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By Kunle Awosiyan

he high rate of in Lagos has been attributed to poor investigation, even as the state government says it has recorded over 120 convictions in monthly figure about two years.

Professor of Public Law, Joy Ezeilo (SAN) of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka emphasised that escape justice due to ineffective investigations, weak evidence collection and inadequate witness protection.

However, a report by the Executive Secretary of the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency(DSVA), Titilola Vivour-Adeniyi has revealed that no fewer than 300 Lagosians survive sexual violence monthly.

The report also shows that between 2024 and 2025, the Lagos state government provided holistic services to over 6,000 survivors of sexual and genderbased violence (SGBV).

It notes that the agency continues to handle an average of 300 new cases monthly. Over 10 months, this suggests approximately 3,000 new survivors were supported in that time frame.

The 6,000 survivors, according to the agency were given sexual violence formal support interventions, which include medical, legal, psychosocial, and empowerment services.

The 300 cases indicates ongoing rates but not the exact number of unique survivors adding that some survivors might offenders of sexual receive multiple violence often forms of support within that period. Between January

and December 2024 the state recorded over 120 convictions

based violence.

These cases resulted in sentences ranging from life imprisonment to 65year jail terms, demonstrating the state's enforcement of stricter penalties. Through its mobile courts, the state arraigned and

convicted 10,266 offenders in sexual or domestic violence cases in three years. These included adult and child victims, with 118 cases of rape recorded among them.

(Executive Secretary of the Lagos State for various forms of Domestic and secured 50

Adeniyi)

Meanwhile, the of this year. Lagos State Police Command says it recorded 111 sexual violence cases between 2023 and 2024 of which 99 suspects were officially charged in court, offering a clearer but shortterm picture of local enforcement.

In his annual summary of sexual and domestic violence, Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu stated that his government

However, many To Mrs. Omotola sexual violence survivors are timid to fully open up about their predicament the stigma.

streets of Lagos, experts cite poor investigation as a key driver of sexual violence.

According to Ezeilo, the corruption and systemic delays in the criminal justice

sexual and gender- Sexual Violence convictions for system do not only Agency(DSVA), sexual and gender-re-victimise survivors Titilola Vivour- based violence but also reinforce cases in the first half impunity for perpetrators.

> Rotimi, a director at the Office of the Public Defender and member of the because they fear Domestic and Sexual Violence While there are still Team of Lagos State hundreds of (DSVRT), many suspected rapists sexual violence walking freely on the cases are dismissed because medical reports from health workers are often poorly documented ("watery"), adding 'Courts cannot rely on such reports as viable evidence."





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She stressed the importance of strengthening forensic and m e d i c a l documentation to aid prosecution.

Learning from these

anomalies, the Lagos State government has inaugurated a child sexual abuse investigative, interview protocol. Speaking, the state attorney general and commissioner for Justice, Mr. Lawal Pedro (SAN) said the initiative is a

Foundation.

and Interview aimed strengthening the protection of children and ensuring the effective sexual abuse cases. 'The protocol, the first of its kind in the

collaboration state, provides a between the Rule of standardised, Law and Anti- victim-centred Corruption (RoLAC) framework for Programme and the interviewing Cece Yara children who may have experienced According to him, sexual abuse. It is the Child Sexual designed to Abuse Investigative minimise trauma during Protocol, is a investigations, landmark initiative safeguard the at dignity of child victims, and ensure that statements obtained are credible, admissible, and meet the prosecution of highest investigative standards," he said. Pedro described the initiative as a bold

and necessary step towards ending child sexual abuse in the communities.

"It is about aiving a voice to children who have been silenced by fear and shame. This protocol ensures that every investigative step protects the child, preserves the integrity of evidence, and delivers justice swiftly compassionately," Pedro said.

He also spoke about the newly certified forensic interviewers and commended

commitment to this critical responsibility. He urged them to carry out their duties with professionalism, empathy, and integrity.

Mr. Pedro also reaffirmed the government's resolve to sustain inter-agency collaboration among the police, social workers, m e d i c a l practitioners, and legal officers to ensure child sexual abuse cases are handled with the sensitivity and

them for their urgency they deserve.

> State Coordinator, RoLAC, Mrs. Ajibola ljimakinwa, noted that the initiative alians with RoLAC's mandate to promote justice sector reforms and protect the most vulnerable.

> "This protocol will ensure that child victims receive justice without further harm. Our collaboration with the Lagos State Government demonstrates what is possible when stakeholders unite with a common goal", Ijimakinwa said.

The Founder of Cece Yara Foundation, Mrs. Bola Tinubu, explained that the real victory against child sexual abuse lies in the consistent and collective actions of society.

"Every child deserves to be heard in a safe and supportive environment. This initiative equips professionals with the tools to listen, understand, and act in the best interest of the child," she stated.

Mrs. Tinubu further emphasised that beyond launching protocols and training experts, every individual has a role to play in safeguarding children.



Pedro



Executive Secretary of the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency(DSVA), Titilola Vivour-Adeniyi

LASRRA Commences Pre-Sensitisation Awareness For Artisans. Tradesmen

2025.

which began on as educating on all tradesmen State

he Lagos State Friday, August 15, tradesmen and and artisans to Residents 2025, with Amuwo-artisans on how take advantage of Registration Odofinand Oriade registration the sensitisation Agency (LASRRA) L o c a l enhances access visits in their has commenced Governments, was to government respective its pre-sensitisation held at Big Boy benefits and localities to register awareness Arena, Alakija, programmes. campaign among Satellite Town. This Speaking on the details as the case members of the would continue at initiative, the may be before the Lagos State different choice General Manager, Artisans Council of locations as LASRRA, Mrs. Bilikiss Jamboree, which Tradesmen and determined by the Adebiyi-Abiola comes with Artisans (LASCOTA) different chapters emphasised that different side across the 57 Local of the Association. the sensitisation attractions and Government Areas The sensitisation programme excitements. (LGAs) and Local programme is reinforces the Amajorhighlight of C o u n c i I structured to a g e n c y 's the sensitisation Development engage two to mandate to exercise is the onthree local maintain anthe-spot It is part of LASRRA's governments at a accurate and registration and preparatory time, ensuring reliable residents' validation of activities ahead of comprehensive database, which in participants who the much-coverage of all 57 turn supports are yet to be anticipated LGAs and LCDAs effective policy captured in the Artisans Jamboree before the main planning and LASRRA database. scheduled to hold event. The service delivery. at Adeyemi-Bero campaign focuses Adebiyi-Abiola, that all attendees Auditorium, on creating who Alausa, Ikeja, on awareness about represented by the enjoy the full Tuesday, the importance of Director, Public benefits of being September 23, residents' Affairs, LASRRA, recognised as registration and Basirat Lawal, registered The exercise, validation, as well therefore, called residents of Lagos

or validate their

This step ensures was are eligible to



Lagos Govt Urges Driving Schools To Give Quality Education

s a way of tackling associated problems bedeviling public transportation, Driving School Operators in Lagos State have been charged to impact the required and qualitative driver's education and desist from any activity capable of undermining the state government's efforts to improve the traffic situation and road culture among the motoring public on Lagos roads.

Lagos State Commissioner for Transportation, Mr. public transportation safety Oluwaseun Osiyemi gave demands, such as the newly the charge at the 2025 Train- introduced computer-based the-Trainer Workshop put recertification test, together by Lagos State harmonised three-window Drivers' Institute (LASDRI) training, data-backed for driving school operators training processes and the and instructors operating in regular Ember months the State, themed: "Drivers safety advocacy campaign. Education: Panacea to Earlier in her welcome Economic Growth and address, the General Development" held recently Manager of Lagos State at STO Resource Centre, Drivers ' Institute, Mrs.

