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Get ready for more rains

By Saheed Afolabi

Lagosians have been urged to get ready for more rains.

The Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) has warned of heavy rainfall and possible flooding in most southern cities from June 29 to 30.

The agency said heavy rainfall is anticipated over parts of Lagos, Ogun, Oyo, Osun, Ondo, Edo, Delta, Bayelsa, Anambra, Imo, Abia, Rivers, Akwa-Ibom, Cross River and parts of Taraba.

The agency also warned that there will be flooding of roads, low-lying settlements and river channels in these states.

It advised residents to avoid low-lying areas, desist from driving through running water, clear waterways of debris and avoid standing under trees and unsecured structures during the rain.

Residents of the cities were also advised to switch off electrical appliances before the rains to avoid electric shock.

Lagos residents have been advised to cooperate with the state government as it is set to proffer a permanent solution to flooding in the state.

This came following the destructive flooding that ravaged the city last week.

The State Government said it is on top of the situation, strategising measures to tackle the menace in the State.

Last week, for more than seven hours, Lagosians witnessed non-stopping heavy downpour.

The consequence of the downpour was flooding that caused disasters in the city.

Some victims of the disaster have been counting their loses both human lives and properties.

This occurred in number of places across the State as about seven people lost their lives to the flood including two siblings - teenagers, who reportedly died while trying to rescue their youngest sibling.

The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) confirmed that the flood claimed seven lives.

The Zonal Coordinator, South West, NEMA, Ibrahim Farinloye,

made the disclosure in a statement issued in Lagos.

"The post-emergency phase assessment after the unprecedented rainfall of Friday, 8th July and Saturday, 9th July, 2022 has revealed that about seven people – three children of same parent and four adults – died.

"About eight lives were also saved during the period, as a result of the flooding that was witnessed during the two-day continuous rainfall," he said.

Mr Farinloye said the three siblings who lost their lives were residing at a church building belonging to Mercy of Christ Apostolic Church, situated in an uncompleted building.

He said the siblings, Michael, 18, Elizabeth, 17, and Timi, 14, were swept away while trying to relocate from their room to the main church structure.

He said that the youngest child, Timi, who was said to be asthmatic, while trying to climb the plank linking their room to the church building, slipped and was overpowered by the flood.

The coordinator added that the remaining two while trying to rescue their sibling, were also swept away by the flood.

Farinloye said the NEMA team, while on a condolence visit to the families, met with representatives of Progressive Community Development Area, who conducted the agency around the affected communities.

"The bereaved parents were said to be somewhere, but the NEMA team had a brief meeting with the community leaders on the way forward.

"An appeal was made to them that for the rest of the year, the community must embark on awareness and sensitisation on safe actions, to avoid the situation that they experienced during the period.

"The community leaders also informed NEMA that in the same community, four siblings were also swept away on the same day, but that the community members rallied round and rescued all of them," Mr Farinloye said.

He listed the flooded communities as Oke Isagun and Agbado-Oke



Flooded road

Odo LCDA, in Alimosho.

The NEMA chief said members of the Progressive CDA briefed NEMA that rainwater from Meiran, Abbatoir, Alagbado, Agege, and Toll gate converged on their community.

Farinloye also gave an update on the flood at Oyatoki in Orile Agege, saying that two people died, while four were rescued.

Residents are panic as it is forecast that heavier downpour is expected in Lagos.

Meanwhile, political opposition party in Lagos has been taking advantage of the situation to play politics on the residents.

For instance, the media team of the gubernatorial candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Lagos State, Dr. Abdul-Azeez Olajide Adediran, also known as Jandor, issued a statement not only subtly blaming the state government for the flood but purportedly claiming that he was setting up a Disaster Recovery Team across the state to come to the aid of flood victims.

According to the statement: "Jandor has reached out to some of the victims earlier in the week,

but the situation became worrisome today with the torrential rain that has lasted for about seven hours. It is disheartening to see the good people of the state suffer such neglect and huge discomfort. This disaster is preventable and avoidable at least to the bearable minimum."

Jandor himself in his statement admits that there was "torrential rain that has lasted for about seven hours".

However, social observers questioned Jandor's knowledge of such flood and the situation.

Ademola Adedigba a lawyer asked: "Does Jandor know the difference between flooding and flash flooding? Did he ask his team to undertake the necessary research before issuing the statement that amounted to political grandstanding and a display of comical ignorance? Surely, more is expected from one who aspires to become the governor of Lagos State and must be known to be diligent, profound, meticulous and refraining at all from frivolity in his public discourse.

"The question is: for how long did flood water remain on the streets and drains across the state when the rain eventually stopped? The flood water had subsided and cleared within 24 and at most 48 hours in heavily hit areas. This is a natural and routine occurrence in several, especially low-lying areas across the world both in developed and underdeveloped countries.

"What does Jandor really know about Lagos? Is he aware of the relationship between the geographical location of Lagos relative to the sea and the vulnerability of many parts of the state to flooding?

"Experts estimate that Lagos is less than two metres above sea level and that some parts of the state may well be below sea level. That means that flooding is a phenomenon that the state must continue to cope with even as it strives to continue to improve on the knowledge, skills and technology to mitigate its effects." Apart from embarking on drain evacuation, the state government has promised to present adequate fund for the successful provision

of the permanent solution.

Linking the cause of the flooding in Lagos to climate change, the Commissioner for Environment and Water Resources, Mr. Tunji Bello, said outfitted with high-capacity tanks would be delivered, while drain desilt across the affected areas in Lagos

He said: "A permanent solution to the issue of flooding would be put in place before the end of the year, but I want to assure residents that measure are being taken to tackle the menace.

"The major problem responsible for flooding is the depressing nature of the area which has made it difficult for water to naturally drain into the canals. What was experienced in Lagos last week are the effects of climate change as Lagos is one of the cities projected as one of the sinking cities in the world.

"I advise residents of Lagos Island to desist from dumping refuse into drains and canals and take ownership of the environment by moving against property developers who litter drains with building materials which prevent flowing drains."

Residents seek state govt's intervention on roads in Oriade LCDA

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Some residents of Satellite Town, Oriade LCDA have called on Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu to tour the council area to have first hand information on the dilapidated state of roads in the area.

According to them, the excessive damage of the road is due to the negligence of the current council administration maintaining that road rehabilitation has not been fully put into consideration.

The residents under the auspices of Satellite Town Interest Forum (SIF) lamented that part of the disheartening situation is that inner roads

(feeder roads) that should ordinarily be fixed by Oriade LCDA have been left unattended to by the council.

In a Save Our Soul letter to the Governor signed by its spokesman, Alhaji Yusuf Sani, a retired Comptroller of a para-military agency, the residents are demanding state government's intervention.

The letter reads in part: "Our amiable governor, please consider this as an issue that demands urgent attention. We are calling on you in God's name to come to our aid and save Satellite Town from the total collapse of infrastructure.

"There is no motorable road in Satellite Town, an area that was

known as one of the prime places in Lagos mainland. All the roads have collapsed as a result of wears and tears and activities of tankers and containers.

