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Endsars protest blocks Ejigbo-Ikotun road

By Abolaji Adebayo and Damilola Kushimo

For five hours yesterday, traffic stood still on Iso-Ikoto-Ejigbo-Ikotun road as End SARS protesters blocked the long bridge that runs over the Egbe stream to link Ejigbo and Egbe towns.

The protesters began to gather in three and two around 2pm as the organisers used their social media handles to mobilise youths to join the campaign. Arraign placards and chanting slogans critical of the police and the government, the organisers demanded far-reaching reforms in response to their increasing demands.

Parishioners returning from church were forced to wait on queue as the bumper to bumper movements slowed to stop. Both ends of the bridge- Egbe to Ikotun and Isolo to Ejigbo were affected.

Many were relieved when the protest was called off about 7pm with the resolution to resume tomorrow to continue to press demands until the Presidency responds to the charter of demands.

indications that the proposal will continue to peak became clearer yesterday as the organisers announced on Twitter they still had not less than 50million Naira and 5,000 dollars in their kitty to fund the protests.

According to the feminist coalition, as at October 17: this year, the group raised N73, 298, 499.13 kobo out of which it had spent N23,708,280. Its balances include N49,590,219,13 kobo, \$11,474.34 and 5,595.89 Canadian dollars.

The group has also developed toll-free numbers where those who want to organise can request for funds, food, medical supplies and security.

The Twitter handle also features requests from organisers for support as the protest movement spreads gathering momentum that defies conventional expectations.

The demands are also expanding in league with the protests. The number of demands came to 23 yesterday. these include:

The demands are:

1. end SARS.
2. sack security chiefs.
3. improve security.
4. full deregulation of oil and gas sector to allow more investments for job creation.
5. immediate passage of PIB.
6. full deregulation of power sector to allow investment capital flow to generate, transmit and distribute more power and create jobs.
7. should hands off petroleum pricing to enable free market determination of pricing.
8. close our northern borders to stop free entry of Fulani herdsmen and bandits.
9. inclusive government for all tribes and regions of Nigeria with 50% youths in charge of



governance.

10. allocate more funds to education sector to provide better teaching tools and to pay better salaries to end ASUU strikes.

11. change our academic curriculum to reflect modern day realities.

12. all politicians should be placed on minimum wage to attract genuine public servants.

13. migrate to 100% electoral reforms with electronic voting tied to our BVN and GSM.

14. return Nigeria to regional governance structure or restructure the country and embrace true federalism. states autonomy must be paramount.

15. disband the bi-cameral legislature and adopt uni-cameral.

16. immediately reform Nigeria Police Force and let every state or region create its own police service.

17. no more budget for running private affairs of elected and appointed public servants.

18. enthrone university education as minimum qualification for public office holders at all levels of government from president to local government and ward chairpersons.

19. strip ex-governors and all elected and appointed public servants of all benefits after office.

20. increase salaries of our doctors, nurses, teachers, police, military officers, and civil servants.

21. government should hands off ownership and management of businesses at all levels.

22. name and shame looters and make criminal offenders, and looters face trial in their home states and villages to shame them and their families.

23. stop foreign medical trips for public servants. Let them be treated here in Nigeria. When last did you hear american president or British prime minister visit Nigeria for medical tourism.

In Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Area, the youths joined the protest midweek by taking their campaigns to the local government headquarters.

For instance, a popular standup comedian, Otoloorin Kehinde

Peters also known as Keny Blaq, led some youths in protest to Ejigbo local council Secretariat and Ejigbo Police Divisional Headquarters where the DPO, CSP Olabisi Okuwobi pacified them and cautioned them to be peaceful on their protest, informing them that the governments were on the matter.

The protesters are agitating for the scrapping of the unit for the extra-judicial kill

While at Ejigbo council Secretariat, the council chairman, Hon. Monsuru Bello Obe, who was represented by the Secretary to the Local Government (SLG), Hon. Paul Fregene, appealed to the protesting youths, assuring that federal and state governments are working together to address their demands

Keny Blaq said the atrocities of the SARS personnel were getting out of hand because they infringed on the fundamental human rights of citizens.

He said the protesters joined the protest to ensure that their voice in Ejigbo was heard.

Similar protest was held at Isolo council Secretariat as well as at the constituency office of the representative of Oshodi-Isolo constituency II at the Federal House of Representatives, Hon. Ganiyu Johnson.

