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Recently, the Lagos State Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu, hinted about a threat by the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) and Boko Haram to attack Lagos, Kaduna, Kogi, Katsina and Zamfara States as well as the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

To nip this danger in the bud, the state police command and other security agencies in the state are on their toes to devise new tactics to defend the residents.

According to the Command spokesman, SP Benjamin Hundeyin in a statement, the police is not unmindful of intelligence reports suggesting that Lagos could be on the radar of some persons planning attacks across the country.

"To this end, the Commissioner of Police, CP Abiodun Alabi, has placed the State Intelligence Bureau (SIB) of the Command on high alert.

Also placed on alert are all Area Commanders, Divisional Police Officers and Tactical Commanders, in a bid to ensure that any planned attack is promptly and decisively nipped in the bud.

The police are creating more checkpoints to forestall any kind of attacks that may be imported into the state.

The police have put all boundaries under serious surveillance over the alleged impending attack

"The command is also working closely with other sister security agencies to ensure that no person or group of persons succeed in destabilizing the peace and serenity enjoyed in Lagos," the CP said in the statement.

Hundeyin added that in all the border towns, persons coming in and going out were under serious surveillance to ensure that there was absolutely no breach of peace

in the state.

He, therefore, enjoined residents not to fear, assuring them that all human, material and operational resources had been fully and optimally deployed across the length and breadth of the state.

"Consequent upon the carefully laid down security plans and strategies, all residents of Lagos State are urged to go about their lawful duties without panic or fear.

"Lagos residents are equally enjoined to remain very vigilant and report suspicious movements and persons to security agencies," he said.

Hundeyin had earlier stated that the police and other security agencies are prepared for any planned terrorists' attack on Lagos.

Speaking during a Twitter Space webinar, on Saturday, he said: "We are working seriously with other security agencies. The Department

of State Services (DSS) keeps sending intelligence reports to us.

"All resources are available. Our equipment has been optimally deployed to ensure that we don't have any attack in Lagos," the police spokesman said.

It was discovered that ISWAP was behind the last attack on a military checkpoint in Madalla area on the outskirts of Abuja.

Gunmen had on Thursday night attacked soldiers of the Guards' Brigade stationed near Zuma rock. Muhammad Abdullahi, spokesperson to the chairman of Suleja Council in Niger State, had said the gunmen attacked in large numbers and shot sporadically.

Abdullahi added that his friend, who was around the area during the attack, said the attackers killed two military operatives.

According to SITE Intelligence, an American non-governmental

organization that tracks Jihadist groups, ISWAP has drawn "closer to the Nigerian capital" with the attack on the military checkpoint.

The development is the second attack attributed to the group last month.

Earlier in July, ISWAP claimed responsibility for the attack on a correctional facility in the Kuje council area of FCT. The gunmen had attacked the correctional facility, with hundreds of prisoners — including Boko Haram suspects — said to have escaped.

According to a security source, some individuals have been apprehended for leaking information to terrorists about troops' locations and movements in and around Abuja. Already, four informants are in the custody of a security agency.

Their arrest followed investigations into the breach of the Medium Security Custodial Centre in Kuje, on July 5.

The suspects were caught with walkie-talkies, a revolver, knives, amulets, and old Chinese-made phones that do not use data.

An intelligence officer said that they are being interrogated to ascertain their ties with terrorist groups, bandits and other elements.

"While the military has refused to provide updates on the attacks on Kuje Prison and troops at the Bwari and Zuma Rock axis, the joint security task force killed more than 70 armed criminals."

The operative confirmed that those killed include "dangerous Kuje prison escapees and terrorists."

Meanwhile, the Lagos PPRO told ECHONEWS that the police could not disclose the number of checkpoints created in the state for security purpose.

He, therefore, urged the residents to report any suspicious person or happening to the nearest security agency.

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Nigerian Police



NYCN engages stakeholders on community security, social equity

By Motola AbdulGafar

The National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN), Agege Local Government chapter has engaged community stakeholders over the prevailing insecurity threats around the area, youth growth and the political involvement of the youths in Agege politics. The coordinator of the chapter, Comrade Ayobami Joseph cautioned parents and guardians to be watchful of and prayerful for their children, stating that some parents are the key factor of insecurity in the community due to the consequence of irresponsible behaviours and their nonchalant attitude during upbringing. He urged parents with kids in primary and secondary schools to care about the affairs of their children.

Joseph noted that the council's slogan is the connection between the growth and development of the nation to the youths.

He said there is a connection between youths of each generation while encouraging them to emulate heroes of the past.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chairman of NYCN Lagos West chapter, Comrade Ademosu noted that the strength of leadership is not only about educational competence, saying it also involves experience.

He stated that environment is a major factor that changes behaviour as some youths do not believe they can go beyond their level, which is the key factor to youth development.

He urged youths to be imaginative and think beyond their present, advising them to work towards realising their dreams.



Agege NYCN Youths

Councillor charges residents on appropriately drain desiltation

The Councillor representing ward F in Agege Local Government, Hon. Yusuf Aransiola has charged the residents to complement the effort of the government in environmental services by properly and regularly desilt their drains.

He said properly desiltation of drains is especially beneficial to residents as he set example by desilting some drains at Adepegba Street, Keke, Agege Local Government.

In his efforts to prevent floods in Keke axis, he engaged the service of a private desilting firm to mop up drains and waterways in major streets in the area.

Aransiola promised to continue with the task to ensure the safety of life and properties, particularly with the current rate of downpour which has led to the loss of lives and properties.

Foundation encourages students, awards GCE forms to beneficiaries

By Motola AbdulGafar

A non-political initiative, Sola Osolana Foundation Special Initiatives and Interventions has encouraged students to keep up with effective learning process that has been instilled in them in school.

The founder of the foundation who is the flag bearer of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) for the Federal House of Representatives, Hon. Sola Osolana, urged students to be committed to their education and never give up.

He remarked with recourse to their efforts in disbursing free GCE forms to indigent and non-indigent residents of Agege Local Government. The forms were disbursed to applicants that excelled through the selection test conducted by the foundation.

Osolana revealed that the foundation has plans of sponsoring youths to play international football and also commencing the disbursement of educational scholarships to Youths from Agege and Orile-Agege Local Government respectively. He urged parents and guardians to support their children's education for a brighter future.



Beneficiaries holding their forms



Task Force denies involvement in death of young man

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Lagos State Task Force has exonerated itself in the shooting of a young man at Second Rainbow Bus Stop, Amuwo-Odofin, Lagos. The shooting was reported to have led to the death of a yet-to-be-identified young man. The young man who was a passerby was allegedly shot during enforcement for compliance exercise, targeted at Okada operators. The Chairman of the Agency, Chief Superintendent of

Police (CSP), Shola Jejeloye, who led the operation, said the report was false. He stated that the operation carried out was smooth and seamless to the point when the team left the scene. Jejeloye noted that though enforcement operations are not people-friendly, the agency, however, ensured that human life and properties were preserved during traffic enforcement activities as a traffic offence is not a criminal offence. He urged the public to disregard regarding the incident, emphasizing that the force was not involved in such act.



Corpse of the unidentified man

Commuters eased as road reopens in Festac

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Commuters in Festac said they have been relieved as the earlier reported road blockage around 2nd Avenue from 21

Road Junction to 3rd Avenue Junction has been reopened. According to them, the road blockage had caused major traffic, making commuting difficult and even affecting business activities in the area.

ECHONEWS observed that the rancour lasted for more than 12 working days. However, there have been various speculations about the real cause of the roadblock, some rumours were that it was blocked due

to the fracas that happened at the Trade Fair axis between the Police and Soldiers that cost a life of a Police Inspector. Thereafter, the road was blocked off by the Police Force in Festac town, as a

matter of security reasons as our correspondent was told by a policeman seen at the point of blockage. ECHONEWS observed that the road has been reopened and there has been free flow of movement along the axis.