"While we acknowledge the ongoing reconstruction of Marwa Road, which has brought pains to residents, every other road in the area is in a bad shape. Even the inner roads (feeder roads) that should ordinarily be fixed by Oriade Local Council Development Authority, LCDA, have been left unattended to by the LCDA. Craters are common sights on these roads. Since the callous citing of tank farms in the area (which) has made

petrol tankers to take over Marwa Road, Finiger and even Abule Ado Road by Tantalisers, the inner roads that are main arteries are death traps. The link road from Navy Town to Close one is bad. And this is one of the few roads free from tanker menace.

"Assembly Road that links the Closes and other estates in the neighborhood is not passable. So bad are the roads that commercial motorcycles (Okadas) avoid them. Community Road, which is another major road connecting Shell Estate, Union Bank Estate, First Bank Estate, Chevron Estate, Unipetrol Estate, Daily Times Estate, Agip



Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu

Estate, Mobil Estate, CBN Estate 1 and other estates is also not motorable. Your Excellency, Satellite Town is suffering total neglect.

"Sir, this is an area with an enlightened populace including

a large number of retirees, who had meritoriously served this country. It is disappointing that the once beautiful and serene environment they knew has suddenly become an urban slum," they lamented

Commuters applaud company for patching potholes

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Commuters along Mile 2 Bridge Apapa/Oshodi Expressway have expressed gratitude for the selfless dedication of the Hi-tech company for voluntarily filling the potholes along the road.

The potholes were said to have often caused delay for the motorists navigating the road.

The working tractor was seen adding boulders and crushing stones among other necessary palliatives to fill the potholes on the service lane.

Speaking with ECHONEWS, a resident of Amuwo-Odofin, Adepeju Akiolu revealed that the state of the road had on some occasions slowed down

the movement of vehicles in the axis.

She said the company's courage to take up such a project without any strict order or government interference showcases how much it put the well-being of the community at heart.

As an observer, she disclosed that she wished more philanthropists would contribute to such projects as road construction and rehabilitation, a capital-consuming project that has been the major issue in every administration of all political office holders.

She advised road users to value the little resources extended on the road by maintaining it for a long-lasting and convenient movement to be experienced.



Hi-tech tractor filling potholes in Amuwo-Odofin Local Government

LAGFERRY discloses government's plan to upgrade riverine areas

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, Lagos State Ferry Service (LAGFERRY), Hon. Lad-Abdul-baq Balogun has hinted that the Lagos State Government would strengthen its commitment to the riverine areas through steady investments in waterfront infrastructures, modern jetty construction, channelisation and dredging, while strengthening its regulatory agency's (LASWA) oversight functions.

He made the statement following the incident of the capsized boat that claimed 19 passengers on board at Mazamaza end of Mile 2 Inland Waterway channel, with no survivor.

He said the government places premium value on the life of every Lagosian and will continue to make living, playing and working in Lagos easier, convenient and comfortable as the security of lives and properties and welfare of the people remains its priority.

Balogun informed that there would be a provision of search and rescue facilities including a floating clinic water ambulance, navigational aids and safety control center, and very importantly, the acquisition of locally

built ultra-modern boats for commercial operations of Lagos Ferry Services and the local boat operators through collaboration with the private sector.

He said the government's deliberate action of all-inclusive boat reform will further engender the full realization of the multi-modal transportation system in the State with functional alternatives but interconnected road, rail and water transport modes.



stakeholders in Ibeshe community having received water jackets

Buraimoh describes late Kiyomi as democrat

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Following the announcement of the death of the former Speaker of Lagos State House of Assembly, Hon. Abayomi Kiyomi, the chairman of Amuwo-Odofin Local Government, Hon. Valentine Buraimoh has described the deceased as a democratic leader worthy emulating.

Speaking about his experience with late Kiyomi, Buraimoh said

the late lawmaker always engaged all members to actively participate in the decision making that brought significant development to Amuwo-Odofin. He said the involvement of Kiyomi in both political and official duties has been deeply engraved in his heart as he at some point emulated the leader in relating with his staff at the council.

As a father and friend, the council chairman said Kiyomi was very efficient, reliable and the finest leader he had related with and

learnt from in his lifetime.

He added that he will be remembered as a champion of human dignity for peaceful coexistence in terms of his exemplary grace to seek to understand and be understood in the interest of progress and unity. Hon. Abayomi Kiyomi was former Speaker of the Lagos State House of Assembly under the administration of late Sir Michael Otedola, the former Governor of Lagos State from January 1992 to November 1993.

The newly sworn in Vice President of the Epe Ogunmodede Club, Mr. Gafar Babatunde Sanuth who was once the Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Ministry of the Local Government and Community Affairs has described the reasons for the establishment of the club in 1972 as a front and pressure group to usher in developments in the community. He made case for the club in the areas of community development, provision of social amenities like drilling of boreholes, promotion of the culture through the sponsorship and organization of various community activities like the annual Kayokayo festival. He also mentioned some of the achievements of the club over the years to include the bursaries and scholarships

Ogunmodede club projecting Epe as a commercial nerve center - Sanuth

By Saheed Afolabi

for indigent students in the community, purchase and distribution of tricycles, cabs, okadas, tools, sewing machines, hair-dryers, economic aids, palliatives, etc. On the major plans by the new administration to embark upon, he said that they are poised to tap into the digital world through various innovations and technological drives. "The openings on the Marina corridor of the town would be tapped into. Tourism is another 21st century economy and this will be checked out as well.

"The development along the Ibeju-Lekki via Dangote Refinery where many people will come in for jobs opportunities is another area of focus. Our youths will be encouraged and positioned very well for these opportunities. Housing scheme will also help in this realm." He advocated for community policing in order to make the town a safe place for sundry. "Peace is the only language development understands. We are working tirelessly to make sure that Epe is safe for everyone", he noted. He called on all the stakeholders to join hands together for the development

of the ancient town. "It is only when all come together as an 'indivisible entity' that 'one voice' could be achieved. The era of 'Eko and Ijebu Epes' should be left to go for good. We should remain brothers and sisters to push the agenda forward. That is why the membership of the social club is ONLY meant for the indigenes of Epe. This remains the only criterion. "We have well meaning Epe indigenes who are members. People who have reached the apex of their careers and willing to lift others up, most particularly the youths. Because, they are leaders of tomorrow."



Tunde Sanuth

'Epe now cultural, tourism centre of Lagos'

By Saheed Afolabi

Stakeholders in the state are referring to Epe as the cultural and tourism center of Lagos State, saying its cultural heritage is becoming second to none in the State. This was said as the indigenous people and visitors to the town defied heavy rain on Monday, last week to celebrate the annual Ojude Oba festival. While addressing the gathering, the Oloja of Epe Land, HRM Oba Kamorudeen Ishola Animashaun, commended their support for his reign and their various contributions to the growth and development of Epe Land. He appreciated the Lagos State Government for its huge presence in the town and pledged more supports and cooperation of his people for the State Governor, Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu as he prayed that he would lead the state for another term in office. The monarch also commended Senator Tokunbo Abiru for his contribution to the development of the town. He said: "I want to sincerely

thank our distinguished Senator Tokunbo Abiru for his recently commissioned mini stadium and remodelled Oluwo Market. He has done well for us in Epe and it is not only in Epe that he is doing this good. His unprecedented performance is evident all over the Lagos East Senatorial District. I want to assure him that, we are not ingrates in Epe. We are strongly behind him. "Also, we know what Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu has done for us. He struggled for the democratic values we are all enjoying today. Therefore, I want you all to go and collect your Permanent Voters' Cards (PVC) so that we can use them to vote in Asiwaju as Nigerian President in the next year Presidential Election. It is Asiwaju's turn, it is our turn, it is Yoruba's turn and we must not allow this opportunity to slip out of our hands." Responding, Abiru, who was the Chairman on the occasion, eulogised the cultural heritage of the people of Epe and their undying zeal for their tradition. He felicitated with them as he congratulated the Oloja of Epe Land and all.



