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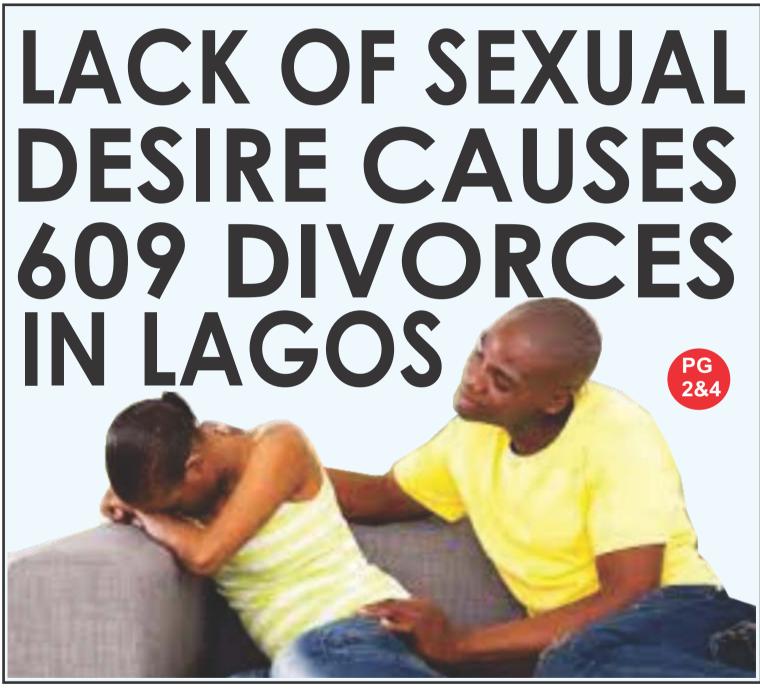


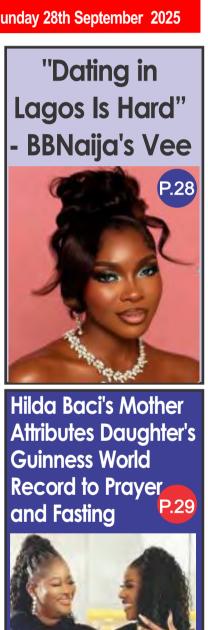
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## Lack of sexual desire causes 609 divorces in Lagos

By Kunle Awosiyan

study, "Exploration of factors that influence divorce: Voices of divorcees in Lagos, Nigeria" has identified lack of sexual desires as one of the factors causing separation among couples.

The study by Samuel Ojima Adejoh, University of Lagos, Olubukola Wellington, Redeemer's University (Ede), Waziri Adisa, University of Lagos, Franca Attoh, University of Lagos and Tolani Aderonke Eliphus, University of Lagos also shows that many couples separate due to domestic violence, health issues like fibroid, STD and genotype.

Another report by the State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency shows that the agency had recorded over 609 cases of separation due to various factors, including sexual issues in the last two years.

The Lagos Citizens Mediation Centre also noted in its report that it received 35,655 matters for mediation in the last one year out of which 20,691 were treated and resolved. Many of the petitions had come from couples who wanted separation due to various factors, including lack of sexual satisfaction.

In the study, "Exploration of factors that influence divorce: Voices of divorcees" the researchers explored how health-related factors- of Sexual Transmitted Diseases (STDs), lack of sexual desires, genotype and domestic violence influence divorce in Lagos.



conducted in Lagos Island, Lagos where datas were collected from 30 consenting divorcees comprising males and females through in-depth interviews.

Participants' selection was achieved through a purposive sampling technique. Findings revealed that domestic violence, infertility and other health related factors, such as incompatible genotype, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and lack of sexual desires, are potential causes of divorce.

On lack of sexual desires, the study found that individuals who experienced one form of sexual dissatisfaction in their marriages were more likely to be involved in

The study was divorce because either of the spouses was not sexually satisfied in their marriages.

It says, 'Those who could not get sexual satisfaction with their wives ended up being involved in extra marital affairs,

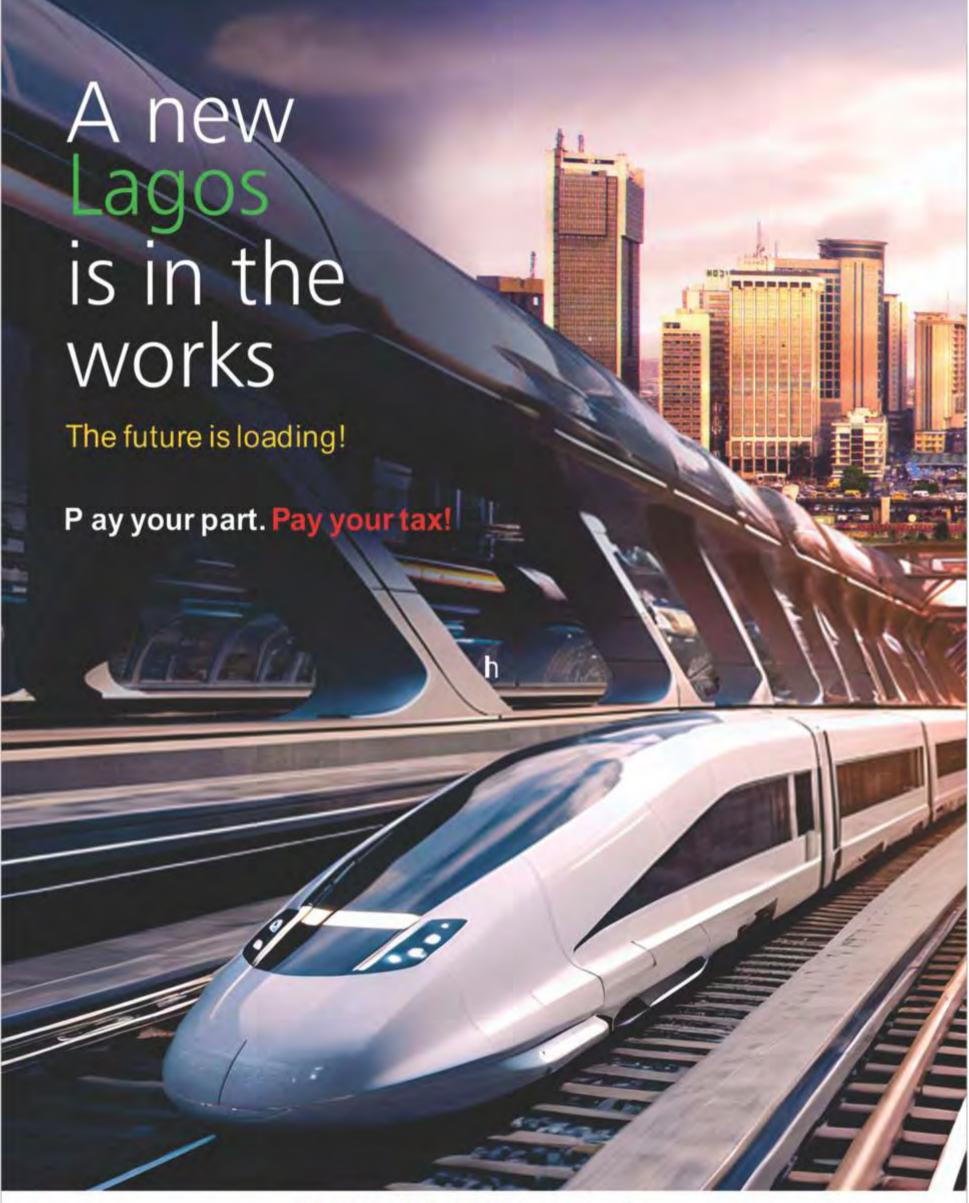
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Our correspondent observed that at least two of the every a role in the 10 petitions file by couples in Lagos courts for divorce are due to lack of sexual satisfaction by either of the spouses.

the Citizens Mediation Centre recorded 22,389 divorce, from landlord/tenant disputes in 12 months in 2016 via mediation efforts. But that mixes divorce with tenancy, so it's not strictly divorce only.



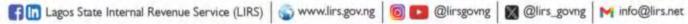






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## Lack of sexual desire causes 09 divorces in Lagos

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In Lagos, some relationships. customary courts saw Reacting to the about 960 divorce effect of divorce in cases in a 9-month children, DSVA said period in one year, that it had created a according to the programme in which

and court officials sensitise them on cooften note that parenting. divorce petitions are "Recently we held a increasing, especially one-day Coin Lagos State High Parenting Support Courts and the Workshop for customary courts, but separated couples they don't always with the theme: "Two provide precise Homes, One annual rates or Heart,"the Executive comparisons with Secretary, DSVA Mrs. previous years.

However, separated said. couples had always The event brought dangers. Many of who school.

Against this differences. backdrop, the study researches to address the underlying reasons for divorce.

It says, "Such as making fertility treatments more widely available and inexpensive and providing assistance to couples struggling with infertility. In addition, policies can be formulated to enhance domestic violence prevention and intervention efforts, including financing for shelters, legal safeguards, and public education campaigns challenging social customs that foster violence in intimate relationships.

"By incorporating research-based evidence into policy formulation, policymakers can create a n environment that supports individuals and couples facing

these challenges and promote healthy

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Titilola Vivour-Adeniyi

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Executive Secretary, DSVA Mrs. Titilola Vivour-Adeniyi

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### Lagos Holds Nigeria's First Albinism Advocacy Pageant

made on Saturday as Nigeria hosted its firstever Albinism Advocacy Pageant, a groundbreaking event dedicated to promoting inclusion, challenging discrimination, and empowering women with albinism to become leaders and advocates for their community.

The event, themed: "Beauty in Inclusivity," took place at the Luxury Events Centre, Ikeja, Lagos, and drew an audience of stakeholders, advocates, and changemakers passionate about creating a more inclusive society.

Unlike traditional beauty pageants, the Albinism Advocacy Pageant focused on advocacy, leadership, and representation, rather than just physical appearance. Contestants were evaluated on their

istory was confidence, them intelligence, creativity, and passion for driving positive change.