CBD Alausa Ikeja Lagos. According to him, "Lagos, the workshop would offer a with over 20 million unique opportunity for residents and nearly six stakeholders in the million registered vehicles, transport sector to witnesses more than 15 deliberate on government million daily motorised trips policies and issues affecting and if this scale of the transport sub-sector in movement is not properly the country to improve the managed by competent quality of service delivery. drivers, it can lead to public Tiamiyu remarked, "By health crises, traffic investing in driver's paralysis and massive education, we are not only productivity loss. But if teaching Drivers how to transport ecosystem will are instilling in them the continue to drive economic sense of responsibility and growth not just for the state awareness that extends to but for the country and the every decision they make on West African subregion".

goals and Mr. Babajide pedestrians and cyclists". of Action on road safety workshop as a driving force advocacy campaign which towards compliance with emphasises qualitative traffic laws and regulations driver's education as a in the state through the crucial component of dispensation of a qualitative broader efforts to reduce driver's education.

service platform to meet state.



Tiamiyu Afusat, stated that properly governed, Lagos operate a vehicle, but we the road. This includes Osiyemi further explained understanding the effects of that the workshop is not an impaired driving, driving isolated event, but a techniques, and the need to deliberate and strategic respect the rights of other response to both global road users, including Olusola Sanwo-Olu's In the same vein, General administration Manager, Lagos State Traffic development strategy that Management Authority echoes Lagos State's (LASTMA), Mr. Olalekan ambitious policy and Bakare Oki, represented by planning framework. At the Quarter Master, Jubrill global level, it is aligned with Oshodi, encouraged the United Nations Decade participants to see the

road traffic injuries and The event attracted top government officials from The Commissioner the Ministry of commended the Lagos State Transportation, road unions Drivers' Institute for its and about 200 Driving continuously evolving School Operators across the



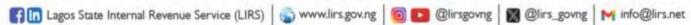


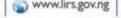
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he Managing Director, Lagos State Ferry Services (LAGFERRY), Hon. Abdoulbaq Ladi Balogun, has reiterated the agency's commitment to advancing sustainable water transportation as part of the state's integrated, multimodal transport system under the T.H.E.M.E.S Plus Agenda, where Transportation and Traffic Management is

Hon. Balogun gave this assurance at the agency's 2025 Annual Strategic Retreat, themed: "Advancing Water Transportation for a Sustainable Lagos," held recently at Festival Hotel, Amuwo-Odofin.

the first pillar.

"LAGFERRY is fully committed to integrating water, rail, road and transportation to provide efficient, safe, and accessible mobility options for all Lagosians. A functional and sustainable bedrock of urban development," he stated.

LAGFERRY Reaffirms Commitment to Sustainable Water Transportation

2020, he noted including the expansion of LAGFERRY's fleet from 4 to 22 boats, the commuting of over three million passengers, and growth from seven terminals/jetties to 17, now operating across 25 routes in the state. He added that insights from past retreats, particularly the 2024 edition which focused on taxation and revenue generation, have directly contributed to improvements in the agency's financial performance.

The Permanent Secretary, Public Service Office, Mrs. Sunkanmi Oyegbola, commended transport network is the LAGFERRY for easing traffic congestion by offering a reliable alternative mode of Highlighting the transportation, thereby

their knowledge and progress.

agency collaboration, visionary, intentional, model of innovation water transportation.

a g e n c y 's saving commuters citing the need for and guided by the and dedication, transformation since valuable man-hours. synergy with the acronym H.I.D.E - describing the agency She further urged Ministry of Waterfront Hardwork, Integrity, as a strategic driver of significant milestones, management staff to Infrastructure, Diligence, and multimodal continually enhance responsible for jetty Empathy. development, and the In his good will State. He praised its skills to sustain this Ministry of Works, message, the Special alignment with the responsible for access Adviser, Parastatals state's broader Mrs. Oyegbola also roads to jetties. She Monitoring Office, Hon. development goals emphasised the encouraged it to importance of inter-participants to be lauded LAGFERRY as a sustain its leading role in

transportation in Lagos



LSADA Trains Over 200 Farmers in Financial Literacy

n a major stride knowledge and training also opportunities. Development businesses. Authority (LSADA) Participants were farmers protect commitment to p r o m o t e serve as safety nets has concluded a taken through a their livelihoods enhancing the agricultural during unforeseen three-day intensive series of carefully a g a i n s tentrepreneurial transformation and events. Financial Literacy structured lectures unforeseen capacity of rural rural development, With growing Training for over designed to challenges. 200 participants strengthen their The training In his words, "The THEMES Plus food security, across the Epe, financial capacity, sessions, held in the purpose is to Agenda of climate change, Ikorodu, and These included three agricultural ensure that our Governor Babajide and rural poverty, B a d a g r y Personal and Farm zones of Lagos, farmers can make Sanwo-Olu's LSADA's financial agricultural zones. Financial were strategically informed decisions administration. The training, Management, decentralised to about financial Representatives aims to bridge the organised in where they en sure services that from LAPO knowledge gap collaboration with learned about inclusiveness and directly impact Microfinance Bank among grassroots Microfinance Bank income planning, participation by We believe this I n s u r a n c e empower them to and Unitrust debt control, local farmers and knowledge will not provide dthrive in a Insurance, was record-keeping, fisher folks who only strengthen participants with competitive designed to equip and profit analysis often face barriers their businesses but valuable insights a gricultural

to war dipractical tools emphasised the According to Mr. financially stable Character, empowering needed to better importance of a Serriki Musa and productive Capacity, smallholdermanage their strong savings Abayomi, Head of a gricultural Condition, Capital, farmers and fisher finances, enhance culture and Component, Rural enterprises." folks with vital productivity, introduced Institution He added that the while explaining business skills, the reduce risk, and Agricultural Development at initiative is part of a how tailored Lagos State build sustainable Insurance and Risk LSADA, the broader effort by financial products Agricultural agricultural Management programmr reflects the Lagos State and agricultural

Obudgeting, maximumtheir livelihoods. and Unitrust farmers and farmers and fisher to improve farm to accessing also improve food into the "5 Cs" of economy.

farmers:

folks with the operations. The centralised training security in the state agricultural

by ensuring more I e n d i n g:

in line with the concerns about

and Collateral,

strategies to help the agency's Government to insurance can

literacy initiative

LASG Calls For Stronger Citizen-Govt Engagement

n a bold step to bridge the communication gap between government and the people, the Lagos State Government, through the Office of Political, Legislative and Civic Engagement, has held a one-day sensitisation forum aimedstrengthening citizen participation at all levels in the State.

The event, tagged: "Sensitisation on Volunteerism: The Power of Community in Action. Say what you need, Say what you want, Lagos State is Listening", was held recently at "We have realised infrastructure responsibilities is to programme. We the STO Resource Centre, Assbifi Road, Alausa-Ikeja.

Delivering his keynote address, the Lagos State Deputy Governor, Dr. Obafemi Hamzat, said that the event was convened to address the communication challenges between the Government and the citizens, as most citizens are unaware of most programmes and policies of the Government, which hinders them from benefiting from it, likewise hampers feedback and assessment on such programmes.

