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Give Us Food! Residents set Agric Agenda for Council chairmen

By Kunle Awosiyan

As Lagos State Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu swore in the chairmen of the 57 Local Government and Local Council Development Areas on Sunday, residents had also set agendas for the new council leaders.

Many of the Lagos residents who spoke to Echonews say that the urban food insecurity is deepening, calling on local government councils to prioritise agriculture as part of their grassroots development plans.

During a recent community dialogue organised by civic groups and agricultural stakeholders across various local government areas, citizens stressed the urgent need for councils to invest in sustainable urban agriculture, support for smallholder farmers, and the creation of local food markets.

Residents of Oile-Agege LCDA, expect the new administration to judiciously use 50 acres of farmland secured in Ogun State (Obada Oko, Abeokuta North) to empower farmers and increase local food production. They also called on the government to engage in crop and livestock farming using modern methods.

In Ikorodu LGA where the outgoing administration presented a 4.1 billion 2025 budget focused on infrastructure, human capital, and economic empowerment, with specific mention of supporting agricultural ventures and youth-mediated programs, the residents urged a focus on food production.

In the 2025 budget, the Lagos State Government allocated approximately N25.5 billion to the agricultural sector. This represents a significant commitment to strengthening food production, improving value chains, and



Imota Rice Factory

enhancing food security in the state.

The budget also includes funding for the development of the Imota Rice Mill and support for Lagos State Agricultural Development Authority (LSADA) projects across the 20 LGAs and 37 LCDAs.

Lagos ranking as the largest food mart with 16.14 trillion economy, residents are calling for increased focus on agriculture to enhance urban-rural agricultural integration and build resilience in food systems against climate change and other shocks.

The state's agricultural allocation covers various programmes, including mechanised farming initiatives, support for smallholder farmers, expansion of the Lagos Food Production Centres, investment in aquaculture and livestock development, agricultural training and extension services and Youth and women empowerment schemes in agribusiness.

Many residents

identified the underutilisation of available land, poor access to farming inputs, lack of extension services, and inadequate funding as key barriers to local food production. They urged councils to establish community farming schemes, provide tools and seedlings, and promote backyard farming, especially among women and youth.

In Alimosho, the largest local government area in the state, participants at the town hall called for the conversion of idle lands into cooperative farm estates, with training provided for new entrants into farming.

"We cannot rely solely on the federal and state governments," said Kehinde Odunfowokan, a youth leader in Mushin. "Local councils must rise to the challenge by ensuring food becomes more affordable and available, especially at the community level."

Other suggestions from residents included partnerships with private investors for

agro-processing facilities, local agricultural fairs to promote farm produce, and establishment of agro-tech hubs to engage tech-savvy youths.

Agricultural experts also weighed in, stressing that local councils have a statutory role to play in grassroots food production, and that climate-smart agriculture must now be embedded in local development plans.

With Lagos consuming over 50% of food imported into the southwest region, many believe empowering local government councils to act on agriculture could ease the pressure on urban households and drive rural economic opportunities within the metropolis.

The State Governor, Mr Babajide Sanwo-Olu, launched the Produce for Lagos Programme and the 500 billion Offtake Guarantee Fund, aimed at boosting food security, reducing imports, and enhancing agricultural productivity across Nigeria.

Governor Sanwo-Olu said the programme and the fund reflect his administration's commitment to achieving food security, inclusive prosperity, and sustainable growth not just for Lagos State but for Nigeria.

The Governor expressed optimism that the programme would provide guaranteed off-take contracts, access to financing, and logistics support, connecting Lagosians directly with Lagos's dynamic food economy.

According to him, the initiative is a partnership between government and the private sector to boost agricultural production.

He said the government would deploy a fleet of 150 cold and dry trucks, the largest of its kind, in partnership with the private sector and that the initiative "will boost agricultural production and reduce reliance on informal and uncoordinated supply channels, create jobs for our youth and increase economic returns for all ecosystem stakeholders."

"It will be implemented through the Lagos Food Systems Infrastructure Company (LAFSINCO) and supported by key Special Purpose Vehicles like the Lagos Bulk Trading Company, Ekolog (Eko Logistics), and the Produce for Lagos Fund.

"This 500 Billion Offtake Guarantee Fund will provide working capital for bulk traders, finance for logistics operators, liquidity for aggregators, and credit support for food producers across Nigeria. It is a demonstration of our understanding that our food economy cannot thrive on policy alone – it requires financing."

"This fund is not a subsidy; it is an investment vehicle that will catalyse private capital, stabilise food prices, and de-risk agricultural operations across the value chain. What we are doing here is creating a whole new agricultural ecosystem, one that rises to meet the demands of today and of tomorrow—combining policy, financing, infrastructure, and data."

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Governor Sanwo-Olu called on all state governors, financial institutions, development organisations, foreign missions and diplomatic representatives from our valued partner nations, regulatory bodies, multilateral organisations, captains of industries, our able farmers nationwide, and other relevant value chain actors to produce for Lagos.

"Let us rise together to feed

this nation sustainably. Let us collaborate across borders, build resilient infrastructure, support, and secure our food future not just for Lagos but for Nigeria. Let us lead, let us inspire, and let us grow for the prosperity of our people and the greatness of our country," he said. Meanwhile the Lagos State House of Assembly has endorsed the ongoing 'Produce For Lagos Initiative' project stating it's stand to offer necessary support for the

measure to reach full completion.

The legislative House commended the N500 billion state government-led collaboration with private sectors to tackle supply chain inefficiencies, enhance access to agricultural produce, and strengthen food security across Lagos.

The House Speaker, Mudashiru Obasa, said that the project will provide credit support for food producers across the state alongside

working capital for bulk traders and logistic operators.

Obasa mentioned that the programme will ensure a stable food supply for Lagos and beyond, while boosting private sector investment in agriculture and food systems.

He reaffirmed the House of Assembly's steadfast support for every initiative that will propel the state's economy to greater heights.

"The Lagos State House of Assembly is fully committed to this vision, which

will help to harness the infinite potential of our arable land and transform agriculture into the cornerstone of Lagos State's economic prosperity," Obasa said.

"We believe that agriculture has the potential to be a potent driver of food security, job creation, and economic diversification in our state.

"Over the years, the House of Assembly has been very proactive in supporting agriculture through policies

and legislation that promote investment, innovation, and inclusivity. And we know that the 'Produce for Lagos' initiative being launched today will go further to address food insecurity and ensure long-term access to affordable, nutritious food across the state. "The Assembly will expedite deliberations on the Food Hub Bill aimed at formalizing market operations and reducing informal trading constraints."