> Speaking at the event, Misturah Abisola Owolabi, Founder and Creative Director of Misty Glam Company, emphasised the purpose behind the initiative.

> "This pageant is not just about crowning a queen; it is about raising voices. Women with albinism have historically been underrepresented, and this platform is designed to spotlight

changemakers, especially in media, fashion, beauty, and modelling industries", she said.

Among t h e distinguished guests was Mrs. Adenike Oyetunde-Lawal, General Manager of the Lagos State Office for Disability Affairs (LASODA), who served as a quest judae.

The high point of the evening was the crowning of the winner, Ms. Anita Chidiebube-Dike, the first Nigeria's Albinism Advocacy

Queen, expected to take on the role of community advocate and spokesperson for inclusion.

She will lead campaigns across the country to challenge stereotypes and educate the public about albinism.

The historic event marked a significant step towards representation and empowerment, sending a strong message that true beauty lies in diversity, strength, and purpose.



#### 2026 Hajj Exercise: Muslim Pilgrims Board Begins Sensitisation Tour of LGA/LCDAs

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#### **DSVA Holds Co-Parenting Support Workshop For Separated Couples**

'he Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency (DSVA) recently held a oneday Co-Parenting Support Workshop for separated couples with the theme: "Two Homes, One Heart."

The event brought together 30 couples who were commended for prioritising the emotional well-being of their children despite personal differences.

Declaring the programme open, the Executive Secretary, Mrs. Titilola Vivour-Adeniyi, represented by Ms. Bunmi Orekoya, noted that the workshop was designed to equip parents with tools, guidance, and community support to help them navigate the challenges of coparenting.

The workshop featured sessions on key aspects of coparenting, with Mr. Dosunmu Habeeb, Deputy Director, Family Social Services, Ministry of Youth and Social Development, facilitating the discussion on understanding coparenting while the topic on 'The importance of Panellists and Oko-lgaire, Executive Director, of The Chartered Institute of Counselling Nigeria, who was represented by Miss. Ugorji Tochi, a counsellor at the institute.

In addition, Mr. Adetunji Adeoye, Managing Partner of child-focused Fixit Law Firm, parenting, with DSVA facilitated a session reaffirming its on the legal rights of commitment to parents and children. The facilitators stressed that co-

parenting requires patience, empathy, and compromise, while also highlighting the dangers of poor communication, which can cause stress, anxiety, and behavioural issues in children.

Participants were encouraged to adopt strategies such as keeping discussions childcentred, using respectful language, and leveraging modern tools like coparenting apps and shared calendars.

Mr. Adeoye emphasised that custody and maintenance remain binding responsibilities under Nigerian law, with child welfare as the primary consideration in all decisions.

The interactive programme also featured breakout sessions where participants shared personal experiences and challenges, ranging from lack of communication and financial neglect to stigma and restricted access to children. Proposed solutions included therapy, effective communication, and professional guidance.

Effective facilitators stressed Communication' was that both parents addressed by Dr. Tolu remain obligated to safeguard their children's welfare, and that failure to do so could attract legal consequences.

The workshop concluded with a call for healing, renewed commitment, and the pursuit of amicable, supporting families on this journey.



## LASRERA Inaugurates Satellite Office In Surulere

he Lagos State Real Estate Regulatory Authority (LASRERA) has commissioned its new Satellite S t a t e Office in Surulere, Lagos.

The office, strategically located within the premises of the Government Surulere Local Government, was officially declared open by the Special Adviser to the Governor on Housing, Barr. Barakat Odunuga Bakare.

Speaking on the importance of the new office, Barr. Odunuga Bakare noted that the Surulere Satellite Office is designed to bring LASRERA's services closer to the people, stressing that it will serve as a onestop centre for real estate regulation and public engagement.

According to her, "This office will enable real estate practitioners to register their businesses seamlessly and obtain vital information about the sector. It will also provide a platform where conflicts and knotty issues relating to real estate transactions can be brought forward for resolution. Additionally, the office will serve as a vital hub for data collection to support government policy and planning in the

real estate sector." She added that the establishment of the Surulere Satellite Office is part of the Lagos Government's broader vision to replicate LASRERA offices across all Local Areas (LGAs) and Local Council Development Areas (LCDAs). This, she emphasised, will ensure that the benefits of reaulation, transparency, and stakeholder protection are accessible to all Lagosians regardless of location.



The Special Adviser reaffirmed the State

commitment to estate sector that creating an enabling and Government's transparent real

conforms to international best practices while

safeguarding the interests of all stakeholders.

#### LASUTH Partners TAC, Inaugurates VIP Theatre Suites

he Lagos State University Teaching Hospital (LASUTH), in partnership with The Ambulance Company (TAC), recently commissioned the VIP Theatre Suites at the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Building. This initiative aligns with the Lagos State Government's drive to expand access to quality healthcare services for residents of the state.

In his opening remarks, the Chief Medical Director, Prof. Adetokunbo O. Fabamwo described the partnership with TAC as a timely intervention born out of two urgent needs. First, the hospital has been faced with a long waiting list for elective surgical cases, creating the need for additional



care beds. Prof. Fabamwo explained that the commissioning of the intensive care beds and five High Dependency Unit (HDU) theatre suites marks a quiet but profound revolution within LASUTH. He

current hospital management is committed to transforming healthcare delivery, reducing dependence on government funding, and exploring strategic partnerships for sustainable growth. He expressed appreciation to TAC for funding the project and joining hands with LASUTH in its progress

emphasised that the

journey.

On her part, the Managing Director of TAC, Dr. Aisha Onisarotu Atanda expressed delight at the successful take-off of the partnership. She noted that the facilities will deliver world-class critical care services, stressing that the 11 ICU beds and five HDU suites are designed to serve patients in urgent need. She further commended Prof. Fabamwo for his dedicated support in bringing the collaboration to fruition.

In his vote of thanks, the Director of Clinical Services and Training, Prof. Adebowale Adekoya praised the CMD for his leadership in expanding Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) within LASUTH. He revealed that the hospital currently has over 18 PPPs that have opened new frontiers in healthcare, helping retain patients who would otherwise seek treatment abroad. He added that the newly commissioned ICU beds are equipped with state-of-the-art ventilators, while TAC will also provide complimentary ambulance services to transport patients from the emergency unit to the ICU suites.



## Lagos Woos Poland With Trade, Innovation Opportunities

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Governor, Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu called for stronger trade and investment partnerships between Lagos and Poland, describing the two economies as natural partners with shared aspirations for growth and prosperity.

The Governor made the call at the inaugural Polish-Nigerian Economic Forum, organised by the Polish Investment and Trade Agency and the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Nigeria, held at Eko Hotels & Suites, Victoria Island, Lagos. Sanwo-Olu, who was represented by the Deputy Governor, Dr. Kadri Obafemi Hamzat noted that strengthening economic ties with Poland will position Lagos as a globally competitive hub for investment, trade, and innovation.

His words, "As a government, we reaffirm our readiness to welcome investors, innovators, and partners from Poland

agos State to explore the limitless opportunities our State offers. We are committed to creating an enabling environment for businesses to thrive, driven b y transparency, security, infrastructure, and the sheer dynamism of our people," said Sanwo-

> He highlighted Poland's remarkable transformation into one of Europe's most dynamic economies, noting that Lagos recognises and appreciates this journey and is convinced that there is much to learn, share, and build together.

> He also outlined the key areas of potential collaboration between Lagos State and Poland, which include infrastructure andurban development, energy clean technology, digital economy and cybersecurity, transport and logistics, healthcare and medical equipment,

as well as agriculture and food processing. Accordingly, Sanwo-Olu stressed that Lagos, with a population of over 22 million people, contributes more than 30 percent of Nigeria's GDP and serves as the principal gateway to West Africa, highlighting that his administration is implementing the T.H.E.M.E.S Plus Agenda, which drives development in infrastructure, transportation, renewable energy, housing, healthcare, digitization of government services, and the creative

While maintaining that Lagos is building the framework for lasting prosperity and inclusive growth, Sanwo-Olu commended the vision andcommitment of the organisers for convening the Forum, describing it as timely, strategic, and aligned with the shared aspirations of Nigeria and Poland for

economy.

sustainable growth, innovation, and

prosperity. "This Forum is a bridge between Lagos, the heartbeat of Africa's economy, and Poland, a rising force in Europe. Together, we can build enduring partnerships that will not only strengthen economic ties between our nations but also chart a new course of prosperity for our peoples," the Governor concluded. The Federal Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Dr. Jumoke Oduwole, who was represented at the event by the Director, Investment Promotion, Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade & Investment, Mrs. Gertrude A. Orji said that Nigeria is open for business and is ambitious in its collaboration with Poland in critical areas, such as agriculture and agroprocessing, infrastructure, oil and gas, renewable energy resources, as well as manufacturing and technology,

where Poland has deep expertise.

Dr. Oduwole added that "under the leadership of the presen administration, Nigeria's economic revival is anchored on trade expansion through the Renewed Hope Agenda, stressing that the nation is shifting away from dependency on oil and gas towards a diversified, exportoriented economy."

Also in his address, Ambassador-Designate, Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Abuja, Michal Cygan, stated that the forum showcased opportunities for both Nigeria and Poland to benefit from complementary strengths across trade, investment, innovation, and human capital

Cygan added that it marks a new chapter of strengthened partnership and shared prosperity. He noted that Nigeria's vast potential,

development.