While highlighting some of the recently launched programmes of the Government, the Deputy Governor averred that there is an urgent need for better feedback mechanisms and improved communication with the public, so that the Government can serve the residents of Lagos better.



do is not known by government, he the people, and this said, is building is a serious Doctors' Quarters to challenge; hence, professionals are everyone here today readily available in is critical in giving us underserved listento the people. honest feedback. communities. We want to know On infrastructure, Dr well and where we on going are falling short", Dr. construction of 184 General Hospital, development, and here. We are here, Speaking in a similar Massey Hospital. But innovation hubs. We must do better at Adviser to the doit alone". from these services."

a n d patient inflow and one of the Office's a continuous hence the forum is a

that a lot of what we limitations. The act as intermediary want to assure you between the State that whatever the and Government, you speak, we are communication ensure healthcare therefore, there is a ready to listen", he need to organise events such as this to In his words, "We are Citizens Gate here today to have a what we are doing Hamzat noted the discussion. We see a lot of criticism on Social Media, we Hamzat stated. "For roads across the have taken all this instance, in the state and reiterated into cognizance and health sector, we the government's we want people to have 26 General commitment to know that we are Hospitals and 376 t a c k l i n g running a responsive citizens' mindset from Primary Health Care environmental government and criticism to Centres. We are concerns, your voice counts!. constructive building more, like enhancing human We are here now; engagement and the new Iba-Ojo c a p i t a I come and criticise us collaboration.

the people want when added.

Stressing the need to embrace the Platform, where Lagosians can log on to lodge complaints, offer suggestions, a n d track government responses, Dr Afolabi called for a shift in

sitting on eight supporting youth we are ready to vein, the Permanent hectares of land, entrepreneurship engage. Ask us Secretary of the participatory and expansions at through grants and questions, we want Office, Engr. your contribution Sholabomi Shasore, how many citizens Also speaking at the because the while echoing the are aware of this? event, Special Government cannot Office's commitment to deepening civic telling our story so our Governor on "Today marks the engagement, people can benefit Political, Legislative beginning of a highlighted that the Civic renewed partnership Office has tried He pointed out that Engagement, Dr in Volunteerism. We m u l t i p l e over 7.8 million Afolabi Abiodun see the citizens as approaches, from Lagosians accessed T a j u d e e n partners in progress. town halls to market healthcare through emphasised the We want you to be outreaches, but the state hospitals in the need for citizen our eyes and ears to communication gap past year, despite participation as a take governance to be tween the challenges of vital pillar of the grassroots level. government and the unpredictable democracysaidthat Therefore, this will be citizens remain,

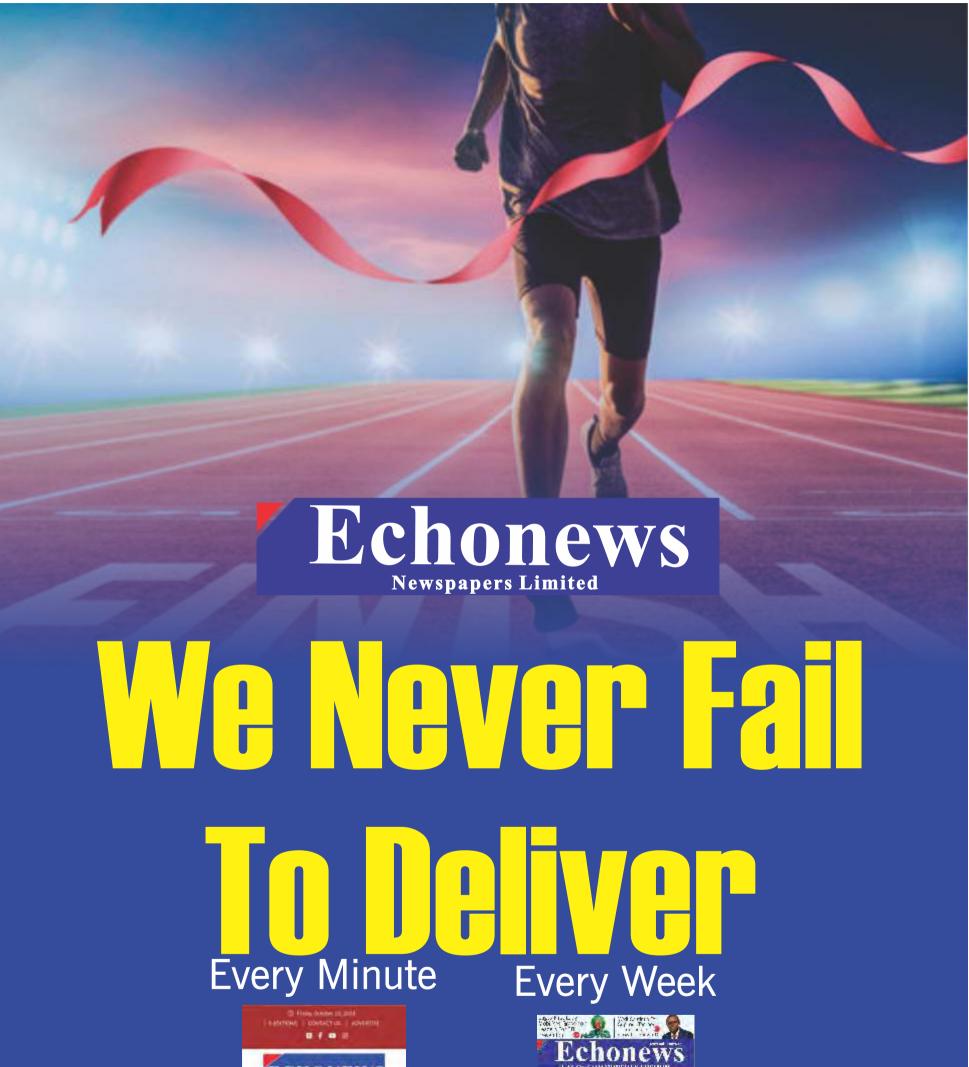
new beginning and a step further in building a Lagos where citizens are informed, engaged, and empowered to contribute meaningfully to governance.

While noting that many civil society groups and residents are unaware of the existing government channels for engagement, Engr. Shasore said that the Office is fulfilling its mandate and is actively working to close the communication gap between the government and the citizens through various media.

Appreciating the Lagos State Government for its openness, the Country Director of BudgIT, Mr Gabriel Okeowo, said that democracy is best served when it is participatory, and democracy can be participatory when all actors in the system are involved. He added that the sensitisation forum marks a significant milestone in Lagos State's civic development efforts and underscores the government's willingness to e m b r a c e democracy.

event The concluded with an interactive session where participants engaged with the Deputy Governor. A range of "hardhitting " questions on diverse state matters. The audience reportedly left satisfied with Dr. Hamzat's detailed and positive responses.









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Govt Reiterates Commitment To Nollywood's Growth

Nollywood industry. Agbaminoja, Agbaminojastated. "The government has creative sector.

The Lagos State to nurture talent and A ${\sf g}$ ${\sf b}$ a ${\sf m}$ in ${\sf o}$ ${\sf j}$ ${\sf a}$ development, the and international Government has promote innovative highlighted the United States creatives. reaffirmed its storytelling in government's Government has Meanwhile, the commitment to Nollywood. A notable commitment to supporting the initiative is the Lagos capacity building by growth and State partnership with partnering with film development of the the Plotweaver to academies to stage a storytelling empower emerging Speaking at the competition, where talents, further Officer, of the US producers to Nollywood the winning story will solidifying the state's Producer's Summit on be developed into a support for the Thursday, the shortfilm. This initiative growth and Executive Secretary reflects our development of the and CEO of the Lagos dedication to industry. State Film and Video fostering creativity "By working together Government He expressed Board, Mrs. and excellence in the with industry Adebukolaindustry, "stakeholders, the emphasised the The Executive Government aims to importance of Secretary further position Nollywood collaboration, policy disclosed that for lasting success support, and government policies and showcase the government will be shaped to best of Nigerian partnership in driving encourage storytelling to the the industry's success. investment in the world," Agbaminoja foreign channels, quality or immoral

taken concrete steps. Additionally, In a related the market for local government policies.

