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Lagos 2023: Know Your Candidates

By Rasaan Adebayo

On February 25, 2023, no less than 28 candidates will be on ballot papers competing for the three senatorial seats in Lagos State. And for the 24 Seats allocated to Lagos State at the Federal House of Representatives, no fewer than 162 candidates will be competing with one another through ballot to secure a seat in their various constituencies.

The analysis of the candidates by ECHONEWS indicated that while APC and PDP have candidates in the three senatorial districts, Accord Party presents only two candidates for Lagos West and Lagos East; it has no candidate for Lagos Central. Labour Party on its own has no candidate in any of the three senatorial districts.

LAGOS WEST

In Lagos West Senatorial District, 10 political parties present candidates which include Accord Party with James Charles

Kolawole; ADC presents Ogidi Muhammed

Mutairu; ADP - Olajojo Olufeyikemi; APC - Adebule Idiat Oluranti, BP - Ogunlegan Akintomide Olumide; NNPP - Dabiri Mustapha

Oladapo; NRM - Olorok Anthony Nelson; PDP - Adewale Segun Sunday; SDP - Osundolire Tolulope; and Emereole Anthony of ZLP.

Kolawole of Accord is a 58 years old candidate and holds a Bsc. Education according to the data he submitted to the INEC. His detailed profiles could not be traced.

The APC candidate, 51-year old Dr Idiat Adebule, was born in Ojo Alaworo in Ojo Local Government Area of Lagos State. She is a writer, Educationist, and a politician.

She began her working career as an academic at Lagos State College of Primary Education (LACOPED), Noforija, Epe as a lecturer in the department of Religious Studies and later transferred her service to the Lagos State University as a lecturer in the department of



Mr. Babatunde Sanwo-Olu

curriculum studies and later language Arts and social studies in the faculty of Education.

While at the university, she served as a member of various university committees which included, "committee on establishment of LASU International Secondary School", "LASU staff school monitoring committee", member, Association of Learners, and was the coordinator, LASU Sandwich Degree Programme, Osun State College of Education, Ilesha Campus.

Her political experience and sojourn began when she was appointed as a commissioner 1 in the Lagos State Post Primary Teaching Service Commission (PP-TESSCOM), now Teachers' Establishment and Pensions Office, by Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu from October 2000 to February 2005 and later as board member of the Lagos State Scholarship Board from February 2005 to November 2005.

Dr Adebule was appointed and sworn in as the Secretary to the State Government by the Governor of Lagos state, Mr.

Babatunde Raji Fashola (SAN) in July 2011.

Having been duly elected by the people of the State and sworn in on May 29th, 2015, she became the Deputy Governor of Lagos State and superintend over the State's Ministry of Education.

During the APC party primaries in 2022, she was elected to represent the party to contest for the Lagos West Senatorial seat in the 2023 general election coming up this week.

A consummate writer, Dr Adebule, has several local, national and international publications to her credit. These include, "Reading The Objective Of Universal Basic Education in Nigeria", "The Imperative of Religion and peace in the Quest for Sustainable Development in Nigeria: The Plateau State Experience", "The Effective Use of Educational Technology for Religious Teaching: Learning amongst Secondary Schools in Lagos State, Nigeria" to mention a few.

Another prominent candidate in the race is Adewale Segun Sunday of PDP. Otunba Segun, popularly known as Aeroland,



Dr. Idiat Adebule

born on May 15, 1966, is a Nigerian entrepreneur, philanthropist and grassroots politician. A native of Ipoti Ekiti in Ijero Local Government Area of Ekiti State.

His father was a police officer. He had his Primary Education at the Seventh-Day Adventist School, Abule Oja Lagos between 1972 and 1978.

In 1979, his parents decided that their first child must return to Ekiti so he could be groomed and well-grounded in the Ekiti norms, values and tradition; this he was admitted into Ipoti High School the same year. He eventually concluded his secondary school education at Oriwu College, Ikorodu, Lagos State in 1983. He attended University of Ibadan between 1986 and 1990 where he bagged a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geography. He proceeded to obtain his Master's Degree Certificate in Public Administration at the Lagos State University in 1995.

He equally obtained a Certificate in Airline Management and Operations in 2012 and got a requisite Certificate in Flight

Operations from the Institute of Flight Operations and Dispatcher (IFOD), Texas-USA in 2013. He possesses other professional qualifications in Management and Public Relations from reputable Institutes.

IN 2015, he contested for the Lagos West Senatorial election under the platform of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

The 48-year old Tolulope Osundolire is another female candidate contesting under the platform of Social Democratic Party (SDP). Much is not known about Osundolire and her profiles are not available.

LAGOS EAST

In Lagos East Senatorial District, nine candidates will be competing for just one seat who include Imumolen Ehijele Benedict of Accord Party, Ashiru George Olalekan Honey of ADC, Abiru Mukhail Adetokunbo of APC, Olowolayemo Temitope Temitayo of BP, Lawal Nurudeen Folohunsho of NNPP, Ediale Christopher of NRM, Akobada Nicholas Adekunle of PDP, Oluwaranmilowo Mayowa of SDP, and Obadiaru Charles Imuenoghomwen of YPP.



Hakeem Olaogun-Dickson

The prominent among the candidates based on their level campaign activities includes Tokunbo Abiru of APC.

Senator Mukhail Adetokunbo Abiru, FCA, popularly known as "Tokunbo Abiru" is an accomplished Nigerian Banker, Chartered Accountant, and now a Public Servant. He is currently the Senator, representing Lagos East Senatorial district in the 9th Nigerian National Assembly, after 32 years of corporate experience (of which 29 years was spent in the banking industry).

He was the pioneer and former Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of Polaris Bank Limited. He led the turnaround of erstwhile Skye Bank Plc, as Group Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, under a CBN-induced take-over of the Bank, in a bid to avoid its collapse and also preserve the stability of the overall Nigerian Financial System.

His banking career was in top Nigeria Financial Institutions such as First of Bank of Nigeria (2002–16), where he rose to the level of Executive Director, Corporate Banking; and Guaranty Trust Bank (1991-2000).

Tokunbo Abiru also served on other notable boards as Non-Executive Director: FBN Capital Limited (now FBN Quest Merchant Bank Limited); FBN Bank Sierra-Leone Limited; Airtel Mobile Networks Limited; and Nigeria Inter-Bank Settlement System Plc (NIBSS).



Tokunbo Abiru

During the course of his professional career, he also had the privilege of serving as the Honourable Commissioner of Finance, Lagos State (2011 - 2013), under the transformational leadership of Mr. Babatunde Raji Fashola (SAN).

He holds a B.Sc. Economics from Lagos State University, and he is a Fellow of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) and a Honorary Fellow of The Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (FCIB). He is an alumnus of both Lagos Business School (LBS) and Harvard Business School (USA).

Tokunbo Abiru retired from banking in August 31, 2020 and decided to go into Public Service. He contested for the bye-election of Lagos Senatorial East under the platform of All Progressives Congress (APC) Party, and won the election on December 5, 2020 with 89% of the total votes cast to become a Senator of The Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Akobada Nicholas Adekunle of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), a 54 years old candidate is a political scientist and business man. His mother is from Ibeju-Lekki and his father is from Epe, but he grew up in Shomolu, He had served as the Supervisor for Health in the local government

Honey George Olalekan Ashiru of ADC is a Lagosian born in 1966.

According to Wikipedia, Ashiru was born to a royal

household in the southwestern part of Nigeria. His father became an international diplomat, working in Brussels with the African Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group. His mother was a successful entrepreneur and one time president of the Nigerian-American Chamber of Commerce, Kaduna. She was a US "Visitor", having participated in the International Visitor Leadership Programme (IVLP) of the US Government.

George was educated in Nigeria and Britain and studied in diverse schools like Irwin Academy (UK), Ijebu Ode Grammar School, Nigeria, Federal Government College, Kaduna, Nigeria, University of Lagos and Middlesex University (UK), and became a professional Fellow of Institute of Consulting and a Chartered Fellow of the Chartered Management Institute of the United Kingdom. He earned the qualification of Certified Management Consultant.

Seven times Ashiru was Nigerian Taekwondo champion in the light and welter weight categories and won a silver medal at the 4th All Africa Games in Kenya in 1987.[1] He has been named Best National Player, Best National Referee and then Team Manager to the Beijing 2008 Nigerian Taekwondo Olympic Team.

Additionally, he became Africa's first ever 7th Degree Black belt International Master Instructor & International Referee Class A,

certified by the International Taekwon-Do Federation (ITF), and 8th Degree Taekwondo, issued in Korea through Taekwondo Jidokwan Korea, named "Taekwondo Ambassador" by Taekwondo Jidokwan Society, and is listed in the World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) Hall of Fame. He is Technical Advisor and two time Inductee of the Official Taekwondo Hall of Fame and a Special Correspondent with the US Taekwondo Times magazine. In 2011 the President of the Kukkiwon awarded him the "Commendation Certificate" for promotion of Taekwondo all over the world. George Ashiru is also an International Referee by the World Taekwondo Federation as well as a graduate of the Kukkiwon Foreign Masters Training Course, 2012.

He was appointed Regular Member of the Kukkiwon 2012 Seoul World Taekwondo Leaders Forum. He is also distinguished as a certified Master of Tang Soo Do by the World Tang Soo Do Association and one of the world's leading exponents of Korean Kempo. In Nigeria, he was at various times, an Executive member of the Nigeria Judo Federation, Chairman, Grading Commission of the Nigeria Taekwondo Federation, Chairman, Ogun State Taekwondo Association and a member of the Nigeria Olympic Committee, Marketing Commission.

In December 2012 he was "Outstanding Achievement"



Adediran Azeez Olajide

Awardee of the Korean Ambassador to Nigeria and was in the same period appointed the Continental Director for Africa by the Official Taekwondo Hall of Fame. In May 2013 he was elected the 7th President of the World Taekwondo Federation member national association (MNA), the Nigeria Taekwondo Federation. In 2013 George Ashiru was elected Vice President of the Commonwealth Taekwondo Union.

In 2014 he was appointed by the Honourable Minister of Sports in Nigeria as a member of the National High Performance Task Team. He is a board member of the Nigeria Olympic Committee, and vice chairman of the Technical Commission of the NOC.

George Ashiru was appointed the International Technical Advisor of the Sierra Leone Taekwondo Association in 2018. In 2017 and 2021 he was International Expert for Olympic Solidarity programmes in Sierra Leone. In February 2022 he was promoted to 9th degree black belt by the World Taekwondo Jidokwan Federation, based in Seoul, Korea.

George Ashiru, in addition to his exploits in sports is also highly accomplished in several other areas. He was elected the Lagos State Chairman of the African Democratic Congress Party in May 2017. In 1988 he was named "Mr Nigeria" and represented the country at the 11th Mr & Miss University Pageant in Tokyo, Japan.