LSPHCB To Leverage LASRRA'S Technology Infrastructure For System Integration

The Lagos State Primary Health Care Board (LSPHCB) has emphasised the urgent need to leverage the advanced technological infrastructure being deployed by the Lagos State Residents Registration Agency (LASRRA) to strengthen service delivery and improve access to quality healthcare for residents.

Speaking during a work visit to LASRRA's headquarters in Ikeja, on Friday, the team lead and Director of Physical Health, Dr. Oladipupo Olamilekan Abudu highlighted the critical role of data integration in achieving the State's health objectives under the THEMES Plus Agenda.

He stated that it is no longer sufficient to work in silos, stressing that integrating the Board's systems with LASRRA's robust residents' database will empower LSPHCB with real-time data to make better decisions, deliver targeted interventions, and reach underserved communities more efficiently and effectively.

He also made it known that the Lagos State Government has digitalised 100 Health Care Centres out of over 300, which will be used as a pilot test. "The world is a global village to the extent that we need one another to achieve greatness", he said.

According to him, LASRRA's digital infrastructure, which includes a comprehensive residents' database, biometric verification, and geolocation capabilities, offers a reliable platform that can revolutionise the way health services are planned and delivered at the primary level.

In his words, "If the Health Care Board is eventually onboard, this will bring numerous advantages such as Efficient Patient Identification, which would ensure that residents with LAG-ID cards can be uniquely identified at primary health facilities, ensuring accurate medical records and continuity of care".

"It will improve Resource Allocation. Data-driven insights will enable equitable distribution of medical supplies, personnel,

and outreach programs across Local Government Areas and Local Council Development Areas.

"Moreover, it will enhance Health Insurance Coverage whereby the integration will facilitate seamless enrollment and tracking for the Lagos State Health Management Agency (LASHMA) under the "ILERA EKO" scheme", he added.

Dr. Abudu reiterated that real-time monitoring and evaluation will not be underestimated, as automated tracking of health trends, vaccination uptake, maternal health, and disease outbreaks for faster government response can be achieved if this happens.

Responding to the LSPHCB team, the General Manager, LASRRA, Mrs. Bilikiss Adebisi-Abiola, who was represented by the Director, Information Management and Data Processing, Engr. (Mrs.) Christiana Farotimi, agreed that the meeting was no doubt about building a smarter healthcare

system where every resident counts and no one is left behind.

She enjoined all stakeholders, from the Primary Health Care Board to IT teams, to ensure that this proposed synergy is embraced when it comes to fruition.

Adebisi-Abiola, therefore, called on residents to register or update their information with LASRRA to enjoy streamlined access to healthcare services and other state benefits.

The PHCB's team included the Technical Adviser/Project Manager of the Licensed Company, the Solution Company that works with the Health Care Board, Mr. Boluwatife Adeyemi.

The Lagos State Primary Health Care Board (LSPHCB) is the coordinating body responsible for delivering primary health services in Lagos State. The Board ensures accessible, affordable, and quality healthcare for all, in line with the Universal Health Coverage mandate.

The Lagos State Residents Registration Agency (LASRRA) is

responsible for creating a reliable database of all residents in the state to enable efficient

planning, distribution of services, and implementation of social and economic policies.

LASPA Charges Hospitality Business, Others on Parking Regulations

As part of efforts to mitigate traffic congestion on Lagos roads and further promote a model parking culture, the Lagos State Parking Authority (LASPA) has concluded arrangements to commence enforcement on event centres, hotels and nightclubs across the State without valid parking permits.

The General Manager of LASPA, Mrs. Adebisi Adelabu, gave the hint today, stressing that it is mandatory for all event centres, hotels and nightclubs operating in Lagos State to ensure compliance with the State Parking Regulations and obtain the necessary parking permit.



especially in areas with high vehicular and pedestrian traffic, cannot be overemphasised.

While stressing that LASPA has held various engagements with the management of the different associations in charge of hotels, night clubs and event centres in Lagos State, to sensitise them on the need to comply with the state parking regulations, she informed that many of them are still defaulting.

She, therefore, urged all owners and operators of hotels, night clubs and event centres to take this warning as a final notice to ensure full compliance as the Authority will soon commence a comprehensive enforcement on defaulters of the State Parking Regulations.

Mrs. Adelabu further emphasised that LASPA will not tolerate non-compliance with any of the parking regulations, adding that any facility that continues to operate without a valid parking permit will be sanctioned.



Beware of Fake Estate Agents, Govt Warns Home Buyers

Lagos State Government has warned residents, especially prospective home buyers, to beware of fake estate agents and swindlers marketing unavailable estate flats to members of the public for outright sale or rent on social media. The Commissioner for Housing, Hon Moruf Akinderu-Fatai, stated this in reaction to one of such unwholesome fraudulent acts as seen on social media advertising the recently commissioned Lagos State Government-owned Egan-Igando Mixed Housing Estate for sale to members of the public, "The advertised estate has been fully allocated, and its

purported availability for sale or rent as stated in the online video is therefore a fraudulent act by the agent," he said. The Commissioner also reminded members of the public that "Lagos State Government does not engage agents to sell, lease or rent housing units in government-owned housing estates, adding that estate department of the Lagos State Ministry of Housing is solely responsible for the outright sale of housing units in Lagos State Housing Estates, while allocation for the Mortgage or Rent-To-Own scheme is a responsibility of the Lagos State Mortgage Board. Hon. Akinderu-Fatai also advised prospective home



Hon Moruf Akinderu-Fatai

unit buyers and the public to conduct due diligence on any purported housing unit put up for sale by anyone by contacting the

Estate Department of the Lagos State Ministry of Housing directly before making any decision to purchase.

While noting that the Ministry of Housing and the Lagos State Government will not be liable for any loss incurred

through patronage of fraudsters or impostors, he emphasised that any individual or organisation caught engaging in the criminal act of deception shall be brought to book.

Meanwhile, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, Engr. Abdulhafis Toriola has directed all allottees of Egan-Igando Mixed Housing Estate to take physical possession of their flats or risk revocation of the unoccupied flats. This, according to him, will prevent infiltration of the estates by fake agents who give unsuspecting members of the public the impression that the flats are yet to be allocated.