Lagos State submitted.

Nollywood creatives. According to the Public Relations Lagos, Nigeria, Julie McKay expressed US foreign training to

expressed interest in Executive Director of collaborating with the National Film and Video Censors Board, Dr. Shuaib Hussieni, has urged film Consular General approach the right Office, the US agencies for the Consulate General, n e c e s s a r y documents before producing their films. intention to leverage dissatisfaction with producers who equip Nollywood bypass the agency professionals with for legitimate modern skills to censorship, instead produce quality films forging permits and and content that can clear ance be showcased on certificates, which Netflix and other often result in lowthereby increasing films that contradict



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Commissioner Inspects Matori Leather Hub

nt, through the M e d i u m Special Adviser, adjustments for diversification, Ministry of Enterprises Office of Wealth Creation (MSMEs), and Infrastructure, Employment, manufacturing. has inspected Leading the the newly inspection, the completed Honourable Leather Hub in Commissioner Matori ahead of for Wealth its official Creation and commissioning. Employment, The visit, Hon. Akinyemi conducted in B a n k o l e collaboration Ajigbotafe was with the Ministry joined by the of Works and Special Adviser, Infrastructure, was to ensure

the facility's readiness and alignment with the State's industrial development goals. The Leather Hub,

a state-of-theart centre for leather processing, footwear production, and skills training, is a major investment aimed at empowering

he Lagos artisans, Office of Works, contractors to s

d promoting local Engr. Olufemi Daramola and the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry ESV Wasiu Olayinka. The delegation toured the production floors, training rooms, and administrative offices and met with project

s m o o t h a n d operations. Speaking during Honourable Commissioner Hon. Akinyemi Ajigbotafe said "The Leather The visit also industrial facility; it is a bold statement of our

administration's

commitment to

Governme Small, and Olayinka, the and make final economic creation. Its commissioning the visit, the will mark a new chapter in the growth of Lagos' manufacturing sector."

> Hub, Matori, is addressed postnot just an commissioning strategies, including market access, technology integration, and

| continuous State boosting Micro, Dr. Adekunle review progress development, training programmes, to position Lagos artisans for global competitiveness Once commissioned, the Leather Hub will reinforce Lagos State's status as a hub for innovation. craftsmanship, and industrial growth, offering entrepreneurs a world-class platform to thrive.



Education District II Analyses 2025 WASSCE

Results

n a bid to consolidate academic excellence and improve student performance, the Supervising Tutor-General/Perma nent Secretary of Education District II, Mr. Olusegun Osinaike, convened a high-level meeting with all Senior Secondary School Principals in the District to discuss the analysis of the 2025 West African Senior

issues.

o f t h e

S c h o o I performance e n h a n c e improvements discipline, and Certificate trends across teaching a n d strategic Examination s c h o o l s , effectiveness, encouraged planning from all (WASSCE) results identifying strengthen others to adopt stakeholders. and other strengths, student support innovative "Our goal is not pertinent weaknesses, systems, and teaching and just to improve academic and areas intensify mentoring requiring urgent preparation for approaches. He The meeting, intervention. f u t u r e stressed that every student held at the Principals examinations. District engaged in Mr. Osinaike, in examinations is Headquarters, r o b u s t his address, a collective education and provided a deliberations commended responsibility guidance

thorough review on strategies to recorded commitment, notable

numbers, but to ensure that success in public receives the quality platform for a with the TG/PS schools that that demands needed to excel. With the right synergy

between school leadership, teachers, parents, and students, Education District II will set a new benchmark in WASSCE performance," he stressed The meeting also resolved on actionable steps, including targeted academic clinics, inters c h o o lcollaboration, mentorship for weaker students, and consistent monitoring of instructional delivery.

The Principals pledged their unwavering commitment to implementing the agreed strategies, ensuring that the е x † examination cycle reflects a m a r k e dimprovement in the District's overall performance.



Health District IV Trains Pharmacists, Technicians

Directorate Pharmaceutical Services, Lagos Health District IV, recently conducted an intensive training for Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, focusing on Pharmacovigila nce, Medication Management, Pharmacy Documentation, and Patient counselling, at the Oluremi Tinubu Hall, Surulere Local Government Secretariat. The Director,

participants to Drug Reaction be empathetic (ADR) reporting. as they relate Pharm Nafisat

Pharmaceutical with their clients. Services, Lagos Pharm (Dr.) State Primary H a l i m a t HealthCare Adedeji, Board, Pharm Assistant Shakirat Director, Adeosun, who Pharmaceutical led the training Services, Mushin session for LGA, covered Pharmacists on pharmacovigila Medication nce, focusing on The training for Management, 'Drug Safety' advised and 'Adverse

Akindele, enhance expressed the Permanent communication use skills, patient improve patient counselling, and outcomes lifestyle across primary modification. Pharmacists the district's and pharmacy coverage technicians areas. drug safety, the programme appreciation to in Lagos State.

healthcare centres within

and services.

Director, Pharm healthcare renewed Secretary, Dr Services Health professionals' commitment to Abimbola District I, ability to ensure excellence in Bowale, for emphasised safe medication pharmaceutical championing this vital Pharm Monilola programme, Adeniji, Director, recognising it as Pharmaceutical a crucial step Services, Health to ward District IV, on elevating health behalf of the standards and Directorate, promoting extends responsible aims to improve Participants in heartfelt Medication use



NULGE Congratulates Akindele Over Electoral

Victory

the Nigeria early strides in Union of Local Government Employees The letters, jointly presented two congratulatory letter and a letter appreciation to Hon. Akindele Opeyemi, in

he Mosan recognition of Okunola her electoral chapter of victory and her promoting staff welfare.

(NULGE) has signed by the NULGE letters; a Chairman, Comrade Agoro Jamiu Adebanjo, and the Secretary, the Chairman, Comrade Adewale M. Adunni Adegboye, were delivered

Kehinde Adeleye

during office.

and expressed t The union

meeting held at success, at the monthly further disclosed the council guidance, and staffmeeting. chairman's peacefulreignin T h e office.

congratulatory appreciation rekindled staff letter, the union commended confidence that described Hon. the chairman's welfare would Akindele's swift actions remain a priority emergence as within her first under her chairman as two weeks in leadership. "well-deserved" office, including Responding, h optimism that rehabilitation of expressed her tenure the staff general gratitude for the would usher in toilet, the recognition and a p i d upgrading of the urged that the centres. development. staff clinic, and commendation On broader civic the provision of

the The letter of the union noted,

e Hon. Akindele members.

She assured the union that staff needs had been duly noted and promised to address them promptly. She also revealed including a new V council.

a prayed for her food and drinks Hon. Akindele that the Opeki e Public Health interventions, Centre would soon begin operating on a 24-hour basis. She also highlighted plans to enhance security around the council premises and primary health

> be extended to matters, the e chairman called management on NULGE team led by the members to C o u n c i l support public Manager, Mrs. mobilization and Abiola Apatira sensitization Aderiokun, as ahead of the well as other Independent dedicated staff National Electoral Commission (INEC) voter registration exercise.

> She noted that online preregistration plans for several would begin on projects, August 18, 2025, i legislative cvr.inecnigeria. building, staff org, while incanteen, person r e g i s t r y registration upgrade, and w o u I d the construction commence on of a large hall to August 25, 2025, generate from 9:00 a.m. to revenue for the 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.