He was a delegate to the World Student's Festival in the UK in 1990. He was a national television presenter on Nigeria's NTA Youth Scene between 1988 and 1990. While studying at the University of Lagos, Nigeria, he founded the Ultimate Gold/Love Foundations and the University of Lagos Taekwondo Club, both of which have endured since the mid-1980s till today. In recognition of his varied achievements, Nigeria's Vanguard Newspapers named him one of the "40 Young Leaders of The Future" in 1995. In 1997 he was awarded with the prestigious "Men of Achievement Awards" at the Lagos Sheraton Hotels. In 1998, the Comet Newspapers also named him "Leader of the Future". He also produced a television programme for DBN Television in Lagos and was a regular columnist for several magazines, since the then popular but now defunct Classique Magazine, back in the late 80s.

In 1997 he led a delegation of business men members of the Nigerian American Chamber of Commerce (Kaduna) to the World Trade Expo, in Detroit, USA. Later that same year, he organised, with the same Chamber, the National Seminar, "Nigeria Can Compete".

George is an ordained Minister of the Gospel, with his own Transformation Ministries. In 2003, the Federal Government co-opted him as an official Chaplain for the COJA 2003 All Africa Games in Abuja. He also coordinates the NGO, Town Hall Meetings Project (THMP).[4] He also runs his own IATA Accredited travel business and is an official representative of the London School of Business and Finance (LSBF) in Nigeria.

He was, at one time the Vice Chairman of the Tourism Group of the Nigerian American Chamber of Commerce, Lagos. One of George's keen activities is mentoring emerging leaders and giving inspirational talks, to youths, government personnel and the general citizenry, on personal development, entrepreneurship, and nation



Hon Wasiu Eshinlokun

building. He is also a member of several national prayer intercession groups.

LAGOS CENTRAL

Also, nine candidates from different parties will be contesting for the seat at the Lagos Central Senatorial District. They are Idowu Abayomi Omotayo of ADC, Sanni Wasiu Eshinlokun of APC, Bolarin Tunde of BP, Oloke Raphael of NNPP, Owobiyi Francis Adekunle of NRM, Gomez Adewale Francis of PDP, Adelaja Adeyinka of SDP, Oladeji Blessing Tunde of YPP, and Oji Princess Blessing of ZLP.

Idowu Abayomi Omotayo, a 65 year old is contesting under the platform ADC.

Hon. Wasiu Eshinlokun Sanni who is contesting under the platform of the All Progressives Congress (APC) is the incumbent Deputy Speaker of Lagos House of Assembly but now contesting senatorial election in Lagos Central Senatorial District.

Sanni was born on March 24, 1961. He obtained Bachelor of Agriculture (Honours) with Specialisation in Agriculture Economics and Farm Management 1988. He also has Certificate in Negotiation and Leadership, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, USA. 2014. He bagged Masters Degree in International Law and Diploma (MILD) University of Lagos 2001.

In was elected to the Lagos House of Assembly in 1999-



Prince Adewale Gomez

2003. He was the chairman, Lagos Island Local Government between 2008 and 2014, State Secretary, All Progressive Congress Lagos State 2014, Senior Special Assistant to the Governor of Lagos State, His Excellency, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu on Political and Legislative Matters 2005-2007

He was the Secretary, Lagos State Microfinance Institution from January to September 2008.

Gomez Adewale Francis, a 65 years old is contesting under the platform of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP). Much information could not be got about Francis even on his social media handles.

Olajide Blessing Tunde is the one of the youngest candidate contesting under the platform of YPP. He is 39 years old.

GOVERNORSHIP ELECTION

On Mach 11, the voters in Lagos will again troupe out to vote for 16 governorship candidates but only one will eventually emerge the winner to become the next governor of the State.

Among those who are to be voted for are: Dickson Hakeem Olaogun of Accord Party, Balogun Tope Abdulrazaq (AA), Olayiwola Akeem Olaide (AAC), Doherty Olufunso Adeshina (ADC), Bamidele Ishola (ADP), Sanwo-olu Babajide Olusola (APC), Kupoliyi Funmilayo (APM), Adeyemi Abiola Roseline (APP), Oluwo Olowale Wasiu

(BP), Rhodes-Vivour Gbadebo Patrick (LP), Jim-Kamal Olanrewaju Olalekan (NNPP), Braithwaite Akinwunmi Ishola (NRM), Adediran Azeez Olajide (PDP), Uthman Olakunle Taofeek (SDP), Ajayi Wasiu Adebayo (YPP), and Adenipebi Mode Adekunle of ZLP.

Based on their popularity and campaign activities, political analysts believed that the contest will be between the ruling APC and the major opposition party, PDP. However, they said Accord Party and Labour Party may also make headline after the election.

The primaries, held on May 25 and 26, produced Sanwo-Olu as the APC candidate and Adediran as the PDP flag bearer while the Accord Party's primary was held on May 30 where Dickson was unanimously picked by the party as its candidate.

Though the Accord Party is trying to put its popularity and that of its candidate to test, with little or no action from the other political parties in the state, political analysts still believe that the 2023 governorship election in Lagos State will be, as has been the tradition for about two decades, a contest between the two major parties - APC and PDP

SANWO-OLU
Babajide Sanwo-Olu, who is flying the flag of APC, is running for his second term in office. He won the election against the candidate of the PDP, Jimi Agbaje in 2019.

He was born on June 25, 1965, and holds a B.Sc in Surveying and an MBA from the University of Lagos. He is an alumnus of the John F. Kennedy School of government, the London Business School and the Lagos Business School.

Sanwo-Olu became an associate member of the Chartered Institute of Personnel Management (CIPM) and a fellow of the Nigeria Institute of Training and Development (NITAD).

He was the treasurer at the former Lead Merchant Bank from 1994 to 1997 after which he moved to the United Bank for Africa as the head of foreign money market. He then proceeded to First Inland Bank, Plc (now First City Monument Bank) as deputy general manager and divisional head.

He was the chairman of Baywatch Group Limited and First Class Group Limited and a board member of the Department for International Development (DFID/DEEPEN) Fund and Audit committee of Caverton Offshore Service Group, Plc.

Sanwo-Olu began his political career in 2003 when he was appointed a Special Adviser on Corporate Matters to the then deputy governor of Lagos State, Femi Pedro. He was later appointed acting commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget until 2007 when he became the commissioner for commerce and industry under then Governor, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

After the General Elections of 2007, Sanwo-Olu was appointed commissioner for Establishments, Training and Pension by Governor Babatunde Fashola. He was later in 2016 made Managing Director/CEO of the Lagos State Development and Property Corporation (LSDPC) by Governor Akinwumi Ambode.

Some of Sanwo-Olu's notable public sector achievements include the supervision of the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) Privatization projects. He set up and was the pioneer Board Chairman of Lagos Security Trust Fund. The LAGBUS System and the Control and Command Centre in Alausa, Ikeja, were

He scored 739,445 votes to defeat Jimi Agbaje of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) who polled 206,141 votes, according to official results declared by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC). Sanwo-Olu also won in all the local government areas in the state. He has obtained a variety of awards in his career, some of which include: Platinum Award from the Lagos State Public Service Club; 2009 Best in Human Capital Development Award from the Industrial Training Fund (ITF); Merit Award from the Association of National Accountants of Nigeria; Merit Award from the Chartered Institute of Personnel Management in Nigeria (CIPMN); Merit Award from the Association of Personnel Women Engineers of Nigeria (APWEN); LSDPC Impact Leadership and Recognition Award.

JANDOR

Abdul-Azeez Olajide Adediran popularly known as Jandor is a Nigerian politician, journalist, entrepreneur, and technocrat. He is the chairman of Lagos4Lagos movement and the Lagos State gubernatorial candidate under the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) with his running mate, Funke Akindele.

He is a recipient of the 2021 Honorary Doctorate in Leadership and Governance by South American University,

Lagos, Nigeria. Jandor was born into the family of Alhaji Adeniran and Late Mrs Ruth Oluwafunmilayo Adeniran on November 25, 1977 in Mushin Area of Lagos State. He is a graduate of The Polytechnic Ibadan; Modul University, Vienna; the Howard University School of Business, Washington DC, USA; and Oxford University, Oxford, United Kingdom

He started his career with Journalism and he was a journalist for more than twenty years. He eventually ventured into politics as a member of APC. He was the convener of the movement of Lagos4Lagos, a movement under the APC. He eventually defected to PDP and he is currently the gubernatorial candidate of the party for 2023 Lagos gubernatorial election.

DICKSON

Olaogun-Dickson, who is contesting under the platform of Accord Party, was formerly a member of the ruling APC party. He is a former chairman of Surulere Local Government. He was appointed in 2017 by Governor Akinwunmi Ambode as the Director General of the Lagos State Safety Commission.

In May, 2022, Accord Party (AP) unanimously unveiled him as its governorship candidate for Lagos State for the 2023 gubernatorial election. He had earlier been nominated at the party's primaries which was held at the Airport Hotel, Ikeja.

Reacting to the nomination, Dickson tendered his acceptance speech. "With a grateful heart and the sole obligation to devote every effort of my body, mind and spirit to lead our party to victory in 2023 and our State back to greatness, I humbly accept the nomination."

According to the candidate, with this kind of a unity among members of Accord, "We are ready and eager to take on the APC, PDP and other 15 political parties next year 2023."

He added that it would be a year of concern, quiet and sober reassessment of "Our State's" character and purpose.

However, ECHONEWS had earlier reported that Dickson might defect to APC if his negotiation with the party is fruitful. It is still expected that he may formally declare for APC before the election going by the information gathered by ECHONEWS.

RHODES-VIVOUR

Recently, the candidate of Labour Party, Rhodes-Vivour came to the limelight and boasted to weather all odds and come out victorious at the poll on Saturday, March 11, 2023.

At 39 years, Rhodes-Vivour, the adjudged youngest guber candidate in Lagos State, started his political career in 2007 when he contested for the Ikeja Local Government Chairmanship position under the umbrella of the KOWA

party.

In 2019, he came out to contest for the Lagos West Senatorial seat under the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) but lost to Senator Adeola Olalekan (Yayi), an All Progressives Congress (APC) candidate.

He headed to the tribunal to challenge the result. Citing incidents of widespread violence and discrepancies in the result, he requested a rerun, which was not granted.

He later sought PDP ticket to contest for the Lagos State governorship seat in 2023 but again, could not secure the ticket due to the internal politics which played out to produce Olajide Adediran, popularly known as Jandor as the party's candidate.

Apart from Rhodes-Vivour, Ade Dosumu, David Kolawole, Olanrewaju Jim-Kamal, and Adedeji Doherty were other aggrieved aspirants under the PDP.

Following the emergence of Adeniran, some other aspirants felt cheated and showed their grievances.

Adediran, a former member of APC, joined the PDP in January, 2022 and declared his intention to run for governor on the PDP platform two months later.

