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At last, Lagos LGs inaugurate cabinets

By Abolaji Adebayo

The 57 local council cabinets in Lagos State have finally inaugurated their cabinets. been released, after what seemed like an unending wait.

Since nine months ago when the council chairmen have been sworn-in, they have been expected by the stakeholders to set up their cabinets for smooth running of the government at the grassroots.

From the outset, there have been issues concerning the compilation of the names in some local councils due to leadership tussles over who should be part of the cabinet. This was one of the factors that first delayed the list as some of the local councils could not submit their lists on time.

After sailing the hurdles at the local council level, the list again got stuck at the state level, putting every stakeholder in dilemma.

Initially, the list was expected to be released to commemorate the chairmen's 100 Days in office but, the hope was dashed as none of the council announced its cabinet - the list was not released by the state government.

Various factors were put forward for the delay of the list from the state government as reported by ECHONEWS.

ECHONEWS had reported that the list would be released after the All Progressives Congress (APC) convention held on March 26, 2022.

The long anticipated list was finally released on Thursday, April 7, 2022, giving way for inauguration of local council cabinets.

As expected, the list of Secretaries to the Local Governments (SLGs), Supervisors and Special



Lagos Mainland LGA Cabinet inauguration

Advisers caused ripples across the state as successful nominees celebrated while those who could not make it refused to submit to fate.

Promptly, a few local councils swung into action by pushing through the traditional conventions - presentation before the Legislative Arm comprising councillors for clearance and inauguration and assignment of portfolios - in a jiffy.

Isolo LCDA was the first to inaugurate its exco as the council chairman, Otunba Adebayo Olasaju sworn-in his officers into office 24 hours after the release of the list.

The appointees include Hon. Sikiru Adesina, popularly known as Current as the Secretary to the Local Government; Hon. Adeolu Ikugbayigbe (Supervisor, Education); Hon. Balikis Agbabiaka (Supervisor, Environment); Apostle Moses Oluwole (Special Adviser, Information) and Mr. Yussuf Oni (Supervisor, Youth & Sports) among

others.

However, the exercise was not seamless in some councils where the protocols were broken.

For instance, in Ejigbo LCDA, one Mr. Peter Sukore, was allegedly disqualified though his name was on the list approved by the state government as an SA.

However, the council leader, Hon. Olanrewaju Akinbowale told ECHONEWS that the councillors did not disqualify anybody.

He maintained that his (Sukore's) name was not on the list forwarded to the legislators for ratification by the council chairman.

He denied being aware of his (Sukore's) name on the list from the state government, saying the councillors ratified the list submitted by the chairman.

Similar occurrences were recorded in some other local councils as gathered by ECHONEWS.

A reliable source told ECHONEWS that there were some names on the list which were not submitted by the council chairmen, saying

such persons were not screened nor sworn-in in many local councils.

The source further clarified that some people were sworn-in though there names were not on the list from the state.

Such was what happened in Egbe Idimu LCDA where Hon. Noah Surakat's names was not on the list but was sworn-in as the SLG.

To douse the brouhaha and as a way of compensating those who felt disappointed, some council chairmen came up with alternative cabinets.

In Ojokoro LCDA, the council chairman, Hon. Hammed Idowu Tijani created some non-cabinet SA and SSA slots for some people outside the normal cabinet.

Same with Ifako-Ijaiye where the chairman was forced to create a package for the former SLG to still be part of the system.

Despite all the issues, the local council secretariats across the state are expected to be agog with celebrations this week as the council chairmen announced their inauguration plans.

Speaking to ECHONEWS, the Secretary to the Local Government, Ejigbo LCDA, Deacon Paul Fregene, who expressed his joy for being re-appointed to serve again, promised to be up and doing and make sure he delivers his assignment diligently.

"There were a lot speculations and fear with a lot of panic as the list was delayed. Negotiation with different permutations surfaced and many interests came up. We thank God that I was privileged to be sworn-in.

"I ascribe the glory to God for the reappointment. It's historical in Ejigbo LCDA that an individual serves two term as SLG back to back. It's only God that can do it. I'm not the most qualified nor experienced. I must recognize and equally appreciate the Executive Chairman of Ejigbo LCDA, Hon. Monsurudeen Oloyede Bello OBE for having the trust and confidence to reappoint me to serve under his leadership. I'm excited and happy to be sworn-in as the SLG to further strengthen

OBE's team," he said.

Similarly, the new SLG of Ojokoro LCDA, Hon. Kola Omisore, said there was panic over the delay of the list.

While appreciating the council chairman, the governor and the Speaker of Lagos State for giving him the opportunity to serve, Omisore said that he is ready for the task ahead.

He said: "I see it as a call to duty and an avenue to bring my wealth of experience in the private sector into governance. I'm a professional in politics not a professional politician. My job is to be a bridge-builder between the executive, legislators and the general public."

The Isolo SLG, Hon. Sikiru Adesina, said he was very happy when he heard the news of his nomination.

He promised to work in harmony with other members of the executive to serve the residents.

It was gathered that out of the 57 SLGs who served the former council administrations, only 21 were reappointed.



APC leaders appeal to members to re-elect Obasa

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Leaders and Chieftains of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Agege have appealed to their party members to allow the speaker of the Lagos State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Mudashiru Obasa to go for the third term, saying he has achieved so much not only for Agege but for Lagos State in general. While endorsing Obasa for the third term, the leaders unanimously agreed that the Speaker has an unbeatable chance of winning if he contests for a seat in the Senate in the 2023 general elections, adding that their appeal for his return to the House of Assembly was in the interest of

the entire Agege people and entire Lagos State, which he has made better through effective legislation and related activities.

At an Iftar programme that inadvertently provided an opportunity for the leaders to speak about Obasa's achievements so far, the leaders said the Speaker had become a pride, not only to Agege, but to Lagos State.

At least 80 leaders, political appointees and chieftains of the All Progressives Congress (APC), including Dr. Babatunde Adejare of the House of Representatives; Wale Ahmed, Lagos Commissioner for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs; Afolabi Ayantayo, Special Adviser to Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu,

Parastatals Monitoring Office; and Oba Ambaliu Hakeem Agbedeyi, the Alaige of Orile Agege supported that the Speaker should return to the House.

Some of the others who gave their support included Chief Safari Adaranijo, APC Apex Leader in Agege; Gani Owolabi Dada, leader; Elder Rotimi Adesina; Olaniyi Salau Ojo APC chairman in Orile-Agege, Alhaji Tunde Azeez; APC chairman in Agege; former and current local government council chairmen; vice chairmen; councillors; supervisory councillors and Special Advisers of the two council chairmen.

