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With its release of N400 million to filmmakers as grants and a promise to double the funds on capacity building for the creative industry in 2024, Lagos State Government is not leaving any stone unturned in its determination to embrace movie industry.

On Sunday, the state governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu and his counterpart for Ogun State, Prince Dapo Abiodun were at the premiere of 'Funmilayo Ransome-Kuti' - a Bolanle Austen-Peters production at the Terra Kulture, Victoria Island to solidarise with one of the biopic movies in circulation at present.

On the same day, Sanwo-Olu was a keynote speaker at the 10th Africa Magic Viewers' Choice Awards (AMVCA) 2024, where he told the audience about the plan of his government to make the state the haven of theatre as he encouraged all the winners at the event to always give their best.

On Mr Governor's entourage were the Honourable Commissioner for Tourism, Arts and Culture Mrs Toke Benson-Awoyinka and the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry Mrs Oloruntoyin Atekoja.

Biopic movies are coming at a time History is not being taught as a subject in secondary school anymore. The Nollywood industry, mostly the Yoruba practitioners have turned a new leave with production of biopic movies.

Biopic is a film dramatizing the life of a particular person, typically of public or historical figure, which according to the winner of the Best Lead Actor award at the 10th Africa Magic Viewers' Choice Awards (AMVCA) 2024, Wale Ojo is the fresh idea to revamp the story of our past heroes.

To him, every playwright should go back to his or her roots, the village he was born, learn the culture and the history and create a very good storyline from it. Ojo whose compelling performance in the "Breath of Life" earned him the highest AMVCA award ahead of other actors like

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Stan Eze, Richard Mofe Damijo, and Gabriel Afololayan is also featuring in another movie, "The Man Died" where he plays Professor Wole Soyinka.

Barely three years that he acted Ayinla in Tunde Kelani's film, the popular actor, Lateef Adedimeji starred in Jagun Jagun and in another movie, "Wole Soyinka", that will be premiered soon. Nollywood is sending signals to government on why biopic movies should not be limited to cinemas but be taken as education resource for pupils in schools.

Reacting to the new direction of theatre practitioners, Lagos state Commissioner for Tourism, Arts and Culture, Mrs. Toke Benson-Awoyinka revealed that the State Government, through the Ministry, is set to support and collaborate with the entertainment sector.

She said that the administration of Governor Sanwo-Olu gave N400 million to filmmakers as grants and has also



Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, his counterpart for Ogun, Dapo Abiodun with actors and actresses at the premiere of Funmilayo

promised to double the funds on capacity building for the creative industry in 2024.

According to her, the government has partnered with Funke Akindele, a Nollywood Actress and

Filmmaker, on two upcoming projects.

The Commissioner disclosed that artists tend to gain more if they collaborate with the government because of the disposition and passion of

Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu to develop the creative sector.

While maintaining that everyone should see the state government as a friend that means well for all, she disclosed that a lot

of interventions had already been made by the present administration to uplift the sector including capacity building, upskilling, grants, support and endorsement among others.



Professor Wole Soyinka, Actor, Wale Ojo who acts Soyinka in "the Man Died"

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Benson-Awoyinka averred that the Ministry supports programmes like AMA Awards, Felabration, Festivals and a host of others, just as it is also in collaboration with EbonyLife Academy, Africa Movie Academy and Gidi Creative Centre on providing film-making training to interested youths and sharpening skills of filmmakers to be able to compete globally free of charge.

Speaking, Funke Akindele, the Nollywood Actress and Filmmaker, said she had sought the state government's support and collaboration on two of her newly conceived projects - Movie and Reality Show. She emphasised that it would be great to collaborate with the Lagos State Government on youth development and the discovery of new talents who will be mentored and assisted to climb the ladder of success and be shining stars of the industry in future.

In her words, "I am very aware of the contribution of the State Government to the creative sector. Since our aim and objective of developing the industry are the same I thought it would be great to collaborate with the Lagos State Government on two projects aimed at discovering and developing new talents who will be mentored and assisted to climb the ladder of success and take over as shining stars of the

industry in future".

She commended Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu's Administration for all that has been done for the creative sector and looks forward to an effective collaboration and partnership with the State Government through the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture.

Last year, Governor Sanwo-Olu initiated \$100 million Lagos Film City project, set to transform the landscape of Nigeria's entertainment industry.

This will be established on 100-hectare land area in the Ikosi-Ejinrin area of Epe Local Government, which according to the governor is a testament to the state's unwavering commitment to fostering economic growth and job creation through filmmaking.

Lagos Film City project, structured as a Public Private Partnership (PPP), is poised to be a game-changer, with the potential to generate numerous job opportunities, stimulate economic growth, and attract substantial investments.

He said, "We have set out hectares of land for this city. I am excited with where we are; I can say to you that we are on a journey that will birth something that will be phenomenal, something that will shake the entire world."

The ambitious project is expected to be a thriving hub for various aspects of the film industry, encompassing film



Casts of Funmilayo Ransom Kuti

production, visual effects, scripting, cinematography, editing, photography, and all the ancillary services that are very valuable to the filmmaking process.

With a primary focus on enhancing the quality and scale of Nigeria's film and entertainment output, this initiative, the Lagos Film City is set to bolster the local film ecosystem.

"Collaboration is at the heart of this project, as it

involves several notable players in the entertainment sector, including Ebonylife Academy, Delyork, and Ogidi Studios. Their combined expertise and experience in the industry will contribute to the success of the Lagos Film City," the governor said.

Governor Sanwo-Olu emphasised that this visionary project is a concrete step towards

fulfilling his THEMES Agenda, a comprehensive policy framework for the development of Lagos State. Under this framework, the second 'E' stands for Entertainment and Tourism, highlighting the state's commitment to boosting the entertainment sector, which plays a crucial role in promoting tourism, job creation, and economic development.

The Lagos Film City project

is expected to serve as a catalyst for the growth of the Nigerian film industry, enabling it to compete on a global scale.

It is a testament to the state's unwavering dedication to fostering innovation, creativity, and economic diversification, thereby solidifying Lagos' position as the entertainment and tourism epicentre of Nigeria.



Lagos state Commissioner for Tourism, Arts and Culture, Mrs. Toke Benson-Awoyinka (Right) with actress, Funke Akindele



Lateef Ademimeji playing Wole Soyinka

Death and Unending Tributes to Soyannwo

By Kunle Awosiyan

Until his death on May 15, 2024 Gboyega Soyannwo was the deputy chief of staff to Babajide Sanwo-Olu, governor of Lagos state. He died after a brief illness, at the age of 55.

In other words, Soyannwo was born on October 3, 1968 and had his primary education at the Corona School Victoria Island, Lagos, from 1974 to 1980. He proceeded to Kings College for his secondary education from 1980 to 1985.

He obtained a B.Sc. in economics from the University of Lagos. He started his career at the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) in 1992 as a member of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC).

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With this strong educational foundation, Soyannwo's path to greatness as a technocrat and grassroots leader was noticed, which of course made Sanwo-Olu to appoint him as his deputy Chief of Staff.

Having met him in his days at the banking industry, Sanwo-Olu had to lure Soyannwo's expertise to the public sector where he was until death came suddenly.

As one of his closest allies, Mr. Israel Jaiye Opayemi, the Chief Executive of Chains Reaction Africa put it in a tribute, GS, was that a Farewell Call? Last Tuesday, you called to find out how I was doing at the US-Africa Summit in Dallas. We spoke for over 20mins. Each time the call was disrupted, you called back. You reminded me

that we have a number of pending assignments for Mr. Governor and I should make time for us to see when I return to Nigeria. I came back to the country on Monday and flew out to Ivory Coast again for the Africa Public Relations Conference on Tuesday. My intention was for us to speak by this weekend and meet early next week. But you took a bow from the race to rest forever with your Maker. What would

happen to that promise you often make to me? "Mr. Jaiye, anything you want me to do, just call me." A promise you kept time and again. What would happen to our 6am calls to discuss how best to support Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu. I am devastated. I am gutted. I am empty. But I know our Redeemer lives. Good night, GS. May God comfort your lovely wife, Yewande and the children. Another tribute by Yusuf

Omoshola reads, "GS was my Egbon and classmate at LBS, we bonded well. It came to me as a shock when his passing was put on our platform. My heart goes to his lovely wife and family. May he rest in perfect peace. Farewell Egbon mi. One day we shall all surely meet again. To Funmilayo Ibirogba, Gboyega was a great classmate at LBS and a wonderful husband to my dear friend and classmate,

Yewande. His passing came as a rude shock!! May God rest his soul and comfort the family he left behind.

To Fiyin Soyannwo. "In loving memory of a dear Egbon, you were not only a cherished family member but also a steadfast support structure and friend to so many. Your unwavering kindness, boundless generosity, and warm heart left an indelible mark on everyone you met. You had

an extraordinary ability to make others feel valued and loved, offering a listening ear, a comforting word, and a helping hand whenever it was needed. You were a beacon of light to many lives and your spirit of compassion and friendship will continue to inspire many. Though you are no longer with us, your legacy of love and support lives on in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing you.



Late Gboyega Soyannwo

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We will forever cherish the memories and the profound impact you had on our lives. Rest in peace, dear Egbon.

Mrs Tinu Macarthy, Gboyega the son of my late elder cousin Bro. Oluremi (Chief Oluremi Soyannwo), your demise came to me as a shock. I pray God will give us all the courage to bear this loss. May the Almighty God in His infinite mercies protect the rest of the family. Adieu Gboyega. Sun re o.

To Kehinde Soyannwo, "Egbon, this has come as a rude shock, that I am still processing. I remember like yesterday just a couple of years after starting my career at First Trustees (FBN Trustees), I believe you were at Oceanic Bank then when all the banks decided at the National Theater to prize away the Nitel Pension assets that had been paid out to its employees. You worked tirelessly with your team to secure all you could, very focused on the task. I believe that same drive is what landed you your most recent role. Cousin, you will be missed by those

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you touched, mentored, encouraged, and led. You led by example, always willing to guide and advice. The Soyannwo Family have lost one of its leaders, thank you for all you did. Rest in peace my egbon. Until we meet again.

To Yewande Cole, in the journey of life, there are rare individuals whose light shines so brightly that it illuminates the path for others. DCOS was one such soul—a man whose kindness, energy, and unwavering support profoundly impacted all who knew him. His motivation and encouragement were like a steady hand guiding us through life's challenges, and his optimism was infectious, lifting our spirits even in the toughest times. The news of his sudden passing is a shock that reverberates through our hearts. It's hard to fathom that someone so vibrant and full of life is



no longer with us. The void he leaves behind is immense, and our grief is deep. Yet, in remembering him, we also celebrate the countless ways he touched our lives. His legacy of hope, perseverance, and genuine care will forever inspire us. Continue to

RIP.