Rhodes-Vivour, thereafter, pitched his tent with Labour Party where he was given the ticket to run for the governorship position in Lagos

State.

He emerged the Labour Party's candidate for the Lagos State governorship election after decamping from the PDP.

In a chat with ECHONEWS, Rhodes-Vivour has expressed determination to become the next governor of Lagos State with assurance of winning the election in March, this year.

He said despite all the propaganda by the opposition parties, his Labour Party will still coast home victory, having the strategy to canvass for people's support.

Meanwhile, it was reported that coalition of 29 opposition parties and groups in Lagos State has endorsed the APC presidential candidate, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, for the February 25 election.

The group also pledged support for the re-election of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu.

The endorsement followed the inauguration of 10,000 Eko O ni Baje vote canvassers for the ruling party in the state by the Minister of Works and Housing, Babajide Raji Fashola last week.

Among the parties that endorsed the APC candidates AD, UPN, UPP, NPC, ACPN, CPN, BNPP, PPP, PPA, NUP, UP, LM, MMN, FJP, NCMF, GDPN, APA, AGAP, RPN, ID Party, Mega Party, Green Party, Hope Democrats, DA, C4C Party, NPM, and Independent Democrats.



Adewale Segun Sunday



Doherty Olufunso



Akobada Nicholas Adekunle

I set template for creation of LASTMA, LAWMA – Olaogun-Dickson

By Rasaan Adebayo

The Accord Party governorship candidate, Hakeem Olaogun-Dickson has claimed to have set the template for the creation of some agencies such as the Lagos State Transport Management Agency (LASTMA), Lagos Waste Management Agency (LAWMA), Lagos Neighborhood Safety Corps (LNSC), and others in Lagos State.

He said he created the prototypes of those bodies while he was the chairman of Surulere Local Government.

Dickson revealed this as he spoke on his ability to rule Lagos State perfectly based on his experiences which he said were borrowed by the governors who have hitherto ruled the State under the All Progressives Congress (APC) party.

Dickson said his wealth of experience in grassroots governance will be useful to turn around the state for better if elected.

"In 1998, the first thing I did was to fight crime. The crime rate in Surulere then was over 75 per cent; I was able to reduce it to 15 per cent. The former Commissioner of Police is my living witness including the Area Commander for Lagos from Akwa Ibom. I set up a law call SLEC - Surulere Law Enforcement Corps that now becomes LASTMA and KAI today in Lagos State. With these bodies, not only we were able to reduce traffics, we were also able to find out where those boys were hiding their guns and committing crimes. At that time, too many

Hausas in Tejuosho were being killed but with my intermediate idea of coming from Us, I now worked with the Nigeria Police. The first thing I did was that I told the men of the Corps I created that they were going to fight a war or going to crime dens, but without walkie talkie, they were going to lose. I then bought walkie talkie with perfect communication strategy. If you go to Surulere LG, you will see the tallest mast. At that time, we could communicate from Surulere to AIT but now. So, if I'm elected the governor, I'm going to employ minimum of 300 per local government and

LCDA to be part of neighborhood watch, to make sure they gather information for us. So we will be able to fight crime. Then, if I cannot set up a state police, I will set up trainings and all security vehicles will be branded with our own name. And whatever is needed in terms of gadgets and ammunition, I will buy for the police while our own local security personnel will be trained without gun."

On taxation, Dickson said he would create only one central billing ministry, adding that everyone within the tax net would pay directly into the system to block revenue

leakages and multiple taxation.

"We'll have a website where every ministry will be whether they like it or not. Whatever they want to collect from people will be there, how much they want to collect will be there and there will be just only one billing system and only one ministry issuing the bills. I will do the same thing I did when I was local government chairman to block revenue leakages and multiple taxation."

He also spoke on how he would create more jobs by expanding the road networks and support the economy of the state., adding that each local

government would be empowered to be manufacturers of paving stones.

The Accord candidate also promised to expand water economy, redesign the Lagos map "to know what we want."

On how he would cope if the majority of the members of the Assembly are from opposition parties, he said: "I did this in 1999 when I was the local government chairman. I was the only chairman different from any other persons in the house but I was able to perform very well. One of the things is giving them whatever is required to be able to do their job."



Hakeem Olaogun-Dickson

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Orekoya mourns late woman leader, Fashoro

By Edith Igbokwe

All Progressive Congress (APC) candidate for Lagos State House of Assembly in Somolu constituency, Hon. Biodun Orekoya has paid a special tribute to the late Somolu LGA women leader, Hon. Abiola Fashoro

(Akoi) who died on Wednesday after a brief illness.

According to Orekoya, "it was big shock for us as we lost an articulated political icon to death." He described late Fashoro as a trailblazer and political loyalist that advocated for women and always saw good in what others did.

"Akoi as fondly called by her political allies and family was a very generous grassroots politician who took delight in sharing her knowledge and experience for the good of society. Her contribution to the growth and development of APC in Somolu and the state at

large remains immeasurable. In fact, an Iroko tree has fallen.

"It's my prayer that God should repose her soul to eternal glory, and grant her family and friends the fortitude to bear the irreplaceable and irreparable loss. Rest in peace Mrs. Abiola Fashoro A.K.A Akoi."



Late Somolu woman leader, Fashoro

Stakeholders rally support for APC candidates

By Edith Igbokwe

The chairman of Somolu Local Government, Hon. Abdul-Hamed Salawu has promised to deliver this council area to candidates of All Progressives Congress (APC) party at the forthcoming polls. He made the pledge at a rally organised by the Association of Local Governments of Nigeria (ALGON) in support of

APC Presidential Candidate, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu and other APC candidates across Nigeria.

APC Lagos State House of Assembly Candidate for Somolu Constituency 1, Engr. Abiodun Orekoya and Hon. Williams Lawanson, former Sole Administrator of Somolu Local Government assured their effectiveness at

their various ends.

The council leader of Somolu LG, Hon. Yomi Osunkoya stated that the councillors in Somolu will deliver their wards for the success of the party.

ALGON President, Hon. Kolade Alabi appreciated members support towards delivering their grassroots and constituencies for the victory of the party at the polls.



Somolu LG, supporting APC candidates

Muhammed organises one-million man walk for Tinubu in Apapa

By Edith Igbokwe

The chairman of Apapa Iganmu Local Council Development Area (LCDA), last week, organised a one-million man walk as strategic campaign for the presidential candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

According to Muhammed, the rally was organised to support and canvass votes for Tinubu during the general election scheduled to take place on Saturday, this week.

Men, women, youths in their multitude were chanting praises of the party as they walked along Ijora 7up bus stop down to Orile police station.

According to the organiser, the walk was fruitful as residents showed acceptability of the party and all its candidates, saying they pledged to vote massively for APC candidates in the coming general elections.

House of reps candidate, Adebayo appeals to ethnic groups to vote for APC

The House of Representatives candidate in Apapa constituency II under the platform of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Hon. Samuel Adebayo has appealed to the various ethnic groups in the constituency to vote for the party during the forthcoming general elections.

He admonished the leaders of the groups to direct their members to

By Edith Igbokwe

vote for the party, saying their votes would change things for positive across the country.

In the same vein, the APC candidate for Lagos House of Assembly in the constituency, Hon. Musbau Lawal, also

urged the residents to vote for the party, saying the party's presidential candidate, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu's magnanimity and visionary leadership are worth rewarding.

He appealed to them to vote massively for Tinubu and all other candidates of the party.

Meanwhile, the party chairman in Apapa Local Government, Alhaji Moruf Ojora, charged those who recently defected to the party to be faithful, assuring them of equal rights and privileges without discrimination.

He said the should all work hard to and focus on

how to ensure victory for Tinubu and all the party candidates at the coming general elections.

The chairman of Apapa-Iganmu LCDA, Mrs. Funmilayo Muhammed implored all APC leaders to put their hands on deck by leaving no stone unturned until Tinubu is sworn into the office.

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Beneficiaries of free JAMB forms appreciate council chairman

By Edith Igbokwe

The beneficiaries of free Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB) UTME forms have commended the chairman of Apapa-Iganmu Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Mrs. Funmilayo

Muhammed, saying she has contributed to their academic pursuit.

About 200 indigent students were given the forms for them to have opportunity to write their examination and further their academic pursuit.

They promised to focus on their studies to make the

opportunity given meaningful.

The council boss stated that the forms will give beneficiaries the zeal to pursue their academic dreams for greater career in future.

She implored them to do away with the social media for now and focus on

studies to achieve success that will make the LCDA and their parents proud.

She urged the beneficiaries that are eligible to vote to cast their votes for All Progressives Congress (APC) candidates and encourage their parents and friends to do same.

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Obanikoro joins APC campaign train

By Motola AbdulGafar

The former Minister of State for Defence, Senator Musiliu Obanikoro, has joined the party faithful in Amowo-Odofin in canvassing for the candidacy of flag bearers of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in the

country. He said all the APC candidates have been scrutinized and examined in their various constituencies, stating that the party would not present an incompetent leader to the public. Obanikoro made this known to Trade Fair Market Business Owners

while asking them to consider the scorecards each candidate presented before canvassing to the public to vote for them. He noted that information about the party is no news again as what is expected of them is to know the scorecards and convince their close

ones to thread their paths. He further assured that the party would continue to build a cordial relationship with the market women, saying the market is part of the means of livelihood which Lagos State in particular makes efforts in developing.



Senator Musiliu Obanikoro while addressing market women

I'm more competent, SDP flag bearer boasts

By Motola AbdulGafar

The flag bearer of the Social Democratic Party in Amowo-Odofin constituency I for the Lagos House of Assembly, Odunayo Fasuyi has boasted of being more competent than his running mates from other political parties. He said the competence of governance is not solely based on one's political party but the competence of the individual as the party is just a medium and their competence is what will make the party vouch for their reliability to the masses. He canvassed that his major project is to develop the level of Information Technology (IT) in the area as according to him IT will build every other sector which will be favourable to both the masses and the

government. Fasuyi added that he plans to provide sustainable employment opportunities to youths as there are many unemployed youths which is a big problem for Nigeria this has made the capacity of the youths reduce to a minimal level where their voice is hardly heard as their strength is not discovered. He said he will create an accessible medium between the masses and himself as everyone would have a voice rather than being represented without proper deliberation and dissemination of information. He, therefore, urged residents to judiciously utilize the opportunity they have before other matters sets in after election which the result can not be changed.