Hunpe Pledges Support, Sensitization On Eligible Voters

Mr Babatunde representatives, Hunpe has youth and civil pledged to society groups commitment stakeholders and support on engagement eligible voters in meeting the ongoing organized by v o t e r s INEC on the registration by ongoing Independent V o t e r National Registration Electoral (CVR). Commission H u n p e (INEC).

adagry Hunpe joined G political chairman, leaders, party w at e Continuous

commended

INEC for convening across party lines and pledged the government's full support.

promised intensified sensitization to ensure all eligible residents particularly firsttime voters and those seeking card transfers or

replacements put in place take advantage clear processes the a stakeholders registration procedures, exercise.

Electoral Officer capture, card of INEC, Mr. replacement Oladunjoye protocols, and Olugbenga, transfer He further assured applications, all participants of guided by the commission's INEC's readiness to established conduct a transparent and According to hitch-free him, trained exercise.

commission has

n including The Badagry biometric data auidelines.

personnel, He explained functional the equipment, and

adequate logistics have been deployed across registration centers to minimize delays and ensure efficiency.

He further appealed to community leaders, political actors, and civil society groups to mobilize residents and help maintain orderliness during the exercise.

Hunpe Rallies Zangan On Community Security



hairma thearea. Government, Mr meeting with a Babatunde cross-section of Hunpe, has Zangan, local | the traditional traditional rulers remained key to You are the first effective meeting to strengthen involvement their roles in was crucial in Badagry. community complementing "Our people security as part the work of deserve to sleep of efforts to conventional safe and safeguard lives s e c u r i t y sound," Hunpe and property in agencies.

of Hunpe, Badagr speaking during

He noted that

said.

challenges in for both w i t and you must agencies. seriously."

evident that cover every retired Divisional Badagry. o c a I community, and Police Officer, Some of the called on all security heads intelligence and that is why your would guide the Zangan who Zangan who are appointed by vigilance role is critical. Zangan on spoke at the security leaders said their tackling security point of contact collaboration welcomed the government government initiative, and the police, s e c u r i t y describing it as a take your Hunpe stressed addressing

He added that s e c u r i t y communities.

afterrecent visits "Nigeria does the council's structures and to military and not have the Chief Security formal outfits paramilitary number of Adviser, CSP was essential for Locala stakeholder formations, it policemen Adagbasustaining b e c a m e required to Johnson, a peace across

> h council's step toward responsibilities that synergy security gaps in between local t h e i r

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Ogundipe Declares Youth Empowerment a Critical Investment

Is o I o Beyond." youtha choice but a society. necessity.

Isolo Local in the 2025 ournation." Youth Day vision for Oshodi

he member themed "Local $_{
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m I}$ o representin Youth Actions for Constituency g Oshodi the SDGs and 01, Hon.

in the Lagos that young drive grassroots State House of people are initiatives such Assembly, Hon. "leaders now, as community-(Otunba) not just leaders based skill Ogundipe of tomorrow," acquisition Stephen and that centres, digital Olukayode equipping them literacy (OMOJ'OMOLO with education, programmes,), has described skills, resources, microcredit n empowerment opportunities is start-ups, youth as a critical key to building a a d v i s o r y investment for s o c i a I I y councils, and the future of equitable, structured Lagos and economically pathways for Nigeria, vibrant, and sports and stressing that it is environmentally creative not a matter of sustainable development.

Empowerment innovation, and participation in growth (SDG 8), programmes. a leadership," he nurturing strengthen "To the youths of Sustainables a ideresponsible and you the Oshodilsolo, the Future" during a "Empowering resilient young participation in future is not programme them is not leaders. organised by optional; it is a The lawmaker (SDG 16), and will come to you; the Hon. Taiwo necessary noted that his build green it is something Ayedun-led foundation for plans align with economy skills you must Progressive p e a c e , the United for climate actively build. Youths Initiative progress, and N a t i o n s action (SDG 13). Your dreams are (PYI), Oshodi inclusive growth Sustainable Reaffirming his valid, your commemorate our state, and w i t h pledged to your voice is and civil society

Ogundipe Constituency 01 He emphasized pledged to d schemes for Не also

"Youths are the highlighted the



governance something that Our Development resolve, energy is government, the International Outlining his expand access youth-focused declared. legislation,

Ogundipe heartbeat of importance of to quality attract strategic The event, which made this any thriving mental health, education (SDG partnerships, brought known while society, the $_{\text{S}}\,$ o c i a I 4), promote and ensure to gether speaking on the seeds of protection, and decent work accountability community topic "Youth prosperity, c i v i c and economic in constituency stakeholders, political leaders, and young people across h constituency, ended with a collective call for stronger collaboration a m o n g Government, to constituency, Goals (SDGs), Ogundipe needed, and private sector, commitments to champion powerful," he to make youth empowerment a lasting reality.

Almaroof Flags Rehabilitation of Abolaji

Street

Local Government, Speaking on the Otunba Kehinde project, Otunba Almaroof Oloyede, Oloyede reaffirmed has extended his his commitment to project.

beginning with the He noted that the

e complete overhaul Chairman of of the drainage Oshodi Isolo system and culvert. reconstruction and rehabilitation will







improve the living

The council boss

that also appealed for

h i s meaningful projects administration will with direct impact on the people.



IPAJA NEWS

Oba Egundupe Celebrates Five Years on The Throne

Kehinde Adeleye

Ipaja LCDA, and Seraphim in The spiritually Hon. Agbaje Lagos State. A b i o d u n The revival was held significant Lukmon, joined part of activities religious and HRM Oba Isreal lined up for the communal Ajani Egundupe, week-long value, drawing the Olu of Ipaja celebration +

of Ayobo- of Cherubim forefathers.

anniversary of

uplifting event h

and respected a Christian leader. development. highlighted the of

Chairman the Unification throne of his Mother Esther institutions in years n Land, at a marking the fifth participation of importance of anniversary IpajaLand.

a s e v e r a l unity between celebration, programme Egundupe's dignitaries, traditional and reflecting Oba e organised by ascension to the including Rev. religious Egundupe's five Ajayi, renowned promoting purposeful philanthropist peace, progress leadership d marked by реасе, Her attendance The revival stood community brought added out as one of the development inspiration and major highlights and cultural the preservation in

Ishola Distributes Free GCE Forms to 500 Youths

<u>Kehinde Adeleye</u>

n a show of to youth development in Agbado Oke Council Development State, the newly General Certificate of Education (GCE) forms to

council area. 19, 2025.

Odo Local journalists at the ofgunpowder. Area of Lagos Tuesday, August Light Has g Arrived) by governance.

500 indigent future leaders. of his religious or as well as the youths in the According to administration. political empowerment him, failure to He pledged to background. commitment I s h o I a invest in young leave no stone " A s announced the people amounts unturned in approach our widows," he initiative while to placing the ensuring that 100 days in said. addressing nation on a keg children and office, we will The chairman youths in the work tirelessly to also appealed c o u n c i l Popularly called council enjoy ensure residents to residents to secretariat on Imolede (The the benefits of feel the positive

d impact of our administration elected The council residents and He assured across different Chairman, chairman staff due to the residents that his sectors, Ishola Jimoh explained that strides he has administration is including Abiodun, has his passion for made since committed to infrastructure, distributed free the growth and assuming office, delivering the h e a l t h , development of Ishola reiterated dividends of education, children and that youth democracy environment, while remaining youths stems empowerment without bias to economy, law-abiding

of youths, the we elderly and

support his government by fulfilling their civic responsibilities through prompt payment of levies and rates



hairman of

passionately urged residents to actively participate in the electoral process by seizing the opportunity presented by the Nationwide Continuous Voter Registration (CVR).

Hosting a pivotal Stakeholders' Meeting at the Council Hall in Mushin, Aruwe emphasized the transformative power of voter registration in amplifying the community's voice and shaping the future of Nigeria's democracy.