Oba Animashahun

The Senator who spoke at the event through his representative, a member of SUBEB, Lagos State, Dr. Saheed Ibikunle, also urged all the residents of Epe to get their PVCs and vote for all APC candidates in the 2023 general elections, starting from the presidential flag bearer of the ruling party, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu. Earlier, the Chairman, Planning Committee of the event, the

lawmaker representing Epe Constituency I in the Lagos State House of Assembly, Hon. Abiodun Mustain Tobun, had praised all the indigenes and non-indigenes of Epe for a beautiful and glamorous display at the event. He later charged them to be their brothers keepers always. "I salute our Royal Father, HRM Oba Kamorudeen Ishola Animashaun for his genuine love and fatherly role to all of us.

I thank our Apashe and APC Apex Leader in this Division of Lagos State, Alhaji Shakirudeen Akanni Seriki, Bamu, for standing by us. I appreciate the state government for its immense contributions to the development which we are witnessing in Epe today. We want to assure the government that Epe is strategically ready for 2023 as a lot is being done in regards to the mobilization of our people for PVCs.

"I want to appeal to all the sons and daughters of Epe home and abroad to come home and contribute their quotas to the development of this great town. We are highly blessed by Almighty Allah and our people are doing well all over the world, they need to join us in achieving the Epe of our dream." Aarebirin of Yoruba Land, the National Chairman of National Association of Vice Chairman of Local Government, Hon. (Princess) Folashade Olabanji-Oba commended the culture and tradition of Yoruba Land, as she revealed that Epe has proven again that Yoruba is very rich in traditions and cultural heritage with a well organised 2022 Ojude Oba festival. She congratulated the Royal Father, community leaders, women folk, the youths and others on the celebration, charging them to give all their votes to Asiwaju Tinubu in the 2023 presidential election, noting that Tinubu will transform the nation if elected. The activities of the festival included homage to the highly revered Oloja of Epe Land, Oba Kamorudeen Ishola Animashaun and the music was supplied by King Wasiu Ayinde, K1 The Ultimate.



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Lagos to launch smart LASRRA ID card

By Edith Igbokwe

The Lagos State Residents Registration Agency (LASRRA) has announced that the new LAG ID Card will be launched on Wednesday, July 20 by the Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu at Police College, Ikeja GRA.

The General Manager, LASRRA, Mrs. Ibilola Kasunmu, stated that all is set for the formal launch of the upgraded LASRRA identify card.

The launch is planned to hold simultaneously across the five divisions of the State: Ikeja, Badagry, Ikorodu, Lagos Island and Epe.

Kasunmu disclosed that one of the key highlights of the launch would include live demonstration of the smart card, its benefits as well as the unveiling by the governor.

She further disclosed that the new card is embedded with more features and functionalities to offer the card holders wider and faster access to services provided by the Lagos State Government.

"The new LAG ID Card is a multi-application smart card that offers registered residents access to services ranging from 'a means of personal security and identity verification' at points of accessing various government

services, to applying for loans from Lagos State Employment Trust Fund (LSETF)."

She explained that the card holders can also use it as a payment card for services across multiple vendors including buses and ferries; supermarkets, as well as cash withdrawals from banks' Automated Teller Machines (ATMs).

Engr. Kasunmu appealed to residents in the State who have not registered to do so by visiting the website.

She noted that once registration is activated online, residents would need to visit any LASRRA Registration Centre nearest to them so their biometrics may be

captured to complete the process, adding that registration is absolutely free.

Also, she urged those who registered in or before 2018 and those who have changed their names and/or addresses to effect changes by validating/updating their records with the same process, after which they would be called upon to pick up the new LAG ID Card.

Kasunmu, stressed that one of the reasons residents with the old cards need to revalidate is to upgrade to the new LAG ID which is embedded with a multi-applet chip module which stores some of the updated bio-data and biometric details of the resident

for real-time validation and verification of identity.

She explained that the old identity card was only for identification purposes.

"Holders of the old card need to update their records to obtain the new LAG ID Card with a validity period of 5 years. The new card allows flexibility, to onboard more features and expand usability in view of fast-changing technology trends."

She listed other advantages of the new card to include easy access to educational services for children and students at all levels of education, as well as quicker access to healthcare services from the state-owned facilities.

She, however, emphasized that the LAG ID Card project is pivotal to the Lagos Smart City initiative, for key purposes of planning and distribution of infrastructure, security, social protection, financial inclusion, disaster and emergency response management to mention a few.

Among the dignitaries expected to grace the event are members of the Lagos State House of Assembly, members of the State Executive Council, traditional rulers across the State, religious and community leaders, heads of market men and women, different Associations, artisans' corporate organizations as well as students at all levels of education.

The Lagos State Head of Service (HoS), Hakeem Muri-Okunola, has charged public servants to be dutiful and maintain quality leadership performance.

He made the call during the Public Lecture in commemoration of the Year 2022 Public Service Week Celebration, held at Adeyemi Bero Auditorium Alausa-Ikeja.

He stated that Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu has been showing commitment to staff welfare since he assumed office and described governor's commitment as a recognition of significant contributions of public servants to the numerous achievements of the government in Lagos State.

He noted that the event symbolized a specific way to balance work and play, as it encouraged all the public servants to showcase their talents.

He, therefore, appreciated all the public servants in the state for their unrelenting efforts in ensuring that they deliver their services diligently to the heterogeneous public in the state. He, however, admonished them not to rest on their oars, saying they are the mouthpiece of the present administration.

Lagos State Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Samuel Egube, tasked the workers to remain committed and diligent in the discharge of their duties.

Speaking on the theme: "Building Back Better From Covid-19 and Enhancing Innovative

Be dutiful, Muri-Okunola charges public servants

By Edith Igbokwe

Partnerships to Meet Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Egube said it was carefully selected to prepare workers for the task ahead and to enable the Lagos State public service to focus on the role of the public institutions and the public servants in building back better from the Corona Virus pandemic.

"This will be done while keeping the 2030 deadline for implementing the Sustainable

Development Goals (SDGs) in focus.

"Despite the Covid, the present administration ensures welfare of the workforce is a top priority of the administration saying that the state's workforce remain resolute at building back better and providing better service delivery to bounce back from Covid-19 pandemic."