LASRAB Trains Archivists on Public Records

In its continued commitment to excellence in record-keeping and archival practices, the Lagos State Records and Archives Bureau (LASRAB) recently organised a four-day upskilling training programme for archivists deployed across Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) in Lagos State. The training, themed "Managing Public Sector Records for Sustainability and Effective Service Delivery," was designed to enhance the capacity of archivists in modern

records and archives management practices. Participants were exposed to a comprehensive curriculum including Introduction to Public Records and Archives Management, Advanced Indexing and Filing Techniques, Setting SMART Goals, Team Bonding Strategies, Understanding Public Service Values, and the Principles of Integrity, Accountability and Transparency. Delivering the welcome address, the Director-General of LASRAB, Ms. Toyin Ogunlana, described

the training as a strategic investment in the professional development of archivists and the sustainability of public sector legacies. "To stay relevant, we must be willing to unlearn old habits, learn, and relearn. The world of records management is not static but dynamic", she emphasised. Ms. Ogunlana further urged participants to embrace innovative approaches, reminding them that they are not just custodians of the past but stewards of the future - responsible for

preserving and telling Lagos State's story in the most accurate and impactful way for generations to come. The sessions were facilitated by seasoned professionals. Among them was Mrs. Amina Hamzat, who led a practical session on Team Bonding. She divided the participants into groups for hands-on activities, stressing the importance of collaboration and strategic thinking in achieving organisational success. "To stand out as a team, you must

strategise. Everyone has a role to play in the organisation's success," she noted. Participants expressed deep appreciation to the Director-General and organisers, noting that the training was impactful and timely. Many called for periodic refresher courses to maintain momentum and ensure continued professional development. In her closing remarks, Ms. Ogunlana encouraged the archivists to view records not merely as documents but as embodiments of value. She also

reminded them to prioritise their health and foster positive relationships in their work environments. "You are the bridge between history and the future. Your work ensures that the legacy of Lagos State is preserved with accuracy, integrity and pride", she concluded. The four-day programme marks another milestone in LASRAB's efforts to build a competent and forward-thinking workforce dedicated to delivering world-class records management across the Lagos State public service.

Constitution Review: Sanwo-Olu Restates Call For Special Status For Lagos

Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu has restated the need for a Special Status for Lagos State, stating that such a request is long overdue.

According to Sanwo-Olu, who was represented by his deputy, Dr. Kadri Obafemi Hazmat, such a request has become imperative owing to the strategic position of the state, especially as the former federal capital of the nation and the burdens it bears.

The Governor who made this request on Saturday while speaking at the South-West Centre A (Lagos, Ogun and Oyo States) Lagos Centre Public Hearing on the Review of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria held at the Watercress Hotel, Ikeja, Lagos, also reiterated the call for State Police, saying state policing is not about semantics but about protecting the people.

He was of the view that wherever the government of a nation moves its capital from one state to another, the government does not abandon such a state to carry the burden left, but compensates the state with a special status. He therefore urged the federal government to be fair to the people of Lagos by granting it a special status as a former federal capital of the nation. He said, "Any State that was once the federal capital of the nation can not



just inherit the assets and liabilities of the entire country, but then be forgotten of the responsibilities that come with those assets. As a nation, let us be fair to the people of Lagos by granting the state a special status."

Speaking further, the Governor stressed the need for the National Assembly to ensure the listing of the 37 Local Council Development Areas (LCDAs) on the Constitution, adding that these LCDAs since creation in 2003 have succeeded in bringing governance closer to the people and accelerate grassroot development in the state and needed to be listed and recognized in the nation's constitution.

He noted that the public hearing is not just another chapter in the country's constitutional history but a special and invaluable chance for the people of Lagos and the entire South West region to have a direct and meaningful say in shaping the nation's highest law.

He said, "As we embark on this critical process of reviewing our constitution, we must be guided by the principles of inclusiveness, equity, and justice. We must listen to everyone, men and women, young and old, from all corners of our communities. Their hopes, worries, and dreams should shape the amendments that come out of this process."

While commending the Committee of

House Representatives for their dedication to a transparent and inclusive review process, he charged all stakeholders and citizens to participate by canvassing their views with clarity of purpose.

The Governor reaffirmed that his government is fully committed to the principles of democracy, good governance, and the rule of law. "We will keep supporting all initiatives aimed at strengthening our constitutional framework and deepening the roots of our democracy," he said.

Earlier, Deputy Chief Whip of the House of Representatives and Chairman South West Centre 'A', Rt. Hon. Isiaka Ibrahim Ayokunle, stated

that the committee is fully committed to conducting the review process with utmost fairness, openness, and transparency, saying that they recognise the importance of the stakeholders' voices and the critical role each plays in shaping the future of the nation.

Ayokunle added that the committee's goal is to ensure that the review reflects the diverse aspirations of the people, upholding justice and equity, stressing that the committee is to ensure that the review process is transparent and all stakeholders remain informed of the review at every step of the review.

The Chairman, therefore, assured

that all memoranda and suggestions addressed to the committee will be carefully consolidated and given the attention they deserve at the national assembly level.

In their goodwill messages, the Speakers of the Lagos, Ogun and Oyo State House of Assemblies, gave their support for the Traditional Rulers to be recognised by the constitution, devolution of power from the centre, state police, Local Council Development Areas (LCDA) be enlisted in the constitution of Nigeria, waterways permit be transferred to the state government, Insecurity, among other issues that were peculiar to the region.

Preventing Flooding: Lagos Reiterates Commitment To Upgrade Drainage Infrastructure

The Lagos State Government on Sunday reiterated its commitment to continue to upgrade and build resilient drainage infrastructure to prevent flooding incidents across the state. Speaking with newsmen after an assessment tour to check the progress of work as regards the Lagos Island regeneration project, ongoing drainage projects at Onikoyi Banana island and Femi Pedro Avenue in Park View Estate, the Commissioner for the Environment and Water Resources, Mr. Tokunbo Wahab said when the urban regeneration project is completed, it will address the flooding issues in the whole of Lagos Island and environs. Wahab also checked the ongoing projects (Secondary Collector drain lining) around Gorodom Market expressing satisfaction with the level of work that had been done. The Commissioner also visited Ikoyi following an earlier investigation to determine the flash flooding around Turnbull/Banana Island Road, saying the

investigations revealed that there was a blocked underground culvert around the Shoreline off the Turnbull entrance. "The last heavy rain affected Banana Island Road into Turnbull, and we have done remedial work and carried out an upgrade of the infrastructure," he said. According to him, the level of development on Banana Island Road has overwhelmed the tertiary drains in place; the Government may have to make one of them a secondary collector so it can discharge Shoreline and Banana Island Road into the collector at Mojisola Onikoyi, then into the Lagoon. The team also checked two other locations, which are Underbridge Idumagbo and under the third Mainland bridge, along Oja Oba Street off Adeniji Adele Road, where enforcements had earlier been carried out, but it was observed that the traders are back and ordered them to vacate the areas immediately. He mentioned the government never

wanted to disrupt traders' economic activities, adding that they had been warned not to sell under major infrastructure, but they are recalcitrant and continued to engage in commercial activities under the bridge. He explained that the Idumagbo under bridge was cleared of illegal structures earlier in the year, but the traders were allowed to do their trading in a way that would not impede the flow and aesthetics of that area. Speaking further, the Commissioner said if the traders wish to come back, the process has to be regulated and not under the bridges, saying if anything happens, the people will accuse the Government of abandoning its responsibility, forgetting that the citizens also have responsibilities. He mentioned that some individuals had shown interest in transforming the under-bridge areas into parks, and LASPARK had given them the design to work with, saying traders must leave the places immediately.