The meeting convened a diverse group of influential figures, including political leaders, religious clerics, community representatives, and socio-economic groups, reflecting Aruwe's commitment to mobilizing every segment of Mushin's population. Notable attendees included Hon. Toyin Fayinka (Federal House of Representatives, Mushin 2), Hon. Yinka Esho (Lagos State House of Assembly, Mushin 2), Vice Chairman Semiu Karaole, CDC Chairman Pa Femi Okuyemi, Chief Imam Alhaji Sheikh Sulaimon Olanijo, CAN Chairman Dr. Akindele, and representatives from LASCOTA, market associations, the Youth Council, NURTW, and the Mushin Local Government Farmers' Association. Aruwe's message was clear, acquiring a Permanent Voter's Card (PVC) is not just a right but a sacred civic duty that

Mushin LG, Residents To Embrace Participation By Saheed Afolabi







nation.

"Our votes are our register, collect their called voices, and our PVCs, and actively stakeholders to lead sustainable voices must count," participate in the by example, development and he declared.

community and leaders, and faith-people."

empowers residents youths, artisans, more inclusive participation in the Mushin. to influence the market men and democracy that truly CVR exercise. He Aruwe aims to direction of their women, community reflects the will of our stressed that active galvanize residents to

electoral process. mobilizing their effective "I urge every eligible Together, we can networks to ensure governance in resident of Mushin build a stronger, widespread

engagement in the take ownership of based groups to The council boss electoral process is their democratic on the foundation for rights, ensuring that Mushin's voice resonates powerfully in shaping Nigeria's

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Aruwe Champions Transformation Of Mushin's Leather Industrial Hub







the Chairman of Mushin Local Government, has reaffirmed his unwavering commitment to transforming the Lagos State

working visit to the accessories. industry,

craftsmanship. quality shoes, bags, During a strategic belts, and fashion

his vision to elevate ingenuity and skill of the local leather Mushin's artisans, a emphasizing the

Hub in Mushin into a Mushin's economy driving socio-potential by fostering the community.

"The leather industry is the heartbeat of hub, Aruwe outlined Aruwe praised the Mushin's economy," he declared.

> "My administration is fully committed to

Industrial Leather cornerstone of hub's critical role in unlocking its improve branding,

My saheed Afolabi

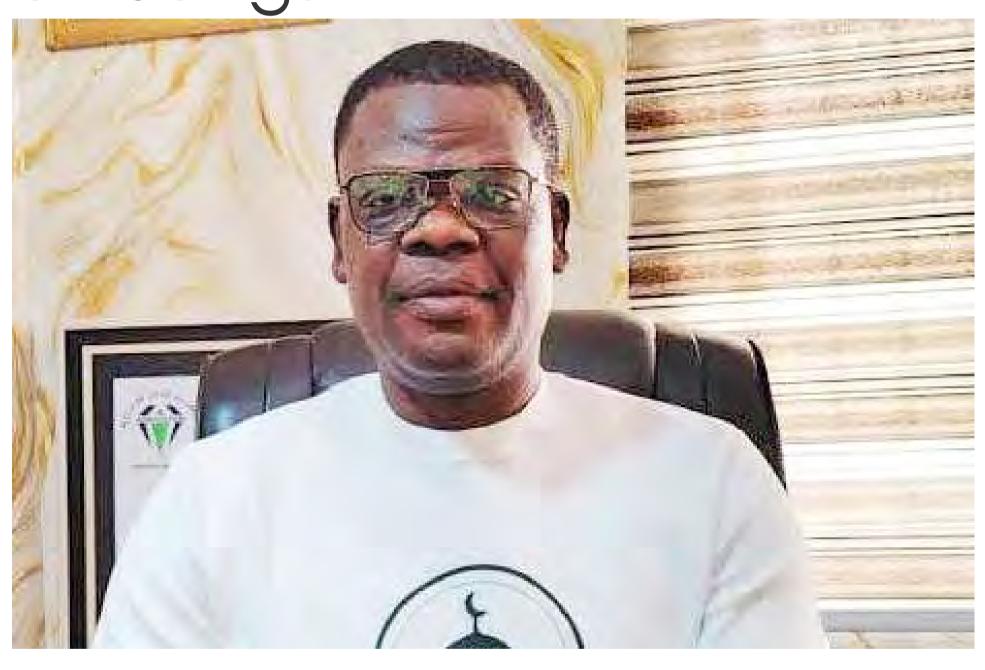
and position our

products for global competitiveness." The Chairman's visit underscored his proactive approach to empowering local artisans and youths. He highlighted plans to modernize the hub's operations, leveraging its stateof-the-art facilities—training centers, workshops, banking services, eateries, and a dedicated industrial area for mass production—as described by Mr. Thompson John, the hub's Project Officer. These resources, Aruwe noted, are pivotal in equipping young entrepreneurs with the skills and infrastructure needed to thrive, thereby reducing unemployment and fostering sustainable development in Lagos State.

Through strategic investments and partnerships, Aruwe is determined to position Mushin's leather hub as a global powerhouse renowned for economic growth partnerships with the beacon of innovation for leather producing high- and job creation in Lagos State and economic Government and empowerment, private sector ensuring that its stakeholders to products not only e n h a n c e dominate local productivity, markets but also gain international acclaim.



Oriyomi Hamzat Apologises to Naira Marley, Lifts Ban on Songs Kehinde Adeleye



of Agidigbo s o n g s o f ban on Marley's across Nigeria. Marley, while public apology. recalls that after

incident.

regret over the

he founder the tragic death former signee of assumptions our legs up to immediately of Ilerioluwa M a r l i a n made against march on Satan 88.7 FM, Aloba, popularly Records, died at Marley. He and overcome hit Hamzat, has Mohbad, on development that the station today onward, I air. lifted the ban he September 12, that sparked would now am raising the The decision has H a m z a t death.

played Marley's track Ibadan, Oriyomi k n o w n a s the age of 27, a further revealed obstacles. From Tesumole live on

previously 2023, Hamzat outrage and resume airplay ban that was since sparked placed on the announced a calls for justice of Marlian songs. placed on the reactions "I am very sorry singer's tracks at among fans and Nigerian singer music following During a live for all my Agidigbo FM. within the Azeez Fashola, speculations broadcast on provocative We can now be entertainment popularly and widespread Agidigbo FM, statements or playing Naira in dustry, known as Naira p u b i i c H a m z a t words to Naira Marley songs at especially given accusations admitted that Marley. And now our radio the lingering also offering a linked to the his earlier stance at Agidigbo station," he said. controversies was harsh and Radio Station, Toemphasise his surrounding New Telegraph Mohbad, a expressed we have lifted announcement, Mohbad's

Inside Lagos Commercial Bus, Cheapest Ticket to Madness

riday morning 'at Iyana-Ipaja, I stood between urgency and confusion, calculating survival like a man preparing for WAEC mathematics. One quick dip into my pocket and I felt relief. My money was intact.

Lagos had not embarrassed me yet. But money in this city behaves like a side chick, loyal in the morning, missing by evening. My brain immediately shifted to a bigger puzzle: how would this fare carry me to and fro?

Because Lagos transport is not arithmetic, it is gambling. If rain falls, fare goes up. If it is rush hour, it doubles. If it is afternoon, it might even drop. No one truly knows the formula.