While urging that the Speaker be asked to return to the House, Adejare said Agege is now noted for good road networks with the

help of Obasa.

"Days ago, during the 80th birthday of Ebenezer Obey, a visiting Senator was marvelled that Agege now has very good roads. I told him not to forget that we have the Speaker of Lagos here," he said while praying for more wisdom for Obasa in his leadership position.

Wale Ahmed who said that he expects Obasa to be unopposed, added: "My prayer is that after the elections next year, we would all gather here to celebrate again." Oba Agbedeyi, while thanking Obasa for positively making Agege a place to reckon with, urged the Speaker to return so as to bring more developments to the area. Chairman of Orile-Agege LCDA, Johnson Babatunde, who led the

conversation, warned that Agege must not lose all that it had gained through Speaker Obasa. Rather, he said, the area should experience more dividends of democracy.

"A lot of people from Agege have been employed because of Obasa. A lot of infrastructures have come to us because of Obasa. There should be no vacancy in Agege Constituency 1," he said.

He noted that one-way Agege can appreciate Obasa's love for the area is to ask him to return and work for him to occupy the position again.

Supporting the collective decision by the leaders, Ganiyu Egunjobi, chairman of the Agege local government council, said the Speaker had brought glory to Agege and that he should be encouraged



Rt. Hon. Mudashiru Obasa

to return to the House unopposed. Earlier, the Islamic clergy at the Iftar, Chief Imam Quadri Abdul Ganiu Ayorinde, harped on love and the importance of Ramadan. He prayed for Asiwaju Bola Tinubu, National Leader of the APC, and Obasa and described those who invite Muslim faithful to breakfast with them as blessed.

PDP aspirant, Olorunsogo declares intention to contest for LAHA

By Motolani AbdulGafar

A Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) member in Agege Constituency II, Hon. Ejikunle Olorunsogo, has officially declared his intention to contest for the Lagos House of Assembly in 2023 general election. Olorunsogo assured that his legislative ambition would bridge the gap between himself and the community as one of the duties of an effective legislator is to have a listening ear. According to him, if elected, he would collate their requests into workable proposals in the legislative chamber and make efforts to build a consensus with other legislators for implementation.

He also pledged to create more job opportunities in Agege to reduce the effect of the present economic turbulence on residents. He promised to prioritise the issue of security by cooperating with appropriate security officials to reduce insecurity rate in the area. He advised the youths to shun all forms of political violence and avoid inter-political party rivalry to ensure a collective violence free election in 2023.

Expect new things, Essien tells residents, inaugurates new cabinet

By Edith Igbokwe

The Chairman of Lagos Mainland, Hon. Mrs. Omolola Essien has described the inauguration of her new cabinet members as the mark of new beginning and era of a new expectation for the people of Mainland. She told the residents to expect new things by her administration following the inauguration of the new cabinet members. She charged the cabinet members to perform their duties in accordance with the administrative guidelines and procedure of Lagos State House of Assembly. She enjoined the cabinet members to work with the

legislative arm and management team in achieving a common goal.

She re-emphasised the council's vision to build a virile, viable, model and mega local government committed to promoting developmental and people oriented policies that support productive activities.

She stated that part of the vision which the new cabinet must uphold is commitment to human capital development, socio-economic and infrastructural growth in partnership with all the key stakeholders.

"We therefore, implore the Community Development Committee (CDC) and the



Lagos Mainland swearing in event

Community Development Associations (CDAs) to see the council as your friend."

She noted that such relationship would allow the council to address the actual needs and challenges of the people in terms of

infrastructural development. The council boss pledged that the executive, legislative and management team will work tirelessly to ensure good road, infrastructures, quality education, health care delivery services,

security, good environmental services, and work on poverty alleviation.

The Vice Chairman, Hon. Jubril Emilagba also advised the newly appointed cabinet members to be committed to their duties.

Man arrested for allegedly killing girlfriend for ritual

The case of alleged man, ifeanyi Njoku who was arrested for killing and sleeping with his girlfriend's corpse, Precious Okeke, a 24 years lady, has been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department, Yaba for further investigation. The suspect stayed on Oke Street in an estate at Badore, Ajah area. Njoku confessed that the native doctor, who was assisting him, instructed him to have sex with Okeke's

corpse for seven days.

He was said to have engaged in the illicit act with the corpse for six days, when the stench emanating from his apartment prompted his neighbours to inform the management of the estate.

A source, Elizabeth John, said during a search of the apartment, Okeke's decomposing corpse was found.

"The boy killed his girlfriend about six days ago and

confessed that he wanted to use the girl for money ritual. He said he was told that he should have sex with his girlfriend's corpse for seven days, but he was caught on the sixth day.

"The smell of the corpse had been disturbing neighbours in the compound and other residents. So, they called the estate chairman to help in confirming what was going on in the apartment and while searching the apartment,

they found the girl's lifeless body.

"The boy was arrested and taken to the Lamgbasa Police Station and during interrogation, he confessed that he killed his girlfriend six days ago.

"We learnt that the boy offered six million naira to kill the case; we also learnt that he brought the girlfriend from the village and they just moved into the estate."

The state Police Public

Relations Officer, Benjamin Hundeyin, confirmed the incident, adding that the deceased and the suspect were lovers.

"Two suspects, Ifeanyi Njoku and Mbam Atunmufor have been arrested.

"They have been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department, Yaba for further investigation. Njoku was the one that rented the apartment," he explained.



Late LAHA member 'empowers' residents in Amuwo-Odofin

By Motolani AbdulGafar

No fewer than 20 residents of Amuwo-Odofin Local Government have been empowered by a political group founded by the former member of the Lagos State House of Assembly and wife of Juju maestro, King Sunny Ade, late Risikat Adegeye, Geye Solidarity Group. The beneficiaries, who were enrolled for the Lagos State Health Scheme, Ilera Eko, were issued insurance scheme cards to benefit from a Universal Health Coverage (UHC) that is affordable and convenient. It was gathered that the group planned for 100 beneficiaries but chose the

first 20 residents who attended the meeting and were punctual to encourage punctuality and efficiency in their daily life.

Addressing beneficiaries, the chairman of the Group, Engr. Sei Ipinlaye who is the immediate past secretary to Amuwo-Odofin Local Government, encouraged them to appropriately make use of the insurance card.

Ipinlaye maintained that the scheme will make enrollees pay less for healthcare bills and also get prompt healthcare they require as practised in most developed countries in the world.