Residents condemn NCS invasion, call for govt intervention

Residents of Joforo community in Badagry West LCDA have condemned the incessant invasion of their community by officers of the Nigeria Customs Service. They claimed that the invasion of their community has been a threat to lives and properties as residents experience gun fire during the exercise. The residents said they were encountering such invasion for the third term, which has continued to affect them. According to them, at the last invasion, five persons were affected by the stray bullets and collapsed building shut down by men of the Nigeria Customs who are presently receiving treatment in Hospitals in Joforo community. The Youth Leader of the community, Mr Julius said the driver of the Hilux vehicle brought by the Customs officers hit him to

the wall with the car which affected his leg and arm. He said their incessant raid is causing an uproar in the community as people are beginning to be cautious of when to leave home and when not to while describing the act as unprofessional as a trained official. One of the victims, Mr. Ebenezer Wusu, who is a fisherman said he was on his way to the sea to catch some fish when the bullet hit him on the leg. Another victim who is a carpenter said he heard people shouting thief and decided to come out, but later noticed it was the customs officers and that he was injured in the process due to a gunshot. Meanwhile, the chairman of Badagry West LCDA, Hon. Joseph Gbenu, said he has started discussing with the Controller of Customs, Seme, Comptroller Dera Nandi, on how best to curb the unfortunate incident.

Foundation seeks govt support less privileged

By Motolani AbdulGafar

A non-governmental organisation (NGO), Real Acts of Kindness Development Foundation has called on the Lagos State Government to proffer more aids and means of catering for the less privileged in the State. The Foundation made the call during its visit to Hephzibah Homes and Lady Atinuke Orphanage in Badagry LGA, stating that the less privileged can live more comfortable life with better assistance from the government. The founder of the Foundation, Mr. Mobolaji Ogunlede represented by the

Welfare Director, Antonia Sobulo said the essence of the visit was to assure the less privileged that they are loved by all at the society does not abandon them. He said giving palliatives could be psychological as one's

relationship with kids from childhood will let them build trust with someone which is what aids their healthy growth in the environment without feeling their difference from other kids. Ogunlede added that

government, privileged individuals or groups should also contribute to help the poor. Items such as foods, groceries, sports materials, detergent powder, rice, cooking oil, baby diapers, etc. were delivered to the orphanage.



Real Acts Foundation members at Orphanage Home

Be focussed, council chairman urges new students

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Following the commencement of professional one-week training of Lekki Port/Dangote Refinery programme in Ibeju-Lekki Local Government, the chairman of the council, Hon. Bamidele Kasali has advised newly admitted students to stay focused. He said as students, their priority is to learn whatever skill they want to acquire on time for them to become independent as the council seeks to improve

the standard of living of the community and to provide employment alternative(s). He said the training is established to promote the development and advancement of youths in the council and host communities through certified training after following a rigorous process of selection.

His words: "To be a part of the development happening around us, we must individually strive to achieve all requirements which is why we are joining hands with

philanthropists to give various opportunities to our people.

"We have put together this training so that you can also be knowledgeable about the operations of the industries and be able to represent us well when any of you gets the opportunity."

ECHONEWS learnt that the training which is worth over N200,000, has been paid for by the council, including the certificates to encourage interested participants in the area.



Hon. Bamidele Kasali

Party chieftain canvases for APC candidate

By Motolani AbdulGafar

One of the All Progressives Congress (APC) party elders in Ibeju-Lekki Local Government, Dr Odutola Kasali has canvassed support for the Lagos State House of Assembly candidate in Ibeju-Lekki constituency II, Hon. Oladele Ajayi. He said Ajayi has submissively learnt about leadership from various elders of the party. He acknowledged his calmness during times of crisis, saying such a trait is what the party wants in a leader coupled with his ability to think outside the box.

Kasali assured residents that Ajayi is a candidate with a clear vision who prioritizes the well-being of the masses over other matters as he envisions the future interest in making decisions.

To show his support, Kasali presented Ajayi to the residents from ward to ward, starting from Apakin to Igbekodo and Folu to Otolu Town.

Oniwolu promises good monarchical reign

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Following his coronation as the Onibeju of Ibeju-Lekki land, Oba Wasiu Oniwonlu according to custom, Oniwonlu has

promised residents that they would enjoy a profitable monarchical reign in his time.

He said as the monarch, the culture, tradition and customs of the Ibeju kingdom

will be highly protected by him, adding that all would be in his custody.

He said he would ensure a proper meditation between the people and the government for

peaceful coexistence and development in Ibeju Kingdom.

Oba Oniwonlu further assured the council chairman of timely settlement of minor conflicts and provision of an

institutional safety value for the development of the council.

He appreciated the efforts of his supporters, promising not to fail them.



Oba Oniwonlu and wives

Students sponsored by council chairman graduate

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The students of Lagos State Cooperative College for the 2022/2023 academic year sponsored by the chairman of Ibeju-Lekki Local Government, Hon. Abdullahi Olowa, have graduated. The students studied on sponsorship which covered their full school fees and 50 per cent of the hostel fees of the beneficiaries. The institution empowered youths with sound cooperative education, entrepreneurial skills and economic development on a full-time basis. One of the beneficiaries, Blessing Edache noted that with the sponsorship, she hoped to gain practical experience in areas that complement her strengths, interests and

educational needs to build confidence in her to face the cooperative world like others. She appreciated the gesture by the council boss, saying it helped her to discover new personal strengths and skills that she did not know she possess in the first place. Another beneficiary, Raseed Suluka, said he actively learned the act of teamwork to become a responsible team member in the "real world" in his chosen career and build a vast connection while synergising with people of like minds at work. He encouraged interested residents to try to be informed to know when the next screening will commence while assuring them that he will try his best in excelling to make the council proud of the sponsorship.



Matriculated Lagos Cooperative college students

Ege urges residents to avoid voters' apathy

The Lagos State House of Assembly candidate under the platform of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in constituency I, Hon. Olusegun Ege has urged residents to avoid staying at home on election day. He said building the nation concerns all individuals as their votes count no matter the number. He sated that by voting, they will add their voice to the chorus that forms opinions and the basis for actions for development. Ege said all individuals must understand that voting is an expression of commitment to oneself, one another, the country and the world at large, hence, the need for them to vote. He, therefore, urged all residents to support, canvass and vote for all APC flag bearers for a better Nigeria.

Councillors canvass supports for APC candidate

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Legislative Arm of Ojo Local Government has extended its support for the Lagos State House of Assembly candidate under the platform of the All Progressives

Congress (APC) in Ojo constituency I, Hon. Olusegun Ege. One of the councillors, Hon. Hassan Haruna said the legislators would extend both physical and moral support to aid the campaign for the candidate and solicit

more votes for him. He added that their relationship with him is beyond political brotherhood as they have known one another from their youthful time when they all were fearless in bringing more opportunities to the

people of Ojo. He stated that Ege has since then portrayed a selfless service that is worth reckoning with in the constituency. In support of Ege, customized key holders among other fancy campaign materials were

donated to the 'Egelolese Movement' in Ojo. Haruna urged residents to help in canvassing for his candidacy and enlighten the electorate on how to cast their votes to avoid void votes.



Picture of fancy key holders donated by Hon. Hassan Haruna

The Chairman of Eredo LCDA, Hon. Ismail Monsuru Akinloye, has urged Nigerians to vote Asiwaju Bola Tinubu, the APC's presidential candidate, "because he has the capacity to turn around the status of the country." Nigerians are eager to pass the torch to someone who can "carry us out of the cauldron that we have found ourselves as Nigerians," according to Akinloye, who made the claim in his office. "I have researched the political contenders, if you would permit me to use that word, for the position of Nigeria's next manager. "Without a doubt, Asiwaju Bola Tinubu is the one who is most qualified out of the candidates. Normally, if there are other people with the same

Reasons why Tinubu should lead Nigeria, Eredo LCDA boss says

By Saheed Afolabi

and renovated Lagos even after the capital of Nigeria was relocated to Abuja, adding that his administration provided possibilities to people, both locally and those from outside and the Diaspora. "Let us not lose the fact that in politics, people make their choices based on several factors, some may not make sense to opponents yet it is their inalienable right to decide on who they will vote for. But I want to tell Nigerians to vote for Tinubu because he has the capacity to turn Nigeria around. "Many Nigerians appear

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qualifications as Tinubu, one can pause and think about who to choose from among Tinubu's equals. "Before Tinubu became governor, everything changed for the better in Lagos State. He gave the dying special security unit a facelift and adequately equipped it with everything it need. And very quickly, Lagos' nightlife had returned and the city's businesses had begun to prosper even more."

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everyone who shares Tinubu's renewed hope of prosperity for Nigeria to vote for him in the February 2023 presidential election as the next president of Nigeria," he stated.

Ikosi Ejinrin LCDA boss visits polling centers

By Saheed Afolabi

The Chairman of Ikosi-Ejinrin Local Council Development Area, Akogun Raji Anomo, who had earlier deployed both traditional and new media in sensitising electorate in Ikosi-Ejinrin LCDA to pick up their PVC's, went round all the six designated Polling

Units where the electorate can pick their PVCs.

Anomo began the inspection tour from Ajebo Community, Ward G1; moved to Otta-Ikosi in Ward F1; Central Primary School Ward E1; Ado Community School in Ward E2; Ketu Community, Ward Q1 and ended the tour at Okeosho Community, Ward R1.

He also used the opportunity to speak with his people on the need to vote for all candidates of the All Progressives Congress (APC) from top to bottom.

Former Ikosi-Ejinrin LCDA Chairman, Hon. Segun Adetola, Hon. Olalekan Oguntimirin of Ward E1, Hon. Wahad Qudus, Ward Q1, the Former Woman Leader, Mrs.

Olufunke Ogun, APC Vice-Chairman Ikosi-Ejinrin, Mrs. Yusuf Babatunde, Leader of the 4th Legislative Council, Hon. Sulaimon Adeniran and Hon. Omotayo Olorunjeda, were all at their respective polling units when the chairman arrived, making sure all was going smoothly.



Akogun Raji Anomo

Health commissioner visits renovated Iduganran health center

By Saheed Afolabi

The Commissioner for Health in Lagos State, Professor Akin Abayomi in company of the Chairman, Lagos Island Local Government paid a visit to the newly renovated Iga Iduganran Healthcare Centre. Located on Adeniji Adele road and built in 2011 to provide Emergency services, Maternity, Pediatric

Care and many more to the masses, the centre was vandalised during the October 20, 2021 EndSARS protest.

During the tour, Prof. Akin Abayomi expressed satisfaction with the ultra modern facilities installed, and implored the people to take adequate care of the building and its facilities.

In his remark, the Chairman, Lagos Island Local Government, Hon. Prince Tijani Adetoyese Olusi,

enjoined all Staff to make sure the Clinic is always at its best. He stated further that there is dignity in labour, adding that in whatever we do, once we are dignified, we will always be the best.

The Healthcare Centre comprises different sections, including the Laboratory, Emergency, Maternity, Delivery room, Antenatal, postnatal, Eyecare, Tuberculosis section, Pharmacy, among others



The Lagos State commissioner for health, Professor Akin Abayomi with the chairman of Lagos Island LG, Prince Tijani Adetoyese inspecting the newly renovated Iga Iduganran health care center

Sanwo-olu's appeal calms Lagos after the riots

Less than 24 hours after cash-strapped citizens vented their spleen on bank branches in various parts of Lagos, calm returned to the state following appeals by the Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-olu.

