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Why Dons Want Liberal Abortion Laws

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The Lagos State University Teaching Hospital and experts in the field of Obstetrics and Gynaecology are seeking the review of the country's abortion laws as one of the ways to stem death of pregnant women. The Chief Medical Director (CMD), LASUTH and Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Prof. Adetokunbo O. Fabamwo made this call, stressing that making laws to make Abortion easier may save the lives of many women.

Speaking at the 6th Annual Abimbola Omololu-Mulele Lecture titled: "The Tortuous Road To Maternal Mortality Reduction In Nigeria, Avoidable Strongholds On Liberal Abortion Laws", organised by the University of Lagos, Office of Advancement and the Board of Trustees of Abimbola Aina Omololu-Mulele, LASUTH CMD noted that high number of maternal mortality had occurred as a result of unsafe abortion. Fabamwo explained the complexities of reducing maternal mortality in Nigeria and the need to particularly focus on the obstacles posed by restrictive abortion laws. He highlighted the alarming rates of maternal deaths in Nigeria due to unsafe abortions, emphasising the urgent need for reform to safeguard women's health and well-being. He said Maternal Death, according to



Professor Fabamwo

the World Health Organisation (WHO), is the death of a pregnant woman due to complications related to pregnancy underlying conditions worsened by the pregnancy or management of these conditions, adding that this can occur either while she's pregnant or within six weeks of the resolution of the pregnancy. He said, "A woman dies of pregnancy-related causes every two minutes, most of these deaths are preventable with the right care at the right time. Unsafe abortion accounts for at least 13 percent of maternal deaths worldwide", (Professor Fabamwo)

He attributed the prevalence of unsafe abortions in Nigeria to stringent abortion laws that drive women to seek clandestine procedures. Despite efforts to liberalise abortion laws for safe terminations, challenges persist. He presented statistical



data on maternal mortality rates in various countries, illustrating the disparities and emphasising the importance of institutionalising safe abortion practices for medical reasons. The CMD pointed out the efforts made to reduce maternal mortality in the form of global initiatives, country-level initiatives, non-governmental efforts, community-based initiatives, and also key interventions by prominent individuals. He also gave an

exposé on what unsafe abortion laws entail all over the world, such as to save the life of the mother, preserve the physical health of the mother, and preserve the mental health of the mother in cases of rape or incest. Lamenting the challenges experienced in efforts made to legalise the safe termination of pregnancy in Nigeria and some states like Imo and Lagos, the Erudite Professor, therefore, proposed that the suspended "Lagos State Guidelines on Safe

Termination of Pregnancy for Legal Indications", a 40-Paged document put together by the Permanent Secretary of Lagos State Ministry of Health, Dr. Olusegun Ogboye should be reviewed. He stressed the need to engage leading and influential media houses, hold breakfast meetings, luncheons, and have roundtable discussions to ensure that the public is adequately enlightened on the matter till the goal of liberalising abortion laws to reduce deaths

from unsafe abortions is achieved. Nigeria laws criminalise abortion. The abortion laws of the Criminal Code are expressed within sections 228, 229, and 230. Section 228 states that; In the southern states, the Criminal Code Act of 1960 makes abortion illegal, except to save the life of the mother. The Criminal Code also makes it a felony to perform an abortion on a woman, even if she is not pregnant, and the penalty is up to 14 years in prison.

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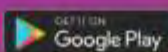
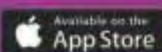









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In the northern states, the Penal Code Act of 1960 also makes abortion illegal, except to save the life of the mother. The penalties for violating the Penal Code include imprisonment, fine, or both.

The interpretation and implementation of these laws varies, which can lead to inconsistencies in access to abortion services.

Many women are unaware of their rights under the law, or are unable to navigate the legal and healthcare systems to access safe abortion services.

Despite the legal restrictions, many clandestine abortions are still carried out, often with dire consequences for the women involved.

In their study, "Abortion Laws in Nigeria: A Case for Reform" by P. Chibueze Okorie Nigerian Law School, Abuja and Olubusola Adebayo Abayomi Nigerian Law Reform

Commission stated that over 1,000,000 abortions occur in Nigeria annually, representing about 33 abortions per 1,000 women of child bearing age.

The study also established that illegal abortion is responsible for about 11% of maternal death in Nigeria and 50% of such deaths involve adolescents and young women.

The result is the staggering statistics of 1,000 out of every 100,000 maternal deaths arising from the estimated 1,000,000 abortions carried out in Nigeria each year. Also, it has the effect of jeopardizing the reproductive health of our women, particularly adolescent.

In a research, "Serum Concentration Of Fat-Soluble Vitamins A, D, E and K in Endometriosis and Non-Endometriosis Women and Association with Endometriosis - Related Pain: A Comparative Cross-



Sectional Study in Lagos by Dr. Saalu Tersur, a Senior Registrar in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH), Nigeria's abortion laws are restrictive and vary across the country, making it difficult for women to access safe abortion services:

To him, pregnant women seek ways to illegally

terminate the foetus due to the Nigerian strict laws against such act, thereby losing their lives in the process.

However, the study "Abortion Laws in Nigeria: A Case for Reform" showed that many countries had decriminalised abortion. It concluded that making abortion a criminal offence in Nigeria is unrealistic and

dangerous. "It is unrealistic because it is not known to have reduced the rate of abortion but has only succeeded in making abortion clandestine with the attendant consequences.

It is dangerous because of the maternal deaths and damage to women's reproductive health resulting from the inevitable use of quacks

and self help. In addition, abortion has been shown to be a human right, hence its criminalization is a violation of that right. The study recommended that the law should provide for abortion on request in the first three months of pregnancy to take care of all conceivable reasons for abortion yet without any medical implication since abortion is indisputably safe at the point and the foetus is un-quickened. The law should however, prescribe the qualification of the medical practitioner to carry out the abortion and the minimum standard of facilities that must be present in the hospital (particularly private hospital) that will be authorized to carry out abortion."

The study also recommended that the law should create means of supervision and enforcement to prevent abuse particularly by private hospitals and clinics.

It recommended that the law should provide for conscientious objection and referrals.

"The law should encourage dissemination of information on reproductive health care and particularly use of contraception to avoid unwanted pregnancies which foist on the women a complete state of helplessness.

It should be further emphasized that adequate and effective education on contraception can significantly decrease resort to abortions in Nigeria.

Access to contraceptives can lower Nigeria's high rate of maternal mortality by 70%, prevent unintended pregnancies, unsafe abortions, and HIV/AIDs, and may result in 50% decrease in infant deaths, "the study recommended.



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Falana Visits LNSA, Commends Sanwo-olu, Falade

The renowned Social Critic and Human Rights Lawyer, Mr. Femi Falana (SAN) has commended Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu and the General Manager of the Lagos State Neighbourhood Safety Agency (LNSA) for their effort to keep Lagos safe and secure.

Falana gave the commendation on Monday during his visit to the Headquarters of LNSA at Bolade-Oshodi, acknowledging the efforts of the Lagos State Government in the area of Community Policing through the Agency.

He expressed his surprise at the various equipment and manpower that the LNSA is using for community policing across the metropolis, promising to support the Agency in its bid to get better and actualise its mandate. The Human Rights Lawyer, however, advised the organisation to improve its media presence to carry the people along and inform

them about its contributions to making Lagos safe for everybody.

The Social Critic enjoined the Agency to ensure a robust recruitment process that will guarantee that only people with credible and traceable backgrounds are employed to protect the Corps from infiltration in order to preserve its integrity.

Earlier, the General Manager of LNSA, Prince (Dr.) Ifalade Oyekan, Fsin, while welcoming the revered human rights activist to the Agency, outlined the mandate and responsibilities of the Agency.

According to Oyekan, "Upon his appointment, he and his management team developed a roadmap on how to achieve the directive of the Governor to rebrand the Agency and ensure its readiness as a State Police within two years".

He said the roadmap has informed the various innovations seen in the agency so far, stressing

that there is still more improvement to come as the agency continues to mix advanced human resources and technology to build a prime organisation that can compete with its peers globally.

The General Manager said the strength of the Agency lies in its spread and grassroots knowledge of the officers who effectively operate in their localities with the aid of advanced technologies. He also said the Agency has widened its scope of operations with the establishment of the Marine Corps, the Forest Rangers, and the forensic unit, among others.

Oyekan said the Agency has developed GPRS capabilities and other monitoring mechanisms to ensure that its Corps Officers deliver value for money, especially as the Government recently raised the minimum wage of public officers in the State.

He also told the visitor that the Agency has



played down the use of lethal weapons to preserve its civility and keep the confidence of the population of Lagos.

Mr. Femi Falana, who was

later shown around the Agency's facilities, including the Headquarters of the Anti-Human Trafficking task force attached to the

LNSA, by the General Manager, was also decorated as an Ambassador of the Lagos State Neighbourhood Safety Agency.

DSVA Takes Campaign Against SGBV To Ijora, Apapa-Iganmu

The Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency (DSVA) recently conducted a sensitisation programme for parents, youths, and children in Ijora Community, Apapa-Iganmu, focusing on parental guidance in sexual discipline and issues surrounding

sexual discipline and issues surrounding Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV). Mr. Akinde Olatosin, Community Engagement Officer, emphasised the crucial role parents play in instilling sexual discipline in their children, among which are openness to the conversation, positive role modelling, education, awareness, and building trust.

He also addressed issues surrounding Gender-

Based Violence (SGBV), and the need to break the silence surrounding the issues, noting the importance of utilising the official toll-free line to report SGBV cases. He warned against the dangers of revenge porn and children's exposure to nudity.

The DSVA's duo of Mr. Akinde Olatosin and Mr. Ayodeji Nathaniel, a specialized Counselor and Clinical Psychologist, respectively, offered supportive listening for participants facing life doubts and uncertainties, confidential reporting and assistance for domestic and sexual violence incidents and expert counselling on sexual health, relationships, and wellness.