Residents commend Grimald PTML over road rehabilitation

Morola AbdulGafar

Residents of Amuwo-Odofin have applauded the efforts of Grimald PTML over the rehabilitation of road in the area. The company has since early last week begun the reconstruction of Mile 2 alternative route. The rehabilitation awarded to Monterosa construction limited has been appraised by residents as they claimed that constructors have been working non-stop to ensure construction without delay. Speaking to ECHONEWS, Saudat Oyekanmi (real name withheld) said as a commuter, the rehabilitation has given hope to road users as they hope that on completion, it will ease the consistent gridlock experienced. She appreciated the efforts of Lagos State Park and Garages Management (LASPGM) in monitoring the activities on site to ensure peace and security in the area. She encouraged capable philanthropists to also engage in selfless services to ease the public.

Members of branch C' Amuwo-Odofin, Lagos State Park and Garages Management (LASPGM), have displayed political fliers over Lagos-Badagry Expressway. The fliers were displayed to outrightly disclose their support for all preferred flag bearers in various political offices in Lagos state. The displayed fliers showcase the candidacy of the All Progressives Congress (APC) presidential flag bearer, Asiwaju Bola Tinubu, and Lagos State Governor flag bearer, Mr Babajide Sanwo-Olu. The fliers were calculated to be 50 in total all over the road. According to the Coordinator, Prince Ajele Abeyi Abayomi (Ikondina) he said his caucus and himself have decided to bring about such an initiative to showcase their unity and oneness as a body. He noted that the association had

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LASPGM fliers displayed along Lagos Badagry Expressway

in thorough consideration selected their preferred candidates based on their political achievements and

historical relations with the masses. He said as a leader who is in charge of ensuring peace among

workers at the grassroots level, he must consider selecting leaders that are ready to yield to the wants of the masses.

Ikondina encouraged residents to vote wisely as their decision would determine the future of Nigeria.



Residents of Ibeju-Lekki Local Government Area have appealed to the concerned authorities to amicably resolve issues concerning the installation of a new monarch; Onibeju ancient king, in the area.

Some residents believe that the case should not have been taken to court, saying it should be amicably settled through traditional, community and leadership means.

However, some residents think that the case should be duly judged in the court of law as some community leaders are beginning to handle the matter politically which is not favourable.

In a Facebook comment by some family members over the issue, Mr. Taiwo Oniwonlu a member of the family involved claimed that the Onibeju elect, Waliu Rasak is not a member of the Ayinuara Oniwonlu family as claimed.

Supporting his claim, Taiwo Agbaje said the Onibeju is not supposed to claim a family he does not belong to as he ought to have learnt from the experience of the previous

Residents appeal for peace over Onibeju coronation

By Edith Igbokwe

Onibeju king.

Meanwhile, a Facebook account administrator, 'Ibeju Lekki Reform' wrote on his timeline: "We at the Ibeju Lekki Reform will not shy away from saying the truth, that the Onibeju is an ancient king and his equal can't be found among kingship in Ibeju land and indeed in Ibeju Lekki.

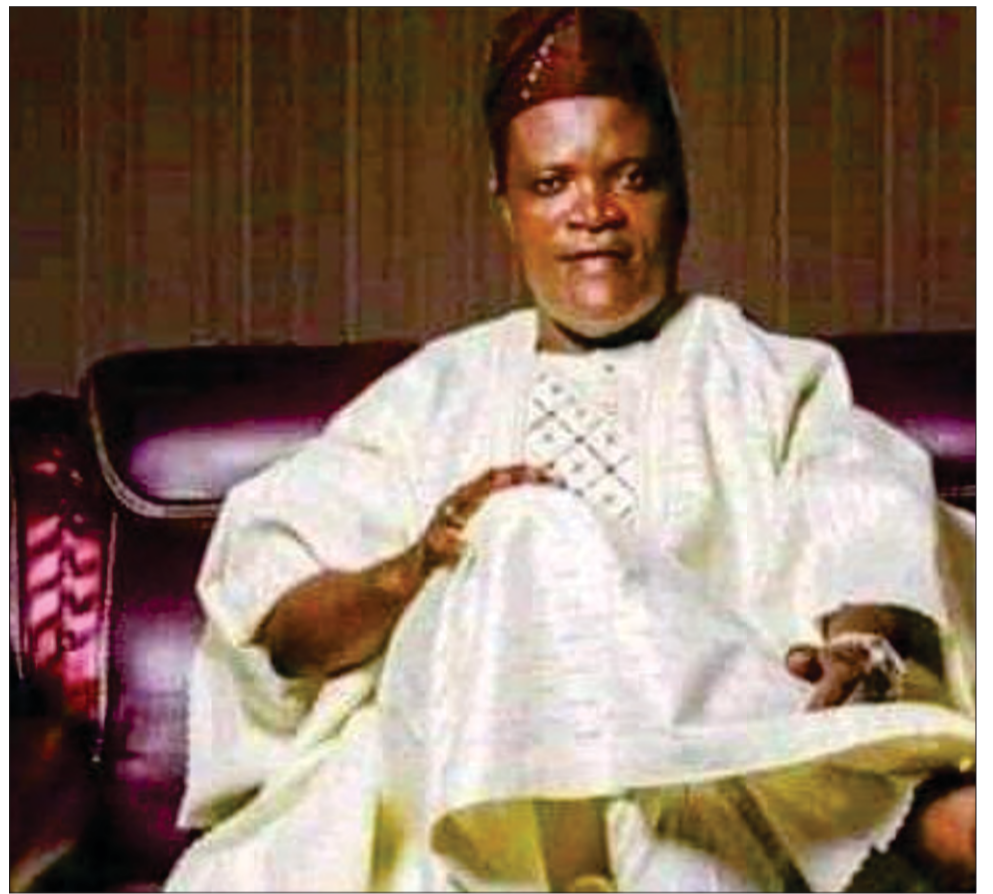
"We are pleading with well-meaning Oba, Chief, Baale, kingmakers in Ibeju land as well as respected citizen and political leaders in Ibeju-Lekki to look for an amicable means to resolve this lingering Onibeju misunderstanding among the Omo-Oye and the Onibeju elect, Prince Waliu Rasak over his eligibility.

"We wish that our local

government can have a voice, a say and an input at the Lagos State Council of Obas and chiefs where the Onibeju is our representative among the leaders of the council.

"We are saddened by the fact, that a selection process which was conducted by the Onibeju kingmakers and the Oniwonlu Family (the nominating ruling house) wherein the Onibeju elect participated in all the traditional rites and at the end, was announced the Onibeju elect is now being contested in court instead of resolving the issue through traditional, community and leadership means, to avoid the delay in installing the next Onibeju."

The residents urged concerned authorities to restore peace and unity for the development of the community.



Prince Waliu Rasak

Chairman fulfills obligation towards the legislative arm

By Motolani AbdulGafar

In line with the vision of the Chairman of Lekki LCDA, Hon. Rasaki Kasali to upgrade the Council's standard, operations and welfare, an Elepac gasoline generator has been presented to the Lagos State Magistrate Court, Imagbon Alade.

The generator is said to have a 4600kw capacity for uninterrupted electrification to exist in the court.

The Chief of Staff, Hon. Fatai Taiwo while representing the council chairman during the presentation noted that Kasali aims at developing every sector in the council as he values the duties and workload of all parastatal with the belief that they have a significant purpose to play in the council.

