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Lagos captures rescue efforts in new TV show

Abolaji Adebayo

Determined to demonstrate how it uses tax payers money to save the lives and properties of Lagosians, the Lagos State Government will on Sunday October 3, this year launch a prime television programme titled 'Safe Lagos.'

The programme, to be aired on the Lagos Television channel, will present real life experience of the first responders in rescue situations beginning from the moment of distress call to evacuation and quick solutions.

It will showcase the activities of the Lagos State Emergencies Services Agency, LASEMA; State Fire Service and Lagos State Ambulance Services, LASAMBUS.

The programme is funded by the Ministry of Special Duties & Inter-Governmental Relations under the leadership of Engr. Tayo Bamgbose-Martins, the Honourable Commissioner.

General Manager of the project consultants Pointclear Films, Idris Kasumu, told ECHONEWS that hands are on deck to ensure clean, concise and audible production.

"The Lagos State government is well-known for justifying its tax drive with people-oriented projects and programmes. This television series captures in dramatic reality the use of men and materials to save the lives and property of the tax payers," he said.

Expected to run for 13 weeks in the first instance, the programme managers believe it will be constant in the air and may be extended to other stations for viewing.

As part of preparations for take-off, the consultants are meeting with the heads of the agencies and the Ministry of Special Duties to

ensure smooth production and deadlines.

Kasumi said reporters and cameramen will be embedded in each of the agencies to understand their operational format and assimilate their performance culture.

His words: Our crew will be embedded in each agency and will cover the distress calls, the roll-out to the scene, evaluation and restoration to normalcy. They will be well-kitted and trained to adjust to the working environment. This is reality television show where the action will speak better than the words."

Explaining the timing of the programme at 9pm on Sundays, Kasumu said accidents often involve gory scenes which may not be good for young children.

"By television programming standards, programmes such as these which may entail disturbing visuals are shown when children are meant to have gone to bed.

"At the same time, adults are expected to be in the mood for entertainment after a busy day. The timing is very critical to the target audience and viewership. The more people watch the programme, the more they will appreciate the enormous resources



Engr. Tayo Bamgbose-Martins,

deployed by the Lagos State government to rescue properties and protect lives in case of fire disasters and vehicular crashes," Kasumi said.

The Lagos State Emergency Services Agency is headed

by Dr. Olufemi Oke-Osanyintolu.

The pioneer Doctor of Ifako Primary Health Care centre in Lagos State, he was involved in the rake-off of the Lagos State Emergency Services and first to head

the Lagos State Ambulance Services.

Under his leadership, the agency, the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA) won the Best and Most Proactive Emergency Management

Agency in Nigeria in 2010.

He is known to have managed the State response during Ebola outbreak in Lagos State and Emergency Response to the Bomb blast disaster that occurred in Lagos State in 2002.



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Accolades as councillor donates solar streetlight to community

Residents of Ishagatedo/Ire-Akari Ward in Isolo LCDA have commended their councillor, Hon. Abiodun Odusina-Adeoye for donating streetlights to the community.

According to them, the infrastructure will aide the security of the community, giving no room for hoodlums to hide at night.

The solar street lights would be mounted on Idowu Oshinfodunrin Street.

The Chairman of the Resident's Association, Chief Mike Aigbokhan, who received the electrical device, said it was a commendable effort.

Also speaking, the Secretary

By Abolaji Adebayo

of Ire-Akari East CDA, Mr. Remi Shobade, said the gesture is an indication of good representation as he shared the councillor to do more for her ward.

Speaking to ECHONEWS in her office, the councillor said she made the donation based on the needs of the community.

Odusina-Adeoye explained that the donation became

necessary to boost security in the street and improve on its beautification.

She urged the residents to install the gadget without delay and ensure its proper maintenance, stating that the led bulb gadgets are energy-friendly.

The councillor, who doubles as the Majority Leader, pledged to double her effort to facilitate more infrastructures into the community.



Hon. Abiodun Odusina-Adeoye presenting solar streetlight device to the residents of her ward

The Stakeholders in Isolo LCDA including the council authority, the concerned residents and the Community Development Association (CDA) will meet today, Monday, September 27 to explore the possibility of settling the lawsuit filed by residents of Adebisi Omotola over the controversial shopping complex built in the community by council authority out of court.

The disagreement between the government and the residents over the legal owner of the land has been taken to the court.

The awaiting court proceeding has been hindering the conversion of the Shopping Complex to a Primary Healthcare Centre as planned by the new council chairman, Otunba Adebayo Olosoju.