<u>Kehinde Adeleye</u>

dinosaur parked at another Lagos the bus stop, the secret. Those White long Lagos standing outside Commerical bus, were not really sometimes called searching for buses. Molue. Many They were waiting Lagosians might be for the long bus to fill surprised it still exists, so they could rush in previous naira. administrations, the By design, the bus conductor's voice, should take forty-five soaked in alcohol, passengers, but by boomed "Oshodi, my calculation, the three hundred!" It latecomers were s o u n d e d nearly double the reasonable, a original load. I was bargain compared no longer in a bus. I to danfo.

an old soldier, his Then came the eyes weary but his performances. A posture still carrying woman cursed her g u y - m a n husband on the confidence. I phone. A pastor climbed in, settled in preached himself the middle row, and into a sweat. A man thought I had analysed politics like escaped wahala. he was live on Arise seats filled, the passengers the That was when my windows steamed,

and I realised freedom had been an illusion.

eyes caught the big Soon, I discovered thinking it had been and pay the phased out by discounted hundred

was inside the United The driver looked like Nations of Wahala.

exchanged suspicious laughter.

A self-styled pharmacist advertised drugs that could cure every sickness, including heartbreak. And the conductor, that skinny yellow man with a nose ring, sagaing trousers and Ibadan intonation, became the master of ceremonies.

He stretched his brown-stained armpit from row to row, demanding fares while passengers dodged payment like Olympic sprinters.

The arguments grew louder. "Na Tinubu cause am," shouted one man. Another replied, "Abeg, PDP time better." Someone else threw in, "Dangote na thief, na only him dey sell cement, sugar, Within minutes, the TV. Some married salt." A voice from back

but escape was call meanytime." impossible.

heartbreak too.

He bragged about being known on that route for twenty years, yet he limped like a man battling his own bone crisis. Before I recovered, another stood up immediately after him, selling soap that brings fortune and goodness. His Ankara was faded,

concluded, "Buhari his face carried the don die since!" The look of a reformed bus had turned into destitute, yet he a newspaper stand, spoke with the a full-blown beer confidence of an parlour debate on oracle. He even four wheels. My added, "We no dey head grew heavy, give fake number,

By now, my prayer And just when I was simple: Lord, let thought it could not me reach Oshodi get worse, one man alive. But the long bus nearly shoved a is never complete packet of medicine without chaos. "Oga into my mouth. He pay me my money," called himself the the conductor Bon Doctor. He roared. "I don pay swore his drugs could you!" the passenger cure pile, ulcer, barked back. "You malaria and never pay!" shouted probably another man nearby. Within seconds, the bus transformed into a boxing arena until an old man intervened. Just then, one passenger by the door tried to jump down without paying, and the conductor chased him like a goalkeeper saving the last penalty in a World C...



Political Tension Kosofe as Oyeshile Refutes Defamation Claims Kehinde Adeleye

Locala made against Leader of the Honourable Bariwu Sulaimon.

In a letter dated August 18, 2025, Oyeshile, through his legal representatives at Raines & Sunset Legal Practitioners. dismissed the allegations as "misconceived. unfounded, n misleading." Τ h correspondenc e, addressed to Rotimi Seriki (SAN), counsel to Sulaimon, provided a detailed rebuttal of the claims.

According to

he political the letter, the m illion. that their client's Sulaimon," the other atmospher d i s p u t e Subsequent involvementwas statement stakeholders. e in Kosofe originated from ownership strictly in his emphasized. Government transaction in pressure from as Assembly has grown tense which Sulaimon the Kosofe Leader and in following initially agreed Legislative the best interest allegations of to sell a parcel of H o u s e of the council, defamation land for reportedly not out of Honourable later requested to refund the 1 "At no time did Femi Oyeshile, an additional million to our client 8th Legislative bringing the Oyeshile's or defame Assembly, by total to 1 lawyers argued Honourable

I and disputes and official capacity 800,000, but forced Sulaimon personal malice. 200,000, Oyeshile's client. malign, slander,

councillors, and accordingly.

Oyeshile's legal The rebuttal also team further referenced a stressed that his July 2025 emergence as meeting at the Assembly residence of Leader followed Chief Bushura due process, Alebiosu, where noting that he the matter was was duly reportedly nominated, resolved in the returned presence of unopposed, and party leaders, e l e c t e d







Akindele Inaugurates Committee tor aistration Exercise

V o t e r devices. Registration Speaking at the Junction, Unit Committee to held on August Ward coordinate and 18, 2025, in the (Gowon): 1st mobilize council's Avenue, 12th residents for the conference Road by Sameti ongoingroom, Hon. School, Unit 081 Permanent Akindele Ward Voter Card explained that (Okunola): Lion registration.

e To support the activities across Chairman of exercise, the all five wards to M o s a n committee was m Okunola Local equipped with a registration C o u n c i l laptop, modem, easier and more Development printer, accessible for Area, Hon.generator, residents. Akindele Adunni stationery, and The registration Opeyemi, on an extension support points Mondaybox for areas follows: inaugurated the powering Ward Continuous electronic (Federal):

(C V R) inauguration 030 (P V C) the committee O would oversee Judah/Powerlin

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Emilagba

e, Unit 105 Unit 073

Unit 032

noted that the those seeking to initiative was transfer their aimed at registration to mobilizing both take advantage n e w a n d of the exercise. returning voters, "This is a golden importance for every eligible strengthening voter in Mosan political Okunola to participation in participate in the country.

S encouraged

residents Ward D (Abesan particularly 1): Opposite youths who AERA Office, have just turned 18, first-time Ward E (Abesan registrants, 2): Near Abesan individuals who Primary School, misplaced or abandoned The chairman their PVCs, and

the democratic e process. Let us encourage our youths who have just turned 18, remind our neighbors who may have misplaced their PVCs, support those registering for the first time, and guide those who need to transfer their details," Hon. Akindele said.

She urged stressing its opportunity for residents to come out in large numbers, assuring that no eligible voter in the community would be left behind.

JUDICIARY

Court Jails Two Men For Impersonation

wo men, Yusu Ramon and Ganiyu Ibrahim have been jailed over offences of impersonation. Ramon and Ibrahim were sentenced to one month in a ruling by High Court in mobile devices



prison each with Justice Dehinde Ikoyi.

and funds an option of Dipeolu at the The court recovered to be N200,000 fine in Lagos Federal ordered their forfeited to the federal

government. Both men were impersonated a among 93 foreign woman suspects on Instagram, arrested during while Ibrahim araid on August posed as an 10 at a hotel American near the woman on Olusegun Facebook to O b a s a n j o defraud a victim Presidential of\$150. Library in They pleaded Abeokuta, guilty to one-Ogun State. The prosecution O

said Ramon

count charges impersonation.





Court Sentences Two Men For SellingIllicit from him. with 2,197.8 p a p e r Emamionaone-

By Felix Kuyinu

been sentenced state. to jail at a Emani, 37, was proceeding in a arrested by the Lagos court.

The offenders: and Law Ajetsibo Emani Agency, NDLEA, and Solomon after which a 24 Akpomuai were jumbo bags of said to have 581 pouches of peddled large cananian loud quantities of weighing 414.2 cannabis and kilogrammes

combined 10 wo men year prison who have sentence by b e e n Justice Dehinde declared guilty Dipeolu who of sale and use presided over of prohibited their trial at the drugs have High Court in the

National Drug sentenced to a were recovered

Akpomuai was skunk. He was bundles arrested by the handed over to Prosecutor drugs. Nigeria Customs the NDLEA and Assistant Justice Dipeolu Service, NCS, subsequently Commander of convicted him along the arraigned on a Narcotics of the and sentenced Sagamu-ljebu- charge of NDLEA, Buhari him to six years in e trafficking in S h u a i b u prison, with an expressway on commercial Abdullahi option of a 50

51-year-old kilograms of subscription count charge of dealing in illicit

June 3, 2025, quantities. News arraigned million fine while Akpomuai was sentenced to four years in prison, also with an option of a

50 million fine. Both convictions came after the court found the prosecution's evidence sufficient to establish the offences under the NDLEA Act



Court Jails Bassit over Cybercrime

By Felix Kuyinu

cybercrime.

his arraianment area.