Awards plaques were presented to best performers in the talent show and some public servants in junior and senior cadre were

rewarded for their outstanding performance in the discharge of their duties in the year 2022.

Parts of the activities that were showcased in the Alausa' Got Talent Series IV-Africa Day include choreography dance (MDAs Category), impromptu speech, standup comedy, gele tying/make-up competition (Male Only), dancing competition, African fashion parade (Female Only), mimicking of any personality and eating competition.



HOS, Muri-Okunola expects outstanding performance from public servants

LASG moves to tackle water challenges

By Edith Igbokwe

"Plans are also underway to embark on extensive rehabilitation and turnaround maintenance of the Adiyon phase one water project, which was built over 40 years ago."

Sanwo-Olu, therefore, assured prospective investors in the sector that his government had made significant progress in ensuring that relevant policies, legal, regulatory and institutional frameworks are strengthened in line with best practices.

"Our main goal is to deliver potable water and provide safely manage sanitation services for all Lagosians. We have the political will and a groundswell of support from

critical stakeholders and we welcome investors to open up lines of engagement and conversation with us."

The state's ever-growing population, the governor said, should give every investor an assurance of quick returns on their investments.

He said the purpose of the Lagos State Water Regulatory Commission (LASWARCO) conference, which has become an annual event since 2020, is to encourage exchanging transformational and innovative ideas towards finding lasting solutions to water supply and sanitation challenges, especially in a mega city as Lagos with a projected annual growth rate of 3.2 per cent.

The third edition of the conference, a two-day event, was held recently, gathering global water leaders, to seek how to unlock great opportunities for private sector investment to promote access, efficiency, and sustainability for water, sanitation and hygiene services.

The theme for LIWAC 2022, "Unlocking Investments and Sustainable Access to Clean Water and Sanitation Services: The Regulatory Imperative", focused primarily on knowledge sharing, facilitating efficiency through regulation and how regulation can pave the way for investment opportunities.

In Lagos, challenges of water supply include limited

distribution network (coverage is only about 44 per cent), inadequate power supply from the National Grid, obsolete equipment and technology, high level of unaccounted-for-water due to illegal connections, pipe leakages, pipe destructions due to road construction and the public perception that water should be provided free of charge, which was the case until 1997. Others include poor revenue collection, low capacity utilization within the corporation, current flat rate billing system, water pricing and cost recovery challenges, inadequate household metering systems and aged infrastructure.

Council channels waterways in Lekki

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Lekki LCDA has continued the channellization of waterways in the council to ease the excessive flooding experienced in the council area. The council chairman, Hon. Rasaki Kasali stated that the essence of the channellization is for the safety of lives and properties in Lekki LCDA. He appealed to the residents to appropriately destil their drainages to crown the efforts

of the council, stating that filled drains would aid the stagnation of water on rainy days.

At present, the evacuation of waterways has reached Otolu/Folu area of the council. It was gathered that Folu community was one of the hard-hit places during the downpour.

The council boss said that it is expected that the measure being taken will allow the downpour to have access to the seas and also dry up more quickly.



Tractor channelling and evacuating waterways in Lekki LCDA

Ikorodu General Hospital trains staff

By Saheed Afolabi

In line with the hospital's quest to drive human capacity; the management of General Hospital, Ikorodu has organized a one-week training for its staff. The joint training was organized to sensitive and create awareness of the need for members of staff to own their environment and the importance of the committees in the hospital as it affects the day-to-day management of the

hospital.

The programme which was held at His Glory Waiting Area of General Hospital Ikorodu, featured various training sessions from the various committees -Risk Management Committee, Clinical Governance Committee, Drug Therapeutic Committee, Occupational Health and Safety Committee, Quality Improvement Committee, Emergency Preparedness Committee, Environmental Health Committee and (Service Delivery Unit) Service Charter Committee.

The Chairmen, Secretaries and some other key members of the committees were facilitators of the programme. At each session, the purpose and modus-operandi of the committees were highlighted and how each committee impacts the overall services we give to our clients.

The programme was declared open by the MD/CEO with a welcome address to all staff members as he emphasized the need for the training and urged them to take the

training seriously and ensure full participation.

The highlight of the week-long programme was the practical sessions of the Fire Drill where in attendance were Representatives from Fire Safety of the state government demonstrated the various steps and actions in the event of any fire emergency.

Some participants also took turns showing what to do in case of a fire emergency. Participants were also taken around the hospital to know the locations of the various firefighting equipment.



Ikorodu General Hospital staffs undergoing training

Ikorodu North LCDA plants tree for protection

By Saheed Afolabi

The Chairman of Ikorodu North LCDA, Builder Deola Banjo last week led the executive members, legislative, management and staff of Ikorodu North LCDA to observe the year 2022 annual tree planting exercise held at the council secretariat, Eweye. Mr. Gbadamosi Ganiy from Lagos State Parks and Garden, who represented the Deputy Governor of Lagos State, Dr. Obafemi Hamzat

at the programme, joined the chairman to plant the first set of trees that would help beautify and preserve the environment.

The council boss said the LCDA has decided to plant the trees inside the Council Secretariat with the intention of leading by example.

"If we preach trees planting as the government closes to the people, we should be seen to be doing so in deed." He urged every resident to ensure the survival of the plants for the benefit of all.



Excos of Ikorodu North LCDA performing the 2022 Tree planting

Former LAHA aspirant, Olowu gifts Agbagede residents borehole

By Motolani AbdulGafar

A former aspirant for the Lagos State House of Assembly under the umbrella of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Ibeju-Lekki Local Government, Hon. Abiola Olowu (OKL) has sponsored the construction of a borehole to provide potable water for the residents in the Agbagede riverine area of the local government.

He said his aim in executing such a project was to promote the availability of pure and

distilled water for use in developing communities in the council area.

The borehole is said to have been built with a treatment unit to facilitate the outward use of pure water for residents. OKL promised to continue to facilitate projects that will improve the standard of living of the community and also contribute to the social well-being of Ibeju-Lekki residents. He advised residents to maintain the water source while tasking community leaders to caution and monitor residents to sustain the project in the area.

Residents lament over bridge collapse

By Edith Igbokwe

Residents of Ikosi-Isheri Local Council Development Area (LCDA) have cried for help after the recent heavy rainfall destroyed their link bridge to other communities in the area.

The Maidan Orile Patele to Mile 12 pedestrian link

bridge, constructed by the former military administrator, Brig. Gen. Mohamed Buba Marwa, collapsed after a heavy rain fall.

A trader, Adewale Kamorudeen, disclosed that the rain which fell for many hours affected commercial activities.

He noted that the effect of the collapsed bridge cut across

government workers and traders who make daily use of the bridge to get to their houses.

"The rain was very heavy and it affected the bridge we have been managing to cross to other communities in the local government has been destroyed.

"As a trader, I pass through that bridge daily for my trade,

so I am appealing to the government and the good people of the state to help us." A public servant lamented that getting to work has been difficult due to the damaged bridge.

"Because of the collapsed bridge, it will be very difficult for me and several residents to access our paths to the place of business or office,

as there is no other pedestrian bridge to play.