He said all contributions are still within the obligation to serve the community as each department relates with the residents as he hopes that residents enjoy dividends of democracy in whichever place they find themselves. He urged all residents to value government's support as the durability of those pieces of equipment is what would facilitate a conducive environment for all.

Council charges NYCN to join campaign against environmental abuse

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The chairman of Ibeju-Lekki Local Government, Hon. Abdullahi Olowa has urged the National Youth Council of Nigeria, Ibeju-Lekki chapter to join the council in campaigning against indiscriminate dumping of refuse in the environment.

He said the essence of involving the youths is to awaken them to various responsibilities they ought to engage themselves in the community.

Olowa appreciated the continuous follow-up and commitment of the coordinator, Amb. Ramoni Fatai as he engages the council over activities of the youth chapter.

He encouraged youths in Ibeju-Lekki to emulate the vitality portrayed by historical

youths like late Nmadi Azikwe, and late Chief Obafemi Awolowo among others during their efforts in establishing the then 'Nigeria Youth Movement' towards the realization of regaining freedom from British colonial masters.

He noted that in light of providing job opportunities to youths in the council, his administration has created the 'Cleaner Ibeju-Lekki initiative' where youth gardeners were employed among sweepers and environmental tax officers in

the council.

He also said the council will in a few weeks time disburse a token to accredited 200 students while noting that he is in support of the still-to-come tutorial session for Senior Secondary School students which NYCN plans to

organize in the council.

He, therefore, commended a public school student in the council, Barakat Ibrahim who represented Ibeju-Lekki and came 1st at District 3 and Lagos State level while coming 2nd at the Western Region competition.

Residents commend govt proposal on road reconstruction

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Residents of Ibeju-Lekki Local Government have appreciated both the Federal Government and state government's proposal on the reconstruction of Eleko Junction road to Lekki Free Trade Zone.

According to them, the reconstruction would ease

the excessive gridlock experienced in the area as the present road is not adequate to cater for the increasing workload from motorists plying the road.

A resident, Mr Olatunde Arogundade said as the new industrial hub of Lagos, the Local Government Area has experienced an increase in population and commuting within a few years.

He revealed that according to the report made by

representatives from the federal and state government, both parties would be collaborating to actualize such a project while being sponsored by Dangote and refunded through 'Tax Credit Scheme'. Another resident, Hikmah Enitan told ECHONEWS that the reconstruction would emerge through the first phase by doing a dual carriage from Dangote Fertilizer to Eleko Junction

while the second phase is the expansion of the road by Lagos State Government including the railway line.

She appealed to the government to keep to their promise as most houses would be demolished due to the reconstruction.

She, therefore, urged the government to ensure road users do not experience a similitude of Apapa Wharf dilemma after the reconstruction.



Cadet ASP Course 21 celebrates 20th anniversary in Lagos

By Edith Igbokwe

The 2002 set of Cadet ASP Course 21 of the Nigeria Police has appealed to the Federal Government to introduce innovation into Nigerian policing for the police officers to be at par with their counterparts across the world.

They made the appeal during their 20 anniversary held in Lagos during the weekend.

Addressing the journalists, the Chairman of the Anniversary Committee, ACP Sanusi Jidda, who noted that policing world over has been digitised, said Nigeria is lagging behind.

He said there is need for the government to introduce digital innovation into the police force to aid security situation of the country.

He added that the government should see to the welfare of the policemen as a matter of urgency to make them efficient and deliver their duties effectively.

Reflecting on their journey from 2002 when they were enlisted to join the police, Jidda said: "We all started together, precisely on August 15, 2002. By the grace of God it is 20 years today and we may not be able to gather as we have done today because in the next few years some of us will retire and some might have left the service.

"After 20 years we have really come a long way. We decide to gather to forge ahead and to make

suggestion of the way forward to make the Nigeria Police better. After this event we are going to have a communiqué to be forwarded to the appropriate authorities."

He regretted that about 45 out of those who started together have died in the course of their service to the nation.

Also speaking, the Secretary of the Committee, CSP Olabisi Okuwobi, said there is a total reform going on in the Nigeria Police Force under the leadership of the current Inspector General of

Police, Usman Alkali Baba, who is keen on sanitising the police force. "We could all see how the bad eggs among the policemen are being dealt with. Reformation starts with the leadership and that is what we have in the leadership of our IG now. He is sacrificing everything to make sure the police are people friendly. He has been trying to build people's confidence in police again and that is why he has been seriously dealing with the erred policemen as we can all see.

"We want the people, the

community walk with us while rebuilding the police and that is why we have tagged our anniversary 'Walk with the Police'. Everybody should walk with us so that we can have a peaceful society. This set, I mean ASP Course 21 is a unique one among other policemen in Nigeria. You can attest to it that every police officer from this set is hardworking as many of us have carved a niche for ourselves in the course of discharge our duties with both national and international awards and community

recognition."

Okuwobi, who was the former DPO of Ejigbo Divisional Police Station in Lagos said they are making good relationship with the people in the society as they would return to the same society after retirement, admonishing other police officers to create good rapport with the people.

The two-day anniversary featured endurance walk as they trekked from Police College in Ikeja through Oba Ladejobi Street to Joel Ogunnaike, then through Mobolaji Bank Anthony Way and

back to the police college.

Lectures were also delivered to them at Radisson Blu Hotel, Ikeja on the topics such as 'Advancing Friendly Policing and Public Safety in Contemporary Nigeria', 'Pre-Retirement Plans and Living Happily Ever after Retirement', and 'Safe, Healthy and Sustainable Diets/Lifestyle for Police Officers above 40 years' given by Dr. Charles Ironagbe; a medical doctor, Dr. Amure Olusola; and a retired police officer, Ovafemu Gbemileke Abiodun respectively.



Cadet ASP Course 21/2002 celebrating 20th anniversary in Lagos

Lagos makes History compulsory

By Edith Igbokwe

The Lagos State Government has made History a compulsory subject for the students in both primary and junior secondary classes in Lagos while it is elective subject for the students in senior classes.

The government said it has reintroduced History into the state's education curriculum to take effect from 2022/2023 academic session.

It directed both the public and private schools in the state to teach History as a stand-alone subject schools.

This was obtained in a memo addressed to owners and heads of private schools by the Director of Research at the Office of Education Quality Assurance of the Lagos State Ministry of Education, Mrs. Esther Pelumi.

While making History a compulsory subject for both primary and secondary school

classes, it is an elective subject in the senior secondary schools.

It read in part: "I have the directive of the Director General (QEQA) to inform you that the teaching of History as a stand-alone subject is back to schools.

"In line with the directive from the Nigerian Education Research and Development Council, the subject has been re-introduced in the national curriculum and in the current

Lagos State Unified Schemes of Work for primary and junior secondary schools.

"You are to note that while the subject (History) is compulsory for both primary and junior secondary school classes, it is an elective subject in the senior secondary school.

"To this end, I am further directed to inform you that the subject should be taught in primaries one and two and JSS one and two classes in the 2022/2023 academic session.



Gov. Babajide Sanwo-Olu



A local automobile assemblage factory will soon be completed in Lagos, the Lagos State Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu has assured.

The Governor gave the assurance while inspecting the facilities and level of work on the plant.

Lagos State government and CIG Motor have signed an agreement to jointly build such factory in Lagos.

The project had commenced in 2020 and is expected to complete by the end of this year.

It is located at WEMPCO Road in Ogba area, where the governor recently inspected the progress of the automobile facility.

The plant, expected to be delivered by the end of the year, will have a jointly-run factory for the production of different classes of brand new cars.

Establishment of the Vehicle Assembly Plant in Lagos was part of the bilateral agreements reached by the State Government and Chinese Investors' Community in November 2019 during Sanwo-Olu's business trip to China.