As learnt by our correspondent, the meeting is expected to hold today between the council boss, Otunba Adebayo Olosoju, the plaintiff's lawyer; Barrister Kunle Oyewole, executives of Adebisi Omotola Residents Association and Alagbeji CDA executives.

Although the shopping complex was built by the immediate past chairman, Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye, the new chairman has decided to convert it into a Primary Healthcare Centre to ensure Alagbeji Ward has a PHC of its own and as a way to settle the score with the affected residents.

The residents had filed the lawsuit in June to challenge the council's initial claim of the piece of land and the legality of the edifice.

In the court's summon letter obtained by ECHONEWS, the

Stakeholders meet over controversial shopping complex today

Hon. Bayo Olosoju

residents' association joined Oshodi-Isolo LGA, Commissioner for Physical Planning and Urban Development, Dr Idris Salako and Lagos State Building Control Agency (LASBCA) in the litigation that was filed at the Lagos State High Court sitting in Ikeja.

The association, through its counsel, Olukunle Oyewole ESQ, requested that the court declare the shopping complex illegal and make an order of perpetual injunction restraining the defendants, their agents, privies and officers from further building the shopping complex.

The association also prayed the court to mandate the defendants especially the commissioner and

LASBCA to remove and demolish the shopping complex.

It also pleaded that the court should mandate the commissioner and LASBCA to perform their statutory duties to review, order and monitor the demolition of the shopping complex and award a sum of N2 million for the cost of legal services they incurred from the direct consequences of the actions of the defendants and award another sum of N20 million as general damages.

Residents and other stakeholders in the ward and across the council area have been commending the new council boss, Otunba Adebayo Olosoju over his decision to convert the business centre to a

PHC with some suggesting that the 'principle of overriding public/good interest could be used to support the decision.

There has not been any comment or statement from the plaintiff's counsel or the residents of the street themselves as they always tell ECHONEWS that the case is in court already.

It remains to be seen if the lawsuit will be dropped to allow the conversion to take effect even as public notice has been made on the building to warn business owners currently occupying the premises to desist from the act, stressing that the edifice "was not constructed as an offer to buy or sell or to participate in any trading activity."



The shopping complex

CDC implores residents to take advantage of government soft loans

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Chairman of Ejigbo Community Development Committee (CDC), Prince Jelili Atiku has urged residents to take part in the ongoing registration for Government Enterprise and Empowerment Programme (GEEP) at the National Orientation Agency (NOA), Oshodi-Isolo LGA.

The GEEP initiative available in all 774 LGAs are in three categories which are Tradermoni, MarketMoni and FarmerMoni, structured to effectively deliver soft loans and skills to a wide range of unemployed citizens including persons living with disability, marginalised women and unemployed youths among other vulnerable groups in the society.

Atiku, while speaking to ECHONEWS, appealed to all association heads in Ejigbo to involve their members, saying cluster registration would aid orderliness among interested artisans.

With the current economic situation, the CDC boss said the initiative, which proffers interest and collateral free credit to small scale enterprises, would be a great



Prince Jelili Atiku

relief to many residents.

The initiative is targeted at the poor and vulnerable as well as the skilled people who have always been left out on credit delivery programmes to get soft and affordable loans to finance their businesses.

He, therefore, appreciated the efforts of the governments at all levels for their commitment putting in place such initiative for the less privileged.

"This step would boost the current situation of the country as it would reduce crime and fix some unemployed residents," he stated.

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Oloyede Bello (Obe)
Executive Chairman, Ejigbo LCDA



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Signed

Mr. Kehinde Bamigbetan
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Otunba Ismail Olajide Oni

Agbaakin of Agbara Kingdom

Three CDAs to get new transformers

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Chairman of Ejigbo LCDA, Hon. Monsurudeen Bello (Obe) has revealed his plan to procure transformer for three communities within three to six months.

The council boss made the promise while commissioning a new 500KVA transformer in Ashamu Swamp Community Development (CDA) in Ejigbo.

The transformer was donated by the family of a community patron, Richard family, with the aim of restoring uninterrupted power supply in the community. Acknowledging the donor, Obe said there is need for more individuals' contributions towards the development of community.

He emphasised that their collaboration with the government is necessary to bring continuous development in Ejigbo LCDA.

The council chairman, therefore, supported the community with N500,000 for the installation of the transformer, while confirming



500 KVA Transformer donated by Richard family

his decision to take responsibility for the maintenance of the transformer.

He also encouraged residents to contribute towards the community in their own little way, saying community

development goes beyond enormous financial assets but more of selfless contributions.

Stakeholders seek support for school students

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Stakeholders in education sector have called on individuals and organisations to support the indigent students with learning materials to mitigate the effect of the current economic situation on parents.