The statement noted with deep concern the protests in some parts of the state following the re-design of the Naira which caused so much hardship among the people.

Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu said there was no need for violence as the Supreme Court was looking into this controversial matter and will make its position known. "Lagos State has since joined the legal dispute – all in the interest of our people – in the belief that the highest court in the land has the capacity to adjudicate on the matter. The fuel situation is easing following some steps taken by the government.

"The government praises Lagosians for showing understanding, despite the pains that the Federal Government's measures have brought. Residents should continue to be law-abiding by shunning any form of incitement by mischief makers. Mr. Governor is working with his colleagues to ensure that this hardship does not go on."

Distribution of palliatives targets vulnerable citizens in Lagos

Distribution of food packs and other palliatives to the vulnerable citizens of Lagos State continues this week across all local governments.

According to the Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-olu, the programme is to fulfill the promise of the administration to cushion



Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu

the effects of the hardship being experienced by Lagosians occasioned by the fuel scarcity and non-disbursement of currency by the banks.

Speaking at the launch and distribution exercise held last week at Adeyemi-Bero Auditorium, Alausa Secretariat, Ikeja, Governor Sanwo-Olu said the distribution will be a continuous exercise as the government will be reaching out to religious centres, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO) and other distribution channels across the State.

Sanwo-Olu, who was represented at the event by his deputy, Dr. Obafemi Hamzat, said the targeted beneficiaries of the palliatives include the vulnerable and civil servants, among others, adding that the move is to alleviate the hunger that has been the outcome of currency redesigned by the



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Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) and other crises associated with fuel scarcity.

In his words, "The purpose of the palliative is to cushion the biting effects of the current scarcity of Naira occasioned by the Central Bank of Nigeria's (CBN) naira swap policy and the lingering fuel scarcity in the

State".

The Governor explained further that the measures became necessary to improve the living condition of the vulnerable residents of the State, saying "We are doing this to alleviate the pains and sufferings of Lagoians. The distributed boxes contain different food items for the consumption

of the vulnerable in the society".

Earlier, the Commissioner for Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation (WAPA), Mrs. Cecilia Dada stated that the Lagos State Government has put together the palliative measure for Lagosians, particularly the vulnerable residents in society.

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Dada stressed that the present administration is mindful of the welfare of its people and that the challenges faced by citizens are due to the naira swap and difficulties being experienced in accessing their money at the banks.

Don't panick, Lagos alerts residents on low-flying data-gathering aircraft

Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu has urged residents of Lagos not to panick when the low-flying aerial survey aircraft pass through their neighbourhood stressing that it is for the benefit of all. He made the disclosure during the inspection of the Aerial Survey Aircraft (ASA) for the 2023 Mapping and Update of the Lagos State Spatial Data Infrastructure for the eGIS Project at Dominion Hangar, Murtala Mohammed Local Airport, Ikeja, last week.

Lagos State has deployed a Cessna 406 aircraft for aerial mapping of the state in line with the government's determination to ascertain the actual figures of buildings and infrastructures and aid the National Population Commission in preparation for the census this year.

Governor Sanwo-Olu, who was represented by his deputy, Dr. Obafemi Hamzat, said the exercise will form part of the state's critical component of the Enterprise, Geographic Information System (EGIS), and Planning Matters, Dr. Olajide Babatunde, said the project would lead to the mapping of the state's land, noting that after the successful mapping of the State, the government would also embark on the surveying of the land.

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"We have done it before. Lagos like any other city is dynamic. What we had five years ago is not what you have today. The international standard is to do it every five years so that you can update your database and everything. So, what it does is that you can map every inch of soil in your land, and various buildings where you have your allocations and sizes.

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Mozambique, Kenya, Cameroon, Burkina Faso, Niger and Rwanda.

Sanwo-olu calls on indigenes, firms to support N500million Agege Education Endowment Fund. Prominent indigenes, firms and organizations have been urged to contribute to the Agege Education Endowment Fund to ensure that the city sustains its role in the development of Lagos State. These were the words of Lagos State Governor Babajide Sanwo-olu when he launched the fund, a project supported by Hon. Mudasiru Obasa, the Speaker of the Lagos State House of Assembly, last week.

The Governor, who was represented by the Deputy Governor, Dr. Kadri Obafemi Hamzat, at the Grand Finale of the "Agege Day Celebration at the Agege Stadium, sated that his promises are in line with his administration's inclusive policy, urging the residents to continue to sustain

peaceful cohabitation among the various ethnic groups residing in the different communities within Agege.

Noting that the N500,000,000 Agege Education Endowment Fund shows a clear understanding of the role of education as an enabler of youth empowerment.

Earlier in his remarks, the Speaker of the Lagos State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Dr. Mudashiru Ajayi Obasa affirmed that he will continue to take Agege to enviable heights.

Obasa said, "I will do whatever it takes to support every developmental opportunity for the community's advancement". The Speaker noted that the launch of the Agege Educational Endowment Fund shows renewed hope and future for the youth in their educational pursuit and it gives the confidence of brighter days ahead for the children in the town.

Sanwo-olu pledges Ilesan upgrade, more jetties, ferries

Abolaji Adebayo

Lagos State Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu has appealed to residents of Ilesan community in Eti-Osa local government area to cooperate with his administration in the effort to upgrade the site and make it liveable.

He also unveiled ongoing plans to import over 40 ferries with the capacity to convey more passengers as part of his vision to reduce the logjams on Lagos roads.

Sanwo-Olu who was speaking at the stakeholders meeting with the leaders and communities in Eti-Osa said the environmental conditions prevailing in

Ilesan are below the standard for human habitation and require urgent upgrade urging the residents to explain to others the benefits of a more urbanized community with modern facilities.

On the logjam at Jakande Gate, the governor

explained that there are plans to ease the transportation problem by constructing a six-lane road to accommodate the traffic. He said the design for the expansion of the route has been concluded and that government will soon embark on the project.



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exercise for at least four and half hours daily for about six weeks, depending on the weather, while it would also fly at 4,500ft below sea level.

He said: "The aircraft has a huge camera. When it flies it can capture a coin. It flies relatively low at about 4,000ft below sea level. The essence is for it to capture everything that is in Lagos state. It can go and come back. There are layers of flying. The essence for us is to know what is in Lagos. It has a glider that can capture water and land. It would be flying for about four and a half hours daily, depending on the weather.

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Sanwo-olu calls on indigenes, firms to support N500million Agege Education Endowment Fund

Prominent indigenes, firms and organizations have been urged to contribute to the Agege Educaion Endowment Fund to ensure that the city sustains its role in the development of Lagos State.

These were the words of Lagos State Governor Babajide Sanwo-olu when he launched the fund, a project supported by Hon. Mudasiru Obasa, the Speaker of the Lagos State House of

Assembly, last week.

The Governor, who was represented by the Deputy Governor, Dr. Kadri Obafemi Hamzat, at the Grand Finale of the "Agege Day Celebration at the Agege Stadium, sated that his promises are in line with his administration's inclusive policy, urging the residents to continue to sustain peaceful cohabitation among the various ethnic groups residing in the different communities within Agege.

Noting that the N500,000,000 Agege Education Endowment Fund shows a clear understanding of the role of education as an enabler of youth empowerment.

Earlier in his remarks, the Speaker of the Lagos State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Dr. MudashiruAjayiObasa affirmed that he will continue to take Agege to enviable heights.

Obasa said, "I will do whatever it takes to support every developmental opportunity for the community's advancement". The Speaker noted that the launch of the Agege Educational Endowment Fund shows renewed hope and future for the youth in their educational pursuit and it gives the confidence of brighter days ahead for the children in the town.



Lagos Cessna 406

Traditional rulers pledge support for APC candidates

By Edith Igbokwe

The traditional leaders in Ojokoro Local Council Development Area (LCDA) Oba Riliwan Oluwalanbe Taiwo, Oba of Orile Alagbado, High Chief Taiwo and the Baales in Ojokoro have declared their support for the All Progressives Congress (APC) candidates in the council area. They made the declaration when the House of Representatives and Lagos House of Assembly candidates under the party in Idájo constituency II, Hon. Benjamin Olabinjo and Hon. Emmanuel Olotu visited the monarchs. The traditional leaders gathered at Baale Akinde's Palace to deliberate on the

coming general elections. The candidates sought the blessing and support of the monarchs. They promised that they will both deliver dividends of democracy when they emerge winners at their respective levels. They urged the traditional rulers to campaign and vote massively for the party's presidential candidate, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, Lagos West Senatorial candidate, Dr. Idiat Oluranti Adebule and Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu. "It is important to sow the seed of leadership for the nation. We both have what it takes to take Ifako-Ijaiye to greater height." Responding, the



Olabinjo, Olotu get ifako-ijaiye traditional rulers support

paramount ruler of Ifako Ijaiye, HRM Oba Taiwo assured the duo of his total and unflinching supports during the elections. He said he would continue to show his

total loyalty to the APC. He prayed for the duo and assured them that victory is sure for all APC candidates. High Chief Taiwo also assured them that Orile Alagbado will vote

massively for APC in the forthcoming elections. The Baales in Ojokoro LCDA also assured that the duo will be supported wholeheartedly, stating

that Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, Dr. Idiat Oluranti Adebule and Gov. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu remain their candidates at the polls.

Artisans support APC candidates

By Edith Igbokwe

Artisans under the aegis of the Nigerian Automobile Technicians Association (NATA), Ifako-Ijaiye branch have pledged their support and votes for the All Progressives Congress (APC) candidates. They declared the support for the party when the party candidate for the House of Representatives in Ifako-Ijaiye constituency II, Hon. Benjamin Olabinjo dialogued with them. NATA chairman, Mr. Morufu Egberongbe

assured Olabinjo and his team of their votes. He reiterated that the association would make all efforts to ensure that APC candidates emerge victorious at the polls. Olabinjo challenged them to mobilise for votes that will put Ifako-Ijaiye at the top as the highest vote area in Lagos. The chairman of Jankara Orisunmibare Motor Spare Part Market, Alhaji Atanda Fatai also assured Olabinjo of total support for all APC candidates. He noted that Olabinjo has always been at beck and call of the



Motor spare parts dealers, NATA approves Olabinjo

market from inception "and that this is the time to say 'thank you' for all he has done for

the existence and sustainability of the market. Olabinjo appealed to

the members of the market to desist from obstructing the road while doing their

business as he solicited their continuous support for the APC party.

APC candidate, Ogunleye solicits votes from Ikorodu residents

By Saheed Afolabi

The All Progressives Congress (APC) candidate for the Lagos House of Assembly in Ikorodu constituency I, Hon. Gbolahan Ogunleye officially flagged off his campaign as he solicited votes from the residents.