IBILE Holdings Limited, a State-owned corporation, is supervising the investment on behalf of the Lagos State Government.

Sanwo-olu noted that the automobile assembly plant would create employment opportunities for local skilled workers, as 95 per cent of

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the workforce would be sourced locally.

"This is one of the things we promised Lagosians. Apart from our relationship with CIG Motors, there is a partnership in which we are setting up a vehicle assembly plant and it is becoming a reality, as the site is alive with structures and assembly equipment. The place has been well prepared for the production of vehicles. We initially agreed it would be SKD (Semi Knocked Down) but now the facility has moved to CKD (Completely Knocked Down).

"We are hoping that their first plan is to have a production capacity of 5,000 vehicles, after which it will be pushed to 10,000 vehicles per year. We are happy with the level of work at the site and the commitment of our partner to this project. The plan is that we want to stop buying fully built vehicles from abroad; we want to be able to have an assembly line where we can employ our citizens in an automobile



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production chain."

Other ancillary facilities in place in the yard include wheel balancing chamber, spraying booths, maintenance hall, noise testing chambers, sprinkling

arena to test for roof leakage, staff lounge and auto parts warehouse.

Some of the parts used in the assembly plant would be sourced locally, including air conditioning system, valves,

ball joints, bolts and nuts, and batteries.

Sanwo-Olu's visit came 17 months after the Governor formally sealed a Joint Venture Agreement with the automobile company for the

establishment of a Vehicle Assembly Plant in the State.

He was received by the chairman of the CIG Motors Company Limited, Chief Diana Chen, a Chinese investor.

Henceforth, sexual harassment would not be taken be levity as Lagos State Government has pledged to checkmate the rising sexual harassment in tertiary institutions across the State.

The Commissioner for women's affairs and poverty alleviation (WAPA), Mrs. Cecilia Dada, during the stakeholder's meeting held in Ikeja, spoke on the domestication of sexual harassment policy utilising gender lenses in tertiary institutions in Lagos State. She claimed that the anti-

Lagos govt goes tough on sexual offenders

harassment policy, which previously existed at federal institutions in Nigeria, was fervently introduced to tertiary institutions in Lagos State as a result of the training.

According to Dada, the goal of this policy is to address and avoid situations where students and employees' dignity is abused at work.

"Sexual harassment is not a new phenomenon in our tertiary Institutions the girl

child mostly, suffer insidious various forms of violence, exploitations and abuses.

"Violence in forms of sexual harassment against the girl-child, is at an alarming increase, surmounting daily, for instance, educational harassment; Lecturers cajoling students for sex to upgrade marks and sometimes it could be to satisfy the sexual desires of men as a social being."

Dada claimed that the

T.H.E.M.E.S. Agenda for a Greater Lagos, which is led by Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, has zero tolerance for abuse of any kind, notably sexual harassment and rape amongst its populace.

Also, the state government had taken the initiative through various legal and policy frameworks to support the right of the girl child, including the Domestic Violence Law of

2007 and the Yellow Cards for the prevention of all forms of Child Abuse and the Child Rights Law of 2015.

Furthermore, the government has sponsored a number of seminars, workshops, and campaigns in the past to combat all types of violence and abuse, including "A Day Capacity Building Workshop for Student Leaders on Curbing Sexual & Gender Based Violence," "A Day Capacity

Building on How to Achieve Good Parenting," "A Day Capacity Building Workshop for Boys," and others.

Meanwhile, Adeniran Kasali, Permanent Secretary of the Office of the Special Adviser on Education, disclosed in a statement that the Ministry's efforts to sensitize the target audience through numerous seminars, workshops, and other programs were unquestionably laudable.



The Lagos State Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu has pledged that the permanent site being built by the government to relocate the sawmillers to, will be completed in December this year.

The state government has said it would relocate the sawmillers at Oko Baba, Ebute Metta, Lagos.

The governor gave the assurance on Tuesday during his tour of Agbowa-Ikosi Timberville in Ikosi-Ejirin Local Council Development Area (LCDA) to inspect the level of work done on the site.

The government started the development of Timberville during the Babatunde Fashola administration. The project was stalled afterwards, creating an atmosphere of uncertainty over the fate of the saw millers in Oko Baba.

Sanwo-Olu revisited the project by re-mobilizing the contractor back to the site. The sawmillers could not hold back their excitement at the development; their leader, Alh. Abdul-Ganiu Onikeku joined the governor on the tour of the site.

The governor, joined by his deputy, Dr Obafemi Hamzat, and Commissioner for Physical Planning and Urban Development, Dr Idris Salako, also inspected a 1,500 tons per hour brickette plant built on the site by Lagos State Waste Management Authority (LAWMA), which will enable the conversion of mill's byproduct to combustible brick materials for industrial use.

The State Government, Sanwo-Olu said, revised the approved design of the project to bring more amenities to Timber ville for the comfort of the timber traders.

He disclosed that 160 units of two-bedroom flats had been completed for the accommodation of the inhabitants, while blocks of offices for administrative services had been out in place. He said: "This project has been on for years, but we are happy that our government has brought it back. We have invested a lot of resources to be able to bring it to a usable level. Part of the facilities we have put in place for the potential Oko Baba sawmillers that will be moving here is 160 units of two-bedroom flats that have been

Timber sawmillers permanent site ready December, says Sanwo-Olu

By Saheed Afolabi

completed. We also have offices in their various shades that have been built. The other amenity built on this site is a briquette plant facility which will be managed by LAWMA.

"The leaders of Oko Baba saw millers' association are excited and are willing to relocate to the site. The ship piles where ships will be berthing have been done. What is left is to clear the trailer path for the sawmillers and put up a police post and a fire service. In this regard, we are making additional funding available to the contractor to ensure that before the end of this year, we all should sing Hallelujah and bring everybody down here. It's been a very long journey, but our administration is committed to bringing the long wait to an end."

The governor explained why there was a delay in the construction of a 3km access road from the main expressway to the site, stressing that the

ongoing construction of a bridge crossing on-site slowed down work on the road.

Sanwo-Olu, however, said alternative roads had been completed to pave the way for smooth relocation of the saw millers. He added the access road would be tarred immediately after the crossing bridge is completed.

Once the amenities are in place, he said the Government would start relocating the saw millers. He reiterated that his administration possessed the political will to complete the project and move the inhabitants to the site.

The governor said: "They are waiting on us to clean up and ensure the Timber ville is fully habitable for them. In terms of agreement with the saw millers, they have shown their readiness to relocate. We have the full political will to ensure this relocation is done, but we don't want to throw our citizens into a place that is not fully ready.



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"The saw millers at Oko Baba have been cooperative with the Government and working with us tirelessly to ensure everything required is provided. It has been a very long journey, but our administration is committed to bringing the long wait to an end."

Onikeku, president of Lagos Mainland Saw millers Association, recalled that the Timber ville could have been

completed but for the disagreement over the design of the project, which led to it being abandoned. He said: "All of us are happy this project has been revived by Gov. Sanwo-Olu after many years it was abandoned.

One of the reasons we did not agree with the previous government is that the design was not done according to our agreement. This has been

reversed and we have our input in the new design.

"Our people will not be relocated here to be playing ludo game; they are coming to cut timbers and we will make judicious use of the facility. We are expressing our appreciation to the governor and his deputy for listening to our pleas to revive the project when we met them over the development."

Ikorodu LG, Shift Nigeria organize free medical checkup

By Saheed Afolabi

The management of Ikorodu LG in collaboration with Shift Nigeria organized a free medical checkup for the residents at the TeensMatta YouthHub, Ita Elewa in Ikorodu.

About 300 residents were engaged as they were enlightened on diet, exercise and weight control.