Some of the protesters who spoke to ECHONEWS insisted that there must be total reform of the entire police system in Nigeria.

"Reform the police sir, SARS or SWAT is an arm of police let them end the brutality, remove the SARS/SWAT members because those ones are the rotten eggs already seen," one of the conveners, Akinyemi David said.

"Highly justified sir. We at the grassroots are the actual people feeling the hurt, the pain. It is so great that for once our voices are heard. We have found our voices and we are not letting go until our "Demands" are met."

"For sure, to be candid this has also made our elders, parents and country as a whole respect the so called lazy youths. Their panic to challenge the govern-

ment over time has been put aside. I'm a youth and I'm glad my generation is actually in the pursuit to make this nation great again."

"What is the difference? Do they take all these we are doing as a joke? How do they feel and think changing of name is what we need? Please on to the next question we want SWAT or SARS ended."

"Increase in their salaries. How can one employ a security officer and pay peanuts? It's just like the popular saying of ant infested woods and your home. Then check the qualification and exposure of the units you send to the roads and special cases ... it goes on and on." These are the responses of the protesters in Isolo.

Meanwhile, the Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu has raised N200 million to compensate victims.

He has also set up a seven-man Judicial Panel of Enquiry and Restitution to investigate cases of brutality and human rights violations committed by operatives of the dissolved Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) in the State.

The move is part of the steps being taken by Lagos Government to address the initial five-point demands of the youth demonstrating against SARS brutality.

Sanwo-Olu made the announcement during a live address held at the State House, Marina.

The panel, which is being headed by retired Justice Doris Okuwobi, will sit for six months and is mandated to thoroughly investigate all verifiable claims of abuses and fatalities arising from SARS engagement in the State, with the objective to bring erring officers to justice and get compensation for the victims.

The panel members include three individuals representing Civil Society, one person representing security agency and one person representing the Government. Human Rights Commission and protesters are also expected to nominate

their representatives, before the panel commences sitting next week.

The developments, Sanwo-Olu said, were part of the agreements reached at the Thursday meeting of the National Economic Council (NEC) presided over by the Vice President, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, and which had all Governors in attendance.

"Other panel members are Mr. Ebun Adegboruwa, SAN (representing the Civil Society), Taiwo Lakanu (a retired Deputy Inspector General of Police), Ms Patience Udoh (representing the Civil Society), Mr. Segun Awosanya (Human Rights Activist), Mrs. Olutoyin Odu-sanya (Director, Lagos Citizens Mediation Center), as well as a representative of the youth-led protest and a representative of the Human Rights Commission."

The State Government, Sanwo-Olu said, has set up a help desk for the public complaints and petitions to the panel.

Lagos residents, who have petitions against SARS, can reach the help desk on the numbers: 0901 051 3203, 0901 051 3204 and 0901 051 3205.

The Governor said his Government frowned at police misconduct seriously and would continue to respect the rights of the citizens to demonstrate peacefully. He condemned the violence that marred the EndSARS protest in Surulere on Monday.

Sanwo-Olu disclosed all the four erring police officers who fired live ammunition at peaceful protesters in Area C Police Command in Surulere had been identified and currently facing an orderly room trial that is being monitored by the Government.

He gave the names of the erring officers to include: Inspector Bagou Michael, Inspector Ek-poudom Etop, Sergeant Nnamdi Majura and Sergeant Akinyemi Benson.

While making reference to the Thursday skirmish at the protest ground in Alausa, the Governor sent strong warning to hoodlums who may want to harass the protesters to desist from the act. He stressed that the full wrath of the law would be brought on anyone apprehended for such act.

Sanwo-Olu, however, appealed to the protesters to acknowledge the progress being made on their demands and respond in good faith. He said the State had started to record incidents of breakdown of law and order as a result of the unabated protest.

He bemoaned the collateral impacts of the protest on the wellbeing of businesses and residents, pointing out that Lagos had recorded fatal medical evacuations as a result of blockage of key roads and gridlock occasioned by the protests.

As part of its service to the community, this newspaper, ECHONEWS Newspaper has equally opened an email address for the victims of the protest across the state to make their complaints. All complains could be forwarded through the email: feedback@echoneews.ng

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Our 50 years of marriage has been sweet and sour - Vincent & Mary Oseghale

Those who watched the love birds hold each other closely as they danced to the American rhythm and blues of the 70s and 80's during a house party to mark their 50th years of marriage on Friday October 2, this year would be green with envy.