The Founder of LAB



Foundation, Ms. Lukman Barakat, expressed gratitude to the Lagos State Government for its SGBV awareness

initiatives in Ijora Community and Apapa-Iganmu, declaring her organisation's willingness to collaborate with the

Agency in combating SGBV. Participants received comprehensive educational resources

and were availed of the toll-free number - 08000-333-333 - for swift reporting and support.

LASPA Empowers Staff With Life-Saving Skills

LSMTL To Intensify Sensitisation Against Quacks



The Lagos State Materials Testing Laboratory Agency (LSMTL) is set to commence aggressive advocacy to eradicate quackery and curb sharp practices, as part of stringent measures to check subpar performance within the built sector.

The General Manager of LSMTL, Engr. Olayinka Abdul, who disclosed this on Saturday during a workshop to upskill consultant partners in regulating building and construction materials across the State, stated that all efforts will be mobilised in creating awareness for Lagos residents to conduct their tests at only accredited Laboratories registered as the Agency's affiliates.

She said, "Pricing will be considered as a basic tool to curb the infiltration of quacks into the Engineering and Building profession, even as I implored industry practitioners not to undercut themselves with pricing in a bid to woo clients which may lead them to cut corners and engage in sharp practices".

While urging officials of the Agency to intensify advocacy across all Media outlets to avert the open hawking of concrete, steel and soil tests on the streets, the General Manager suggested that such deliberations be extended to E-commerce platforms, being part of recommendations by members of Council For the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN).

Still speaking, Engr. Abdul averred "This training is to charge Engineering

professionals to work more on preserving the ethics and legacies of their profession. Thus, I implore you via this medium to exude professionalism and avoid results falsification, results misrepresentation or create fast-track results to please clients at the detriment of the durability of the building's structural integrity as well as the credibility of the Engineering profession".

"Stay in your lane as Technical Consultants. Yours is to state the results of the tests and advise the client to give such laboratory feedback to a Structural Engineer who will analyse it for them. You are expected to diagnose, let the experts analyse the symptoms and disease as it affects the structure", she added.

Engr Abdul underscores the critical role LSMTL plays as a citadel of Engineering Education with tertiary institutions like the Lagos State University (LASU) and the Lagos State University of Science and Technology (LASUSTECH), to embark on research-based operations that will empower professionals, solve real-life problems as soil topography and town development to curb mediocrity in all its forms.

The General Manager emphasised that there was a need for professionals to conduct all statutory tests using appropriate gadgets for accurate readings that will guide the construction of structures that will stand the test of time.

The highlight of the occasion was the presentation of certificates of participation to participants at the

In a move aimed at strengthening the Lagos State Parking Authority's (LASPA) commitment to public safety, the agency has successfully completed a Certified First Aider Course for selected officers. The two-day training, facilitated by Finsbury Heinz Limited, was held recently at the Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Alausa, Lagos.

The course was designed to equip LASPA officers with essential first aid skills, enabling them to deliver immediate care and respond effectively to emergencies both on the roads and in public spaces.

In her remarks following the completion of the course, the General Manager of LASPA, Mrs. Adebisi Adelabu emphasised the importance of such training for both the

Authority's staff and the larger Lagos community.

"We are committed to ensuring that our officers are well-prepared to handle emergencies with confidence and efficiency. This training marks a significant step toward achieving that objective", Mrs. Adelabu said. "By equipping our staff with life-saving skills, we are improving our ability to respond effectively to accidents and emergencies while performing our duties. Ultimately, this initiative will help protect the lives of Lagos residents, making it an investment in both our workforce and the public."

The training forms part of LASPA's broader safety initiatives, aimed at enhancing operational readiness and promoting safety across the Authority. By certifying officers

in first aid, the agency seeks to increase the safety of both staff and members of the public who interact with LASPA, as well as build greater trust in its ability to handle emergency situations.

The course also stressed the importance of teamwork, communication, and maintaining composure during emergencies while providing participants with skills essential for minimising harm and saving lives.

With the successful completion of the programme, LASPA now boasts a team of certified first aiders, poised to deliver swift and professional responses in emergencies, further enhancing public safety and contributing to the well-being of all Lagosians.

Participants were trained in key areas critical to public

safety, including Basic Life Support (BLS): Techniques in CPR, use of Automated External Defibrillators (AED), and emergency airway management.

Others are Wound and Injury Care: Proper methods for treating cuts, burns, fractures, and sprains; Choking and Obstruction Management: Techniques to assist individuals in respiratory distress; Shock Response: How to identify symptoms of shock and provide timely interventions and Emergency Protocols: Effective coordination with emergency medical teams to ensure swift action.

The training was highly practical, with hands-on sessions that allowed officers to not only learn the theoretical aspects of first aid but also apply these techniques in real-life scenarios.



Nation Building: Hamzat Harps On Family Values

Lagos State Deputy Governor, Dr. Kadri Obafemi Hamzat has urged Nigerians to renew their commitment to upholding family values for the betterment of the Nation.

Dr. Hamzat gave the admonishment at the 85th Anniversary Lecture and Luncheon of Crescent Bearers (1939), Lagos, themed: "Islam and Family Values: Building a Nation of Citizens", held at the MUSON Centre, Onikan, Lagos, emphasising that by fostering these principles in their homes and communities, they are not only enriching their lives but also laying the groundwork for a nation that is rooted in integrity, unity and progress.

He noted that it is only through a collective responsibility guided by faith, respect, and love that Nigerians can build a nation of responsible, compassionate, and ethical citizens. He called on all Nigerians to work together, hand in hand, to uphold these timeless values and make the country a beacon of hope, peace, and prosperity.

According to the Deputy Governor, "As we look to the future, let us renew our commitment to upholding Islamic and family values. By fostering these principles in our homes and communities, we are not only enriching our own lives but also laying the

groundwork for a nation rooted in integrity, unity, and progress".

Speaking further, Hamzat re-emphasised that for a nation to flourish, it must cultivate citizens who are responsible, committed to ethical behaviour, and aware of their role in society's progress, noting that Islam and family values give the moral compass to foster these qualities.

"Islamic values, and by implication, family values that are entrenched in the teachings of Allah encourage community engagement. By embracing the Islamic principles of charity and community service, families can inspire younger generations to volunteer, engage in public service, and contribute to societal well-being and promote empathy and understanding", the Deputy Governor said.

Furthermore, Hamzat elucidated that building a virile nation has its core roots in family values as the family is often described as the cornerstone of society, the very bedrock upon which communities are built. He added that when families are strong and grounded in values, they produce individuals who are equipped to contribute positively to society.

He reiterated that the family being the undisputable bedrock on which other institutions depend and are populated, it would be catastrophic, if



Dr. Obafemi Hamzat

society did not pay attention to a compelling issue such as family values, saying, "Every other effort might well be an attempt to build, in practical terms, something on nothing".

Earlier in his welcome address, the Chairman of the Crescent Bearers (1939), Lagos, Bearer Abdulwasii Ayodele Martins paid glowing tributes to the founding fathers of the society for their initiatives, foresight, and objectives of the society.

He said the Crescent Bearers (1939), Lagos remains faithful and committed to the objectives set by the

founding fathers and continues to foster the lofty ideas of Islam. The Chairman added that since its inception, the society has awarded educational scholarships to over 450 Muslim students in tertiary institutions of learning across the state.

He gave praises and adoration to the Almighty Allah for keeping the society for the past 85 years despite all odds and challenges with a promise to keep the flag flying.

In her lecture, the Founder of Maryam Lemu Marriage Academy, Mrs. Maryam Lemu, titled: "Islam and Family Values-Building a

Nation of Citizens", stated that the parents are the best and primary teachers to their children, as they must lead by example, adding that their actions shape their children's lives, ultimately contributing to the betterment of society.

Mrs. Lemu noted that parents' sacrifices and devotion to their children's well-being demonstrate their commitment to raising responsible and compassionate individuals.

"As parents, our actions are the best teacher to our children. We lead by example, by doing what is right, being passionate about others, and being a

good ambassador to people around us. By doing this we are not only encouraging them to be good but also preparing for our old ages", she said.

Speaking further, Mrs. Lemu urged all Nigerians to ensure that they leave things better than they met them and leave a good legacy, adding that they should always do something that will have a positive impact and change in society.

She also stated that Muslim Ullamus should always make a difference in their respective corners, and be passionate about the development and growth of the people around them.

Ember Months: Lagos Issues Safety Alert To Residents

The Director General of the Safety Commission, Mr. Lanre Mojola, has called on Lagosians to take responsibility and be more safety-conscious as the end of the year approaches.

Speaking over the weekend to journalists about safety in our environment and the current weather, which is excessive heat and dry conditions, Mr. Mojola emphasised that the safety of lives must take priority over everything else. "Once there is life, there is hope for a better tomorrow. We can only hope for the best", he said.

Mr. Mojola highlighted that the current weather conditions are unfavourable. Excessive heat due to dry weather can lead to tiredness, high fever, blurred vision, and dehydration, which are uncomfortable and harmful to health. He warned residents



Lanre Mojola

not to compromise their safety. Specifically, he advised against smoking in public places and storing flammable substances or fuel at home, stalls, or shops to prevent fire outbreaks and incidents that could

lead to fatalities.

Mr. Mojola urged everyone to support the government and be more safety-conscious to ensure that our homes, workplaces, and environment are safe and free from incidents that can endanger lives.

For additional safety tips, he implored the public to visit the Commission's website: www.lagsafetyreg.com. "By following these guidelines, we can all contribute to a safer and healthier community", he stated.

Lagos Extends Free Hypertension, Diabetes Screenings

The Lagos State Government has announced another extension of its free hypertension and diabetes screening campaign, "Know Your Numbers, Control Your Numbers," which will now run until Sunday, 24th November 2024. This marks the second extension of the initiative, initially slated to end on 3rd November 2024.

