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# Stealing Dominates Criminal Cases In Lagos

By Kunle Awosiyan & Felix Kuyinu

The Lagos State Criminal Information System (LCIS) has revealed that stealing dominated criminal cases in the state, with 21,084 cases representing 44 percent.

This was followed by breaches of peace with 7,044 cases (15 percent), armed robbery at 10 percent (4,518 cases), and sexual crimes being the least at five percent with 2,231 cases. These statistics were confirmed by our correspondent who has been monitoring proceedings at the various courts.

Our correspondent gathered that no fewer than 20 theft-related offences are heard in courts monthly.

Between August 15 and September 15 that our correspondent monitored court proceedings in some parts of Lagos, it was observed that at least one case of domestic theft is heard in the court.

First was a 33-year-old driver, Oluwatosin Eko, who allegedly stole his employer's N22,280,000.

He was arraigned before the Igboere Magistrate Court, Ebute-Meta on two counts bordering on conspiracy, and stealing.

Eko also stole two sets of gold jewelry valued at N16,000,000 all amounting to N22,280,000, all belonging to his employer, one Aderonke Sodeke.

On July 1, Security personnel arraigned before the Ogudu Magistrates' Court, Lagos, for stealing N250,000 and 50 litres of diesel valued at N50,000 from St Agnes Catholic Church, Maryland, Ikeja, Lagos.

The defendants, Victor Odeh, 22; Jeremiah Ngedu 32; Ubi Mbeh, 40; and Idris Olatunji, 44 were standing trial on a three-count charge of conspiracy, stealing and burglary preferred against them by the police.

The prosecutor, Insp Sunday Basse, told the court that the defendants committed the offences on July 1, at about 1:00 a.m., at St Agnes Catholic Church, Maryland, Ikeja, Lagos.

A 33-year-old cleaner, Charles

Sunday, who was arraigned before the Ebute-Metta Magistrate Court in Lagos for allegedly stealing a gold chain and other items valued at N3.250,000 from his employer. Sunday, who resides at No. 15, Orchid Road, Eleganza, Lekki, is facing a charge of stealing.

The Police Prosecutor, Inspector Cyriacus Osuji, told the court that the defendant committed the alleged crime while employed as a cleaner for the complainant, Mr Temitope Aremu.

He said the incident took place between July and August 2024 at the Horizon Court Estate, Ikate, Lekki. In another case of theft, one Semeko Atewon, allegedly stole an Infinity Smart 8 phone valued at N150,000. Another suspect identified as Jimoh Samod is on trial for allegedly stealing slippers worth N3,045,000 in Badagry, Lagos.

27-year-old Samod was arraigned at the Magistrates' Court in Badagry on accusations of stealing 203 packs of slippers.

Inspector Edet Ekpo, standing as Prosecutor, said that the defendant, put on one count charge of stealing, committed the offence between July 5 and



Lagos Attorney General, Pedro

July 6 at Jegba, Marina area of Badagry.

At the Magistrates' Court in Ikorodu the trio of Azeez Sadiq, 35, Taiwo Olayinka, 30 and Monsurudeen Saheed, 21, were accused of dragging their

victims to a secluded area and forcefully collected sum N13,000 from them.

Even though the gang pleaded not guilty, the Prosecutor still maintained that they committed the offences on August 20, at about 12 p.m. at Mobile petrol station, behind F One Bar, Ikorodu, Lagos, thus, contravening Sections 411, 172 and 287 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015.

Cases of persons stealing at their workplace were also held in courts and no fewer than five suspects were arraigned for stealing from their employers.

Three security guards, Bullum Agim, 38, Gabriel Edet, 31 and Samuel Nkana, 33, were remanded for allegedly stealing Aluminum Materials worth N61,000,000.

The police operatives at Maroko Division, where the matter was reported by the employer, accused the employees of stealing the items at No 6, Olunda Ogungbe street, Lekki, where they were initially employed to guard the stolen items.

At the Ebute-Meta Magistrates' Court, where the suspects were arraigned, the Police Prosecutor, Inspector Ejima Okete, said that the defendants

lied about thieves breaking into the premises to cart away the items.

Magistrate Bola Sonuga remanded them at the Ikoyi Correctional Centre and adjourned the case till October 8th.

A similar case of alleged theft at workplace is that of Ayoke Dowe, who according to the police stole the sum of N4.5million. He was a company accountant in a firm identified as Midak Property Limited.

Dowe, 35, was arrested by Police operatives at Maroko Division and arraigned at the Ebute-Meta Magistrates' Court where he was said to have fraudulently withdrew the sum from the company's account and converted to his use.

According to the Police Prosecutor, Gbenga Salami, the company, at Plot 19, Olowoeko Close, Jose Maria Escriva Estate, Ikate Lekki, took audit of the account and found out the missing funds. The suspect fled the scene but was later apprehended at his hideout in Lagos.

In another theft case, One Kehinde Akinkugbe alongside his accomplices were arraigned for stealing transformer worth N50 million.



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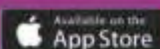
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**A**kinkugbe and the other accused, Tope Salisu and Isiaka Amusa were on trial on three-count of conspiracy, stealing and malicious damage, at the Ikorodu Magistrates' Court over an alleged act.

They were accused of committing the offence on August 22, at about 2:30am along Ajeri Street, Ijede, Ikorodu, as informed by the Police Prosecutor, ASP Aminu.

Another case of theft is of three men who were accused of stealing cartons of N10 million. The suspects were arraigned at the Ikeja Magistrates' Court for allegedly stealing the items which belong to one Nneka Moses, the complainant.

Iberedem stated that two of the suspects, Saheed Olayinka, 32, Larry Olatuberu, 30, are on trial for stealing, while third accused, Francis Ezema, 27 was charged for receiving and obtaining stolen property.

They were accused of stealing Sieman Schnapps, Action Bitters, Chelsea Dry Gin, Orijin Bitters and Black Woods drinks at the complainant's shop situated in Balogun Market, Masalashi Alhaja in Agege Lagos.

One Kuju Abel is on trial for allegedly stealing a tipper of sand worth N200,000 in Badagry, Lagos.

Abel who is 32 years of age was brought before the Badagry Magistrates' Court on three count charge of conspiracy, assault and theft.

Standing as Prosecutor at the trial was

Inspector Ayodele Adeosun who told the court that the defendant and others at large stole the sand which belong to one Adeshina Lateef on July 4, around 2pm at Agumo Community in Oko-Afo, Badagry.

Another gang of six is facing trial for theft. The police arraigned the sextet for allegedly kidnapping and stealing phone worth N1,200,000.

The group were also alleged to have stolen cash and intimidated a duo: Kapo Muniru and Oyedeji Samuel, the complainants.

The gang identified as Emmanuel Nwachukwu of age 26, Abel Odiete, 28, Divine Eta, 27, Chinedu Ihechi, 27, Titilayo Campos, 29 and one Boniface Isaiah, 32, were brought for commencement of trial at the Ikorodu Magistrates' Court.

Police Prosecutor, Inspector Adegeshin Famuyiwa, said that the suspects conspired with others at large to harm the complainants. He also disclosed that they are charged with conspiracy, felony to wit grievous harm, kidnapping, unlawful deprivation and stealing.

They stole a phone valued N160,000 and fraudulently withdrew the sum of N1,000,000 from one Kapo Muniru's bank account.

A 52-year old man, Samuel Jidenu, was given the task to carry out a community service as punishment for stealing.

Jidenu was arraigned and sentenced at the Badagry Magistrates' Court.



The Magistrate, Nurudeen Layeni, delivered the judgement after listening to the prosecutor, Inspector Edet Ekpo, who submitted that the offender convicted committed the act on August 6 at Povita Site of Prime Meritean in Badagry.

Reacting to the LCIS data, Justice Rahman Oshodi of the Lagos High Court, said that Oshodi/Isolo and Apapa areas currently have the highest crime rates in the state.

He disclosed that between 2018 and 2024, 62,117 inmates were enrolled in LCIS, with Lekki accounting for 13 percent of reported cases.

He said that Oshodi/Isolo, Apapa, and Ojo each followed with 10 percent, while Alimosho represented

nine percent, Agege and Ikeja eight percent each, Mushin six percent, Lagos Island five percent, and Yaba four percent.

However, Epe, Ajeromi, and Victoria Island ranked lowest at two percent each, with Ikoyi slightly higher at three percent.