The story of the marriage made in heaven of Chief Vincent Oseghale and his wife, Chief Mrs. Mary Modupe Oseghale is a lesson for today's couples. It teaches love, sacrifice, trust and planning together.

Echoneews' Editor Abolaji Adebayo joined the couple at their resplendent home in Lekki and had a great time learning from the grand-parents how they were able to record this fantastic feat. Excerpts:

You've just celebrated the 50th anniversary of your wedding, how is the the journey so far?

MUMMY: Well, it has been sweet and sour. A struggle to succeed. Life is not a bed of roses, you must have your own ups and downs. So far, so good, God has been so kind to us. We started as a very young couple. He was about 28 and I was 22 when we tied the nuptial knot and since then we've been together, doing things together, loving each other, because that's the most important thing. If there is no love there should be no marriage in the first place. So, without love it can't work.

We have one mind, we see each other not just as business partners but as brother and sister that are groomed to love each other, as two people that always want to be in the presence of each other. And we never allow interference from outsiders. Our home is the nest where we hide ourselves and keep our secrets secret. We cherish each other, we value each other, we appreciate each other's virtues. As human beings, we are not perfect, sometimes we fail each other but we have to overlook it. We live our lives with a lot of patience and tolerance. We try to forgive each other because he is not perfect neither am I. But the love we share has made us perfect and then when the children came along we transferred the love to them.

I do tell my friends your mouth is a home. If you

zip it up nothing goes in, nothing comes out and yet that mouth harbours your teeth and your tongue. Teeth is like lion and that's the husband protecting the tongue. There are a lot of things we have in common, for example, we are both ex-police officers.

How did you cope with in-laws' interferences?

Our own marriage has been very unique. He is an Edo man, I'm a Yoruba woman. We didn't understand each other's language when we met, but there was one thing we shared together, we put our draft on the table and we discussed. He is from a different background so am I. We opened up to each other.

I told him: These are my challenges. I'm the first daughter, I have a lot of siblings behind me. He is the last son but he has the brother to contend with. So, right from the outset we decided that this marriage must work, not that we are not going to experience challenges from both families because everybody was trying to protect their own son or daughter. Initially, his family wouldn't want him to marry me. My father also did not want to hear about it but we were matured. We sat down together and asked ourselves how do we do it? As for me, I'm a very strong person. I can face any challenge but you have to decide whether you want the relationship. He said he wanted it. We went ahead and got married. They had to support us because we wanted it.

So you were adamant?

Yeah!

As a mother, will you condone such?

No, I wouldn't have handled it the way they did. I have six children and they are all happily married. All of them. When they were getting ready to marry we used to see their spouses and we will just called them politely and tell them 'look you're going to live with this particular person and this is our observation go and look at it objectively and see if it will suit you because in our dictionary and context, no divorce, no separation, no matter the challenges, so think about it.' If they like, fine! All of them that got married brought their husbands

and wives. It is okay with me and it is okay with daddy. We never interfered but when they need our advice they'll come and politely and diplomatically we will handle their matter so that they can see the best in themselves.

Did any of your children marry from another nationality?

Yes! One of my sons married a Ghanaian lady and she has given us three sons. My first daughter married from Ogun State. They have a daughter of about 25 years. My first son is married to an Ondo/Ijebu woman and they are all doing fine. My second daughter is married to a Bayelsan, only my number four and five are married to Edo/Yoruba. When it comes to tribe, we detribalize.

During your own time, it was a norm for families to do a background check on the their children's partner. Do you it is still necessary?

I cross-checked in a very diplomatic way. I would just make chats with them, then pick few things and leave. There is nothing wrong in cross checking

Will you say inadequate cross-checking has led to the increasing divorces we witness now?

Children of nowadays won't listen to their parents. When you're hellbent to marry someone all the checking and all that will not matter to them. In fact before the parents know about their courtship, they've done a lot of things but I think it's a good idea to cross check where your daughter is going to or where your son is taking a woman from.

Back to the beginning, despite your differences, what really attracted you to each other?

DADDY: I don't know what she saw in me but she was very beautiful and attractive and I will always go for the best and you know us, Edo people, we don't take last. We are always first. I always go for the best. When I saw her I liked her and I said to myself 'Yes, I'll

do my best to make sure I get her to be my friend', not for marriage. Initially it was friend.