With the general elections fast approaching, the ruling party and its followers took Ikorodu central by awe as multiple supportive factions assembled at the well-known space to further propel its aspirants.

Former Deputy Governor of Lagos State and APC apex Leader in Ikorodu Division, Prince Abiodun Ogunleye, the father of the candidate, joined his GAC

colleague, Senator Adeseye Ogunlewe on the podium, urging the massive crowd to give massive support to the party during the forthcoming elections.

Addressing the mammoth crowd, both leaders advised all to strengthen their voices via votes, ensuring the success of the party at all levels in the 2023 general elections.

Characterizing APC candidates as capable, the leaders explained that Nigeria can only get better and get out of its present struggling stage with the right set of administrators in place.

Senator Adetokunbo Abiru, representing the Lagos East Senatorial district also took a moment to communicate with the masses on staying loyal



to the party to benefit from its quality and developmental style of

governance. Abiru congratulated Hon. Gbolahan

Ogunleye for a successful flag-off campaign, LAHA adding that his victory in Ikorodu constituency 1 is certain.

Ijede LCDA doles out free JAMB forms to students

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Ijede Local Council Development Area, Motunrayo Gbadebo-Alogba, has distributed free JAMB forms to indigent students in the community.

Speaking at the presentation of the forms to the beneficiaries at the council secretariat, Gbadebo-Alogba pointed out that the purpose of the intervention was to give the students the sufficient chance to secure a promising future as leaders of tomorrow.

She restated that her

administration will leave no stone unturned in educating the future leaders of the Local Council with the requisite qualifications to enable them to improve their academic excellence.

Gbadebo-Alogba further urged the beneficiaries to pay back the gesture by keeping away from negative behaviours that could endanger the success of academic greatness.

Those in attendance at the event include traditional chiefs in Ijede, management and staff of the LCDA as well as Councillors and Supervisory Councillors.



Motunrayo Gbadebo-Alogba

Over 3,000 Farmers to Access Tractor Hailing Operations

Ladapo Kolade

Farmers in Lagos State can now heave sighs of relief, thanks to the Eko Agro Mechanisation Scheme through which farmers will henceforth have access to statewide tractor-hailing operations as part of measures to boost mechanised farming and ensure sufficiency in food production.

Speaking at the launch held at the Agricultural Training Institute, Araga, Epe, Commissioner for Agriculture, Ms. Abisola Olusanya, said the scheme marked another demonstrable evidence of the commitment of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu's administration towards the growth of agriculture and attainment of food security.

Olusanya said, through the scheme, over 3,000 farmers would have access to modern mechanised farming equipment to efficiently and smoothly cultivate over 9,000 hectares of land, thereby giving a quantum leap to

food production, among other economic benefits.

She explained that about 20 Tractors, 12 Ploughs, 10 Harrows, Seven Tipping Trailers, Two Boom Sprayers and other equipment were procured to kick-start the scheme, adding that they will be stationed in the three strategic agrarian zones of the State, namely Badagry, Ikorodu and Epe, and would serve different farming clusters.

"The Badagry Zone will serve Avia, Igborosun, Gayingbo, Gberefu, Ajara, Yafin, Itoga, Iworo, Ajido, and Mowo agrarian clusters, while Ikorodu Zone will serve Agbowo, Imota, Odogunyan, Gberigbe, Igbalu, Ijede, and Erikorodo. Epe Zone will serve Araga, Igboye, Igbodu, Itoikin, and Ejinrin", Olusanya said.

The Commissioner said, aside from increasing the production of food which should help lower prices and afford Lagosians a higher disposable income, the scheme would also provide a positive impact on the economic growth of the State by creating a

means of livelihood for the unemployed.

Her words, "The job creation multiplier effect will easily reach 9,000 Lagosians and the optimal use of more areas of land within a short period of time. The initiative will also minimise land-grabbing activities".

"For us, agriculture in Lagos State is indeed set for a new dawn. Our farmers, more than ever, can hope for increased yields, productivity, and

more profits as they till more farmlands seamlessly through the Tractor-on-the-Go app", Olusanya said.

The Commissioner also averred that the scheme was in furtherance of the Five-Year Agricultural and Food Systems Road Map developed for the State in 2021 to scale local food production from the present 20% of domestic food requirement to 40% in line with the objective to prepare ahead for the

population growth of Lagos which has been projected to hit 30 million by 2030.

Earlier in her opening remarks, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Mrs. Olatokunbo Emokpae said the primary goal of the Eko Agro Mechanisation scheme was to ensure unfettered access to farm mechanisation services, especially for smallholder farmers via a cost-friendly approach.

She said tractor drivers were also exposed to various training to upgrade their skills in the operation and maintenance of the tractors and ancillary equipment for the scheme. She urged them to put the knowledge acquired during training into practice and ensure that the tractors and equipment are handled with extra care so as to deliver maximum benefits to farmers across the State.



Eko Agro

Bosude chairs Lagos First Coops Dispute Resolution Panel

Legal Officer at the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives, Mrs Adebukola Bosude will chair the first-ever panel set up by the Lagos State Government to wade into disputes among the over 16,000 co-operative societies in Lagos State.

As chairman, she has powers to issue interim orders on the proceedings of the panel, and issue a final decision or award in accordance with justice, equity and good conscience.

Other members are Mrs. Adefunlola B. Awosika as secretary; Alhaji Rilwan Adenekan,

Alhaji Mufutaudeen Olokunola, Mr. Kehinde Ogungbo and Mr. Roland Agbontohoma.

The panel is expected to start work immediately. Among the functions of the panel are the examination of all books, documents, facts and testimonies placed before it, impartial execution of duties and tasks necessary to conclude all matters brought before it and preservation of the tenets of cooperative principles and values.

Inaugurating the panel, the permanent secretary, Mrs. Adetutu Ososanya, FCA, said its powers are drawn from Section 60 of the Lagos State Cooperatives



Adebukola Bosude

Societies Law, 2022 include but are not and that it includes the power to require the attendance of any witness or parties to any matter before it.

Her words: "In line with the Section 60 referenced above, the powers of the Panel

limited to: To require the production of all necessary books and documents by summons delivered orally or in writing; To recommend to the Director of Cooperative Services the penalties for

defaulting persons who refuse to respond to any summons or production of books; To hear evidence of parties and witnesses who attend. Represented by the Director, Cooperatives Services, Mrs. Zulikhal Ibraheem, Ososanya described the Panel as a testament to the innovation of the current administration of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu as a way of effectively managing disputes in our cooperative societies and promoting easy access to alternative dispute resolution for co-operators.

According to her, the Panel was set up pursuant to section 60

of the with the duties and responsibilities, including; attending to the disputes referred to it in a timely manner, with a view to resolving the issues raised in such disputes effectively and to ensure that the provisions of the Lagos State Cooperatives Societies Law and all other relevant Laws of the land are adhered to. All complaints and correspondences to the Panel should be addressed to The Chairman, Cooperative Dispute Resolution Panel, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives, The Secretariat, Alausa – Ikeja, Lagos State.

Selected Lagosians to test-run Blue Line in 8 weeks

You may be lucky to be selected to ride in the Blue Line, the Lagos State government rail system that runs from Mile2 to Marina in the next eight weeks if plans unveiled by the Lagos State Ministry of Transportation last week work.

The test-run, which began last week, will involve invitation to selected groups of residents of Lagos to experience riding on the facility and record their observations.

Shedding light on the programme, Managing Director of Lagos Metropolitan Area Transport Authority (LAMATA), Mrs. Abimbola Akinajo said: "The Test-Run aims to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to experience the comfort and convenience the LMRT can provide and also get feedback on areas of improvement in order to provide top-notch train

service to Lagosians. The Blue Line Rail System is expected to move about 5000 passengers daily".

Speaking during the Test-Run event, the Commissioner for Transport, Mr. Fredric Oladehinde stated that the Lagos Rail Mass Transit (LMRT) is a life-changing urban rail project designed to transform mobility in the State.

According to him, "The LMRT is an offshoot of the Lagos Strategic Transport Master Plan that will revitalise communities, improve travel time and change the lifestyle of Lagosians".

He added that the LMRT will integrate with communities and other transport options which include the road networks and waterways to create accessibility, provide employment and businesses that will shape the future of the State.

Akinajo disclosed that the six train sets comprising



Lagos Blue line

four cars each are expected to be deployed on the Blue Rail Line, subsequently, other cars will be added for maximum optimisation.

"We understand that Lagos is a cosmopolitan city with a growing population of over 20 million people, our Vision and Mission as an Agency is to continue seeking innovative ways to facilitate sustainable and

effective integrated transport system to citizens of the State", she added.

The General Manager explained that under the completed first phase, five stations have been built and furnished for passenger operations at Mile 2, Alaba, Orile-Iganmu, National Theatre and Marina, stressing that the Marina Train Station is a major interchange where

other modes of transportation, water and road, will integrate with the rail.

Also speaking at the event, Engr. Olasunkanmi Okusaga, the Director of Rail Transportation in LAMATA stated that the Blue Rail Line system is in tandem with the Lagos State Smart City project as the entire infrastructure is established on the premise of technology.

"The electricity powered rail system, unified payment system (Cowry Card), World standard cars that are automated, fitted with audio and visual communication systems and speedometer to deter speed above 80km/HR are examples of the integration of technology to the project aimed towards making Lagos a smart city", he said.

Health

Do you reside in Lagos? Researchers

studying the prevalence of two neglected tropical diseases- Lymphatic Filariasis and Onchocerciasis- may contact you for your views. From February 14 this year when it marked the World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day, the Lagos State Ministry of Health began to study the prevalence of Lymphatic Filariasis in six and Onchocerciasis in the 14 remaining local government areas.

Lymphatic Filariasis is a tropical parasitic disease that affects the lymph nodes and lymph vessels spread by infected mosquitoes.

Onchocerciasis, better known as river blindness is

You may be interviewed on neglected tropical disease in your area, Lagosians told

transmitted through repeated bites by blackflies of the gnues Simulium.

Speaking after an awareness walk organised by the State Ministry of Health and a non-governmental organisation, Mission to Save the Helpless (MITOSATH), to commemorate the Year 2023 World NTD Day in Lagos State Commissioner for Health, Prof. Akin Abayomi explained that the assessment will lead to targeted treatments of NTDs where necessary in line with World Health Organisation's NTD elimination road map.

Abayomi, who was represented by the Director

of Epidemiology, Biosecurity and Global Health, Dr. Ismail Abdus-Salam stated that WHO recognised the 30th of January every year as World NTD Day because of the impact of NTDs and the growing concern of its burden of risk on national and global economies over the past few decades.

While noting that Nigeria accounts for 25% of Africa's NTD burden, the Commissioner said that millions of people worldwide are affected and more at risk of NTDs due to prevalent societal neglect and lack of basic amenities such as water, sanitation, hygiene and healthcare

waste management facilities.