To Otunba Durowaju who title his tribute as "TO US THE PIMU FAMILY IT WAS A W A T E R S H E D OCCURRENCE, AN I R R E P A R A B L E DAMAGE TO OUR MORALE. Too true to be real, no one could ever believe, that the

light path in PIMU suddenly goes off at prime point in our endeavor, death struck and took our Principal away, Iku d'oro, Iku pa Oga wa Gboyega Soyannwo... Eni ba m'agbe ko bawa daro aro, eni ba daro Osun eni ba moo lekeleke koo ba wa daro efun..... Our ebullient and highly cerebral DCOS, the father of new PIMU, we will not forget you in a jivy. Good night Sir, within that short period you lived a remarkable live, you were an exemplar, a transformational Superstar, a quintessential and contemporary entrepreneur of note, a loyal Officer, your demise created a big lacuna, which only God can fill. I call on all my PIMU family to take heart and pray for all the bereaved, those who we love don't die, they only transit to a great beyond to shower blessings on

their loved ones. May the soul of our DCOS rests eternally in the bosom of the Lord. In a statement, by Lagos State Commissioner for Information and strategy, Mr. Gbenga Omotoso, the Sanwo-Olu commiserated with the family of the late deputy chief of staff. The Lagos governor said he had lost a "brother and a servant of the people". "With deep sorrow, the Lagos State Government announces the passing of the deputy chief of staff (DCoS) to Mr Governor, Mr Gboyega Soyannwo," the statement reads. "Mr. Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu, on behalf of the government and people of Lagos, sends his condolences to the Soyannwo family." Soyannwo was appointed as the deputy chief of staff to Sanwo-Olu in 2019. He was reappointed in 2023.



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Lupus Awareness: LASODA Calls For Social Support

Story By Kunle Awosiyan

The General Manager of the Lagos State Office for Disability Affairs (LASODA), Mrs. Adenike Oyetunde-Lawal has called on the public to engage in actions that can create a more supportive environment for those living with Lupus to enhance their coping mechanisms and overall well-being. She made the call at the commemoration of World Lupus Day organised by the Nigerian Society of Rheumatologist (NSR) in collaboration with Lupus Remedies Global Support Foundation & MABLEVI Lupus Foundation MLF held at the MRC Hall of LASUTH, Ikeja on Friday. Oyetunde-Lawal said that living with lupus can be challenging, but having a strong support system can have a huge significance in the lives of patients. In her words, "I believe that once we come together we can push for more research and

development as well as creating awareness of the condition. Research and Development cannot be overemphasised, it is the backbone of progress in understanding, treating, and eventually curing lupus". Speaking further, the General Manager advised parents and caregivers of children living with Lupus to continue to educate their children about the condition. In her words: "Expose

the reality to the children and let them understand their condition, empower them with the right information, do not hide the realities of Lupus from them". While enjoining LUPUS patients to seek professional guidance, which is extremely important to significantly improve their quality of life, she reiterated the mandate of LASODA to create a Lagos where inclusion and rights are enjoyed by people with special

needs. She said: "For us at the Lagos State Office for Disability Affairs, we will continue our Mandate of ensuring that the rights of PWDs are protected". Also speaking at the event, the Director, Drug Information Centre, Clinical Research and Development Unit (LASUTH), Pharm. Dr Oluwatoyin Ojo, said several agencies are looking into researching newer cures for managing diseases.

She, however, called for more research from relevant institutions in the country, while also encouraging patients to stick to their medical prescriptions. "Please adhere to medication and treatment, have a support system, form a support group that will help you ask questions about the condition and together proffer solutions", the Director added. Lupus, or Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE), is a complex

autoimmune condition characterized by the immune system's attack on its tissues, causing widespread inflammation. This inflammation can impact multiple organs and systems, leading to a diverse range of symptoms such as joint pain, skin rashes, and organ dysfunction. Symptoms can fluctuate in severity and duration, but while lupus is a chronic disease with no cure, management focuses on symptom control and maintaining quality of life.

Also present at the event tagged, "Empowering Lives Navigating Lupus Together", were Sanusi Fauzat Olubukola, Director of LUREG; Hon Sanusi Idowu Dauda, Chairman of LUREG; Prof Olufemi Adelowo, Professor of Medicine/Consultant Rheumatologist, LASUTH; Dr. Ayodele Falaye, Consultant Paediatrician/Pediatric Rheumatologist, LASUTH; Dr Emmanuella Zamba, PS of LASHMA and Dr. Hakeem Olaosebikan among others.



Lagos State Government Advises Due Diligence On Real Estate Business Transaction

Lagos State Government has advised potential real estate investors to always check the registration portal of the Lagos State Real Estate Regulatory Authority (LASRERA) via its website: lasrera.lagosstate.gov.ng for the list of registered individuals/organisations captured on the agency's database before committing to any real estate business transactions in the state.

The Special Adviser to Lagos State Governor on Housing, Barr. Barakat Odunuga-Bakare gave this advice on Thursday at the Y2024 Ministerial Press Briefing held at Bagauda Kaltho Press Centre, Alausa, Ikeja. Responding to the growing concerns

raised over unregistered real estate practitioners and the proliferation of imposters, Barr. Barakat Odunuga-Bakare emphasised the importance of due diligence, especially in areas where new estates and construction works are ongoing. She highlighted the efforts of the Lagos

State Government through LASRERA to safeguard both local and international investors from falling victim to fraudulent schemes. She disclosed that the strategies put in place by the state government to regulate activities within the real estate sector will serve as a deterrent to

fraudulent practices within the real estate sector and enable swift intervention and sanctions against erring practitioners. Odunuga-Bakare also underscored the effectiveness of LASRERA's regulatory measures, noting that the agency's database currently boasts 925

registered individuals and organisations, with an additional 2550 practitioners in the process of enrollment. "LASRERA has a database of 925 registered individuals/organisations on its registration portal while over 2550 practitioners have enrolled to be registered". Odunuga-Bakare stated.

Lagos Reiterates Zero Tolerance on Illegal Extension of Buildings

The General Manager of the Lagos State Building Control Agency (LASBCA), Arc. Gbolahan Owodunni Oki has reiterated the Lagos State Government zero tolerance stance on illegal construction of extensions and attachments on shops and buildings in any part of the State.

Oki disclosed this at a multi-agency enforcement and removal exercise carried out to remove extensions and attachments affixed to shops and plazas within the Lagos Island Central Business that will ultimately bring about safety and orderliness to the markets and streets in the area.

Speaking to newsmen, Oki noted that those extensions affixed to shops and buildings within the area are constituting nuisance and a hindrance to rescue operations during emergencies.

He cited the case of fire outbreak in Mandilas building where first responders like the state fire and rescue services could not access the burning building due to blockage of the roads and streets by traders with their extensions and attachment erected onto the roads.

While warning owners of shops and business premises with extensions and attachments to remove them immediately, Oki disclosed that the removal exercise is continuous and will be extended to other parts of the state.

He stressed that Lagos State would no longer tolerate the level of lawlessness going on in commercial areas, especially Lagos Island where every available space is being converted to shops with attachment extending onto the roads and streets.

Oki frowned at the practice of mounting



diesel and petrol generators on rooftops, penthouses and iron staircases of shops and plazas within commercial centres, instructing that such generators should be brought down

immediately.

The multi-Agency exercise comprising of the Lagos State Building Control Agency, Lagos State Neighbourhood Watch, Lagos State Traffic Management Authority,

Central Business Districts and Lagos State Environmental Services amongst others, witnessed the removal of attachments and extensions on shops around Nnamdi Azikiwe

Street, Dosunmu, Ereko, Eyin Eyo, Martins, Balogun and its adjoining streets.

The removal of attachments and extension exercise is part of the recommendations

of the Dosunmu Fire Incident Committee headed by the Commissioner for Special Duties and Intergovernmental Relations, Mr Gbenga Oyerinde.

LASTMA Launches Call-Up Centre For Improved Service To Motorists

The Lagos State Traffic Management Agency (LASTMA) is set to inaugurate a call-up centre aimed at providing timely assistance and information to road users while also enabling them to report incidents or misconduct by agency personnel on Lagos roads.

Hon. Sola Giwa, the Special Adviser to the Governor on Transport stated that the initiative is designed to enhance LASTMA's reputation and restore public trust in the Agency.

While speaking to Lastma Senior Officers at Oshodi, Hon. Giwa pointed out that the centre's role is to promote professionalism among agency officers when interacting with the public.

The call-up centre will feature over 10 responders dedicated to addressing traffic management issues and complaints from motorists, saying "We will introduce dedicated phone lines for individuals to report any road-related incidents or emergencies", Hon.

Giwa said.

Underscoring the importance of community engagement in improving road safety, the Special Adviser confirmed that the call-up centre will accommodate communication in pidgin and Yoruba, in addition to English, to ensure accessibility for all residents.

He averred that monitoring and prioritising feedback will be central to the agency's operations, especially in addressing instances of officer

misconduct. Giwa, therefore, encouraged the public to provide feedback not only on negative experiences but also to commend exemplary conduct by agency personnel.

He said in line with its commitment to stakeholder engagement, LASTMA will continue discussions with Community Development Associations and transportation sector representatives to foster collaboration in improving traffic management across the

state.

Hon. Giwa reaffirmed the agency's dedication to facilitating the smooth flow of goods and services on Lagos roads, citing recent training of up to 300 Cadet Officers to bolster its operational capacity. Urging officers to uphold values of empathy, sympathy, and humility, he emphasised the Agency's duty to prioritize the safety and well-being of road users.

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Sanwo-Olu Commends Surveyors, Pledges Continued Collaboration



Upholding the ideals of the institution through excellent performance and achievements in the surveying field. He advised them not to relent in upholding the highest ethical standards of the profession. The Governor made the statement on Thursday in his goodwill message at the investiture ceremony of 14 Surveyors elevated to the Fellow cadre. He also promised his administration's continuous collaboration with the NIS to further achieve the THEMES Plus developmental agenda. The Governor, represented by the Secretary to the State Government, Barr. 'Bimbola Salu-Hundeyin, said: "The collaboration between the government and the Nigerian Institution of

Surveyors has been instrumental in advancing our society through the THEMES Plus agenda that is designed to transform Lagos State into a modern and sustainable metropolis. The M in the THEMES Plus Developmental Agenda represents our intentional steps, focus and efforts towards making Lagos A Megacity with A Mega Economy". Sanwo-Olu disclosed that his government carried out various survey works including Geodetic Control, Airborne Global Position System (ABGPS) Aerial Photography, production of Digital Terrain Models, Digital Mapping and updated Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Database (Spatial Data Infrastructure). The introduction of Lidar Images, according

to him, allowed the officials to know what is under the grounds, including pipes and cables. He commended the Chairman of the Board, Surveyor (Dr.) Olusola Atilola and members of the Board of Fellows of the Nigerian Institution of Surveyors for a job well done. The President of NIS, Surv. (Dr.) Mathew Olomolatan said the investiture was not just a celebration but a recognition of exceptional contributions and unwavering commitment of members to the profession. He urged the new fellows to imbibe the virtues of integrity, professionalism and exemplary conduct. The Chairman, Board of Fellows, Surv. (Dr.) Olusola Atilola, in his remarks, encouraged

the Fellows to rededicate themselves to the declaration made on admission as members, noting that their status must reflect in their private and public conduct. The Guest Speaker/Member, House of Representatives, Hon. Kalejaiye Adebayo Paul, who spoke on the "Dynamics of Leadership and Dilemma of Followership", said both responsibilities exist for a purpose in addition to complimenting each other. He, therefore, urged the leaders to lead well with love and empathy while the followers must serve diligently. The highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of a plaque to Mr. Governor and the decoration of the Fellows with Medallions and Certificates.

