She said the Ministry will continue to enhance the visibility and impact of Lagos's creative talents on

the global stage, stressing that the VVS Lagos Fashion Show aims to redefine the perception of African fashion while establishing it as a dynamic and influential force in the global fashion industry.

According to her, the VVS Lagos Fashion Show exemplifies the vibrant and evolving nature of African fashion. "We are proud to support such initiatives that not only showcase our rich cultural heritage but also position Lagos as a global hub for creative excellence", she said.

The Permanent Secretary, Mrs. Oloruntoyin Atekoja stated that events like the VVS Lagos Fashion Show, highlights the immense potential and talent within the creative industries, adding that the Ministry remains committed to fostering an environment that nurtures and



promotes our artists and designers.

The event featured a spectacular array of fashion collections, blending traditional African elements with

contemporary design. Models also showcased their talents at the event, captivating the audience with innovative designs and a spectacular display of fashion artistry.

Attendees were treated to a visual feast of colours, patterns, and textures, reflecting the diverse and rich tapestry of African culture.

Dignitaries who graced the

event included TV Show Host, Frank Edoho and notable music icons including Dapo Oyebanjo, popularly known as D'banj, and Seun Kuti, among others.

PMO Commends Sanwo-Olu's Support On Mass Education



The Permanent Monitoring Office Secretary (PMO), Mrs. Adetutu Parastatals Ososanya, FCA, has

commended Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu for his unwavering

support and commitment to the education sector

through the T.H.E.M.E.S Plus Agenda of his administration.

Mrs. Ososanya gave the commendation in her remark as the Special Guest at the recently held Y2024 Stakeholders Forum on mass education hosted by the Lagos State Agency for Mass Education, noting that the immense support by the present administration to the Agency underscores the importance of empowering and raising the societal values and enhancing the welfare of residents through education.

According to her, it is essential to improve the standard of youths and other applicable individuals in society

through Mass Literacy Programmes (Non-Formal Education) put in place by the State Government at the various Mass Literacy Centres across the state. Earlier, the Director, Agency for Mass Literacy, Mrs. Oluwakemi Kalensanwo stressed the importance of integrating vocational education with literacy programmes, social and moral backing to bring out the best in participants.

The significant event was witnessed by people officials from the State and Local Governments, Academicians from Tertiary Institutions and representatives of NGOs.

Tailor In Court Over Manslaughter

The Ikeja Magistrates' Court has held a tailor for prosecution following his alleged involvement in the death of man identified as Usman Hamed. The Lagos State Police Command arraigned the suspect, an hausa man identified as Usman Shaba, on Thursday, before Justice Oyindamola Ogala on one count of

manslaughter. The prosecution stated that the alleged offender, on February 20, 2023, at about 7:30am at Number 12, Odusanya Street in Agege, pummeled the deceased, shoving and pressing his body to the ground severally till he passed on. The defendant, 44, having allegedly committed the act, contravened Section

224 of the Criminal Law, page 617, volume 3, of the Laws of Lagos State 2015. The court had the charges translated from English into Hausa to ensure that the defendant understood them. The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge. The case was then adjourned to October 7 for further hearing.



Court Jails Guard For Raping Neighbour's Daughter

Justice Abiola Sholadoye has sent a 72-year-old man to jail for raping, defiling his neighbour's daughter. The septuagenarian, David Jackson, was arraigned on Monday at the Lagos State Special Offences Court, Ikeja, where he was sentenced to life imprisonment.

In her ruling, Justice Sholadoye said that the proof submitted by the prosecution provides strong evidences to affirm that the victim did not only rape the minor but also defiled her.

Prosecutor, Abimbola Abolade, stated that convict worked as a security guard in one of the houses at Oyedele Street, Ojodu Berger, Lagos, where the survivor lives with her parents.

During the trial, Abolade called on three witnesses who testified of the crime. The suspect also pleaded guilty.

The prosecuting counsel also stated that the convict committed the offence on May 16, 2022,

The judge, ordering that name of the jailer should be registered in the Lagos State Offences Register said, "The facts of the case were that a brother of the survivor sent her on an errand on the day of the incident and when she passed and greeted the defendant, Jackson, he dragged her inside the room and when she shouted, he used his handkerchief to cover her mouth.



"The testimony of the survivor was clear, consistent and coherent under cross-examination.

"The second prosecution witness was a teacher who identified that the survivor was her student and she testified that one of her classmate had reported to her that the survivor was not feeling well and she was walking in a funny way.

"The teacher, in her evidence, said she made an inquiry and discovered that the survivor was complaining of pains on her private part and that someone had sexually assaulted her."

She continued, "The teacher invited the parents of the survivor but they did not come around, hence she reported the case and the survivor was referred to the Mirabel Medical Centre in Ikeja and the medical report from the center was forwarded to the police.

"The survivor's father's credible testimony credible also corroborated with the evidence of the other two prosecution witnesses.

"The father identified the defendant as a security guard around his neighborhood and said he was with his wife, who was ill in the hospital when the incident happened.

"The testimonies of the prosecution witnesses were credible, convincing, compelling and the prosecution proved the case of defilement against the defendant.

"First, the survivor was a child as she came to the court to testify, secondly, the defendant had sexual intercourse with her and there was no consent as the survivor is a minor.

"The defendant is consequently found guilty as charged for defilement of a 7-year old child contrary to Section 137 of the Criminal Laws of Lagos state 2015 and he is hereby sentenced to life imprisonment."

Man, Son Remanded For Stealing Firm's N75m

A company has logged a complain against a father and son over an alleged theft of the sum of N75,000,000.

The father, Babatunde Ishola, alongside his son, Bayo Ishola, were remanded at the Kirikiri Correctional Centre over the alleged act.

At the Yaba Magistrates' Court, an extract from the charge against the duo who were said to have stolen the sum from a Lotto company reads, "That you, Ishola Mubarak Babatunde, Ishola Rasheed Bayo, and others now at large,

between 2020 and 2023, at Lotgrand Limited, a registered lotto company in Lagos, within the Magisterial District of this Honourable Court, conspired amongst yourselves to commit felony to wit stealing. You thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 411 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State 2015."



The suspects arraigned on two counts of stealing and diversion of funds were alleged to have taken money from the company's account and diverted it to their accounts and those of their accomplices who are now at large.

The police prosecutor, Mike Enejere, told the court that first defendant, Babatunde, was a worker

with the company as an account officer from 2020 till 2023.

The Magistrate, Mojisola Salau, adjourned the case till September 3, 2024.

Prior to the adjoining, Salau put the duo on a N10m bail grant. She held that they get remanded at the correctional centre pending the perfection of the bail conditions.

Tier-1 banks join Africa's regulated blockchain network for payments

By Rasaq Adebayo

Zone, Africa's fastest-growing payment infrastructure company, has announced that three of Africa's largest and most prominent financial institutions - First Bank, UBA, and Zenith Bank, have joined other Banks and Fintechs on its decentralised payment network. The announcement followed Zone's recent \$8.5 million seed funding round led by Flourish Ventures and TLcom Capital, and the launch of its decentralised PoS Payment Gateway, ZonePOS.

"The milestones represent major advancements towards the company's mission of connecting every monetary store of value by harnessing the power of blockchain," the CEO and co-founder of Zone, Obi Emetarom, said.

He disclosed that Zone secured a switching and processing license from the Central Bank of Nigeria in 2022, making its payment infrastructure Africa's first regulated blockchain network for payments.