Free tests on sugar levels, malaria, high blood pressure and eye depletion were conducted on the participants.

Free drugs and about 200 glasses were also given to those in need after the medical tests.

The council chairman, Hon. Wasiu Adesina, explained the benefits inherent in the programme and appreciated Shift Nigeria for its effort to bring on board professional medical experts for the exercise.

He said: "Health is wealth and creating a platform for our people to evaluate their health status for

free is very significant in these times of unpredictable climate adjustments.

"As a people, we're expected to know our health status once in every 3 months, and for Shift Nigeria to come and partner with us in achieving this course, is considered a thing of joy.

"Our government has decided to bring this programme to the grassroots to ensure that our people are physically fit and we'll be making this exercise a yearly course to ensure we stay consistent in improving longevity." Adesina urged the residents to always take medical action as a lifestyle, noting that it is not all about money, but mostly about staying healthy so everyone can fulfill their purpose in life.

Demola Dada, board member, Shift Nigeria and project coordinator explained that the partnership with Ikorodu LG was key to gaining access to those who genuinely require medical



Residents getting free medical services in Ikorodu LG

attention.

He said: "Shift Nigeria consists of donors that contribute money to us whenever we have a project to execute, but when it comes to facilitation, synergies of nature have to come to play for us to tap into the grassroots and make our

presence felt more effectively".

"If not for the local government we couldn't have been able to accomplish this exercise today, this is why we want to extend our appreciation to Hon. Wasiu Adesina for his support.

"For the beneficiaries, I must say

that awareness is key, we're doing this for them to extend the tips to the other members of their families and friends, one at a time, we are sure to come next year, just like the chairman said, we'll continue to cater for as many as we can."



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Logistics company collaborates with NIPOST

By Edith Igbokwe

A logistics company, SmartParcel, First Innovative Logistics Company, Africa, on Thursday said it has entered into partnership with NIPOST on innovative logistics parcel solution.

This, the company said, was to allow Nigerians to enjoy services to be provided by parcel solution provider "SmartLocker".

Mr Benjamin Adeyemo, Co-founder of SmartParcel, said this during the inauguration of Lagos Island Smart Locker.

Adeyemo explained that innovative logistics solution was created to solve logistics and delivery challenges by providing smart lockers, positioned in strategic locations where users could send and receive their items.

"We have partnered with NIPOST to deploy these smart lockers to post offices in all

774 local government areas in Nigeria," Adeyemo said

He explained that the first step towards enjoying the benefits of the innovation was to first download the SmartParcel app on Google PlayStore or Apple store, and sign up to get a unique locker code.

"The depositor will then use the code to deposit his or her item in the locker, then we will assign a trusted rider to pick up and deliver the item at the

recipient closest or preferred SmartParcel collection centre.

"The recipient gets an instant notification after the rider drops the parcel at the SmartParcel Locker," he said. Adeyemo further said that the depositor would also get an alert after the parcel has been collected by the recipient, adding that businesses on Lagos Island would enjoy a maximum of 12 hours delivery service.

"With SmartParcel locker

solutions, users' privacy are well protected because their details are not disclosed to everyone.

"Users of the service are always relieved whenever they pick items delivered to them through the secured SmartLocker closest them, which they can pick up at their convenience," he said.

A business woman, Mrs. Aisha Bello, while sharing her experience using the SmartParcel Locker said the

logistics solution was easy to use and would make deliveries hassle-free for users.

"The worst experience that led me to SmartParcel was when my delivery man was supposed to deliver a package to a very valuable customer at a certain time but failed to do so.

"So, I downloaded the app 'Smartparcelng' and I was signed up for the service within minutes," Bello said.

LASTMA assures Fire Service of good support

By Edith Igbokwe

The Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) has assured the Federal Fire Service (FFS) of deeper collaboration to foster better service delivery to residents and visitors across state.

The General Manager of LASTMA, Mr. Bolaji Oreagba, gave the assurance to the Zonal Commander, Zone F, South West Command of FFS, ACGF Chika Njoku, in a statement on Thursday in Lagos.

The statement was signed by the Deputy Director, Public Affairs, LASTMA, Mr Filade Olumide.

Oreagba said the collaboration was necessary as it would fulfill the 'Traffic Management and Transportation' of the agenda of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu.

He said the relationship between the agencies was interwoven and cordial, especially as first responders to incidences and emergencies on the road.

"This attests to the fact that the two agencies possess a common denominator in rendering safety services to the public," he said.

The LASTMA General Manager averred that the agency had always enjoyed the prompt response from the Lagos command of the service, particularly the Lagos Island and Funsho Williams service areas.

Responding, Njoku noted that fire fighting was the least of the duties of a firefighter, adding that fire prevention was the major duty to prevent loss of lives and property.

"When a building or road is to be constructed, the input of the fire service is of utmost importance in determining the adequacy of

exits in case of fire among others," he said.

According to him, the fire service personnel trains people on fire prevention, actions to be taken in case of a fire outbreak and how to fight fire at the onset.

He said that timely and adequate information was required from members of the public to efficiently and effectively combat fire outbreaks.

Njoku, however, gave kudos to LASTMA for reducing the travel time on Lagos roads, especially in comparison to what it was in previous years.



Mr Bola Oreagba, General Manager LASTMA

Lagos Island Local Government in conjunction with Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency has continued to canvass against sexual abuse and gender-based violence.

Their stand was made known through a sensitization programme tagged "It's On Us to End Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in Lagos Island".

The council chairman, Hon. Tijani Olusi, admonish the parents to guide their children and wards against sexual and domestic violence at all levels. Olusi, who spoke through the Supervisor for Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, Hon. Bamgbade Olayinka, said the council would continue to preach against the menace.

Representative from the State, Mr. Damilare Adewusi, advised the children to always speak out whenever they see any

Council canvasses against sexual, gender-based violence

strange thing or call the Lagos State Toll Free Line in case of rape related matters - 08000333333.

Doctor Seriki Adeniyi a facilitator and medical practitioner from the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency, emphasized family planning to have a plan for the number of children one can take care off.

He buttressed more on rape cases, defilement and domestic violence.

Also, he stated that anyone who engages in homosexuality and lesbianism is liable to be jailed. Inspector Adejoke Smith from Family Support Unit department of Central Police Station, Adeniji Adele also urged the people to report any rape case or domestic violence and any other related matters to the police immediately.



Hon Tijani Adetoyese Olusi making his speech



The Lagos State Public Works Corporation (LSPWC) has said the maintenance work on sections of the Third Mainland Bridge is part of its state-wide road maintenance and rehabilitation operations. The General Manager of (LSPWC), Lateef Somide, disclosed this in a statement during the inspection of the work.

"Even though the maintenance of the bridge is under the purview of the Federal Road Maintenance Agency, the Lagos State Government decided to provide the one-off intervention on critical sections which were not only slowing down traffic but were also leading to accidents in some cases.

"This effort is in furtherance of Mr. Governor's commitment to the unhindered movement of persons and goods in Lagos, in order to promote its status as

LASG takes over repair of Third Mainland Bridge

By Edith Igbokwe

the commercial nerve centre of the country.

"The agency chose to fix the third mainland bridge between 9am and 4pm on Sunday when traffic is usually lighter on the corridor. This is in line with the corporation's sensitivity to minimizing inconvenience on road users whenever its men are on the road."

The Corporation has continued to expand its activities to several areas of Lagos despite the recent break in the intense downpour.

"Within the last two weeks, LSPWC's presence have been felt in many parts of Lagos, which include Lagos Mainland; Barikisu Iyede Street, Abiodun Sobajo Street, Lagos Mainland; First Foundation Street, Opebi, Ikeja, Emmanuel Keshi Street, Kosofe; Abdul Quadri Street, Kosofe; Sabo Roundabout, Ikorodu; Haruna Akintola Street, Ikorodu; Herbert Macaulay Street, Lagos Mainland.