The Lagos State Commissioner for Health, Prof. Akin Abayomi, who revealed this recently, urged residents to seize the opportunity to prioritise their health. "We have seen an overwhelming response from the public, and extending the campaign further will allow even more Lagosians to benefit from this life-saving initiative. Hypertension and diabetes are silent killers, and knowing your health numbers is a crucial step toward managing these conditions effectively," he said.

Prof. Abayomi emphasised the significance of early detection and management of hypertension and diabetes in reducing complications such as heart disease, stroke, and kidney failure. "The government remains committed to reducing the disease burden in our state by providing access to free screenings across all Local Government Areas", he noted.

While noting that over 330 designated screening sites, including 30 General Hospitals and 300 Primary Health Centres, will continue to offer these services daily from 9 a.m., the Commissioner highlighted the campaign's alignment with the national '10 Million Project, an initiative to screen 10 million Nigerians for hypertension and diabetes. Since its launch

on 28th October 2024, thousands of Lagosians have been screened.

"The campaign reflects our government's proactive approach to preventive healthcare and demonstrates our commitment to creating a healthier Lagos", Prof. Abayomi added.

He further praised the involvement of key government officials, including Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu and Deputy Governor, Dr. Kadiri Obafemi Hamzat, who led by example by undergoing screenings. Their participation underscores the campaign's importance and serves as a call to action for all residents to follow suit.

Prof. Abayomi reiterated the Ministry's appeal to religious organisations, community leaders, and social influencers to amplify awareness about the campaign. "These leaders play a vital role in encouraging people to take advantage of this opportunity. Together, we can make a significant impact in preventing avoidable complications and saving lives", he stated.

He also urged residents, especially those aged 40 and above or with a family history of hypertension or diabetes, to make use of the extended period. "This initiative is free and accessible to everyone. We encourage Lagosians to visit the designated centres, get screened, and take proactive measures toward their health", the Commissioner advised.

The campaign, which will now conclude on 24th November 2024, continues to offer screenings at no cost. Residents are encouraged to adopt healthier lifestyles, including regular exercise and balanced diets, to complement the knowledge gained from their screenings.

Lagos Calls For More Women Participation in Politics

The Lagos State Government has called for more women's participation in politics to give room for all-round development that will leave no stone unturned. This call was made at a one-day Seminar for Women which was organised by the Women Development Centre (WDC), an agency under the Lagos State Ministry of Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, on Thursday, at Agege. It is one of WDC's numerous training to help women become self-sufficient and skilful since 1999.

The Director of the Centre, Mrs. Olufunke Adeleye Segun, in her keynote address to the invited female political leaders from five Local Government areas in Lagos West, emphasised the need for

more women in politics, as this is the sure way to an inclusive governance that Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu has always clamoured for.

She said her preference for having core female grassroots politicians in attendance will further drive home her point of having women from all walks of life with their expertise vying for political positions and leadership roles that have long been male-dominated.

"We realised that women are not well represented and with regards to the THEMES Plus Agenda of Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu's administration, which includes gender equality, inclusiveness in governance, prompted us to have this seminar mainly for women so that they know their importance of being in

politics", she stated.

Adeleye also appreciated Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu and his Deputy, Dr. Obafemi Hamzat, for their unwavering support for the centre and women in general.

She emphasised that women in politics symbolise stability as they are agents to foster peace and development in Lagos State, saying "Training a woman equals training a nation".

The event had in attendance a seasoned facilitator, Mr. Olufemi Tinuoye who highlighted the importance of women's participation in politics as it helps improve society at large. According to him, gender difference is not a pointer to intelligence so gender equality is an important ingredient in any successful government. He,

therefore, noted that gender equality should be replicated in governance as it is being preached in another facet of life.

Honourable Queen Funmbi Akinduro, Supervisor, Women and Poverty Alleviation, Ikeja Local Government, appreciated the State Government and organisers for an insightful seminar, which has cleared her doubt and opened her mind to hopes for a better Nigeria with more women on board.

Also in attendance at the seminar were local and grassroots level women politicians and women political leaders from Ifako Ijaiye, Alimosho, Ikeja, Onigbongbo, Agege, Kosofe Local Government Areas and Local Council Development Area of the State.

Education District II Excels at Jendol Debate

Two Students from Education District II have once again demonstrated excellence as they took First and Third positions at the 2024 Jendol Annual Debate Competition. The Jendol Annual Debate Championship

(JADC), is aimed at promoting public speaking and recognising outstanding senior secondary school students across the six

Education Districts of Lagos State. It seeks to identify the best speechmaker and debate champion to improve public speaking skills, enabling them to become well-rounded intellectuals with unrestricted expression

with a championship focus on public speaking, English Language proficiency, and Logical Thinking.

Out of the six finalists for this year's competition, Oshibamowo Mercy Kehinde of Ajegunle Senior High School won the 1st prize with her outstanding performance, earning a cash award of 800,000 and a scholarship to study at the university of her choice, while Oriwu Senior Model College, Ikorodu, secured the 3rd position through the brilliance of Aluko Rhoda, who received 250,000 and a university scholarship. She also clinched the coveted Best Debater Prize for 2024, with an additional 100,000 cash reward.

Expressing her delight at the remarkable achievements, Tutor-General/Permanent Secretary, Education District II, Mrs. Anike Adekanye lauded the students for their intellectual prowess and unwavering commitment to excellence.

Mrs. Adekanye attributed their successes to the enabling environment created under the able leadership of the Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu, and the Honourable Commissioner for Basic and Secondary Education, Mr. Jamiu Tolani Alli-Balogun.

She extended her heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Governor for his immense contributions to the development of education in Lagos State and for providing the platform that

allows students to thrive.

Mrs. Adekanye also commended the principals, staff members and students of the winning schools for their brilliance, dedication, and commitment to the winning culture of the district. She highlighted how Education District II has continued to break records and achieve remarkable milestones under her stewardship, including fostering a culture of academic excellence and innovation.

Reminiscing on her years of impactful service to Lagos State's education system, she reaffirmed her commitment to nurturing young minds to reach their full potential and represent Lagos State with distinction.

In her words, "Congratulations to the Education District II family for this outstanding performance. These achievements are testimonies of the district's consistent dedication to producing future leaders equipped with knowledge, skills, and confidence. With victories such as this, the District continues to set the pace and uphold its reputation as a hub of excellence in Lagos State".



Kadiri Commends IKODASS' Scholarship Awards To 79 Students

Lagos State Deputy Governor, Dr. Kadri Obafemi Hamzat, has commended the Ikorodu - Oga Development Association for awarding educational scholarships to 79 indigent and non-indigent students of the Community.

The Deputy Governor gave the commendation on Saturday, at the Grand Finale of the 2024 Ikorodu Oga Day Celebration held at the Ayangburen Palace Ground, Ikorodu.

Dr. Hamzat noted that supporting the education of the young ones is indeed the most important part of impacting their future, as it provides them with

essential life skills, fosters critical thinking, and encourages them to explore their curiosity.

While emphasising the importance of education to any nation, as it fosters development, growth, and critical thinking, the deputy governor called for the expansion of the scholarship to reach more students.

In his words, "I must commend the Ikorodu Oga Development Association for coming together to award scholarships to 79 indigent and non-indigent students of the Ikorodu community. I am very happy that Ikorodu Oga came together to do this. For

me, this is most important to the future of our children. I want you to please expand it because this is our children and they are our future".

Speaking further, Hamzat stated that no child in Lagos should be unable to have access to quality education, reiterating that the government, communities, and individuals should do whatever they can to enlarge access to quality education within the state.

"So, whatever you need to do, please call all of us to assist in doing it. Let us enlarge the scholarship programme because it is not just for Ikorodu indigenes, but everybody. So we continue to be with you to assist our children", he said

While speaking on the

various developments and growth the Ikorodu community has experienced in the past years, Dr. Hamzat said that Ikorodu is a town that welcomes everybody, which is why it is prosperous, and its indigenous people have continued to develop the community.

He noted that Ikorodu as a kingdom takes a special place in the heart of the state government, urging the people to come together to support the King and government for a continued prosperous Lagos.

In his remarks, the Ayangburen of Ikorodu Land, Oba Kabiru Adewale Shotobi said that the festival is a testament to the community's commitment to continue to promote culture and showcase

the heritage of the Ikorodu community.

The Kabieyesi added that promoting Ikorodu culture and heritage is paramount to the development and progress of the community, which can only be done through the collaboration of both the government and the indigent of Ikorodu. He, therefore, called the state government for further infrastructure development in the area.

Earlier in his welcome address, Chairman, Ikorodu Oga Development Association, Mr. Rotimi Akeem Erogbogbo stated that the festival is not just about culture, it is about celebrating the progress the town has made and the height it aims to reach.

Erogbogbo added, "This festival celebrates more than our culture. It

honours our heritage, values, and commitment to making Ikorodu a centre for selfless service and hard work".

He stressed that the town's journey invites every indigent to think about what they have left behind, time in transit, and final destination, noting that what they left behind is their history, the present is their transit, while the future is their goal.

The Chairman said that the Ikorodu community does not lack ideas, but lacks money to execute laudable projects for the growth of the people and the community. He also called on all sons, daughters, and lovers of Ikorodu to come to the aid of IKODASS by donating generously to their projects.