The statistics also highlighted the state of origin of defendants, revealing that Ogun, Oyo, and Lagos indigenes topped the list of crime suspects.

He stated that Ogun State has 17 percent of the total crimes in Lagos, amounting to 5,294 cases. Oyo State follows with 13 percent (4,090 cases), and Lagos State ranks third with 11 percent (3,295 cases).

He also stated that states like Kano, Ekiti, Ebonyi, and Abia were the lowest contributors

in this category.

However, he recommended collaboration and data sharing among criminal justice agencies through regular inter-agency meetings, joint training programs, and integrated data management systems. According to him, "Expanding the use of technology across the criminal justice system, including extending LCIS, BIMS, and OBS coverage, and increasing electronic case filing and management systems adoption.

"Enhancing capacity building and training for criminal justice professionals, including law enforcement, the judiciary, corrections, and community service.

"Promoting public awareness and

engagement in criminal justice reforms through community forums, media campaigns, and educational initiatives.

"Institutionalising the Bondsman Scheme to enhance the bail process's efficiency and effectiveness, with clear guidelines, standards, and oversight mechanisms. "Our justice professionals must be equipped with the latest skills and knowledge to uphold justice effectively.

"Building additional custodial centers to address overcrowding and improve inmate living conditions, leveraging the success of the Correctional Centre for Boys.

"These reforms have immense potential benefits, and I am confident we can achieve them holistically and collaboratively.

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# LSMRTL Hosts PMO Assessment Team

## ... Reveals New Operational Modalities

The Lagos State Materials Testing Laboratory Agency (LSMRTL), has rolled-out advanced operational modalities on meeting the volatile opportunities and challenges of rapid urbanisation to settlements across Lagos State.

Speaking during the visit of a delegation from the Lagos State Parastatals Monitoring Office (PMO) led by its Permanent Secretary, Mrs. Adetutu Ososanya, the General Manager of LSMRTL, Engr. Olayinka Abdul stated that to effectively fulfil the mandate of her Agency in protecting integrity of structures, highest standards of safety and quality must strictly be adhered to by all stakeholders within the built industry.

She said, "The Lagos State Materials Testing Laboratory Agency checks all construction materials, including Asphalt, sand, steel, concrete, bitumen, water and particularly granite, which have various forms that can either aid in collapse, or enhance durability of structures. Granite has various tenacity ration to complement the construction process, hence, Lagos residents have to know this to avoid buildings' collapse being induced by their incapacibilities to

withstand structural changes, along with other factors which LSMRTL is going to rigorously sensitise stakeholders on averting disasters across Lagos State". She emphasised that the use of substandard steel, stanchions, brittle concrete mix and salinated soil, often cause ripple effects on buildings while affecting peoples' lives through caved-in structures.

Engr. Abdul reiterated, "Our advocacy and operations will focus on shore settlements of Lagos State, because soil salinity from Makoko, Iyana-Oworonshoki, Lagos - Island, Irewe and its Environs, as well

as Badagry and the connecting Islands are not ideal for buildings' construction. But, people dredge these soil contents from the water in minute forms using canoes at the detriment of residents' safety because they come cheap. All these things seemed right, but, upon laboratory scrutiny, they definitely contribute to buildings' collapse, She added that to rectify the defects being shaped by this anomaly, Non - Destructive Tests will be conducted on buildings that have been erected for more than 10years to indicate precision in performance. "We do

not want episodes of collapse in Lagos State anymore", she added

The General Manager noted that many developers may not fully understand the importance of using tested materials.

Hence, the agency will initiate a awareness campaigns, workshops, and seminars designed to educate stakeholders about the value of quality materials testing.

"These campaigns will highlight the long-term benefits - both economic and safety-related - of adhering to the set standards", she stated.

Earlier in her address, the

Permanent Secretary, Parastatals Monitoring Office, Mrs. Adetutu Oluremi Ososanya averred that 'walk the talk' move of her Agency was targeted at grooming values in Parastatals and Agencies of Government to mitigate effects shaped by execution of responsibilities for optimal delivery.

She called for collaborations of LSMRTL with other Government Agencies, in measuring up her standards as the bedrock of the built industry to ensure safety to structures. She said, "Everyone should be involved in ensuring safety to

buildings in the State, for every Nigerian wants to reside in Lagos State. Every day, development tends towards massive pace, hence, technology needs to be deployed by the Agency to step-up its game in keeping proper order in place".

"I proffer buildings' regeneration process with LASURA as obtained in better climes in order to check wide defects to buildings. Moreso, all residents should report all compromising signs while avoiding non-challant attitude that could cause future disaster and pain", the Permanent Secretary averred.



# 2024/2025 LJLA Cohort Set For Transformative Journey

The Lateef Jakande Leadership Academy (LJLA) has officially welcomed its 2024/2025 cohort, marking the start of their transformative leadership journey.

As part of their orientation, the Fellows attended an onboarding session, where they were introduced to the Academy's vision, core values, and guiding principles.

The Executive Secretary of LJLA, Mrs. Ayisat Agbaje-Okunade warmly welcomed the fellows and shared an insightful overview of the Academy's mission and goals, drawing from her own leadership experiences.

In her address, she stressed the importance of tenacity, encouraging the fellows to remain steadfast in the face of challenges as they refine their leadership skills.

"You must see yourselves as ambassadors of this Academy and lead with integrity and selflessness" she urged, inspiring the

fellows to meet the high expectations of the Fellowship programme.

She also highlighted the Academy's pivotal role in developing future leaders and encouraged them to adopt a service-driven mindset.

After her address, representatives from key departments within the Academy presented their roles and explained how their collaborative efforts support the Academy's mission of cultivating a new generation of well-rounded, innovative, and ethical leaders.

To further prepare them for the journey ahead, the fellows participated in the YES+ (Youth Empowerment Seminar+) Wellness Programme. This comprehensive course, which includes breathing techniques, yoga, meditation, and practical wisdom, equips them with tools to navigate modern challenges, fostering mental clarity, emotional balance, and overall well-being.



Mrs. Adebisi Adelabu, General Manager of the Lagos State Parking Authority (LASPA), recently met with representatives of the Restaurant, Café, Bar, and Club (RCBC) Association to address concerns regarding the State Parking Policy's impact on the hospitality sector.

During the meeting held recently at LASPA's office on Sasegbon Street, Ikeja GRA, Mrs. Adelabu reassured attendees of the government's commitment to the policy, which aims to tackle indiscriminate parking and ease traffic congestion.

Mrs. Adelabu acknowledged the significant role of the hospitality sector in the state's traffic and parking

## Parking Policy: LASPA Meets With Representatives of RCBC

management, emphasising the need for collaboration and support.

She addressed concerns about overlapping jurisdictions and local government interference. She also clarified that the state government has established a strategic partnership with local governments and local council development areas to ensure no disturbances over parking levies.

Regarding inadequate parking infrastructure, Mrs. Adelabu noted that some hospitality businesses have failed to comply with building

regulations by not including sufficient parking for customers. LASPA offers a six-month grace period for companies to address parking shortfalls and provides guidance on solutions. The Authority also advises businesses to consult with LASPA before allowing customers to park on roads, which can obstruct traffic.

Acknowledging the challenges businesses face, Mrs. Adelabu urged the hospitality sector to communicate their specific needs so that LASPA can provide appropriate guidance

and recommend nearby parking options.

"It is essential to balance business interests with the rights of the general public. The Authority has provided ample time and opportunities for businesses to adapt. Being mindful of prevailing circumstances, it has also made provisions for suitable payment plans for those who comply", she added.

The General Manager, therefore, urged all Lagosians to support the state government's parking regulation efforts, saying "We encourage everyone to

back the Lagos State Parking Policy and participate in the regulated on-street parking scheme. Compliance with the policy is vital for reducing traffic congestion and improving parking efficiency. By paying the required parking levies and engaging with the system, you help create a more organised and accessible urban environment".

In response, RCBC President, Mrs. Morenike George-Taylor expressed gratitude for the General Manager's proactive engagement and confirmed that many

members are already compliant. She also noted that the hospitality sector is ready to support and adapt to the new parking scheme.

Also present at the meeting was Tokunbo Sotinwa, Director of Government Relations and Advocacy.

The Agency enjoined members of the public to visit LASPA's website or call its contact Lines: 02-01-2275230 or 02-01-2275231 for more information on the regulated on-street parking scheme or parking-related inquiries.