Road users in Lagos whose areas are yet to be reached are advised by the General manager that their turn would come shortly.



Third mainland bridge

Mile 2 to Marina Blue Line rail transport ready December

By Edith Igbokwe

Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu, has assured that the 27-kilometer Lagos Blue Line rail mass transport system will be completed by December 2022.

He gave this reassurance at the opening of the final T-Beam on the Blue Line that stretched from Mile 2, Mainland to Marina Station.

For ease of implementation, the government divided the construction into phases.

The first 13-kilometre stretch from Mile 2 to Marina, which is currently under construction was divided into four phases to enable government to fund the construction since funding was mainly from its internally generated revenue.

According to Sanwo-Olu, "Today's final T-beam launch indicates that we are gradually inching to the completion of the civil infrastructure for the first phase of the Blue Line

traversing from Mile 2 to Marina.

"The engineering work today completes a total of 1,967 piles foundation, while we have also completed three 306 platforms, 310 piers, 267 cover beams and erection of

984 T-beams.

"We are not just making promises; the people are beginning to see for themselves that all the milestones and the difficult tasks we are meant to achieve to ensure operation of the Blue

Line is being achieved. The Marina station, which is the iconic terminal for the Blue Line, will be completed within two-and-half months.

"I am restating here that we will formally complete this Blue Line before December 31,

2022."

The Managing Director of Lagos Metropolitan Area Transport Authority, Mrs. Abimbola Akinajo, hinted that the initial 13-kilometre stretch of the rail project has been divided into four sections.



Lagos blueline

LG organises coaching for pupils

No fewer than 1,500 Junior and Senior Secondary School students across Surulere LG have registered for the second edition of free coaching organised by the council authority.

The exercise was declared opened at Gbaja Girls Secondary School, Surulere.

The council vice chairman, Hon. Prince Muiz Dosunmu, who represented the Chairman, said the four weeks programme is part of the promises to improve the educational sector and to engage the kids during their holiday.

He urge the students to be serious with their academics and the lesson, and shun bad influence.

He stated: "A prize gift will be given to the best behaved student, and free GCE's form will also be given to the best SS 3 student at the end of the coaching."

The HOD of Education Department at the council, Mr. Ogundaisi Banjoko, said the coaching will prepare the beneficiaries for the next programme, saying the students would gain more from the lesson.

The students expressed their gratitude to the Chairman while promising to make good use of the coaching to learn and prepare for their next academic session.



Old Student Association commends council chairman for de-silting drains

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Mushin LG, Hon. Rasaq Ajala has earned commendation from Eko Boys High School Old Boys Association (EKOBA).

The association commended the council boss for de-silting drains across Mushin to prevent destructive flood in the community.

The association was led one of his members who was a former Commissioner for Physical Planning in Lagos State, Engr. Hakeem Gbajabamila, to pay a courtesy visit to the Chairman of

Mushin Local Government, Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye in his office, to express their appreciation for the good works going on at Labinjo area and Mushin in general.

Their visitation centred on the de-silting going on around Labinjo Street, Folami Street, Wilkey Street and Makinde street in Idi Oro area of Mushin, which has generated a lot of debate and accolades for the chairman among all the old boys of the school both at home and abroad.

The team which also had Engr. Titto Ganiyu Nurudeen (2nd Vice President), Prof. Jide Okunubi

(North American President), Dr. Femi Olokodana (1st Asst. General Secretary) and Mr. Temitope Oluwabiyi (Publicity Secretary), came on behalf of the association to express their profound gratitude to the council boss over the drain de-siltation.

They noted that the gesture is first of its types to have happened in that community in the last 20 years.

They used the opportunity to invite the Chairman to their Founders Day programme to celebrate the 110th anniversary of Eko Boys High School, coming up in January 2023.



Eko Boys High School Old Student Association in a group photograph with Hon Bamigboye

Mrs. Muibat Omokehinde Ajala, the wife of Odi-Olowo Ojuwoye LCDA Chairman, has been made the grand patron of the National Council of Women's Societies (NCWS).

Speaking at the event which was held in the council hall last week, NCWS state President, Alhaja. S. B. Agoro said the position was given to the council chairman's wife to honour her as she congratulated her on her new post.

"We congratulate you our dear chairperson today on your investiture as a patron of NCWS in this Local Council Development Area," Agoro said.

Ajala becomes NCWS grand patron

She also appealed for support for the members of the NCWS within the LCDA and all their activities, including the sponsorship of National Programmes in Abuja. Agoro added: "As the president of all chairpersons in the state, we implore you to appeal to other Local Government chairpersons to ensure their investiture as patrons in their various Local Governments for life as enshrined in the NCWS constitution."

Accepting the new position, Ajala praised her husband, the

Chairman of Odi-Olowo Ojuwoye LCDA, Hon Rasaq Ajala, for his continuous support.

She also appreciated the support of the women leaders present at the event.

She admonished the women to remain focused and committed to their marital responsibilities, stressing that the activities of the association should not impede their familial roles.

"We all know it is God first, and the next person is my husband. So, I must sincerely appreciate him for his support at all times.

God will continue to bless him," Mrs. Ajala said.

"Let me leverage this medium to urge all women present here today that we should all be up and doing. No other activities should replace our roles as wives. As women, we have a lot of roles for our husbands and children," she admonished.

"Let's try as much as possible to encourage our children to say no to violence. More importantly, we should encourage them to speak their mother tongue.

"In an attempt to fake exposure

and impress people that we understand the English language, we are gradually losing our culture. And when we have the opportunity to travel abroad, we see that many countries value their cultures and languages," she added.

Speaking at the event, the Chairman of the LCDA, Hon Rasaq Ajala, appreciated all the women present, including the wives of all the councilors for supporting his wife. He specifically appreciated the significant support of Princess

Halimat Ajenifuja.

"I must commend all the wonderful and active women present here today. You are doing a great job," he said.

"Considering your monumental support for my humble self, the LCDA, and Lagos State, it shows your high level of commitment to the growth and development of this LCDA and the state," he said.

He added, "However, I want to make a passionate appeal to you not to lose focus, regarding our familial responsibilities."

The chairman of Mushin Local Government has given financial support to the vulnerable in the community.

He said the gesture was part of his campaign promises to alleviate the economic hardship of his people and provide support for the vulnerable in Mushin Local Government Area.

The beneficiaries of the support included the widows, the aged and the senior citizens in the community.

Speaking at the 18th edition of the programme tagged "Owo Arugbo", held at the council secretariat, the initiator of the council boss stated that the programme was driven by his vision and mission to build relationships, partnership and friendship, capable of delivering

Bamigboye assists the vulnerable with cash

By Saheed Afolabi

the dividends of democracy to the people.

The council boss stated that his administration is determined to improve the social economic conditions of widows who are faced with challenges after the loss of their husbands and the aged who have been neglected and helpless.

He also used the platform to appeal to the elderly ones and widows to support his administration and the All Progressives Congress, especially to ensure the success of the party at the 2023 general

elections.

The chairman advised the beneficiaries to manage the money given to them while assuring them of continual support with improved packages for the elderly ones and the widows throughout his administration.

The Supervisor for Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation - Mrs. Funmilayo Aboosed, thanked the chairman, councillors and members of the cabinet, for their support towards the programme as she appealed to beneficiaries to reciprocate by casting their votes for all the candidates of the ruling party at the 2023 general elections.