Wahab and his team later proceeded to Parkview Estate to assess the ongoing drainage projects, which are expected to drain storm water from Femi Pedro Avenue into the Lagoon, noting that the contractor is expected to wrap up within the next 90 days. He stressed that Lagos, being a coastal state, is exposed to the vagaries of Climate Change, such as sea level rise, excessive heat and excessive rainfall, saying the Government must mitigate by not allowing the human element to undermine the drainage infrastructure. Also speaking with newsmen after the tour, a former Deputy Governor, Otunba Femi Pedro expressed great appreciation to the government for the upgraded drainage infrastructure in Parkview Estate. He said the secondary Collector Drains at Parkview (Olufemi Pedro Avenue and Agodogba Estate) are much bigger and deeper now, so that flooding issues would become a thing of the past in the area.

My Commitment To Environmental Sustainability Remains Unwavering - Sanwo-Olu

The Lagos State Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu, has reaffirmed that his commitment to environmental sustainability remains unwavering as the impacts of climate change and environmental degradation are evident all around. The Governor made this known during the Lateef Jakande Leadership Academy (LJLA) special Tree Planting exercise in commemoration of his 60th birthday held at the setback along Cargo Terminal along International Airport Road, Ikeja, adding that environmental sustainability is essential to Lagos as a state with a rapidly growing population and urban landscape. Sanwo-Olu, who was represented by the Permanent Secretary, Office of Environmental Services, Dr. Tajudeen Omobolaji Gaji, said Tree Planting is one of the simplest yet powerful actions to combat climate change, improve air quality, as well as create a healthier environment for generations to come. He explained that the exercise goes beyond celebration but is a reaffirmation of the collective commitment to sustainable environmental protection and the future of the state, saying the exercise is an impactful way to protect the environment. "As your Governor, I remain committed to advancing initiatives that safeguard our environment and combat climate change from our urban greening programmes to renewable energy and climate adaptation projects,"

he added. MG stated further that every tree planted today will help cool the city, improve the quality of the air residents breathe and also reduce the risk of flooding on the streets, stressing that it is also a gift to the future, one that our children and grandchildren will be thankful for. He commended the LJLA Fellows for leadership and dedication initiatives, adding that the trees, like the seeds of leadership they are nurturing, will grow strong, tall, and enduring, standing as living monuments to the Lagos of tomorrow. Sanwo-Olu said the Lateef Jakande Leadership Academy represents the leaders who understand that true progress is measured not just by economic growth but by sustainability and impact. He recalled that the academy was named in honour of late Alhaji Lateef Jakande for being a man of vision and service, adding that the initiative will beautifully reflect his values, foresight, inclusiveness and the courage to plant what others will one day harvest. According to him, it is fitting that these young leaders have chosen an activity that not only honours my life but also contributes meaningfully to the future of our state. The Governor emphasised that true change requires collective ownership; as such, urging Lagosians to join the movement to plant a tree, care for it, and watch it grow as a symbol of their contribution to the shared future. #AGreaterLagosRising #LASG



Ministry of Tourism Partners Oloto Kindom on Odun Agba Festival



In continuation of the preservation and promotion of the rich cultural heritage of Lagos State, the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture has entered into a strategic partnership with the Oloto of Otto and Mainland Kingdom, His Royal Majesty, Alayeluwa Oba Bashir Abiola Odesanya Oloto, Olupejobi II, to host the 2025

edition of the historic Odun Agba Festival, which also falls in line with the Lagos Cultural Mission Agenda. The Special Adviser to the Governor on Tourism, Arts and Culture, Mr. Idris Aregbe made this known in Alausa, Ikeja, on Monday. According to Mr. Aregbe, the week-long festival is slated to commence on Monday, 28th

July 2025, at the Oloto Palace and across designated historical sites within the Otto and Mainland Kingdom. He noted that the Lagos State Government is committed to fostering meaningful collaborations that will rejuvenate Lagos' cultural identity and stimulate the creative economy through tourism and heritage-

based activities.

"The Odun Agba Festival is a revered cultural celebration with deep historical roots in the Mainland Kingdom, which had witnessed a period of suspension due to the prolonged absence of a reigning monarch.

"However, with the recent enthronement of His Royal Majesty, Oba

Bashir Odesanya Oloto, the Kingdom is poised to restore and elevate the festival to its rightful prominence," Aregbe stated.

The Special Adviser noted that the collaboration reinforces the resolve of the Babajide Sanwo-Olu administration to deepen the tourism value chain and position Lagos as the cultural capital of Africa through the promotion of indigenous festivals and traditions.

In a formal letter addressed to the Ministry, Oba Oloto expressed the Kingdom's enthusiasm towards the partnership with the State Government. He further disclosed that a dedicated Planning Committee has been constituted to oversee the festival, with Captain Omololu Majekodunmi, the Olowa of Otto and Mainland, serving as the Chairman.

The Monarch emphasised that the revival of the

Odun Agba Festival marks not only a cultural renaissance but also a vital step in reinforcing the identity, unity, and spiritual values of the people of Otto and the Mainland Kingdom.

He praised the Lagos State Government for its visionary support and unwavering commitment to the cultural and tourism development of the state.

"The involvement of the state government in this endeavour will go a long way in preserving our heritage, enhancing community pride, and unlocking tourism potentials within our domain and beyond," Oba Oloto affirmed.

The 2025 edition of the Odun Agba Festival is expected to feature traditional rites, royal processions, cultural exhibitions, indigenous music and dance performances, art and craft showcases, and educational forums, drawing participants from across Lagos and Nigeria at large.

Lagos plots elimination of lead Poisoning Materials From Environment

In a critical step toward addressing rising concerns over heavy metal exposure among children, the Lagos State Ministry of Health has formally received a high-powered delegation from the Inter-Agency Working Group (IAWG) on Lead Poisoning Elimination in Nigeria. The group, supported by UNICEF and implemented by the African Field Epidemiology Network (AFENET), is rolling out a state-wide Children's Blood Lead Level Estimation and Environmental Health Survey.