Was it only the beauty you saw in her?

MUMMY: Actually, I didn't take notice of him and by the time I did I wasn't happy with him. I used to telephone my father in Ilesha from Akure and he was in charge of the facility at the police division where we worked. At the end of one month, he came with a bill of about 4 pounds. How much was my salary that I made a phone call of four pounds? 14 pounds! Yet he was marching around the police station that I had to pay. So, I paid the money but I wasn't happy with him. So, he started dancing round me. Some of our police women were like aunts to me. They were trying to impress me that he was a good boy. I said he couldn't be a good boy having taken my four pounds. Eventually, he tricked me.

I barely go out because I was just transferred from Ibadan to Akure. I didn't know many places then, so he conspired with one of my cousins, Margaret Bolaji. I didn't know the arrangement between them. Maggi said, 'sister you're always inside let us go out, just stroll round.' So I followed Maggi only for Maggi to take me to his house. I didn't know his house Maggi had given me the impression that we were going to her boyfriend's house. When we got to the

house, he just came to the door. So I asked him, 'can I help you?' He responded that it was his house. I said 'okay, let me carry my bag. He said no no, Margaret is coming. I know you might be hungry, I'll just cook some Uncle Benz rice, taste a little.' I didn't even remember that I had earlier had begrudged him. So, I sat down and I ate because I was hungry. We left the barrack around 10 o'clock and it was already 6 o'clock in the evening. I asked him to take me back to my barracks. He started toasting me bla bla bla. He had a bicycle. He had to put me on his bicycle because there was no taxi because it was already late. We got to a hill and I said I wasn't coming down he had to push me up the hill.

I was just trying to put him to test to see what type of person he was and I saw

that he was a very generous man. How much was police salary, he was kind, he always cared for me as you know when a man loves you, he could go any length. He had a way of carrying torchlight to look for me wherever I went to. So, we became very good friends. After a year or so, he started talking about marriage. I was a bit skeptical because I knew my parents might not like him. But on one occasion, we went on holiday. We traveled from Lagos to Benin, then it was Bendel State, that was how we became very close.

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Obe rehabilitates Low Cost Estate primary schools

In preparation for the resumption of primary and secondary schools across Lagos State today, the chairman of Ejigbo Local Council Development Areas (LCDA), Hon. Monsuru Bello Obe embarked on five days marathon rehabilitation of Low Cost Estate Nursery and Primary schools (1/2) complex in Oke-Afa, Jakande Estate to make the learning environment conducive for the pupils.



Obe arranged the palliative support to assist the Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) to

prepare the schools by ensuring that all the dilapidated structures in the school are completely revamped

before their resumption today. His word: "Our Local Council has deemed it fit to create a palliative arrangement for primary school pupils to sit comfortably, learn and assimilate as a token of our assistance to SUBEB whose chairman, Hon. Alawiye-King personally appealed for our assistance to cushion the effect of limited fund issues. I obliged, despite the fact that we have our own ongoing school

project at about 90 percent completion level. "Though SUBEB has a v bigger plan in terms of improving the infrastructure, for immediate intervention, I personally drafted the whole council team to the site to ensure all hands were on deck to achieve the four to five days target to give environmental unit the access to fumigate the school complex before

resumption." The rehabilitation includes complete replacement of the three buildings blown off roofs, doors/windows refurbishment, change of building iron hand rails to block, painting, fencing and weeding of the environment to avoid the risk of having reptiles in the school premises.

Grooming centre extends grant entries to Oct 31

Submissions for the Grooming University Research grants earlier scheduled to close by October 8 have been extended till October ending. According to the organiser, the submission date was extended to give room for more students to participate as many tertiary institutions are still under lock due to the pandemic and lecturer's strike. In the scheme, which is the second edition, Grooming Centre, a microfinance institution, is giving research grants to 150 undergraduate and post-graduate students across the country. The project coordinator and head of New Initiatives at Grooming Centre, Mr Chikezie Egbulefu, said the portal for submission of entries, which has been

opened since September, would be closed on October 31, 2020 to enable the organiser collate the entries. He explained that the scheme was designed to catalyze research and knowledge development that would proffer solutions to social and economic problems in the country. According to him, this year's grant would be awarded to 100 undergraduates with each taking N100,000 and 50 post-graduate students who would be awarded N200,000 each for carrying out their research studies in the areas of microfinance, rural development, inclusive finance, social enterprise, MSME and women in development. "The project, which is