GLI canvases support for Ege

A non-governmental sociopolitical organisation, Greater Lagos Initiative (GLI) has declared its belief in the candidacy of the All Progressives Congress (APC) flag bearer representing Ojo Constituency I at the Lagos State House of Assembly, Comrade Olusegun Ege.

According to the group, his previous performances in the public service and his relationship with the party are a driving force that motivated the organisation to support him on his ambition.

The Local Coordinator, Muse Agbelade, who described Ege as a man of great political sagacity, said his experience has made him an exceptional leader "because he has performed and carried out several people-oriented projects, led positive example, and supported community activities and charitable causes within and outside Ojo Local Government Area.

He said Ege's selfless efforts and giant strides have not gone unnoticed, saying he has recorded many achievements in areas such as empowerment, educational support, peace advocacy and more.

According to him, the organisation has on its part helped people in securing jobs and empowered them as it is concerned about the wellbeing of the masses.

Agbelade, therefore, tasked residents to vote for Ege during the general elections in 2023.

LASG to educate graduating students on job hunting

The Lagos State Government has declared its plan to initiate a programme during which graduating students and 400 level students of the Lagos State University will be educated on job hunting after graduation.

The scheme tagged 'Jobs Initiative Lagos (JIL)' is said to be organised by the Lagos State Government for all tertiary institutions in Lagos State facilitated by the Office of the Special Adviser on Education.

The programme is scheduled to hold at a Job Fair coming up at the University's Buba Marwa Auditorium on August 22, 2022.

The Job Fair will afford participants the opportunity to participate in mentorship session, career advisory, CV clinic, talent discovery, music, exploring available job opportunities and many more.

We're fully involved in electioneering - Youth leader

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The youth leader of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Iba LCDA, Comr. Saheed Tijani (Seedorf), said the youths in the council area are fully involved in the election process that produces the current party flag bearers. He noted that the youths have taken up the important role in politics, compared to their involvement prior to this time. He encouraged all the youths in the local council to increase their involvement in the political decision in every nation.

Tijani boasted that the youths would be the determinant of the winner of the 2023 general elections, tasking them to be more prepared to mobilise

those that have registered for PVC to collect it not minding the stress required.

He said the youths this time must consolidate their numbers to vote for APC in all positions in the next year elections.

He commended the APC leadership in Ojo Federal Constituency for the inclusion of the three LGA Youth Leaders into the party apex body (G-39), saying the youth constituency will no longer feel alienated in the affairs of the party and that the pains and complaints of the youths will now easily get to the leaders through their representatives.

The youth leader promised to efficiently channel all the complaints and observations raised to the appropriate

headquarter for improvement and unity to take place.

He further challenged the youths to rise to the task ahead and start a mission of community combing for the success of the party.

He noted the recurring complaints of the youths about some of the leaders whose children do not partake in the activities of the party or attend youth meetings but will be the first to benefit from any opportunity from the party and government by proxy.

He assured them that such opportunities will be channelled through the youth structure, adding that meeting attendance will be considered before dishing out any opportunity given to the youths henceforth.



Picture of political youths in Iba LCDA

LASU Vice Chancellor preaches religious unity on campus

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Vice Chancellor of Lagos State University, Prof. Ibiyemi Olatunji-Bello has reinstated the University's commitment to encouraging religious harmony among the students and staff members of the school.

She said as a metropolitan institution which harbours different annexes and admits study form different religions, the institution is free from religious discrimination which may create enmity and cause chaos.

Olatunji-Bello made her stance while commending the spiritual efforts of the institution's Muslim community over their organised programme to pray for the institution.

She emphasised that the Lagos State Government controlled institution has tolerance for all religions.

Her words: "In LASU, there is no difference between Muslims and Christians. As far as I am concerned, I see you as a staff or student, not as a

Muslim or Christian. I believe in prayers and that is why we are organising the LASU Prays. I enjoin you to pray for peace and prosperity for all members of our university community, and for the attainment of our vision to become the best university in the West Africa Region."

The Chief Missioner, Ansar-

Ud-Deen Society of Nigeria, Sheik Abdulrahman Ahmad in his brief statement expressed his admiration for the Vice Chancellor for her liberality and tolerance for other religions despite being a Christian.

"We have become so divided and religiously intolerant as a people, so much that when you

have someone of the other religion in a position, you are initially apprehensive. But when I was told that you (VC) encouraged the Muslim Community to hold the LASU PRAYS programme, I was surprised and happy. Because of you, my hope for the unity of the country is renewed. This is how it should be; this is a thing

of joy." He encouraged all students to emulate the philosophy the university has laid down, which he said will be a source of relationships with people when they venture into the world. He further prayed for the safety of the institution, Lagos State and the nation at large.



LASU Vice Chancellor in a group picture with religious clerics



Oshodi-Isolo APC backs up candidates

By Edith Igbokwe

The over decades disunity rocking the Arewa Community in Oshodi-Isolo LGA has been resolved as the association finally reunited to achieve success. The members of the non-Yoruba-speaking tribes from the Northern part of the country chose to form an alliance and forge a united front among the various groups from the North, the Nupe, Tiv, Igala, Igbira among others, come together to unite for a formidable association. Speaking at a meeting with the Oshodi-Isolo Local Government All Progressives Congress (APC) party chairman, Hon. Saheed Animashaun in his office, the Secretary of the Arewa Community in APC Lagos, Mohammed Kudu Abubakar disclosed that the group in Oshodi from different camps have resolved to come together and remain united. Abubakar noted that their being

united will help in the support of the presidential ambition of Bola Ahmed Tinubu during the 2023 general elections. He informed the party chairman that all of them will continue to mobilize support for Tinubu's presidency. Also speaking at the meeting, Deputy Chairman of Arewa Community, Hon. Uma Adamu assured that Arewa community will not betray the APC in their mobilization support for Tinubu and all APC candidates in Lagos. Thanking the leaders of the Arewa Community for the visit and resolution to work as a united team, Animashaun assured them of inclusion in all the political campaign activities in the local government. Animashaun appealed to them to keep their promises while he assured them that a meeting between them and the local government chairman will be staged for them to be sure of their



Arewa Group

inclusion in governmental and political activities in the local government. The party chairman expressed that all the candidates of the party will meet with them to form a synergy for the coming general elections. "I want to assure you that your

coming together as a united front will help you and also our party in all our activities. I also want to tell you that you will not be left out of the activities of the party, we will include some of you in the election campaign team when the time comes.

"I also want to appeal that your support for the party should be holistic in terms of your support at the House of Assembly, House of Representatives, Senate candidates and the Lagos State governor for his reelection for a second term in office."

APC crisis: Dawodu commends reconciliation committee

By Edith Igbokwe

The House of Representatives member in Oshodi-Isolo Constituency I, Hon. Bashiru Dawodu, has commended the reconciliation committee for restoring peace in the All Progressives Party (APC) in the constituency. He gave the commendation when he met with the committee, noting that their effort has been yielding positive results. He said many of the aggrieved

party members have been pacified, adding that such move will further push the party ahead of others. Dawodu reassured them of continuous infrastructural development and people-oriented projects to improve the constituent's general well-being. He promised to make amends for his shortcomings and meet with all aggrieved members. The chairman of the committee, Alhaji Shittu commended Dawodu's effort

towards peace reconciliation in the party. Commenting on the great projects of the lawmaker in the constituency, Agbabiaka described the performance of the astute politician as giant strides in Lagos. He further implored the lawmaker to intensify his publicity for people to have knowledge of his projects and the benefit derived from his tenure. Other committee members in attendance were Alhaja



Hon. Ganiyu Dawodu with APC Members

Oyegbola, Alhaja Iyabo, Alhaja Amos Bakare, Hon. Ige, Alhaji Muazu, Alhaji Ogunmakinde, Alhaji Usman Manruffy. Hon. Ajibulu, Pastor Joe among others.