The advocacy visit to the Ministry at Alausa Secretariat, Ikeja, marked the commencement of preparatory engagements for the vital survey. It comes amid reported cases of heavy metal contamination in Nigerian communities, and aims to create a replicable model for a national lead poisoning response.

Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Ministry of Health, Dr. Olusegun Ogboye, welcoming the survey team to the Ministry, emphasised the need for transparency, communication, and continuity. He noted that health studies should not end with mere data collection but must translate to actionable outcomes with full state involvement.

The Permanent Secretary expressed satisfaction with the inclusion of treatment and prevention strategies in the survey plan and reiterated Lagos State's readiness to collaborate, provided the process remains inclusive and ethically sound.

Leading the

delegation was Chief Consultant Epidemiologist at the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Dr. Ganiyu Jamiyu, who explained that the initiative was a fallout of a ministerial declaration identifying lead poisoning as a public health emergency. He revealed that the national goal is to eliminate lead poisoning in Nigeria by 2030.

"The plan is to begin with Lagos due to its population and environmental dynamics. Children under five are particularly vulnerable. This survey, focused on their blood lead levels, will give us a baseline for exposure in both rural and urban settings," Dr. Jamiyu explained.

He noted that the effort is being coordinated with multiple ministries, including Environment, Mining, Agriculture, and Finance, and is guided by

international standards. "While Sokoto and Zamfara have seen well-documented outbreaks, Lagos represents a different but equally critical exposure landscape," he said.

Director of Pollution Control at the Federal Ministry of Environment, Engr. Yunuss AbdulGaniyu provided technical insights into multiple lead exposure routes. "From lead-based paints and battery recycling to artisanal mining and cosmetic products, the sources are numerous. Lagos, as a melting pot, carries the full weight of these challenges," he said.

He disclosed that non-invasive tools such as the X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) scanner will be deployed to measure lead concentration in soil and other media. Additionally, lactating mothers may be sampled due to the risks of maternal-to-child lead transfer through breast milk.

Engr. AbdulGaniyu stressed that ethical protocols have been embedded into the study design, including participant consent, data confidentiality, and community protection. He further noted that Lagos State was involved in protocol development from the onset, making it a true collaborative effort.

AFENET's Regional Coordinator, Dr. Patrick Nguku, reiterated that the project aligns with a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach to evidence-based interventions. He also highlighted AFENET's ongoing work in Lagos on zero-dose immunisation and vaccine safety surveillance.

UNICEF's Health Specialist, Dr. Fatima Cheshi, stated that the agency's involvement in the initiative stems

from its core mandate to safeguard child development. She explained that Lagos was strategically selected for the pilot due to its national representation.

Dr. Ismail Abdus-Salam, Director of Epidemiology, Biosecurity and Global Health in the Lagos State Ministry of Health, referenced findings during the recent cholera outbreak as evidence of existing heavy metal contamination. "While searching for vibrios, we stumbled on cadmium and lead. This adds urgency to our need for collaboration," he said.

He pledged Lagos State's full technical support, especially in health worker training and community engagement. "This survey is timely. With our existing laboratory systems and surveillance capacity, Lagos is ready to hit the ground running," he assured.

As the meeting concluded, the IAWG

outlined its six-fold request for support, which included endorsement of the survey, provision of technical staff, health worker mobilisation, use of state health promotion platforms, referral linkage for affected children, and data utilisation for policy-making.

The nine-member delegation, including representatives from AFENET, UNICEF, and civil society, reaffirmed their commitment to working with Lagos State on all phases of the survey.

The Lagos State Ministry of Health pledged to accelerate inter-agency collaboration and ensure seamless integration of the survey into existing public health systems. With this, Lagos inches closer to being the first Nigerian state to generate environmental health evidence at scale, specifically focused on the youngest and most vulnerable.



Ogunsanya Urges Civil Servants To Embrace Personal Development

The achieve Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Mr. Adewunmi Gbolahan Ogunsanya has emphasised the importance of personal development and maintaining a positive culture to

organisational goals and objectives. He stated this in his remarks at the Lagos State Christian Pilgrims Welfare Board's in-house training, themed "Building a Cohesive Team in a Competitive Environment,"

held recently at the Board's conference room. Ogunsanya noted that one of the surest ways of making one's tomorrow good is personal development. The Permanent Secretary, who shared from his wealth of

experience in service, stressed the significance of teamwork in achieving organisational success. He also commended the Board Secretary, Okudero Gbolabo Omoniyi, PhD, for his selfless service and commitment.

The Board Secretary, in his address, echoed Mr. Ogunsanya's sentiments highlighting the need for unity and teamwork among staff members. He urged participants to maximise the wealth of knowledge shared during the training, emphasising that

"nobody will remain small forever." A united team, he stressed, is crucial to achieving the board's objectives. The training underscores the board's commitment to staff development and capacity building, positioning it to deliver exceptional services to stakeholders.



Commissioner Seeks Better Ministry, ATOPCON Cooperation

The physical planning and urban development Commissioner for Physical Planning and Urban Development, Dr. Oluyinka Olumide has called for improved synergy between the Ministry and the Association of Town Planning Consultants of Nigeria (ATOPCON) to drive progress in

of Physical Planning, Engr. Oluwole Sotire and the management staff of the Ministry warmly received the ATOPCON delegation, emphasising the importance of working together positively towards achieving a #GreaterLagos. He affirmed the state's

responsiveness to innovative ideas in physical planning, especially those relating to the effective utilisation of informal spaces, which have the potential to generate employment and enhance the aesthetics of the state, if well utilised.

Governor Babajide Sanwo-

Olu-Ied Administration prioritises the optimisation of informal spaces in the state and has therefore refocused and renamed LASPEMA to the Lagos State Informal Space Management Authority (LASISMA) to champion the transformation of our informal spaces", he said.

Speaking on behalf

of ATOPCON, Tpl. Makinde Ogunleye assured the LASG of the body's commitment to the development of Lagos State through professionalism and creative ideas that would flourish under collaborative efforts.

He pledged the association's cooperation in ethics and capacity building while expressing appreciation for the Ministry's concern and interest in their work.



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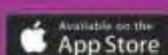
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Court Nullifies EFCC's Charges Against Lagos Mornach

The Federal High Court Lagos has cancelled out charges against a Mornach citing no wrongdoing and declaring the traditional ruler acquitted from charges.

Justice Chukwujekwu Aneke dismissed the allegations by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, which

Bv Felix Kuvinu



preferred a 13-count charge on Oba Otudeko a N12.3 billion which bordered on fraud.