They made the call as many parents find it difficult to provide for their children as they resume for the new session.

They commended a non-governmental organisation (NGO), Red Grape Foundation, which recently donated 2,000 copies of notebooks to the pupils of Low Cost Primary School 2, Jakande Estate, Oke-Afa Ejigbo.

While receiving the books, the school management said the donation would relieve the parents and teachers.

Commenting on the gesture,

the Social Mobilisation Officer of SUBEB, Mrs. Abimbola Kupoluyi, said it would go a long way in assisting the students and relieving the parents.

She said more are expected from other philanthropists and organisations in their various communities.

The founder of the Foundation, Habeeb Anibaba said everything cannot and should not be left to the government, saying individuals also have roles to play especially in the education sector which is very crucial to the development of the society.

While promising to reach other schools, Anibaba disclosed that his Foundation has equally donated books to some other primary schools in the community including Dele Alake Primary School, and Bola Ahmed Tinubu Primary School.

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OIERL: Skibanj FC thrash Diamond FA 4-0

By Saheed Afolabi

Oshodi based club, Skibanj FC crushed counterpart in the Oshodi-Isolo and Ejigbo Regional League (OIERL), Diamond FA 4-0 to be placed 2nd on the Group B of the league, thereby, trailing group leaders Top Level FC by 3 points, while Diamond FA are 5th on the table and have lost two games in a row. Skibanj FC clinical striker, Victor Elkana grabbed a hat trick in the game, while Simon Sunday also got on the score sheet for Skibanj FC.

Skibanj FC were monstrous in their attacking display as they unleashed a ferocious attack on Diamond FA in the game which gave them 3 goals in the first half.

Victor Elkana grabbed the first goal of the encounter with a tenacious strike to give Skibanj FC the lead in the game.



Skibanj FC VS Diamond FA

Tantalizing display from Skibanj FC rewarded them the second goal in the 30th minute which was buried by Victor Elkana to net his brace in the encounter.

Simon Sunday proved difficult to handle for Diamond FA as he dribbled

past 3 defenders to score the 3rd goal for Skibanj FC in the 43rd minute.

Diamond FA were completely blown away in the encounter as they failed to muster any shot on target in the first 45 minutes of play.

Victor Elkana showed why he

was a difficult striker to handle as he got his hat trick in the 50th minute to blow away Diamond FA in a dramatic fashion.

A thorn in the flesh of Diamond FA, Skibanj FC striker, Victor Elkana was also guilty of not scoring

more goals in the encounter. Diamond FA goalie was instrumental to his side not conceding more than 4 goals as he came up with brilliant saves to prevent his side from more miserable goals in the game.

CY Unity Cup to commence Oct 2nd

By Saheed Afolabi

The much awaited 9th edition of CY Unity Cup will commence on October 2, 2021 at Owoseni field, Oshodi.

The tournament which will feature 64 teams in different locations in Lagos is a grassroots tournament tagged 'grassroots World cup' because of the caliber of teams that will be participating in the tournament.

The zones to be used for the tournament are Jalisco stadium Oshodi, Ejigbo mini stadium, Owoseni field Oshodi, Igbowu mini stadium Ilasamaja, Joju field Sango Ota and Ikorodu.

Speaking to ECHONEWS, the organiser of the tournament, Cyprian Ukpai said this year's edition which is the 9th will be more colourful than previous ones as security will be on ground to avert any violence on the pitch of play.

Ukpai added that the use of different zones for this year's edition is to accommodate teams that are far away from Oshodi so that they can have the opportunity to participate in the tournament.

The defending champion of the tournament, Jogo C FC, won the previous edition in 2019, 5-4 in penalty shootout, defeating FC Brave to emerge champions of the 8th edition.

Jogo C FC will be kick starting the campaign by defending their crown in the 9th edition as they are expected to retain their crown as the king of the competition.

Jogo C FC will play the opening match of the tournament against De Royal FC at Owoseni field Oshodi as they begin their journey to become the only team that will successfully defend the trophy.

Fusion Football Championship: Danjuma Babes beat G12 FC

By Saheed Afolabi

Relegation threatened team in the Fusion Football Championship division, one Danjuma Babes defeated G12 FC 2-0 at legacy pitch, national stadium, Surulere Lagos.

The win for Danjuma Babes served as a morale booster for the club many people have written off so far as the league is concerned. However, the club proved them wrong with their great win against a dominant G12 FC side.

Pius Aliche and Yahya Ahmed grabbed the goals for Danjuma babes to secure a valuable 3 points.