EFCC.

A lawbreaker in Prior to the PONMILE BASSIT, punishable under perpetrate the Lagos, Salami sentencing, the on or about 10th Section 22(2)(b) criminal activity, Bassit, has been EFCC stated that August. 2025 at of the Cyber was recovered sentenced to Bassist alongside Lagos within the C r i m e s trom him during prison for others were Jurisdiction of this (Prohibition, investigation," indulging in arrested on July Honourable Prevention Etc) said Dauda. Bassit was Garden Horizon fraudulently Ilyasu Dauda, an the prosecution arraigned at the Height, Lagos, impersonated operative of the sought to tender Ikoyi High Court in during a sting one 'Katia Banks', EFCC, said that in evidence the a case presided operation a white woman Bassit cunningly defendant's by Justice following from United States presented himself extra-judicial Dehinde Dipeolu intelligence on of America on as a white statement, the who jailed the suspected Facebook Mobile female, sending iPhone 16 offender three internet fraud Application with ponographic recovered from months following activities in the intent to gain videos with an him, and a

and Financial one-count thereby on unsuspecting document Federal C r i m e s charge against committed an victims.

"That you, SALAMI to 31, 2025, at Lekki C o u r t , Act, 2015." by the Economic The Commission's yourself and you perpetrate scam investigation

Commission, the convict reads, offence contrary "An iPhone 16, and which he used to

EFCC stated that advantage for internet to for ensic iPhone be

his device and tendered in court as exhibits.

The defence council pleaded for leniency, arguing that Bassist a first-time offender after which the judge sentenced him to three months' imprisonment with an option of a N2m fine. The court also ordered that the recovered forfeited to the printed out from Government.

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Lekan Fatodu Champions Lagos Readiness To Host

National Youth Games

the Lagos development. State Sports The inspection Commission (LSSC), unwavering confidence in Lagos preparedness to Youth Games (NYG), a grassroots initiative designed to unearth and nurture young talent under the age of 15.

Leading a two-day inspection tour alongside delegates from the National Sports Commission (NSC), Fatodu showcased Lagos' world-class sporting infrastructure, underscoring the state's commitment youth empowerment, Speaking at a the 10th NYG will

irector national unity, and General of socio-economic

covered key Mr Lekan Fatodu has facilities, including expressed Teslim Balogun Stadium in Surulere, the National S t a t e 's Stadium, the newly refurbished Elegbata host the 10th edition Sports Complex, the of the National iconic Mobolaii Johnson Arena in Onikan, the Cricket Oval at Tafawa meeting with NSC Balewa Square, delegates, Fatodu Mobolaji Johnson passionately Sports Centre in articulated the Rowe Park, Yaba, the transformative University of Lagos power of sports. Sports Complex, CMS Grammar School in just a pastime, it's a Bariga, and Agege Stadium. These venues, Fatodu emphasized, reflect Lagos' dedication to sports serves as a tool providing top-tier for national infrastructure to cohesion, unity, and to leveraging sports support the NYG's the empowerment objectives.

full engagement for life and purpose.

Lagos is driving an agenda where of our youth. Hosting

"Sports is no longer

most memorable history."

Fatodu highlighted the strategic timing of Lagos bid, noting that the Games align with the eve of a hosting sports.

exceptional and spectators.

He reaffirmed Lagos commercial nerve commitment to center to the world."

Expressing gratitude to the NSC for their confidence in Lagos, Fatodu welcomed their feedback to further enhance the state's readiness. He emphasized that hosting the NYG would not only provide a platform for young athletes to shine but also open doors for scholarships to tertiary institutions, fostering long-term opportunities for U-15 athletes.

Mrs. Amaka Ashiofu, amplify this vision, renovating and Head of the NSC and we are ready to repositioning its delegation and deliver one of the facilities to meet Director of Grassroots global standards, Sports Development, editions in the Games ensuring an commended Lagos' efforts, noted that the experience for inspection aimed to athletes, officials, identify areas for improvement to "We are not just ensure a seamless a hosting process. She national election, tournament, we are reiterated the NSC's offering a unique showcasing Lagos commitment to opportunity to unite iconic facilities, collaborating with Nigerians through vibrant culture, and Lagos to develop role as Nigeria's sports infrastructure and deliver a successful Games.



Farmers In Epe Laud Lagos Govt Financial Literacy Program deliberately

Lagos State government sessions on Personal for convening financial and Farm Financial literacy program in the Management covering community to budgeting, income strengthen food planning, debt control, provision and security.

No fewer than 50 profit analysis. Farmers in the area One became beneficiaries beneficiaries, Jimoh from the three-day Oluwa, who is into fish initiative program which farming disclosed that centred on improving the measure will the livelihoods in the address the limited

'in Lagos have participants were commended the engaged in interactive record-keeping and

o f t h e community and state at access many rural farmers have to

armers in Epe area During the training, practical financial education that can help sustain their agribusinesses.

> Another, Femi Solanke, a livestock farmer, spoke on the training of management in safeguarding their farms against unexpected challenges such as climate shocks, market fluctuations, and pest outbreaks.

Solanke disclosed that the information he gathered will help in safeguarding his livestock from infection and possibly, death of animals be rears which will in turn further assist in further business profits.

A female, Omolola Owolabi, said that the training aspect on value of cultivating a saving culture and the importance of agricultural insurance and risk will further propel her into making more savings to cater for her expenses and also improve her

The state government through it's Agricultural LSADA, while inclusiveness. conducting the exercise admonished the beneficiaries to use the knowledge gained in the training to improve their livelihoods and contribute to the development of the community and Lagos at large.

Head of Component, Rural Institution Development of LSADA, Seriki Abayomi, explained that the programme was

decentralised across the three agricultural Development Authority, zones to ensure

> "The purpose is to ensure that our farmers can make informed decisions about financial services that directly impact their livelihoods," stated Abayomi.

"We believe this knowledge will not only strengthen their businesses but also improve food security in the state by ensuring more financially stable and productive agricultural enterprises."



Sanwo-Olu Showcases Lagos as Africa's Sports Hub

By Saheed Afolabi

Sanwo-Olu, has reaffirmed his administration's Lagos as the leading destination for sports business Africa.

Basketball Africa (NBA uniquely youth."

Sanwo-Olusaid.

Africa) team, an equipped with the Governor outlined his vision

affiliate of exceptional emphasized his toleverage sports dedication to America's NBA, at h letes, administration's as a catalyst for enhancing Lagos agos State the Governor seasoned sports commitment to e c o n o m i c sports ecosystem. Governor, highlighted Lagos administrators, advancing sports growth, job Mr. Babajide unparalleled progressive infrastructure and creation, and commitment to potential to policies, and a t a l e n t national unity, deliversubstantial business-friendly development, ensuring Lagos returns for environment that noting that Lagos remains at the vision to position investors while fosters inclusion strategic forefront of driving socio- and shared investments in Africa's sports Folawiyo said. economic prosperity. We world-class industry. investment in "Lagos is a business empowerment dynamic hub of revolution and programs position Welcoming the talent, creativity, c r e a t e the state as an National and opportunity," transformative ideal partner for opportunities for g I o b a I Association "Our state is investors and our organizations like NBA Africa. He

leadership and vision.

"The Governor's development and infrastructure improvement is truly inspiring,"

growth through are ready to lead facilities and Mr. Tunde motivated to Africa's sports y o u t h Folawiyo, deepen our business mogul partnership with and Team Lead Lagos and attract of NBA Africa, more investors to commended sports and other Governor Sanwo- vital sectors, Olu for his inspired by the forward-thinking state's progressive