managed by the Centre for Research in Enterprise and Action in Management (CREM), will focus on and encourage research whose findings have the potential to enhance the growth of the Nigerian economy post-COVID-19 and contribute to general human development," he said. Explaining the requirements to qualify for consideration under the scheme, chairman of the grant review technical committee, Mr Alex Ajibo, said a student must be carrying out research on a topic relevant to the areas earlier listed and entries must be received through the company's email: info@groomingresearchgrant.org by October 31. Ajibo, while listing the other conditions for qualifica-

tions, said: "The focus of the research study must be relevant to the Nigerian context, practical, innovative and should be capable of promoting any of the above areas of interest in Nigeria. The research must show a high level of originality, imaginative thought, and be data inclusive. The applicant must be a student at an approved Nigeria university or polytechnic. "The applicant must submit a written recommendation from his/her project supervisor and submit a research proposal of no fewer than 25 pages which should include an introduction, literature review, and research methodology along with candidate's personal profile."

Vineyard Church commends Obe for rehabilitating Kshimawo Alimi

The Arch Bishop of Vineyard Christian Ministries, Ejigbo, Arch Bishop J. A. Osa-Oni, has commended the chairman of Ejigbo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Monsuru Bello Obe for executing various capital projects and provision of infrastructures across the council area. The cleric particularly commended the council chairman for the upgrade of Kshimawo Alimi Street with interlocking stones, saying the job was well executed for the development of the area. He said: "These are the kinds of infrastructures we expect from the governments at the federal, state and local levels. Ejigbo is trying. We want the council to continue in this direction and extend to schools. "They should be more creative in producing something that can generate money and create employment for the youths." He therefore charged the youths to change their mentality in their dealings to be progressive in life as he advised them to learn a vocation in addition to their studies, adding that they should also be involved in politics to make changes. "Change of mentality is key to progress. Until you change your mentality,

nothing changes. Don't allow negative mind to ruin you. You can only change yourself, nobody can change you for good. "Politics is not dirty, it is those players that are making it dirty. Politics is a decent thing for everybody to go into but don't start from the top, start from your ward, from your unit, grow from there and move to the next level. It's highly important for the youths to go into politics," he advised. Also commending the chairman for the road, Bishop Sunday Ajayi said the upgrading of the road has brought unexpected development to the street as many shops have been opened for commercial activities, adding that the religious activities have also received boom as people felt comfortable to go the religious centres on the street. He therefore urged the council authority to provide street lights for security as he declared the support of the church for the second term of the council chairman. "This road will ease movement of Jakande, Isheri, Bucknor and Ijegun people. For this, we appreciate the council chairman," said Deacon Kayode Adeshina.

How to know if you have gangrene — Dr Adelodun

Medical expert, Dr. Wasil Adelodun, a Medical Practitioner who majors in medical parasitology, has advised diabetic patients to seek early medical care, warning that they are more prone to gangrene. Adelodun gave the advice while attending to some diabetic patients during a medical talk, a programme organised by the Estate Youth Parliament (EYP) for the residents of Jakande Estate, Oke-aAfa Ejigbo. According to the doctor, gangrene is a type of tissue death caused by lack of blood supply which is predominant among diabetic patient. He said symptoms may include a change in skin colour to red or black, numbness, swelling, pain, skin breakdown and loneliness, adding that the feet and hands are most commonly affected. "Gangrene essentially means death of tissues due to the lack of blood supply and invasion of deeper tissues with infection. It may be broadly classified into two types which are dry and wet gangrene. "There are several other types of gangrene but are

rare. However, all types of gangrene manifest either as dry or wet form. Symptoms include formation of blisters filled with fluid on the skin, indicating a clear line between healthy and damaged skin. The colour will change from red to black in dry gangrene or it will become swollen and produce foul smell. Gas gangrene will produce particularly foul-smell, brownish pus, shiny appearance to the skin and the shedding of skin, with a clear line forming between

affected and healthy skins." He continued: "Gangrene happens when tissues in your body dies after a loss of blood caused by illness, injury, or infection. It usually happens in extremities like fingers, toes, and limbs, but you can also get gangrene in your organs and muscles. Gangrene could be treated if detected early. However, it can lead to amputation in some serious cases, particularly if it's not treated quickly. "It can even be fatal for some individuals. The

treatment procedures differ in several cases but generally, patients with gas gangrene and infections with clostridium respond well to antibiotics, most diabetic patients with type 2 are prone to having this indication." The expert added that it is predominant in men more than women within the age range of 50 to 60 years, adding that it also occurs in middle age for people with severe conditions of diabetes 2 mellitus.