Expectedly, G12 FC dominated possession in the first half with their scintillating passing moves but they could not get pass the unbreakable defense line of Danjuma Babes who were rock solid at the back. Pius Aliche gave Danjuma

Babes the breakthrough in the game by scoring the opening goal with a great finish to stun the brilliant G12 FC side.

G12 FC continued their dominance in the game but the goal custodian of Danjuma Babes, Paul Akor was superb by pulling up great saves to keep his team in the game.

Samuel Akere was guilty of wasting clear cut chances which should have been converted to goals.

Danjuma Babes tactics of absorbing pressure from G12 FC and hitting them on the counter attack were instrumental to their win as they doubled their win in the 49th minute through a sublime finish from Yahya

Ahmed. Despite domination possession in the game, G12 FC players were wasteful in front of goal as they wasted several chances that should be buried past their opponent.

G12 FC players exchanged too much passes at the edge of the 18 meters box of Danjuma Babes FC and

failed to fire shots on goal which did not help the team in that regard.

Danjuma Babes FC were able to grind out a joyous win over the technical G12 side who are 4th on the log of the Fusion Football Championship, while the win for Danjuma Babes shot them to 11th place on the table.

British number one Emma Raducanu has split with the coach who guided her to a first major title at the US Open.

Andrew Richardson was hired for the summer tournaments in the United States, which ended with the 18-year-old's improbable victory in New York.

Raducanu had entered the tournament as a qualifier, and the world number 150.

"At this stage of my career I really need someone that has had that WTA Tour experience at that high level," she explained.

She added: "Especially right now as I'm so new to it, I think I really need someone just to guide me who has already been through that themselves. "Never did I even dream of winning

US Open Champion, Raducanu sacks coach



Emma Raducanu

very excited to compete again. "All the opportunities I am getting have been very fun, but where I really want to be is on the tennis

court, as I'm just thriving out there. "I haven't decided on my schedule yet - I will decide in the next few days where I am going to go to - but

wherever I play next, I'm going to make sure I'm ready. I don't want to jump into things too early."

Obe pledges to support the Customary Court

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Chairman of Ejigbo LCDA, Hon. Monsurudeen Bello (Obe) has pledged to support the Customary Court in Ejigbo LCDA to achieve its objectives.

Receiving the president of Ejigbo Customary Court, Mrs. Ololade Williams and her team in his office, he promised to address the challenges posed to its operations by inadequate facilities.

His words: "As an indigenous Chairman, the problems of Ejigbo are well understood by me, but due to money constraint, not all problems can be solved. They have to

be done one after the other."

He explained that the local government could not meet all the demands at the same time due to financial constraint and the fact that there are lots of projects to be embarked on.

He, however, promised that he would start with the maintenance of the court facility.

Williams had, during a visit to the council chairman with her team, demanded that the council should come up with bye-laws for the council area.

Apart from the bye-laws, Williams had also made other demands from the council which include

maintenance of court structure and fixing of leakage; provision of incarceration centre (a place where offenders can be kept temporarily); repair of water system; connection of air conditioner which is available but yet to be connected; provision of toilet facilities and welfare of staff. Also speaking on the occasion, the Council Manager, Ejigbo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Princess Iyabode Ogunyemi explained that the local council could not make its own laws peculiar to the council area since LCDAs are not constitutionally recognised by the federal

government.

Ogunyemi gave the explanation, saying there was nothing wrong with the existing bye-laws.

She further clarified that the existing bye-laws in use were put together by the Legal Officers from Oshodi-Isolo LG, Isolo and Ejigbo LCDAs. She urged the court to liaise with the legal officer if there arises a case that is peculiar to Ejigbo.

Meanwhile, the court staff members congratulated Obe on his successful tenure and his re-election, presenting him a customised congratulatory card and a gift item to show their appreciation.



Hon. Monsurudeen Bello (Obe)

Community leaders in Ashamu Estate Community Development Association (CDA) are afraid of imminent arrest by alleged grabbers who have laid siege on their properties for over a month. The unrest, according to the residents, started after the death of Almaroof, the head of Ashamu family, who was the administrator of the estate under his company, Almaroof & Co early this year. It was gathered that after his death, the sons and other staff members of Almaroof & Co were still running the administration of the estate before the unexpected happened about six weeks ago. As gathered by ECHONEWS, the acclaimed land owners have split into two factions each trying to overthrow the other.

It was said that each of the factions have been invading the community, threatening and collecting huge amount from workers and rightful land owners.

The land tussle was said to have started 20 years ago but was resolved after Ashamu family won the case in court against Oshoru family.