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# ESIA Adoption For Developmental Projects A Must-LASG

The Lagos State Government, has reiterated that adopting the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) process is a must to ensure sustainable implementation of all developmental projects in the state.

State Commissioner for the Environment and Water Resources Mr. Tokunbo Wahab emphasised this at a one-day Stakeholders Engagement Workshop with Financial Institutions and Professional Bodies, stating that its adoption has become necessary for all professionals in the built environment in line with global best practices.

He said the theme: "Embracing Environmental And Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) As A Critical Management And Sustainable Tool", was apt as ESIA must be embraced by both the private and public sectors to achieve sustainable development.

The Commissioner, who spoke through the Permanent Secretary, Office of Environmental Services, Dr. Tajudeen Gaji, added that EIA helps in identifying the likely adverse and beneficial impacts of a project to put in place measures to mitigate the adverse ones.

He said Lagos State remains the preferred destination for many businesses operating within the various sectors of Nigeria's economy, saying this preference can be likened to a two-sided coin which on one hand stated that Lagos is open to economic prosperity and growth and on the other hand, comes with various types of environmental

and social challenges. Wahab said the establishment of industrial facilities, creation of new settlements, and construction of infrastructure, all come with huge adverse environmental impacts ranging from pollution of various environmental media (Air, Land and Water) to sometimes irreversible environmental degradation if not properly managed.

"I would like to reiterate here, that the State Government cannot afford the huge cost of addressing environmental degradation and ecological challenges resulting from unwholesome project development activities. The cost of doing the right things is cheaper than the cost of remediating or correcting the consequences of refusal

to do them", he said. He emphasised that Environmental Impact Assessment is a formal process for identifying the likely impacts that may arise from a proposed activity or project on the environment, human health and social economic activities.

He stated that the workshop is designed to bring together all financial institutions and professional bodies in the built environment to discuss the critical role of Environmental Impact Assessment in their collective strides towards sustainable development in the State.

He explained that it is worrisome that while the government continues to see improvements in the level of compliance of the Private Sector players to the process, the same cannot be said about some

professional bodies, especially in the built environment.

He added that it has been observed that some Private Sector players have continued to execute development projects in the State without Environmental Impact Assessment.

The Commissioner reiterated that EIA has become a global decision-making tool by policymakers in protecting the Environment with nations across the globe enacting laws and setting stricter standards to ensure compliance, saying "Lagos State cannot be an exception".

He stressed that this is why the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources is committed to continuous creating of awareness of the need for participation and compliance with the EIA process in the State.

He added that the Government has developed the Citizens Guide on EIA to educate members of the public and provide them with required information on the EIA process in the State as well as embarked on Stakeholders' Engagement meetings to several stakeholders and major focus groups across the State.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Permanent Secretary for The Office of Environmental Services, Tajudeen Omobolaji Gaji, read by the Director, Sanitation Services Department, Dr. Hassan Sanuth, noted that EIA has become a major management tool that any nation that is determined to achieve sustainable development cannot afford to jettison in project consideration and design.

He said all the Financial

Institutions and Professional Bodies must be on the same page on the importance of EIA in project development and implementation to strike a balance between the desire for development, the need to protect the environment and public health which are not options but a necessity.

The Guest Lecturer, Prof. Babajide Alo said ESIA must be executed thoroughly according to the following stages which are screening, scoping, preparing an ESIA report, publication consultation, decision making and post decision making.

He also identified the objectives of ESIA to include identifying, predicting, evaluating environmental economic and social impacts of development activities amongst others.



# Sanwo-Olu Advocates Tech-Driven Approach To Lagos History Reservation

The Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu has emphasised the critical role of technology in preserving the city's rich cultural and historical heritage and in ensuring its longevity for future generations.

The Governor stated this during a symposium organised by the Lagos State Records and Archives Bureau (LASRAB), themed 'Lagos: Bridging Knowledge and Unraveling History'.

Governor Sanwo-Olu urged stakeholders and history enthusiasts at the symposium to explore innovative methods for engaging younger generations with the city's history to avoid the dissemination of untrue and distorted facts about the State

Represented by the Secretary to the State Government, Mrs. Abimbola Salu-Hundeyin, Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu stressed the importance of inclusivity in shaping the narrative of Lagos, urging collaboration between public and private sectors, civil society, and communities.

He stated, "Our cultural and historical legacy is not only a treasure to protect but a foundation for economic growth."

The Governor also highlighted that the ongoing story of Lagos involves everyone, making it essential to approach its history with objectivity, inclusivity, and passion.

While underscoring the need to make Lagos' history accessible beyond traditional learning environments, the Governor said: "We are dedicated to ensuring that the history of Lagos is integrated into everyday life, especially for the younger generations."

## ... Says History is Key to Shaping Lagos' Future

He reiterated the government's commitment to building an inclusive and sustainable Lagos while recognizing the role of history in shaping its future.

In his remarks, the Head of Service, Mr. Olabode Agoro reinforced the need to refresh collective memory on Lagos' past, emphasising that history serves not only to teach lessons but also to guide its socio-political and cultural evolution.

Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Mr. Gbenga Omotoso emphasised the symposium's objective of sharing knowledge and fostering deeper insights into Lagos' cultural and historical context, which

promotes peace and unity.

In a similar vein, a former Attorney-General of Lagos State, Mr. Olasupo Shasore (SAN), called on Nigerians to actively participate in efforts to retrieve historical artefacts and documentation currently held by foreign governments, notably the British.

Scholars and historians present at the event including the former Lagos State University Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olanrewaju Fagbohun (SAN), and Prof. Rasheed Olaniyi, urged the government to invest in documenting and archiving the city's history.



## Gas Emissions: LASG Inaugurates Greenhouse Registry

In its commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting a sustainable environment, the Lagos State Environmental Protection Agency (LASEPA), in collaboration with TPHG Technologies Limited, recently organised a Stakeholders' Engagement.

The event held at the State Treasury Resource Centre, Debt Management Office, Alausa, Ikeja was centred on the implementation of the Greenhouse Gas Registry for Lagos State, known as the Lagos Carbon Registry.

In his welcome remarks, LASEPA General Manager, Dr. Tunde Ajayi stated that the Lagos Carbon Registry is aimed at tracking and managing the State's carbon emissions, offering a

critical tool for mitigating climate change and fostering environmental sustainability.

According to him, the initiative marked a significant step in the Lagos State government's efforts to become more resilient in the face of climate change, which is increasingly becoming a global threat to human existence.

Represented by the Agency's Director of Environmental Sustainability (E-Waste & Plastic Solutions), Mrs. Adedayo Adebayo, the General Manager said, "The Lagos Carbon Registry is a crucial tool in our fight against climate change. It will help us track and verify greenhouse gas emissions from various sources, identify opportunities for reduction, and promote

clean energy solutions.

He explained that the registry, which will operate through an online registration, will allow stakeholders to report and track their emissions while demonstrating their commitment to environmental sustainability.

Dr. Ajayi stated that the new initiative would provide an avenue for stakeholders to self-audit and regulate their emissions, thereby reducing the overall carbon footprint of the State.

In a similar vein, the Special Adviser to Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu on the Environment, Mr. Olakunle Rotimi Akodu reiterated the State's longstanding commitment to climate action.

The Special Adviser, who was represented by Mr. Bankole Omoniyi, Deputy Director and Head of Climate Change, Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources, explained that the Ministry's work on emissions inventory is crucial for addressing climate challenges. "Over the years, Lagos State has prioritised climate change through various summits and initiatives aimed at making the State more sustainable and resilient. This new effort underscores our dedication to understanding and managing our emissions", he noted. The Head of Air Quality & Emissions Control, LASEPA, Mrs. Ayodele Osho also spoke on the importance of the initiative, noting that the event marks a major milestone in the efforts to

implement the Greenhouse Gas Registry and industrial sector emissions inventory under the Lagos Carbon Registry.

Osho emphasised the benefits of the registry in reducing the State's carbon footprint, improving energy efficiency, and protecting natural carbon sinks.

The Lead Consultant from TPHG Technologies Limited, Mofoluso Fagbeja, who presented an introduction to the Lagos Greenhouse Gas Registry took participants through various benefits of the new initiative both to the public health and the environment.

The event was graced by key dignitaries, including top government officials across Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government and the private sector.