Lagos Govt Holds HR Summit, Advocates Professionalism



Lagos State Government through the Office of Transformation, Creativity and Innovation (OTCI) recently organised the maiden edition of HR SUMMIT to bring together HR experts to address the challenges and opportunities in human resource management within the State Public Service. The Lagos State Head of Service, Bode Agoro, in his address at the event held in Ikeja, calls for professionalism and reform in Human Resource Management, saying that the HR practitioners in the State Public Service need to develop a mindset shift and reform themselves for professional service delivery. Agoro, represented by the Director, Service Matters, PSO, Mrs. Adeobopo Oyekan Ismail said that the Summit is a conference that brings together HR professionals, thought leaders and visionaries to share knowledge and insights on the latest trends, challenges, and opportunities shaping the future of work. Advising the participants, he told them to be open-minded, embrace new ideas and perspectives, even if they challenge their current thinking. He asked them to engage in sessions, not just listen, participate in discussions, ask questions, and share

their experiences. Director-General of OTCI, Toyin Anjous-Admuyiwa said that participants will have the opportunity to gain valuable knowledge and skills in different divisions of HR practices which include workforce planning and recruitment, learning and development, human resource measures and accountability, administration, and employee relations. She, however, disclosed that the transition from Personnel Administration to the Human Resource practice has been successful, with the support of UK AID and the Office of Transformation but there are still knowledge gaps and issues in the implementation of HR. "By addressing these challenges and leveraging opportunities, the HR Summit aims to improve service delivery and the overall performance of the State Public Service", she said. The theme for the maiden edition of the Y2024 HR Summit "Revitalising the Five Divisions of HR – Transforming the A&HR Cadre", gives room for different paper presentations and lectures on HR development by renowned facilitators from the State public service, followed by an engaging session.

Ajeromi Gas Explosion: Govt Assumes Full Responsibility For Medical Expenses of Victims

. Reaffirms Commitment to Quality Healthcare



Lagos State Government has assured victims affected by the recent tragic gas explosion in Ajeromi Ifelodun Local Government area that their medical expenses will be fully paid. During a visit to victims at the Burns and Trauma Unit, Gbagada General Hospital, Commissioner for Health, Professor Akin Abayomi extended heartfelt sympathy to the victims' families and assured them of top-tier healthcare services at no cost. Professor Abayomi revealed that out of the 33 casualties, 11 fatalities occurred due to extensive third-degree burns, which severely impacted vital organs. In his words, "We are deeply invested in the welfare and recovery of the victims. The government is fully covering the

treatment costs for these patients". The Commissioner further emphasised the government's commitment to preventing future occurrences of such tragedies and ensuring the continuous provision of quality healthcare services to all residents. He noted that in light of the incident, the state government reaffirmed its unwavering support for the victims and their families, promising comprehensive assistance to aid their recovery from the trauma. "In the aftermath of the devastating incident, the state government has reiterated its unwavering commitment to providing unrelenting support to the victims and their families. The government has

pledged to leave no stone unturned in ensuring that the affected individuals receive the necessary assistance to help them recover from the trauma", he stated.

Professor Abayomi highlighted the significance of the Burns and Trauma Centre in Gbagada, a specialized facility dedicated to addressing burn injuries and trauma cases, underscoring the government's dedication to providing specialized healthcare services to Lagosians. According to him, "This facility is a 44-bed Burns and Trauma Unit which is an annex of LASUTH. It is dedicated to the treatment of burn injuries and trauma cases. Kudos to Mr. Governor for the amount of resources that he dedicates to this facility.

"The fact that this facility is solely focused on burns and trauma is a testament to the state's commitment to providing specialized and quality care for patients with such cases", he added. The Chairman of Ajeromi Ifelodun Local Government area, Mr. Fatai Ayoola, also visited the victims and praised the healthcare professionals for their exemplary service delivery. He urged the state government to discourage the establishment of gas plants in residential areas to ensure the safety and well-being of residents, emphasizing the importance of enforcing regulations and guidelines for the proper location and operation of such facilities.

Leadership: A Sacred Calling By God To Serve -Sanwo-Olu

The Governor of Lagos State, Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu has said that leadership should not be seen as a title or position but rather a sacred calling by God to serve, guide, and uplift the people of God in their spiritual journey. Mr. Governor gave the charge on Saturday at the investiture of the newly elected Chairman and Leader of the Cherubim and Seraphim Movement Church, Surulere District, Special Apostle, Pastor George Oluwadare Ogunleye.

In his address read by the Secretary to the Lagos State Government, Barr. 'Bimbola Salu-Hundeyin, Sanwo-Olu, remarked that it was imperative to reflect on the profound responsibilities that come with leadership in the house of God, which includes spiritual guidance, shepherding the flock, prayer and admiration amongst others. He congratulated Special Apostle Ogunleye on his investiture and prayed for fresh anointing, wisdom, and strength to lead the church and fulfil God's purpose for his calling at this time.

He equally urged the church members to imbibe a culture of love and understanding by upholding their faith in fellowship as they pursue righteousness and support the new leader to fulfil the mission and vision of the church.

Governor Sanwo-Olu, while attesting to the Man of God's dedication to the gospel and spiritual growth, also expressed confidence that the church will continue to flourish and shine as a beacon of hope under his leadership.

In his inaugural speech, Special Apostle Ogunleye appreciated God, his predecessor, and the church community for the confidence reposed in him to lead. He pledged to concentrate on spiritual growth and walking in obedience and faith.

Apostle Ogunleye added that the major thrust of his leadership will be Mathew 6:33 "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, every other thing will be added".

The high point of the investiture ceremony was the presentation of the staff of the office and the certificate to the chairman and church leader.



Lagos Reaffirms Commitment To Noiseless Environment



Lagos State Government has reaffirmed its commitment to its noiseless Lagos advocacy programme aimed at creating public awareness of the negative impact of noise on human health and the need for adherence to government regulations on the menace of noise pollution and other environmental infractions.

This commitment was reiterated at the Year 2024 Annual Noiseless Lagos Awareness campaign, organised by LASEPA on Thursday and held at the JJT Park, Alausa, Ikeja, Lagos.

The awareness campaign with the theme: "Hearing Deficit: Time to Take Action", was designed to draw public

attention to the harmful effect of noise on human health.

In his welcome address at the event, the General Manager of LASEPA, Dr. Tunde Ajayi said the State Government is unwavering committed to addressing the menace of noise pollution and its adverse effects on the health of the citizenry. He stressed the need for urgent collective action to identify and eliminate sources of noise pollution, emphasising its detrimental effects on public health and societal growth.

He noted that LASEPA has been at the forefront of advocating for a quieter and more peaceful noiseless Lagos that is safer, cleaner and more habitable for sustainable

development.

Ajayi reaffirmed LASEPA's dedication to enforcing existing regulations, implementing innovative strategies, and collaborating with stakeholders across various sectors to reduce noise pollution to acceptable standards.

The "Noiseless Lagos" Awareness Campaign would be used to sensitise all stakeholders in the state on the importance of conducting their activities peacefully, without causing disturbances to the environment and communities.

He, therefore, urged people to join the Lagos State Government in the fight against noise pollution and other environmental infractions to achieve a noiseless and

pollution-free Lagos, setting a benchmark for excellence.

The GM assured that LASEPA under his watch, would not relent in implementing government policies and programmes to achieve a better and improved environment for all Lagosians.

Also speaking, the Permanent Secretary, Lagos Ministry of Health, Dr. Olusegun Ogboye outlined the detrimental effects of noise pollution on health, stressing the need for collaborative efforts to curb the pervasive issue.

He added that the Lagos State Ministry of Health is ready to prioritise initiatives aimed at eradicating noise pollution and called for concerted efforts from government agencies, private sector entities, and the general public

of noise pollution on public health.

He noted the importance of implementing strategic interventions to mitigate its negative effects on the well-being of Lagos residents.

"Excessive noise poses serious health risks and undermines the quality of life for individuals living in urban environments. We must work together to address this pressing issue to safeguard the health of our communities", he stated.

He added that the Lagos State Ministry of Health is ready to prioritise initiatives aimed at eradicating noise pollution and called for concerted efforts from government agencies, private sector entities, and the general public

to achieve lasting solutions and create a quieter, healthier environment for all.

The event was attended by representatives from various government agencies, educational institutions, religious bodies and community organisations.

The highlight of the event was the free hearing tests conducted by professional audiologists hired by the agency to assist people with hearing issues.

Gifts were also given to students of various schools and institutions who performed brilliantly during the question and answer session structured by the agency to test students' knowledge of some basic environmental puzzles.

GM Defends Lagos Facilities Policy

Continuous improvement and innovation in healthcare facility management under the stewardship of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, have garnered accolades, signalling a transformative era in public health administration.

The General Manager of the Lagos State Infrastructure Asset Management Agency (LASIAMA), Ms. Adenike Adekanbi revealed that Governor Sanwo-Olu's administration has spearheaded initiatives that prioritise innovation in healthcare infrastructure which has continued to earn commendations from various stakeholders. Ms. Adekanbi disclosed this while responding to recent online comments praising maintenance activities at various Maternal and Child Centres (MCCs) across the State.

In one such accolade, Comedian Seyilaw, renowned for his wit on and off the stage, took a break from the spotlight to shine a light on commendable maintenance efforts at the Maternal and Child Centre in Eti-Osa, Lagos.

Using his X handle (@seyilaw1), the entertainer showcased the often unsung heroes behind the scenes, saying the MCC, a critical hub for maternal and child healthcare, is renowned for its pristine condition which is a testament to the diligent work of the maintenance team.

It must be noted that Lexicon Integrated, the Facility Management Company entrusted with the maintenance duties by the Lagos State Infrastructure Asset Management Agency (LASIAMA), has been pivotal in

upholding the standards of hygiene and functionality at the Centre.

Their dedication to excellence has not gone unnoticed, as Seyilaw's commendation highlights the importance of their often-overlooked role in ensuring the smooth operation of essential health facilities.

The General Manager of the Agency, saddled with the task of managing various health facilities including the Maternal and Child Centre (MCC) in Eti-Osa, responded with pride and gratitude to Seyilaw's commendation of the Centre's cleanliness.