He said the group is making efforts in its own way to synergise with Lagos State Government on healthcare

delivery being the second pillar in the developmental plan of the administration of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, as encapsulated in the T.H.E.M.E.S Agenda, asserting that health remains on the priority list of every government at all levels.

He assured residents that the group among other needs would continue to focus on ensuring that all the residents in Amuwo-Odofin have access to quality, equitable and affordable healthcare regardless of their socio-cultural and economic status towards the attainment of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) as prescribed by the state government.



late Risikat Adegeye

Riverine community demands basic amenities

Residents of Irede community in Apapa Wharf area of Amuwo-Odofin Local Government have called on the Local, State and Federal Government to come to their rescue by providing adequate social amenities in the area.

Irede community is known as an island located within a slum environment which debar residents from enjoying the dividends of democracy.

The island, with over 3000 residents, is said to be mostly populated by fishermen due to the natural resource available at their doorstep, artisans and petty traders.

Report has it that residents have over time suffered neglect from successive governments, making the community difficult to live for them.

They complained lack of potable water, hospital and other amenities for their survival.

Speaking on the most recent

endangered occurrence in the community, a resident, Mrs. Dominant Okani, revealed that a pregnant woman, Abidemi Ogunlesi died on her way to the hospital for delivery in town.

The middle-aged woman was said to have been in labour in the midnight but had no access to medical care because there was none available in the community and died inside a boat on her way to town after a long delay due to lack of fuel in the boat in an attempt to be moved to the mainland.

It was said that Ogunlesi's death was one of many involving pregnant women as only trade-medical operators are accessible in the area.

It was also revealed that the water surrounding the community is not drinkable making the residents depend on sachet water from vendors to survive.

Okani appealed to the government to come to the aid of the people of the community.

Council sensitizes residents on importance of social security registration

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The budget department of Amuwo-Odofin Local Government has explained to the residents of the council the importance of taking part in the ongoing Social Security Registration in the council.

The council chairman, Hon. Valentine Buraimoh, encouraged stakeholders who were mostly community leaders to orientate indigent members of the community of the importance of having their data captured with the social security register (SSR). According to him, the SSR is an initiative of the Federal Government that is handled by the Lagos State Operations Coordinating Unit (LASOCU) under the umbrella of the State's Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget.

He enlightened that the initiative is the National



Hon. valentine buraimoh

Social Safety-nets Project (NASSP) that was endorsed as a medium for the government to use to alleviate poverty among the poorest of the poor within each community in the country and has been introduced to other local

governments just like in the council.

He disclosed that efficient officials have been appointed to carryout the exercise in reaching out to residents in the community and in no time will collate all necessary data.

Buraimoh assured stakeholders that the program is a trusted one that would yield a positive result within the community while appealing to them to extend their cooperation in synergising with assigned officials.



Be ready for work, Odunmbaku charges new cabinet members

By Edith Igbokwe

The Chairman of Ojodu Local Council Development Area (LCDA), David Odunmbaku has charged the new cabinet members to get ready for work.

The newly sworn-in Secretary to the Government is Olaide John Bello while the Supervisory Councillors are Olaniyan Olabode, Wasiu Seidu, Tunji Kogbodoku, Seye Oyekan, Dayo Olanrewaju, Wale Abdulsalam, Folake Adams, Badru Jemilat and Wale Larinde.

The Special Advisers are

popular Nollywood actor, Femi Fadeyi, Folayomi Sonola, Tunde Ogunbiyi and Toluwase Dada.

Odunmbaku said that his administration is anxious about expanding the economic and and general development of Ojodu.

"This is a call to service hence, I oblige you take up responsibility and discharge your duties according to guidelines and you have to key into our administration's vision and policy thrusts.

"Consider your new position as a call to service. Your best is required in the new tasks given to you. You also need to

evolve strategies that will boost efficiency and productivity in Ojodu LCDA.

"Your cooperation with the management, legislative arm and all others would be of great benefit to all and sundry."

He reiterated that their coming on board would definitely make things easy for the council.

He prayed with hope that the new cabinet would usher in great ideal and values that would complement the H.E.Y.S agenda of the administration which is in tandem with the THEME Agenda of Lagos State.



Hon. David Odunmbaku

LASJA receives Judo equipment from Japan

Lagos State Judo Association (LASJA), Ikeja has received the first set of Judo equipment from Japan Government.

The gesture was in fulfilment of the promise that Japan Government made in 2021 to Nigeria and Lagos.

The Japanese ambassador to Nigeria, Matsunaga Kazuyoshi said they are ready to improve the profile of judo in Lagos State, stating that being a sports loving state, Lagos State would continue to benefit from Japanese Government.

Kazuyoshi specifically hailed the efforts of LASJA Chairman, Sheriff Hammed whose vision and passion for the sport has brought vibrancy to judo in the State.

He said the donation would not be a one-off gesture but a continuous one that would help to improve the fortune of the sport in the State.

"I am so happy to be here today because what we are doing here today is to fulfill the promise I made on September 2021 where I promised to support the state with some equipment.

"Fortunately when I went back to Japan, I was able to talk to an NGO in Japan which was eager to give judo equipment and this is just the first set of equipment. We believe this will be a continuous partnership that will help to teach the athletes the virtues of judo like

respect, rule of law, discipline and diligent which are part of democracy and economic development.

"Some of the things I know now were what I got from doing judo. So judo goes beyond sporting activity but is also an art that can help to shape someone's life."

He said the donation was also part of the sports diplomacy between Nigeria and Japan, while assuring more support for other sports in the state.

Responding, the LASJA Chairman said the gesture of the Japanese Government would help to increase the popularity of the sport as well as encourage more people to take up the sport.

He appealed to the Japanese government to help rehabilitate their judo hall at the Mobolaji Johnson Sports Complex in Rowe Part in order to inspire more athletes and create an enabling environment for the sport to thrive in the State.

The Director General, Lagos State Sports Commission (LSSC), Oluwatoyin Gafar, who was represented at the event by Director of Sports Development in LSSC, Moses Kolawole, thanked the Japanese Government for the generosity toward the State while promising that the equipment would be well utilised to groom world best in the sport.

Court orders release of First Nation CEO's int'l passport

Justice Mojisola Dada of the Special Offences Court, Ikeja, Lagos, has granted an application filed on behalf of the CEO of First Nation Airways Limited, Kayode Odukoya.

The application is seeking the release of his passport to enable him to get it renewed to attend the graduation ceremony of his son at the University of Kent, United Kingdom.