Aneke, struck out the charge, following EFCC's information to the court that parties had achieved full settlement in the case.

At the last adjourned date of March 17, the defense counsel, Wole Olanipekun, SAN, informed the court that a meeting involving all counsel had been convened at the instance of the

Attorney General, Lawal Pedro, SAN.

The prosecution also confirmed the position to the court, which then adjourned the case for a report of settlement adding that the current situation in the case had been duly communicated to the appropriate authorities.

Justice Aneke, consequently held: "This charge is hereby struck out".

Man Remanded Over Alleged Impersonation Of Lagos Mornach, Forgery

By Felix Kuyinu

A man, Musiliu Awoga, who has been accused of impersonating a traditional ruler in Lagos, has been remanded in correctional facility following a ruling at a court in the state.

Awoga was arraigned at the Magistrates' Court in Oshodi over an alleged Impersonation of the Mornach ruler of Igbooye Kingdom in Epe alongside forgery

of a Supreme Court judgement.

Awoga, who is the first defendant in the case, was arraigned alongside three others: Olamilekan and Moses Awoga and Hassan Adefala in a 13 count charge bordering on forgery, impersonation, breach of public peace, and assaulting police officers, among other offences.

Following the reading of the charges, they all

pleaded not guilty to the charges brought against them by the Lagos State Government. However, Omotunde Airat, who appeared as a Prosecutor, told the court that the offences were committed on June 14, 2025 in Eredo, Epe.

"The defendants and others still at large forged a Supreme Court ruling in Suit No. SC/CV/969/2020, and also forged the letterhead of the Eredo Local Council

Development Area as well as the signature of the LCD A Chairman, Ismail Akinloye," Airat said.

He added that Awoga impersonated the monarch, Oba AbdulRasak

Musa, and falsely presented himself as the "Orijeru of Igbooye" and "Awujale of Ijebu-Eko," claiming titles that do not exist and which are contrary to Section 34 of the Obas and Chiefs Law of Lagos State, 2015

The first defendant,

while not being a traditional ruler, wore a beaded crown and carried a beaded staff of office in public.

The prosecution also alleged that the defendants assaulted police officers who attempted to arrest them, and that their actions caused a breach of public peace in the community.

The Magistrate, Jimoh Adefioye, ordered that the defendants be remanded in prison custody.

Adefioye adjourned the case till September 8.



The Idiorogbo Community Development Association has honored the outgoing Chairman of Orile Agege Local Council Development Area, Honorable Johnson Babatunde, in recognition of his dedication to community development and efforts in delivering the dividends of democracy to residents. Speaking during the visit, Hon. Babatunde described the gesture by the CDA members as a welcome and meaningful one, expressing appreciation for their support and encouragement.

Idiorogbo Community Honours Babatunde for Outstanding Service

Kehinde Adeleye



He said, "Yesterday, I was deeply honored to receive a Plaque of Appreciation from the Idiorogbo

Community Development Association in recognition of the work we've done together in Orile-Agege over the

course of my tenure. "This gesture means so much to me because it reflects the true spirit of

community — our shared vision, our collective efforts, and our unwavering commitment to making Orile-

Agege better for all. "As my tenure draws to a close, I remain grateful to God, to the people of Orile-Agege, and to all stakeholders who believed in the dream of a transformed, thriving community. "Together, we have laid a foundation. Together, we have moved Orile-Agege forward. "Thank you, Idiorogbo CDA, and thank you to everyone who stood with me on this journey. The work continues."

ASSEMBLY

Lagos Assembly Promises Support For 'Produce For Lagos Initiative'

By Felix Kuyinu

The Lagos State House of Assembly has endorsed the ongoing 'Produce For Lagos Initiative' project stating it's stand to offer necessary support for the measure to reach full completion. The legislative House commended the N500billion state government-led collaboration with private sectors to tackle supply

chain inefficiencies, enhance access to agricultural produce, and strengthen food security across Lagos. The House Speaker, Mudashiru Obasa, said that the project will provide credit support for food producers across the state alongside working capital for bulk traders and logistic operators. Obasa mentioned that the programme will

ensure a stable food supply for Lagos and beyond, while boosting private sector investment in agriculture and food systems. The lawmaker, while addressing the audience during a forum held at the Lagos House, Alausa, on Wednesday, described the 500 billion Offtake Guarantee Fund as a transformative step toward making agriculture a

cornerstone of Lagos' economic prosperity. He reaffirmed the House of Assembly's steadfast support for every initiative that will propel the state's economy to greater heights. "The Lagos State House of Assembly is fully committed to this vision, which will help to harness the infinite potential of our arable land and

transform agriculture into the cornerstone of Lagos State's economic prosperity," Obasa said. "We believe that agriculture has the potential to be a potent driver of food security, job creation, and economic diversification in our state. "Over the years, the House of Assembly has been very proactive in supporting agriculture through

policies and legislation that promote investment, innovation, and inclusivity. And we know that the 'Produce for Lagos' initiative being launched today will go further to address food insecurity and ensure long-term access to affordable, nutritious food across the state. "The Assembly will expedite deliberations on the Food Hub Bill aimed at formalizing market operations and reducing informal trading constraints."

Orile Agege 5th Legislative Assembly Holds Valedictory Session

Kehinde Adeleye



The session themed "Celebration of Service and Impactful Leadership." The event highlighted the achievements of

the Legislative arm under the leadership of Honorable Wale Fayemi, who has successfully steered the affairs of the House

throughout the tenure. Speaking during the session, Hon. Fayemi revealed that the lawmakers passed a total of 17 bye laws

during their time in office. These legislative efforts addressed key issues across various sectors of the community, contributing significantly to

local development and governance.

Fellow councillors used the occasion to applaud Hon. Fayemi for his dedicated leadership, and also extended heartfelt commendations to the outgoing Council Executive Chairman, Honorable Johnson Babatunde, for his service to the people of Orile Agege.

Lawmakers present at the session included Hon. Akinola Toyin, Hon. Omotunde Afolabi, Hon. Balogun Waheed Ajibade, Hon. Akinola Azeez, and Hon. Olukayode Olumayowa Sorunke, all of whom expressed pride in the accomplishments of the legislative arm and gratitude to the community they served.

The session marked a proud moment for the council, celebrating a tenure defined by collaboration, progress, and commitment to grassroots development.

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Igbehinadun Street Rehabilitation Begins

Kehinde Adeleye



welcomed the development, noting how important the road is to daily life and economic activity in the area.

The rehabilitation is expected to be completed in record time, continuing the momentum of infrastructure improvement under Otunba Oloyede's leadership.