According to her, the endorsement from the renowned comedian via his X handle underscored the dedication and effectiveness of LASIAMA's partnership with Lexicon, the facility management company entrusted with maintenance duties.

While appreciating Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu's swift approval for the engagement of facility management contractors by LASIAMA, she noted that Seyilaw's commendation of the cleanliness at the MCC Eti-Osa reflects a proactive approach to healthcare infrastructure management.

She expressed appreciation for Seyilaw's recognition, emphasising the collective effort that goes into entrusting the MCC Eti-Osa to maintain its high standards of hygiene and functionality.

The General Manager reiterated LASIAMA's commitment to upholding excellence in health infrastructure management. "The

acknowledgement serves as validation of the tireless work invested in maintaining not just physical premises, but also the quality of care provided to mothers and children", she

stated.

Looking ahead, Adekanbi affirmed LASIAMA's dedication to continuous improvement and innovation in healthcare facility management, adding

that the commendations from Seyilaw and others serve as motivation to further elevate standards and efficiency in service delivery.

The GM noted that through collaboration

with stakeholders like Lexicon, LASIAMA remains committed to meeting the evolving needs of healthcare provision while prioritising cleanliness, safety, and patient satisfaction.



Amnesty Programme: Commissioner To Pay Unscheduled Visit To LASPPPA

Commissioner for Physical Planning and Urban Development, Dr. Oluyinka Olumide has vowed to pay unscheduled visits to the Lagos State Physical Planning Permit Authority (LASPPPA) District Offices as part of moves to ensure courteous and efficient service delivery, especially during the amnesty window for completed buildings.

He made this known during a periodic meeting with District Officers of LASPPPA at the Agency's Headquarters on Friday, adding that applications for approval were expected to increase significantly during the amnesty period as owners of existing buildings without



Approval would want to seize the opportunity to regularise their buildings.

"District Officers of LASPPPA who will be attending to these Applications are first and foremost civil servants who should behave as such by being respectful and diligent in serving the people", he said.

Olumide explained

further that the amnesty programme on waiver of penalty for existing buildings is part of incentives to encourage Lagosians to comply with Physical Planning Laws in the face of the current economic hardship in the country. He urged LASPPPA to develop a module for assessing the weekly performance of each of its districts in the 57

Local Government and Local Council Development Areas of Lagos State, adding that it must not be business as usual as Lagosians ought to get a better deal.

The Permanent Secretary, Office of Physical Planning, Engr. Oluwole Sotire said that Officers must brace up for the challenge and see the new developments as game changers through which they must offer the best services to the people.

The General Manager of LASPPPA, Tpl. Kehinde Osinaike enjoined the staff of the Agency to heed the Commissioner's call by doing everything necessary to ensure that Applicants are satisfied with their services.

Lagos Assembly Commends Ministry Of Finance On Budget Policy

By Felix Kuyinu

The Lagos State House of Assembly, LAHA, has lauded the Ministry Of Finance on its performance in the first quarter of the year budget policies in the state. LAHA, assessing the activities of the Ministry, primarily on how the fiscal plan of the state is being carried out, expressed delight in the positives seen during the monitoring exercise.

The State Assembly through its House Committee on Finance led by the Chairman of the Committee, Hon Femi Saheed disclosed these during a forum with the Commissioner for Finance, Abayomi Oluoyomi and other top officials of the Ministry who received the House delegation. Hon. Saheed expressed satisfaction on the financial drive of the ministry so far and hinted that the

assembly will keep close look to expenditures and projects being carried out for the benefit of Lagos residents. "With the fund generation they have recorded for the first quarter of the year, we are encouraged by the budget performance so far," expressed Saheed. "Part of our visit was to come and see how Lagos budget is faring and in all honesty, Lagos State is trying. The Ministry is doing

what it suppose to do. We are moving at a very good pace as far as revenue generation is concern. "We want to make sure that we legislators monitor the expenditure side for optimal performance", Saheed stated. Explaining the activities of the so far, the Ministry explained the task given to thme on the financial matters in the state. "We are responsible for financial matters

in Lagos State," Oluoyomi stressed. "Formulating financial policies and managing financial resources of the state. The responsibility given to us as fiscal policy, we want to make sure we surpass the budget expectation so that the state can fund all its expenditures and give dividends of democracy to the people of Lagos." Abiodun Muritala, the Accountant-General of the State,

expressed that no MDA can lay claim to delay in release of fund as Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu periodically approve all funds and they are immediately disbursed. Rukayat Sanusi, the Permanent Secretary, Debt Management Office, also explained that they are in constant touch with contractors on site to monitor the level of project works in order to ensure no work is abandoned.

The Lagos State Government, in partnership with Both Ends Believing (BEB), is set to develop a new software solution that will help children and juveniles integrate faster into society. The Commissioner for Youth & Social Development, Mr. Bolaji Ogunlende disclosed this at a meeting between the Lagos Team and BEB on the sideline of the US-AFRICA Business Summit 2024 held recently in Dallas, Texas in the United States facilitated by Mr. Jermaine Sanwo-Olu, the SSA to Mr. Governor on Diaspora and Foreign Relations,. While noting that social inclusion and Youth Engagement are a pivotal part of the THEMES Plus Agenda, the Commissioner hinted that the Software is going to be developed in partnership with Both Ends Believing (BEB), a social enterprise based in the US focusing on building and managing a child welfare protection system. Ogunlende said, "This

Social Inclusion: Lagos Partners BEB, US-based Software Solution

software is mind-blowing and will help the children in Lagos State better integrated into the Society. This is something we need in Lagos. This is one of the ways we continue to implement the

THEMES Plus Agenda which includes Youth Engagement, Social Inclusion and Gender Equality thus we are looking forward to this powerful partnership". Mr. Bruce Graham,

the Chairman of Both Ends Believing (BEB) remarked that the revolutionary software that his company developed which is a Child Welfare Application cannot only store information

about children but also synchronise those data for the use of orphanages, children's homes and of government institutions, Graham said, "We are working with Lagos

and excited about the opportunity to see the application expand and help children and help the Ministry better manage the data they have on children".



Man Arraigned For Assault On Wife

By Felix Kuyinu

A man identified as Ifeanyi Akachukwu is facing prosecution for allegedly assaulting his wife. Akachukwu, 55, was arraigned before Magistrate Patrick Nwaka on Wednesday

on two counts bordering on assault. The defendant was accused of committing the act on his wife, one Chioma Akachukwu, sometime in October 2022, following an altercation which ensued between them,

according to the submission by the Police Prosecutor, Thomas Nurudeen. Nurudeen submitted that the defendant, during the intense brawl, dragged the victim to his room, and struck her in the face, causing her to lose

an incisor tooth. He further pummeled her, twisting her hand behind her back and attempting to strangle her resulting in serious bodily injuries. The prosecutor said that such act contravenes Sections

173 and 245 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State 2015. The defendant pleaded not guilty. The Magistrate, Patrick Nwaka, set the bail condition at

N100,000 with four sureties in the same amount. He further mandated that the sureties must be gainfully employed with verifiable addresses. Nwaka adjourned the case until June 10, 2024.

Court Prosecutes Father For Defiling 13-Year-Old Daughter

By Felix Kuyinu

A middle-aged man, Joseph Gamor, has been arraigned at the Badagry Magistrates' Court for allegedly defiling his 13-year-old daughter. Gamor, who lives at Imeke, Badagry, is being tried on the charge of defilement. The Prosecutor, Insp Ayodele Adeosun,

stated at the court on Tuesday that the 58-year-old accused committed the offense on May 9, at about 9.00.a.m at his residence. Adeosun said that Gamor indecently removed the victim's clothes and had sexual intercourse with her, causing her defilement. He said the act contravened

the provisions of Sections 261 and 263 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015. The Magistrate, Patrick Adekomaiya, refused to take the defendant's plea. Adekomaiya ordered that the suspect be remanded until July 29, pending legal advice from the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP).

AGEGE

Mageeco Club Urges Orile-Agege LCDA To Repair Football Pitch

Kehinde Adeleye

The Executives of Mageeco Football club paid a courtesy visit to the Chairman Orile Agege Local Council Development Area, Mr. Johnson Babatunde. During a meeting with the Chairman of Orile Agege Local Council Development Area (LCDA), the Mageeco Football Club representatives discussed the challenges faced by the club at the Oba Sanni Komolafe playing ground.



Football Club President Mr. Ayinla and Captain Mr. Adekunle Adeleke Hassan emphasized the importance of the playing ground as a community gathering spot. In response, the Orile Agege LCDA Chairman welcomed the club

representatives and promised to address the issues at the playing ground, assuring them of a standard facility. Mageeco Football Club CEO Mr. Akeem Agama expressed gratitude to the Executive Chairman for attentively listening to their concerns.

ALIMOSHO

Igando Ikotun LCDA Begins Construction of 246m Ovisa Road

Kehinde Adeleye



As part of the Lagos State Governor's development agenda, Akinsanya has officially commenced the construction of Ovisa Road, a 246-meter-long road that connects several communities in Igando-Ikotun LCDA.

The project aims to improve the economic lives of the Egan community and is scheduled to be completed within 6 months.

During the flag-off ceremony, the Chairman of Igando Ikotun LCDA, Comrade Lasisi Akinsanya revealed that the road construction is

one of many projects initiated by Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu for rural communities as part of the T.H.E.M.E.S. Plus Agenda. He emphasized that these projects aim to facilitate ease of movement and decrease rural-urban migration.

Akinsanya highlighted the importance of community collaboration with the contractor to ensure workers' safety and encouraged community members to take responsibility for the project upon

completion by safeguarding the road.

He also ensured that this road project is just one of many upcoming developmental projects in the community.

The Chairman expressed his gratitude to Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu for including Igando-Ikotun in the implementation of his T.H.E.M.E.S. Plus Agenda.

Vice Chairman and Supervisor for Works, Mrs. Mojisola Badmus, stated that constructing concrete drains will address the recurrent flooding issues faced by residents and motorists, which has led to the abandonment of homes and businesses relocating.

The Chairman commended the State Government for its commitment to developing the area, highlighting that the road serves as a vital bypass connecting numerous communities such as Isuti, Agric, Igando, and Iyana Iba express, among others.

MUSHIN

Mushin LG Taskforce Clamps Down On Trailers

Kehinde Adeleye

The Environmental Taskforce of Mushin Local Government took action against trailers causing environmental and traffic issues on Layi Oyekanmi Street.



The operation was conducted in response to complaints from local residents and businesses.

The team included the Legislative chamber leader, Councillors, Supervisors, Senior Special Assistants, the Environment Department head, Environmental Task Force committee members, and personnel from the Lagos Neighbourhood Safety Corps (LNSC) and Nigeria Police. They arrived at the site during the trailers' operational hours.

Some trailer drivers attempted to flee, but the Task Force team intercepted them and suspended all activities. Members of the community complained about the trailer operators' practices, including blocking access to shops, littering the streets with plywood remnants, defecating in drainage channels, and causing traffic congestion.