Odukoya is standing trial alongside First Nation Airways Limited and Bellview Airlines Limited on a seven-count charge bordering on forgery, use of false document, perjury, stealing and obtaining credit by fraud, contrary to sections 85(1), 86(1), 278(1)&(b), 285(1), 313(1)(a) &(b), 361(1)(a) &(b), 363 (1) and 364(1) of the Criminal Law of Lagos State of Nigeria 2011.

One of the charges reads: "Kayode Odukoya, First Nation Airways Limited and Bellview Airlines Limited, on or about the 7th day of October 2016 in Lagos within, the Lagos Judicial

Division, dishonestly converted to your own use the sum of N1, 742,994,962.04 (One Billion, Seven Hundred and Forty-one Million, Nine Hundred and Ninety-four Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixty-two Naira, Four Kobo) property of Skye Bank Plc."

At a recent sitting, the defence counsel, E. D. Onyeke, moved the application dated April 1, 2022, on behalf of his client, seeking an order of the court for the release of his passport deposited with the EFCC.

"It is to enable him to renew the same in order to travel to the United Kingdom for his son's graduation at the University of Kent on May 17," he added.

He further informed the court that the said application had also been served on the prosecution.

Confirming the said position, the prosecuting counsel, Nnaemeka Omewa, raised no objections but left the decision to the discretion of the court.

"Out of caution, the prosecution will want the defence counsel to take a

special undertaking that the defendant will be available at the next adjourned date,"

Ruling on the application, Justice Dada, granted the prayers of the defence and so ordered that his passport be released to him.

"The defendant must return the international passport to the commission on or before the 23rd of May, 2022," the trial judge added.

The case was adjourned to May 23 and 25, 2022 for cross-examination of the defendant by the prosecution.





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Hon. John Campos Ogundare

Hon. John Campos Ogundare was born and bred in Eti Osa East Local Council Development Area, Lagos State to Mr Ogundare and Mrs Risikat Ogundare née Owoseni Adams on 16th April, 1979.

His scholarship sojourn commence with elementary education at Olomu Primary School in Ajah, Eti Osa East L.C.D.A, Lagos. He then proceeded to Sangotedo Community High School, Sangotedo and Irete Grammar School, Ikoyi respectively for his secondary education.

His quest for more knowledge after the secondary school education took him to Lagos State University where he studied Industrial Relations and Personnel Management and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree.

Hon. John Campos is an articulate, agile, sociable and sporty enigma, loves to play lawn tennis and he is a proud and bona fide member of Lagos Lawn Tennis Club and many other Socio-cultural groups.

Prior to his full-time political career, Hon. John Campos Ogundare was into real estate and property development that has contributed immensely to the urbanisation and development of Eti Osa East in that regards.

Hon. John Campos Ogundare is an astute and



diligent public servant whose political prominence and pedigree in Eti Osa East and Lagos State cannot be jettison.

From his younger age, he has been a veritable political vessel in the developmental projects and strategies which have given Eti Osa East one of the prominence it enjoys today as the fastest growing neighbourhood in Lagos Nigeria.

Hon. Ogundare was the Campaign Director General of H.R.M Ibrahim Babajide Obanikoro Campaign Organisation. His strategic contributions and management in tandem with the political activities and direction of All Progressives Congress (APC) in Lagos State saw to the victory of the young and vibrant representative of the people of Eti Osa Federal

Constituency at the Federal House of Representatives, Abuja.

He is a loyal party man cum public servant who has worked in different capacities under different leadership thoughts in the political sphere of Eti Osa and Lagos State. His political experience thus as follows: he served as Supervisor for Environmental Health and Supervisor for Budget, Planning and Statistics, respectively in Eti Osa East Local Council Development Area, Lagos State.

After due diligence and proper consultation with the leaders of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Hon. John Campos Ogundare expressed his interest to contest for the office of the Executive Chairman of Eti Osa East Local Council Development Area, the Home of Hospitality and won the party's ticket. Which eventually manifested into his victory of becoming the winner of the Championship seat of July, 2021 Local Government election in Lagos State.

On Tuesday, 27th July 2021, he was sworn in by Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwoolu, Governor of Lagos State, as the Executive Chairman of Eti Osa East Local Council Development Area, the Home of Hospitality.

Hon. Ogundare is happily married and blessed with wonderful children.

scorecard



1. Construction of additional office block at the Area Office and Primary Health Care Center, Akins.
2. Miscreants and foreign bandits caught by the Joint Task Force operation at notable blackspots in Ajah, Ado Road and Abraham Adesanya respectively.
3. The inauguration of Local Security Outfit code name "Digbolu Kolu" to curb the activities of Cultism, Robbery and Banditry within Eti Osa East L.C.D.A
4. Mini buses garage created by the Hon. Ogundare's regime, under both side of the Jubilee Bridge Ajah, in other to rid Ado road and Ajah off traffic gridlock.
5. Reconstruction of perimeter fence that gave way to heavy flood at Badore Primary Health Care Center.
6. Some of the hard drugs caught with the miscreants and foreign bandits
7. The newly constructed Primary Health Care Center at Ajah.
8. Hon. Ogundare doing an emergency manual road fixing during the rainy season with Hon. Al Ameen Azeez the Deputy Leader of the Legislative Arm.
9. Another set of shops under construction at NEPA road Ajah under the administration of Hon John Campos Ogundare.
10. Women and Aged Empowerment programme by the administration of Hon Ogundare.
11. Newly Constructed road at Makarious Street, Ajah.
12. Newly Constructed Late Hon Rafiu Olufunmi Ultra Modern Market, Sangotedo.
13. Hon. John Ogundare refurbished the market bus stop shed to meet up with the newly constructed Market standard.
14. Group photograph from the presentation of free UTME forms to the indigent students in Eti Osa East L.C.D.A
15. Proper Desilting of drainage system at Ado, Lagbasa, Owode and its environs to check the incessant flooding during the raining season

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Ikorodu LG boss, wife gift cash, food items to mark annual thanksgiving

By Saheed Afolabi

The Chairman of Ikorodu LG, Hon. Wasiu Adesina and his wife, Mrs. Abolanle Adesina distributed cash gifts and food items to the indigent residents of the local government, as they organized the second edition of their annual thanksgiving event themed 'Sacrifice of Praise'. The event was a sequence of gospel music ministrations and prayer sessions to appreciate God for strengthening the council chairman's administration. At the high point of the procedure (after a special hymn was read by Mrs. Abolanle Adesina from Psalm 116:17), Pastor Femi Gilbert,

overseeing the religious program exhorted everyone encompassing the council chief not to relent in conveying gratitude to God at all times for delivering the wisdom to lead and make good directives.