His words, "Neglected Tropical Diseases are a group of conditions affecting more than a billion people who mostly live in marginalised, rural, poor urban areas and conflict zones. Although they are preventable and treatable, these diseases and their intricate interrelationships with poverty and ecological systems continue to cause devastating health, social and economic consequences".

"True to the name, Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) seldom receive the attention they warrant. In order to end this

neglect, the 74th World Health Assembly declared January 30th as 'World Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) Day', Abayomi stated.

Speaking on the intervention and efforts of the Lagos State Government to control and eliminate NTDs, the Commissioner disclosed that the State government through the Ministry of Health in collaboration with WHO, Federal Ministry of Health and MITOSATH successfully completed treatment to prevent Schistosomiasis in nine endemic LGAs of Lagos in 2022, adding that over 350,000 School-Age

Children (SAC) successfully received treatment for the disease.

"Lagos has won several awards amongst which, was the award of an outstanding performance for being the first state to implement Schistosomiasis ward-level treatment in line with the new WHO guideline", he said.

Speaking in the same vein, the Executive Director of MITOSATH, Dr. Francesca Olamiju said MITOSATH will continue to collaborate with Lagos State Government and other relevant governmental and non-governmental organisations in pursuance of the objective of NTDs

APC candidates promise good representation

By Edith Igbokwe

The House of Representatives and Lagos House of Assembly candidates under the platform of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Oshodi-Isolo Constituency 1, Dr. Bashiru Dawodu and Otunba Stephen Ogundipe have promised to bank on their experiences, knowledge and abilities to provide better representation for their constituency if elected. They gave the promise at the 2023 Political Stakeholders' Summit for candidates organised by the Pentecostal Fellowship of Nigeria, Directorate of Politics and Governance. According to the organiser, the summit is to give the

candidates an atmosphere to engage with the people and state their plans. Dawodu expressed his passion and love for the community while stressing that it is time to pay back to the community that has given much to him. He listed his achievements in his first term in office while enlightening the constituents on why he is contesting for second term, saying it is not for his advantage but for the benefit of the community. He disclosed some of the areas where his focus would be immediately he is elected for the second term. He stressed that his good legacies on education will continue as well as bringing jobs

opportunities and skill acquisition for the youths. He also promised to work hand in hand with other legislators to ensure that Lagos State gets a special status from the federal government through effective legislation. On his part, Ogundipe enumerated his plans and proposed programmed when elected as a member of the Lagos State House of Assembly. He promised to come up with a bill that would make it possible for the Lagos State government to give stipends to the elderly citizens that have spent their years in Lagos and have contributed to the growth of the state. The duo urged every residents to come out and vote for the APC candidates



Dr. Dawodu, Otunba Ogundipe at the campaign

Women Ndigbo drum support for APC in Oshodi-Isolo LG

A cultural Group by the name: Conference of Oshodi-Isolo Constituency 1 and 2 Igbo Ethnic Women has drummed support for the All Progressives Congress (APC) party as it express readiness to gather more votes for the party. The group is a foremost association comprising of women of caliber from the South-East, residing in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Area. The convener of the group, Dr. Vivian Obi said the group is a political and

concerned themselves majorly with the uplift and good welfare of its members. "We are women of worth from the South-East and we are domicile in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government. After a thorough and critical examination, we have decided to endorse the APC and not only endorsing them, we shall also organise Project 5Alive which will make us sensitize our fellow women on a one-on-one and door-to-door basis. "Starting from Oshodi-Isolo Local

Government, Isolo and Ejigbo Local Council Development Areas (LCDAs) to Lagos at large. "We have also engaged and studied the pedigrees of the APC candidates and we are confident they have the needed capacity to discharge accordingly, hence, we shall support them and convince others to do same. "As part of the unveiling, they shall organize a peaceful walk which will start from Oshodi-Isolo local government secretariat through Isolo to end in Ejigbo."



Shea butter: Effectively repairs, rejuvenates your skin

By Edith Igbokwe

If your skin issues have got you down, let your regular skincare regime take a back seat and make room for shea butter. It's a go-to in many beauty regimens, and no matter what you face, there's more than a slim chance that shea butter will be your new savior.

Shea butter is a fat that is derived from shea nuts of the shea tree. It's a natural fat that you extract by crushing and boiling the shea tree's ripe nut or fruit. It's a yellow-ivory colored, buttery, thick, and solid substance at room temperature.

Traditionally, shea butter was used for medicinal and cooking purposes in Africa. The making of shea butter is an indigenous craft of many African tribes.

Shea is packed with essential fatty acids and vitamins, making it perfect for collagen production and ultraviolet (UV) protection.

Its buttery texture contains 60% fat, which makes it ideal for penetrating the skin. Plus, the natural moisturizers in shea butter are analogous to the sebaceous glands of our skin extract. All this together makes shea a moisturizing miracle for your skin.

Using shea butter regularly helps skin retain moisture, which makes it soft and smooth. Since it's loaded with antioxidants and anti-inflammatory agents, it may also keep your skin supple.

Shea-butter works like an emollient. It might help soften or smooth dry skin as it also contains substances that can reduce skin swelling and might help treat conditions

associated with skin swelling such as eczema.

According to the Dermatologist Report, you shouldn't expect stubborn skin darkening or imbalanced colors and scar tissue to go away until four to six months of continuous use of Shea butter.

This might seem like a long time, but it takes a while for the shea butter to penetrate the skin and return it to a healthy state.

Shea butter is indeed excellent for the skin. Its unique nutrition concentration works wonders on the skin. It's an impressive addition to your skincare routine due to its versatile nature – It works for both dry and oily skin, protects the skin from UV rays and sunburns, and hydrates skin.

One of the primary reasons shea butter can heal the skin so well is that it doesn't clog your pores and allows your skin to breathe.

You Can Use Shea Butter To Treat Various Skin-Related Conditions Like: A rash, Dry skin, Peeling after exposure to the sun, Itching, Wrinkles and blemishes, Sunburn, Cracks on the skin, Minor wounds, Rough skin, Insect bites, Stretch marks, Allergic reactions, Heat damage, Dermatitis, Eczema, Irritation and bumps due to a razor, Damage due to cold weather.

Benefits of Shea Butter

Of its many qualities, shea butter possesses the ability to form a protective layer on the skin and retain water. This ensures your skin remains hydrated and moisturized.

If you're looking for quick relief from skin-related issues like psoriasis, rosacea, and eczema, make shea butter your go-



Shea Butter

to product. Shea butter's ability to penetrate the skin swiftly along with the presence of an anti-inflammatory agent like cinnamic acid and fatty acids will calm inflammation and give you relief.

It's also known to slow down the production of inflammatory cells that contribute to skin conditions and irritation and study illustrates that shea butter works nearly as well as medicated creams when treating eczema.

Vitamin A and E not only soothe your skin but also gives you healthier, younger-looking skin. Shea butter's ability to promote cell regeneration helps decrease wrinkles and fine lines. Its collagen-boosting properties will provide you with plump looking skin.

Especially if you experience a dry scalp, shea butter's soothing qualities help calm your scalp. Section your hair, take a small amount of shea butter and massage it onto your scalp in a circular motion. Use it repeatedly, and you'll notice the difference in a few days.

You can use shea butter to combat issues like dull, dry, and frizzy hair. Whenever you feel your hair is dry or unmanageable, touch up the problem spots with shea butter. Alternatively, you can comb it through your hair and leave it on for an hour before shampooing.

All shea butter is not the same. As shea butter sits on the shelf, it loses some of its healing properties. Highly processed shea butter isn't as effective. Also, shea butter's benefits reduce when mixed with other ingredients.

Raw shea butter is the way to go if you want to reap all its benefits. Many cosmetics and skincare products come with shea butter as an ingredient, but it's often the processed version that doesn't deliver its full benefits.

The refined version is altered chemically and diminishes the properties of pure shea butter. Pure, unrefined shea butter has a beige color and a nutty aroma.

Side Effects Of Shea Butter
While shea butter is generally safe to use, those

who have a nut allergy should be careful. There's a possibility of experiencing adverse reactions as shea butter is derived from the nuts of the shea tree.

Typically, topical shea butter allergies are rare. You can give it a whirl if you are willing to, if not, apply a tiny amount on a small patch of skin and check to see if there's a reaction. If your skin reacts, it's best to discontinue using the product.

Some people say shea butter clogs pores while some say it doesn't. The debate about this continues, and there's no concrete evidence as yet. But there's research that leans towards the fact that it doesn't clog pores as the fatty acids mimic the oil or sebum that your body naturally produces.

Nature has its mechanism of restoring what it takes away, and shea butter is one of them. This magical skincare ingredient can effectively repair and rejuvenate your skin. It's time you take advantage of its plethora of benefits and transform how your skin looks and feels.

Aruna Quadri making waves in Russia

By Saheed Afolabi

African table tennis champion, Aruna Quadri began his campaign in the Russian Premier Table Tennis league with impressive wins in all his matches to earn Fakel-Gazprom Orenburg the fourth-round victory at the Russian Table Tennis Centre in Moscow.

Aruna who teamed up with Chinese international, An Yan and Russian national champion, Alexander Shibaev won all their five matches to top the league table ahead of their close rival, UMMC Verkhnyaya Psyhma.

In the final matches played late on Sunday, Aruna's prowess came to bear when he salvaged victory for the team when he played the fourth game, which

earned his team a 3-1 win to end the fourth round unbeaten.

Elated, Aruna described the league as competitive while giving praises to his

teammates for their dedication to the team's triumph in the fourth round.

"I won all my matches but it was not easy because most of my

opponents are experienced players and they really came out to match us strength-for-strength. I am indeed delighted that my debut ended very well and the

management of the team were so happy with our performance as they are not ready to surrender the title this year," he said.

The Nigerian joined the

Russian club from the Bundeliga in January with the aim to improve his game as well as expose to world class training with the Moscow-based team.



Aruna Quadri

Chuba Akpom scoops Fans Player of the Month award

By Saheed Afolabi

Former Arsenal forward, Chuba Akpom has scooped the Championship Fans Player of the month of January award.

The Nigeria forward scored three goals in January to win the award.

This will be the second time this season that Akpom would win the award after winning it last in November 2022. Akpom got 25 per cent of the award while defeating Elijah Adebayo (Luton Town), Antoine Semenyo (Bristol City, now at Bournemouth), Teemu

Pukki (Norwich City), Ian Maatsen (Burnley), and Kasey Palmer (Coventry City).

The 27 years old has

scored 17 goals in 25 matches for Middlesbrough in the Championship this season.

Akpom has represented England at the U21 level and switched allegiance to play for Nigeria in 2019



Chuba Akpom

De Bruyne was scrappy at Chelsea - Mikel

By Saheed Afolabi

Ex-Nigeria international, John Obi Mikel has described Kevin De Bruyne as scrappy during his time at Chelsea.