"This issue calls for great concern because we are in the rainy season and if the rain continues to fall every day, people in the community will face difficulty in carrying out their daily activities."

The lawmaker representing Kosofe constituency 2, Hon. Femi Saheed, who earlier

defied heavy downpour to visit the scene to assess the level of damage, assured the affected residents of immediate measures to alleviate their sufferings.

While commiserating with residents affected by the rainfall, he cautioned against bad building construction and the dumping of refuse on waterways.

The Olu of Agboyi, Oba Monsuru Oladega, has promised to rebuild the ancient city as he

commended the Lagos State Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu, for approving the construction of Agboyi Link Bridge.

He noted that the approval of the Agboyi Link Bridge would open up the community to massive infrastructural developments and economic investments.

Oba Oladega further stated that he has been able to use his cordial relationship and goodwill with the political class to attract other laudable projects to the community, such as Information Communication Technology (ICT) centre, construction of a secondary school, Standard Jetty, mini market, and town hall.

He said he appealed the lawmaker representing Kosofe Federal Constituency, Prince Rotimi Agunsoye, to bring in fully-equipped ICT centre to the community while he wrote a letter to the State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) to construct a secondary school in the town.

The monarch explained that the standard jetty had commenced operation at Agboyi 3, while the federal government has promised to construct a town hall in the community.

"Since my installation as Olu of Agboyi Kingdom on August 20, 2020, I have achieved a lot, but before my emergence, the Agboyi Kingdom's level of development was zero.

"I successfully convinced Hon. Rotimi Agunsoye to bring an ICT which had been commissioned. A water project constructed by Agboyi Ketu LCDA has been completed and will be commissioned very soon.

"Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu has approved the construction of the Agboyi bridge. Work will commence there very soon and it's going to bring a very good development to Agboyi."

Monarch promises to facilitate devt to community

By Edith Igbokwe

He expressed a great delight at receiving his staff and other instruments of office from the Lagos State Government after 22 months of his approval as the monarch of the ancient town, noting that it would be a great opportunity for him to continue with his good work.

He disclosed that his ascension to the throne of Olu of Agboyi Kingdom on August 20, 2020 had so far ushered in a new dawn in the areas of infrastructural development and social transformation, which had never been witnessed in the annals of the town.

He, therefore, appealed to the people

of Agboyi Kingdom to join hands with him in his quest to propel the community to an enviable developmental level.

"In Agboyi, we should love one another and we should be united. Before I became King, we experienced lots of problems, but things have changed and peace has returned to the community.

"I stand for cooperation, peace, and unity. Owoyele is my father's family, My priority is to bring the Owoyele family together with other families in the Agboyi Kingdom which am doing and 95% of the community is in support of my victory."

Asoju oba of Agboyiland, Chief Timothy Bankole, commended the

monarch for the rapid development he had attracted to the community since his ascension in 2022.

"We are happy that it finally came at the time it came; that's the beginning of further development that will come into the community very soon." Asiwaju of Agboyiland, Prince Abubakar Seriki, noted that Oba Oladega has worked hard to facilitate the construction of a motorable bridge that will bring development to the island neighbouring community.

The Assistant Secretary of Owoyele family, Prince Kehinde Oladega, praised Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu for approving the construction of Agboyi Bridge while noting that the



Oba Monsuru Oladega

construction of the bridge was long overdue for an ancient town with a rich history and very close to Lagos Island.

CIBM partners ACAMB to boost positive image of banking sector

By Saheed Afolabi

The President/Chairman of Council of the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN), Dr. Ken Okpara, has said the Institute will partner the Association of Corporate Affairs Managers of Banks (ACAMB) to further project and protect the image of the banking sector in Nigeria.

The CIBN boss explained that the partnership became necessary to further reposition and sanitise the banking industry as well as guard it against fraudsters who are tarnishing the names of Deposit Money Banks (DMBs) in the country.

Okpara, who took over CIBN's leadership on May 21, stated this on Wednesday when he hosted the executive committee of the Association of Corporate Affairs Managers of Banks (ACAMB) who paid him, the CIBN Council and Executive Management, a courtesy visit at Bankers House, Victoria

Island, Lagos.

In his welcome address to the visiting ACAMB executives, Okpara acknowledged the symbolic relationship between the two professional bodies while calling for synergy between the duo to further reposition the banking industry for increased impact.

According to him, it is high time bankers took narrative of the developments in the industry by showcasing its strides and also reorienting the public on how to avoid fraudulent pitfalls in their daily banking transactions.

The CIBN President said to achieve this, the institute will partner ACAMB to explore running a specialised radio programme that will provide verified information and enlightenment to members of the public.

He stated further that the proposed radio programme will be owned by all the banks, thereby using it as a voice for continuous projection of their interests.

"The need to showcase the positive

strides and image of the banking industry and the re-orientation of the public on this, is now paramount. We will have a forum to speak on and correct issues as they unfold through different avenue including radio programmes. With that, we will be able to provide information, enlightenment, happenings in the industry, financial inclusion, financial literacy, cybercrimes, frauds, etc to the general public," Okpara noted.

"Going forward, we would explore the possibility of floating a Bankers Radio through the CIBN. This will provide continuous public enlightenment, Banker-Customer forum/platform, customers' protection, consumer advocacy, etc," he said.

Commending ACAMB as a worthy partner through the years, Okpara said the association has been living up to its expectation of projecting the banking industry positively despite the challenges.

He specifically appreciated ACAMB for the strong visibility support it

gave the last Annual Banking & Finance Conference and ask for

more for all the initiatives his administration will undertake. He also disclosed that the institute will be partnering ACAMB to host CIBN-ACAMB regular media engagement.

According to him, the engagement will help cover issues ranging from bank charges, malpractices, humongous profits and other issues of concern to the banking public. "ACAMB has been wonderful with the projection of the Banking Industry nationwide, and due to this, we will be partnering with ACAMB to institute and host regular CIBN-ACAMB Media engagement. "The media engagement will help cover all discussions on bank charges, malpractices, banks turnover components, contributions and other issues which are of concern to the people," the CIBN boss explained.

While urging all the banks on the need to continue to work together and tackle issues as a team, Okpara said: "There should be no

demarketing, because what affects one, affects all".

He implored ACAMB to continue to give their support to the Institute as well as the banking sector in general.

Responding on behalf of the executive committee members, the ACAMB President, Mr. Rasheed Bolarinwa, affirmed the association's strong commitment to the advancement of the institute and the banking sector at large.

He also availed the CIBN President of ACAMB's forthcoming signature 1st National Stakeholders' Conference between the Banking Industry and Organised Private Sector (OPS) slated for August 3.

According to him, the conference is aimed at developing a synergy between the two critical sectors to rebound the national economy.

Bolarinwa also thanked the CIBN boss for the institute's support for ACAMB over the years and especially accepting to be a Guest Speaker at the forthcoming OPS Conference.

In continuation of his educational support programme, the chairman of Mushin LG, Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye's education team led by the Supervisor for Education, Hon. Semiu Karaole, has continued with the distribution of Free Exercise Books to pupils in primary schools in Mushin Local Government.