"If we don't show God our level of appreciation it means we're not ready to receive another favour from him, Gratitude to God is an expression of acknowledgement in all sense of humility.

"It is a good thing that the chairman and his wife have decided to make this event an annual routine for God to take charge of his administration"

"Only success abound to people that recognize God as the doer of all accomplishments," Pastor

Femi asserted.

Money gift - N10,000 each was subsequently presented (by the chairman, his wife, the vice-chairman, Aarebirin Hon Princess Folashade Olanbiji-Oba, Leader of the house, Hon Adebola Adebowale and other dignitaries) to selected staff members including 60 widows as well as welfare packages were later distributed to all the guests in attendance at the event.

The vice-chairman, Aarebirin Hon. Princess Folashade Olanbiji-Oba, who gave the closing remarks urged guests and staff to always appreciate what they have as they strive to grow higher, adding that only a grateful heart thrives in these times.



Food distribution

The purpose of signpost's to communicate - Olukoya

By Saheed Afolabi

The Coordinator, Concerned Nation Builders Initiative (CNI), a non-governmental organization, Mr. Idris Tele-Olukoya, has said the importance of signage in a community cannot be over-emphasised.

"Entrance signs play an important role in the aesthetics, as well as function, of neighborhoods and residential communities.

"Also known as entrance signage, they are installed at the entrance where they provide essential information to residents and travelers alike.

"Unfortunately, some people overlook the importance of entrance signs, resulting in a lackluster neighborhood or community.

Signage is the design or use of signs and symbols to communicate message," he said.

According to him, signs are any kind of visual graphics created to display information to a particular audience.

"This is typically manifested in

the form of finding information in places such as streets or on the inside and outside buildings.

"The main purpose of signs is to communicate, to convey information designed to assist the receiver with decision-making based on the information provided on the signage."

Tele-Olukoya explained that the part of the non-governmental organisation Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is to erect signposts across Epe Division for the proper direction and indication of a destination.

He mentioned some of the edifices that the NGO has installed a signage such as Epe Divisional Police Station, Noforija Police Station, Mojoda Ultra Modern Market, Pobo Market, Epe Fish Market and Epe Club.

He said police booths were also installed across Epe Division in collaboration with Epe Club.

Tele-Olukoya expressed his profound appreciation to Epe Club for the rare opportunity while thanking the donor, Haji (Chief) Taoheed Olowo Fowosere for his donation and

collaboration to make the signage possible.

The Coordinator also appreciated the regular donors and philanthropists including Prof. Nosirudeen Olajide Onibon (Provost, now Deputy VC of LASUEED).

Others are Bar. Tunde Seriki

(Baamofin of Epe Kingdom), Bar. Dele Ibrahim (Alakoso 1 of Epe Kingdom), Princess Bolanle Kassim, Oba (Dr) Babatunde Ogunlaja, Aladeshanyin of Odo-Noforija, Oba (Dr) Olufolarin Olukayode Ogunsanwo, Alara of Ilara, Epe Club among several others.

"Team CNI enjoined every other organization to follow suite in supporting the government developmental agendas for communities. The government cannot do it alone. It requires the public, private partnership (PPP).

"CNI is opened to partnership

with private and public investors/organizations, individuals and government officials."

Tele-Olukoya added that Epe Club which was founded in 1974 has produced numerous illustrious sons in Epe Division and across the globe.

Group campaigns against social vices in Ikorodu schools

The optimistic frontage faction, also known as Realers Initiative in a joy-filled statement, affirmed that it has obtained an acknowledgement letter from the Lagos State Ministry of Education to continue its drive to sensitize young, brilliant minds on staying away from negative catalysts and thus evolving a more constructive contributor to grassroots growth.

Further advancing its Ikorodu-Lagos secondary school tour with the theme 'Saying No To Social Vices', Tagged 'Digital Age: A Minacious Impact', the NGO states that it has already alighted the interior academic domain of Ikorodu North LCDA, as well as taken its sensitization to walk to the local council development area secretariat.

According to the convener, Mr.

Ayanfeoluwa Ayobami, the positive feedback from the ministry is a clue to promising and more impactful programs to come as the ambition will be putting more life-transforming programs for schools, navigating young scholars to stay focused on becoming effective future leaders.

Ayobami continued: "With this acknowledgement, we're propelling another back to back school tour in Ikorodu, but this time around, we'll be changing positions from the North to Ikorodu Central axis so we can be felt at the prominent part of the waterbed region of Lagos State."

"The tour will be executed in May, 2022, and our target is Oriwu Senior Model College and United Senior High School. Just like the prior, we shall be having guests speakers and also a road



sensitization walk during the program.

Cybercrimes, rape and kidnapping are also areas we'll

be looking at this time in addition to our fight against drug abuse. It is time for Ikorodu Central to feel Realers Initiative," he added.



Be agents of progress, Agboyi-ketu LCDA boss charges new appointees

By Edith Igbokwe

The Executive Chairman, Agboyi-Ketu Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Dele Oshinowo has charged new appointees to provide leadership that will spur the progress of the council area and help raise the people's standard of living.

After administering the oath of allegiance and secrecy, the chairman urged them to deliver on their mandate, stressing that they were appointed to serve the people of the community.

The Head of Administration, Mrs. Sonate Adebaniji implored the political appointees to work as one big family to strengthen the

pace of development currently being witnessed across the nooks and crannies of the locality.

The newly sworn-in Secretary to the Local Government, Hon. Yomi Ganiyu promised that the new team would provide maximum support for the council chairman to sustain the leading status of the council.

Earlier before the inauguration, the legislative arm had screened and confirmed the list of nominees as Supervisors-designated.

After the screening, the council leader said the nominees met all constitutional requirements for their appointments.



Hon. Dele Oshinowo

Woman charged to court for allegedly threatening pastor's life

By Edith Igbokwe

A 25-year-old woman, Chidinma Umeh, has been charged to Ogudu Magistrates Court for threatening the life of one Pastor L. O. Oshiyemi and his family members.

The prosecutor, Insp. Donjour Perezi told the court that the defendant committed the offences on March 22 at 5:00pm at No.16, Ogundare Awise Street, Ifako, Gbagada in Lagos.

Perezi said the defendant threatened Oshiyemi and his family with extreme violence by invading his residence, throwing stones and beer bottles into his premises.