An elated resident, Mr. Fatai Olawale, expressed his gratitude to the chairman, saying: "It was the sound of the trailer that woke me up and I'm thrilled. May God continue to bless you."

Another business owner, Mrs. Fausat Ibrahim, popularly known as Iya Saida, also showered prayers on the chairman, his family, and his team. She stated; "The bad road had been negatively affecting our businesses. When he started Oshodi Road and promised that his next stop would be Igbehinadun Street, we began praying for him. Now that he's here, may God elongate his life and that of his family."

As part of his rehabilitation of unwavering Igbehinadun commitment Street.

to the development Contractors have of Oshodi Isolo already mobilized Local Government to the site, and Area, Chairman work is now Otunba Kehinde underway on one Almaroof Oloyede of the longest and has flagged off the most vital roads in long-awaited the council area.

Once completed, the project is expected to greatly improve the movement of goods, services, and people across the community. Residents woke up to the sound of heavy equipment

grading the road, marking the beginning of a promise fulfilled. The chairman had earlier assured the public during the flag off of the Oshodi Road

reconstruction that Igbehinadun Street would be the next focus once that project was completed. True to his word, that pledge is now becoming reality. Community members have



Portable Explodes: 'I'm Not a Thief, VDM is 'Gay'

Keinde Adeleye

Controversial Nigerian singer Habeeb Okikiola, popularly known as Portable, has denied allegations of theft made against him by social media personality, VeryDarkMan, amid an ongoing public feud between the two.

The conflict began when VeryDarkMan posted a video urging President Bola Ahmed Tinubu to address the worsening economic situation in Nigeria and the recurring violence in Benue State. Reacting via an Instagram video, Portable criticized VeryDarkMan for

publicly challenging the President, claiming that the activist's rise to a luxurious lifestyle coincided with Tinubu's administration. In response, VeryDarkMan shared an old video purportedly showing Portable being assaulted for allegedly stealing a tricycle (popularly

known as "keke") back in 2020, prior to his rise to fame. He followed up with a diss track on Wednesday morning, mocking the singer with chants of "Ole!" — a Yoruba word meaning "thief." Portable, however, responded with a

snippet of his own diss track posted on Instagram, in which he strongly denied ever stealing a tricycle. He went further to accuse VeryDarkMan of being homosexual, a statement that has sparked mixed reactions on social media due to its derogatory tone. The feud between the two public

figures continues to draw attention online, with fans and critics weighing in on both the personal attacks and the underlying issues raised in their exchanges.

"VeryDarkMan, your mother. You're a poor person. Your father is a shoe maker, I take after my father I'm not a thief. Stop calling me a thief," he sings.

Adekunle Gold Threatens Legal Action Over 'first class giveaway Initiative

Kehinde Adeleye

Nigerian music star Adekunle Gold, popularly known as AG Baby, has voiced his dissatisfaction after a well-known bank reportedly used his viral “first class giveaway” initiative in their advertisement without his approval.

Adekunle Gold had introduced the giveaway to reward individuals with first class degrees by offering them cash prizes as a recognition of their academic achievements.

The bank appeared to take advantage of the trend by including it in their promotional message without the singer's permission.

The bank message read: “AG Baby no send you first class gift? No worries, ALAT's got you covered. Enjoy up to 70% off your favorite brands this weekend via eVouchers on the ALAT app – it's no crime to not have a first-class degree.”

In reaction to this,

the singer bank's actions, challenged the questioning when

they began using his initiative and cautioning that his legal team

would be reaching out.

He wrote, “Dear @wemabank

@alat_ng, when did this start? You'll be hearing from my people.



Omoni Oboli Shares Unconventional Love Story

Kehinde Adeleye

Nollywood actress and filmmaker Omoni Oboli has revealed the secret behind her 24-year-long marriage to her husband, Nnamdi Oboli.

Speaking in a recent interview with media personality Chude Jideonwo, Omoni explained that the strength of their marriage stems from a decision they made early on to completely

rule out divorce as an option even before they got married.

“Staying married for over two decades. First things first, you have to decide. It's a decision. From

day one, we decided that divorce was not an option even before we got married,” Omoni revealed.

She asserted that the commitment has helped them navigate the challenges of

married life, including their turbulent first year together.

The mother of three further emphasized the importance of forgiveness in a successful marriage, highlighting that the mindset has

enabled them to overcome conflicts and strengthen their relationship.

She said, “There's almost nothing someone can do that you can't forgive, if you want to forgive. We all have to realise that we're all sinners.”

The filmmaker shared that her love story with Nnamdi Oboli was far from traditional, revealing that he proposed just two weeks after they met, and they tied the knot only four months later.

Omoni admitted she was still young and uncertain at the time but was deeply moved by the way Nnamdi loved her, which made her confident in their relationship.

Adding to the conversation, Nnamdi Oboli offered advice to young couples, emphasizing the importance of taking responsibility and being accountable in marriage as key to building a lasting union.

“Marriage is a responsibility. You don't go into a marriage expecting it to happen to you. You are the relationship. It's between two people; you have to make it work,” she advised.



Otunba Alebiosu Rejects Pressure to Defect, Stays Loyal to PDP

Otunba Ademola Sikiru Alebiosu, a member of the Lagos State Executive Committee of the People's Democratic Party (PDP), has restated his strong loyalty to the party. This statement follows the recent defection of several prominent PDP leaders in the Kosofe area to the All Progressives Congress (APC) and the African

Kehinde Adeleye

Democratic Congress (ADC). Among those who left for the ADC are Honorable Rahman Owokoniran, a former Lagos State Commissioner for Housing and also the South West Zonal Secretary of the PDP, along with Mr. Onita Coker. Speaking with KosofePost on Tuesday, Otunba Alebiosu

acknowledged the valuable contributions of Honorable Rahman during his time in the PDP but emphasized his own continued dedication to the party.

"I recognize the significant impact Honorable Rahman had while serving in the PDP. His leadership was greatly appreciated. That said, my loyalty to the PDP remains firm," he stated.



EPE

2025 Kayokayo Festival: Epe Youths Kick Against Social Vices

By Felix Kuyinu

The youths in Epe Local Government in Lagos have urged residents in the community against engaging in activities of social vices and also creating awareness on its

negative impacts in the society.

Members of the Epe Youth Forum held the campaign in the community alongside an en masse turn out of enthusiastic youths who disclosed that the society is awash of immoral and

unethical behaviour which has caused negative happening in the area and the state at large.

A leader of the group, Giwa Moore, who stated that the initiative was held to mark the ongoing 2025

Kayokayo Festival, stated that indulging in vices is a criminal act which contravenes the laws of the state and will be met with necessary sanctions by the authorities.