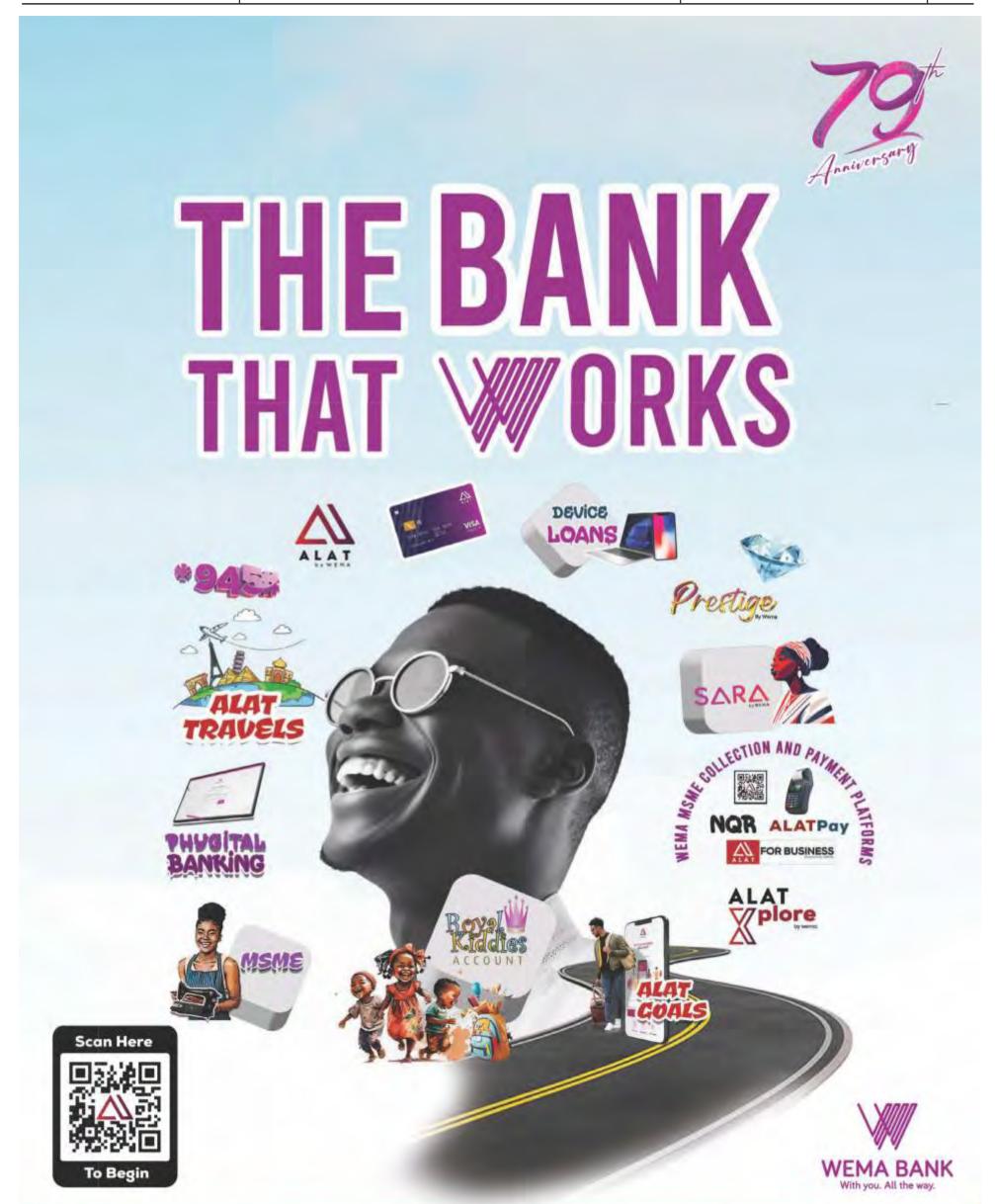
particularly its vibrant youth population and thriving technology sector, is a critical area for stronger collaboration. With over 4,000 Nigerian students currently studying in Poland, people-to-people ties were described as the bedrock of future bilateral relations.

Earlier in her welcome address, Head of the Foreign Trade Office in Lagos, Justyna Sitarska, stated that Poland is ready and willing to partner with Nigeria, stressing that Nigeria is definitely an important economic partner for Poland.

Sitarska highlighted that only one per cent of all Polish exports currently reach Africa, an amount she considered low and insufficient for the continent given Poland's economic strength. She added that the statistic underscores the vast potential and readiness for deeper economic cooperation between Poland and Africa, particularly Nigeria.







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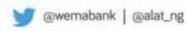
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## OEQA Demands Mentorship, Higher Productivity From Senior Officers

## ... Concludes Four-Day Training On Strategic Leadership, Professional Conduct

he Lagos State
Office of
Education Quality
Assurance (OEQA), has
charged its senior
officials to embrace
mentorship and raise
the bar of productivity
in the discharge of their
duties, as part of
renewed efforts to
s trengthen
professionalism in the
education sector.

The charge came at the close of a four-day Strategic Leadership and Professional Conduct Training Workshop held recently in Lagos for OEQA Directors and Senior management staff.

Speaking at the event, the Coordinating Director of OEQA, Mr. Remi Abdul, reaffirmed the Agency's commitment to entrenching a culture of integrity, and result-driven leadership across its operations.

According to him, mentorship is not only vital for grooming the next generation of leaders within the system but also essential for sustaining quality assurance in schools across the state.

"The essence of this training is to empower our senior officials to lead by example, guide younger officers, and drive greater efficiency in our operations. As an a g e n c y that safeguards education standards, we cannot

afford to compromise on professionalism or productivity," Abdul said.

Presenting a paper titled: "Understanding the Work of the Agency: The Leadership Challenge", Abdul stressed that leadership in OEQA must balance innovation with tradition while upholding integrity in the face of temptation. "Leadership in OEQA is not about titles, but responsibility," he said. "It is about ensuring that every child in Lagos State learns in a safe, inclusive, and conducive environment."

He further identified key leadership priorities including transparent communication, institutional culture building, stakeholder management, consistency in evaluation, and maintaining public trust.

In another presentation, the Coordinating Director, Education District V, Dr. Olusegun Adekunle, spoke on the Roles and Responsibilities of Directors and Top Management in Incorporating Public Service Rules (PSR) into OEQA functions.

He emphasised that directors must remain custodians of standards within the state's education sector by ensuring learner safety, protecting child rights, and promoting the public interest.

According to him, true I e a d e r s h i p i s strengthened by strict adherence to Public Service Rules, with the ultimate goal of providing quality education for every Lagoslearner.

He further stressed that evaluators must not only interpret and enforce the Public Service Rules but also serve as role models for a c c o u n t a bility, transparency, and ethical conduct while carrying out their a s s i g n e d responsibilities.

Dr. Adekunle also highlighted the need for continuous capacity building, noting that directors and top management must stay updated on emerging trends, policies, and reforms in the education sector.

the education sector.

He maintained that such proactive leadership will ensure that the Office of Education Quality Assurance (OEQA) continues to discharge its mandate effectively, while aligning with the overall vision of the Lagos State Government for excellence in education service delivery.

Also speaking was the Director of the Private Education & Special Programme Department, OEQA, Dr.

S u I a i m a n Ogunmuyiwa, who presented a paper on "OEQA Future Roadmap: Challenges and Strategies for Departmental Excellence."

He highlighted the need for capacity building, staff empowerment, and the establishment of a dedicated training unit to address the evolving needs of OEQA officers and school owners.

Dr. Sulaiman also e n c o u r a g e d leveraging technology a n d a r t i f i c i a l intelligence in quality assurance processes, predicting that evaluators may soon be able to conduct remote assessments with out being physically present in schools.

Expressing optimism about the workshop's impact, he noted that the theme "Strengthening Professionalism and Integrity for Effective Quality Assurance Operations" aligns with OEQA's reform agenda to reposition the office as a model of educational oversight in Nigeria.

He, therefore, urged directors and evaluators to recommit to building a stronger OEQA that inspires public trust and contributes significantly to Lagos State's ongoing educational transformation.

#### Lagos Targets Youth Talent With New Arts Crafts Competition



he Lagos State Government has unveiled a new initiative aimed at harnessing the creativity of its young people to celebrate heritage and shape the future of its cultural identity.

Speaking at a press briefing, the Senior Special Assistant to the Governor on Tourism, Arts and Culture, Damilola Ayinde-Marshal, Esq., announced the launch of the Maiden Eko Arts and Crafts Competition, designed to provide secondary and tertiary school students with a platform to showcase their artistic gifts.

Describing the competition as "a golden opportunity" for young Lagosians to transform their passion into productive careers, Marshal noted: "Within our classrooms are young artists, sculptors, and creative thinkers whose gifts must not only be encouraged but also refined, celebrated, and projected to the world. This competition reflects the vision of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, under the T.H.E.M.E.S Plus agenda, to position Lagos as the cultural and entertainment hub of Africa."