The prosecutor further said that the defendant unlawfully damaged the windscreen of a KIA Cerato car marked KRD 177 EF



valued N435,000, parked in the pastor's compound which belonged to one Aishat Onyeche.

Perezi explained that the offence contravened Sections 56 and 339(1) of

the Criminal Laws of Lagos State, 2015.

The Magistrate, O. M. Ajayi admitted the defendant to N100,000 bail with one surety in like sum and ordered that the surety

must swear to an affidavit of means of livelihood and be a resident within the court's jurisdiction.

He adjourned the case till April 24, 2022 for hearing

Ikosi-Isheri former vice chairman takes lower appointment

By Edith Igbokwe

The immediate past Vice Chairman of Ikosi-Isheri Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Mukahaila Adisa has been compensated with a lower position in the council after losing his former position.

Adisa would have been the running mate to the incumbent chairman but lost out to Hon. Thomas Ogunleye camp during the local government election.

Many of his followers regarded his condescending as a hallmark of humility, describing him as a repented son who was willing to serve his people at any level.

He disregarded those who called him the greatest political failure of his generation as he took up the position in the new cabinet.

Adisa's inclusion as non statutory Special Adviser indicated that the earlier differences between him and the council chairman, Princess Samiat Bada, have been resolved amicably.

The one-time Supervisor Councillor for Health, Adisa, former Supervisor for women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, WAPA, Mrs. Rosemary Olayemi Oshoffa alongside other appointees were screened by the legislative arm and sworn-in to office.

Man in court for allegedly threatening to kill landlady

A 55-year-old man, Oladimeji Ahmed, who allegedly threatened to kill his landlady and 12 others, has been docked in an Ogudu Magistrates Court in Lagos State.

The police charged Ahmed, who resides in Mile 12, Lagos, with breach of peace, threat to kill and public nuisance. He pleaded not guilty to the charge.

The Prosecution Counsel, Insp. Sunday Bassey, told the court that the defendant committed the offence on March 28 at the Mile 12 area of Lagos.

He said the defendant threatened to kill his landlady, Mrs. Kudirat Oyebanjo over a misunderstanding in the

compound for playing music at a very high volume.

The prosecutor told the court that the defendant also told the landlady that she was responsible for her late husband's death.

Bassey said the defendant was not a legal tenant and has been owing since 2019.

He stated that the defendant also threatened to kill twelve other people.

The offence, he said, contravenes the provisions of sections 56(1a) 157E and 168(d) of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015.

Magistrate O. A. Daodu admitted the defendant to bail in the sum of N200,000 with two sureties in like sum and adjourned the case to May 14 for mentioning.





Bamigboye gives 30 residents financial support

As part of his welfare programmes for the people of Mushin Local Government, the council Chairman, Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye, last week gave financial assistance to 30 residents who applied to the council for support.

The beneficiaries had applied to the chairman for financial support to tackle issues such as health challenges, job loss, financial challenges, physical disability, capital for petty trading and purchase of start up equipment for skilled artisans.

The council boss said their applications were approved after scrutiny to ascertain their real needs

According to him, the beneficiaries received cash ranging between N20,000 and N200,000.

While giving out the cash, Bamigboye advised the beneficiaries to use the money for the purpose for which they were approved.

The beneficiaries expressed gratitude to the council boss, saying the gesture would go a long way in solving their problems.

They thanked the council boss for putting smiles on their faces and alleviating their suffering and prayed for the success of the chairman and his entire cabinet in their administration.



Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye

... charges new cabinet members to be diligent in their duties,

By Saheed Afolabi

The Chairman of Mushin Local Government, Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye, has charged his new cabinet members to be dutiful and show diligence in carrying out their activities.

He gave the admonition during the swearing-in of the

appointees at the local council secretariat.

The eleven cabinet members who were earlier screened by Legislative arm included the Secretary to the Government, eight Supervisory Councillors out of which one was absent and three Special Advisers.

Few hours after the screening, their clearance

was communicated to the Chairman, who immediately invited the cleared nominees into his office for swearing-in ceremony administered by the Head of legal department, Barr. Doyin Ogunmade.

The council boss advised the appointees to appreciate God for the privilege of being part of the team.

He stated that many people have been lobbying for the appointments since their resumption into office after the July 2021 election.

He warned the new appointees to see their offices as public trust, saying leaders are watching and monitoring the portfolios entrusted to them.

He cautioned them against

violating the oath of secrecy in public office and advised them to be tolerant in office. Bamigboye further cautioned them to avoid being influenced by political sentiments in the discharge of their duties especially during the current build up to the 2023 general elections as they are not the best or most qualified in the

community but the most favoured.

Mrs. Olubunmi Bolanle Gbadamosi, who was reappointed as the Council Secretary, thanked the Chairman and party leaders for the trust and opportunity given to them to serve in the second term of Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye.

Ajala urges religious leaders to preach peace, love in Odi-Olowo/Ojuwoye LCDA

By Saheed Afolabi

The Chairman, Odiolowo-Ojuwoye LCDA, Hon. Rasaq Ajala has urged the religious leaders in the community to always preach peace and love among residents and called on everyone to continue to live in peace the community is known for.

He noted that there was insecurity in the community before his assumption of office, saying it was almost impossible for people to go to some areas but with the prayers of the religious leaders, it has become

things of the past.

He urged the religious leaders to continue using the power of the microphones in their places of worship to foster peace and love among the people and offer prayers for the LCDA.

The chairman of the All Progressive Congress (APC) in Odiolowo-Ojuwoye LCDA, Hon. Ismail Babatunde, stressed that the prayers of the religious leaders have been keeping the local council growing in terms of peaceful coexistence.

He advised the council chairman to always organize meeting with the

religious leaders before the 2023 general elections and appealed that issue of religion should not be brought to politics.

The CAN vice president, Odiolowo-Ojuwoye LCDA branch, Senior Pastor Engr. Durowoju, stated that CAN is apolitical which welcomes any politician seeking political office, saying the body has not sponsored any candidate for political office.

The council vice chairman, Hon. Seyi Jakande, charged everyone to spread the message in their community to promote peace and harmony across the LCDA.