# Elevate Your Craft, Lagos Govt Tells Technicians

The Lagos State Government has challenged technicians in the State to elevate their craft and ensure that they keep up to date on developments in their trade, as this represents the pathway to promoting efficient and effective service delivery. The Special Adviser to the Governor on Works, Engr. Olayinka Adekunle gave the charge while declaring open a five-day Expert Training for Electricians, Plumbers, Technicians and Carpenters organised by the Office of Works, Lagos State Ministry of Works and Infrastructure. The training programme, which is the first of its kind in

the annals of the Office with the theme: "Elevate Your Craft", had participants drawn from various fields in the building Industry including Plumbers, Electricians, Air-conditioning Technicians as well as Carpenters. The programme features an impressive lineup of speakers, including well-known experts and thought leaders in the built sector and was an enriching experience, with a packed agenda featuring keynote addresses, panel discussions, workshops, team building & bonding as well as networking sessions. The Special Adviser on Works, Engr. Adekunle Olayinka inaugurated the programme with a

keynote address, emphasising the importance of elevating crafts and trade in today's fast-paced, artificial intelligence-dominated world. According to Olayinka, the programme is a testament to the State Government's commitment to excellence and innovation. He said, "We are thrilled to bring together such a diverse group of professionals to share ideas that will foster goodwill and sustain mutual relationships amidst teammates". Olayinka, while imploring the participants to be actively involved in the proceedings, expressed optimism that the investment in training will yield great dividends in the

long run promote professional excellence at the various duty posts and will also increase productivity. He challenged the participants to show necessary appreciation for the support by taking one new skill or idea learnt during the Programme and applying it to a real-world project within the next 30 days. The Permanent Secretary, Office of Works, Arch. Adebayo Odusanya said, "We are excited to host this Programme and provide a platform for professionals to grow, learn, and network. We look forward to a productive and enriching five days, and we are confident that this training will have a lasting impact on our industry".

## Lagos Assembly Condemns Murder of Monarch's Son



By Felix Kuyinu

Members of the Lagos State House of Assembly have frowned at the killing of Prince Kazeem Akinloye, first son of the Ojumu of Ajiran land, Oba Tijani Akinloye. The lawmakers urged the state's Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu and the Inspector General of Police, Kayode Egbetokun, to commence investigation on the incident to offer justice to the bereaved family. Ademola was reportedly shot and stabbed to death on August 26, 2024 along Chevron Drive, Lekki area of Lagos. The legislative arm described the murder as one too many. The Majority Leader of the House, Honourable Noheem Adams, called the attention of his colleagues to the reported gruesome murder of the deceased. Adams urged the House to call for a thorough investigation into the incident. Honourable Ademola Kasunmu, Deputy Majority Leader of the House, said the situation was enough for the security

agencies in the state to work more efficiently. Gbolahan Yishawu, who represents Eti-Osa Constituency 02, reminisced a similar case involving the murder of one Sheriff Salami in the same area of the state some months ago. He said the mystery behind the killings needed to be unravelled. Adewale Temitope who represents Ifako-Ijaiye Constituency 01 said, "One of the responsibilities of the government is the protection of lives and property. The level of insecurity in Lagos is becoming alarming. "The security agencies, though putting in their best, are not as effective as we expect. We need to empower the state's Neighbourhood Safety Corps. Deputy Speaker of the House, Mojisola Meranda, who presided over the sitting on behalf of Obasa, urged the Lagos command of the Nigeria Police to do more concerning the case. She also suggested that pending the conclusion of investigation, the police should provide security at the palace to avoid intimidation of people.



# Lekki Waterfront Encroachment: LASG Serves Farm City, Jonah Court, Others Contravention Notices

In its continued efforts to sanitise the Lagos State Waterfront corridor, the Lagos State Government has served contravention notices on Farm City, Jonah Court, DHL, Polo Avenue and 65 others at Admiralty Way and Wole Olateju in Lekki Phase I abating Lekki Cowrie Creek encroaching on Lekki Waterfront setback.

According to the Honourable Commissioner for Waterfront Infrastructure Development, Hon. Yacoob Ekundayo Alebiosu, all the companies served are occupying the waterfront setbacks illegally, thereby contravening Lagos State Waterfront law No 3 of 2009 for the regulation of Waterfront Development in Lagos State and connected purposes.

He implored all concerned to report to



the Ministry of Waterfront Infrastructure Development, Block 10, State Secretariat,

Alausa, Ikeja with available documents/titles authorising them to use the setback, failure to

comply may result in the property being sealed or demolished. The Commissioner reiterated the

commitment of the State Government to provide infrastructure and maintain the Lagos State Waterfront by

harnessing resources to ensure a well-protected environment that is attractive to tourists and the people of the state.

## AGEGE

# Make Education Your Priority - Ninolowo Charges Orile- Agege Pupils

Kehinde Adeleye

Mr. Oladapo Azeef Yusuf, the founder and convener of Ninolowo Empowerment Foundation, recently appealed to pupils in Orile-Agege to prioritize their education as a means to achieve personal and societal growth.

Mr. Yusuf, a prominent philanthropist and political figure in Agege,

delivered this message during the free distribution of educational materials to primary school pupils in Orile-Agege Local Council Development Area.

His foundation's initiative serves as a testament to his commitment to promoting education and empowering youth to realize their full potential.

Mr. Oladapo Azeef Yusuf eloquently stated his motivation for investing in the community that raised him: "Agege has given me so much, and I believe it's crucial to give back to this community that has shaped my life. My story would be incomplete without acknowledging the profound impact Agege has had on my

personal development and success. Therefore, I am determined to positively impact the community that nurtured me." His statement not only highlights the importance of communal growth but also reflects his gratitude and commitment to making a meaningful

difference in the lives of the people of Agege.

Mr. Yusuf emphasized the importance of educational focus, imploring the pupils to avoid any distractions that could hinder their academic progress. He highlighted the significance of staying on course, stating, "Your education is your key to a brighter future, so remain committed and

strive to excel."

In the same breath, he reaffirmed Ninolowo Empowerment Foundation's dedication to empowering the youth and widows in the future, believing that it is a fundamental responsibility to contribute to the growth of society.

# Curbing Maternal Mortality: Lagos Trains 40 Healthcare Workers

In a continued effort to combat maternal mortality, the Lagos State Ministry of Health, in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Saving One Million Lives Programme for Results (SOMLPforR), organised a three-day training for healthcare workers on the active management of the third stage of labour.

Held at the Conference Centre in Alausa-Ikeja, the training sought to equip healthcare workers with the necessary skills to manage childbirth and postpartum complications, with a particular focus on preventing excessive bleeding, which remains a leading cause of maternal deaths in Nigeria.

The training, which brought together about 40 healthcare workers from primary, secondary, and tertiary healthcare facilities, was a blend of theoretical and practical sessions. Participants were exposed to clinical demonstrations using mannequins and hands-on practice with anti-shock garments and uterotonic drugs. The training is part of a larger initiative to strengthen maternal and child health services in Lagos State. Speaking on the importance of the training, the Director of Family Health and Nutrition, Lagos State Ministry of Health, Dr. Folasade Oludara noted that the training aimed to bridge the knowledge gap among newly recruited healthcare workers and update the skills of existing staff.

According to her, the training addressed one of the primary causes of maternal mortality – postpartum

haemorrhage, or excessive bleeding after delivery. She explained that Postpartum haemorrhage is responsible for a significant portion of maternal deaths, both globally and in Nigeria, adding that the training focused on teaching participants the proper use of uterotonic drugs such as oxytocin and misoprostol, which help the uterus contract after childbirth to prevent excessive bleeding.

The Director said that participants were also introduced to new techniques like delayed cord clamping, which allows blood from the placenta to flow back into the newborn, reducing the risk of neonatal anaemia.

She stated that these devices are crucial in emergencies, particularly in low-resource settings where access to blood and blood products might be delayed. Dr. Oludara disclosed that the training also addressed the proper use of the partograph, a simple yet critical tool used to monitor labour and predict potential complications.

While stressing that the training also prioritised the interpersonal skills of healthcare workers, the Director noted that the workshop focused on improving communication and empathy between healthcare workers and patients to enhance the overall birthing experience.

Dr. Oludara expressed optimism that the new skills acquired by healthcare workers would lead to a significant reduction in maternal mortality



across the state, saying “We are hopeful that this training will change the narrative for us. Skilled healthcare workers are the key to reducing maternal deaths and ensuring safe deliveries”. One of the facilitators at the training, Professor Yusuf Oshodi, a renowned obstetrician and gynaecologist from the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital (LASUTH), emphasised that the training was designed to reduce Nigeria's high maternal mortality rate, which has remained unchanged for decades.