Community raises alarm over land grabbers unrest

By Motolani AbdulGafar

One of the affected residents, Mr Tobo Oladejo, told ECHONEWS that each household is being forced by Oshoru family to repay for the land, claiming that the land does not belong to Ashamu

Winner of the 23rd edition of G0tv 8 Rounds National Cruiserweight Boxing category, Michael Godwin popularly known as Emirate, has urged the local government to create a boxing training school in Ejigbo.

He said creating the academy would help convert street fighters to professional fighters.

According to him, Ejigbo LCDA has no established boxing academy where interested fighters could be groomed, orientated on the essence and importance of their talent.

Meanwhile, he appealed to Ejigbo LCDA Chairman, Hon. Monsurudeen Obe, other government officials and philanthropists to sponsor slots for boxing as a combat game in Ejigbo.

The 31 year-old boxer with 93kg weight and 182.00

family who initially sold the land to them.

Another resident who prefers anonymity said representatives of the 13 CDAs in the community have written petition to government bodies including the Speaker of the House of

Assembly, Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, Ejigbo Local Council Chairman, Divisional Police Officer Ejigbo, Area Commander Area D, Commissioner of Police and the Chairman, Lagos State Land Grabbers Task Force.

He said despite their documents such as building intervention and series of permit, approved plans and certificates of incorporation case, the warring factions and submit them directly to have refused to stop the the government to avoid extortion. double payment for their

He disclosed that the lands and threat to lives and residents were advised to properties. officially perfect their land

Boxing champion advocates training academy

By Motolani AbdulGafar

height who is endowed with 163cm reach made the appeal in an exclusive interview with ECHONEWS while sharing his challenges as a boxer who hails from Ejigbo community.

The energetic, professional fighter revealed that the combat game in Ejigbo has so far not been excelling compared to other local governments as a result of low sponsorship of fighters and trainers, noting that the situation has been restricting the ambition of many upcoming boxers in the community.

He revealed how he strove to win each match adding that his priority has always been to elevate the status of Ejigbo

globally.

He disclosed that his next step is to emerge the winner of the national title belt by the end of this year as he is eager to represent his community nationwide.

With 11 years experience in

boxing, Godwin advised unconditionally noting that upcoming champions to discouragement from the continue to be steadfast and parents is a major challenge never relent in whatever for upcoming fighters while challenges they face to also urging the public to show become professional boxers. utmost support for every He also advised parents to fighter as motivation boosts support their kids their morale.



Boxing competition

Yayi skill acquisition beneficiaries to receive working tools

By Edith Igbokwe

After the completion of their trainings, the beneficiaries of skill acquisition programme sponsored by the Senator representing Lagos West Senatorial District, Sen. Olamilekan Adeola (Yayi) are to receive working tools to start the vocations on their own. No fewer than 47 youths selected from Oshodi, Isolo and Ejigbo benefitted from the vocational training. They were trained in tailoring and barbing. The programme is organised in all local government areas across Lagos West Senatorial District.

The coordinator of the programme in Oshodi-Isolo LG, Hon. Emmanuel Oloyede, said the working tools would soon be distributed to the beneficiaries. He informed that all participants would be included in a social media group where they would be updated when and where the working tools disbursement would take place. He, therefore, advised them to make good use of the knowledge gained from the training and constant practice to perfect their works. Oloyede said he is expecting the beneficiaries to soon become employers of labour by also training others and recruiting apprentices.



Tailoring beneficiaries in photograph with the coordinators

EFA clears Ejigbo canals and drains

By Edith Igbokwe

The residents of Ejigbo are relieved that the Lagos State Emergency Flood Abatement Department (EFA) under the Ministry of Environment has extended the clearing of canals and drains to Ejigbo. The exercise started two weeks ago with the desilting of the drains and canals along Mafoluku-Oshodi road, Okota road and Pako bus stop in Isolo, where wastes are mostly dumped, blocking the drains. The department has shifted its focus from Pako axis to Lafenwa Street, off NNPC Road, Ejigbo. The EFA supervisor in Oshodi-Isolo LGA, Mr. Adeniyi Dairo, said the effort would not be fruitful without extending the evacuation to some black spots in Ejigbo. He stated that there are more wastes at Lafenwa

compared to other places, hence, the need for combined workforce from Isolo and Ejigbo to ensure maximum achievement. As observed by ECHONEWS, the exercise is being carried out simultaneously at Arowojobe/Ladipo axis, Oshodi. According to Dairo, they focus more on those areas marked as black spots as they are prone to flood. He informed that after completing the work in Lafenwa, the officials will move to Jakande Estate down to Isheri axis to work on the blocked drains as well. He explained that they are not disturbed by rain, stating that their officials are working to avert flood in those communities. He, however, warned the residents to desist from indiscriminate waste disposal as evacuation officials work continues.