On Wednesday July 6, 2022, the team stormed another set of schools which included Community Primary School, Oye Primary School, Araromi Primary School, Isolo Road Primary School, Local Government Primary Schools 1 & 2, Mainland Primary School, Alaba Primary School, Odu Aboye Primary School and Aiyetoro Primary School.

The teachers under the umbrella of the National Union of Teachers (NUT) commended the council chairman for the

Council chairman extends free books distribution

By Saheed Afolabi

gesture as they prayed for him to succeed in his second term administration.

The pupils were very happy to receive the books and sang in their good ecstasy with their teachers.

Karaole stated that the council boss is very keen and passionate about supporting the educational tutelage in Mushin and the distribution of free exercise books is part of good legacy towards building a future for the children and the local government as a whole.

The Special Adviser was accompanied in the distribution of books by the councillor of Ward A - Hon. Hakeem Adeshile, councillor for Ward B - Hon. Adedeji Vincent, Supervisor for Special Duties - Mr. Hafisu Talabi, Staff of Department of Education, Mushin local government and other political aides at the secretariat.

The team was able to distribute exercise books as scheduled to continue till it cuts across all the primary schools in Mushin Local Government.



Some pupils holding up the note books given to them by Hon Bamigboye in Mushin

Bamigboye encourages residents on tree planting

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Mushin LG, Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye, has urged the residents to cultivate the habit of planting trees, saying it is the best for environmental protection. He made the appeal while flagging off the 2022 Tree Planting Campaign at New City Primary.

The Lagos State epoch-making event which symbolises shared commitment to support the survival of humanity through a friendly and healthy environment, commenced in Lagos 14 years ago and it has been a yearly event aimed at promoting a green legacy through tree planting.

Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu and his Deputy Dr. Obafemi Hamzat who were both represented by the Director of Enforcement at the Lagos State Parks and Garden Agency (LASPARK), Olatunde Adenubi, emphasised that the tradition of tree planting which has been in practice in Lagos, for over a decade, has contributed to building a

greener and healthier environment. The Governor in a speech delivered on his behalf, enjoined Lagosians, to see the exercise as another way to express love for nature and promote a balance in the economic, social and environmental needs of present and future generations.

This year's tree planting theme, 'In Harmony with Nature', was aimed at reminding the people that as they forge ahead in the 21st century, they need to understand that the architecture of environmental health that harmonises natural resources with health and prosperity, tree planting will continue to play a steering role.

In his speech, the council chairman started with the words of the French Biologist and philosopher, Jean Rostand, who asserted that man can neither do without nature nor disrespect nature. He pointed out that tree planting is an integral aspect of reviving and revamping our environment. He said "anyone who plants a tree has begun the journey



Chairman of Mushin LG, Hon Emmanuel Bamigboye planting a tree

of enlarging life, as oxygen helps to sustain the existence of man."

The council boss encouraged planting for environmental

sustainability and discourages people from unlawful tree burning, indiscriminate dumping of refuse, open defecation, dumping of harmful waste in drains and other criminal environmental habits.

He reminded the people of the need and importance of Permanent Voter's Card (PVC), which is the only thing that can be used to sustain continuity in governance, in Lagos state. He encouraged the people to always support the governor, as he has been of great assistance to the people of Mushin, through construction and rehabilitation of roads and other projects.

He told the people at the event that, without the support of Governor Sanwo-Olu some of the projects being executed by local government chairman wouldn't have been possible. He however appealed to the people to get registered and vote for continuity in governance and he also canvasses the people to support Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu' presidential bid, for better development in Mushin.

Sanwo-Olu orders probe of boat mishap

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Lagos State Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu has ordered a probe into the July 8 Mile 12-lbeshe boat mishap which claimed lives. The governor in a statement signed by the Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Gbenga Omotoso, said he was deeply saddened by the incident and commiserated with the families who lost their loved ones. Four passengers died and 12 others including children were declared missing from the ill-fated boat that capsized while ferrying passengers from Mile 12 to lbeshe axis area of Lagos

State.

It was gathered that the boat mishap happened when the boat hit a stationary barge along the Mile 12 waterways and emptied the passengers into the ocean.

Reacting to the incident, the governor said: "The police are probing what went wrong and treating the sad incident as criminal. The boat, which is said to be unlicensed, obviously broke the waterways rules of 'no night travel' and no overloading. Besides, not all of the passengers wore life jackets and the boat did not take off from a government-approved jetty.

"The Lagos State Waterways

Authority (LASWA), Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA) and others are assisting the investigators.

"Anybody who is found to have contributed in any way to this tragedy will surely face the law to ensure that we do not have any such incidents in future. The waterways rules and regulations are clear; they must be respected in accordance with the greatest value that the Sanwo-Olu administration places on human life."

He maintained that their thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved families, praying God to strengthen them in this difficult time.



Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu

LASU upgrades PG certificate processing

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Lagos State University Post Graduate School (PGS) has abolished the execution of Manual Processing of Results in the school.

The University has adopted the use of a dedicated result processing platform for its post-graduate college.

The Dean of PGS, Prof. Joseph Olagunju noted that the essence of the upgrade is to ensure consistency and a stress-free result processing for students in the institution.

He said the manual processing of results with its peculiar human errors will be abolished with immediate effect from the 2020/2021 Academic Session.

According to him, this in turn will improve the result process timelines and also guarantee a stable backup of results for future reference.

Meanwhile, the Director, Directorate of ICT, Prof Oluwatoyin Enikuomhin, has hinted that training on the use of the result portal



Prof. Ibiyemi Olatunji-Bello.

will hold on Monday July 25, 2022 after which all PG lecturers will be enrolled in time for the platform to be open for use for the 2020/2021 session.

He confirmed that only students cleared at LACACA-PG will be migrated to the result portal.

Enikuomhin later promised that the institution will continue to upgrade its system with full support of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ibiyemi Olatunji-Bello.

The authority of Iba LCDA has enlightened the residents on the best way to protect trees, highlighting five benefits of maintaining the existence of trees in the community.

According to the council chairman, Hon. Yisa Jubril (Abila), the essence of planting trees in the community can only be vitalized if it is strictly monitored and catered for, for the community to benefit from it as required. Sequel to the viral tree planting session going on across Lagos State, he encouraged that the essence is to propagate the

Abila enlightens residents on protection of trees

sustenance of planted trees in the community.

To stimulate a healthier and more beautiful environment, Abila stated that the existence of trees is beneficial in human life. He said: "Trees make life nicer. It has been shown that spending time among trees and green spaces reduces the amount of stress that we carry around with us in our daily lives.

"Trees improve our air quality by filtering harmful dust and pollutants such as ozone, carbon monoxide, and sulfur dioxide from the air we breathe. Trees give off oxygen that we need to breathe.

"They reduce the amount of storm water runoff, which reduces erosion and pollution in our waterways and may reduce the effects of flooding. Many species of

wildlife depend on trees for habitat. Trees provide food, protection, and homes for many birds and mammals."

Abila further noted that the children can also benefit from tree planting because they have been shown to retain more of the information taught in schools if they spend some of their outdoors in green spaces.