Nigeria Needs To Expand Its Revenue Streams - Hamzat

Lagos State Deputy Governor, Dr. Kadri Obafemi Hamzat has stressed the need for Nigeria to diversify and expand its revenue streams to support its citizens and alleviate poverty. The Deputy Governor made this remark at the closing of the three-day Year 2024 Management Retreat of the Lagos State Ministry of Commerce, Cooperative, Trade and Investment, themed: "Take Part, Take Pride, Deliver Excellence," on Saturday at the Ibis Hotel, Ikeja, Lagos, noting that otherwise, Nigeria will still have the same narrative even after 30 years from now. He added that Nigeria has the potential to be whatever it wants to be, however, the country does not have enough resources to take care of its citizens, hence the need for the country to scale up its revenue base. Speaking further he said that the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment (FMITI) holds significant importance for the nation due to its interactions with multinational entities, encouraging their presence and creating

employment prospects. Hamzat thereby called for the Lagos State Ministry of Commerce, Cooperative, Trade, and Industry to establish a unit saddled with the responsibility of securing grants for the state, adding that "There are so many grants that the Ministry can leverage on". He also averred that there is a need for collaboration with other agencies of the government to achieve the vision. Stressing the importance of

safeguarding the nation's investments, Hamzat lamented that young people face significant challenges in securing employment due to the country's inability to retain or attract investors. Earlier in her address, the Commissioner for Commerce, Cooperative, Trade and Investment, Mrs. Folasade Ambrose-Medebem underscored the importance of all Ministry staff demonstrating genuine enthusiasm for their roles in achieving the

#Greater Lagos vision, given the Ministry's critical position as the backbone of the state's economy. She said, "The mandate of the Ministry is something that needs to be edged in everyone's memory and what is critical is your role in achieving that mandate. The Ministry is committed to exploring ways to leverage the potential of the cooperatives in achieving the desired outcomes and to harness the data for better decision-making".

In his presentation, titled: "Take Part, Take Pride, Deliver Excellence", the Deputy Chief of Staff to the Governor, Mr. Sam Egube emphasised the importance of staff participation and involvement in achieving the Ministry's mission and vision. Egube noted that everyone must continue to develop themselves till they achieve the mandate of the Ministry, stressing that there should be a clear link between the Ministry's goals and the needs of society. The

Deputy Chief of Staff stated that the mandate of the Ministry looks outwardly, superintending over businesses and commercialization of the state. Speaking further, Egube noted that bureaucracy in the civil service impedes the involvement of junior personnel in sharing experiences and exchanging ideas, stressing that this exchange promotes participatory engagement.



ICERND24: Commissioner Calls For Quality Research



The Honourable commissioner for Public Service Staff Development Centre, Magodo, Lagos, Mr. Afolabi Ayantayo has urged educators, researchers, and policymakers to embrace innovation and collaboration as critical tools for addressing the challenges facing today's educational landscape. He made this remark recently at the 9th Annual Conference on Education, Research and New Development which was organised by the International Association of Researchers and

Administrators at the Public Service Staff Development Centre, Magodo, Lagos.

The Commissioner emphasised the transformative power of education and research, describing them as fundamental to societal progress. "Education and research are powerful tools for transformation, empowering individuals, enriching communities and driving national development," he noted, calling for a unified approach to

steer the evolution of education towards inclusivity and resilience.

Mr. Ayantayo also highlighted the importance of adaptability, pointing out that the world's rapid pace demands educational systems capable of evolving to remain relevant. He stressed that education must go beyond knowledge transfer, equipping learners with critical thinking skills, adaptability and creativity, adding that such skills are

essential as students face challenges that are often complex and multidimensional.

The Commissioner also harped on the need for a supportive ecosystem for educational research, one that fosters intellectual curiosity and rigorous inquiry. He advocated increased funding, mentorship, and academic freedom to encourage researchers to explore new ideas and drive educational advancement.

By creating an environment that welcomes innovative

thinking, Mr. Ayantayo said educational institutions could produce insights that would shape the future and build a resilient education system.

The Conference, which gathered experts to foster constructive discussions, share new perspectives, and forge professional relationships as part of its objectives, was lauded by the Commissioner as timely and essential.

Whilst commending efforts to integrate digital tools and platforms into teaching and learning, he stated that there was a need to continue pursuing investment in

digital infrastructure to keep pace with the needs of modern learners.

The keynote address by the Honourable Commissioner set a hopeful and ambitious tone, underscoring the urgency of transforming education to better serve future generations. He said ICERND24 provides an essential platform for addressing these pressing issues, encouraging stakeholders to work together to reshape education and research for a brighter, more inclusive future.

Ajike Foundation, PALP, Set For 6th Anniversary

Kehinde Adeleye

The Princess Ajike Less Privilege Foundation (PALP), a non-governmental organization dedicated to feeding the less privilege with its Foodbank initiative, is gearing up to host its 6th Edition event in Lagos. Under the leadership of founder Princess Ajike Omolade, the organization has established a strong

presence in the community through its passion for humanitarian efforts and community service.

This year's event, scheduled for November 28, 2024, at the Lagos Television in Agindigbi, Ikeja, aims to provide support to those in need, including widows, orphans, and the less privileged.

Additionally, the Ajike Less Privilege Foundation will offer educational assistance

as part of its ongoing commitment to improving the lives of the underserved.

Speaking to the press in Lagos, Princess Ajike Omolade shared her vision for the 6th Edition event, emphasizing the organization's dedication to making a positive impact in the community.

Princess Ajike Omolade, a distinguished entrepreneur with a strong presence in trading and

agriculture, has made a name for herself through her unwavering commitment to empowering and developing women and children in society. Known as the Yeye Are Asoludero of the Onitigbo of Itigbo Kingdom, Omolade embodies the spirit of selflessness, working tirelessly to support the needy and less privileged without expecting anything in return.

Her dedication to philanthropy and community service has earned her widespread recognition and

respect, making her an influential figure in Nigeria.

As a successful businesswoman and philanthropist, Princess Ajike Omolade serves as a role model for aspiring entrepreneurs and a beacon of hope for those in need.

The upcoming 6th Edition event hosted by her organization, Ajike Less Privilege Foundation, promises to further showcase her commitment to uplifting the lives of the less fortunate. With her passion for creating positive change and her unwavering dedication to her community, Princess

Ajike Omolade is a true inspiration to many.

The foundation's commitment to addressing issues that threaten the progress, safety, and development of women, youth, and children has earned it a reputation as a reliable source of assistance for those facing hardship. By providing food, resources, and support to those in need, Princess Ajike Less Privileged Foundation (PALP) is helping to build a brighter future for vulnerable individuals and families.

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Marketers Arraigned Over 2.2M Theft

By Felix Kuyinu

Two marketers have been arraigned in court over alleged theft at their workplace. During their trial at the Ojo Magistrates' Court on Thursday, the Police held that the duo: Gift Effiong 21, and Chiamanda Nomeh, 20, are on two count charges of conspiracy and stealing. They pleaded not guilty. Presiding over the matter, Magistrate Kayode Layeni granted the defendants bail in the sum of N500,000

each with two sureties each in like sum. Layeni adjourned the case till December 20. Before the re-arraignment, the prosecutor, ASP Simon Uche, told the court that the defendants were employees of Unique Blessed Enterprises located at the Trade Fair Complex in Ojo, Lagos State. Uche said they conspired to commit the offences between October and November 13. He added that the suspects stole the sum

from their employer, Joy Uzochukwu, the complainant, while working as marketers for her company. The prosecutor also mentioned that the company was saving daily contributions from a group. He alleged that the defendants collected the sum from contributors and converted it to their personal use. The alleged offences were said to have contravened Sections 287 and 411 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015.



Court Jails Businessman Over N43M Fraud



Lagos Special Offences Court sitting in Ikeja, on Monday, convicted and sentenced the Chairman of the Natural Oil and Gas Suppliers Association of Nigeria, Fatuyi Philips, to 21 years imprisonment for N43,500,000 fraud. Justice Mojisola Dada handed down the sentence after finding Philips guilty of two counts brought against him by the Economic

and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC. The EFCC accused Philips of obtaining N43,502,000 under false pretences and filed charges against him alongside Oceanview Oil and Gas Nigeria Limited. Philips was first arraigned on April 7, 2022. The anti-graft agency said Philips and Oceanview Oil and Gas Nigeria Limited committed the

offences on September 28, 2016, in Lagos State. The EFCC said the convict obtained the aggregate sum of N43,502,000 from one Elochukwu Okoye and Elebana Unique Ventures Nigeria Limited on behalf of WAPCIL Nigeria Limited under the false representation that he would sell WAPCIL Nigeria Limited \$98,870, a representation he

knew to be false. He was also accused of stealing the sum of N43,502,000, property of WAPCIL Nigeria Limited. However, Philips pleaded not guilty, and the trial commenced. During the trial, the prosecution, led by the EFCC counsel, Silvester Owede, called five witnesses including a Bureau De Change operator, Musa Mohammed, who testified that in September 2016, Philips gave him the sum of \$40,000 in cash to exchange. After the prosecution closed its case on March 30, 2023, the case was adjourned for the defence to open its case. On June 16, 2023, Philips who was led by his counsel, Olanrewaju Ajanaku, opened his defence. He claimed he had given \$100,000 to one Olumide Adegbite in

exchange. He alleged that Adegbite promised to secure a preferential rate through connections at the Central Bank of Nigeria. During Philips's testimony, drama ensued when the prosecution counsel, Owede, objected and informed Justice Dada that the convict was reading from a prepared script. The paper from which Philips had written account numbers and figures was presented to the court but Justice Dada allowed him to continue using the document. After two hours of testimony, the defence concluded its case. In her judgment, Justice Dada held that the prosecution had proved its case beyond a reasonable doubt. She found Philips guilty and sentenced him to 14 years for count one and seven years for count two adding that the sentence will run concurrently. Justice Dada also noted

that Philips did not pay the naira equivalent of the funds to the nominal complainant, and remarked that the case could not be prolonged further. She declared that the sum of \$8,000 recovered from the convict during the investigation did not absolve Philips as he had remained unrepentant. In her words: "Philips never had the intention of giving the nominal complainant the naira equivalent of the dollar." Justice Dada ordered Philips to restitute the full sum of N43.5m to the nominal complainant within 90 days of the judgment. She also directed that Oceanview Oil and Gas Nigeria Limited pay a fine of N500,000 for count one and N250,000 for count two within 30 days deadline or face liquidation.