Residents commend Kendoo for fixing roads

By Edith Igbokwe

The residents of Oshodi-Isolo LG have continued to praise the council chairman, Otunba Kehinde Oloyede (Kendoo) for embarking on massive road rehabilitation. According to them, the council boss has exhibited his awareness of the pressing challenges of the community. They emphasised that road, which is one of the major challenges, is being attended to by the local government. Speaking to ECHONEWS, the chairman of Bolade-Ilesowopo Community Development Association (CDA), Elder Awodebi Ariyibi-Oke, said the new local government administration led by Oloyede has fulfilled their long time expectation. He stated that road rehabilitation going on across the local government area has brought great relief to the residents and the commuters. He particularly pointed to Akiniku Street, which has been repaired within a short time despite being in a commercial area of the local government. Before its rehabilitation, the

street was full of potholes and got flooded every time it rained, making it impassable for both pedestrians and vehicles. The CDA chairman also harped on the importance of the street as link road to Oshodi-Agege Motor Road. "The entire community members are appreciating the local government chairman,

Otunba Kehinde Oloyede (Kendoo) for coming to our aid by rescuing the situation. For linking traders to market, workers to office, students to school and the sick to the hospital and just as the community members desired stress free movements." He reiterated that if the council chairman continues with the

road reconstruction across the local government area, within some months, Oshodi-Isolo LGA would have been transformed. He, however, urged the residents to support the government in maintaining the roads and other public projects in their communities.



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The OsoLO of Isolo Kingdom

OSOLO at 61: secrets of my success

By Tope Yusuff and
Bola Kolawole

The Osolo of Isolo and secretary to the Lagos State Council of Traditional Rulers, Oba Kabir Agbabiaka, Ilufemiloye 1 has thanked God, the Lagos State government and his friends for the rapid development of the town into a cosmopolitan city. He clocked 61 on Friday September 24, this year.

Speaking to Echonews on the occasion of his 61st birthday, he cited the planned upgrade of the Lagos State Polytechnic to a university of science and technology and transformation of the old Isolo dispensary to the General Hospital, Isolo as milestones of his reign.

"Many things have changed dramatically during my reign. There is little I can do myself. I have to cry to the government and friends to help to put things in place. I thank everybody, the government, the elite and my friends."

At the local level, he also thanked the government for creating the Isolo local council development area adding that the development of facilities by various council chairmen has made the city attractive to settlers.

He praised the chairman, Otunba Adebayo Olasoji for starting the rehabilitation of the roads as soon as he assumed office remarking that this signals a bright future for the community.

"The government is trying though we are asking for more. For example, the newly installed Isolo LCDA chairman, in less than two months, has started re-surfacing and tarring and expanding new roads."



HRM. Oba Kabir Alani Agbabiaka

He said the warm disposition of Isolo indigenes towards visitors has also encouraged many non-indigenes to settle and make the city their second home.

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Oba Agbabiaka said his decision to set up many committees comprising chiefs

and friends to tackle various developmental challenges has led to the social and economic development of the city.

"A lot of committees have been formed, the Orientation committee, the administration committees. All of them are working."

He also thanked the chiefs of various communities such as Okota, Ishaga, Ire-Akari, Ajao Estate, Ilasamaja which make up the Isolo kingdom for the co-operation that has ensured peace and harmony.

"The other communities in Isolo have their own heads. You have Baale (community head) in Ilasa, you have Baale of Ajao Estate from the Elemo family; you have Baale at Okota, you have Baaale at Oke-Ogbere,

you have Baale at Ishaga. We are working together. There is cordial relationship among everybody."

Appreciating his supporters for standing by him, Oba Agbabiaka said: "I don't have problems with anybody though people may have problems with me but I don't know such people. I know those who support me, who are here with me, people who give me the courage and support to be on the throne."

On plans for his 61st birthday, he said it is a low-key birthday to thank God. "I want to thank God. I want to give people opportunity, give to those who don't have, that is what I want to do. By thanking your God, God will surely give you more."

Happy Birthday To Our **Royal Father!**

On behalf of the good people and descendants of Isolo Kingdom both home and in diaspora, I felicitate with our symbol of tradition and royal father HRM, Oba Kabiru Alani Kolawole Agbabiaka, the Osolo of Isolo kingdom.

May you continue to reign majestically on the throne and your desire for a prosperous and flourishing Isolo and the nation continue to be a reality.

Thanks for your selflessness, immense sacrifice, and patriotism for a better Nation.