Iba LCDA Council executives in a group picture during a tree planting session

Kendoo urges residents to preserve trees

By Edith Igbokwe

Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Chairman, Otunba Kehinde Oloyede (Kendoo) has called for preservation of ecosystem through tree planting as the council marked the annual tree planting exercise for 2022.

Mr. Tayo Mumuni, who represented the Deputy Governor, Dr. Obafemi Hamzat, disclosed that some of the natural disasters that happen occurred as a result of lack of tree planting but of the habit of falling the available ones.

He advised that people should plant trees in front of their houses, no matter how small it might be, for the good of the environment.

Kendoo, who was represented by the Secretary to the Local Government (SLG), Hon. Olayinka Akinleye, noted that the inter-relationship between human and trees are symbiotic because both need each other in existence.

According to him, Human need the trees for their fruits, oxygen and beautification of environment and it has become necessary to plant trees in order to mitigate the negative effects of climate change.

"I want to appreciate the Lagos State Government for this initiative as tree planting exercise is a very important activity that we all should take cognizance of."

He reiterated that trees are more beneficial to human in numerous ways; apart from their fruits, they are needed for survival through oxygen and the barks and leaves are also needed for herbs as they equally beautify the environment and purify the air.

He, however, urged all to replicate tree planting in their various homes.

The brief but important event ended having each personality present at the occasion planting a tree.

The people that planted a tree include the representative of the Deputy Governor, Mr. Tayo Mumuni, the council SLG, Hon. Akinleye, LGA Party chairman, Hon. Saheed Animashaun, Supervisory Councillors for Budget and Inter-governmental Hon. Tobi Olabintan and Hon. Obafemi, S.A. on Revenue.

Others are Hon. Gideon Balogun, S.S.A. Media, Information & ICT, Hon. Tobi Salako, representatives of the Council Manager, Environment and Agric, to mention but a few.

The Chairman of Isolo LCDA, Adebayo Olasoju Adebayo has, again reflected on the performance of Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu while in office as governor of Lagos State as he appealed for the support of the electorate towards actualizing the presidential ambition of the APC presidential standard-bearer.

He made the remarks when he featured on a bilingual radio phone-in programme "Oselu today" on Fresh 103:5 FM.

He explained that Tinubu is the candidate to beat given his wealth of experience in public office and legacy projects that have made Lagos one of the fastest-growing cities in Africa.

Discussing the menace of vote-buying during elections, the new kid on the block in Isolo, maintained that politicians resort to vote-buying only when their scorecard can't earn them the willfully given mandate of the voters.

He disclosed that his party frowns at the unhealthy habit and rather puts people elected on the platform of the party on their toes to perform creditably as he went on to correct the notion that the ruling party engaged in vote-buying during the just-concluded gubernatorial election in Ekiti.

Delving into the security of the state, Adebayo allayed fears of a possible security breach in the state saying the administration of Mr.

SKIBANJ Foundation partners TMB to solve mathematics difficulty

By Edith Igbokwe

Junior and Senior Secondary school students across Oshodi-Isolo Local Government stand a chance to participate and win educational materials and awards in the forthcoming Mathematics Competition edition powered by SKIBANJ Foundation.

The Foundation of the former House of Representatives aspirant in Oshodi-Isolo Constituency I, Hon. Adebani Gbeleyi (SKIBANJ) said that it has partnered with The Mathematical Brains (TMB) to

2023: Adebayo reiterates support for Tinubu



Asiwaju Bola Tinubu



Hon. Adebayo Olasoju

Babajide Sanwo-olu is striving to equip the police adequately while engaging the armed forces in security meetings as the councils are being encouraged to handle security with the sense of importance it deserves by holding security meetings and complement state government's efforts in our respective council areas.

On the home front, Adebayo reeled out a total of seventeen roads as having been completed within his first eleven months of assuming office while another three are nearing

completion among other development programmes which include the monthly care for the elderly programme, distribution of GCE form to students, empowerment for the youths and many other developmental projects in the pipeline.

All these, he said, have been made possible via regular engagement with the stakeholders and opinion molders from the subsisting wards.

On challenges of governance at the grassroots, the council boss gave daunting

infrastructural needs, unpatriotic conducts such as vandalization of government installations, abuse of environment and unwillingness to key into empowerment programmes as some of the major hurdles before his government.

He emphasized his call for the upholding of family values so that every family can turnout good ambassadors for the overall good of the Nigerian society.

Earlier, he had reminded Nigerians of the need to obtain their permanent

voter's card which he likened to cutlass and hoe without which a farmer has no business on the farm.

When asked to share his opinion on the Muslim/Muslim pairing being envisaged from his party's presidential candidate is, Adebayo charged Nigerians to place premium on candidates that can fix the nation rather than the faith they share as hardship or insecurity knows no religion. He expressed optimism that the ASUU/government face-off will be resolved soonest.

encourage students towards overcoming difficulties in Mathematics as a subject.

The programme is slated within the categories of Junior and Senior Secondary Mathematics Competition to commence in August 2022 to augment the students' brain for greater tomorrow.

Quoting the former President of America, John Kennedy, Gbeleyi said whatever children learn during their childhood can make or mar their future.

He said he has to extend his empowerment tentacles to absorb the students for better tomorrow.

"So, I have decided to take my empowerment programme further to include students of secondary schools in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government via my SKIBANJ Foundation to serve as a means of making future for students in the area."

He noted that he has made empowerment and welfare support to the people, a tradition for the purpose of capacity building.

"Every first term session of primary and secondary schools resumptions, I have always extended my philanthropic welfare programme to pupils/students and even give

scholarship to students of high institutions.

"But the Mathematics Competition is a new concept from different perspective to challenge the students and encourage them with valuable prizes and awards to better their lives."

The coordinator of The Mathematical Brains (TMB), Mrs. Bukola Owolabi, revealed that partnering with the Foundation on the programme is a dream come true for her.

"Partnering with Hon. SKIBANJ is something I have always been looking forward to, because I've seen in him the

zeal and passion to develop the youths mentally, socially and economically and his love for the community at large"

"So, we really appreciate the audience he has given us so far and we hope to see more of this towards the community development. We believe that the programme would arrest the minds of the young against social vices rampant in the society and to pose the participants to a greater tomorrow."

She said interested student could register through: <https://forms.gle/rkzLPFrCKBp74Hw56>.

Tree planting, an avenue to combat climate change – Yusuf

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Surulere Local Government, Hon. Sulaiman Yusuf, has said that one of the ways to combat climate change is through planting of trees.

The council boss, who spoke through his deputy, Hon. Prince Muiz Dosunmu, in commemoration of the Lagos State 2022 Tree Planting exercise, said there was need for every resident to key into tree planting culture.

He said: "It is important to note the theme of this year campaign 'In Harmony with Nature'. Tree Planting is one of the strategies to combat the effort of climate Change and global warming.

"It is an initiative sustained over the past years in order to ensure a healthy environment as well as protect the general wellbeing of the citizens. He implored all not to ignore climate change as it possess a significant material risk to our future, in fact a world's most devastating threat to human survival. Gone are the days when a tree is cut down, five or more must be replaced."