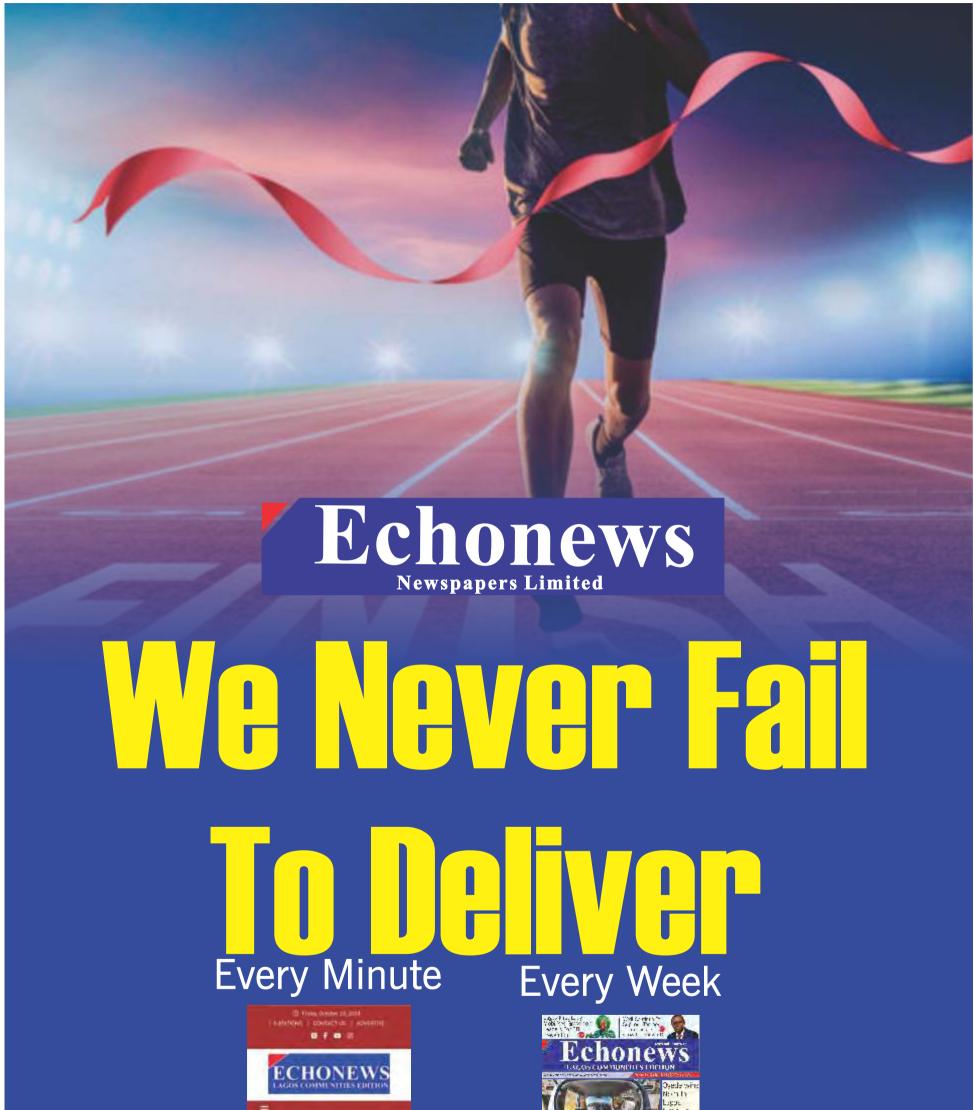
She explained that

beyond talent discovery, the initiative will serve as a springboard for mentorship, exhibitions, and potential partnerships, while also fostering entrepreneurship in the creative sector and promoting Lagos's cultural identity through both modern and traditional artistic expressions.

Ayinde-Marshal emphasised that art goes beyond aesthetics, stressing its role as a tool for storytelling and heritage preservation. "By promoting arts and crafts, we are not only encouraging creativity but also safeguarding the cultural wealth of Lagos State," she said. According to her, registration for the competition will open exclusively to students of Lagos Secondary Schools and Tertiary Institutions via https://ekoschoolsarts andcrafts.com.

She expressed confidence that the Eko Arts and Crafts Competition will uncover hidden talents, inspire a new generation of creatives, and contribute significantly to the cultural and economic development of Lagos State.









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### SDGs Office Trains Staff on Service Charter

promote citizen- Development Goals, centred governance, the Office of Charter Champions work directly with the and Committee Members in its office, institutional capacity The one-day workshop, operations. themed: "Upholding According to her, "The Service Charter service charter is more Principles in Service than just a policy; it is a Delivery," provided solemn pact between participants with the government institutions knowledge and and the people we practical tools to serve. It clearly outlines strengthen the standards of accountability, service delivery, the streamline processes, rights of citizens, and and deliver services the responsibilities of more efficiently across officers in ensuring that all SDGs programmes government services and initiatives.

held at the Debt and people-centred Management Office, manner."

n a renewed effort to CBD, Alausa, Ikeja, the improve public Permanent Secretary, lacksquare service delivery and Office of Sustainable Mrs. Kapahayah Olayemi Sarumi, stated that the workshop was S u s t a i n a b l e designed to build the Development Goals capacity of Service (SDGs) has organised a Charter Champions capacity-building and Committee workshop for Service Members, aligning their collective responsibility of strengthening focusing on and ensuring improved implementing the service delivery across State's Service Charter. all levels of government

are delivered in a Speaking at the event transparent, efficient,



Emphasising the represents a turning strengthening adding that the serve framework, reflect on delivery.

"The workshop revealed that, beyond cascaded into the

significance of the point that will inspire professionalism and Service Charter in novative integrity within the civil framework, the approaches, and public service, Permanent Secretary strengthen upholding the noted that the charter collaboration among principles of the service mandate streamlines stakeholders, and charter builds trust, the processes of reaffirm the shared encourages government services, resolve of all staff to accountability and workshop offers an transparency, reputation of opportunity to deepen efficiency and government understanding of the integrity", Sarumi institutions. affirmed.

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She added that the its principles and While charging the knowledge gained will reaffirm the collective Champions and not only enrich the roles commitment to abide Committee Members of Service Charter by the core values of to turn the principles of Champions and excellence in service the service charter into Committee Members, daily practice, she but must also be

broader workforce, thereby improving the overall efficiency of service delivery systems.

In his presentation, titled: "Upholding Service Charter Principles in Service Delivery", the Director of Administration and Human Resources, Education District III, Mr. Olalekan Rufai, highlighted key components of a service charter, stressing the importance of citizenfocused service standards, timely feedback mechanisms, and measurable performance indicators.

He provided practical strategies for embedding charter principles into daily work routines, handling complaints effectively, and using feedback to drive continuous improvement.

The workshop was wellattended by Management staff, Heads of Departments and Units, Service Charter Champions, Committee Members, and other members of staff from the SDGs Office.

#### Lagos State LASCOHET Provost Condemns Admission Fraud By Cybercafe Operator

#### ... Says Perpetrator Will be Punished

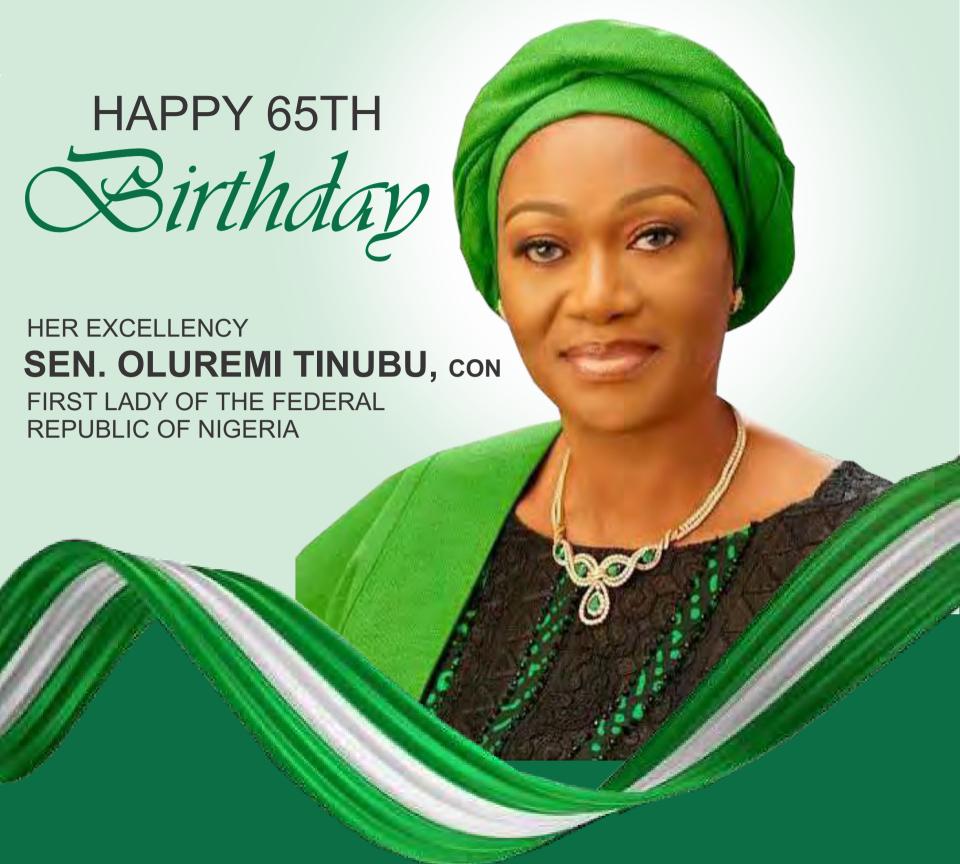
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To Her Excellency, Senator Oluremi Tinubu, First Lady of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,.

Happy 65th birthday to an extraordinary woman, a shining example of elegance, wisdom, and philanthropy. Your selfless dedication to empowering women and promoting equality has inspired a nation. Your strides in government, particularly through the Renewed Hope Initiative, have made a lasting impact on the lives of Nigerians. Your commitment to education, healthcare, entrepreneurship, and social welfare initiatives has uplifted countless individuals, and your legacy continues to inspire hope and positivity.

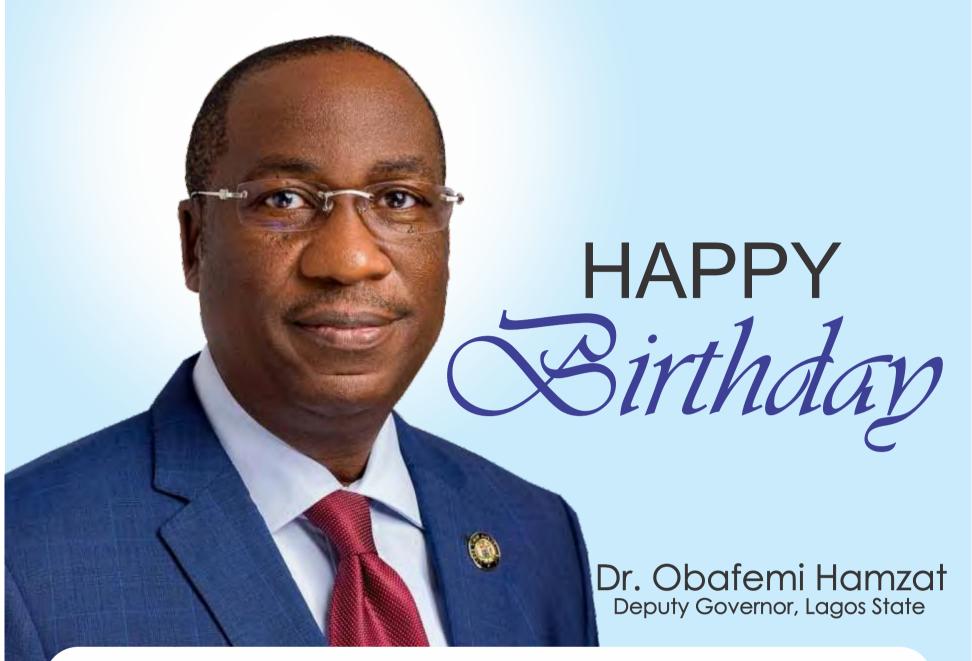
May your special day be filled with joy, love, and celebration. May your 65th year be adorned with the joy of new discoveries, the richness of enduring friendships, and the comfort of a life well-lived.