Driver Jailed For Assaulting Policeman

By Felix Kuyinu

One Sunday Okodo has been confined to prison for assaulting a policeman in Lagos. Okodo was put for trial at the Lagos State High Court in Ikeja on Wednesday. The convict, 38-year-old driver, was sentenced to five years imprisonment for inflicting grievous bodily harm on a police officer, David Zapania, attached to the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority,

LASTMA. Justice Oyindamola Ogala, who delivered the judgment, convicted Okodo on three of the five counts filed against him by the Lagos State Government. The court found him guilty on counts two, four, and five and acquitted him on the remaining charges. According to the prosecution, Okodo hit Zapania with his vehicle while attempting to evade arrest for driving against traffic (one-

way). He was also accused of resisting arrest, reckless and dangerous driving, driving without a valid licence, assaulting a police officer, and attempted murder. Okodo was first arraigned on November 10, 2021, and pleaded not guilty to the five counts. The state Director of Public Prosecutions, Dr Babajide Martins, requested the maximum sentence for Okodo, emphasising that the case was of public

interest. Meanwhile, the defence counsel, Mr Boniface Ohemu, urged the court to temper justice with mercy, noting that the defendant was a first-time offender and had an elderly mother. While handing down the verdict, Justice Ogala stressed that sentencing serves as retribution, deterrence, and protection of society. She noted that the

interests of the victim, the convict, and society must be balanced in determining the appropriate punishment. "First, I want to state that sentencing remains within the discretion of the court. The aims of sentencing are retribution, deterrence, and the protection of society at large. "In considering the sentence, the court must take into account the interests of the victim, the convict, and society," she said.

Justice Ogala, in count two, sentenced Okodo to four years imprisonment for causing grievous bodily harm. She, however, said with the time he spent in custody between February and November 2021, it would be credited towards his sentence. For count four, he received a one-year sentence, while count five carried a fine of N20,000. The judge ordered that all sentences would run concurrently.

Discover Lagos – Lekki Urban Forestry And Animal Shelter Initiative (Lufasi) Nature Park

By Preye Blessing ALBERT

Lekki Urban Forestry and Animal Shelter Initiative (LUFASI) Park is a reserved nature park dedicated to the preservation of natural habitats in the urban area of Ajah, Ibeju-Lekki for use as a field laboratory to interact with and learn from nature. It serves as an animal sanctuary, a forest conservatory and a place for learning about the natural environment habitat.

Located at Majek 1st Gate KM41 Lekki Expressway, Abijo, it is a stunning natural reserve that showcases the beauty and diversity of Nigerian flora and fauna also known as animal life.

In 2016, with the active cooperation of the Lagos State Government which certified the space as a green space, the nature park was able to gazette 20hectares of pristine prime farm forest that features a stunning array of plant species, including mangroves, tropical rainforests, and savannah grasslands. The Park is home to over 100 species of birds, making it a birdwatcher's paradise. Visitors can also spot various animals such as the African Civet (from which the most expensive coffee in the world is made through its process of eating and pooping coffee beans and it getting cleaned), Mona monkeys, African wild donkeys, West African Bard horses,



helmeted guinea fowl, pangolins, African tortoises, and the hooded vulture in their natural habitats.

LUFASI Park offers a range of recreational activities for

visitors of all ages. Take a leisurely walk along the nature trails, go birdwatching, duck watching or simply relax in the picnic or paint and sip areas etc. I often take a book along to read while relaxing at the park as it can be so cool, you should try it. It is also ideal for picnics, team bonding and meditation. LUFASI Park is not just a recreational space but also a center for conservation and education as it works tirelessly along with the Lagos State Government to protect and preserve Nigeria's natural habitats, promoting sustainable practices and environmental awareness.

The Park is open daily from 9am to 5pm. Entrance fees are reasonable, and guided tours are available. Visitors are encouraged to bring

binoculars, cameras, and comfortable walking shoes to make the most of their visit. May I repeat comfortable walking shoes because you would really walk.

We have the Ekki tree sanctuary at this park, and this is one tree that does not float! Did you know? You need to visit this park to see it yourself how there are so many adult and baby ekkis at LUFASI.

LUFASI Park is a must-visit destination for nature lovers, families, and anyone seeking a peaceful retreat from the hustle and bustle of Lagos city. As a symbol of Nigeria's natural beauty and commitment to conservation, LUFASI Park is a true gem that deserves exploration and support.



Unity Bank to Boost Savings Culture with New App

Kehinde Adeleye

In a bid to promote a savings culture and enhance financial literacy among young Nigerians, Unity Bank Plc has announced plans to launch a new app for children and teenagers designed to empower users to achieve their financial goals.

The announcement was made during the World Savings Day training held at Emerald Fields School, Calabar, Cross River State, as part of the Bank's nationwide initiative to mark the global event.

World Savings Day is observed in Nigeria as an initiative of the Central Bank of Nigeria, Bankers Committee and

Junior Achievement Nigeria to drive financial inclusion with the vehicle of Financial Literacy Training which is held in secondary schools across the country.

Speaking at the event, Unity Bank's Managing Director/CEO, Mrs. Tomi Somefun, represented by the Chief Compliance Officer, Mrs. Patricia Ahunanya, emphasized the importance of instilling good financial habits early in life. She explained that the upcoming app would equip students with tools to set SMART financial goals, understand the power of compound interest, and build financial safety nets through savings and

prudent money management.

"Financial literacy is the foundation of a secure future. By teaching students to distinguish between needs and wants, budgeting, and embracing delayed gratification, we empower them to take charge of their financial journeys. The new app will serve as a practical tool to support these lessons and help young Nigerians build a culture of savings," Mrs. Somefun stated.

The training session in Calabar, one of 16 held simultaneously across secondary schools in Nigeria, aimed to instil essential money management skills. Participants were

exposed to simulations on earning, budgeting, spending wisely, and understanding the principles of borrowing and saving. Unity Bank's representatives guided the students through interactive discussions, encouraging them to set financial goals and cultivate habits that support long-term financial stability.

World Savings Day, celebrated annually on October 31, aims to promote the importance of savings and financial awareness globally. In Nigeria, the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), in collaboration with the Banker's Committee, Deposit Money Banks, and Junior Achievement Nigeria, coordinated

activities to engage students nationwide.

Unity Bank's initiative aligns with the CBN's financial inclusion strategy by encouraging young Nigerians to embrace financial literacy early. The Bank's upcoming app, designed specifically for children and teenagers, will complement this effort by providing an engaging platform for setting savings goals, tracking progress, and building healthy financial habits.

With financial literacy training held in six geopolitical zones, Unity Bank reinforces its commitment to youth development and capacity building.





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Oloyede Commences Free UTME Tutorial for Students

Kehinde Adeleye

In an effort to enhance students' preparations for the 2025 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME), Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Chairman Otunba Kehinde Almaroof Oloyede has initiated tutorial classes for prospective candidates within the council area. The classes, which began on Monday with an impressive turnout, will continue until the start of the UTME. Otunba Oloyede, represented by his Special Adviser on Education, Hon. Gideon Balogun, assured students of the

tutorial's effectiveness, stating that the teaching provided will equip them to excel in the forthcoming UTME. Additionally, the local government has pledged to offer free UTME forms to students, with the provision that they demonstrate studious habits and perform well in mock exams. These exams will serve as a basis for selecting beneficiaries of the free UTME forms in 2025. Otunba Oloyede charged them to be good ambassadors of the local government by always focusing on their studies.

The UTME is annually organised by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board for students seeking admission into the higher institution. The excited students appreciated the council chairman for his kind gesture to assist them in their studies through the free tutorial classes, they assured of good conduct and excellent outing in their coming examinations. One of them, Aruya Precious thanked the council chairman and prayed for his success in office. She said; "I am highly elated for this free UTME



class, it will help me and my colleagues in our preparations for the upcoming examination. We thank the Executive

Chairman for this kind gesture and we want to assure him that we will try our best to make him proud in the UTME. May God Almighty bless him and make him succeed in office.

Ejigbo Monarch, Ojoola, SLG Fregene Endorse Constituency Forum Award

By Saheed Afolabi

The Ojon of Ejigboland in Ejigbo Local Council Development Area of Lagos State, HRM Morufu Adekunle Ojoola, and the Secretary to the LCDA Hon. Paul Fregene have thrown their weight behind the forthcoming 2024 Constituency Forum Award and Gala Night. It would be recalled that the Constituency Forum Award is an annual event organized by the constituents of Oshodi/Isolo constituency 2 to celebrate excellence and achievements of innovators and philanthropists in the two local councils (Ejigbo and Isolo). Welcoming the Contact Committee to his palace

in Ejigbo, Oba Ojoola said he is in support of the award event, adding that it would further project the community to the world. Ojoola noted that with such event, Lagosians would know there are resourceful personalities in the Council area who have contributed immensely to the development of mankind and humanity. He urged the Committee to be more inclusive by bringing in Awori youths into its folds, saying that it would promote unity and cohesion. In a related development, the Contact Committee members also paid a courtesy visit to the Secretariat of Ejigbo LCDA at NNPC junction where they met with the Council Chairman, Hon. Monsuru Obe, the

Secretary to the Local Government, Hon. Paul Fregene and the Supervisor for Environment, Hon. Sodiq Adebisi. Ejigbo LCDA SLG, Hon. Paul Fregene with the constituency award committee during the visit. Addressing the Committee, Fregene acknowledged the importance of unity in achieving group goal, stating that the award event would speak volume of the Constituency. Fregene, who endorsed the event, canvassed more support for the success of the event. Having publicly declared his intention to run for the LCDA chairmanship seat, Fregene said that he would give the award the necessary backing if voted in to succeed his

boss, Hon. Obe. He believed that the event would draw the attention of prominent personalities to the constituency, urging the residents of Ejigbo and Isolo to actively participate to ensure the event achieves its purpose. Fregene encouraged the organisers to remain resolute and focus in ensuring the award event becomes successful. The event is billed to hold on December 20