Speaking on behalf of LASPARK, the Director, Procurement, Mr. Adewale Akinleye said the importance of tree planting in human lives can never be overstressed.

"Trees are essential to eco_system in which they reside as they control climate by moderating the effect of sun, rain and wind."

He noted and appreciated the contribution of some private sectors and the Executive Chairman Surulere Local Government.

The Council Manager, Buhari appreciated everyone on behalf of the council chairman, the Executive, Legislative and the Management.

He also spoke on importance of planting a tree as protection of the environment and its importance to nature.

The Head of Environment Department, Sanitarian Afolabi Omotara, buttressed the words of the Council Manager in educating the pupils, adding that trees are very important.

"We need to know what we breathe in and out, too much exposure to sun is not good. Trees give shelter."



Officials is Surulere LG observing the tree planting rites

Ludo tournament makes debut in Surulere

By Saheed Afolabi

The maiden edition of the Ludo National Championships is set to hold in Lagos from July 18 to July 23.

The organiser, Olaide Graham, the Chief Executive Officer, Gbolad

Continental Venture, revealed this in a chat recently.

According to her, the event, set to hold at the Teslim Balogun Stadium, Surulere, will have two different categories of participants.

The participants are

expected to compete at the tertiary institutions in Lagos and in other parts of the South West region of the country. The other category would have people come from all spheres of life, which cut across genders and ages 16-90, provided they have

hands and can see.

"We are delighted to organize this historic event which is the first of its kind in Lagos and is expected to grow nationwide.

"The game of Ludo is not new, but it is yet to be transformed to be an event that would bring together

for the purpose of recreation and national cohesion.

"Our ultimate purpose is to bring the game to the limelight, reduce stress, and tension, improve reasoning and increase creativity, focus, and strategy.

"We also intend to reward players accordingly as we project a wide acceptance of the game," she said.

The Ludo National Championship is being supported by the Lagos State Sports Commission and the Redeemers University, Ede.

There was panic on the Funsho Avenue area of Surulere after a tanker loaded with petrol rammed into a car and spilled its contents on the road.

Some residents later trooped out with kegs and buckets to scoop fuel, which flowed onto the road.

The Director, Lagos State Fire and Rescue Service, Adeseye Margaret, in a statement, said the accident happened around 2pm on Tuesday.

She said: "Emergency responders are already on ground mitigating the situation while counting on public support to do away with combustible materials within the vicinity in averting a

'Refrain from scooping fuel from fallen petrol tanker'

By Saheed Afolabi

secondary incident."

The Director, Lagos State Emergency Management Agency, Dr. Olufemi Oke-Osanyintolu, said further investigation revealed that the tanker, which was laden with 33,000 litres of fuel, fell while ascending the Costain Bridge.

He said the vehicle rolled back, hit a car, tumbled and spilled its contents.

Oke-Osanyintolu said: "The Lagos Rail Mass Transit, alongside the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority,

Nigeria Police Force, Lagos Fire and Federal Fire are joint responders on ground to calm the situation.

"The firefighters are blanketing the spilled contents while adequate safety measures have been put in place to avoid ignition of fire and trans loading of the product to another tanker is ongoing.

"Members of the public are advised to avoid the area and refrain from scooping of product. Residents should avoid lighting any naked flame until the situation has been fully contained."



Residents scooping fuel from a fallen petrol tanker in Surulere

All Stars women competition focuses on developing women football - Olajide Royal

By Saheed Afolabi

In recent times, women football has seen tremendous growth and respect in Nigeria, as lots of young girls are showing interest in the game while majority of them have the backing of their parents. The secretary of the Association of Nigeria Women Football Club Coaches (ANWFCC), Coach Olajide Royal who is also the head coach and president of Royaltoms Queens said that ANWFCC gives professional and amateur players a platform to showcase their talents. "It is a women grassroots competition organized by the Association of Nigeria Women Football Club Coaches (ANWFCC) to create a platform for both

professional and amateur players to showcase their talents.

"The programme has been on for the past 26 years at which 2023 edition will be the 27th year. This competition has produced numerous players for the Super Falcons and NWFL Professional players play on the platform of the competition."

Royal stated that players are grouped by their playing position through which an open ballot will be provided to pick which ultimately will be used to create the teams of the tournament.

"The players are grouped by their playing positions and an open ballot will be done to pick the team they will play for by themselves. It's one of the fun sessions in the competition where

some of the players wish to play together in same team and eventually go separate ways while some luckily got paired together."

He further stated the benefits of the competition that football scouts are always present to scout for the best legs in the competition.

"The benefits varies, There are scouts from in and outside of the state and country to scout them. We recommends them for National teams and top clubs. The competition also help a lot of them to gain more experience and develop more in the game.

"It was a hunger to help the burden talents discover themselves, achieve their set goals and live in their dream that made us bring a competition like this to reality."



Olajide Royal

Ruben Loftus-Cheek, N'Golo Kante not to be blamed - Tuchel

By Saheed Afolabi

Manager Thomas Tuchel "doesn't blame" N'Golo Kante and Ruben Loftus-Cheek for missing Chelsea's United States tour because of their vaccination status.

Tuchel said the duo, who were unable to travel to the US as they were not fully vaccinated, will be ready for the new season despite missing the trip.

"We don't blame people and don't put the finger on them," said Tuchel.

The midfielders will miss a week of pre-season training with the squad in Los Angeles and three friendlies. The Blues face Mexico's Club America in Las Vegas on July 17, Charlotte FC at their Bank of America Stadium on July 21 and Arsenal in Orlando on July 23.

"There's a personal decision to take and both of them took their personal decision," added Tuchel.

"It doesn't matter if I understand it, if I like it or, for the professional life, it's a disadvantage right now.

"We would have liked both of them here but once we knew, we needed to provide the

best solution, which is to provide training at Cobham on a high physical level. They will be fit when we are back there."

Kante, 31, has been struggling with a knee problem in the past two seasons and missed key parts of the last Premier League campaign.



Thomas Tuchel

Soccer clinic helps players learn more skills, keep them away from violence - Segun Akoni

By Saheed Afolabi

As schools are preparing for holiday, football loving kids are looking forward to the Summer Soccer Clinic where kids within the age of 4-16 will be taught the basics, professional aspect of the game and intensity of the game of football.

The convener and organizer of the Summer Soccer Clinic, Segun Akoni, explained how the idea of the Summer Soccer Clinic came into being, when he discovered that some football coaches do not teach their players the basics of the game.

According to him, the aim of the Summer Soccer Clinic is to keep the children busy by learning more skills and techniques to keep them away from violence.

The organizer said plans were also underway with influential people to

seek for sponsorship for the talented ones among them.

"Summer Soccer Clinic idea came up when I discovered that lots of coaches don't teach children more about the basis of soccer, as In techniques and basic skills needed to become really Professional in soccer.

"Basic benefits is reorientation about the game so as to become a

better and a great player.

"Another aim is to seek for scholarship to be student Athletes for those who are well nurtured through our system."

"Our aim is to keep the children busy learning more skills and techniques and also keep them away from violence, peer pressure and channeling their strength towards a purposeful directions."



Akoni Segun(left), Organizer Soccer Clinic



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