To His Excellency, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, As you celebrate your wife's milestone birthday, we acknowledge your tireless efforts in bringing forth a better Nigeria through the Renewed Hope Agenda. Your administration's focus on people-oriented policies and development initiatives has raised the bar for good governance in our beloved country. We pray that God grants you wisdom, strength, and longevity to continue serving Nigeria with dedication and passion.

May the Renewed Hope Agenda continue to flourish, bringing prosperity and progress to our great nation. May Senator Oluremi Tinubu's 65th birthday mark the beginning of a new chapter filled with good health, prosperity and wisdom. May President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's leadership continues to be blessed with wisdom, strength and prosperity.

HON. KEHINDE BAMIGBETAN

Special Adviser, Honourable Minister of Solid Minerals Development



As HC, Science & Technology, Dr. Hamzat assisted me to provide a solution to managing the press corps. It was the practice that after the assignments on a particular day, reporters in the Governor's press corps would go to their respective offices to file their stories. I believed this badditional stress was no longer necessary since most newsrooms, as at 2006 were already digitalised and they could send their stories via email. I needed at least 10 desktop workstations with a central wifi and LAN to implement the solution.

So I approached Dr. Obafemi Kadri Hamzat. He found the idea exciting. In less than three weeks, he deployed men and materials and the idea became a reality. Reporters could file their stories from the Bagauda Kaltho Press Centre, confirm their offices have received them and go home! This motivated them to work better, safer and healthier.. We became closer when he chaired the committee set up by Gov Tinubu to critique the 2006 census of Lagos State. He was able to show, through a parallel enumeration system, that the National Population Commission shortchanged Lagos by over 8 million persons.

When KOH decided to consider running foe governor, I was his first biographer though the project was stalled for some reasons. Of course, we cannot but be grateful to KOH for supporting my Canoe road project against the sriff opposition of a few retrogressive elements who said taking it through Ajao Estate would bring thieves from Ejigbo to be robbing labdlords in Isolo. He convened a stakeholders meeting where he overruled the opposition. Today, millions use the unaware of the titanic struggle fought to make it a reality. To God be the glory. When he became Deputy Governor, I sought audience with him and presented a case for the upgrade of the Oke-afa jetty and the dredging of Oke-Afa to Mile 2 to make it navigable for water transportation. He was surprised I came just to push a community project and not my personal need.

As he clocks another year, may God prepare him for higher tasks in the service of the people of Lagos State.

of Solid Minerals Development





## 29-Year-Old Man Remanded For Allegedly Defiling Minor

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the Badagry h i e f Magistrates' Court has continued after w a s remanded in prison by a court magistrate.

Owoseni, who is facing a twocount-charge of defilement and Edet Ekpo. unlawful penetration was remanded in a correctional facility pending his rearraignment on

he trial of November11. one Moses The suspect who Owoseni at pleaded not guilty to the allegations was said to have committed the offences on September 5, at Pidel Street, Ile-Epo, Araromi area of Badagry as mentioned Prosecutor, ASP suspect''

> that the contravened defendant, Sections 137 arrested after and 261 of the the parents of Criminal Law of the victim Lagos State, reported the act 2015. to the Police



t h e stated that the alleged Ekpo disclosed offences The Magistrate, defendant Nurude en should remain in Layeni, ordered c u s t o d y that the

pending the

advice of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

#### Court Dismisses Businesswoman's Release Plea Over alleged N500m fraud By Felix Kuyinu

Lagos High Court has dismissed an application by a businesswoman, Aminah Orimoloye, after she sought for a release from the the sum of EFCC, amid alleged N500 million fraud.

In a statement, arrested on allegedly the EFCC disclosed that following a conspiracy Justice Musa Kakaki, who presided over the nater ruled funds. against the Investigations Auwal Ali, and Monday.

l Commission,



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application on revealed that others at large to According to the Mohammed

citizen and billion for a custody of the coordinator of foreign Economic and the Economic exchange Financial Crimes Empowerment transaction, of Commission, of Women and which only 1.163 billion Livestock was accounted Agriculture, for. Further EEWYLA, was inquiries August 5, 2025, uncovered a petition alleging in volving conspiracy and M o m o h diversion of Orimoloye, Mohammed, one Salihu divert the remaining N500 million.

### Woman Faces Trial For Biting Off Neighbour's Lip

he Police By Felix Kuyinu h a v e arraigned one Chidima Simeon for biting neighbour's lip in Badagry.

The Police told a sitting at the Badagry Magistrates' Court that Simeon, a resident at Ajara Agamathen area in the area, assaulted the that the victim, Anuoluwapo

Sule, during a quarrel at their residence on leaving her permanently disfigured.

Prosecutor, Edet Ekpo, told the court that the defendant is facing a charge of assault but she pleaded not guilty.

Ekpo explained offence contravened

Section 245 of the Lagos State Criminal Law, 2015.

Magistrate Nurudeen Layeni granted Simeon bail in N1million with two sureties in like sum. He ruled that one of the sureties must community leader. The matter was

adjourned to

10th October

for

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mention.

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## Lekki LCDA Launches E-Birth Registration, Donates Gadgets

to NPC

ekki Local Council Developme nt Area (LCDA) has officially flagged off its electronic birth registration program and handed over essential gadgets to the National Population Commission (NPC).

The initiative, unveiled at a brief ceremony in Lekki, aims to streamline birth registration, ensure timely record-keeping, support national population data

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management efforts, modernize civil registration, and improve data accuracy.

According to the council authorities, the e-birth registration system will make the process faster, more reliable, and accessible to residents, especially in underserved areas. By that the providing the NPC with new devices, Lekki LCDA seeks to strengthen the



commission's capacity to capture accurate birth records within the community. Officials emphasized program reflects the council's commitment to leveraging

technology for representatives of the e-birth improved public commended registration contributing to approach, taking development.

Population services. Commission With the rollout documented.

service delivery Lekki LCDA for its initiative, Lekki d proactive LCDA says it is Lagos State's noting that significant step broader goals accurate birth to ward for digital data is vital for enhancing governance planning population data and sustainable education, management healthcare, and while ensuring The National other essential that every child's birth is properly

## Students Benefit From Free 6-Week GCE Tutorials In Eti-Osa Atume Terfor Free 6-Week GCE limitations or lack of access to

Eti-Osa Local upcoming remains a Government, General cornerstone of Omo'ba Adeola Certificate h Alimot Adetoro, Examination administration's has rolled out a (GCE), will run a genda. for students at Ikota Primary future of Eti- excellence. community.

Town.

designed to give initiative, opportunity, of the promises due to financial leaders.

e students a Adetoro Executive competitive emphasized Chairman of edge in the that education

intensive GCE Friday, from 3:00 education is dedicated, and campaign and Y tutorial program PM to 6:00 PM, investing in the strive for reflect her empowerment,

limitations or lack of access to quality learning resources.

The free GCE tutorial program underscores Eti-Osa Local Government's broader vision of educational government's and community development—r across the School, Ikota Osa," she said, The chairman determination to eaffirming its urging students noted that the ensure no child is commitment to The program, Speaking on the to seize the tutorials are part disadvantaged shaping future



## Isolo LCDA, Promasidor Explore Collaboration on Jobs and

Community Growth Kehinde Adeleye

Council centered on and security in Development potential Isolo LCDA to Area (LCDA) partnerships in create a more paid a courtesy y o u t h e n a b l i n g visit to the empowerment, environment for management of employment businesses. Promasidor opportunities, He Nigeria Limited, and support for welcomed the led by Mr. small and company's François Gillet, medium-scale recognition of as part of efforts enterprises h to strengthen (SMEs). government- The Chairman on going private sector a s s u r e d initiatives, collaboration in Promasidor of including

e Discussions commitment to

the community. the council's comprehensive

Chairman of during the enhancing Isolo Local m e e t i n g infrastructure

administration's

h e a I t h p o v e r t y LCDA's status as programmes, alleviation a choice and educational schemes. development, "We will not area in Lagos infrastructure relent in our State," the renewal, and quest to make

life more meaningful for our people and sustain Isolo model council Chairman pledged.



#### OJOKORO NEWS

### Relief for Traders as Rosiji Removes Disputed Abattoir Signboards Kehinde Adeleye your Executive and sho Chairman, I will owners to your Executive and shop

n a move that eased weeks of tension at





the market be to the market's signboards at Lagos State Agricultural Land Holding Authority would be allowed to harass or forcefully evict occupants. She further pledged that n o structures would be demolished. "The House of

Assembly has spoken, and as

Rosiji declared to swift action. loud applause. The exercise, signboards were carried out in the dismantled, presence of the jubilant traders Divisional Police broke into Abattoir, SP describing the Shade Akeem, chairman's and the Council intervention as Engineer, Mr. bold and Ope G.O., saw compassionate. the immediate Many hailed her removal of the for restoring their controversial confidence in signboards.

encouraged firm to protect market leaders their businesses.