He said: "By integrating with Zone's regulated blockchain

network, UBA, Zenith Bank, and First Bank along with other financial service providers already on the network, will significantly enhance their payment processing capabilities. These banks will benefit from being able to route transactions directly between participants on the network, which eliminates intermediaries and reduces failure points, resulting in faster, more reliable, and more scalable transaction processing at lower costs.

"With its unique architecture and underlying technology, Zone's

blockchain powered payment infrastructure is expected to serve as a major catalyst in the transformation of Nigeria's payment industry and the actualization of the highly anticipated cashless society.

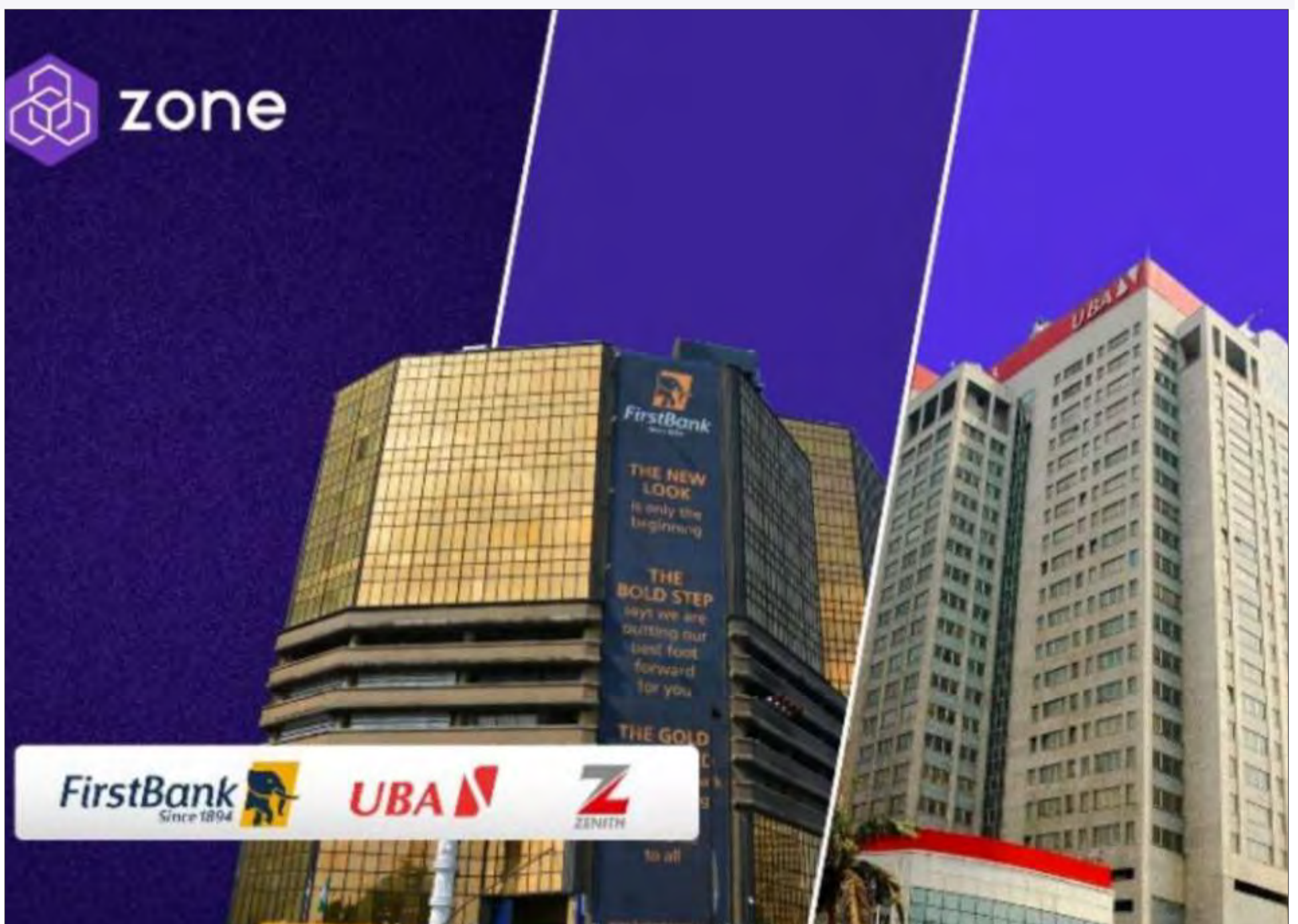
"With leading banks like Zenith Bank, First Bank, and UBA already integrated and processing transactions on its network, the industry stands to gain more than just improved transaction reliability. This is because connecting financial service providers directly with each other also delivers payment experiences

with significantly less friction and allows payment service providers function with little to no operational risks.

"Specifically, Zone's network provides end-to-end transparency and automatic reconciliation, which eliminates chargebacks, prevents chargeback fraud, and delivers same-day settlement to financial institutions and their customers.

"We are thrilled to have UBA, Zenith Bank, and First Bank our network. Their integration into our decentralized payment network is a significant milestone in our journey to

advance the payment landscape in Nigeria and the rest of the world. Having some of Africa's largest and most reputable financial institutions, underscores the growing trust in our technology and its ability to deliver on our promise of reliable, frictionless and universally interoperable payment experiences. As we continue to expand and enhance our payment network, we remain committed to connecting every monetary store of value and enabling a truly inclusive financial ecosystem operating without cash."



The leading smartphones producer, has been honoured with Foece of Collaboration Award for its outstanding efforts in partnering with social media influencers and content creators to spark a technological renaissance.

TECNO bags 'Force of Collaboration' Award

By Rasaq Adebayo

The Force of Collaboration Award underscores TECNO's strategic initiatives over the past year, highlighting people-led sponsorships and thoughtful social media campaigns that have driven innovation and engagement.

Through the collaborative efforts, TECNO has not only amplified its brand presence but also significantly contributed to the digital empowerment of Nigerians.

The PR Manager representative received the award on behalf of TECNO and expressed immense pride in the company's achievements.

"This award is a testament to the incredible collaborations and hard work put in over the last year," the representative remarked.

He added: "It will serve as a springboard for even greater initiatives. TECNO is committed to ensuring that all Nigerians are empowered with the technological devices they need for success.

"The TrendUpp Awards is a premier event that celebrates the contributions of content creators, influencers, brands, and organisations to the Nigerian social media landscape. By honouring innovative movements, campaigns,



projects, and content, the awards highlight Nigeria's dynamic and ever-evolving world of social media.

"TECNO's victory at the

TrendUpp Awards marks a significant milestone.

"The company's dedication to collaboration and community engagement

has garnered industry recognition and inspired a new wave of technological advancement nationwide.

"As TECNO continues to

push boundaries and foster meaningful partnerships, the future looks promising for the brand and Nigeria's digital landscape."

Airtel launches Smart Router to offers smart TV experience on regular TVs

By Rasaq Adebayo

Leading telecommunications service provider, Airtel Nigeria, has launched a new device called Airtel Smart Router, a 4G router capable of connecting up to 10 devices, with the additional benefit of offering a smart TV experience on a regular television set.

The Airtel Smart Router is programmed to leverage both wireless and ethernet connections to provide users with a smart TV experience directly through their television screens.

With embedded applications, users can effortlessly access popular entertainment streaming platforms

such as Netflix, Hulu, and Showmax, dramatically elevating their viewing experience with personalized, immersive, and current content.

Commenting on the launch, Chief Commercial Officer, Airtel Nigeria, Femi Oshinlaja, said the new Smart Router represents a major leap forward in how people experience entertainment at home.