The duo played together at Chelsea under Jose Mourinho but De Bruyne left after failing to establish himself in the first team.

Mikel disclosed this in an interview with Dubai Eye 103.8 where he said the Belgian midfielder was always alone, moody and grumpy.

The former Super Eagles captain added that he is always filled with joy whenever he watches De Bruyne play now.

"Kevin was always a stropgy guy, he was always on his own, he was always moody, he was always grumpy. You could never get anything out of him," he said, adding: "But now when I watch him play, what a joy. What a joy to watch." Mikel had a trophy laden career at Chelsea spanning over a decade and winning luxurious trophies which includes the two Premier League titles, four FA Cup, two league cup, one community shield, champions league and Europa League titles.

He is the most decorated Nigerian player as he won the AFCON in 2013.

Speaker Obasa commends National Assembly over cash crisis

The Naira redesign policy of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has brought mass suffering on the citizens of the country while the economy is in danger, the Lagos State House of Assembly has lamented. The lawmakers further noted that even though the policy was a good one, its timing was wrong as it had further thrown the country into economic chaos which could become difficult to resolve if urgent steps are not taken. The CBN had announced a 10-day extension of the deadline for currency swap at the weekend, but at a sitting presided over by Speaker Mudashiru Obasa on Tuesday, the lawmakers urged the CBN to extend the deadline for currency swap as the policy had not helped the country. Dr. Obasa noted that the

concern of the lawmakers had to do with the pains, anguish and anger spreading among Nigerians over their inability to access the new currency. "Economists have said most times you cannot use new currency to control inflation, it doesn't achieve the purpose most times," Obasa said adding that the intention of the policy as claimed by CBN had been defeated owing to the various complaints from experts and people across the country. The Speaker said the CBN should have engaged stakeholders while citizens should have been adequately carried along rather than an 'over-night' policy by the CBN. "There are people in the rural areas. It is obvious that the additional 10 days is not even going to be enough.



RT. Hon. Mudashiru Obasa

"The idea is a good one but the way it is being implemented will have an adverse effect on the people. "We need to commend the National Assembly for showing quality representation and prompt action to intervene for an extension of the deadline." The Speaker said that in other countries, old currencies are not

discarded in a rush, but allowed to gradually fade out of the system. Hon. Rotimi Olowo, the lawmaker representing Somolu Constituency 1 who moved the motion, sought for an extension of the deadline till July 2023 in line with the resolution of the National Assembly, while noting the suffering the policy had brought on Nigerians.

Olowo complained about the unavailability of the new notes and the effect on the people, including small business owners and those in rural areas. Contributing to the motion, Hon. Saka Solaja, chairman of the House committee on public account for state, argued that financial policies are not implemented the way the CBN had gone about the Naira redesign. "We see videos of people beating themselves mercilessly at ATMs, yet there is no money," he lamented while supporting the call for an extension of the deadline by the CBN. On his part, Hon. Richard Kasunmu (Ikeja II) argued that the timing of the policy was not right, especially as the country was still grappling with challenges of effective internet connectivity.

He recalled how he spent five hours a day earlier trying to make an electronic transfer of ₦55,000 to resolve an emergency situation. "We should be looking at the larger Nigerian people. If we want to survive the Nigerian economy, this should not be a good time for such policy," he said. While Hon. Victor Akande (Ojo 1), argued that Emefiele breached a part of the CBN Act concerning the policy, Hon. Setonji David noted: "All over the world, CBN governors are economists, not bankers like Emefiele. "Our people are suffering and the money can't be found at the ATMs. If you go to the ATMs, you would see how people are struggling," he lamented. The motion was passed by the Speaker after a voice vote of all the members at the sitting.

21 members return to constituencies to contest fresh terms

No fewer than 21 members of the Lagos State House of Assembly have returned to their constituencies to convince voters to vote them for another term in office. Leading the lucky few of the 40 members of the House of Assembly is the Speaker, Rt. Hon. Mudashiru Obasa who is

running for the sixth term. Obasa, who last week recharged his electoral campaign with the launch of N500million Education Endowment Fund launched by the Lagos State Governor, Babajide Sanwo-olu told participants that he would do all in his power to transform the lives of the people. Obasa; s

major track record in terms of infrastructures is the construction of the Agege Flyover believed to have been the result of his powerful role in the past regime. The two whips of the House who are also women- Chief Whip Lasbat Mojisola Meranda, (Apapa II) and Deputy Chief Whip Mrs Rotimi Sangodara

of Surulere II -have also returned to base to persuade voters to support their party. In Badagry, Hon. David Setonji has returned to the town to seek the votes of the people after what is considered a tough primary as his colleagues in Epe, Hon. Mustainu Tobun, (Epe I) and Gbolahan Yishau (Eti-Osa I) launch poster

campaigns on the main streets and nooks to advertise their fresh bids. In Alimosho, Hon. Kehinde Joseph and in Ikeja, Adedamola Kasunmu have been visiting the neighbourhood associations seeking the support of stakeholders to return. Other members on the

hsutings include Hon. Fatai Mojeed, Hon. Raheem Kazeem, Hon. Desmond Elliot, Hon. Noheem Adams, Hon. Nureni Akinsanya, Hon. Sylvester Ogunkelu, Hon. Temitope Adewale, Hon. Ganiyu Okanlawon and Hon. Femi Saheed, Hon. Lanre Affinih and Surajuden Tijani.



Stakeholders education conference reflects our party's priority - Dr. Yinka Olarinmoye

When she mounted the saddle as the Director, Education Department of the Independent Campaign Council for the Bola Tinubu/Shettima and Sanwo-Olu/Hamzat campaigns, many invested hope that she would bring her partisan experience and intellectual depth to the job. A political tigress by all counts, she had sought to represent her native town of Ogbagi in Ondo State in the general elections of 2011 and when that didn't work, reached out higher for the Federal House of Representatives seat in the 2015 polls.

The dexterity in playing home and away in

the game that seemed more favourable to the men even while carrying a baby in her womb made her such an unavoidable phenomenon.

Dr. Adeyinka Olarinmoye, senior lecturer at the Lagos State University (where she teaches Anthropology), mother of three and social media warrior is no stranger to the struggle.

She was in the thick of the nationwide students union movement while studying at the University of Ibadan. Before she took up the appointment to teach at the Lagos State University, Dr. Olarinmoye was the Executive Director of the Centre for Legislative Studies in Lagos.

With this background, little wonder that her brief at the ICC has been a piece of cake. Less than a month after resuming as a volunteer, she convinced the chairman, Cardinal James Odunmbaku and the

Director-General, Mr Tayo Ayinde to assist indigent students seeking higher education to buy the forms of the Joint Matriculation Examinations.

It was a brilliant success! The ICC could not be accused of taking advantage of the students as most of the 2000 beneficiaries were

below 18 years, the mandatory age for voting. Rather, it was mainly a means to demonstrate that the candidates on the platform of the All Progressives Congress have one thing in common: the milk of human kindness.

The excitement of the populist democratisation of equal opportunity to education was still rippling through the media when she came up with a bigger, bolder idea to convene a stakeholders in education conference.

It was a befitting outreach to the proprietors and administrators, teachers

and students who functioned in the school

environment.

Dr. Olarinmoye, in an exclusive chat with Echonews, explains the motives:

"The Objective of our campaign is to persuade members of the public that we will improve the lives of the people if given the opportunity. Education, its values, its facilities, its personnel influence what our children will be. So it is good to interact with stakeholders and share out vision. With them."

Held Wednesday February 15, this year, the event was addressed by Professor Samuel Gbadebo Odewunmi whose brilliant analysis concluded that the manager

of the system should open their mind

And explore options to manage education for national development.

Professor Gbadebo canvassed for more emphasis on technical education and less

on university education, investment in students loans and commercialisation of educational services of universities to cope with the costs of running large campuses.

His views found favour among participants. One of them advised secondary schools to deploy students with inadequate capacity at Junior Secondary School 3 to

the technical colleges instead of advising them to withdraw and make them prey to the cults.

A proprietor urged government officials to reduce their hostility towards the investors in private schools education and partner with them for improvement in schools.

Giving the vote of thanks, Olarinmoye said the ultimate outcome of the workshop is that the education sector players should support the candidates of the party in the February 25th and March 11 elections so

that they can execute the lofty agenda of the interactive workshop.



Dr. Yinka Olarinmoye

Sheriffs learn enforcement process at two-day workshop

The Lagos State Judiciary has organised a two-day workshop for Sheriffs on the enforcement of judgement delivered by the courts and ways to handle some of the challenges of such enforcement.

In his address at the workshop, the Chief Judge of Lagos State, Honourable Justice Kazeem Alogba, described court sheriffs as an important arm of the Lagos State Judiciary and a critical part in the dispensation of justice.

Alogba, represented by the Administrative Judge of Lagos, Hon Justice Oluwatoyin Ipaye, said, "Litigation starts and ends

with the Sheriff who is charged with the responsibility to serve processes and is a critical part of justice dispensation in Lagos State Judiciary.

The Chief Judge posited that the Sheriff must keep proper records and as executors of court judgements must be upright in carrying out their duties and making sure the judgement creditor enjoys the fruits of the judgement.

Hon Justice Adesola Ogala, one of the facilitators, averred that since all Court processes start and end with the Sheriff, they must avoid every form of unethical behaviour while carrying out Court directives.

Another facilitator at the

workshop, Hon Justice Florence Aigbokhaevbo, in her paper stated that service must be effected by an authorised person in accordance with the rules of court and there must be proof that service was effected per the procedure provided by law".

Cash Scarcity: Lagos Judiciary adopts electronic payments for transactions Challenged by the refusal of banks to accept cash received from the general public for cash transactions, the Lagos State Judiciary has announced the adoption of electronic payment in addition to cash transactions.

A statement by the Acting

Registrar, T.A.Elias last week stated that both electronic and payment will be the preferred payment options.

The statement reads: "The attention of Lagos State Judiciary has been drawn to some news making the rounds on the rejection of old Naira notes by officials of the Court in Lagos. It has therefore become necessary to put the records straight. As usual cash collected at our various Registries were taken to the Banks for deposit. On Monday 13th February, 2023, the Bankers refused to collect the cash.

Under the Financial Regulations there is a limit to how much cash we could hold in house, and for

security reasons too. We therefore had to consult the appropriate quarters on the development. In the circumstance, the public was advised to make use of the existing electronic platform for payments whilst the development was being dealt with.

After due consultations today, the Lagos State Judiciary resolved to receive cash payments, alongside electronic transfers from the Public. The Lagos State Judiciary wishes to reiterate that it is an integral part of the Nigerian Judiciary and holds tenaciously to the due administration of Justice and the Rule of Law generally."

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