(HRM, Oba Morufu Adisa Ojoola, the Ojon of Ejigbo and Ijan land Endorse Constituency Award Night)

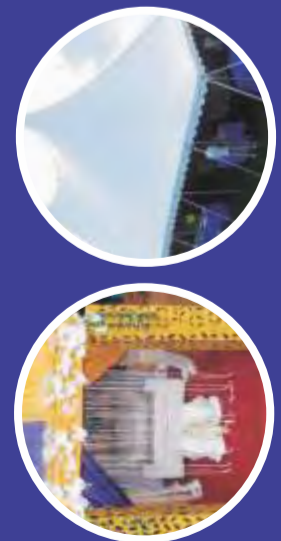




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Kuye Discloses Benefits Of Training Program For Youths

By Saheed Afolabi

Honorable Ademorin Kuye, representing Somolu Federal Constituency, is set to empower local youth with free training on Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and digital businesses. This initiative aims to provide financial freedom and an enabling environment for young individuals to achieve their goals. As 2024 comes to a close, Kuye emphasizes the importance of

equipping the youth for the upcoming year. The training program will take place on November 26, 2024, at the Constituency Office. To ensure the effectiveness of the program, beneficiaries will undergo a thorough screening to assess their readiness to learn and utilize the training. Kuye's commitment to empowering the youth is not new. Previously, he organized an ICT competition for secondary school students within his constituency, promoting academic excellence and fostering a culture of

innovation. He also launched the "Kuye in the Classroom" program, sharing his experiences and background with students. By investing in the youth, Kuye aims to create a brighter future for his constituency and beyond.



Honorable Ademorin Kuye

Salawu Wraps Up Tenure with Budget Presentation

By Saheed Afolabi

In a heartfelt send-off, Somolu Local Government Chairman, Abdulhamed Salawu, hosted a budget stakeholders' forum to mark the end of his tenure in July 2025. The event, held at the soon-to-be-commissioned Somolu Local Government Administrative Complex, was attended by a diverse group of community leaders, including religious figures, traditional rulers, and politicians. As Salawu prepares to step down, he expressed deep gratitude to the residents of Somolu for their unwavering support. He highlighted the significant strides made during his tenure, such as the reconstruction of over 60 roads, youth empowerment programs, market

revitalization projects, and educational improvements. A major focus of the upcoming budget is to ensure the independence of trainee artisans, demonstrating the administration's commitment to sustainable development. The forum was a testament to Salawu's impactful leadership, with Vice Chairman Adekunle Odujobi-Ekiyemi, Council Leader Yomi Osunkoya, and other councilors and executives showering him with praise. Council Manager Mr. Abiodun Barbinton and his team were also present, underscoring the collective effort behind the administration's achievements. Salawu encouraged



(Chairman of Somolu LG, Abdulhamed Salawu speaking at the stakeholders consultative forum for the year 2025 Budget)

stakeholders to actively participate in shaping the 2025 budget, emphasizing the importance of community input. He also expressed his

unwavering support for President Bola Tinubu and Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, acknowledging their visionary leadership and commitment to

Lagos State and Nigeria. As the forum concluded, it was clear that Salawu's legacy will be remembered for his transformative impact on Somolu.

His dedication to infrastructure development, social programs, and community engagement has left a lasting mark on the local government.

Three Movies To Watch During Festive Period

By Nurudeen Adebayo



As the holiday season approaches, cinema lovers have a treasure trove of exciting films to look forward to. From magical adventures to action-packed thrillers, here's a rundown of the

most anticipated releases that are sure to make your holiday season unforgettable. Christmas in LĀGŌS A festive treat for those looking to celebrate the season with a touch of Nigerian culture, Christmas in Lagos tells the heartwarming

story of love, family, and the magic of the holiday season, set against the vibrant backdrop of Lagos. The film is set to debut on Prime Video on December 20th, giving fans a glimpse of the star-studded cast. The holiday romance showcases a talented

Nollywood cast, limited series transports viewers to 18th and 19th-century Nigeria, weaving intrigue with themes of love, power and tradition.

including Shaffy Bello, Wale Ojo, Richard Mofe-Damijo (RMD), Shalom C. Obiogo, Rayxia Ojo, Teniola Aladese, Angel Anosike, and Folu Storms. The film also features top Afrobeats stars such as Waje, Adekunle Gold, Ayra Starr, and Ladipoe.

Seven doors

What happens when culture, history and drama intertwine? Femi Adebayo invites us to find out in his directorial debut, "Seven Doors." Premiering on Netflix this December 13, the

Everybody loves Jenifa

A new addition to the Jenifa franchise, Everybody Loves Jenifa brings humor, drama, and the charm of the beloved character to the screen. This film promises to deliver laughs and life lessons as Jenifa navigates her quirky world. Filming took place in Lagos and Accra with a crew of 175 members, working over the span of nine weeks. The film will see the

return of fan favourites like Falz, Omotunde 'Lolo' Adebowale-David, and Olayode Juliana, along with new faces such as Chimezie Imo, Layi Wasabi, Bisola Aiyeola, Jackie Appiah, and Omowunmi Dada. Mark your calendars for December 13, 2024, for the release. This holiday season, whether you're seeking adventure, nostalgia, or festive cheer, there's something for everyone. Be sure to mark your calendars for these must-see films and make your holidays even more special.

Marriage is a Scam - Abimbola Craig

By Nurudeen Adebayo



leading her to question the institution as a whole.

"I am not married, not because I do not want to be married, but if you are a man who does not know who he is, you cannot be with me," she explained, adding that her decision to remain single stems from her desire to find a partner who possesses self-awareness and a clear sense of purpose. Craig also shared a humorous yet thought-provoking memory from her childhood, when her mother referred to the title "Mrs" as standing for "Master's in Residential Servicing." The actress recalled that her mother had often told her, "Marriage is an institution," before making the remark about the title.

The actress, who has also spoken publicly about her near-death experience following brain surgery in 2014, clarified that her views on marriage were not rooted in a dislike for the institution but in a desire for equality and self-fulfillment in her relationships.

Craig's candid comments have ignited debate on societal expectations and gender roles in marriage, particularly in the context of modern relationships.

Renowned Nigerian actress and film producer, Abimbola Craig, has sparked conversation after describing marriage as a "scam" in a recent interview with media personality

Chude Jideonwo. Craig, best known for her role in the popular TV series *Skinny Girl in Transit* and for co-

producing the 2019 hit film *Sugar Rush*, She pointed to the expressed her doubts about the traditional expectations surrounding marriage. She pointed to the unequal roles often imposed on women within such unions,

Ikosi-Ejinrin Local Council Development Area (LCDA) held a Stakeholders' Consultative Forum on Monday, November 18, 2024, to discuss the proposed 2025 budget. The forum, held at the LCDA Secretariat in Agbowo, attracted a diverse group of attendees representing various sectors and communities across the LCDA.

HOD Budget and Planning, Mrs. Aremu Olufunmilayo Grace, welcomed guests and emphasized the importance of the forum, assuring them of proper documentation of their inputs to form the 2025 budget.

Chairman Akogun Wale Raji Anomo presented highlights of the LCDA's achievements, attributing an 87% performance of the 2024 appropriation to proactive and inclusive engagements through similar stakeholders' forums. "Our

Ikosi-Ejinrin LCDA Hosts Stakeholders' Forum on 2025 Budget

By Mohammed Adekola



administration focuses on sustainable development, infrastructure, and resident welfare as top priorities," Anomo said.

The forum facilitates an open exchange of ideas and feedback from stakeholders, covering key areas such as infrastructure

improvement, mobility, and enhanced welfare for residents. Anomo expressed appreciation for the stakeholders'

support and emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts to achieve community objectives, pledging to uphold transparency and

inclusivity in governance.

"All stakeholders who spoke at the event acknowledged the Chairman's positive impact in the last three years and openly called for support to enable him to continue his good work for another term," Com. Areh Abd-Hamid noted that Stakeholders made specific requests for areas to be addressed in the 2025 budget, ensuring the LCDA's ongoing development.

A significant milestone was marked at the event as five Traditional Chiefs/Baales were presented with letters of Gazette by the Chairman, further strengthening traditional leadership within the communities

Epe Councillors Provide Support to Ayetoro Market Accident Victims

By Mohammed Adekola

The body of Councillors in Epe Division, comprising 31 members from Epe Central, Ibeju LG, Lekki, Eredo, and Ikosi-Ejinrin LCDAs, extended support to the victims of the tragic accident that occurred at Ayetoro Market on Monday, November 11, 2024.

The accident, involving a Dangote truck loaded with cement that lost control on Paramount Hill, claimed several lives and left others injured. The tragedy sparked widespread condolences across Lagos State,



culminating in a prayer session on Thursday, November 14, 2024. The event which was attended by prominent leaders, includes Lagos State Deputy Governor Dr. Kadri Obafemi Hamzat, Rep. Wale Raji of Epe Federal Constituency, Hon.

Tobun Abiodun of the support. The visits were aimed at providing hope and relief to those still mourning their loved ones or recovering from injuries.

On Monday, November 18, the Councillors' Forum of Epe Division with the Mr. Hassan Mustapha five excos in attendance gathered at the Epe LG of Ikosi-Ejinrin LCDA Secretariat before visiting the homes of victims to offer prayers, condolences, and financial

support. The visits were aimed at providing hope and relief to those still mourning their loved ones or recovering from injuries.

Mr. Hassan Mustapha Owolabi, House Leader and Chairman of the Epe Division Councillors' Forum, shared the forum's

resolve to prioritize welfare over their planned events. "We Councillors were planning for a get-together, but because of the unfortunate accident, we had to postpone it. Instead, we chose today to visit the victims and support them financially, morally, and spiritually," he said.