"With the Airtel smart routers, we can now deliver affordable and superior entertainment content from multiple streaming services to the home of many Nigerians without a non-smart TV set. By integrating advanced connectivity and a

user-friendly interface, we are offering our customers the ability to unlock a world of digital content directly on their TVs," he said.

This cutting-edge device will advance home entertainment technology, offering seamless connectivity and access to a wide

range of digital content.

In addition to the smart TV advantage, the Smart Router, which is SIM-based and 4G capable, can connect up to 10 other devices concurrently, allowing a mix of entertainment, security, work, or

leisure devices all on the same internet subscription.

"Users can connect smart cams, smart doorbells, tablets, smartphones, laptops, and TV at the same time," Oshinlaja noted. He also disclosed that intending users can purchase the Smart

Router online via . "After purchasing the device at N25,000, unlimited data awaits customers for 30 days, and a 100% bonus for six months when they recharge the N10,000-N15,000 bundle," he said. These bundles, he explained, could be purchased via Airtel.com.ng/HBB, *370#, bank apps, Quick teller, or any other airtime/data purchasing apps.



John Cena Announces Retirement from WWE

By Nurudeen Adebayo

Renowned actor and wrestler John Cena shocked fans by announcing his retirement from World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) during a recent appearance at the WWE Money in the Bank event in Canada. The 47-year-old superstar, who has successfully transitioned into acting over the past 18 years, revealed that his final in-ring performance will take place in 2025

as part of a farewell tour.

Cena, widely regarded as one of the greatest professional wrestlers in history, has achieved an impressive 16 world championship titles since joining WWE in 2001.

Addressing the crowd in Toronto, he declared, "Tonight, I officially announce my retirement from the WWE." The audience responded with a mix of shock and appreciation, chanting "thank you, Cena" in a heartfelt gesture.

Donning a t-shirt with the phrase "The Last

Time is Now" and his signature denim shorts, Cena expressed his gratitude to WWE fans for allowing him to be a part of their community for so many years. Later, during a press conference, he confirmed his intention to remain involved with WWE in some capacity, despite feeling physically drained.

Cena's farewell tour is expected to be a significant event for WWE fans, celebrating his remarkable career and contributions to the world of professional wrestling.



Big Brother Naija Announces Start Date for Season 9

By Nurudeen Adebayo



Big Brother Naija has officially announced the start date for the much-anticipated Season 9 of the reality television show. The

announcement was made by the show's organizers via their X page (formerly Twitter).

The upcoming season, set to run for 71 days,

will premiere on July 28, 2024, at 7 PM WAT. This season, intriguingly titled 'Two Journeys in One House,' promises double the drama, relationships, and

intense competition. "BBNaija Season 9 is HERE!" the post announced. "This is a must-follow season! Get ready for double the drama, ships, and

HUGE competition! Cameras 24/7 for 71 days. Don't miss the premiere on July 28th at 7 PM WAT."

Viewers can expect non-stop entertainment as

the housemates navigate their journeys within the Big Brother house, making this season a highly anticipated event in the reality TV calendar.



Anointing Does Not Stop Sexual Temptation-Pastor Adeboye Warns

By Nurudeen Adebayo

Enoch Adeboye, the General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG), has spoken out on how he continues to avoid sexual temptations, emphasizing the importance of vigilance irrespective

of one's anointing or age. Addressing the Ministers and Workers Conference of RCCG Americas 1, Adeboye highlighted the biblical downfall of Samson as a cautionary tale. He urged both men and women to be wary of lust and to flee from sinful circumstances.

"Somebody says, at your age, why are you still running? I run faster than before because the closer you get to the finishing point, the more careful you must be," Adeboye stated. He went on to emphasize his continued vigilance, "Some of you can say, 'Daddy, what are you saying, are you still

running?' I run fast. 'With all your anointing?' Does anointing turn your body to stone? Samson was anointed. Single-handedly, he killed a thousand soldiers. A woman finished him. I hope the boys are listening." Adeboye addressed skepticism regarding

his age and continued caution against temptation, saying, "You can say, 'Is anybody still interested in an 82-year-old man?' She is not interested in you but interested in putting an end to all the great works God has done through you." Concluding his remarks, he warned, "You see that woman

smiling at you everywhere you go, she is there smiling, and she is not your wife, run." Adeboye's words serve as a reminder of the constant need for vigilance against temptation, underscoring the message that no one is beyond the reach of sin.

Ayra Starr Becomes Most Streamed Nigerian Artist on Spotify

By Nurudeen Adebayo

Famous singer Sarah Aderibigbe, popularly known as Ayra Starr, has become the most streamed Nigerian artist on Spotify globally. This announcement was made by Phiona Okumu, Spotify's Head of Music for Sub-Saharan Africa, at a press conference in Lagos. Ayra Starr's collaborations with Rauw Alejandro on "Santa" and her solo track "Comma" claimed the top two spots on the platform, while Tems' "Love Me

Jeje" came in third, highlighting the immense talent of Nigerian artists. According to Spotify's 2024 Music Global Impact List, Luciano and Omah Lay's collaboration "Another Vibe" ranks fourth, followed by 21 Savage, Burna Boy, and Metro Boomin's "Just Like Me" in fifth place. Tyla and Tems' "No.1" secured the sixth spot. The Spotify executive explained that the platform's 2024 Music Global Impact List features 30 artists who have achieved significant global reach and streaming success. She stated, "Spotify



has unveiled its Global Impact List in Nigeria, recognizing the top 30 tracks from Nigeria with the biggest global impact on Spotify over the first half of 2024. The list recognizes Nigerian tracks that have had the most listens from outside Nigeria in the first half of 2024 and were released between January 1 and June 30." Other notable tracks on the list include Usher and Pheelz's "Ruin," which is the seventh most streamed Nigerian song globally, Reis B and Tempo's "Pretty Girl" at eighth, and TitoM, Yuppe, Burna Boy, and S.N.E's "Tshwala Bam"

in ninth position. Ayra Starr and Giveon's "Last Heartbreak Song" is tenth, Victory's "Everything" is eleventh, Aya Nakamura and Ayra Starr's "Hype" is twelfth, and Tems and J.Cole's "Free Fall" is thirteenth. Okumu praised the global impact of Nigerian music, especially Afrobeats, stating, "Nigerian music, especially Afrobeats, has captivated global audiences with its infectious rhythms, compelling storytelling, and innovative sound fusions."

Nigerian Man Ends Marriage Two Months After Traditional Wedding

By Nurudeen Adebayo

A Nigerian man, known as Enogie, has ended his marriage with his wife, Priceless Ora, just two months after their traditional wedding. Enogie made the announcement on his Facebook page, also canceling their planned wedding set for October 6, 2024. Enogie expressed deep regret over his marriage, citing several reasons for his decision. He accused his wife of consistently comparing him to other men and of taking their personal matters to social media, where she would publicly criticize him. In his post, Enogie wrote:

"I regret doing this. I curse the day I agreed to this. I thought she would change, but it led me to shame and disgrace. I married an enemy in disguise of a wife. Reasons why I canceled and regret this: No. 1, I married a woman who compares me with other men. "No. 2, this is not the first time we have had issues, and she would go live on Facebook or TikTok. No. 3, a married woman said she wanted to 'knack' on top of bride price". "I am not perfect either, but going to social media to talk down on me for five hours on TikTok is unimaginable. So many words have been said in the open. I can't continue to live

with a lousy woman in the name of a wife. My sincere apologies to all our fans and supporters who are disappointed. To all social media presenters, bloggers, and motivational speakers who gave their opinions on this issue, thank you". "I write this note to inform you all that our marriage on October 6, 2024, can't hold anymore because it is now shown that we are not compatible to lead a home. But I am going for co-parenting to at least make my children proud, for they are all we have got on this journey of six years. On this note, she ceases to be my wife, and no one should address her as such henceforth. Man

proposes, God disposes."