Sport fans excited over reopening of contact sports

Football fans in Oshodi, Isolo and Ejigbo have expressed joy over the reopening of contact sports, which allows football to resume at the all levels. The Presidential Task Force (PTF) on Covid-19 has last week announced the reopening contact sports which include football and basketball. The PTF noted that the high recovery rate of Covid-19 patients and reduced number of daily reported cases of Covid-19 infection led to the reopening of contact sports but warned that fans would not be allowed into the ven-

ues of the sport especially a measure to curtail the spread of the virus. Reacting to the news, the Secretary to the Local Government (SLG), Ejigbo LCDA, Hon. Paul Fregene said that it was a long awaited expectation. A grassroots football coach, Azeez Mustapha of Ghetto Light FC, said he was elated as he has waited tirelessly for the reopening of contact sports. "I put up a post on social media platforms as soon I got the information and all football enthusiasts on my list echoed the views of many of us. They are happy

and I am happy," he said. Ms Success FC coach, Musbahu Oseni, said: "Yes, I am so excited that we can now have access to do what we know how to do best and speak the language we know how to speak better. We are grateful to those who made this happen such as federal government, ministry of youth and sport development and the media." Unstoppable FC coach, Yemi Fortune, said: "I feel so excited, now we can continue with our football business and programmes. Though there is a set back, with God on our side and



with actions, we are going to recover gradually all we lost due to lockdown caused by the global spread of covid 19." Diadem Stallion FC coach, Ayodeji Adebayo, said: "The football community

is excited as some pending competitions would commence and we shall resume back to training as well." Coach Christopher Ogar said it is a big relief for the whole football family.

Stories By Damilola Kushimo

Igbo to Ajomale at 76: receive accolades for good leadership

Igbo Stakeholders United Forum, Isolo Chapter, has praised former state chairman of the All Progressives Congress, Chief Henry Ajomale for his sterling leadership qualities. They spoke with one voice recently when they organised a birthday treat for the former Commissioner for Special Duties when he turned 76. The remarkable event which was held at Radisson Blu Hotel, GRA Ikeja, had in attendance many dignitaries including the Osolo Of Isolo, Oba Kabiru Alani Agbabiaka, the incumbent State Chairman, Alhaji Babatunde Balogun who was represented by the Party Secretary, Lanre Ogunyemi, the SA to the governor on Drainage and Water Resources, Engr. Joe Igboke, APC chair-

man for Isolo, Barrister Gani Bello and his Ejigbo counterpart, Alhaji Fatai Kasumu, the pioneer Chairperson of Isolo LCDA, Mrs. Modupeola Oseghale. Although Ajomale turned 76 on Sunday, October 4, this year, the state Chairman of the Igbo Stakeholders United Forum, Prince Nixon Okwara noted that the occasion of his birthday is a privilege for the forum to celebrate the iconic pan Nigerian. According to him, "We the Igbo stakeholders are not taking this privilege of hosting a rare gem for granted. Hence, we've chosen this day to celebrate a pan Nigerian icon, a great in-law of Ndi-Igbo. A man who has demonstrated his detribalized nature both physically, spiritually and otherwise. An epitome and symbols



of one, united and peaceful Nigeria." He commended the ingenuity and the political sagacity of the elder statesman of which the forum was created almost immediately after the abysmal performance of the party in the 2015 general elections and that had seen strong alliances formed between the party and Igbos in Isolo and across the state with his tribesmen occupying various political positions in

the Isolo LCDA. "Igbo Stakeholders United Forum Isolo LCDA is celebrating Chief Ajomale today because he delivered on his promises. Today, we have two serving councillors, SA's and SSA's in the council and executive members in the LGA and Ward levels. We are full of admiration for the iconic leader. Having him at the top of affairs of this nation will see Nigeria become more detribalized," he added.