Hon. Razak Ajala meets with religious leaders



Don advises pupils on goal attainment

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Pupils of Ire Akari Primary School, Ilesa have been urged to be focused and committed towards achieving their desired life goals. The advice was given as public schools in Lagos ended the 2nd term academic session. A lecturer at the Journalism department, School of Communication, Lagos State University, Dr. Ganiyat Tijani-Adenle urged primary school pupils to adhere to the teachings both academic and moral, instilled in them while in school. She noted that as a goal getter,

they must have a profound understanding of the GEM of life as it helps in attaining all academic set goals. Adenle illustrated that the 'G' which is believe in God must strictly be adhered to as an individual tends to achieve success in life due to the predestined faith in Him. She, however, noted that having a strong believe in God without making efforts - 'E' is like having a car without fueling it before operation. She said their consistent efforts in attaining success is what would give rise to abundant blessings as hard work always pays.

She in addition noted that being committed with strong faith without having good manner - 'M' will at the long run always serve as a set back to an individual. She cited the example of a knowledgeable Doctor who despite his academic qualifications settle for a low paying job while secluding himself from the top academic world he ought to occupy. She said his bad tempered attitude towards his superior or junior while at work has always been a set back for him as he lacks humility, patience and good utterances when relating with people.

She said as young lads, they ought to be of good morals, honest, trustworthy and have patience as these features are what would make or mar them in the future. She encouraged them to utilize their two weeks holiday as their brain is still in a tabula raza which gives them that opportunity to assimilate more. She as well appreciated the qualitative educational environment created for students by the Lagos State Government while commending the efforts of the teachers in fitting in to the current education system of the state.

Centenary Celebration: Cleric pleads for rebuilding of Ajumani Central Mosque

By Edith Igbokwe

The Chief Imam of Ishagatedo Central Mosque, Sheikh AbdulRasak Orebiyi, has described the hundred years existence of Ishagatedo Central Mosque as a manifestation of Allah's Grace and Majesty in support of religious patriotism in the area. Orebiyi said this while giving a review of the achievements of the 100 years old mosque as an Islamic prayer center. He said, according to their religious believe, building a mosque on the surface of the earth will simultaneously give rise to God building a house of the righteous in paradise as the holy house is known to be the house of God. Ishagatedo Central Mosque which was previously known as Ajumoni mosque was said to have been founded and built as a hut in 1917 but was later molded with clay in 1920. He explained that there was a peaceful coexistence in the society as every individual upheld their belief without creating any religious enmity or disparity that causes disunity in today's society. According to him, the mosque committee has survived till date due to their contentment, humility and willingness in administering the affairs of God as they believe their reward is with Him which he encouraged youths to learn from. Contributing to what the Chief

Imam said, the Balogun Adini of the mosque, Alhaji Zakariyyah Akinwande narrated that the land was precisely given by his maternal great-grandfather, Pa Fashina Adeshola Idowu Apena whose younger brother Tijani Egunjobi Atoku went on a missionary service to Epe where he became an outstanding evangelist which probed Apena to donate the land for him to start his missionary work in Ishagatedo. He said the name Ajumoni was converted to Ishagatedo in 1985 to reflect community status after the emergence of a committee in 1971 that officially administered the affairs of the mosque. Akinwande noted that the likes of Pa Tijani Egunjobi Atoku, Pa Sanusi Fadare, Imam Mustafa Adebayo and Alhaji Aina Mutairu would forever be acknowledged due to their immense contribution towards the development of the Islamic society in Ishagatedo. In addition, Orebiyi commended the newly turbaned chiefs of the mosque and urged them to continue to strive towards the path as they were recognized due to their efforts so far in propagating the religion. He, therefore, encouraged the muslim society to take advantage of the blessed month of Ramadan to earn more reward with God while praying for it not to be the last they will experience in life.

LASPEMA GM tasks Oshodi new cabinet members on commitment

By Edith Igbokwe

The former vice chairman of Oshodi-Isolo Local Government now General Manager, Lagos State Planning and Environmental Monitoring Agency (LASPEMA), TPL, Daisi Oso has charged the new political appointees in the local government to show commitment, diligence, and exemplary leadership as the necessary virtues needed to achieve the greatness desired. He said that commitment will help to deliver the prosperity that the people deserve. He notified them that the position is a call to duty and not a status symbol and implored them to be careful not to abuse the trust placed on them by the people and God. He congratulated the newly sworn-in SLG, supervisory councilors and special advisers of the Council on their well-deserved appointments.

"It is a testament to your accomplishments, track record of hard work, commitment, and dedication to our great party and our local govt." He implored the appointees to give all as a baseline requirement in service to make Oshodi/Isolo LG a beacon of social, commercial and political excellence.



Newly elected officials in group photograph with Kendoo

Oshodi-Isolo LG begins war against Polio

By Edith Igbokwe

Following the collective effort in tackling the menace of polio in Nigeria, the Chairman of Oshodi-Isolo Local Government, Otunba Kehinde Oloyede, has kicked off the Polio Outbreak Response vaccination exercise. The exercise was kicked off by the council vice chairman, Mrs. Modupe Badmus-Aregbe who represented the chairman at the occasion held at the council Health Centre. According to Aregbe, the goal of the exercise is to provide an integrated health services across the board for the children from zero to five years to eradicate Polio in the community. "We don't want Polio outbreak in our local government, we are pleading to the parents and religious leaders

to encourage their congregations to get their children vaccinated from zero to five years old, the vaccine is free and safe, don't hide your child, let him/her be a beneficiary of this government intervention." She reiterated that the chairman is committed to revamping the primary health sector to a standard one that will be able to treat most illnesses and accommodate all. She noted that sooner than later, renovation and equipment of the health centres will commence across the board. She, however, urged mothers to always pave way for the nurse to vaccinate their children as vaccination against polio reduces epidemics and it is their right from the government. Speaking on the occasion, Apex council nurse, Mrs. Oloyede said the vaccination team will visit all



Participants at the Polio event in Oshodi-Isolo LGA

households, hospitals, schools, churches, mosques, recreational centres, estates, marketers and other places where children can be found to make sure they are

vaccinated. "Just two drops of the Polio vaccine will be given irrespective of their previous immunization status." Other dignitaries present were the

Council Manager, Mrs. Latifat Balogun, Oshodi-Isolo legislative arm members Hon. Jimoh Khadijat, Hon. Adegba Temitope Ige and the MOH Dr. Ubani Osinachi.



Burnley sacks manager, Sean Dyche

By Saheed Afolabi

Burnley have sacked manager Sean Dyche with eight games left of their season in the Premier League.

The Clarets, who have lost five of their last six top-flight games, are 18th and four points from safety.

Dyche was the Premier League's longest serving manager, having taken over at Turf Moor in October 2012.

Burnley chairman Alan Pace said it was "an incredibly difficult decision" to part company with the 50-year-old, but "we feel a change is needed".