In response, Priceless Ora took to her own social media to react to the announcement. She claimed that Enogie had married her for certain documents, which she did not specify, and expressed her own regrets over the marriage despite having four children together.

"I pray to live long as a single mother than to die in a husband's house. God give me the power to take care of my children. Tell the world why you put money on my head. A man who planned to have children because of a document, now the document hasn't



come, and you are crying. Lucky to the next woman," she wrote. The couple's tumultuous relationship and public split have drawn

significant attention on social media, with many expressing disappointment and offering various opinions on the matter.

Epe LG Empowers Farmers with Cash

By Mohammed Adekola

Applause echoed through Epe Council Chambers on Wednesday 10th July, the Local Government Chairman Princess Surah Olayemi Animashaun, held an impactful Empowerment and Distribution of Cash Palliatives event for 200 farmers.

Animashaun called on farmers nationwide to be considerate in their price setting, ensuring affordability for all Nigerians. "We are here to give them support for their business, that's why we have initiated the second phase of the program," she stated, referring to previous disruptions at Oluwo Market. "With the economic situation now, we should be very reasonable in charging prices on farm produce to make sure that it is convenient for our people to buy food."

The empowerment package included 50,000 Naira cash for each of the 200

farmers, a strategic increase from the previous edition's 100,000 Naira to 100 farmers. Alongside the cash, essential grains like maize and sodium were distributed to support their agricultural endeavours. "We will keep supporting them so that it will be more convenient for them to farm," Animashaun emphasized.

She highlighted that her administration's ongoing efforts in rolling out palliative support across various sectors, including health and entrepreneurship and She urge the community to maintain harmony, love, hospitality, and compassion, particularly in the context of economic challenges.

Epe LG Vice Chairman, Hon. Sikiru Owolomoshé, speaking on the sidelines, praised the Chairman's responsiveness to the farmers' needs. "Take advantage of these



materials and the cash to farm so that by the time we go round, we should see the advantage and it will encourage us to do more," he advised the beneficiaries.

The President of the Epe Farmers Union, Alhaja Aminat Shabi, laud the Chairman for her comprehensive support of the agricultural value

chain, from fish farmers to livestock producers. "The palliative and cash is in support of our businesses, and we look forward to the 3rd phase where our farmers will exhibit their farm produce to unveil to the world that Epe is the food and fish basket of Lagos," she said.

Acknowledging the

inclusive approach of Animashaun, Alhaja Aminat noted, "She is the first chairman to recognize farmers irrespective of their tribal affiliation in Epe local government."

Comrade Olayinka Kazeem, Secretary of Epe Farmers and a palliative beneficiary expressed his gratitude, stating, "This is the best

time such program is coming because it is coming at a time that our nation is at a critical state when it comes to food availability." He commended the Chairman's initiatives for enhancing farming capabilities and addressing the recent Oluwo Cage culture disaster

Residents of Orugbo-Iddo of Ikosi-Ejinrin expresses gratitude for the newly installed street lights by Akogun Wale Raji Anomo, which was successfully completed, the pilot phase of its "Light up Ikosi-Ejinrin initiative" by illuminating the streets of Orugbo-Iddo community in Ward G1.

The project's aim to enhance safety, security, and overall quality of life for residents. The successful implementation in Orugbo-Iddo marks a significant milestone for the initiative, which now expand to

Residents of Orugbo-Iddo express gratitude to Anomo

By Mohammed Adekola

other wards within the LCDA in due course.

Wale Anomo assure residents that other wards within Ikosi-Ejinrin LCDA will soon benefit from this initiative and added that His administration is committed to ensure that all black spots throughout Ikosi-Ejinrin are illuminate to improve infrastructure and living conditions within the area.

The "Light up Ikosi-Ejinrin initiative" is an essential project that will significantly improve living conditions within the LCDA. The installation of street lights will not only enhance safety and security but also promote economic growth by attracting businesses to the area. The street lights have not only improved visibility but also increased safety and security in the area.



Lagos State Government Installs First Traditional Ruler In Akodo, Ibeju-Lekki

By Mohammed Adekola

Tuesday, July 9, 2024, marked an historic and joyous occasion for Akodo town as HRM Oba Abdulhakeem Babatunde Olokodana was installed as the first traditional ruler of the community.

The Lagos State Governor, His Excellency Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwoolu, represented by the Commissioner for Local Government, Chieftaincy, and Rural Development, Mr. Bolaji Kayode Roberts, presents the new monarch with the instrument of appointment and staff of office.

Delivering the governor's

message, Mr Bolaji Roberts lauds the fair and transparent selection process for the Obaship, celebrating it as a seamless and exemplary model. Governor Sanwoolu extended his heartfelt congratulations to the people of Akodo, urging them to rally behind their newly installed king to foster communal progress.

He commends Oba Abdulhakeem Babatunde Olokodana, encouraged him to unite the community for the kingdom's collective development. The governor assured the people that the state administration remains

committed to uphold tradition and delivering democratic dividends. Chairman of Ibeju Lekki Local Government, Egnr. Abdullahi Sesan Olowa, expressed his gratitude to Governor Sanwoolu for prioritizing the development of Ibeju Lekki, noting the recent installation of seven kings as a testament to this commitment. Olowa called on the sons and daughters of Akodo to support their new king, expressed his hopes for a reign marked by unprecedented success for Akodo and the greater Ibeju Lekki region.

Olowa noted that "The



installation of Oba Abdulhakeem Babatunde Olokodana as the Alakodo of Akodo represents a significant affirmation of traditional sovereignty by the Lagos State Governor. This act

reinforces the importance of our cultural heritage and the vital role of traditional rulers in fostering peace and progress. I urge all community members to embrace cooperation

and unity under the leadership of our new king, as these values are essential for the sustained development and harmony of Akodo and beyond."

Eredo LCDA Unites Stakeholders for Security

By Mohammed Adekola

In a concerted effort to bolster security and community safety, Hon. Ismail Monsuru Akinloye, the Chairman of Eredo LCDA, convened a crucial peace and security meeting with key stakeholders at the Eredo LCDA Council Secretariat.

The session highlights the critical link between economic hardship and security, emphasizing the need for periodic discussions to address growing threats such as kidnapping and land grabbing.

The meeting drew a diverse group of participants, includes traditional and religious leaders, security operatives, and

representatives from various community organizations like the NYCN, CCYL, and CDC. Notable traditional leaders present included the Aladepekun of Odo-Egiri Kingdom, Oba

Musiliu Abiola Oliwo, the Omola of Odo-Mola, Oba Sulaimon Adeshina Adebowale, the Alade Uraka of Poka, Oba Kolawole Ayodele Aliru, the Adegbaajo of Odo-Gbawojo, Oba Adelani Maruf Adeniyi, and a representative of the Alara of Ilara Kingdom. In the Chairman's opening address,

Akinloye underscored the importance of proactive security measures. He praised the security personnel for their recent achievements and assured them of unwavering support from the LCDA administration. "In times of economic hardship, the strain on

safety and security increases. We must remain vigilant and proactive to protect our community," he said. "Economic challenges often escalate security issues, making it imperative for us to engage in regular, constructive dialogues to stay ahead of potential threats. Our

collaboration with traditional leaders, security agencies, and community stakeholders is vital in ensuring that we create a safe and secure environment for all residents of Eredo LCDA. Together, we can overcome these challenges and build a resilient community," he added.