Also, in her glowing felicitation message, Oseghale described the septuagenarian as a detribalized leader who believes in everyone. She recalled how he stood by her during her political aspiration and throughout her time in office. She prayed for a healthy long life for him. In the words of Balogun, "Ajomale, at 76, has proven to be a political icon. He is somebody who has meshed his name in gold in

the politics of Lagos state you can't take that away from him and if the Igbo stakeholders are celebrating him I think he deserves every celebration he's given. This is a man who has stabilized our party, he ensured winning stint for the party in Lagos. I think for me he has made a great mark, he has written his name on the sand of time. Politically, you cannot write the history of Lagos without mentioning Henry Oladele Ajomale. Also, the councillor representing the Okota Ward, Hon. Kanayo Osondu and the party's Assistant Secretary in the council, Mr. Sylvester Obi described him as a father, a pathfinder and a selfless leader who will not always put himself first.

US to train 140 youths on waste to wealth in Isolo

The United States Government Exchange Alumni Association is set to train 140 young school leavers in Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA) on how to convert recyclable wastes to wealth. The President of the Southwest Region of the association, Dr. Jude Ememe, disclosed this to councillors in Isolo LCDA. Ememe, who led the 3-man delegate to the council, explained that the programme would train 240 youths in Lagos state with 100 drawn from the Island and 140 from the mainland on how to convert recyclable wastes to

wealth and, in the process, further contribute their quota towards maintaining a cleaner and safer environment. While the 100 youths on the Island will be chosen from Ikoyi/Obalende LCDA, Ememe explained that their choice to choose Isolo as the other sole beneficiary in the mainland was influenced by the Leader of the council, Hon. Remy Shittu Remy. His words, "we are happy with the good news coming from Isolo LCDA, the hard work and commitment all over the council area. News is coming out about the good work of the chairman and the entire

leadership of the council, we thought it necessary to be part of the good work to further support the great work that is going on in the council area." He explained further: "We will be training 140 youths in the local government, empowering them with the needed knowledge and skill on how they will be able to give back to the society in the areas of wastes management and how they can convert it into productive uses. We are happy that we've received the total support of the chairman and the honorable house and we are coming in the next few days in liaison with the US Consulate

to run this training in the council area." He said the team had earlier met with the council chairman, Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye to intimate him about the programme, saying the council boss has promised to provide the facility needed within the council secretariat. The 3-day programme is projected to kick off next week with all expenses to be paid by the association. Ememe emphasised that the association has left the choice of the participants to the council leadership who are to select from the seven wards in the council area.

Don't frustrate govt's efforts on flood abatement - councillor tells residents

The councillor representing Ishaga/Ire-Akari Ward in Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Abisodun Odusina-Adeoye has appealed to the residents along Ire-Akari Road to desist from indiscriminate wastes disposal into drains being desilted by government as a measure to curb flood in the community. Adeoye, who is the deputy majority leader of the House, warned the residents not to frustrate the ongoing desilting of drains in the community by the Ministry of Environment, emphasising that such efforts from the state will reduce flood in the community and sustainably aid free flow of traffic along the motorway. While appreciating the state government for responding to their request on the menace of flood in the community, Adeoye said the effort must be sustained and supported by the community. She noted: "Quite a lot of

letters have been written to the state to come to our rescue on this drainage de-silting to combat the issue of flood as the rain has come. Now that they've come, on behalf of myself and the community, I appreciate the state government and we look forward to more response from them on our other letters. She said the effort will greatly reduce the menace of flood in the community and aid the free flow of traffic. "This road gets flooded whenever it rains causing damages. But this will greatly reduce the heavy flood we always witness on that road. It is a major road in the community that is used by motorists going in and out of Isolo. My advice to the residents and road users is that they should stop throwing dirt, pure water nylon, plastics, etc. These are the things blocking the drains. They should make use of waste disposal trucks regularly."

ISOILAJ empowers six fashion designers with sewing machines

A Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), ISOILAJ in partnership with SOS Children's Village, has provided sewing machines and other materials to the six newly trained fashion designers in Isolo LCDA as an empowerment to boost their vocation. The beneficiaries, four caregivers and 2 youths, are the first batch of the trainees to graduate and provided with sewing equipment. According to the Programme Director of SOS, Mr. Ayodeji Adelopo the rationale behind the empowerment was to support the families and encourage the beneficiaries in their aspiration to be self-employed. He emphasized that other batches will be graduated and given similar support. Speaking at the graduation ceremony held at the new Osolo Palace, Akinbajye, Adelopo said: "Basically, what we do is that we have a family development plan, a plan to access every family, what they have and the set goals they want to get. So, based on this discussion with the families, we were able to identify that the

families want to be self-reliant. So, we train them and support them with the needed equipment to work on their own. "We'll like to make them understand that nobody can take care of their children as they themselves. So, we are challenging them to make use of this equipment to economically empower themselves, earn income and

take care of their children." Also speaking, the Chairman of ISOILAJ, Chief Mufutau Ekundayo, implored the beneficiaries to start-up the business in earnest and defy all odds that may arise, stressing that they now have what to use to support their families. Florence Ndu, who spoke on behalf of other beneficiaries, said:

"We are so overwhelmed by this empowerment and the training we've garnered about fashion designing. We are grateful to ISOILAJ and SOS for making this a reality. We promise to take to the advice and words of encouragement of the chairman and make use of this empowerment opportunity judiciously."

Community urges govt to control parking of trucks along Ago Palace Way

The residents of Ago/Okota have again appealed to the state and local governments to caution truck drivers against indiscriminate operation and parking on the highway. The Chairman of Okota Phase II United Forum, Chief Nixon Okwara, who spoke to ECHONEWS, warned that the residents in the community might be forced to resort to self-help in tackling the enduring menace of the truck drivers. Okwara expressed disappointment with the state and local governments over their inability to control the situation after a peaceful protest by stakeholders in the community was staged in March to the Office of Civic

Engagement, Alausa, and Isolo council secretariat during which they condemned the operation of truck drivers in their community. He reiterated that since the last peaceful protest, nothing has been done by the government to put their operation in check which he said has caused several accidents on the highway. "After several efforts and outcry by residents of Ago Palace way to various agencies and institutions of the government, the truck menace, accidents, resulting to untimely deaths and sufferings by commuters and users of this road, remain unresolved. "We always get temporary effort from the local government each

time the people threaten to take action. We believe the government's interventions at such times are to assuage the people to lay back so that the impunity could continue. "This is totally unacceptable as the government remains indifferent to the plight of the people. We have realised that nothing may change unless we take responsibility and apply a different approach, maybe self-help this time." ECHONEWS reported that the local council constituted a task force committee in March, this year to deal with illegal parking on the major roads in the community with needed equipment provided for the committee to

work. However, it was gathered that the committee could not operate as the council was waiting for public hearing on the bylaw to back its operation. The council explained that the public hearing was delayed due to restriction on social gathering. Meanwhile, Okwara said there is no need for new law, insisting that the existing laws could be enforced. "A simple inquest into the past will tell you that the government and its agencies including the police have done little or nothing. Do you need a new law to charge those who park dangerously on the road to court? Do you need any form of another

legislation to charge those who have caused the death of others, manslaughter? The answer is NO. those laws are already in existence. But what I can identify here is lack of either political will power to enforce the extant laws. Upon litany of accidents and incidents on this corridor, it is sad to note that not even a single person has been charged to court. Meanwhile, the council leader, Hon. Remy Shittu Remy, while responding to a distress message on the discomfort of residents of Ofo/Onyebuchi Avenue caused by container-carrying-truck in their area, said he was much concerned as he promised to follow up on it.

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary

To the best Mom & Dad in the world! Chief Vincent & Chief Mrs. Mary Oseghale
 The love and respect you have for each other is exceptional.
 We have learnt a great deal from both of you. You are our greatest role model!
 And The most adorable lovebirds we have ever known.
 We are honored blessed to have you as our parents.



Chief Mrs Mary Oseghale's donation to charity organizations as the head High International Organization (The Widows' Comforters)



EXHIBITION TIME: Former Isolo Local Government Chairperson, Chief Mrs. Modupe Oseghale, at the exhibition stand showcasing various works done by widows at the 2002 summit of widows by Head High International Organisation. To her left is Pastor Mrs. Tinu Odugbemi, executive director of Head High International Organisation - The Widows Comforters



Chief Mrs. Modupe Oseghale, former Chairperson of Isolo Local Government Area, who was guest of honour at the programme delivering her speech. To her immediate left is Pastor Mrs. Tinu Odugbemi, founder/executive director of Head High International Organisation that cares for widows

In celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary, donations have been made to several local and international charities supported by Hon. Chief Mrs Mary Oseghale.



A cross section of widows and guests at the first Congress of Widows held at Isolo, Lagos in September 2002



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