After a meeting between the Task Force, warehouse owner, community members,

and council officials, the trailers were given 24 hours to vacate the street. Guidelines will be provided to ensure future loading and unloading activities do not disturb the community or other road users.

The warehouse operator agreed to follow the guidelines and signed an undertaking. Seized items were returned, and trailer drivers received their items under the agreement.



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TECNO Supports Tiwa Savage On 'Water And Garri' Movie Premiere

By Rasaan Adebayo

Nigerian popular musician, Tiwa Savage, with the support of TECNO, thrilled audience at the unveiling of the highly anticipated film 'Water and Garri' produced by the musician.

Held at the Livesport Event Center, the event drew other A-list celebrities, industry insiders, and eager fans, all eager to witness the cinematic spectacle unfold.

In a press statement, the management of TECNO noted that the most memorable aspects of the evening was the irresistible allure of the TECNO booth, where celebrities could get enough of the state-of-the-art devices on display.

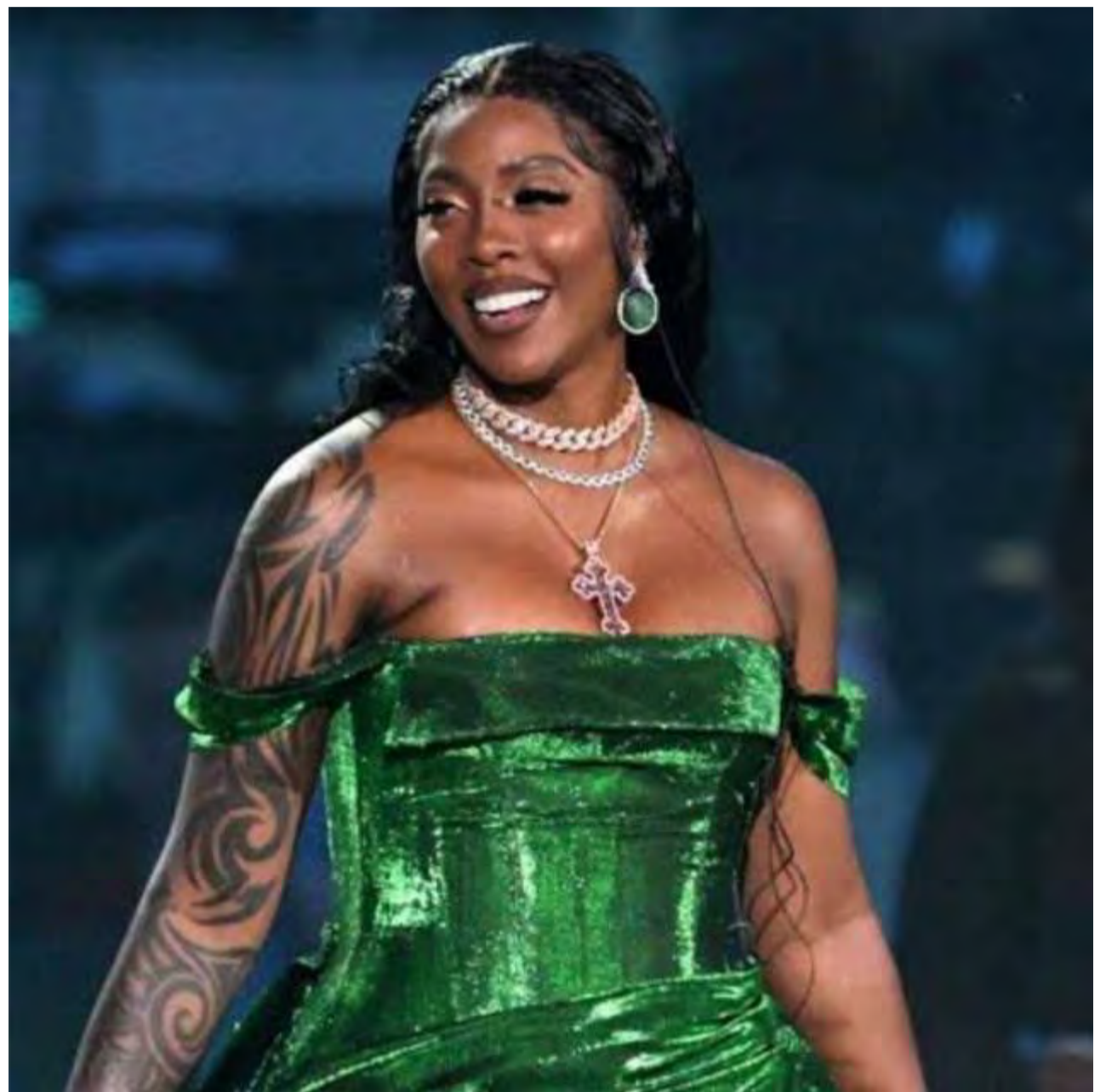
"From snapping selfies with the latest TECNO smartphones to exploring the myriad features and functionalities, it was clear that TECNO had struck a chord with its audience," it added.

The film, 'Water and Garri,' inspired by the

real-life journey of singer/actress Tiwa Savage, resonated deeply with audiences, offering a poignant portrayal of love, loss, and redemption, the statement affirmed.

"As the lights dimmed and the opening credits rolled, guests were not just spectators but participants in Tiwa's world, swept away by the raw emotion and heartfelt storytelling. Celebrities couldn't get enough of the film throughout the evening, lauding its authenticity and powerful performances. From the lead actors to the supporting cast, each portrayal was met with a p p l a u s e a n d admiration, underscoring the talent and dedication of all involved. As the credits rolled and the cheering subsided, guests lingered, eager to share their thoughts and reflections on the film's profound impact.

"As the night ended, it was clear that 'Water and Garri' had left an indelible mark on all who attended. From its



captivating storyline to its unforgettable performances, the movie has captivated hearts

and minds, earning its rightful place among the year's most anticipated releases. With the

support of innovative partners like TECNO, the film's reach and impact are sure to extend far

beyond the premiere, inspiring audiences for years to come," the statement added.

A Food Tech Company, Foodstuff Store, has announced the introduction of its innovative recycling programme.

According to the company, the expansion of the corporate mission to include waste management and recycling solutions underlines its commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility.

The company said it is providing a way by which its customers who are provided with wholesome and fresh

Food Tech Company Introduces Innovative Recycling Programme

food products directly from farmers can dispose of their plastic wastes as an added service, thereby reducing their ecological footprint.

"For every waste item delivered for recycling by customers, they'll receive a credit that can be used for their next purchase at the Foodstuff Store.

"Not only will this ensure a contribution to a

cleaner environment, but it will also provide a way to incentivise their efforts towards adopting sustainability practices," the company stated in a statement.

It added: "We are thrilled to offer our customers a convenient way to recycle and contribute to a cleaner Nigeria and a cleaner planet," says Diana Tenebe, Chief Operating Officer at Foodstuff Store. "By

offering rewards for recycling, we hope to incentivize eco-conscious behavior within our communities in Nigeria.

"Nigeria faces a significant challenge with plastic pollution. The prevalence of single-use plastics, which is caused by the widespread use of sachet water pouches, plastic shopping bags, and takeaway

containers, leads to massive waste generation. There are also recycling capacity challenges in Nigeria, where only a small percentage of plastic waste gets recycled.

"Additionally, indiscriminate disposal of plastics and other waste materials contributes to overflowing landfills with plastics, clogged drainages that lead to

flooding, and harming marine life.

"Foodstuff Store believes that by working together with its customers, it can create a positive impact on the takeaway. This new program allows customers to enjoy the quality products and services they expect from Foodstuff Store, while also contributing to a more sustainable future."

Senator Abiru Mourns Soyannwo

By Mohammed Adekola



The Senator representing Lagos East Senatorial District, Distinguished Senator Mukhail Adetokunbo Abiru, FCA, has mourned the passing of Mr Gboyega Soyannwo, the deputy Chief of Staff to the Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu.

The lawmaker, in a statement issued by his media aide, Mr. Enitan Olukotun, in Lagos described the death of Mr. Soyannwo as shocking and a huge loss to his family, friends and the Lagos State Government.

Senator Abiru said, “

Late Gboyega Soyannwo was my friend, brother and a junior colleague in banking”. He extolled his contributions to the development of Lagos

State, particularly the pivotal role he played in the administration of Governor Sanwo-olu. The Senator prayed for the repose of the soul of the

deceased, adding that Almighty God should give the family, children and loved ones, the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss.

IJAIYE

CDC Lauds Council Boss at 4th Ojokoro Community Day

Kehinde Adeleye

The Ojokoro Local Council Development Area (LCDA) Community Development Committee (CDC) held a press conference as part of the 4th Ojokoro Community Day celebrations, with CDC Chairman Barrister Samuel Olu Alabi addressing journalists from various media houses.

In his opening remarks, Alabi highlighted the purpose of the community day celebration, which hadn't occurred in the LCDA since 2014. This year's event marks a decade since the community last came together to celebrate and recognize the efforts of those contributing to community development, peace, security, and infrastructure improvement. He clarified that the CDC's role is focused on community-building rather than politics.

Alabi then shared a brief overview of the activities which was held for the 2024 community celebrations, emphasizing their importance to the various communities within the LCDA, which include:

1. Induction of the CDC members, aimed at enlightening the CDC officers on their respective roles and building their capacity towards community service.
2. Youth Empowerment program where youth would be trained in Graphic design. Also, indigent students and women would receive massive empowerment.
3. Inter-School Debate & Quiz for Secondary schools.
4. Final of the football match.
5. Grand program, including the commissioning of the CDC hall, award presentation to deserving community leaders, and fundraising to reach a target of N100 MILLION NAIRA. Other programs which had been held include Special Jumat

prayer, Walk, and Special Church Service.

While responding to some of the questions, he reeled out some milestone achievements of his administration, which must be celebrated, among which are:

1. Construction of an Ultra-modern CDC hall.
2. Creating cohesion among the CDC structure towards resolving inter/intra-community rifts before escalating into crises.
3. Interfacing with the state and local government to ensure that the needs of the people are met.
4. Serving as an enlightenment organ for civic responsibility like voter's registration, LASSRA, and so on.
5. Serving as a conduit pipe for effective communication between the government and the people.
6. Serving as the link for the distribution of palliatives from the state and local governments to the needy in the community.
7. Holding consistent meetings to address community issues and provide a lasting solution where needed.
8. Disbursement of quarterly financial gifts to elders in the community who are 70 years and above to appreciate their wonderful contribution to community development.
9. Provision of scholarships to indigent students. Also, distribution of free GCE and JAMB forms to students.
10. Distribution of monetary and other gift items to poor women, to mention but a few.

Alabi discussed the organizational structure of the Ojokoro CDC, which facilitates efficient coordination of activities across various communities, an aspect other CDCs might find challenging. The CDC is divided into seven wards to effectively coordinate and communicate with Community Development Associations (CDAs).