Chairman, I will owners to ensure that promptly report these directives any future cases are obeyed to of harassment or the latter. No intimidation one will disrupt directly to her your livelihoods," office, promising

Officer of cheers, local leadership Hon. Rosiji also and for standing

## Hamzat Celebrates National Youth Games, Gold Medalists Akinbola,

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from Ifako-ljaiye

Ijaiye Local Youth Games Prince Usman DeltaState. Akanbi Hamzat The athletes, repeating the (UAH) hosted two young and Master Quam (40kg) community proud with their

e gold medal Chairman victories at the of Ifako- 9th National Government, held in Asaba,

Miss Agboola Oyindamola Master Ramoni athletes who Ramoni Quam, made Lagos both competed State and their in the boxing e category for Team Lagos.

Miss Agboola insports.

Oyindamola (42kg)successfully, winning gold in 2023 and featin 2025.

also clinched gold, adding to the council's record of youth achievements

Prince Hamzat, while receiving defended her the athletes alongside their coaches and stakeholders, described them "true ambassadors of Ifako-liaiye" whose victories would inspire other young people to pursue excellence.

"From Ifakoliaiye to the Nation, and soon to the World, our champions continue to raise the bar, proving that greatness lives here," he said. The gold medalists were accompanied by Hon. SakiruBababun mi, Coach Nafiu

Coach Oniyide Kabiru, and other supporters who have been instrumental to their success. Stakeholders commended the council chairman for providing an enabling environment that continues to support youth empowerment and sports development across the local government.

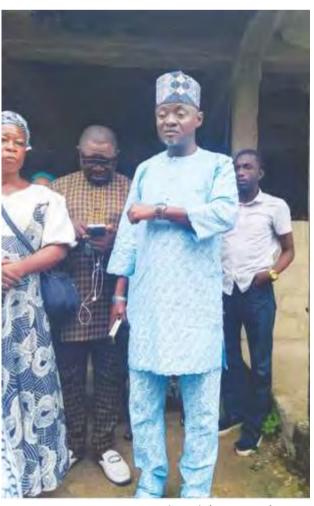
### Ayobo-Ipaja Chairman Inspects Ongoing International Market Project Kehinde Adeleye

Ipaja Local h C o u n c i l management Development team led by Mr. Area (LCDA), Babatunde Hon. Agbaje Saheed and the Lukmonmarket Abiodun, on committee, Friday, expressed strategically September 12, satisfaction with designed to 2025, inspected the pace of ease the stress of the ongoing work but urged our residents, construction of the contractor who often travel the Avobo to intensify long distances International efforts to ensure to buy essential Market, a timely delivery. flagship project aimed at transforming trade and commerce in provide a the community.

e who was Chairman accompanied of Ayobo- by members of He noted that the completion of the market would not only modern and Hon. Agbaje, conducive Hon. Agbaje

trading environment for market men and women but also serve as a catalyst for economic growth in the area.

"This project is goods. More importantly, it will strengthen the economic base of Ayobo-Ipaja LCDA," the chairman said.



furtherdelivering centre of reiterated his people-oriented e c o n o m i c administration's projects that activity in Lagos commitment to directly improve State.

livelihoods and contribute to sustainable development across the council area.

n completed, the y o b International Marketis expected to serve as a commercial hub for traders and buyers within and beyond the LCDA, positioning Ayobo-Ipaja as an emerging

## Ifako-ljaiye LG Begins Rehabilitation of Afilaka Street

Kehinde Adeleve



Chairman of † Ifako-Ijaiye rehabilitation of Emmanuel L o c a | Afilaka Street, regarded as a Prince Usman basing works r o a d ,

administrati (UAH), has underway. on of the commenced Afilaka Street, h

e located off

further to Yaya road users.

e Akanbi Hamzat a I r e a d y connecting Abatan Road. Street have commuters Residents say through the road, once optimism that Orimolade to completed, will the project will College Road or ease traffic flow not only ease Oyemekun to and improve movement but College Road, the daily also boost local Government, Ifako, with stone-strategic link and extending experiences of economic

The project

forms part of Prince Hamzat's HEEDS+ Agenda, a development blueprint designed to deliver Holistic development, Empowerment, Education, Development, and Sustainable infrastructure across the council.

"This is yet another stride in commitment to building infrastructure that directly improves the lives of our people. Our vision is to ensure that Ifako-ljaiye residents enjoy better roads and a more connected community," Prince Hamzat said.

rehabilitation project is scheduled for completion within three months.

Residents and business owners around Afilaka expressed activities.

## Aruwe Charges Residents on Environmental Cleanliness

By Saheed Afolabi

hairman Mushin ocal Government, Tunbosun Aruwe, in collaboration with the National Youth Council of Nigeria (Mushin Branch) and the Lagos State W as t eManagement Authority (LAWMA) led residents, community leaders, and council officials in a coordinated sanitation exercise across Mushin Local Government as o f part Environmental Sanitation Day. The exercise, which covered major streets, markets, and inner communities, focused on sensitizing residents on the importance of hygiene, proper w a s t management, and t h e prevention of environmental hazards

capable of



triggering and image of responsible outbreaks of the Local diseases.

Aruwe He urged emphasized traders, artisans, that a cleaner transport Mushin is not workers, and only vital to households to public health embrace the but also to the culture of o v e rallregular

Government. development sanitation,

waste disposal, and active community participation in maintaining a cleaner Mushin с а 0 Government. Reiterating his administration's commitment.

the Chairman assured residents of continuous support through the provision of waste bins, regular evacuation of refuse, and sustained public enlightenment campaigns, of markets.

while also pledging strict enforcement of environmental laws.

The sanitation exercise witnessed strong participation from council staff, market associations, youth groups, and community volunteers who joined hands in sweeping, clearing, and proper waste disposal.

Aruwe urged residents to see environmental cleanliness as a s hare d responsibility, stressing that

" A clean environment breeds a healthy people, and a healthy people guarantee a progressive society."

He further issued a stern warning to market traders and residents to avoid indiscriminate dumping of refuse, street trading, trading on walkways, and blocking of drains, stressing that negligence would attract strict sanctions, including possible closure

## Why Lagos Changes When Schools Reopen Kehinde Adeleye

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t first, it seemed like an ordinary Lagos morning. The sky was clear, the air damp from the night's rain, and the bus stop at Ayobo should have been quiet. On a normal day, barely twenty commuters would be there. But instead of

the usual handful, nearly a hundred people crowded the space, spilling onto the road. Schoolchildren in freshly ironed uniforms stood with backpacks almost larger frames.

Parents tugged them forward. some still clutching breakfast packs. Teenagers pushed their way to the front, eager not to miss resumption. Workers and traders fought for space in the same aueue.

Conductors destinations in tones. Drivers leaned on their resume school in



horns, impatient na. Na so e dev at the human be every time." tide that slowed As the bus traffic. The crawled scene was forward, he disorderly, noisy, began to and restless. It explain. looked like a "Before, road normal Lagos dey free small. gridlock, yet Now, traffic don than their there was scatter something everything. different.

After what felt don full road, like a wrestling and plenty contest, I finally parents wey no secured a seat dey comot in in a yellow bus. the morning, The driver, now dem dey earnings. bearded and outside to carry Akeem reeking faintly of their pikin go school on the alcohol, school. Students first day of laughed loudly go dey lap when I asked instead of why the roads paying for their had turned own seat. We chaotic.

he said, his eyes instead of four s houted fixed on the trips, maybe na clogged traffic only two we fit sharp, urgent a h e a d . do." "Student don It was only later school.

Teachers sef go burn fuel for "You no sabi?" hold-up, and

conversation introduced himself as Akeem, commercial bus driver who had seen this cycle repeat every term. For him, school resumption was not just another day on the road. It was a season that tested patience and reduced

complaints reflect a bigger commuters, it reopening. In truth. The return translates to this of students to school is not just a family matter. It is a citywide shift. More cars appear on the roads as parents drive their children to

the Teachers join

compete for the resumption. same limited By the time our seats.

hours gridlock, higher U consumption and fewer trips a n d time on the road than planned.

The fare increases I had noticed earlier

the morning in the week rush, adding to suddenly made the pressure on sense. What public transport. appeared to be Long queues random hikes build up at bus were, in fact, stops as Lagos children, recalibrating parents and itself around workersschool

bus crawled into For drivers, this lyana lpaja, means longer Akeem's words had sunk in. What I had dismissed as another Lagos traffic jam was really the ripple in a day. For effect of schools e education adjustments reshapes not the only classrooms frustration of but also roads, spending more routines and livelihoods.

"When students resume," Akeem said with a tired smile, "Lagos dey change." And he was right

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## Eti-Osa LG Launches Video Contest to Promote Tourism

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ti-Osa ocal nt has launched an exciting online video contest designed to showcase the area's rich tourism potential while driving conversations around sustainability n

transformation t h r e e in Lagos State. Themed "Eti-ghting Eti-Osa's Osa: Charting unique charm Sustainable h Transformation Participants are in Lagos State," encouraged to the contest share personal invites residents experiences to unleash their from local tourist producing connect their

minutes—highli U b creativity by attractions, original stories to videos—no sustainable

between flair. longer than development, fresh, unedited more than a State.

contest—it's a celebration of heritage, creativity, and the boundless opportunities tourism offers Eti-Osa. "This is our moment to show the world what makes Eti-Osa extraordinary," Adetoro said, urging residents to participate and showcase their community pride.

Contestants can submit their videos by tagging @EtiOsaLGA on Facebook or Instagram or by using the designated submission link. Any breach of rules, such as multiple uploads or edited videos, will result in disqualification. By launching this contest, Eti-Osa o c aGovernment is and wrap up recordings. reaffirming its their entries with Presenters are commitment to a positive welcome to making the area message about blend English a premier Tourism and as a tourism the community, with touches of tourism Submissions will Yoruba for destination—nur be accepted added cultural turing local talent, Monday, Executive strengthening September 22, Chairman community and Thursday, O m o 'b a pride, and September 25, Adeola Alimot championing 2025, with a Adetorosustainable reminder that all described the transformation entries must be initiative as across Lagos

## Dangote Refinery: Africa's Largest Plant Turns One Atume Terfa catalyze private investment in



largest oil-together to refiningensure complex, has efficiency, fair celebrated its pricing, and first full year of reliable supply." operations, with The \$19-20 billionaire billion facility, industrialist Aliko situated in the Dangote urging Lekki Free Trade greaterZone, was cooperation inaugurated in a m o n government b e g a n agencies, oil producing marketers, and diesel and labor unions to aviation fuel in secure Nigeria's early 2024. With energy future. Speaking at the refine 650,000

"This refinery was in decades.