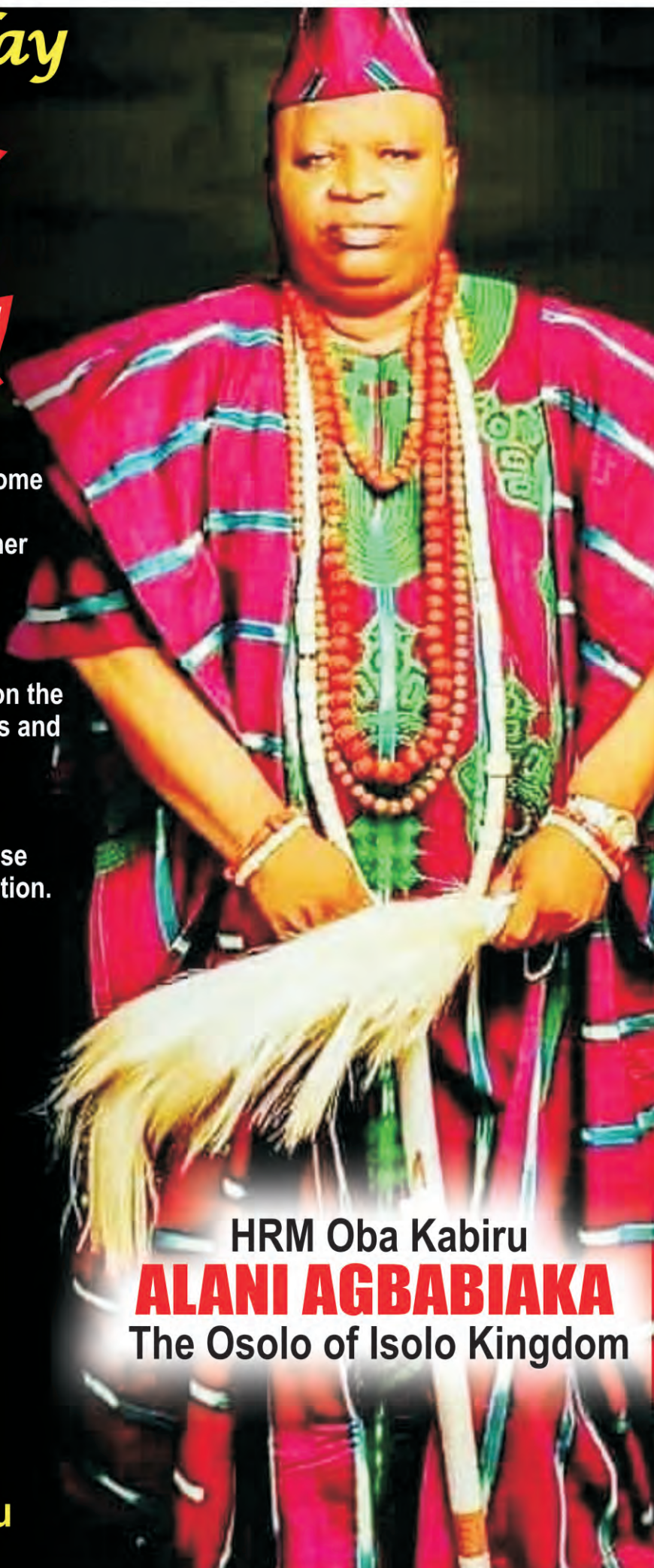
**Ki Ade tun bo pe lori,
Ki Bata tun bo pe lese yin
Igba Odun; Odun Kan Ni**
We celebrate you kabiyesi !

Signed



Otunba Adebayo Olasaju

Executive Chairman, Isolo LCDA



HRM Oba Kabiru
ALANI AGBABIAKA
The Osolo of Isolo Kingdom

Happy Birthday To the **Osolo** **of Isolo**

The good people of
Ejigbo Local Council
Development Area congratulate
HRM, Oba Kabiru Agbabiaka,
the Osolo of Isolo Kingdom
on his 61st birthday

I pray The Almighty Allah
grant him sound mind and
wisdom to rule over
Isolo Kingdom for
many years to come.

E Ku Ojo Ibi, Kabiyesi

Courtesy:



Hon. Monsurudeen Oloyede Bello
(Obe) Executive Chairman Ejigbo LCDA



HRM Oba Kabiru
ALANI AGBABIKA
The Osolo of Isolo Kingdom

Happy Birthday To A Royal Icon!



HRM Oba Kabiru
ALANI AGBABIKA
The Osolo of Isolo Kingdom

I congratulate HRM, Oba Kabiru Agbabiaka,
the Osolo of Isolo Kingdom on his 61st birthday.