HRM Oba Babatunde Olaogun Ogunlaja (JP), the Aladeshoyin of Odo-Noforija Kingdom, commends Akinloye's leadership and urged security officers to remain dedicated to their duties. The security operatives pledged their continued cooperation and commitment to maintain peace, urge the public to stay vigilant and report any suspicious activities.



Igbogbo/Baiyeku LCDA Launches Vigorous Cholera Prevention Campaign

By Nurudeen Adebayo



The Igbogbo/Baiyeku LCDA has rolled out a comprehensive Cholera Prevention Campaign under the leadership of Executive Chairman Bldr. Olusesan Daini as a measure to safeguard public health. The initiative is geared towards raising awareness about cholera and its risks, particularly in environments like schools, markets, and community hubs where transmission can occur more easily due to poor sanitation and water conditions. Cholera, a severe diarrheal disease caused by contaminated water or food, remains a significant concern in areas with inadequate sanitation infrastructure. The LCDA's campaign focuses on several key objectives which includes; informing residents about cholera symptoms, transmission routes, and prevention methods through community engagements, providing essential hygiene supplies to encourage cleanliness and prevent the spread of the disease, and partnering with medical experts to ensure accurate information dissemination and effective response strategies. Chairman Daini and his team have actively engaged with students, teachers, market vendors, and community members across various public settings, reinforcing the LCDA's commitment to grassroots health initiatives. "Our goal is to empower our community with knowledge and resources to combat cholera effectively," stated Chairman Daini. "Through education, collaboration, and community participation, we aim to build a healthier and more resilient Igbogbo/Baiyeku LCDA." Daini emphasized the importance of collective effort in implementing preventive measures and urged residents to actively participate in the awareness programs. "By working together and adhering to the guidelines provided, we can protect ourselves and our families from the dangers of cholera," he concluded, highlighting the community's pivotal role in the campaign's success and overall public health efforts.

ASSEMBLY

INSIDE THE LAGOS HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY CORNER - KNOW YOUR LAWMAKER

FOCUS - Honourable Mosunmola Sangodara (Member representing Surulere Constituency 02)

By Felix Kuyinu

Honourable Mosunmola Sangodara born on April 25, 1964, has been a representative of Surulere Constituency 02 at the Assembly since her victory at the polls in 2015. In the 8th Legislative Assembly, she contested under the flagship of the People's Democratic Party, PDP. In 2019, she defected to the All Progressive Congress, APC, and contested for a second term at the House. She won and held the



position of the Deputy Chief Whip in the 9th Assembly. In 2023, her victory once again in the election meant she became one of the few lawmakers to be voted in on a successive three term representation. Since her first victory in the election, Sangodara has held various positions at the Assembly. She served as Chairman, House Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations. She also became the Chairman, House Committee on Women Affairs, Poverty Alleviation and Job Creation (WAPA). In addition, the lawmaker was a member House Committee on Health Services, member House Committee on Public Accounts (State) and also of the Committee on Local Government Administration and Chieftaincy Affairs. Later on, she also joined the House Committee on Energy and Mineral Resources. Currently she is the Chairman, House Committee on Education (Ministry and Agency).

LCDA Launches Sanitation Initiative at Methodist Primary School

By Nurudeen Adebayo

Methodist Primary School in Elepe, has embarked on an initiative led by Executive Chairman Bldr. Olusesan Daini. The project involves the construction of a modern block of eight toilets aimed at enhancing sanitation for students and staff. The initiative has garnered strong community support, with parents and teachers expressing appreciation for the initiative's potential to positively impact students' health and school environment. Scheduled for completion within the

next four weeks, the LCDA has committed to delivering timely and high-quality work. The project's execution will be overseen by the Works and Infrastructure

Department of the LCDA in collaboration with Hadmeth Global Resources Ltd. Chairman Daini stressed the importance of ongoing maintenance once the facilities are

operational, emphasizing the community's shared responsibility in preserving public infrastructure. In an interview, Bldr. Daini highlighted that

this sanitation initiative is part of a broader strategy to enhance public infrastructure across the LCDA, ensuring that every child has access to conducive learning environments.

"We are dedicated to providing our community with essential facilities that support education and improve the overall well-being of our residents," he affirmed.



This directive was announced by the Dean, Student Affairs, Dr. Adedamola Aderogba in a statement released today in Ikorodu Campus, Lagos. Aderogba emphasized that the management has been informed about a group created where students were being mobilized to fight against PHCN tariff increases, citing the efforts of the National Labour Congress to combat this issue. Furthermore, he advised students to desist from joining the protest, as such students would be responsible for his or her actions alone, without the inclusion of the institution. He concluded by engaging the students to report any form of

LASUSTECH Warns Students to Shun Protest Against PHCN



By Nurudeen Adebayo

complaint to the Management offices, including the Directorate of Student Affairs, for necessary actions,

and warned them to be safe. The full statement reads: "It has come to the attention of the management that some groups of

students are being mobilized by neighboring communities to protest at PHCN headquarters, Ikeja, as students of LASUSTECH,

concerning the recent increase in Band-A consumption tariff. "Be informed that the labor unions at the national level are already engaging the appropriate authority

on behalf of all Nigerians. Therefore, no student should act on behalf of LASUSTECH. Whoever is involved is doing so on their personal and community level and must be ready to bear the consequences alone. "Whoever has any issue that requires the intervention of the management or government is hereby advised to report such to the Directorate of Students' Affairs office for necessary action. You are warned to stay safe."

LAHA Commends Muibi On Health Progress

By Saheed Afolabi

The Lagos State House of Assembly (LAHA) has commended the chairman of Lagos Island East LCDA, Folawiyo Muibi for the health developments in the community.

The LAHA committee on health that visited the council was led by, Hon Lawal Aina Musibau, Hon Rauf Age Sulaiman, Hon Abdullareem Jubreel, Mr Ahmed Omotayo, Mrs Temitope Lawal, Miss Junaid Abisola, Miss Omobolanle Bisiriyu, Mrs Ayodele, Miss Suleoba, Mr Soji and Mr Lawal.

The council chairman said he has a robust understanding with the LAHA health committee members who came for a thorough inspection of

the health facilities in the community.

Muibi stated LAHA were impressed with his vision in reviving Public Health Centers (PHC) and providing the necessary equipments to uplift the health status of the community.

"The Lagos State House of Assembly, House Committee on Health earlier visited Lagos Island East LCDA for a statutory oversight function. The team which was led by Honourable Lawal Aina Musibau assessed the facilities and structures especially the Public Health Centres across the LIELCDA.

"The committee had an interactive session with me as the chairman of LIELCDA MOH, supervisor for health, management & heads of departments. During the session, I gave a



briefing of the Public Health Center's vision, mission and overall progress.

"The House Committee listened to and duly noted comments and issues raised by me. In his response, the

Leader of the LAHA House Committee on Health, commended my LIELCDA Administration and encouraged my LIELCDA administration to keep

up the good works and pledged its readiness to support the LIELCDA when called upon.

"He stated that the Committee was impressed with what they saw in LIELCDA, the

environment, harmonious working relationship existing between Management and Staff as well as developmental strides of the LIELCDA Public Health Centres."