He noted that excessive bleeding and hypertensive disorders in pregnancy are the two leading causes of maternal deaths, and addressing these issues could reduce maternal mortality by 40%. “Our goal is to face these two monsters – postpartum haemorrhage and hypertensive

disorders in pregnancy – which account for a large portion of maternal deaths”, Professor Oshodi stated.

During the event, the Director and Reproductive Health Coordinator of the Lagos State Ministry of Health, Dr. Victoria Omoera delivered a comprehensive presentation, titled: “Proposal to Improve Maternal Care, Reduce Maternal Mortality, and Strengthen Systems for Safer Childbirth”.

In her address, Dr. Omoera highlighted the need for improved maternal healthcare services in low-resource settings like Lagos, where healthcare workers often lack the tools, capacity, and training needed to provide high-quality services.

She identified the main causes of these deaths as obstetric haemorrhage, hypertensive disorders, unsafe abortions, obstructed labour, and infections, noting that two-thirds of these cases involve women with no identifiable risk factors.

One of the solutions, Dr.

Omoera advocated for was the adoption of low-cost, high-impact interventions such as the Active Management of the Third Stage of Labour (AMTSL), which the World Health Organization (WHO) introduced in 2012.

She pointed out that AMTSL, along with the use of non-pneumatic anti-shock garments (NASG) and newer drugs like Carbetocin and Tranexamic Acid, could reduce maternal mortality by up to 60%. She stated that these measures have already been piloted in Lagos State, with significant improvements in maternal outcomes.

In closing, Dr. Omoera emphasised the need for continued capacity building for healthcare workers. She noted that the Lagos State Ministry of Health had trained 160 healthcare workers between 2019 and 2020, which slightly reduced the state's maternal mortality ratio. However, she acknowledged that more work needed to be done to meet key targets for intrapartum care.

Participants appreciated

the training, noting its practical approach and potential to save lives. Dr. Fakoya Elijah, a Medical Doctor from General Hospital Agbowo, described the training as “impactful” and emphasised the importance of continuous learning for healthcare professionals.

Edna Adinkuye, a Nurse from General Hospital, Ajeromi, shared similar sentiments, stating that the training had provided her with a better understanding of key tools like the partograph.

Lagos State is committed to reducing its maternal mortality rate, which has been gradually improving due to targeted interventions like this. With support from international partners like UNFPA and SOMLPforR, the government continues to focus on capacity-building programmes to ensure that healthcare workers are well-equipped to handle maternal emergencies.

# Court Sentences Man To Jail For Sexual Assault On Daughter

By Felix Kuyinu

The Ikeja Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Court in Ikeja has convicted one Chuwkukweike Ashiedu over an indecent sexual assault on his daughter. Justice Rahman Oshodi, at the court on Thursday, jailed the 43-year-old to seven years in prison after disclosing that the Prosecution was able to prove that the offender committed the at against his 17-year-old child. The Judge said, "The aggravating factors in the case are severe because

the victim is not only a child but the convict's daughter. "He presented a profound breach of trust and violation of his duty as a parent to protect and nurture his child." Justice Oshodi told the convict, "Your position as a father should have being to protect and care, not to exploit and abuse. "Your admission of rubbing your manhood on your daughter's buttocks for your sexual gratification is utterly devastating. "This act demonstrates a gross disregard for her bodily autonomy, her dignity, her rights to a safe



and nurturing home environment. "Such behavior of a parent toward their child is not only criminal but morally repugnant and psychologically damaging". "Your action must have caused immeasurable harm to the child. The full extent of damage to the girl might not be apparent now. "Considering all these factors, I hereby sentence you to the maximum term of seven years imprisonment. "The sentence will commence from the day of your remand, Feb. 27, 2019," he ordered.

## Court Prosecutes Contractor Over 182m Fraud

By Felix Kuyinu



A contractor has been arraigned at the Igbosere Magistrates' Court over an alleged fraud in a construction deal worth N182,000,000. The accused, Osamuyime Osula, 51, who is based in Epe area of Lagos, was said to have defrauded two women of the sum. Osula was apprehended by officers from the Zone 2 Command of the Nigeria Police Force after a petition was filed in by the victims identified as Onuoha Kelechi and Enoredia Oronsaye. The Police relayed that the defendant collected the sum from duo under the pretense of constructing a high-standard house for

them in the Epe. The police said that the accused delivered a substandard building that did not justify the amount paid. After a thorough investigation by the Assistant Inspector General of Police (AIG) for Zone 2, AIG Adegoke Fayoadé, an immediate arrest of Osula was ordered. Following his arrest by a team led by Inspector Charles Abikoje, the contractor was charged with multiple offences, including obtaining money by false pretences, fraud, and conduct likely to cause a breach of peace. Police Prosecutor,

Stephen Molo, informed the court that the offences were committed between 2022 and 2024 in the Mojoda area of Epe. The defendant pleaded not guilty to the four-count charge, which includes violations of sections 314(a), 232, 287, and 168(d) of the Lagos State Criminal Law of 2015. Magistrate Bayo Sonuga granted Osula bail in the sum of N20 million, with two sureties in like amount. The court adjourned the case till October 30 and ordered that Osula be remanded at the Ikoyi Correctional Facility until he fulfills the bail conditions.

## Lagos DSVA, LASU, Partner To Combat Sexual and Gender Abuse

By Felix Kuyinu

The Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency, DSVA, has scheduled a campus awareness program in combating cases of sexual and domestic crimes. DSVA, in collaboration with the Centre for Response and Prevention of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence, CRPSGBV, at the Lagos State University, LASU, stated that the event, themed "SGBV? NOT ON MY WATCH," will take

place on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at the 3-in-1 Executive Hall, Faculty of Education, LASU Main Campus, Ojo. The duo disclosed that the is to bring together necessary stakeholders to discuss on way to enhance the safety of victims and significantly reduce the occurrence of SGBV across Lagos State, particularly within tertiary institutions. In addition, the partnership also aims to provide support and justice for survivors

while ensuring perpetrators are held accountable for their actions. The event billed to begin at 10am is expected to serve as a platform to educate students and staff on SGBV prevention, support mechanisms, and legal recourse for victims. This initiative is part of a broader effort to foster a safe and respectful environment within educational institutions in the state.



# Eredo LCDA Unveils 4th Edition of 'Back to School' Initiative"

By Mohammed Adekola

**C**hairman of Eredo Local Council Development Area, Hon. Ismail Monsuru Akinloye, launched the 4th edition of 'Back to School' Initiative.

The program, which aims to provide much-needed educational materials to primary school pupils, kicked off at R.C.M. Primary School in Odomola and will extend to all 18 public primary schools

within the LCDA.

Speaking at the launch, Akinloye emphasized the significance of the initiative. "We are committed to ensuring that every child in Eredo has access to quality education without the burden of basic school supplies falling heavily on parents," Akinloye remarked. "No child will be left behind in our mission, which aligns with the THEMES agenda of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu." The Chairman reflects



## Lasgos, Portuguese Firm Partner On Proposed Lekki-Epe Airport

By Mohammed Adekola



**T**he Lagos State Government has announced that it is exploring potential collaboration with Portuguese construction firm, Mota-Engil Consortium, for the construction of proposed Lekki-Epe International Airport. This initiative is part of efforts to alleviate congestion at the Murtala Mohammed International Airport and improve infrastructure along the Lekki-Epe corridor.

Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, who is currently in Portugal on a two-day working visit, made this announcement via his official X (formerly Twitter) account on Wednesday.

The governor noted that the consideration of Mota-Engil for the consideration of the

proposed Lekki-Epe International Airport is due to the company's strong track record in delivering major infrastructure projects across Africa, includes major projects in Europe such as the Porto International Airport—Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport.

"In our drive to attract skilled, trustworthy, and capable foreign investors to support the THEMES + development agenda, I led a delegation on a two-day working visit to Portugal. Our primary focus was the Mota-Engil Consortium, one of the largest construction companies in Europe.

"During our visit, we toured the Porto International Airport—Francisco Sá Carneiro

Airport—constructed by Mota-Engil, which was truly impressive. We also visited their waste management facilities and real estate operations, which provided us with a wealth of knowledge and insight. Mota-Engil has an impressive track record of delivering large infrastructure projects in Africa and this speaks volumes about their capabilities.