Kendoo marks Omilade Street for rehabilitation

By Edith Igbokwe

The chairman of Oshodi-Isolo LG, Otunba Kehonde Oloyede (Kendoo), has marked Omilade as one of the streets scheduled for rehabilitation in his next phase of the project. He pick the street when he visited the area last week for road Infrastructural assessment. The residents, property and business owners at Omilade Street, Mafoluku, Oshodi expressed joy

over the council's decision, saying they would be relieved if the road is fixed. They expressed hope in the visibility of the project, declaring that the chairman is known for fulfilling his promises. The council chairman assessed the full length and breadth of the street, took his time to interact with the residents and listened to their plights on the deplorable state of the road. He promised to urgently intervene

to put a stop to the degeneration of the road. He disclosed that Omilade Street is not the only street in such condition, stating that he wished he could repair all the roads at once but it's not possible due to paucity of funds and other sectors that equally need government's attention. He, however, reiterated his promise that many of the roads would receive his attention one after the other.

Ejigbo council leader appointed Councillors Forum Auditor

The council leader of Ejigbo LCDA, Hon. Lanre Akinbowale has been appointed as the auditor of the Lagos State Councillors Forum. While accepting the appointment, Akinbowale pledged to be efficient and prudent in the evaluation of the forum's financial statements, adding that there would always be accountability. He said he will ensure that his personal opinion would not in any

way affect his professional opinion over an account statement to enhance the credibility of the financial statements issued to him. According to him, upholding credibility will provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the forum's state of affairs. He encouraged fellow appointees to synergize to add value to governance by bringing on board dividends of democracy to the grassroots.

Community seeks govt's support on N50m projects

By Edith Igbokwe

The residents and stakeholders of Hope Estate, Ago-Okota have called on the state and local governments for financial support on their N50 million projects.

The chairman, committee on works in the community, Hon. Chuka Uzodike, said there are many projects lined up for execution estimated to gulo N50 million which include construction of the main gate into the estate, construction of drainage channels, interlocking of major roads in the estate and others. He explained that the residents were forced to provide the basic amenities for themselves due to neglect of the estate by the government.

Uzodike added that the residents have made series of financial contribution to the tune of N50 million to fund the projects while looking forward to raising another N50 million to complete the projects. "Executing projects of this nature has been hectic and demanding. The road construction is over a kilometer and we are more than half-way done. We ensured that it is of best standard with drainage channels. We had to make series of contributions before we could get such humongous amount of money.

"We are forced to undertake the project because government seems to have neglected us here and given the nature of our area we are always wary of rain here because when it rains, everywhere becomes an eyesore."

According to another residents, Mr. Chike Okwaranwa, contributing more for the projects has not been easy but it is a sacrifice the community is making to make the estate more habitable.

However, the chairman of the estate, Chief Lynus Okafor noted that the estate is still in dire need of government support to fast-track the development and take the burden off their neck when he called on the state and local governments for complementary support.

"We are calling on governments at the local and state levels to come to our aid here in this estate, residents here are patriotic and taxpaying members of the society and I don't think we should be deprived of the dividends of democracy. We've undertaken various projects in the past to make life abundance for us. We humbly appeal to the governments to complement our efforts," he said.



My experience at WAFCON was a fantastic one - Gift Monday

By Saheed Afolabi

The highest goal scorer, FC Robo Queens attacker, Gift Monday, has described her experience at the Women Africa Cup Of Nations (WAFCON) in Morocco as positive and eye opener. Speaking to ECHONEWS, Gift Monday said her experience at the last WAFCON was positive as she hopes to move out of the country soon. "My experience at the last WAFCON was positive, the vibes, energy and support from Nigerians were really encouraging, the experience was an intelligent one for me and I really learnt a lot from my Super Falcons teammates and

I thank God for the opportunity."

Monday expressed her feeling about her shot which hit the crossbar in the extra time of the semi-final clash with Morocco.

She said: "I actually thought it was going to be a goal but unfortunately it hit the crossbar."

"I enjoyed a massively loved up atmosphere after joining my FC Robo Queens teammates after the WAFCON as they gave me a good reception."

"To my fans, I appreciate your massive love, support, I love my fans so much and I will keep making them proud."

The goal poacher said though she wasn't given much playing

time at the WAFCON but she believes it was the decision of the coach which she respected.

For the past 3 NWFL seasons, FC Robo Queens attacker Gift Monday have emerged the highest goal scorer, last season saw her short stint at Bayelsa Queens coupled with the goals she scored, helped her in getting the prestigious amazing golden boot.

The Super Falcons forward said she had a fair outing at the last Women Africa Cup Of Nations (WAFCON) in Morocco as that was her first tournament in the Nigeria senior women national team after captaining the Super Falcons.



Gift Monday

Ten aspirants jostle for NFF presidential post

By Saheed Afolabi

The lingering crisis in the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) was partially quenched after a court order restricting the NFF from holding its Annual General Assembly (AGA) was withdrawn, and the glass house was able to hold the AGA in Lagos.

All NFF board members were present including all the state FA chairmen and some of the presidential aspirants jostling for the NFF presidential position.

The AGA started with NFF President, Amaju Pinnick giving his opening speech by telling his colleagues about how he was able to move Nigeria football forward since he came on board some years back particularly the women football.

The remorseful Pinnick said he has done his best for Nigeria football despite the high rate of criticisms he has received from the

media and his colleagues. The NFF secretary, Dr. Mohammed Sanusi gave the vote of thanks as he appreciated the stakeholders for turning up for the AGA.

The media were however sent out as the NFF stakeholders held the AGA in a close door settings. After the end of the AGA, it

was said that, the election will hold on September 30, 2022 in the ancient city of Benin, Edo State.

Over ten people are aspiring to be the president of NFF, including Barrister Seyi Akinwunmi (1st vice president NFF and chairman of Lagos State Football Association), Shehu Dikko (2nd vice

president of NFF and chairman NPFL League Management Company), Ibrahim Gusau (State FA chairman of Zamfara and chairman of chairmen state FAs).

Others are, Peterside Idah, Musa Ahmadu, Abba Yola, Christian Emeruwa, Ben Akwuegbu, and David Doherty.



SGH Sports Academy, Amazons conquer Wasinmi Summer Camp

By Saheed Afolabi

It was a tale of hard work and perseverance for SGH Sports Academy and their female counterpart, the SGH Sports Academy Amazons as they defeated all teams in the Wasinmi Summer Camp to emerge champions in both the boys and girls categories.

Though it was an herculean task to achieve, they showed resilience and consistency coupled with the support from their

management.

The teams were able to achieve the unbelievable stats by setting a new record which no club has done in Wasinmi Summer Camp.

SGH Sports Academy defeated Oluwole FC 2-0 to emerge champions in the boys category.

Olamilekan Adegboyega gave the Godly Boys a relief in the 40th minute after scoring to put SGH Sports Academy ahead in the game.

Mojeed Ganiu doubled the Godly Boys' lead in the

second half to wrap up an important victory for the Godly Boys as they emerged champions of the Wasinmi Summer Camp.

SGH Sports Academy Amazons also lived up to their expectations in the final of the girls category as they triumphed by defeating Society Teen Girls 2-0.

Magical player and one of the hottest prospect in women football in the grassroots, Rodiat Adebisi scores a fantastic goal in the 20th minute to tame the dangerous Society Teen



Girls.

Rodiat Adebisi grabbed her brace in the game in the 58th minutes to seal up a comfortable win for the

Godly Girls as SGH Sports Academy conquered Wasinmi Summer Camp in the Boys and Girls category to set an enviable record.



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