Dyche's last game in charge of Burnley saw them lose 2-0 to Norwich City, who are at the bottom of the Premier League.

Assistant manager Ian Woan, first-team coach Steve Stone

and goalkeeping coach Billy Mercer have also left the club.

"Firstly, we would like to place on record our sincere thanks to Sean and his staff for their achievements at the club over the last decade," said Pace.

"During his time at Turf Moor, Sean has been a credit both on and off the pitch, respected by players, staff, supporters, and the wider football community.

"However, results this season have been disappointing and, while this was an incredibly difficult decision, with eight crucial games of the campaign remaining, we feel a change is needed to give the squad the best possible chance of retaining its Premier League status.

"Under-23s coach Mike Jackson, assisted by academy director Paul Jenkins, Under-23s goalkeeping coach Connor King and club captain Ben Mee have

been asked to take charge of the team for Sunday's game with West Ham United.

"The process of replacing Sean has begun and further announcements will be made to supporters in due course."

Dyche had signed a new four-year contract until 2025 with Burnley in September last year.

During his spell at the club he guided them to two promotions from the Championship and two top-half Premier League finishes.

He also helped Burnley achieve their first European qualification in 51 years courtesy of leading them to a commendable seventh place in the Premier League in 2017-18.

However, the Clarets have won just four Premier League games this season, the worst win record in the league.



Sean Dyche

NFF appoints coaches to head national teams

By Saheed Afolabi

The Executive Committee of the Nigeria Football Federation has approved the recommendation of its Technical and Development Sub-Committee for the appointment of Salisu Yusuf as the Head Coach of the Super Eagles B (otherwise known as CHAN team) as well as the U23 (Olympics) team.

Yusuf, who was Head Coach of the Super Eagles B when the team emerged runner-up of the African Nations Championship in Morocco in 2018, will work with Kennedy Boboye (Assistant Coach); Fatai Osho (Assistant Coach); Abubakar Bala Mohammed (Assistant

Coach); Fidelis Ikechukwu (Assistant Coach); Eboboritse Uwejamomere (Match Analyst) and Ike Shorounmu (Goalkeepers' Trainer) and Suleiman Shuaibu (Goalkeepers' Trainer 2).

In other appointments, Ladan Bosso retains his position as Head Coach of the U20 Boys. He will work with former U17 Head Coach, Fatai Amao (Assistant Coach); Oladuni Oyekale (Assistant Coach); Jolomi Atune Alli (Assistant Coach) and; Baruwa Olatunji Abideen (Goalkeepers' Trainer).

For the U17 Boys, Golden Eagles, Nduka Ugbade was named Head Coach. He will work with Ahmad Lawal Dankoli (Assistant Coach); Omoniye Haruna Ilerika (Assistant Coach); Yemi Olarenwaju

(Assistant Coach) and Mohammed Nasiru Isah (Goalkeepers' Trainer). Ugbade captained Nigeria's first cadet team that won the FIFA U16 World Cup in China in 1985.

For the U13/15 Boys known as Future Eagles, Patrick Bassey will be Head Coach and will work with Abdullahi Tyabo Umar (Assistant Coach); Mohammed Kalli Kachalla (Assistant Coach); Ifeanyi Uba (Assistant Coach); Alh. Mohammed Kwairanga (Assistant Coach) and; Abubakar Abdullahi (Goalkeepers' Trainer).

The NFF also stated that a new Head Coach for the Super Eagles will be announced and officially unveiled once the processes for his engagement and contract-signing are concluded.

Debutants, Ghetto Tigers Ladies and Fortress Ladies are having a roller coaster ride in the Wafa FA Cup as both teams secured their first win in the women based football tournament. FC Phoenix Queens on the other hand saw off Future Stars 99 by defeating them 2-1. Busari Suliyat put FC Phoenix Queens ahead in the 23rd minute before Future Stars 99 came back on level terms in the 38th minute through Hassana Atojoko. Tawakalitu Animashahun sealed the win for Phoenix

Wafa FA Cup: Ghetto Tigers, Fortress Ladies, FC Phoenix Queens seal next round spots

Queens in the 80th minute to secure a place in the next round.

Ghetto Tigers Ladies tutored by Coach Azeez Mustapha put up a great show as they got their debut in the Wafa FA Cup on a winning note.

A terrific free-kick from 30 yards scored by Rofiat Ewetade in the 41st minute for Ghetto Tigers Ladies against Young Achievers Queens was what separated both sides in an epic

encounter.

Fortress Ladies showed charisma as they tore Daff Ladies into shreds by defeating them 3-0 in an enthralling match.

AB Irabor, Thomas Racheal and Joy Nwodo all scored for the Fortress Ladies as they ambushed Daff Ladies.

Ghetto Tigers Ladies, Fortress Ladies and FC Phoenix Queens made way to the next round of the Wafa FA Cup.

Olympic champion, Allyson Felix to retire at the end of the season

Allyson Felix, the most decorated female track and field Olympian of all time, will retire at the end of the season. The 36-year-old American has won 11 Olympic medals, including seven golds, as well as 13 world titles.

She competed at her fifth and final Olympics in Tokyo last summer.

"As a little girl they called chicken legs - never in my wildest dreams would I have imagined I'd have a career like this," said Felix.

"I have so much gratitude for this sport that has changed my life. I have given everything I have to running and for the first time I'm not sure if I have anything left to give.

"I want to say goodbye and thank

you to the sport and people who have helped shape me the only way I know how - with one last run. "This season isn't about the time on the clock, it's simply about joy. If you see me on the track this year I hope to share a moment, a memory and my appreciation with you."

Felix has won four Olympic golds in the 4x400m relay, two in the 4x100m relay, and one in the 200m.

In November 2018, Felix gave birth to her daughter Camryn by emergency Caesarean at 32 weeks after discovering she had pre-eclampsia, which could have been life-threatening for them both.

Less than a year later, she became the most successful athlete in World Championships history

when she took two relay golds in Doha.

That same year, she took on sponsor Nike over maternity pay. In May 2019, she wrote in the New York Times that Nike wanted to pay her 70% less after she became a mother, and three months later, the brand changed their stance.

Felix has also worked to highlight the issue of maternal mortality among black women.

"This season I'm running for women. I'm running for a better future for my daughter. I'm running for you," she added in her retirement statement.

"More to come on that, so stay tuned, but I'll be sharing a series of announcements that I'm hoping will make the world better for women.

"Here's to my final season."



Allyson Felix



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