Refinery, all stakeholders Africa's must work May 2023 and a capacity to anniversary barrels of crude event in Lagos, oil per day, it is The refinery has without clear oil—it's about Dangote the world's face dregulatory building a highlighted the largest single-feeds tock frameworks and stronger refinery's train refinery—a supply issues, logistics Nigeria," achievements feat that has with local crude investments—su Dangote said. but cautioned positioned production chas pipeline "The refinery that long-term Nigeria as a occasionally networks and can only success potential net falling short, tanker achieve its depends on exporter of forcing fleets—the promise if all industry-wide refined products temporary refinery's players work as collaboration, for the first time imports. Labor benefits could partners, not

Nigeria's energy note that the as unions like on the Nigerian believe the trajectory if the landscape," he refinery has NUPENG government refinery's call said. "To realize already saved

he Dangote its full potential, Nigeria an estimated \$1 billion annually in demurrage c o s t s b y reducing reliance on imported petroleum products. Its output is expected to stabilize local fuel prices, improve trade balances, and stimulate industries.

gains, Dangote protested over a n d employment producers to

conditions and guarantee membership steady crude rules. Recently, the refinery regulators to secured a court harmonize injunction to prevent industrial action competitivenes that could s with fair disrupt practice. He operations.

fluctuating to engage global crude constructively, prices and emphasizing foreign that a united exchange front is key to growth in allied volatility driving continue to economic Despite these i m p a c t growth. acknowledged costs. Analysts was never just several hurdles. warn that about refining tensions have beundermined.

supply and on policies that balance also appealed Additionally, to labor unions

downstream "This project opponents."

catalyze private investment in Africa's energy sector, potentially transforming Nigeria into a refining hub for West Africa. Neighboring countries have already expressed interest in sourcing fuel from the facility, reducing their dependence on European imports.

As it embarks on its second year, the Dangote Refinery plans to expand product lines, strengthen o c a l partnerships, and enhance infrastructure to keep pace with demand. Industry observers say its progress will serve as a litmus test for Nigeria's ability to modernize its energy sector and attract sustainable investment.

For many Nigerians, the refinery's anniversary represents more than corporate milestone—it's a symbol of industrial ambition that could redefine the country's built to transform Industry experts also surfaced, Dangote called Economists economic o i I success could collaboration is heeded.

## Dangote Refinery's Direct Fuel Sales Leave Private Depots Idle

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rivate fuel depots across Lagos and scheme allows least 500,000 surrounding quiet Thursday as the Dangote Petroleum users Refinery began purchase luring marketers supplying petrol and diesel directly to marketers—an According to Although unprecedented Daily Post depots have move that is Nigeria, the plan responded by Dangotedisrupting Nigeria's traditional downstream customers, a savings and supply chain.

experienced efficiency and minimal or zero activity, with tankers bypassing them to collect products straight from the Lekki-based refinery. Depot owners had long anticipated the shift but are now grappling with its scale. "This was expected, but the speed is unsettling," one anonymous source told Vanguard, noting that the move could render some

if adjustments emissions and aren't made.

a viation guarantees. telecom firms, competitive stayafloat. and other heavy pricing and refined products and petrol without going station owners through away from middlemen. private depots. includes: Free slashing exlogistics for depot prices, select highvolume say the cost fleet of CNG-Industry reports powered

credit facilities The refinery's for bulk buyers

to reliability are many operators direct access

depots obsolete r e d u c e Reports from strategic pivots. already marketers, liters, backed considering diversification operators, The refinery's strategies to

h has provoked unease among depot owners n independent is marketers, some of whom fear a dominated market could Business said. offered by that smaller survive without

Nigerians have prices

through cost- stability.

cutting, service Legit.ng and At an event improvements, Nigerian Eye marking the or new business suggest some refinery's first models, their direct-supply purchasing at depots are year of petrol relevance in the production, supply chain will Aliko Dangote continue to regions fell eerily manufacturers, by bank partnerships or defended the diminish. They move as also warn that essential for regulators may Nigeria's energy step in to ensure e security and a fair competition development long-term and prevent solution to the market country's monopolization. chronic fuel For consumers, shortages. "This however, the a b o u t shake-up could ensuring reliable bring more supply and stable fuel ending the supply and que u e s lower pump destabilize endured for competitive competition. decades," he pressures persist—marking Hallmark noted Energy analysts a potential predict that turning point in indicate that tankers to Dangote depots may unless private Nigeria's quest many depots improve delivery remain more struggle to depots adapt for energy





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## Obasa Launches Flood Control Operation in Agege

оса Gang Team to and Oshintelu streets.

t h e and Drainage by the Council's clear and de-silt Departments, flow and a I o n g water channels both immediate market area. relief and longterm solutions.

passage for Adesina Sogo a

our arms. Our

he Acting The intervention Obasa noted immediate attention of support the Chairman followed that drainage intervention is to residents, many government's of Agege O b a s a 's from the two open up the of whom efforts by inspection tour streets flows blocked drains, welcomed the adopting directly through while medium move as timely. responsible Government, communities on the MKO Abiola and long-term Community waste disposal Hon. Abdul-Tuesday, where Market before solutions are leaders also practices and Ganiyu Vinod he engaged linking to the already under praised Obasa's maintaining Obasa, on residents on the main collector consideration," personal c Wednesday causes of drain. He the Acting presence on- surroundings. recurrent disclosed that Chairman site.

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With de-silting mobilized the flood in g the Council is assured. Environmental works already Council's experienced collaborating The exercise, experts linked underway and Environmental during recent with market monitored by the flooding to drain age Health Service heavy rains. developers to C o u n c i l indiscriminate realignment Department Accompanied create a clear Manager Mr. refuse dumping through MKO d Abiola Market Environmental stormwater, Osikoya, uncontrolled planned, the and Engineering ensuring free Council construction Council Engineer Engr. along water pledged blocked drains he assessed the reducing Olajide Abejide, channels. continuous blockages and Ward O b a s a monitoring and Showonuola and pledged within the Councillor Hon. therefore reinforcement Aransiola Yusuff, appealed to of flood-prone "We will not fold drew the residents to areas across Agege.

#### ember House of grant o f financial autonomy to the legislative arms of Local Autonomy to Government the Legislative Council Development

a i d place the San n grassroot level Babatunde. Nigeria's lawmaker, democratic O b a f e m i governance. The motion, Constituency 02 titled "Need to representative,

state.

## Lagos Assembly Proposes Assembly have financial autonomy to LG proposed a financial autonomy to LG

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Legislative Arm

Areas and Local Arm of the Local Government Areas and Local Council Areas in the Development Areas in the The lawmakers State," was advocated for moved by the a framework to Chairman, an Committee on independent Local funding of the Government legislative Administration, council, Chieftaincy emphasizing on Affairs and Rural the need to Development, of government Speaking more vital on the motion, component of a n o t h e r

Saheed, Kosofe

Grant Financial said that the

Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as amended, clearly establishes the principle of separation of powers and autonomy at the local level, which would strenathen representation, oversight, and independence in line with what is obtainable at both the state and federal tiers of government. Commending on the the motion, Temitope Adewale, who represents

Ifako-ljaiye Constituency 01, emphasised that the functions of councillors at the local government level mirror with those of state legislators.

He lamented that many council leaders were often subject to undue control by local government chairmen due to financial

dependence. Adewale recommended that the training local government legislative leaders should

not be left solely to the Ministry of o c aGovernment but should also involve the leadership of the Lagos State House of Assembly.

Bonu Solomon stated that the proposed measure will ensure grassroots to ensure accountability and smooth democratic processes at the grassroot level of government. Aro Moshood of lkorodu Constituency 02, suggested that lawmakers should visit their С a governments in order to observe

legislative sessions and the challenaes councilors face without autonomy.

The Speaker, MudashiruObas a, stressed on the need for councillors to enjoy financial independence in order to effectively discharge their oversight duties. Obasa noted that with the recent increase in allocations to o c agovernments, the legislature at the grassroots  $m \cup s t$ b e empowered to ensure proper checks and balances in the interest of the people.

#### **BADAGRY**

## Bamigbose Affirms National

highly respected Southern Summit, former legislator and Apex Leader, Badagry West has reaffirmed that national unity remains the most vital pillar for sustainable nation-buildina.

amgbose media at the National Forum of Former Legislators held at the June 12 Cultural Centre, Kuto, Abeokuta, Ogun State.

The summit, themed "National Unity: Bedrock of Nation Building", brought Bamgbose stated this together eminent

while addressing the lawmakers from across the southern region to deliberate on the role of unity in fostering peace, stability, and development in ethnic and sectional Nigeria.

Speaking to "Without unity, there journalists, can be no real Bamabose said the time had come for set aside divisive leaders and citizens tendencies and

divides.

progress. We must to look beyond work together to

future generations FMHR, and Hon. will be proud of," he Avose Hodewu Suru,

Other notable former the active role of legislators from Badagry leaders in Badaary who national discourse. attended the summit

further highlighting



# Hunpe Hosts Ajara Development Forum, Seeks Stronger Synergy For Community Growth By Saheed Afoldbi

of Badagry оса Government, of professionals from the Ajara communities Forum (ADF).

e Sessi Margaret. behalf of the Forum, Mrs. Fagbeji outlined key areas of Babatunde partnership and Hunpe hosted intervention opportunities, an assemblage where the group socioeconomic is prepared to development, provide promotion of technical the dignity of expertise and labour, and under the aegis support to enhanced of the Ajara advance the stakeholder o Development Hunpe-led engagement. administration. H u n p e Discussions expressed The delegation, centered on appreciation led by the security, for the visit and Forum's agriculture, the show of President, Mrs. tourism, primary solidarity. He healthcare, and

pledged collaboration on youth empowerment, appointment

employment. stressed that just one's Chairman Speaking on The Forum also communities immediate thrive when they family. With the expertise, professionals collective ideas facet of human cronyism. prominent leaders gain the citizens. drive to give According to back, nurture,

representing leaders."

their endeavour, The and mentor "The essence of another set of

n e 's Hunpe further community is noted that just b e y o n d as communities personal cannot exist in alorification; it is olation, should be a individuals must pride for the also leverage e n t i r e opportunities

their platforms and positions to foster harness the support of development without networks, and across every favoritism or

> v i s i t concluded with a shared commitment between the Forum and the Chairman to deepen collaboration towards building more prosperous, inclusive, and resilient Badagry.



about her

personal

saying one of

her life missions is

to avoid having

wrong partner.