Responding to questions concerning the LCDA, the CDC Chairman praised Ojokoro LCDA Chairman Mr. Tijani for his timely communication and feedback on community issues.

Alabi noted that the Chairman receives real-time information from the CDC and addresses concerns promptly. This responsiveness has fostered trust in the government and negated the need for protests, as the administration has consistently demonstrated responsibility and attentiveness to the community's needs.

Alabi mentioned a request made to the Chairman for a generator to address the inconsistent power supply at the CDC Hall. The Council Chairman fulfilled this request by providing a generator for the newly constructed hall, showcasing the strong relationship between the local government and CDC.

Alabi acknowledged that unlike other CDCs, the LCDA consistently covers the entertainment expenses for monthly CDC meetings, demonstrating their commitment to supporting community organization and mobilization efforts.

Alabi attributed the success of the CDC not to his individual efforts but to the strong foundation laid by his predecessors. Their focus and dedication established a platform for today's achievements, and the continued support from 124 CDAs has furthered these accomplishments. He emphasized that success is a collective effort rather than an individual one.

Dismissing concerns that his successor might not maintain his level of success and administrative skill, Alabi assured that his legacy and guidance would be available to the next leader.

Epe Local Government Flags Off Two Roads Construction

By Mohammed Adekola



It was an atmosphere of excitement as residents of Olalekan Killa and Animashaun Close witnessed the Chairman of Epe Local Government, Princess Surah O. Animashaun, performed the flag-off and ground-breaking ceremony of the roads construction. The project which has a duration of six-months is an invention of the Lagos State Government under the leadership of Mr. Babajide Olushola Sanwoolu. It is also part of the 114 road construction projects being carried out across the 57 Local

Governments/Local Council Development Areas simultaneously. In the words of the Chairman, she said “The construction of the roads is expected to birth transformative development as it will ensure seamless and hitch-free navigation and economic viability”. While carrying out the ground-breaking and flag off ceremony, the Chairman solicited for the support, ambience and cooperation from the residents during the construction

exercise that will enable the successful completion. With high level of optimism, the Council Chairman assured the residents of quality and timely completion of the project officially contracted to A&D Design and Built Construction Nig. Ltd with a remarkable track record of seasoned engineering team, usage of quality and standard materials and exceptional innovation. The project is stipulated for completion within six months.

Badagry West: Gbenu Says New Apex Leader Is Expert In Politics

By Saheed Afolabi

Badagry West L C D A Chairman, Joseph Gbenu has described the new All Progressives Congress (APC) Apex Leader in the LCDA as an expert in political environment. Following the demise of late Pa. D.A Johnson, Chairman of Badagry West, Gbenu appointed Hon. Bamgbose Joseph as the new Apex Leader of the area. In a congratulatory message, Gbenu said that Bamgbose's appointment was deemed necessary considering the

important role of the leaders in the structure of our great party, All Progressives Congress - APC. Prior to now, Hon. Bamgbose Joseph had played major roles in the creation of the local government while serving as Member, Lagos State House of Assembly and has held several political positions thereafter, making him the most experienced and qualified person to take over the seat as the Apex Leader of the area as alleged by Gbenu. "Hon. Bamgbose remains one of the most responsive

political leaders who understands the political environment of the area and a mentor to me and many." The council chairman further appreciated Chief Akinsanya Sunny Ajose for his role in ensuring peace during the nomination process. "I must particularly appreciate our intelligent and proactive GAC member and Apex Leader Badagry Federation, Chief Akinsanya Sunny Ajose, for his sensitive and pivotal role in ensuring peace during the nomination process. "We will continue to learn from your political school of thought, sir."



Topa Agric Isalu Road: Onilude Discloses Completion Time

By Saheed Afolabi

Chairman of Badagry LG, Olusegun Onilude has divulged the completion time frame of the Topa Agric Isalu Road which is under construction. The council chairman said the road project will be completed in six months time while urging the contractor to speed up construction work. He further charged the contractor to make use of indigenous artisans and locals for other menial jobs on site. Onilude stated this at the stakeholder's meeting and flag-off ceremony of the construction of the

Isalu-Agric road held at the construction site earlier today. The council boss in an engaging session with traditional rulers, party stalwarts, and residents of the communities said that the road project is part of the Gov. Babajide Sanwo-Olu-led administration 114 road projects to be constructed across the 20 local governments and 37 LCDAs in Lagos State. "One of the benefits of inter or intra-community road

projects like this is that aside from access, it also brings economic benefits to people at the grassroots. "I encourage us to cooperate with the contractor and I also charge the contractor to engage indigenous artisans and locals for other menial jobs. "We have constructed 250 meters of the Isalu-Agric road before now and now we will construct another 610 meters. I want to assure you that the construction of the road will be completed in six months." The General Manager of Selovian Group, Mr.



Olabanji Peters emphasized the company's unwavering commitment to quality service delivery and timely completion of projects to the highest standards. He promised the road project would be completed in the

stipulated six months. The Aholu of Ajara Topa, HRM Owolabani Samuel Amosu - De Yeyi of Ajara-Topa Kingdom lauded the council boss for his developmental strides and in ameliorating the plight of road users by facilitating the

construction of the road. A cross-section of residents which includes members of the Community Development Association from Ajara Topa Kingdom, youths, and other residents commended Onilude.

Ikosi-Isheri Council Flags-off Construction of Adetuberu Street

Kehinde Adeleye

Princess Samiat Abolanle Bada, the Chairman of Ikosi-Isheri Local Council Development Area, officially commenced the construction of Adetuberu Street as part of the 114 Roads project, aimed at improving the area's transportation infrastructure. The Chairman collaborated with the Isheri-Olowoira community to discuss the specifics of the road project, ensuring their concerns and needs were addressed. Princess Samiat Bada expressed her delight and determination as construction on Adetuberu Street began. This

important project is intended to tackle long-standing challenges faced by residents of Olowora and Ward A. Princess Samiat acknowledged the long-standing issue of Adetuberu Street, which had been neglected for years. The road's poor condition, characterized by potholes and uneven surfaces, has been a significant challenge for both drivers and pedestrians in Olowora. It serves as a crucial connection between different communities and vital amenities like Olowora Primary School and Primary Health Care Centre.

Recognizing the economic significance of Adetuberu Street, Princess Samiat Bada emphasized her administration's priority to reconstruct the road. The project aims to revitalize the community's infrastructure, improve transportation networks, and stimulate economic activity, benefitting Olowora residents in multiple ways. Princess Samiat Bada expressed her gratitude to the Lagos State Government, led by Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu, for their support and collaboration. She also extended her appreciation to the executive, legislative, and administrative teams

of Ikosi-Isheri LCDA, as well as all the residents of Isheri Olowora, for their cooperation in making this project a reality. Chief Sulaimon Kareem, Baale Olowoira stated "Today marks a joyous day for the people of Olowoira community as a long-awaited road project

has finally come to fruition. Our persistent efforts and agitation have paid off, and the chairman has officially flagged off the road construction project." Addressing concerns about potential disturbances during the construction process, Chief

Sulaimon Kareem assured the local government that this project is wholeheartedly welcomed by the community. The love and support for the project are evident, and the community is committed to protecting and supporting it until its completion.

Ikosi-Isheri LCDA Presents Cars To Royal Fathers

Kehinde Adeleye

Princess Samiat Abolanle Bada, Chairman of Ikosi-Isheri Local Council Development Area, presented official vehicles to Royal Fathers and Heads of Departments (HODs) in Ikosi-Isheri LCDA. The Chairman noted that the official vehicles were presented to community royal fathers, including the Onikosi of Ikosi, Oba Shangisha, and the Olofin Adimula of Mile 12.

The Chairman further explained that vehicles were also provided for the management team, comprising Heads of Departments and units, demonstrating the LCDA's dedication to smooth operations and effective governance.

Princess Samiat Bada emphasized her dedication to the community by stating, "My heart is where my community is." The LCDA has been actively working on various projects and programs to benefit the residents. In terms of community engagement is a top priority for the Mayoress and her team, as they actively involve residents in decision-making processes and seek their input to ensure that LCDA initiatives truly reflect the community's needs and aspirations.

The Council boss thanked the community for their support and encouraged continued prayers for their success,



specifically mentioning President Bola Tinubu and acknowledging his positive impact since taking office.

The Chairman recognized Governor Sanwo-Olu's dedication to transparency and accountability, highlighting that under his leadership, the Local Government allocation is solely utilized for community development and welfare.

Oba Alamu Oloyede, the Onikosi of Ikosi, expressed gratitude to the council boss for presenting him with an official vehicle for the first time in his 17-year reign, offering blessings and pride in her accomplishments.

Oba Lawal Ajibola, the Paramount Ruler of Shangisha Magodo, also thanked the chairman for her positive impact on Ikosi-Isheri LCDA.

Shofoluwa Olubunmi, the Human Resources Officer of Ikosi-Isheri LCDA, appreciated

Bada gesture of providing an official vehicle, which signifies the recognition and appreciation of employees' hard work and dedication.

Benson Oluremi, the Tourism Officer of Ikosi-Isheri LCDA, expressed her joy and surprise at receiving a special recognition. Oluremi she expressed her gratitude to Princess Samiat Bada, for making this surprise possible.

Oluremi expressed her admiration for the Princess Bada commitment to fulfilling her promises, highlighting that this unexpected recognition is a testament to the Mayoress's dedication to the employees of the Local Government. She acknowledged that she never anticipated such a gesture and was truly touched by the recognition.

ISLAND

Folawiyo Charges Residents To Abstain From Drug Abuse

By Saheed Afolabi

PROJECT: ON-GOING CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING LOCATION, NEW LAGOS ISLAND EAST LOCAL COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT AREA SECRETARIAT, FREEMAN STREET, LAGOS.



Chairman of Lagos Island East LCDA, Dr Muibi Folawiyo has charged residents to shun drug abuse. Folawiyo stated that reckless use of drugs is harmful to the health and can cause serious havoc to the brain. The council boss said reckless use of drugs should be avoided as

the negative consequences could be passed to families and friends. "Reckless Use of Drugs is dangerous. It can harm your brain and body, sometimes permanently. It can hurt the people around you, including friends, families, kids and

unborn babies. "Reckless use of drugs can also lead to addiction. "The negative consequences of reckless use of drugs affect not only individuals who abuse drugs but also their families and friends, various businesses and government resources. "The most obvious effects of drug abuse which are manifested in the individuals who abuse drugs include ill health, sickness and ultimately death. "It is not just illegalz drugs that can lead to abuse and addiction.