Mr. Owolabi emphasized the importance of safety in public spaces. "This issue is not entirely the fault of the government. In the course of seeking our daily bread, we need to be cautious. We should avoid displaying goods on roads, highways, and

walkways. The market is available for such activities. Had people not been on the roadside, the damage would have been minimal," he stated.

The victims expressed gratitude for the Councillors' support. Mrs. Alore Abiodun, one of the victims, appreciates both the police for their swift response and the Councillors for their care and financial assistance. The visits underscored the unity and compassion within the Epe Division, as leaders came together to uplift their community in the wake of a heartbreaking tragedy.

LASWARCO Shuts Three Substandard Factories in Lekki

By Mohammed Adekola

environments.



Lagos State Water Regulatory Commission (LASWARCO) on Tuesday has conducted a raid in the Lekki/Ibeju-Lekki zone, sealing three sachet water factories for failing to meet regulatory standards. The operation, tagged "Operation Comply and Thrive," aimed to mitigate the circulation of substandard water products and ensure public health safety. During the enforcement, the LASWARCO confiscated products from the factories, citing poor water treatment processes and unhygienic

Executive Secretary of the Commission, Funke Adepoju, stressed the government's commitment to regulating water production standards across the state. "Part of our mandate is to ensure that the quality of water produced in Lagos is wholesome for consumption. The government has equipped us with mobile labs to monitor compliance," Adepoju said. "Producers must comply to thrive in this industry as there is a direct nexus between water quality and public health.

Animashaun Celebrates 'LEECROWN' The Exceptional Educator

By Mohammed Adekola

Epe Local Government Chairman, (Princess) Surah O. Animashaun honored Mr. Kazeem Yusuff, fondly known as Leecrown, for his outstanding achievement as the Best Senior Secondary Teacher in Nigeria. The Chairman, presented Mr. Yusuff an Award of Excellence and a cash prize of N200,000.



The ceremony, attended by distinguished guests, recognized Mr. Yusuff's dedication to education and his contributions to the community.

Animashaun praised Mr. Yusuff, encouraging him to continue making Epe proud through his

tireless intellectual efforts. In response, Mr. Yusuff expressed gratitude to the

Chairman and her team for the prestigious recognition, promising to uphold his commitment to

hard work. This recognition, celebration and honour once again

reflects Animashaun's unwavering commitment to education and her

administration's focus on recognizing and rewarding excellence within the community

Epe Chairman Leads Delegation To Visit Accident Victims



By Mohammed Adekola

local government would take responsibility for the medical bills of the victims and provide them with the necessary support needed for their speedy recuperation. The Lagos State Technical and Vocational Board (LASTVEB) has sent a team to Epe to commiserate with the family of Ariyo Anthonia and support the family in their trying times, also the Governor of Lagos State, H.E. Babajide SanwoOlu and his Deputy, Dr. Kadri Obafemi Hamzat, have sent in their condolences to the victims of the accident and the people

of Epe in general. The Deputy Governor of Lagos State, Dr. Kadri Obafemi Hamzat, personally extended his condolences to the market men and women of Ayetoro Market through Baba Oloja and Iya Oloja, following the tragic incident. He also assured that immediate measures would be taken to prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future. The visits by the Chairman, the LASTVEB, and the Governor's assurances has demonstrate leadership dedication to caring for those in need.

The Chairman of Epe Local Government, (Princess) Surah O. Animashaun demonstrated her commitment and compassion to the well-being of Epe residents through her visit to the family of Ariyo Anthonia's parents to condole and sympathize with then. Anthonia, until her sudden demise was a Computer Science Year-Two student of

Lagos State Technical College, Odomola, Epe, and was involved in the tragic accident that happened on Monday, November 11, 2024, at Ayetoro Market.

Animashaun and her team also visited Epe General Hospital/Federal Medical Center to check on the survivors Mrs. Gbenle Oluwatoyin and Mrs. Okeowo Modinat. She pledged that the

BADAGRY

Onilude Honours Traditional With Luxury Vehicles

By Saheed Afolabi

In a historic move that has captured the hearts of the people of Badagry, Council Chairman Olusegun Onilude has presented luxury vehicles to all the traditional rulers, or Aholus. The eight Toyota Highlanders were ceremoniously handed over to the following royal fathers, HRM Akran of Badagry, Aholu Menu Toyi 1, Aholu of Ajara Topa HRM Whenton De Yeyi 1, Aholu of Ajido HRM Topon Toyiaga 1, Aholu of Ikoga-zebbe HRM De-Ovitotode Toyi



(Chairman of Badagry LG, Olusegun Onilude)

- 1 (Dr) A.W Patinvoh
- Aholu of Ajara- Aholu of Idale, HRM
- Agamathem HRM Shewhenu Toyon 1
- Agano Toniyan 1 Aholu of Akarakumo HRM
- Aholu of Yafin HRM Tosavi 1

During the presentation, Onilude expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve and highlighted the

importance of supporting traditional institutions. He urged the royal fathers to continue backing the administration of President Bola Tinubu and Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu. The council chairman also paid tribute to the late Chief Hungbo Owolabani (Naminadu), acknowledging his significant contributions to the community and inspiring the current administration's initiatives. Onilude addressed the challenges facing the nation but expressed confidence in President Tinubu's ability to steer the country in the right

direction. He also emphasized the unique challenges of governing a local government with a large number of traditional rulers. In response, HRM Aholu Toyiaga, Oba Adamson, and other royal fathers expressed their deep appreciation for Onilude's gesture, highlighting the positive impact of his administration on the community. The event was a momentous occasion, showcasing the strong bond between the government and traditional institutions in Badagry. It also underscored the council chairman's commitment to uplifting the community and honoring its cultural heritage.

Y2025 Fiscal Year: Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government Holds 3-day Retreat

Kehinde Adeleye



The Mitros Residences in Abeokuta recently played host to a three-day retreat organized by the Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government, aimed at strategizing and aligning plans for the 2025 fiscal year. The event attracted key officials and staff from the local government and

featured a combination of capacity-building sessions, budget deliberations, and recognition of exceptional performances. In a bid to equip staff with the knowledge and tools necessary to drive local government operations effectively, the retreat

incorporated lectures delivered by seasoned experts in various fields. Mr. Onawoga Wasiu presented a comprehensive lecture on the Mechanism of Procurement Operations, stressing the importance of efficient procurement processes. Furthermore, Dr. Shittu Ayodele shed

light on opportunities for growth and professional advancement within local government in his lecture titled 'Navigating Career Paths in Local Government.' Lastly, Hon. Tunde Rufai shared invaluable insights on strategies to bolster local government finances in

Internally Generated Revenue (IGR). Alongside the enlightening lectures, the retreat participants also took part in intensive sessions centered on the 2025 budget. These sessions focused on devising strategies to ensure sustainable growth and improve service delivery for the residents of Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government.

The discussions emphasized the importance of effective resource allocation and fiscal discipline in achieving the administration's development objectives. In his keynote address, the Chairman of Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government, Prince Usman Akanbi Hamzat, highlighted the need for a renewed commitment to teamwork among staff members. He emphasized the crucial role of innovation and collaboration in realizing the local government's goals, stressing that collective effort is essential for achieving sustainable progress. Moreover, the retreat

featured an Award and Recognition Ceremony, where outstanding staff members were honored for their exceptional performance during the 2024 fiscal year. Recipients included:

1. Prince Usman Akanbi Hamzat, The Chairman
2. Hon. Oluwatoyin Akerele, Vice-Chairman
3. Hon. Ayokunle Fasusi, Secretary to the Local Government
4. Alhaji Akeem Adesanya, Council Manager
5. Mrs. Morenike Babs-Ogunleye, Council Treasurer
6. Pastor Ayo Jeje, Revenue Chairman
7. Mr. Waheeb Agbenga, Special Adviser on Budget and Planning

The retreat concluded on a high note with a vibrant Gala Night, where participants relaxed and celebrated the milestones achieved during the sessions. This retreat demonstrates Prince Hamzat's commitment to capacity building, efficient governance, and the welfare of its people. It sets the stage for a productive and impactful 2025 fiscal year.

BSEWN 12.0: Nigerian Youths Must Prioritise Nation-Building, Security-NGO

Kehinde Adeleye

A Non-Government Organisations (NGO), The Success Ambassadors Foundation in conjunction with Future Matters Concept has said that young Nigerians must prioritise nation-building and security more than ever before.

The NGO and other stakeholders made this remark at the 12th Annual Edition of the Beyond Secondary Education, What's Next? BSEWN held in Lagos, with the theme: "Resilience to Achieve Excellence"

The NGO creates a platform to engage school children after leaving secondary school and before getting admission into colleges, polytechnics and Universities.

Describing the period after secondary education as critical and challenging, Mr Adewale Adeleye, the Convener of BSEWN, said that young Nigerians in this group must live in the consciousness that they were needed for nation-building and security.

Adeleye, who is also on the platform of Future Matters Concepts and the Success Ambassadors Foundation said that the conference was designed to inspire senior high school students to add value to society.

The convener said: "We lost so many school children at this period, and no one seems to account for them again a few years after



secondary education.

"They face the world with huge uncertainties. The concern for this set of students is the reason for an NGO like this.

"We gather to explore ideas, share experiences, and ignite the passions that will guide them into your next chapter.

"We must all show interest in the affairs of young people. Government, corporate organisations and well-meaning Nigerians, poised about nation building must show concern for them."

He said that the initiative birthed in 2012 with few participants had imparted a great number of students and young people.

According to him, the concept aims at inspiring excellent attitude towards academic pursuit, providing adequate information on career choices, leadership and entrepreneurship,

digital skills.

Adeleye added that it was also to address issues of substance abuse, sexual reproductive health and vices amongst the young people, and to equip them for greater exploits.

"This conference is not just about academic excellence; it is about developing resilience, embracing change, and equipping young Nigerians with the skills needed to navigate the complexities of life beyond these walls," he said

Speaking, a constitutional lawyer and public affairs analyst, Mr Jide Ologun, who alluded to Biblical Joseph, noted that every youth must aspire to success in spite of all odds and opposition.