Folawiyo Unveils Features Of New Administrative Building

By Saheed Afolabi

Chairman of Lagos Island East LCDA, Muibi Folawiyo has disclosed plans by his administration to include more functional offices and space in the new administrative building that's under construction.

Folawiyo revealed the new administrative block would come with a standard hall and provide operational efficiency for departments to function effectively.

The council boss is confident the completion of the project would



provide essential services and foster community engagement.

"I am pleased to announce the ongoing construction of a new administrative office and a state-of-the-art multi-purpose hall. This project includes the development of a hall with a seating capacity for 500 people.

"The building is designed to enhance operational efficiency, providing ample space for various departments to function cohesively.

"This new facility is expected to significantly improve the working environment for staff and streamline administrative processes.

"In addition to the office, the 500-capacity hall will serve as a versatile space for community events, conferences, and other large gatherings. Equipped with modern

amenities, the hall is set to become a central hub for local activities and events, fostering community engagement and collaboration.

"I remain committed to promoting infrastructural development and enhancing public facilities. This project exemplifies my dedication to improving the community's quality of life and providing essential services to the public.

"Construction is progressing steadily, and the project is on track for completion as scheduled. I extend my gratitude to all stakeholders, contractors, and community members for their support and cooperation."

As part of their legislative duties, elected officials in Mushin Local Government held a Public Hearing on 8 Executive Bills intended to become Bye-Laws for the year 2024.

The Chairman, Mr. Emmanuel Bamigboye, applauded the Legislative Arm for their support and commended the leadership throughout the years. He endorsed the current leader, Mr. Olawale Ayegbayo, as a dedicated and humble lawmaker.

He urged all stakeholders at the Public Hearing to provide their input to ensure that the bills being proposed serve the best interests of the public.

The bills which have passed through the Third Reading, before being presented to the public for deliberation are as follows:

- Bill to change one (1) way road to two (2) ways at Cele Roundabout.

- Bill on Mushin Local Market Committee For all Markets in Mushin.

- Bill to regulate the activities of any individual acting in the capacity of vigilante to register with Mushin Local Government.

- Bill on enforcement of Fire Extinguisher for all markets and Houses within the Local Government as stipulated by the Lagos State Fire Service.

- Bill to make it mandatory for a watchman to stay around any Gated Street when closed within the hours of 12:00am and 5:00am daily in Mushin Local Government.

- Bill on enforcement for articulated Vehicles, Mechanic Workshops and illegal street trading on Mushin Local Government roads.

- Bill on enforcement of Lagos State Law on Drainage in Mushin Local Government.

- Bill on Mushin Local Government Road Maintenance Committee.

The full analysis of the Year 2024 proposed Bills are as follows:

1. BILL to change one (1) way Road to two (2) ways at Cele Roundabout, Mushin Lagos.

"This is to ease traffic gridlock around that

Public Hearing: Bamigboye Commends Mushin LG Legislators



designated Area and for monitoring of traffic situations between the hours of 6am and 9pm daily".

2. BILL on Mushin Local Government Market Committee that shall comprise of the members of the Local Government, the Traders and the market Union for all the Markets in Mushin Lagos.

"This is to enforce the compulsory Market registration with the Local Government, commodity with the Lagos State Marketing Board and to compliment the activities of Revenue Officers/Market Officer in the area of monitoring of Revenue".

3. BILL to regulate the activities of any individual acting in the capacity of vigilante group, to register with the Local Government.

"This is to guide against the operations of illegal vigilante for the safety of lives and properties in Mushin Local Government"

Resolution: Any unregistered person/group will be penalized with a fine of Two Hundred

Thousand Naira (N200,000) or 3 Months imprisonment.

Any CDA that patronizes an unregistered vigilante group/person, shall have its Certificate revoked.

The vigilante group/person must be verified by the Police Area Commander or someone designated to verify.

4. BILL on enforcement of fire extinguishers for all the markets and houses within the Local Government as stipulated by the Lagos State Fire Service.

"This is to guide against fire outbreak, loss of lives and properties within Mushin Local government".

Penalties Religious Centers - N250,000t

Houses - N50,000

Shops - N20,000

Event Centers - N350,000

Markets - N1million.

5. BILL to make it mandatory for a watchman to stay

around any Gated Street in Mushin Local Government within the hours of 12:00am and 5:00am daily and all gated areas must be opened between the hours of 5:01am to 11:59pm daily.

"This is to aid easy access for residents whenever there is an emergency in the area without compromising the measures put in place by the communities to ensure the safety of lives and properties".

Penalties: Failure to comply, the Council shall pull down the gate.

6. BILL on enforcement for articulated vehicles, mechanic workshops and Illegal Street trading on Local Government Roads.

"This is to prevent nuisance of any form and to safeguard the durability of Local Government roads.

(a) Bill on enforcement to ban articulated vehicles on Mushin Local Government Roads.

Penalties: #500,000 for vehicle and/or Three (3) months imprisonment for the owners of

warehouse.

(b) Bill on enforcement to ban Mechanic workshops on major roads of Mushin Local Government.

Penalties:

Mechanic that fails to comply will pay a fine of #50,000 only with impoundment of the vehicle.

(c) Bill on the ban of Street trading on walkways.

Penalties:

Culprit will pay a fine of #20,000 only and/or forfeiture of goods.

7. BILL on enforcement of Lagos State Laws on drainages.

"This is to allow the environmental officers in carrying out enforcement on laws relating to good sanitary conditions as regard drainages in Mushin Local Government".

Penalties:

Houses without or proper use of sewage will be prosecuted with a fine of N200,000.

(b) Bill on compulsory patronage/enforcement of PSP operations.

Penalties:

Houses that fail to comply will pay a fine of #50,000 only or Three (3) months imprisonment.

PSP operator that fails to meet up with the terms and conditions, will have its contract terminated.

8. BILL on Mushin Local Government Road Maintenance Committee.

"This is to compliment the activities of the Works and Infrastructure Department, in making sure that the communities are enjoying good roads as contained in the terms of reference".

All the stakeholders and representatives of the general public within Mushin Local Government were present.

The member representing Mushin Constituency 02 in the Lagos State House of Assembly - Mr. Yinka Esho Kazeem was present at the programme, with the Vice Chairman of Mushin Local Government - Mr. Tunbosun Aruwe, Councilors from Odi

Olowo LCDA led by the Leader - Mr. Rilwan Ajenifuja, Mrs. Olubunmi Gbadamosi - Secretary to the Local Government, Supervisors and Special Advisers/Assistants, were also at the programme.

The Council Manager - Comrade Sogo Osikoya, Council Treasurer - Alhaja Olaide Badmus, the newly posted Human Resource Officer and Heads of various departments were present.

The Olu of Mushin, HRM. Oba Fatai Aileru and Onitire of Itire land - HRM Oba Ishola Odubiyi were represented by their Chiefs. The Eze Ndigbo and Seriki of Hausa Community in Idi Araba were also at the event.

Leaders of political parties including the Woman Leader of APC (Alhaja Muyinat Mustapha), The Chief Imam of Mushin (Alhaji Sulaimon Olanijo), Chairman of Christian Association of Nigeria (Mushin chapter), Chairman of the Community Development Committee (Pa Femi Okuyemi), Artisans, Trade Unions, Market leaders represented by Alhaja Borokini, Baba Oja of Ladipo market - Chief Monday Lawrence, Students' Union, National Youth Council of Nigeria, National Council of Women Society and other stakeholders in the community were also present.