Moore disclosed

that engaging in developmental activities rather than crimes will further ensure more growth and also lead to more existence of unity. "Unity, rather than getting involved in vices should be our watchword," said the group leader.

divided we fall. I urge every youth in Epe to embrace unity and love for one another.

"This walk is not only in commemoration of the culturally rich Kayokayo Festival but also aimed at sensitizing the youth on the dangers of social vices."

Lawmaker Urges Residents To Prioritize Self-Care

The lawmaker representing Mushin Constituency I at the Lagos State House of Assembly (LAHA), Prince Nureni Akinsanya (OSMAK), has called on residents of his constituency to prioritize self-care as an essential part of their daily lives. He emphasized the importance of the year's theme, "Self-Care is Healthcare," which underscores the critical role self-care plays in overall health and wellness.

By Saheed Afolabi

According to him, self-care promotes prevention, personal empowerment, and greater access to healthcare by encouraging individuals to take proactive steps toward their physical and mental well-being.

Akinsanya noted that simple self-care practices such as regular exercise, balanced nutrition,



adequate rest, emotional mindfulness, and routine medical checkups can significantly

improve quality of life and reduce the burden on the healthcare system. "Our health is our wealth. Self-care

is not a luxury; it is a necessity," he said.

"I urge all constituents, especially the youth and elderly,

to adopt healthy habits that prevent illness and support long-term well-being."

He further stressed that wellness is a personal responsibility and encouraged constituents to seek reliable information and resources to make informed health decisions.

Akinsanya reaffirmed his commitment to championing policies and initiatives that promote community health, preventive care, and wellness education in Mushin and across Lagos State.

OJODU

Newly Paved Secretariat Road Brings Relief to Oke Ira Residents

Kehinde Adeleye

Residents of Oke Ira in Ojodu LCDA are enjoying smoother and safer journeys following the completion of road construction along the Powerline section of Secretariat Road. The project, led by Honorable Segun Odunmbaku's administration,

features durable interlocking stone paving and sits directly opposite the newly renovated Primary Health Centre (PHC).

The road upgrade is part of the council's commitment to improving everyday life through the HEYS Agenda, which focuses on Health,

Education, Youth Empowerment, and Sustainable Infrastructure.

With this development, access to essential service including healthcare, schools, and local markets has become significantly easier for people in the area.

For many residents, the

improved road marks a welcome change.

"We used to struggle with bad roads, especially during rainy days," said one local. "Now it's much easier to move around—whether you're going to the clinic, the market, or just

heading home."

The new road doesn't just improve transportation—it also boosts public safety, reduces vehicle wear and tear, and supports local businesses by making movement more convenient.

Hon. Odunmbaku's administration continues to prioritize projects that directly benefit the community, and

the completion of this road is a clear example of people-first governance in action.

As Ojodu LCDA continues to grow, residents are hopeful that more projects like this will follow—projects that not only build infrastructure but also uplift the daily lives of the people who call Ojodu home.

Bamigboye Urges Residents To Use New Health Center

By Saheed Afolabi

Emmanuel Bamigboye, the immediate past Chairman of Mushin Local Government (LG), has called on residents of Idi-Araba to make full use of the newly constructed Primary Health Centre (PHC) in their community. His appeal came during his administration's final monthly free medical outreach, which was held at the new facility. The new PHC began as a medical outpost donated by the Rotary Club and supported by the Council. Bamigboye had previously pledged to elevate it to a standard PHC, fulfilling a request from the community. The upgraded facility now boasts modern equipment, capable of providing a wide range of medical services, from childbirth to laboratory tests. Bamigboye explained that the decision to upgrade the former wooden cubicle into a

standard medical center was driven by Idi-Araba's growing population.

"The population of people in the Idi-Araba community is growing daily, and the former cubicle cannot deliver effective medical services," he stated.

"We have to upgrade it to a standard PHC, and this is the first in this community. We are proud to fulfil that promise to the people of Idi-Araba, which will reduce the death rate and sickness within the community, considering the environmental nuisance caused by people."

He urged residents to patronize the PHC for all their medical needs, assuring them that the staff are well-trained and prepared to deliver high-quality services comparable to private hospitals. Bamigboye also promised proper maintenance by the government, aiming to make it



the community's preferred healthcare choice. The newly elected Chairman of the Council, Tunbosun Haruna Aruwe, echoed Bamigboye's sentiments, assuring the people of Idi-Araba that his administration would ensure the center's continued maintenance and support. He also pledged to launch

additional projects and programs for the community.

Leaders from Idi-Araba, including the Seriki of Idi-Araba, Hassan Abubakar Auyo; the Baale of Idi-Araba, High Chief Afeez Adebayo Belewu; and Baale Obele Idi-Araba, Omo Oba Ilesima Akinsemoyin, were present at

the event.

They collectively promised to protect the facility from vandalism and misuse, recognizing it as their own. They expressed gratitude to the former Chairman for providing them with a modern and well-equipped PHC.

Dr. Odunwa Kayode Adegunde, the Medical Officer of Health (MOH), and Femi Nuga, the

Supervisor for Health, acknowledged the significant impact of the free monthly medical outreach programs conducted across all wards, communities, and markets in Mushin. They voiced their hope that the incoming Chairman would continue to support the new facility and potentially expand the monthly medical outreach initiatives.

OdiOlowo Chairman's Cup: Ghetto Tigers, Pumah FC Kick Off Campaign With Impressive Wins

By Saheed Afolabi



The 2025 Over 50 teams OdiOlowo grouped in five Chairman's categories of Cup (OCC) kicked U10, U15, U17, off with scintillating women's, and free wins from Ghetto age will Tigers, Ghetto participate in the Tigers Ladies and competition Pumah FC at the which is expected newly constructed to produce five Jide Sanwo-Olu champions (In the Arena, Ilupeju. five categories).

Outgoing chairman of OdiOlowo Ojuwoye LCDA, Mr Rasaq Ajala said the foundation of the OCC have produced youngsters who represented and brought glory to the Local Government by winning the 2025 Gothia Cup in Sweden. Chairman elect of OdiOlowo Ojuwoye LCDA, Mr Seyi Jakande is pleased with the success of the outgoing

administration in sports which he's part of as the vice chairman. He however vowed that the sport programs of the outgoing administration will be sustained. Pumah FC defeated HB Utility

FA in the free age category by a lone goal. While Ghetto Tigers Ladies skipped past Flourish Queens 3-2 in the women's category. Ghetto Tigers crushed FC Rainbow 4-1 in the U16 category.



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