May you continue to lead with a good heart,
direct with the competency of your hands,
and grow with the knowledge of your mind.

Happy celebration, Kabiyesi

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INTERVIEW

How do you feel about your 61st birthday?

I thank God for giving me the opportunity. Life is full of ups and downs but once you have God at your back, everything will be okay. I grew up in Surulere. I live at Cole Street. From there, I started my primary school at the Ansar'ud Deen Primary School, at Lawanson, Surulere. I left there and attended Ansa-Ud Deen Grammar School and then Holy Saviour's College. That is where I finished my secondary school. I later went to the Government Technical College, Yaba where I studied Refrigeration, (R & A). I worked in many companies such as Dacool, Debo Nigeria Limited and a lot of other private companies before I decided to establish my own called Kabo Engineering company. I dealt in everything that had to do with cooling and refrigerating generally. Later, I became a farmer.

It was later that I was introduced by one of my late brothers to family affairs and family property. That gave me the opportunity to bring people who wanted land or wanted to build in Isolo. At a later date, the royal family game the opportunity to be the chairman of the counsellors. Later, through the help of the Almighty God, I became the head of the family. Today, I thank God I am able to enjoy my position as a royal father. I thank all Obas in Lagos State for giving me the opportunity to be their secretary.

I thank all my friends. Most of my friends contributed a lot to my life. With the support of my friends, I thank God that I was able to make a lot of changes here. So, today, I have no regrets. Having spent almost 18 years on the throne, I thank God that I have done a lot. A lot of things have been achieved by me and a lot of things have been introduced to Isolo through my efforts,

From the federal government, from the state government, from individuals and from non-governmental organisation, I believe that God decided to do a lot of things for me to make me happy and to make Isolo one of the best cities in Lagos State. So who am I not to



HRM Oba Kabiru Alani Agbabiaka

thank God for the blessings I have received since I was born.

Can you speak on the projects completed during your reign?

A lot due to my ability, the support of my friends, the town elite but most especially, friends. During my tenure, the dispensary was transformed into the Isolo General Hospital and recently, if you hear the news, you should know that the Lagos State Polytechnic is to be turned into the Lagos State University of Technology. Many things have changed dramatically during my reign. There is little I can do myself. I have to cry to the government and friends to help to put things in place. I thank everybody, the government, the elite and my friends.

How have you been able to keep the peace in Isolo?

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I don't have problems with anybody though people may have problems with me but I don't know such people. I know those who support me, who are here with me, people who give me the courage and support to be on the throne. With

them still alive, I don't look back.

A lot of committees have been formed, the Orientation committee, the administration committees. All of them are working. The government is trying though we are asking for more. For example, the newly installed Isolo LCDA chairman, in less than two months, has started re-surfacing and tarring and expanding new roads.

You clocked 60 last year. How did you mark it despite the Covid-19 pandemic?

Those who love me, those who want me to be here were the organisers of the surprise birthday, last year. Unknown to me, I was just invited to come and pray for somebody. But when I got there, I saw them, I saw my family members that they have arranged it with. I will continue to thank them for appreciating me and showing so much love.

Kabiyesi, how do you relax?

Talking to friends, attending events and travelling. Sometimes I travel to visit other kings. I have time to myself to sleep. I can sleep for several hours before I step out.

ALHAMDULILAH

The Council of Chief Imams Isolo LCDA.
We hereby felicitate with our symbol of
tradition and Royal Father.

We wish you many more years in the land.
Here is our prayer for you on this
occasion of your 61st birthday.

May the light of Almighty Allah (SWT)
guide you to a place in life where joys are
endless and smiles never fade,
and keep you safe from every harm and evil.

Happy Birthday
**HRM, Oba Kabiru
Agbabiaka, Ilufemiloye 1**
the Osolo of Isolo Kingdom.

Signed:
**Sheikh Qasim
Hassan Ajiyan**
(Grand Chief Imam of Isolo and its Environs).

HRM Oba Kabiru
ALANI AGBABIAKA
The Osolo of Isolo Kingdom



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I congratulate His Royal Majesty,
Oba Kabiru Agbabiaka,
the Osolo of Isolo Kingdom
on his 61st birthday.

Kabiyesi, I join the residents
and wellwishers to celebrate you,
as you add a new year
of impactful life.

You are a rare royal icon of
exemplary conduct in our society.

I pray that The Almighty God
grant you wisdom and long life to rule
the kingdom of Isolo.

M Usoro !

HRM Oba Kabiru
ALANI AGBABIAKA
The Osolo of Isolo Kingdom

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