Security agencies like the Nigeria Police, Lagos Neighbourhood Safety Corps, Nigeria Hunters Association, Directorate of State Services, were also in attendance.

The leader of Legislative Arm - Mr. Olawale Ayegbayo who joined his colleagues at the roundtable after the exit of the Chairman, presided over the deliberations with his Deputy Leader - Mr. Rilwan Amoo, while each of the Councilors took turns to read out the bills one after the other.

Orile Agege Youths Propose N20 Million Developmental Projects

Kehinde Adeleye

The NYCN Orile-Agege LCDA chapter in Nigeria has suggested N20 million worth of projects aimed at involving local youths in skill development programs. The chairman of the Lagos state chapter, comrade Adigun Olalekan Ibrahim, shared this proposal during a press conference in Lagos, emphasizing the

importance of youth focus and participation in programs that promote community development.

"We want our youths to be more focused on encouraging themselves positively and organizing developmental programs for future purposes.

"NYCN is committed to collaborating with both the community and global youths to ensure developmental programs are put in place for future

purposes.

"With this proposed N20 million developmental project, we will partner with Orile Agege youths and give support for its success," he said.

The coordinator, Orile-Agege NYCN, Lion Omo'ba Adetunji Owokalade, said that the news conference was part of activities lined up in preparation for the International Youths Day, celebrated annually on Aug.12.

According to him, the

proposed N20 million will help play a crucial role in shaping the future of young people.

"This year's International Youth Day theme, "Youth Empowerment for Sustainable Development", underscores the importance of equipping youths with the tools, skills, and opportunities they need to contribute meaningfully to society.

"In line with this theme, we are proud to announce our proposed N20 million fundraising investiture.

"The funds raised will be directed to various programs aimed at empowering our youths in education, skill acquisition workshops, entrepreneurial initiatives, community development, and other projects," he said.

Mr. Owokalade said the event would also honor individuals and organizations that had made outstanding contributions to youth development in Orile

Agege and beyond.

He said that the awards of recognition would praise the efforts of philanthropists and inspire others to join in the cause of youth empowerment.

"We believe that by investing in our youths, we are laying a solid foundation for a prosperous and sustainable future.

"This initiative is not just a one-time event but a long-term commitment to the growth and development of our young people.

"I would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to our sponsors, partners, and all those who have supported us in this endeavor.

"Your contributions are invaluable, and together, we can make a lasting impact on the community," he said.

Adetunji lauded the support of the Orile Agege LCDA Chairman, Hon. Johnson Babatunde tagged in a post towards youth Development, through the Orile Agege NYCN.

While congratulating the emergence of the newly elected NYCN Chairman

for Lagos State, comrade Ibrahim Adigun.

In his speech, the chairman of the planning committee, Comrade Ismail Atitebi Ismail Abiodun buttresses the investiture initiative.

"This event will not only raise vital funds but also celebrate outstanding individuals and brands that have supported the youth demographic. Our event will feature the decoration of our Advisory Council Members, Youth Achievers awards to outstanding individuals and brands, and recognition of young persons who are making waves in our community.

"We will also showcase the talents and achievements of our young people, demonstrating the potential that lies within them and as well, issues that affect us as young persons in our local community.

Atitebi disclosed the expected dignitaries for the event.



Babatunde Begins Construction of Staff Quarters For Public School Teachers

Kehinde Adeleye

In a bid to alleviate the financial burden of transportation on teachers, Mr. Johnson Babatunde Sunday, Chairman of Orile-Agege Local Council Development Area (LCDA), has kicked off the construction of staff lodges in primary schools located within the LCDA.

The building project, according to the Chairman, is meant to provide housing for teachers who live in remote areas, enabling them to save time and money that would otherwise be spent on commuting daily.

Mr. Johnson Babatunde Sunday, Chairman of Orile-Agege Local Council Development

Area (LCDA), disclosed the development during a meeting with representatives of the Agege/Orile-Agege Community Media Practitioners (AACMAP).

The Chairman highlighted that the construction of lodges within school premises was part of his administration's effort to improve the welfare of teachers and to ultimately enhance the quality of education in the LCDA.

He said, "this initiative will encourage the teachers to be more productive in classrooms and will also prevent productive hours wasted in traffic-

Gridlock everyday as they make effort to resume school early, most of the beneficiaries are teachers who resides in Ogun State and other communities that share boundaries with Orile-Agege Local Development Area of Lagos State-Nigeria."

"My administration will continue to deliver the dividends of democracy to the good people of Orile-Agege Lcda till our last day in office. We are also planning to move into our local markets to empower market traders selling food commodities financially in our next quarterly financial empowerment program," he said.



Onilude Pledges To Support Craftsmen

By Saheed Afolabi

Chairman of Badagry LG, Olusegun Onilude has pledged his support to creative craftsmen who contributes to the development of the community. Onilude attended the Badagry Fastest Fashion Designer (BAFAD) event which was held at the council chamber. The council boss said the event which was designed to spur fashion designers at the grassroots to push bounds and redefine their skills by rewarding their creativity is a laudable initiative. "Fashion design or tailoring is one of the lucrative, empowering

and legacy craft in the world. You can easily identify a people or culture through brand of fashion. "I must commend the convener Miss Anthony Oluwatumininu for putting this together to identify and celebrate creativity in fashion design. "As an administration, we have always provided support and incentives for our craftsmen and women and we will continue to support ideas that celebrates creativity and innovation." The convener Ms Anthony Oluwatumininu said the event is a platform for fashion designers in the Badagry corridor



to showcase their skills, creativity, and innovation. She said the event is also an avenue for empowering participants with funds and equipment, showcasing and projecting their craft to the world.

Member representing Badagry in the House of Representative, Hon Sesi Whingan has clarified his efforts to reintroduce the Nigerian French Language Village, Badagry Establishment Act 2024. Despite the bill's previous passage in the ninth assembly, it failed to secure presidential assent, necessitating its reintroduction. Whingan explained his rationale for the renewed lobbying efforts. He addressed concerns from constituents who questioned the need for a new act when a similar one had already been passed. Whingan noted that the previous bill did not receive presidential assent, and according to

Whingan Set To Uplift Nigeria French Language Village

By Saheed Afolabi

national assembly procedures, a fresh introduction is required to move forward. "When I was elected to the National Assembly by the people of Badagry, I realized that the Nigerian French Language Village lacked an establishment act, despite efforts in the ninth assembly." "As the representative of Badagry, I made it my priority to lobby my colleagues and reintroduce the bill through the minority leader of the House. The bill received



overwhelming support and was passed by the House, led by the Deputy Speaker, Rt. Hon. Benjamin Kalu." Whingan emphasized his commitment to ensuring the bill's progress through the Senate and securing presidential assent. "Having achieved passage in the House of Representatives, my focus now is to intensify my efforts to ensure the bill is adopted and passed in the Senate, and then transmitted to President Bola Ahmed Tinubu for assent," he said. The Nigerian French Language Village in Badagry is an inter-university institution dedicated to the study of the French language, and its establishment act is seen as crucial for its formal recognition and development.

Kosofe LG Council Announces Plan To Build Additional 11 Roads

Kehinde Adeleye

The Chairman of Kosofe Local Government, Mr. Moyosore Adedoyin Ogunlewe, has revealed intentions to construct 11 new major roads, focusing on the Oworonsoki and Ifako axis.

Echonews reports that the new effort will build on existing road developments in Kosofe, enhancing transit and connectivity in the area.