Wema Bank Applauds Salawu For Developmental Strides

By Saheed Afolabi

Wema Bank have lauded the achievements of Somolu LG chairman, Abdulhamed Salawu in repositioning the council. Mr. Oladipupo Ojikutu who represented Mrs Ayodele Olojede (Divisional Head, Retail group), the Wema Bank Plc team embarked on a

purposeful mission to engage with traders at Olaleye Market and subsequently Alade Market. Here, they unveiled a comprehensive business-friendly package meticulously designed to cater to the diverse needs of the traders. At Alade Market, the discussions were coordinated by Alhaja Chief Olasunbo Abiola

(Iyaloja) and Alhaji Kehinde Oseni (Baba Loja), with active participation from the traders. Alhaja Modinat Fasuyi further emphasized the multitude of benefits stemming from this partnership. Iyaloja of Olaleye Market, Chief Mrs. Oyebode Adejoke, expressed satisfaction as Mrs.



Nta Nkpeme, Wema Bank's Relationship Manager, elaborated on the reasons behind the lowered interest rates, specifically tailored to support women in business. This collaborative effort underscores Wema Bank's dedication to fostering inclusive economic growth and prosperity within the Somolu community. Recall that the Wema Bank Plc team had earlier met the leaders of the markets in the presence of Iyaloja General of Somolu, Chief Mrs. Modupe Olufojude and the Chairman Somoluu Local Government, Salawu and political leaders.

Salawu Commends Sanwoolu On Road Construction

By Saheed Afolabi



The chairman of Somolu LG, Abdulhamed Salawu has praised Lagos state governor, Babajide Sanwoolu on the construction of over a hundred road across the state. Salawu made it known during an interactive session with stakeholders in Somolu, which marks a significant stride towards community advancement. While Focusing on devising strategies for the construction of the crucial Dabira-Emmanuel-Albert Road in the bustling Ijebutedo-Palmgrove area of Somolu, the meeting drew together major

stakeholders in the community. As the proposed road traverses the recently remodeled Olaleye Market, its completion promises to alleviate the congestion plaguing the heavily traversed Oguntolu and Shipeolu roads. This initiative addresses the pressing issue of escalating human and vehicular traffic, offering a much-needed reprieve to residents and commuters especially on Oguntolu and Shipeolu axis of Somolu. The council boss

also seized the opportunity to commend Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu for his commitment to grassroots infrastructural development, particularly highlighting the approval of 114 roads in the state to be embarked by council chairmen. However, recognizing the pivotal role of local businesses in the project's success, Salawu urged stakeholders like Omooba Adekunle Oyelaja of Kansman Limited and High Chief Modupe Oluwole of Vicmond Limited to collaborate with the Ijebutedo and ARODA CDAs in ensuring residents' cooperation with

LAGOS ISLAND

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Lagos Island East LCDA, Dr Muibi Folawiyo has revealed plans by his administration to build a new administrative building. The council chairman said the purpose of the administrative building is to ensure staff work in a serene environment which will bring out the best in them. Folawiyo plans to complete the project in time and bring relief to the local council secretariat. "In continuation of my unalloyed passion for infrastructures and the need to ensure the council staff of my local council work under conducive and serene environment, I have



concluded plans to structure has been build an unveiled and I administrative prayed for God's building with a new strength to speedily structure that is complete the project. "The massive project, "The 3D pictures of when completed will the proposed be the first of its kind in the local

Stakeholders Shower Encomium on Olasoju Over Road Construction

Kehinde Adeleye

Amid enthusiastic cheers and praise from stakeholders, residents, and traders in Ilasamaja Ward, the hardworking council chairman, Olasoju Adebayo, initiated the construction of Baale and Ibadan Streets today.



The project is part of the "114 LG Roads" initiative by the Babajide Sanwo-Olu administration across local governments and local council development areas in the state.

In his remarks, Olasoju emphasized that this project will bring the total number of road projects undertaken by his administration to 36, ensuring an even distribution of developmental progress

among the wards. Describing the road's features, Olasoju explained that it will be interlocked using high-quality HFP paving stones, with drainage channels on both sides and streetlights for night illumination.

Additionally, Olasoju requested a moment of silence to honor the late Osolo Of Isolo, Oba Kabiru Alani Agbabiaka, who would have been pleased to witness the

development in Ilasa, considering his dedication to progress across communities.

"Today's groundbreaking exercise and the onward construction of this road is in furtherance of our administration's commitment to leaving no area out of our development stride and my humble appeal to residents especially those on this street to give the contractor the needed support while the construction lasts

stating "The project will be delivered on time to avoid weather disruption and it is my expectation that the community will take ownership of it upon completion," Olasoju said.

The Baale of Ilasamaja, High Chief Fatai Alani Abereijo, praised the council boss for his attention to Ilasamaja after a long wait, assuring cooperation with the contractor and proper maintenance of

the road once completed.

Ward councillor Akeem Adeyemi and Chairman of the community development committee (CDC), Mr. Adesegun Olatunde, among others, expressed their appreciation for the council chairman.

Jide Oni, the contractor, and CEO of Jidsma Nigeria Limited, assured that the road would be completed within the specified time frame and, if

properly maintained, would endure.

The event's highlight was the groundbreaking ceremony, with the council boss, Baale Aberejo, CDC chairman, Council Manager, and others in attendance.

Others present at the event included council vice chairman Shakir Sadiq, council manager Pastor Samson Akinbami, and council cabinet members led by Secretary to the Local Government (SLG) Mr. Salisu Adeshina.

SURULERE

Olowoopejo Consults Idimu Stakeholders Over Pipeline Road

Kehinde Adeleye

Egbe Idimu Local Council Development Area Chairman Kunle Sanyaolu Olowoopejo discussed the construction of the second phase of Pipeline Road in Idimu with stakeholders.



The road's first phase was built last year, and the second phase, set to be completed within six months, will improve access to Orisunmibare and Ejigbo.

Olowoopejo assured that the project was fully funded and wouldn't be abandoned. He urged residents to support the project and promised that no properties would be affected during construction.

Community stakeholders, market leaders, youths,

artisans, and royal fathers expressed joy about the road development and applauded the Chairman for his performance.

The contractor, Engr. Fadairo of Skiddo Engineering Limited, promised a worthwhile project and sought the community's continued support.

Responding, Egbe Idimu Local Council Development Area CDC Chairman Rabi Kazeem commended the Chairman for his commitment to

community development, stating that the project was long-awaited. He reaffirmed his dedication to the community's welfare and promised ongoing support.

Alhaji Abdul Rahmon Anfani also expressed gratitude to the Council Chairman for his pivotal role in advancing the progress of the locality and for also being the "Most Performing Chairman" since the creation of the Council.

The meeting also had in attendance Exco Members, Legislators,

Oshodi- Isolo LG Council Boss Promises Infrastructural Development Drive

Kehinde Adeleye

Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Chairman Otunba Kehinde Almaroof Oloyede has affirmed that no community will be left out of the ongoing infrastructural improvements.

He emphasized his dedication to enhancing Oshodi for all residents. Assessing the rehabilitation work in progress across the local government, Oloyede stated that areas not yet reached by his administration will soon receive attention.

He referenced his previous promise to focus on Shogunle, where work is underway in Araromi and Olori streets, with other locations to follow immediately.

He said; "I want to commend our people for keeping hope with us, for believing in us and for staying focused. We shall not leave any community behind in the ongoing infrastructural development across the local government. While plan to commence rehabilitation of Ogunwemimo, Abolaji and Beesam link roads are been perfected, the train has moved to



Shogunle, Olori and Araromi streets for rehabilitation works. Others will follow in due course."

"I want to assure our people that no community will be left behind as we embark on massive infrastructural development projects. To crown it all, we have also gotten approval of the state government for two roads, which will be done in few weeks time, I can assure you that in few days time, Oshodi-Isolo will become construction hub and that's my plan. We will not rest until we see a better road network in our council, that's my promise to our people and we will make this a reality as we have

started since on assumption of office, we will not relent our efforts."

Otunba Oloyede also promised that despite the ongoing construction all over the local government area, the other sectors like the education, health and others will not suffer neglect from his administration.

He disclosed that prototype designs for reconstruction of Chief I.B Banjoko Primary Health Centre (Oshodi) and that of St Paul Primary school have been drawn, sooner, we will move to site for these projects implementation.

Ijede Stakeholders Review Progress of Oremeta Road Construction

By Nurudeen Adebayo

Ijede Local Council Development Area (LCDA) recently hosted a pivotal stakeholders meeting led by Chairman Hon. Motunrayo Gbadebo-Alogba to assess advancements in the ongoing Oremeta Road construction project. The interactive session, served as a platform for residents, community leaders, and project contractors to engage in discussions concerning

the project's development and address pertinent concerns. Chairman Gbadebo-Alogba underscored the significance of resident cooperation with the contractors, emphasizing the need for collective efforts to ensure the timely completion of the project, which is scheduled to be finalized within the next six months.

The Oremeta Road construction initiative, undertaken by Michelad Nig. Ltd, is designed to bolster connectivity and upgrade transportation infrastructure within the community. The planned 300-meter road segment will incorporate drainage systems on both sides to enhance safety and accessibility for local residents. During the meeting, stakeholders lauded

Chairman Gbadebo-Alogba's proactive governance approach and unwavering

commitment to delivering vital infrastructure projects that benefit

the community. Mrs. Kehinde Fesomu, the Community Development Committee (CDC) chairman of Ijede LCDA, expressed gratitude to the council chairman for her proactive leadership and pledged continuous community support throughout the construction phase. Similarly, Mr. Salami, the Community Development Association (CDA) chairman, echoed sentiments of unity and emphasized the importance of addressing diverse resident needs while fostering a strong sense of community ownership.



Benson Collaborates with NAFRC on Youth Empowerment Training

By Nurudeen Adebayo

Representative Babajimi Benson of Ikorodu Federal Constituency in the House of Representatives, joined forces with the Nigerian Armed Forces Resettlement Centre (NAFRC) for a comprehensive six-week training program. The initiative, which concluded recently, benefited a total of 57 participants, with 36 coming from the Ikorodu federal constituency.



The remaining beneficiaries were selected from various military divisions and the NAFRC Community, highlighting a diverse pool of talent engaged in the vocational training. The training covered a range of vocational skills, including Information and Communication Technology, barbing, hairdressing, leather technology, tailoring, photography, bakery, catering, plumbing, pipe fitting, and agriculture. Representative Babajimi Benson, represented by Mr. Aregbesola Rasheed, emphasized the enduring partnership between the iCare Foundation and NAFRC, stressing their commitment to equipping Lagos State residents with essential skills for personal and professional development. This collaboration marks the fourth consecutive partnership with NAFRC, underscoring its

proven impact in previous editions. Benson expressed confidence in the program's ability to empower participants with the necessary expertise to excel in their chosen fields. Following the training, ongoing support and guidance are provided to ensure optimal utilization of acquired skills. Air Vice Marshal AH A mesinlola, represented by E.A Anaryu, Deputy Commandant of NAFRC, encouraged participants to leverage their newfound skills to establish successful ventures, emphasizing the rarity of such comprehensive training opportunities. Brigadier General I.O Olatunji, Director of Training at NAFRC, extended congratulations to all participants, highlighting the Centre's commitment

to providing entrepreneurship courses and skill acquisition for military personnel and civilians alike. A regbesola Olanrewaju, speaking on behalf of the beneficiaries, expressed gratitude for the life-changing program facilitated by NAFRC and the iCare Foundation. The initiative, led by Rep. Babajimi Benson, exemplifies a proactive approach to youth empowerment and community development. The collaboration between Representative Babajimi Benson, NAFRC, and iCare Foundation underscores a collective effort to equip youths with tangible skills, ultimately fostering economic independence and prosperity within the Ikorodu Federal Constituency and beyond.