"We are focused on potential collaborations for the proposed Lekki-Epe International Airport. This strategic initiative is aimed at alleviating congestion at the Murtala Mohammed International Airport and improving infrastructure along the Lekki-Epe corridor," Gov. Sanwo-Olu's tweet read

on the joy of witnessing students receive their school supplies, including new bags and exercise books. "Seeing the smiles on these children's faces is truly rewarding. It fuels our drive to keep supporting the future of our community," he added. Akinloye underscored his administration's dedication to improving

the overall educational infrastructure in the area. "In the past few years, we've made significant strides in enhancing the learning environment for our students. From constructing modern classrooms to providing essential facilities, our goal is to create a conducive atmosphere for

education."

Over 210,000 exercise books have been distributed across all 18 public primary schools in Eredo, and the employment of 60 new NCE/B.Ed graduates has strengthened the teaching workforce. Akinloye noted that over 10 local indigenes have secured employment at LASUBEB, the state education board.

## Epe LG Chairman Donates CPAP To Epe General Hospital

By Mohammed Adekola

**E**pe Local Government Chairman, Princess Surah Animashaun donates Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) machine to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) of General Hospital Epe.

The Consultant Pediatrician and Head of the Department of Pediatrics, Dr. Busayo Babatunde, who received the items on behalf of the management, said that the hospital and the Pediatric unit appreciate the Chairman of the Local Government,

Princess Animashaun, and the National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN), Epe Chapter (NYCN) for the kind gesture, adding that the equipment will not only save lives but enhance the quality of healthcare services to clients.

He said, "The act is symbolic of their confidence in the management, hence the support towards the delivery of qualitative health care services to the people of Epe Division in line with the aspiration of the Lagos State Government".

Dr. Babatunde revealed that the donation would not have been possible if not for the relentless efforts of the National

Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN), Epe Chapter. The NYCN, along with key youth groups in the old Epe Division, has in the last couple of years, championed the implementation of community ownership and participation programmes for the 70-year-old hospital.

The CPAP machine is a medical equipment used in the management of Apnea and other forms of respiratory distress that could be life-threatening in adults and babies. Premature babies are particularly vulnerable to developing respiratory distress owing to their poor lung function.

# Federation of Epe Students Launches Educational Support Initiative

By Mohammed Adekola

**F**ederation of Epe Division Students Association (FEDSA) has launched its much-anticipated Educational Support Initiative. Comrade Ibrahim Adesanya, who, alongside his team, is calling on local government chairmen in Ibeju-Lekki to take immediate action in addressing the critical state of schools in the area. While acknowledging the efforts made by local government leaders in areas like infrastructure and social services, FEDSA is pressing for more focused attention on the education sector. "We applaud the chairmen for their work, but now is the time to dig

deeper. We call on them to conduct surveys of the schools, identify the urgent needs, and ensure our students have the conducive environments they deserve," Adesanya urged.

Adesanya emphasized the importance of creating better learning environments for the students. "We've seen first-hand the challenges students face—leaking roofs, broken chairs, and unsanitary conditions. It's not just about education; it's about the well-being of the future generation," he said.

The initiative, which provides essential learning materials to primary and secondary school students, was born out of FEDSA's



deep commitment to giving back to the community. "Our experience as former students of these schools has inspired this urgent call to

action. The need for better infrastructure and welfare for our children cannot be overstated," Adesanya added.

The youth body

donates books and supplies to eager students. The principals and teachers at both institutions expressed gratitude, welcoming the much-needed

resources with open arms. The launch marks the beginning of what FEDSA hopes will be a transformational movement in the local education sector.

# Olowo Leads Cabinet Members To Inspect Labora-Owode Canal

By Mohammed Adekola

**T**he Chairman of Ibeju Lekki Local Government, Egnr. Abdullahi Sesan Olowa, accompanied by Vice Chairman, Hon. Isiaka Yusuf Olatunji, the Secretary to the Local Government, Hon. Adewale Adebajo and cabinet members inspects Labora-Owode cleared canal alongside the adjoining communities on a first hand site-assessment. The tour took the entourage into the interiors of the Labora-Owode community, the team berthing at Gbetu and container bus stop where Olowa met with some of the residents. It was discovered that some individuals had created a barricade

along the canal waterways making it impossible for free flow of water.

The Chairman urged residents to abide by the environmental laws and shun all forms of practises capable of causing pollution within the ecosystem. He thanked the residents who have ensured cleanliness in their respective communities while urging them to sustain the tempo.

Olowa assured the community that the state government would soon step in to provide further assistance, promising that flooding would become a thing of the past in the area. "The State's intervention is imminent, and we will ensure that flooding will no longer pose a threat to Ibeju Lekki," he added.







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# Gbenu Joseph's Free School Uniforms Initiative Excites Pupils

By Saheed Afolabi



In a move that is to alleviate the financial burdens of many parents and guardians in Badagry West Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Chairman Gbenu Joseph has announced plans to distribute free school

uniforms to all government-owned primary schools in the area.

This initiative, set to benefit thousands of students, is a testament to the council boss commitment to education and the overall well-being of the

community.

Solomon Zosu, Senior Special Adviser to the Chairman on Information, Tourism, and Special Works, revealed that the distribution process is currently in its final stages, with the uniforms being sorted

and prepared for delivery.

He emphasized that the Chairman's decision to provide free school uniforms was driven by a deep understanding of the financial challenges faced by parents, particularly in the current economic climate.

"Chairman Gbenu Joseph is a compassionate leader who recognizes the importance of education in shaping the future of our children," Zosu stated.

"By providing free school uniforms, he is not only easing the financial burden on parents but also promoting a sense of equality and belonging among students."

Studies have shown that providing free

school uniforms can have a significant impact on student attendance, academic performance, and overall school climate. By eliminating the need for students to worry about the cost of clothing, schools can create a more focused and inclusive learning environment.

In addition to the financial benefits, the distribution of free school uniforms is also expected to have a positive impact on the local economy.

The tailoring contract for the uniforms was awarded to the Badagry West Tailor Association, providing a boost to local businesses and supporting small-scale entrepreneurs.

The initiative is just

one example of his commitment to improving education and welfare in Badagry West LCDA.

In recent years, the council has implemented a number of programs aimed at enhancing the quality of education, providing access to healthcare, and improving infrastructure.

As the distribution of free school uniforms gets underway, it is expected to be met with enthusiasm and gratitude from parents, students, and teachers alike.

This initiative is a clear demonstration of the council chairman dedication to the well-being of his community and his belief in the transformative power of education.

# Badagry West Councillor Supports Education And Security With Donations

By Saheed Afolabi

Mr Nuvo Jeremiah, representing Ward A in Badagry West Local Council Development Area (LCDA), has donated educational materials and solar lights to Methodist Primary School, Kweme and Methodist Primary School, Enuke.

The donation aims to bolster education and security in the community.

The schools received exercise books, pencils, biros, and solar lights to aid students' academic pursuits and enhance

school safety.

At the donation ceremony, Jeremiah emphasized the importance of education and urged students to focus on

their studies and strive for excellence.

He expressed pride in supporting the community's youth in their educational journey.

Vice Chairman Rauf Yemaren and APC Ward Chairman Mr. Katao praised Jeremiah's initiative, highlighting its positive impact on the

community and its contribution to the well-being of less privileged families.

The solar lights will serve as a security measure for the schools after hours,

ensuring a safe learning environment.

Jeremiah's donation is part of his ongoing efforts to improve education and welfare in his constituency.



# Youths, PWDs Conclude 3-Month-Tech Training



Kehinde Adeleye

In a commendable demonstration of dedication to youth development, inclusive governance, and digital empowerment, Chairman Usman Akanbi Hamzat has successfully completed a 3-month digital technology training program for 70 youths, including People with Disabilities (PWDs). This initiative, launched in collaboration with GIZ, was designed to impart practical digital marketing and graphic

design skills, equipping the beneficiaries with the knowledge and expertise to enhance their employability and contribute to economic growth in the region. The thoughtful inclusion of Five Million Naira (N5 Million) worth of transportation logistics in the training program is a testament to Chairman Usman Akanbi Hamzat's commitment to ensuring the comfort and convenience of the trainees, making it easier for them to attend the training sessions.