The new roads are intended to greatly boost economic activity in the Local Government, allowing residents and companies to more easily reach key

services and markets.

The new roads are expected to significantly enhance economic activities in the Local Government, making it easier for residents and businesses to access essential services and markets.

According to Barr. Ogunlewe, "This project is part of our commitment to improving the lives of our residents and driving economic growth in Kosofe. We are dedicated to ensuring that our local government area is well-connected and accessible, and this project is a major step towards achieving that goal."



With the aim of providing the students of Maranatha Schools with a hands-on learning experience about local government administration, Barr. Moyosore Adedoyin Ogunlewe, Chairman of Kosofe Local Government, recently hosted the students on a visit to the council's offices.

The excursion, led by the Head of Education and Library Services, Mr. Nosiru Samsudeen, began with a guided tour of the Local Government offices, which gave the students an opportunity to engage with various government officials and gain a better understanding of the different departments and their functions. As the students toured

the different departments and units of the Local Government, they gained first-hand knowledge about the administrative functions and responsibilities of each department.

Echonews reports that the highlight of the visit was an interactive session with Chairman Barr. Moyosore Adedoyin Ogunlewe, where the students posed a variety of questions about the workings of the local government, state, and federal governments. This allowed them to deepen their understanding of government functions and foster a more direct connection with their local officials. The visit left a lasting

Kosofe Council Chairman Hosts Students of Maranatha

Kehinde Adeleye



impression on the students, many of whom expressed a newfound interest in civic engagement and local government processes.

As Chairman Barr. Moyosore Adedoyin Ogunlewe welcomed the students alongside Hon. Gbadebo Fatai, the Secretary to the Local Government,

and other officials, he emphasized the importance of practical learning experiences in supplementing classroom education. The excursion proved to

be a valuable opportunity for the students to learn about the inner workings of their local government and the roles of its various departments.

Salawu Urges New Revenue Boss To Be Innovative



By Saheed Afolabi

Chairman of Somolu LG, Abdulhamed Salawu has urged the newly appointed chairman and secretary of the council revenue committee to be innovative and expand their revenue net.

Salawu approved the appointment of Mr Banjoko Adebola as the chairman of revenue committee and Mr Adenola Bakinde as the secretary of the committee.

These appointments follow the recent Presidential

appointment of the former Chairman, Michael Oikeh, as a member of the governing council of Akanu Ibiam federal polytechnic, Unwana, Ebonyi State by Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

Salawu emphasized

that Mr Adebola's experience as the former Secretary of the Committee under Oikeh's leadership was a key factor in his new appointment.

The council boss urged the new leadership of the Somolu Revenue

Committee to work diligently and innovatively. He highlighted the importance of expanding the revenue base of Somolu Local Government to support community oriented projects and programs.

Salawu expressed confidence in the capabilities of Mr Adebola and Mr Bakinde to drive the committee forward, ensuring continued progress and development within the community.

IFAKO

Adedeji Takes Cholera Sensitization To Ifako-Ijaiye CDC

Kehinde Adeleye

The member of the Lagos State House of Assembly, Ifako-Ijaiye Constituency I, Mr. Adewale Temitope Adedeji, took the cholera awareness campaign to the Ifako-Ijaiye Community Development Committee (CDC) monthly meeting on

Tuesday as part of his efforts to educate constituents about the dangers of cholera. Sanitarian S.O. Olorunfemi (JP), Assistant Director, Environmental Health Officer, Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government, gave the sensitisation talk.

Echonews reports that

during the talk, Mr. Olorunfemi urged residents to maintain a healthy environment because the risk of a cholera outbreak is higher in a dirty environment; wash hands after using the toilet; avoid buying fruits and foods, particularly from

roadside vendors; stop open defecation; avoid indiscriminate dumping of refuse; and ensure proper water sanitation, among other precautions.

He highlighted some of the symptoms of cholera, including watery diarrhoea,

vomiting, fever, dehydration, and rapid heartbeat. Mr. Olorunfemi recommended anyone experiencing these symptoms to get medical attention as soon as possible, since delaying treatment could be deadly.

He urged the leadership

of the CDAs present to take the message back to their various communities for a healthy Ifako-Ijaiye. The highlight of the sensitisation talk was the distribution of flyers to the CDC members present to help drive home the message.

Gothia Cup: Jakande Thrilled By Odi-olowo Ojuwoye LCDA Players

The vice chairman of Odi-olowo Ojuwoye LCDA, Seyi Jakande is delighted over the selection of five players from the community to horn their skills at the Gothia Cup in Sweden. Jakande said the council have provided a lifetime opportunity for the players to showcase their skills in front of licensed FIFA scouts to provide a pathway in getting to the peak of their career. He believes he's relieved that they have finally accomplished their goal in projecting Odi-olowo Ojuwoye LCDA youngsters to the World. He stated that, this will motivate other youths in the community to be dedicated to their craft

and pursue a noble cause to be successful in life. "It's a thing of joy to me. It's a moment of fulfillment that we are able to work our talk in the areas of youth empowerment. This is a lifetime of opportunity for them to get to the peak of their career. "The defining moment for me is the accomplishment of the purpose that we are here for today. From the beginning, throughout the process of selection we have been able to get five of our players that are resident in Odi-olowo Ojuwoye LCDA to be selected to represent a team in this international competition. "The main purpose we



demonstrated this openly is for the fact that, why most of our youths are in this syndrome of 'Japa' we will see that

perseverance, hardwork and patience count. We can actually achieve better because this young people wouldn't have been selected if they had

traveled to anywhere in the World. "They are only been selected because they are here and representing the locals. It's a way of encouraging

our youths that our youths should continue to be patriotic and they should continue to see that there's a future in being dedicated."

Chairman of Odi-olowo Ojuwoye LCDA, Mr Rasaq Ajala is excited over the opportunities around with five players of the community who were selected to take part in the largest youth football tournament in the World, the Gothia Cup in Sweden. The players were fully sponsored by the Odi-olowo Ojuwoye LCDA and powered by SKF Nigeria. Ajala revealed it's a thing of joy and fulfillment for him to see the actualization of their investment in sport over the years come to reality as they positively project Mushin to the World. He implored the five players to give their best and soar high in the youthful tournament in Sweden. "It's a thing of joy and fulfillment for me. We came on board on the strength of the mandate given to us by our people

Gothia Cup: Ajala Excited Over Sweden Bound Players

By Saheed Afolabi

because of their conviction that we have what it takes to change the narrative to give opportunities and prosperity to them. "We promised that if we are given the mandate, we will project Mushin to the World positively and one of the verifiable platforms that we can use to achieve that is through football. "We are delighted that five of our players at Odi-olowo Ojuwoye LCDA will be participating in the largest youth football tournament in the World, which is the Gothia Cup in Sweden. "Football is now a huge business and we are

using this opportunity to expose our players to the World and to be able to be scouted by international scouts. "I want to implore the young players to give their best and make Odi-

olowo Ojuwoye LCDA proud and also bring the trophy back home. I will also be monitoring their progress in the tournament." One of the selected



players, Damilare Owoseni commended the council chairman for finding them worthy of this opportunity and promises the players won't disappoint and give their best at the Gothia

Cup. The father to one of the players, Mr Ebenezer Olajide was elated over the opportunity presented to his son and pray they succeed at the Gothia Cup.





For News Round Lagos Read Echonews

Read Echonews Online
Subscribe for Echonews Whatsapp E-Copy
www.echonews.ng   Publisher@echonews.ng