Ologun, also the Pastor in Charge, of Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG), Living Faith Parish, Ikeja, said that God had created

opportunities for everyone to succeed in life and that it was left to individuals to strategise.

Ologun, a former Chairman, the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations, Lagos State Chapter, said: "As much as possible, you can develop yourself to add value to society.

"You need to make your contributions to the security of this nation. If you are not resilient, you will give up on the way because the journey to success in life is not an easy one."

Urging Nigerian youths to take responsibility for their lives, Ologun advised them to be determined and concentrate on studying while also running away from bad influences and distractions.

Also, Alhaji Ganiyu Kola Egunjobi, the Executive Chairman of Agege Local Government, who was represented by his Chief of Staff, Mr

Saheed Oriade Saheed Ademola said that the nation needed the youth to get better.

Stating that good leaders needed education to communicate effectively, the chairman advised youths to think outside the box, allow good mentorship and learn from experiences.

Another speaker, Amb. Farida Adewumi, Founder and Global President of Farida Charity Foundation urged participants to discover their purpose for living and choose a career in the same direction without giving up.

The Chairman, Lagos State Taskforce, CSP Adetayo Akerele; Medical Director /Chief Executive Officer, HVAC, Engr Franklin Olatunji; Director PCEO TVC, Mrs. Kemi Shonubi and Rev Damilola Paul Samson shared experiences on the path to greatness, obstacles faced, and how they emerged stronger.

"They shared their stories of resilience, innovation, and the pursuit of excellence with no fewer

than 150 students drawn from various schools.

Participants were exposed to conversations around some topical issues including "Taking Responsibility for your life Make an informed decision and "Leadership Skills Needed to Achieve Excellence".

Others are: "Following Your Passion Towards Excellence, and "Digital Skills for Future Careers" among others by various speakers.

The event featured awards presentations to some personalities and organizations who are contributing towards young people's academic advancement; the chairman of Ninolowo Empowerment Foundation, Dr. Oladapo Azeez Yusuf leader of Orile Agege LCDA legislative arm, Hon Wale Fayemi; Hon. Wale Ahmed; AKEM Foundation and others were recognized.

Famuyiwa Doles Out Cash Gift To Party Faithful

[Kehinde Adeleye](#)



Agbado/Oke-Odo LCDA Chairman, Mr. David Famuyiwa convened a mandate meeting on last week at the Party Secretariat in Daleko, Abule Egba. The event drew over 100 party members and served as a

platform for the Chairman to update attendees on various ongoing projects in the different wards within

the Council Area.

In his remarks, Mr. David Famuyiwa commended the steadfastness of party members despite the challenging economic climate. The meeting showcased the Council's progress in addressing local needs and promoting development.

Highlighting the importance of transparency and inclusion, the Chairman emphasized the Council's dedication to keeping community members informed about its initiatives. This mandate meeting provided an opportunity for participants to engage in dialogue and

contribute their input on the various projects, fostering a collaborative approach to governance. In an impassioned address, Agbado/Oke-Odo LCDA Chairman, Mr. David Famuyiwa, urged party members to remain steadfast in their support of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's administration.

Expressing optimism for the future, he assured attendees that their dedication would be rewarded with positive change and improvements.

Acknowledging the #20,000 cash palliative provided to each beneficiary, the Chairman recognized the modest nature of the

support but encouraged recipients to utilize the funds wisely for maximum benefit.

He emphasized the importance of resourcefulness and making the most out of the opportunities presented.

Echonews reports that the beneficiaries were overwhelmed with gratitude, thanked the Council Boss for his continued efforts in uplifting and empowering the community. They offered prayers for his success and expressed hope for further collaboration and progress under his leadership.

IKORODU

Oyesanya Appointed as Acting Iya-Oloja General of Igbogbo-Baiyeku LCDA

By Nurudeen Adebayo

Following the demise of the former Iya Oloja general of Igbogbo Kingdom, Chief Mrs. Rachel Asabi Obayomi, Igbogbo-Baiyeku LCDA has appointed Chief Mrs. Mojisola Oyesanya as the Acting Iya-Oloja General.

This decision was made in conjunction with the Lagos State Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, and key traditional institutions in Igbogbo-Baiyeku LCDA, on the 18th of November.

Mrs. Oyesanya's appointment aims to bring stability to the market community, ensuring continuity of market affairs, maintenance of order,



and upholding values of inclusivity and economic growth. The Lagos State Ministry of Local

Government and Chieftaincy Affairs provided guidelines for the transition, emphasizing the importance of

collaboration between Governmental bodies, traditional institutions, and community leaders.

The Director of Lagos State Market Development, Mr. James Kakawa, has provided clarity on the transition guidelines for the Iya-Oloja General position.

Following the passing of the incumbent, the Deputy Iya-Oloja General assumes the acting role, allowing the Market Association time to propose a new candidate.

According to the Director, the association's executive body selects a prominent member and regular attendee

of the Igbogbo/Baiyeku LCDA Market Advisory Council.

This selection process ensures continuity and stability within the market leadership.

Kakawa explained that the new Iya-Oloja General must meet specific criteria, including prominence within the Market Association and regular attendance at the Igbogbo/Baiyeku LCDA Market Advisory Council.

Other criteria may apply, as determined by the Market Association's executive body.

The Local Council Development Area (LCDA) reviews the proposal, considering input from traditional

institutions, as outlined by Mr. James Kakawa.

The council's leadership holds the final decision to approve the appointment, ensuring a collaborative and inclusive approach.

The meeting, held at the Council Secretariat, saw the participation of the Executive Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Legislative Arm of Igbogbo/Baiyeku LCDA, Management staff, Supervisors, and representatives from the Olubeshe of Ibeshe Kingdom, the Fidmolu of Elepe Kingdom, officers from the Department of State Services in Lagos state, and the Nigerian Police Force Ikorodu Division alongside other stakeholders.

Bamigboye Spearheads Fight Against Tuberculosis

By Saheed Afolabi

In a concerted effort to combat the spread of Tuberculosis, Mrs. Jumoke Bamigboye, wife of the Mushin Local Government Chairman, has launched a sensitization campaign. As the ambassador for the campaign in Mushin, she is leading the charge to educate the community about the dangers of the disease and promote early detection and treatment. The campaign, which aligns with the Lagos State government's initiative, aims to reduce

the prevalence of TB in Mushin, which is among the top five local government areas with high TB cases. Key strategies to combat TB include community outreach, screening exercises, and health education. The Mushin General Hospital is at the forefront of this effort, offering free screening and treatment to TB patients. The local government's commitment to public health is evident in its support for the hospital, including the provision of essential equipment.



(Mrs Jumoke Bamigboye addressing critical issues during the launching of the tuberculosis sensitization program)

This investment ensures that the hospital is well-equipped to provide quality healthcare services to the community. By raising awareness, promoting early detection, and providing accessible treatment, Mushin is taking significant steps to eradicate Tuberculosis and build a healthier future for its residents.

Bamigboye Prioritizes Security In Mushin

By Saheed Afolabi

In a significant move to enhance security and improve public health services, Mushin Local Government Chairman, Emmanuel Bamigboye has allocated land for the construction of Department of State Services (DSS) and Nigeria Security Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) offices. This strategic decision aims to strengthen law enforcement and ensure the safety of residents. In addition to the security infrastructure,



(Mushin LG Boss, Emmanuel Bamigboye inspecting the allocated lands for security purposes)

Bamigboye is also focused on improving healthcare facilities. He recently inspected the ongoing renovation of the Isolo Road Primary Health Center, promising to upgrade its solar power system for reliable electricity supply. The Chairman's commitment to the judiciary is evident in his support for the Customary Court. He has overseen the renovation of the court and pledged to provide additional welfare packages to its staff.

The positive impact of these initiatives has been acknowledged by various stakeholders, including the heads of the NSCDC and DSS, as well as the President of the Customary Court. They expressed their gratitude for Bamigboye's dedication to improving the lives of Mushin residents. As the Chairman continues to implement these transformative projects, Mushin is poised to become a safer and healthier community.

Lagos Blind Sports Fiesta Commences at Teslim Balogun Stadium

The 2024 edition of Lagos Blind Sports Fiesta commenced on Monday at the Sir Molade Okoya-Thomas Indoor Sports Hall of the Teslim Balogun Stadium, Surulere. About 92 participants are taking part in the five-day fiesta organised to reawaken the hope of participants, preparing visually impaired athletes for the subsequent competitions and promoting a sense of belonging. Blind Powerlifting, Judo, Goalball, and Ayo Olopon are sports featured for this year's event as part of the mandate of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu's administration to promote inclusivity and showcase people living with disabilities in

different sporting areas. Blind Powerlifting took centre stage on Day One, as 12 male athletes participated in three events: squat, bench, and deadlift in five different categories: 67Kg, 75Kg, 82Kg, 90Kg and 102Kg. In 67kg, Oladele Sunday took the 1st position with 385 kg. Samuel Ige came 2nd with 345 kg while Omishola Abiodun came 3rd with 280 kg in


all events. In 75 kg, Emmanuel Okoawo came 1st with 385 kg while Topo Orimolade came 2nd with 370 kg in all events. In 82 kg, Ojemen Cyril came 1st with 420 kg. Tijani Taofeeq came 2nd with 360 kg while Adeola Akande came 3rd with 290 kg. In 90 kg, Ajibade Sodiq came 1st with 480 kg while Adeyemi Adeseye came 2nd with 400 kg in all events. While in 102 kg, Eze Samuel came 1st with 385 kg while

organisers for being able to participate in the competitions, adding fiesta will contribute to his desire to improve as an athlete and achieve his set goals in sports. He commended the Lagos State government for the recognition and privilege given to them to participate in the competition. The Blind Sports Fiesta continued on Tuesday with Judo, while Ayo Olopon and Goalball will commence on Wednesday.





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