This generous gesture not only reduces the financial burden on the participants, but also reflects the chairman's understanding of the challenges faced by the youth in navigating the transportation system. The strategic grouping of the 70 participants into cohorts and the intensive month-long training sessions provided a comprehensive learning experience, leading to optimal learning outcomes. The chairman's decision to hold a graduation

ceremony and present comprehensive kits to outstanding trainees not only showcases the success of the program but also incentivizes exceptional performance. By awarding the top performers, the chairman reinforces the importance of hard work, while simultaneously equipping them with the necessary tools to translate their new digital knowledge into real-world applications. Consistently, Prince

Usman's administration has demonstrated a strong focus on empowerment, particularly among youths and People with Disabilities (PWDs). His impressive track record has earned him recognition as the best local government chairman in Nigeria on Empowerment at the LOGMA award in Abuja and by the Nigerian Youth Congress headquarters. This latest initiative reaffirms his commitment to creating opportunities and

fostering inclusive growth in Ifako-Ijaiye. As the graduation ceremony draws near, Ifako-Ijaiye residents look forward with enthusiasm to the transformative impact these newly empowered individuals will have on the local economy and society. Prince Usman's visionary leadership remains a beacon of hope, driving meaningful change and progress in Ifako-Ijaiye.

# Ikeja LG Hosts Lagos Assembly Committee On Local Government Affairs

Kehinde Adeleye

In accordance with their oversight duties, the Lagos State House of Assembly

committee on local government affairs recently visited the Ikeja Local Government

Council. The inspection team, led by the committee chairman, Hon. Ganiyu

Okanlawon Sanni, were warmly welcomed by the Ikeja LG's Chairman, Engr.

Dr. Mojeed Alabi Balogun, along with his cabinet members, legislative members, and management staff. In addition to fulfilling their oversight responsibilities, the visiting committee took the opportunity to inspect two significant infrastructural projects within the Ikeja Local Government Council. The first was the recently completed Ikeja LG Legislative Building, which provides a modern, state-of-the-art facility for the council's legislative activities. The second project, nearing completion, is the council's administrative office complex, which will further enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the local government's operations.

The committee members were thoroughly impressed with the quality and progress of the projects, offering heartfelt commendations to Ikeja LG's Chairman, Engr. Dr. Mojeed Balogun, for his exceptional leadership and efforts to modernize the council's physical infrastructure. The committee recognized that such advancements not only elevate the aesthetic appeal of the council secretariat but also positively impact the well-being and working conditions of the council's staff, fostering a more conducive and productive work environment.



# Ojodu LCDA Inaugurates Obokun Police Post To Boost Security

Kehinde Adeleye

The commissioning of the Obokun Police Post by Ojodu LCDA, under the leadership of Mr. Segun Odunmbaku, marks a significant milestone in enhancing community safety and security. The new police post, commissioned by AIG Fayode Adegoke, serves as a strategic response to the need for increased police presence in the area, effectively deterring crime and ensuring the safety of local residents. This initiative highlights the council's commitment to establishing a stronger partnership between

law enforcement agencies and the community, ultimately working towards a safer and more secure environment for all. Mr. Segun Odunmbaku's remarks at the commissioning ceremony underscored the significance of the new police post in promoting safety and security within the community. He urged residents to work closely with the police to create a safer and more secure environment for all, leveraging the newly commissioned post and other initiatives, including the renovation of the Williams Police Post



and the donation of patrol vehicles, to enhance security in the area. Assistant Inspector General of Police (AIG)

Fayode Adegoke praised Odunmbaku's commitment to security, calling him the "People's Chairman" while DPO

of Ojodu Police Station, CSP Elizabeth Ipadola commended the initiative, stating that the project would boost economic and social

stability in the area as a crucial part of Ojodu LCDA's ongoing efforts to ensure peace and security.

# Kosofe Set to Launch State-of-the-Art Primary Health Centre

Kehinde Adeleye



commitment to advancing healthcare in the region.

The commencement of operations at the newly built PHC in Kosofe Local Government represents a significant milestone in healthcare management and delivery for the community.

This ultramodern facility, complete with advanced equipment and infrastructure, will greatly enhance the quality and accessibility of healthcare services in the region.

Moreover, this development is in line with wider initiatives aimed at improving healthcare throughout Kosofe LGA and Lagos State, reflecting a broader commitment to advancing healthcare standards and accessibility across the state.

Local residents are anticipated to benefit greatly from the advanced medical services and increased capacity offered by this modern facility. The launch of the PHC is poised to address various healthcare needs, potentially reducing the strain on larger hospitals and improving overall community health outcomes.

As preparations for the facility's opening continue, local authorities and healthcare professionals are working diligently to ensure a smooth transition and maximum impact on the well-being of Kosofe residents.

**K**osofe Local Government Chairman, Barr Moyosore Adedoyin Ogunlewe, warmly welcomed Lagos State Health Commissioner, Professor Akin Abayomi, to review the newly completed 80-bed ultramodern Primary Health Centre (PHC) at Ojota on Tuesday. This state-of-the-art healthcare facility, sponsored by the federal government as part of its Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) initiatives for the Kosofe Federal Constituency,

represents a critical step forward in the development and enhancement of local healthcare infrastructure.

During their visit to the new health centre, Kosofe Local Government Chairman, Barr Moyosore

Adedoyin Ogunlewe, and Lagos State Health Commissioner, Prof Akin Abayomi, held constructive discussions on how best to utilize the facility to provide high-quality healthcare services to the local community.

Through these discussions, both parties were able to reach consensus on key strategies for the efficient management and integration of the new health centre into the existing healthcare system, underscoring their shared

# Lagos Lawmaker Holds Strategic Meeting With NYCN, LYP

In his efforts to foster a stronger connection with the youth of Oshodi-Isolo Constituency II, Mr. Oladipo Olayinka Ajomale hosted a significant gathering with representatives from the National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN) Youth Coordinators of Ejigbo and Isolo, as well as the Lagos State Youth Parliament (LYP) Representative for Oshodi-Isolo Constituency 2.

Ajomale demonstrated his dedication to youth-centric initiatives and advocacy during the meeting, highlighting the importance of elevating youth voices and concerns.

In line with his vision for Oshodi-Isolo Constituency II, he emphasized the need to prioritize the youth's engagement in crucial areas such as education,



employment, empowerment, and other youth-related issues.

He applauded the dedication of the youth leaders and emphasized the role of the youth in

spearheading positive change in the community. "It is vital that we continue to engage with and uplift our youth. He said.

The Lawmaker. Ajomale acknowledged the tireless efforts of

these youth leaders, hailing them for their enduring passion and devotion to the development and advancement of young people in the constituency.

He further underscored his

unwavering commitment to championing and supporting programs and initiatives that prioritize youth education, employment opportunities, and empowerment.

"Your dedication to

improving the lives of young people in our constituency is admirable and necessary for our community to thrive.

The meeting had in attendance delegation of members from both NYCN and LYP.

# Otun Baba Adini of Mafoluku Central Mosque Dies at 97

Kehinde Adeleye

The Chairman of Oshodi-Isolo Local Government, Otunba Kehinde Almaroof Oloyede has joined the community in mourning the loss of a notable and respected figure, Alhaji Abdul Ganiyu Olamilekan Ishola.

The Chairman extends heartfelt condolences to the late Alhaji Ishola's family, friends, and all those who were touched by his life.

The late Alhaji Abdul Ganiyu Olamilekan Ishola, a revered community leader, was a vital figure in the Mafoluku Central Mosque, serving as the

Otun Baba Adini. His role in the mosque reflected his devotion to his faith and his desire to positively impact his community.

Echonews reports that his legacy as a father figure, who selflessly guided and mentored many members of the community, will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew him. His native intelligence and problem solving skills has led to the peaceful resolution of many community disputes. He was also a religious frontier that lived a commendable life.

The Chairman who described as a huge

loss, the death of the community leader said he was pained by his irreplaceable exit.

Oloyede prayed Almighty Allah grant the soul of Alhaji Ishola aljana firduos.

He said: "I received the news of the demise of Alhaji Abdul Ganiyu Olamilekan Ishola with heavy heart. Baba was a great man who lived his life to serve Allah and the community, he was a pillar of peace in the community.

His wealth of experience and calm demeanour will be greatly missed. I pray Allah grants him aljana firduos and his family the fortitude to bear the loss."