Igbogbo-Baiyeku LCDA Launches Lasori-Abuja Road Construction

By Nurudeen Adebayo

The Chairman of Igbogbo-Baiyeku Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Builder Olusesan Daini, spearheaded the flag-off ceremony to mark the commencement of the Lasori-Abuja Road construction project. This milestone event signals a significant step towards enhanced development and prosperity for the bustling neighborhoods of Lasori and Abuja located in Ibeshe. The Lasori-Abuja Road project spans 380 meters in length and measures 7.3 meters in width, aiming to transform connectivity and accessibility within these vibrant communities. Builder Olusesan Daini, in his address during the ceremony, emphasized the profound positive

impact the road construction endeavor would bring to the lives of Lasori and Abuja residents. He articulated a vision of empowered communities where upgraded infrastructure acts as a springboard for socio-economic progress. The primary objective of this initiative is to

facilitate easier access to essential services such as education, healthcare, markets, and employment opportunities by establishing a well-constructed road network. By doing so, Igbogbo-Baiyeku LCDA aims to unlock the full potential of these neighborhoods and promote inclusive development.



Wizkid Sparks Social Media Buzz with ₦4.2 Million Sweater

By Nurudeen Adebayo
Nigerian singer and songwriter, Ayodeji Ibrahim Balogun (Wizkid), has stirred up social media chatter after he was spotted donning a luxury Loewe Argyle sweater reportedly valued at 4.2

million. This revelation emerged when images of Wizkid wearing the opulent sweater surfaced online, capturing the attention of fans and social media users alike. The photographs, taken during a studio session, quickly went viral,

prompting widespread discussion across various online platforms. Despite maintaining a relatively private stance on his wealth and lifestyle, Wizkid's choice of attire has reignited interest in his affluent status among his followers. The singer's taste

for high-end fashion and his ability to effortlessly flaunt luxury items have once again solidified his reputation as a style icon and notable figure within the entertainment industry.

The Loewe Argyle sweater, known for its exclusivity and premium craftsmanship, has become a focal point of admiration and curiosity, with many applauding Wizkid's unabashed display of

success and fashion sensibility. The singer's latest fashion statement has not only captivated fans but has also establish his unwavering influence in the world of celebrity fashion. As Wizkid continues



Burna Boy Responds to Allegations, Reflects on Family

By Nurudeen Adebayo



allegations circulating about his fertility, Burna Boy dismissed rumors suggesting he is impotent. He responded firmly, stating, "When I see the bants and the things people say [about me not being able to have kids], I said this is unimportant." He also mentioned the possibility of utilizing IVF (In Vitro Fertilization) if needed, emphasizing that such rumors are baseless and untrue. The musician's candid remarks shed light on his personal aspirations for his family and his commitment to debunking unfounded speculations about his personal

Renowned Nigerian musician Burna Boy has addressed recent claims and shared personal sentiments regarding his family and fatherhood, asserting that his children deserve a better upbringing than he experienced himself. In a candid discussion, Burna Boy expressed a desire to provide his children with a higher standard of care and support compared to his own upbringing. "I feel like my kids deserved better than I got. And I got both my mum and dad so you understand?" he explained, highlighting his determination to prioritize his children's welfare. Addressing

Femi Adebayo Wins N25 Million Lawsuit Against YouTube Content Aggregator

By Nurudeen Adebayo

Nigerian film producer Femi Adebayo has emerged victorious in a legal battle against an unnamed YouTube content aggregator, securing a significant sum of N25 million in damages for copyright infringement. The lawsuit centered around the unlawful use of promotional materials from

Adebayo's 2019 theatrical film "Survival of Jelili" by the YouTube channel.

The aggregator misrepresented the content to deceive viewers into believing they were accessing the actual movie, subsequently boosting the viewership and revenue of another title on their platform.

Represented by legal firm Bola



Adebowale and Go throughout the three-year legal proceedings, Adebayo expressed his satisfaction with

the court's ruling. He emphasized the detrimental impact of piracy on the Nigerian film industry, inhibiting its potential growth and deterring investors.

In a tatement shared on Twitter, Adebayo highlighted the broader significance of his victory, not only as a personal triumph but as a step forward for Nollywood against intellectual

property theft and piracy.

His words "The Nigerian film industry has experienced exponential growth over the years, but we haven't been able to maximize the true dividends of this business because of daredevil pirates who benefit where they didn't sow. This is a major reason why investors find it hard to commit their funds to filmmakers.

"However, through persistence and the use of the legal framework covering intellectual property, we can bring their

Portable Releases Song Addressing Car Debt and Arrest Saga

By Nurudeen Adebayo



Shortly after his release on bail, embattled singer Portable has wasted no time in addressing his recent arrest and car debt woes through a newly released song titled "Spiderman." The controversial artist, who made headlines after attempting to evade authorities and a car dealer pursuing him for unpaid debts, quickly returned to the studio to craft a track detailing his side of the story. In the song, Portable reflects on his

actions during the arrest, likening himself to Spiderman for his agility in evading danger.

He emphasizes a unique perspective on debt, suggesting that owing and being owed money is a key to longevity. The lyrics include lines such as, "Call me Spiderman, I saw danger, I jumped the fence," and "It's a rich man who owes a car debt."

The release of "Spiderman" has sparked mixed reactions among fans and observers. Busayo0tebata

expressed amusement, noting the unpredictability of Portable's antics, while Real_ijbconcept highlighted the perceived wisdom in Portable's unconventional approach to finance. Some online commenters, such as Wizebaba, speculated whether the arrest saga was staged for publicity, raising questions about the authenticity of the incident.

Meanwhile, iamkelechi0 jokingly remarked that it would have been surprising if Portable hadn't transformed the experience into a song.

Portable's song release explains the artist's ability to turn personal challenges into creative expression, resonating with a blend of humor and self-reflection in the face of public

Tiwa Savage Reveals She Left Acting for Music Due to Crush

By Nurudeen Adebayo

Afrobeats sensation Tiwa Savage has disclosed that her initial passion was acting, but she transitioned to music influenced by a romantic interest.

In an interview with MTV Fresh Out, discussing her recent role as a producer, Tiwa shared her excitement about returning to acting, emphasizing its significance in her creative journey.

"I've always wanted to do acting. Acting was actually my first love before music," Tiwa revealed.

The singer-songwriter elaborated on her shift to music, attributing it to a crush she had on someone frequently surrounded by musicians.

"I got into music because I had a crush on a guy and he was always around the musicians. So I said, yeah, forget acting,



let me just go into music," she explained. Tiwa expressed joy at the opportunity to return to acting and

executive producing, describing it as a dream come true.

Her remarks highlight the cyclical nature of her artistic

The Manager and head coach of Ghetto Tigers, Azeez Mustapha has revealed that the club is a pacesetter in setting International standards for players at the grassroots.

The Pride Odi-olowo Ojuwoye LCDA launched their new jerseys for the 2024/2025 season to keep up with classic practice among foreign professional clubs.

Mustapha said the purpose of the jersey launch is to set a practice of international standards and progressive mentality unto the club's players.

The head coach believes the club has expanded their coast of competing by participating in the Ikeja Divisional League which has greatly improved the players.

Ghetto Tigers, New Hub Of International Standard - Mustapha

By Saheed Afolabi

He disclosed that Ghetto Tigers has now become the pride of the community while foreign players enlist in the club.

"The jersey launch is to build a progressive mentality into the players despite the fact that, they are grassroots players which they can't be forever, and they are going to be international players and world class players.

"We need to expose the players to world class standard, world class mentality and that's what we are trying to do with this jersey unveiling.

"We are playing in the

Ikeja Divisional League and it's our debut season there, it's a new water for us and the players are trying to acclimatize on the new turf and we believe even with the launch of the new jerseys the players morale will go up and it will help us in the results we are going to get in the coming days.

"Both our boys and girls team play in the divisional league and like what the chairman (Rasaq Ajala) said, we might just decide to go to the NNL but basically it's in the plan because we can't play divisional league forever. The long term goal is making it to the top tier of Nigeria football.

"Ghetto Tigers became

the rallying point of all football clubs in the community and parents now believe in the club. Ilupeju is an industrial estate and we have about seven to eight Indian players registered at the club, so for

foreigners to actually believe in what you are doing, that means you are doing something right.

"The community have owned the club, Ghetto Tigers is now the love child of Odi-olowo

Ojuwoye community. The residents even offer to pay the transport fare of some players when they meet, because they see the club as their own. So they have adopted us as the child of Odi-olowo Ojuwoye community.



Jersey Launch: Ghetto Tigers, Toast Of Odi-olowo Ojuwoye - Ajala

By Saheed Afolabi



Following the official launch of the Ghetto Tigers jerseys, chairman of Odi-olowo Ojuwoye LCDA, Mr Rasaq Ajala says the club is the toast of the community due to

their massive achievements over the years.

Since coming into existence six years ago, Ghetto Tigers have won 16 titles in different parts of Lagos state.

Their women's wing took the bull by the horn to clinch their first title last year in Oshodi.

Basking on the euphoria of the impressive

performances of Ghetto Tigers in football, Ajala commended the club for enlarging their coast of trophy cabinet to different parts of Lagos state.

The council boss said the major aim of the club is to spread their tentacles to other parts of Lagos and also Nigeria at large while enlisting them into one of the tiers of Nigeria football league.

"It has become the toast of the LCDA, the residents see themselves as part owners of Ghetto Tigers. Their performance have been really solid and impressive, formerly they use to be regional champions but now they have gone on to win titles

in different parts of Lagos state.

"The major aim is to ensure we take them to the state level and by extension the national level.

"We are working on enlisting Ghetto Tigers to the Nigeria professional football league and anything that will bring more positivity to the club is what the Manager, Azeez Mustapha is doing." Ajala also revealed that the club would own their own personal stadium and other infrastructures in the foreseeable future.

"We are looking at providing structures and the needed facilities and to encourage the players with a lot of incentives.

"Primarily, scouting for players is from the local


government, our community. You will agree with me that, football has become a huge business, so we will not limit our scouting of players to the local government alone. So we will definitely look elsewhere so as to make sure, we fortify our club with the right players that will give us the desired result.

"So now, we are just playing at the divisional.

"Going forward as a club is for us to have our own facilities that will include hostels, pitch and every other infrastructure that will enhance the greater part of our players.



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