#### 'Dating in Lagos Is Hard" ormer Big Brother Naija housemate and BBNaija's Vee actress, Victoria lye, popularly known as Vee, has opened up

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o u l disrespect or convictions on m a k relationships, derogatory remarks about know what I'm

in life to avoid a child with the the wrong man would put me in getting me Speaking in a pregnant. And recent video it's not to say I'm passionate broadcast, Vee better than the described women that dating in Lagos have been in as particularly that position," challenging and she said.

determined not comes from self-

situations that could affect her mental health.

"I know myself, I like and I try to "It is my mission avoid certain situations that a state of psychosis. I'm about not getting f\*cked over and maybe that is what stops me explained that According to from finding love.



need to make added. is her, the resolve unapologetic sure that when it She stressed something to to end up in a awareness and "I'm stubborn. choosing a life one can fully going to work for situation where a desire to I'm hard-partner, I try my know another me, "she a baby daddy prevent headed. But I'm best to get it person, she concluded.

believes in learning from the experiences of others, especially with stories being widely shared online.

"People say experience is the best teacher — not in my world. Especially when there's the internet where people are sharing their experiences. I not stupid. I right," Vee don't need to experience comes to that while no know that it's not

## British Actor, Idris Elba Hails Lagos

ritish actor Idris Elba described Lagos as "the most amazing city in the social media, world," praising the Nigerian megacity for its energy and creative talent. The awardwinning actor made the comments during an interview with ETalk TV on the red carpet at

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the TIFF Tribute Awards, held on September 7. In a video now circulating on

Elba reflected on his time in Lagos while filming Dust to Dreams, noting that the experience left him with "a



wealth of performed in services to memories." "Lagos, if you

have never been there, is the most said.

recalled a standout moment when British singer Seal, who has Nigerian roots, his visit.

and an OBE for investors.

incredible Lagos while drama. He was adopting a named one of N i g e r i a n Time magazine's accent, calling 1 0 0 M ost it a highlight of Influential People in 2016.

amazing city in The actor, Elba's glowing the world. I had w i d e I y endorsement of a great time. acclaimed for Lagos adds to The talent there his roles in Luther the growing is incredible," he and Beasts of No international Nation, has spotlight on Elba also received Nigeria's film and s e v e r a l c r e a t i v e accolades, industries, which including a in recent years Golden Globe, have attracted a Screen Actors global directors, Guild Award, actors, and

## Hilda Baci's Mother Attributes Daughter's Guinness World Record to Prayer and Fasting

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celebrity chef, Hilda Baci, has attributed her daughter's latest that the family Guinness World immediately Record feat to embarked on a prayer, fasting, period of fasting and God's mercy, declaring that "what God cannot do does "She told me, not exist."

runs the Calabar through this Pot restaurant in week.' And we Gudu, Abuja, started. I joined shared her NSPPD every testimony virtually morning, prayed during Pastor all through the online prayer picture of the service on event before Tuesday, God, "she recounting the recalled. anxious days Her biggest fear, leading up to the she said, was that attempt.

According to her, might collapse when Hilda first under the weight revealed plans to of rice, meat, and cook a six-metre- oil. rice using 250 of that pot, bags of basmati, people could not she was alarmed. carry it. They had "My daughter to bring in cranes said, 'Mommy, I to lift it. I prayed, want to cook the Father, this pot I biggest pot of hand over to you. jollof rice.' When It was made by she mentioned man, but you are 250 bags, I was God. May it not shaking. When leak. Because if it

she sent me the video of the pot, I he mother of said, what kind of Nigerian rice is this one? That pot was like my office. I was afraid," she said. Bassey explained and prayer, trusting God for a successful outcome.

'Mommy, we Mrs. Bassey, who have to fast all Jerry Eze's NSPPD night, and put the

the massive pot



gas would catch fire. That would testified.

and seasoning.

leaked, the of will not is the kind of faith flame and the happen. And it ended in praise," Bassey expressed she said.

have turned joy She also narrated Guinness officials to disaster. But how, near the later confirmed God did it," she end of the the record cooking, her without any Gino in Victoria Eventually, the daughter rallied setback.

had been team, 'This is the Hilda's father? carried to the first time you Who is Hilda's in, touched it, rice that the Holy our family name?

she has."

gratitude that

pot consumed the team in faith. "Guinness has Nigeria." 200 bags of rice, "About 40 called us. My Hilda, who first venue. I walked people will eat mother? What is and told God, Ghost will cook.' For us to pull such culinary figures. what I am afraid And I smiled. That a crowd, it can

only be God," she said.

She added that the sight of the massive turnout at Eko Hotels left е overwhelmed.

"When I saw the crowd, I just said, what God cannot do does not exist. Father, no one will collapse here, no death, no accident, no evil report. And that was how it ended everything in praise."

On Monday, Guinness World Records confirmed the achievement, announcing: "New record: Largest serving of Nigerian-style jollof rice - 8,780 kg (19,356 lb 9 oz) achieved by Hilda Baci and Island, Lagos,

wide pot of jollof "Even the cover 20 goats, 30 minutes to go, she daughter has gained global gallons of oil, and came to me and broken the fame with her large quantities said, 'Mommy, record two times. 2023 Guinness of tomato paste we need to pray Two times record cook-a-thon, now in the Holy Ghost.' holder. Who is holds two world "By Saturday it She told the Hilda? Who is records, cementing her place as one of Nigeria's most prominent



## Lagos State Sports Commission upholds Dissolution of Senior Team

By Saheed Afolabi

he Lagos State Sports Commission has reaffirmed its decision to dissolve Senior Team Lagos, a move aimed at injecting fresh energy, renewed discipline, and a stronger competitive spirit into the state's sporting programs.

Senior Team "We Gateway 2024.



Speaking on the informed by the for financial development, underwhelming rewards for the the Director outcomes of 2020 and 2024 General of the Senior Team National Sports Lagos State Lagos at the Festivals was S p o r t s National Sports unfounded. Commission Festival and the Rewards for expressed need to outstanding dismay over the reposition Lagos performances, recent actions sports for the Commission s o m e excellence," the explained, are purported Director discretionary members of the General stated. and not Lagos, who committed to entitlements. staged a protest building a T at Alausa system that government Secretariat, celebrates has consistently demanding merit, hard work, fulfilled its unmerited cash and dedication. statutory rewards of their The dissolution of obligations by subpar outing at the team paves paying athletes' the 2020 the way for new, allowances, National Sports talented providing Festival and their athletes who are welfare support, uninspiring ready to give funding training showing at the their best and programs, and last National make the state ensuring Sports Festival, proud on the u p k e e p national stage." promptly during "This decision The Commission a was not taken clarified that the competitions. lightly. It was athletes' claim

are automatic

disheartening that some individuals, including impostors paradina themselves as spokespersons of the dissolved team, are attempting to mislead the public.The generosity of Mr. Governor towards Lagos triumphed in immediate legal athletes must Asaba, claiming a c t i o n , never be taken <sup>†</sup> h e including arrest for granted or championship and prosecution abused. This trophy for the of administration first time in the has consistently state's history. fulfilled its promises to state's zero- and respect for athletes and tolerance due process are often gone stance on essential for the beyond what misconduct, development of was promised, violence, or sports in Lagos ensuring prompt intimidation, the State, and the payment of Director Commission will

The Commission further revealed that intelligence reports welfare, no indicated the protest was justifies resorting deliberately to lawlessness. orchestrated He warned that following the future acts of announcement assault, by Mr. Governor harassment, or to host the attempts to victorious disrupt the Under-15 Team operations of Lagos athletes, the Commission who recently would attract Reiterating the him, discipline allowances and General not hesitate to monthly grants." assured the enforce them.

public that those behind the assault on h Commission's staff member during the misguided protest will be identified and made to face the full weight of the law.

The DG emphasized that while the s t a t egovernment values its athletes and remains committed to supporting their growth and grievance t h e perpetrators. According to

## Lekki Braves, Nine Others Ready as Flag Football Showtime Returns

By Saheed Afolabi



is over as Showtime Season XIII. Africa's bigaest code flag football league, kicks off at the Showtime Arena, Meadow

countdown Elegushi, Lekki. Champions," this year's teams battling Panthers. for supremacy: With fresh

e Hall Way, Warriors, Lekki Braves, Branded the Greenbacks, "Season of L.A. Knights, Ikan Sports, Raptors, Lagos edition will Alpha, Lagos feature 10 Rebels, and

Longhorns, rivalries, new

fans alike.

stars, and elite- Showtime is e | Nigeria's competition, premier coed Showtime flag football promises a le a g u e, season that officially blends intensity recognized for i t hits unique entertainment format requiring for players and every team to field female

athletes. The 2025 season will run for 13 weeks, with every match streamed and highlights broadcast across platforms, ensuring fans can follow the action wherever they are.

Last season delivered thrilling contests and inspiring storylines, from youth development initiatives to national team call-ups for standout athletes. The league's

impact now extends beyond the field, fueling grassroots growth and positioning Nigeria as a key player in Africa's emerging flag football scene. With IFAF's continental championships gaining momentum, Showtime's success underscores the sport's rising profile in Africa.