# Adeyemi Street, Igando-Ikotun Gets Lawmaker's Attention

Kehinde Adeleye

In a show of support and solidarity, the Ndigbo in All Progressives Congress, APC Igando-Ikotun chapter, have declared their confidence in the leadership of Comrade Akinsanya Lasisi Ayinde, Chairman of Igando-Ikotun LCDA, and his deputy, Mrs. Mojisola Badmus. The group has commended the Ayinde-Badmus administration for its dedication to good governance, accountability, and transparency, and has expressed its faith in the administration's ability to continue to serve the interests of the Igando-Ikotun community

effectively.

The Ndigbo in APC Igando-Ikotun chapter has not only commended Comrade Akinsanya Lasisi Ayinde for his effective leadership but also credited him with ushering in the "Golden Era" of governance in the community. The group has praised Chairman Akinsanya for his numerous accomplishments, citing his development of internal road networks, construction of modern markets, installation of solar boreholes, procurement of office equipment, and improvement of educational and health infrastructure as evidence of his

unwavering commitment to enhancing the community's quality of life.

The group also commended Akinsanya for his achievements in education, health, security, infrastructure and entrepreneurship, as well as, staffs welfare, stating that these can only be achieved by a Council chairman with a human face.

With the vote of confidence passed on Comrade Akinsanya Lasisi Ayinde and His Vice Chairman Hon Mojisola Badmus the group reaffirmed its support for the second term bid Agenda of them, pledging total



support to the administration. The Ndigbo Woman leader Comrade Ebube

success, urged Comrade Akinsanya to continue pushing projects that will yield

good dividends of democracy to the people of Igando-Ikotun.

# Prince Adeyemi Street Igando-ikotun Gets Lagos Lawmaker Attention

Kehinde Adeleye

In a remarkable display of visionary leadership, Member of Lagos State House of Assembly, Mr. Kehinde Olaide Joseph, has spearheaded the comprehensive renovation of Prince Adeyemi Street in Igando-Ikotun LCDA. The extensive infrastructure project encompasses a complete overhaul of the drainage system, a thorough resurfacing of the road, and a total reconstruction of the street, resulting in a robust and resilient infrastructure that will serve the community for years to come. The concerted efforts of



Mr. Kehinde Olaide Joseph towards addressing longstanding issues related to flooding and poor road conditions have significantly contributed to the enhancement of living standards and economic growth in the community. Echonews reports that this transformative project exemplifies Mr. Joseph's unwavering commitment to delivering exemplary representation and prioritizing the needs of his constituents. By addressing these critical infrastructure issues, Mr. Joseph's leadership encourages economic progress, promoting sustainable

development and paving the way for a brighter, more prosperous future for the residents of Igando-Ikotun LCDA. Notably, the reconstructed Prince Adeyemi Street will significantly alleviate the daily traffic congestion at Ikotun Roundabout, providing relief to commuters traveling from Egbe or Igando axis to Ikotun. Upon completion, the enhanced road network will streamline traffic flow, reduce travel times, and improve overall connectivity. The community is thrilled, working in tandem with contractors to ensure prompt completion. Both residents and business owners will reap the benefits of enhanced transportation, increased

economic opportunities, and improved overall quality of life. The harmonious collaboration between Mr. Joseph and the Speaker of the Lagos State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. (Dr) Mudashiru Ajayi Obasa, has ensured the project's seamless execution, highlighting the effective synergy between the legislative and executive branches. This shows that the grassroots friendly Lawmaker remain resolute in his commitment to delivering transformative projects, revolutionizing lives, and redefining the standards of representative governance.

# Nigerian Man Expresses Betrayal After Fiancée Invests Wedding Funds in Business

By Nurudeen Adebayo

A Nigerian man has taken to "X" platform to express his heartbreak and frustration after discovering that his fiancée had used the money meant for their wedding on a personal business venture. According to the man, he had entrusted his fiancée with funds to purchase all the necessary items for their wedding, which was just two months away.

She assured him that everything had been taken care of. However, he was shocked to learn that none of the items had been bought. Upon further probing, the fiancée confessed that she had instead invested the money into a multilevel marketing business, hoping to generate quick profits. She defended her actions by claiming it was an "investment," but the groom-to-be felt deeply betrayed, not only because of the



financial mismanagement but also because she had lied to him about it. "I'm really struggling with something that's come up in my relationship," the man shared. "My fiancée told me she had purchased all the major items for our wedding, but I found out she hadn't bought anything. Instead, she spent the money on a business venture, hoping to make quick profits."

## Bobrisky Called Out Over Unpaid Estate Dues Amidst Social Media Buzz

By Nurudeen Adebayo



Popular Nigerian crossdresser, Bobrisky, has found himself in the spotlight once again, this time for owing estate dues. The revelation comes amidst a recent social media frenzy following an interview where Bobrisky, whose real name is Idris Olanrewaju, flaunted his luxurious mansion and a brand new

Mercedes Benz G-Wagon worth 290 million naira. A banner circulating online has listed Bobrisky among individuals with outstanding estate dues, with claims that these payments have been overdue since June. However, the specific amount owed was not disclosed. While Bobrisky has

remained silent on the matter, the online community has been quick to react, with mixed opinions flooding social media. One user, Umar Abdullah, commented, "Luxurious lifestyle with debt," while another, Dilligence Bwoy, remarked, "Senior man doings." Prince Nnandi added, "But he was in prison all these while."

## Tania Omotayo Welcomes Second Child

By Nurudeen Adebayo

Nigerian entrepreneur and social media personality, Tania Omotayo, has welcomed a new addition to her family, months after revealing her pregnancy on her 32nd birthday. The joyous news was shared on Thursday, September 19th, through a heartfelt post on her social media accounts, where she expressed her excitement about becoming a mother of two. In her announcement, Tania posted stunning photos of her newborn alongside her husband and their first child, as well as a personal portrait. "There are no words to describe what I'm feeling... Officially a Mummy of 2, I'm so incredibly blessed," she wrote in the caption on Instagram. The announcement has



been met with a flood of congratulations from fans, friends, and fellow celebrities, all eager to celebrate the special

moment with her. Details about the baby, including the name, are expected to be revealed in the coming weeks.



# NYG: Lagos FA Boss Commends U15 Team For Clinching Gold

By Saheed Afolabi

Lagos State Football Association (LSFA) Chairman, Gafar Liammed has showered the U-15 girls' football team with praise after their dominant 2-0 victory over Bayelsa State in the National Youth Games final. Gafar's reaction after the match highlighted the win as a significant milestone in Lagos' football revival. He continued by expressing gratitude to Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu for fostering an environment conducive to sports and youth development, aligning with his impactful T.H.E.M.E.S agenda.



Gafar pledged the Lagos FA's unwavering

commitment, the "Golden Board," to

creating a rewarding, progressive, and long-

lasting football ecosystem within the

state.

"We're happy and proud of our girls for winning the gold medal in the football event of the ongoing National Youth Games. It is a culmination of the handwork of everybody concerned with youth development and empowerment in the various agencies in the state.

"However we must praise and thank His Excellency, Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu for providing an enabling environment for sports and youths to develop and thrive in the state, in line with his epochal T.H.E.M.E.S agenda."

# Fatodu Praises Sanwo-Olu, Hamzat For NYG Success

By Saheed Afolabi

The Director General of the Lagos State Sports Commission (LSSC), Lekan Fatodu expressed his gratitude to Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, Deputy Governor, Obafemi Hamzat, and other stakeholders in the Lagos sports community for their contributions to the state's successful outing at the recently concluded U-15 National Youth Games in Asaba, Delta State. Despite facing stiff competition from Team Edo, Lagos maintained its second-place position in the championship, securing a total of 65 medals—26 gold, 20

silver, and 19 bronze. Fatodu credited Governor Sanwo-Olu for entrusting him with the leadership of the LSSC and for supporting his efforts to discover and develop young talent and revitalize sports in Lagos State. "Winning an unprecedented 26 gold medals for Lagos State at the National Youth Games is a remarkable achievement," he said. "I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu for giving me this cherished opportunity to serve as the Director General of

the Lagos State Sports Commission and for entrusting me with the responsibility of spearheading the herculean task of talent discovery and development and repositioning sports in Lagos State, with a view to sustaining Sports excellence in the state. May God continue to bless, elevate and honour you, Mr. Governor, Sir! He also acknowledged the support of Deputy Governor Dr. Obafemi Hamzat, whose birthday coincided with the final day of the games. "To the entire staff of the Lagos State Sports





Commission, our athletes, coaches, and support teams, thank you for your

dedication and hard work," Fatodu added. The DG concluded by giving all glory to God for

the state's victories and expressing his confidence in the future of Lagos sports.



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